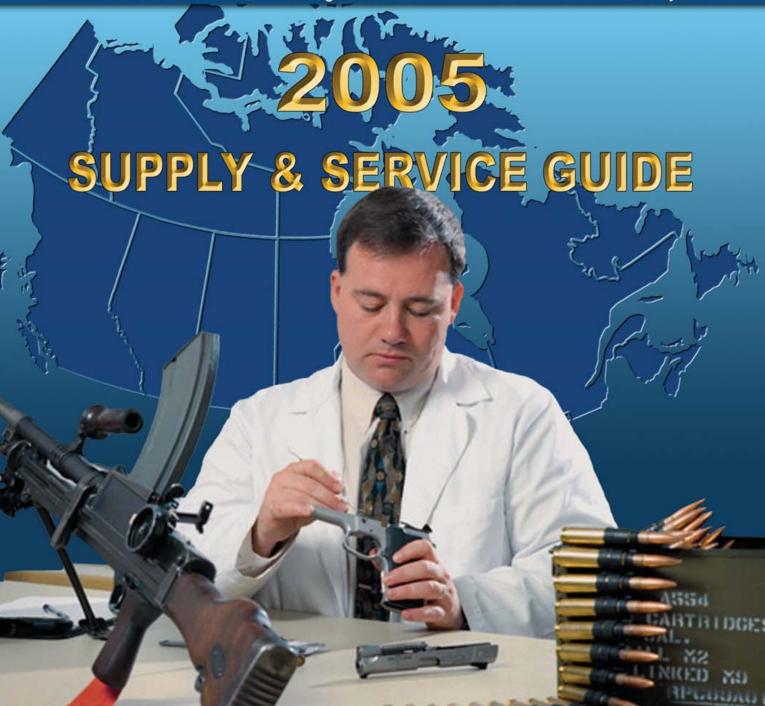
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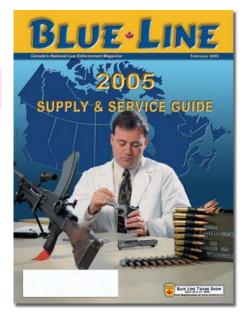
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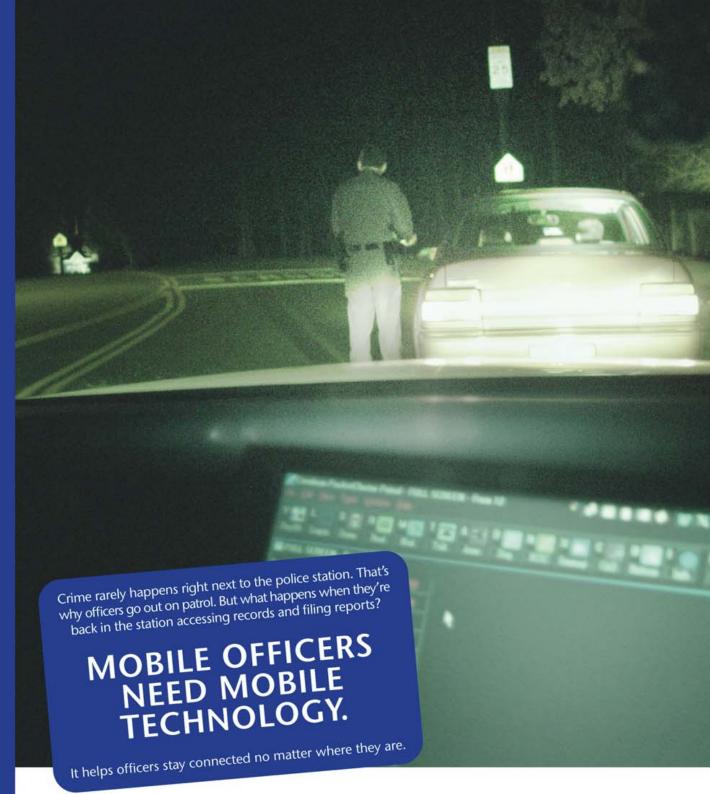
Welcome to our 2005 Supply & Service Guide. Darrel Harvey is the man at the centre of this month's cover. Darrel is a member of the RCMP Planning Branch in Halifax. The picture was taken when Darrel worked in the Forensic Firearms section of "H" Division. The picture is emblematic of some of the goods and services required by police services across the country. In this month's edition you will be able to find where to obtain these items in addition to anything else you may need that is not pictured here.

With Montreal set to host the world at the 1976 Olympic Games, officials were more than a little concerned about possible terrorist activity. The Ontario Provincial Police were charged with providing security for the yachting events in Kingston and it was decided a tactical unit, specially trained to quickly deal with armed threats, was needed. Andrew F. Maksymchuk was a member of that first OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) and went on to coordinate the unit for eight years. His fascinating recollections of those early days is our lead article this month.

Continuing with the tactical theme, **Ryan Siegmund** profiles the Calgary Police Tactical Unit, which puts would-be tac officers through a gruelling 26 week boot camp to see if they have what it takes to join the unit. The few who survive – and are still standing – become members, says **Sgt. Tony Manning**.

In other features this month, Communication Skills editor **Mark Giles** explains why a well-trained, prepared and appropriate spokesperson is crucial to delivering your message to the press and public; Police Management editor **James Clark** comments on the current search for a new Toronto chief; **Antoon A. Leenaars** delves into the effectiveness of Canadian gun control legislation; and **Dr. Dorothy** looks at the bystander effect.

West Coast correspondent Elvin Klassen writes about how the police and citizens of Brockville are helping families in Belarus and Tom Sidney reports on Operation Go Home.





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PUBLISHER'S COMMENTARY



Reduced crime should not reduce agency sizes

by Morley Lymburner

Canada has been blessed with what has been arguably described as a falling crime rate. The reaction to this is quite often one of police cut backs. What puzzles me is that when society finds itself with a much reduced fire hazard no one suggests doing away with firefighters. So what is the difference here?

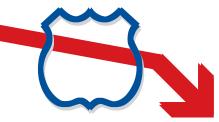
Well to begin with society (and the politicians they vote for) are a little uncomfortable with a lot of cops out there lurking and skulking in nooks and crannies they would much prefer to keep in the dark. The fear of an under worked police officer trying to find something to do is far more problematic to many than an under worked firefighter shining his truck in the fire hall.

A cop trying to busy himself just might find there is a lot more to do then he figured. Everyone wants the cops to catch robbers and murderers but not necessarily the speeders and stop sign violators. Although fraudsters are viewed by the public as a nuisance this pales in comparison to the cop asking why your seatbelt wasn't fastened.

It is time police services across the country began to present their case to the community in a more enlightened fashion than simply a statistical analysis of crime trends. The only way to keep crime rates down is to have an effective and sufficiently large police service. If crime rates drop then there is one huge advantage to the community. They now have an opportunity to train their police staff to higher levels of professionalism. When crime rates drop this should be looked upon as an opportunity to prepare for a time when things will not look so rosy; or when a complicated investigation arises the community can be reassured the expertise within the police services exists to handle it.

Yes indeed it is time to have officers looking in areas never before looked at. It is time for staff to improve their education or even their interpersonal skills. Police services can now look upon the talents within their agencies and send officers away on secondment to either teach or learn skills that can be of value to others. Communities can benefit from redeploying officers in areas of crime prevention rather than enforcement. Permitting officers to walk the beat once more places more eyes and ears within the community. It produces longrange solutions rather than short term fixes.

Another advantage to low crime figures is officers can be freed up to help protect good guys from hurting good guys. If anyone knows my passion this refers to traffic initiatives. Some agencies have actually cut back traffic and highway patrol initiatives to send officers



to other countries or bolster some other currently politically correct segment of society. Although this is good PR the thought that our roads may become less safe than they once were is not comforting. Manitoba and Alberta are two provinces who are suffering from a lack of proper traffic enforcement and the Toronto Police Service still believes 18 small and understaffed traffic units are better than larger more geographically coordinated ones.

Somehow the lack of personnel to do day to day work appears not to affect the numbers of officers we are able to send overseas. Currently sketchy figures indicate around 600 officers are deemed not necessary to patrol Canadian communities and are sent off to Iraq, Haiti and other countries around the world.

In populated areas there is still a place for the beat officer but few agencies feel they can afford to dedicate officers to this type of work. This in spite of the fact that these types of officers have long been recognized for having their ears to the ground. Too many agencies still insist on "tin can" policing with friendly waves from the cruiser as it passes through. Too many agencies are looking for the wrong kind of problems. They feel they need to solve headline crime instead of solving problems affecting everyone where they live and work.

One other thing to be addressed would be to improve working conditions to a level where officers do not mind staying with a particular agency longer and newer candidates will look upon the concept of becoming a police officer more favourably. For instance there is no reason police services should not subsidize officers who choose to live in the community they work in. Long commuting distances for officers caused by high real estate prices can cost the community dearly when the police officers live far from where they work.

There is no rational reason to cut back police budgets when crime rates fall. Using the same or even increasing resources creates a better more attractive police service which in turn creates a safer community. Safer communities attract more people and the tax base increases accordingly. It is a win win situation.



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TRAINING FOR TROUBLE

Ontario Provincial Police tactical unit celebrates 30 years of service



First created to protect against terrorist attacks at the Kingston Ontario section of the 1975 Olympic Games, the 30 member Ontario Provincial Police Tactics and Rescue Unit was split up and posted across the province. This is the first of a two-part series which profiles this unit's past, present and future.

by Andrew F. Maksymchuk

"Don't puke on the grass!" the physical training instructor yelled. I turned my head toward the pavement. "Don't barf on the pavement!" the same instructor shouted. To hell with you, I thought to myself as I let it go halfway up Passchendaele Hill on Canadian Forces Base Petawawa.

By the time my regurgitation ceremony was over, the group I was with had slowed to a walk at the top of the steepest hill at the army base northwest of Ottawa. The year was 1975 and I was one of 27 members of the Ontario Provin-

cial Police selected to train for a new tactics and rescue unit the force created to deal with possible terrorist activity in Ontario during the 1976 Olympics.

The unit's creation was prompted in part by a number of events, including the October Crisis of 1970 and the 1972 terrorist massacre of 11 Israelis at the Olympic Village in Munich, Germany. It was also prompted by studies that showed violence could be minimized or even eliminated if a specially trained tactical unit could respond quickly to armed confrontations.

While Montreal would host the '76 Olympics, the yachting events were scheduled for Lake Ontario off Kingston. The OPP would help by providing security for the yacht races and its competing sailors. It was agreed that the military training for the tactics and rescue unit would last five weeks and include firearms, ordinance, rappelling, camouflage, concealment and movement, problem-solving and dim-light observation.

The men selected for training came from every corner of the province. Indeed, we were strangers to each other and our backgrounds, interests and abilities differed substantially. The only common denominator was that we all, at one point in our policing careers, had been involved in a life-threatening situation.

Everyone in the group held the rank of constable, with the exception of myself and one other corporal. I was a month short of my 33rd birthday and had just over 11 years of police service, including a posting to Central Patricia in Northern Ontario. I had passed all the selection criteria – interviews, psychological and physical tests – and had convinced myself I was



as fit as a 20-year-old, but I was mistaken.

The military unit selected to train us was 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment and those first few days at Petawawa felt as if a big door had closed between us and our regular employer. We were entirely at the mercy of the military training instructors and it became very clear that they could do with us as they saw fit, in both rewards and punishment. Almost all of us lacked any knowledge of military training and we were convinced the instructors would be rubbing their hands with glee to have such control over civilian cops. Our run in a wide assortment of civilian clothing proved we wouldn't be treated with kid gloves.

However, we soon came to realize that our instructors were skilled, intelligent and highly motivated members of the armed forces who had been around long enough to know people and how to deal with them.

In his opening statement to us, the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel David B. Ells, said he hadn't asked for us to be on the army base. In fact, he said he didn't really want us there, but since we were, he would make the best of the situation. We later learned that the popular colonel frequently used this type of tongue-in-cheek method to deliver his message of base conduct. He made it very clear that our little drop of blue in a sea of green would not be receiving any preferential treatment and that we had better follow the rules.

Besides running, our training included swimming, which most of us enjoyed. One morning we arrived at the pool to see several soldiers standing equidistant around the pool's edge. Something was up. Coveralls and old boots were tossed to each of us and before we knew it our arms were handcuffed behind our backs and we were ordered, five at a time, to jump into the deep end. We were told that if we didn't panic, kept our heads tilted back and relaxed, we would be able to float with our faces above the water. We were in for only six minutes, but it seemed like a lifetime.

The sight of military personnel standing ready with long, hooked poles didn't foster a calming effect, but everyone kept their cool, including one member who found he wasn't at all buoyant. In order to overcome this problem, he permitted himself to sink until his feet touched the bottom of the pool. This enabled him to thrust his body upward for another breath.

The intensity of the training increased daily. One of the military's most highly trained snipers, Sgt. Joe Skerry, took us through cover, concealment and movement techniques. We were taught night vision tricks and a myriad of other skills. From Sgt. Jim McMoran we learned the fine art of proper rifle shooting in just about every conceivable weather condition. A welcome sight during these exercises was Warrant Officer Keith Wyonch with his supply of hot hay-box meals and elaborate coffee break snacks.

One particular memorable training session was conducted by Sgt. Wally Adams. As we sat on bleachers on the firing range, he rubbed what appeared to be play dough between his hands. He formed a long cord and wrapped it around a

wooden post purposely set up for his demonstration. He then inserted a blasting cap and, while barely able to contain his excitement, touched the wires of the blasting cap to a battery. The resulting explosion cut the post in half and left us startled and amazed at its effects.

Adams then pulled small pieces of the play dough from his supply, rolled them into small balls and then tossed them in our direction. After a mad scramble to prevent the balls from striking any hard object, we were told by Adams how harmless C4 was without the electrical current. Prior to that demonstration, none of us had ever dealt with that type of material. However, before the end of our training session, Adams taught us valuable lessons on how easy it was to transport and conceal C4. We also learned how to use it to open locked doors or make doorways in walls.

I also recall how the stillness of the barracks erupted early one morning with shouts, thumps and the slamming of doors. I leapt out of bed thinking all hell had broken loose. My bedside clock read 2 a.m. I looked out the door and saw all of our instructors yelling for us to grab our gear and get into the deuce-and-a halfs. The trucks delivered us to a snow-covered field where we were told to go to an abandoned building in the centre of the field. We were to get there by using our training techniques and any topographical advantage we could find. The instructors explained that they would monitor and evaluate our movements.

After each of us put on our white parka and trouser shell, we began the slow, cold ar-



duous task of crossing the field. Slowly but steadily we inched our way toward the old building and after what seemed like hours, we were within 25 metres of the dark and silent objective.

None of us was prepared for the tumultuous event that unfolded. Suddenly there were blinding flashes, followed by deafening roars. Smoke grenades popped and spewed orange, green and grey smoke. I saw several muzzle flashes coming from the house and heard men shouting. We nearly crapped our drawers! The men in the house – all volunteer military personnel – were teaching us a valuable lesson: nothing is as it seems. Take nothing for granted and expect the unexpected.

Our group had several rappelling training sessions with Sgt. Dave Janssen before being given the opportunity to rappel from two Huey helicopters as they hovered 50 metres above the ground. Excitement filled the air when the birds thundered into view. We hurriedly tied rappel harnesses around our thighs and waist with short pieces of rope. Eve-

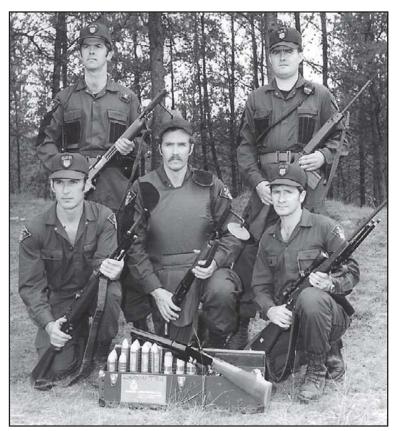
ryone wanted to be first in the air. By the end of the day, each of us had taken several exhilarating jumps. Unfortunately, one member broke his leg and another twisted an ankle.

Tactics and rescue operations demand superb skill, fitness, high motivation, split-second timing, cool judgment and teamwork. Twenty-five of the 27 police officers selected for the course passed. These men formed the nucleus of what would become an effective, well-equipped and well-trained tactical squad known as the Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU).

During the course of the Olympic yachting events at Kingston, there were occasions when intelligence sources indicated potential problems. Fortunately, no major incidents occurred and the few minor situations were handled effectively. It might suggest that no acts of aggression had been planned, but it might also indicate that effective security and preparedness proved a sound deterrent.

Following the Olympics, TRU was divided into five, five-man units strategically located throughout the province. Each team had to be ready to respond to any high-risk threat if requested. I became the leader of the team based at Downsview, Ont., on the northern edge of Toronto, and quite often we took advantage of the facilities there for our monthly training sessions.

All of the TRU units would meet for ongoing training at CFB Borden every six months. These sessions were coordinated by our own training personnel, but we would oc-



First London area OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit in 1975. Front row is Paul Valliere, Doug Hutton and Terry Drew while standing is Al Armstrong and Don Carson. The unit was formed to help protect Olympic athletes in the 1976 Olympics.

casionally tap the expertise of military personnel such as Lt. Col. Ivor MacLeod and Cpt. Ted Ryzcko at CFB Trenton. Eventually the training would include the canine and underwater search and recovery units and the hostage negotiating team. Meanwhile, equipment upgrades and familiarization continued on a regular basis.

Indeed, as TRU gained more experience, it received a number of requests for training from police services across Canada and the United States

The members of TRU felt they were trained to handle the type of situation that unfolded on Oct. 12, 1977. Our unit got a call at 11:30 pm stating that a Collingwood police officer had been gunned down in cold blood, his service revolver still in his holster. Assisting the Collingwood police force was Det. Insp. Tom Lennon of the OPP Criminal Investigations Branch, who requested our TRU team assist in arresting a suspect who was believed to be holed up in a local residence.

Four of my team members were available: Constables Bud Gardiner, Gus Riddell, Wayne Nethery and myself. We arrived at the station at 2:20 a.m., were briefed on the events by Lennon and then given directions to the house, a two-storey duplex with living quarters on the main floor and bedrooms upstairs. A family of four lived in one half, our suspect was believed to be in the other half. We quickly went into a military reconnaissance mode, slithering unseen and unheard around both the front and

back yards. We also put a man on the roof.

The family, which had to be evacuated, had recently moved into the house and were without a telephone. Nethery quietly borrowed a ladder from a neighbour and we padded it with clothing and propped it against the wall next to the upstairs bedroom window. Looking inside, Riddell spotted the husband and wife asleep in bed. He tapped on the window and held up his badge, but it took a few moments for him to explain the purpose behind our sudden invasion of the family's privacy. Still, we managed to get the man and his family safely out of the house.

I decided that Gardiner and I would enter the house through the front door and make the arrest while Riddell and Nethery provided cover and observation. The door had a large window in the upper portion and the curtains had been drawn back. There were no lights on. While standing near the door, Gardiner and I closed our eyes for a few moments to improve our night vision. We then looked inside and saw two sleeping forms on

a sofa bed across the room, kiddie corner to the door.

We were quite sure one would be our suspect, but who was the other? Were they pretending to sleep, ready to fire at us when we made our move? Using signals and lip reading, we planned our next move. We tried the door - it was locked. Should we break the glass, reach in and unlock the door from the inside? That could mean the loss of a hand from a shotgun blast. The decision was made. Gardiner kicked in the door and I entered swiftly, with him a split second behind. We ran a few steps and then jumped through the air to land on the figures on the sofa bed. The bed collapsed and before both people knew what was happening, they were handcuffed and on the floor.

