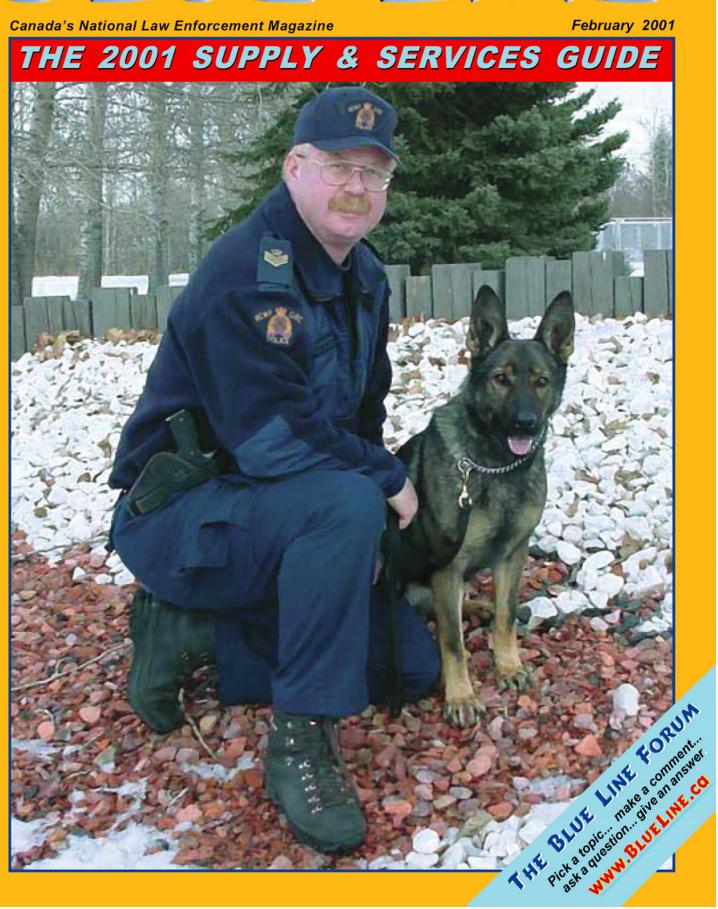
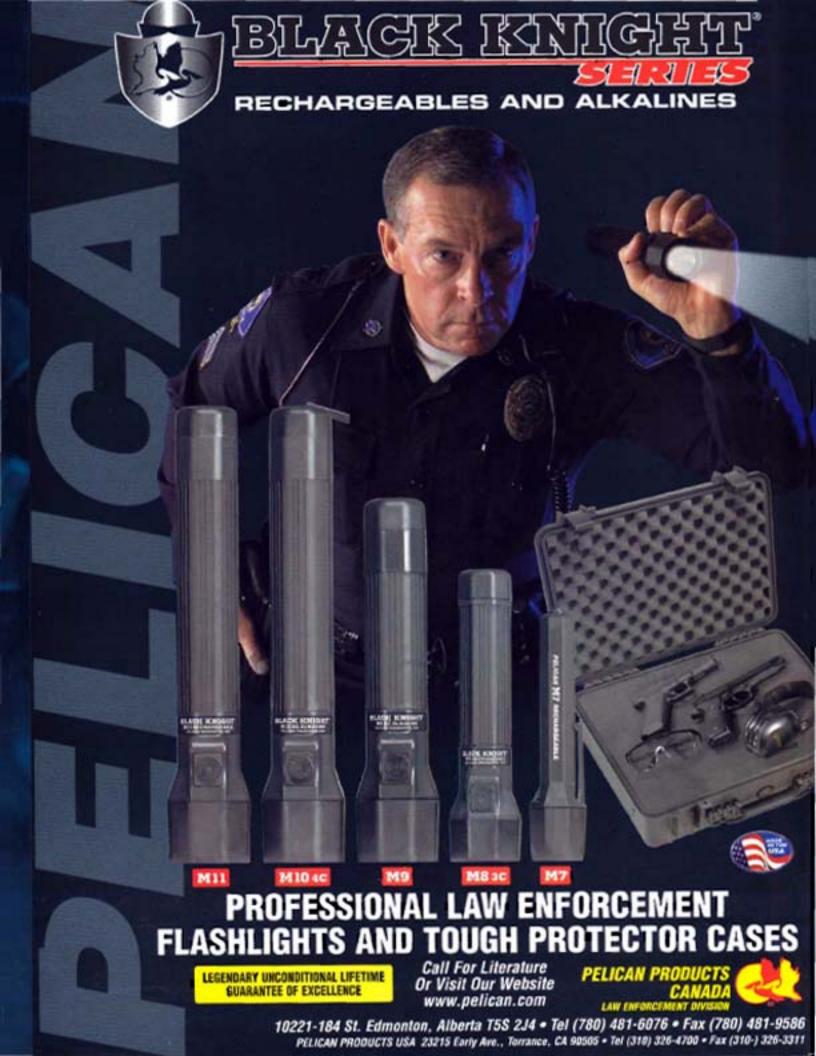
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RCMP Sgt. **Peter Nazaroff** and breeding dame **Honda** grace the cover of this month's issue.

Nazaroff, a member of the RCMP's National Police Dog Training Centre in Alberta, has teamed up with Durham Regional police Cst. **Dave Mounsteven** in an effort to gain legislative protection for police animals. To learn more about their ongoing effort, turn to Page 6.

In this issue we also bring you our **2001 Supply & Services Guide.** If you need to purchase a product, acquire a service, or locate a specific company related to law enforcement, then you will want to turn to our comprehensive listings beginning on Page 41.

Paperwork is eternally linked with policing, but is there a way to streamline the paper writing process? The North Bay Police Service and Nipissing University are currently engaged in a study to answer that very question. Make your way to Page 14 to discover what has been uncovered to date.

**John Muldoon** has submitted the first article in a three part series dealing with law enforcement and the media. If you are interested in the policing side of the story, go directly to Page 18.

There are new cars, with new technology making their way into mainstream society. However, these new vehicles pose new risks and dangers to Response personnel. Technology Editor **Tom Rataj** provides a breakdown of possible hazards on Page 26.

**David Mitchell** was kidnapped in Moose Jaw, Sask., 14 years ago. Following a 12-hour ordeal, Mitchell was eventually found by Ontario Provincial Police officer **John Kennedy**. Read about their touching reunion on Page 68.

Co-ordinators are currently hard at work on *Response 2001*, *Blue Line Magazine's* Fifth Annual Law Enforcement Trade Show and Exhibition. To find out what's in store for this year turn to Page 77.

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#### **Publisher's Commentary**

#### It's all about death, defence and deterrence

by Morley Lymburner

Several issues back I complained that the constant wearing of exterior armour is only teaching the criminal element where to target for maximum freedom.

My prophecy (as some have called it) reached a new level with the news of the shooting of Texas police officer Aubrey Hawkins on Christmas Eve. The 29-year-old Irving, Texas, officer came under a hail of bullets fired by a group of determined escaped convicts. These criminals, now dubbed "The Texas Seven", knew the proper target. Autopsy results showed the officer received six bullets to the head, four to has arm and only two to his concealed body armour. In my humble opinion this leaves no doubt as to the criminals intent to kill and not wound. When these guys are caught who will get the death penalty and who will get life. Probably the guy who can convince the jury that his was one of the two bullets that hit the vest.

Defence: "I aimed for the vest because I wanted to scare the officer... not kill him."

*Prosecutor:* "How did you know the officer was wearing a vest?"

The police community is far too ready to broadcast all their weaknesses and tactics. It is time to take this as a wake up call. In Canada officers are routinely wearing exterior carriers that broadcast to everyone that the only real kill zone for cops is the head. The Texas officer shot so brutally was wearing a concealed vest and still died. Concealing armour is not a factor in his case but criminal knowledge as to effective target acquisition is a big factor.

Television programs that depict real life police work can be particularly damaging. By glamorizing loose lipped officers every citizen is exposed to tactics that should make the officer's job easier and safer. This compromises the safety of every officer on the street.

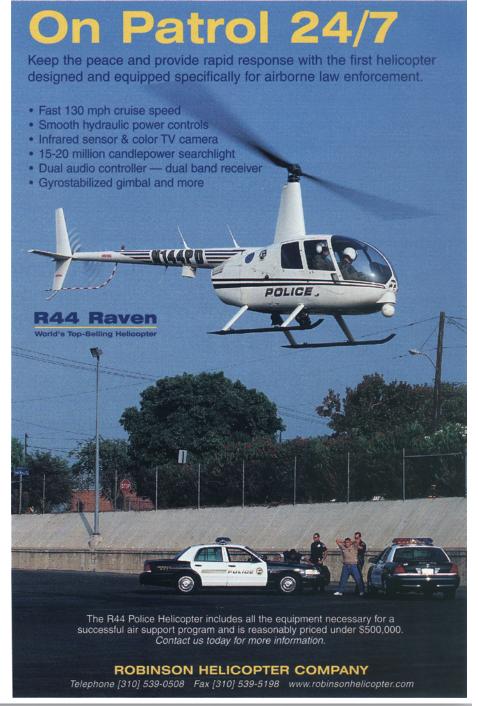
Even tight-lipped officers are too often victims of their own imagined image. In the case of officer deaths it is not too far a leap of the imagination to say that some have an indestructible attitude which can not envision their own mortality. The "good guys in the movies always win" syndrome is subconsciously adopted. In such cases only two things can cure the malady. A near death experience or an actual death. In the former a better officer emerges in the latter a hero is buried.

There is no way to second guess the actions of the Texas officer and come out with anything productive. He was a victim of seven very determined criminals. He had no way of knowing what he was going to face when he answered that alarm call. The officers in his situation are always at a disadvantage. They never know what they are going to find and the criminal has the element of surprise to their advantage. When the criminal commits the crime they have thought very seriously about the consequences of screwing up. They have the opportunity to plan for the eventuality of a cop showing up. If they carry a gun in Texas they have to think about the consequences of what they might encounter in an attempt to get away. Freedom can be theirs if they kill the officer but



the death penalty is what awaits them when caught. My only hope is those seven Texas convicts don't make it to Canada. Take a gun to a crime in Canada and their is no deterrent. Kill

a cop and you get religion and 15 years of free room and board. Do you think that could be an option the "Texas Seven" have considered? Think about it a bit... and conceal your armour.



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# Protecting police animals Officers move closer to changing Criminal Code

by Blair McQuillan

Dave Mounsteven and Peter Nazaroff share a common goal which they are very close to realizing.

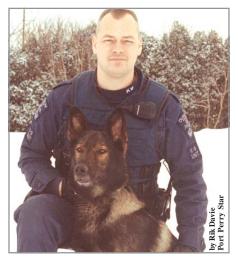
Mounsteven, a constable with the Durham Regional Police Service, and Peter Nazaroff, a sergeant with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, have spent the past 15 months working together on legislation that would put the bite on thugs who injure or kill police animals.

The legislation, which was written by the two officers, is scheduled to be reviewed by Parliament this month.

"Ideally, we want to see it come into effect for the summer of 2001," said Mounsteven, a 10-year police veteran.

The legislation, which is an amendment to a new cruelty to animals law known as Bill C-17, would see offenders punished for poisoning, causing harm to, or killing police animals while they are on or off duty. In addition, offenders will be forced to pay restitution for the cost of replacing an animal that has been murdered, or is no longer able to perform its duties due to injury.

"The frustrating part is trying to convince the powers that be that we depend on these animals," said Nazaroff. "We ask these (ani-



Cst. Dave Mounsteven and Chase.

mals) to serve the public for nothing and that's what they do. There should be some protection for them."

While Mounsteven and Nazaroff have worked on the legislation together for more than a year, they began their campaign to obtain better protection for police animals separately and in two very different manners.

Nazaroff, a member of the RCMP's National Police Dog Training Centre in Alberta, began his effort to bring changes to the Criminal Code in the spring of 1999. For five years prior to beginning work on the new legislation, the 24-year veteran gave lectures to high school students regarding police canines. During his lectures, Nazaroff would talk about the dangers the animals face each day and inevitably students would ask what type of laws protected them.

"I'd say, 'Other than the general section under the Criminal Code, nothing,'" the officers recalls. "They didn't think that was right."

After receiving the same reaction repeatedly in the numerous schools where he lectured, Nazaroff came up with a plan to put pressure on MPs across Canada to support changes to the current legislation.

The officer enlisted the help of the Grade 12 law class at Columneetza High School in Williams Lake, B.C. His plan was to have the students launch a letter writing campaign in which MPs would be asked to support a private members motion that would amend the Criminal Code as it relates to police animals.

Of the 24 students in the class, 21 decided to take up Nazaroff's cause and Students Helping to Encourage Parliament (SHEP) was born.

Nazaroff began by drafting a letter to MPs,

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which the students modified and posted on a web site. The letter could be printed by any one who viewed the site. All an interested citizen had to do was sign the letter and mail it to their local member of parliament. The venture was a huge success.

Students across Canada began to take up the cause and letters began pouring in to MPs. Nazaroff is unable to esti-

mate how many letters were sent by concerned students and parents, but he is sure the number is at least five figures long. As if the letter writing campaign wasn't enough, various lobby groups began to throw their support behind the effort as well.

It was during this time that a story appeared in the November 1999 issue of *Blue Line Magazine* which caught Nazaroff's attention. It was about a Durham officer who was asking his local MP to help him obtain better legislative protection for police animals. After reading the article, Nazaroff decided to give the officer, Dave Mounsteven, a call.

"I said, 'Look I don't know who you are, but we're doing the same thing,'" Nazaroff recalls. "We sort of talked from there and decided to work together."

Soon after joining forces, the officers were asked to speak at a federal Justice Committee meeting in Ottawa. During the meeting, which was held last June, the officers related stories about the numerous police animals that have been injured and killed on the job. The two officers even related personal examples as they have both had canine partners injured in the line of duty.

"We went there, Peter and myself, and told our own individual stories about what made us do this. We looked around the room and there were seasoned MPs in tears. Basically, after that day we got a commitment that it was a matter of 'when', not 'if', legislative changes were going to be made."

The two officers also explained why the need for better legislation is so crucial.

"We have to make it as simple for the Crown to proceed as possible," Mounsteven said. "Unless the legislation specifies police animals, it's going to be difficult for the Crowns to proceed with the charge."

Mounsteven said he's tired of seeing police animals take abuse from offenders, who plead guilty to more severe offences in an effort to have the lesser charge of cruelty to animals dropped. Both officers want assailants to be held accountable.

"I've met with Crown attorneys and they've all said the same thing," Mounsteven said. "They'd love to help us but if a person is willing to plead guilty to other charges, but not cruelty to animals, they can't justify going to trail for the sake of an offence with a \$500 fine."

With changes to the Criminal Code on the horizon, both officers say they have learned a lot from the whole experience.

"I've learned that everything takes time,"



Sgt. Peter Nazaroff and Honda.

Mounsteven says simply.

For Nazaroff, the most rewarding part of the effort has been having the opportunity to show a large group of teens that they can make a difference.

"It's about seeing the satisfaction in the students that they could do something that would affect the politicians," he said.

Now, the officers have to wait patiently as the government reviews the

legislation they worked so hard to create.

Mounsteven said it is possible that the new

legislation will be unveiled by Prime Minister Jean Chretien in June, during the Canadian police dog trials which Durham Region happens to be hosting.

