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We thought this was a most suitable cover shot for Blue Line's annual *Supply & Services Guide*. The photograph is a promotional piece for the tuck shop of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary. The picture was designed to grace the cover of their catalogue of camping and duty gear. Another nice benefit of this photograph is to remind us that better weather is just around the corner. (Thanks for the use of the photo Pamela).

This edition is the largest one we have ever put out. We have worked hard over the past several months putting this survey together. We began our survey last July of all the companies and individuals who may have an interest in supplying their goods or services to the law enforcement community. We are happy to report that interest has never been higher. This is reflected in the large number of returned survey forms we received.

In addition to the survey you will find the usual features plus something new. See the Publishers Commentary for more details.

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National news for all our readers

After publishing 17 editions of our monthly news magazine, TEN-SEVEN, we determined it was time for this publication to restructure and evolve to meet the economic realities of today. With this edition of Blue Line Magazine we have now incorporated Ten-Seven within its covers. Current Ten-Seven subscribers will be transferred over to Blue Line Magazine and their subscription to this magazine extended if both publications are being received.

Ten-Seven was created after we recognized there was a need for the dissemination of general news from across Canada regarding law enforcement. Although Blue Line has become very successful as a law enforcement informational and features publication it was not known how much day to day news should be handled. We therefore decided to experiment with an all-news publication format as a separate entity.

After producing Ten-Seven for 17 months we realized that the separate publication concept was simply not viable. Lower than expected subscriptions, poor advertiser interest, spiraling postal and printing costs and the fact that we are not subsidized in any fashion, helped to make us realize that we would have to amalgamate the news portion with Blue Line Magazine.

This move has some definite advantages for Blue Line readers and the law enforcement profession in general. With the extended clout of Blue Line's 10,000 monthly magazines we

hope to create a more informed reader. Like it or not people involved in this profession are always under a microscope of public attention. Just about every action an officer makes involves some kind of news to somebody. Much of it is not of much consequence on a national audience scale but is still reported locally and regionally. Blue Line Magazine's editorial adjustment will now permit its readers to share the real life stories of their colleagues from across the country in a condensed and concise fashion.

Blue Line Magazine has over the years made a habit of scanning newswires for stories relating to the law enforcement profession and we are strategically positioned to supply this information to our readers.

It is indeed fascinating to keep an eye on what is happening across the country but we also realize our responsibility to report this news in as unbiased a fashion as possible. Blue Line's editorial policy has always been one of positive information sharing. If there is a negative story or opinion shared it must be written in a spirit which creates a positive effect. General news reporting can be very cold and stark. Much of it is written in a fashion that sells newspapers to increase circulation and compete against other similar publications. Little thought is given to the impact this news may have on those most affected by its reporting. News carried in Blue Line is not written for sensationalism but in a spirit of information

sharing. You should be forewarned, however, that some of it is negative and in some cases names will be named in both the positive and negative stories. We do not apologize for keeping our readers informed. For those of you who may read your names in these stories we can only say that if the story is negative it is inserted because others may learn from your misfortune. There will never by any story inserted in a malicious fashion. What ever stories we place between the covers is intended to improve the profession and with the hope that it will make your job a little better.

For those of you who may have a need to see uncut news stories and in a more timely fashion you can still subscribe to Blue Line News Week. This weekly broadcast news service is a compilation of all the material that comes across our desks. In addition to receiving all the news in a timely fashion subscribers to the Fax-out service have search privileges. This permits them to contact Blue Line and receive all news articles we have on any key word or name search. This service is of particular interest to labour and law enforcement leaders, trainers, advisors and councillors. It is also of interest to any group or organization which needs to keep informed on what is happening in the Canadian law enforcement scene. Last year subscribers to this service received over 2,000 uncut news stories. If you are interested turn to page 63 in this issue for details or call us at 905 640-3048.

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Gary Miller

THE AIRBUS AFFAIR (*The Apology Strategy*)

In the first week of the new year Canadians observed a stunning reversal of tactics hurriedly rushed into the light of day as the Government in Ottawa and the RCMP tumbled over each other, apologizing to that most disliked nemesis on the political landscape, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. He, as a result, abandoned his \$50 million lawsuit against the government and the RCMP for disseminating what he insisted (and one must now concede he was right) were groundless criminal accusations against him. It seems it wasn't simply the urge to "do the right thing" which prompted the dual apologies. Oddly, both parties hastened to add they were in no way to blame for the Mulroney debacle but they thought they should apologize anyway.

It hardly seemed possible. Easily the most reviled politician in Canada receiving an apology from the Government of Canada and the RCMP, who were NOT TO BLAME. Brian Mulroney, who had been the subject of a "leaked" secret letter from a government attorney, which accused him of illegally scamming a \$5 million kickback, along with two of his friends, in order to secure for an airplane manufacturer a deal that would see Air Canada buy over a billion dollars-worth of their product, the well regarded "Airbus", still in service in Canada. Now it turns out there was never any real evidence to prove the claims.

There was gossip, generated mainly among the media. There was an anecdotal story about Swiss bank accounts, one belonging to Mulroney and code named to conceal his ill gotten millions. The *New Roget's Thesaurus* places "anecdote" squarely between "legend" and "fable". A fitting place for this tale of intrigue and dishonesty. There were innuendos and whispers. There has not been a shred of direct or circumstantial evidence which any self-respecting police officer or Crown prosecutor could take into court. Rumours of kickbacks from the "Airbus" affair are not new. As early as 1989, the RCMP investigated such allegations and at that time shelved the investigation because of a lack of evidence. Mysteriously, after the fall of the Tory government, the RCMP's interest was piqued anew.

The story appears to have sprung from the investigative talents and the fertile pen of reporter Stevie Cameron, whose pathological hate and poisonous writings of Brian Mulroney have earned her a nice income and a high readership. Ms. Cameron authored the best selling book *On the Take* which is a highly readable accounting of Mulroney's alleged misdeeds and crimes. It is packed with rumour and conjecture and an interesting juxtaposition of many events to which she gives her own spin (and it's some spin) of his abuse of power.

In *On the Take* an entire chapter deals with



the "Airbus" affair. Ms. Cameron leaves little doubt about what she thinks and believes of the former prime minister. She believes he is "dirty". She sets out all the preliminary ingredients of the lucrative kick-back scheme, the players as she sees them, the means of concealing the illicit millions, but, wisely, she stops just short of connecting the dots. The reader can easily be left to that, especially one predisposed to dislike Mr. Mulroney. Then, she drops in a disclaimer sentence, just to keep the libel lawyers at bay and herself and her publisher out of court. Put out in an authoritative tone, more or less as fact, it is cunning writing at its best.

The result of a casual reading of this chapter for the average reader would be to bolster the belief that Brian Mulroney is a crook. Since the Brian Mulroney fan club has fallen on such lean times, his legions of detractors have drawn the intended conclusions from Ms. Cameron's book. One does not need to search very long to find them. They are poorly disposed to giving Mulroney any benefit of the doubt. In their eyes he is guilty. But of what, criminal activity? I don't think so. Think as you will of Brian Mulroney, he may be glib, arrogant, facile, slick, but he is not stupid. To do this crime, as laid out in Ms. Cameron's book he would need to be both stupid and desperate. He is neither.

And what of the role of the RCMP. It is very hard to shake the notion that our national police, in this incident at least, were heavily influenced to reopen the case by a third party, not within any police service. What other rea-

son would there be for the RCMP to flog a dead horse, as it was determined by them prior to the Fall of 1993. It is my belief that police forces everywhere which have been reborn and remolded as services have fallen under the heavy hand of the politically correct politicians closest to hand, those on politically driven police boards who hold the purse strings and thus exert control.

Sadly, police have become, to a greater or lesser extent, the tools of these newly politicized groups (at one time pains were taken to separate police board members from their political past, but the powers that be no longer even bother). These Boards, for better or worse and I would certainly argue worse, have driven a wedge between the police and the public they used to serve so well. While the story goes that the police, through community involvement are moving closer to the public they serve, this is not true. They are only moving closer to small, very vocal, politically empowered groups dominated by spokespersons with an agenda, while the public at large is badly neglected. The well organized groups have the blessings of our governors. I am sure such an allegation would be vigorously denied by all concerned but that would not be unexpected.

Both the government and the RCMP have taken pains to assert that in spite of their tepid apologies, the "Airbus" investigations will continue and that Brian Mulroney cannot be considered beyond the reach of further investigations of wrongdoing. Justice Minister Allen Rock's snide assertions were so nasty and demeaning at the time of his truculent, halfhearted "apology" before the media that he was forced to return a few days later to "clarify" some "misunderstandings". He really DID sympathize (and always had) with the plight of the former PM and his family. Excuse me, why bother? If the government and the RCMP honestly have reason to believe they will subsequently implicate Mulroney in a dishonest and criminal kickback scheme, why give him any apology at all? Did O.J. Simpson get an apology from his accusers? No! In culpability, how do the two cases differ?

Though found not guilty, O.J. Simpson committed the crimes and a ton of really incriminating evidence should have, but didn't convince his jury. Brian Mulroney did not commit the crime he was accused of and as his now aborted civil action unfolded, it would have become achingly clear the Crown hadn't a scrap of hard evidence to bring against him. In addition, a lot of highly placed persons would have been called to the stand as witnesses. They would have been drawn into the web of intrigue which was trying to destroy him. In an election year, a jaded public may have finally tired of this relentless Mulroney-bashing by a self pro-

claimed fair, honest and trustworthy Federal government. Hence the apology strategy, a strategy being all it really was. No apology was so reluctantly or meanly offered.

History will judge Mulroney more kindly. One day, someone may make the case that Mulroney's administration actually introduced tough, courageous measures, which, while they were initially unpopular, strengthened the country and gave it a fairer, visible, more equitable form of direct taxation, while allowing Canada to enter the twenty-first century with keener entrepreneurial skills and a more competitive edge in world markets. Twice, though unsuccessful, the Tories tried to solve the Quebec issue. When another party was elected with a huge mandate for change, largely on a broadly stated platform of discontinuing the tough policies such as GST, NAFTA and huge government cutbacks and layoffs, they changed nothing. And under their watch the Quebec issue worsened.

Elected To International Post



Provincial Constable Amy Ramsay was elected to the Board of Directors at the 34th Annual Training Conference of the International Association of Women Police, recently held in Birmingham, England. Cst. Ramsay will serve as the Coordinator for Region Eleven - an area encompassing Ontario, Quebec, and all of Eastern Canada.

Ramsay began her career with the Peel Regional Police Service in Brampton, Ontario and spent seven years serving in various capacities before transferring to the Ontario Provincial Police in 1996. Amy is a graduate of York University in Sociology. She is currently working on two Masters degrees - Criminal Justice from Southwest University and Education from Central Michigan University.

The annual international conference attracted 644 officers from 44 nations.

The 35th Annual Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, November 8 - 13, 1997. Additional information about the conference, or the International Association of Women Police, can be obtained by contacting Cst. Amy Ramsay at the Port Credit OPP Detachment, 49 South Service Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L5G 2R8 (905 - 278 - 6131).

Here, I reluctantly offer my own disclaimer. I am no fan of Brian Mulroney. I have not supported his party since his "too clever by half" deception of the voters on the subject of capital punishment in the mid eighties. But with the Liberals what has changed? A graceless, appallingly partisan Minister of Justice (Allen Rock) has baited, demoralized and politicized our police, yet is extremely soft on crime. They all strike me as counterfeit conservatives, just wishy-washy wannabe liberals devoted to ever higher taxes and the none-too subtle purchase of votes for cash.

In the end, the whole exercise came down to which style was preferred. Promises made

meant nothing. Now, the little guy from Shawinigan runs things with his awe shucks, down home Beverley Hillbilly mode instead of the bragging loud mouth from Baie Comeau or Ms. Campbell, the baffling school trustee from Vancouver. The policies are unchanged.

Canadians may be forgiven for saying to their leaders: "Fool us once, shame on you, fool us twice, shame on us." But are Canadians even yet aware they were fooled the first time? What of the RCMP? Has its integrity been compromised? We have only their own and the government's assurance that it has not.

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The Civilian Police College

by Ms. Susan Kainz and Paul Allen



The Metropolitan Toronto Police Service has embarked on a new mission - to give members of the community the opportunity to learn about their organization.

It's a new initiative called the Civilian Police College, and it is making a big difference. The Civilian Police College is run like a normal night school class - one night per week (normally on Wednesday evenings) for eleven consecutive weeks.

Classes are taught by front line officers. This is important for a number of reasons: who better to discuss with community members the difficulties and challenges of policing than front line officers - the men and women who are doing the job on a daily basis. It is an opportunity for front line officers to tell the community what it is they do, and why. It's an opportunity for dialogue, exchange of ideas and most importantly, it's an opportunity to educate the community. It is well known that policing is one of the most challenging professions!

It's also far too easy for citizens to criticize police officers. Criticisms such as "Why did the officer have to use force?" and "Officers don't understand the community" are often heard. This educational forum gives officers the opportunity to tell the community why they do what they do. It's an excellent opportunity to discuss the officer safety issues - something that is long overdue. By educating community members, it makes a police officer's job that much easier. Isn't it better to have an informed and educated citizen to deal with, rather than an uninformed or misinformed one?

This is an opportunity to develop more relationships with community members, to get them to hear first hand what officers have to say. Officers are likely to have more supportive



community members as a result. And that is what every officer needs right now and in the future.

The program is working.

Forty-five candidates have just finished their inaugural class, which was held at Metro Police Headquarters from September to November 1996. It was an extremely diverse class — they had social workers, teachers, lawyers, retired persons, students, business people, Neighbourhood Watch organizers and Community Police Liaison Committee members. Some students were clearly pro-police, and others were a little skeptical. But, what was most interesting during the 11 week period was the change in quite a few attitudes. Those that came into the class with a skeptical attitude,

ended up being the students who participated the most - be it role playing or simply asking questions and getting to know the officers.

One of the more interesting moments in the class occurred when a Sergeant was invited to discuss Use of Force. Police use of force is a very contentious issue and it was felt that this subject must be shown to the public. The presenter asked the class how far an officer had to be from a knife wielding assailant in order to be safe. The majority of the class thought 5 feet would be sufficient. A role play took place. The officer had a student "play" the cop, and the Sergeant "played" the criminal. They stood about 5 feet apart, and then the officer charged at the student. Needless to say, the student could barely even reach for his "gun" before the officer was upon him. They role played the same scenario at 10, 20, and 30 feet. Finally at 40 feet apart, the student realized that minimum safe distance for an officer certainly isn't 5 feet! If ever the officer safety issue was driven home, it was at that moment.

The Sergeant then discussed this with the class, saying "The next time you read about an officer using force, or having to shoot, just remember this scenario. Even at 40 feet it's difficult to react quickly. Next time you read

about a use of force incident, try to appreciate that there isn't always 40 feet between the officer and the accused." They got the point. It's so easy to say, "The officer should have done this or that," without fully understanding and appreciating all the factors that come into play when in dangerous situations. It's not as easy as you think!

What is most satisfying to the program co-ordinators is when students call up and say "I never understood the officer safety issues. Now I do." or, "I never realized how dangerous a routine traffic stop can be for an officer."

When these types of comments are received the instructors know that they're on the right track. This is what they are trying to do: make people aware of how difficult policing is. Community members need to understand the complexities of policing. Perhaps the next time they read an article about an officer using force, they'll be less likely to say something negative. Perhaps they'll say, "There are officer safety issues. I understand that the officer had little choice," because they came down to learn about it from a front line officer.

Each night introduced the student to a different subject in policing. The following is a brief review of the courses taught.

A Day In The Life of a Police Officer

This class introduces the community mem-

bers to two uniform front line officers. They discuss the types of calls they get, parading for duty, what happens during an arrest, and all the other things that happen during a regular tour of duty.

Community Policing

This lecture is given by Community Response Officers working out of local divisions. Topics such as the role of the Community Response office and the philosophy of community policing are discussed.

The Court System and Criminal Law

You've all heard community members complain, "Why does it take so long for a case to go to trial?" or "Why do officers get paid to go to court on their days off?" This class will answer those questions for them - and more.

Use of Force

Probably one of the most volatile issues today. This class examines officer safety issues, the various types of training that officers receive, and why use of force is sometimes the only option for an officer. Officer safety is stressed in this class.

The Traffic Officer

This is another popular issue. Front line traffic officers discuss their mandate, their training, their equipment, RIDE and accident reconstruction.

Police Support Services

Officers from the Marine Unit, Police Dog Services and Forensic Identification Services come in to discuss their Units, and their unique support role in the organization.

Undercover Police Investigations

Seasoned drug officers and S.I.S. officers come down to speak about drug investigations, gambling, prostitution and pyramid scams, and how these types of activities affect our communities. A big emphasis again was placed on officer safety.

Major Crime Investigations

Evidence at crime scenes, investigating homicide scenes and the role of the various squads is discussed in detail.

Community Partnerships

This class introduced students to Neighbourhood Watch, community involvement, Youth Corps and Community Police Liaison Committees. Discussions on "how to get involved." took place.

Support for this project has been overwhelming, both internally and externally. Many police officers have been very supportive, and have sought opportunities to present their personal and professional experiences on policing matters to the classes.

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Association, Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board, Chief Boothby and many Police Officers have given their complete support to this endeavour as well.

The next session will be held in the spring of 1997 at Charles O. Bick College, and the third session will be held at Humber College South Campus in September of 1997. Both of these sessions are completely booked, there is a sizeable waiting list and registration forms are continually in the mail.

Clearly, there is no lack of community

members who wish to get to know the police, and they are willing to meet them halfway to do it. The Co-ordinators are currently planning Sessions 4, 5 and 6 which they advise will take them right to the end of 1999.

This program has the potential to make a significant difference for police services, the front line officer and the public. Police officers do a difficult job and they do it well - they have a lot to be proud of. It is time the officers started spreading the word around!