A 21-year old man was turned over to the investigating officers, along with his 14-year old female bed partner and a pile of bloodstained clothes. Eventually, he was sentenced to life imprisonment, with no parole eligibility for 25 years.

Andrew F. Maksymchuk retired as an inspector after serving more than 30 years with the OPP, including eight years as TRU coordinator. He's lectured to members of more than 100 police organizations around the world, was an expert witness on police procedures at officer death inquiries and wrote COPS: A Matter of Life and Death, published by Eden Press of Montreal. He retired to Vernon, BC with his wife Myra and is currently working on his memoirs. This article first appeared in the May/June 2001 issue of Legion Magazine.

A legacy of accomplishment

The dense jungles of Vietnam, a grazing shot to the side of the head and getting a leg mangled in a grenade blast were not enough to prevent Don Carson from becoming one of the first members of the Ontario Provincial Police Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) in 1974. Even the shrapnel still wedged firmly in his body wasn't enough to stop him from joining the elite unit.

Carson, who served in the 82nd Airborne in the US Army during the Vietnam war, was a clear and easy choice to work with the elite police unit. Carson first served as a MP at the start of the war where he quickly became a helicopter gunner. He served three tours of duty in and over the jungles of Vietnam before being seriously wounded in battle. He was narrowly evacuated by helicopter after being saved by

a fellow soldier.

Carson was awarded with a slew of medals for his efforts in the war. He received two Bronze Stars, one for Valour, one Purple Heart, six Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, an Army Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, and a Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal.

After leaving the US armed forces in 1969 as a Sergeant, Carson joined the

OPP in 1971. Three years later he became one of the first member's of the service's newly formed tactics

unit in London.

For the next 26 years, Carson served with the OPP, working in Chapleau, policing reserves on James Bay and Hudsons Bay, serving as a detective in Owen Sound in 1988 and then finally moving to Orillia's Organized Crime Unit as a detective.

Carson's distinguished policing career ended in 2000 when he retired after 29 years of policing but had added one more medal to his chest; the Police Exemplary Service Medal. Don has left a legacy of accomplishments for others to

surpass but he is still looking for that next challenge.

Number of officers per capita declined in 2004

OTTAWA — There were just under 60,000 Canadian police officers as of June 15, 2004, according to a new report showing that there were fewer officers per capita in 2004 than a decade earlier.

However, police strength has been increasing in recent years after reaching a low in 1998. Canada's rate of 188 officers per 100,000 population is about 20 per cent lower than in the United States and Australia, and about 25 per cent lower than in England

In 2004, Saskatchewan reported 202 police officers for every 100,000 population, the highest rate among the provinces for the fourth consecutive year. It was followed by Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island had the fewest police per capita.

Most provinces have experienced declines in per capita police strength over the past decade, the largest being in Quebec (down seven per cent). Saskatchewan reported the largest increase in police strength during this period.

Among census metropolitan areas, Regina (207) and Thunder Bay (199) reported the highest rates of police officers per 100,000 population. The lowest rates were reported in Abbotsford (129), Ottawa (133) and London (134).

One out of every six police officers in 2004 was female, a proportion which has been growing steadily since the mid-1970s. Police services reported that there were almost 10,000 female officers, a six per cent increase from 2003. The number of male officers remained virtually unchanged.

British Columbia has the highest proportion of female officers, accounting for one in every five officers. The Atlantic provinces have the lowest proportion, at about one in every eight officers.

Canadians paid \$8.3 billion for policing services in 2003, an average of \$263 per person. Spending on policing has been increasing faster than inflation over the past six years, including a four per cent increase after adjusting for inflation, between 2002 and 2003. Since 1997, expenditures on policing increased 22 per cent after falling slightly (down three per cent) between 1992 and 1996.

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COP'S RESTRAINT AND A WARRIOR'S MINDSET



Training equals success for Calgary Tactical Unit

by Ryan Siegmund

Having 'that warrior's mindset' is the single most important attribute of a good tac team member, says Sgt. Tony Manning of the Calgary Police Tactical Unit – and it must be maintained, as the unit's success hinges on extensive and evolving training which prepares members for whatever may come their way.

In addition to being the sniper team leader. Manning is also the operational team sergean responsible for training. He runs the 26 were introductory training course for would-b members; the few who survive Manning and his fellow instructors' system - and are still standing - get to join.

'We build a wall in front of them and they will either climb over that wall or they won't,' says Manning. "If they don't, they leave. If they climb the wall, we build another one a little higher. By the end of the 26 weeks, there is not a whole lot we can do to put off these people."

Aspirants must successfully complete a two week selection process before entering the course, going through basic training drills and various psychological and clinical interviews. The medical people rate them and compare notes with team instructors.

"We make a list of our people (and) the doctors make a list of theirs," says Manning; they then sit down together and compare notes.

New members begin with a weapons course and follow through the various stages of entry work, including stealth, dynamic and second storey entry courses. While continually reviewing what they've learned so nothing goes stale, they progress through officer and hostage rescue situations, explosive force entries, high angle assault work and elevation shaft, glass and brick climbing.

While pushing these people hard, we really enforce the ability to succeed, the ability to take no for an answer," says Manning. "We really build them up; build them up, knock them down (and) build them up (again)."

Instructors constantly assess trainees' best attributes. If they think an individual would

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make a really good sniper, for example, and they show a keen interest, they will be trained accordingly – specialty skills are taught after basic skills. Instructors meet at the end of the course to determine who is strong and how they fit the needs of the unit.

"If a guy is showing a real aptitude for explosives in the basic course, they will do a police explosive technician assistance course. If ing training and helped each other get through, he notes. "They pick you up when you have a bad day, which was very important for us."

Waddell concedes not having any family obligations also helped him maintain his focus and drive, noting his drive and teamwork were the two most important factors motivating him to join the unit and stick with it.

The young guys trying to get on the team are likely to latch on to an experienced member as a role model, says Manning, so it's imperative to have extremely positive role models to lead them. Having a negative team, something Manning has seen many times before, creates a negative police officer.

"When they are finished their 26 weeks, what we have now is a guy with raw skills that's all he's got," he says. "Now we have to take him and expose him to the functioning of the team and he's got to fit into that team and develop his position."

The Calgary Tactical Unit currently has 22 members on three teams, each with a team leader (sergeant) and at least two snipers, bomb and gas technicians.

The unit is deployed 800 to 1,000 times a year, giving members a chance to use their skills on a regular basis, and are most frequently deployed to execute high risk drug warrants. When they're not on calls, they train.

Training is broken down into six areas and one month segments, which are conducted twice a year, and includes bus, train and aircraft assaults, high risk warrants and counter terrorism - each segment also includes components on appropriate weapon selection and disabling methods.

The counter terrorism segments are examples of how unit training has changed. "Hopefully it is something we will never have to use," notes Manning, "but if we do have to use that skill, then we need to be able to succeed.

'I need to be able to put resources in place that are going to look after the needs of the people of Alberta. We have to train in the areas that we don't go operational a lot, because when we do and we haven't dealt with it that often, the risk is high in a lot of ways.'

There is no room for on the job training on the teams, Manning says. "There is a lot of expertise that we can pass on to you, on any specific call, but you need to be trained in that area. We can't send you on a call that you never had any training in and expect you to perform when people's lives are at stake."

Teamwork and familiarity is imperative to the success of the unit, he says, noting there each team and member has its idiosyncrasies. "It might be the way your snipers supply information... it's important for me to know what he means when he is saying things and they only get that through training.

"It's important for me to know if my guy is right handed or left handed, because as a team leader that may influence my decisions



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on certain situations when I send them into a room. When they are trained together and are gelling as a team – it is essential."

It is common for teams to send their people off to educational courses around the world. Members share what they've learned with the rest of the team and look for ways to apply it in Calgary.

"We never invent anything ourselves, we steal everything from everyone from around the world," says Manning. "We look at what would work for Calgary, based on the resources we have available to us. We keep our people constantly training and figure it takes about five years before a guy is really on top of his game and performing at an ultimate level."

Members are expected to stay current with changing technology so they're prepared to combat what the 'bad guys' are using. The teams are the only Calgary police unit that regularly carries Tasers but members also use fibre optics, night vision, camera systems and intelligence gathering and video surveillance equipment.

Manning says members understand the need to train hard because it's helped them get through many situations.

"We use tactics over force – that's our goal. The truth is, we haven't shot many people here in Calgary, despite the fact we are going out on 800 or 900 calls a year. .. that is a result of the training and experience we have."

Training and experience helps members develop their most valuable asset – the right mindset and a positive belief in their ability to succeed, Manning says. Instructors can teach a member skills but "what I need him to do is to have the mindset to succeed, no matter what happens. If he's injured, whatever the problem is – I still need him to push on and succeed.

"The first week in where we train our people, that is what it is about. We will bring in doctors; we will bring outside experts in to give us the input into the will to succeed – the warrior mindset. That is the single most important factor in any tactical member."

Manning says his unit has been under strength for a couple of years now and constantly needs new members to replace those who've been promoted and moved out of the unit.

"Ideally for us and for a successful tactical team, is keeping your best people and have it free of promotion," he says.

"If I get a sergeant who comes in and he might have been a tactical guy in the past but he's been gone for five years, his skills are gone. His knowledge is old and if he is making decisions on a very high risk call, then he jeopardizes the chances of success for the team. Our world is constantly evolving and our skills never stand still, so it is essential that we have

the ability to keep our people."

The unit is fortunate in that it's presently not restricted by tenure, he says, something that really damages a team. That "allows us to build up an extremely high level of expertise in different areas. Tenure (an average of eight years) is something that strips teams of that ability, because you get a guy to certain level after four or five years (and) he knows he's leaving, so some of his motivation to perform is gone.

"If something happens and we have to say 'well, we couldn't train in that area because we are short on people' – I mean, what kind of an excuse is that? People just won't understand that if someone loses their life over it."

While admitting the unit is low on numbers, Manning cautions that he is not complaining and feels the team's level of expertise is high—"but we have to make sure that we know what we're looking for when we pick our people and we're very objective. There is no favouritism—we pick a person because we honestly believe he's best for the unit."

Members must love to train, be self-motivated and enjoy challenges, he says. "By following the basic skills learned before joining a team, through to the advancement to specialty work, the end result will be a good product. The product is so important because the kind of work we are asked to do out here, like any other tactical team, is volatile; people's lives depend on the performance of our team.

"It's also great fun, believe me."

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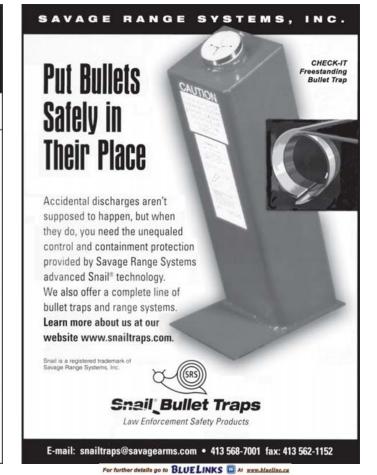
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Spokesperson is important part of message

It's not just what is said - but also who says it

by Mark Giles

As with many law enforcement skills, an effective means of delivery is needed to achieve the objective. Good public and media relations require the use of trained, prepared and appropriate spokespersons to deliver information and key messages to the public and community stakeholders.

In today's media-saturated world, government, private and non-profit organizations use spokespersons to communicate and connect with the public and their key audiences. Sometimes it works; when it doesn't, it may be because the spokesperson employed wasn't appropriate for the issue being discussed.

Canadian law enforcement agencies employ both sworn members and civilians to speak to the public on a variety of issues. Some prefer to use a designated spokesperson for day-to-day media contact while others prefer subject-matter-experts (SME), to avoid the perception of a 'talking-head' speaking on behalf of the agency.

Designated spokesperson vs SME

Using a designated spokesperson simplifies day-to-day media operations for the agency. The spokesperson may be a sworn member or civilian assigned to the public affairs or media relations unit, or a duty officer (inspector) for operational matters, especially after business hours. This concept allows immediate delivery of basic information related to an incident or issue using spokespersons that are proficient at dealing with the media.

A designated spokesperson can also become a trusted figure within the community, as was the case for several years with Cst. Anne Drennan of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). As with television news anchors, the public identifies with this person(s) and develops confidence in their ability to provide the public with important information.

Higher-profile investigations or events, such as those related to robbery, fraud, computer or sex crimes, are usually best handled by a member of the investigative unit responsible – a SME. He or she usually has more cred-



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ibility, as they are better able to speak to the details and relevant facts of a case.

If the investigation is in its early stages, or your agency is not yet prepared to provide a detailed response, the designated spokesperson can be used to provide an overview of the facts without the risk of inadvertently providing too much information to an aggressive reporter. In these cases, the designated spokesperson and the SME work together, with the duty or media relations officer providing initial comment and the SME later briefing the media more extensively on the status of the investigation or charges laid. This tactic should not be used to avoid transparency or openness on an issue and media should be advised that further information will be released and when, but it does allow the investigating unit and SME time to prepare for the release of further details.

Civilian vs sworn member

The designated spokesperson is often a member of an agencies' public affairs or media relations unit. Some agencies use sworn members in this role, others use civilians and many use a combination of the two. Using a sworn member as spokesperson generally has the following advantages: a greater credibility on police or investigative matters, a good understanding of the challenges of the job and, therefore, perhaps a better rapport with the sworn membership.

"Using a sworn member as spokesperson for a (law enforcement) agency provides an extra level of credibility," said Major Mike Lagace, a senior army public affairs officer and former media relations officer with the Winnipeg Police Service. "The officer who has experienced the challenges facing his or her colleagues has a certain understanding and empathy for the work they do, and that comes through when they speak to the media."

With experience and time though, civilian spokespersons can also gain credibility with both internal and external audiences and often have the following advantages: a more in-depth and diversified background in public and media relations, often allowing them to react and deliver responses quickly; more media and business contacts and perhaps a better ability as civilians to see the public's perspective; and generally less susceptibility to law enforcement-related jargon and the 'us and them' mentality.

Depending on their background, civilian spokespersons may see the bigger picture more easily, whereas sworn members are more likely to grasp the details and read between the lines on police reports and investigations. With a little planning, an agency can use a blend of both to its advantage. The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) uses both civilians and sworn members effectively, in both operational and support roles.

"Whenever possible, we try to use sworn members to speak to the public," said Dean Parthenis, police information officer with the EPS. "Our civilian media-relations officers are, however, always available to provide support, including acting as spokespersons when the police officers involved must make an investigation their first priority."

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Other considerations include the type of issue. With public safety matters, a sworn member, preferably in uniform, is probably more reassuring to a victim's family and friends and the community at large. For a citizen's complaint or professional standards issue, a civilian spokesperson might soften an agency's image somewhat, bringing the concept of civilian involvement to mind. On the other hand, a uniformed senior officer says 'command and control' and that the agency plans on getting to the bottom of the issue.

Senior vs non-commissioned officer

When using sworn members, the rank of the spokesperson is also a factor to be considered. Anne Drennan was the designated spokesperson for the VPD as a constable, but other agencies have used a senior officer, as was the case with then Supt. Rick Hanson of the Calgary Police Service in the mid-1990s.

A senior officer may come across as a greater authority figure, more knowledgeable on corporate issues, whereas a lower-ranking officer, such as a sergeant or constable, is more likely to be seen as being in touch with day-to-day law enforcement and public safety issues. In reality, neither may be overly in touch with day-to-day operations on the street, but the rank of the spokesperson may be a factor in how the message is perceived by the public and key stakeholders.

Operational vs corporate communications

Corporate issues related to funding, public

policy or relations with other agencies are normally best addressed by a member of senior management, usually at the chief, deputy chief or civilian-director level. When they are not available, or senior management wants initial briefings handled at a lower level, the civilian public affairs officer can fill this role nicely. Without sworn member rank, it is usually easier to speak on behalf of management as a corporate spokesperson in civilian dress (business suit or equivalent), which forms part of the message that the issue is administrative and related to the management of the agency, rather than to police or law enforcement operations.

For issues related to daily operations, such as a serious vehicle accident or residential break and enter, a duty/street inspector or officer is likely most appropriate. The agency's public affairs or media relations unit must also be prepared to speak to these issues, however, as media will often contact them for immediate or follow-up information.

The strategy and tactics used will depend on an agency's priorities and philosophy. It's not a matter of being right or wrong, but deciding what message you want to send and what you are comfortable with.

Common ground – balancing knowledge and preparation

After deciding on the best strategy and an appropriate spokesperson, the next question is: How prepared is our proposed spokesperson? Sometimes the best spokesperson is not available or even comfortable speaking publicly on the matter. Although the SME almost always has more credibility, he or she may not be the

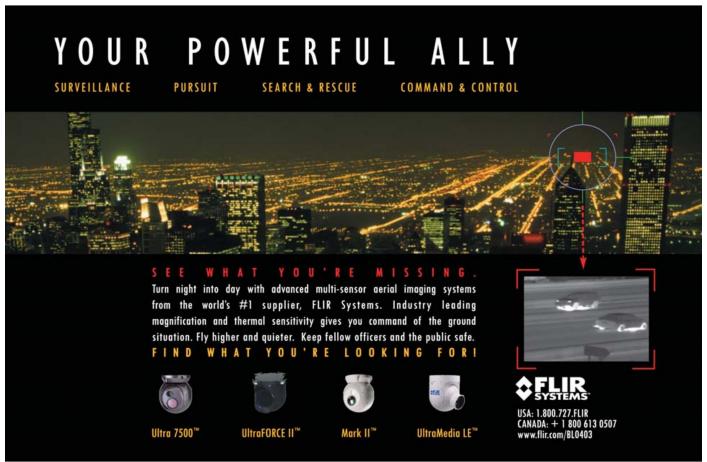
best choice if unable to communicate well and get key messages across. In these cases, the public affairs or media relations officer, sworn or civilian, may be a better option.

Regardless of an agency's philosophy, all spokespersons will benefit from the following:

- A sound and consistent media-relations policy, clearly outlining what is mandatory and discretionary and who makes decisions regarding the use of spokespersons and the delivery of public information;
- Professional appearance: well-groomed and attired, clear and confidant speaking voice and strong interpersonal skills to relate to the media and the public;
- A strong working relationship between the public affairs/media relations unit and the operational chain of command; and
- Good relations with the media, including reporters and journalists, editors and management, and camera and other support personnel.

Every member of a police or law enforcement agency serves as an ambassador for his or her organization. Spokespersons are ambassadors with an opportunity to speak to a larger audience through television, radio and print media. Given the reach of today's media, the use of appropriate spokespersons will increase the likelihood of effective public and media relations with the communities we serve.

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Thieves caught red handed with bait cars

by Ryan Siegmund

Bait cars are everywhere – steal one and get busted.

That warning has would-be car thieves in Vancouver and four other Canadian cities thinking twice before speeding off in cars which don't belong to them.

A bait car is equipped with a global positioning system (GPS) tracking device, connected through a cellular digital link to the police dispatch centre. It's instantly notified when a door is opened and can pinpoint the exact location of the car and track its movements. Once the responding officers get in behind it and have a visual, they ask the operator to disable the engine and arrest the occupants.

"The beauty of the program is that everything that took place inside that car, from the moment the door opens, is caught on audio and video," says Tim Shields, officer in charge of the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) bait car program in Vancouver.

