

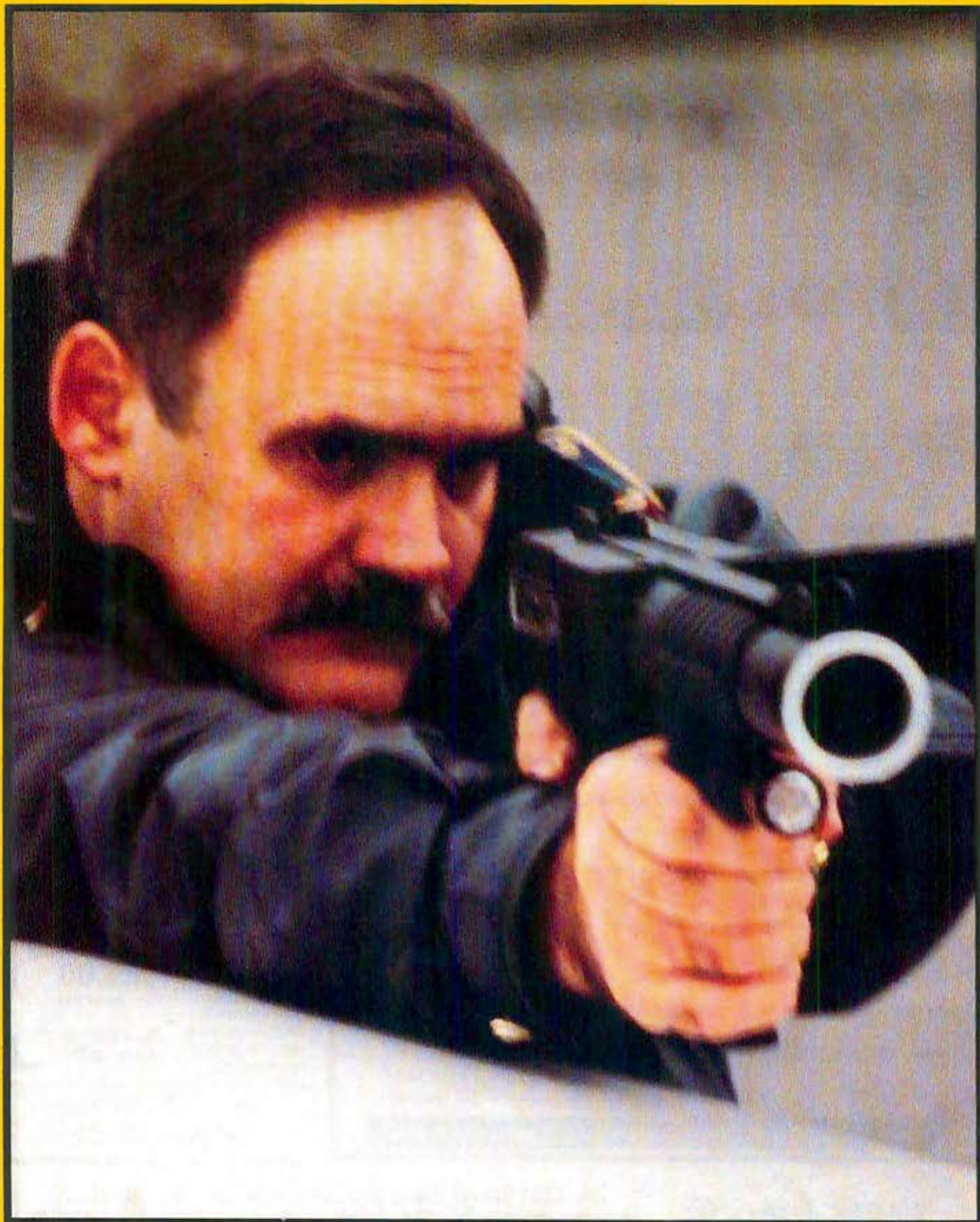
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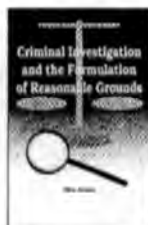


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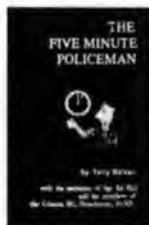
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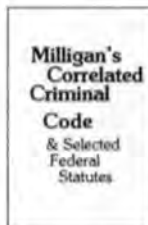
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This is the first issue of our sixth year of publishing and we have filled it to the brim with information for you. We have also started a few new things including a page designed for a Press Release (see page 16). Each month we will be presenting you with a Press Release that can be copied and given to a local media person or newspaper for insertion locally. We have included a place for you to insert your local Departmental crest if you wish. No credits are necessary and all material is copyright free.

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By David Bluestein





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A State Of The Publication Address

By Morley Lymburner - Publisher

It is in our nature to look upon each coming year with optimism and so it goes with Blue Line Magazine.

The past year, upon reflection, appears to be a watershed year for Blue Line. Many radical changes took place. Some were positive and some negative. As in most of life itself many things appeared to be negative at the time but later events proved them to be positive.

1993 was certainly a year of turmoil and change for this magazine but upon reflection it is all necessary if we are to grow. The last quarter of 1993 certainly appears to be much brighter in all aspects of the magazines operation and we look forward with great expectations for 1994.

The past year has shown the writing on the wall for the future of policing in this country. Governments at all levels are just now coming to the realization that tax expenditures are going to have to be brought under control. Gone are the days of free-wheeling expenditures and routine increases in budgets. To this end Blue Line has recruited some very impressive people to supply valuable information in up-coming issues. A few of our plans for 1994 should be of interest to you.

All government agencies at all levels are going to have to justify their existence in ways never before asked of them. The problem is magnified by the high number of experienced personnel leaving police forces. So much so that there are probably few people on staff that really know how to set the budgets and properly project there needs.

To assist in combating this problem Blue Line is setting up a series of articles written by two well qualified economic professors on how to set up an appropriate budget for police forces. This series will be the heaviest and most ambitious series this magazine has ever endeavoured and will be tantamount to a "Police Economics 101" course at a college. We will be dedicating the space to this series but it is not to be read in isolation. To get the full impact you must have access to the entire series in proper sequence. I would strongly urge people to subscribe to ensure they receive every part of this most important series.

Getting back to basics is a subject of intense interest to many agencies and Blue Line will be presenting several articles over the next year that will see qualified writers explain methods of getting a bigger bang for the bandits out there.

Cutbacks in many areas will probably see many members doing double-duty in a

last ditch effort to hold on to hard fought for programs. But many agencies are throwing in the towel and going back to response oriented policing like the old days. This style sees officers back in patrol cars and responding to calls only. There is no room for crime prevention when your staff is working in a response oriented war-zone.

Over the next year Blue Line will be seeking out articles and resources available to cope with the problems of stress in the work place. This will include coping mechanisms both on and off the job.

Another series will present a hard dose of realism with a series entitled "The Gray Beneath The Blue" which will point out the aging of the police profession. Many of its symptoms are already here and agencies are going to have to come to terms with the positives and negatives of this syndrome. As a little teaser you may be interested to know that the acquisition of Pepper Spray is, in part at least, responding to the needs of an aging police force.

On the technology front Blue Line will be continuing its quest for police patrol helicopters and news and information about how to obtain, finance and utilize these machines to the advantage of law enforcement and crime prevention. Other topics of interest will include non-lethal weaponry, photo imagery, computerized records management, digital communications and electronic surveillance.

Technology has permitted law enforcement to make great strides over the past thirty years. Statistics show that the average police officer today handles triple the workload of the average officer from 1964. This is due to a combination of technological advancements, innovative policing styles and the more educated and technically aware officers of today.

Today's officers are more able to handle change and take it in stride. The job of this magazine is to keep these people informed as to what changes have occurred and the reasons for the necessity for the change.