"It looks possible that the prime minister is going to show up for this," he said.

In the meantime, both officers agree the most frustrating part about the initiative is the fact that two police dogs have been killed and a number of police animals have been assaulted while they have been waiting for Criminal Code amendments to be made.

Cst. Dave Mounsteven can be reached at (905) 579-1520. Sgt. Peter Nazaroff can be contacted at (403) 227-7011.



#### Three new cities find no new problems

by Morley Lymburner

The New Year brought in a few changes in municipal organizations in Ontario and Quebec. Specifically the new mega cities of Ottawa, Hamilton and Montreal were legislated into existence on January 1, 2001.

As was the case with the City of Toronto a couple of years ago, the new municipal structures do not appear to have made any radical changes in the way police services are managed. Like Toronto all these municipalities already

had amalgamated police structures prior to the municipal changes and any cost efficiencies due to this strategy had been long accomplished.

The top level of a two tiered municipal structure was first pioneered by New York City and then in Canada by Metropolitan Toronto in 1953. The old counties, which encompassed several townships, villages, towns, and cities, were viewed as the ideal method of administering certain serv-

ices to raise the level and consistency of certain municipal functions.

In the early 70's the provinces of Ontario and Quebec selected certain areas for restructuring. At the regional level services, such as major roads, water, sewer, police and ambulance, were admin-

istered for the entire region while services such as fire, hydro etc. were administered locally. This two-tiered municipal structure was seen as a compromise between large municipal structures and closer community control of municipal administration.

In the case of Metropolitan Toronto, it was found early on that conflicts would be inevitable. One such conflict arose in expressways planned by the top level municipal structure, which diverted heavier traffic flows through neighbourhoods administered by the lower level municipal government.

Policing, however, has not suffered the same problems under the two-tiered municipal structure that other services experienced. With some notable exceptions, the need for a larger and consistent pattern of policing was readily recognized. In the case of Metropolitan Toronto, with 16 police services of varying size and quality, it was one of the first items on the amalgamation list.

The new City of Ottawa was born out of the old Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. It is the most recently amalgamated regional government which brought together 16 municipalities surrounding the nations capital region. Although the police service was created in January 1995, it did not have control over some municipalities within the region. The towns of Kanata and Vanier were policed on contract by the provincial police and were not moved over until June 1999.

The new larger City of Ottawa will have a population of just over 800,000 people and take in 2,885 square kilometres. The Ottawa Police Service will consist of just over 1,500 officers and civilian staff.

Sources indicate that there will be little transitional problems for the agency other than getting a new crest design. The police service will streamline its structure from 16 districts at present to only six districts.

The only other problem to overcome will be the renaming of 117 streets, which are presently duplicated within the new 911 emergency exchange. This function will be reportedly complete by the end of this year.

For further information call 613-236-1222.
One challenge that will not have to be met for the new City of Hamilton will be the crest design. Last June, a committee determined the appropriate design for the new police service and began a process of preparing letter heads, shoulder patches, door decals and court documents.

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Hamilton police sources indicate that presently more than 240 forms have been revamped with the new crest and identity name change from Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police. In addition to shoulder patch changes, officers will be issued new metal chest badges and their headgear will sport a new cloth stitched badge in place of the old metal one. The price tag for these changes came to around \$220,000, a figure they had planned for in last year's budget.

The new Hamilton Police Service will consist of 1,200 officers and staff and encompass a population of around 600,000 people. The new City of Hamilton will engulf the old municipalities of Dundas, Stoney Creek, Waterdown and Ancaster with a combined area of 1,138 square kilometres.

For further information call 905 546-4901.

The new City of Montreal will now encompass the entire island of Montreal. This area was previously policed by up to 32 police agencies and was amalgamated into the Montreal Urban Community Police in 1972. Some other functions were also amalgamated but not to the extent of policing.

Although the municipal amalgamation is not anticipated to make any difference in policing, Montreal police officials at their media relations department refused to speak about the subject with *Blue Line Magazine*. Statistics Canada numbers from 1997 place the MUC at just under 4.000 officers.

# Police board toughens strip search policy

The Toronto Police Service is now required to provide quarterly reports on strip searches.

The new policy was a reaction from the Police Services Board last December to Chief Julian Fantino's written request to "terminate" the policy of studying data on strip searches conducted by police officers.

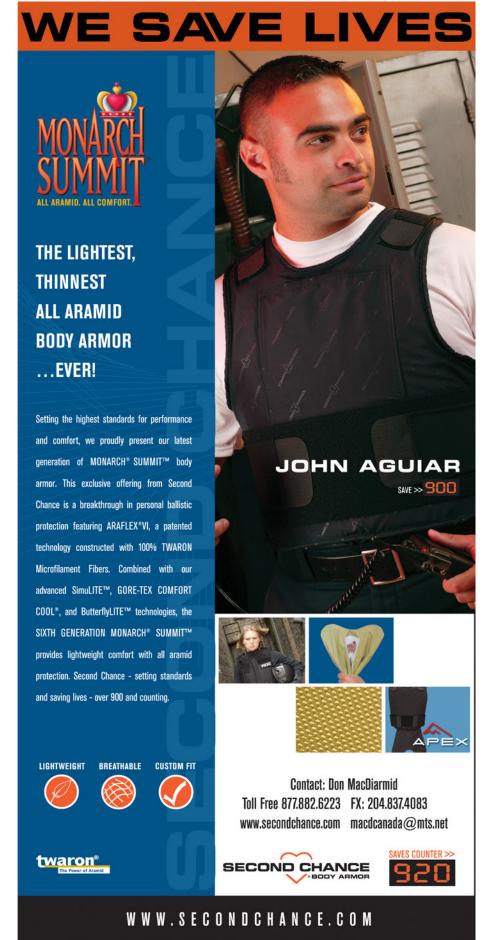
Fantino argued that gathering data for the police board to study is too expensive and labour-intensive. He also said the study of the reports would not benefit the public or police.

However, while accepting the board's decision without resistance, he suggested using improved technology for the data gathering would simplify the process.

Fantino estimated the data gathering could cost an extra \$160,000 a year.

Police association president Craig Bromell said he would take up the cause which Fantino had left and attempt to determine if the strip-search datagathering can be fought in court.

From the 1,430 strip searches conducted between Aug. 1 to Sept. 11, which was equivalent to 26 per cent of arrests, only 53 searches yielded evidence or weapons.



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#### Toronto cop receives award of merit

by Tim Flynn Reprint: The APB



The 2000 International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) Award of Merit was presented in November to Det. Cst. Mark Barkley of the Toronto Police Service

Auto Squad.

Barkley has been a member of the Toronto Police Service for the past 14 years. During this time he has had a strong interest and desire to investigate auto related crimes.

On June 30, 1997, Barkley's dream and efforts were realized when he was accepted into the Auto Squad. Barkley wasted no time in starting a full out war on auto theft on different fronts.

At that time the chief of police tasked the auto squad with reducing auto theft by 25 per cent. Barkley took the leadership role in the auto squad and instituted different initiatives to work towards that goal.

In March of 1998, Barkley brought a number of persons from various backgrounds to address auto theft in the city of Toronto. He became the chair of the Toronto Police Auto Squad Community Police Liaison Committee. This committee was comprised of representatives from the insurance industry, probation and parole, Ontario



HONOURED: Det. Cst. Mark Barkley accepts his International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Award of Merit from Tim Flynn of Cooperators Insurance.

Motor Vehicle Industry Council, Crime Concern - a community group dedicated to recognizing and addressing crimes across Toronto, the Toronto Police Service, Motor Vehicle Dealers Association and a private citizen. This committee, now known as the CPLC, met formally every three months but informal contact among members was weekly.

The committee developed 62 time measured, specific recommendations to address auto theft in Toronto. These recommendations were set out in the final report called The Toronto Police Service Auto Theft Reduction Initiative. This report was approved by the chief and command officers and disseminated to all unit commanders of the Toronto Police Service. This report found its way into other police services across Canada resulting with Barkley receiving inquiries from Windsor, Halifax, London, Winnipeg, Calgary, Montreal, and the Office of the Solicitor General of British Columbia.

One of the first recommendations presented by the CPLC called for the auto squad to develop an Auto Theft Awareness presentation for the general public and to present it at the Toronto International Auto Show. Three hundred thousand people attend the 10 day show, yearly.

At the first show in February 1999, a free booth was supplied and the auto squad, under the direction of Barkley, conducted an Auto Theft Prevention display. Unfortunately, the free booth was in an area that was poorly attended by the public. Barkley was disappointed with this first CPLC initiative and worked with the members of the CPLC and other like-minded stakeholders to reach out to a greater number of the public at the next auto show in 2000.

Barkley coerced the Toronto Auto Show organizers to give him a booth in a prime heavy traffic area at a 50 per cent reduced fee. He arranged for insurance companies to pick up this cost, had the Canadian Auto Theft Bureau



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produce over 20,000 Vehicle Theft Awareness pamphlets at their own cost, had various tracking companies supply their information and the booth staffed not only by auto squad officers but included CPLC members and other stakeholders. The Police 2000 display was a great success with 14,000 bags of anti-vehicle theft literature being passed out.

The CPLC investigated and realized that one of the main weaknesses in dealing with auto theft in Toronto is that most front line police officers are ill prepared to deal with it. It was realized that the Toronto Police College (C.O. Bick) did not offer any training on how to recognize a stolen vehicle and did not understand how and why vehicles were being stolen.

Through the support and experience of CPLC members, Barkley was able to develop a training program for the Toronto Police Service.

The training package that Barkley developed also included teaching officers in neighbourhood policing concepts, such as crime prevention

Barkley now lectures on a regular basis to front line officers attending C.O. Bick College on various courses. The lectures are well received by the uniformed officers.

Another CPLC initiative was to set up a trap vehicle program. Barkley researched technology to disable the trap vehicle ignition and researched the issue of possible entrapment laws that would surely be raised by the courts. Barkley found case law that supported the use of trap vehicles in certain situations such as that the trap vehicle would be allowed to be deployed in high theft areas.

Barkley then obtained a 1996 Jeep Cherokee and a 1998 Toyota 4 Runner from two insurance companies to be used as the trap vehicles. He ran into resistance from his deputy chief and could not secure his approval to use these insurance vehicles. The deputy chief was concerned about the public and corporate perceptions that police might be seen working for the two insurance companies that supplied the vehicles.

The CPLC worked on this problem and arranged for the trap vehicles to be constantly changed using many different insurance companies, thereby eliminating any perception of favouritism.

The deputy chief approved this recommendation and the trap vehicles are now being used throughout Toronto.

Another CPLC initiative is for the auto squad to start an aggressive school lecture program to reach out to student between the ages of 12 and 17 who account for 45 per cent of all persons arrested for vehicle theft in Canada during 1998.

When Barkley came into the auto squad, he was assigned to work with two detectives on Project Gold.

This project had identified several hundred suspected re-identified stolen vehicles registered in Ontario. The majority of these vehicles had been fraudulently registered in Ontario using stolen, blank vehicle permits from the province of Quebec.

Organized vehicle theft rings were working with counterparts in Quebec to obtain blank

Quebec motor vehicle permits through break and enters into government offices. The theft rings then obtained the vehicle identification number of a vehicle registered elsewhere in North America, filled out the Quebec ownership in a fictitious name and tendered the document at the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. The Ontario clerks then took the document at face value and a valid Ontario registration permit was issued in a fictitious name.

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The suspect then obtained a stolen motor vehicle, changed the vehicle identification number to that of the vehicle from another jurisdiction as set out on the Ontario permit and sold the vehicle to unsuspecting buyers.

By June 1998, Project Gold had identified 980 re-identified, stolen vehicles currently registered in Ontario and less than one third had been recovered.

Barkley undertook the responsibility to get the Ministry of Transportation to stop registering these stolen vehicles.

Barkley learned that in the recent past, members of his squad and other auto squads and agencies had been in contact with the Ministry of Transportation to change their weak registration policy and practices without success.

Barkley arranged for stakeholders, including himself, to write letters of concern to the Minister of Transportation. These letters fell on deaf ears.

On Jan. 8, 1999, Barkley arranged a meeting with the minister and brought along a victim and

an investigator from an insurance company. The auto theft issue was presented to the minister from a police, victim and insurance perspective.

At that time the minister was non-committal but agreed to let Barkley and the other stakeholders attend a Ministry of Transportation Workshop on Jan. 20, 1999.

At this meeting Barkley and others put strong pressures on the bureaucrats who agreed not to register any vehicles that were using stolen Quebec documents and to call the police. A memo was sent out to some of the licensing offices stating this policy.

Unfortunately, a senior ministry official became aware of this memo and sent out another memo overruling the directions of the first and advised it was business as usual. This second memo was actually counselling ministry employees to be party to the offence of uttering a forged document as set out in the Criminal Code of Canada.

Barkley became aware of this second memo and advised his superiors. Barkley received their approval to execute a Criminal Code Search Warrant on the Ministry of Transportation.

On March 26, 1999, this search warrant was executed and copies of the Registration Policies, along with both memos, were seized. Barkley's actions spawned immediate results from the hierarchy of the ministry.

The Deputy Minister of Transportation quickly requested a meeting with the Toronto police.

The meeting was held on March 31, 1999. Ministry officials agreed they had erred in not listening to the concerns put forth by police and others. The ministry also agreed to immediately put in place policies that would eliminate stolen vehicles being registered in Ontario by using stolen Quebec documentation.

Since the inception of the CPLC Auto Theft Reduction initiatives, auto theft has been reduced by 12.5 per cent.

Barkley is currently working on a committee to meet with federal and provincial governments to make various changes in legislation to further combat and prevent auto theft.

## Winnipeg force receives community policing award

The Winnipeg Police Service was recognized recently for their dedication to community policing.

Chief Jack Ewatski accepted the International Community Policing Award on behalf of the police service in November, during the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, held in San Diego, CA.

The annual honour, which is awarded by the



Chief Jack Ewatski

ognizes law enforcement agencies for setting new standards in community policing.

The Winnipeg force was recognized as a finalist in the category for police agencies serving a population of more than 250,000 residents.

The Winnipeg Police Service, comprised of 1,173 officers and 299 civilian members, is responsible for

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#### **PRODUCT NEWS**

# MPH industries selects Atlantic Police & Security Supply as full-line Canadian distributor

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Speed measurement radars are the method of choice worldwide for the enforcement of speed limits. Radar is a major tool for reducing traffic deaths, since the correlation between highway speeds and deaths is well established.

Atlantic Police and Security Supply is a full-line law enforcement distributor with account managers in eastern, central and western Canada. The addition of the MPH line broadens an already extensive equipment line-up, ranging from emergency lighting to uniforms.

"Our sales team is extremely excited about working with MPH," commented Paul Gibbons, sales manager for Atlantic Police and Security Supply. "We have had countless requests for quality radar and in-car video systems. With MPH, our company can provide agencies across Canada with some of the most innovative technology in speed detection and video monitoring equipment today."

"We are very pleased to have Atlantic Police and Security Supply on board as our Canadian distributor," said Frederick Perry, president of MPH. "They are an established and reputable distributor of law enforcement products, giving MPH a strong presence in the Canadian market. The pairing of MPH and Atlantic Police will finally allow Canadian agencies easy access to MPH's law enforcement product line."