This feature is especially useful in cases where there are multiple suspects inside the car, Shields notes. Traditionally passengers claim they were hitch-hiking and didn't know the car was stolen but Shields says everything changes when their conversation is recorded.

Thieves realize they are going to be arrested very quickly once they see police behind them, which generally happens within a few minutes of the theft, and often plead guilty.

"We are finding it to be a successful program and have seen a decline in auto theft of about 13 per cent, year to date, averaged out across the whole area of greater Vancouver."

There were about 32,000 stolen vehicles in the greater Vancouver area in 2003. On a per capita basis, Shields says that puts Vancouver amongst the highest cities in North America for auto thefts.

Not only is auto theft a property crime, it also poses a threat to public safety. Shields points to the many times car thieves drive recklessly or at excessive speeds and flee from or even taunt police into a pursuit. Many are aware that pursuits will be called off when speeds become dangerous, as required by police pursuit legislation in BC. With the ability to remotely disable a bait car, high speed pursuits aren't an option.

The IMPACT bait car program began in April of 2004 and now stretches across 16 municipalities around the greater Vancouver area and may expand to Vancouver Island in the near future. IMPACT prefers to not disclose how many bait cars are in circulation, however its equipment manufacturer has told them they now have the largest fleet in North America.

The bait car fleet is representative of the most commonly stolen vehicles in British Columbia. IMPACT uses a computer program called 'Crime Point' that identifies auto theft hot spots and can check certain time periods to find out how many vehicles, and what type, were stolen from a particular street.

"We pick a car from the bait car fleet that matches that same type that is being stolen and we will put it in that auto theft hot spot,"







Shields says, "so we are very strategic as to where we put them. We find that if an auto thief is living in a certain area, then he will typically steal the same type of vehicle."

The start up costs for the first year of operation were about one million dollars and that included purchasing the vehicles, equipping them with the electronics and an advertising campaign. Shields says the deterrent value is not necessarily the number of bait cars in your fleet but the success of your advertising and publicity campaign.

IMPACT is trying to get in the minds of car thieves with its advertisements and slogan, which are on the radio, billboards, bus shelters, transit stations and public bathrooms. Shields says it's crucial to send a message to those people bent on stealing cars for a living.

"You need to put the emotion of doubt and fear in thieves so that they won't know if the next car they are about to steal is a bait car or not," says Shields. "In these seven months that we have had it going, there is no question whatsoever that the criminal element are all aware that bait cars are everywhere."

Unlike IMPACT, the Winnipeg Police Service's bait car program didn't receive a substantial amount of money to launch an advertising campaign. The WPS is combating the second highest rate for auto thefts in the country, behind Surrey, BC.

Staff Sgt. Brian Cyncora of the Winnipeg Police Service Criminal Investigation Bureau acknowledges the importance of having effective advertising. "If you have money for advertising, it's going to send a message out to the community, but if you don't have it – it's not going to have the same effect."

An advertising program such as Vancouver's may not be effective in Winnipeg though, he says, given the offenders the service is targeting. The average car thief in the city is 16 years old and Cyncora says it's not uncommon to have offenders under 12.

"Where are we going to advertise – in the elementary bathrooms? It's disturbing to us, to say the least, that we have this many young people, who can't really make adult decisions, driving around with no experience."

Cyncora says Winnipeg uses tactical deployment, strategically placing cars in hot spots chosen based on the changing profile of stolen cars. If you are not getting the right product out there, he notes, thieves are not going to steal it and therefore it is a waste of time.

Winnipeg was the first Canadian police agency to launch bait cars when it began its program in 2001. It's had its ups and downs; Cyncora says it took until last fall to get the program running properly.

"We became a test site and there were things that worked and didn't work as far as the equipment... the cars are not as labour free as you might think," says Cyncora. "We're the first ones and the police industry got the benefit from our testing – Vancouver among them."

The greater Vancouver area has benefited and IMPACT is very satisfied with the number of arrests made thus far, which it plans to make public once the program completes its first year of operation.

Compared to other provinces, Shields says BC has a very different auto theft trend. In eastern Canada, about 60 per cent of stolen vehi-

cles are recovered by police, with the rest missing or stolen by organized crime groups. These cars are either chopped into parts or re-vinned and exported to other provinces or countries.

In BC, police recover some 95 per cent of stolen vehicles. While every jurisdiction has different causes for auto theft, Shields says the trend in Vancouver is that it goes hand in hand with drug addiction, especially methamphetamine. "Auto theft is like a barometer that indicates a community's level of drug addiction," says Shields, referring to the cycle of addiction where an addict needs a daily fix and will do anything, including committing crimes, to get it.

"In order to do crimes, he needs a stolen vehicle. He'll steal a vehicle, then use it to help him commit break and enters of houses, businesses, strong arm robberies, smash and grabs, purse snatchings – all are big."

An IMPACT study found that the average Vancouver auto thief is 28, a repeat offender and usually a meth addict, with heroin and crack cocaine secondary.

The savings in insurance claims alone would be about \$12 million a year if Vancouver auto thefts can be reduced by 10 per cent, notes Shields.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, the first city to adapt a bait car program, has seen a consistent decline in auto thefts in the eight years it has used the cars. Three other Canadian cities – Regina, Sudbury and most recently, London – also operate bait car programs.

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So who wants to be Chief?

by James Clark

The Toronto Police Service is about to start looking for a new Chief of Police. After a very questionable political process they have decided not to renew Chief Fantino's contract and look for a new Chief. "So let the games begin", was the comment that I heard from my Chief when he decided to retire. I was one of his Deputy Chief's and of course the speculation, or should I say guessing game began immediately.

The first question a person in my position had to ask himself was why in hell do you want the job? Never mind the endless politics, lack of support from members of your own police services board and the unrelenting attacks from certain media groups, they want you to sign a contract that allows them to dump you for any reason. As a senior officer your thirty-odd years with the service provides some protection and allows you to decide when you want to retire. Once you take the Chief's job, you must sign a contract and a new set of pressures come into play. Since my retirement, they now make the Deputy Chiefs sign a contract and some of them have found out that their retirement plans were moved up by the political side of policing.

So why then do people apply? In my case I was driven by two things, my ego and my desire to change the direction of the police service to what I thought it should be. Let me comment that after spending many years moving up the ladder, I've seen many changes take place. You see things that you do not agree with and work with some people that you do not respect. Others have the same feelings about issues and in some cases about you. There is an expectation that all officers near the top of the ladder will attempt to take control and unless they are very close to their own retirement, will apply for the position.

The question now is what should they be

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looking for in a new Chief of Police for Toronto. Realizing that the present Chief did not manage to maintain the confidence of a majority of the Police Services Board, the candidate must look at what the Chief did right and also what he did that caused him to lose support from the Board. This of course is really an unanswerable question. The Chief of Police could be the most outstanding leader in law enforcement in the country, with solid support from his senior officers and front line staff and from the various members of the community. His failure could be that he simply does not fit into the idea of what a Chief should be by those holding the votes on the Board. Or, he could be too good at his job, which places him in a position of power that may threaten the politicians that govern him.

Over the past several years many Chiefs of Police have been appointed to various Police Services around the country. I recall when one Police Board announced that they had appointed the first female Chief of Police. They seemed to put greater emphasis on the fact that she was female rather than her skills and ability to hold the position. Although this person may have been qualified for the position, it suggested that the appointment was more for political gains rather than for the good of the Police Service or Community. With the Toronto position open, there has been much speculation about several high ranking visible minority and female officers who may be consid-

ered for the position. Let's hope that if one of them is selected, it is for their skills and ability and not just so that some politician can claim that they have *appointed the first*.

I was present at my Police Services Board when they promoted a Sergeant on my platoon to Staff Sergeant. He was the first black officer to reach this rank. This part of the meeting is not open to the public and one board member commented to me, "I guess you can say this officer is our Jackie Robinson". This comment disgusted me as it degraded the officer involved. I knew that he deserved the promotion because of his ability and service, but it was clear that this politician looked at it in a different light.

The topic of who should be the next Chief of Police has also been the subject of discussion in many areas of the private sector. I have been present when some corporate leaders of industry express concern as to how the selection is made. Some question why the Chief of Police needs to be a police officer at all. They point out that he really doesn't carry out the role of a police officer but rather that of a C.E.O. of a corporation larger than most companies. When I try to defend the present tradition of selecting an officer with extensive police experience, they point out that someone who is responsible for controlling a half billion dollar budget and the implementation of policies and controls of staff exceeding 7,000 people should be someone who has been educated for the task and has a proven track record of business management. They comment that the policing part of the job can be given to Deputy Chiefs who would report on their successes and failures. In the end, I find myself holding on to the values of tradition as the only argument left at my disposal.

Considering the extensive pressures placed on the Chief of Police in a city the size of Toronto and the demands on their time to deal with the daily challenges facing the community, maybe the answer is a Chief of Police who reports to a Commissioner of Police. This Commissioner would be a civilian who has experience in both the management of a large corporation and the skills and ability to work with the political community who is responsible for overall public safety. Or then again, maybe the Chief of Police position is eliminated and replaced by the Commissioner of Police.

As a former Deputy Chief and unsuccessful candidate for the position of Chief of Police, let me describe to you the only thing that I am sure that they are looking for in a new Chief: A male or female person, who is willing to commit themselves and their spouse or partner to a challenge that will consume every minute of their waking hours. The rest cannot be accurately detailed as every person who will take part in the selection of the next Chief has their own idea as to what is important. Let us hope the successful person can rise above them and fulfil our expectations.

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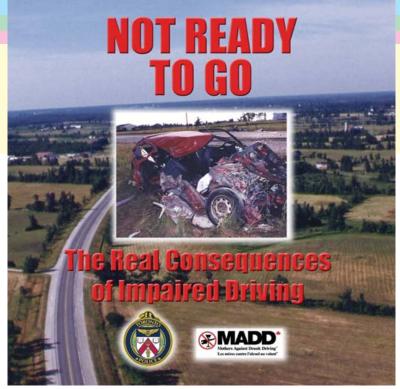
by Devin Kealey

In 1990, the Toronto Police Service in partnership with MADD Canada, produced an anti-drinking and driving video called "Missing You". For over ten years "Missing You" has been seen by thousands of young people across the country in an effort to reduce incidents of death and injury from motor vehicle collisions which involved drivers who had consumed alcohol.

The "Missing You" video has become dated and the Toronto Police Service has again partnered with MADD Canada and produced a new impaired driving video entitled *Not Ready To Go*. This video is hard hitting and is aimed at educating youth and care givers across the country about the real consequences of getting behind the wheel while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The video re-tells the story of a horrific crash that claimed the lives of five young teens and injuring 11, including two adults, seriously. It all began when 14 friends, returning from a party to celebrate the end of the school year, became involved in a multi-vehicle crash on a straight stretch of highway just outside of Perth, Ontario. The teens were heading home in a four-car convoy when one car pulled out to pass and struck a pick-up truck, which was towing a trailer with a car inside.

The subsequent chain of events left Stan Thomson, 18, Alan Siew, 17, Dustin Record, 17, David Rider, 16, and Homoyoun Chaudry, 17, all dead. The two occupants of the pick-up truck Max Beyore, 37, and Time Cole, 35, were seriously injured. To this day the surviving vic-



tims, and all of their families and friends, are still dealing with the affects of this collision.

The driver that caused the collision was a 17-year-old young offender and was eventually convicted of five counts of dangerous driving causing death, three counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm and was sentenced to one year.

The June 1999 collision remains one of the most horrific crashes in modern Canadian history. This video sends a strong message to youth across the country that operating a motor vehicle after the use of not just alcohol but also drugs (marijuana in this particular case) can have the same disastrous results.

Not Ready To Go is 20 minutes in length, including sobering remarks from investigating

police officers, and heart wrenching commentary from injured survivors, families, friends and teachers. The video features two poignant songs, the first *Not Ready To Go* is performed by The Trews, and the second "Time" is performed by Chantal Kreviazuk. The video concludes with a montage of photographs of sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, who have all lost their lives or been injured as a result of incidents of impaired driving.

The launch of this video is timely in relation to support of the RIDE program and the ongoing discussions in the House of Commons regarding the use of marijuana.

The Toronto Police Service is committed to removing impaired drivers from our roads. Impaired driving re-

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Gun control and homicide in Canada

Legislation has mixed results

by Antoon A. Leenaars

Single-factor prevention efforts have rarely been shown to impact the homicide rate, since many factors can lead to the behaviour. Gun control has been proposed as an important component of society's response.

The most popular method for committing a homicide differs by country but firearms are preferred in some, including Canada and the United States. Most of the research on gun control's impact on homicide has been conducted in the US. It's a controversial issue there, especially since the right to bear arms is enshrined in the American Constitution.

The situation is quite different in Canada, which has a long history of gun legislation. Bill C-51, enforced from 1978 onwards, offers an opportunity to study the effects of gun control laws on homicide rates. The act required acquisition certificates for all firearms, restricted the availability of some types to certain individuals, set up procedures for handling and storing, required those selling guns to get permits and increased the sentences for firearm offences.

Early commentators on its impact (Mundt, 1990) noted that it had little perceptible impact on homicides, but Mundt provided only a few charts and numbers and didn't test their statistical significance.

Leenaars and Lester (1994) used a complex statistical package. Their results suggested that fewer firearms were used for homicide after the law was passed, but they also found evidence some individuals may have used other means to murder, since the homicide rate using all other methods increased. They sug-



gested that even if this phenomenon, which criminologists call 'displacement,' occurred, there might still be significant effects in subpopulations (e.g., age, sex).

A 1997 study by the same authors examined the impact of gun control on different ages and found that, while displacement occurred for young adult victims, it did not for old adult victims. Their study the previous year showed that firearms homicides decreased for female victims, with no evidence of a switch to another method, but displacement appeared to occur for males.

Leenaars and Lester (2001) showed a further positive impact of the law for older and female victims, even if one controlled for some socio-economic variables (i.e. unemployment rate, median family income, birth, marriage and divorce rates, percentage of young males in the population).

Social changes other than those considered, of course, may also have caused the homicide rate changes and using a different set of social indicators (such as drug use) might have changed the estimates of the law's impact, however appropriate data on such in-

dicators are not presently available. For example, alcohol and drug consumption data in Canada have only been available since 1985.

Canada's Department of Justice (1996) also isolated a few other social variables that may be associated to homicide, i.e., data on foreign-borns, which is only gathered every five years and education levels, which doesn't lend itself to similar analysis.

It would also be useful to explore the impact of Bill C-51 on murder rates broken down by offender characteristics; for example, did it have an impact on murders committed by males versus females or 15 to 24 year olds versus those of other ages? Unfortunately, not all murders are solved and data on offenders by sex and age for each year are not available.

While controlling access to lethal means for murder has been proposed as a sound tactic for prevention (e.g., Lester, 1984), others strongly disagree (e.g., Kleck, 1991). The studies on the impact of gun control laws in Canada suggests that controlling access to lethal means for murder may be an effective tactic for some vulnerable targets.

Although the main conclusion is in support of the prediction that one can reduce homicide incidents by controlling the environment, more research is needed to strengthen the conclusion that gun control laws have significantly impacted homicide. For example, since Bill C-51 involved both additional regulations and additional punishments, it might be worthwhile to address which part of the bill may have been effective and why.

Since C-51, there have been two additional gun control laws in Canada (C-17 in 1991 and C-68 in 1995). The first strengthened the

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screening provision for firearms acquisition (FAC), requiring more complete search of applicants' personal and criminal records and longer waiting periods (28 days). Bridges (2004), using the statistical methods of Leenaars and Lester's work, showed that this new bill probably reduced homicides.

The Canadian Firearms Act (C-68) was passed in 1995 and called for the registry of all shotguns and rifles. It took effect in 1998, but its licensing and registration provisions were introduced in stages and there was opposition, mounting internal problems and further delays. It was implemented July 1, 2003 and it will be interesting to see if its impact is similar to its predecessors.

It is more problematic to study, however and as a lead researcher in gun control, I must confess that I really question whether we can ever show its impact. Much of the discussions to date have been simple charts and numbers, regressing back to the days of Mundt in 1980's. This is no more acceptable in science as it would be in law enforcement!

Of course, homicide is multi-determined and gun control is only one tactic to reduce it. The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics report, *Homicide in Canada 2003*, addressed the question of why Canada's homicide rate has declined. They cite my studies on gun control, but also other factors, such as new advances and improvements in medical technology.

They also cite one of my new studies (Leenaars & Lester, 2004), which shows demographics, specifically the declining proportion of youth (age 15 to 24 years), even if one controls for other socio-economic variables, reduced the rate of homicide. There are further possible factors, such as improvements in policing, but no Canadian data.

Further research is required, but support for it, even for homicide, is at an all time low in Canada, so it is unlikely to occur.

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The Great Mac Attacks by Tony Mackinnon IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM, I HOPE THEY GET THE PROPER EQUIPMENT REAL SOON... MAY ARMS ARE KILLING MEI SAY CHEESE

House robbers report grow op in Alberta

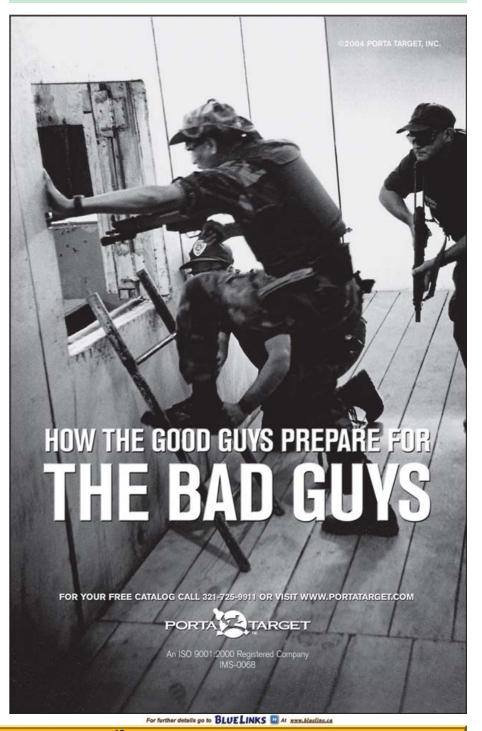
Police in Alberta had a mystery on their hands when a group of youths showed up at an RCMP detachment in January to confess to a break-and-enter.

The mystery was that no robbery had been reported and the Mounties couldn't figure out why the youths were so eager to confess. The answer became clear, however, when police learned the youths had broken into a marijuana grow operation the previous day and feared retribution from the owners for stealing some of the crop.

Police said one of the youths had already been visited by the homeowners, who allegedly brought five friends to beat him with bats, fists and boots. At one point, the youth claimed the female homeowner grabbed his testicles and ordered one of the others to fetch a knife.

Fortunately for the youth, the visit ended there, but he said the group promised to return for money to pay for damage that had been done to their back door. Police obtained search warrants and raided the grow-op, arresting the male homeowner at gunpoint as he attempted to drive away. A large quantity of marijuana was found in the car and a marijuana grow operation was found

inside a hidden room inside the house.





by Dorothy Cotton

I was driving home the other night when a car ahead of me slid off the road. It wasn't a big crash or anything, it just sort of slid. Two or three other drivers in front of me immediately pulled over and ran to help; I slowed down but it seemed enough people were there and besides, it's not like I have any skills particularly useful in such situations – I'm not a medical doctor or nurse or anything.

I suppose I could have asked the driver how he felt about being in an accident, but that didn't really seem terribly appropriate. As I drove home, I did feel mildly guilty about not stopping, though.