Blue Line has been proud of its reputation of slaying the "Mushroom Makers" who have never been able to answer the simple question put to them by so many. WHY? The simple answer, "because its always been done that way," is just not good enough any more. Any officer who wishes to remain a mushroom in this day and age will soon wither under the light.

And how is this all going to happen you may ask?

Just watch us in 94!



Female Officers Find More Equality In German Policing Of The 90's



by Heinz Hachenberg

Only in the last three years have the Police Forces in Germany hired female officers to share the uniformed duties with their male colleagues. The known former German Democratic Republic (East Germany) had uniformed female Police Officers since 1945. In then West Germany, the only females hired by the Police were Detectives, who do not wear uniforms at all (Kriminalpolizei Criminal Police).

Since the two Germanys reunited in 1990, and former East Germany was split into five new provinces. The former western provinces started to recruit female officers. Most of the former East German female police officers were taken over by the now reigning German government, but changed

their uniforms to the current one, previously only worn in West Germany.

This article is dedicated to the female police officers in the Province of Bavaria. At present 109 female uniformed police officers are serving in different Bavarian police districts. What are the qualifications one must have in order to be accepted by the German police? Here are some details of the hiring procedure.

For young applicants in the regular police force the minimum age is 16 years and for the highest age to apply the applicant can not be older than 26 years. The training in a police college as well as duties in the precinct during that time are compulsory. The duration is two years and eight months.

The applicant must be a German na-



Typical of many other German law enforcement agencies, this class of recruits from the province of Bavaria reflects modern thinking and realization of the true value of women in law enforcement. Playing a catch-up game, this class of 30 consisted of 18 female recruits.

tional, can not have any convictions, has to pass a written and physical test, has to have a degree as a lifeguard and must have a minimum of 1.60 metres in height.

To qualify the applicant has to have either a High School Degree, Public School Degree and terminated Apprenticeship or a Degree of a qualified professional school. To enter the police force with the qualifications to become a senior officer (Inspector to Chief) the applicant has to have a College Degree and the duration of the Police Officers College is three years. Anyone that has the above qualifications can become an officer, male or female.

Once accepted by the Police the applicant starts in the first step of the Police College as Police Cadet with a course of twelve month duration. The theoretical course consists of the following elements: Police Duties, General Police Codes, Criminal Law, Employee Rights, Political Education, English Language, Cope with Conflicts, Leadership, Task Force Education and Ethics.

The practical course covers the following fields; Operational Technics, Sports, Self-defence, Firing Range, First Aid Course, Information and Communication Technics, identification and Forensic Education and Drivers School for Trucks.

After completing the first stage of twelve months, the applicant is promoted to Constable and will then begin the second step of his/her education with a duration of again twelve months.

During the second period he/she will be assigned to a police station or a district headquarters for duties such as typing, operating computers, duties behind the desk and with the public. After three months of internal duties the recruit will then go out with a partner to participate on R.I.D.E.

programs, Street and Highway Patrols, Riots and duties at soccer games or other festivities. Also during the second period of twelve months the new officer is sent out with the forensic team as well as with detectives in order to study more criminal laws.

There are no pay duties in Germany. It is even against the law, to operate a private business while being a police officer.

After the twelve months, the new officer will enter the third stage of his/her training program, which means back to school for a period of five and a half months. Here the new officer will write exams and will also undergo theoretical examinations of situations that could occur during police duties.

After passing the third stage the officer will then go through the final two-and-a-half months of training. Every officer that

passed the third stage is automatically promoted to Polizeihauptwachmeister (equivalent to a corporal). This period will include duties with recruits of the police as well as regular duties as a police officer.

There is only one thing that would bother me if I were a chief of police in regard to my female officers. The choice the female officer has in how to wear her hair. Here in Canada as well as in the United States female officers must have their hair braided or combed back, not only to look neat in uniform, but also to prevent

being grabbed by an arrested person and possibly receive injuries to the head. It surely would be an advantage for the female officer if her hair would not be worn as open as it is in Germany.

The pay structure is enforced by the Government. There are thirteen pay groups, and as a new officer you start at the bottom. After a certain time, set by government for all government employees, (even nurses) you automatically climb to the next pay group. After fifteen years of duty you have reached the highest group level and stay there until you either resign or receive pension. Pension in Germany is approximately 70 % of your last pay. Also, every police officer or other government employee

is fully insured, including his family members. The insurance also covers dental care, prescriptions and all hospital bills. The deduction for insurance is ten percent of your net pay. This is again divided, meaning the officer or government employee pays 5% and the employer, in this case the government, since the police in Germany is run by the Federal Government, the remaining 5% of the cost.

There are no Police Services Boards, and the authority of each city or province lies in the hands of the Chief of Police or the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Province.



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Public Consultation On Young Offenders Act Extended



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The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honorable Allan Rock, announced on December 2, 1993, that the period of consultation on the Young Offenders Act will be extended to January 15, 1994.

A public consultation paper entitled *Toward Safer Communities: Violent and Repeat Offending by Young People*, was released in September. Approximately 700 responses had been received by December 2, 1993 and many Canadians have asked that the original deadline of Novem-

ber 15 be extended.

"By extending the deadline date to mid-January, I hope to receive more contributions from the general public, social service organizations and from provincial and territorial government agencies," said Mr. Rock.

"Among other things, we will look at the possibility of increasing sentence lengths available for violent crimes, developing a category of dangerous youth offenders and at ways of ensuring rehabilitation and treatment for all young offenders being held in custody," he concluded.

Comments may be forwarded to the Young Offenders Project, Department of Justice Canada, 239 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8. Copies of the consultation paper are available from the Communications and Consultation Branch at (613) 957-4210.

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"It's time to get innovative real fast"

By Morley Lymburner

The Ontario Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services, David Christopherson received two Occupational Health and Safety Act orders on October 15, 1993, which may require drastic changes to Ontario Provincial Police firearms and will have a ripple effect across the country.

The orders were issued following a Ministry of Labour investigation which reviewed the health and safety aspects, or lack thereof, regarding O.P.P. .38 calibre standard issue revolvers.

"My ministry has a fundamental concern for public safety, including the safety of police officers. We are committed to making the appropriate police equipment and training available to ensure the highest degree of safety for everyone in Ontario," he said.

The Ministry of Labour began to examine police firearms under the provisions of the Ontario Health and Safety Act following a complaint from an O.P.P. officer that the standard issued .38 calibre revolver provided a less than adequate level of safety in the performance of his job.

The investigation did in fact reveal that there were workplace safety concerns surrounding the use of the .38 calibre revolver.

As a result the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services, in consultation with the Ontario Provincial Police Association, has been instructed to prepare a compliance plan to develop solutions to this ongoing issue.

The specific problems identified included the ease and time involved in reloading and the occasional and involuntary cocking and accidental discharge of the revolvers.

The plan to provide changes to address these problems must be filed with the Ministry of Labour by January 15, 1994.

Simultaneous memos were sent out by both the Ontario Provincial Police Association and to all senior command officers by Commissioner Tom O'Grady. An edited copy of the memo reads as follows;

"The employer of the Ontario Provincial Police has been ordered by the Health and Safety Division of the Ministry of Labour, to provide appropriate and adequate side arms to Ontario Provincial Police Officers to better protect the officers and the public.

On November 19, 1991, the Ontario Provincial Police Association which represents the 4,506 officers who police the



province, filed a complaint under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The Act requires the employer to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker.

The Ministry of Labour investigation found that the .38 calibre revolver had consistent flaws such as involuntary cocking, accidental discharge and problems encountered while reloading the weapon.

The Occupational Health and Safety order directs the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services, as the employer of the Ontario Provincial Police to "provide protective equipment appropriate to comply (with the order) and any requirements for transitional training."

