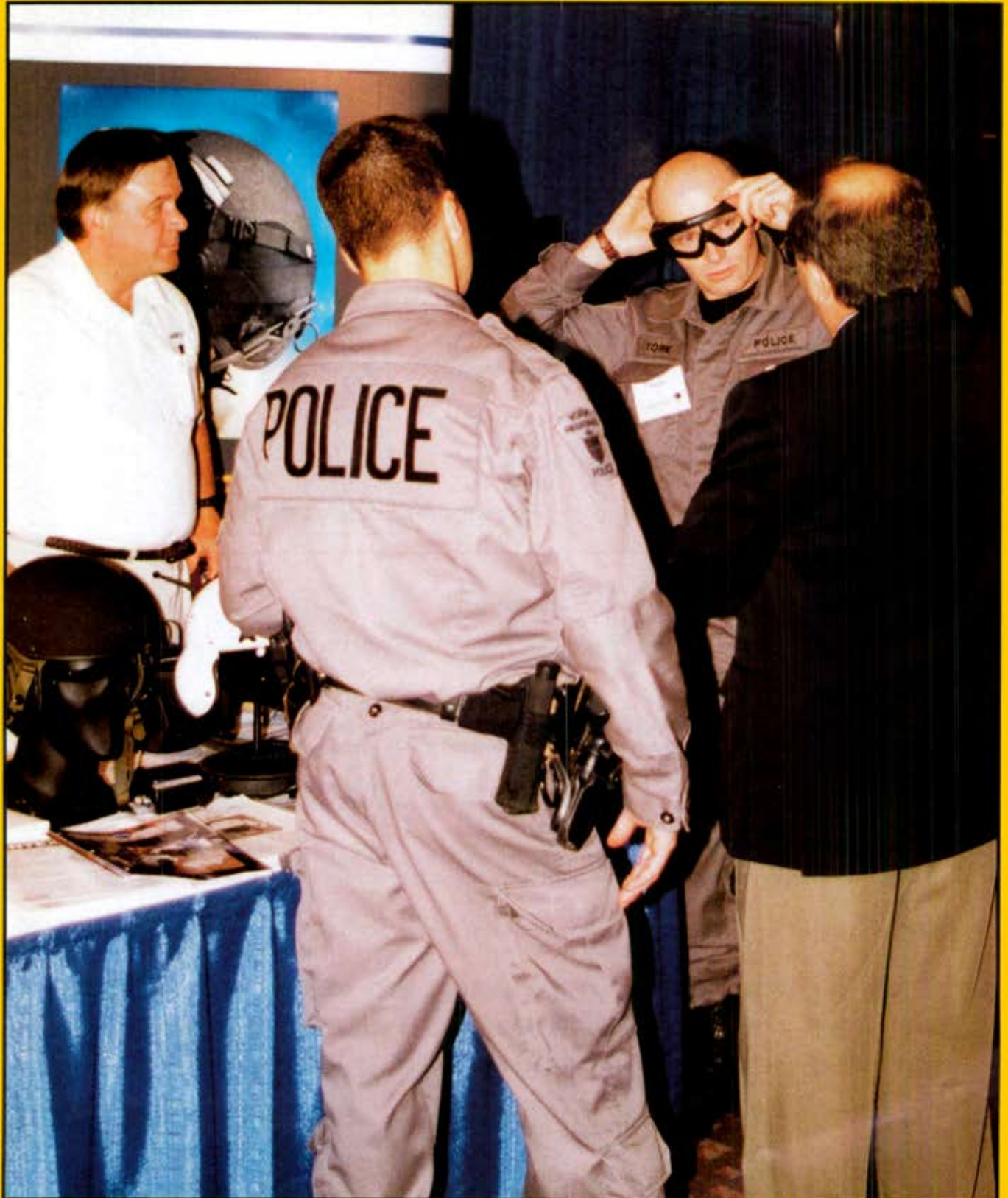


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There is a lot more to see this year and pre-registrations are far ahead of last year. They are also coming from further away. We presently have pre-registered guests coming from Vancouver, Edmonton Calgary and Winnipeg as well as Montreal and Halifax. As of press time we anticipate exhibit space to have increased by 20 percent and we have had a significant increase in classroom demonstrations as well. Read more about all this from page 28 onward.

We also have an excellent series of stories about learning innovations with four articles contributed on alternate police and security training available.



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Don't legalize drugs... legalize sanity!

by Morley Lymburner

It was not a delightful sight seeing a Vancouver officer being quoted on television about how rosy the world would be if only we could legalize drug usage. This officer had seen so much pain, suffering and death by a lot of people who were simply down and outers. He was tired of seeing them die of drug overdoses or diseases related to unsanitary needle use. His solution to this would be to stop making drug use a criminal offence and simply sanction its use in a more controlled atmosphere.

I must admit that what he speaks may have some sort of logic but it is a logic warped on many levels. From watching the television program aired last month I found myself confused as to what sort of utopia the officer expected out of his not-so-revolutionary idea. I also had to question both his motives for going on television with this opinion and also where he feels he should be going from this point forth.

The opinions expressed were underlined by the television commentator as coming from a "very unusual source... a cop." This made me also wonder about the motives of the television show. It was far more important to note that the comments were coming from a police officer than what he had to say. The show focused on the officer's past heroism in a prior shooting incident and his modesty in not wishing to talk about it. But the pictures and the

story of this incident were supplied to the viewers and I could see the halo glowing around the officer's head as he sat having a fire-side chat with the interviewer.

Throughout this entire show no one wanted to talk about the future impact of such a move other than it would make the officer feel good that he will not have to view more nastiness or deal with dead drug addicts. I got the distinct feeling that the officer really wanted his own pain to go away.

I think it is important for officers to have their opinions and to even speak out when it is necessary on social issues. However I do draw the line at broadcasting to the world that because you are a cop your opinion is far more important than just about anyone else. If it gets to the stage where your message is that important then it is time to hang up the badge and go for the job that meets your expectations and talents. But do not prop up your opinion's credibility on the fact that you are a good cop.

This officer took a pretty serious promise to do his job to the best of his ability and to show no favouritism in enforcing the laws of the land in an effort to prevent crime. While doing his regular job he is free to canvass for the Heart and Stroke Foundation or volunteer to help out wayward youths. But while he is doing his cop's job he is not only expected to be a known quantity to the public that hired him but he is expected to do everything within

his power to instill confidence in the police institution. To do otherwise is to cast doubt into the eyes of the public on what the next officer might do in any given situation. It is a simple matter of your big mouth making the next officer's job just that much tougher.

I don't make these comments because I wish to take sides in discipline matters. Cops see the world and its people at its absolute worst. Because of this it is easy for them to get down in the doldrums and think everything and everybody is bad. It is for this reason that police leaders have a responsibility to ensure that if their officers are working in a "war zone" that they get lots of help to spread the misery over as wide a spectrum of people as possible. To do otherwise is simply begging for trouble with demoralization and officer burnout.

The cop I saw on television appeared to be almost at the burnout level and needs moving. He needs to see something different. He needs to know that the world has a lot more good people in it than he may know.

The legalization, or decriminalization, of drug use is far too simplistic a solution. I don't know what the solution really is... all I know is that it shouldn't take a currently working cop to solve the problem. And if any cop thinks he has the answer to the problem he should go into a field of endeavour where he can do that job properly and not make the next copper's job harder.



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History of firearms control in Canada

Canada has had a rather chequered past when it comes to gun controls. The traditionalist British conservative attitudes toward firearms has been tempered by the American traditions developed from a paranoia of these very same controls. The following is an interesting history of the Canadian handling of this controversial subject.

Pre-1892 ♣ Justices of the Peace had the authority to impose a six-month jail term on anyone carrying a handgun, if the person did not have reasonable cause to fear assault against life or property.

1892 ♣ The first Criminal Code required individuals to have a basic permit, known as a 'certificate of exemption,' to carry a pistol unless the owner had cause to fear assault or injury. It became an offence to sell a pistol to anyone under 16. Vendors who sold pistols or airguns had to keep a record of the purchaser's name, the date of the sale and information that could identify the gun.

1913 ♣ Carrying a handgun outside the home or place of business without a permit could result in a three-month sentence. It became an offence to transfer a firearm to any person under the age of 16, or for a person under 16 to buy one. The first specific search, seizure and forfeiture powers for firearms and other weapons were created.

1919-1920 ♣ A Criminal Code amendment required individuals to obtain a permit to possess a firearm, regardless of where the firearm was kept. These permits were available from a magistrate, a chief of police or the RCMP. British subjects did not need a permit for shotguns or rifles they already owned; they only needed one for newly acquired firearms. Permits were valid for one year within the issuing province. The Criminal Code did not provide for a central registry; records were maintained at the local level.

1921 ♣ A Criminal Code amendment repealed the requirement for everyone in possession of a firearm to have a permit. Instead, only 'aliens' needed a permit to possess firearms. (British subjects still needed a permit to carry pistols or handguns.)

1932-1933 ♣ Specific requirements were added for issuing handgun permits. Before this, applicants only had to be of 'discretion and good character.' They now also had to give reasons for wanting a handgun. Permits could only be issued to protect life or property, or for using a firearm at an approved shooting club. The minimum age for possessing firearms was lowered from 16 to 12 years. Other changes included the creation of the first mandatory minimum consecutive sentence 2 years



One of the earliest modified weapons in North America was a combination plow and cannon, which received a U.S. patent in 1845 and was actually in production for about six months. The reasons for having such a device is somehow lost in history but it certainly makes a good argument for some form of gun control.

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for the possession of a handgun or concealable firearm while committing an offence. The punishment for carrying a handgun outside the home or place of business was increased from 3 months to a maximum of 5 years.

1934 ♣ The first real registration requirement for handguns was created. Before then, when a permit holder bought a handgun, the person who issued the permit was notified. The new provisions required records identifying the owner, the owner's address and the firearm. These records were not centralized. Registration certificates were issued and records were kept by the Commissioner of the RCMP or by police departments that provincial Attorneys General had designated as firearms registries.

1938 ♣ Handguns had to be re-registered every five years, starting in 1939. (Initially, certificates had been valid indefinitely.) While guns did not require serial numbers, it became an offence to alter or deface numbers (S.C.1938, c.44). The mandatory 2-year minimum sentence provision was extended to include the possession of any type of firearm, not just handguns and concealable firearms, while committing an offence. The minimum age was raised from 12 to 14 years. The first 'minor's permit' was created to allow persons under 14 to have access to firearms.

1939-1944 ♣ Re-registration was postponed because of World War II. During the war years, rifles and shotguns had to be registered. This was discontinued after the war ended.

1947 ♣ The Criminal Code provisions dealing with 'constructive murder' were expanded to include any case where a death resulted from the possession or use of any weapon, including any firearm, during the commission of an offence, even if the offender did not intend to kill.

1950 ♣ The Criminal Code was amended so that firearm owners no longer had to renew

registration certificates. Certificates became valid indefinitely.

1951 ♣ The registry system for handguns was centralized under the Commissioner of the RCMP for the first time. Automatic firearms were added to the category of firearms that had to be registered. These firearms now had to have serial numbers. The 2-year mandatory minimum sentence created in 1932-33 was repealed after a 1949 Supreme Court decision (R. v. Quon) found that it did not apply to common crimes such as armed robbery.

1968-1969 ♣ The categories of 'firearm,' 'restricted weapon' and 'prohibited weapon' were created for the first time. This ended confusion over specific types of weapons and allowed the creation of specific legislative controls for each of the new categories. The new definitions included powers to designate weapons to be prohibited or restricted by Order-in-Council. The minimum age to get a minor's permit to possess firearms was increased to 16. For the first time, police had preventive powers to search for firearms and seize them if they had a warrant from a judge, and if they had reasonable grounds to believe that possession endangered the safety of the owner or any other person, even though no offence had been committed. The current registration system, requiring a separate registration certificate for each restricted weapon, took effect in 1969.

1976 ♣ Bill C-83 was introduced. Its proposals included: new offences and stricter penalties for the criminal misuse of firearms; and the prohibition of fully automatic firearms. It also proposed a licensing system requiring anyone aged 18 or older to get a licence to acquire or possess firearms or ammunition. (Those under 18 were eligible only for minors' permits.) The licensing provisions were based on the concept that people should have to show fitness and responsibility before being allowed to use firearms. To this end, Bill-83 would have required licence applicants to include statements from two persons who were willing to guarantee the applicant's fitness. The Bill died on the Order Paper in July 1976.

1977 ♣ Bill C-51 passed in the House of Commons. It then received Senate approval and Royal Assent on August 5. The two biggest changes included requirements for Firearms Acquisition Certificates (FACs) and requirements for Firearms and Ammunition Business Permits. Other changes included provisions dealing with new offences, search and seizure powers, increased penalties, and new definitions for prohibited and restricted weapons. Fully automatic weapons became classified as prohibited firearms unless they had been registered as restricted weapons before January 1.

1978 ♣ Individuals could no longer carry a restricted weapon to protect property. Manda-

tory minimum sentences were reintroduced. This time, they were in the form of a 1-14 year consecutive sentence for the actual use (not mere possession) of a firearm to commit an indictable offence.

1978 ♣ All of the provisions contained in Bill C-51 came into force, except for the requirements for FACs and for Firearms and Ammunition Business Permits.

1979 ♣ The requirements for FACs and Firearms and Ammunition Business Permits came into force. Both involved the screening of applicants and record-keeping systems. Provinces were given the option of requiring FAC applicants to take a firearm safety course.

1990 ♣ Bill C-80 was introduced but died on the Order Paper. (Many of the proposals contained in Bill C-80 were later included in Bill C-17.) Among the major changes proposed by Bill C-80 were: the prohibition of automatic firearms that had been converted to semi-automatics to avoid the 1978 prohibition; the creation of new controls for other types of military or para-military firearms; and better screening of FAC applicants.

1991-1994 ♣ Bill C-17 was introduced. It passed in the House of Commons on November 7, received Senate approval and Royal Assent on December 5, 1991, then came into force between 1992 and 1994. Changes to the FAC system included requiring applicants to provide a photograph and two references; imposing a mandatory 28-day waiting period for an FAC; a mandatory requirement for safety training; and expanding the application form to provide more background information. Bill C-17 also required a more detailed screening check of FAC applicants.

Some other major changes included:

- increased penalties for firearm-related crimes; new Criminal Code offences;
- new definitions for prohibited and restricted weapons;
- new regulations for firearms dealers; clearly defined regulations for the safe storage, handling and transportation of firearms;
- and a requirement that firearm regulations be drafted for review by Parliamentary committee before being made by Governor-in-Council.

A major focus of the new legislation was the need for controls on military, para-military and high-firepower guns. New controls in this area included the prohibition of large-capacity cartridge magazines for automatic and semi-automatic firearms, the prohibition of automatic firearms that had been converted to avoid the 1978 prohibition (existing owners were exempted); and a series of Orders-in-Council prohibiting or restricting most para-military rifles and some types of non-sporting ammunition.

The Bill C-17 requirement for FAC applicants to show knowledge of the safe handling of firearms came into force in 1994. To demonstrate knowledge, applicants had to pass the test for a firearms safety course approved by a provincial Attorney General, or



A very smooth conversion done by an accomplished craftsman, this weapon is nonetheless very illegal. The stock and barrel have been altered, producing a very fancy pistol from what was originally a fine rifle. (Courtesy of IATF.)

Attaching flashlights to guns is hardly news, but incorporating a firearm into a flashlight really is rare. This heavy-duty lethal light housed two .38 Special rounds and was named "Protecto Lite." It was commercially produced but ran afoul of federal laws and was discontinued. (Courtesy of David H. Fink.)



a firearms officer had to certify that the applicant was competent in handling firearms safely. Bill C-17 added a requirement that safety courses had to cover firearms laws as well as safety issues.

After the 1993 federal election, the new Government indicated its intention to proceed with further controls, including some form of licensing and registration system that would apply to all firearms and their owners. Provincial and federal officials met several times between January and July to define issues relating to universal licensing and registration proposals.

Between August 1994 and February 1995, policy options were defined for a new firearms control scheme, and new legislation was drafted.

1995 ♣ Bill C-68 was introduced in February 14. Senate approval and Royal Assent were granted on December 5, 1995. Major changes include:

- Criminal Code amendments providing harsher penalties for certain serious crimes where firearms are used for example, kidnap-

ping, murder;

- the creation of the Firearms Act, to take the administrative and regulatory aspects of the licensing and registration system out of the Criminal Code;
- a new licensing system to replace the FAC system; licences required to possess and acquire firearms, and to buy ammunition;
- registration of all firearms, including shotguns and rifles.

1996 ♣ The provisions requiring mandatory minimum sentences for serious firearms crimes came into effect in January. The Canadian Firearms Centre (CFC) was given the task to develop the regulations, systems and infrastructure needed to implement the Firearms Act. CFC officials consulted extensively with the provinces and territories, and with groups and individuals with an interest in firearms, to ensure that the regulations reflected their needs as much as possible.

The Minister of Justice tabled proposed regulations on November 27. These dealt with such matters as:

- all fees payable under the Firearms Act;
- licensing requirements for firearms owners;
- safe storage, display and transportation requirements for individuals and businesses;
- authorizations to transport restricted or prohibited firearms;
- authorizations to carry restricted firearms and prohibited handguns for limited purposes;
- authorizations for businesses to import or export firearms;
- conditions for transferring firearms from one owner to another;
- record-keeping requirements for businesses;
- adaptations for Aboriginal people.

1997 ♣ In January and February, public hearings on the proposed regulations were held by the House of Commons Sub-Committee on the Draft Regulations on Firearms, of the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs, and by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee. Based on the presentations that were made, a number of recommendations were made for improvements to the regulations. These recommendations were to clarify various provisions and to give more recognition to legitimate needs of firearms users. The

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Committee also recommended that the government develop a variety of communications programs to provide information on the new law to groups and individuals with an interest in firearms.

In April, the Minister of Justice tabled the government's response, accepting all but one of the Committee's 39 recommendations. The government rejected a recommendation for an additional procedure in the licence approval process.

In October, the Minister of Justice tabled some amendments to the 1996 regulations. She also tabled additional regulations at that time, dealing with:

- firearms registration certificates
- exportation and importation of firearms
- the operation of shooting clubs and shooting ranges
- gun shows special authority to possess, and
- public agents

For information on the new Firearms Act and regulations, call the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or refer to their Web site <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>.

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Application forms for the Possession and Acquisition Licence will be available at convenient public places, such as post offices, and through the CFCs 1-800 line (see below). In most cases, the licence application will be sent to a central processing site where a public safety check, based on police and court order data, will be done to identify applicants who may pose a risk to themselves or others. If any concerns are raised, your Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) will be asked to look into the matter further. If an applicant is refused a licence, they will have the right to appeal. Once you have the proper licence, show it to the retail clerk in order to buy the firearm. During the transaction, the clerk will call the toll free 1-800 line. An operator will confirm the identity of the re-

tail business, your identity, and the identity of the firearm you wish to buy. The operator then will ask the retail clerk for the Firearm Identification Number (FIN) assigned to the specific firearm being sold. After all checks are completed, the transaction may take place. The operator will provide a confirmation number for the firearm until the registration certificate arrives at your house in the mail. It will cost the buyer \$25 for the transfer of the registration from the retail business to him/herself. You may take your non-restricted firearm home immediately. (Please note: provincial/territorial policies may also apply).

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New Brunswick business community starts innovative child watch program

by Blair McQuillan



When the screams of a terrified mother broke through the hum of daily activity on the main street of Shediac, N.B., during the summer of 1995, Gabrielle LeBlanc was quick to respond.

"One patron came in and when she opened the door we heard these shrieks," said LeBlanc, a librarian at the town's public library. "We went outside to see what was going on and we found out she was looking for a little girl."

In an effort to help the mother find her missing daughter, LeBlanc formed a search party using the students she had hired for the summer.

"I ordered each to go to the mall and to the Co-op to look around to see if there was a little girl anywhere," LeBlanc said. "I also got one of the girls to call the police."