For further information about this project contact the Metropolitan Toronto Police - Volunteer Resources Unit (416) 808-8040 808-8860



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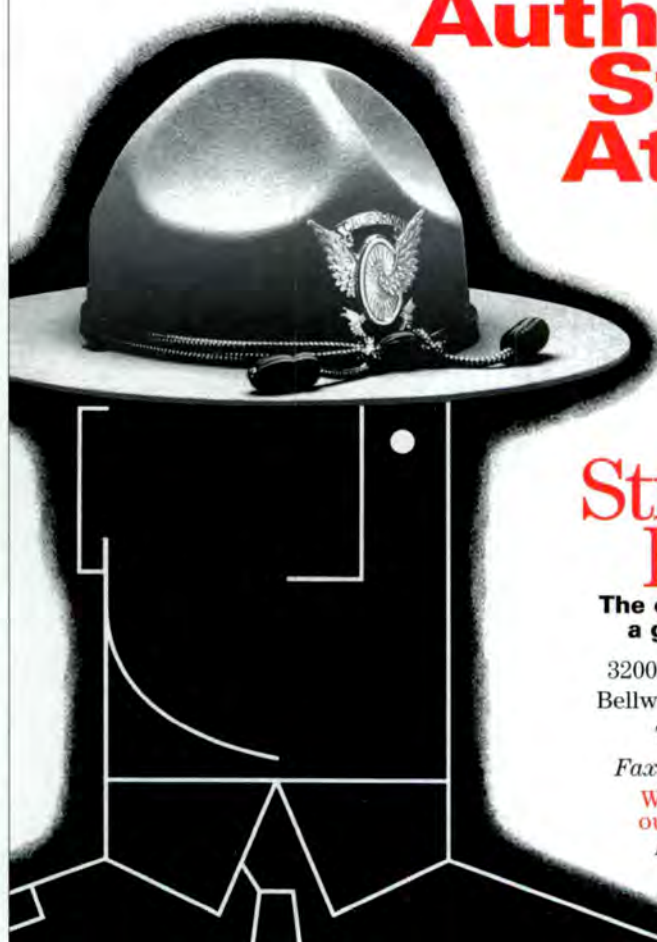
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by Mike Fabbro

Quebec Police

A helicopter may not be as cost-effective as a fixed-wing aircraft or a staff car, but when it comes to supporting modern police forces, it has been proving its value again and again. Both the Montreal and Quebec provincial police regularly use helicopters (leased in the former's case) to support their operations. From crowd monitoring to drug enforcement to search and rescue, the helicopter is incomparable for versatility: it can hover, fly at slow speeds and land just about anywhere. That's why the Surete du Quebec has three helicopters and the Montreal Urban Community police force is looking to acquire its own.

Montreal Urban Community Police

The Montreal Urban Community (MUC) police force has been seriously studying the viability of supporting its operations with a helicopter for the past two years. According to Capt.-Detective Michel Ledoux, the MUC's division plans and operations officer, it has three options: a lease, with or without pilot, a lease-to-buy or an outright purchase.

A preliminary report on acquisition of a helicopter for the MUC recommended a three-year lease, complete with FLIR camera and Nightsun. This option would enable the MUC to study the impact of heli-operations, both in terms of cost and effectiveness. If the trial is successful and gains public support, the MUC could renew the lease or pursue one of the other options.

Last year, a budget was allocated for the trial project but due to budgetary pressures, it

had to be reduced by approximately 80 percent. As a result, the trial was postponed. Ledoux wouldn't disclose the exact amount of the budget allocation, to avoid compromising future call-tenders.

Asked whether he thought the MUC would ever realize its goal of having helicopters, Ledoux responded: "We feel Montreal is a large enough city to warrant a police helicopter, but we are at the mercy of budgets. The file is far from closed, and may still be developed. We may look at a partnership with a civilian group, much like the one in Calgary. Since we haven't started our trials to determine our statement of requirement, it's difficult for us to look for partners for this project."

The MUC will continue to lease helicopters to assist with the patrolling of many of the city's major festivals and activities. Last year, it spent \$20,000 of a 530,000 lease allotment. It normally leases Hughes 300s from Heli-Craft in St-Hubert, but has the option of leasing helicopters from the Surete du Quebec.

Surete du Quebec

The Surete du Quebec (SQ) currently has three helicopters: two Bell 206 Long Rangers and one twin-engine 206LT. One Long Ranger and the LT are located at St-Hubert, near Montreal, and are available on a full-time basis. The other Long Ranger is located at Quebec City and is shared with other government departments.

The Bell 206LT was purchased from Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, in Mirabel, in 1994 to complement the force's operations. (It's un-

thinkable in Quebec for a government agency to fly anything but a built-in-Quebec Bell.) All three helicopters are equipped with floats, and the 206 LT is equipped with FLIR, a Wescam camera and a Nightsun spotlight. The 206LT also has a side-door hoist.

Each aircraft is piloted by a civilian pilot, employed by the provincial government aviation agency. The day crews consist of a pilot and an aerial observer - a specially trained SQ police officer. Only the 206L flies night missions, and crews consist of a minimum of two pilots.

According to Inspector Gilles Savard, of the St-Hubert detachment, the helicopters fly regularly and support a wide variety of strategic and operational missions, as well as providing support to municipalities. "Use of a helicopter is determined by the urgency of the situation and the availability of other resources. There are many situations where a staff car isn't nearly as effective as a helicopter," said Savard.

The SQ's helicopters have supported local municipalities by monitoring crowds, finding lost persons and providing SAR. They recently found a lost boy in a cornfield with a FLIR and rescued a man from an ice floe in the St. Lawrence River.

This is the first of a five-part series profiling the use of helicopters in Canadian Policing. Although there are several agencies in Canada who have helicopters there is presently only one that uses them for patrol work.

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Police chopper pilots grounded over wedding-proposal flight



It was all in the name of love, but that may not help two Syracuse, New York, police helicopter pilots who flew a police officer friend to a park where he proposed to his girlfriend last Summer.

Onondaga County deputies Robert Bowles and Richard Van Orden used the department's helicopter to fly Marcellus Police Officer Aaron Phillips to a local park in August. Phillips proposed marriage there to his waiting girlfriend, state Trooper Christine Tucker.

She accepted, but that happy ending was a sorrowful beginning for the other officers.

The two pilots face disciplinary action for making the unauthorized flight, said Sheriff Kevin Walsh. "It's a very romantic and touching kind of story. It's just a shame it is in direct violation of department policy, and for that we will take whatever action is deemed necessary," Walsh said. He further advised that it would not result in their losing their jobs.

Department regulations prohibit pilots from making unapproved, non-emergency landings with the helicopter. That rule was adopted in October 1991 - one month after Air One pilots landed the helicopter at a private pig roast. Flying the helicopter costs about \$300 an hour.

Phillips said in a letter to Walsh that he

asked the pilots to stop at the park. He said he was not on duty at the time and that police officials in the Syracuse suburb of Marcellus did not know about the flight.

Waiting at the park was Tucker, a state trooper who was on duty and had unknowingly been dispatched to the park by the county's 911 center.

Walsh said he'd also be investigating who placed the 911 call.

"It was young love. Very romantic, but a very foolish violation of department policy," Walsh said.

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Changing times... changing hats

by Chris McCurley



Last year the officers of the Kemptville Police Service became a visible part of change. The traditional peak hat was traded for a wide brim hat.

The police uniform has undergone several changes within a relatively short period of time. For example the double-breasted wool coats once so common with police agencies have been replaced with modern Gore-Tex and Thinsulate enhanced jackets. Ties, tunics and cross draw holsters are the uniforms of the past.

Many of these changes have come as a result of health and safety concerns launched by police officers across the country. Within the last ten years a number of health and safety concerns have been addressed within policing: firearms, radar concerns, body armour, bodily fluids and most recently heat stress. Among these concerns ultra violet rays have long been associated with skin cancer and recognised as a health and safety issue. These factors prompted a change in uniform for the Kemptville Police Service.

This departure from the traditional peak hat addresses the health and safety concern, while at the same time, maintaining a professional image. It is said that the hat is the most instantly recognizable part of a police officer's uniform. A police officer's hat is not only a symbol of authority, but projects officer presence. The traditional peaked hat addressed the issue of



Constable Gord McAnsh models the new Kemptville Police issue wide brimmed hat.

authority, however, it did little to protect officers from the elements.

A partnership was formed between the administration and the members of the Kemptville Police Service which allowed for the experi-

mentation of hats in an effort to address both the members' needs and the needs of the service. Although Kemptville is a small municipal service, our members have a variety of backgrounds. These work related backgrounds had an impact on the acceptance of a new hat. A variety of hats were tried which included baseball hats, Tilly hats, postal service hats and golf style hats. These hats did not meet with the acceptance of either the public or our officers. Many of the hats projected a poor image, or, were not unisex in style, and failed to address the primary goal which was related to health and safety.

A wide brim hat was borrowed from of the Akwesasne Police Service and worn during a seat belt campaign. The hat met with considerable acceptance from the public during seat belt week and was so well accepted that citizens stopped to express delight with the new image. A Canadian supplier was not immediately found for this particular hat, however, we were aware that both the Collingwood Police Service and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources were testing wide brim hats. This led the service to a supplier and a wide brimmed hat was provided. This hat consisted of a 2 7/8" brim, leather sweat band, leather hat band, 5" crown, centre-creased with side pinches. This style was brought to the officers and it was this hat that met their needs.

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"Natural" Survival for Deadly Force

The new direction in police firearms instruction is towards honing the mind and the body



by Dave Brown

It was one of those problem-plagued flights, the curse of any frequent airline passenger. After numerous delays, our flight was finally cleared to depart. Just as we arrived at the runway, the aircraft turned around and taxied back to the terminal. The Captain announced over the PA, "I'm sorry ladies and gentlemen for the further delay. We have just had a warning light come on in the cockpit and we're turning back so that maintenance can have a look at it. We expect that it's only a minor problem, but remember, your safety is al-

ways our primary concern."

There was a pause.

"Actually . . ." he began again, ". . . OUR safety is our primary concern. But, we're all in the same aircraft, so let's enjoy the rest of the flight together." Everyone relaxed a bit and had a laugh. From that moment on, I have always made it a pre-takeoff ritual to say a little prayer—not for myself—but for the safe arrival of the cockpit crew. If the crew makes it safely to the ground, chances are good that the rest of the aircraft also lands in one piece.

Much like the aircrew and the aircraft, our

mind and our body form a symbiotic relationship. One cannot survive without the other. Stressors affecting our minds will have physical effects on our body, and vice versa. Stress in law enforcement can appear in two ways: the insidious creeping kind that gradually chips away at your humanity and makes it just a little more difficult to go to work every day; and the sudden instant kind that unexpectedly blindsides you and sends your heart clutching for your throat.

Modern police firearms instruction is designed to deal with the instant stress of emergency reactions. Instructors are increasingly utilizing a more "holistic" approach to training as officers are taught to use the mind and the body to perform as a unit. To survive deadly confrontations requires an understanding of what our mind and body want to do, and why they react that way. The principle of natural survival means the mental skills in training are as important as technical proficiency and the worst reaction in an emergency is to fight these natural defence mechanisms.

Knowledge about physiology and psychology as it relates to shooting under stress is not new. What is new is the better integration of mental and technical skills in initial and in-service training. Instructors constantly emphasize the importance of imprinting basic technical skills into the subconscious so that they become automatic reactions in an emergency.

Training is a Journey That Never Ends

Departments should be continually re-examining their firearms instruction function. There are a great many good firearms trainers in this country, and most of them strive to stay current with new ideas and methods. Techniques that worked last year may not be the best now, so training programs should be always evolving. This is why many forces have moved from yearly qualification sessions to regular in-service training combined with qualification tests. New skills can then be introduced as they are perfected. Misplaced concerns about maintaining consistency in training can leave officers ill-equipped to deal with modern problems.

What is the Problem?

You better worry! Two Winnipeg police officers, on what the local media describe as a "routine" call, are suddenly confronted by a gangbanger with a loaded revolver. Thankfully disarmed without incident, local police see this as symptomatic of a rise in street-gang and youth-related weapons offences. In another Winnipeg situation, a witness to an armed convenience store robbery is shot in the back of his head, execution style, by a 17-year-old youth—a known gang member out on bail for previous weapons offences—as his wife looks on in horror. Thankfully, the .22 calibre round rips up the back of his skull without penetrating and then smashes the sun roof of his car. He literally walked away, centimetres from death.

Overall violent crime statistics may be down across the country. But, in an August 26, 1996 article, the Winnipeg Free Press reports a 65% increase in robberies from 1990 to 1995;

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a 60% increase in firearms use in robberies from 1990 to 1995; and a 1000% increase in youths charged with using firearms in robberies from 1990 to 1995 in Winnipeg. In many jurisdictions such as Winnipeg, street gangs have now reached the point that they are as much involved in crime as the traditional bikers or organized crime families. The likelihood of an officer confronting a gun are rising. Gone are the days that the vast majority of officers went through entire careers without drawing a weapon. Officers are now much better prepared than they once were, but is your department's firearms training as realistic and up-to-date as possible?

The replacement of revolvers by semiautomatic sidearms by many forces across Canada has brought more than a greater volume of firepower to the average officer. It also brings some modern transitional pistol training to everyone; not just the newest recruits. It is interesting to take a look at how these transitional courses utilize modern techniques to prepare both the mind and the body.

Natural Defence

The body has a series of natural defence mechanisms that have been honed through centuries of evolution. These stem from reactions collectively labelled the "flight-or-fight" syndrome. These series of physiological and psychological reactions of the body to stress situations are only natural responses. Law enforcement officers are not given the choice to flee so they must be trained to fight effectively in spite of high-stress situations. Modern programs integrate these predictable reactions so that proper responses occur.

The physiology and psychology of survival are not just confined to firearms training any more, either. Many of these skills we talk about on the shooting range are repeated in many different aspects of police instruction, from high-speed pursuit driving to the entire use-of-force continuum. Examples of coping mechanisms can be found in any stress situation. Knowledge about the mental and physiological affects of sudden stress are a very necessary part of understanding why we practice the technical skills, and not just the how.

Loss of fine motor skills occurs when, in an effort to concentrate blood flow to where it is needed most—the brain and the major muscle groups—circulation shuts down to the extremities. This blood flow to the centre mass of the body has several side effects. One is that

the skin turns cold and clammy, and another is that the fine manipulation ability of the fingers is lost. The body introduces massive amounts of adrenaline directly into the bloodstream through several different glands. This natural narcotic is such an effective painkiller that situations have been documented where humans have lost entire limbs during intense battles, and not noticed until the fight was over.

Another important consideration is that both officer and assailant suffer similar symptoms. When a response requires deadly force, officers are trained to shoot for the centre mass of the target. There are three effective and defensible reasons for this. The concentration of blood flow into the centre mass means that this is the area most likely to create an effective stop; hitting a

target smaller than the centre of the largest available mass is next to impossible with a deterioration in the officer's motor skills under stress; and, this is the only area likely to have any appreciable effect on the target, in consideration of the natural pain killing ability of adrenaline.

All of the technical skills in the manipulation of objects such as firearms should use only gross motor movements. A good example of this in modern semiautomatic transitional training programs is to emphasize an overhand grasp on the back of the slide to chamber a round rather than a "slingshot" or pinch technique.

Tunnel vision is created when the eye sharpens its focus in the central part of the eyeball, at the expense of peripheral vision. This tunnel vision can lead to a lowering of awareness to surroundings or bystanders during an emergency. Noticeable in other situations such as high-speed pursuits, it becomes all too easy to fixate solely on the centre of focus and miss everything else. In some shooting situations, it has even been found that officers tended to shoot at the weapon rather than at the centre mass of the target.

On the modern shooting range, officers should not be allowed to put away their guns until they have properly scanned the entire area to check for further threats. Scanning means not just glancing to the sides but really seeing what you are looking at.

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Auditory exclusion happens if the brain detects that there is an imminent possibility of loud noises and physically shuts down the hearing to protect the ear drum. This self-preservation reaction happens in .063 seconds, as the ear's hammer physically separates from the cochlea. This means that, during a gunfight, officers are unlikely to hear the sound of their own shots. Only muffled 'pops' may be noticed and it can be difficult, if not impossible, to count the number of rounds actually fired during a confrontation.

Reloading of the gun should be viewed as a basic skill. Once a confrontation is over and there are no further threats, policy should dictate an automatic reload. If there is the slightest doubt as to the number of rounds remaining, the gun should be reloaded. Firearms instructors can teach both a slide-back "fast" reload and an exchange-and-save "tactical" reload to take full advantage of the psychological edge afforded by the increased capacity of the modern autoloader.

Preparing the Mind

The psychology of high arousal situations is just as important as the physiology. Under stress, people tend to revert to their dominant responses and it is up to the modern firearms instructor to ensure the correct responses are the dominant ones. This must be done with consideration for, and in spite of, other psychological reactions of stress, such as: impaired decision-making ability, loss of concentration skills, and distortions of time and size.

Training and qualifying sessions should be conducted as realistically as possible. The emphasis must be on imprinting the basic technical skills into the subconscious, in spite of adverse physical and psychological conditions. Trainers should strongly reinforce automatic reloads and not let officers get away with a scan that consists of a quick left-right glance. It is also a good time to eliminate outdated techniques, such as the ludicrous requirement to have right-handed officers hold their guns in their left hand while shooting around a left-side barricade.

When is the last time your agency parked a patrol car on the range and practiced shooting from proper cover positions using a real vehicle, and not those artificial wooden barricades? When is the last time your agency practiced dim-light and night shooting techniques with flashlights? Or does your agency just close up shop and all go home at night?

The science of modern weapons training is truly that—a science. Preparing for a sudden emergency requires a good understanding of far more than the basic technical skills of target shooting. Modern police instructors are becoming more in tune with this thinking, but training as a process never stops. There is always something new to learn.

Like the cockpit crew and the passengers of an aircraft, everyone must arrive safely together. The mind is tied inexorably to the survival of our body and, until mankind develops a foolproof method of physically separating the mind from the body, it is the only body we have.



Using principles of natural survival, what is the best way to train this right-handed officer to speedload a shotgun under stress?

Photo #1 - Hold the empty shotgun vertically at the hip while removing the spare shell from a pocket with the left hand. Align the shell so that the rim contacts the inside of the left little finger and roll it into the port from underneath the shotgun. Provided the shell landed in the port, slide your left hand forward and pump the action closed. - source: *FBI Training Academy*



Photo #2 - Hold the empty shotgun at the hip, tilted so that the ejection port faces 45 degrees to the left. Remove the shell from a pocket with the left hand and drop it carefully into the port by reaching across the receiver with your left hand. Then move your left hand back underneath the receiver and slide the pump forward.

