



- Assumed command of CANSOFCOM in May 2021.
- Commanding Officer of JTF2 from 2013 to 2016.
- 30 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- Deployed to Haiti, East-Timor, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

MANDATE

- CANSOFCOM provides the Chief of the Defence Staff with agile, high-readiness Special Operations Forces (SOF) optimized to prevail on operations in defence of Canada at home and abroad.
- Its unifying purpose is the pursuit of operational excellence in the conduct of high-risk, high-value and often politically-sensitive strategic missions.
- 2020 strategic plan, *Beyond the Horizon*, envisions a key partner in the joint force, confronting asymmetric threats, and operating in the grey space.

KEY FACTS

Total Employees: 3016

Budget: \$258.6 million [N.B. An additional \$54.2 million is allocated to CANSOFCOM as National Procurement funds]

Units: Joint Task Force 2 (JTF 2); Canadian Joint Incident Response Unit (CJIRU); Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR); 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron (427 SOAS); Canadian Special Operations Training Centre (CSOTC)

KEY PARTNERS

Internal:

- Canadian Joint Operations Command, Canadian Forces Intelligence Command, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Navy, ADM Policy, ADM Mat, ADM IM, ADM IE.

Inter-agency:

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Canadian Security Intelligence Service
- Communications Security Establishment
- Global Affairs Canada
- Public Safety

External:

- Five Eyes (United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand), French, and NATO SOF

TOP ISSUES

JTF 2 Infrastructure

- CANSOFCOM requires policy guidance to carry out much needed infrastructure improvements for JTF2.
- In 2007 it was decided that JTF2 would move to Trenton. For various reasons, that plan was revisited, and CANSOFCOM recommended staying in the National Capital Region (NCR) in 2017. MND publicly announced JTF2 would remain in the NCR in February 2020.
- Any delay to policy guidance will result in cost and schedule overruns.

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- CANSOFCOM contributes a key element to Operation IMPACT in the Special Operations Task Force. The task force continues to contribute to counter-Daesh efforts and is CANSOFCOM's largest standing operation.
- As MES evolves, CANSOFCOM's efforts in the region will be a major consideration.

Due to the nature of CANSOFCOM's work, other key items are at a higher security classification. CANSOFCOM will provide further information on these items and CANSOFCOM operations under separate cover as part of transition briefings.