When the police were notified, they told LeBlanc that the girl had been brought into the station and that they had dispatched an officer to find the mother.

"So we were looking frantically for (the daughter) and during that time there was a police officer frantically searching for the mother," LeBlanc said.

While the incident ended happily, LeBlanc couldn't help feeling that a co-ordinated search effort between the police and local businesses would have been more effective. After doing



LeBlanc

some research into the matter and enlisting the help of Constables Brian Gould and Mike Gaudet, the trio formed the Business Community Child Watch program.

Launched in May 1996, Business Community Child Watch is a crime prevention program that helps locate lost or abducted children through a network of local merchants.

"The program is initiated by the police when information of a lost or abducted child is received," said Gaudet, a Business Community Child Watch co-ordinator. "The information given to police is then relayed by phone to five main businesses in the town, who in turn contact other participating merchants."

The object of the phone network is to reach as many of the 74 participating businesses as possible.

"Everybody is assigned people to call," LeBlanc said. "If you can't get a hold of one person, you just go to the next one."

Once the phone calls are made, the merchants spring into action.

"You look inside your store, then you look in your parking lot," LeBlanc said. "If you



can't leave your store then you ask someone who's in there if they'll help. If not, close the door for a minute and go."

Because the program has never been used in a real incident, Gaudet has conducted tests to make sure the phone relay system works and the participants are fully aware of their roles.

"We had a practise run in August, which I personally started in the mid-afternoon," Gaudet said. "I didn't even have a child out there. I took bogus information, contacted the main businesses and gave a name and a description of what the child was wearing."

"Within twelve minutes I contacted the library, which is one of our last contacts in the chain, and went over the information. They said it was exactly what I had given (to the first businesses). They also told me they had received the information about five minutes before I called."

While Gaudet was pleased with the time it took to complete the phone relay, he was even happier with the level of enthusiasm.

"We had people who closed their stores," he said. "Some even jumped in their cars and drove around the area looking for kids that matched the description."

But Gaudet said he wasn't surprised by the response the test run received because everyone involved in the program has given it their full support since LeBlanc and the police first proposed the idea to local businesses during a meeting last May.

"We had a breakfast meeting with all of the businesses to launch the program and to let them know what it was all about," Gaudet said. "There were over 47 businesses that showed up for the meeting. It was quite overwhelming that there was that many people who were interested in knowing what it was about."

The initiative was quickly accepted and implemented in the community through the help of Centreville Shediac Downtown Inc., a local business association.

"It went over quite well," Gaudet said. "I was surprised."

After the meeting, a group of volunteers from the business association teamed up with the police in an effort to get the program running.

The first task was to select the five businesses to act as police contacts. Organizers decided on the local Co-op, Petro Canada, the Centreville Mall, Shopper's Drug Mart and Dairy Queen.

"We were looking at the businesses open the earliest and the latest," Gaudet said.

Program co-ordinators also had to introduce tools to ensure the initiative would run smoothly even if new store employees were confronted with a worried parent or crying child. To solve this problem, a standardized form that outlines the program's initial steps was created.

"We gave them a poster that tells them what to do if someone comes in," LeBlanc said. "Their staff can use it as a step-by-step guide."

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Gaudet

The first step in the guideline is to contact the police and get as much information about the missing child as possible. This information is very valuable to everyone involved in the search effort, Gaudet said.

"There's a few minutes in between the time they call police and the time the police respond,"

he said. "That's when they fill out that form. Once the police officer gets to the scene they just have to give that information to the dispatcher. The dispatcher then contacts the five main businesses. It's the same information that's relayed throughout the town."

The second obstacle the co-ordinators faced was recognition. Organizers decided they needed a logo that could be easily recognized by citizens during an emergency. The logo, which depicts two children standing in front of three shops linked by a phone line and receiver, was printed on laminated signs which are displayed in the windows of participating businesses. The cost of printing the signs was covered by the local Dairy Queen.

"They wanted to sponsor the whole thing," Gaudet said. "They paid to get the information out."

While the Dairy Queen supplied the financing, Gaudet and LeBlanc have both worked extensively to promote the program. They have

placed ads in the local newspaper, distributed child watch bookmarks, written letters to keep participating businesses up-to-date on the program's status and promoted the Business Community Child Watch logo to local youths.

"The police have the logo on one of their vans," LeBlanc said. "When they go to the schools and talk about Block Parents and other programs they mention ours too so that the children are aware that the sign means a certain thing."

All of the effort put into implementing and running the program has not gone unnoticed. In November, LeBlanc was given an award of recognition by the New Brunswick Crime Prevention Association at a conference in Dalhousie.

"It was for my involvement in the program," LeBlanc said. "I was so surprised."

But while recognition is nice, LeBlanc is more interested in the rewards the program gives to those who support it.

"It's a way to say you're giving back and that you are a good corporate citizen," she said. "It's a way to show that we're friendly."

Gaudet said the program is a positive initiative for the police as well.

"I think it shows the business community that we want to work with them and we want their input."

For more information about Business Community Child Watch contact Const. Mike Gaudet at (506) 532-7780, or by Fax at (506) 533-3080.

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I read the article on page 18 of the February issue (When policing becomes a commodity - by Dee Kramer). I also read your header in which you announced you hired a professional investigative reporter to keep on top of things. This professional appears to have interviewed several members of the Ontario Provincial Police, but only quoted a press release from the Quinte West Police Service. What ever you paid this reporter it was too much by half, as only half a job was done. The reporter should have interviewed both sides and should avoid any slant or slight to either agency. As editor, you should have caught this before it was printed. We need balanced reporting on the contentious issue of restructuring!

Name withheld by editor
Palmerston, Ontario

Editors Note:

If you are only reading the station's copy, as it would appear to be in this case, you run the risk of learning as much by half, as only half a story was learned. There is only one way that a reader can be guaranteed to get the full picture on these issues and that is to read every issue of Blue Line. We guarantee delivery of every issue to our paid subscribers only.

There are several important issues that should be addressed by this letter for the benefit of our readers. The first is that Blue Line Magazine never will be designed for the occasional reader. If you are serious about your job then you will be serious about what we produce in every issue. For our readers who agree with this philosophy they have found that "the other side" of the story was talked about at length by our writer in the November, December and January issues.

Blue Line Magazine quickly identified the storm clouds gathering on this point several years ago and wrote about the "tax revolt"

staged by the Town of Warton who were tired of paying for policing services that were given free to the surrounding townships. They held back payments to the Province for over two years to bring the inequities to the attention of the province. Blue Line also covered numerous stories and venues regarding the subsequent restructuring meetings that addressed the same issues. In fact at one announced press release I was the only reporter to show up and at another was one of only three. It was not a big issue for the mass media but it sure was to us.

Our biggest problem was trying to get the cooperation of the Ontario Solicitor General's office to keep us posted on changes. (They don't even send us press releases they send out to the Toronto Star - and they have been long recognized as a negative publication toward policing issues.)

Blue Line has a mandate to inform those involved in law enforcement, at all levels across this country, about the issues of concern to them. Due to our difficulty in getting information out of the Ontario Government we decided we had to take on the services of a writer who could dedicate time to look at these issues. In this instance the reporter's mandate was to write about all sides of the issue in six monthly articles - not in one shallow homogenized story. We think she has done an admirable job given the sensitivity and complexity of the issues involved.

Your articles are always insightful, and from our perspective - the correct mix of both police management and police association's varying viewpoints. All parties concur the one common denominator being crime reduction and prevention.

It is with pleasure I append a copy of a letter received from the incumbent Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, The Honourable Stan Keyes, relating his then having read Blue Line's April 1996 edition, congratulating Federal Railway policing. Upon meeting with him, your news article was helpful in conveying our mandate.

In addition to lobbying and expressing CN/CP Police viability, the fact we still exist as an agency today is a compliment in part to your support. On behalf of our officers, please accept this as recognition of a job well done!

Peter DeLong
National Vice President
Canadian Pacific Railways Police Association

Thank you for your recent letter and the enclosed copy of the April 1996 issue of Blue Line Magazine.

As you know, I have always taken a great interest in your concerns and the issues relating to public safety. Please be assured that I will continue to support the initiatives of the Canadian Pacific Police Association and that

I will always take the time to meet with their representatives.

The government's policy on the appointment of railway constables is covered in the Canada Transport Act. This legislation does not alter any of the policy principles for railway policing which have been in place for many decades. However, it did simplify the language that formerly appeared in the provisions of the Railway Act.

From a railway operation's perspective, and as you have rightly pointed out, the largest threat to safety occurs in the area of trespassing fatalities, injuries and vandalism. Police officers are empowered under the Railway Safety Act to prosecute anyone found on railway property without proper authorization.

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I continue to support the necessity of both federally regulated railways to maintain a viable, fully trained, sworn, armed railway police in the interests of public safety. Thank you for your continued interest in my efforts of ensuring that Canadians continue to enjoy safe communities for generations to come.

Stan Keyes, M.P. Hamilton West

I am a Sergeant in the South Africa Police. I have almost 8 years service and I am still enjoying every minute of it. I'd like to communicate with other police officers from different countries.

My hobbies are writing to pen-pals, fishing, camping, nature, collecting the following:- stamps, police badges, police rank signs, police magazines and other interesting items.

Please could you give my address to other policemen and women who also love to write to pen-pals.

I hope I can get the chance to read some police magazines from Canada and U.S.A. I also have the latest police magazines to send to pen-pals.

Greetings from a police officer.

Sgt. M.G. Theunissen,
P.O. Box 5407, Kanakop,
Middleburg, (MP) 1050 South Africa

Just a brief note regarding your Response Trade Show. Three of us from the OPP Central Region CPIC unit (Orillia) attended your trade show last year and found it to be very interesting and certainly worth our time to attend. You will find enclosed our registrations for Response 98.

Charlie Stewart
Orillia, Ontario

Study released on BC firearm use

by Sue Pritzker



In fifteen years there have been less than 60 separate incidents where a municipal police officer in British Columbia has discharged a firearm. In addition there have been less than 15 shooting incidents which resulted in a substantial wound to a suspect.

Parent

Richard Parent, an 18-year member of the Delta Police Department, has recently released a doctorate study on the use of deadly force by municipal police officers in B.C. Parent has been seconded as an instructor at the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

Parent's study examined the actions of twenty-five police officers. Each of these officers had been confronted with a lethal threat.

It is interesting to note that in several instances the police have been unintentional victims of their own weapons. The vast majority of these incidents have resulted in minor woundings, but they none the less underscore the possibility for more serious injuries.

One of the more frequent injuries appears to be caused when the officers attempt to "shoot out" a suspect's tires. Often the bullet ricochets and metal fragments abound. Shooting out a tire can be a precarious and danger-



ous event.

In the fifteen year period only three officers were fatally shot. Throughout Canada only ten officers had been shot in a five year period, as compared to the states, where 98 police deaths were reported in 1993 alone.

Most of the assailants have been recently charged with a serious crime of murder, attempted murder, drug trafficking, robbery or aggravated assault. In addition to the charge of a serious criminal offence, the significant consumption of alcohol or drugs by the deceased suspect is believed to be present in over half of

those cases involving police use of deadly force.

There seems to be some indication of a pattern of mental illness as well. In one third of the encounters the deceased has had a recorded history of mental illness, usually schizophrenia.

Of the officers who had used deadly force 43% stated that they were protecting their partner's life. The remaining officers were either protecting an innocent bystander or themselves.

One of the significant findings of the study is the frequency of injuries that have occurred to police personnel as a result of discharging their firearm during the apprehension of a suspect. Often these injuries could have been avoided had the officer used other tactics, rather than discharging their firearm.

Richard B. Parent is seeking to make contact with other agencies and officers who have been involved in fatal shooting incidents. He wishes to pursue the study of police shootings in further detail including more investigations from across Canada, and other nations.

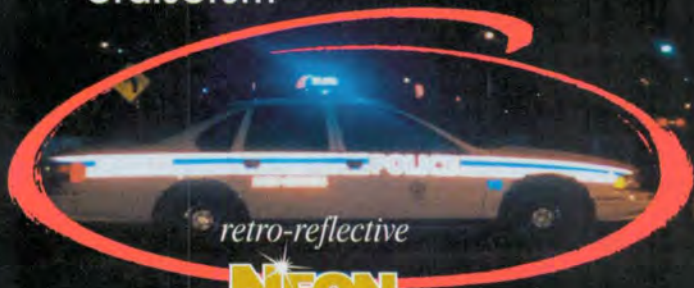
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WILD PIGS - COPS... Not Outlaws!

Response by Ontario Wild Pigs Chapter

The article entitled "Police Motorcycle Gangs - Are they righteous outlaws" published in the February, 1998 issue of Blue Line piqued the interest of the Ontario chapter of the Wild Pigs. The author attempted to compare the Wild Pigs and other police clubs to known Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in both lifestyle and activity. This comparison is absurd. The Wild Pigs past, present, and future will never support any facet of any outlaw motorcycle gang as was inferred by the writer and other investigators. Members of the Wild Pigs are the police. The outlaws are criminals. It is the sworn duty of the police, including Wild Pigs members, to pursue and prosecute these criminals.

This collaborative response is submitted by the membership of the Ontario Wild Pigs with the intent of clarifying the misconceptions, unsubstantiated allegations, exaggerated claims, rumours and outright fabrication made by numerous 'experts'.

The Wild Pigs Motorcycle Club (WPMC) was founded in 1987 by several officers in the San Jose, California area. Since then, the club has grown close to 50 chapters across the United States and Canada with total membership just over 700. The common goals and desires shared by all members of the Wild Pigs are to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow officers who love to ride motorcycles, and to reciprocate the support our communities show us as officers.

WPMC and Chapter events, like those sponsored and attended by other law enforcement clubs such as the Blue Knights and the Canadian Motorcycle Championships, are intended to promote safe activities such as group touring, on-track racing, charitable functions and the promotion of public safety. Any activity the WPMC participates in is intended to appeal to the membership as a whole.

While most motorcycle clubs do not restrict their members to one specific type of motorcycle, the WPMC is designed to generate an increased level of enthusiasm for North American-made motorcycles. Currently the only significant manufacturer is Harley Davidson Motorcycles, with several small companies manufacturing Harley clones. This restriction is not unfamiliar to motorcycle groups as demonstrated by the Goldwing Touring Association, The Norton Club, The BSA America Club, and the Vintage Motorcycle Association.

Since its first inception the WPMC has, as have other police motorcycle clubs, come under close scrutiny and become the victim of much slander and innuendo. This article will outline the outcome of our investigations into much of the negative publicity circulated specifically about the Wild Pigs.

Perhaps the most heinous allegation has been that a Yuma, Arizona police officer, a supposed member of the Wild Pigs, killed one officer and wounded a second after being caught rifling an evidence locker by his ex-partner. The accused officer was never a member of the Wild Pigs. Proper investigation of this incident revealed the allegation was false, and that it had actually been retracted by intelligence sources. An unrestricted memo forwarded to the Criminal Intelligence Service of



Ontario on August 20, 1996, stated that "The accused was initially identified as being a member of the Wild Pigs Motorcycle Club. Further examination of the incident indicates that while the occurrence is accurate, the accused officer was not a Wild Pig member." (cite Intelligence Memo, CISO Classification No. 96-20-J, 20/08/96).

The next allegation was that Wild Pigs members were charged with obstructing justice in Connecticut by destroying evidence in an investigation of the Diablos motorcycle gang in a 1995 Massachusetts police investigation. Meriden, Connecticut investigators, in conversation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Springfield, Massachusetts Federal Prosecutors, were informed "that (the officer) was not a target in the investigation, has not been charged, and will not be charged." (cite Internal Affairs memo, Meriden Connecticut Police, November 26, 1996).

One more allegation stated that the Wild Pigs were accused of providing members of the Hells Angels an alternate route around a police roadblock in New York State. The origin of this story is unknown. The Wild Pigs have confirmed that to their knowledge no such incident ever took place nor have any charges ever been levelled in connection with any such incident.

"Members of the Wild Pigs were photographed arm in arm with members of the Hells Angels and the photographs published in the Dec. 93 issue of a national magazine *Outlaw Biker*." This assertion is true but left in isolation

is misleading. One member of the Wild Pigs was photographed with his cousin who happened to be a member of the Hells Angels. The Wild Pig member was subsequently thrown out of the club and barred for life. Likewise, his chapter was thrown out of the organization. Why? Because the organization does not condone the type of conduct of which they are accused by investigators.

Another misleading report is the demotion of the founder of the Wild Pigs after he contacted and helped arrange bail for a member of the Hells Angels in California. The club has no formal confirmation of this incident in particular, and we are unable to confirm with the member in question. This is because the member in question, who thought of himself as the founder of the Wild Pigs, was dismissed from the organization some years ago but not due to this specific incident. The organization does not now, nor has it ever, condoned such action or conduct.

The author of the article in Blue Line's February issue submits that members of the Wild Pigs may, in the name of the 'outlaw brotherhood', be passing information on to other outlaw motorcycle gangs. This question is ludicrous and without foundation. No member of the Wild Pigs will ever consider themselves a member of any 'outlaw brotherhood', pass any sort of information to outlaw motorcycle gangs or involve themselves with any outlaw motorcycle gang except in the execution of their sworn duties (and we all know what that means!)

The implied association between the Wild Pigs and outlaw motorcycle gangs is preposterous. There is no association between the two, unless you consider handcuffing and transporting 'associating'. Outlaw motorcycle gangs are not welcome at any Wild Pig event. The Wild Pigs will never support any outlaw motorcycle gang event. The challenge is out there for anyone to prove this as not so.

An allegation that the Wild Pigs attended a bar for the purpose of informing members of the Pagans to back off from the Hells Angels has been mentioned. This allegation is upsetting to say the least, and should it ever be confirmed, the Wild Pigs will take immediate affirmative action against the involved members to the extent of expulsion and lifetime ban from the club.

In response to membership requirements of the Wild Pigs, specifically the sponsorship and probationary period of new members, the Wild Pigs stand behind the belief that new members should be observed to ensure their behaviour and conduct is exemplary and honourable, and to ensure the integrity and expected high standards of the organization are maintained.

No organizations, even the Police Services of Canada, are free from individuals who, by virtue of their own misconduct, tarnish and bring into disrepute, the image of their respective organization. To have an entire organization or service 'judged' by the actions of an

individual is completely unrealistic.

No member of the Ontario Wild Pigs is a law-breaker or sympathetic to criminals. Ontario Wild Pigs members serve to uphold the laws of Canada. Police officers are not stupid. If there was any evidence of criminal activity at any of the Wild Pigs functions that the Ontario members have been attending since 1994, it most surely would have been noted in some form.

The Governor of the state of Louisiana is a Wild Pig. He is not a criminal or criminally sympathetic. Members of the U.S. Secret Service, who directly guard the President and Vice-President of the United States, are Wild Pigs. They are not criminals or criminally sympathetic. If there was only 1% (and this pun is intended) of doubt in any of the Ontario member's minds as to the ethics and/or true nature and business of the club, the Ontario chapter would never have been formed by the current membership.

There are currently nine active members of the Ontario Wild Pigs. Seven are active, serving law enforcement officers with exemplary service records. The two associate members have no criminal records, and are non-criminal in their views and lifestyle.

The Wild Pigs as a whole and the Ontario chapter in particular, pose no threat to public safety, order, health, morals, or the rights and freedoms of others. The members of the Ontario Wild Pigs, by virtue of their positions within the law enforcement community, will not violate the rights and freedoms of any other person.

The Wild Pigs and the Ontario chapter are dedicated to returning to the community that support which its members receive during the course of their duties. The Wild Pigs is a law enforcement officer's motorcycle club that has expectations just as high as its member's respective law enforcement organizations. There are no criminals within the organization, nor is the organization sympathetic to criminal causes. Any member who is found to be sympathetic to such causes will be promptly removed from the club. Many long hours of conversation, debate, and argument were spent when the first allegations were brought to light. It would have been too easy to roll over and quit without ever experiencing the pride that accompanies the camaraderie at Wild Pigs events. It was with great disappointment, accompanied by a touch of anger, that the Ontario Wild Pigs heard the rumours and allegations as to what type of people they were thought to be, and the type of people they were allegedly associating with.