For additional information contact Atlantic Police and Security Supply, Ltd. at (902) 835-1819, or MPH Industries, Inc. at (800) 835-0690. Check out Blue links at www.blueline.ca

### Crown North America launches vehicle prep package

Crown North America, a division of Leggett & Platt Incorporated, and a leading supplier of automotive conversion services and telecommunications enclosures, has begun full-scale production of its innovative Interceptor Police Prep Package.

Crown was selected by Ford Motor Co. earlier this year to be the exclusive provider of an innovative, factory-approved conversion package designed to prepare vehicles for law enforcement use. After completing comprehensive design validation and testing, more than a dozen pilot units have been certified at Crown's newly opened plant in St. Thomas, Ont.

Law enforcement agencies can now specify the Interceptor Prep Package as an individual factory option on Crown Victoria Police Interceptor models. Ford expects to build between 10,000 and 12,000 of the police cars in the 2001 model year.

"Our St. Thomas operation, located close to Ford's manufacturing facilities, is prepared to meet peak demand requirements in order to help police departments secure vehicles that are substantially closer to service-ready," said Mike Hooper, Crown's president.

The factory-warranted prep package provides a solid foundation for equipping vehicles

for police department use, including front and rear accessory power control centres, front-torear isolated wiring harness and accessory wire conduit, a strobe flasher lighting package, front console mounting platform, and rear trunk sliding storage tray and storage boxes.

Other features include a remote door lock adapter with hidden manual override, and an air circulation fan to stabilize climate for electronic equipment stored in the trunk. An optional LED rear deck light visibility system is also available.

Before this innovative package was developed, cars for police agencies were typically shipped from the factory to multiple suppliers, with each supplier installing specific pieces of equipment. In addition to facilitating a speedier conversion process, a factory-approved prep package provides a sound platform on which accessory equipment can be installed while preserving the new vehicle warranty and standard on-board vehicle safety systems.

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#### Police take aim at paperwork

#### The North Bay Police Service is declaring war on paperwork



"I see the tendency to continually download administrative chores on to the front line, with the result that our patrol officers are running from call to call and struggling to keep up with all the paperwork,"

says Chief George Berrigan. "Our patrol officers need to be kept free from administrative functions so that they can be 'on the road' interacting with the public and delivering police services."

The North Bay Police Service has teamed with the Criminal Justice Program at Nipissing University to conduct a study of the workload of its patrol officers, with an aim to identifying the dimensions of the paperwork problem. The North Bay Police Association is on board too.

"We're supportive of any initiative that will address the paperwork issue so that our members can do the job they were hired to dopolice work," says association president Sgt. Mike Tarini.

Of course, studies of police workload are nothing new. Since the 1960's, researchers have struggled to describe what police do. Usually, calls for service are categorized and correlated with officer strength in an attempt to measure efficiency, or to determine the need for additional officers.

The problem with these studies is they don't measure the on-site and follow-up paperwork that each of the calls generates. The paperwork can be enormous and time consuming.

"Our calls for service are up 3,000 over last year's figures," Berrigan said. "On top of that, we are continually implementing new policies that require front line reporting, adding paperwork for front-line officers.

"Our patrol officers are being swept off their feet. Our administrative technical procedures are sound with initiatives such as dictated reports, alternate reporting and streamlining of the

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All calls fo week would be court attendance sheets and any of the patrol function ing the 'snapsholow-up would group. Particular volume and am

crown disclosure process. Notwithstanding these initiatives, the downloading of specific reporting procedures is causing us problems."

In September 2000, a small working group of patrol constables and student researchers was formed to conduct the research, led by planning

and research officer Sgt. Chuck Seguin and Dr. Greg Brown, the director of the university's criminal justice program. The working group quickly focused on the need to capture the entire range of work performed by patrol officers - including the paperwork - using whatever research methods and resources necessary.

The working group proposed that they take a comprehensive 'snapshot' of one week in the life of the police patrol function of the North Bay Police Service. Observers would ride along with officers on

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each shift during the week, recording in detail all of the activities taking place.

All calls for service during the designated week would be captured, along with roster lists, court attendance records, time sheets, overtime sheets and any other recorded information about the patrol function. Any activities occurring during the 'snapshot' week that required later follow-up would be monitored by the working group. Particular attention would be paid to the volume and amount of time spent completing

paperwork.

Deputy Chief Paul Cook, who was responsible for overseeing the group's activities, gave the go ahead for the research.

"We need to use whatever means we can to identify the barriers that stand in the way of officers getting out on the road," says Cook.

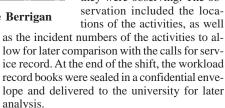
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ginning on Nov. 30 and ending on Dec. 6 was chosen to conduct the snapshot, based on an analysis of police service statistics.

Members of the working group took turns conducting the research. Two members, one researcher and one constable, observed each of

the 28 shifts during the week.

At the beginning of each 12 hour shift, two patrol officers, each working in a different zone in the city, were randomly chosen to be observed. Each observer carried a workload record book, on which to record in 15 minute intervals all of the activities of the patrol officer they were observing. The observation included the locations of the activities, as well



Observing the patrol officers at work was an eye opener for Brown and his student researchers.

"I observed on three of the day shifts, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and it was go-go-go all the time," Brown said. "I kept waiting for an opportunity to grab a coffee - but we were too busy."

Cst. Penny Kerr, one of the officers on the working group, said despite being an officer herself, she also gained insight into policing.

"It was interesting observing and watching how other officers do things - the different methods and approaches they use."

Cst. Gerry Martin also took part in observing the work of his fellow officers.

"Personally, I enjoyed the observing part



Chief George Berrigan

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and not having to do the paperwork myself," he said jokingly.

All of the information collected from observing the work of the patrol officers will be transcribed and entered into a central database, along with calls for service records and other data gathered by the police service during the snapshot week.

"That's just the first step though," said Brown. "Now that we have directly observed a few of the patrol officers in action, we can develop some preliminary hypotheses about where the barriers are."

The next step began early in January, when the group distributed a questionnaire and conducted focus group interviews with all of the patrol officers in the service, along with supervisors, dispatchers and clerks. The goal is to gather information to help researchers flesh out what the problems are.

"And that's not all," adds Seguin. "Once we have completed all of the questionnaires and focus groups, we plan to conduct individual indepth interviews with senior management at the service. Our goal is to cover all of the bases - we want to know everything there is to know about the patrol officer function and the paperwork they have to deal with."

Preliminary results from the research indicate that during most shifts officers spent little time in free or "clear" patrol. Instead, most of the officers' time was spent in responding to calls - and then trying to fit in the paperwork.

Much of the paperwork that needed to be completed involved follow-up to calls from previous shifts and investigations that are ongoing - sometimes for many months or even years. Consequently, with new calls and investigations coming in all the time and generating their own paperwork, the mountain of paper is growing exponentially and patrol officers are indeed struggling to manage it all.

One of the patrol officers who was observed in the research reported that "a lot of patrol officers now take paperwork home to work on it, or come in on their days off just to get it out of the way."

The patrol workload study is representative of a unique partnership between the North Bay Police Service and the criminal justice program at Nipissing University.

"I suppose in the beginning it was a leap of faith taking on something like this - letting a group of university researchers come in and have free reign to analyse and report on what we do," say Berrigan. "After all, I could fall on my own sword here. They could end up slamming the way we perform. But it is more important to know if there are problems so that we can take the necessary steps to fix them."

The working group is aiming to have a final report on the research completed this month.

"We're interested in what other police services are doing (about) this problem," Seguin said. "We'd like to compare notes to see if there aren't some common solutions we could all make use of."

Sgt. Chuck Seguin can be reached at (705) 497-5573.

#### More female cops, stats show

Canada is experiencing a growth in the number of female police officers.

Statistics Canada says the number of female officers has more than doubled in the last decade.

According to the agency, by June 2000, there were more than 7,600 female officers who now make up 14 per cent of all police

officers. Ten years ago, there were just under 3,600 female police officers, who represented just six per cent of all working cops.

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#### Law enforcement IT

by James Schultz Washington Technology

Crime in the United States is falling; the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that the 1999 crime index rate was eight per cent lower than in 1998 and over 25 per cent less than the 1990 rate.

Experts list innovative law enforcement tactics, a strong economy, advanced technology and changing demographics as reasons for the decline, but the upgrade and integration of information technology used by law enforcement and criminal justice organizations is just as important. Law enforcement has been using new IT tools and techniques.

David Roberts, deputy director of SEARCH/The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, says that the biggest effect of IT is that of getting information to key decision-makers at critical points. The spread of wireless, Internet-enabled systems and inexpensive mobile computing permits real-time access of arrest and incarceration records as well as movement across areas.

The National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center's Southeast Di-

vision Director, Tommy Sexton, says that 80 per cent of the nation's local law enforcement agencies are using computers and that the next move is regional systems and analytical tools to improve day-to-day operations.

The FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System compares prints at high speed and allows electronic submission of prints, and it will add fingerprint analysis, subject search and criminal history request services.

New York City and Philadelphia are coordinating law enforcement through CompStat, a crime analysis and police management process that uses weekly statistical summaries and recapitulations to generate weekly reports with concise summaries of arrest activity and crime complaints, as well as other performance indicators.

Other areas are also trying integrated law enforcement IT, which involves cross-jurisdiction co-operation. Integrated IT justice systems are being created to handle arrest, sentencing, incarceration and parole, and with the growing number of inmates in some regions, they have proven to be of great help in keeping track of inmates and parolees.



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# Dual policing issue resurfaces in Cape Breton

The sensitive issue of who should police the community of Cape Breton is being re-examined.

A 4-2 vote from the police commission last December means the issue of dual policing is being explored.

An audit will compare the costs of a return to a dual-policing model that included both the Cape Breton Regional Police Service and RCMP.

The decision to replace the RCMP with a 177-member regional force early last year stunned the previous municipal council. The issue later resurfaced as a major issue in the region's most recent municipal election.

The effort to open the issue again has been led by Citizens In Action, a group that staged many public meetings and circulated petitions asking for the return of the RCMP. They also raised questions about hidden expenses in the Cape Breton regional police bid.

Complaints have also been filed by the group accusing Chief Edgar MacLeod of misleading the public about his force's capabilities.

MacLeod said he is confident the audit will show there are significant savings under his agency.

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#### Law enforcement and the fifth

estate
by John M. Muldoon

The police side of media relations

Anyone who has ever worked in a police environment has heard these comments - "The media hate us." "They never give us a fair shake." "They're out to get us."

Are these comments really true?

In the fall of 2000, Bedford Communications International and *Blue Line Magazine* conducted a national mail-in survey with police and media to determine the state of police/media relations in Canada. Using two distinct surveys:

- one for the police and one for the media
- each survey covered areas of interest to both.

To the best of our knowledge, no one has ever attempted to survey both sides to get a clear, unbiased snap shot of the state of the relations between the police and the fifth estate.

The importance of the survey can only be measured by what each area will take away from the results. In some cases, the police services seem to be doing a good job, while other police services may need to rethink their approach to working with the media. This month we're examining what the police had to say about the media.

The *Bedford* and *Blue Line Magazine* survey was sent to 27 major police services across Canada, plus the RCMP and the Ontario Provincial Police. The criteria for inclusion was the size of the police service and the likelihood of it having a dedicated media relations officer, or civilian who worked with the media. Of the 29 surveys sent, 25 were returned for a return rate of 86 per cent. More than 185 surveys were sent to media across Canada, including television, radio and print news directors, editors and reporters.

We have included the questions along with the response results. The percentages reflect the responses given for each question. Not all questions were answered by the respondents. A cross-section of added comments are included where available. No comments are identified with any specific police service.

You be the judge.

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 I believe my police service has a good working relationship with the local media. Response: True: 100 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"In almost two years in media relations and public affairs, we have not had a negative interaction with the media."

"Relationship has improved since we dedicated an officer to media relations."

"One of mutual respect. We ensure we are available, respond to concerns, avoid appearing evasive."

"Detachment received regular positive comments."

"On a first-name basis and communicate outside business hours."

"They look forward to the info we provide." "It takes time to build these partnerships."

- **2.** We experience the following situations when dealing with the media:
  - Chief is the only one to talk to the media. Affirmative response: 10 per cent
  - We have a dedicated media relations officer. Affirmative response: 82 per cent
  - We designate an officer as needed. Affirmative response: 45 per cent
  - Anyone in the department can speak to the

media. Affirmative response: 31 percent

- **3.** We issue the following:
  - A news release daily on events over the past 24 hours. Affirmative response: 41 per cent
  - A formal daily briefing. Affirmative response: 20 per cent
  - Issue news releases as needed.

    Affirmative response: 76 per cent
  - Answer telephone media inquiries. Affirmative response: 79 per cent
  - Respond to media, only as needed. Affirmative response: 24 per cent
- **4.** I feel the local media understands how we operate. Response: Yes: 86 per cent No: 3 per cent
- **5.** This police service has a formal set of media relations guidelines and/or procedures. Response: Yes: 100 per cent
- **6.** Our radio communications operators or supervisors answer many of the media inquiries without going any further. Response: Yes: 32 per cent No: 59 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"Only comment on road/traffic conditions. Requests forwarded to media officer or policing district."

"Supervisors in the absence of our public information officer handle media inquiries."

"Communications operators do not answer any media inquiries - forwarded to media relations officer or staff sergeant."

"Media make numerous daily inquiries of all supervisors working throughout our service."

"After hours and on weekends, crew supervisors would be allowed to give out limited information."

"Communications look for written release prior to commenting. Traffic interruption may be exception"

7. We believe the local media are reasonable, balanced, fair and ethical in their reporting. Response: Yes: 79 per cent No: 10 percent Comments:

"The emphasis is on local."

"Community newspapers are great. Bigger dailies have (their) own agendas."

"Occasionally, there is an incident where the media will include thoughts as opposed to facts only."

"In most cases. However, do have a few biased reporters."

"Editors and media outlets have a tendency to put a negative slant on stories."

"Owner of the paper likes to take a stab at police."

**8.** Senior officers, media relations officers and those who speak to the media, are given for-



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mal media relations training. Response: Yes: 65 per cent No: 14 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"When available - usually only media relations officer takes formal training."

"Some but not all of our senior officers have had training, but all media personnel have."

"Not everyone has received training. Our media relations officers and a few senior officers have attended Canadian Police College."

"All officers of senior rank received basic media training."

"In-house training for those exposed to the media, or are willing to be trained."

- **9.** Most officers received their training from:
  - Canadian Police College: 45 per cent
  - Provincial training facility: 45 per cent
  - National Defence: 3 per cent
  - Emergency preparedness: 10 per cent
  - Community college: 3 per cent
  - Contracted media training: 24 per cent
  - In-house: 28 per cent
- 10. My police service has formal news conferences when required. Response: Yes: 86 per cent No: 4 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"Only when major or public message needs to be addressed."

"News conferences are held to deal with major issues or to introduce new programs."

"Only call news conferences under certain conditions. We try to avoid faxing out releases. We like to give them their sound bite."

"Don't occur often."

"Done infrequently."

11. We always seem to get good coverage on major occurrences, but struggle to get positive coverage on crime prevention and community initiatives. Response: Yes: 28 per cent No: 65 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"Get balanced coverage."

"Locally, community papers cover crime prevention and community well. Major daily covers only when they can't sell ads."

"If we provide info on serious issues, they are more than willing to cover soft stories - very symbiotic relationship."

