

SECRET

CRITICAL ELECTION INCIDENT PUBLIC PROCESS MAP

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SITE TF members (CSIS, CSE, RCMP, GAC-RRM) receive credible intelligence

Electoral threat briefing to panel members (*weekly and if necessary*); daily written SITE TF briefs



Panel receives briefing from SITE TF and determines if incident meets the Threshold

- Does it undermine Canadians' ability to have a free and fair election?
- Does it undermine the credibility of the election?
- Do you have confidence in the intelligence or information?

Possible assessment parameters

REACH (contained vs viral)	CREDIBILITY (untrustworthy vs conceivable)
SCALE (local vs national)	RELEVANCE (irrelevant vs relevant)
SOURCE (domestic vs foreign)	LIFESPAN (ephemeral vs persistent)
SELF-CORRECTION (effective vs ineffective)	



Incident meets the Threshold

Step 1: Notification to Prime Minister, Elections Canada and Political Parties

- Who notifies them?
- What information does the notification include?
- When is the notifications done?

Step 2: Public Announcement

- Who makes the announcement?
- When is the announcement done?
- What information does the announcement include?
- What forms does the announcement take?
 - Written statement
 - Technical briefing
 - Press conference



Incident does not meet the Threshold

No Notification to Prime Minister, Elections Canada and Political Parties and no public announcement

Depending on the nature of the threat and if the victim/target is a political party or candidate, discussion from the Panel may inform National Security Agencies' decision to notify them.

National Security Agencies



Response to threat

Business as usual

- Investigate the threat
- Inform key partners and stakeholders

Mitigate the threat

- Threat Attribution
- Threat Reduction Measures (TRM)
- Other mitigation measures

Notify victim and/or target

Includes briefing to political parties if they are the victim or target of a threat

- All together / same information
- Separately / same information
- Separately / tailored information

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