Sources indicate the repercussions of this order have far reaching effects across the country and indeed across North America. This is the first time in Canadian

history that a widely used weapon has been declared legally unsafe. The order places every police commission and police chief in the country at risk of civil repercussions if they do not show reasonable diligence at removing the weapon from use.

But the job is not as simple as removal of the weapon. The financial impact of compliance is expected to be astronomical. The purchase of the weapons themselves is expected to be the least of the problems. Added expenses will include new holsters, re-training of training officers, training of individual officers themselves and the big problem of disposal of a weapon declared unsafe.

Other collateral problems involve such things as range safety regarding airborne lead contaminates, adequacy of body armour, acquisition of ammunition and disposal of old ammunition.

As one police inspector put it, "it's time to get innovative real fast."

Innovation is the name of the game indeed and a quick survey of the main firearms manufacturers in the U.S. and their Canadian distributors reveal they are ready to do just that. "But even their best efforts may not be able to get blood out of a stone," said one chief. He was responding to the major governmental cut backs that sees the slashing of many essential services across the country. "If the province doesn't come up with the money we will have to burden an overstretched budget planning committee even more."

Release this month of the Ontario Provincial Police implementation plan should prove to be quite interesting. Blue Line will be following this story in future issues.

TEXT OF ORDER

Ontario Ministry Of Labour Operations Division Occupational Health & Safety Project Report - Order Continuation

Pursuant to Section 25(2)(h) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act the employer has failed to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers issued with 38 Cal. revolvers under circumstances where the revolver can accidentally become cocked, as noted in concerns number two (2) and three (3) on page five of the attached report and under circumstances where workers must reload the gun while exchanging fire in the performance of their duties where their health and safety is at risk, as noted in concern number one (1) of page four of the attached report.

Pursuant to Section 57, Subsection 4 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the employer is required to submit a compliance plan outlining the measures to be taken to comply with order #001 including a schedule of compliance taking into consideration the type of protective equipment appropriate to comply with order #001 and any requirements for transitional training. It is recommended that the employer consult with any workplace parties which it determines are affected by this order in the development of the compliance plan.

This compliance plan shall be submitted to the Ministry of Labour on or before January 17, 1994

A Weapon At Maximum Refinement



The revolver is a long established weapon in police work and one that has both its admirers and detractors. As most people agree, however, it is a weapon that has reached its peak of refinement. There just isn't much more that can be done to the weapon to make it any better. Many products exist as work-around problem solvers for the weapon's limitations but the weapon itself has remained unchanged for the past 90 years.

In 1831 the American inventor Samuel Colt conceived a design for a pistol with a series of six revolving chambers feeding one barrel, and hired a gunsmith in Hartford, Connecticut, to perfect it.

At about the same time the American gunsmith Edwin Wesson was developing a similar pistol. Colt won the British and American patent rights to the weapon in 1835 and 1836. Since then he has been officially acknowledged as the inventor of the first modern revolver.

Colt's idea was far from original, however and in fact the revolving principle had even been tried with matchlock pistols two centuries earlier. In the interim there were literally hundreds of gunsmiths who fashioned similar weapons in a small scale.

Both the Colt and Wesson weapons were cap and ball revolving chambers which meant they required a ball be placed in each chamber and powder filled in behind the ball and a primer behind this. The problem of misfiring and inaccuracy was troublesome.

In 1870 the American inventors Horace Smith and Daniel Baird Wesson (son of Edwin) developed and began to produce a metallic rim-fire cartridge, and their adoption of a metal primer into the rear of the metallic case resulted in the present form of small-arms ammunition. It caused the evolution of the revolver to the modern day Police Special 38 first produced in 1905.

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Letters To The Editor

Informative and interesting

Again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for an informative and interesting publication. I enjoy reading your various articles on case law etc. Keep up the good work.

G.J. Blinn
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Blue Line a fine piece of work

As a subscriber to Blue Line, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you for your stand in not permitting advertising by Gay Cuff.

For every homosexual and gay activist that threatens to boycott your fine magazine, I believe that there will be 98 straight cops that will back you and your decision.

Blue Line is a fine piece of work! Let's keep it that way!

Thomas R. Buchenauer
Chilliwack, British Columbia

Radionics! What is that?

Enclosed is my cheque to subscribe to your magazine "The Blue Line". As your magazine says - "to understand subscribe" so I am!

I thank all of you for your dedication and service. We cannot do without you. You are special people to take on this job.

I am wondering, as radionics is quite new, are you using it yet in police science? If so what do you think the possibilities for the future use of it are?

PS - How many police officers and departments are involved with your magazine?

Arleigh B. Haynes
Vancouver, British Columbia

Editor's Note

1> Anyone know about "Radionics"? I don't think I have heard of this. If anyone knows about this drop me a line.

2> Blue Line prints 8,000 magazines per month (that means 80,000 copies per year and getting stronger). We cover 522 police departments and 320 private security and other investigative bodies across Canada. We also deliver to 1,239 Detachments of the RCMP, QPP and OPP.

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Bouquets Of Thanks From Constable Richard Sonnenberg's Family

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CONST. RICHARD SONNENBERG 1966-1993
Police station's filled by tributes
By PETER SMITH
COURTESY AND
Richard Sonnenberg was
a police constable strong in the District 17
and words of sympathy adored every
corner of the station in District 17
Friday a spinning station

CONST. RICHARD SONNENBERG
Family dreams reduced to tears
By VICKIE MCGRATH and JOAN RODRIGUEZ
Const. Richard Sonnenberg's dream was to become a
police officer.
But his death early Friday stole the hopes of his family
and friends. Another dream.
A family member yesterday remembered him
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one who was always ready to help.
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one who was always ready to help.
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Chronology of events
1. Richard was killed on Friday, March 17, 1993, at the intersection of Memorial Dr. and 17 Ave. S.W. in Vancouver, B.C.
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Through words we cannot begin to express the thoughts our hearts would like to say. This special city opened its hearts and embraced our family with an overwhelming outpouring of caring, warm friendship and love. We have found courage in your continuing support and great comfort in knowing Rick was loved by so many. Hundreds of thousands have shared in our grief, and yet, so many of you found the generosity in your hearts to touch our lives in very special ways that will always be remembered.

We would like to extend our deepest and most sincere Thanks to the thousands of people across Canada for the most beautiful floral tributes, heartfelt expressions of sympathy and generous donations to countless charities and trusts in memory of our beloved Rick. Our warmest thoughts to Rick's second family, the members of Calgary Police Service, for the great joy you brought to his life and the pride in his heart which grew with commendations and awards you honoured him with. His love for you was second only to the never ending love for his Jennifer. Our appreciation also to the large majority of media who demonstrated restraint, support, responsibility and sensitivity in their reporting. We are grateful to the people who shared with us the wonderful moments you spent with Rick and lightened our spirits when we needed you so much. And to the very special people through their many kind and thoughtful ways, left a smile in our hearts that will be cherished always.

Our dearest love to you Ricky for always sharing with us your winning smile, caring and loving nature and bringing a great Country together by giving us your dream. I promise, we will unite to make it come true.

We would like to share with you a part of Rick's notes and hope they also bring you comfort. "Remember me. Remember our times together. I am part of your memory, of your character. As long as hearts remember and as long as hearts still care, we never part with those we love as they're with us everywhere."

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Plug Is Pulled As High Tech Pornographers Busted

By Tom Rataj-
Computers and Technology Editor

Ten search warrants relating to the obscenity and new child pornography sections of the Criminal Code, as well sections of the Copyright Act were executed during October 1993 by officers from the Metro Toronto Police Major Crime Squad and Project "P" (a joint Forces anti-pornography task force).

But what separates these raids from the norm, is that all the allegedly pornographic material seized was stored on desktop computers in an electronic form..

The material was being made available and distributed by a number of individuals operating electronic bulletin board services (BBS) from their residences.

Customers could simply dial-up the BBS using a computer modem, scan through and down-load any files they wanted and view the materials in the privacy of their own homes.