The incident reminded me of all the studies I read back in my student days about how people behave in times of emergency, both individually and in groups. Those of you who deal with groups probably already know that the more people around, the less likely anyone is to help. It's called the 'bystander effect' and has been widely studied.

So much for there being safety in numbers. You'd think that the more people on a scene, the greater the chance there would be a good Samaritan to help, but it's just the opposite. Some 75 per cent of people who witness an emergency while alone provide assistance – but if there're others around, only about 50 per cent will offer to help.

You could argue that not everyone needs to help – that was my thought as I drove past the accident – and it might be true; but frankly, unless you stop, how do you know if they need more help?

The situation tends to be particularly bad if the need for help is ambiguous. If there had been a lot of cars off the road and a bunch of screaming children at the accident I passed,

The bystander effect



the need for help would have been very clear and I likely would have stopped. I might also have been more apt to stop if the two cars behind me had not sped by without stopping.

When things are unclear, you take your cue from others – and the others seemed to indicate that there was no need to assist. Besides, as I noted, I figured there were other people helping out. This is what we call 'diffusion of responsibility;' everyone thinks someone else will look after things.

Some of the older folks might remember the famous case of Kitty Genovese, a young woman who was repeatedly attacked and eventually murdered in New York City in the 1960's. While a murder in the Big Apple isn't exactly news, this case had a profound effect because it turned out that there were at least 38 witnesses to the events that led to Kitty's death, yet not one of them called the police or otherwise intervened.

Why? Most of their reasons were related to the issues described above – everyone expected someone else to do something, it wasn't 100 per cent clear exactly what was going on and they all thought someone had already taken care of it.

There were also a few people who just didn't want to get involved with the police.

They had previous unpleasant encounters, or expected they would get grief if they called (you can insert a few hundred words here about the importance of community policing and why people need to feel that all members of the community, not just the police, need to be responsible for crime prevention – but I expect you know more about that than I do so I'll leave you to it).

Mostly though, there was a sense that 'someone else' was taking care of it. The fact is that people in groups are very different from people who are alone. Sometimes that is a good thing, sometimes it's not.

As for me, I lied about driving past the accident. It just made a good story. I would never do that – or at least I would never admit to it. That's what we call social desirability bias – but that's another story.

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Siblings earn award for bravery

CALGARY - Stopping an armed bank robber has earned a Calgary brother-and-sister team the country's highest award for bravery.

Travis and Jennifer Clarkson received the Governor General's Medal for Bravery after they repeatedly stopped the gunman's escape. The siblings were near a Royal Bank on Calgary's Memorial Drive when they saw a man, who had just robbed the bank, beating another man and stealing his sports utility vehicle.

With his sister in the passenger seat, Clarkson brought his half-ton truck around and stopped it behind the SUV. The robber leapt from the vehicle and pointed a 22-calibre handour at the siblings

pointed a .22-calibre handgun at the siblings.
Travis backed off just for a moment, then blocked the crook again. The maddened robber leapt from the vehicle and fired at least two shots, one striking Clarkson's truck.

The gunman ran to another vehicle and commandeered it at gunpoint, but the siblings blocked it as well.

The gunman fled when police arrived with guns drawn. The robber was arrested a few blocks away. Joshua McCarthy, 21, was sentenced last July to nine years in prison.

Calgary police applauded the pair.

"I'm not going to recommend people put themselves in harm's way, but fortunately this turned out in a good way," Det. Dave Louie was quoted as saying. The siblings were honoured at a ceremony at Ottawa's Rideau Hall in January.

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BC police will soon patrol from above

by Ryan Siegmund



VANCOUVER—The British Columbia government will soon announce the acquisition of a helicopter to assist Lower Mainland policing.

"No formal announcement has come from the Solici-

tor General (Rich Coleman)," says Vancouver Police Chief Jamie Graham, "but several local media outlets have run stories that a 'Lower Mainland of BC' helicopter is on the way, courtesy of the Province of British Columbia...

"I did confirm that Mr. Coleman, whose ministry oversees police services and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), will be announcing soon this acquisition. I also understand that they will be paying capital and operating costs and that serviced police agencies will be expected to supply spotters and some incidental costs.'

The news is very welcome, says Graham, because "the geography of this region, with its half dozen municipal police forces and an equal number of RCMP detachments, has badly needed a helicopter for some time."

Coleman has always supported the concept of a helicopter to assist local police agencies, Graham notes.

"This kind of an announcement could not have come at a better time for the Vancouver



Durham Regional Police is one of four Canadian Police Services currently using helicopters for routine patrol. York Regional Police, Calgary Police and Edmonton Police are the other agencies. The Ontario Provincial Police and RČMP have helicopters for special operations only.

Police, as initiatives are underway with our own Vancouver Police Foundation and other sources to find a way to obtain our own helicopter."

The announcement shows "great leadership and a true, long lasting commitment to public safety," says Graham.

Funding and the operational breakdown of how the helicopter will be used are currently being discussed and "once the formal announcements are made, we understand that we will have this eye in the sky fairly soon, which is just outstanding news," he says.





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Brockville helps families in Belarus

by Elvin Klassen

Developing a safe community was a real community effort for Brockville, Ontario, where 86 organizations cooperated to realize a common goal – making the 'City of the 1,000 Islands' the safest and healthiest community in Canada.

Their efforts were recognized in 2001 when the World Health Organization accredited the city as a 'designated safe community.' To qualify, cities need partnerships which promote safety, programs targeting high-risk groups and environments and ongoing participa-

tion in national and international safe community networks.

More than one quarter of Brockville's safe community organizations have committed to work toward ensuring that all children are:

- · born healthy
- · cared for and safe
- · ready for school and

that all children and youth:

- · are successful at school
- make a successful transition to young adulthood

The project's success depends on the commitment of the entire community. Schools, businesses, councils, parents, youth, police and the many agencies supporting children and youth have developed a collaborative and cooperative network and work for the healthy development of all. It's an invitational challenge to make a difference for kids.

Each organization has identified what it can do to promote the *Every Kid in Our Community (EKIOC)* concept.

A 'council of champions' was formed, made up of people committed to community improvement for children and youth and willing to promote the project and help remove barriers to its progress.

The coalition chooses clearly identifiable projects to support, with needs identified by partners. Success is indicated when community members begin practicing asset building principles.



Brockville police chief Barry King poses with the chiefs of the police and fire departments in Belarus.

International safety initiative

Brockville reached out to its twin city of Chausy, Belarus, which is just 10 km north of the Chernobyl nuclear station. It received more than 70 per cent of the radioactive fallout in the days following the 1986 disaster.

One of the safe community partners is 'Canadian Aid for Chernobyl (CAC),' which is based in Brockville and sends humanitarian aid and two delegations of 10 to 20 volunteers a year to Chausy. Food, clothing, medicine and other supplies – \$24 million worth so far – are hand delivered to ensure they get to the intended locations and recipients.

CAC has also renovated orphanages and hospitals, installed laundry facilities and upgraded kitchens and washrooms, helping families and children, especially those who lost parents and have no support because of radiation sickness.

Brockville Police Service Chief Barry King has co-chaired the safe community coalition since its inception and also belongs to the EKIOC lead team. He recalls helping to bring Chausy's mayor, fire and police chiefs, education and social services directors and head of hospitals and orphanages to the city for a week-long visit.

"We planned six 'themed' days," he recalls, where the visitors were able to meet their Brockville counterparts and provincial and federal politicians. They also got a first-hand look at Brockville's safety and injury prevention programs. Seventy Belarus children were in the

city on a six week respite visit when the service put on a Risk Watch program for grade five and six students. "We had some of them in the classroom," says King, "and (they participated) through an interpreter."

The mayor provided a profile of each Chausy city department, including staffing, budget, equipment, calls or patients and the most common cause of injuries and deaths. Fire was the major concern, since the city had only a few leaky and inadequate Second World War tankers for fire fighting.

Brockville had already sent the city a refurbished ambulance and fire truck. When King, Brockville's mayor, a firefighter and six CAC volunteers visited Chausy in October, they took along a pumper truck, fully equipped with helmets, boots, coats, fire fighting equipment and radio system, 100 smoke detectors and a year's supply of multi-vitamins for 2000 children in orphanages and hospitals.

"We were all billeted in Russian homes, by choice," says King. "I stayed with a man who is a driver for the regional government and makes \$25 per month. His wife works at the hospital. They and their 11-year-old daughter have five chickens, a dog, few clothes and live in a four-room house. They have one sink with only cold well water, a wood stove and an outside, stand up only outhouse. Despite their conditions, they are a warm, wonderful and appreciative family."

Almost all homes in Chausy are heated with a wood stove or metal bucket in the house. Cold water and outdoor toilets are common. Old rugs are used on the walls to cut drafts. Food is mainly what you can grow from seeds in the radioactive soil, which is still 70 per cent contaminated. Everyone over 12 years old must work for one month on a "collective" farm to harvest potatoes the size of plums, which are sold in government stores.

The Brockville Police Service donated its old uniforms and winter parkas to the city last year, along with bags and bags of good used winter clothes and toys. It also sent 30 bicycles that were found property; instead of being auctioned off, they were distributed to Belarus orphanages.

Brockville also donated a laptop computer, complete with Russian/English translation software, printer and Internet access so the two cities can communicate with each other.

Brockville is making a difference in Belarus, says King. "The significant thing you note is that children from either country are the very same... eager, bright and loving. What we are trying to do in Belarus is add hope."

Brockville is "seen as an angel of mercy," Chausy's mayor says. "We see smiles on faces when Canadians are coming... thank you for everything."

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Community, family mourn RCMP officer

by Danette Dooley



'Thank you, but please, no more flowers!"

Bouquets of flowers were still piling up in Vernon, BC a month after the car crash that claimed the life of 39year-old RCMP Auxiliary Cst. Glen Evely, forcing Cpl.

Yves Lacasse to ask the community to stop.

"Today (Dec. 10) we ended up having to call the city foreman because so many flowers were still being delivered to the crash site," Lacasse said. "It was just too difficult for (Evely's wife) Annie to go downtown anymore."

The volunteer officer died instantly Nov. 13 when a stolen pickup truck slammed into the patrol car in which he was riding. Veteran RCMP Cst. Frank Grenier, who was driving, was seriously injured.

Some 3,000 people attended Evely's funeral Nov. 20, including 1,500 uniformed police officers, paramedics, firefighters and forestry workers.

"The RCMP has lost one of its own," RCMP Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli told them. "Vernon has lost a remarkable citizen — a man who gave back more than he could ever receive and who did so for the best of reasons: because that's just who he was."

Seeing the outpouring of support for their son was extremely emotional for Evely's parents, both of whom are in their mid-seventies, Lacasse said.

"(Police) departments from all across Canada, from Newfoundland to the West Coast, have all shown great support. That's been tremendous comfort for Glen's family and also for our members who are going through their grief, too," Lacasse said.

Evely is survived by his brother Christopher and his family. Evely's parents, John and Daphne are originally from Newfoundland, where relatives on both sides of the family continue to mourn his tragic loss.

Glen's uncle, Albert Evely, a retired Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) sergeant who lives in Fortune, says police officers take risks each time they hit the streets.

"I was in the force 25 years. There were a few mishaps but nothing like this," he said sadly.

Glen Evely worked as a compliance and enforcement technician with the Okanagan Shuswap Forest District. While he enjoyed his job, "it was his ambition to be an RCMP officer and that was his volunteer work, one day a week," said Albert Evely.

"We're all very much saddened by Glen's unfortunate passing," Mary Butt, an aunt, said from her home in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland.

"It's bad enough for a young person to die a natural death, but to be killed like this, it's just terrible. He was such a lovely boy."

Family left to mourn

Lacasse has been spending time with

Evely's family — his wife, Annie Lavigne and daughters, Corinne, 7 and Lydia, 4.

Lavigne, a teacher in Vernon, taught the Lacasses' young son. Lacasse said the Evely children are finding their own ways to grieve and to remember the daddy they loved dearly. Watching them do so is heart wrenching, he said, particularly at Christmas.

"Glen used to take his two little girls out shopping and they'd buy little things for (their) mom's

stocking. Today, when I was having coffee with Annie, she said one thing her daughter said is that 'daddy's not going to be here to do that.' So, the seven-year-old feels very sad that she's not going to be able to do that this year."

Evely's eldest daughter, Corinne, has found a way to ensure that the memories of their time as a family don't fade anytime soon.

"The seven-year-old called me this week and asked me to come to her home." Lacasse recalled.

"When I did, she wanted to show me that she'd removed clothes from her closet and had built a shrine in there with about 30 family pictures and pictures of Glen that she had put on the wall — and she had different things that Dad had built put on the floor with a little light. It was her special place."



Accused escaped

The accused in the case, 24-year-old Michael Douglas O'Brien, was mistakenly released from the Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre Dec. 10 after a video court appearance. The Crown had laid an additional theft-related charge, police said, but when documents supporting it arrived at the facility, he was inadvertently released.

A Canada-wide warrant was issued and he was re-arrested a week later in Calgary.

Police had been pursuing O'Brien, who was allegedly driving a stolen pickup truck, but called off the chase when it became too dangerous. O'Brien allegedly kept speeding and ran a red light.

He faces charges of criminal negligence causing bodily harm and death, theft over \$5,000 and flight from police.

Trust fund for family

A trust fund for Evely's family has been established at the Royal Bank. Those wishing to help can make a donation at any branch by referring to account 07920-5109996 (Evely Trust Account).

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Police and street youth

Understanding for the better

by Thomas M. Sidney

As our society and communities transform from close knit friends and families into busy urban centres, they become enmeshed in a world of vulnerability, fear and violence, with drug dealers, prostitutes, gangs, violence and youth on the streets.

More and more youth are fleeing their homes and families, searching for freedom, independence and a life with no rules. They descend upon concrete hotels, garbage can cafes and 'employment' as professional pan handlers. However, what if they're fleeing violence and neglect at home and looking for safety, a way to survive and an opportunity to break free?

The majority of youth who find refuge on city sidewalks often display past experiences on their faces. They are cold, wet, tired, hungry and lonely, with their backs to the wall for safety and trust levels 'below low' – and now, here come the cops!

How do police mix protocol, a sense of duty and obligation to citizens and business owners and yet still get the kids off the streets? I'm sure most of you have tried talking to a youth panhandling or loitering by a store front. Did you have a calm, quiet, co-operative conversation with no physical contact? Not likely but it's possible if you educate yourself and put your learning into action. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Resist the urge to judge based on past experiences and stigmas society places on street youth. People tend to reflect on the negative rather than positive and be reactive instead of proactive, making it easy to expect rude talk.
- Don't automatically put up your guard. Experience tells us that if someone acts like a



heavy hitter when trying to engage an at-risk youth, power struggles and conflicts often result. Professionals working with street youth must set the standard and constantly check for the 'gym bag syndrome' – baggage like a fight with your spouse, financial issues, a reprimand from a superior or anything else that directly impacts emotional behaviour and attitudes, which influences performance and patience levels. Being aware of your own issues and understanding yourself makes you better able to meet the needs of the people you come into contact with.

• When an officer is dispatched to an occurrence involving a street youth, the actual issue or reason for the call may be just the tip of the iceberg; the real issue or behavior is under the surface. Getting to it requires a good understanding of street youth, who always have a reason for being on the streets. It may be maturity, or lack of it, or a desire to defy their parents and be confrontational. Perhaps they may have been abused, neglected or harmed emotionally.

The Sidney Model of Understanding (SMU) is designed to help understand the emotional breakdown of a street youth.

Level one - the foundation

Remember that all street youth previously had a home life. The majority were victimized as children and often saw the street as a last resort way of escaping the pain.

Level two - the present

When a youth leaves home and enters the street culture, they live in fear, alone and often scared. They often see society as mean and unforgiving. Many people believe street youth are 'lazy bums.' Comments like 'get a job' and 'you're dirty,' names such as 'druggies' and 'loser' and actions like laughing and looks of disgust can have a lasting emotional impact on them and is added baggage.

Level three - response

This is the way a youth responds to the double baggage they carry from level one and two. Youth who feel alone and shunned by society, have no support system, were victimized as children and haven't sought or had success with therapeutic support or help often look for ways to numb the pain – drugs or other self harming behaviour such as cutting. This often briefly limits or masks their personal pain, but the effect wears off.

The superficial wounds heal but the deep emotional scars are still there and continue to heavily impact the youth's emotional well-being. They remember the freedom from pain they experienced and begin engaging more frequently in the harmful behaviour.

Level four - trapped

Once a youth becomes familiar with these numbing behaviors, they will go to any length to obtain these tools to escape from pain and reality—crime, drug dealing, stealing and prostitution, which is becoming the first choice for many street youth. 'Survival sex' buys housing, food, money and drugs and creates another issue—criminal behaviour, a third emotional hurdle/baggage to overcome.

What can be done?

Any one of these issues is hard enough for an adult to work through, even with a therapist. Consider what it must be like for a youth having to deal with all three issues, with no support system, while feeling worthless, hungry, tired and cold. Not to minimize the role and job of police or agree with the youth's behavior, but it does make it easier to understand why their backs are against the wall.

Keep this article in the back of your mind the next time you talk to a street youth. Behind the piercings and interesting fashion statements is a child – a teenager – a future. The manner in which you handle the conversation will determine the outcome of the situation. You never know when something you might say may impact their life.

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Act helps protect Alberta's first responders

by Ryan Siegmund

"Welcome to the world of AIDS," the hit and run suspect said as he was loaded into the cruiser. Cst. Ray Mckenzie had just finished struggling with him for more than two minutes, leaving his arm with cuts which had come into contact with the man's blood.

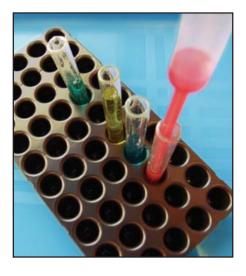
It was New Year's Eve, 2001 and there was no back-up immediately available; when it finally arrived, an angry Mckenzie turned the suspect over to another officer and went to seek medical attention.

The doctor was able to convince the suspect to provide a blood sample, which confirmed he was indeed HIV positive - "that caused a huge amount of stress," Mckenzie recalls. The doctor put him on a three day cocktail, reassuring him by putting the threat into perspective but also warning that the drugs he'd have to take would make him very sick.

Mckenzie became so ill that the scheduled six week treatment had to be cut to four. "I was so sick I couldn't even get out of bed," he says. "I can't even imagine what it would be like for somebody who actually has the disease – it was just terrible."

The suspect had been HIV positive for 10 years and had a high viral load, so it was a stress-filled six months before doctors could assure him he didn't have the disease.

"That was a long six months - it affected my personal life like you wouldn't believe," he says. "I mean, it's a fatal disease."



\The law

Incidences like these are becoming more common and prompted Alberta to become the second province to draft a law requiring blood samples to be taken in cases where emergency service workers may have been infected. Mckenzie's traumatic experience was a valuable source of information for legislators drafting the law.

Edmonton MLA Thomas Lukaszuk, who introduced the initial bill, says he worked very closely with the Alberta Federation of Police Associations, which told him police often come into contact with blood and saliva of suspects they're apprehending. Suspects couldn't be forced to give a blood sample and some were even savvy enough to use this to their advantage, notes Lukaszuk, offering to give a sample if a charge was dropped or reduced.

"I found that unacceptable," Lukaszuk says. "I think our judicial duty as government is to protect our front line workers."

