

Securetech 2014 Day Two Conference Opening

Introductionary Remarks

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GOOD MORNING MINISTER BLANEY, CADSI MEMBERS AND SECURETECH DELEGATES.

TO BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PAUL MCCULLOUGH FROM IBM CANADA AND MEMBER OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SUPPORT. PAUL HAS EMCEE'D ALL FOUR EDITIONS OF SECURETECH AND HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DESIGN OF THIS SHOWCASE AND ITS GROWING SUCCESS.

THE MURDERS OF WARRANT OFFICER PATRICE VINCENT AND CORPORAL NATHAN CIRILLO, AND THE BRAZEN ATTACK ON PARLIAMENT REMINDS CANADIANS THAT WE ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM THE KIND OF VIOLENCE WE SEE IN OTHER COUNTRIES BUT DON'T ASSOCIATE WITH CANADA. THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION THAT THE RCMP, OTTAWA POLICE, EMS, AND HOUSE OF COMMONS AND SENATE SECURITY SERVICES DEMONSTRATED IN RESPONDING TO AND MANAGING WHAT WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTACK AT THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL AND PARLIAMENT HILL SHOULD RE-ASSURE CANADIANS THAT WE ARE VERY WELL SERVED BY OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. I BELIEVE THAT I ECHO ALL CANADIANS WHEN I SAY THAT WE ARE PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF AND WE THANK YOU.

IL Y A CINQ ANS, L'ASSOCIATION DES INDUSTRIES CANADIENNES DE DÉFENSE ET DE SÉCURITÉ A LANÇÉ SECURETECH, LE PLUS IMPORTANT SALON CANADIEN DE SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE, DE GESTION DES URGENCES ET DE SERVICES DE SÉCURITÉ. SECURETECH RÉUNIT LES DIVERSES COMMUNAUTÉS CANADIENNES DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA SÉCURITÉ, Y COMPRIS TOUS LES PALIERS DU GOUVERNEMENT, L'INDUSTRIE, LES INTERVENANTS D'URGENCE ET LES AGENCES DE SÉCURITÉ.

CADSI'S GOAL WITH SECURETECH IS TO FACILITATE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE, NETWORKING AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING IN WHAT IS A COMPLEX, MULTIDISCIPLINARY AREA THAT IS HARD TO DEFINE PRECISELY, AND THAT REQUIRES CUTTING EDGE THINKING IN TECHNOLOGY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY, NOT TO MENTION THE ABILITY TO INTEGRATE IT ALL TOGETHER.

COMING INTO CADSI, I HAVE THE BENEFIT OF LISTENING FIRST HAND AS TO HOW THESE CHALLENGES CAN MANIFEST THEMSELVES AT BOTH A MANAGEMENT LEVEL THROUGH MY WORK IN INDUSTRY, AND AT A PRACTICAL LEVEL SINCE MY SISTER HAS SPENT 10 YEARS AS A FRONT-LINE PARAMEDIC WITH TORONTO EMS. BECAUSE EACH SERVICE HAS

ITS OWN HIGHLY-SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE AND CULTURE - THE CHALLENGE OF BREAKING DOWN SILOS AND EFFECTIVELY MOVING TOWARDS MULTI-LEVEL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY IS DAUNTING AT BEST. AND IT NECESSITATES A LEVEL OF COMMONALITY THROUGH STANDARDIZATION AND THE SHARING OF DATA. AND, WITH THAT, COMES ISSUES OF PRIVACY AND STRIKING THE RIGH BALANCE BETWEEN SECURITY AND OUR FREEDOMS. JUST BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE HARD AND CAN SEEM OVERWHELMING, DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WON'T TACKLE THEM...TOGETHER.

LE MARCHÉ DE LA SÉCURITÉ CANADIENNE, ESTIMÉ À TROIS MILLIARDS DE DOLLARS PAR ANNÉE, RÉPOND À UNE VASTE GAMME D'EXIGENCES PROVENANT À LA FOIS DU SECTEUR PUBLIC ET DU SECTEUR PRIVÉ EN MATIÈRE DE SOLUTIONS DE POINTE POUR FAIRE FACE AUX DÉFIS ET AUX MENACES DE NATURE COMPLEXE. NOUS SOMMES RASSEMBLÉS ICI POUR PROMOUVOIR CE QU'IL Y A DE MEILLEUR EN CE QUI A TRAIT À L'INNOVATION, L'EXPERTISE ET LES SOLUTIONS TECHNOLOGIQUES AU CANADA ET NOUS ESPÉRONS QUE LES QUATRE VOLETS DE LA CONFÉRENCE SUR LA SÉCURITÉ FOURNIRONT UN FORUM QUI SUSCITE LA RÉFLEXION EN VUE DE DISCUTER DE NOS DÉFIS ET DE NOS PRIORITÉS ALORS QUE NOUS NOUS EFFORÇONS DE RENFORCER LA RÉSILIENCE DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ.

THE PLENARY SESSIONS AND PANELS OF EXPERTS FOR TODAY WILL FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF VITAL ASSETS AND SYSTEMS IN CANADA'S COMMUNITIES AND ADVANCING THE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA-US BORDER SECURITY. BORDER SECURITY, IN PARTICULAR, MUST ALWAYS BE A CRITICAL PRIORITY FOR THIS COUNTRY GIVEN OUR HEAVY RELIANCE ON THE US ECONOMY AND IN LIGHT OF PERSISTENT ANXIETIES AMERICANS HAVE ABOUT THEIR OWN BORDER SECURITY, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH.

TOMORROW'S ENGAGEMENTS ARE FOCUSED ON BUILDING CANADA'S RESILIENCE AGAINST TERRORISM AND STRENGTHENING CYBER RESILIENCE ACROSS CANADA'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SECURITY-DEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS. I KNOW MINISTER BLANEY'S REMARKS WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW MEASURES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORIST THREATS.

IT IS MY PLEASURE NOW TO INTRODUCE OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER. L'HONOURABLE STEVEN BLANEY A ÉTÉ NOMMÉ MINISTRE DE LA SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE ET DE LA PROTECTION CIVILE EN JUILLET 2013. AUPARAVANT, IL AVAIT ÉTÉ NOMMÉ MINISTRE DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS ET MINISTRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE. IL A ÉTÉ ÉLU POUR LA PREMIÈRE FOIS À LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES EN 2006, ET RÉÉLU EN 2008 ET 2011. LE MINISTRE BLANEY DÉTIENT UNE MAÎTRISE EN ADMINISTRATION DES AFFAIRES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ DE SHERBROOKE ET EST DEVENU INGÉNIEUR CIVIL. IL A ÉGALEMENT TRAVAILLÉ COMME CONSULTANT ET CONSEILLER EN INFRASTRUCTURES URBAINES ET EN TECHNOLOGIES ENVIRONNEMENTALES.

THE MINISTER IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF OUR EVENTS, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN LAST YEAR'S SECURETECH AND ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION THIS YEAR DURING AN EXTREMELY DEMANDING PERIOD FOR HIS DEPARTMENT AND HIMSELF. MINISTER, WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING CLOSER TIES AMONG GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENCIES, THE SECURITY COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE HONOURABLE STEVEN BLANEY, MINISTER OF

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.