"Good working relationship with media. They are open to airing crime prevention and community issues in most instances."

"Good news is always a hard sell."

"Can depend on manpower at various media outlets and availability of space."

12. During the times of a major occurrence when we have media from outside our municipality, it appears they don't understand who we are and play by a different set of rules. Response: Yes: 28 per cent No: 59 per cent

#### **Comments:**

"Yes to a point. I think the national media causes more problems for the local media."

"It depends on situation - most can be quickly briefed on policy."

"On occasion we have to educate the visi-

tors on how it is done."

"We give strong direction and attempt to assist at all times."

**13.** We give the media everything they ask for. Response: Yes: 35 per cent No: 59 per cent **Comments:** 

"Are you crazy?"

"Certainly within reason and keeping in mind ongoing investigations, we give as much as we can."

"As long as it doesn't affect evidence or a case before the courts."

"Not even remotely possible or practical. A large majority of requests are responded to."

"Only as much as they can have without jeopardizing the success of investigation."

"We must control media information."

"Make ourselves very accessible to provide info and explain why can't release some information."

**14.** We try not to play favourites and give everyone in the media the story at the same time. Response: Yes:100%

#### **Comments:**

"Very important to maintain good relationships."

"Use a fax route system so everybody gets the release at the same time."

"We believe in equal distribution."

"Generally, we arrange times to gather all media to speak on issues of media interest."

"Impartiality is important to us."

**15.** If I had one piece of advice for the media, it would be:

"Get to know the spokespersons and local guidelines used."

"Be fair - look for both sides of issue and don't create news"

"Build trust and don't betray it."

"Strive for balanced stories. A reputation for telling both sides factually, even if not in favour of police, will open many doors."

"Check facts with police before going to print."

"Do not pressure zone officers for information they can't release."

"Go to local police station, tour the facility, get to know people who produce media releases and learn reasons why certain information cannot be disclosed early in an investigation."

"Listen to everything you are told. Get clarification."

"Give media spokesperson time to obtain information."

"Patience. When we have details, we'll release them."

Next month: What the media have to say.

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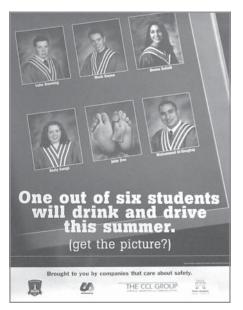
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"There is no way we could afford the professional services of a communications marketing agency," says Chief David P. McKinnon. "The fact that an agency comes forward with creative teams who have both an incredible amount of experience and talent, is something we as police officers with limited budgets see as an enormous asset to our communications toolbox."

The real winner in this partnership, as with many agreements between the police and pri-

vate sector, is the community. In Halifax, CCL has produced two projects thus far.

The first, a very successful Safe Grad program, in which CCL produced a hard-hitting poster campaign called, "Get the Picture". The poster uses the look of a page in a yearbook with pictures of students, with one photo being of a corpse's feet with a toe tag. The headlines reads, "One out of six Nova Scotia students will drink and drive this summer ... get the picture?"

This past grad season, the poster went up in all high schools and junior highs. Next year, the theme will likely be expanded to include bus shelters and possible billboards. Both the creative and cost of printing was covered by CCL and their partners.

The latest project is another hard-hitting ad campaign targeting dating violence among youth. Canadian statistics show almost 50 per cent of all high school female students have been emotionally abused by their dating partners. Fifteen percent report being physically forced into having sex, and 9 per cent report being physically assaulted.

Halifax Regional Police worked hand-inhand with CCL to develop a raw television public service announcement (PSA) which shows bank surveillance camera-like footage of a young woman and man at an instant teller. The 30 second black and white commercial has no sound, which will help it cut through television clutter.

The scene starts with the young woman at the teller with the young man lurking in the background. The scene fades to black with the words, "This man is not begging". The scene develops, as the male begins to get quite agitated. The woman is backing off. The scene again fades to black with the words, "or committing a robbery." The scene returns to the ATM and the man is very upset now, the woman is trying to appease him. The copy reads, "They're not strangers". The scene returns as the young man grabs the woman by the hair and pulls her head back. The scene fades to black with the final words, "They're on a date."

The closing copy reads "Break up dating violence. Call 490-SAVE". The phone number refers to a bullying hotline available across the Halifax Regional Municipality staffed by police.

"The commercial is something there is no way we could pull off as a police agency alone," says Judy Pal, public affairs supervisor for HRP. "Not only do we not have access to the script writing and set development CCL has, but CCL was able to piggy-back this PSA shoot on to a shoot they were doing for another client, so our costs were minimal. The fact that it is so professionally done will assure us high usage on local television."

CCL has agreed to produce four programs each year for Halifax Regional Police. CCL works with police to attack issues that may not be attractive to other corporate partners or sponsors.



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"There's no question the anti-drinking and driving message is one that is politically correct and saleable to many corporate partners such as beer companies, liquor companies and liquor outlets," says Pal. "Other messages, such as domestic abuse are not as politically attractive to sponsors, so police have a responsibility to get those messages across themselves.

"Not only that, with the cutbacks at both the provincial and federal level public awareness of the type of help available to victims of abuse is lost."

So how does a police agency go about soliciting this invaluable service from an advertising, marketing or public relations agency? Start with the Yellow Pages, if you don't know of larger agencies in your jurisdiction. Put together a list of these agencies and approach them one by one with a proposed list of projects you would like to promote. Think of programs that will help police and the community and ones that other corporate sponsors or community partners may not find a good fit.

Agencies are also looking for projects that are challenging for their creative teams.

"The fact that we work on sales-based campaigns the majority of the time makes these types of associations a real joy for our creative staff to work with," says Flynn. "After coming up with 50 ways to sell mayonnaise, it's a creative challenge to come up with ways to approach dating violence, and it also makes our staff feel like they are contributing to the community, and making a difference."

The agency also benefits from their association with the police department.

"There's no overlooking the fact that almost any law-abiding company or group in our community would like to be associated with Halifax Regional Police. Our image is a magnet to companies," says Pal.

Flynn agrees.

"To associate ourselves with a positive cause such as policing, shows we are involved with the community and see safety and crime prevention as a number one priority. We don't have an awful lot of opportunities to advertise, nor do we need them, but to associate ourselves with the police department in our area is a great way for us to show our community our dedication to public safety."

Once you find an agency that may be interested in doing business with police, meet with their creative team or account executives to talk about possible programs they may be interested in working on. Again, keep in mind projects that would be creatively challenging and things that may not be as attractive to your regular corporate sponsors. Decide on a couple of projects for the year, and try different things like television, radio and print. Print campaigns don't have to be limited to advertising. Remember, posters, brochures, billboards and bus advertising all fall within the realm of print.

Work closely with the agency to determine who your target audience is - meaning who you want to get the message out to, and the best way to reach that audience. What you may think is the best way, may not necessarily be true. Leave it to the experts to make the final decision. When it comes to creative, be sure to com-

municate your agency's needs clearly.

"Before we went ahead with the safe grad campaign, CCL came to us with a variety of angles we could use," says Pal. "Some of them were too hard-hitting, even for us. You always have to keep in mind what the public expects from police. What could work for a private company, may not necessarily work for the police. You always have to remember your image rides on these campaigns too."

Be prepared to discuss any financial obligations off the top. The agency's services may be free, but production costs, printing or airtime buys will still cost money, unless there is another corporate partner to offset the costs.

For example, CCL found a corporate partner to cover the cost of printing the safe grad posters and HRP partnered with other local sponsors to cover the production costs of the television PSA. The ad will be submitted to the three local stations in the region to air as part of their commitment to PSAs (ie. free airtime).

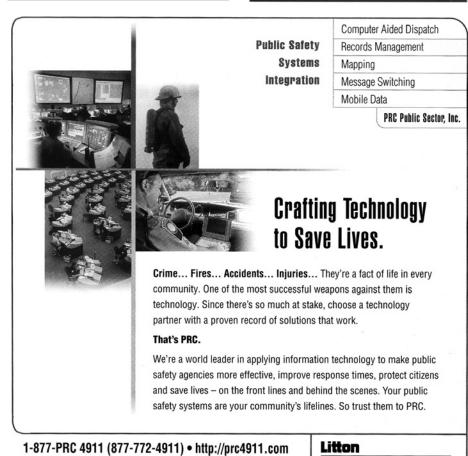
Soliciting the help of a communications, marketing, public relations or advertising agency is a great way to further your police department's avenues of communicating with your public at no cost to you or your taxpayers. It's a win-win partnership that all police agencies should consider adding to their arsenal of communications tools.

For more information contact Judy Pal, Halifax Regional Police at 902-490-5063.



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#### The challenges of the job

#### Public affairs co-ordinator tackles career with enthusiasm

by Blair McQuillan

To say Judy Pal has had an interesting career is a gross understatement.

During 18 years in the field, Pal, the public affairs co-ordinator for the Halifax Regional Police, has worked as a community relations co-ordinator for the Edmonton Oilers, acted as a public relations consultant and served as an evening news anchor for Global Television.

So what has led Pal down such a diverse path? Challenging work.

"What I usually do, and my career has been this way, is once the challenge is over, I usually move on," the Oshawa, Ont., native says. "But I love Halifax and I love the people I work with here. They're amazing."

Pal first began working for the Halifax police in May 1997, when she was offered a job as the newly amalgamated force's internal communications co-ordinator.

"When I was working for Global

Television and amalgamation was on the horizon, I knew there was going to be all kinds of internal communication and marketing concerns for a lot of organizations, but police especially,"



THE SOURCE: Judy Pal is dedicated to delivering vital policing information to the media and citizens of Halifax.

Pal recalls. "I approached the chief at the time, Vince McDonald and said I would be willing to offer my services to give them a hand during the amalgamation." Pals says the former chief appreciated her offer, but it was originally turned down. The cities of Dartmouth, Bedford and Halifax were amalgamated in April 1996. Pal joined the newly formed Halifax Regional Police as the internal communications co-ordinator just 13 months later.

Shortly after starting work with the regional force, Pal's talents in marketing, public relations and advertising were recognized. Her role was quickly expanding and she spotted an opportunity to meet a new challenge.

"We had nothing in terms of a corporate identity when I started here," the self-described perfectionist said. "It was a real tough sell to management to say we had to come up with a little bit of money for a logo, because that's not really a high priority for police."

However, Pal was eventually granted approval and she led a team of officers who worked to develop the police service's new crest. By the time

the design team had completed their work, 86 per cent of the force's officers voted in favour of adopting the new logo.

"For me, from a marketing and public relations standpoint, that's a real coup," Pal says of the design team's success.

The crest of the Halifax Regional Police was unveiled in 1998 during Police Week. The crest is dark blue and contains a maple leaf, a light house and the crest of Nova Scotia. The words "Halifax Regional Police" standout in grey text against the blue backdrop.

While Pal admits she was pleased with the overwhelming support the force's new logo received, her greatest day as a civilian with the regional force is yet to come.

"That will be when we solve the Jason McCullough homicide," she said.

The case of Jason McCullough, like all murders, is a tragic one. The 19-year-old was found fatally wounded on August 28, 1999. Police believe the teen, who was discovered along a well-known short-cut between two buildings in Dartmouth, was the victim of a random act of violence.

"The only way, we said from the very beginning, to solve that homicide was going to be with help from the public," said Pal. "I was able to handle the media relations from the very beginning.

"We still haven't made an arrest in that case and the day that we make an arrest will be as satisfying to me as it will be to our major crime investigators."

Part of what makes Pal so valuable to the police service, is her understanding of the media. In many cases, she has been able to tell officers working a variety of high profile cases what to expect when they open the newspaper



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each morning. With her reporting and media background Pal can predict how reporters will cover a case, which quotes will be used and what information will appear in sidebars associated with the featured piece.

"They're amazed when they open the paper and see that my predictions came true," the 37-year-old says. "Being able to know what to expect helps you form the message that you're trying to get out."

Pal graduated from Durham College's Sports Entertainment/Administration program in 1983. During her time in college, Pal worked as a summer student for the Durham Regional Police Service and by the time she graduated, found herself in Moncton working for the Edmonton Oiler's farm team.

In March 1987, she became a fixture in the National Hockey League when she went to Edmonton and became the team's community relations co-ordinator.

"It was the best time to work for the Edmonton Oilers," says Pal, who sports a Stanley Cup ring. "I got to spend a lot of time working with Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier, Jari Kurri and all those guys. It was an incredible experience."

Pal left the Oilers to take a job with BCTV in Vancouver just three days before Gretzky was traded to the Los Angeles Kings. When questioned on the subject of the trade, Pal insisted she had no prior knowledge of the deal that sent The Great One south of the border. Wayne himself even made the same inquiry, when the two met in British Columbia a few years ago.

While working in the NHL was a great experience, Pal says she finds her work with the Halifax police to be more satisfying because she has the ability to directly affect the lives of city's inhabitants in a positive way.

"Working with the police department, for me, is more fulfilling because I'm doing something that's helping the community," she said.

Pal also likes the idea of being able to assist police officers in their ongoing endeavour to fight crime.

"I've always had great respect for police officers and the job that they do. My goal is to

make their job as easy as possible and as enjoyable as possible."

As for the future, the public affairs coordinator says she plans to stay with the Halifax police until at least 2003 when they will host the annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference.

"I'd like to stay until at least 2003, finish up the CACP conference and if there's other challenges, I would stay."

If no challenges can be found, Pal will undoubtedly open another chapter in a career full of colourful people, places and events.

#### Thunder Bay force gets unexpected visit

A man who paid a visit to the Thunder Bay Police by driving his car through the front of headquarters is now spending time behind bars.

Terry Shelley, 36, crashed through two sets of double doors at the Ontario police station on Aug. 17 with a stolen car. A woman and her young daughter who were standing in the reception area, narrowly avoided injury after the car came to an abrupt stop in the same spot they had been in a few seconds prior.

An officer was also seated in the reception area. Shelley also managed to collide with two other vehicles on his way in to the police station.

No one was hurt in the crash.

Shelley pleaded guilty to mischief endangering life, dangerous driving and possession of stolen property under \$5,000. He was sentenced to two years in prison; the maximum he can receive without going to federal prison.

Shelley was also ordered by Justice R.D. Clarke to provide a DNA sample as part of the new national program that collects DNA after crimes are committed.

On top of that, Shelley was also ordered to pay \$35,000 in restitution to the City of Thunder Bay for the damage done to the police station and has been prohibited from driving a vehicle in Canada for three years.

George Joseph, Shelley's lawyer, told the court that his client had no recollection of the events.



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#### Disposing of traditional roles

#### Officer becomes the first female to take explosives course

by Blair McQuillan

When Tracey Burrows arrived at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa last September for a training course she had no idea she was breaking new ground.

However, those who train officers in the Police Explosives Technician Course, were quick to point out that the constable from Ontario's Sault Ste. Marie Police Service was the first female to enter the program.

"I didn't know until I got there and they told me," Burrows said. "I was surprised actually."

When the Sault Ste. Marie police posted a notice about their desire to send an officer to the college to take the explosive technicians course, the six-year veteran was quick to respond. For Burrows, the idea of gender never entered her mind. It was simply something she wanted to do.

"I was in the military years ago and I've always been interested in stuff like that," the 33-year-old said. "I've always been interested in stuff other girls aren't."