- source: *Smith & Wesson Academy*



Photo #3 - Hold the shotgun in your left hand with the port horizontal, just as you would when loading it naturally. Remove the shell from a pocket with your right hand, drop it into the port and simultaneously transition back to the grip with your right hand while the left hand slides the pump forward.

- source: *"Tactical Shotgun Techniques That Work," Blue Line, January 1995.*

If you think you know the answer, test it under the stress of a time limit. It should be possible to speedload a shotgun from "click" to "bang" in less than 3 seconds. Now try it again blindfolded to simulate tunnel vision, and wearing thick gloves to simulate loss of fine motor skills.

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Watching the hands

by Normand Boucher

Injury dealing delivery systems include firearms, chemical agents, edged and blunt weapons. They are tangible instruments often readily visible to the officer and, if concealed, it always takes some hand movement to extract them. The hands, therefore, must be the focus of attention when dealing with unknown persons... and that means yours as well as theirs.

You can tell a lot by looking someone in the eyes. You can tell if he/she is angry, scared, upset or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These are important clues to assess a suspect's potential behaviour but to any law enforcement officer, they are not enough. They must be constantly attuned to hand movement.

Two elements must be present for a suspect to become life-threatening: the intent to kill, and the delivery system. The intent to kill is tucked away in the suspect's mind and can remain there indefinitely until an opportunity presents itself. It can exist as much in the mind of a driver during a routine vehicle check as it can in the mind of a known dangerous offender. To the outside world, it remains invisible until it is often too late.

A good habit to develop is to glance at the hands when first encountering a person. They will often offer clues about the state of mind of the person. Are they relaxed, clenched in a fist, or shaking? Are they holding a cigarette or other item? Are they concealed? But, more importantly, is there anything within reach which could be used as a weapon. Surely, in most casual encounters, a glance will suffice to provide the necessary information but, as the seriousness of the situation increases, so should the officer's focus on the hands and what they are doing.

But giving the hands the attention they demand is not easy. As persons in authority, police officers must give directions to a varied assortment of people, sometimes under excessively stressful circumstances. To handle these situations, officers will revert to one of the most basic and inherent methods of communication: eye to eye contact. This reflex is a natural reaction



which is acquired shortly after birth, when the infant learns to interact with his/her parents; it is strongly implanted in our social make-up but to the police officer on duty, it can be deadly.

Tests conducted in simulation exercises where officers, with gun in hand, faced a dangerous suspect showed that when the officer looked at the suspect in the eyes, the latter could pick up a nearby weapon and fire the first shots in most occasions. The process is simple; when the officers look at the eyes of the suspect, they must react to the latter's movement by lowering their sight towards the hand which is moving, make an assessment of the threat, and then decide whether to shoot. If the officers are already looking at the hands, the reaction time is cut considerably, allowing them to shoot first. Additionally, an initial check of the hands may result in locating the nearby weapon and reduce the reaction time even further.

Looking at a suspect's hands also provides a very effective, if not convincing, means of communication. By looking at the person's hand, the officers will telegraph their aware-

ness of their location and movement and, consequently, the suspect will be less inclined to grab a weapon. In effect, looking at a person's hands may accomplish what eye contact could seldom be expected to. It may succeed in reaching deep into the suspect's mind, deep enough to obliterate, at least temporarily, the invisible but deadly element we call intent.

Hands and physical confrontations

The suspect is standing in front of the two officers, opening and closing his fists repeatedly. They can see the veins of his temples pulsating. They need to arrest him and they know that they are in for a scrap. Can they handle him? They may well be able to... as long as all he wants to do is fight.

Police officers are often drawn into empty handed confrontations by belligerent suspects and, to address this problem, police academies have implemented self-defense programs, including come-alongs, pain compliance, and martial arts in their basic training curriculums. Accordingly, each of these devices has its place in the force continuum process.

But before entering into an empty hand confrontation with a suspect, the law enforcement officers must be aware of the element of control they will be throwing away by placing themselves in a personal body contact position. For example, when encountering an aggressive suspect, the officers retain several elements of control at their disposition but only as long as they remain at a distance: verbal commands, body positioning, the drawing of intermediary weapons, such as pepper spray and baton, and the drawing of the side arm. Each can add an element of control by its presence alone and time and verbalization can also be used to defuse the situation or to afford the availability of additional back-up.

When police officers decide to enter into empty hand confrontation, they relinquish all of these elements of control to the suspect. Furthermore, close body contact brings the officers' weapons within the suspect's reach and history is already filled with serious incidents where police officers have been injured or killed by their own firearms.

Another important concern is the fact that the suspect will likely not have been searched yet and empty handed control techniques, even when properly applied, may not prevent the suspect from drawing a weapon first and taking complete physical control by inflicting serious injuries.

Section 25 of the Criminal Code provides the authority to use as much force as necessary to arrest a suspect. The force used should meet all tests of reasonableness while remaining at a level appropriate to maintain control. Thus, grabbing the suspect physically is only suitable as long as control is maintained throughout; a difficult task in most situations, especially if the suspect's intent escalates and if a weapon becomes available during the struggle.

When dealing with an aggressive suspect, the principles of force continuum must be applied carefully. Physical confrontations should be avoided if at all possible and any physical contact must allow the option of disengaging to revert to higher levels of force if necessary, this at least until complete physical control is achieved.

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Pacific Safety Products Inc. (PSP) announced today that it has signed a letter of intent to purchase 100% of the common voting shares of Pro Safety Accessories Inc. (PSA Inc.) and its subsidiary Canadian Body Armour Limited for \$2.2 million dollars to be paid by \$1.0 million in cash and \$1.2 million in PSP common shares. The number of shares will be based on the trading price at the time of closing less the maximum applicable discounts as permitted by the Alberta Stock Exchange.

PSA Inc. based in Brampton, Ontario, has been manufacturing and distributing armour products such as bullet resistant vests for police and military agencies for the past 14 years and has annual revenues of approximately \$4.0 million.

"The purchase of Pro Safety Accessories Inc. by PSP signifies a new dawn in armour manufacturing in Canada," says Bradley Field, President of PSP. "We have always been friendly competitors with Canadian Body Armour and are looking forward to joining forces with them to attack the world market. The two companies are complimentary due to quite distinct product lines," says Field. "We have rarely competed for business, and combined, we will make a powerful force in domestic and international markets."

The purchase will more than double PSP's annual armour product revenues as well as diversify its production capacity.

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Robinson R44



Schweizer 300C

An analysis of the need for police patrol helicopters in Canada

by Steve Satow

Convincing the Sceptics

The police community in Canada is experiencing a paroxysm of frustration over the acquisition of helicopters for law-enforcement.

To the great majority of police officers the need for, and value of, law enforcement helicopters is so obvious that it requires no explanation. This is, quite possibly, one of the reasons why the police are experiencing such difficulty in their efforts to convince their board members to endorse the acquisition of helicopters. It is sometimes harder to convince someone else of a truth that is clearly obvious to you than something that you have recently had to convince yourself of. Part of the problem lies not in the validity of the evidence but in the manner of presentation.

Politically 'Unsafe'

It is not in dispute that all the major police services could finance the acquisition and operation of helicopters with the money that would be saved each year if they avoided just one big lawsuit against themselves. But there is a lot more behind the resistance to helicopters than just the belief that they are too expensive. There are political careers. There are fears that the political axe will fall a bit too close to anyone considered to be spending frivolously on an expensive 'toy' for the boys.

Multi-million dollar investments in new buildings and tactical radio systems (who's security is compromised almost as they are being installed) are 'politically safe'. However helicopters, the efficacy of which has been proven in extended research programs in more than forty years of use in every developed country around the world, are still politically 'unsafe' in Canada.

Helicopters will remain politically unsafe until, some day soon, it is discovered that politicians can be held liable for their intransigence; that the absence of a police helicopter can be linked to the death of an officer or member of the public; and that the finger of blame is starting to point too frequently at those people who continue to veto the use of helicopters.

The Question

The question is now: "Why don't we have helicopters" rather than: "Why should we have them"!

The second question has been answered so many times that the answers are regarded as cliched: Millions of dollars saved from lawsuits; more officers on the street as a result; the lives of civilians and officers saved by reducing the number of dangerous car pursuits; the threat to officers dramatically reduced by the presence of aerial supervision at crime scenes; the documented and proven reduction in major crimes resulting from the use of helicopters (and the reduction in expenditure associated with this); the much faster response times; the Search and Rescue capability; the command and control function, etc. etc.

Can any other piece of equipment come anywhere near what they do? Categorically: No!

The Reasons Against

Of course there is a 'down-side' to helicopters: they are expensive and they make noise. But when flown between 500 and 1000 feet above the ground that noise is no more intrusive than ambient traffic noise, and although they are more expensive to purchase and operate than cars, helicopters reduce rather than create multi-million dollar lawsuits. If it is justifiable to spend four million dollars on installing a completely new radio system in a small community, it is hard to see what the argument is against half a million dollars for a helicopter in places such as Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver or Montreal.

Let us hope that the liability of not having helicopters, as well as the value of having them, is recognized before too long. It will not be very long before the family of a dead officer points the finger of blame at those who stand in the way of helicopters!

The Options Available

Police helicopters fall into two categories, piston and turbine-engined. The second part of this article looks at the two contenders in the piston category: The Schweizer 300C and the Robinson R44.

About the only thing that these two helicopters have in common is the fact that they are piston-engined, conventional tail-rotored, machines. Externally, internally, structurally and functionally they are very different. Similarly, their primary markets would seem to be quite divergent.

The 300C is the direct descendant of the 269A which was originally designed and built by Hughes Aircraft Company in 1959. The 269B entered service as a police helicopter in 1966 and has been in use ever since.

The R44 is a very new machine, first produced in 1994. It is descended from the smaller R22 which was designed by Frank Robinson in 1978 as a 'popular' helicopter available to everyone. The low purchase and operating costs of the R22 quickly carved it a niche in the private and flight training environment with over 2600 units sold. The R44 shares many of the R22's features but has not been widely adopted by the police.

Quick Comparison

	300C	R44
Gross weight	2050 lbs	2400 lbs
Empty weight	1100 lbs	1400 lbs
Useable load	950 lbs	1000 lbs
Fuel capacity	49 gal.	49 gal.
Fuel consumption	12 gph	15 gph
Endurance	4.08 hrs	2.88 hrs
Cruise speed	98.7 mph	130 mph
Range	400 miles	400 miles
Fuel cost/1000hrs	\$9,000	\$12,000
Operating costs/hr	\$100.67	\$113.30
Engine power	190 shp	205 shp
Number in police use	135	1
Number in existence	3000	300
Length inc blades	30.83 ft	38.58 ft
Seating Capacity	2-3	4
Purchase cost (U.S.)	\$223,500	\$260,000

Safety Features

Certain comparisons do not fall conveniently into list form. Amongst these are things like the safety features incorporated into the two helicopters. On this issue the 300C has a lead over the R44. Schweizer has, over the years, made it's aircraft some of the safest in the industry. The 300C features built-in shock-absorbers in the landing gear, a gear designed to progressively distort under excessive load and 12 inches of crushable seating and substructure which gives it probably the highest level of crash survivability of any domestic helicopter. It also uses a three-bladed, fully articulated

rotor system which is very forgiving in difficult conditions or in the hands of less experienced pilots. The R44 incorporates high energy-absorbing landing gear and a two-bladed rotor system. The two-bladed rotor is much simpler and more economical to produce and maintain but in the wrong hands or conditions two-bladed rotors run the risk of mast-bumping and tail boom strikes.

Safety Record

The 300C and it's direct predecessors the 269B and 269A have been flying for more than 35 years. In that time the machines have totaled in excess of 14 million hours. The R44 was first introduced 3 years ago and has flown far fewer hours. As a result it is difficult to do a fair comparison of the two machines. All helicopters experience teething troubles when they are new, and the 300C and R44 are no exception. However due in part to its extensive history as a training helicopter with the US military, the 300C has proven itself to be a reliable and flexible machine.

The R44 incorporates new and innovative design and has a significant role to play in the light helicopter environment. There have, however, been some unfortunate safety issues raised concerning its flight handling characteristics. Most significant of these is the American Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) directive Number 73 issued in 1995.

The issue of this SFAR was in response to the R44's predecessor the R22. The R22 was involved in 30 accidents since 1982 in which main rotor/airframe contact occurred. All these accidents were caused by certain flight manoeuvres even though there was no evidence that the pilots were improperly operating the helicopters. As a result the FAA issued stringent and unique guidelines on the R22 and R44 regarding pilot experience levels and training requirements. With the exception of 'home-built' machines no similar directive exists for any other type of helicopter.

Operating Costs

Comparison of the 300C and R44 becomes a little unclear on the subject of operating costs. Robinson has followed a new direction regarding aircraft maintenance and overhaul. Most manufacturers have designed their machines to be maintained by the operators, however Robinson has established a system whereby their helicopters are returned to a Robinson Service Centre after each 2000 hours of flight. This system reduces the routine maintenance costs to those necessary for regular component inspection and such things as oil changes but imposes a much higher expense on the operator when each 2000 hour overhaul becomes due. Estimates for the cost of returning a helicopter to Torrance range between \$75,000 - \$100,000 and the machines would remain out of service for several weeks. For any Police Service operating a single machine this would be a significant disadvantage.

Schweizer's aircraft have a similar operating cost but it includes all the maintenance and overhaul with no requirement for the machines to be taken out of service for longer than is needed to perform the necessary work.

Cost Analysis

A cost analysis of the two machines over an extended period reveals that the 300C is more expensive to operate during the first two years

but that, when the costs of overhauling the R44 after each 2000 hours start to appear in the calculations, the long term costs of running the two machines converge closely.

In Conclusion

From a law enforcement perspective the 300C is a capable, reliable, safe and well-proven helicopter. It is hard to ignore the fact that the 300C has been in constant police service for longer than any other piston-engined helicopter in the world. It is also, numerically, the most popular law enforcement helicopter.

The R44 is a very capable helicopter in terms of speed, comfort, design and passenger capacity. Some of the features, however, might make it less than an ideal machine for law enforcement. The safety issues surrounding the R22 (the predecessor to the R44) could raise concerns with a documented record of unexplained failures. It should be noted that since the SFAR recommendations were implemented the R22 accident rate has decreased dramatically and reported to be the lowest in general aviation.

Further Information

Robinson can be contacted at: Robinson Helicopters, 2901 Airport Drive, Torrance, California 90505. USA. Tel: 310 539 0508.

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Given the lack of history on the R44 Blue Line Magazine did a little research on the accident records of the R22 (predecessor of the R44) and the Schweizer 269/300 series.

The following chart was derived from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board Accident Survey for incidents occurring between January 1986 to December 1995. It helps in some degree to clarify the accident picture situation in Steve Satow's article.

	R22	269/300
Accidents	258	193
Pilot Error	233	136
Engine Failure	3	17
Mechanical Etc.	10	27
Undetermined	12	13

Information from Robinson advises that although the accident picture for their helicopters appear high overall the numbers are mitigated by a higher than average pilot error factor. They report that since special training has been developed for the pilots the accident figures have dropped significantly.

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Notes on scenario development for interactive firearms training



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by William Sapiro CD

On numerous occasions during Interactive Training seminars some typical questions were asked. "Are there any sources for ready made interactive scenarios?" "Where can I get background material?"

To answer part of the question, yes there are a number of sources, though mostly geared for tactical team use. Most of these are well written and easy to follow but share a common fault in that training objectives are not clearly stated, and teaching points are left to the instructor to pick up on. The glaring problem with canned scenarios is that they are not agency specific. In other words they are often the solution to somebody else's problems.

A more relevant question perhaps would have been, "Are there any ready sources of interactive scenarios relative to my agency's needs?"

A real answer is to turn inwardly and look at your own agency. Daily Occurrence Reports, Use of Force Reports, Shooting Investigation Reports, officer briefings and others can supply you with enough material to launch your own book of scenarios. These reports, when analyzed, develop a picture of your agency's operational activities. This answers an important need. Basing your training on these trends makes the training very relevant to the job, hence increasing realism and student interest.

Where to start?

Ask yourself the following. *In my agency, what are the most common calls that I would respond to on a normal shift?* The next quali-

fier, when reading through the above mentioned reports, is to ask, which of the common calls results in a higher reported use of force? Once this determination is completed, you can move on to the actual planning.

Most training can be divided into three levels or phases: *Static*, where basic skills are required to be taught; *Dynamic* where basic skills and tactics are combined; and finally *Interactive* where appropriate skills and tactics are applied in order to achieve a solution to a variable branching problem/scenario.

Assess the need for training based on the specific needs of your officers. Do an appreciation of where the average officer's training level is at. It is important for you to know what level of proficiency the officers are at, because this will determine what your training objectives are, where you set your level of difficulty. Set too high or too low, objectives can demoralize the students and turn them off. A good practice prior to interactive training is to review basic skills and tactics. This will help situate the student and recall key points that might be lost during the artificial stress of interactive training.

Assuming that you have identified a training need, here is an example. An officer was attacked during a vehicle stop by an assailant carrying a knife. The officer's force options were limited because he did not carry an impact tool. You referred to your agency's SOP's on training and have developed a lesson plan with a statement of performance objectives, teaching methods, etc. It is important to under-

stand what we mean by performance objective. In simplest terms a performance objective is a specific description of a task.

Task analysis should break a skill to the simplest parts. This allows us to build a scenario because we understand the essential details that must be included or excluded in a scenario to ensure that the student develops the proper situational awareness.

An example of this occurred to me this summer. I wrote an example of a noise complaint scenario, where I intended the scenario to be non confrontational. The "wife" in the scenario was to say to the student officers, "we were arguing and the trouble started when my husband shoved me". What happened during the first run of the scenario was the "officers" immediately cuffed the "husband". Apparently in the jurisdiction in which I was teaching, there had been a crack down on domestic violence and any complaint of violence resulted in mandatory arrest. So sweat the small details. Writing a scenario is like writing a report. It details who does what to whom, when and where.

Using the above "need" as a sample scenario plan for a lesson on *Use of Impact Weapons during a Motor Vehicle Stop* could be as follows:

Motor Vehicle Stop #1

Part One:

"What the Officer Knows"

The Situation: Day of the week, time and date, weather etc.

Call Information: Self Initiated Stop, speeding.

Location: (Information that is not physically represented at the training site).

History: (Information that might affect choice of tactics or action, i.e. traffic warrants, heavy traffic, presence of bystanders, etc).

Back up: (available or not) student may ask.