Proclaimed into law in October, the Alberta Blood Samples Act covers all emergency front-line workers and good Samaritans. It allows them to demand a blood sample when a bona fide transfer of bodily fluids has occurred and there is reasonable and probable grounds to believe the person may carry an infectious disease.

"Through my various (media) interviews and newspaper articles, I found that the majority of Albertans were appalled that this law wasn't in existence," says Lukaszuk.

Getting this important legislation passed was a combined effort of hundreds of people, particularly medical experts from the Edmonton and Calgary police departments. Lukaszuk worked very closely with front line officers but also listened to critics.

AIDS, libertarian and civil liberty groups argued that privacy is paramount. Lukaszuk says it took about a year and a half to weigh all the issues and convince colleagues that making the bill law was the right thing to do. The opposition initially opposed the legislation but in the end it was passed unanimously.



In drafting the bill, Lukaszuk looked at the original version of the failed federal bill as well as Ontario's legislation; its only weakness, he says, is that it only covers victims of crime.

"That, in my opinion, may subject the bill to a constitutional challenge," he says. A successful challenge would torpedo the entire law and Lukaszuk considered the issue too important to risk that.

"Let's say we actually catch in the act someone raping somebody and the victim of the rape wants a blood sample," he explains. "Under the Ontario bill, you as a victim of crime have the right to demand a blood sample from the perpetrator. The problem, however, begins from the very presumption that even though we caught him, we saw him doing it, in the eyes of the law he is innocent until proven guilty.

"Technically speaking you are demanding a blood sample from someone who is not the guy – he only becomes the guy the moment you convict him."

That process can take two or three years and by that time, the blood sample is useless. "If the person got AIDS from that victim, he or she would have died by then anyhow – that's the problem."

The Alberta bill doesn't require charges to be filed against a person or presumption of guilt. "We took out the criminality aspect of it," Lukaszuk says. "It doesn't matter if you are guilty, not guilty, victim, perpetrator – any person to whom a front line worker is exposed to is subject to that.

"Perhaps someone – myself or some other member of parliament – will introduce victims



of crime as a separate stand alone bill, but we do not want to mix them."

Individual's who don't comply with the act can be fined up to \$2,000 for a first offence and up to \$5,000 for subsequent offences. The act only comes into force when an individual refuses a sample and, upon conviction, a judge may order them to comply. They are served with a warrant and a judge must deem the potential exposure appropriate for acquiring a sample.

"Now they know they have two choices; they can do it the nice way and provide a blood sample or they can do it the hard way and one will be obtained from them anyhow," Lukaszuk notes.

The procedure

Diane Paltzat, the Edmonton Police Service's (EPS) occupational health nurse, helped

form a committee made up of representatives from the city's police, fire and ambulance services to look at challenges and work to resolve issues Ontario was facing.

"It's been a long haul to get it where we have it. I think it's going to be very useful if used properly and that's the big concern everybody has – that it be used when there's a high risk of potential exposure," says Paltzat.

Paltzat is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week; if an EPS officer is at risk of HIV from an exposure, she ensures they receive medical treatment quickly, because they only have two hours to get antiviral medications before HIV can start replicating.

"A lot of the smaller police agencies don't have a nurse on staff so by the time the needle stick is done and someone reports it, realizing they might be at risk – there could be two days missing. That two day gap is huge when you look at infectious disease prevention – you need it in two hours. The educational component needs to go out to all agencies."

If emergency workers don't have someone to call, Paltzat advises them to get to a medical facility for assessment as soon as possible. If a person refuses to give a blood sample, she recommends taking them along because sometimes a doctor can talk them into doing it.

"If you are, say, a RCMP officer in a rural area, do those facilities carry the drug treatment? That's the biggest problem... do they know what to do, do they know how to assess it? Probably not. Will there be a time lapse? You bet."

Some doctors may not want to use the medication because of concerns over a person's age, liver condition, general health or the risk of side effects. The best case scenario is no risk, says Paltzat, so drugs don't have to be used.

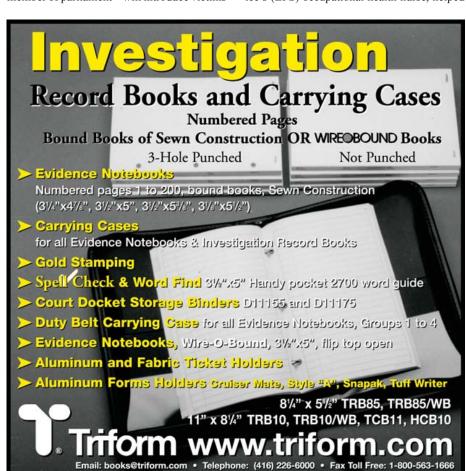
Once she assesses the degree of risk, "we liaise with a doctor or an emergency ward and then we do referrals to infectious disease doctors to take it one step further. I also consult the family because you've got a wife or a husband at home who is concerned about potential risk."

It can take weeks to get a warrant and obtain a blood sample, says Paltzat, noting it was one of her concerns with the act. An officer needing a sample applies for a warrant and a judge approves it; the person is then taken to a medical facility to talk to a doctor, a lab tech takes the blood, the doctor gets the results and then decides whether to refer the officer to a specialist. The doctor is the only person who gets that information and dispenses it in a way that is confidential under the health act.

"It can take a long time," says Paltzat, "(and) that's why there needs to be other things in place, like a nurse or a medical person to do the assessment when it happens, prompt treatment and education... of course you've got spouses who need employee and family assistance, because this is traumatic to a family. They think they are going to lose their husband or wife potentially...

"I think there are a lot of things involved in terms of developing that program, however the blood samples act is just one more component."

Police have more difficulty than other first responders in acquiring blood samples because, more often than not, people interact with them for less than the best reasons, notes Paltzat.



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"We end up having the biggest struggle with people refusing or people using it as a weapon and threatening the officer. Spitting blood is probably our biggest concern right now because I think we've only had two to three needle pokes per year, but we still have people who intentionally share their blood...

(These people often) want us to bargain away charges to give their blood – to me that's not policing."

Paltzat says she knows people who contracted diseases because they didn't receive prompt medical treatment after being poked with needles, bit or spat upon. She stresses the importance of education, noting that first responders and other non-medical people didn't used to know the risks. Paltzat advises police agencies to have their members immunized for Hep B, because the three diseases she worries about most are Hep B, C and HIV.

Edmonton officers now assist bystanders who are exposed, says Paltzat. "They are actually taking their education and using it on the street. They're calling me to say 'its not me, but it's a good Samaritan, what do I do with him?"

Many groups probably see the Alberta act as negative but Paltzat disagrees. "It's put in place to give first responders peace of mind. Whether we get challenged on it, we'll wait and see. We're looking at if they intentionally exposed the officer."

The victims

Constables Andrew and Val Hoglund of the Edmonton Police Service are drained from an exhausting lobbying campaign to allow mandatory blood samples. Val was exposed in October 2000, an ordeal that shook both her and her husband.

Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon MP Chuck Strahl, who headed the original federal blood samples bill, asked for their support in a federal lobbying campaign. Although that bill failed, the Hoglund's gave a key speech to the justice committee in Ottawa, where they realized their cause would likely fare better at the provincial level.

They became the 'go to' people, getting tens of thousands of emergency service personnel and citizens to sign petitions and playing a large part in getting the Alberta bill signed into law.

The Hoglunds found it difficult to get across to people just how it felt to receive a call from a loved one saying 'you know what - I was just exposed.'

Val was assisting transit security in making an arrest; when searching the man's pockets, her finger was poked by an uncapped needle. The suspect had told her to "check for yourself" when she asked if he had weapons or anything sharp, and refused to say if he had any diseases. Frustrated, Val phoned Andrew at home.

"I said you have to find out if that guy has anything, you need a blood sample from him," Andrew recalls

Val went to the hospital to be assessed while the suspect was apprehended. Within two hours, after being promised food, the man showed up to give a blood sample; the results showed he didn't have HIV but did carry Hepatitis B. Since nothing can be done to combat

that virus, Val decided not to go on the cocktail, a decision that could only be made based on the blood sample. This was an important decision for the Hoglund's because they were considering starting a family and were concerned the drug cocktail may hinder Val's ability to have children.

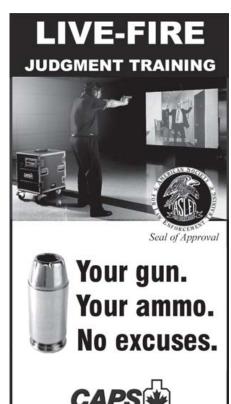
"I went through that hour that we did not have a sample of blood from my wife's suspect - that was a very long hour," says Andrew. To have that security blanket, we won't have to make a decision based on no information. We are going to get information as long as we have the person that did the exposure.'

The wait was all the more difficult because the sooner the cocktail is taken, the better the result. "There're some life changing events here in the next couple of hours," Andrew recalls thinking, "in which we have to make a decision and we are making a decision based on nothing - and that's the importance of it (the legislation)."

Andrew doesn't believe the bill impacts average citizens, who would volunteer a sample to put an officer's mind at ease. The people he's most concerned about are those who consider police their enemies.

'It's another tool we have in order to complete our goal at work and still come home at the end of the night... I would think we would use it only once or twice in a year, but for those one or two people that have to utilize it, it makes a world of difference."

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Vancouver task force processes evidence in Picton case



VANCOUVER — Of the nearly 100 police officers assigned to Vancouver's Missing Women Task Force, approximately 10 are dedicated full time to disclosing evidence to the lawyers of alleged serial killer

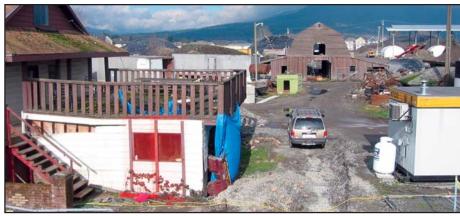
Robert Pickton, according to a task force spokeswoman.

"It does complicate our lives," said Vancouver police Sgt. Sheila Sullivan. "Just the sheer volume of material (means) you need dedicated staff dealing with it on an ongoing basis, so it does draw away from resources you could be putting into investigative avenues."

By law, the Crown and police must provide virtually all the evidence they have to the accused's lawyers. In the case of the missing women, that disclosure is taking place at the same time as the investigation. At a Dec. 20 court hearing, B.C. Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Patrick Dohm pleaded with the families of the missing women for understanding as he once again put off setting a trial date for Pickton.

But many family members have made it clear they do not understand why Pickton, who was first arrested nearly three years ago, may not face trial until early 2006. Lawyers for both the Crown and the defence have said the primary reason is the sheer volume of evidence in this case.

For example, police labs have already



processed more than 100,000 swabs. But the timing is also complicated by the fact that, unlike in most criminal cases, the court case is taking place virtually simultaneously with the police investigation.

On Feb. 22, 2002 - less than three weeks after police began their search of the accused's Port Coquitlam farm - Pickton was charged with two counts of first degree murder. By that April, three more murder charges had been laid against him.

Pickton is currently facing 15 first degree murder charges and the Crown has said it intends to lay another seven - bringing the total to 22. However police say they have found the DNA of 30 women on Pickton's farm - meaning further investigation could yield even more

charges. Sullivan stressed that finding the DNA of a missing woman on the farm does not necessarily mean she has been murdered. With each new DNA sample that is found, said Sullivan, investigators have to go back to the case to investigate further.

Disclosing evidence in the missing women case is complex, said Sullivan, in part because it takes officers away from investigating and partly because disclosing some evidence too early could hamper the ability of police to do their work

Ravi Hira, a senior Vancouver lawyer who has worked as both a prosecutor and a defence lawyer, said the reason the prosecution has to disclose so much to the defence is due to a 1991 Supreme Court ruling.

"Before December 1991, there was informal disclosure," said Hira. "What would happen is the Crown would lay a charge (and) the defence would ask for particulars. They would get the Crown narrative and witness statements and then they would have to make applications (to the court) for more disclosure, and have to show why the disclosure was required.'

But in its landmark Stinchcombe ruling, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that wasn't good enough, that prosecutors had to hand over almost everything.

Such a broad ruling means even information the Crown doesn't plan to use to make its case - leads that didn't pan out, information on other suspects - has to be disclosed so the accused can defend himself.

While so much disclosure can lead to delays, Hira says, in some cases it can actually speed up proceedings - for example, by causing a defendant to plead guilty when he realizes the strength of the case against him.

At the Dec. 20 court hearing, no one was willing to predict exactly when Pickton's trial may finally begin. And police say they can't be much more specific about when they will be done analysing material from the Pickton farm.

"It could take another year to get through everything if we were going to process everything, and those decisions will have to be made as time goes on," said Sullivan.



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Roadside drug testing

by Dr. Pierre Beaumier

Canadian police agencies are increasingly having to decide whether to include drug testing as part of their approach to dealing with substance abuse issues.

The federal government is reviewing legislation to decriminalize marijuana and will establish appropriate fines for possession should Bill C16 pass. It will also consider penalties for using the drug in areas where public safety may be compromised.

Road safety will be at the forefront and there will be regulatory changes to allow roadside assessment for drug impairment based on specific observations. Should measurement of breath alcohol not support the impairment observation, an individual can be taken to the nearest police station for testing by a properly trained drug recognition expert (DRE).

A DRE will be extensively trained to recognize impairment caused by seven drug classes. Their conclusion will allow them to lay charges and suspend drivers on the spot. They will also be able to request biological samples for lab testing to validate their observations. A major challenge these officers may face is that drug cocktails some individuals take may make definitively identifying the specific drugs which caused impairment very difficult.

Blood would be the fluid of choice for prosecution, as it circulates the drug to the brain, however it must be drawn by licensed professionals. One possible alternative is saliva; many drugs are present in similar concentrations in saliva and blood. Other drugs, such as cannabis, are in saliva from the boucle cavity because of exposure to inhaled smoke. That doesn't indicate blood levels but does establish recent smoking, which could confirm observed behavior, since the drug stays in saliva for only hours, not days.

The last fluid available for testing is urine. Again this could be an issue if there's no private area available for collection. Another problem is that several fat-soluble drugs stay in the system for extended periods and it could be argued that the drug detected didn't influence the observed behavior. This is especially true for cannabis, which can be detected in a user's urine for several days or weeks, depending on their metabolic rate.

The transportation industry, which has had a regulated random testing program for many years, requires a medical review officer (physician) to review laboratory data. They discuss results with the individual to assess if the drug detected came from legitimate sources, such as a prescription, and report their results to the company. There is no provision for this medical review in Bill C16.

Roadside application

Reliable methods are being developed to obtain instant drug test results. There are on site detection devices that can identify individual drugs or drug classes; one can test a urine or saliva sample for cocaine, cannabis (THC), opiates (Morphine), PCP and amphetamines with a reasonable level of reliability. It gives a reading based on a pre-established cutoff and is reproducible.

To be forensically defensible, findings have to be confirmed in a lab, as the devices are susceptible to false positives. The lab extracts the drug from the urine or saliva and obtains a 'fingerprint' of it on a GC/MS system, which are used to monitor Olympic athletes and have been part of forensic toxicology analysis for more than 25 years. The samples are sealed and all movements, from collection to analysis, is done with proper continuity of evidence forms.

Adulterants, discussed and sold on many web sites, can be added to samples to 'beat' a test, creating an issue with on-site testing devices. They're most commonly used in urine collection, which is done in private, rather than with saliva tests, which are supervised.

Private Canadian forensic laboratories accredited by DHHS/ DOT have developed systems to deliver quality results in a very short time. Suspects are either quickly cleared or, if the test is positive, face a well documented laboratory process that has withstood years of legal scrutiny. Negative results are usually reported in three to four hours from receipt by the lab positives are delivered within 72 hours.

Dr. Pierre Beaumier is president of Maxxam Analytics, an accredited drugs of abuse testing laboratory and has more than 30 years experience supplying analytical services to industry and government.

Some common drug test misconceptions:

Inhaling second-hand marijuana smoke can cause you

People often blame positive tests on this; passively inhaling smoke can result in detectable levels of THC metabolites (the primary pharmacological component of marijuana). However, clinical studies have found it is highly unlikely that a non-smoking individual could inhale enough smoke to exceed the test cut-off levels.

Prescription medications can make you test positive

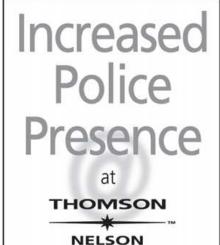
The majority of day to day medications - antibiotics, antihistamines, anti-depressants, aspirin, insulin, etc. - don't show up because the lab only tests for specific substances - marijuana, cocaine, opiates (e.g. heroin) amphetamines (speed, some diet pills) and Impairment can occur from using benzodiazepines with alcohol and strong prescription painkillers containing opiates will show up if they're present at or above the cut-off level.

Eating poppy seeds will make you test positive
The higher opiate cut-off levels make it highly unlikely that poppy seeds would cause a positive opiate result, even though they do contain opiates. However, any time a sample has a morphine concentration at or above the cut-off level, a special test is done to confirm heroin use (6-AM). The synthetic opiates cannot come from poppy seeds and their presence cannot be caused by any food.

Drugs stay in the body for months

Opiates and amphetamines can be found in urine one to two days after use and cocaine up to four days after use. Occasional PCP use can be detected from one to eight days and up to a month in chronic users. Similarly, cannabis shows up from one or two days up to seven days after occasional use and up to a month in a chronic user. Opiates in saliva are detectable for 24 hours while cannabis is only detectable for 12 hours.

These are general guidelines only, as retention times differ among individuals. However, a positive test indicates the drug was present in the body and may have caused the individual's observed impairment.



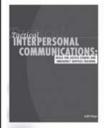


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Alcohol test during probation unconstitutional

by Mike Novakowski

Police in British Columbia now have to rely on their own observations and other evidence rather than testing apparatus when enforcing probation orders with abstention conditions.

In R. v. Shoker, 2004 BCCA 643, the accused was convicted of break and enter to a dwelling house

with the intent to commit a sexual assault. He had entered the victim's home, undressed and tried to climb into her bed but she called 911 and Shoker was subsequently arrested.

His sentence included two years probation with several conditions, including to abstain from possessing and consuming alcohol and non prescription narcotics and submit to a urinalysis, blood test or breathalyzer test, if asked by a peace officer, to ensure compliance. Shoker appealed to the province's top court arguing, among other grounds, that the condition was unreasonable under s.8 of the Charter because a sample demand could be made without reasonable grounds.

In a 2:1 decision, the BC Court of Appeal agreed, holding the condition was unconstitutional. Although s. 732.1 of the Criminal Code allows a sentencing judge to require a probationer to submit to tests of bodily substances, the condition was unreasonable and violated s.8, because "there are no legislative or regulatory standards or safeguards for the protection of the (accused's) privacy in the enforcement of the condition."

Justice Levine, authoring the majority judgment, wrote:

In the absence of standards and safeguards for the protection of the liberty, privacy and safety of the offender, the condition requiring the appellant to submit to a urinalysis, blood test or breathalyzer test on demand has the potential to be applied arbitrarily. Although ss. 732.1(c) and (h) may authorize the imposition of such a condition, neither they nor the condition provides the appropriate standards and safeguards present in other statutory regimes for similar types of searches. In the absence of such a regime, the offender cannot be said to be "secure against unreasonable search and seizure.'