Criminal Code & Copyright Charges

The privately run BBS, which operated under such names as *The Looney Toon Asylum*, *Outhouse*, *The Gateway*, *Albino Goat Crematorium*, *The Penitentiary*, *the Playroom*, and *Infinite Realms*-were also charged under the Copyright Act for posting program files for major business applications such as WordPerfect and others.

A total of 4 charges under the Copyright Act, 6 charges of Distributing Obscene Materials and 5 charges of Distributing Child Pornography under the Criminal Code were also laid.

All the computer equipment used to store and distribute the materials was also seized. In response to the raids, a number of larger commercial BBS operators in the Toronto area have deleted or restricted access to all their "adult" files.

Not only does a conviction for distributing child pornography carry a stiff maximum penalty (10 yrs), but also the possibility of having all the computer equip-



distribute much of this material. A Quebec CD-ROM producer even duplicates adult CD-ROM discs, with such titles as "The interactive adventures of Seymore Butts", for American software publishers who can't get their own disc duplicators to produce them because of anti-pornography pressures.

What makes all these distribution methods so difficult to locate and prosecute is that anywhere a computer can be setup and connected to a telephone line becomes a potential storage and distribution point.

Dependent on the setup, most of the material posted on a BBS is put there by the operator, although subscribers and other casual users can also post any files, including those that may be deemed obscene or pornographic.

One operator quoted in a local computer newspaper, indicated it was not uncommon to have as many as

70 MB of files posted on his system on any given day. During

a recent audit of his system, he encountered electronic images of a woman having sex with an animal, adults engaged in bondage, and some images advertised as featuring underage people.

A number of BBS operators have complained about accountability, suggesting that they cannot be held entirely responsible for the files posted on their systems. Their complaints are somewhat valid, although I suspect they would be found responsible if the issue were subject to prosecution.

Clearly the ability of BBS operators and the police to monitor all the files posted on systems on a daily basis is extremely limited, especially because many of the private BBS operators don't advertise their systems. In fact most of the BBS's recently raided in Toronto were only discovered by on-line word of mouth.

Computer Prices Dropping

With the price of personal computers and peripherals dropping regularly, the

ment seized and forfeited to the Crown.

The information stored on BBS is not restricted to pornographic and copyrighted materials, but also includes other information subject to restrictions. Rumours were rampant during the last several months about information from the Karla Hamolka trial, which was subject to a publication ban imposed by court order. Details of the trial were apparently openly discussed on various BBS "chat" lines, along with numerous unsupported rumours.

"Adult" Files Widely Available

In the past several years there has been an explosion in the number of adult files available not only from BBS, but also through numerous shareware distributors. Much of the material is simply of questionable taste, or falls into the same general category as popular monthly adult publications.

CD-ROM (Compact Disc—Read Only Memory) discs are also now being used to

technology required to operate and access BBS and CD ROM has dropped to the point where a few hundred dollars buys all the hardware needed.

With the modem, an individual has access to an almost unlimited supply of mostly free "adult" files on numerous BBS, while outlets that rent CD-ROM discs and other software are becoming more common every day.

Keeping Up With The Times

Investigative skills and resources must be kept current with the fast pace of modern technology, or a whole variety of crimes will be committed without us having the ability to deal with them effectively.

Most police forces probably already have a number of resident computer hackers with sufficient skills, knowledge, and hardware to begin investigations of these and other computer based crimes. Although the question remains whether they can afford to investigate them.

NEW CRIMINAL CODE SECTION

163.1 Bill C-128, passed by Parliament back in June 1993, created the new offences and penalties relating to child pornography. The new Criminal Code section, 163.1 deals with Child Pornography by providing the definition of, what it is - 163.1(1), and the definitions and maximum penalties for;

Making Child Pornography - 163.1(1) - 10 Years or by summary conviction,

Distribution or Sale of Child Pornography - 163.1(3) -10 years or by summary conviction, and

Possession of Child Pornography - 163.1(4) - 5 years or by summary conviction. Subsections of 163.1 includes legal defences to the charge, and sections 164(1-7) also speaks towards the issue. Section 164 of the Code was also amended to include powers of search and seizure for child pornography, while section 462.3 (Proceeds of Crime) was also amended to deal with it. To control the flow of material across the border the Customs Tariff Schedule VII was also amended to allow for the seizure of the material.

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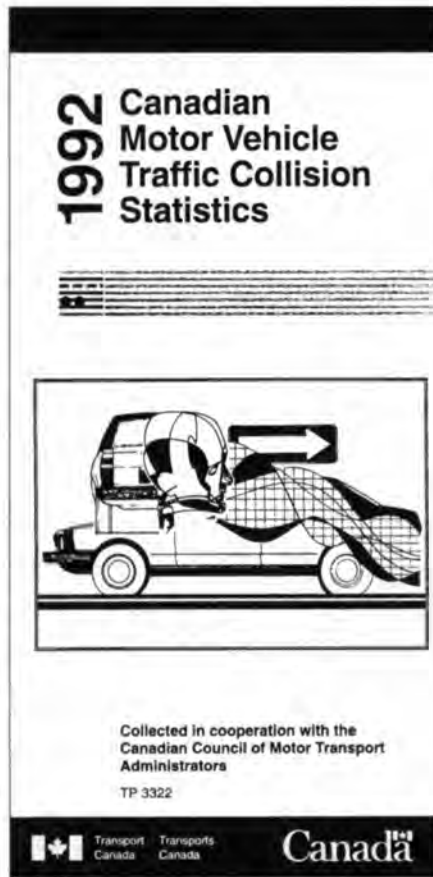
Place Your Crest Here

The idea of becoming involved in an accident which causes injury or death is no more than a fairy tale to some motorists, until they become one of the statistics recorded in a pamphlet recently produced by Transport Canada. Interestingly this brochure was one that reinforces the idea we are all subject to mortality no matter who we are.

According to the information released by Transport Canada, during the first six months of 1993 there were 1,433 road users killed across Canada. This is a 5% decrease compared to the number of fatalities recorded during the same time last year. This total was also an 11.7% decrease in the number of traffic related deaths for the same period of time over the last three years.

By the close of 1992, there was a noticeable decline in the total number of collisions and casualties. The number of collisions resulting in a fatality or injury for '92 was 171,723. This number indicated a decrease of 1,397 casualties from the previous year and is the lowest recorded total in the past eight years.

Personal injury as a result of a reportable vehicle crash declined by a slight margin (208) to 248,990 injured. In keeping with a noticeable and favourable trend the sum of fatalities (which came to 3,485), marked a fifteen-year low in that



particular category.

However, with all of the great accomplishments motorists made in this country throughout 1992, it would appear they still have a little left to learn. For example, clear (cloudy or sunny) days accounted for 77% of the total personal injuries and 79% of the total fatalities.

To put this in perspective the average motorist would have a 70% increased chance of being killed and a 63% increased chance of being injured on days when the driving conditions are excellent as compared to rainy or foul weather days.

When weather conditions are ac-

companied with the statistics which indicate most accidents in 1992 occurred during daylight hours and in summer months, the theory of an epidemic that causes some sort of sun-blindness in midsummer seems almost rational. What these statistics actually tell us is motorists are simply not always as cautious and alert in good weather.

The fact is speed plays a large role in most accidents. On clear days a driver is more at ease on the road. As a result of this comfort the motorist will be inclined to increase the vehicle's speed. When the speed increases so does the chance of an accident.

In 1992, the number of traffic collisions causing fatalities in rural areas were almost 52 percent higher than those of urban areas where the speed limit was 60 km/h or less.

When one reads the statistics, however, it becomes apparent, and almost pleasing, to see most motorists are finally beginning to get the message. Thanks to police drinking driver countermeasure programs, community based initiatives and of course, publications such as this, average citizens are starting to realize a vehicle can be a dangerous weapon.