Part Two:

"What the Officer Doesn't Know"

(read to student after scenario)

The Occurrence: "Car was just stolen, no report made, habitual offender, previously assaulted police, currently out on parole, armed with a knife, and looking to purchase more crack".

This part describes elements of the situation that could not be known to the officer prior to the stop. This essentially defines the actor's situation....

Part Three:

"The Actor(s) Role"

Main Branch (Course of action to be taken by actor according to officer's initial and subsequent behavior. The main branch is the anticipated or desired student response, the others may be optional or sequential.)

1. Suspect exits vehicle, holds knife along side, but not really concealed. Waits for officer to approach.

2. Attack if officer approaches within 5 metres.

3. If officer has an impact weapon deployed you will not attack, you will comply.

Second Branch

1. If officer orders suspect back into the stolen vehicle and maintains position of cover, suspect will walk toward officer exposing knife and threatening.
2. If impact weapon deployed by officer, suspect surrenders.

Third Branch

1. If officer selects hands, OC spray, or firearm, suspect continues to advance and will attack if followed within 15 feet.
2. OC has no effect.
3. If officer chooses to shoot, stop only after the third effective hit.

Part Four

Scenario Criteria

These specify key elements that the student must have addressed in the scenario, for example:

Identification: Did the police officer properly identify himself?

Use of cover: Student's vehicle stop positioning

Decision: Use of force choice etc....

Part Five

Make a diagram of the scenario.

Part Six

Student Evaluations and Summary

The student evaluations and summary is a method of developing a statistical data base with the aim of showing individual and agency tendencies. The evaluations are recorded in the necessary detail whether or not students have passed or failed the scenario criteria. This is kept on a separate piece of paper, one for each

student.

One of the keys to effective Interactive Firearms Training is simplicity. The above sample, is that. A one pager that can be used to effectively direct your actors, one page that is an aid memoir for your instructor evaluators and evaluates your student.

The above example is an easy format to use to document a simple scenario. After a few simple scenarios you can progress to a complex one. A complex scenario is one where there are more than one actor, more than one pair of officers or tactical teams, or where the scenario is a portrayal of a chain of events. A similar format may be used for a complex scenario, except each actor requires a "Branch" be writ-

ten for him.

The final step in writing your lesson plans and scenarios is getting some peer review. What seems crystal clear to us after several hours of writing and half a gallon of coffee, may be as clear as mud to someone else. Constructive criticism is another key to successful instruction!

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Public Trust... A treasured legacy



by Edward J. Tully

The faith the public has in the integrity of a law enforcement officer is extraordinarily high. We teach our children that law enforcement officers are their friends. We install technology such as 911 because we believe law enforcement will respond to our cries in time of need, and when the word of an officer is challenged by a single defendant, most people believe the officer. When officers arrive at the scene of a crisis, we all breathe a sigh of relief, and when a member of the public does not know whom to call about a problem, they usually will call the police. Finally, many recent public opinion polls confirm that confidence in the police is far higher than other professions, business firms, and departments of government.

Due to the foregoing reasons I do not like to write about corruption, incompetence, or malfeasance in law enforcement organizations any more than you like to read about it! However, recent allegations involving corruption of officers are sufficiently compelling—in terms of the potential for the loss of public trust in law enforcement—to set aside my personal aversion for the discussion of some law enforcement officers' shortcomings.

I suspect the origin of my aversion is the knowledge that none of us are perfect, and that, except for the lack of opportunity or the grace of God, we might all find ourselves in a situation that is morally, ethically, or professionally beyond our ability to handle.

The vast majority of people are not naive. They realize that some officers will occasionally stray from the straight and narrow path. The public does, however, have an almost blind faith that the organization will identify these officers and punish them accordingly. To maintain the public's trust in law enforcement, each department and our various courts give the law enforcement offender punishments that are, probably, harsher in severity to what ordinary citizens receive for similar offences. This is to

be expected, and it is the price one has to pay for holding a position of public trust.

Officers have earned this trust through their hard and courageous work, the sacrifices of the officers who have been slain and injured in the line of duty, and in the conduct in their personal and professional lives. There is a great pride in the integrity of this profession, and all officers suffer when a few of their comrades bring dishonour to their departments and profession with behaviour that is dishonest, brutal, unprofessional, or intellectually inferior.

Without the trust the public has placed in law enforcement officers and the various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, the police officer's job would be extremely difficult, far more dangerous, and without job satisfaction. Thus trust is a critical and precious commodity for effective law enforcement to have, yet at the same time it is a very fragile commodity.

Consider, if you will, the present problems of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), whose recent actions have caused a lack of trust on the part of Congress towards the CIA. The Department of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms is having similar problems because of their raid on the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas, and the

FBI is struggling to maintain its level of public trust following allegations of a cover-up after the incident at Ruby Ridge in Idaho. Our friends in the mass media are having a field day exploiting the allegations of incompetence and malfeasance. There is talk in political circles of cutting budgets, eliminating agencies, and disciplining those deemed responsible. Reality has been set aside in these discussions—the critic's theme is that a violation of the sacred trust between the public and law enforcement has occurred.

Who is right in this argument is not important. What is important is that the public is extremely sensitive about violations of trust by anyone, be it law enforcement, members of the clergy, schoolteachers, politicians, lawyers, or businessmen. The press views themselves as the "watchdog" of society, and thus jumps on allegations of impropriety with both feet. Few people or organizations, whether innocent or guilty, survive the onslaught of media coverage. It is often a cruel process devoid of justice. It is a process that we cannot individually change, although in some cases, an aggressive, pro-active, honest response to the initial allegation produces favourable results.

Power

Lord Acton once said, "Power tends to corrupt. . . !" Notice he said, "tends to corrupt"—not that it was automatic. In other words, if an individual does not have the defences of good character, self-discipline, and integrity, then the corrosiveness of power will begin to erode the distinction between good and evil in our daily lives.

A police officer is given enormous power by the public so he can perform the job of keeping the peace. In many situations a police officer has more power than the Presidents, members of the judiciary, mayors, and governors. The badge, the hat, the weapon, and the uniform are symbols of the officer's power, and often people turn to these symbols for guidance, leadership, and resolution to problems when other departments of government have gone home for the day.

The problem all police officers have in dealing with the power inherent in their jobs is, how do they use the power wisely? All too often it is used without thinking of the consequences of the act. Officers have a tendency to believe that since they have power, they are above the law! At times they think they are doing God's work and that the means they use to reach a desirable end are justified. Occasionally they believe that since they have power, people should do exactly what they say! Finally, some have a tendency to believe that since they have power, people should treat them with respect, defer to their wishes, and seek their friendship and association.

The stupid free cup of coffee situation—one which we have all experienced—brings the problem of power right down to the bottom line. Ask yourself, "Why do we occasionally get a free cup of coffee?" It is not because you are beautiful people, is it? No, it is because you have power. I do not know what the motives of the givers are or what may ever be asked of you in return for the gift—most likely nothing. I do

not think a free cup of coffee is going to corrupt your moral fibre or force you to bestow a return favour at some time. The problem the free cup of coffee presents is simply, where do you want to draw the line with people who want to curry your favour.

I would argue that the prudent and wise young patrolman, the senior sergeant and detective, and the upper-level management of any law enforcement organization should draw the line extremely close. Accept nothing that recognizes the power of the position or the organization—not because of the gift itself, but because the gift makes the recipient aware of the potential of power. Once the potential of power is realized, it can be perverted in your mind. Few of us realize that your powers are very limited! Many think your powers give you special entitlements. Some even think they are above the law, above criticism, and above reproach. When this power is abused, the abuser finds this was not the case at all! They have no special privileges. God is not answering their calls for help for things they did in his name. Their peers look upon them as if they have leprosy and turn their self-righteous backs.

Corrupt law enforcement officers do not become corrupt overnight. It often takes years of abusing their power before they find themselves in situations that may result in illegal acts on their part. The length of service of officers found in violation of the law, or in serious violation of department regulations, is usually between 8 to 10 years. Upon review one finds these are people who could never draw any line between right and wrong. Almost without exception, individuals become corrupted gradually, beginning with minor transgressions and evolving into more serious offences. Often times these are people who rationalize their behaviour by saying, "Everybody does it," or, "I deserve it because I am not paid enough," or perhaps, "This is my due for doing a job that is lousy!" That rationale, my friend, is pure and simple Bullshit!

Racism

Accepting gifts, favours, or money based upon the power of your position is only one form of corruption with which law enforcement must deal. Police officers also deal, on a daily basis, with individuals who abuse power in their relationship with people of another colour, sex, or nationality. Racism, that is the hatred or intolerance of another race of people, is particularly egregious if only one of the parties has power. This is usually the case if a law enforcement officer is involved. If hatred of another race is permitted to influence your thinking or actions in your dealings with those people you may hold in contempt, then you are certain to abuse your authority. The basic nature of your job is to be fair-minded, to judge—if you will—each situation on its own merit. Each time we allow our prejudices to enter our decision-making process, our judgment becomes flawed or suspect. Racism can only exist in a narrow mind, a mind that makes decisions based solely on a single visible factor—skin colour. Law enforcement officers should be more intellectually superior than that, and I think most are! However, if only a small percentage of officers are racist bent on inflicting punishment on people they hate, then you can see the entire criminal justice system has a serious problem. For example, I do not know if Mark Fuhrman is

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a racist or not. He was portrayed as a racist by the press based on his comments to a screen writer. His words tainted the reputation of an entire police department and, I might add, an entire profession.

So if you are a racist you should give pause and think. Is it going to do you any good to have such an attitude? Is it going to affect your judgment and your actions? Will this attitude eventually cause you to abuse your power? Is this attitude hindering your development as a man/woman of good character? Ask yourself this question, "Is it worthy of me to treat people as members of a group, identified by the colour of their skin?" If the answers to the above questions trouble you enough, then it is time to change your attitude. A racist attitude in combination with the power and authority of a law enforcement officer can produce consequences that will affect you the rest of your life. Finally, how would you like to be considered by everyone just on the basis of being a member of a group? Being judged dumb merely because you are a cop is particularly galling.

Sexism

Until 1972 law enforcement was generally a domain populated by males. Being macho was expected and considered an informal job requirement. Since the passage in the United States of the Civil Rights Act of 1972, however, women have entered the policing and security profession in great numbers. Today more than ten percent of law enforcement officers in the United States are women. In addition, a majority of a department's support staff is made up of women. Adjusting to women in the work place has been a difficult task for many male officers.

After a review of court cases involving sexual harassment, many departments have adopted a policy of zero tolerance for any form of sexual harassment. Those departments that have not adopted such a policy should do so forthwith or otherwise subject themselves to a serious level of liability for their employees' actions. It has been difficult to change long held attitudes between men and women. It will, probably, take several more generations before fully adequate changes are achieved. Therefore, in the present work environment the best course of action is to treat everyone you meet, and work with, as if they were gender-neutral.

It is the wise officer who understands that the work environment is very contentious. It is an environment over which individuals have very little control. The slightest affront to a member of the opposite sex can bring forth allegations of sexism or sexual harassment. Needless to say, even an allegation of sexual harassment is enough to have serious implications on your career and family. For the time being, the best defence against the dangers of this environment is to place yourself above it in both word and deed.

Brutality

Brutality under colour of law is never acceptable. Reasonable force to effect an arrest or to protect your life, or the life of another, is acceptable. Brutality occurs most often after a subject has been subdued and effectively incapacitated. After this point has been achieved in the arrest, and regardless of the verbal or physi-



cal actions of the subject towards the officer, all level of statutes explicitly forbid any further form of punishment. While a shot of pepper spray or tightening the handcuffs may seem justified and appropriate in some cases, rest assured they are not and will be viewed dimly in any review process.

Officers must train themselves to instantly shift their emotional gears after the subject has been subdued. The subject must be treated with great care and caution. This is both for the protection of the subject and the officer. Many subjects today are under the heavy influence of either drugs or alcohol. Once constrained, the chances of these individuals dying a natural death while in custody is significantly increased, particularly if an officer is not aware of the dangers of various constraints upon the physiology of people under the influence of drugs.

Never, under any circumstances, tolerate a fellow officer or a senior officer brutalizing a subject. It may be the most difficult decision of your life, but you must do what you can to stop the brutalizing actions of a fellow officer. By your actions, you may save both the officer's career and your own. You may be vilified in the short term by your fellow officers, but in the long term you will gain respect. In the area of criminal misconduct on the part of a fellow officer you must draw a line between what is right and what is wrong. If you do not take a firm stand on the issue of right and wrong conduct, then it will only be a short period of time before you are drawn into activities that are also considered wrong.

Organizational Safeguards

It should be obvious to those in charge of law enforcement organizations that the job of a police officer in terms of maintaining personal

integrity is extremely difficult given the nature of the job and the temptations that go with the territory. Unfortunately, in many organizations this concept does not appear to be so obvious! Far too often we give young officers a badge and a gun, and send them into a corrosive environment without a clue as to how to protect themselves morally, ethically, or spiritually.

This is not right!

I would strenuously argue that if officers were given rules, regulations, policies and procedures for what to do when encountering difficult situations on the job there would be far less misconduct. This is not to say you can have rules for every contingency. The situations encountered by officers on the street are far too varied and complex to have rules of encounter for each situation. Officers must be given a reasonable amount of discretion in order to perform their jobs effectively and efficiently.

To learn the proper use of discretion, officers need the guidance of other experienced officers and sergeants on a daily basis. This can be done in an

informal atmosphere by pairing less experienced officers with more experienced officers on a rotational basis, or it can be done as part of roll-call training. It can also be done by sergeants when they get out of the office and on the streets with the troops.

To further make this point, if officers were given special training in how to psychologically and spiritually handle the corrosive influences of what they observe in our society, we would have fewer of them trying to solve their personal problems with alcohol, drugs, or greed. Yet few of these types of programs are in place! I am not arguing that individuals are not responsible for the consequences of their own actions, and I am not arguing that the organization is to blame for each and every individual act of misconduct. What I am saying is that the organization and its leaders have a responsibility to the rank and file to help them resist temptations and make good decisions, and to reward them for professional behaviour. Following are some suggestions as to how this can be done.

Selection

In recent years, there has been an abundance of highly qualified applicants for positions in law enforcement. The problem some departments have experienced is how to obtain, and sustain, a work force that is in proportion to the racial, ethnic, and sexual composition of society. This is the most difficult task in the selection process. Some departments have lowered employment standards in order to achieve this balance. While this solves a short-term problem, it has produced long-term headaches for persons who should have never been hired in the first place. The solution to this problem is twofold. First, do not lower employment standards, and second, place more emphasis and

dollars on recruiting qualified candidates for the positions.

There are plenty of examples in law enforcement of departments that have accomplished success in the selection and recruiting of quality minority candidates. Using EEO regulations, ADA requirements, or the threat of lawsuits as an excuse for hiring unqualified persons is no longer acceptable reasoning.

The selection standards must be demonstrably job related. But over and above standards is the consideration of the applicant's previous behaviour. As my mother used to say, "A leopard never changes its spots!" In terms of selection the best predictor of future performance is past performance. There are some selection systems which probe this concept on the market. However, if a formal program is beyond the financial capability of the department, then the best method for determining an applicant's past performance is the employment interview and the background investigation. If these two aspects of selection are emphasized, the resultant quality of employees will be greatly enhanced.

Training

We all know the value of training in law enforcement. What has always been a puzzlement, however, is why training is the first thing cut during times of reduced budgets. Most of the training dollars in law enforcement organizations are spent on entry level training. The higher one goes in the rank structure of an organization, the less training is offered. This

has been a problem in law enforcement organizations for years and is not about to change in the near-term future. However, in terms of recruit training we must bear in mind that the applicant does not come to us in a virginal state. The new recruit is not without long held opinions and attitudes, some good, some perhaps not so good! They have character traits which are substantially formed. Some of these traits go well with a law enforcement career, but other character traits held by the recruit may be a serious hindrance to success in our line of work. The question then becomes, "How does a law enforcement organization insure that its values are held by the recruit?" First, a law enforcement organization needs to have an operant set of values. Not all departments have a written, formal set of values. This needs to be done. Once the statement of values is finished, they should not just be posted on the wall; rather, they should be inculcated into department policies, procedures, and operational tactics. One such policy would be to include a substantial block of time in the recruit training curriculum learning the values of the department and being exposed to the culture of the organization. The policy should also include the requirement that value education be part of all in-service training programs. First line supervisors should be afforded a special in-service training program on how these supervisors insure that departmental values are followed in every aspect of the organization's work.

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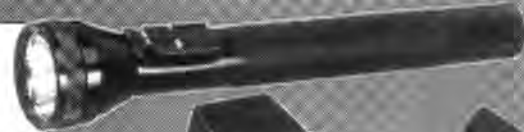
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All of the above should be formulated from the statement of values subscribed to by the department. We cannot have rules which are in conflict with our values. There must be a consistency. Nor can we have these statements of conduct just for patrol officers! The rules must equally apply to every employee of the department, regardless of rank! For example, if a department has a stated value which says that the integrity of the department will never be compromised, then policy and regulations will be written which will forbid any employee from taking a gift. This would include that stupid cup of coffee mentioned previously, as well as a free game of golf for the chief. Values are a way of life for every member of a department. Simply put, departmental policies, procedures, rules and various regulations should be written to protect the officers, not as a vehicle to catch them doing something wrong! This is why the wise police administrator will involve representatives from every rank in a department to participate in the writing of the departmental statement of values and the subsequent development of appropriate policies, rules, and regulations.

To draw an appropriate analogy, think of the game of basketball. Whether the game is formal, or informal, the game requires the adherence to a commonly held set of values if it is to be played. There are rules and regulations which everyone must follow. A deviation from the rules is penalized. Everyone on the floor knows that sportsmanship is valued and rules must be followed. A violation of the values, or the rules, is appropriately punished. The referee is the sergeant! Unless the values of the game are respected and the rules followed by all involved, the game will quickly degenerate into a free for all. Values and rules make the game of basketball enjoyable. So also can the values, rules, and regulations of a police department make the job enjoyable and rewarding.

Early Identification System

The job of the average police officer is very demanding. The emotional state of an officer on the job can range from acute boredom to abject terror, and it can change from one to the other in a second. By any standard, it is a very stressful job. Some people can handle stress well; others do not! Too much stress can cause behavioural problems; and, of course, these problems cause other problems both on the job and at home! It may well be the officer doesn't realize the changes which are occurring in his personality or behaviour. Other officers may realize the impact of stress on their lives but are not capable of doing anything about it. In either case, the officer needs some help. I think the organization has the responsibility to provide that help! By providing whatever assistance is required, the organization not only helps the officer, but also protects its own integrity.