One of the missing safeguards in the probation con-

dition is the requirement that the probation or peace officer have reasonable and probable grounds for suspecting or believing that the offender has breached the abstention condition. If amending the condition to add that requirement would cure the constitutional defects, this Court could order that the condition be amended in that manner. (para. 55-56)

However, simply amending the condition so it would require reasonable grounds, in the court's view, would not make it conform with s.8, since there would still be no safeguards to govern how samples are collected or used. Although a probationer's reasonable expectation of privacy is reduced when they've been convicted of an offence and no longer enjoy the presumption of innocence, s.8 nonetheless protects this lower privacy interest, which extends to the taking of breath, urine or blood. Despite the impact this ruling may have on enforcing non consumption orders, the majority left it to government to change the law:

I am aware that striking down this commonly used condition may create difficulty in the enforcement of abstention conditions in probation orders. I consider that there is a gap in the legislation that is the role of Parliament, not the courts, to fill. Parliament may wish to enact appropriate standards and safeguards for demanding bodily samples from offenders on probation to help authorities determine whether such offenders are in compliance with conditions to abstain from the consumption of alcohol and drugs.

In the absence of such provisions however, probation officers and police officers must rely on other methods of enforcing conditions of abstention, including testimony as to the rea-

sonable grounds for believing that a person has breached condition...(references omitted, para. 60)

Another view

Justice Hall took a different view. He agreed that the condition, as it stood, was unconstitutional because it

didn't require reasonable grounds that the probationer had ingested alcohol or drugs before a demand could be made. However, he argued that if reasonable grounds were a requirement to a demand, the breath and urine tests would not be constitutionally defective. The blood test, on the other, would not be appropriate. Justice Hall wrote:

When considering whether the testing requirements ordered by the sentencing judge ought to be found to meet constitutional requirements, it seems to me that the degree of intrusiveness of the tests is a very relevant factor to consider. This order provides for three possible tests: a breath test, urinalysis and a blood sample. In my view, having regard to the fact that this appellant has been convicted and is on probation, he has a somewhat lowered expectation of interference by state agents....

The taking of a sample of the breath of an individual seems to me to not be in any way an invasive procedure or an interference with bodily integrity. The taking of a sample of urine for urinalysis is also not an invasive procedure, provided privacy is afforded for the taking of the sample. Many persons do this every day for medical health testing purposes and it in no way interferes with bodily integrity...

These two types of testing required by... this probation order, if conditioned upon the requirement that such a test can only be demanded upon reasonable and probable grounds, appear to me to pass constitutional muster. I do, however, consider that the requirement for a blood test found in this condition is constitutionally unacceptable. Blood testing is an invasive procedure - the skin of the subject is broken and a substance not normally excreted by the body under natural processes is obtained by an agent of the state.

This sort of procedure is normally performed by someone trained in medical procedures and is done at a medical lab or the offices of a medical professional. Such a procedure seems to me very different in kind or genus from the aforementioned breath and urine tests. (references omitted, paras. 76-77)

In Hall's view, a blood test procedure would require a detailed statutory regime that presently is not found in s. 732.1 of the Criminal Code.

The appeal was allowed and the accused's probation condition amended so he doesn't have to submit to testing as verification that he's abstaining from intoxicants.

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Alcohol odour justifies roadside demand

Smelling liquor on a driver's breath is enough to form a reasonable suspicion, justifying a demand to submit to a roadside screening test, Saskatchewan's highest court has ruled.

In *R. v. Butchko, 2004 SKCA 159*, police stopped a vehicle with three occupants after seeing it leave a liquor establishment, make a U-turn, accelerate and fishtail. An officer smelled alcohol coming from the vehicle, asked the driver, Butchko, to step out and noted a strong alcohol smell on his breath. When asked, Butchko denied he had been drinking. He was read the roadside screening demand but refused to provide a sample and was charged.

At his trial in Saskatchewan Provincial Court (2003 SKPC 76), Butchko submitted that the alcohol smell on his breath, by itself, was not enough to justify a reasonable suspicion that he had been drinking — and that the officer required additional objective indication of consumption. He filed expert evidence that a person's breath may smell like alcohol without having it in their body, as they may have eliminated it while still having the chemical that caused the odour.

In concluding that the odour was sufficient to provide the necessary level of suspicion, Provincial Court Justice Whelan stated:

I accept that the officer genuinely possessed the suspicion and believed it to be reasonable. An objective scrutiny requires that I find the officer's suspicion was reasonable. I don't believe that it requires that the officer's evidence be scrutinized in light of all the evidence before the court. It's sufficient to ask whether a reasonable person, standing in the officer's shoes, with the officer's knowledge, would have had a reasonable suspicion.

Butchko was convicted but appealed to the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench (2004 SKQB 140), which acquitted him. Justice Klebuc ruled that the smell of alcohol on his breath wasn't sufficient to provide a reason-

The Great Mac Attack!

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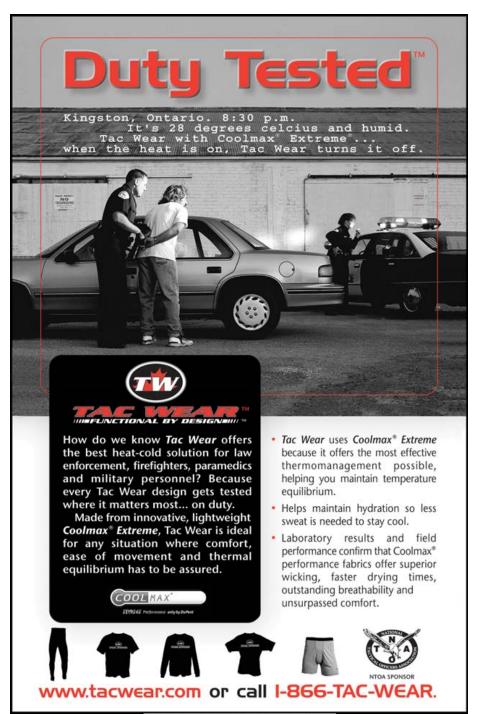
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able suspicion that there was alcohol in his body, therefore there was no valid basis for the roadside demand and no requirement he comply. The Crown appealed to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, which decided unanimously to restore the conviction.

Section 254(2) of the Criminal Code allows police to make a roadside demand if they reasonably suspect the driver has alcohol in their body. The legal threshold — reasonable suspicion — is low and doesn't require a belief that a crime has been commit-

ted. The court adopted the Ontario Court of Appeal's view in *R. v.Lindsay* (1999), 134 *C.C.C.* (3d) 159 (Ont.C.A.), ruling that the smell of alcohol on a driver's breath was sufficient to reasonable suspect that they had alcohol in their body. Even though an explanation for the odour may be offered, it does not detract from the officer's reasonable suspicion, the court found.

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Re-Charter unnecessary when jeopardy understood

When an arrestee understands their jeopardy, there's no need to reiterate the right to counsel before changing course in an investigation, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

In R. v. Jones, (2004) Docket: C34364 (OntCA), Peel police arrested the accused and advised him of his right to counsel. He told them he didn't want to call a lawyer and was again told he had a right to counsel before being interviewed at the police station.

Toronto police officers investigating a TD Bank robbery interviewed Jones about three hours later. He was again told of his right to counsel under s.10(b) of the Charter, again refused the offer and subsequently confessed to robbing the bank and, when asked, admitted he had robbed others.

Jones agreed to provide a videotaped statement and was told he could discuss the other robberies then. He was reminded again at the beginning of the statement that he could speak to a lawyer but declined. He made a full confession to robbing the TD Bank and also admitted to robbing several other specific banks when questioned, identifying himself in surveillance photographs taken during the robberies. He was convicted by a jury in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on seven counts of robbery and other related offences.

Jones appealed to the Ontario Court of Ap-

peal arguing, in part, that police failed to advise him of his right to counsel when they changed their questioning – which the accused described as a "fundamental and discrete" change – from the TD Bank robbery to the other robberies in the course of the videotaped confession. The appeal court disagreed:

The (accused) was fully aware of his right to counsel. He had been told of that right on four occasions and declined to speak with a lawyer. When he was reminded of his right to counsel at the outset of the videotaped statement, he knew that the police were going to question him about the Toronto-Dominion Bank robbery and any other robberies that the (accused) was prepared to tell the police about. He understood the nature of his jeopardy. He knew that it would extend to any of the bank robberies that he chose to tell the police about. The (accused) had sufficient information to permit him to make an informed decision as to whether he wished to speak to a lawyer before talking to the police about the various robberies he had committed...(para. 9)

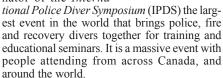
The statement had been properly admitted and the appeal was dismissed.

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Constable awarded for Search & Rescue information exchange

OTTAWA - A previously unrecognized Canadian hero, Hamilton Police Constable Rick Rozoski, was announced on Saturday January 8th from the steps of Parliament Hill as the winner of the *To The Top Canada Award*.

Like police officers across Canada, he would fight crime by day, but by night on his time off Rick has been a virtual superhero working as the founder and coordinator of the *Interna*-



"The rescue divers now working in Asia in the region hit by the Tsunami might likely have a single Canadian police officer to thank for creating an information exchange of rescue diving best practices," says Capt. (Ret.) Scott Fuller, a loyal attendee for the past 15 years.



"This information has the power to save lives not just in Canada, but also around the world. Here is a wonderful example of the leadership of just one person, just not making Canada better but the world we live in," said Chris Robertson, founder of the To The Top Canada Award.

One of the benefits of winning the Award is that a \$500.00 donation is made to a registered Canadian charity of the

winner's choice. In a heartbeat, Rick Rozoski asked for his donation to be made to the *Tsu-nami Relief Fund* through the Canadian Red Cross. As the winner of the *2005 To The Top Canada Award*, Rick Rozoski also received a unique plaque that is mounted on an actual traditional Huron snowshoe.

Nominations for the *To The Top Canada Award* can be made by anyone at the web site *www.tothetopcanada.ca*. The purpose of this award, is to celebrate a Canadian role model who through their personal sacrifice and pride in Canada has made this nation a better place.

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senior city police officer who helped prosecute a



dozen people on false sexual abuse charges retired in December rather than face a disciplinary hearing. A lawyer for **Brian Dueck** tendered the officer's resignation to Saskatoon police Chief **Russ Sabo** during a closed-door meeting. The retirement means Dueck is no longer subject to

the disciplinary provisions of the Saskatchewan Police Act, the police service said in a written release. In December 2003, Justice George Baynton found that Dueck helped maliciously prosecute Richard Klassen and 11 members of the extended Klassen family in the early 1990s. Dueck was the lead investigator in the sex abuse case, which resulted in numerous charges being laid based largely on the fabricated stores of three foster children.

The Edmonton Police Service has dismissed an officer who went public with claims the service had been infiltrated by organized crime. Det. Ron Robertson, who went public with his complaints in 1998, was convicted of 14 police offences in a closed disciplinary hearing in December and imme-

diately dismissed. A police hearing officer found Robertson guilty of two counts of breach of confidence, three counts of discreditable conduct, five counts of deceit, three counts of neglect of duty and two counts of insubordination. In 1998, he and now-retired detective **Ken Montgomery** alleged police officers who were in regular contact with criminals, including outlaw biker gangs, had compromised police operations. A lengthy internal investigation determined some police or their friends had been in contact with criminals, but there was no proof they had broken the law. In 2000, Robertson was suspended with pay while misconduct complaints against him were investigated. The following year, he was charged with 15 counts of misconduct. Robertson said he isn't giving up and plans to appeal the ruling.

Members of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality police service have voted to switch unions. Vote counting was completed in December at the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board. One hundred and twenty-five of the one hundred and forty-one members of the Cape Breton service who voted said

they wanted to join the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union. The 169-officer force originally cast their ballots on November 2nd on whether to join the NSGEU. However, an intervention by the Police Association of Nova Scotia - the union the Cape Breton officers belonged to - delayed the count.

Manitoba Justice Minister Gord Mackintosh is calling



on Ottawa to do more to stop Winnipeg's stubbornly high auto theft rate. The city's stolen auto rate is likely to jump 38 per cent from 2003. Figures indicate about 9,000 vehicles have been stolen in Winnipeg in 2004. That compares to 6,542 vehicles stolen in 2003 and 6,190 vehicles in 2002. The worst years were 2001 with 10,662 thefts and 2000

with 9,568. Mackintosh said he wrote to federal Transport Minister Jean Lapierre to complain about Ottawa's lack of action to make ignition immobilizers standard equipment on all new vehicles in Canada. Mackintosh made the request almost three years ago. The earliest Ottawa may act on the immobilizer plan is for new cars coming off the line in 2008. An immobilizer arms itself automatically after the ignition is turned off. The car can only start again with an encoded key. When a thief tries to steal the car, the immobilizer cuts power to the starter, ignition and fuel supply.

The Hells Angels are using a billboard to send a message for Toronto residents.

The biker group put up a billboard near the Don Valley Parkway that reads, "Still fighting for democracy and freedom." The Hells Angels say they've been maligned, victims of slanted media coverage and of willful police and government abuse.

The "motorcycle enthusiasts" have taken the initiative to show they're freedom fighters, not gangsters. Gang expert Yves Lavigne says 80 per cent of the group's members have criminal records.

The public relations campaign is an attempt to counter the possibility the group will be labelled a criminal organization by a judge in Barrie, Ontario where two alleged Hells Angels are on trial.

The Crown wants to establish the group is a criminal organization before trying to prove the accused committed a crime for it. A note on the Hells Angels website says more billboards may follow.

A new board game lets players run their own marijuana grow-op. It's called The Grow-Op Game.

Creators call it an educational board game that highlights the perils involved in the pot business and cautions would-be growers about



creator Ivan Solomon says a reformed pot dealer known only as the "Rab-

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bit" came up with the idea in November 2004.

Players use cards and find out how easy it is to get ratted out by neighbours or go to jail. Solomon says even the police are joining in on the fun. Apparently, he says Vancouver police bought one as a door prize for their Christmas party. The game sells for about \$40 on the Board Corp's website.

An Alberta judge has admitted in court that he fell asleep during a sentencing hearing in December. Court of Queen's Bench Justice John Moore publicly apologized to the lawyers involved and to a convicted Calgary drug dealer.

Moore says he fell asleep during testimony by the accused on December 1st but there's no way of knowing how long he may have been out. The defence lawyer has said that when he stopped asking questions and the accused stopped testifying, he could hear the judge snoring. Moore says he has reviewed his sleep problems with doctors and further appointments are scheduled. Lawyers are now looking at whether an application for a mistrial will proceed or if a new judge will take over the sentencing.

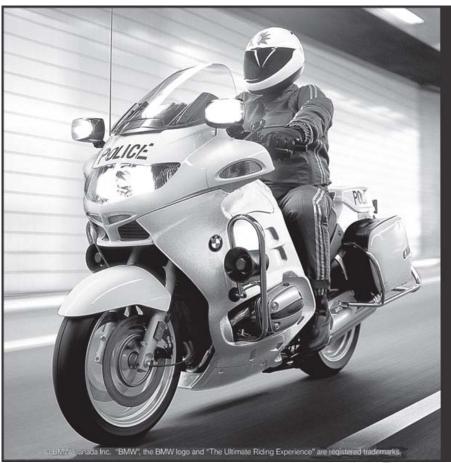
Crooks in B.C.'s Lower Mainland were being rather courteous to their victims in December. A woman on an escalator in a Burnaby mall had her purse grabbed away from her, police said.

"At the speed of light, the woman turns around, grabs her purse back and basically makes the physical gesture that she is going to slug this guy," RCMP Cpl. Pierre Lemaitre was quoted as saying.

"He says: 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry' and turns around and flees. As he tried to flee, he is now going down the up escalator - he wasn't going far very quickly." The culprit managed to make a getaway.

In another incident, a robber entered a store and demanded money from the clerk. An undisclosed amount of cash was handed over before the bandit turned around and thanked both employees and fled on foot westbound along Kingsway.

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Al Chapman is a cancer survivor and no stranger to the dis-

"I was first diagnosed in 1987 with renal cell carcinoma - kidney cancer," he says. "I underwent two operations. The first, to remove a malignant tumour found on one of my ribs and then a second to remove my left kidney, where the primary tumour was located."

The 29-year veteran of the RCMP and former chief of protection services for the National

Art Gallery of Canada and the National Museum of Science and Technology was told that, other than the surgical removal of his tumours, there was no treatment for his type of cancer.

'After the operations, it became a waiting game to determine if they were successful, he says. "That was in 1988 and, in my opinion, proves that the diagnosis of cancer does not mean giving up."

Chapman retired from the museum in 1993. In addition to fighting his own cancer, he has volunteered with the Canadian Cancer Society for many years.

"My original reason for volunteering was to offer help to those who were diagnosed and let them know that having cancer is not an end of something, but the beginning of a fight to beat this disease," he says. "All of us may approach the fight against cancer in different ways. The cancer patient must fight with a determination to beat the disease.'

He says some choose to fight by volunteering with the society, participating in fundraising events or helping provide the array of services offered by the society.

'All aspects are very important," says Chapman. "Without the volunteer, there would be no Canadian Cancer Society, no way of raising funds for the research so desperately needed and no way to conduct the programs and provide the services the society offers."

About eight years after his original diagnosis, nodules appeared on Chapman's pancreas and then one on his adrenal gland. "Two tumours next showed up on my right kidney and, subsequent to this, five tumours have appeared on my spinal column," he says. "All this has meant many operations. The last one left me unable to walk and I now spend my days in a wheelchair."

Chapman is philosophical about his situa-



tion but doesn't give up easily and feels others shouldn't either.

"I suggest we all must recognize we cannot change tomorrow," he says. "What will be, will be. My own personal philosophy is that I place my trust in the professionals, my faith in God and am determined to fight. I encourage any cancer patient to do the same. What more can we do?"

Chapman is quick to pay tribute to his wife and family for standing by him during his long

fight against cancer.

'They have been so important to me in this battle, as their love, courage and understanding know no bounds," he says. "Their encouragement gives me the strength and inspiration to fight on. I have thought about the impact my cancer has had on my family and truly believe it has been much harder on them than on me.

'Sure, I have gone through the medical aspect and operations and live with it on a daily basis, but the manner in which they face the reality of this disease and the uncertainty of the future makes me very proud of them.

"I think we all would agree that the diagnosis of cancer can come as a devastating blow and triggers a range of emotions that are felt not only by the person involved, but also by family members and friends," says Chapman.

"As a volunteer, I tried to give (patients) reassurance and support to know how important it is for them to continue living their lives as close to normal as possible." This may not be easy, he admits, but there is a lot of support available. He encourages people to contact the society for free information and help.

The CCS is made up of volunteers whom I found to be kind, considerate and compassionate individuals who worked so diligently for the benefit of others," he says.

"I suggest we should all remember that volunteering is a way of giving and I believe those who volunteer are giving a most precious gift themselves," says Chapman. "I remain motivated to be a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society because of all the fine people I have met and because I consider myself very fortunate in surviving my cancer for as long as I have. I want to give something back for as long as I can and hope my volunteering can make a difference."

This article first appeared on volunteer.ca.

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rammed by a stolen truck, a Vernon RCMP officer came out of his coma. RCMP Inspector Randy Kolibaba says Constable Frank Grenier was conscious on Dec. 21. Doctors weren't able to say at time of publication if the

officer will make a full recovery. Grenier received a severe brain injury in the same accident that killed auxiliary officer Glen Evely. Police say a stolen truck ran a red light and slammed into the police cruiser. Kolibaba says the outpouring of community support has been an incredible help to the families involved in the last month's crash. The 24-year old man accused in the crash, Michael O'Brien, was picked up in December on a Canada-wide arrest warrant in Calgary after being accidentally released from the Kamloops regional correctional centre.