But before she applied for the course, Burrows had two things to consider - her 11-year-old son Jordan, and nine-year-old daughter Reilley. Burrows

had to consider the danger involved in becoming a bomb disposal expert and what impact a mishap would have on her children.

"There was thought about it," she said.
"There's the chance that even on a daily basis,
I'm going to get hurt in the line of work that I do.

"This is just something that I was interested in. I just thought, 'I've got to put my mind to it because not only could I kill someone else, I could kill myself and then my kids aren't going to have a mom.' It just makes you try a little bit harder and study a little bit more."



BOMB EXPERT: Sault Ste. Marie Cst. Tracey Burrows.

And what did her children think of mom spending eight weeks at a college in the nation's capital?

"They were really happy about it," Burrows said. "They just kind of got it mixed up. When I first told them I was going away and I was taking a bomb course they (thought) I was going to make bombs. I had to explain to them the reason I was going was to stop bombs from blowing up."

So, with the support of her family, the constable began her eight weeks of training. During her first six weeks at the Canadian Po-

lice College, Burrows, along with her 10 male classmates, learned how to use the tools of the delicate trade and how to disrupt, dismantle and build explosive devices. Then, during the following two weeks, Burrows put her new skills to work in a series of training scenarios.

"You do two scenarios a day for the last two weeks of the course and you're marked on everything you do," the constable said. "They just put you out there. They give you a bomb call and you answer it. Some of the calls were pretty stressful."

One of the more stressful scenarios Burrows was tested on, dubbed a Category A, involved a man who had a bomb strapped to his body.

"It was a guy sitting in the wash-room on a toilet," she recalled.

During this scenario, Burrows was forced to approach the incident alone and without the aid of a bomb suit.

In most cases, explosives experts are taught to conduct a remote-operated approach with the aid of a robot, or perform a manual approach after climbing into a 100 lbs. bomb suit. However, robots don't have the dexterity to dismantle explosives strapped to humans and bomb suits are not effect within 10 ft. of an explosive de-

vice, so an approach in mere clothing was required.

As if dealing with a bomb wasn't stressful enough, two instructors observed and marked Burrows as she worked to dismantle the device.

"They come right in with you and watch everything that you do," she recalled.

Burrows said that when she first walked into the washroom, the training scenario didn't feel much like a real life situation. However, once she began to work on the device, which was secured to the instructor through a series of wires, she was so concentrated on getting the job done successfully that nothing else seemed to matter.

"You're so focused on it you forget that it is just a scenario," she said.

So, how did she feel when the assignment was completed successfully?

"Relieved," Burrows says with a laugh. "I didn't realize how stressed out I'd gotten over it."

When Burrows reached the end of her course, she said she left the college with the feeling that she had learned and accomplished a great deal.

"I was really proud of myself. I felt it was one of the most valuable courses I'd ever been on because I really learned a lot."

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And it didn't take long before the constable's new skills were tested. Shortly after returning to Sault Ste. Marie and becoming the fourth member of the force's explosives disposal unit, Burrows and the rest of the team were called into action.

The landlord of a newly vacated apartment building had called to report that the former tenant had apparently left behind a rather suspicious looking device. The "bomb" turned out to be about three dozen water bottles, filled with liquid that were tied into circuit boards by a series of wires. The device was connected to a computer and plugged into the wall.

"It looked really good," Burrows said. "Luckily, it turned out to be a hoax device, but it was still good to get out there and get my first call under my belt.'

As for the future, Burrows plans to expand her expertise in the bomb disposal field by taking electrical and chemical courses.

"I'm happy where I am right now," she says. "I enjoy being on general patrol and being out on the road everyday working with the public. That's my first love of the job. I wouldn't want to change what I'm doing right now."

When asked if she would recommend the Police Explosives Technician Course to other officers, Burrows was quick to respond.

"If you feel that you're physically and mentally able to do it, then I'd tell anybody to

#### **APEC** report expected in June

The report into police conduct during the 1997 APEC conference is expected to be completed by June 30, inquiry commissioner Ted Hughes said recently.

The inquiry is reviewing 40 complaints about RCMP handling of protesters at the summit. Complaints focus on incidents during the final day of the trade meeting which brought 18 world leaders to Vancouver.

Protesters alleged that police were ordered by the Prime Minister's Office to keep them out of sight of the leaders.

#### **Guelph cops get** new leadership from familiar face



**Chief Davis** 

Police officers in Guelph are under the guidance of a new police chief who isn't so new to the job.

The lengthy process of finding candidates for the position of top-cop was avoided as Rob Davis, the former deputy chief, was appointed by the Guelph Police Services Board in December.

A survey of 27 community groups and 82 police service members indicated that most people were not willing to wait until someone could be brought in from the outside, said board chair Gary Nadalin.

Nadalin praised Davis for his strong administrative skills, extensive operational experience, proven leadership abilities and commitment to the strategic direction and goals of the Guelph Police Service.

Davis, 48, had been the acting chief since Lenna Bradburn left the position on Nov. 1 after six years at the helm.

Davis began his career with the Guelph Police Service in 1971 as a front-line officer. Since joining the force he has held the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and deputy

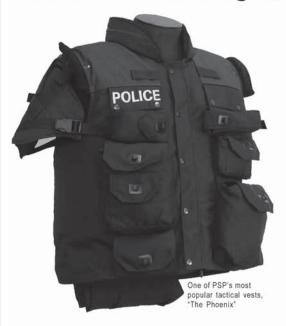
A native of Guelph, Davis has been actively involved in several local organizations and activities, including the United Way, Sertoma Club, Alzheimer's Society and Big Brothers. Recently, the Lion's Club International presented him with its highest award in recognition of his contributions to the community.

Davis said his goals include improving teamwork and morale at the police service.

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#### **TECHNOLOGY**



#### Hybrid cars need special handling

#### **Emergency responders need special know-how when it comes to dealing with the new vehicles**

by Tom Rataj

Ushering in a new era in the automotive sector, both Honda and Toyota recently introduced hybrid cars. The Honda Insight and Toyota Prius, both use a combination of electric and gasoline power for propulsion, resulting in unprec-

edented fuel economy and ultra-low exhaust emissions.

Both cars basically use an internal combustion engine to generate electricity, which is stored in an on-board battery and used by a number of electric motors in tandem with the internal combustion engine to propel the car. The amount of propulsion power supplied by either component at any given moment is dependant on how the vehicle is being driven.

While the gasoline powered components of the cars pose no new problems, it is the highvoltage electrical components and large battery packs that present emergency response per-







**Toyota Prius** 

**Honda Insight** 

sonnel with many new issues, including the risk of being electrocuted or otherwise seriously injured when handling a damaged car.

#### **Shocking**

Of the two cars, the Toyota Prius uses the highest voltage electrical system, topping out at a dangerous 273.6 volts. All the high-voltage wiring used in the vehicle is distinguished from the regular 12 volt wiring with bright-orange coloured insulation.

The Ni-MH batteries contain cells made of potassium hydroxide that is absorbed in special paper. This highly alkaline substance reacts strongly with various metals and organic compounds creating hydrogen gas, which is flammable. Potassium hydroxide is also very hazardous to all human body tissues. The construction of the battery is such that the potassium hydroxide will not leak unless the battery is crushed.

Toyota recommends that a damaged vehicle be handled very carefully. Protective clothing such as insulated rubber gloves, alkali-resistant safety goggles and face-shield should be worn when dealing with a damaged vehicle, in addition to safety shoes.

In the event that a hybrid vehicle catches fire, a Class-ABC dry powder fire extinguisher or large amounts of water should be used. Using too little water to

extinguish a fire involving the battery may cause leaking potassium hydroxide to generate heat and make the dangers more severe.

#### Towing

Both these hybrid vehicles are front-wheel drive and should be towed with the drive-wheels off the ground. Alternately the entire vehicle should be placed on a flatbed truck.

Because the electric motors are connected to the drive wheels, towing the vehicles with the front wheels on the ground could cause the motors to generate electricity, and dependant on the nature of the damage to the vehicle, this could in turn cause a leak and fire.

#### Prius

The Toyota Prius is a compact four-door sedan. The hybrid drive system uses a 70 hp, 1.5 litre gasoline engine and a synchronous alternating current (AC) electric motor generating a maximum of 44 horsepower. The nickelmetal hydride (Ni-MH) battery pack consists of 38 individual battery modules mounted in



the protected area between the rear wheels.

The drive train uses an electronically controlled continuously variable transmission (CVT) to drive the front wheels. This type of transmission provides for smooth power output with no shift points. Typical for a car of this class, it uses MacPherson Strut with L-Shaped lower arms for the front suspension and torsion beam rear suspension. Stopping power comes from front disc/rear drum brakes with ABS, and steering is variable power-assist rack and pinion.

Fuel economy ratings of 4.5/4.6 city/highway (63/61 mpg) are achieved because of the supplementation of the gasoline engine by the electric motors. Additionally, when the Prius is stopped, the gasoline engine shuts off.

#### Insight

The Honda Insight was the first of these two hybrids to be offered for sale in Canada. It is a compact two-door coupe that takes a slightly different approach to the hybrid concept.

Honda's Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system uses a smaller 1.0 litre, 12 valve, three cylinder VTEC-E (Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control) gasoline engine with an electric motor powered by a 144 volt battery pack that recharges while the car is being driven. It uses regular unleaded gasoline and generates 67 horsepower on the gas engine alone, or 73 with electric assist. The smaller engine offers an incredible 3.9/3.2 city/highway mileage for an estimated 1,250 km range on one 40-litre tank of fuel. It also meets California's stringent Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) standard.

The Insight comes with a five-speed manual transmission, front disc/rear drum brakes with three channel ABS, independent strut with coil springs suspension at the front and trailing arm with torsion beam at the rear.

#### Conclusion

New technologies introduced by these hybrid cars move the complexity of cars up another notch and introduce a whole new set of considerations to emergency personnel. Those people who normally deal with investigations of car crashes should make themselves familiar with the new dangers presented by this technology.

These two hybrid cars are only the first of what will likely be a whole market niche, although their long-term success is probably threatened by fuel-cell powered cars that will be introduced in the next few years. When fuel cell powered cars reach the market, a whole new set of safety considerations will again be introduced, especially when hydrogen is used as a fuel source.

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#### Mobile firing range targets cops

by Les Linder

Two retired Canadian armed forces officers are using an innovative mobile training range to provide police agencies in Alberta with an opportunity to hone their firearms skills.

Hans Brink, president of Big Rush Inc., and co-founder John Bigelow, are the proud owners of a custom built, 86 ft. long trailer designed to be used as a firing range and simulator for police agencies.

"I identified a requirement for firearms training in Alberta for the smaller police services with 20 or less officers who didn't have access to a simulator," Brink said. "The idea is that some agencies will buy several days of training per year on our simulator because we knew they couldn't afford to buy (a simulator of) their own."

The principle behind the mobile firing range is to keep it portable, affordable and deliver it right to the agency, he added. Brink feels the trailer is ideal in situations where a stationary range or simulator is beyond the financial means of a police service.

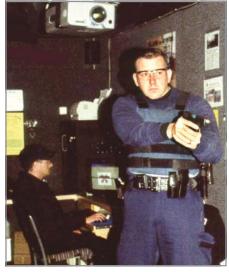
The trailer, which cost about \$250,000 to outfit, is equipped with an 8 ft. wide video screen. The screen is the focal point for officers during training scenarios. Features such as protective cover and real firearms modified to work with compressed air munitions, add to the level of realism.

A laser, inserted into the barrel of the gun, is activated when a round is fired. The computer keeps track of each shot fired and registers it on the screen.

Each firearm also provides realistic recoil and operates in an identical fashion to the way it naturally would with live ammunition, Brink said.

"It is as real as it can get without actually firing live rounds."

The simulator has two major programs.



ON THE RANGE: An Edmonton officer uses the Big Rush Inc. mobile firing range.

When training on the first program, an officer is placed in front of a video representation of a course-of-fire, much like a conventional firing range. This program allows officers to practice shooting skills. Up to three officers can participate on the course-of-fire program.

The second program is a judgemental shooting program that puts an officer into a few video scenarios where they are required to make a judgement call. The scenario is escalated or deescalate based on the actions of the officer and up to two officers can participate in the simulation at a time.

Video scenarios are also fairly realistic because they offer different versions and are capable of "jumping", or moving seamlessly from one situation to another on-screen. "We can control the jump," Brink explained.
"So if an officer (instructs) a culprit to drop the knife and everything is going according to training policy, at the click of a mouse we can change the scenario so the person surrenders and drops the knife.

"However, if nothing was done by the officer, the situation can escalate and the culprit can either charge the officer or stab his victim."

In December, Brink was invited to Edmonton by Sgt. Ray Hogan to provide a demonstration of the mobile firing range's capabilities.

Hogan, a city police officer, said he liked the way the trailer was designed. Both he and fellow officers were impressed with what Brink and Bigelow managed to accomplish.

One of the benefits of the mobile firing range is that it provides officers with an opportunity to interact with live images of actual human beings, not inanimate objects like the ones found on conventional firing ranges, Hogan pointed out.

"You can place a picture of a person on a target at a stationary range, but it wouldn't have the same effect or impact on the officer," he said. "On a stationary target range, you are firing live ammunition and although that level of training is required, you really need the simulators."

The simulators help an officer see how they might react in a real-life situation involving actual people and not paper targets. The target identification becomes a skill an officer has to learn and they need such programs to learn to distinguish an innocent bystander from an armed person.

Hogan believes that the trailer is most suitable for smaller police agencies that don't have the resources required to obtain their own firing range or other simulation system.

"The police force couldn't afford to use the trailer 12 months per year, but it is great for specific training at certain times."

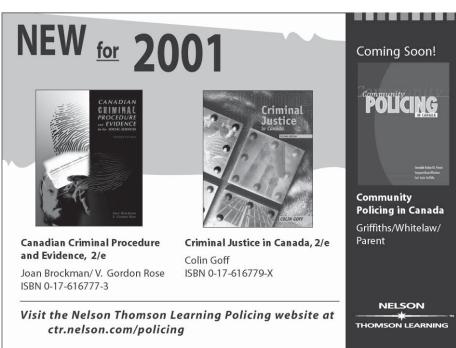
While the Edmonton service uses the FireArms Training Simulator (FATS) and a large outdoor firing range, Hogan said even his agency and other large services could find a practical use for the mobile range due to its flexibility and ability to tailor the programs to the needs of the officers.

Another advantage Hogan feels the trailer has over conventional methods, is that the images projected on-screen can fire back at an officer.

"Obviously we can't do that safely on a live fire range because we would be losing instructors rather quickly," Hogan said with a chuckle.

The simulator also provides officers in training with instant feedback on their vulnerabilities and any specific tactics they could or should have used.

Another aspect which Hogan liked was the "split screen", in which a camera is focused on the participants taking part in the training, as well as on the scenario they are dealing with. This allows a person to look at their performance on a computer screen in real-time or analyze it afterwards to see their reactions to each scenario. This feature allows a realistic review of what that officer was doing and how they reacted.



Even with all the positive aspects of the simulator, Hogan says there is still room and need for a few improvements and changes. Namely, the simulator did not have copies of the Edmonton service's target qualification system to accurately measure an officer's shooting performance.

However, Hogan believes that as the simulator is taken to more agencies, the database library will grow and include additional qualification systems.