One means to spot officers in trouble is the establishment of an early warning system designed to spot some behavioural inconsistencies. This is accomplished by tracking personnel complaints, involvement in use of force incidents, and information received from supervisors. Metro-Dade Police Department in Miami is one department which has established such a system, and for those departments without such a system, this would be an excellent example to study. The program includes appropriate psychological services and a stress abatement program for officers in need of assistance. Naturally, the program also provides a means by which the department can identify those officers whose behaviour is so unacceptable that termination is the best solution for both parties.

Internal Affairs

In the Bureau, we used to say that members of our Inspection Division were people who came onto the battlefield after the battle and stabbed the wounded! We lamented that they didn't seem to be very supportive of agents under investigation for whatever reason. They all seemed to have transferred their loyalty

from their fellow agents to some unknown and unforgiving entity. They were feared!

Unfortunately, all organizations, large and small, need a group of individuals who investigate wrongdoing by other members of the organization. Whether it be called internal affairs or the inspection division, the mission of the unit, or individual, is to protect the interests and integrity of the organization. Their loyalty can be only to the public, or its elected representatives. In addition to the investigation of wrongdoing, this unit also forces compliance with policy, rules, regulations, and procedures through periodic review of each department within the organization. The primary mission of an internal affairs unit is to ensure that the trust of the public in the organization is neither diminished or lost. In my opinion, it would be best if only the most competent, experienced, and wise officers were assigned to internal affairs. This offers some protection to officers facing false allegations, and it also brings to the investigation individuals who know how to conduct a thorough, impartial investigation.

It may be that most officers will never love members of the internal affairs unit, but the officers can and must have respect for their integrity and the importance of their place within a law enforcement organization.

Rotation of Assignment

It is my opinion that all officers should be rotated after a period of two or three years, depending, of course, on the ability to make such rotations. I would argue this is particularly true for officers involved in drug or vice investigations. It is absolutely true for any officer involved in undercover operations! A sound rotation policy not only offers some relief to those involved in investigations in the most corrosive and stressful sectors of our society, but it also provides an opportunity for the officer to experience personal and professional growth. Doing the same job year after year can lead to complacency and a lack of interest, neither of which is healthy for anyone, psychologically or physically.

Conclusion

Given the nature and volume of work in law enforcement, I suspect we are always in the process of maintaining or evaluating public trust. The only way to maintain the level of trust you presently have with the public is constant vigilance and vigorous policing of yourselves. But in the end, it always comes down to the individual. Organizations can help an individual along with strict values, policies, rules, and regulations, but if the individual is bent on following a less than honourable life, then all the rules and regulations in the world won't help. Living an honourable life isn't easy. We all make mistakes, correct them if we can, and grow as a result. This is our nature. The vast majority of law enforcement officers are honourable persons, and their reward is peace of mind, self respect, and satisfaction that their work made this country a better place to live. That is a wonderful legacy to leave your sons and daughters!

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These hard hitting motivational posters are now available from a new company called K&K Enterprises in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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"I've seen too many officers get hurt simply because they got too complacent with their job," said Keith Merith, President of K&K. "Over my years of training officers in self de-

fence tactics it was at times frustrating to see officers leave everything they were taught at the door of the college. I thought a simple reminder of the reality of police work would cause a few to think again."

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Could increased visibility reduce the number of YOUR accidents?



by David Russell
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We all know that cop cars are running into civilian vehicles. But there is still an alarming number of civilian vehicles running into cop cars. The troubling part of this is that the police cars are equipped with the most advanced lighting systems available.

At a recent fleet managers' meeting, the comment "they just don't see us!" was repeated more than once. And that's hard to believe, given the thousands spent on strobes and other neat flashing lights. The Quebec Provincial Police are averaging one accident a day, and most regional and city police services are involved in a greater ratio if we count accidents per million kilometres logged.

There seems to be several common reasons, however, why all types of emergency vehicles are being hit. In the list of these reasons

are driver inattention, slow drivers, reflexes, misjudgement of distance to an immobilised emergency vehicle, and of course, the obvious... the dangerous and often unpredictable manoeuvres performed in the line of duty by our emergency vehicle drivers.

The trucking industry went ahead (U.S. in 1993 and Canada in 1996) to require semi-trailer manufacturers to equip their trailers with just 2 inches of retro-reflective "conspicuity" tape. This consisted of red and white stripes of the newest technology that reflect a high percentage of light directly back to its source, i.e. to the eyes of the oncoming driver (assuming of course he has his lights on!). The trucking industry has proven, to its satisfaction after years of testing, that brighter graphics, even as little as the two-inch broken pattern of red/white, does a large part in attenuating at least a couple of the above mentioned causes of accidents.

The extremely effective retro-reflective conspicuity tape grabs drivers attention, provides an increased reaction time for evasive actions, and even breaks the "hypnotic effect" that the road can produce on drivers. The Quebec Automobile Insurance board has even advanced the theory called the "halo" effect, meaning that truck drivers seem more relaxed knowing that oncoming traffic is more aware of their presence and reacts faster to them as obstacles.

Visibility definitely means safety all the way around! You can't be too visible when you're in the way of oncoming traffic. Officers definitely like the idea of being seen as early as possible to avoid getting hit. So now comes an interesting logic... if the retro-reflective conspicuity tape (up to 10X more reflective than standard products) used on trucks reduces accidents and saves lives, why not use it for emergency fleet graphics too? In fact, this same material (marketed as Neon Graphik by Securitrim) is having its beginnings in the fleet market and is already being used and tested on several regional police, ambulance and fire vehicles, all with excellent results and multiple recommendations.

How many instances can you think of where just one extra second of reaction time given to oncoming drivers could have prevented a collision involving one of your vehicles? What about the "U-turns" when emergency vehicles are broadside to oncoming traffic and when the several thousand dollars worth of strobes are in their least effective position, that is, parallel to oncoming traffic instead of perpendicular? Or when entering heavy traffic from behind a truck, or from a city lane or crossing an intersection against a red light etc?

No one can effectively argue the fact that any of the above situations could be made less dangerous if the fender and door sported the new retro-reflective material. A super-bright fender, in fact, gives a more immediate warning to oncoming traffic than does the flasher, which normally is only visible after the first half of the cruiser (nearly 10 feet worth of obstacle) has already become a hazard. And we're not even talking about the situations involving blinding rain where everything turns black, the blowing snow and, oh, of course, in some places that are blessed with fog!

For a minimal increase in the graphics budget, emergency vehicles can now be lettered and striped in the new retro-reflective material. Of interest too is the fact that the coming trend in fleet graphics is a decrease in the old "official" stripes, but an increase in bold "population-friendly" logos, letters and graphics... a much cleaner look! Hence, all the more need for a more efficient reflective product to compensate for the decrease in the quantity of reflective material. Remember too, that often the image projected by a city is the logo on its cruisers... so maybe its high time to rethink fleet graphics.

As the trucking industry proved, visibility does equal safety. Brighter retro-reflective graphics can save you big bucks by reducing your accidents.

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Gunshot location system will link to dispatcher mapping system

Trilon Technology announced last August that the first Gunshot Location System, a solution that may help reduce the problem of urban gunfire by detecting, analyzing, and pinpointing gunshot locations, has passed its first phase of police testing by the Redwood City (Calif.) Police Department.

In August 1995, the Redwood City Council approved a contract with Trilon Technology to test the system in a neighborhood in southeast Redwood City. The initial Gunshot Location System, which was developed by Trilon Technology, uses data acquisition hardware and software from National Instruments (NASDAQ:NATI) for signal acquisition and display and two SPARCTM-based workstations from Sun Microsystems (NASDAQ:SUNW) as the data processing workhorse.

"Based on the success of the Gunshot Location System we now have the tools to reduce the problem of gunfire, and improve the quality of life in Redwood City," said Captain Jim Granucci of the Redwood City Police Department.

The police department began testing the Gunshot Location System in late December 1995. Its test results showed that the system detected and presented the precise location of gunfire within a fraction of a minute and with a median location accuracy of about 5 metres. Police officers tested the system by shooting blanks at unannounced times and locations. Testing also indicated that quite often the system determined on which corner of an intersection the firing occurred.

Redwood City police confirmed that the system accurately reported real gunshots in the community. Moreover, none of these real shots were reported to the 9-1-1 system.

About the Gunshot Location System

This initial Gunshot Location System consists of eight acoustic sensors, a pair of SunTM SPARC station computers, the National Instruments LabVIEW[®] software program and data acquisition board, and a sophisticated application program written in LabVIEW by Trilon Technology.

The acoustic sensors, mounted on the tops of buildings throughout a 2.2 square kilometre portion of Redwood City, transmit impulses from gunfire via phone lines to the computers. From there, LabVIEW and the data acquisition board work together to collect and analyze the data to determine whether the impulsive sound is a gunshot. When a gunshot is fired, the location is displayed within a fraction of a minute on a computerized map in the dispatch center. From there, a dispatcher can quickly deploy a patrol car to the scene. Also, police keep a history of high gunfire sites for subsequent investigation or reallocation of resources.

The Redwood City Police Department will begin Phase II testing, a period expected to last

10 weeks. During Phase II testing, the system will be used operationally with officers dispatched to the gunfire locations indicated. This test will try to measure the benefit of the system to law enforcement in Redwood City, and this determination may have broad implications to communities across the nation.

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Small-town cops can now have big-city technology in their cruisers

In 1994, Amesbury, Mass., a small residential town located on the New Hampshire border, obtained \$43,000 to equip its 4 police cars with Compaq laptop computers running the PacketCluster system, a new technology from Cerulean Technology of Marlborough, Mass.

Rather than using open radio communications, police officers use their computers to communicate with each other via email. Encryption makes digital transmission more secure than traditional radio communications. This way, criminals are not able to monitor police voice traffic.

Even though the system has been in use for a little more than two years, Amesbury has seen great results. "Our warrant arrests alone have doubled since we began using the system, and on our last trip to the motor vehicle registry we turned in over 100 licenses that were revoked," said officer Tom Hanshaw.

Besides helping officers identify more violations, the new system is helping make potentially dangerous situations safer by arming of-

ficers with important details before they get out of their cars. If a licence plate search reports the car is stolen or the driver has an outstanding warrant, officers know they should approach the driver with added caution or call for backup.

Because of the system's flexibility and ease of use, it has been received very positively by the officers. Scholtz said even the "old-timers" like it. "They all use it and see that it is an advantage to have it out there." Today even small town cops can have big-city information. (*Government Technology*, vol. 9, no. 9, p. 38 September 1996).

Testing commences on vehicle immobilizer to stop chases

Using technology that began testing last September, officers would be able to stop a car in its tracks by sending an electrical charge that disables a vehicle's electronics and shuts down the engine.

The car-stopper was announced by U.S. Federal officials last year as a way to employ technology first developed during the Cold War against criminals who try to evade capture by speeding away from police.

The car-stopper technology will not be available until initial testing is complete. So far, ten companies — primarily defence contractors — will try out the products next month at an Army laboratory in Maryland, officials said.

This project is expected to cost \$500,000 and will be paid for by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Army. But it is not known whether local police departments will be able to afford the finished product. (*USA Today Online*).
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The latest example comes from FLIR Systems Inc., of Portland, Oregon, which this summer introduced an "uncooled" infrared cam-

era call SeekIR.

Unlike most infrared cameras that must first cool detector material to subzero temperature before it can be used, SeekIR can be focused onto a subject as soon as it is turned on. That can save a couple of precious minutes when capturing evidence on videotape.

SeekIR, sans cooling device, is also quieter than traditional infrared cameras and is lighter, weighing only 4.2 pounds, including

its 50mm lens and six-volt battery. FLIR officials say SeekIR is ideal for use in warm areas, such as those in the desert areas and any location that can become excessively hot. (Federal Computer Week, vol. 10, no.22, p.S6)

Web-based investigative tools for private intranets

A new software package called Orion NetLeads enables law enforcement, intelligence and security organizations to distribute widely state-of-the-art analytical and investigative tools using an Internet browser.

Irvine, California based Orion Scientific Systems created the system to combine; Shared information; Link analysis diagrams; Visual Investigative Analysis (VIA) charting; phone toll analysis and sophisticated text searching.

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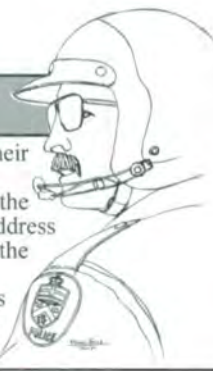
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A Practical Police Computer Application for Interjurisdictional Case File Management, Case File Sharing, and Case File Searching

by Ken Rynbend



In reviewing the summary of recommendations from Mr. Justice Archie Campbell's review of the Paul Bernardo investigation the following comments support the need for a better way to manage, share and search case file information.



"The Bernardo case, like every similar investigation, had it's share of human error. But this is not a story of human error or lack of dedication or investigative skill. It is a story of systemic failure."

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Systems Corporation which was developing case management software. Through funding assistance from the National Research Council (NRC) a project was formulated to develop the system to meet the requirements of the RCMP investigators. The project was enlarged to include two members of the Calgary Police Service so the project would be truly universal in its policing application and be applicable to municipal police agencies.

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Searches on queried words will produce a list of the documents containing those words on screen, prioritized in such a manner the investigator is always presented with the most relevant documents first. The real strength of the system comes from the use of Adaptive Pattern Recognition technology which compensates for and locates misspelled words. Another strength of the system is its semantic word searching capability which locates words with similar meanings to the queried word. This helps to compensate for the different words used by investigators in case files to describe things and events. For example if the search word is punch the system will also locate words like blow, jab, knock, cuff, sock, thrust thump or whack. CLEIMS is different from conventional databases in that it indexes every word from each document in computer memory and then searches against every word in every document. These features make CLEIMS much more powerful than conventional databases for finding investigative clues.

To deal with the issue of escalating costs to reproduce copies of the case file for disclosure purposes CLEIMS will place all of the case file information on a compact disk for presentation to the prosecutor who can recall and review every witness statement, document or stored image and can print out a copy of any of these as required. The cost to produce a compact disk is usually under \$15.00 compared to costs of up to \$10,000.00 or more for having support staff photocopy, collate, bind and distribute documents for disclosure.

CLEIMS allows a police department to quickly add investigators to a case simply by granting them access to the case on a computer network. There is already a high level of security built into the system yet information can be easily shared between authorized jurisdictions in a seamless operation usually on existing computer hardware. Case file information can truly be shared across the room or across the nation.

An investigator can be trained to use this powerful investigative aid in about thirty minutes.

Although this article has just touched on the a few of the benefits of the CLEIMS system it is a system capable of immediately complying with many of the recommendations from Mr. Justice Campbell for a system of case management for major inter-jurisdictional serial crimes. As the system was developed for front line investigators with their input it is one which should be considered by any Police Service faced with the need for a computerized case management tool capable of sharing files inter-jurisdictionally.

For further details please contact the CLEIMS Director of Operations Mr. Ken Rynbend at (403) 263 6081 or Jim Graham (Retired Calgary Deputy Chief).

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Company known for mountain gear moves into police outerwear

A Calgary-based company that specializes in manufacturing mountaineering expedition equipment has recently expanded into the law enforcement field with a wide range of tactical outerwear and temporary shelter gear.

Integral Manufacturing Inc. has recently designed a line of police tactical, emergency response gear for teams that need outfits that are warm and light, but still functional for stake out or high activity hot pursuit situations. Integral designs and manufactures custom outerwear in "waterproof breathable" fabrics.

"Officers come in all shapes and sizes," says Evan Jones, President of Integral Designs, "They appreciate custom sizing and unique features designed to accommodate the equipment they have to carry."

Integral has outfitted several tactical and emergency response teams and their reputation is spreading by word of mouth.

Integral's range of bivy shelters have proven to be very useful in stand off situations where officers have to be able to remain hidden, warm and sheltered from the elements for extended periods of time. These one person shelters are available in camouflage or olive green and have seen active service in some recent stand-offs in B.C.

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CAUTION: This target shoots back?



TAC Systems, a division of Burnaby based Diversified Electronics, has developed a remote control target/bad guy that shoots back and can be used in a wide range of training situations and utilized with other existing firearms training technology.

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A heated wiper that de-ices windshields fast and prevents ice and snow buildup is being offered by Northland Engineered Products of Westboro, Massachusetts.

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For further specifications contact John W. Morse at 508 366-0894 or Fax 508 366-2575.

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Sometimes, searching for that vital piece of evidence can be like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack.

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CLEIMS easily and quickly converts case files and other documents into searchable libraries of information. Operational intelligence reports, cancelled cheques, testimony, memos, letters and a host of other documents can be converted into digital format and stored in libraries.

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What better way to guard against the constant threat of terrorist activities and illicit smuggling operations, than with an under vehicle inspection device. Well North Carolina-based LEA Incorporated has created and is now marketing such a device.

LEA has developed the Under-Vehicle Inspection Unit (UVI). It is an easy-to-deploy countermeasure used to detect hidden objects underneath a vehicle. The UVI is a self contained video surveillance system which features a rugged, weatherproof metal ramp that utilizes four wide-angle video cameras. Three adjustable lights provide illumination for low-light situations and contrast. When a vehicle passes over the UVI, a security official can easily examine the undercarriage of a vehicle for suspicious objects.

Increasingly, government facilities and embassies, worldwide are overwhelmed with the flood of contraband. Correctional facilities are faced with prisoner escapes and drug trafficking. Private security and police are finding themselves supplying perimeter security for visiting dignitaries. All of these scenarios can benefit from a product such as this.

The UVI System has options that include an 8mm recording system for permanent verification, time/lapse video recording, still-image video printer, so-slip rubber mat and permanent installation kit.

For further details contact Scott Hawke at Law Enforcement Associates, Inc. at 1 800 354-9669 or 919 554-4700.

Illuminating product for patrol cars



Neon Graphik, the latest technology in retro-reflective graphics material has officially made its debut in the emergency vehicle fleet industry.

Pioneered and tested in the trucking industry and employing state-of-the-art microprisms to reflect more light directly back to its source, Neon Graphik is up to 12 times brighter than conventional products currently used for decalling emergency vehicles.

