



## SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-01-27

FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 025-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/Bearhug 2.0

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**\*\*FINAL DAILY VEHICLE COUNT (Source: OPP [REDACTED])\*\***

*The noted convoys are not travelling as cohesive units. Obtaining reliable counts for vehicles in these convoys is challenging due to factors including multiple convoys; road conditions and closures delaying or diverting portions of different convoys; convoys splitting up; staggered departure times; and vehicles joining and leaving the convoys at different points as it is moving.*

*For this reason, the below figures are estimates and subject to frequent change.*

**\*\*TOTAL (2022-01-26 1600 HRS): 551 vehicles**

West Convoy (Thunder Bay-Sault Ste. Marie 2022-01-27):	471
South Convoy A (Windsor – Kingston 2022-01-27):	TBD
Sarnia Convoy (Sarnia – Kingston 2022-01-27):	TBD
South Convoy D (Niagara – Kingston 2022-01-27):	70
South Convoy E (Vaughan – Kingston 2022-01-27):	TBD
Hearst Convoy (2022-01-27):	10
South Convoy F (Owen Sound – Ottawa 2022-01-28):	TBD
South Convoy B (Oshawa – Ottawa 2022-01-29):	TBD
South Convoy C (Six Nations – Ottawa 2022-01-29?):	TBD
East Convoy A (Hawkesbury-Gatineau-Ottawa 2022-01-29):	TBD
East Convoy B (Vankleek Hill – Ottawa 2022-01-29):	TBD
Cornwall A (Petro Bass Boundary Rd – Ottawa 2022-01-29):	TBD
Cornwall B (Monkland – Ottawa 2022-01-29):	TBD

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The information in this report is current to 2022-01-27 at 1200 hours.

## **POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS**

*Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:*

1. [REDACTED] that a new convoy is planned for 2022-01-27, departing from Hearst at 0600 hours and travelling to North Bay. **(RELIABLE)**
2. Police reporting indicates that large numbers of supporters have attended along the convoy route and at truck stops where the convoy has stopped for fuel or breaks. OPP reporting indicates that, in some places, large numbers of supporters are parked on the side of the highway. **(RELIABLE)**
3. Supporters in Ontario have been observed providing food and cash to convoy drivers. **(RELIABLE)**
4. A male in Quebec was alleged to have stated an intent to attend the protest in Ottawa on 2022-01-29 with a weapon, and that he was prepared to use it. Police reporting indicates that he voluntarily met with police and expressed regret for his statements. His residence was searched and weapons seized. No charges have been laid. **(RELIABLE)**

## **OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)**

*Information from open sources, including the media and social media, is critical for developing all-source intelligence that provides context, and which identifies indicators of ideologies, beliefs, and attitudes that motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours. This component of all-source intelligence is vital for informing law enforcement in developing strategies and tactics to prevent, mitigate or respond to potential threats.*

*Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:*

5. Open source research has confirmed that the West Convoy (currently travelling from Thunder Bay to Sault Ste. Marie) is transporting at least two pieces of heavy equipment. **(RELIABLE)**

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**Analytical Comment:** We believe that the dark pickup truck in the above image is being operated by [REDACTED] (previously reported in Project HENDON Situational Report 023-2022 and Project HENDON Officer Safety Bulletin – File# E220084931, both dated 2022-01-26).

6. Open source research identified direction to convoy participants to download and utilize the ZELLO mobile application, which allows for communications via cell phones mimicking two-way radio communication (*Project HENDON PM SITREP dated 2022-01-22*). Ongoing reporting indicates that convoy drivers are, in fact, utilizing this mobile application. **(RELIABLE)**
7. In a media interview, a convoy supporter is recorded directly advocating civil war and stating that “if people don’t want to stand up, we’ve got guns” and “we’ll bring ‘em out.” The interview is noted as being in Saskatoon. **The likelihood that anyone with these beliefs to move from words to action is unknown. (RELIABLE)**