We hope this serves as a testimonial as to how strongly the Ontario Wild Pigs feel with regard to the club. The Ontario Wild Pigs knew it was going to be an uphill battle to convince fellow co-workers of the real nature of the club, shrug off the "friendly" advice of superiors, and were aware of the labels that would be applied to them when the vote was first taken to form the chapter. The Ontario Wild Pigs are not a bunch of 'righteous outlaws' as was suggested in the Blue Line article. They are a group of hard-working, ethically upstanding, dedicated, honest individuals who, in addition to the brotherhood of police, also share another common bond - the enjoyment of motorcycling.

The Wild Pigs Motorcycle Club is divided into two sections, east and west of the Mississippi River. The following are the names of the executive branch of the East section of which the Wild Pigs Ontario Chapter is a member;

President - Ed Spinelli, New Jersey; V. President - Mike Mitchell, Maine; V. President - Pat Hart, Georgia; Secretary - Michael Wolf, Illinois; Treasurer - Les Goldstein, New Jersey; Sgt. at Arms - Jack Buchanan, Massachusetts.

All of above are active members of police departments in their respective States.

Should any person or department desire more information on the Ontario Wild Pigs or the entire Wild Pigs organization, please contact the Ontario Wild Pigs either by post or e-mail: Wild Pigs Ontario 413-2325 Hurontario Street Building 5 Mississauga, Ontario L5A 4K4 or tonto@wildpigs.com.

For further information about chapters and membership contact Mike Blazer at 312-407-7300 or Fax 312-407-7101 or write him at 200 West Adams St., Ste. 2220, Chicago IL 60606. (When asked about the American flag on the Ontario patch he would only state "We're working on that real hard.")

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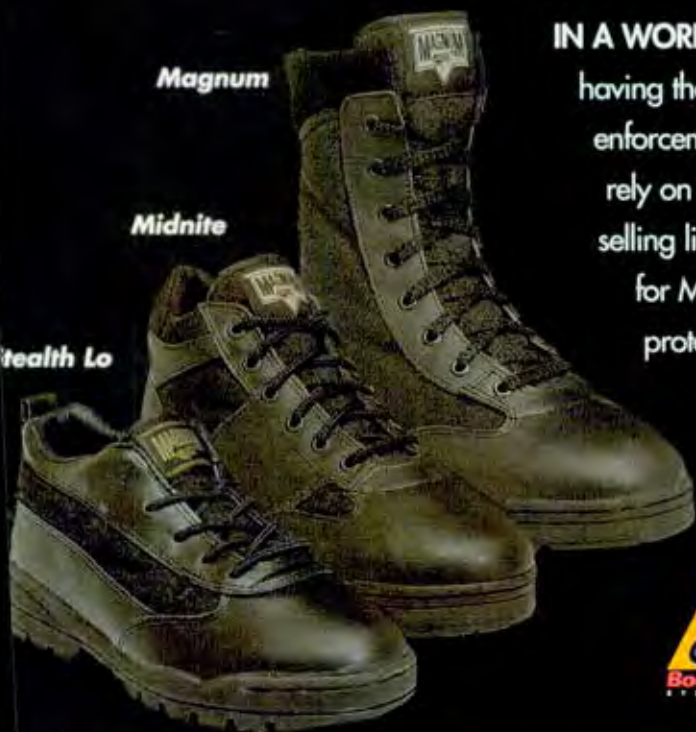
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by Peter Ryan

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A unique aspect of the course was the candidates involved were not all patrol officers. There were also instructors from police training centres, inspectors and a private armoured carrier company representative. The philosophy of the Department of Justice is that the training is open to agencies whose personnel may be required to use force to safeguard themselves and/or the public.

Representatives at the most recent course, held in Halifax between the 5th and 16th of January 1998, included candidates from various RCMP detachments, Municipal Police Services, Military Police, Corps of Commissioners, N.S. Department of Fisheries, independent armoured car carriers, as well as two instructors from the RCMP training Academy in Regina.

The course consisted of an intensive twelve days involving lectures, practical, judgmental and simulation exercises. Each candidate was required to pass written and practical exams as well as an effective presentation component to ensure they would be able to instruct the material to others.

The instructors on the course were Robert Barss, Roy Kennedy and Denis Kelly, all former police officers with extensive backgrounds in training and officer safety. As well, there was a guest instructor, Sgt. Mike Bruin of the New York Police Department who was able to relate personal accounts on how some concepts and techniques kept him from getting seriously hurt or killed while working the streets of New York City.

From a practical point of view this course was viewed by all attendees as one of the most complete, comprehensive and applicable courses they had seen. The curriculum was extremely well put together and encompassed many topics related to officer safety. As the course progressed the content from each of the topics was woven together to reinforce the attendees knowledge base.

Academic

During the first two days of the course there were lectures involving the policies specific to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice governing use of force along with the relevant Criminal Code Sections.

The introductory sessions then flowed into a topic entitled "Legal Articulation." This was viewed as one of the most beneficial lectures of the course. It provided information and examples for officers on how to document and verbal-



ize the use of force. Many times police officers know their actions were appropriate but they lacked the training to articulate sufficiently the level and use of force chosen. This ability to articulate and justify your actions is a must in today's policing environment of accountability.

Subsequent topics delved into the psyche of cop killers and focused on American and Canadian statistics. Accompanying this topic were the seven tactical principals of officer safety: Cover, Threat Cues, Time/Distance Ratio, One + One Rule, Verbalization, De-escalation and the "Win Mentality". These principals would be repeated and further emphasized throughout the remainder of the course's exercises. Other topics included verbal/non-verbal communication, domestic circumstances and barricaded persons.

Judgmental Training

This segment involved the use of a Firearms Training Simulator. Candidates first had to run through simulation exercises attempting to employ the seven tactical principals then articulate their actions to justify the level of force chosen. Once this was accomplished the candidates then acted as coaches to one another. At the conclusion of this portion all candidates were certified in using the F.A.T.S. system as instructors.

Defensive Tactics

The Defensive Tactics portion was a series of practical concepts and techniques for controlling aggressive behaviour. This included open and closed-hand blocks and strikes, edged weapon defences, the use of batons, disarming techniques and weapon retention.

The final topic in this session was ground fighting. For most police officers the thought of being on the ground and having to defend oneself is frightening to say the least. The concepts and techniques taught by Sgt. Bruin instilled a high degree of confidence in being able to fend off and disable attackers from the ground.

The culmination of these sessions was the use of the techniques at almost full force defending oneself both standing and on the ground, from an attacker in a "FIST" protection suit. The point stressed through out this portion of the course was that concepts taught were as important as the mastery of a set technique.

Simulation and Tactical Exercises

These exercises were the culmination of the material taught throughout the course. It involved known and unknown risk vehicle stops, building approaches and clearing and barricaded hostage situations. Throughout these exercises Simulation was utilized in an attempt to make it as realistic as possible. The individual officer's performance, as well as the group's was



observed carefully by the instructors. A debriefing session followed which critiqued the results in reference to the tactics taught.

Effective Presentation

A unique and most useful portion of this course was a brief overview of basic teaching principles and the organizing of lesson plans taught. Each candidate had to prepare two lessons, one lecture and one practical using any material covered in the course. The candidate then had to teach these lessons to a syndicate group while being evaluated by a course instructor. The course instructor then provided feedback on the lesson plan, manner of presentation and overall ability to instruct.

One of the greatest attributes of this course was the inter-agency training approach. Representatives from the different agencies brought a wealth of knowledge and experience which were shared and in some instances incorporated directly into the course.

Each candidate received a file box full of resource material covering each of the topics in the course. One of the strengths of the course involves motivation. The instructors instilled into each candidate a sense of determination toward acquiring officer safety skills for themselves and a strong will to pass the knowledge on to others.

The Nova Scotia Officer Safety Instructor's Course is extremely well put together in content, structure and applicability.

by Roy Kennedy
Police & Public Safety Services Consultant



A brief history of this provincial program would date back to 1988/89. At that time, the Nova Scotia Police Commission became interested in the various training courses and technology being offered around the nation by a private training/consultation company. Members of this company, Atlantic Law Enforcement Education Consultants Ltd., (ALEC) were recognized instructors of various police-related disciplines.

The Nova Scotia Police Commission contracted ALEC Ltd. to provide force continuum training to all municipal police officers across Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia was the first province to develop and institutionalize a provincial use-of-force model and, subsequently, train all municipal officers across the province to the model's standards.

Around 1990/91, the Nova Scotia Police Commission was reassigned and the Nova Scotia Solicitor General's Office contracted ALEC Ltd. to develop a group of Nova Scotia municipal police to the instructor level. These instructors after being trained, monitored, and graded would then continue the training of the municipal agencies. At this time the Canadian Military Police, who had previous training from

ALEC Ltd., became interested in this program.

Instructor-level programs were then delivered at several military bases across the province to selected municipal and military police members. Once this phase of the training was completed, ALEC Ltd. was no longer required and the provincial/military instructors jointly delivered the courses to mixed groups. The province would now be responsible for purchasing equipment and training/upgrading the instructors.

In 1994, the program was revamped through the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. By this time, many agencies in the law enforcement community, both locally and nationally, were expressing interest and actively seeking involvement in the provincial program. Program attendees have included members from Nova Scotia Municipal and Military Police as well as local RCMP, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Canadian Police College, Peel Regional, RCMP Regina, Ports Canada, Canada Customs, Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (airport security), Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries, and Independent Armoured Car.

The curriculum includes advanced tactical theory; justifiable use of force as it relates to the Criminal Code of Canada and the Nova Scotia Police Act; intensive judgmental certification training with FATS simulators; appropriate control tactics/countermeasures; dynamic simulation consequence training with Simunitions FX Cartridges which includes vehicle stops and building search/room clear-

ing; as well as an effective presentations course involving the covered components. Various training courses are delivered each year to all participating agencies. These programs are mandatory training for the appropriate provincial organizations.

The judgement component of the Nova Scotia program, as it relates to the FATS simulator, is recognized and used around the world. This internationally accepted program was developed in Nova Scotia, where nearly 100 scenarios used on the FATS system were also developed.

Within the boundaries of Nova Scotia there are four FATS simulators. Two of these systems belong to the Department of Justice, Police and Public Safety Division; and they are in constant use around the province. One system is owned by the Military Police and the other is owned by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. There is a fifth FATS system which is shared by the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick detachments of the RCMP.

Multi-agency cooperation is the cornerstone of this worthwhile officer safety training program. Over the years, participant feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. It should be the norm that the professional, gun-carrying members of our communities are subject to a province wide Use of Force Standard.

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Where will the chips fall when the dust has settled?

This is the last in this series of columns on Ontario policing, and as a wrap up, Blue Line spoke with a number of key people in Ontario policing asking them what they saw as the future of policing in the province.

by Dee Kramer

Probably one of the most important changes is the end of the monopoly that police have on crime and security needs, and the rise of the era of competitive policing. "The mystique of policing is no longer such a barrier," says Susan Eng, former chair of the Toronto Police Services Board. "The population is less reticent to ask questions. People now feel that their opinion is as important as the police chief's, and if they do not feel that their needs are being met, they could go to private policing as an alternative."

"The private sector can easily handle the alternative response calls," says Morley Lymburner, publisher of Blue Line. As an example, alternative response calls make up over 60 percent of the calls that come into 51 Division in Toronto, and if these were contracted out, the definition of policing would change. "Private policing could be doing parking enforcement, court security, staffing the front-desk, doing radar and stopping speeders, and following up on stolen wallets. They could also be baby-sitting the jails in police stations."

The definition of who is included within the police bargaining unit would likewise have to broaden. "Every municipality is now negotiating piece-meal," says Lymburner. "We should be bargaining with the Solicitor General as one professional provincial group - like



the nurses do."

Core policing tasks are being identified and isolated, and this may evolve into the idea of "boutique policing" - where there will be greater specialization cooperation between forces, and smaller, non full-service forces will dominate the community patrol function. The larger forces will specialize in core tasks such as emergency response, tactical response, sexual assault, fraud investigation, accident reconstruction or crime analysis, and contract out their specialist teams to neighbouring smaller forces. "Everybody will do what they do best," says Lymburner. "But each police force will keep doing community policing, minor detection, patrol functions, and provide a local presence for citizens to identify with." The end result of this specialization could be greater

efficiency and a "lot more empty police admin buildings," he notes.

There also needs to be a rethinking of the internal structure. "There are too many layers of authority," says Robert Lunney, retired Chief of Peel Regional Police. "There are too many people who can say 'No,' and no one who can say 'Yes'." The para-military organizational structure is holding back innovation and effectiveness. Work force equity and diversity has to come in, arbitrary discipline has to go out, and police services need to define and justify their outcomes in the same way as businesses do.

"The organizations need to become more challenging and fulfilling," says Keith Taylor, Principal in Perivale and Taylor Consulting, a company that consults to police forces around the world on organizational management. "This is a transitions stage. Police organizations are changing and people are in a state of flux and have to change their mindset. They have to make decisions for themselves. Recruits are now of a higher quality and want to be more involved in decisions. They are now demanding empowerment."

Not everyone agrees that the concept of "empowerment" has been such a good thing for police. Many officers find so much responsibility threatening and just want to be told what to do, says Lunney. "The diffusion of authority needs to be re-examined. 'Empowerment' has gone too far. Well-educated officers want stronger supervision. They don't want all that responsibility if they are held accountable. The first line supervisors are the ones who should be held accountable. Officers should only be held responsible for doing their job well. It is too much for them."

At the top of the organization, there is concern that the Chiefs' hands are being hamstrung by Police Boards who are using their fiscal authority to constrain the budget and restrict what the Chiefs can accomplish. "I believe I enjoy a unique partnership with my Board," says Chief Larry Graville, Chief of the Waterloo Regional Police. But as President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Graville can talk for other chiefs in Ontario. "Other Boards are in conflict. They are in turmoil. The Boards are imposing their will by nailing the chiefs' feet to the floor."

The Chiefs are also concerned about the new Adequacy Standards, says Graville. The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police will be meeting shortly with the Solicitor General to advocate that the new Adequacy Standards should have a minimal number of regulations and a wide latitude for personal initiative. They



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say that the Advocacy Standards could be used to close down small municipal police forces that could easily contract out their more specialized work to larger municipal forces or the OPP.

Another concern is what will be the result after all of the amalgamations. What is the ideal number of police forces to have in Ontario? The end result of the municipal amalgamations could be a number as low as 17 forces. Blue Line has been told, off the record, that the Policy Branch did write the Solicitor General a policy paper to present to Cabinet that mentioned that an extreme option would be to have less than 20 police services in Ontario.

Susan Eng reacted strongly at the idea of so few police forces. "This vision is predicated on failure! You will be left with the big 12 municipal forces, the OPP, and four others! Are those four going to be small hold-outs? Are the OPP going to take over the whole of Ontario except the Golden Horseshoe? The OPP are incapable of providing community policing with local control. That's very worrying!"

In February, the Ontario Crime Control Commission held a conference in Toronto on "Crime Control: International strategies for success." George Kelling, author of "Fixing Broken Windows" was the keynote speaker. In the late 1980's, Kelling developed order-maintenance policies in the New York City subway which ultimately led to dramatic crime reductions.

The other keynote speaker was Harry Shorstein, the State Attorney for Jacksonville, Florida. Under Shorstein's administration, young offenders are tried in adult court and handed one-year sentences for crimes like robbery, assault and car theft. Parents are arrested if children are truant from school. Finishing off his talk, Shorstein said that he thought Canadians were more intelligent and broad-minded about changing the face of policing and that we have the potential for learning from the U.S. experience and addressing future problems. But he then looked around at his audience and noted that he could see only white faces. "There seems to be no minority representation, and this would never happen in the States. You must have [minorities] in positions of authority in law enforcement," he said.

Judge Lauren Marshall, who sat on a panel with Shorstein, agreed with him and said she hoped the Police Commission would soon attract a broader-based participation. The Judge also said that her courts in North York, have practically come to a standstill due to the inefficiencies of the Ontario Centre of Forensic Sciences. She said that she often has to let the guilty walk free because the Prosecution does not have timely access to forensic evidence. They are completely backed up, she says.

For the last two years, Bob Wood, MPP, and co-chair of the Ontario Crime Control Commission has been advocating that the forensic function should be privatized. He knows of a private laboratory that promises to fax or courier forensic results by the next business day. "The Forensic Department can't do their job. It is not a core function of the Solicitor General's Office. Why don't we give the job to someone who can do it?" he asked.

Three Toronto Police Officers attending the conference spoke with Blue Line, and expressed their dismay at Chief Boothby's very public opposition and no-show to the conference. "It certainly looks bad when the Chief of one of Canada's largest police services has such a closed mind to other opinions that he won't show up. It does nothing to instill confidence in innovative policing concepts or future inter-force cooperation."

As a last wrap-up note, Blue Line did hope to get an interview with Tim Millard, the Deputy Solicitor General and Deputy Minister of Correctional Services, for this series. The Deputy Minister received numerous invitations (at least six) since October last year, but each appointment was cancelled or delayed. But I understand that this is the norm for other Blue Line attempts. Let us hope that the reason why he could not spare us a couple of minutes is that he is so occupied with creating a new and better police system for Ontario.

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Government re-invests criminal proceeds into front-line policing



Money seized from Ontario's criminals is now helping to finance front-line law enforcement and police investigations.

On a March 3, 1998 announcement at the Ontario Police Association conference in Toronto, Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services, Robert Runciman stated that "more than \$700,000 recovered from criminals is being used to pay for new equipment, front-line law enforcement and investigations by Ontario police."

The grant money is generated from the sale of criminal assets seized by police during their investigations.

Front-line policing crime prevention grants worth \$430,000 were awarded to seven municipal police services and the Ontario Provincial Police as part of the Ministry's Partners Against Crime strategy to assist in making communities safer.

"Reinvesting in policing is one aspect of our program to crack down on criminals and their activities," said Mr. Runciman. "Improving community safety is a number one priority for this government."

Some examples of how the funding will be used include:

- the purchase of stop sticks and spike belts to reduce the duration at police pursuits and

improve safety for the police and the public;

- "High Enforcement Action Team (HEAT)", will introduce initiatives to combat auto theft and break and enters;
- "Downtown Patrol" to bolster and increase police presence in the downtown core of a community;
- state of the art technology, such as Investigaide software, to reduce the number of residential break and enters; and
- the purchase of laser speed guns, such as the Eagle Radar Units, and sophisticated breathalyser equipment to enhance road safety enforcement and drinking and driving initiatives.

Police services applying for the grants were required to demonstrate that their projects were beyond their current budgets and, if funded, would result in long-term benefits to the community in the fight against crime. This first year grant program targets auto theft, break and enters and provides specialized training for proceeds at crime investigations.

In addition to the front-line policing crime prevention grants, three police services have been awarded proceeds of crime law enforcement grants totalling more than \$313,000 which are intended to support continued investigations into major criminal activity.

"Not only will convicted criminals be unable to profit from their crimes, but they will also find their assets being used to fight crime,"

said Mr. Runciman. "We're giving police help in their fight against organized crime."

The front-line policing crime prevention grants and proceeds of crime law enforcement grants are two of three elements of the Partners Against Crime strategy previously announced by Mr. Runciman. Applications for the third element of the strategy, grants to community groups to allow them to assist in enhancing public safety, are being finalized and will be announced at a later date.

Seven municipal police services are receiving front-line policing crime prevention grants totalling more than \$430,000. They are:
Peel Regional Police Service



Peel Regional Police Service will receive \$28,543 to implement a new Stop Stick Program which will substantially reduce the duration of police pursuits, reduce the incidence of personal injuries and the cost of vehicle and property damages while increasing public safety. Stop sticks puncture the tires of fleeing vehicles and release air from tires in a controlled and safe manner.

Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police



Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police will undertake an initiative to reduce incidence of break and enter and auto theft by dedicating 24 members of the High Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) to crime prevention through selective targeting and enforcement activities. Using grant funding of \$45,240, one element of this initiative involves painting ten presently unmarked cruisers to increase police visibility.

Dryden Police Service



Dryden Police Service will receive \$20,000 to implement a PC Cops Computerized Phone Messaging System to provide vital criminal activity information to Neighbourhood Watch members to alert them to, and assist their communities in preventing crimes.

Pembroke Police Service



Pembroke Police Service will be able to implement a bicycle patrol aimed at improving the safety of children and seniors by patrolling parks, walkways, waterfront areas and other areas where these groups may be particularly vulnerable. The Pembroke Police Service will receive grant funding of \$3,250 to initiate this program.

Hawkesbury Police Service



Hawkesbury Police Service will use grant funding of \$5,200 to acquire the Investigaide Proprietary Software and Computer System to improve community safety, which will help in the reduction of the number of

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residential break and enters and promote early apprehension by preventing these types of crimes before they happen.

Barrie Police Service

Barrie Police Service will undertake a joint water safety initiative with the "Safe Water Committee" using grant funding of \$28,714. The objective of the project is to increase water safety on Kempenfelt Bay through increased enforcement, improved communication and enhanced public education and awareness.

Stratford Police Service

Stratford Police Service will receive grant funding of \$16,000 to implement a new program called Downtown Patrol to increase police presence in the downtown core. The objective of the program is to reduce crime such as vandalism, break and enters, assaults, drug trafficking and drinking driver violations in an effort to promote community safety.

Ontario Provincial Police

The Ontario Provincial Police will also receive funding of \$277,840 for important frontline policing tools such as laser speed guns, called Eagle Radar Units, to enhance road safety; spike belts to reduce the duration and danger of police pursuits; Draeger Roadside Screening

Devices to combat drinking drivers and collision investigation kits to increase the efficiency and precision of police activities in the aftermath of car accidents.

Proceeds of Crime Law Enforcement Grants

Three other police services will receive \$313,000 in Proceeds of Crime Law Enforcement Grants aimed at local crime prevention strategies to address proceeds of crime investigation initiatives.

Provincial Proceeds of Crime Unit

Under the Proceeds of Crime legislation (Bill C-Cl), the assets of drug or other criminal organizations can be seized and forfeited. In December of 1996 the Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services announced funding to expand the Provincial Proceeds of Crime Unit. The Unit ensures that illegally obtained property continues to be returned to its rightful owners and goods or profits obtained as a result of criminal activity are forfeited at the end of successful prosecutions for such offences as drug-dealing, theft, fraud and money laundering.

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Ontario crooks fund purchase of police crime analysis software

Thanks to money seized from Ontario criminals, the Hawkesbury Police Service is about to obtain *InvestigAide's Crime Analysis and Suspect Profiling software*. In view of this new and innovative initiative *Blue Line* asked one of the beneficiary companies to speak on the matter. The following is their submission.

The Ontario Solicitor General's March 3rd press release called *InvestigAide* "state-of-the-art" and stated that Hawkesbury Police Service would use the grant to "acquire *InvestigAide* to improve community safety, which will help in the reduction of the number of residential break and enters and promote early apprehension by preventing these types of crime before they happen."

Sergeant Steven Waite of the Hawkesbury Police Service stated, "We are extremely pleased to receive this grant from the government of Ontario as it will assist us in reducing criminal activities while at the same time allowing us to enhance the level of service we provide the residents of Hawkesbury." While the level of break-ins in Hawkesbury has remained relatively constant over the past few years, they believe that this technology and the business practices that surround it will dramatically improve their ability to analyze crime patterns and link similar cases, thereby resulting in earlier apprehension of suspects.

Sergeant Waite is also excited about the possibility of sharing information on crime trends and patterns with the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service, who is already using the *InvestigAide* system. He is also hopeful that other local police agencies will soon begin using the system so that the police can better track criminals active in other parts of the province.

InvestigAide's software, known as *InvestigAide Residential B&E* and *InvestigAide Commercial B&E*, is currently in use at various sites from coast to coast, including the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service and RCMP detachments in Burnaby and Coquitlam B.C. and Lower Sackville, N.S.

Ottawa-Carleton led the country in 1996 with the greatest reduction in property crime, primarily due to a change in philosophy that saw them begin "targeting" the small number of offenders who commit the vast majority of break-ins. They use the *InvestigAide* system, along with more traditional methods such as informants, Crime Stoppers, and good "old fashioned" police work, to help identify their most likely targets. Burnaby RCMP has also witnessed a dramatic drop in break-ins since acquiring *InvestigAide* and being trained on the "best practices" in use across North America.

"We are delighted with this announcement as it represents a solid endorsement by the Ontario government on the concept of using leading edge technology in the war against crime," said Adam Jasek, the President of both *InvestigAide* Software and AJJA Information Technology Consultants Inc.



RCMP Assistant Commissioner, Cleeve Cooper (right) is congratulated by Adam Jasek and Lance Valcour of *InvestigAide* on the acquisition of "State-of-the-art" automated crime analysis software package.

InvestigAide Begins Work on Auto Theft

At a December 12th, 1997 meeting in Ottawa, *InvestigAide* Software met with various police, insurance and industry representatives to discuss the potential of building a crime analysis and suspect profiling system to combat the serious issue of auto thefts. It was obvious to all in attendance that, with a 79% national increase (according to Statistics Canada) between 1988 and 1996, this is one problem that is not going to go away unless everyone works together.

A/Commissioner Cleve Cooper, Director, RCMP Community Contract and Aboriginal Policing Service, states, "This is an extremely serious community concern. We are excited to take part in these discussions and are committed to working with all the stakeholders in finding creative solutions, including the use of technology, to this national dilemma."

The meeting resulted in an agreement that *InvestigAide* Software would prepare a detailed business plan with a view to bringing together experts from across Canada to assist in developing the "knowledge base" required to build the new product.

This knowledge base is developed through a process called "knowledge engineering." This entails a complex process of working with a broad base of experts, such as investigators, crime analysts, front line officers and industry personnel over a period of approximately seven to fourteen days. This process was first used by the National Research Council, in partnership with the Canadian Police Research Centre (CPRC) and the Ottawa Police Service between 1987 and 1995.

As reported in the October 1996 issue of *Blue Line*, *InvestigAide* Software Inc. was the successful bidder in obtaining the rights to use those processes and the "rules" that resulted in the creation of their first product, *InvestigAide Residential B&E*.

In conjunction with the use of the software, *InvestigAide* provides "best practice" training for all its clients. Some of these best practices

include how to "target" high-risk break and enter offenders, effective use of community volunteers and enhancing the duties of front line officers.

As promised by *InvestigAide* in their submission to the Canadian Police Research Centre, when vying for the rights to the prototype of the residential system, the next step was to build an auto theft system.

InvestigAide has been extremely successful in delivering on its promises for various reasons. One of the most important is because of its commitment to using an iterative or evolutionary approach to developing products. In essence, this approach calls for the taking of small, successful, steps, based upon regular evaluation and feedback. Another way of saying this is to say that they deliver what their users ask for, not what the developer thinks they are asking for.

In addition, the software was built using leading edge "open" technology that is designed to be integrated with all other open police systems.

AJJA Information Technology Consultants

InvestigAide's parent company, AJJA Information Technology Consultants, has twenty years of experience in the information technology field. AJJA, as part of a team led by EDS, recently won a piece of work for the RCMP's CPIC 2001 project. Team EDS CPIC 2001 won the Systems Engineering Office (SEO) initiative, the largest piece of work for this multi-million dollar project. The SEO will concentrate on setting data and technical architecture standards for the new system. The scope and magnitude of the work to be performed is yet to be determined and is highly contingent on further Treasury Board approval.

The team, which also includes Software Kinetics, came together based on the current successful working partnership at the Canadian Firearms Registration System of which AJJA is the primary "builder," using the same technology as used in the *InvestigAide* suite of software. The idea in bidding for the CPIC 2001 contract was to leverage these working arrangements and emphasize each company's previous experience with policing clients.

Buy Software and Generate Revenue?

Through its contacts with the insurance industry, *InvestigAide* has now come to realize that there is a fantastic potential for revenue generation for the agencies using its software. The data currently captured by *InvestigAide* is of great value to the insurance industry. *InvestigAide* is working on methods of electronically sharing this valuable data with insurance companies. In the meantime, they can help police services "market" their product and thereby generate enough revenue to not only pay for the software, but potentially to fund other crime prevention and community policing needs.

On April 21st, 1998 at 1 P.M. *InvestigAide* will be doing a product demonstration of their crime analysis and suspect profiling software at Response 98. For further details call: 613 563-3413 or Fax 613 563-3438.

Flex-o-Lite speed reader monitors speeding for community groups



Flex-O-Lite has been marketing a Speed Reader trailer to the various police markets in Canada for the last year. The concept of the radar equipped unit is to control traffic speed in certain sensitive areas such as subdivisions and school zones. Speeding is dangerous and must be controlled. Police budgets are getting tighter with only so many dollars to go around. Police departments do not have the luxury of having a police radar car stationed at every problem area all day long.

Local service clubs are often pleased to assist their police services in the purchase of such speed control devices. In St. Thomas the Optimist Club purchased the radar unit for use in school zones. According to Cst. Terri Hikele, community service officer for the St. Thomas police, the radar trailers really do have a beneficial effect and greatly help motorists to remember to slow down in school zones.

Radar trailers are available with traffic recording devices that will record both the time and speed of vehicles at specific times. These records will indicate to the police when the speeding offenses are taking place. The records will also help to determine when an actual police unit is needed at a location.

Flex-O-Lite has also been promoting the use of standard traffic safety cones at school crossings. The cones are placed in the middle of the roadway by the senior crossing guards or kept at the school and utilized by the student crossing guards at the time of day when there are many children using the school crossing. A traffic cone placed in the middle of the road serves to alert the driver that something unusual is happening ahead.

This is another example of a community safety program that not only assists the police, but also makes a safer school crossing for children. It is a program in which many service clubs would participate. Flex-O-Lite makes the cones for these programs available at near cost prices as part of their effort to improve safety and make the public aware of traffic dangers.

Asian crime is the focus of Toronto conference

Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO) in cooperation with the Toronto Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, will be hosts to the International Asian Organized Crime Conference (IAOCC) scheduled for May 10 to 15.

This is the 20th annual conference to be held by IAOCC and the Toronto Sheraton Centre has been selected as the venue for this event.

This conference is dedicated to sharing of information and training for police supervisors and investigators from around the globe. It is anticipated that about 1,500 delegates from 25 countries will participate. This internationally recognized conference attracts top level supervisors and investigators from each of the countries participating.

Subjects covered will include such topics as international commodity smuggling, alien smuggling, telecommunications and credit card frauds, insurance scams, major case management as well as international mutual assistance.

"People will be attending to expand their knowledge of the Asian crime culture," says Bob Strathdee, Chair of the 20th annual conference. "Attendees will build on their investigative skills in such diverse areas as homicide, fraud, alien smuggling, hostage taking, extortion and the ever expanding roll of the

Internet in criminal conduct."

Among the highlights of the conference will be a presentation by an expert from Hong Kong who will be reporting on the crime situation one year after the Chinese takeover of that city

state.

Keynote speakers will include G. Robert Blakey, Dean of law at University of Notre Dame. He was an advisor to the US Senate subcommittee on organized crime. He has authored a number of books as well as many papers and studies related to law.

Another speaker will be Wayson Choy. A Canadian born son of Chinese immigrants and now a professor of English at Toronto's Humber College. Choy has won several distinguished awards for writing in both a serious and humorous style. Professor Choy offers a unique understanding of dealing with persons of differing cultures.

This five-day seminar has a full schedule of workshops as well as a 50 booth trade show, spousal program and awards banquet. Persons interested in registering may call 416 504-4500 or Fax 416 504-4505 for further details. Trade show information is available by calling 416 808-6672. You may also access the web site at www.iaocc.com/1998.



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Making police communications safe and sound for British cops

by Gary Mason
Editor of *Police Review* magazine

By the turn of the century the British police service will have one of the most advanced communication systems in the world. By the time it starts to roll out in 1999, the \$3 billion Public Safety Communications Project (PSCP) will be the biggest information technology contract undertaken anywhere in the United Kingdom for the last 30 years.

A number of companies, including British Telecom and Racal, have been invited to tender for the huge contract. The main aim of PSCP is to provide forces with radio equipment that will, for the first time, give them a secure communications system with almost total geographical cover of the United Kingdom.

The project is vital as the radio equipment currently used by many forces is more than 20 years old. The age of the equipment and the huge growth in airways traffic across the limited number of frequencies has resulted in poor radio coverage in many areas. So-called radio "blackspots" - areas where the personal radios carried by officers do not work - have also been made worse by signal interference from the European Continent.

Last year David Burke, chief constable of North Yorkshire Police, warned that his radio system was "near collapse" and could put officers' lives in danger. He said an efficient radio system was vital in his force, which has large rural areas where officers have to work alone without immediate back-up.

Fundamental to the success of the new equipment is its ability to provide voice communication for officers wherever they are, including the hills and valleys of Wales, Yorkshire and the Peak District. Other benefits to the new system includes digital encryption of police radio signals which will make it extremely difficult for criminals equipped with radio scanners to "listen in" on police channels and intercept messages.

The new equipment will also provide seamless transfer of channels for officers travelling from one force area to another, the ability to broadcast across divisional or even force boundaries and simultaneous voice and data transmissions, allowing for the sending and receipt of documents and photographs to patrolling officers.

The radio handsets carried by officers will



A proposed new police uniform may include special communication headgear enabling the officer to tap into the Public Safety Communications centre whether on the beat, in the car or at the station house.

have emergency transmission or "panic" buttons in case of attack while the radios in cars will include an automatic vehicle location link so that the control room at police headquarters will always know the exact location of its patrol fleet.

Commenting on the project, Paul Whitehouse, Chief Constable of Sussex and the senior user representative on PSCP, said: "We wanted a communication system that would enable us to stay ahead. The basic requirement is for voice communication from any point in the country, free of the danger of being overheard."

The key to a radio system which can be used nationally by all the emergency services is Tetra, a digital network standard that allows vast quantities of information to be transmitted on one channel.

Since the early 1990s it had become clear to radio engineers that the traditional method of allocating a frequency for the exclusive use of a group of people was wasteful. Major difficulties had begun to emerge amongst nearly all UK police forces as a result of the congested

radio channels. With the advent of computer technology and especially the ability to digitise radio signals, the option presented itself of pooling all the frequencies and making them available on an "as required" basis.

In essence the radio network provided by PSCP involves the very rapid selection and de-selection of radio frequencies from a central pool. This will mean that every time an officer depresses the PTT (Press To Talk) button, a signal is sent to a central computer asking for a frequency to be allocated. In the split second that this function is being performed, the computer will also inform all other radios within the same 'talk group' of the frequency chosen.

At the end of the message the frequency is de-selected and returned to the central pool. Only the radios within the "talk group" will receive a transmission. Officers on a particular enquiry with specialist police units such as the Regional Crime Squads may form a single "talk group" although individual members may be hundreds of miles apart. In other words it will be the radio rather than the geographical

location which determines membership of a "talk group" and allow communication to take place.

In a crisis, officers will be able to depress an emergency button giving instant access to the airwaves for an initial 10 seconds. An audible alarm at the local control centre will alert staff and an emergency display on the visual display unit will indicate the radio's unique code.

While all forces will have this and other services included in the basic PSCP package, there will be some which will need to be paid for as an operational extra. Mobile data terminals allow text and image based information to be passed over the airwaves and because all the information is prepared in advance, the "air time" of data transmissions is extremely short.

This is an option already taken up by Kent Constabulary in south-east England, which is using the terminals for direct access for mobile patrols to the Police National Computer as well as a secure means of passing information to and from officers on the street.

For further information contact the Home Office at Tel. +44 171 273 4000 Fax: +44 171 273 4660 or by E-mail: commdir.ho@gtinet.gov.uk

New integrated police information system to be designed for Canadian capital



Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service (OCRPS) announced the letting of a contract to produce a system to supply and install a complete set of police application systems. The entire system

will take approximately 18 months to implement, as part of an overall project with an estimated total cost of \$11.2 million, including equipment and mobile wireless facilities.

Within two years, the OCRPS is expected to become the second largest municipal police service in Ontario. After the amalgamation of three Police Services within the Ottawa-Carleton Region, it was found that each came with its own computer system. "This presents us with the formidable challenge of moving to a single integrated system," says OCRPS Chief Brian Ford. "Based on a common infrastructure, the new system will allow us to effectively and efficiently provide Police services across the Ottawa-Carleton Region."

Applications for the police service include a computer-assisted dispatch system to support more than 150 mobile data terminals (MDTs), a new police records management system (RMS), and several administrative components, such as time-keeping and inventory tracking systems.



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Female

Race:

White

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61 cm (2'0"0)

Weight:

16 Kg (35 lbs.)

Hair:

Blond

Eyes:

Blue

MISSING FROM Austin, Texas, USA. Child is in the company of her mother. Height and weight are at the time of disappearance. Child has a 6 inch vertical scar across her chest from heart surgery. She was also diagnosed as having epilepsy, though a treatment program has not yet been established.

Amy Monica KOLB (Mother), @ HOLB, @ GIBSON, @ AUSTIN (stage name) is presently 36 years old (62-07-06). She is female, white, 160 cm (5'2"), 45 kg (100 lbs.) with blue eyes and blond hair. Subject has a birthmark on her back. Amy is skilled at changing her appearance. KOLB was a participant in the 1986 Miss Hollywood pageant. She is an actress and model who achieved limited success in Los Angeles in the 1980's. She has worked in daycare centres and may attempt to do so in the future in order to support herself and her child. She has a difficult time controlling her temper and will create rather memorable scenes in public places. She has reportedly attempted suicide on three separate occasions. The subject has been arrested for obstructing police in Austin, Texas, USA, and is currently wanted for trial for an incident in April 1989 where she broke into her estranged husband's apartment with the child and attacked him. She was arrested by the Austin Police Department, but while enroute to jail, claimed to be having a miscarriage and was transported to hospital where she then escaped. Subject speaks Italian. She prefers punk/bohemian style clothing.