Securitrim Inc., the exclusive distributor of this product, claims the application of Neon

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Securitrim Inc. specializing in the conception and production of simpler, cleaner retro-reflective Neo Graphik packages, is gearing itself up for the production of precut custom kits, easily installed, readily available and much easier for the fleet managers to fulfil their mandate of keeping their cars safer by sporting the new bright graphics, yet with the least hassle possible.

For further information call Securitrim at 418 227-8746 or Fax 418 228-3154.

Automated memo book ideal for security operations

A new low cost software program designed to provide security personnel with an enhanced computerized memo book has been developed by Unionville, Ontario, based Omni Support Services Ltd.

Designed to work in Windows 3.X, 95 or NT environments, the *Security Site Log* software package supplies the user with the ability to create and quickly access their own automated database of reference information derived from events and incidents that occur in the course of their duty. In addition the software can be customized to meet other user needs and environments and will work on any Windows compatible network.

Security Site Log will help the user reduce operating and labour costs by quickly building a computerized reference database which is designed to track the number and types of incidents that occur while security personnel

are on duty. Hardcopy versions of incident reports can be generated on demand.

In network applications, incident information which is stored in the database can be immediately reviewed and printed by other personnel at remote locations.

Supervisors and other authorized personnel can quickly retrieve information of a database search which include such things as date, incident category, similar incidents, locations, personnel on scene or on duty to name but a few. In addition searches can be carried out on any word or number contained in all incident reports.

This package is currently being used by a Nuclear Power Plant security operation and is presently available at a price starting below \$2500.00.

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Whether you are buying or window-shopping *Response 97* will be an excellent venue for all Blue Line readers to see first hand many of the products that companies have been promoting between the covers of Canada's national law enforcement magazine.

The trade show will appeal to all personnel in law enforcement, whether it be municipal police, private police, customs, corrections, by-law officer or private investigators. Whether your position is in administration, purchasing, civilian support or patrol, *Response 97* will be of interest and value not only to view what companies offer, but also to make individual or agency purchases.

The name of this trade show appears to be quite appropriate. The *response* from Blue Line readers has been overwhelming with many people already pre-registering. (Registration cards are available in this magazine.) So be sure to register and take advantage of this opportunity. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged at the door, but pre-registration allows you free admission.

Trade shows for law enforcement always have a conference or meetings connected with the event. *Response 97* will be unique in that there will be no conflicting agenda. However, there will be lecture halls that have scheduled training sessions provided by the companies who are displaying their products and services. As we get closer to the event, we will be publishing what these training sessions will be. *There will be no charge for visitors to attend these sessions.*

Many companies have already reserved their booth space and we are delighted that many companies who have not previously attended law enforcement trade shows are showing a keen interest. (How about a new spa or RV?). To all companies who have not already con-

firmed your space, we urge you to do so quickly as space is limited. To all companies that have already booked space, we will be sending out an information package in the next few weeks.

Response 97 will be happening on April 22 and 23 at the Le Parc Convention Centre, Markham, Ontario at Leslie and Hwy 7 which is

on the northern edge of Metro Toronto. For those people who would need overnight accommodation, excellent hotels are available in the immediate area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



I enjoy looking forward each month to reading Blue Line. I particularly enjoyed the article submitted by Joel Johnston on Use of Force in the November 1996 issue. Being a previous head of our Training Branch the article reinforces everything we as trainers have been saying about force issues.

What really caught my eye was the sketch of an officer handcuffing a suspect. This is the second time I saw this sketch in your magazine, the other being on the cover of the June/July 1994 issue. The sketch bears a striking resemblance to a picture taken of me while arresting a suspect. The picture appeared in our local Windsor Star and also in The Border Police.

Some background on the picture. The picture was taken on March 12, 1982. I was working plainclothes in the downtown area. It was a Friday. Two city banks were robbed within the past month, both on Friday. Not knowing who the suspects were, we staked out several banks in the downtown area. A call came in around 1600 hours that there was a robbery in progress in the area of Ouellette and Riverside, (there are two banks on the corner). My partner and I responded. I was approached by a man who stated he was held up in the alley behind a nearby arcade. Although not a bank robbery, the man said his assailant had a knife. While I was speaking to the victim, the victim pointed to

his assailant running. I turned and saw two uniform officers chasing the assailant right towards me. Being in old clothes, I waited and when he got close I tackled him to the ground and handcuffed him. A reporter from the Windsor Star hearing the robbery call, left his office a block away and snapped the picture which appeared on the front page of the Saturday edition.

Keep up the good work.

Dave Pickford
Windsor, Ontario

Editor's Notes

Looking at these two images anyone can plainly see that there is little resemblance at all. Your comments, Dave, reminded me of an old copper's sage remarks... "Deny everything, show concern" etc.

When he first came to us Dave Bluestein was a starving artist, still going to art school and was real keen about cops. (His father is one). We commissioned him to do the front cover of our June/July 1994 edition and he came through with flying colours. He usually snooped through our photo files and produced a collage of police activities. We have no idea where he got a couple of the action pictures though. Over the years many officers and civilian members have approached us and identified themselves in that cover. It is certainly a credit to Dave's artistic talents.

As a corporate subscriber to Blue Line Magazine I would like to enquire as to the opportunity of expanding the content of information to include that of our Private Enforcement Industry.

Upon noting articles being carried in our industry magazine, Canadian Security, they also include information and articles concerning public police services. It would be of interest to our own industry, I am sure, to see a bridge developed between public and private enforcement services by way of "segmented recognition in your own magazine.

Yes there seems to be a brotherhood within public police services and it is a never ending theme whether it be through articles or practice. Our industry has its own sense of camaraderie which must be brought out of the box in which it is stored and brought to the forefront. Too many times are we dismissed by public police services as being ineffective or not worthy of discussion and that is a travesty. They could learn and expand their reach so much if they would open their eyes to the possibilities. Acceptance of our capability is really only limited to one's own imagination. I applaud the New York City Police department in seizing on this opportunity in a very effective way.

Could you advise on the interest Blue Line may have in the receipt of our own industry activity. As a large segment of our society involved in public safety issues and private



ABDUCTED

This is a monthly column supplied by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Missing Children's Registry in cooperation with Blue Line Magazine.

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Suspect abducted three children (The eldest is shown above) from his ex-wife and is suspected to have left an explosive device as a trap for her. Approach with caution. May have suicidal tendencies.

Other children are Mitchell (5 years) and Trevor (11 years)

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protection, it would be of benefit to positively promote a service that consists of 3 private protection officers to 1 public police officer throughout Canada.

Your interest would be greatly appreciated.

Patricia A. Rawluk
President
Guardian Protection Services
Kingston, Ontario

Editors Note: Blue Line has, from almost its very beginning nine years ago, had an interest in the security industry. So much so that editorially I quite often refer to private and public policing.

Few people understand the similarities which exist between the two occupations. Both officers have similar powers of arrest although the powers for a public police officer have a more universal jurisdiction.

Blue Line has always targeted its editorial toward any person involved or even interested in the policing occupation. This means police and security officers as well as clerks, dispatchers, mechanics, auxiliary and even Chiefs if you can believe it.

Private policing is a big industry and one that is growing at a phenomenal rate. With the advent of gated communities in both Canada and the United States the thin blue line is becoming a little thicker and turning a little more grey.

We would certainly entertain articles about private policing and you can bet they will get published.



Yves PHANOR, an ex-Miami police officer and Haitian American, was assassinated August 31st, 1996 in Port-au-Prince Haiti.

Phanor returned to Haiti in 1995 to instruct at the Haitian National Police Training Centre. He was on leave of absence from the Miami Police Department and was working with the U.S. Dept of Justice International Criminal Investigation Training Assistance Program (ICITAP). It was his connection with the new Haitian National Police that ultimately resulted in his tragic death.

Eves was one of approximately 25 members from various U.S. police agencies teaching at the Training Centre in addition to an equal number of RCMP members instructing there. He was a dedicated and compassionate instructor committed to developing the new police force and helping to stabilise Haiti. Our members in Haiti lived and worked closely with our American counterparts and we were all fortunate to have shared a common bond and close

friendship with Yves Phanor.

Eves was shot and killed at his home in Port-au-Prince in front of his wife and family. The gunmen placed his police identification in his mouth after shooting him. Eves is survived by his wife Chantal and three children, Ashley 9, Mark 4 and Ryan 1 1/2. Chantal and her children have since relocated to New York City to be with family.

Those of us who served in Haiti with ICITAP or UNCivPol know how difficult circumstances are in that volatile country. To live and work in Haiti and deal with the daily obstacles and frustrations was difficult enough. To die in Haiti trying to improve their society is a terrible and tragic loss. Eves Phanor was not a member of the RCMP but he could have been. Though he wore a different colour uniform, we have lost one of our own. Eves was a friend and fellow officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice and his family needs our support.

Since Yves was not actively serving with Miami P.D. at the time of his death his life insurance was not in effect. Members of the Miami Police Department have set up a trust fund for the Phanor family. RCMP members who served with Yves Phanor have organised a similar trust fund in order to collect contributions from our members.

Donations can be made through a teller at any branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce throughout Canada.

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Toronto - Ontario

The Metro Toronto Police, Sexual Assault Squad is hosting this seminar at the Colony Hotel in Toronto. For further details and a complete program contact Ruth Schueller or Marie Drummond at 416-808-7474 or Internet Email at MTPsas@interlog.com.

March 12 - 19, 1997

Interdiction Training

Oakville, Ontario

Halton Regional Police are hosting this event and speakers from the RCMP *Operation Pipeline* and the El Paso Intelligence Centre will be lecturers. Topics include clues, methods of concealment, searches etc. Lectures apply to drugs, firearms, liquor and other contraband. Seating limited to 150. Call Chris Collins or John MacKinnon at 905 878-5511 Ext. 3614 / 5043.

April 13 - 16, 1997

3rd Annual Homicide Investigator's Seminar

St. John - New Brunswick

The St. John Police Force, Major Crime Unit is presenting this seminar which will profile two significant homicides along with investigative techniques. For further information call Pam Parlee, Darrell Scribner or Charles Wilcox at 506 648-3211.

April 15 - 18, 1997

First Nations Police Association Annual Conference

Geneva Park, Ontario

This meeting is open to all First Nation Association Members as well as any non-members who may have an interest in becoming a member. If you are a non member and wish to become a member you may do so by contacting Acting President Doug Sewell at Fax 705-759-9171 or mail to 236 Frontenac St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5K9.

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April 27 - 30, 1997

1997 Canadian Society for Industrial Security Conference & Exhibits

Toronto - Ontario

The Canadian Society of Industrial Security will be holding their 1997 annual conference at the Toronto Hilton Hotel. The theme of the conference is "Securing the Global Village". For registration information: 613 738-1744, 1-800-461-7748 or Fax 613 738-1920.

May 6, 1997

3rd Annual "Drive Straight" Golf Tournament

Brampton - Ontario

Organized on behalf of the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving (OCCID) the tournament is being held again at the famous Lionhead Golf & Country Club. Proceeds will assist OCCID in their "Arrive Alive - Driver Sober" summertime drinking driving awareness projects across Ontario. For golfing registration call 416 284-7344.

May 25 - 28, 1997

24th Annual Canadian Association of Police Educators Conference & Workshop

Oshawa, Ontario

The Durham Regional Police and Durham College will be hosts of this year's conference and workshops situated on the campus of Durham College in Oshawa. Subjects will include methods of improving learning, program design and delivery. For further information contact Alan Mack 905 579-1520 ext. 4440 or Heather Dwyer 905 721-3111 ext.2242.

June 2 - 6, 1997

National Organized Crime Workshop

Ottawa - Ontario

The Criminal Intelligence Service Canada will be hosting the 1997 National Organized Crime Workshop. This year's theme is "Making a Difference". For more information contact Richard Phillippe or Randy Crisp at 613 993-9061.

June 16 - 20, 1997

High Performance Pistol Training & Tactics

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June 16 - 20, 1997

15th Annual Homicide Seminar

Toronto - Ontario

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Homicide Squad will host this annual event at the SkyDome Hotel. For further information call 416 808-7400 or Fax 416 808-7402.

June 27 - July 4, 1997

The World Police & Fire Games

Calgary, Alberta

Calgary is the site for this prestigious international event in 1997. Organizers anticipate from 8 to 10,000 athletes from police and fire departments from around the world will register for this event. Events are open to any employed or retired police officer or firefighter and they may register by writing to 270 144-4 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB.

June 23 - 25, 1997

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference & Trade Show

London - Ontario

The London Police will be hosting this year's annual conference and Trade Show of the OACP. For further details Ph: 519 661-5670 or Fax 519 645-1908.

August 10 - 15, 1997

65th Annual Conference Police Association of Ontario

Hamilton - Ontario

The Hamilton Wentworth Police Assn. will host this event jointly at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel and the Royal Connaught Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel. For details call Don Clark 905 574-6044.

August 23 - 27, 1997

92 Annual CACP Conference and Exhibition

Fredericton, New Brunswick

The Fredericton Police will be the hosts of this year's conference and exhibition, which will be held at the Sheraton Inn in Fredericton. For further details contact Tim

Kelly at 506 452-9701 or Fax 506 452-0713.

August 24 - 27, 1997

Canadian Police Association Annual Conference

Charlottetown - Prince Edward Island

The Prince Edward Island Police Assn. will be the hosts of this year's annual conference of the Canadian Police Association. For further information call Joe Peters 902 436-4774 or Marvin Cameron (902) 628-6387.

September 15 - 18, 1997

Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association Annual Seminar

Barrie - Ontario

The Holiday Inn in Barrie will be the site of the 1997 Annual General meeting of the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association. *Watch for further details.*

September 18 - 21, 1997

Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers Annual Conference

Niagara Falls - Ontario

The Niagara Regional Police Service will host this year's Conference of the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace officers. For more details call 905 846-8273 or Fax 905 846-8407.

September 20 - 23, 1997

26th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice

Ottawa - Ontario

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association will be presenting this event which is directed toward the overall improvement of the criminal justice system in Canada. Interested persons may receive more information by calling 613 725-3715 or Fax 613 725-3720.

November 8 - 13, 1997

I.A.W.P. 1997 Training Conference

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Murray didn't read Airbus letter: press release

Autopsy report says dead man was not assaulted



Murray

RCMP Commissioner Philip Murray did not read the letter sent to Swiss authorities naming Brian Mulroney as a suspect in the Airbus affair before it was delivered, a recent Mountie press release said. "It has been suggested that I reviewed and approved the letter to Swiss authorities before it was delivered," the statement reads. "I simply want to state that is not the case. I read the letter for the first time last week in preparation for my testimony at the impending civil trial."

But Roger Tasse, the former prime minister's lawyer, claims Murray was told about the key contents of the letter in November 1995.

Tasse told the Toronto Star he personally read excerpts of an unofficial version of the letter to Murray before the letter was published in the Financial Post on Nov. 18, 1995.

The lawyer also said he asked Murray if he wanted a copy of the letter but he refused.

Tasse said he met with two RCMP investigators on November 15, 1995, and then wrote them the following day asking for both a clarification and apology. They refused, Tasse said.

He said the government could have apologized at the time and avoided the lawsuit in November 1995. The government recently apologized to Mulroney and has agreed to cover the costs of his legal fees, which could reach \$2 million.

RCMP Sgt. Andre Guertin, speaking on behalf of Murray, confirmed Tasse's version of events but said that doesn't change anything.

"We stand by our statement ... that he had not read it until last week," the local press quoted Guertin as saying.

Murray did put Tasse in touch with the two Mounties but clearly saw it as inappropriate to take a copy of the letter, Guertin said.

Justice Minister Allan Rock has said government lawyers were taken by surprise in early January when a key police investigator informed them he had leaked information to a journalist.

However, CBC-TV's The National reported there was evidence the government suspected a leak much earlier than Jan. 2.

Neither Rock nor the RCMP have named the officer who they say leaked the news of the probe to the media.

But the media has identified him as Sgt. Fraser Fiegenwald, the lead investigator in the Airbus case.

In November 1995, Fiegenwald allegedly told a journalist that Mulroney would be among the suspects named in a letter to Swiss authorities.

Mulroney sued for \$50 million after news of

the investigation into the 1988 sale of Airbus jetliners to Air Canada was made public.

The CBC reported that the first public reference to the leak came in April 1996 from Mulroney during his re-trial testimony regarding Tasse's trip to Ottawa.

Tasse asked the RCMP to keep the investigation out of the spotlight. The lawyer told the CBC the force said the investigation would remain confidential.

But, the former prime minister received a fax from Maclean's magazine reporter Stevie Cameron the following day, that he read in court.

"We have information that your name is on a letter sent to Swiss authorities on Oct. 3, 1995 by the Canadian government. We also know that Roger Tasse is representing you in this matter and he met with officials of the Department of Justice and the RCMP to ask for a copy of the document."

"The RCMP clearly had leaked to Maclean's magazine that Roger Tasse had been to see them on my behalf and they put that request there," Mulroney testified.

Fiegenwald now faces an internal RCMP inquiry. If the officer's behaviour is found to be in violation of the RCMP code of conduct he could face sanctions ranging from counseling to dismissal.

An autopsy performed has determined a man who died in the custody of Calgary police was not subject to assault.

"The cause of death was determined to be a head injury. No specific evidence of an assault was found," the local press quoted Dr. Lloyd Denmark as saying.

Derwin Many Fires, 27, of the Siksika Nation reserve died in hospital after being removed from life support in early January.

He was being escorted to a holding cell at the downtown police station Dec. 2, when he collapsed.

The family of the dead man said that severe bruises from the back of his head up to his forehead suggest he may have been assaulted.

Denmark said there was no evidence of bruising from a separate assault injury and the head injury was consistent with a fall on a flat surface.

Calgary police Supt. Jack Beaton said the autopsy was consistent with a police investigation that ruled out the possibility that Many Fires was mishandled by police.

Denmark said Many Fires was admitted to hospital on Dec. 21, he was found to have a blood-alcohol level in excess of five times the legal limit.

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By Steffon Sepa



Officer dismissed after fatal collision

Hearing officer says actions are too dreadful to be mitigated

At the conclusion of an internal Ontario Provincial Police inquiry in October, Constable Serge Loranger was found guilty of two coadjudicator rules of discreditable conduct under the Police Act in the 1994 death of Shayne Norris, 16.