Brink and Bigelow, who served as simulator operators in the military, began construction on the mobile firing range approximately 18 months ago. The range was put into service on Sept. 27, 2000 to primarily serve Alberta. The unit has been popular in demonstrations at various RCMP detachments in the province, as well as police agencies in Medicine Hat, Saskatoon and Calgary.

Brink said he was surprised by the extremely positive reaction the range received. He said he feels the compliments are an indicator of the law enforcement community's need for a portable and mobile training simulator.

The popularity of the simulator seems to be spreading quickly as the Corrections Canada Training College in Saskatoon has expressed interest in the mobile range, Brink said. He is already in the process of developing training scenarios to meet the college's specific needs.

Brink currently plans to focus on the province of Alberta first and expand into other provinces with additional trailers if the demand exists.

For the most part, Hogan believes small police departments across Canada will realize the advantages and benefits of Brink's service and begin to jump on board quickly.

"It enables the smaller forces to enjoy the same advanced training that large departments have and it helps to make sure those officers are operating to the best of their ability."

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## High court rescinds acquittals in light of wiretap evidence

Canada's highest court has ruled that wiretap evidence can be used against nine people acquitted of running a cocaine ring in Victoria.

After a unanimous judgement last December, the Supreme Court of Canada proceeded to clarify the test which judges must use in approving the wiretap as a vital investigative tool.

Wiretapping, under the Criminal Code, is loosely defined as justifiable where "other investigative procedures are unlikely to succeed."

"Wiretapping is highly intrusive and a judge should protect citizens against unwanted fishing expeditions by the state," Judge Louis LeBel was quoted as saying.

The ruling overturned the acquittals of nine people.

It also upholds an appeal court judgement which ordered a new trial, but at the same time it does not support the court's claim that wiretaps should be allowed if proven to be the most efficient way to proceed.

LeBel suggested it would give law enforcers too much power.

"Such a result would rightly send a chill

down the spine of every freedom-loving Canadian," LeBel was quoted as saying.

An eight-month probe conducted by Victoria city police and the RCMP included electronic surveillance of private conversations and other communications which led to the arrests. A cocaine press, 4.3 kilograms of cocaine and several weapons were found after search warrants were executed on several homes.

The accused were acquitted after the trial judge tossed out the wiretap evidence, ruling the police officer who attained the authority to conduct the wiretap surveillance wasn't credible.

However, the high court ruled that minor mistakes made by a police constable did not warrant throwing out the wiretap authorization

The wiretapping was first challenged because the officer mixed up informants vital to the case in a 130-page document used in court.

LeBel said in order to avoid similar mishaps in the future, documents attesting to the credibility of informants in wiretap applications should be written by police sources in direct contact with informants.



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#### The PROVE System

#### A technique that can be universally adapted to firearms safety

by Dave Brown

The Canadian Firearms Safety Course was created in 1993 to meet federally mandated safety training requirements for Firearms Acquisition Certificate applicants. Designed as a universal entry-level course, it covered topics in both non-restricted and restricted firearms handling.

During the next round of proposed legislative changes, it was then decided that there should be one course for long guns and a separate course for handguns. Now, under Canada's current *Firearms Act*, the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) deals exclusively with non-restricted firearms, and the new Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course (CRFSC) deals with handguns.

The Safety Education and Awareness unit of the Canadian Firearms Centre was tasked with the design of the new course and the redesign of the existing course. To ensure the highest quality possible, they consulted with subject-matter experts and experienced instructors across the country. One popular request during the consultation phase was to include more acronyms in the course to help students remember and practice basic safety rules.

The vital four rules of firearms safety became the "Vital Four ACTS." This was designed not only to encourage users to "act" in a responsible manner, but also to remember the four basic rules of gun safety.

The rules are:

- 1) Assume every firearm is loaded;
- 2) Control the muzzle direction at all times;
- 3) Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard;
- 4) See that the firearm is unloaded PROVE it

The PROVE procedure was adopted as a universal method of checking a firearm for safety. The letters in the word "prove" help define the individual steps:

- 1) Point the firearm in the safest available direction:
- 2) Remove all ammunition;

- 3) Observe the chamber;
- 4) Verify the feeding path;
- 5) Examine the bore for obstructions.

This simple procedure can be applied to any firearm. Whether encountering a strange firearm or routinely handling a duty weapon, the procedure is the same.

#### The PROVE Procedure Illustrated



Figure 1

Point the firearm in the safest available direction. Firearms vary widely in quality and you cannot always depend on internal safety features to be working, or even be present in the gun. Some firearms have been known to discharge simply by opening or closing the action. This is why the firearm must always be kept pointed away from any person while you handle it.

If a safe direction cannot be found, it is up to you to create a safe corridor by moving people away from the line of fire.



Figure 2
Remove all ammunition. It is critical during

this step to remove detachable magazines first and then open the action. This is especially important with spring-loaded actions such as semi-automatics, but I encourage students to always take detachable magazines out first before opening any action type.

On more than one occasion, I have watched an officer safety-check a recovered handgun by fumbling with the action first and then remembering to pull out the magazine. All it takes is one slight slip and the handgun loads a round into the chamber where it can be easily overlooked.



Figure 3

Notice in Figure 3 how the individual is opening the action by using an overhand grasp to the slide. It is especially important on a duty weapon that such routine motions closely parallel emergency manipulations.

Due to the loss of fine motor skills in high stress situations, it is almost impossible to feel the slide when pinched between the thumb and forefinger and pulled open in a "sling-shot" grip. Out on the street, a minor fumble like this could prove deadly. This is a good example of what your instructors mean when they constantly repeat the phrase, "Train like you'll fight."

Grasp the slide either in front of the ejection port as shown, or to the rear of the ejection port, but never over the port. Let the round eject without trying to catch it. I once watched an experienced shooter almost lose three fingers when a cartridge caught the primer on a sharp edge of the slide and it detonated in his hand.



Figure 4

Observe the chamber. It may not always be easy to see, especially in dim light, but it is critical to ensure that the chamber is truly empty. It always amazes me how many people are injured every year by "empty" firearms and there are probably few police stations in Canada without a stray bullet hole in it somewhere.

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Figure 5

Verify the feeding path. This is simply the path that a cartridge will follow from the magazine to the chamber. On the semi-automatic handgun, once the magazine has been removed, inspect inside the grip for cartridges that may have been left behind. On firearms with tubular magazines such as pump action shotguns, check to ensure that the magazine follower is visible at the rear end of the magazine tube.



Figure 6

Examine the bore for obstructions. Due to the tremendous pressures that expel a bullet out the barrel, any obstruction in the barrel does not allow aerodynamic pressure in front of the bullet to be safely released out the muzzle. The result can be an exploded barrel and possible injuries.

To prevent this, check the full length of the barrel by inserting a cleaning rod down the end, or by visually inspecting it from the muzzle while keeping it pointed in a safe direction. If there is no cleaning rod handy, a pen or pencil from your pocket will do.

This last step must be included as part of the routine safety check on any firearm. For those who choose to ignore it, one famous accident serves to remind us what may happen if the bore is not properly checked.

#### The Death Of Brandon Lee

When working on local movie sets as a firearms safety coordinator, I am often asked if I know anything about the tragic death of actor Brandon Lee during the filming of "The Crow" in Hollywood. I don't mind explaining the story over and over again because it is a sad tale of miscommunication and lack of safety procedures.

Like many accidents, there was not one single dramatic mistake but an accumulation of small errors. Firstly, the dummy cartridges that were to be used in a close-up scene had to contain what looked like real primers, but somehow, a live primer was mixed in with the fakes. During the scene, several people handled the revolver and, at one point during the long day

of shooting, the trigger was pulled and the primer discharged. Without gunpowder, there is no noise and the primer only has enough pressure to silently spit the bullet an inch or two down the barrel.

Unfortunately, the next day the same revolver was used in a scene where a blank was to be fired directly at Brandon Lee. A blank cartridge has even more gunpowder than a live cartridge and it expelled the stuck bullet out of the barrel with enough force to kill the actor instantly.

Although several different people were responsible for the safety of the firearm, no one checked the barrel for obstructions. If the PROVE procedure had been common practice in Hollywood at that time, it would have effectively prevented that accident. Today, I always think of Brandon Lee a little bit, especially at the end of a long day of filming and I always check that gun just one more time to be sure.

#### The Loading Procedure Illustrated

Once the PROVE procedure is ingrained into the handling of any firearm, it can then be integrated into the loading procedure of the one you handle the most. There should always be a logical order to the loading of your duty sidearm. The correct loading procedure should also closely duplicate the same movements required to perform an emergency reload.



Figure 7

The first step is to PROVE the firearm safe. Then, with the action still locked open, insert the magazine into the grip. Notice how the magazine is grasped with the forefinger of the weak hand indexed up the front face of the magazine. The tip of the forefinger should touch the nose of the first cartridge.

With only minutes of practice, you will find that you can reliably hit the bottom of the magazine well without looking. This allows you to reload the pistol while watching your threat area, or even in total darkness.



Figure 8

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If the initial loading of your duty pistol is always performed with the action open, you will be much better prepared when you run out of ammunition in the middle of a real gunfight. It also prevents forgetting to chamber that first cartridge. It is far more common than some officers would care to admit for them to spend an entire shift without a round chambered.

Once the magazine is seated firmly into the grip, reach across the top of the slide in an overhand grasp and close the action by pulling back on the slide and letting go. Avoid using the slide lock lever to close the action. This is just inviting trouble in stressful encounters. Holster the pistol, but don't forget to slip out the magazine and top up one more round. There's no point in giving the bad guy even the slightest advantage. Finally, firmly reseat the magazine and give it a final tug to make sure it is locked in place.

#### PROVE Your Loading Area

The PROVE procedure is a simple way to remember how to safely handle almost any firearm you may encounter. The loading procedure illustrated above is a logical extension of the PROVE procedure for your duty sidearm. This method is designed to eliminate the most common human mistakes, but remember that your agency may have a different policy on the loading and unloading of firearms.

For a graphic reminder of the PROVE method, the Canadian Firearms Centre and regional offices of the Chief Firearms Officer have supplies of wall posters depicting both the Vital Four ACTS and the PROVE procedure. These are available to CFSC instructors across Canada but they would likely be glad to supply one or two for use in agency locker rooms or loading areas. For the phone number of the regional CFO office in your area call 1-800-731-4000.

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#### Status quo remains for airgun laws

by The Canadian Firearms Centre

Some media reports have recently claimed that millions of popular airguns must now be registered because they are capable of discharging new, lightweight pellets at a velocity exceeding the limit of 152.4 metres per second.

The minister of justice is responsible for determining whether airguns must be registered. Further consultations and discussions are required before any new decisions are made. In the meantime, the status quo prevails.

Under subsection 84(3) of Part III of the Criminal Code, airguns are not considered to be firearms for the purposes of the Firearms Act unless they were:

a) designed or adapted to discharge projectiles at a muzzle velocity of more than 152.4 metres per second, or

b) designed or adapted to discharge projectiles that themselves were designed to attain a velocity of more than 152.4 metres per second after they have been discharged.

The government constantly assesses new and emerging technology to ensure that public safety standards are maintained. As well, the Firearms Reference Table (FRT) of known firearms is frequently updated as test results and other new information becomes available. However, the assignment of an FRT number does not automatically make an airgun subject to registration.

The tests of highvelocity pellets will not be the sole factor in making this determination. Several other factors must also be taken into consideration, including the manufacturer's design specifications. Manufacturers and other interested parties will be consulted and various options will be ex-

In the meantime, the status quo prevails. There are no changes in the procedures that must be followed to purchase or sell airguns. If the manufacturer's specifications indicate that the muzzle velocity of an airgun is less than 152.4 metres per second, a person does not need a licence to buy or possess it. As well, they do not have to go through the transfer process to get approval and to have the airgun registered. The FRT issued last May contains the relevant list of firearms to be used by verifiers, police and other FRT users.

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For Canadian Firearms Centre information relating to police, call 1 800 731-4000, ext. 2064. Information can also be obtained on their web site at www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca./portals/police-en.html.

#### **Grace period for licence applicants**

by The Candian Firearms Centre

The success of our recent advertising campaign and firearms licence assistance has led to a very large volume of applications being submitted over the last few months. While we were delighted to see such a high rate of compliance, we realized it was going to be a challenge to process all the

applications, conduct all the necessary background checks, and issue a licence to all the applicants by the deadline of December 31, 2000.

For this reason, a grace period has been granted until June 30, 2001 for all firearm owners who submitted their licence on or before December 31, 2000, but who have not yet received either a licence or a temporary licence.

The grace period is declared under section 117.14 of the Criminal Code and protects persons from prosecution or conviction for the unauthorized possession offences in the following circumstances:

a) The person lawfully possessed their fire-

arms on December 1, 1998, when the Firearms Act came into force.

b) The person applied for a licence on or before December 31,

The grace period will last until the earliest of:

- The date the person is issued a licence;
- The date a person is deemed to have received notice that they have

been refused a licence; or

• June 30, 2001.

It should be noted that a person cannot purchase ammunition or borrow firearms unless they are the holder of a valid licence, temporary licence, or Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC).

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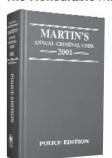
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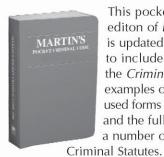
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#### It's your move

#### A principled approach is key to successful investigations

by John M. Cameron

Police work is recognized to be a challenging and demanding occupation. In recent years, television programs like "Cops" have given the public a glimpse of the some of the challenges facing street-level police officers. Challenges which include danger, a risk of violence and the task of dealing with some of the worst people around

Modern operational police officers also face other challenges, some of which are perhaps not as dramatic or as widely known by the public. One of those challenges is making sure that they perform their duties properly within a complicated and rapidly changing legal system. Officers must maintain a strong working knowledge of the current state of the law as it relates to their duties. That is a difficult task, but the importance of that challenge cannot be overlooked since the law directly impacts on every operational decision made in the field by officers.

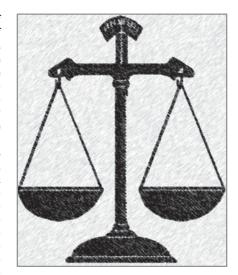
In spite of impressive advancements in police technology and equipment, the law still remains the most fundamental and powerful tool given to police officers to fight crime. All of the authority enjoyed by police officers in our society comes from the law. Statutes and the common law recognize the duties of the police to protect life and property, prevent crime and apprehend offenders and empower them to carry out those duties. The law, however, also

recognizes the rights of individuals to be free of unreasonable intrusions on their liberty on the part of the police and the State. There is, as a result, a natural and ongoing tension created by trying to balance these dual objectives.

As a result of this tension officers often feel the law is stacked against them and is functioning as a set of "handcuffs"- stopping officers from fairly achieving law enforcement objectives. These are definitely legitimate concerns, especially when

one considers some of the direction in the case law since the Charter.

There are many officers who believe that in a particular area or in a particular case the law has shifted far out of balance and is tilted too much in favour of the rights of the accused. It is important to recognize that such disagreement and tension is a necessary part of the system. There is a constant shifting and adjusting of the general balance between the two competing goals. One advantage of the common law system is it often shifts to reflect changes in the



way our society generally views issues.