The head of an elite organized crime and terrorism



investigators team announced will retire in April. RCMP Chief Superintendent Ben Soave, 57, said it's time to plan for a successor to take command of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit - which officers from the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police and four Greater Toronto Area forces work alongside immigra-

tion, customs and intelligence agents. Organized crime probes by Soave's team have led to dozens of arrests in recent years. One of those probes, into possible mob links to illegal gambling, resulted this year in criminal charges against four Toronto police officers and Police Services Act charges against four more.

Waterloo Regional Police will continue to ticket bad



drivers despite a shortage of justices of the peace, says chief Larry Gravill. In December, provincial police warned it may pull officers off the road who target the worst traffic offenders on area highways if the region doesn't get more justices of the peace. Waterloo's police board agreed later that month

to send a strongly worded letter to Attorney General Michael Bryant, asking that the province quickly appoint more justices of the peace. From December until April, there will only be 14 provincial offences court dates in Cambridge and 14 in Kitchener. That's fewer than four court days a month in each city.

Alberta's highest court dismissed the appeal of a nine-



month jail term given to a man who violated a lengthy driving ban that was imposed after he struck and killed a police officer in 1993. A three-member Alberta Court of Appeal panel unanimously upheld the sentence imposed by provincial court Judge Heather Lámoueaux on July 26 after Andrew

Yazlovasky pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified. Yazlovasky, now 28, was convicted of criminal negligence causing death after he killed Const. Richard Sonnenberg as he tried to lay a spike belt on a city highway to stop a stolen car Yazlovasky was driving. He received a six-year jail term and a 15-year driving ban for the conviction. On top of the nine-month term, Lamoureux added another month for a shoplifting charge and an extra year to his driving prohibition - neither of which was appealed

James Cornish has officially started his duties as di-



rector of Ontario's Special Investigations Unit. Attorney General Michael Bryant announced in December that Cornish has been appointed to the post full time. Cornish had been interim director of the SIU since April 26th. Bryant says he brings expertise and professionalism to the challenging po-

sition. The SIU is the civilian agency that investigates deaths or serious accidents involving police in Ontario. Cornish has more than 20 years of legal experience.



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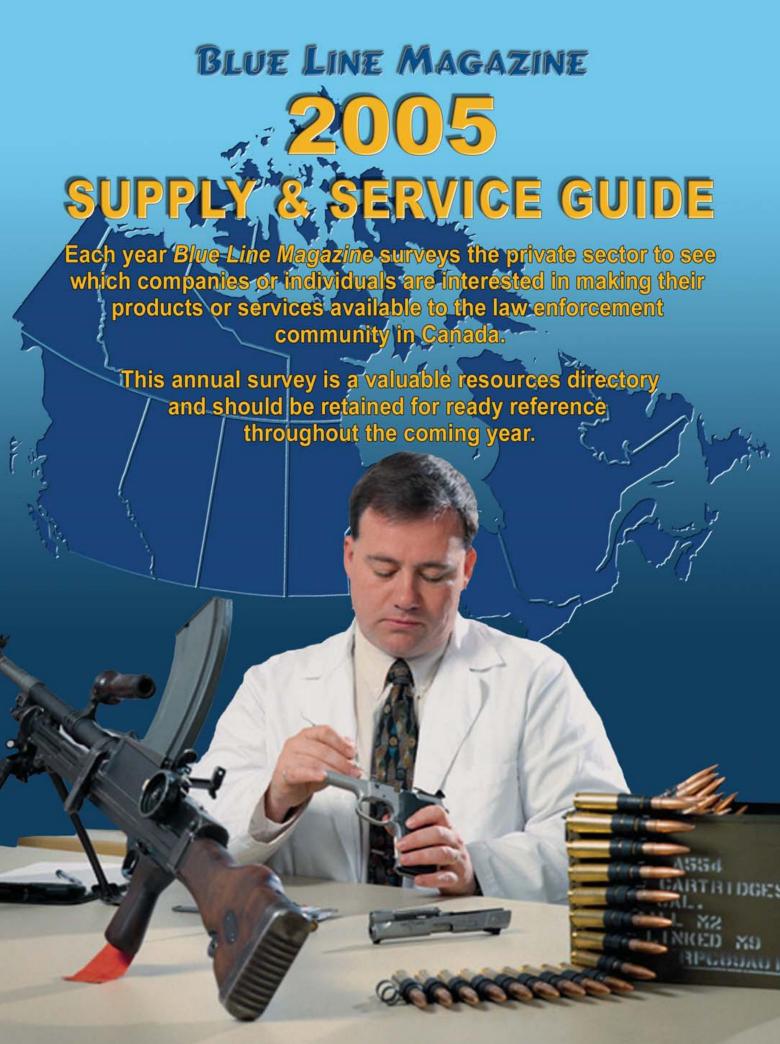
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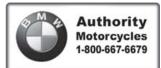
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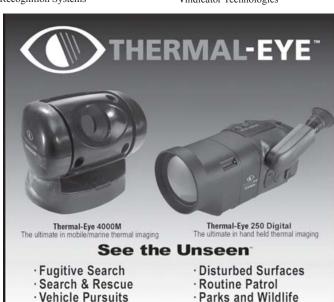
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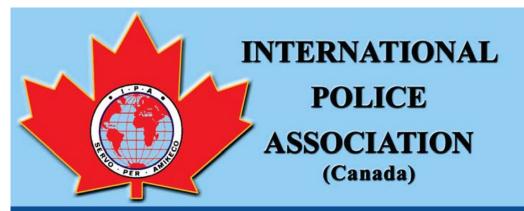
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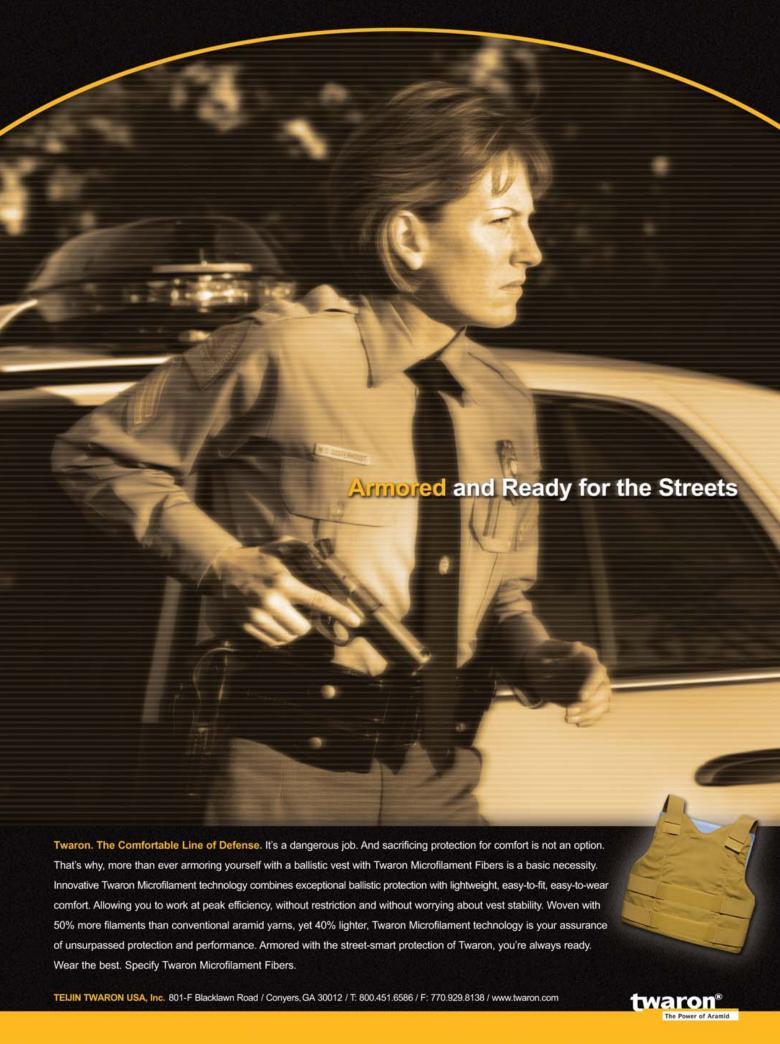
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by Tom Rataj

As if viruses, Trojan horses, spyware and plain old spam weren't enough to annoy and harass Internet users, the growing criminal scam known as 'phishing' is rapidly taking a multimillion dollar toll on individuals, corporations and the banking industry.

The scam

In its simplest form, the 'phish' starts out as an unsolicited e-mail message, generally appearing to originate from a well-known online retailer or bank. It looks official and indicates that the business is verifying account, credit card or other banking information.

To assist in the process, the e-mail includes a hyperlink to what appears to be a page on the institution's web site and includes fields for the user to enter credit card numbers (with expiry dates) and other associated passwords or personal identification numbers (PIN). It may also request your name, address, phone number, Social Insurance Number (SIN) and other personal information.

Once the form is completed, clicking the 'send' or 'submit' button finishes the transaction and generates a thank-you screen. The unsuspecting customer (read victim) has just been successfully phished, hook, line and sinker!

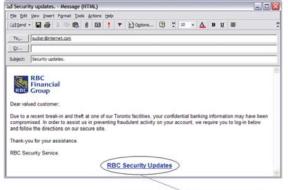
The truth

What is really going on is that the e-mail actually originates with an organised crime organisation, frequently based in Eastern Europe and Russia. The message is carefully crafted to look official, while the included hyperlink actually directs the user to a cloned web site operated by the criminal organisation. This works because a hyperlink actually consists of two distinct parts; the displayed text, which can consist of any words, phrases or symbols and the programming 'code' behind it, which contains the actual address.

The cloned web site, with its official looking address and copied corporate logos, completes the phish by convincing the customer

You've been phished!

OK



that everything is legitimate. It uses much of the same technology used by the real corporation and convincingly steps the customer through the data collection process. The data they enter is used to produce fraudulent credit cards.

Actual hyperlink

"coding" behind

apparently real

hyperlink.

Other personal information collected is used in a wide variety of other scams, including defrauding welfare and other government programs and obtaining fraudulent travel documents (such as passports).

Detection

The unsuspecting consumer can very easily be taken in by any of these phishing scams, however there are some fairly obvious clues to look for which suggest something is not right. One of the most common is poor grammar and spelling, which is often seen both in the original e-mail and on the fake web site. Most up-to-date e-mail software will automatically capture inbound phishing e-mails before they hit your inbox, because they generally fit within a 'spam' profile.

Canadian banks also employ a number of methods to detect fraudulent banking activities on customer accounts. One of the simplest involves tracking the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computers regularly used by customers to do their on-line banking.

In most cases, customers access their accounts from only a few computers, such as those at their home or office. Each time they log in, the bank's system records their IP address; if the customer suddenly starts logging-in from different addresses, it's possible their access information has been stolen or compromised.

Bank systems alert staff to this and other banking behaviour changes; the bank then contacts the customer directly to verify that the new and unusual activity is legitimate.

Challenge-based e-mail filtering technologies, which automatically e-mail the sender of a suspicious incoming e-mail and ask for verification of their identity, also help to protect against phishing scams. Other technologies now being developed validate e-mails against a list of verified e-mail systems, domains or IP addresses. Microsoft is currently working on Sender ID technology, which verifies that every e-mail actually originated from the domain it appears to be coming from, again by checking against a list of verified servers.

Losses

Some 200,000 Canadians have been targeted by phishing scams in the last year alone, according to estimates by the RCMP and Visa Canada and at least 13,000 have had their identities stolen, resulting in some \$21.5 million in losses.

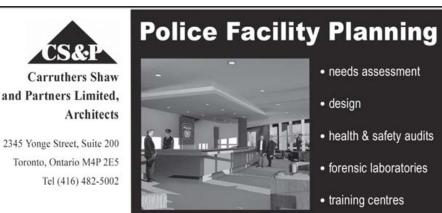
The numbers are even higher in the US, where a Sept. 2004 survey found that 76 per cent of Americans online reported receiving an increased number of phishing or spoofing attempts. It estimated losses at \$500 million (US). Another study, released in June 2004, put the number of Americans victimized at almost two million and total loses for the previous 12 months at \$2.4 billion US.

Unfortunately these statistics are only estimates. Tracking actual loses is difficult because, as with other frauds, many victims either don't realize that they've been took or are too embarrassed to report the crime.

It's always interesting to watch criminals and criminal organisations copy the creativity and ingenuity used by legitimate businesses. While the Internet is a fantastic business opportunity for legitimate businesses and consumers, it's also increasingly becoming a fantastic 'business' opportunity for criminals.

Public education efforts by police, Internet-based businesses and financial institutions will help keep this burgeoning criminal enterprise at bay. Improvements in computer technology, particularly transaction monitoring and analysis, will also help prevent losses and assist in apprehending and prosecuting cyber criminals.

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Thieves turn stolen cars into missiles

WINNIPEG — Thieves are turning stolen cars into driverless missiles, sending them down streets and into buildings in more than one prairie province, say police.

"I can tell you that it goes way beyond what the public sees," an unnamed police officer told a Winnipeg newspaper. "I can think of 15 cars easily in the past two weeks which I have recovered (that have) had their accelerator pedals jammed and sent flying down back lanes and highways, across lakes and ditches, ending up crashing through homeowner's fences, garages and property."

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On Dec. 27, three vehicles were set running, the first of which caused \$50,000 in damage to an apartment building when it crashed into a ground-floor suite, landing in a bed that was empty only because the tenant had gone to visit relatives for the holidays.

Shortly after, someone jammed a snow scraping brush onto the gas pedal of another stolen vehicle and rammed it into a building. About 25 minutes after that, a school parking lot was used as a launching pad to send a flaming vehicle into the garage of a home across the street.

On Dec. 17, thieves jammed the gas pedals on four vehicles and launched them onto the Assiniboine River. No one was injured in any of the incidents, but Barry Ward, executive director of the National Committee to Reduce Auto Theft, said that it's only a matter of time before one of these vehicles crashes into innocent bystanders.

Edmonton police have also been searching for thieves who crashed stolen cars into four businesses over the holiday season. On Boxing Day, another empty car, also with the gas pedal pressed to the floor, crashed through the window of a beauty shop. A week earlier, a Dodge smashed through the storefront of a convenience store. A rock was placed on the gas pedal and a plastic Santa was placed behind the wheel.

Police believe the same suspects may be responsible for all of the Edmonton crashes.

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Dealing with workplace violence

by Mike Burgess

The number of workplace violence incidents the security industry has had to deal with have increased significantly in the past few years, despite the introduction of zero tolerance policies and tougher laws. Some individuals are unable to control their emotions under stress, despite the repercussions.

Security has to deal with these issues until police arrive, and response times, despite their best efforts, are getting longer. This begs the question of how much training security is given in dealing with and recognizing the early signs of escalating violent situations.

Risk management

The old mentality of 'observe and report' simply is not realistic or practical anymore. That type of thinking and risk management only serves to increase the risks when an untrained individual encounters a violent situations. The direct consequence of this age old attitude is mandatory training and licensing under pending legislation, such as Ontario's Bill 159.

In light of the Shand inquest and rapidly changing role of modern security practitioners, the Canadian General Standards Board met in November, 2004 to begin overhauling the



federal standard for security officers. This will become, at the very least, a 'best practice' and likely a mandatory minimum standard which will be copied by all provinces.

Many have asked me what I consider an acceptable level of training for a general security officer – a level that demonstrates due diligence by an employer. My answer, not withstanding pending mandatory standards, is to advise them to examine six serious incidents that have occurred in the last five years or so – and consider whether their greenest, least capable security officer could have handled most

of them. If not, I suggest they now know where their training standard needs to be.

New federal law

Bill C-45 amended the Criminal Code, particularly section 217.1, which now reads:

Every one who undertakes or has the authority to direct how another person does work or performs a task is under a legal duty to take reasonable steps to prevent bodily harm to that person, or any other person, arising from that work or task.

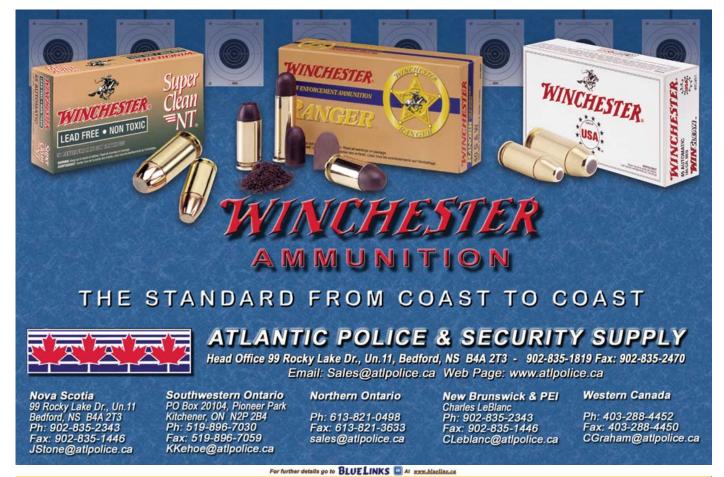
In light of this change, I strongly advise supervisors, senior management and risk managers to not sit back and risk becoming a test case in federal

court. Become proactive about training, raise awareness levels and do all you can to ensure the personal safety of your staff!

Better equipment

Better equipment can go a long way towards increasing safety, but it's less than half the equation and not a good replacement for proper awareness and skills training.

Getting new and more efficient equipment without training is a bit like putting bush bars on the front of a big four wheel drive truck and then letting your 14 year old son drive it;



the bars add a certain measure of safety, but also give him a false sense of security, and won't be much help if he rolls it over in the water or gets hit broadside by a train.

Equipment is not a substitute for good personal safety, situational awareness, appropriate proactive violence prevention or non-violent intervention training. Yes it can help, but it is very limited and not something to bet the farm on.

Let's not put the cart before the horse. Only 15 per cent of a person's ability to be effective on the job comes from a book or policy – the remainder is the ability to handle people – so why is so much attention focussed on creating new policies, making public statements about zero tolerance and academic information sessions for staff? I'll bet security companies spend more on firewalls for office computers than training and improving their officers' ability to handle difficult people on the job.

Cost effective delivery vs. due diligence

They say that 'to know and not to do is not to know.' If the potential for violence exists in your workplace and nothing is done about it – or you or your employer try to make excuses about time or money for appropriate training – you need to reconsider the legal and civil consequences. If you are doing something to address it, the next thing to consider is cost effective delivery vs. due diligence. This raises more questions.

Are in-house trainers better than contract consultants? What are acceptable, minimum standards for trainers? Do they have first hand experience dealing with violent incidents relatable to your circumstances? Do they have the background to teach this subject?

In house trainers may be the cheapest approach to training, but are they enough to refute a charge that what you're providing is a 'marked departure' from that of other employers? These questions will certainly come under the legal microscope in civil actions, criminal negligence or labour board investigations.

I read recently that much of our knowledge about what goes on in the world is tainted and even untrue. We filter information, compare it to what we think is normal or acceptable and tend not to believe that incidents actually occur unless they happen to us or someone we know. This is a result of living and growing up in our own piece of the world and not asking enough questions to expand our perceptions. We do not see the world as it is but as we are, based on where we came from and our experiences.

Consider your options carefully, ask a lot of questions and make an informed decision based on the facts instead of what you or your employers think may work.

Mike Burgess, the managing director of Burgess and Associates, is a recognized authority on use of force, managing violent behaviour and preventing violence in the workplace and has 25 years experience in the law enforcement field. He can be reached at <code>msburgess@golden.net</code>. He will conduct an officer safety and situational awareness training course at the <code>Blue Line Trade Show-visit www.blueline.ca/tradeshow</code> to register or for more information.