The internal hearing, headed by Supt. Bob Fitches, found Loranger had been drinking when he struck Norris, killing the youth instantly.

Fitches also found the constable fled the scene and then lied about what had taken place.

Loranger, who was cleared of criminal charges, said he thought he had hit a deer in an unmarked cruiser as he drove home on the night of Aug. 22, 1994, after leaving a bar.

Fitches said the circumstances of Loranger's actions are "too dreadful to be mitigated."

"The conclusion was dreadful and Const. Loranger's attempts to avoid liability are dreadful," Fitches said in a statement.

"Even though I am satisfied that Const. Loranger has many good qualities, should he remain a member of this organization, the damage to the reputation and image of the Ontario Provincial Police would be too serious."

Impaired driving charges against the undercover drug officer were dropped at his criminal trial last year because blood samples taken from him were deemed inadmissible.

Loranger was also acquitted of a second charge of failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

Norris' parents were incensed that Loranger will get to collect his salary of almost \$52,000 a year while he appeals. They are lobbying the province to remove that provision from the Police Services Act.

Phonebuster receives award

An Ontario provincial police officer was one of 12 recipients of an Amethyst Award at Queen's Park in Toronto recently.

Det. staff Sgt. Barry Elliot was honoured for his highly successful work in protecting Canadians from unscrupulous telemarketing and other forms of telephone fraud through coordinating the work of Project Phonebusters.

The project is credited with saving the public \$8 million in 1995 alone. In that year there was a 41 per cent decrease in the number of victims in Ontario and a 37 per cent drop nationally.

The Amethyst Awards recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Ontario Public Service.

The award recipients were nominated by Ontario public service employees across the province.

A total of 60 nominations were submitted from 14 different ministries.

The award is named after Ontario's official mineral.

Government seeks gambling probe



The New Brunswick government will seek a police investigation into allegations of corruption and strong-arm tactics in the video gambling

business.

Justice Minister Paul Duffie asked for the inquiry in early January after Opposition Leader Bernard Valcourt suggested in the legislature that there are questionable practices in the operations of video lottery terminals.

The unsavoury tactics include Valcourt's own evidence that certain unnamed coin operators approached the Conservative party and offered to pay off its debts if it would change its policy on video gambling machines.

Valcourt and the Tories are opposed to the use of coin operators to run the gambling machines.

The machines, found in corner stores and bars, allow gamblers to play games like poker and blackjack.

In a TV interview Valcourt gave the impression the money offer was, in effect a bribe.

Valcourt said the message was clear; the party would be better off if it changed its policy.

However, shortly after the interview Valcourt changed his view.

He said the party was approached and money was offered if the policy changed, but he said that it was not a bribe.

"It might be immoral, but it's not illegal," the press quoted Valcourt as saying. "It's absolutely not a bribe. I never said it was illegal. I'm a lawyer. I happen to know the law. It is not criminal."

But the justice minister said it may be illegal and, combined with other allegations that coin operators are using strong-arm tactics, he decided it would be best to turn the matter over to the Solicitor General's Department.

"You can't have these allegations hanging in the air without anybody at least looking further into them," he said.

Valcourt produced an anonymous letter in the legislature that states coin operators use under-the-table payments to secure new locations for the profitable video gambling machines.

The author of the letter states that he or she is involved in the video lottery business.

Valcourt said the allegation seems to be borne out by the fact that about 17 owners control about two-thirds of all video lottery terminals in New Brunswick.

Video Gambling has received a lot of attention since the province's auditor general suggested the Liberal government is losing up to \$19 million a year by using coin operators as middlemen.

The coin operators have said they are pleased the province has asked for a police inquiry into the matter.

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Commissioner apologizes to natives

Ontario Provincial Police commissioner Thomas O'Grady apologized to aboriginal Canadians in late December for inappropriate memorabilia created by officers who participated in the Ipperwash Provincial Park stand-off.

O'Grady made the apology through a spokesman after an 11-month internal probe found officers had produced about a dozen Team Ipperwash '95 coffee mugs with an arrow over the provincial force's crest.

Investigators also discovered several dozen Ipperwash '95 T-shirts with the letters ERT and TRU, which stand for the emergency response team and tactical response units that were involved in the stand-offs, and a horizontal white feather.

Aboriginal Canadians were outraged over the memorabilia, saying the arrow and feather symbolized dead warriors.

The OPP established a command post near Ipperwash after 35 Stoney Point natives occupied the park near Sarnia. They claimed the land was a sacred burial ground.

Native protester Anthony (Dudley) George



O'Grady

was fatally wounded by police on September 6, two days after the stand-off began.

The commissioner also apologized to the George family, Sgt. Terry Blace said.

The six officers responsible for producing the items were told that these actions were unprofessional, Blace said.

The officers will not face disciplinary action because the OPP felt they should not be made scapegoats for organizational shortcomings related to the force's policy and training issues.

Blace said the OPP responded by requiring all officers to take

courses in native culture, establishing a policy against creating a force logo without permission and establishing a committee of police and native representatives to discuss policing issues relating to natives.

Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Ovide Mercredi welcomed the apology, but said they should also apologize to the aboriginal community of Ontario for being too quick to use violence when negotiations might have ended the conflict at Ipperwash.

Chief seeks law to get homeless out of the cold



Boothby

The federal government should consider re-implementing laws that would allow police officers to force homeless people into shelters during bitterly cold weather, Toronto police Chief David Boothby said in mid-January.

Resurrecting the vagrancy laws, which were abandoned in the early 1980s, would allow

police to do what is only proper and humane, Boothby said.

"There are many people who will not come off the street when police ask them. It certainly bothers me when there's sub-zero weather and people are sleeping on grates outside," the local press quoted Boothby as saying.

"I think they're far better protected by being taken by the police if they don't wish to go to a shelter where they could at least be warm."

The chief's comments came as Toronto's medical officer of health extended an extreme cold weather alert in January.

The alert allows city officials to respond to the needs of the homeless.

With the alert, representatives of the city, regional government, police and church and social agencies were able to provide an additional 110 beds in the city's hostel system when the cold front moved in.

Prisoner raises cash for robbery victim

A British inmate was able to put a smile on the face of a broken-hearted pensioner who was robbed of the money she had saved for her sons' Christmas presents.

Kenny Tokley was so touched by the plight of Jessica Thorne, 85, that he arranged a collection among fellow inmates at the Kent prison.

The convicts managed to raise about \$295, almost twice the amount that was stolen from her.

The money was sent to Thorne via the local police, along with best wishes for a merry Christmas.

Thorne's purse containing the \$150 she had planned to spend on her two sons, was stolen while she was shopping at a supermarket in October.

Tokley, who lived in the same area as Thorne before moving to prison, began to collect cash

for the great-grandmother of five after he read about the theft in a local newspaper.

Tokley sent a cheque and a letter to Detective Chief Inspector Terry Gardner, of the Clacton police.

Gardner said Thorne wept with joy when he called her and told her about the prisoners' charity.

Speaking from her home, Thorne, a widow, said she was overjoyed by the generosity of the prisoners. She added that although she didn't know the name of the man responsible, but hoped to have the opportunity to meet him and shake his hand.

Thorne said she had already managed to scrape enough cash together to buy her sons' Christmas presents, and had not decided what she would spend the donation on.

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New Year's gun fire wounds officer

Miami officer Ricky Taylor and his partner, like other officers patrolling the rougher parts of Miami, tried to ring in the new year under a bridge.

While the practice may seem odd, police are in the habit of pulling their vehicles under bridges fifteen minutes before midnight and stay there for half an hour because of the guns fired into the air by revelers.

But Taylor and his partner received a call about a drive-by shooting which led them to Liberty City close to midnight.

Lt. Bill Schwartz said there was a barrage of bullets as Taylor and his partner arrived to investigate the report. One of the rounds smashed through the cruiser's back window and struck him in the back of the head.

Taylor, a 21-year Miami police veteran, was listed in critical condition after the incident. Two civilians were also wounded.

Police who arrived after Taylor was wounded were thunderstruck by the scene.

"There were hundreds of shell casings. Windows in apartments and cars all over the place were shot out. Gunfire, some of it from automatic weapons, knocked out street lights and power transformers. I couldn't believe it. It must have been like the OK Corral. It was like a war zone," the local media quoted Schwartz as saying.

Some residents said thousands of rounds were fired.

Police don't know if it was gang warfare or

New Year's revelers that wounded Taylor and the two civilians in the Miami neighbourhood.

Schwartz said there is gunfire every New Year's Eve, but never anything like the scene involving Taylor.

The officer said that there were so many shell casings investigators ran out of crime scene markers. Sites for casings had to be marked with pop and beer bottles laying nearby.

Feds will pay for bridge police



Ottawa assured Prince Edward Island that the federal government would cover the cost of policing the new bridge to the mainland.

Mitch Murphy, the PEI's attorney general, said federal Solicitor General Herb Gray promised to pay for the policing during a meeting in the nation's capital.

"The solicitor general gave us his commitment that, yes, it was a federal government responsibility and they would provide the resources to police it," the local media quoted Murphy as saying.

"The stage it's at now is that his officials are talking to our officials and they're working out the details of the policing agreement."

It is likely Island-based RCMP officers will be on the job when the bridge opens in June.

Harassment case settled out of court

A British police officer received a payment to settle a claim of sexual harassment, which resulted in the disciplining of two officers.

The unnamed officer, who is in her mid 20s, is believed to have received about \$125,000 following her complaint, but the Dorset police force refused to give any details about the settlement.

The officer, who had been on the force for five years, quit last year after complaining of sexual harassment.

A spokesman said police would not make any further comment on the case in consideration for the woman's welfare and future career.

The two officers, who continue to serve on the force, were disciplined following an internal inquiry, but the Dorset police refused to comment on what action had been taken.

Chief Constable, Dirk Aldous, said it was the first incident of its kind in Dorset. Aldous said the incident involved behaviour that is not in any way a part of the force's culture.

He expressed his disappointment in the men concerned, adding that they had not only let themselves down, but the entire force.

The spokesman said he could offer no defence for the behaviour of the officers, but he does defend the overall reputation of the Dorset police and the overwhelming majority of the staff who behave properly.

Aldous said he apologized to the woman personally and on behalf of the entire force for the events which occurred in 1994.

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Calgary cops took precautions with suicidal teen, officials say



Officers who arrested a Calgary boy were warned he was suicidal before he hung himself and took extra precautions to try and prevent the tragedy, senior police officials said in early January.

Isaac Gerard Mercer, 16, a ward of the province who was living at a home for troubled kids, died on Jan. 7, at about 5:30 p.m. His body was discovered in a room at a district police station in the city's southeast.

Mercer used his boot lace to hang himself in an interview room and become the second teen to commit suicide in the past year while in Calgary police custody.

A 14-year-old boy arrested for breaching his probation by skipping school hanged himself on camera in a police cell on May 16, 1996.

He was resuscitated by police and the duty paramedic and taken to the Bow Valley Centre, where he died six days later.

Police said the boy stood flush against the bars, so it appeared to the camera he was simply standing still.

He tied a sock round his neck, but remained standing still so it wasn't apparent to the camera what had happened.

A third person committed suicide while being held at a Calgary reprimand centre.

Supt. Jack Beaton said Mercer had been arrested as a result of an investigation into a home-invasion that took place earlier in the month.

Mercer was facing charges of break and enter, robbery, unlawful confinement and possession of a weapon.

Beaton said the teen was waiting to be transferred to the downtown arrest processing unit.

After his arrest, an employee at the Hull home where he was living called the officers to warn them the youth had suicidal tendencies, Beaton said.

"The arresting officers had been notified (of) the concerns of his mental state and had taken extra precautions," the local press quoted Beaton as saying.

The superintendent would not comment as to what those extra measures were.

Mercer's jacket, belt and personal property had been taken from him shortly after he was taken into custody.

But his footwear wasn't taken and he used his own lace as the noose, said Mercer's 17-year-old brother Logan.

Beaton said an internal investigation is under way to determine if the procedure - which says a suspect in custody must be checked every 10 minutes - was followed.

An inquiry is automatically called for when someone dies while in police custody.

An inquiry is currently under way in the death of the 14-year-old boy who hung himself last year.

Mohawks sign policing agreement

The Mohawk Council of Kanesatake signed an agreement with the federal and Quebec governments in late December to establish its own police force.

James Gabriel, grand chief of the council of Kanesatake, said the agreement is a stepping stone forward into the ultimate resolution of the grievances of our community.

Under the deal Ottawa will pay \$650,000 to support the Mohawk police force while the Quebec government will chip in an additional \$600,000, Solicitor General Herb Gray said.

The policing agreement runs until March 31, 1998. The three parties will work on a permanent agreement prior to that date.

"This will help assure not only law and order but the overall quality of life in the area," the local press quoted Gray as saying. "I feel it will establish a climate for resolution of concerns which may not have existed in past years."

Kanesatake, a Mohawk community 53 kilometres west of Montreal, is not an official Indian reserve. Lands are inhabited by both Mohawks and non-natives.

Quebec provincial police have stayed out of the community since the Oka crisis in 1990. The 78-day stand-off began over a land-claim dispute. One provincial officer was killed before it ended.

The incident began after Mohawk Warriors put up a barricade to stop the town of Oka from expanding its golf course onto land natives

consider theirs.

After the stand-off ended, the federal government began buying up land around the community to patch together a base for a reserve.

Gabriel said the 20-member Kanesatake force will sign an agreement with provincial police to establish patrol zones.

He said the provincial police have failed to meet the needs of the community over the past six years, but he feels the new police force will.

Vancouver homicide rate remains stable

Thirty people were slain in Vancouver in 1996, the same number of people killed in the city in 1995 homicide detectives said.

But the last five victims of 1996 were murdered during the last week of the year.

The 29th and 30th victims were sister-in-laws who were gunned down New Year's Eve outside their home.

Phuong Thanh Nguyen, 27, was charged with two counts of second-degree murder and police seized an unregistered firearm.

The 26th murder victim was slain on Christmas Eve. Police are still trying to outline the last movements of Jason Nichols who was stabbed to death and discovered on the west side of the city.

Of the 30 dead, 12 were stabbed, 11 were shot, five were beaten and two were strangled.

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Shut down negligent trucking companies, CAA says

Trucking companies that risk the lives of motorists and their employees should be put out of business, Canada's national automotive association says.

Trucking fines should also be higher than the cost of maintaining their fleet of trucks, Brian Hunt, president of the Canadian Automobile Association said in early January. Hunt was urging all provinces to get tough with negligent trucking companies.

Hunt made the comments in the wake of a number of incidents on Ontario highways over the past year.

Ontario provincial police have investigated over 30 incidents of runaway truck wheels in the past 13 months, including an accident on Highway 401 in Oshawa, Ont., that killed Robina Campbell, 58, and her daughter, Mary Jessiman, 40.

Police said the wheels that broke free from the truck, which was travelling about 100 kilometres an hour along the highway, showed signs of being poorly maintained.

A failed bearing whose leaking oil should have been detected during routine pre-trip checks likely caused the wheels to come loose and slam into the car, police said.

Police also said there was evidence the bearings had been leaking for some time.

If a similar defect had been discovered at an inspection station, the highest fine would have been \$400 for failing to maintain the vehicle.

Ontario, which has the highest trucking fines in the country, recently increased existing roadside fines from \$90 to \$400. Court issued fines rose from \$2,000 to \$20,000, but police have been reluctant to issue these fines because it takes a long time for the cases to reach the courts, where they are often reduced.

The incident involving Campbell and Jessiman was close to the spot where a flying truck wheel killed Angela Worona, 31, of Whitby, Ont., two years ago.

Her death was followed by that of James



Tyrell, 31, who was killed in April 1995, after a wheel came loose on the Queen Elizabeth Way west of Toronto.

No charges were ever laid in connection with the Worona and Tyrell deaths.

However, the incidents sparked a 17-day coroner's inquest that called for sweeping changes of Ontario's trucking industry, including making it mandatory for all truck wheel installers to be certified.

The inquest also recommended that driver training be upgraded, tougher licensing standards be implemented, stricter inspections take place and fines be raised.

The province did implement many of the recommendations. Wheel installers must now be certified and the maximum fines have been raised to \$20,000.

But police as well as victims of previous runaway wheels and now the CAA, say even the increased fines aren't enough.

The latest tragedy marked the 31st time wheels separated from transport trucks in Ontario in 1996, police said.

In September, 48.5 per cent of 379 trucks inspected on Highway 400 north of Toronto were taken off the road.

And just hours after the Oshawa incident, a set of wheels flew from a tractor-trailer near Burlington and struck three vehicles on the Queen Elizabeth Way. No one was injured in that incident.

Security firm wants to take over police duties

A civilian agency wants to take over some of the duties currently handled by the RCMP in Surrey, B.C.

Interstate Security and Investigations Ltd. hopes council will approve a plan that will allow their security guards and patrol dogs to respond to burglar alarms instead of police officers.

Interstate president Marcell Patrignani said there are certain duties that civilian agencies can fulfil.

"The police would still receive the call but they would call the security firm to attend," Patrignani was quoted as saying.

If council approves the plan, guards will be dispatched to alarm calls. If they discover the call is a false alarm, as was the case in 97 per cent of the calls last year, they would leave behind a notice and a bill payable to Surrey at the property.

When there is evidence of a break-and-enter the guard would be responsible for calling the police.

But if suspects were to emerge from the property before officers arrived and refused to be detained, they would be confronted by a guard dog.

"He has the option of being taken down by one of our patrol dogs. They will bit him, but they are not going to maul him," the press quoted Patrignani as saying.

Patrignani said the plan, referred to council's police committee in early January, could save the Vancouver suburb of Surrey hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Surrey RCMP Const. Grant Learned said police responded to 18,000 false alarm calls last year, 14 per cent of all police calls.

Mayor Doug McCallum said he is interested in studying the plan. McCallum also said the strategy has worked in other North American cities.

Interstate Security and Investigations Ltd., has been in operation for the past 10 years. Currently, the firm is responsible for patrolling provincial buildings and schools.

Notes may be used in proceedings, court rules

A police officer's notes may be used in misconduct proceedings arising from public complaints, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled in mid-January.

"The fact that an officer cannot be forced to testify (under a provision of the Police Services Act) does not mean that his notebook cannot be admitted into evidence," the appeal court ruled.

The ruling came as the result of a complaint made against two Toronto police officers by a Scarborough man.