One example is the change in the United States since the middle 1980's. Social sentiment for some time in the United States was that crime was out of control and the police were unduly hampered in their duties. An increasingly conservative Supreme Court increased police powers and approved mandatory sentencing guidelines and shifted the balance towards crime control and away from an empha-

sis on the rights of the accused. There is a well-known quote that holds: "Public opinion is always in advance of the law."

Police officers should know that they are not the only people who feel that the balance is not always perfect. As an example, the controversial Feeney decision worked its way through many levels of court with divided opinions and eventually split the Supreme Court of Canada into a narrow decision of five justices against four.

Generally, the court decisions most talked about by police tend to be those ones in which the courts seem to be telling the police what they can't do anymore. On the other hand, cases which confirm existing police powers, or recognize a need to expand police powers are rarely mentioned. In such an environment it is easy to become discouraged.

One result of this discouragement is a tendency to err on the side of inaction when unsure so as to avoid "breaking a rule" and failing in court. Another result is that officers think of the law as black and white, with an ever expanding list of rules they cannot break. They are in danger of limiting their activities to a constantly decreasing sphere of enforcement and adopting a "no can do" approach.

It is never appropriate to adopt a defeatist attitude in policing. In the academy, officers are trained to believe in themselves and to win in all situations. New and improved techniques in handling contingencies ranging from "Code 5 takedowns" to physical confrontations are constantly developed as knowledge increases.

Police officers are encouraged to adapt and learn from mistakes. Unfortunately, that positive approach is frequently abandoned when it comes to issues surrounding the law and the continued page 36

#### Officers acquitted in shooting

Three police officers have been acquitted of all charges in a double shooting that left a man dead and his son injured.

The jury deliberated for more than a day following a six-week trial and found all three officers involved not guilty of charges ranging from attempted murder to careless use of a firearm.

York Regional Police Cst. Randy Martin was charged with second degree murder after Tony Romagnuolo, 44, was fatally wounded on Dec. 28, 1998.

Martin's lawyer, David Humphrey, said Martin acted with justification.

"He survived an attempt to strip his handgun off his duty belt and got charged for it. I'm relieved it's over," Humphrey was quoted as saying.

Cst. Al Robins, a member of the Durham Regional Police Service, was charged with aggravated assault and shooting with intent to wound, after Romagnuolo's son, Rocco, was shot once. York police Cst. Mike Hoskin was charged with assault with a weapon, as well as careless use of a firearm relating to a struggle with Enzo Romagnuolo.

The confrontation between the officers and the Romagnuolos ensued outside the family's home in Sunderland, Ont. Hoskin phoned the family home the previous night and spoke with Enzo regarding an impaired driving charge. Hoskin attempted to arrest him at the house the following day after Enzo issued a threat over the phone to break the officer's legs.

The Romagnuolos testified the officers pulled their guns and began shooting after a struggle broke out between the family and police

Martin told the court he shot Tony four times, adding his own life was being threatened, as he fought for control of his gun. Robins said he shot Rocco to prevent the 17-year-old from helping his father to gain access to Martin's gun.

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courts. Instead, the approach is many times defeatist and negative.

In the area of the law, officers are often encouraged just to get it right and not "screw up" their case with a legal mistake. Although the law after the Charter has created more obstacles to obtaining law enforcement goals, officers are rarely encouraged to use creative problem solving skills to think of new solutions to achieve those goals. Many officers are encouraged not to stay in court after they testify or bother reading decisions involving their cases because it might be too discouraging. A valuable opportunity to learn and improve is often wasted.

It is possible for officers to face the challenge of the complications of the law with a positive attitude. Better results for police officers and agencies will occur when an approach is taken that focuses on learning from errors and from successes. One key is to not only think of the law as a fixed set of rigid rules, but also as a tension between fundamental principles. When the rules can't guide you, the principles still can.

#### **Thinking About Principles**

As an example of rules and principles, I will borrow an analogy from chess. In chess there are certain unchangeable fundamental rules. For example, there are rules as to how the pieces move. You definitely need to know those rules to be able to play.

However, beyond that the rules won't help much in deciding what is the best move to make. That is because the pieces can be legally moved in an almost unlimited number and combination of ways.

There are principles of strategy which guide a good chess player to making the right move.

These principles include developing his or her own chess pieces to powerful positions and always remembering to protect his or her own king against the other player.

A good player choosing a move will know not only the basic rules, but think about the competing principles of offence and defence. If you just make a move that is offensively powerful and don't think of principles, a move that looks good at first may actually open you up for attack and defeat by your opponent.

An officer deciding whether or not to take an enforcement action should think in much the same way. There are certain fundamental "rules" in the law that govern arrest, search and seizure procedures. An officer must be aware of those to perform their job. One rule is you must have reasonable and probable grounds to make an arrest. Another example is the accused's right to consult counsel after an arrest. Within the general framework there are many situations which will occur in which it is less clear what exact rule applies. Different moves are possible.

It is important that officers have the confidence in such situations to take enforcement action when the situation requires it, even if it is an unfamiliar situation. The key in such circumstances is for the officer to choose an action based on principles and be able to explain the reasons for their decision. This approach forces an officer to think before he or she acts. It also encourages problem-solving skills and creativity in investigations. Even if such an enforcement move is eventually found to be a mistake, it is very unlikely to be seen as overzealous or done in bad faith. The officers involved and others can learn from the mistake and modify their future approach accordingly.

A principled action or move, is one which seeks to accomplish legitimate law enforcement

goals, but is always conscious of the "other side of the board" - namely the officer's duty to ensure that the action chosen is reasonable and interferes as minimally as possible with the legitimate liberty interests of suspects.

The following very recent court case from the B.C. Court of Appeal contains an example of officers deciding what move to make in a complicated situation. The officers ended up choosing to take action in a tricky situation, but they did so knowing the rules and acting on principles. The case provides very useful guidance for officers on the street.

#### R. v. McCormack, 2000 BCCA 57

In this very interesting case, officers from the RCMP encountered an unexpected circumstance during a drug arrest and had to make a quick decision.

The officers had wiretap information that indicated the suspect would be in possession of a large quantity of cocaine in a briefcase. The officers were waiting to arrest a suspected drug trafficker in the underground parking lot of his apartment complex and when the suspect exited his vehicle carrying a briefcase, he was taken into custody.

While he was being read his rights, a woman believed by officers possibly to be the suspect's girlfriend drove by and made eye contact with the officers. When the briefcase was searched and no drugs were found, the officers realized the drugs were likely still in the suspect's apartment

Officers were also very concerned that the female who witnessed the arrest was the suspect's girlfriend and that she would head straight to the suspect's suite to destroy any evidence. The officers knew from the wiretap that the suspect's girlfriend had a key to his apartment. The officers however did not have a warrant to search the suspect's apartment.

One option was to enter the suspect's suite, make sure no one was in the suite, and then exit and secure the suite until the arrival of the warrant. The danger was that entering without a warrant to freeze a premise prior to obtaining was previously found in a Supreme Court of Canada case to be unconstitutional.

However, after that case was decided, a new Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) had been enacted which contained a new provision permitting warrantless entry to dwelling houses under some limited circumstances.

Those circumstances are:

- the conditions ordinarily required to obtain a search warrant must be present; (i.e. reasonable and probable grounds to believe that contraband is on the premises) and;
- (2) exigent circumstances must exist which make it impracticable to obtain a search warrant.

The CDSA does not define "exigent circumstances". Some cases from the Supreme Court of Canada have defined the term as including safety concerns and "an imminent danger of the loss,



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removal, destruction (or) disappearance of the evidence if the search or seizure is delayed."

However, many legal commentators and police training officers have expressed the opinion that warrantless entries to dwelling houses simply to preserve evidence will be very unlikely to withstand court scrutiny.

The officers decided to enter the dwelling, secure the premises and obtain a warrant. The warrant arrived and a search located cocaine, scales and a fully-loaded 9mm handgun.

The officers presented the court with the following valuable information to support their decision to enter based on exigent circumstances to prevent the destruction of evidence:

- an hour before the appellant's arrest the police intercepted a telephone call from the appellant's girlfriend in which she said she would meet him at his apartment in one hour;
- the police had learned from earlier wiretap interceptions between the appellant and his girlfriend that she was supportive of the appellant's involvement in the drug trade;
- the police had learned from earlier wiretap interceptions that the girlfriend had looked after the appellant's apartment while he was on a trip to Mexico and therefore was likely to have a key to his apartment;
- as the police were arresting the appellant, a

woman fitting the girlfriend's description drove by and made eye contact with the appellant;

- at the time of the arrest the police were wearing police vests and thus were easily identifiable as police constables;
- the woman believed to be the girlfriend was seen leaving the parking lot heading in the direction of the appellant's apartment building.

The Court of Appeal noted that the new CDSA provides for warrantless entry in some limited cases based on exigent circumstances. The court also found that exigent circumstances can include the need to preserve evidence from imminent destruction. The court noted that the trial judge found the police officers to be very credible and had commented favourably on the evidence of the officer who directed the police to make the warrantless entry.

In the end, the Court of Appeal upheld the entry as lawful and admitted all of the evidence against the accused.

#### Conclusion

The McCormack case provides some support for police officers who find themselves forced to consider making a warrantless entry to a dwelling to preserve evidence.

The CDSA section under consideration in McCormack is similar to Criminal Code sec-

tion 529.3(2)(b) which provides for a warrantless entry under exigent circumstances to preserve evidence in relation to an indictable offence. Although there will clearly be further court challenges to legislation authorizing warrantless entries, it is encouraging that the door remains open in the right cases.

The case is also very useful as an example of officers taking positive enforcement action with a knowledge of the rules and with key principles in mind. The officers also did an excellent job of presenting the court with the reasons justifying their actions.

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## Officer not covered by department insurance

A recent decision by an Ontario Superior Court Judge declared that an officer's personal insurance policy would have to top up a claim she brought against the estate of a man who hit her police car.

The officer, Patricia Schneider of the Ontario Provincial Police, was sitting in her parked cruiser when it was struck from behind by a car driven by William Maahs in January 1997. Maahs died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash and Schneider commenced actions against his estate for injuries she sustained.

Maahs' insurance policy had a \$200,000 cap on liability and Schneider was suing for \$1 million. The balance of the money to be obtained was the point of argument presented to the court for determination.

At first it was thought to be from the OPP's insurance company. However, in a unique ruling, it was determined that the difference should come from Schnieder's own personal insurance company.

The debate over who should pay was made in a recent decision by Justice Thomas Heeney. His ruling places "first loss insurer" as that of Schnieder's personal insurance company, North Blenheim Mutual Insurance Co., instead of the Ontario Provincial Police fleet insurance company, General Accident Insurance Co. of Canada.

The argument presented was in the wording of the General Accident Insurance policy which stated that an insured person includes someone for "whose regular use the described automobile is provided."

In his ruling, Justice Heeney went along with the OPP's insurance company argument that although Schneider "regularly" used the "described automobile by virtue of her normal habitual and long-standing use of an assigned cruiser for the duration of every working shift," the vehicle was actually for the use of the police service and not particularly Schneider. This was because she could not use the cruiser for personal use.

Justice Heeney concluded that Schneider "has the regular use of the cruiser for nothing more than OPP business, and that is sufficient to dispose of the motion."

He concluded that Schneider was not an

'insured person' as defined in the insurance policy of General Accident and that it follows the only under-insured coverage available to Schneider is that supplied by her own personal insurance company.

Schneider's insurance company is appealing the decision, which will hold up proceedings against the estate of the man who struck her police cruiser.

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## Traffic stops and detention

R.v. Troester (2000) 146 C.C.C. (3d) p. 445 (Ont. C.A.)

by Gino Arcaro

Section 48(1) Highway Traffic Act of Ontario gives the police substantial authority to stop vehicles to determine whether a breath demand may be made under sec. 254 C.C., but it lacks specific guidelines and procedures.

The section states: "A police officer, readily identifiable as such, may require the driver of a motor vehicle to stop for the purpose of determining whether or not there is evidence to justify making a demand under Section 254 of the Criminal Code."

The Ontario Court of Appeal specified some valuable guidelines in R.v. Troester (2000).

#### Offence

Over 80 mgs.

#### **Circumstances**

A police officer saw a car traveling at 20 km/h over the speed limit while swerving on the roadway. The officer stopped the car and spoke to the accused through the driver's window. There was also a passenger in the car. The officer noticed that the driver's eyes were slightly glossy. An overwhelming odour of cologne in the car prevented the officer from de-

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WESTERVELT COLLEGE is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert C. "Andy" Anderson as Director of the Police Foundations and Criminal Justice Studies. Mr. Anderson will co-ordinate all training in relation to Law Enforcement and he continues to provide senior investigation training to major police services in Ontario.

Mr. Anderson has over 35 years' experience, the last 12were as a Senior and Special Courses Instructor at the Ontario Police College. He specialized in investigation, identification and crime scene protection. Although he has instructed a wide range of courses at O.P.C., Mr. Anderson specialized in courses supporting senior investigations: homicide investigations, sexual assault investigation, interviewing and interrogation techniques, as well as criminal investigation

In the last year, Mr. Anderson has consulted with or provided training to the FBI and the National Crime Faculty of England.

termining with certainty whether alcohol could be smelled and, if it could, whether the alcohol smell came from the driver or passenger.

The officer directed the driver to leave the car and sit in the back of the cruiser. While in the cruiser, the officer smelled alcohol on the driver's breath and made an ASD demand, two minutes after the car was stopped. The accused failed the ASD test, was arrested for Over 80 mgs. The driver provided BAT samples later that resulted in readings of 160 and 170 mgs.

The accused was convicted at the trial. He appealed to the Ontario Court of Appeal, arguing that the police committed a Section 9 Charter violation by arbitrarily detaining him.

#### **Ontario Court of Appeal**

The appeal was denied and the following reasons were given:

- the Ontario C.A., in R.v. Smith (1996), explained the extent of power given to the police by sec. 48(1) HTA. The court stated that the section not only authorizes the stopping of a motorist, it also authorizes the taking of "reasonable steps" to determine whether an ASD or BAT demand may be made
- in R.v. Smith, the court stated that:
  - i) specific procedures are not set out in sec. 48(1);
  - ii) the section does not impose "numerical limits" on the procedures that may be

used:

- iii) any single or multiple procedures that are "both reasonable and done for the purpose of determining whether the officer has grounds for making either or both demands" are authorized by this section:
- iv) it is impossible to provide an exhaustive list of procedures that are authorized by this section;
- v) for a procedure to be reasonable, it must be:
  - performed at the detention site
  - carried out "with dispatch"
  - safe for the detainee, and
  - minimally inconvenient
- the procedure used in this case was reasonable. It was conducted in close proximity to
  the accused's car, the accused remained at the
  site during the detention, the detention was
  brief, it was conducted for justifiable reasons,
  and it was minimally inconvenient.

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## Toronto chopper grounded

The Toronto Police Service has had their helicopter grounded and it may be some time before it lifts-off again.

The helicopter, which has been on patrol for the past six months, was grounded at the end of January.

Deputy Chief Steve Reesor said the six-month pilot project was paid through private donations and cost more than \$1 million.

Reesor said the city is analyzing the project and will decide whether to pay the bill to make it a permanent tool of the police service.

He said a helicopter review should be completed in February or March.

If the city decides to cover the bill, Toronto would join the likes of the RCMP, OPP, Calgary, Montreal and Vancouver, who all use helicopters.