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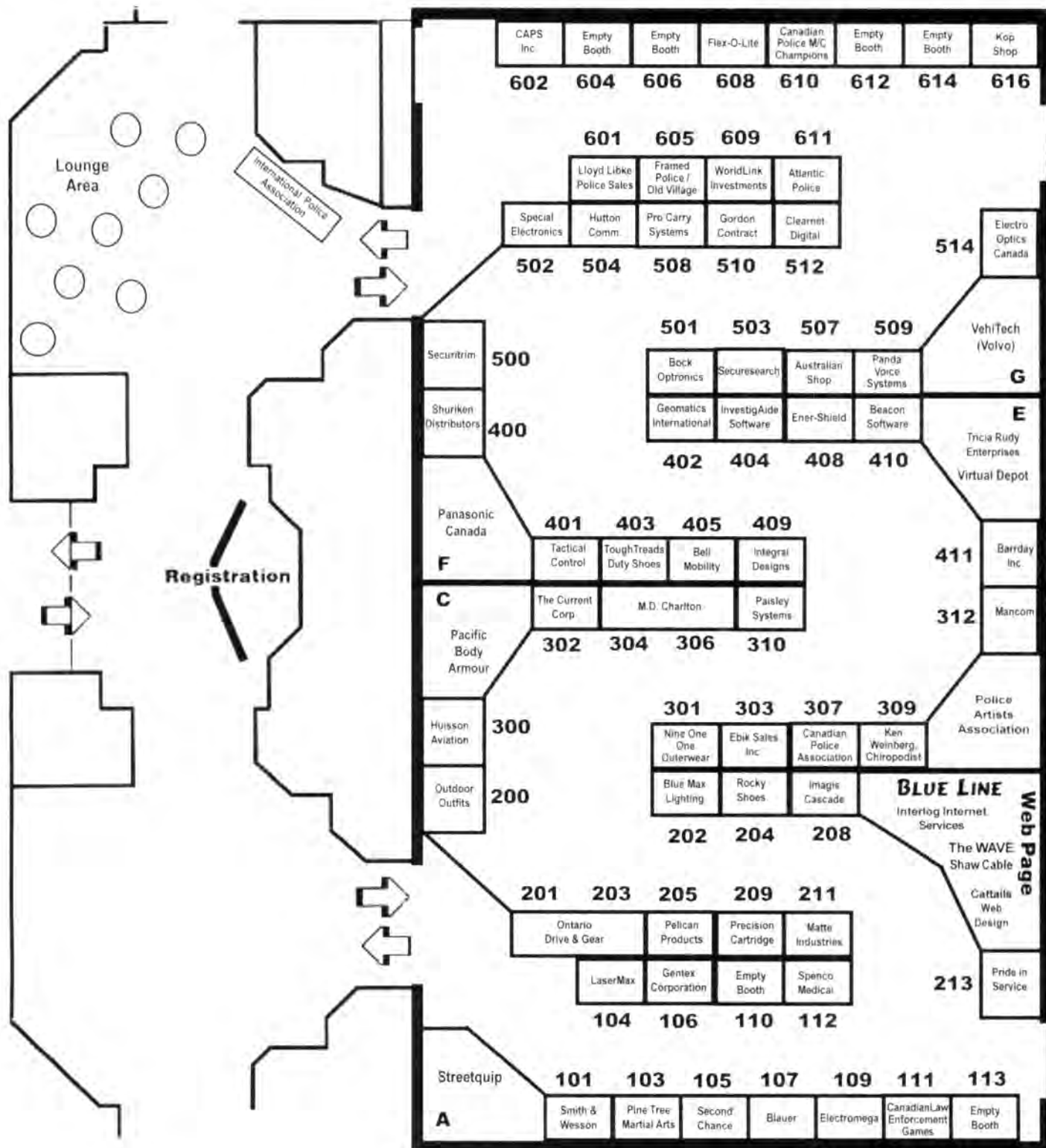


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Canadian Police Association

Exhibit 307

CPA will feature their website. Also available will be sweat shirts and T-shirts along with other CPA paraphernalia.

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Pacific Body Armour

Exhibit C

Manufacturer of soft and hard armour products, portable vehicle armour, knife protection, and landmine clearance suits.

Paisley Systems Inc

Exhibit 310

Paisley will be demonstrating products for Visual Investigative Analysis. With the Analysts Notebooks, iBase, and iConnect, law enforcement professionals have a complete solution for exploring, and displaying complex information. Paisley will also demonstrate the AdLib Disclosure Publishing System. With AdLib, time, money, and efforts is saved on the disclosure process.

See Ad on page 19.

Panda Voice Systems

Exhibit 509

BLACKVOX is an easy to use voice recorder for Emergency Services, Financial Institutions, Telemarketing and many other applications. BLACKVOX digital storage is compact, secure and tailored to customer needs.

Panasonic Canada Inc

Exhibit F

Featured will be computers, printers, CCTV cameras, VCR plus other Panasonic products.

See Ad on page 8.

Pelican Products Canada Inc

Exhibit 205

Featured will be Pelican Safety Lights and Pelican Protective Cases.

Pine Tree Marshall Arts of Canada

Exhibit 103

Check out the dynamic simulation suit, focus mitts, Thai pads, Thai and regular heavy bags, and training mats. As a Canadian manufacturer, Pine Tree will design and manufacture equipment to your personal specifications. See the amazing lightweight simulation suit in actual use on April 21 @ 2:00 PM and again on April 22 @ 2:00 PM in the classroom.

Precision Cartridge Co

Exhibit 209

Pride in Service

Exhibit 213

Featured will be the company's exceptional quality rings and recognition products.

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Pro Carry Systems

Exhibit 508

A complete line of patrol & duty equipment; including bags, belts & pouches; tactical accessories; undercover holsters & accessories; and bicycle & dog patrol equipment.

See Ad on page 35, 37, 39.

Rocky Shoes & Boots Inc

Exhibit 204

World's largest manufacturer of Gore-Tex, waterproof duty footwear and the only duty footwear company to offer the new Crosstech footwear fabric which is durable, waterproof and breathable with the new benefits of blood-borne pathogen resistance and common chemical resistance.

See Ad on page 56.

Second Chance Body Armor

Exhibit 105

With Second Chance, you have the thinnest, lightest, strongest, most wearable body armour available.

Securereach Inc

Exhibit 503

Featured will be inert explosives, inert improvised explosive device training aids, security awareness posters, explosive trace marking pens for DETECTOR canine training, x-ray image reference guide and videos on bomb components. Also bomb threat training videos and drug recognition boards.

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Exhibit 500

Neon Graphik is the ultimate in safety for emergency vehicle identification. Visible from nearly one km., this reflective decaling allows on-coming drivers to react earlier. Corporate advertising, logos and crests can thus become safety tools 24 hours a day.

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Shuriken Distributors Inc

Exhibit 400

Shuriken offers a complete line of law enforcement and security equipment. The product line includes Safariland, Streamlight, Uncle Mikes, Maglite and much more.

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Smith & Wesson

Exhibit 101

Featured will be handguns, restraints, and bicycles.

Special Electronics & Design

Exhibit 502

SED designs and builds rescue/communications equipment, specialty headsets (including noise attenuated systems), throat mics, handsets and cradles, wired and wireless radio systems, and specialized/custom communication systems. We also handle covert and surveillance equipment, including custom wired and wireless earbuds, radio holsters, hidden camera items, and covert voice communications.

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Spenco Medical

Exhibit 112

Spenco Footcare Products - Superior shock absorption and energy return in all Spenco Insoles. Lightweight, durable and washable, all Spenco Footcare Products are unconditionally guaranteed for one full year.

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Exhibit A

A full line of tactical & duty style uniforms and footwear; tactical helmets and gear; weapons cases & duty bags; leather & nylon belts, holsters, & accessories; cut resistant gloves; flashlights; Casco batons; humorous t-shirts, and much, much more.

See Ad on page 21.

Tactical Control Systems

Exhibit 401

Ron Beer, one of Canada's foremost authorities on law enforcement ground tactics, will discuss and demonstrate safe and effective defense for officers. Attend the classroom demonstrations of three levels of ground control on April 21, 12:00 and April 22, 11:00 AM.

The Current Corporation

Exhibit 302

Featured will be ITT night vision, Pacific body armour, Swarovski optic, Canon digital camera and MaxaBeam searchlights.

The Kop Shop

Exhibit 616

Featured will be duty belts, pouches, tactical uniforms, weapons cases, duty bags and accessories, and web gear.

Tough Treads Duty Shoes & Boots

Exhibit 403

Check out the Tough Treads duty oxfords, Chukka, and 8" & 9" Gore-Tex waterproof boots.

Tricia Rudy Enterprises

Featured will be Horace Small Apparel Company - uniforms and outerwear; K&K Ent. - motivational posters; and Calorad - nutritional supplements.

See Ad on page 38.

VehiTech

Exhibit G

VehiTech is the Exclusive National Distributor of VOLVO S70 V70 "Police Pack". We offer a "Turn Key" police car including: a "Police Pack" car; After market police equipment installed in our factory in Longueuil; A maintenance program at your local dealership; A car and equipment financing program.

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Exhibit 609

Greg Taylor and Jim Beauchamp with years of experience in ambulance services and law enforcement respectively, offer their financial planning expertise with the knowledge of what emergency service providers deal with on a daily basis. They can assess your financial needs and assist you in obtaining your financial goals.

Talk About Innovation!

by Dave Brown



At Response 98 you will have a unique opportunity to watch some exciting floor presentations and training demonstrations. During the show, our classroom will be one of the hottest areas to visit, with a continuous series of presentations throughout both days. The theme for this year will be **Talk About Innovation!** and will focus on some very special Canadian products and services that equal, or better, anything in the world. Here are a few examples of what you will be able to see at the Response 98 show. Remember that your admission is free if you pre-register. Where else could you get to see a whole day's worth of products, services, equipment and training demonstrations?

While we may never be in a situation where we have to climb mountains (the real ones; not the paperwork) it is still nice to know that our clothing can! **Integral Designs** is a Canadian-based company that specializes in tactical clothing and lightweight shelters. Their portable bivouac and observer shelters are quick to set up, and yet they provide protection that is almost "bombproof" for hostile environments. Born on mountains throughout the world, the designs are a locally made and Canadian manufactured product. Integral Designs specializes in small quantities and custom orders.

During the show they will be demonstrating the advantages of "layering" in adverse physical conditions and also how quickly their portable shelters may be rigged. Be sure to catch the lightweight tactical clothing and shelter designs of Integral Designs on **April 22 at 1:00 PM** in the classroom adjacent to the Response 98 show.

The Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting has created the **CAPS III LCD dynamic live-fire electronic simulator**. Its unique design allows for maximum flexibility in judgemental firearms training. The modular unit is very portable and utilizes standard videotape, allowing departments to easily custom-design their own training scenarios at a fraction of the cost of laser-based training systems. Now employed by the Smith & Wesson Academy and the Montreal Urban Community Police, the CAPS III can be used in a live-fire mode on an indoor range, or it will function with plastic projectiles in a classroom. Scenarios are shot on DVD disc and transferred to standard VHS tapes to allow for maximum resolution and realism. Each system also comes with a week of filming at the client's own location.

Dave Young of The Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting will be demonstrating the CAPS III live-fire electronic simulator in actual use during a training demonstration on **April 21 at 3:00 PM** and again **April 22 at 3:00 PM** in the classroom adjacent to the Response 98 trade show.

Pine Tree Law Enforcement Products will be presenting martial artist and Use of Force instructor Chris Walsh in a demonstration of their dynamic simulation suit. While interactive simulations are mandated for in-service police training, the protection suits have traditionally been bulky and cumbersome. They also took too much time to change and adjust for another person. While Pine Tree's simulation suit is easy to don and is a very lightweight design, it can also take the impact from a standard baton. Special lightweight training batons are not required.

With 18 years as a police officer and 20 years in martial arts, Chris Walsh will demonstrate his skills as a third degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Don't miss seeing this amazing lightweight simulation suit in actual use on **April 21 at 2:00 PM** and again **April 22 at 2:00 PM** in the classroom adjacent to the Response 98 trade show.

Tactical Control Systems has designed a program for officer survival and defence on the ground called **Tactical Ground Control**. Ron Beer of Tactical Control Systems will be demonstrating a sample from all three levels of his Canadian Tactical Ground Control Program.

Level One focuses on defending a hold down, creating a good hold down, turning an assailant over and defending a tackle. Level Two focuses on surviving OC spray and lower limb body control tactics. Level Three has participants in full dress and gear using firearms retention techniques and the use of weapons from the ground.

Don't miss Ron Beer and his captivating demonstration of some of the techniques in his Canadian Tactical Ground Control Program on **April 21 at 12:00** and again **April 22 at 11:00 AM** in the classroom adjacent to the Response 98 trade show.

See for yourself, on **April 21 at 1:00 PM**.

how the proven crime analysis and suspect profiling power of **InvestigAide** can help reduce the number of break and enters in your community. Using state of the art, artificial intelligence technology and world class data, **InvestigAide** generates suspect profiles by rules of inductive reasoning, then matches the profiles of known suspects to the computer generated suspect profile. Crime analysts, investigators and front line officers can query the knowledge base to identify case similarities, trends and patterns, based on various time and distance parameters for proactive measures.

Blue Line Magazine's own contributing writer **Dave Brown** will be back with a demonstration of tactical shotgun techniques that are designed to work in the real world, by the average officer. While shotgun training for patrol officers has traditionally been rudimentary it can be one of the most effective weapons at an officer's disposal. Awareness about what really works - and, just as important, why it works - can be important for officer survival. Even with the advent of new intermediate weapons such as the patrol rifle, the shotgun is still a very versatile performer. It can be utilized effectively by the average officer in a real confrontation situation, and does not depend on specialist skills. Watch how Dave Brown integrates the science of what he calls "natural survival" into the basics of shotgun training for patrol or correctional officers. He will demonstrate techniques such as speed loading, engaging multiple targets, shooting while moving, accuracy in close proximity to bystanders and changing ammunition on the fly. The demonstration takes place **April 21 at 7:00 PM** in the classroom room adjacent to the Response 98 Show.

Whew! So much to see, feel, hear and touch. What a great opportunity to get close to the action and talk to some of the best people in Canada. Talk about innovation!

Lecture Room Schedule

April 21

- 12:00 TACTICAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**
presents Ron Beer
Canadian Tactical Ground Control program
- 1:00 INVESTIGAIDE SOFTWARE**
Criminal profiling computer software
- 2:00 PINE TREE MARTIAL ARTS**
with Use of Force Trainer Chris Walsh
Lightweight Dynamic Simulation Suit
- 3:00 CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PRACTICAL SHOOTING**
with Dave Young
The C.A.P.S. Interactive firearms trainer
- 7:00 BLUE LINE MAGAZINE**
with Firearms Training Editor Dave Brown
Tactical shotgun techniques that really work

April 22

- 11:00 TACTICAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**
presents Ron Beer
Canadian Tactical Ground Control program
- 1:00 INTEGRAL DESIGN**
Lightweight and durable tactical clothing and shelters for hostile environments
- 2:00 PINE TREE MARTIAL ARTS**
with Use of Force Trainer Chris Walsh
Lightweight Dynamic Simulation Suit
- 3:00 CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PRACTICALSHOOTING**
with Dave Young
The C.A.P.S. Interactive firearms trainer

For further information about lecture room availability call Dave Brown at 204-488-0714.

Who needs a darkroom when there is ELMO!

by Robert Brown and Rick Devine,



The Guelph Police Service has not only brought modern imaging technology to its Forensic Identification Branch but has saved time and money as well. In addition this remarkable technology, known as "ELMO", has streamlined and revolutionized both the local police and courts.

The police service in Guelph, Ontario has 120+ officers serving a population of 100,000. In the early 1990s, the Identification Branch of the Investigative Support Division consisted of three Forensic Identification Officers, who shared a case load of 800 to 1,000 assignments a year.

They commenced processing colour mugshots and crime scene photographs in 1984. Prior to that, everything was done in black and white. They were equipped with two dark rooms, one for colour and another for black & white.

The services of a local photo lab were used to process their colour film into negatives, and they produced the photographs in the colour darkroom. This was done with the use of a Hope RA2016 processor which had been purchased in 1989.

In 1993 a proposal was submitted to have the photo finishing assumed by a professional lab, as it had become too expensive and time consuming for the Identification Officers to perform. At that time they were routinely three to four months behind in mugshot production, and were delivering photographs to court a day or two before the trial.

Due to the costs involved and the fact that Guelph would have a four-year old \$10,000 processor that was not being used, this proposal was turned down.

Research was done on the feasibility of instituting a Scenes of Crime Officers Program to assist the Branch. In April of 1994, they began training twelve Uniform Patrol Constables as S.O.C.O.'s to handle the assignments that were more routine in nature.

In May of 1995, the Sergeant's position was removed, leaving the two Constables to carry the workload with the assistance of the S.O.C.O.'s. This, in conjunction with increasing colour processor breakdowns, caused the photofinishing issue to be revisited. By August, a professional lab had assumed the colour photography processing.

This has shown numerous advantages, namely:

1. Mugshots and crime scene photographs are available within a week of being taken.
2. Court photographs are delivered to Case Management prior to the first appearance date.
3. The Identification Officers have more time to perform the duties they were trained to do.
4. A 4" x 6" photograph is available for every frame taken.
5. The quality of the photofinishing has increased dramatically, at a lower cost than the Police Service could do it.

As the Guelph Police Service no longer required any of its colour darkroom equipment, arrangements were made through several companies to sell it. The proceeds derived from the sale of this obsolete equipment enabled the Service to purchase various video products, the most interesting of which is called "ELMO".

Guelph's ELMO (model #EV-500AF), is equipped with a 450+ lines of resolution video camera with 10X power zoom lens and high accuracy auto focusing system, as well as built-in lighting and baselight. It can be used with 3D objects, small material such as stamps, transparencies, negatives, slides, or photographs: to display on a monitor, record on video tape, or with the proper software, save images on a computer as graphic files.



It can display colour or black and white materials in negative or positive formats using telephoto or wide angles. ELMO has an audio and two video inputs, which allows the control of any combination of two video cameras or recorders, as well as auxiliary audio.

The applications that Guelph's Identification Branch is using ELMO for include:

1. Scanning photographs into the computer as graphics.
2. Reversing grey ridge latent lifts to black for comparisons.
3. Viewing colour and black & white negatives as positives.
4. Recording line-ups and crime scene photographs on video tape.
5. Enlarging small detail in photographs and printing it on a video printer.
6. Physical matchings.
7. Court presentation of photographic and documentary evidence.

ELMO had become an integral part of most Ontario Court (General Division) trials held in Guelph. The courtroom is prepared with two 27" and two 13" televisions for viewing photographs, video, or documents.

The 27" televisions are placed at the front of the courtroom for viewing by witnesses, defence counsel and crown attorneys, the accused, and the jury. A 13" monitor is placed on both the judge's and ELMO operator's desks.

The ELMO operators originally were the Identification Officers, who have since educated Court Security Special Constables assigned to this court in the handling of ELMO. This was readily accomplished due to the ease at which ELMO is manipulated.

A simple process of placing a 4" x 6" photograph on the ELMO base and depressing the auto focus button displays an enlarged version of that photograph on the monitors. That photograph can be displayed full screen or a portion of it can be enlarged to view small detail within it.

No longer are numerous copies of 8" x 10" photographs needed to present the most involved of cases. Depressing another button instantly changes the display from the photograph to video tape complete with audio.

ELMO was credited with shaving a week off a major fraud trial, according to the crown attorney. A recent murder trial was scheduled to take four weeks but the actual time from jury selection to conviction was two weeks. This rapid conclusion was attributed by the trial judge to the use of ELMO.

The Guelph Police Service has found ELMO to be a valuable tool to the Forensic Identification field in many applications. There have been significant savings realized by not requiring numerous reprints of 8" x 10" photographs to present in court, as well as the time saved by shortening the length of trials.

The Guelph Police Service Identification Branch and the Elmo Canada Manufacturing Corporation are planning an ELMO presentation at the 1998 Canadian Identification Society Annual Conference in Kitchener, Ontario, June 29 - July 3.

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Political activity rights of municipal police officers



Regulatory changes have been put into place to allow Ontario municipal police officers to hold elected positions on municipal councils.

Runciman

Amendments to regulations under the Police Services Act will allow municipal police officers to hold elected positions on municipal councils without having to take a leave of absence, so long as that elected position does not interfere with the officer's duties, or place the officer in a position of conflict of interest. If the municipality is policed by the service in which the officer is employed, the officer would have to first obtain a leave to seek election, and then resign if elected. As well, the municipal police officers who hold positions on council will be excluded from participating in the discussions or votes on police services boards' budgets.

"This regulatory change strikes the appropriate balance between the political activity rights of municipal police officers and the need

for elected members of municipal council to be free from conflict of interest," said Solicitor General, Bob Runciman.

Mr. Runciman said that a situation arising out of last fall's municipal election brought to light the need to clarify the rights of municipal police officers should they choose to seek elected positions on council. Frank Klees, MPP for York Mackenzie, played a key role in the resolution of this issue. As a result of his involvement and the subsequent regulatory change, municipal police officers and their employers will have clear parameters within which to make decisions.

"This government respects the right of municipal police officers to be politically active, so long as that right does not interfere with the police officers' duties and the requirement to be free from conflict of interest," said Mr. Klees.

The new regulation will give municipal police officers political activity rights similar to those currently enjoyed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The political activity rights of OPP officers are set out in the Public Service Act.