The man alleged that the two police officers made threats, used unnecessary violence and refused to identify themselves when they mistook and arrested him instead of another man.

At a subsequent civilian Board of Inquiry, the Police Complaints Commissioner, Gerald Lapkin, sought to have extracts from the officers' notebooks admitted into evidence as verification that they were the officers involved in the incident.

The Board held that since the officers could not be forced to testify, it would be unfair to use their notebooks against them. As a result, the complaint was dismissed.

Lapkin appealed to the Divisional Court, which upheld the original ruling.

But the Court of Appeal overturned both decisions, ruling that "the principles of fundamental justice, fairness and, in particular, the principle against self-incrimination (as embodied in the Police Services Act) do not prevent the Police Complaints Commissioner from relying on the extracts of the officers' notes at the hearing once those portions have been authenticated."

The court further stated that "when the police officers prepared their notes, no complaints had been made against them. Officers of the Metropolitan Toronto Police are required to make notes of events occurring while on duty. The essential purpose of requiring the officers to make notes is not to accumulate information that can later be used against them. Rather, the notes are made in the course of the officers' investigation of the wrongdoing of others. The notes were not compiled in a setting where it was contemplated that the officers and the State would be adversaries."

The three-judge panel stated that keeping notes is part of an officer's job: "...police officers are required to make notes of their dealings with others, and persons who become police officers are aware of the obligation to keep notes when making their decision to join the profession."

However, the appeal panel went on to say that "the mere possibility that the information of the officers' record in their notebooks may later be used in an adversarial proceeding, does not mean that the State is guilty of coercing these individuals to incriminate themselves."

Lapkin said he will instruct his legal counsel to begin the process of having the matter referred back to the Board of Inquiry for a public hearing of the evidence.

Man sues over Stanley Cup riot shooting

A man is suing the city of Vancouver and six police officers, claiming police were negligent for shooting him in the head during the 1994 Stanley Cup riot.

In early January, Ryan Berntt, 21, told the B.C. Supreme court that the last thing he remembers before being shot in the head with a plastic bullet is shouting obscenities at the officers and walking away.

"I don't know what happened after that," Berntt said. "I woke up in hospital one month later. I was in diapers and my right side was screwed - I couldn't move my right arm."

Berntt is currently serving a one-year sentence for his part in the riot. He was convicted of assaulting an officer and possessing a weapon.

The downtown riot occurred on June 14, 1994, after the Vancouver Canucks lost the final game of the Stanley cup to the New York Rangers.

Berntt said he swore at a line of police officers and lifted his shirt to display the welt in the middle of his back caused when he was struck minutes earlier by a projectile fired from a Arwen gun.

"Look at what you did to my back," he recalled saying to police just before he was shot in the head.

Berntt said officers were standing about 20 metres away when he threw a stick and kicked a smoke canister back at them.

After he had committed the acts he was shot in the back. He said the shot knocked the breath

out of him and he fell to the ground.

Berntt said he then decided to return home and had an ambulance crew examine his back injury. But he said he got mad and decided to confront police, when he was shot in the head.

After being shown a large screwdriver, Berntt said he didn't recall brandishing it during the riot.

Richard Brooks, Berntt's lawyer, said his client had to be hospitalized for several months and now suffers from memory problems and has difficulty speaking.

Police have said the second shot was aimed at Berntt's body, but he ducked at the last second and the round hit him in the head.

Police seize weapons cache



Edmonton police seized about 90 guns, including a sub-machine gun, from the home of a man they arrested for allegedly threatening his wife in early January.

Police charged a 47-year-old man with offences including uttering death threats, forcible confinement and pointing a firearm.

The man's name was withheld in order to protect the privacy of his wife.

Police issued a search warrant for his house and discovered the cache of weapons. They included restricted handguns, rifles and a sub-machine gun.

Officers also found and seized an illegal cross-bow-type weapon that can be fired with one hand.

"It's going to take them quite a long time to go through this number of guns and tag and do all the work they need to do," police spokeswoman Annette Bidniak was quoted as saying.

The man could face an additional 10 charges, she said.

Police arrested the man after a woman complained her life was threatened during a fight with her husband.

A nanny and the couple's 14-month-old daughter left the house unharmed prior to the man's arrest.

Crime rate declines

Despite a record number of murders and a number of high-profile crimes that sent shockwaves throughout the country, the overall crime rate in Winnipeg declined sharply in 1996.

Winnipeg Chief David Cassels said crimes against persons dropped four per cent and crimes against property fell by 10 per cent for the first 10 months of the year compared with the same period in 1995.

Overall, there were 5,224 fewer crimes in the city during that time, a nine per cent decline.

Cassels said the perception that crime is on the rise is fuelling fears that the city is a much more dangerous environment than it actually is.

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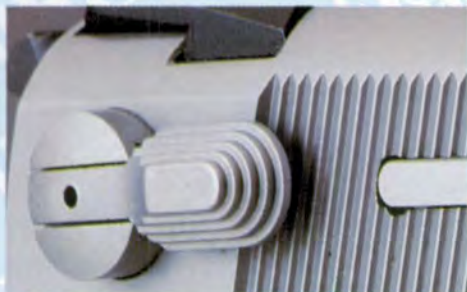
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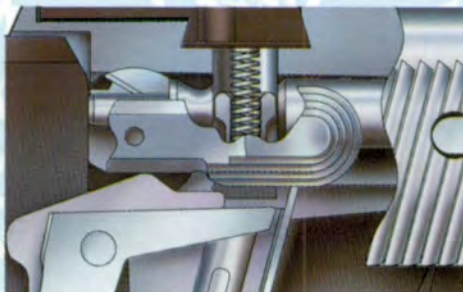
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Freon smugglers take northern gas down south

Canada is a favourable source of contraband air-conditioning gas smuggled into the United States, Canadian officials say.

Smugglers are taking truckloads of chlorofluorocarbons south of the border. The situation has, in part, prompted our southern neighbours to announce a sweeping crackdown on the banned refrigerant, Ottawa said.

"It's coming from our stockpile in Canada that was produced legally, and it's going to the United States," Guy Martin, Environment Canada's chief of inspection was quoted as saying.

"They buy it from anywhere they can. It's a bad situation because we'll have to replace it with some other materials for the maintenance of (air-conditioning) equipment."

Martin said the smugglers use all the usual routes of the trade, such as sleepy border crossings.

Production of chlorofluorocarbons, also known as CFCs or freon, for domestic use was outlawed in Canada and the United States as of Dec. 31, 1995. But stockpiles of the ozone-depleting chemical still exist here.

Third World countries have, under international accord, until 2010 to stop manufacturing the coolant.

Freon is mainly used for automobile air conditioners.

Daniel Couture, Environment Canada's di-



rector of enforcement said unlike Canada, the United States imposed a costly surtax on existing supplies, which opened the door for the black market.

Smugglers can purchase CFCs illegally for a little over \$6 a kilogram in Canada, then sell to black market dealers in the U.S. for more than \$50 a kilogram.

Canadian officials are working with the U.S. to stop the trade. As of mid-January, 700,000 kilograms have been confiscated. However, Washington estimates nine million kilograms crossed into the country last year alone.

United States Attorney General Janet Reno has declared war on the chemical smuggling trade.

"To CFC smugglers we say: 'We will find you. We will shut down this black market. We will not let you endanger our ecosystem,'" the press quoted her as saying.

Customs officials want more power

The union for Canada Customs inspectors is pushing the federal government to give customs officials the authority to bust drunks trying to drive into Canada.

The union says over 5,300 suspected drunk drivers were allowed to pass into Canada from the United States during the past 18 months.

Customs officers will continue to allow them into the country because they don't have the power to stop them, says Ronny Moran, national president of the Customs Excise Union.

Moran said it's up to Ottawa to give border guards the authority to conduct breathalyzer tests and lay charges under the Criminal Code.

But he said the government's inaction means customs officers can only take note of the suspected drunk driver and call police after watching him drive into Canada.

"Revenue Canada's policy on intoxicated drivers is dangerous and does nothing to prevent drunk drivers from causing more senseless deaths and injuries on Canadian roads and highways," the press quoted Moran as saying.

Revenue Canada spokesman Michel Cleroux wouldn't comment as to whether border guards will eventually be allowed to detain or charge impaired drivers.

The federal government asked Customs Canada to keep track of the number of drivers its workers suspected of being impaired. Cleroux said those drivers weren't simply waved across the border.

Cleroux said customs officers stopped the impaired drivers, but they didn't have the power to arrest them.

Border guards can ask suspected drunk drivers to pull over, request a sober passenger take the wheel, call someone who lives nearby to pick the individual up, suggest a taxi, or a cup of coffee.

Cross-border drunks have been responsible for killing people who lived or were travelling near border towns in British Columbia and Ontario, said Pam Wiley, executive director of Citizens Against Impaired Drivers in Manitoba.

RCMP officer made Bermuda's deputy commissioner

A senior RCMP officer has become Bermuda's new deputy police commissioner.

RCMP Chief Superintendent Jean-Jacques Lemay was scheduled to take up the new position in mid-January.

Until the appointment Lemay was the director of officer staffing and personnel at the RCMP's national headquarters in Ottawa.

Lemay joined the RCMP in 1965. In 1993, he was appointed by the United Nations as commissioner of civilian police monitors for the UN mission in Haiti.

Lemay is not the first Canadian to join the higher ranks of the Bermuda police force.

About 25 years ago, Lawrence Clark of Halifax, who had joined the Bermuda force as a constable, was appointed commissioner of the force. Clark retired in the early 1980s.

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Thieves make a comeback

Authorities in Sault Ste. Marie were surprised to catch the crooks that got away.

Police thought they had missed their opportunity to nab two suspected car thieves after they lost them during a high-speed chase.

But the suspects turned up just a few hours later in what police say was yet another stolen vehicle.

After the initial car chase, the suspects jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. A short time later, police conducting spot checks for drunk drivers thought two teenagers they had pulled over looked familiar.

The two males were taken into custody and charged with theft, possession of stolen property and dangerous driving.

Speeder pays in instalments

He only had to pay off 50 more cents on his speeding ticket, but an Ontario man has decided to keep paying the government off in instalments.

Fred MacKenzie of St. Catharines recently mailed the Port Hawkesbury courthouse a check for a quarter.

"I can't believe the money the court spent sending me the first bill and I'm anxious to see if they will do it again," MacKenzie was quoted as saying by the local press.

MacKenzie was vacationing in Cape Breton last summer when he was nabbed for speeding.

He sent \$107 to pay the fine, but on Oct. 25 received a nasty letter from the courthouse, which stated he still owed another 50 cents and could be arrested if he didn't pay.

Would-be robber quick to give up

To be a bank robber one must have a methodical mind, a precise plan and nerves of steel.

Those who lack these qualities but attempt to perpetrate the crime anyway will surely fail.

Fortunately there are those who realize this before they go too far.

Such was the case in late December, when a man who walked into a bank in Devon, England and gave a teller a hand-written note demanding \$16,000.

Authorities said the man also suggested he had an explosive device.

Instead of handing over the cash, the bank staff sounded the alarm and called the police.

The 46-year-old man left before officers arrived. He walked straight to the local police station and turned himself in.

The case of the little lumberjack

Excerpt: From *The Cop Shop* - By Peter MacDonald

It's amazing—and sometimes amusing—how certain childhood memories keep returning. They're often triggered by a sight, a sound, a smell, or some other stimulus, but sometimes they pop into the mind for no apparent reason. That's the way it's been with Alex McKay, who's lived all his life in the small town of Portsoy, Scotland.

Alex was just a wee lad when he had his first brush with the law, and whenever he recalls the event he immediately starts to chuckle.

"Just before the start of World War II, when I was only about six, I started chopping down a tall pole near our home," he says.

"I kept hacking away with a small hatchet and the pole started to sway. Just then I heard someone coming around the corner on a bicycle. I dropped the hatchet and put my hand on the pole to stop it from falling. Then, lo and behold, the local bobby rode up on his bike."

The bobby asked Alex, "What are you doing here at this time of night? It's nearly seven

o'clock."

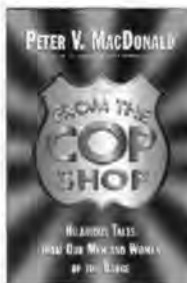
Alex said he was holding up the pole, and the bobby told him not to be cheeky and get along home. But Alex didn't budge.

"I still stood there," he reports, "so the policeman took hold of my arm and pulled me away from the pole, which immediately started to fall. He looked up, flabbergasted and frightened, and I shouted, 'I told you so,' and ran like hell."

Two minutes later the bobby was at Alex's front door, returning the hatchet to his mother. He said to Alex in a kindly way, "Learning to be a lumberjack, are you? Don't worry, laddie, it was an old pole that was due to come down soon anyway. There's no harm done, my boy."

Alex recalls that his mother bawled him out, but his father had a good laugh when he heard about the incident.

"I've never forgotten the look on that bobby's face when I let go of the pole and it started to fall," says Alex. "And I'm sure I never will."



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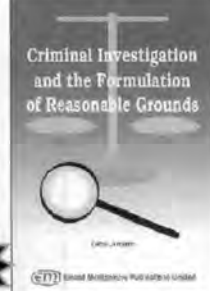
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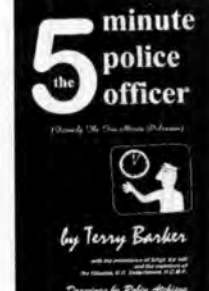
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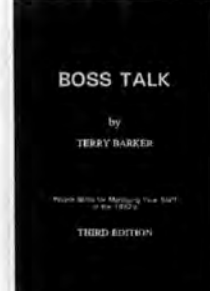
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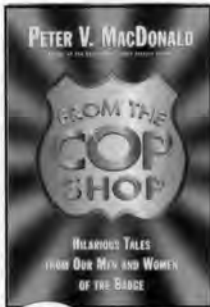
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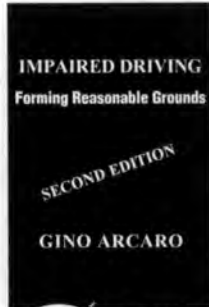
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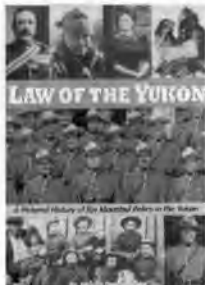
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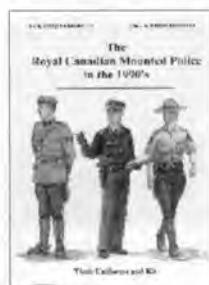
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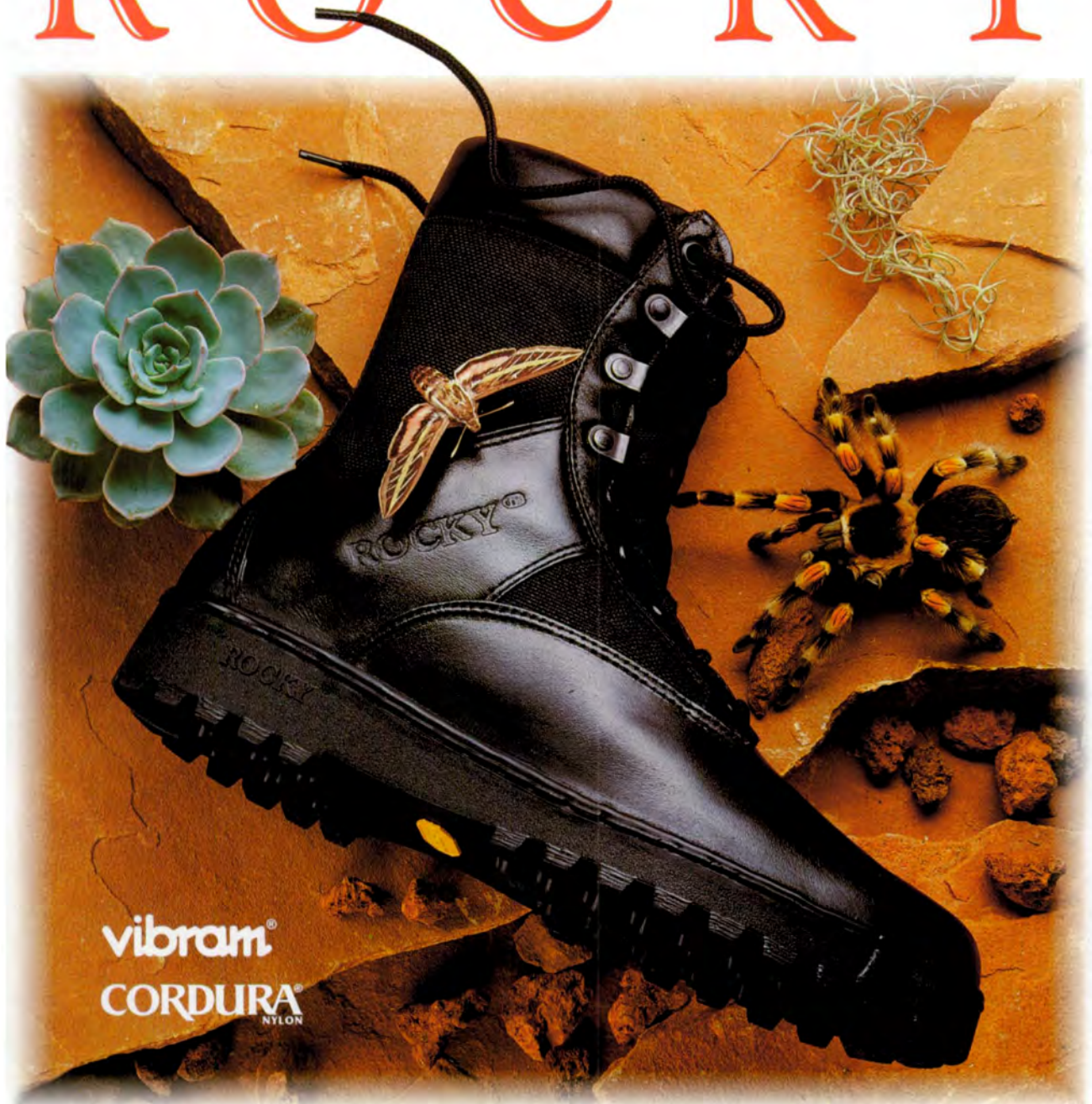
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