

# Global Operations /Investigations

New Strategies, new methods, new partners

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# Where have I come from



- ▶ Victoria Police
  - ▶ Crime centric focus - Homicide, drugs, money laundering



- ▶ Australian Federal Police
  - ▶ Covert physical and electronic surveillance
  - ▶ International Operations, People Smuggling, Intellectual Property, Counter Terrorism, Pacific Operations



INTERPOL

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  - ▶ Cybercrime Threat Response/operations

# What's happening now

- ▶ Digitalisation of our society
- ▶ Globalisation of communication and information exchange
- ▶ Covid - 19 - a global crisis beyond the pandemic
- ▶ Evolution of criminal behaviour particularly linked to Cybercrime

# Global Crime Threats

- ▶ Emergence of Cybercrime
- ▶ Organised crime
- ▶ Financial crime and corruption
- ▶ Illicit trafficking
- ▶ Terrorism

# What have I learnt

- Cybercrime is a global threat we need a global response
- We are only as strong as our weakest link
- Partnerships are everything
- If you plan, nationally, regionally or organizationally you have lost the war
- COVID-19 - Perfect Storm
- Fear based decision making - Don't assume on the possibilities of what can and cant be done

# What the future holds

- ▶ Globalisation of the internet (Currently 64.4% of the population is on line)
- ▶ Smart Cities
- ▶ Greater access to victims
- ▶ Emerging regions (Africa/Pacific)
- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Role and function of law enforcement
- ▶ Influence of Private sector

# What do we need to do

- ▶ Explore new models of engagement and response
- ▶ Collaborate
- ▶ Share
- ▶ Open to new opportunities and ideas
- ▶ Take a chance
- ▶ Push boundaries

Together we can make a difference

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