

I didn't know that!

U.S. AND CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT JOINTLY PATROL OUR WATERWAYS

Boat crews from the U.S. Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Mounted Police conduct joint smallboat training along the shared U.S.-Canada border in the Detroit River, December 2012.



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Shiprider

Shiprider, officially the Integrated Cross-border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations (ICMLEO), allows the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to jointly conduct cross-border surveillance and law-enforcement. This joint U.S.-Canadian maritime security program closes loopholes that criminals once exploited in shared U.S.-Canada waterways.

Launched in 2005 with a pilot program in the Detroit-Windsor area, a second in support of security efforts at Detroit Super Bowl XL in 2006, Shiprider provides training for both USCG and RCMP and authorizes members of one police force to ride in the vessel of the other. Shiprider improves the efficiency of trans-border policing: its operations enforce Canadian laws under the supervision of RCMP members aboard USCG vessels in Canadian waters. Likewise, Shiprider operations can enforce U.S. laws under the direction of USCG members aboard RCMP vessels in U.S. waters. Based on the principles of shared border management, intelligence sharing, and privacy protection, Shiprider respects the sovereignty of the United States and Canada.

"The Integrated Cross-border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations (aka Shiprider) agreement exponentially improves the ability of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, U.S. Coast Guard, and other participating agencies to conduct maritime law enforcement and security operations.

It allows Canadian and U.S. law enforcement officers to operate together on vessels in the maritime environment in a way that the border is no longer a barrier to effective bi-national enforcement operations.

Together, we can now translate our shared responsibilities into seamless operational authorities and capabilities.

And most importantly, it makes it harder for criminal elements and other threats to exploit the geography and proximity of our shared maritime border with Canada."

Cmdr. David Beck
Chief, Coast Guard 9th District Enforcement Branch





Members of the RCMP and USCG officers pose for a photo after conducting joint patrol on Lake St. Clair, Ontario/Michigan, June 2013.



SHIPRIDER
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U.S.-Canada Shiprider Pilot Projects

Operations in the following areas demonstrated the benefits of this framework agreement:

September 2005	Detroit-Windsor area	patrol
February 2006	Detroit, Michigan	Super Bowl XL security
August to October 2007	Cornwall, Ontario / Massena, New York	patrol
August to October 2007	British Columbia and Washington	patrol Strait of Georgia
2010	Vancouver, British Columbia	Winter Olympics security
2010	Toronto, Ontario	support for the G8/G20 Summits
2015–2016	Future operations to include:*	
	Detroit-Windsor area	
	Blaine, Washington, and	
	Vancouver, British Columbia	

* Source: Canada's Economic Action Plan

During the 2010 Winter Olympics, specially trained and designated U.S. and Canadian law enforcement officers jointly crew a 28-foot boat to enhance security operations on both sides of the international maritime boundary near South Pender Island, British Columbia.