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8. In a video posted online, ██████ tells his listeners that they are taking things too far and asks them to stop spreading rumours, specifically stating that the military is not being called out (in reference to previous online comments to that effect). He then accuses ANTIFA and the Canadian Anti-Hate Network (paid for by Prime Minister TRUDEAU) of lying about him and says that the convoy will not be bullied or intimidated. **(RELIABLE)**
  
9. Online messaging indicates that some convoy participants believe that tens of thousands of trucks are coming from the US to join the Canadian convoy. An online video of ██████ and his travelling companions shows all reacting very enthusiastically by this. CBSA continues to advise that this is not occurring. **(RELIABLE)**
  
10. The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy has raised \$6.1 million (2022-01-27 1125 hours). **(RELIABLE)**
  
11. A separate fundraiser (“ADOPT A TRUCKER”) on the crowdfunding site “GiveSendGo.com” has raised \$37,957 (2022-01-27 1126 hours). **(RELIABLE)**
  
12. The CANADA UNITY website now includes an e-transfer link for making donations to the convoy (“financeconvoy2022@protonmail.com”). The amount of any funds raised through e-transfer is unknown. **(RELIABLE)**

## ASSESSMENT

Fringe elements amongst the convoy participants and supporters may represent the greatest potential threat to public order and safety posed by the Freedom Convoy protest. Although convoy organizers and participants have repeatedly stated the intention to conduct a lawful protest and a desire to cooperate with police, they are unlikely to have the ability to control, influence, or discipline these fringe elements. Further, some among the fringe elements may view the occupation of public or private property or mischief to property as justified.

It is highly unlikely that heavy machinery would be transported in the convoy if there was no intent to use it, or if some individuals in the convoy did not anticipate that it would be needed. Such equipment could be used to facilitate or secure access to strategic operational positions in Ottawa. The presence of this equipment in the convoy may indicate that some convoy participants intend to reinforce positions for long-term occupation in Ottawa; to block access to strategic locations; to damage property; to render roadways impassable; or to intimidate the public, government, and law enforcement.

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The convoys include tractor-trailer combinations: it is possible that they may contain additional pieces of equipment, vehicles, or other items, such as food, water, heaters, generators, fuel, etc. that could support an extended stay in Ottawa. However, this remains unconfirmed.

Misinformation and disinformation continues to motivate and encourage convoy participants and to strengthen their resolve. It is almost certain that no trucks from the US will be able to cross the border to join the protest, although some that are already in Canada could join. The available information includes nothing to suggest that any American trucks are part of the convoy at this time. It is possible that when large numbers of US trucks fail to attend the protest, some convoy participants and supporters may attribute their absence to obstruction by the government or law enforcement, possibly increasing any potential threat to these institutions and their assets.

**Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest. However, the possibility that a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a physical threat with little or no warning cannot be excluded.**

## TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Unconfirmed information of unknown reliability suggests that some convoy participants or supporters may bring weapons with them to Ottawa;**
- The convoy from the west is transporting at least two pieces of heavy machinery that may be used during the protest in Ottawa;
- Potential use of drones for counter-surveillance and tactical planning;
- It is possible that the convoy may not travel as an integral unit: it may travel in sections with staggered departure and arrival times;
- Spontaneous convoys may organize with no warning;
- Large numbers of supporters parked or standing along the highway to support the convoy or assembling at scheduled rest stops represent a safety risk.

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## INTELLIGENCE GAPS (COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS)

Priority intelligence gaps are in red font.