Study reports importance of citizen-police cooperation to control crime

Crime rates are falling in cities where humane, economical community policing has been instituted, states an article published by the Hudson Institute's Crime Control Policy Center.

A number of factors have caused an overall decrease in the nation's crime rate. According to the report, analysts have offered many different explanations for the decrease including the decline in 'crack cocaine wars'; demographic shifts that decrease the number of males in crime-prone age categories, an improved economy, and increased numbers of criminals being incarcerated.

However, McGarrell, director of the Center writes, "Although the experts disagree about the factors contributing to the decline, most observers acknowledge that the national trend toward community policing has been a key catalyst in the decrease."

According to McGarrell, the concept of "community policing" may differ from city to city and region to region, but its concepts are having a dramatic effect on the nation's decrease in crime. He cites Project ROAR (Reclaiming our Area Residences) in Spokane, Washington as a graphic and successful example. A fruitful combination of "proactive enforcement", crime prevention, community building, and more importantly, a strong police-community partnership, yielded a substantial and measurable drop in crime in the neighbourhoods where the program was instituted. After only one year, 40 percent of the residents noticed declines in drug-related crime and street prostitution. The number plummeted to a 70 percent decrease in the second year. By the end of the study, nearly 90 percent of the residents were satisfied with their neighbourhood.

For a sizeable decrease in crime to occur, McGarrell believes three key elements supported by a strong community-police partnership are required.

The first is proactive enforcement which addresses crime through on-going analysis,

response, assessment and action. The police don't wait for an offence to occur but actively study crime patterns, design responses and evaluate possible interventions.

Secondly, forceful crime prevention programs need to be established. Most programs target specific types of crime and strive to change the environment to make it more difficult, risky and less rewarding.

The third component is a strong sense of "community". According to McGarrell's research, early in the 20th century criminologists noticed that certain neighbourhoods suffered from more crime and social problems than others while some communities stayed crime free for decades. They hypothesized that high-crime rates were a result of social disorganization and that building strong communities would cut the crime rate. A 1997 study supports their theory and indicates further that social cohesion is the strongest predictor of violent crime levels.

Finally, the study says that a strong police-community partnership is the "glue" that is necessary to bind the other three ingredients. Open dialogue between law enforcement and citizens reduces friction and distrust by providing valuable information to the police and providing the community with the rationale behind the police activities.

McGarrell concludes, "While a strong, community-police program can often have striking results, more research needs to be done. More and broader steps need to be taken to confront certain organizational and conceptual issues that have yet to be resolved. Those are the challenges for Hudson's Crime Control Policy Center; law enforcement agencies and communities across the nation if we're going to continue to see crime rates fall."

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Keep your sidearm clean, your cruiser serviced, and your body fit

by Adrien Ladouceur

In the field, an officer's speed, endurance, agility and raw power can mean more than simply catching the bad guy - it can mean life or death. Despite the many devices that work to minimize the risks an officer faces, we live in an age where anyone can obtain the same, or better, equipment a peace officer carries. Even still, it makes sense that an officer would want to develop the greatest tool at his disposal - himself. Granted, if building an elite body was easy, we'd all have one. But there are products that can help to maximize an officer's efforts, safely and legally. Creatine can do just that.

Think of Creatine as fuelling your body's engine to physical health. Don't worry, it's not some radioactive pseudo-steroid with dangerous side effects, ranging from impotency to death, that will turn you into Conan-Cop in two weeks. Creatine Monohydrate is simply a nutritional supplement, and when taken as directed, is completely harmless. The typical diet can only account for the restoration of approximately 3 grams of creatine per day (one gram through primary sources and two grams through synthesis). In essence, Creatine feeds the muscles - it allows the body to recover quicker after exertion, and is an essential component to building stronger muscles. It is stored within the muscular cells as Creatine Phosphate (CP), a backup component in the anaerobic energy system. As your muscles work, they use up their supply of Creatine Phosphate. Once depleted, the body becomes fatigued and wants to rest so that it can replenish its supply of creatine. Creatine supplementation allows the body to replenish that supply faster.

There are many companies that sell a Creatine supplement - some are of high quality and some are not, having mixed various "filler" substances with their Creatine. One of the good guys on the market is a Canadian company called Pumpui Energy Products Inc., who manufacture a 99.9% pure, pharmaceutical grade Creatine Monohydrate powder.

So what does all this mean for the cop on the street? Just ask Al McKenzie, a 13 year police veteran, with two years on the Thunder Bay Police Tactical Team. He won second place overall, and first place police officer in the 1997 World Police & Fire Games against 10,000 competitors. In the time that he's used Pumpui's Creatine, he's found that it helps him to "maintain a higher level of performance." Over five weeks, he saw his muscle mass swell by 5 lbs, and his bench press increase by 20 lbs.

On the job, Al finds that his fitness level has given him more confidence. "When I go into a 'situation'," he explained, "and I know that I can handle it [physically]... that confidence gives me both a psychological advantage and a lot less stress." Further, as a member of a Tactical Team, Al has found his personal fitness makes achieving the teams fitness requirements easier.

Want to know more? Talk to Dan Drewak, who has been a Recreation Officer for the



Al McKenzie
Thunder Bay Police Tactical Team

Thunder Bay Correctional Centre for 14 years. He's also been an amateur body builder, and continues to be a dedicated martial artist. Dan started body building in his teenage years with the Joe Weider training course, and has tried just about everything since. In the execution of his duties, Dan is responsible for 12 to 18 inmates within a free weight gym. Of course backup is available, but it takes only seconds for a situation to develop. "[Creatine] has added a lot to my own workouts," he explained. "I've more stamina, and I find my muscles are harder and fuller... I've made massive gains in minimal time." He finds that his added fitness gives him more confidence, and it gains him more respect from the inmates - both in his role as a guard, and in his role as a model for their own weight training. "The only drawback," Dan adds with a smile, "is that I'm usually the first person the other guards call when they need some backup."

Creatine has also enhanced Dan's favourite pastime: paintball. In fact, it has become more than just a pastime, as Dan is leading a team of hungry competitors in the Skyball '98 paintball competition this spring. It is the largest indoor paintball event ever, held in the Skydome in Toronto. The entire team uses creatine in their training, and Pumpui Energy Products is even sponsoring Dan's team in their quest for amateur standing in the National Paintball Player's League. Will creatine make the difference between success and defeat? Only time will tell and Dan's not making any predictions.



Dan Drewak
Thunder Bay Corrections officer

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In addition to their high quality Creatine Monohydrate, Pumpui also carries an Ephedrine II (DIN 02229430) bronchiodilator and decongestant (which has also been known to act as something of an "energy booster" from the increased oxygen uptake resulting from it's use). And coming soon to the Pumpui line of products are a Whey Concentrate, a Performance Plus all purpose drink, Ephedrine III, as well as Thermogenic and Kit Style Fat Burners - each holding to Pumpui's commitment to quality. Notably, Pumpui gives a 15% discount on any orders made by armed forces members or law enforcement officers.

Out there, anything can happen: better make sure you have the tools to meet it. As we've seen, a strong body not only contributes to your physical health, but your mental health as well. "Fitness," as Dan Drewak put it, "is not just something that you pursue, it's an all natural life choice." It doesn't come easily, and it doesn't come overnight, but there are products, like those offered by Pumpui, that can help to maximize your efforts. So keep your sidearm clean, your cruiser serviced, and your body fit, because you never know when having the right tool can make the difference.

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Life on Homicide

Author: William McCormack / Bob Cooper

Publisher: Stoddart Publishing

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Publisher Blue Line Magazine

"We speak for the dead to protect the living."

This is the motto of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Homicide Squad and it is one of the more difficult tasks any police officer can take on. But making the dead speak is exactly what Bill McCormack did for the ten-year period from 1969 to 1979. Bill did far more than make them just speak because he did it with a sense of panache that most of the deceased could never do in life.

Bill McCormack always exuded an aura of quiet confidence. This sense comes out strongly in his book just released through Stoddart Publishing. I have spoken to Bill on several occasions and I have been the recipient of his praise, counsel, criticism and wrath. I have listened to many more of his speeches in the past and can attest to the content of this book as being true to the man and his style in both manner and speech. Reflecting the latter two attributes is certainly a credit to the talents of the co-writer, Bob Cooper, who managed to capture some of the many subtleties of the man and his personality.

In this fascinating book the new partners of McCormack and Cooper take us through the fascinating world of ten of McCormack's more memorable cases. They must be the most intriguing because he has investigated over 100 homicide's in Canada's largest city.

If there is one thing I found most notable about this book, however, it has to be the ability to give credit where credit is due, McCormack not only tells the reader about the partners and colleagues he worked with but remembers each officer who had any significant contact in the ten cases he speaks about. A case in point is in the very first chapter entitled "Rule Number One" where he mentions an officer by name that stopped a suspect for speeding and two officers on patrol who investigated four suspects in a car days before a homicide.

"... Constable Paul Bushe of 43 Division spotted a brown Chev with four men in it



parked behind some shrubs in the area of Kingston and Markham Road, a commercial area in the city's east end. He called for a back-up, and when the second officer arrived, he and Bushe approached the car to question the occupants... Each was asked to step out of the car one at a time,

until all four men had been questioned separately about their presence in the area so late at night. The two police officers had worked the streets long enough to know when someone was trying to deceive them, and the story this quartet tried to feed them was pure bullshit. Neither Popovic nor his passengers realized, however, how intriguing bullshit can be to seasoned police officers, who find nothing so fascinating or worthy of their attention as a barefaced lie on the lips of a rounder at two in the morning. When good coppers can't immediately figure out what their suspects are up to, they prudently back off and give the criminals more of the proverbial rope to hang themselves. And that's what Bushe and his partner did. They recorded their encounter with the four men on what is known as Persons Investigated Cards, let them go, and submitted these cards at the end of their shift."

McCormack points out that it was on the strength of these cards, and a speeding ticket issued by a constable David Moorley, that a connection to a homicide, which occurred four days later, was made. And it was the lies told on that morning that eventually convicted them.

I have often admired a person who can walk with confidence through the eye of a hurricane. Bill McCormack is just such a person and this book suits this man and his image very well. I found this to be an insightful and entertaining read, and not just because he's a man whom I have known and respected.

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Arrest for Public Intoxication

when Mere Suspicion exists of Break and Enter *R. v. Young (1997)*

by Gino Arcaro

"One might think that there could be no more prosaic event in a constable's night shift on the streets than the investigation of a break and enter and an intoxicated man." - Ontario Court of Appeal. In my opinion, investigating a break and enter at 4:30 a.m. and finding an intoxicated person near the crime scene is never a plain, ordinary investigation as the Court suggests in the above quote. The reasons are simple. These circumstances create only mere suspicion, an insufficient belief to arrest or detain the person.

All available statutory authorities and investigative techniques must be analysed and evaluated within minutes to form reasonable grounds. No time is afforded to research laws in the comfort of an office, and, the decision-making process is complicated by the risk to personal safety. In this case, an arrest for public intoxication is one alternative to detain the suspect. Obtaining consent to search is another.

In *R. v. Young (1997)*, both alternatives were employed to form reasonable grounds re-

garding a break and enter investigation. The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled about the validity of arresting a break and enter suspect for public intoxication, consent searches, and the admissibility of conscriptive evidence.

Offence

Break, enter and theft.

Circumstances

A police officer found a broken glass door at the front of business premises at 4:30 a.m. A back-up officer responded and, while enroute to the crime scene, saw an intoxicated man walking about one block from the scene. After assisting the first officer, the back-up officer returned to the intoxicated man and asked him for his name, address, and where he had been. The response caused the officer to form a suspicion because the pedestrian was not taking the most direct route home.

The officer asked the pedestrian to empty his pockets after seeing a bulge in one of the pedestrian's pockets. The pedestrian complied and removed \$1,151.00 in cash. The officer questioned him about the amount. Three re-

sponses were given - \$500.00, \$632.00 and \$832.00. The officer returned the cash to the pedestrian.

The officer informed him about the break and enter, and asked him to accompany him to the crime scene. (The verbatim request is not known.) The pedestrian complied and was seated in the back of the cruiser. The back doors of the cruiser could not be opened from inside. After returning to the crime scene, the officer was only able to determine that a money box had been tampered with but could not determine what was stolen.

The officer believed that reasonable grounds did not exist to believe that the pedestrian committed the offence. At this time, the officer arrested him for public intoxication under the L.L.A. The accused was informed of the reason, was cautioned and searched. The money was seized and the accused was lodged in a cell while the break and enter investigation continued.

Hours later, police learned that an amount of money, similar to that of the seizure, had been stolen. The accused was then arrested for break, enter and theft. Subsequent examination of the accused's jeans resulted in the seizure of glass particles, which were similar to the glass of the broken door.

Trial: The accused was convicted.

The trial judge ruled that the arrest for public intoxication was lawful. No Charter violations occurred and no evidence was excluded. The accused emptied his pockets by consent. The accused's voluntary accompaniment to the crime scene did not constitute a detention.

Ontario Court of Appeal

The accused appealed his conviction. The appeal was allowed and a new trial was ordered. The court made the following rulings:

- the arrest for public intoxication was lawful.
- The officer had a bona fide opinion that the accused needed to be arrested for his own protection pursuant to sec. 31(4) L.L.A.
- however, a detention occurred before the arrest for public intoxication and consent was not properly obtained. Detention may have commenced at any one of these events - upon stopping the accused, asking him to empty his pockets, or when he entered the back of the cruiser. The court ruled that valid consent was not obtained in relation to all three events. Consent is the equivalent of a waiver of rights. The Crown has the onus to prove on a balance of probabilities that valid consent was obtained. The procedure for obtaining valid consent is found in *R. v. Wills (1992)*. In this case, no evidence existed that proved the accused had knowledge of his relevant rights and the consequences of waiv-

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ing those rights. Consequently, a sec. 10(b) Charter violation occurred relating to the detention prior to the arrest for public intoxication.

- the accused was not advised of his right to counsel until the arrest for public intoxication, although he was detained without consent before the arrest. In the absence of valid consent, a sec. 8 Charter violation occurred relating to the search of the accused's pockets.
- the seized money and the accused's statements were both considered to be conscriptive evidence. The discovery of the money would have been inevitable because of a search after the lawful arrest for public intoxication. Consequently, the admission of the money would not affect trial fairness and was not excluded. However, the accused's statements regarding the three different amounts of money was ruled to affect trial fairness and were excluded.

Summary

The conclusions that may be drawn from this case are: i) the accused should have been arrested for public intoxication immediately; a subsequent search after the arrest would have been lawful ii) strict adherence to the consent guidelines, established in *R. v. Wills*, is an effective investigative technique when mere suspicion exists that a suspect has committed an offence. Verbatim conversation will fulfil the onus to prove on a balance of probabilities that the suspect had the required knowledge to waive his Charter Rights.

Gino Arcari is a professor at Niagara College and the author of *Criminal Investigation and Impaired Driving: forming reasonable grounds*. For further information on how to obtain these books turn to the inside back cover of this edition.

Proposed changes will see fewer jury trials and lower sentences

by Sue Pritsker

Parliament is planning on reforming the criminal procedure by mid-June, when they break for the summer recess. Their goals are to greatly restrict the number of preliminary inquiries, codify common law rules against intimidating, prolix or irrelevant questioning of the witness at preliminary inquiries, reduce the number of jury trials, reclassify some 90 indictable offences as hybrid or dual to cut down on the jury trials and prelims, and to require the defence to make advanced disclosure of expert evidence to the prosecution.

These proposed changes have the unanimous support of all of Canada, and are aimed at making the legal proceedings in Canada more efficient, and cost effective. Of particular focus is the wastefulness of preliminary inquiries, which are seen as costly, time-consuming, and stressful on victims and witnesses.

The proposed changes effectively limit the preliminary hearings on cases where there would be a stiff sentence upon conviction. This is the third phase of criminal procedure reform. These changes build on Bills C-42 and C-17. These proposed alterations will most likely attract support from womens and victims groups, but undergo severe criticism from the defence bar.

The defence bar maintains that a preliminary hearing is one of the most important tools available to the defence. Particularly in cases when the defendant is acting as counsel, they will be less likely to prepare correctly and offer themselves a fair opportunity to defend themselves.

The criminal procedure reforms would also like to see the option of a jury trial for offences that have a maximum sentence of five years or more removed. The feeling is that in practice,

often these offences receive well below the maximum. The number of jury trials could be greatly reduced if some 90 indictable offences were reclassified as either hybrid or dual procedure cases. Some of these offences currently have a maximum sentence of fourteen years that would be lowered to ten-year-maximum in order to allow them to fit under the category of hybrid. These would be for nonviolent crimes only (eg. counterfeiting).

The package, if approved, would alter the definition of "hybrid" to include all ten year maximum convictions (which would have a two year maximum by summary conviction) all five year maximum offences (with an eighteen month maximum conviction on summary conviction), all two year maximum offences (with a six month maximum on summary conviction).

Ontario lawyers soon to be seeking better ways to spend Legal Aid money

The Ontario Legal Aid Committee is perplexed about the best way to spend the excess \$27 million which they have. In fact, they could have \$240 million dollars at the end of this fiscal year.

As reported in a prominent lawyer's publication many legal aid lawyers are enraged. Last year many people were scared away from Legal Aid afraid of being rejected, and set up their own defence instead. This is what has partially contributed to the reduction of Legal Aid costs.

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Colleges preparing to embark on new police learning system

by Fred Geiger

Ontario is on the verge of announcing sweeping changes regarding the delivery of police training. The developments which are underway, originate from the 1992 published "Final Report and Recommendations submitted by the Strategic Planning Committee." This Committee was formed under the direction of the Ministry of the Solicitor General with the mandate of reviewing aspects of police training and education.

Mandatory Pre-employment Training

These recommendations include the concept that academic training of police recruits should be acquired pre-employment. The police learning system has suggested that post secondary institutions develop a program which would consist of two 620-hour components. The first segment would be a generic program providing generalized core competencies such as keyboarding, communication skills and knowledge of the social sciences. Persons successfully completing this portion, and wishing to further pursue a career in policing, would then undergo a screening process determining their suitability for the profession. Those deemed acceptable, would be allowed entry to the second portion of the program which will



focus on academic knowledge, that was formerly taught at the Ontario Police College (OPC). Subject matter will include topics such as criminal offences, traffic laws, arrest procedures and community based policing. Institutions providing this training will have prior learning assessments in place to provide credit

for education that coincides with this curriculum. It is proposed that successful graduates of this program will be subjected to a provincial standardized competency exam. Only those who are successful would be qualified to apply for employment with a police service.

Ontario Police College

Candidates who gain employment would then attend the Ontario Police College for a further 60 days of training. This portion of training is presently being referred to as the Application of Knowledge and Skills Training Program (AKST). Course content will include, Driver Training, Defensive Tactics, Firearms and practical scenarios. Preparation is currently underway at OPC to meet these new challenges. Plans include the development of a new "streetscape" providing an area appropriate for extensive practical applications. This new system will ultimately provide a better recruit by allowing the Ontario Police College to focus on the development of practical skills, thus producing a more experienced and skilled person.

Westervelt College

Formal announcement regarding details of implementation are expected within the near future. One college, London Ontario-based Westervelt College, has already developed a police foundations program to respond to the forthcoming changes and appears to be setting standards by which other institutions could model themselves.

Westervelt College has been providing post secondary education since 1885. The private institution is well recognized among local employers for producing well qualified graduates who have received career specific training.

Dr. Doerr, Chairman of the Board, states that offering the program is a natural extension of their existing Law Enforcement Diploma Program. Instruction is provided on an intensified basis, and accordingly, is offered over one year, in contrast with the normal two years for similar community college programs.

The program length however is not the only difference. Westervelt College states their course is delivered in a "Police Academy" format. Students who qualify through a pre-screening process are issued with uniforms, and are expected to adhere to codes of conduct, discipline and procedures, which are an integral part of the police profession. Subject material is presented by a team of instructors that include active serving police officers within Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Police Services.

It is not certain when province-wide testing will actually be initiated. It is apparent however, that whenever this occurs, the students from Westervelt College will be ready.

