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Security Cooperation
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Topics

- The Catalyst – the need for cooperation
- The Rules – the Treaties, Agreements and Legislation
- The Structures – the regional mechanisms and future developments
- Other Initiatives
- Challenges to Cooperation

The Catalyst

- Relatively Fragile Economies – Small States
- Limited Resources
- The Threats
 - Natural Disasters
 - Rising Crime Rates – including organised crime
 - Effects of illegal trafficking – Drugs, Guns, Persons
 - Terrorism
- Cricket World Cup 2007 – collaborative “security” effort

The Rules

- Security as the fourth pillar of CARICOM
- Treaty on Security Assistance among CARICOM member states.
- Intelligence Sharing Agreement
- Visiting Forces Legislation
- Visiting Police Forces Legislation
- CARICOM Maritime and Airspace Cooperation Agreement

The Structures

- Council of Ministers with responsibility for National Security and Law Enforcement
- Sub-Committees
 - Military Chiefs and Commissioners of Police
 - Immigration and Customs
 - Intelligence
- Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)
- Joint Regional Communication Center
- Regional Intelligence Fusion Center
- CARICOM Operations Planning and Coordinating Staff (COPACS)

Other Initiatives

- Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network – RIBIN
- CARICOM Arrest Warrant
- Regional Investigative Management System

Challenges to Cooperation

- Bilateral Relationships
- Buy-in from economic interests
- Differing Law Enforcement and Defence capabilities
- Differing Standards among Security Personnel

Thank You

Questions?