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Disgraced U.S. Cop Hired To Investigate Canadian Cops

A Toronto newspaper found a disgraced ex-police officer from the United States was recently hired to investigate police officers suspected of wrongdoing.

Toronto Sun Columnist, Christie Blatchford, found that a man hired by Ontario's Special Investigations Unit was himself dismissed for wrongdoing from the Broward County Sheriff's office in 1985.



Fred Winston
Credibility is an issue

Blatchford stated in her column on December 14th, that a simple phone call to the Broward County Sheriff's Office revealed that the investigator, Fred Winston, was fired for misconduct including charges of theft

and fraud. In addition the Sheriff's office, which includes the city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, sent faxes of Winston's record to the newspaper for publication the next day.

Blatchford insists it did not take any particular sleuthing to get to the bottom of this matter. She advised she simply went home after work and dialled up the police agency and was given all the details over the phone.

Other information revealed that he was once charged with two counts of grand theft and two counts of insurance fraud. His record indicates he was reprimanded twice and was suspended once for using his uniform to receive Michael Jackson tickets.

The Special Investigations Unit has been under considerable pressure to produce some competent results. Accusations of incompetence have been lodged by various sources since the organization was formed under the Attorney General's office with a mandate to investigate possible criminal activities by police officers.

Many complaints included slow investigations and incompetent staff members. One of the aspects of the legislation forming the unit is that investigators hired from

other police agencies can not investigate cases from their former police forces. It has been observed that the hiring of persons from outside Ontario may be one method to alleviate this problem.

Accusations in the local media indicate that Winston was picked from a list of 400 applicants due to the colour of his skin and on his stating he had investigated numerous homicides while with Broward County Sheriff's Office. The former was self evident and it would appear they felt that the latter would be as well.

Further investigation by local media revealed Winston had never investigated a homicide while with the law enforcement agency.

As of press time the director of the Special Investigations Unit, Howard Morton, claims it was not his job to do a background check and he stands by what the references provided by Winston say about him.

Morton was earlier condemned in a special 65-page report for botching a shooting investigation and withholding critical information.

A spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General stated, "We have grave concerns with the concerns that the police community may have." She added, "Credibility is an issue, we have heard it."

Free Place Mats Available To Help Promote Healthy Life-styles

Colouring place mats that promote a healthy lifestyle for children are now available through the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF).

"The place mats are provided free of charge," says Art McCudden, information specialists with the ARF.

Sponsored by the Royal Bank, the ARF has developed a set of four place mats geared for children age 6 to 8. The place mats will keep children busy colouring while offering safety message on everything from household hazards to warnings about drugs.

The product, which received a positive response during classroom testing, is designed for an age group that would be the most influenced by these messages, says McCudden.

The ARF will distribute the place mats through a variety of outlets including schools, police officers, parenting groups, and school health nurses. Any group or individuals can place orders by calling ARF's toll-free information line at 1-800-483-6273 or 595-6100 for Metro Toronto.

The four place mats each depict different scenarios within a school setting and can be combined to create a poster. They allow children to have fun while learning, says McCudden.

"It's also an economical way to spread positive messages," he adds.

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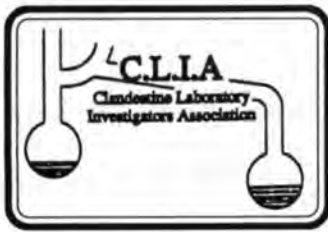
FLASHES

By Tony MacKinnon

"I put my new pistol back together. No Problem!... is there something specific we're to do with the left over pieces?"

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International Workshop On Chemical Drug Labs To Be Held In Edmonton



The Clandestine Laboratory Investigators Association is a self funded group of law enforcement personnel from across Canada and the U.S.A. dedicated to the training and safety awareness while investigating clandestine laboratories.

Hundreds of laboratories manufacturing methamphetamine (speed), PCP (Angel Dust), and L.S.D. are seized annually in the United States. Canada has been fortunate in having only a handful of laboratory seizures annually, however, with stepped up enforcement in the United States trends show that manufacturers of illicit drugs are moving north.

R.C.M.P. 'K' Division Drug Enforcement and R.C.M.P. Edmonton Drug Sec-

tion have recently been given the opportunity to host this workshop in Edmonton. This conference has been held annually in the U. S. for ten years. This will be the first time the conference has been held outside of the United States.

Cpl. K.J. Graham of Edmonton Drug Section is coordinating the above noted conference with the assistance of members of Edmonton Drug Section and the Edmonton Police Service Drug Control Unit.

It is anticipated that 250-300 law enforcement personnel specializing in Clandestine Laboratory Safety from the United States, United Kingdom and Australia will attend. A targeted goal of an additional 200 Canadian law enforcement personnel is anticipated.

The D. E. A. Office of Training, Washington, D.C. have committed their services for re-certification of safety equip-

ment, i.e.. breathing apparatus and protective clothing. The course candidates will be from various areas of law enforcement, i.e.. drugs, ident., dogmen, emergency response. The workshop will be beneficial to any person being in or near a clandestine lab. This workshop is also open to Judges and prosecutors from across Canada.

Health and Safety will be the main topics at this year's conference. Guest speakers from the U.S. have experienced well over 2,000 lab investigations. U.S. agencies have realized the importance of Clan Lab safety and as a result their laws forbid uncertified investigators to enter labs without proper training, and safety equipment.

It is requested that you pass on this information and discuss the benefits of the course with your neighbouring departments and training academies. Presently in Canada there is only minimal training in Clan Lab Safety in which 2-3 hours of time is devoted to this area.

The workshop will be held at the Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta. For further information please contact Cpl. K.J. GRAHAM, Edmonton Drug Section at phone 403-945-5533 or FAX: 403-945-5579.

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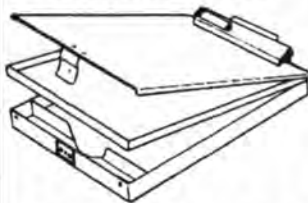


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By Gino Arcaro

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Ontario C.A. R.v. BARRETT(1993) 82 C.C.C.(3d) p.266 (ONT.C.A.)

The Supreme Court of Canada, in *R.v. SMITH (1989)*, stated that confessions are desirable and are among the most beneficial types of evidence to convict guilty persons. Additionally, the court recognized that confessions bereft accused persons by relieving psychological pressures and facilitating rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

The admissibility of a confession is dependent upon the Crown's ability to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the confession was voluntarily made by the accused. Exclusion of a confession may occur under section 24(2) Charter if it was obtained as a result of a Charter violation and its admission would bring the admin-

istration of justice into disrepute. The accused person has the onus to prove the Charter violation. Videotaping interrogations has become a relevant factor in determining the admissibility of confessions.

In *R.v. LIM (No.3) (1990) (ANT. HICKS.)*, the trial judge drew an inference that the failure of the police to provide a video or audio record of an interrogation suggested that the police did not want an electronic independent record because it would not have supported the officer's oral testimony. Additionally, the trial judge stated, "The police appear to have set the stage for a battle of credibility on the void dire and excluded any independent source of information which could have supported one side or the other."

The Ontario Court of Appeal, in *R.v.*

BARRETT (1993), strongly recommended the use of videotapes during interrogations and the taking of confessions, to prove voluntariness, by stating "Universal use of videotapes would obviously be of assistance to judges in weighing evidence and reaching a just conclusion, but beyond that, there is the potential to benefit the entire administration of justice."

The circumstances of this case were as follows: The accused was arrested for 10 counts of robbery, was transported to a police station and brought to a booking room. The booking procedure was recorded by a video camera. The video showed the accused asking when he could contact his lawyer. The accused was informed that he would have access to a telephone as soon as he was brought upstairs. The videotape



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revealed that telephones were situated behind the booking officer's desk and also in an adjacent room.