- Nature of activities in Ottawa by advance convoy participants (2022-01-28 - 2022-01-29);
- Events possibly scheduled at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30;
- Extent of extremist participation in convoy protest and intent of extremist actors;
- Potential for some participants to bring weapons or be armed;
- Content of trailers in convoy – possible items to support extended stay in Ottawa;
- Nature and location of evening event in Kingston (2022-01-27);
- Plans for any further action should demands not be met;
- Plans for departing Ottawa.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

2022-01-27

- **Strathroy: Convoy to Ottawa 2022** – Hwy 81 Strathroy (0730 hours).
- **London: Cheer On Truckers Overpass Rally For Freedom** – Wellington Rd. S. and Hwy 401 overpass (1030 hours). **Supporters also likely to attend the Flying J, 3700 Highbury Ave. S.;**
- **Ayr: Cheer On Our Truckers Overpass Rally** – Hwy 401 at Northumberland Rd. (0930 hours).
- **Kitchener-Waterloo: TriCities Support Freedom Convoy 2022** – Bridge at Hwy 401 and Homer Watson Park (1045 hours).
- **Six Nations: Commute to Ottawa** – Six Nations Bingo (1300 hours).
- **Milton: Send-Off Freedom Convoy 2022** – Regional Rd. 25 (1120-1230 hours).
- **Vaughan: Convoy Send Off For Toronto** – Vaughan Mills, Bass Pro Shop parking lot, 1 Bass Pro Mills Dr. (1130 hours).
- **Vaughan: Cheer From The Bridge** – start time 1245 hours at the following locations:
  - Langstaff overpass (parking Silmar Rd. Plaza);
  - Portage Parkway overpass (parking Walmart Applewood Cres.);
  - Hwy 7 overpass (parking Cineplex Famous Ave.);
  - Shepherd Ave. overpass (Parking Abraham Welsh Rd. at Starbucks plaza);
  - **Finale Event (1300-1515 hrs)** - Keele St. overpass (parking at Metro on Keele/Wilson).  
\*\*Advertisement notes that two lanes on the overpass will be shut down.\*\*
- **Durham Region: Bridge Protest:** start time 1230 hours at the following locations:
  - Oshawa (Albert St.);

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- Oshawa (Simcoe St.);
- Whitby (Thickson St.);
- Whitby (Brock St.);
- Ajax (Harwood Ave.);
- Pickering (Brock Rd.).
- **Camden East: Freedom Convoy County Rd 4 – Hwy 401/County Rd 4 overpass (1600 hours).**

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- **Owen Sound: Grey Bruce United We Stand – MTO pull-off (0900-1100 hours).**
  - Route as follows:
    - South on Hwy 6/10 South (0930 hours);
    - Depart Chatsworth (0940 hours);
    - Depart Flesherton (1010 hours);
    - Depart Shelburne (1040 hours);
    - Depart Orangeville (1100 hours);
    - East on Hwy 9 to Hwy 400 South;
    - East Hwy 401 on route to Ottawa.
- **Innisfil: Freedom Convoy 2022 – 400 OnRoute (before 1000 hours).** Vehicles will drive to 1 Bass Pro Mills Rd. to cheer on the convoy.
- **Hamilton: Hamilton Sends Off Convoy for Freedom – 349 Kenora Ave., Hamilton (0900 hours).**
- **Espanola: Protest – Hwy 17 and Hwy 6 (0900 hours).**
- **Trenton: Freedom Convoy Trenton HWY 401-HWY 401 Glenn Miller exit (Ramada Inn) (1400 hours).**
- **Kingston: Freedom Convoy – start time 1930 hours at the following locations:**
  - Hwy 38 between Hwy 401 and Centennial Dr;
  - Sydenham Rd overpass;
  - Montreal St overpass.

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- **Ottawa: Freedom Convoy** – Confederation Park/Parliament Hill (1200 hours)
- **Niagara Falls (New York): Freedom Convoy** – Rainbow Blvd. N. (1300 hours)
- **Niagara Falls (Ontario): Freedom Convoy Gathering** – Rainbow Bridge (1315 hours)
- **North Glengarry: Vanleek Hill Meeting Point**-21260 Service Rd. (0800 hours) meeting point TBA.
- **Temiskaming Shores: Convoy 2022 to Ottawa Support Gathering**- Location TBA (1200 hours)
- **Hamilton: Freedom Rally** – Hamilton City Hall (1400 hours)

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