Workplace Health & Safety Crimes

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Crimes

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Police and other investigative agencies throughout Canada will welcome the publication of this valuable 193 page guide to both

the recent ground breaking amendments to the Criminal Code touching upon safety in Canadian workplaces and, of no less signal importance, to the laws of occupational health and safety (OHS).

The author is an experienced litigator who is a well-recognized authority on the question of OHS and he brings a wealth of practical experience and academic knowledge honed by two earlier and successful books to the aid of those charged with investigating allegations of injuries or death in work sites in Canada. At

a time when the very nature of the potential prosecution of employers for injuries or fatalities caused to both those employed and the members of the public who are found there has undergone a revolutionary change, with the hope that no further Westray-type disasters will occur in the future, Mr. Keith's book comes as a welcome source of guidance and direction.

Workplace Health and Safety Crimes contains six chapters and is followed by three appendices notably the text of Bill C-45. Of special interest are the first two that serve to introduce the subject matter and provide a background to the legislation with particular em-

phasis on the Westray mine disaster.

The author then directs our attention to the law of criminal negligence in Chapter three, followed by a detailed analysis of the legislation in chapter four. The next chapter is entitled "Understanding Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Law" and offers a valuable examination of the various legislative schemes and of the philosophies that animate these at-

tempts to regulate and to protect both workers and Canadians in general from preventable injuries and deaths. Finally, chapter six sets out a general review of the criminal justice system, which most experienced police officers will have gained by reason of their training and experience, but which is helpful nonetheless.

At the end of the day, readers will have gained a thorough understanding of the newly-enacted law as well as a far better understanding of criminal

negligence and corporate crime as those concepts are not defined, not to mention Canadian OHS laws.

Of interest, one of the questions that will no doubt come to mind in reading this book is whether the fundamental nature of police work itself must be re-evaluated in light of Parliament's direction that employers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of workers. Whether this will result in increased staffing levels, better equipment, improved training, and superior "after-event" analysis remains to be seen, but such steps must be considered if the legislation is to be respected.



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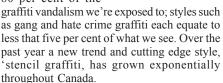
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Stencil graffiti – the emerging urban shadow

by Heinz Kuck

Our urban environment has always been a unique and powerful stage for graffiti writers – a canvas where they continually transmit their personal visions, at the same visual level as corporate or government messages.

Various styles and trends have dominated our urban landscapes over the past few years. Empirical evidence shows 'hip hop' graffiti represents over 80 per cent of the



Who better to describe this new style than one of its fervent practitioners, 'Bansky'.

"As soon as I cut my first stencil I could feel the power, the ruthlessness, the political edge. All graffiti is low level dissent, but stencils have an extra history; they've been used to start revolutions and to stop wars." (Manco. 2002)

This new form of vandalism is poised more toward using graffiti as a controlled communication tool, rather than using it to self-aggrandize the individual tagger.

The writer takes great care to cut the sten-



cil from plastic, cardboard, or aluminum. It is then held against the target surface and aerosol paint sprayed through it. The end result is an iconographic or pictographic representation aimed at provoking thought or inciting reaction from all those who pass by.

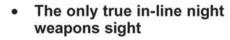
Whether used to propagate activism, anarchy or aesthetics, stencil graffiti, it should be remembered, is still nothing more than mischief to property and must be met with both tireless enforcement activity and dedicated eradication efforts.

Watch the shadows, for it's coming your way!

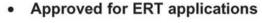
S/Sgt. Heinz Kuck will be presenting a number of policing theories, including stencil graffiti, April 26 and 27 at the *Blue Line Trade Show*. Visit www.blueline.ca/tradeshow to register or for more information. Kuck can be contacted at 416 808-5354.

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Auxiliary officers are a valuable resource

by Joanne Steventon

PEI resident Greg McCormick always aspired to be an RCMP officer, but when he fell just short of the medical requirements due to an eye problem, settled for a position as a 911 telecommunications operator.

This didn't mean he would never get a taste of what it's like beyond civilian life. For a minimum commitment of 100 volunteer hours a year, McCormick is given a uniform, passenger seat in a police cruiser and the title of auxiliary constable.

"I think it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. It's the best of both worlds," he says. "I guess it's just given me a better appreciation for what goes on the other side of a police radio."

Since 1963 the auxiliary program has given people across Canada the opportunity to volunteer for their local RCMP detachments as support for regular members. There are currently auxiliary officers serving in every province except Ontario and Quebec.

These volunteer members are used predominantly for assisting regular members in crowd and traffic control, during special events and peacetime emergencies or during searches for lost persons.

Their specific responsibilities vary day to day. McCormick says it changes depending on which member he is assigned to work with. "Basically, I pretty much do what I'm told. If he needs me to do something, then I'll do it," he says.

McCormick and a regular member did seat belt checks at a special event on his last shift. He watched passengers while the member spoke to the driver and kept his eyes opened for anything suspicious, such as alcohol. He also ran queries for the officer and communicated their location to the comm centre.

After completing four days of training, auxiliaries are given the powers of a peace officer. They aren't allowed to tote a firearm or write a ticket but they can write a warning ticket, make an arrest and play a significant role.

In PEI, the auxiliary force is almost two thirds the size of the regular force. With 100 front line members, there are currently about 58 auxiliary members and the group is still



growing. S/Sgt. Jerry McKenna, the provincial program coordinator, says he hopes that number will soon grow to 70.

"We'll be training a new batch in the fall. We just started the application process," says McKenna. "We trained 13 new ones this year and 24 new ones last year, so we have a fair number of new auxiliaries."

Many current auxiliaries are really keen; a couple have volunteered over 400 hours in the past year, McKenna notes, and McCormick puts in at least 200 hours.

In order to find suitable candidates, the recruiting process for auxiliaries is similar to regular members, though not as extensive. They must go through an interview, security clearance and medical and individuals with a criminal record are not accepted. Emergency response workers aren't accepted either, to avoid conflicts in emergency situations where auxiliaries are often relied on.

Individuals planning to become regular members aren't accepted into the RCMP auxiliary program in other provinces, but PEI changed that policy and readily accepts them.

"It's going to help them in training and it's also going to allow us to look at auxiliaries to see if we think they'd be good as members down the road," says McKenna.

It also helps the potential member decide if they really want to make policing their career. Six to eight PEI auxiliaries have decided to go to 'depot' in the last three years. McKenna notes.

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must have a desire to become a police officer. McKenna says that most of his auxiliaries already have full time jobs, ranging from accountants to farmers. This is just an exciting way to contribute to the community through volunteering.

Unlike candy stripers, auxiliary volunteers accept some risk, which comes with being a police officer. McKenna says that while auxiliaries are not supposed to be exposed to dangerous situations, sometimes it's unavoidable.

"If you're on route to a complaint and you get a call on the radio that there is violence involved, the auxiliaries are not supposed to be exposed to it," he says, "but a lot of times there's a decision – 'do we take this person to the call or leave them on the side of the road?"

McCormick says he hasn't been confronted with any violent situations in his five years as an auxiliary officer, but has been the first to call backup on some occasions.

"I've never been downright scared for my life, where I wish I had a gun. No, I've never been in one of those scenarios," he says, "however, I've been in situations where I just don't feel like something's right."

McKenna says that he doesn't know of any serious incidents involving auxiliaries and violent confrontations in PEI and notes there were none in Newfoundland for the 20 years he was stationed there.

There has recently been some concern that a change in uniforms may make auxiliaries a target for disorderly individuals. Their uniforms used to be nearly indistinguishable from regular members but a policy change last year requires that there now be a discernable difference. The yellow stripe on their pants and yellow band on their hat was removed and they now have a large auxiliary patch on the back of their jacket and rain coats and a small one on the front.

"It has caused some problems," says McKenna. "We knew it likely would when the uniform was changed because they stand out that much more now, but it hasn't been too bad."

The bulk of the problems occur late at night with intoxicated individuals, who have a tendency to be a bit more difficult with volunteer officers, but he says it usually doesn't go further than just a few nasty names.

The auxiliary program has been on the island since the '60s, so PEI residents have had years to get used to the presence of volunteer officers. Many auxiliaries work in small communities, so they are known even without the conspicuous auxiliary patch. McKenna says that most residents are grateful for the auxiliary program, due to the sacrifices that would have to be made without it.

During the summer, a group of PEI auxiliaries helped with the Red Cross multi-sport relay event. The Ministry of Transportation required the Red Cross to have police supervised traffic control before it would grant a permit to use the roads.

"Without the auxiliary program, the detachment wouldn't be able to provide that be-



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cause they simply wouldn't have the manpower," says McCormick, which might have meant canceling the event.

Auxiliaries are also a valuable source of information for new members to the force. since they can tell them about community issues and things they may need to look out for.

McCormick is modest about his personal contribution to the RCMP, saying he's just doing something he wouldn't have been able to do otherwise.

"You know, giving up 200 hours for something that I enjoy really isn't a big deal for me," he says. "I think that's the case with most of the auxiliaries."

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CHARLOTTETOWN — Island police officers were handed new powers in December to cap bootleggers.

The new legislation more than doubles the fines for first time offences, allowing police to enter homes of people suspected of selling liquor illegally without a warrant and providing police with the power to seize anything in those homes.

Mike Currie, the minister responsible for the Liquor Control Commission, said the province is reacting to concerns raised from residents, police and municipalities across the Island.

Fines for selling liquor illegally will increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for a first time offence. Those charged will now have to appear in court. Up until December, bootleggers could pay their fine much like somebody pays a parking ticket. If a bootlegger refuses to pay his fines, he could end up in jail, said the report.

The changes will also allow the courts to designate a bootlegger's house or place of business as a prohibited premise that will prevent anybody from delivering, possessing, selling, purchasing or even consuming alcohol on that premise.

OTTAWA — A new Statistics Canada report says nine out of every 10 PEI motorists caught

drinking and driving for the first time go to jail. Island judges are tougher than their counterparts in other provinces. They jailed even first time drunk drivers in the 1980's in an attempt to lower impaired driving rates. During 2003 a total of 207 Islanders were sentenced to an average of two nights in jail for drunk driving. Most other provinces hand out fines for first time impaired drivers, which is the smallest penalty allowed under the law.

The PEI policy helps give the island the country's highest incarceration rate at 58 per cent. The national rate is 35 per cent.

OTTAWA — A new medal has been created



to honour peace officers employed in agencies that deal with issues such as borders, parks, fisheries, environment and immigration. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson announced the award in December.

"I am delighted that the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal will be awarded to individuals who contribute to the public good," Clarkson was quoted as saying.

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New resources now available on Blue Line website

Readers of Blue Line Magazine's case law are receiving a convenient new tool for their research that can be reached through the magazine's resource-filled website.

Case law, one of Blue Line's most popular regular features, has a comprehensive links section on Blue Line's web site at www.blueline.ca. This new feature allows visitors to conveniently access web sites often used in researching or studying case law across Canada.

The case law links are part of the web site's new design launched in November 2004. The redesigned webpage offers over 3,700 indexed resource links relating to justice and law enforcement.

Previews of each new issue are also posted every month to the homepage where visitors can read the feature story, a new case law article and new commentaries. Details on the magazine's many additional articles are also displayed, so readers know what to expect when their copy arrives in the mail.

A powerful new police resources page, however, is one of the website's most interesting new features. An "assisted search" field allows visitors to find almost any Canadian website that relates to law enforcement and justice through a few simple keystrokes. The intuitive interface will analyze text being typed and intelligently display pertinent links to the topic. Users can save a significant amount of time that might otherwise be spent on lengthy searches. The new case law links page also refines on this tool through pre-linked pages in order by province.

If a user can't find the information they seek, they can simply visit the public chat forums and ask for help from over 1,500 registered members across Canada participating in law enforcement discussions.

Among the web site's many other offerings is detailed information on the annual Blue Line Trade Show. Readers can find out the date and location of the show as well as receive clear directions. There is also a listing of which training courses are available and directions are given on how to sign up. For people who wish to visit the show, they can register for free online as well.

An easy to use section of the website also provides visitors with all the tools they need to learn about advertising with Blue Line. The Blue Links page also provides visitors with links to companies who are advertising in the current issue, making it even easier to find their products.

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The publication Vancouver Magazine recently selected Vancouver Police Chief



lected Vancouver Police Chief Jamie Graham as the 15th most powerful person in the city. The Chief submitted the following letter in appreciation and recognition of the magazine's reality check of community standards. "I would like to applaud the courage you demonstrated recently in listing Hell's Angel John Bryce as

listing Hell's Angel John Bryce as the 11th most powerful person in the city of Vancouver. Writing as Number 15 on your list, I can only presume that you recognize the greater power of Bryce's outlaw motorcycle gang/organized crime connections. I don't have to tell you that others in the media who exposed members of the Hell's Angels have placed themselves in great jeopardy of reprisals from people who consider murder and intimidation a normal part of doing business. Your choice was astute and reflects a view of our value systems, society and its problems seldom seen in the Vancouver media. Good luck."

Jamie H. Graham, Chief Constable Vancouver Police Department (VPD)

Chief Superintendent Larry Beechey has been appointed the OPP's new Eastern



not Larry Beechey has been appointed the OPP's new Eastern Region Commander. Beechey has obtained an extensive background in all facets of policing during his 24-year policing career and has gained extensive experience in First Nations Policing, municipal contracts and finance. He arrived in Eastern Ontario in 1997 as commander in charge of

all Ottawa area detachments. In 1999 he moved to Eastern Region Headquarters; his most recent position being the Director of Support Services for Eastern Ontario. One of his many responsibilities included the analgamation of Provincial Communications Centres (PCCs) within the province. Beechey succeeds deputy commissioner Jay Hope, who was recently promoted to deputy commissioner, strategic services.

The Saskatoon Police Commission has agreed to a



request to submit a plan to restore confidence in city police. Justice Minister Frank Quennell made the request in October after a report on how police handled the case of Neil Stonechild, an aboriginal teen who froze to death in 1990. The judge who headed the inquiry into Stonechild's death stopped short of blaming officers

for abandoning him in a Saskatoon industrial area where his body was found. Justice **David Wright** concluded that police prematurely closed the investigation into the case, likely because the detective leading it was aware that members of the force could have been involved in the boy's death. The plan calls for more understanding for minorities in the community and to attract more minorities as officers.

Regina's police chief says gang and drug-related ac-



tivities are among the reasons for an increase in the city's murder rate last year. Cal Johnston says there have been nine homicides in the first 10 months of the year, compared to five in the same period in 2003. Incidences of attempted murders were also up, to 12 cases in the first 10 months of

2004 compared to four in the same period in 2003. While Johnston didn't quote any specific percentages, he says it is clear that some of the increased murders are related to gang activity and to the trade in illicit drugs.

Fertilizer for bombs warning issued

OTTAWA — The Canadian Fertilizer Institute is warning its members about a suspicious attempt to buy a large amount of a fertilizer chemical that can be used to make bombs.

The institute forwarded an alert that Natural Resources Canada received from the US to its 42 members in January. US authorities were checking a report from a Canadian company that a man with possibly phony construction credentials tried to buy a large amount of ammonium nitrate - the chemical used to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building.

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However, they say there's no indication yet that terrorism is involved. The institute is asking fertilizer companies to identify any customers they aren't familiar with. Dealers are also being asked to flag any purchases that may be suspicious - like deals where the buyer is in a hurry to pay cash, or the amount of chemical requested seems wrong for the job cited.

Alberta RCMP Corporal Wayne Oakes said Canadian intelligence officers were consulting with US officials. American authorities say the suspect made several Internet e-mail inquiries to vendors seeking to buy between 500 and 1,000 tonnes of the chemical. That is a larger quantity than Timothy McVeigh used to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building in April 1995 but smaller than amounts companies typically might buy in bulk for construction, explosives or farm work.

The ATF was asking the US fertilizer and explosives industries to help locate the man and to report any suspicious inquiries for the fertilizer chemical ammonium nitrate, which is used to make so-called fertilizer bombs.

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Police use of force

What the public doesn't understand

by Mark Bloxham

I am troubled by the media and public's perception of police use of force. Most people will never be burdened with controlling resistive or violent behaviour; they go about their everyday lives without ever having to consider such a visceral, dangerous situation.

As a police officer assigned to my agency's training section, nothing makes me more content then the thought of average people safe and secure in their home, away from the violent realities of the street. However, the issues of police use of force are prevalent in our society and frequently seen on television and the movies.

Police using force is a primary form of Hollywood entertainment and features prominently in the media's reporting of incidents. As a result, the average person is left with many skewed ideas about what happens in real life situations.

Most people who see a police officer 'use force' will immediately make a judgement about whether it was reasonable; this is the reality of a good and free society. Police serve the people and, as a result, are accountable to them for their actions – for me to suggest otherwise would be inappropriate – but how qualified is the average person to judge whether force is justified?

Do we automatically tell a doctor they're wrong when they refer a patient to a specialist or assume a lawyer is mistaken when they make recommendations on a legal matter? Do you ignore an electrician when he recommends rewiring your home because it's a fire hazard? These professionals have the education, training, certifications and experience to

know what they're talking about and we should at least consider their advice when forming our own opinion.

Use of force issues are no different, except for people's emotional response when they see violence. Watching one person use force against another is, in many cases, unpleasant. Even when the action – firmly grabbing onto someone, pushing, taking them to the ground or striking them – is legally mandated and justified, the visual actions will be considered 'violent, ugly or undignified' by portions of society. This is the reality of living in a diverse and peaceful community – the average person rarely or never sees these situations in real life.



Perhaps they view police use of force the same way they observe sport. We learn about fair play and sportsmanship in western society and people must learn that this has nothing to do with the reality of policing. There are no 'Marcus of Queensbury rules.' When a person chooses to resist or assault police, the officer must respond in an immediate and decisive manner – and the

force of their response must be greater then that used by the subject.

If it is not, the officer will not control the situation and end the confrontation. The result will be increased risk of injury to the public, subject and the officer. People should remember that what they're seeing is not a hockey game or Australian rules rugby, but actions taken by a professional who's making life and death decisions, in a matter of seconds, in volatile, spontaneous and rapidly evolving situations. Although bystanders are observing the 'force action,' the officer is making decisions based on the totality of circumstances, taking into account all the variables the average person may be unaware of.

These may include previous knowledge about the subject, criminal history, the crime involved, circumstances, access to weapons, existence of evidence, drugs, alcohol, size and ability of the subject in comparison to the officer, existence and proximity of other subjects, environment, light and surface conditions and the officers energy depletion. These are just some of the factors involved in making decisions to use force.

These comments are not made in response to any particular incident or event. Police officers in Edmonton and across Canada face having to make extremely difficult decisions under the most adverse conditions. The next time people hear or see something about police use of force, they should ask themselves whether they really know about the incident in its totality — and before being critical, they should contemplate how they would react in a confrontation in the same circumstances.

What kind of communities would we have if the men and women of our police services weren't there to act on our behalf, protecting the community and facing violent criminals 24 four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year?

Remember, the arm chair critic has days and weeks to contemplate decisions a police officer had to made in split seconds.

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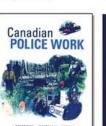
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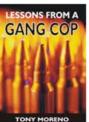
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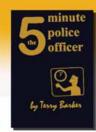
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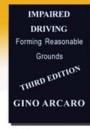
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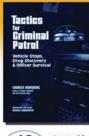
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