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by Rik Davie

A police officer never stops learning.

That was the idea behind the Durham Regional Police Learning Center when it began operation in December of 1993.

Then Durham Chief Trevor McCagherty believed that Durham officers would benefit from a center where they could brush up on the skills they learned at police college. At the same time they could be brought up to date with the latest policing methods, as well as the newest changes to the court system, laws of evidence and all things pertaining to police duties. McCagherty, along with Durham College President Gary Polonsky and others interested in improving policing in the region, decided to base the centre on the Oshawa campus of Durham College.

Polonsky said that when the former Durham chief brought the idea to him he knew it would succeed.

"Trevor has always stressed education in policing and in life," Polonsky said. "He felt that this type of a facility was needed and that Durham College was the place to do it. I agreed with him then and I agree now. This facility has been a great part of Durham College."

The centre has grown quickly; it's an every day occurrence to see officers in uniform walking the halls with books under their arm.

Officers from Durham and several smaller forces make use of college classrooms to attend seminars on all aspects of police duties and their hand-to-hand centre and gym facilities are located on the campus.

Staff Sgt. David Kimmerly, current head of the learning centre, says the variety of topics for officers to brush up on is wide.

"We just completed a two-day seminar on sexual assault awareness. The officers are instructed by experts in how to deal with traumatized victims of sexual assault. How to care for their needs, as well as gather evidence and investigate such crimes".

Kimmerly also feels that the courses keep officers' investigative skills honed to a finer edge. "The laws pertaining to the gathering of evidence, and search and seizure rules change from time to time, and we can give courses that keep our officers abreast of the most current changes to the criminal code. We have instructors come in from the Police College at Aylmer Ontario to teach or refresh on certain things. It's a lot cheaper to bring an instructor in to teach a class than to send a class to Aylmer for a week."

Smaller police forces, such as Cobourg's make use of the facility to keep their own members as up to date as the "big city" departments, a luxury they might not afford if the centre were not here.

One of the main functions of the center now is to give Durham officers a bi-annual refresher course in the least used of all police tools: deadly force.

All officers are expected to pass a firearms course that includes servicing of their guns, and use of the weapon in a field situation. It includes clearing the weapon of jams, safe use of firearms, and qualifying on the target range, located just east of the college campus.

Despite a recent freak accident in which a pistol discharged into the cement floor while an officer attempted to holster it, slightly wounding several others on the range, safety is stressed to the highest degree. Even lowly reporters must wear bullet-proof vests, as well as eye and ear protection, and instantly obey instructions on safety from the range officers.

These police veterans are expert in the safety, care and use of the standard sidearm used by Durham Region, the 40-calibre, 15-shot Glock automatic pistol. These high pow-



ered guns, when used at close range, give a whole new meaning to the term 'exit wound'.

Bill Spicher is one of three range safety officers who put classes of veteran officers through their paces in the mandatory pistol qualification. He is an expert in the use of several weapons and takes his job seriously.

"We treat these guys like they've never seen a gun until we satisfy ourselves they are clear on safety," he said.

"Some of these officers have little opportunity to be familiar with their weapons. It's the least used of all policing tools. But should they need to use their weapon, their response to the situation must be fast, safe and accurate."

There isn't a lot of fancy shooting at the range. But accuracy is a must, Spicher stresses. "Most deadly force situations occur at a distance of 10 feet or less. The officers must be able to access the situation and react to it. Being fast isn't much good if you are not safe and accurate."

Officers must qualify with the weapon while standing, and in combat positions. Nobody leaves the range until the instructors are satisfied they can use the weapon safely and with accuracy. According to range instructor Wally Wilson, doing things the same way every time is crucial. "Do things the same way all the time and not only don't you have to think about what you're doing, but the other officers know what each other will do in a given situation."

The next instructors that refresher course students meet are the hand-to-hand teachers. Led by Constable Tony Poole, they instruct the officers in how to subdue a suspect using the minimum amount of physical violence. Special holds and handcuffing methods are discussed. But before the officers take to the mats in the



training room at the college they discuss something Poole considers more important.

"We teach the officers how to stop a situation before it escalates to violence. How to tell when force should be applied, and more importantly, when it is not necessary."

Instructor Jacques Nadeau says it best while showing how to deliver blows to a particularly sensitive male area.

"Remember guys, you just want to stop the suspect from harming you, not cripple the guy. Minimum force! But first and foremost, protect yourself and your fellow officers."

Nadeau says that vigilance is key even af-

ter the arrest. "Some officers feel comfortable once they have a prisoner in the station. You can't relax and we teach officers that you are responsible for your partner and everyone else in the station when you are moving prisoners; stay alert, don't get sloppy."

During the latter part of the day the officers receive a lecture on responding to possible armed robbery calls.

Greg Kent, one of the 'Use of Force' instructors, goes over procedures to ensure that all officers who respond to high-threat calls, do so in a uniform manner. Officers learn what their responsibilities are if they arrive first on the scene, and what must be done to back up officers if they arrive later in the investigation. Kent wants to stress the value of a single response policy to the officers.

"If all calls are handled the same way," he says, "then no one ever has to guess what another officer's doing. You can respond to the situation and protect the public much better when you're not worried about where your own guys are."

Again, threat assessment is followed: solve the situation with the least risk to officers, the public, and even the bad guy.

Because officers must rotate through the centre on a regular basis, it also assists the force in introducing new and uniform policies and tactics.

The Durham Police Learning Centre has fast gained a national following in its short life. Already similar centres are being set up in western Canada and in the Ottawa area.

The idea of the centre was to ensure that all officers, regardless of their daily duties, were trained and kept at the same high standards as recent graduates of the police college. Poole feels they meet that challenge.

"Our job is to make sure our officers can protect both themselves and the public. All of us (police officers) want to go home after work. What we teach helps our officers do a better job for the public and gets them home safely."

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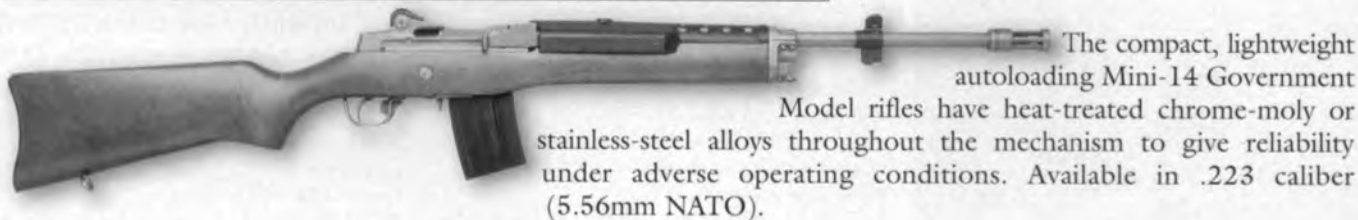
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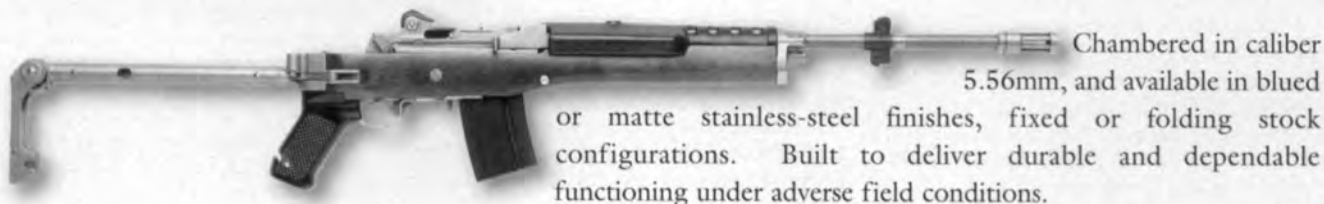
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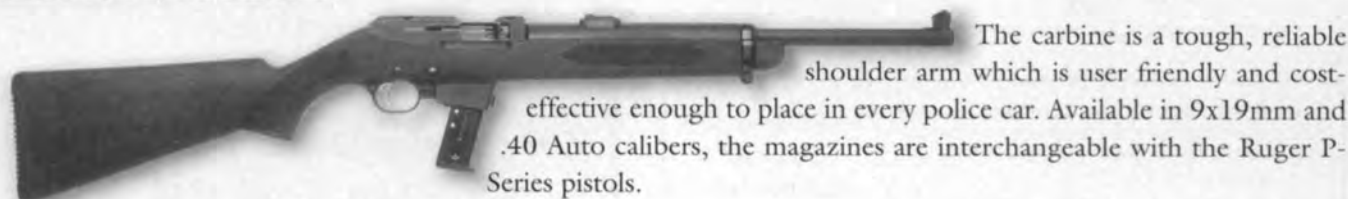
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New jackets in the city

by Okey Chigbo

The officers on the street are going to love their new winter jackets. That's the consensus among the people in charge of purchasing at two major police departments. Recently, the Toronto Police Services Board issued a three year contract for about 3000, Protex (waterproof/breathable) bomber style jackets from Outdoor Outfits, the downtown Toronto uniform outerwear maker. The waist-length coats are designed to give officers a new look, and make it easier to get to equipment. They are a change from the heavy hip-length parkas Toronto officers have worn in winter. Many officers complained that the parkas impeded access to weapons, hence the shorter design.

Outdoor Outfits has kept the Toronto Police Service warm, comfortable and dry with its jackets, parkas and raincoats for over twenty-five years. Except for a period in 1996 when a U.S. company won a contract for about 500 jackets, Outdoor has been the Department's only winter outerwear supplier. The decision to order Outdoor's jackets was made after a number of tests, which included sending samples for testing to the Textile Technology Center, an independent lab based in Montreal. The lab found that the jacket tested far above the water repellency standards accepted by most North American police departments.

The jacket is made with a Protex 2000 interlining membrane, a material that remains waterproof in the worst weather conditions while remaining "breathable", or allowing air to pass through. It is warm and comfortable, and can be used as an all-season, all-weather clothing item: it has a removable zip out lining that turns it into a spring jacket, and of course, because it is waterproof/breathable, it can be used as a rain jacket.

"The police officer on the beat wants accessibility to his or her equipment," says Joe Martino, purchasing manager for the Toronto Police Service. "He or she also wants comfort and warmth. The field equipment board decided that Outdoor's jackets met that criteria."

In addition to the Toronto contract Outdoor Outfits announced the Ontario Provincial Police will be ordering about 3,700 jackets for front line officers over the next two to three years, plus pants of the same material. "We were looking for a systems approach to outerwear," said Sergeant Mike Bussieres, Co-Chair of the OPP Clothing and Equipment Review Committee. "We need a small jacket which will protect us when we are out in the lake in the summer on marine patrol, warm pants for when an officer is out on a snowmobile doing say RIDE, in other words, outerwear that will keep us warm, dry and comfortable from Lake Ontario to anywhere up north."

The OPP clothing review committee worked with their speciality units to come up with standards that suppliers would have to



meet. After much study and testing the review committee decided upon Outdoor Outfits.

"I know the OPP officers will like this jacket," says Bussieres. "I have no doubt that

the waterproof/breathable system we will get from Outdoor Outfits will do the job."

The OPP and the Toronto police will join a number of other North American police departments that have opted for the new style of jacket. Across the border in Buffalo, New York, where weather conditions are, to put it mildly, less agreeable than they are in Toronto, the police department has been using the jackets for two years. There, in addition to the normal attributes, and, perhaps because of their policing conditions, the clothing had to be blood borne pathogen safe - which means that it protects against diseases such as HIV and hepatitis.

"It was of particular concern to us that the jacket be blood borne pathogen safe," says John Bagin, quartermaster for the Buffalo police department. "The membrane that is in it - Protex 2000 - is certified to protect against blood borne pathogens. If you get blood all over your coat, it is going to block it getting through to any open cuts on your body."

And how have the jackets measured up to real life conditions? "They've met our specs to the letter. Not one of the jackets has come back as not functioning the way we intended. The officers on the beat love the jacket. We've had no complaints. None."

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**8th World Conference on Disaster Management
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The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness will be hosting this year's conference. For more information or to register by calling (905) 546-3911.

June 22 - 23, 1998

**Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Trade Show
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The Windsor Police Service will be the host of this year's Conference Trade Show at the Cleary International Centre. The show will be open to all persons involved in law enforcement. For further information contact Gerry Pocock at (519) 255-6674.

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**21st Annual Conference on Forensic Identification
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Conestoga College is hosting the conference, assisted by members of the Waterloo Regional Police Service, Guelph Police Service and Brantford Police Service. Contact Donald Taylor, c/o Canadian Identification Society 92 Culham Dr. Cambridge, ON N1S 2G9.

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**29th Annual NASSLEO Conference
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The National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers is holding a 3-day conference. Topics will include safe school issues, school crisis management and planning and emergency preparedness for educational facilities. For details contact T.M. Dorward at (416) 394-6865.

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Reinstated: RCMP Insp. Jim Hill was reinstated to full duty with the Mounties in February following a ticket fixing scandal.

Hill was assigned to managerial duties at the force's district office in Kelowna, B.C., where he will await a transfer.

Hill was found guilty of two counts of obstructing justice last December for fixing traffic tickets issued to associates in 1995.

The judge gave him an absolute discharge, but he was reprimanded by the RCMP and docked 10 days pay.

Cleared: A Hamilton-Wentworth police officer was found not guilty of criminal breach of public trust in February.

While evidence showed that Const. Ted Chrysler steered business to a Hamilton, Ont., auto body shop and supplied tips to accident chasers, there was no proof that he benefitted or expected to benefit from the practise, Justice Thomas Lofchik ruled.

The 20-year police veteran also faces charges on 23 counts of violations under the Police Services Act, including breach of confidence, neglect of duty, discreditable conduct, corrupt practice and deceit.

Appointed: Vina Starr was appointed to the RCMP Public Complaints Commission in February by Federal Solicitor General Andy Scott.

Starr, a lawyer in private practice, will be the member for B.C. on the commission.

The complaints commission is an independent, federal agency that receives and reviews public complaints about the conduct of members of the RCMP. The commission, which was created in 1987, also has the power to launch investigations in cases

where it is deemed to be in the public's interest.

Dropped: A former Nova Scotia Liberal MP dropped her lawsuit against the Canadian Police Association in February.

Diane Brushett decided to sue the association during the last federal election campaign over a billboard it erected.

The billboard depicted Brushett alongside convicted murderers Paul Bernardo, Clifford Olson and Clinton Gayle because she had voted against a private member's bill to repeal part of the Criminal Code dubbed the faint hope clause.

Brushett, who lost the campaign, said the suit would have taken two years to go through the legal system at a cost of \$80,000.

Dismissed: A legal action appealing the selection of the Ontario Provincial Police over the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police was dismissed in February.

A panel of judges ruled the process used to select the provincial force was fair.

The regional police association launched the legal action in September after council recommended disbanding the force.

The police claimed the council used an unfair process to arrive at its decision.

But the judges dismissed the association's suit and assigned them the region's court costs. Unless the regional police makes an appeal, the region is free to negotiate and sign a contract with the OPP.

Sentenced: A Cornwall, Ont., RCMP officer facing theft charges was given a suspended sentence in February.

Serge Lamoureux and three other officers were arrested in November 1995 for stealing contraband from a truck seized by members of his anti-smuggling unit.

During a trial last fall, the court heard police found a case of wine in Lamoureux's home dur-

ing search. The wine was allegedly taken from a pickup truck seized in 1994.

An RCMP spokesman in London said the force had started an internal investigation into the matter.

Two other officers charged in the case pleaded guilty to theft charges in 1996. They were sentenced to one day in jail and resigned from the force.

The fourth member of the unit, an Ontario Provincial Police officer, pleaded guilty to four theft-related charges and was demoted after an internal hearing in 1996.

Busted: Ontario narcotics officers busted a hydroponic marijuana operation in February which was capable of growing over \$60 million worth of pot a year.

Two men were charged with numerous drug-related offences after a raid, which capped a three-month investigation that targeted pot growers in the eastern part of the province.

A total of 1,400 marijuana plants were seized by police.

Sentenced: George Corcoran, a former detachment commander with the OPP in Brockville, was sentenced to 18 months under house arrest in February.

Corcoran, 40, was convicted of fraud and theft. In addition to his sentence he must also pay back \$85,000 in stolen cash.

In 1997, Corcoran pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$85,000 police had seized from drug dealers and attempting to defraud an electronics firm out of \$100,000 to cover up his crime.

He was suspended with pay after his arrest in Oct. 1994, and faces discreditable conduct charges under the Police Services Act unless he resigns, Det. Insp. Fred Hamelink said.

The trial judge agreed with testimony from a psychiatrist that Corcoran, a 14-year veteran, suffered from a mental illness that drove him to commit the crimes.

The psychiatrist testified

Corcoran suffered from a post-traumatic stress disorder from investigating car accidents and has a genetic predisposition for depression.

Broken: Peel Regional Police recovered \$1 million worth of stolen automobiles and laid 78 charges in February in connection with an international car-theft ring.

Police said they believed they had broken the ring with the arrest of six Quebec men. Charges include theft and possession of property obtained by crime.

The ring specialized in Mercedes, BMW and Lexus vehicles, which were taken from parking garages at Toronto's Pearson International airport and the surrounding area.

Raise: About 1,200 Winnipeg police officers will receive a raise under a new four-year collective bargaining agreement between the city and police association in February.

Roughly two-thirds of the service's officers will receive an 8.72 per cent increase by the time their contract expires at the end of 2000. The remaining third will get a 7.72 per cent boost.

The reason for the difference in pay is that all senior ranking officers get an additional one per cent.

Officers had been working without a contract for 14 months before the new deal was reached.

Cleared: The only police officer facing disciplinary action resulting from a clash between striking civil servants and Ontario Provincial Police riot squad members was cleared of misconduct in February.

A board of inquiry ruled that Const. Wesley Erskine did not use unnecessary violence when he struck a teacher on the leg with a baton during the chaotic melee that occurred outside of the Ontario legislature that day.