The accused was transferred to an interview room, upstairs. Detectives were notified. Upon their arrival, they informed the accused of the right to counsel but the accused chose not to invoke the right at that time.

An accomplice had previously given police statements that incriminated the accused. The statements were presented to the accused, who read them and adopted the contents by writing "I agree" and signing the statements.

Afterward, the accused asked to speak to his lawyer and was given the opportunity to do so. The accused was returned to the booking room. A videotape did not show evidence of injuries or any apparent change in the accused's demeanor.

The next day, the accused was transferred to a jail. He complained about injuries to his right hand and ribs, to a nurse and a physician, informing the physician the injuries were suffered during a fight.

At the trial, the accused testified during a void dire that he had been assaulted by the officer and had signed the statements only to indicate that he had read them. The interrogation had not been recorded by videotape.

The officers who conducted the interrogation recorded every question and answer. The second officer merely witnessed the interrogation but made no contemporaneous notes. Instead, the second officer signed his partner's notebook and copied the notes into his own notebook.

At the conclusion of the void dire, the trial judge ruled that the accused's statements were admissible on the basis of credibility but specific reasons were not given.

The accused appealed to the Ont. C.A. because of the trial judge's failure to give reasons for ruling that the statements had been made voluntarily. The appeal was allowed and a new trial was ordered.

The court ruled that the accused, in this case, was entitled to know, in a meaningful way, the reasons why the trial judge had no reasonable doubt about the voluntariness of the statements.

The court addressed the issues of videotapes and the notebook procedures by stating videotape has "immensely superior" evidentiary value in comparison with witness recollection. It stated "...the police force has, by its own choice in this case, denied the court the opportunity of an undeniable record of what led to the "conviction." Given the modest cost of videotape equipment, such critical evidence should

not, in fairness, be restricted to some recollection of two contesting individuals as to what occurred in stressful conditions months or years ago.

The court recognized that interrogation techniques are not "offensive" and that the police may be reluctant in publicizing these techniques but it stated that exposure of these methods would be a detriment. Regardless, the issue of admissibility remains voluntariness.

Regarding the notebook procedure, the court ruled that the one used by the second officer was "unsatisfactory." The court

provided the following notebook guidelines: "Whenever possible, every officer in attendance at the interview who will want to refer to his or her notes as a memory aid for the purpose of giving evidence should take contemporaneous, INDEPENDENT notes."

The court added that complete notes are not expected from the officer conducting the interrogation. In the case, it noted surprise that these types of notes were the only ones in existence and that they were purported to be verbatim. This case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.



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Improving Police - Media Relations

By Elizabeth Holton



The relationship between the police and the media can at once be mutually beneficial and extremely problematic. Though they are in some ways dependent upon each other, they run into conflict on exactly how much information should go out to the public.

The reporter is looking for quick, concise information in order to meet a very specific deadline. The police while perhaps wanting to release some of the information, also have certain restrictions in order to protect those involved in any given incident. For example, information that could identify a young offender may not be published.

Nepean Police Service has taken certain steps to ease these sometimes problematic relations. The appointment of a media relations officer in 1991 was a good start. It helped eliminate the problems which occurred when different spokespeople for

the service were challenged for information which was often not available due to shift changes, etc. In this way, one person is now assigned to deal with the media and keep abreast of occurrences, and high profile issues. Having one person responsible for answering to the media means more news gets released which means the public is better informed. This person must also get answers to reporters questions and be familiar with the restrictions on the disclosure of personal information under the Privacy Act. The media relations officer attends at all major crime scenes to "feed" the reporters thus keeping them from bothering investigators.

The Nepean Police Service has chosen to get the news out themselves rather than waiting for calls from reporters. They decided that news would be more timely and accurately released through facsimiles. Using a fax machine capable of sequential broadcasting, news releases are faxed out almost daily to approximately 20 media agencies with the touch of one button. The regular faxing of press releases means that

the media know they will be given information on any important story. For the police this means they can inform the media of anything they deem important. This system is time efficient, ensures that no one is left off the list, and reduces incoming phone calls from reporters.

Nepean Police will soon be expanding their methods of disseminating news by allocating an extension on their voice mailbox system for exclusive use by the media. This means news updates can be recorded by the media relations officer and retrieved by reporters even when the officer is not available. The "news mailbox" can also be updated by the media officer from a major crime scene.

Another job of the media relations officer is to follow up on any media mistakes or inaccuracies in reporting. This way, problems can be addressed before they get out of hand. A recent example involved an editorial in a small newspaper which contained a slur against the police service. Once contacted by the media relations officer, the paper printed a correction.

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Photos By Howard Sucher



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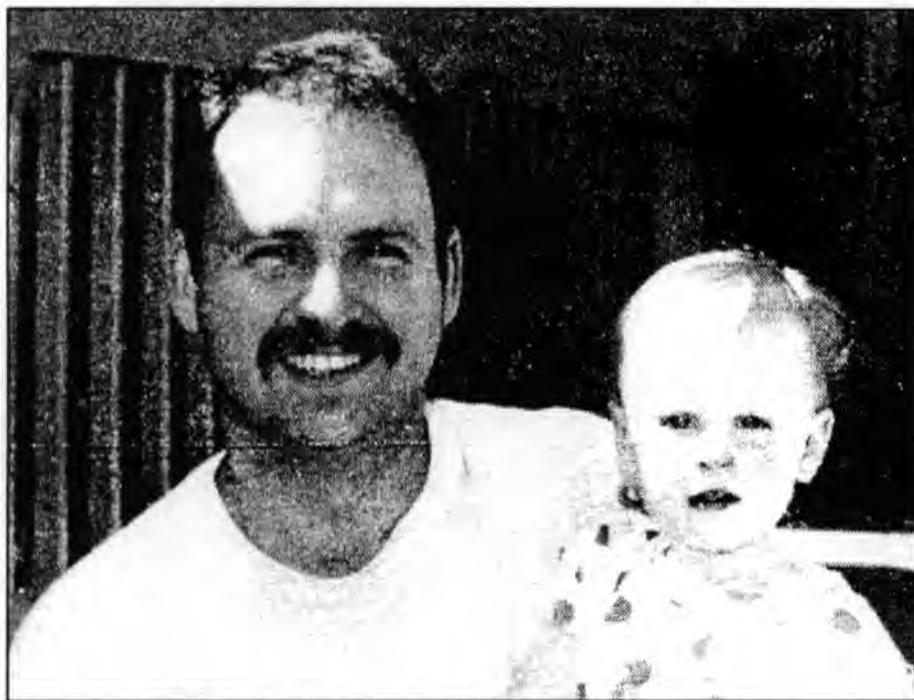
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A Survivor... Constable Kevin Seamons



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Police Constable Kevin Seamons with daughter Meagan.



Every February 5th, Police Constable Kevin Seamons receives a card in the mail. It's not his birthday, but it might as well be. The card is from DuPont - manufacturers of Kevlar - and the occasion is the anniversary of the day Kevin's vest saved his life.

On February 5, 1991, P.C. Seamons was at a traffic stop on Hwy. 401 near Westney Road in Ajax Ontario. A flatbed heavy haul tractor trailer, 3 by 3 tandem

truck pulled up behind him on the shoulder. Another car pulled up and advised PC Seamons that the truck was on fire. When the truck driver got out and looked underneath the truck, there was a small flame on the centre tandem mid truck at the centre of the axle. The metal was so hot it was now producing a small flame, about the size of a cigarette lighter. The truck driver blew the flame out but the metal was so hot that it sparked again.

P.C. Seamons got his fire extinguisher from his police car and approached the truck. As he approached the tandem, the

axle had become so hot that it suddenly caused one of the tires to swell. The tire swelled to twice its normal size and blew up beside PC Seamons, impacting him in the chest with 120 pounds of pressure, and throwing him 56 feet off the road. The explosion hit him with so much force it automatically set off his radio's 10-33 button.

P.C. Phil Reed was at Westney Road and Monarch Avenue, about two kilometres away, and heard the explosion from there.

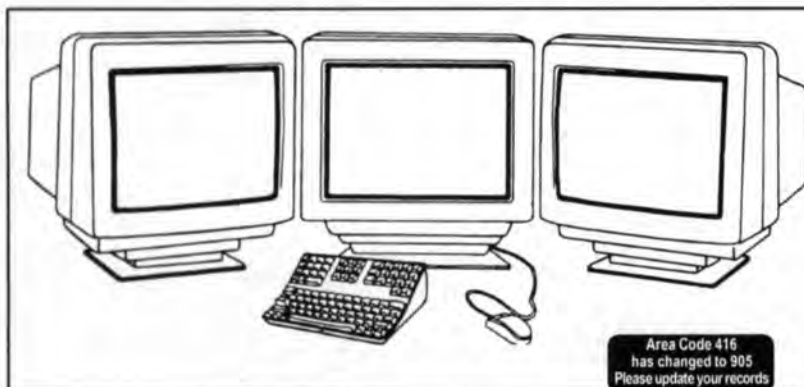
P.C. Seamons regained consciousness briefly at the scene, and was transported to Ajax Pickering Hospital. He says two things saved his life that day - his vest and the fact that he wasn't blown toward the traffic on hwy. 401 when the explosion occurred.

Understandably, Constable Seamons is a proponent of vests. He says it's the unexpected element on the job that makes vests a worthwhile part of standard equipment. He's learned that vests are for more than stopping knives and bullets. He never expected to be hit by an exploding tire.

A few months after this incident, Constable Seamons was inducted into the Kevlar Survivors Club, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the DuPont Company. He is the only member of the Durham Region Police Service who is a member of this group. He was awarded a plaque, and given a tie tack signifying that he survived a potentially fatal situation because he was wearing his vest. His wife, Veronica, was given a gold pendant, and she is regarded as a Survivor also.

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PISTOLS VERSUS REVOLVERS

An Overview

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To fully understand the relationship of the pistol to the revolver, a brief examination of their relative history is useful.

Since Sam Colt patented his percussion revolver in the 1830's, America has had a special affection for the six-shooter, and the revolver remains in use by police departments to this day.

The end of the 19th Century saw the first semiautomatic pistols go into, widespread use in Europe with police and military forces. The first major acceptance in the North America came in 1911 when the Colt .45, developed in the 1890's, became the standard U.S. military handgun. It was chosen for the same reason that the pistol is being chosen by law enforcement agencies today—the need for more fire-power.

In Europe the adoption of the pistol rapidly out paced the revolver. This trend was considerably slower in the North America due to familiarity with the revolver and its unique role in settling the old West.

However, while revolver technology remained stagnant, dramatic pistol technology improvements took place during the post-World War II period. These design and safety improvements resulted in unprecedented reliability, better handling characteristics and overall superior performance by pistols. This, coupled with an ever more violent criminal element, led U.S. law enforcement agencies to look more closely into pistols as service weapons. By the late '70s the first departments were making the switch, and by the decade of the '80s the trend away from revolvers was in full swing.

The move away from revolvers was hastened as criminals and drug traffickers began using more sophisticated weapons. Police officers found themselves seriously out-gunned. The limited cartridge capacity of the revolver put the police officer at a serious disadvantage, but the semiautomatic pistol quickly evened the odds.

Today, 50 per cent of all police carry pistols - and that percentage continues to grow. Modern semiautomatics are more reliable and safer than revolvers. Today there is a choice of operating systems, safety systems, model variations - even finishes. The pistol can be tailored to meet specific law enforcement needs. Officers

everywhere continue to request the extra defensive capability of the new generation of semiautomatic pistols. No one is aware of departments planning to switch back to revolvers.

In a recent survey by a major law enforcement organization, 95 per cent of respondents indicated they would rather carry a semiautomatic pistol. A staggering 93 per cent expressed a lack of confidence in their issue revolver. When it comes to a life or death situation what could be a consequence of this lack of confidence? Does the criminal element lack the same confidence in the weapons they carry?

Many police officers find it ironic that their organization does not hesitate to replace computers and software after only a few years because they are considered outdated. Yet, the technology of the revolvers they are issued is 120 years old.

There are many specific reasons why law enforcement agencies are today choosing the high capacity pistol over the revolver. Let's summarize them as briefly as possible.

Increased capacity Most revolvers have a capacity of 5 to 6 rounds. Most high-capacity pistols carry at least double the round capacity of a revolver. With a high-capacity pistol, an officer has more rounds available during a lethal encounter without having to reload.

Ease of reloading When reloading does become necessary, it is faster and easier with a pistol, particularly in the dark and under extreme stress.

Improved scores Where pistols have replaced revolvers, there has almost always been a significant improvement in qualifying scores on the firing range. Statistics released by The Police Foundation show ease of handling and shooting produces gains in hit potential ranging from 25% to 65%.

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By Gino Arcaro

Loud Party Complaints May Be Resolved By This Charge

The charge of Mischief affords police officers with a method of solving loud party complaints. Mischief is defined in section 430(1)d) of the Criminal Code as meaning wilful obstruction, interruption or interference with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property.

A problem exists about whether or not disturbing a person's sleep constitutes interference with enjoyment of property.

The British Columbia Supreme Court dealt with that issue in *R.v. W.(t.) (1993)*. In that case, police officers charged a young offender after a neighbour complained that he prevented them from sleeping for two days because of excessive noise from a loud party that included a live band.

The young offender was acquitted in a

B.C. Provincial Court. The acquittal was predicated upon a ruling in *R.v. Phoenix (1991)*, in which "enjoyment of property" was defined as use and possession of property. Consequently, the trial judge ruled that the offence of Mischief occurs only when the interference is directed toward the possession of property, and does not occur when sleep is interrupted.

The B.C. Supreme Court allowed the Crown's appeal and reversed the acquittal. The court defined "enjoyment" as meaning either "use or pleasure." Consequently, intentionally causing excessive noise that prevents sleep constitutes the offence of Mischief because it wilfully interferes with a person's pleasurable enjoyment of property by preventing the enjoyment of sleep.

Man Bites Dog... Who Bites Back

A New Zealand man who bit off the tip of a police dog's ear may have bit more than he could handle when he got bitten back in what could be called the "Terminator Bite."

Police dog-handler Constable Laurie McNeal said he sent his dog, Tyke, into a house in Timarue, on New Zealand's South Island, to disarm a man with a gun.

Tyke gripped the man's arm with his teeth and the offender reacted by biting off part of the dog's left ear. Tyke released his grip on the arm and bit the man's testicles, quickly ending resistance.

Tyke is expected back on duty shortly minus about one inch of his left ear. The condition of the offender was unknown but the final touch was added with the charges laid against him. He is charged with obstructing police along with several weapons offences. But the offender may feel the final charge could be the cruelest blow ... Cruelty To An Animal.



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Disarming Police "Simple Madness" Police Chief Suggests

If Toronto area human rights lawyer Peter Rosenthal had his way almost all police officers would not carry weapons. His rationale for such thinking is that "if police officers did not carry weapons they'd have to be a bit more creative in the way they approach tense situations."

This bizarre thinking was made public in November at a public forum held by the Ontario commission looking into racism in the justice system.

Rosenthal suggested the commission oppose giving police semi-automatic and higher-calibre weapons. His rationale included that more powerful and more easily fired weapons would mean police officers who shoot their weapons would tend to fire more shots and the bullets themselves would cause more damage.

"If police," Rosenthal suggests, "are given heavy weapons and semi-automatic weapons - and it will happen if you don't stop it - there's no question more people are going to be killed, including police officers."