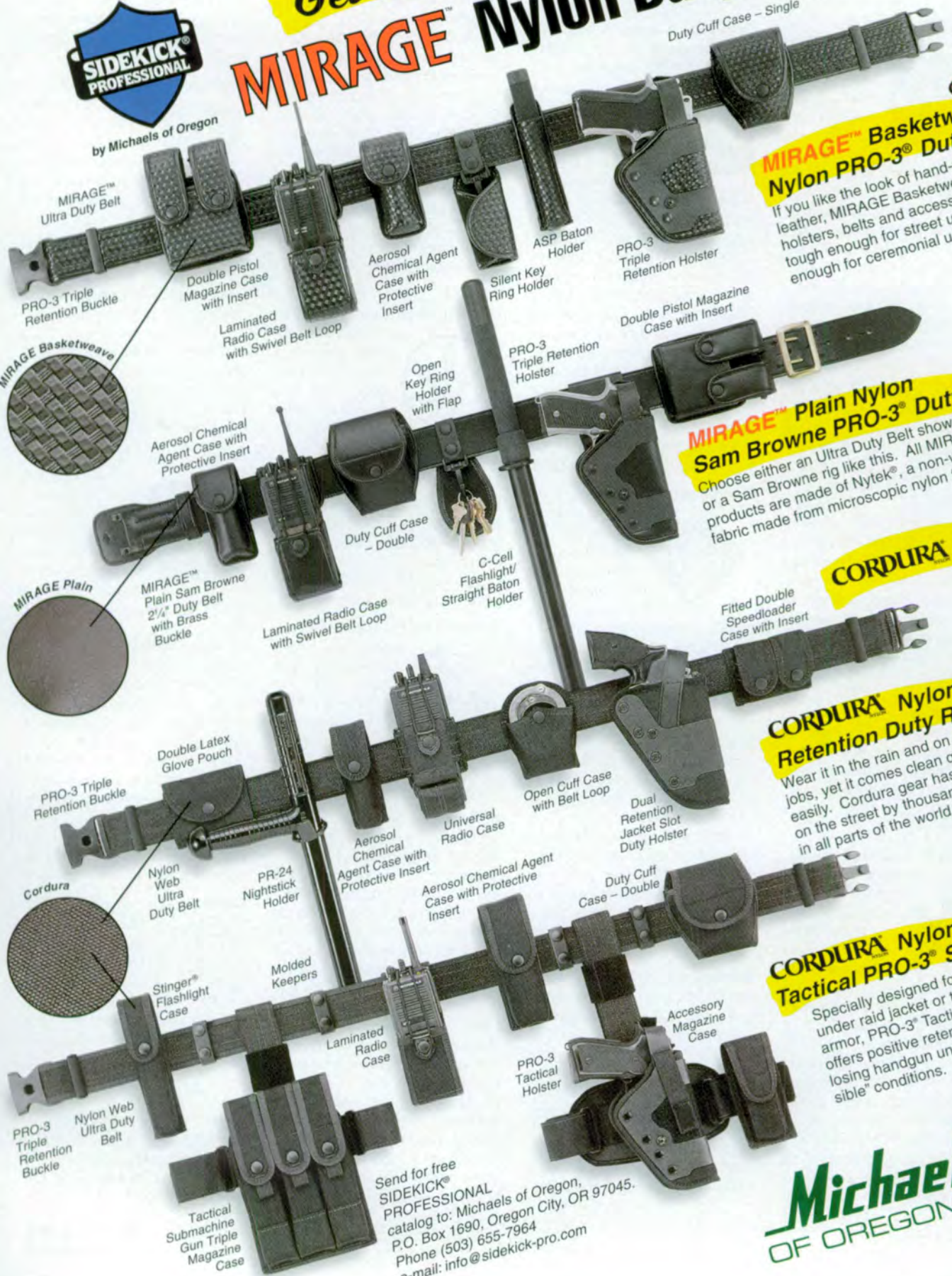


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Law Enforcement News From Blue Line Magazine

Police officer launches \$30 million legal suit against Ontario's Special Investigations Unit

York Region officer wants compensation for malicious prosecution, punitive damages and denial of constitutional rights

A \$30 million malicious prosecution lawsuit against Ontario's Special Investigations Unit was launched in February by a York Region police officer.

Det. Robert Wiche says a manslaughter charge laid against him in connection with the fatal shooting of 16-year-old Faraz Suleman, was pursued for political reasons.

The SIU is a civilian body which investigates deaths and serious injuries involving officers in the province and has the power to lay charges.

Wiche was cleared last August after the judge presiding over the preliminary hearing ruled the Crown failed to introduce evidence of criminal conduct in relation to the June 1996 incident.

Wiche is seeking \$10 million for malicious prosecution, \$10 million for punitive damages and \$10 million for denial of his constitutional rights.

SIU director Andre Marin, three of the unit's previous interim directors, chief investigator James Harding and the ministries of the attorney general and solicitor general are also named in the lawsuit.

The detective's statement of claim states the shooting occurred while he and his partner were trying to arrest a suspected carjacker.



Wiche said the fatal shooting was a clean shot and that he had acted in an appropriate - even a courageous fashion.

SIU spokeswoman Gail Scala said it was premature for Marin to comment on the suit publicly.

Wiche, who has returned to active police duty, is no stranger to legal action.

The police officer launched a lawsuit last November after he was stabbed by a youth at a courthouse on the first day of the preliminary hearing.

The \$6 million suit against the York Region Police Services Board and several other parties claims they failed to make improvements at the courthouse even though they knew safety was inadequate.

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Runciman hands out scholarships to children of slain public safety officers

Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services Bob Runciman announced the first awards of scholarships under the Public Safety Officers' Survivor Scholarship Fund in February.

The \$5 million fund provides scholarships for spouses and children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. This is the first program of its kind in Canada.

"The award of these first scholarships marks an important step in our efforts to reflect the debt of honour we owe to these families," Runciman

said. "The nine awards are the first in a series that will continue as long as there is a need for them."

This year's awards total over \$36,000, to be used for tuition and books.

The fund was established by the government last summer. The Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services has mailed information on the scholarship to families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty whose addresses were available.

Family members who did not receive an information package, but consider themselves to be qualified for a scholarship are encouraged to contact the ministry.

The fund is managed by an Advisory Committee with secretariat assistance from the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services.

"The Advisory Committee members were proud to assist in the selection of these scholarship recipients," said Glenn Thompson, chair of the committee.

"We were keenly aware of the sacrifices made by these families as we reviewed the applications.

"We hope these awards will help the family members expand

their personal horizons and opportunities through the power of education."

Thompson is Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association - Ontario Division and is a former deputy minister of several Ontario ministries, including the former Ministry of Correctional Services.

The funds are for tuition and required books for any course of study at an accredited Canadian educational institution.

Applicants must be studying for a first undergraduate degree or diploma and, if a child of a public safety officer, be under the age of 25 at the time of application.



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- Bob Runciman

Nine youths graduate from province's new boot camp

The first nine young offenders to complete their treatment and rehabilitation programs at Project Turnaround, Ontario's first strict discipline facility, left the program with words of wisdom from Solicitor General Bob Runciman.

The nine were among 32 youths taking part in the program which combines highly structured 16-hour days, mandatory education programs, life skills training, rigorous physical activity and no idle time.

"The strict discipline approach has been demanded for a long time by Ontario residents who have felt that the traditional methods of youth custody just haven't been working. And they were right," Runciman said.

Runciman said young offenders' rate of reoffending, which is about 65 percent, is unacceptable. As a result, features of the strict discipline program, including standardized codes of behaviour programming, routines and

incentive schemes will soon be adopted at other young offender facilities across Ontario.

"This government knows young offenders need a large dose of discipline and motivation so they accept responsibility for their actions. They don't have to grow up to become career criminals at society's expense," he said.

Runciman encouraged all youths in the program to take their experience of Project Turnaround with them in determining the course of their futures in the community.

"I hope this experience will mean you make better choices; for your own sake and for the sake of others who are affected by your actions," he said.

Project Turnaround is a 32-bed facility operated as a secure custody institution for 16 and 17-year-old males. The facility is operated under contract to the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services by Encourage Youth Corp.

1997 - 1998 Recipients

□ **Chad Joseph Chevalier** - a second year Construction Engineering Technology student at Niagara College.

□ **Kathleen Dunmore** - a first year Massage Therapy student at Kikkawa College in Toronto.

□ **Michael Dunmore** - a third year Electronics Engineering Technology student at Sheridan College.

□ **David Hopkins** - a first year Kinesiology student at Lakehead University.

□ **Patricia Kirkwood** - a first year Applied Science student at Queen's University.

□ **Stacie McLaughlin** - a second year student at Lakehead University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree.

□ **Jennifer Sweet** - a second year student at Centennial College pursuing a Correctional Worker Program diploma.

□ **Kim Sweet** - a fourth year student at Ryerson Polytechnic University pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

□ **Nicole Sweet** - a first year student at the Career School of Hairstyling, in Oshawa, pursuing a diploma in Hairdressing.

N.B. police forces need to recruit more minorities: report



New Brunswick police forces don't recruit enough visible minorities, according to a study released in February.

But there has been no increase in the number of minority applicants, the University of New Brunswick psychologist who conducted the study found.

Provincial Solicitor General Jane Barry said aboriginal leaders have told her that natives are apprehensive about applying for law enforcement jobs. She didn't comment further.

Barry said the problem must be addressed. The solicitor general said that, for example, Saint John has about 3,000 aboriginal residents and the city police must look at whether it adequately represents them.

There has been a significant increase in the number of women applying to become officers, the study said.

Provincial police used excessive force: committee



Four Quebec provincial police officers used excessive force when they beat a man into a coma in July 1993, a police ethics committee ruled in March.

The police officers involved should have tried to calm the agitated man without the use of force, said Jean-Marie Blais, who judged the case for the ethics committee.

"Use of physical force by the four officers was abusive and useless because nothing put their security in danger," Blais was quoted as saying. "The result was catastrophic."

Rejean Perreault, who was in a coma for six days, had no recollection of the incident with police in Ste-Melanie, north of Montreal.

A complaint against the officers was made by the doctor who treated Perreault.

Perreault had multiple bruises, three fractured ribs and cuts on his scalp when he was admitted to hospital. The incident has left him with vision problems.

Perreault was ill before the incident. Medical ailments prevented him from working and he used a cane to walk. But Perreault wasn't depressed or aggressive, he was just worn out, his family said.

The incident began when Perreault was stopped by police who thought his truck matched the description of one wanted in a string of lawn furniture thefts.

Perreault refused to get out of his truck when ordered and fled the scene, only to return shortly after.

When he got out of his truck he was wielding a knife, which he dropped when an officer, with gun drawn, told him to. Perreault then displayed a crucifix and told police to shoot him.

Additional officers arrived on the scene and Perreault was tackled to the ground while attempting to back away from police. A flashlight was used to prevent him from biting officers.

While Perreault's actions were definitely out of the ordinary, police should have waited him out, like in hostage situations, the committee said.

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Montreal police pull out of Quebec's anti-biker squad

Quebec's anti-biker squad will be working without the support of one of its original members.

Montreal police announced they were pulling out of the three police service unit, which includes the RCMP and Quebec's provincial force, in February.

"Wolverine was created for three police forces and now there are two," RCMP Cpl. Pierre Giguere was quoted as saying. "There will be adjustments."

Francois Dore, a spokesman for the provincial police service said a concerted battle against criminal gangs is needed and must continue.

The battle for control over Quebec's illegal drug trade has been quiet, but could pick up now that the Texas-based Bandidos have allied themselves with the Rock Machine, a Quebec-based gang that has been



in a war with the Hells Angels.

More than 50 bikers and at least one innocent bystander have been killed in the ongoing battle.

Several others have been injured in bombings and shootings that have taken place in recent years.

Montreal police said the Wolverine squad, created more than two years ago, has accomplished its main objectives and it's time to reassign the unit's 39 detectives, Deputy Chief Claude Rochon said.

Rochon cited the closure of three gang hideouts in the Montreal area and bringing criminal charges against a number of high-ranking gang members as some of the unit's accomplishments.

But criminologist Jean-Paul Brodeur said it's hard to determine if the Wolverine squad has reached its goals because its objectives were never made public.

Frauds fall to lowest rate in years: report



Despite a dramatic increase in the number of credit card scams the number of frauds in 1996 dropped to the lowest rate in 20 years, Statistics Canada reported in late February.

The 1996 fraud rate dropped to 337 cases for every 100,000 people in the population compared with the 1986 rate of 498.

The decline came despite a rise in credit card frauds across the country. Card scams rose to 17,504 in 1996 from 15,238 in 1995.

The overall decline in fraud is attributed to the reduction in bad cheques, Statistics Canada said. Cheque fraud fell to 40,343 in 1996, compared with 44,076 in 1995 and almost 79,000 in 1986.

The agency also said that new technology including automatic tellers, direct deposits and automatic bill payments have reduced the use of cheques.

Remaining fraud offences were grouped into a miscellaneous category and accounted for 43,259 offences, or 144 for every 100,000 people. These scams included unauthorized computer use, stock manipulation and telemarketing schemes.

But while crooks may think these crimes are lucrative, they generally aren't worth the effort. Statistics show that almost two-thirds of the scam artists are apprehended. The report also says that police solved close to 63 per cent of reported fraud cases in 1996.

New trial for Kenora police chief

The Ontario Court of Appeal ordered a new trial for Kenora's police chief in connection with the death of a man in a police jail in 1994.

Joseph Pahpasay, 57, died after being brought into the police station drunk.

Police Chief George Curtis and Donald Hudson, an employee at the Kenora station, should both be tried again on charges of failing to provide the necessities of life the court ruled in February.

Both men had the same charge stayed against them in July 1995, by a provincial court judge who ruled sections of the charge were unconstitutional.

The appeal court agreed that part of a Criminal Code section forcing accused people to prove their innocence was unconstitutional, but it also ruled that the judge should have removed the inappropriate sections of the code instead of dismissing the case entirely.

The chairman of Kenora's police services board, Chuck Tyrrell, said the appeal court's decision won't charge the way officers do their job.

"We think the charges against (Curtis and Hudson) are unfair and we don't think they did anything wrong," Tyrrell was quoted as saying.

Police launch senior watch program



The Niagara Regional Police and local community policing committee launched a program to stay in touch with seniors in late February.

Dubbed Seniors Watch, the program ensures that seniors living alone have regular telephone contact with committee volunteers, Insp. Peter Gill said.

"It gives volunteers the opportunity to maintain contact with people in the community and this goes well beyond policing," Gill

was quoted as saying. "The volunteers become an information base for the seniors."

Volunteers are given the name, home address and telephone number of the seniors along with similar information on two relatives to be notified in case of an emergency.

If a volunteer doesn't get a response when a senior is called, a call will be made to one or both of the relatives, Gill said.

The relative will then be responsible for going to the home and checking on the individual's welfare.

If a relative can't be reached, a police officer will be dispatched to the senior's address.

Winnipeg plans to hire more police officers



Winnipeg police plan to hire up to 39 police officers this year in an effort to calm growing fears over street crime, the service announced in late February.

The new members will be part of a program aimed at making the city's downtown core safer by cracking down on panhandlers, drunks and vagrants.

"We want to get them off the streets," Police Chief David Cassels was quoted as saying. "We're not going to be heavy handed and tear Winnipeggers off the streets, but we will strongly enforce the laws."

The Winnipeg strategy will also incorporate the use of surveillance cameras, which will be installed in areas downtown.

The chief said police also want volunteers to escort store employees and customers to their vehicles late at night.

"We're going to stress a real, zero tolerance policy," Cassels was quoted as saying.

A \$2.7 million increase in the police service budget will help make the crack down possible.

Officers face charges over impaired driving cover-up

Colleagues allegedly suppressed evidence for copper's daughter

A Quebec provincial police officer, along with his daughter and three colleagues, face a number of charges including obstruction of justice and falsifying evidence in a drunk driving case.

The officers are accused in a cover up aimed at suppressing evidence which showed the daughter was drunk when she struck another car on New Year's Eve 1996, injuring two people in the other vehicle.

The officers, who usually work out of the Cowansville-Dunham detachment 60 kilometres southeast of Montreal, were suspended from duty in January. They have pleaded not guilty.

The woman 20-year-old Sylvie Brodeur, was charged with drunken driving causing bodily harm.

According to the Crown, officers

Pierre-Yves Deragon and Jean-Francois Cloutier, were called to an accident in the town of Sutton on Dec. 31, 1996.

When they arrived on the scene they noticed that Brodeur appeared to be intoxicated. They took her to the police station for a breathalyser test and soon learned that she was the daughter of their colleague, Marcel Brodeur.

The Crown claims that Cloutier, under pressure from fellow officers, changed the positive breathalyser reading a few days after the accident.

Charges against Sylvie Brodeur were dropped last September, but police launched an investigation.

Cloutier has been charged with falsifying reports and will be tried alone.

Officers Pierre Boileau and Brodeur face charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice. They will be tried together, along with Deragon, who is also charged with writing a false report five months after the incident.



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Humorous press releases stand out in minds of editors

News releases. Not only do they keep media types updated on law enforcement issues and information, they sometimes provide editors with a much needed laugh.

The following release from Ontario's Peel Regional Police titled "A clean getaway - almost" is a perfect example.

"A Brampton man has been arrested and charged after leaving his license plate at the scene of a crime.

At about 7:45 pm, Sunday February 15, 1998, a Brampton man returned to his home. He found the lock cut off his front gate and someone attempting to steal a trailer from his driveway.

"Not only do they keep media types updated they sometimes provide editors with a much needed laugh."

The man blocked the driveway with his car and called police. The suspect, driving a pickup truck, smashed past the homeowner and sped off. Fortunately, or unfortunately depending on your point of view, the accident caused the front license plate to fall off the escaping truck."

Yes, it seems that those in the media office, like most coppers,

have a great sense of humor. This news release from Waterloo, Ont., provides another example.

"At 11:50 pm last evening (December 17) an attempted robbery at Stanley Park Mall, Kitchener was thwarted when the suspect picked the wrong victim.

The intended victim was exiting his pickup truck when the suspect approached. The suspect pushed the victim and demanded his wallet. The victim responded by punching the suspect on the jaw. The suspect realized that he had bitten off more than he could chew and fled the scene."

Please, keep those press releases coming.

Funeral escape nets man four months in jail

An Ontario convict who escaped custody for two days while on an escort pass to attend his grandmother's funeral will spend an additional four months in prison.

Joseph Lewis had just eight months left to serve on a two year and seven month sentence when he fled from a gathering at a funeral home.

The 21-year-old pleaded guilty in January, to escaping custody and possession of marijuana, an offence which led the judge to tack on another seven days to Lewis' sentence.

Both sentences are in addition to the original sentence and will be served concurrently, to the 31-months he had been serving at a correctional institute in Kingston, Ont., for break-ins in Alberta and London.



Robber gets cash, leaves cops a clue

A Grand Forks, N.D., man accused of robbing a bank in late December may have left the bank with cash, but he also left police a huge lead.

He left his Social Security number in an envelope on the teller's desk.

"This was not a real tough one to solve," Fargo police Lt. John Sanderson was quoted as saying.

Timothy French, 23, allegedly held up a branch of the Gate City Federal Savings bank in Fargo and made off with an estimated \$3,400.

The FBI said he entered the bank, asked to cash a cheque and then handed the teller a torn envelope with a note written on the outside demanding cash.

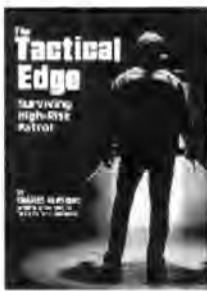
The teller handed over the loot and the robber fled, leaving the envelope on the teller's desk.

Inside the envelope was a pay stub from a Grand Forks company that had French's Social Security number on it. The company confirmed that French had been employed there.

French was arrested hours later.

"This was not a really thought-out plan," Sanderson was quoted as saying. "But that's fine with us. It makes us look good and makes the robbers look dumb."

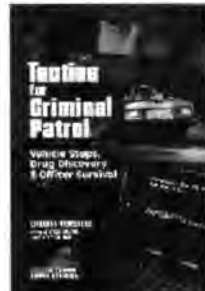
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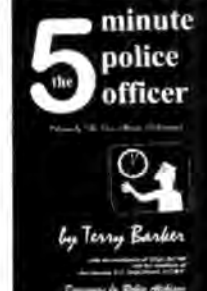
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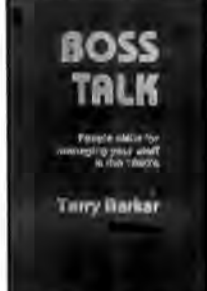
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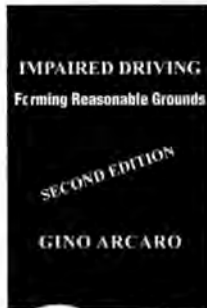
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More break-ins in 1996 than in 1995

CITIZENRY - About one in every 50 homes was broken into in 1996, giving Canada one of the worst rates in the industrialized world. Statistics Canada has found that break-ins peaked in 1995.

The rate was lower in the Atlantic provinces, with Newfoundland having the lowest rate of less than half that of British Columbia.

In Quebec, overall rates in 1996 were higher than they were in 1995.

Breaking and entering is one of the most common and most serious property crimes reported in Canada each year to a police force.

Not only can this crime result in the destruction of property, but it is an invasion of a person's space that can cause virtual hours of inconvenience or personal harm.

Police-reported data suggest break-ins are still involving violence are rare, the

get together and have new arrest ceremonies.

Jacques Lefebvre, 55, and Jean Paul Labadie, 33, defended their Montreal bail in Quebec. The Stairs after police raided the club on Sunday evening 43 people.

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All parties were pleased not guilty.

The owner said the \$200,000 fee and swimming pool were worth the \$100,000 investment in the club.

George Linton and three bar managers with Jacques Wednesday argued the case were wrong to last in the club.

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