In response to this argument Chief Julian Fantino, head of the London Police Force, wrote a response to the Toronto newspaper which ran the story. The paper apparently refused to use the letter and Blue Line Magazine obtained a copy of it. Here it is in its (almost) entirety.

"I feel a sense of duty to address the predictably outrageous rhetoric attributed to Peter Rosenthal.

At the risk of dignifying Rosenthal's comments, I am left to wonder what the rantings of a reputed cop hater have to do with the mandate and work of the 3.5 million dollar Commission delving into racism in the justice system, unless of course, as suspected, the Commission is yet another witch-hunt whose end result, like other entities in the past, will further demoralize the policing profession. Moreover, it now rings true that the Commission has become one more expensive road show fighting racism on the backs of police.

I see the rantings of Rosenthal and others of like persuasion extremely damaging to the need to address racism in our society with honesty, integrity and, most

appropriately, devoid of illegitimate agendas. If anything, on the issue of police race relations, the unabashed cop haters, by virtue of their obsession to constantly attack the integrity of the profession as a whole, are in fact causing a great disservice to people of all races.

I must also comment about Rosenthal's remarks, which I consider devoid of any appreciation whatsoever for the plight of our police officers, the young men and women on the front lines, and law-abiding citizens everywhere who are facing an inordinate number of ruthless criminals who are armed and predisposed to vio-



Chief Fantino

lence. Ironically, on the one hand, we have extraordinary, violent victimization randomly taking place all around us, while at the same time people like Rosenthal want to disarm the police. If this is not the height of stupidity, I do not know what is. Or is it simple madness?

Two final points;

From Rosenthal's perverse views of police, are we to conclude that Constable Joseph MacDonald, of the Sudbury Regional Police, who was murdered recently while in the line of duty, was not creative enough in his fatal dealings with armed individuals who shot and killed him in cold blood?

Also, if it is to be that Rosenthal has the ear of the Commission and, as we have experienced with other Commissions in the past, that the policing profession in Ontario is to be once again disenfranchised along the theme espoused by Rosenthal and others, not only will Government get our guns, it will most assuredly get most of our badges as well, and maybe then the people of Ontario will realize the ongoing trauma being caused to a truly honourable profession, of which I happen to be fiercely proud."

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January 27, 1994

Cellular Fraud Seminar Toronto - Ontario

Hosted by the Cellular Telephone Industry Association, this one day seminar is presented for law enforcement personnel only and there is no charge to attend. The event will take place at the Toronto Board of Trade at 830 Dixon Road. Sponsored by Bell Mobility and Rogers Cantel the guest speaker will be Dennis Walters of Walters, Moore and Wilkinson. This person has extensive experience in the investigation of Cellular Phone fraud. To register contact Warren Leonard (416) 798-5061.

February 2 - 5, 1994

Women In Law Enforcement New York - N.Y.

The New York City Transit Police will host the second annual "Women United In Law Enforcement Conference. This event is designed to address the unique challenges faced by women in law enforcement on professional, social and personal levels. Workshops have been designed to expose attendees to state of the art techniques and pertinent world issues affecting every member of the community. For further details contact Janice DiLemmo (718) 330-4503.

February 19, 1994

Night Of Rock & Roll Toronto - Ontario

Project 911 presents its 4th annual Rock & Roll night in support of The Children's Wish Foundation at the Fort York Armouries, 660 Fleet St. (Lakeshore west of Bathurst) Toronto. This event is restricted to employees of Police, Fire, Ambulance, Correctional Services, Doctors, Nurses and their friends. Event includes a buffet. Tickets \$35.00 by contacting Graham Whitehead (416) 757-0107.

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June 27 - 29, 1994

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Trade Show Oshawa - Ontario

The OACP will hold its annual Trade Show in conjunction with its annual Conference. The Trade Show will be held at the Durham College Campus with accommodation being held at the Holiday Inn, Oshawa. The Trade Show is expected to draw over 90 companies and the show is open to all police, fire and ambulance personnel for the entire three-day show period.

June 27 - July 1st, 1994

CIS-MOIA Training Conference Windsor - Ontario

The Canadian Identification Society and the Michigan/Ontario Identification Association will be holding their annual training conference in Windsor. The conference is being hosted by the members of the Windsor Police Forensic Identification Branch. It will be held in the newly renovated Cleary International Centre with hotel accommodations at the Windsor Hilton Hotel. The event is expected to draw 200 delegates who will deal with the latest in forensic technology concerning several scientific and technical disciplines and put that knowledge to use in workshops.

For additional details contact Sgt. Al Brown or Mike Skreptak at (519) 255-6645 or (519) 255-6646.

August 17 - 21, 1994

CATAIR AGM '94 Mississauga - Ontario

The Canadian Association of Technical Accident Investigators and Reconstructionists will be holding a four day seminar/conference hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police on the subject of "Human Factor Influencer in Traffic Crashes. For further details on the seminar or on becoming a member contact Bob Scott (905) 874-3147 or FAX (905) 874-4032.

August 21 - 26, 1994

C.L.I.A. Workshop '94 Edmonton - Alberta

The RCMP "K" Division Drug Enforcement Branch and the RCMP Edmonton Drug Section will be hosting the annual "Clandestine Laboratory Investigator's Association workshop. From 500 to 700 international delegates are expected. The organizers have set up a spousal program as well. There will be a trade show in conjunction with this event. For further details about the event contact Cpl. K.J. Graham at FAX 403 945-5579 or phone (403) 945-5533.

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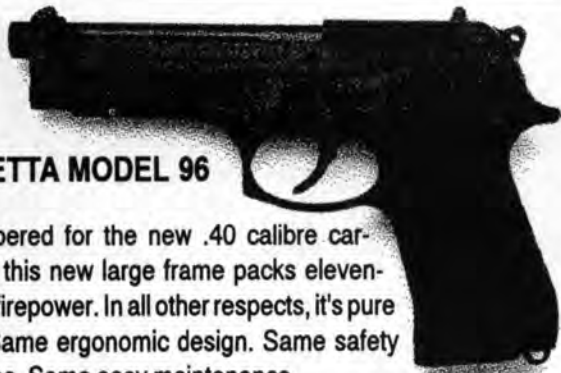
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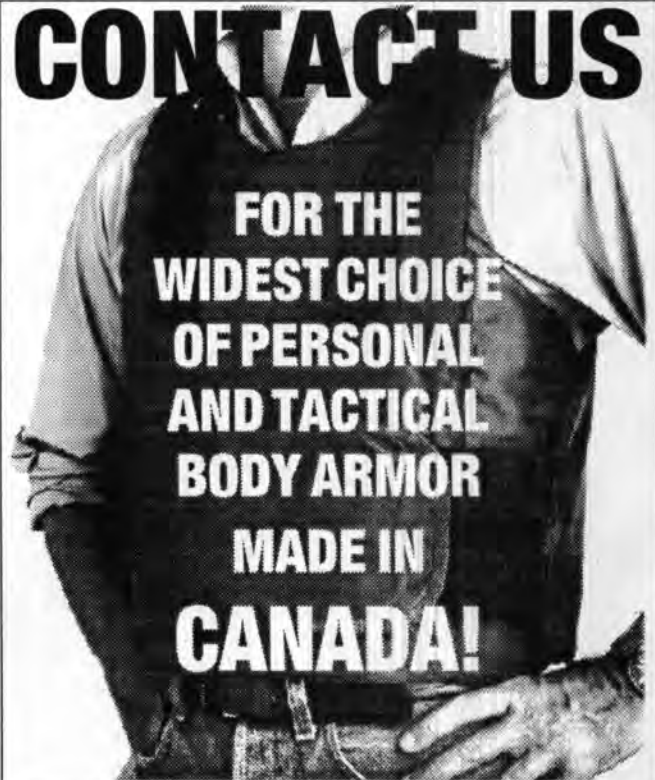
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