#### Tasers boost Sacramento's less-lethal arsenal

by Law Enforcement Technology

California's Sacramento Police Department will begin handing out Taser International's Advanced Taser M26 to its police officers this year, making it one of the biggest agencies in North America to have the them in general use.

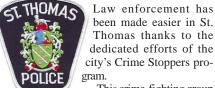
American and Canadian police are joining a growing movement toward technology upgrades in weapons that are less lethal.

Tasers enable police to lower officer and suspect injury during "suicide by cop" situations and other scenarios mandating the use of force.

The Advanced Taser M26 is a chassisshaped like a handgun equipped with a builtin laser sight that fires two wires tipped with darts that grab on to clothing or skin, sending a strong but safe electrical signal throughout the body of an attacker.

## Crime Stoppers recognizes St. Thomas police

by Les Linder



This crime-fighting group in the modest Ontario city of 00 people received the Marla Moon award

33,000 people received the Marla Moon award in May 2000 for their work in the fight against crime.

The award encompasses the entire format of the Crime Stoppers program, including the number of tips received, amount of drugs seized, stolen property recovered, cases cleared, number of calls, rewards paid and arrests made. Each Crime Stoppers program in various municipalities are separated into various groups based on population to compete for the prestigious award. There are 40 Crime Stoppers programs in Ontario alone.

St. Thomas police Sr. Cst. Scott McCallum, co-ordinator for Crime Stoppers, was pleased to have his program out-perform other municipalities in his group which ranged from 25,000 - 100,000 people.

"It is the first time since the program's inception that we have been honoured this way at the Ontario level," McCallum said.

In 1999, the efforts of the St. Thomas Crime Stoppers led to the seizure of approximately \$40,000 in narcotics and 22 cleared cases on tips alone.

"This is the true definition of community policing at work," McCallum said. "Crime Stoppers is a community based program and it pools the resources of the media, police departments and the community to fight crime."

The program receives a great deal of support from corporations and individuals alike. Fund-raisers and donations keep the program running. A board of directors comprised of 15 citizens from the community oversee operating the budget and raising funds.

Crime Stoppers, now in its 25th year, was the brainchild of Det. Greg MacAleefe. The

Canadian-born detective was working with the city police in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when he formed the foundation of the program in 1976

MacAleefe was investigating the homicide and robbery of a young man operating a gas station. After running out of investigative leads, he approached the local cable company to tape a staged re-enactment of the crime, which was then shown the public. He also acquired several free phone lines from the telephone company to function as tip-lines.

The video was run for 24 hours and several calls were sent in. As a direct result of the tips received, the murder was solved.

"MacAleefe always credited the public with playing the lead role in solving the crime," McCallum said.

Since then, similar programs have sprung up across North America, including the popular TV show, "America's Most Wanted".

The first Canadian Crime Stoppers program was established in Calgary in 1982. Other provinces and cities jumped on board quickly and the program eventually spread out to other nations, including England, the Netherlands and West Africa.

McCallum said the reason Crime Stoppers is a success is because it gives people a chance to help their community without posing a risk to themselves by being able to provide anonymous tips.

"Many times people call in to provide tips without even being interested in the cash reward. They just feel it is their way to be part of something and help the community."

McCallum envisions continued success for the Crime Stoppers program and is confident the program will continue to grow and leave an impact against crime. Programs such as Student Crime Stoppers, which aims to allow students to make their school safer by anonymously reporting tips on crimes, is already being established in various high schools across Canada.

McCallum also wants to take the initiative in tackling elder abuse issues.

"We want to get the message out to our seniors to call us if they are being taken

advantage of, or abused in any way, so we can have the police take action."

Since Crime Stoppers was first conceived in St. Thomas in 1988, the program has lead to more than 600 arrests, 757 cleared cases, the recovery of \$1 million worth of stolen property, approximately \$3 million seized narcotics and more than \$95,000 has been paid out in

McCallum attributes the success entirely to the community.

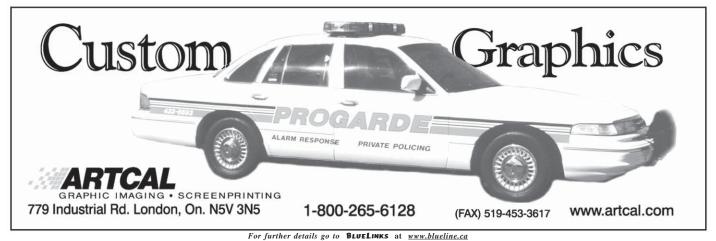
"Police work isn't always the result of brilliant investigators. It is the public who provides us with what they have seen that solves crimes and they deserve tremendous gratitude for it."

# Businessman hopes to acquire police chopper

An Edmonton businessman has helped to raise more than \$200,000 in an effort to purchase a helicopter for the city's police service.

Ed Bean, the owner of a local glass company, has been the driving force behind the campaign. Bean, who launched the fundraising drive in November, offered to match any donation made to the chopper fund up to \$100,000.

The initiative, which does not involve the Edmonton Police Service, topped \$100,000, in late December. With Bean's share that means more than \$200,000 for the chopper fund.



## Creating substantive web sites

by Reid Goldsborough

On the Web, content is king.

This notion was recently reinforced by a study from the Poynter Institute and Stanford University showing that, unlike with newspapers and magazines, people who read web sites typically focus on the text first, looking at photos and other graphics afterward.

The appearance of your web site is still important, helping to establish professionalism and credibility. But the information and other substantive material you provide - the "content" - matter most.

"Content is the 'there' that's there," says Christopher Barr, president of the Internet Content Coalition and editor-at-large for the computer news site CNET. "It's what people go to the web for."

The content of the web also makes markets by bringing buyers and sellers together.

Whether you produce content in-house or you outsource, ensure that it reflects your individual, or organizational goals and that it's targeted to your audience. It should also be accurate, complete, and entertaining. Or at least interesting. It should also be updated regularly. Check for spelling and grammatical errors, broken links, and other mistakes that can undermine your credibility.

Make background information about yourself or your organization available from the home page, if appropriate. Discerning readers will look for this to help determine the authority and legitimacy of your content. If you include advertising, separate it from the informational content to avoid compromising your objectivity.

Include a "last updated" or similar message. If you're not finished with a page or section, don't link to it and apologize with an "under



**CONTENT:** It is important to update web sites.

Construction" sign. It's far better to link to pages after you've completed them, preventing frustration when readers click for content they can't access.

The biggest mistake people make in creating content is not understanding what their audience wants, says Barr. Along with traditional surveys and focus groups, you can also use web response forms and tracking services, such as HitBox at http://www.hitbox.com, to help determine what's working and what's not.

If you don't have the time or talent in-house to create content, you have several options. First, to obtain original content, you can farm the job out to a freelance writer, independent site developer, web design shop, technology consulting firm, interactive agency, or conventional advertising, or public relations agency.

CNET's Web Services, at http://www.webdesignlist.com, lists web developers and their areas of expertise.

Another option is contracting with an online syndication service such as iSyndicate.com, at http://www.isyndicate.com. You can obtain

written, graphical, audio, or video content there from more than 900 sources, some free, some carrying fees.

To beef up their content, some webmasters make arrangements directly with content creators, including authors of columns such as this one.

For other sources to obtain content for your site, check out 1000 Free Webmaster Resources, at http://www.worldzone.net/ss/antelope/content.html.

In creating or obtaining content, don't neglect your neighbourhood or region. The web may be worldwide, but people live locally. In a recent survey by the online newsletter publisher Streetmail, 72 per

cent of web users said they were more likely to use content created within their communities than produced by a remote source.

Whatever you do, resist the temptation to swipe content you see elsewhere and use it for your site, whether it's text, visual art, or music.

"Get permission," says Richard Stim, author of the new book *Getting Permission: How to License & Clear Copyrighted Materials Online & Off.* 

This is important, expediently, if you expect your site to become popular or make money.

"It makes it more likely that people will complain, and those complaints can turn into lawsuits," says Stim, a lawyer who specializes in intellectual property.

For tips on getting permission and dealing with the licensing fees sometimes involved, check out Stim's "Getting Permission to Publish: Ten Tips for Webmasters" at http://www.nolo.com/encyclopedia/articles/pct/pub permission.html.

To make it easier for other sites to license your content, you can partner with an online copyright clearinghouse such as iCopyright.com, at http://www.icopyright.com.

Regardless of how you obtain content, help web surfers find the information they want by including a search engine, site map, or index.

Atomz.com, at http://www.atomz.com, lets you add either a simple or sophisticated search engine to your site and sends you a periodic report of what visitors are searching for. It's free for sites with fewer than 500 pages.

Index Generator, at http://www.mh.ic24.net, is a free program for automatically generating a site map or index.

Finally, periodically re-evaluate the quality of your content. Make sure the information is still current, accurate, and complete. Test links, both internal and external, to ensure they're still working.

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### New ad features blind officer

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind launched a television public service announcement in November featuring a recently retired Ontario Provincial Police officer.

The CNIB hopes the story of Sgt. Dennis Thompson, the OPP's first and only blind officer, will inspire people who are blind and visually impaired to access the career counseling services and technological aids available to them. The institute also hopes the 30 second public service announcement will spur employers to hire blind or visually impaired individuals.

"Sgt. Thompson has proved that given the right tools, a blind or visually impaired person can lead as productive a work life as his sighted colleagues," Penny Hartin, the executive director of the CNIB's Ontario division, said in a news release.

Prior to his retirement, Thompson, who

lost his sight nine years ago when he was struck with pellets from a gunshot blast while trying to apprehend a suspect, was in charge of the computerized reporting system for the OPP's Central Region. He oversaw the work of more than 900 police officers and 15 colleagues in his immediate unit at the force's Kawartha detachment.

The public service announcement, which shows the 53-year-old former officer at work and performing his volunteer duties with the Boy Scouts, will be shown nationally.

As for the star of the television announcement, he is very direct as to why he became involved in the project.

"The purpose of it was right, so I agreed to do it," said Thompson, a 32-year police veteran. "If we can only stimulate one employer, or one blind person to get motivated, then that's what it's all about."

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Each year Blue Line Magazine surveys the private sector to see which companies or individuals are interested in making their products or services available to the law enforcement community. This directory is a result of that survey and should be retained for reference througout the coming year.

This directory is divided up into three parts. The first part is the "Category Index". It provides you with details of how the products and services you may be looking for are listed. The second part is the "Product Listings" which places the companies under the categories of products or services they are prepared to supply. The third part is the "Corporate Listings" which include the names, address and phone/fax lines of the companies surveyed.

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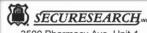
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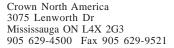
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# THE LAST NOOSE

**Nova Scotia** 

by Blair McQuillan

On August 1, 1937, Everett Farmer, a 35 year-old black labourer in Shelburne, N.S., paid an unexpected visit to the town's police chief, Raymond Mitchell.

Farmer had called on Mitchell to confess to a murder. Farmer explained that he had been drinking and arguing with his step-brother Zachariah when he shot him with a shotgun he kept in his bedroom.

Mitchell listened to Farmer as he gave his account of the tragic event: "He called me a ... liar. I said, 'There's the door. Get out because the wife and family is here."

"I said, 'I'm going to put the law on you.'

"He said, 'You are, are you?'

"I said, 'I certainly am.'

"He said, '... You are never going to take the law on me because I am going to kill you.'

"He made a jump and grabbed for a glass and when he made for me I ran into the bedroom.

"I got the number 12 shotgun. I heard him say, '...I'm going to kill you."

"I said, 'You are never going to kill me.'

"I shot him in self-defence. Zach was going to kill me, and I had to do it to save my wife and family."

Zachariah and Everett had worked as labourers for 17 years after Zachariah had been acquitted of a suspicious death involving his cousin in 1919. On Sundays, the two men, who lived only half-a-mile apart, would meet at the Methodist Church and then spend the rest of the day drinking together. Most of the time, Everett and Zachariah would end their day together by arguing over insignificant matters.

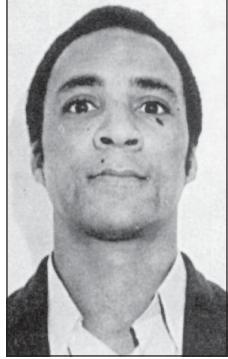
Zachariah Farmer stood over six feet tall and weighed roughly 200 pounds. Everett Farmer on the other hand, was much smaller. However, in the same tradition as his stepbrother, he too had had brushes with the law. In 1932, he received a one-year suspended sentence for beating his wife Margaret. During the time of Zach's murder he was serving a one-year suspended sentence for assaulting his son Archibald.

It was in the house of Mrs. Anna Wilson, where Everett and his family resided, that Zachariah's body was discovered. Zach was hunched over in a chair, with the back of his neck torn away and a rolled cigarette in his lap.

Everett Farmer's trial opened on Tuesday, September 28, 1937. It's needless to say, the trial attracted much attention and the courtroom was filled to capacity long before Everett was scheduled to make his appearance.

The trial lasted just two days.

During the trial, Anna Wilson was called to



**Everett Farmer** 

the stand. She testified that she had, at no time, heard Zachariah threaten the life of Everett. However, she also testified that she had woken up after she heard the shot from Everett's "Number 12" ring out and until that point she had slept through most of the argument.

Mrs. Wilson stated that Everett's wife, "came crying and told me, 'Everett shot Zach.' About 15 minutes later Everett came in and said, 'I done it, and I'm going to give myself up.'"

The next witness was Archibald Farmer, Everett's son.

"Zach and my father were drinking beer," he told the court. "They did not get into any argument while I was there. They was laughing and talking. Zach came to our house most every Sunday. My father always kept a gun in his bedroom in the corner. His room is downstairs next to the kitchen. I did not hear any gunshot. I was awakened by my mother, come cryin' and sayin' my father shot Zach. I never heard my father threaten to kill Zach. They got into a quarrel a week before Sunday over a bag of wood, but it did not come to any blows."

Everett's wife Margaret, was also called upon to testify at the trial. She testified against her husband. She explained that her husband and Zachariah were arguing over a tent.

Margaret told the court that she heard Zach tell Everett, "There will be one less in town and I will kill you before morning."

She also stated that Everett had shot Zachariah while he was sitting with a glass in his hand.

The soul medical expert called to the stand as a witness was Dr. O.L. Fuller.

Fuller said that Zachariah Farmer was sitting in a chair when he was killed and that in his expert opinion the deceased had been murdered while he was asleep. The doctor based this opinion on the fact that Zach's eyes were closed when he was discovered. If he was awake when murdered the eyes would have remained open.

The 12 man all-white jury was informed by Justice William F. Carroll that their job was to decide on one of three verdicts: guilty as charged, guilty of manslaughter, or not guilty.

After two hours of deliberation the jury reentered the court room. The foreman, Stanford Kenney, read the verdict which stated: "That Zachary Farmer came to his death from a gunshot wound from a gun held in the hands of, and fired by, Everett Farmer. We find Everett Farmer guilty as charged."

An excerpt from one newspaper covering the trial stated that when Everett was asked if he had anything to say he merely mumbled, "I done it to save my wife and my family."

Everett's sentence was passed by Judge Carroll: "You will be taken from this courtroom and confined in the Shelburne County Jail under guard, in solitary confinement, until the 15th day of December 1937, when you will be taken from your cell at five o'clock in the morning and hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

The local newspaper ran a short column in regards to the execution the day after Everett was hanged.

It read:

"For the first time in the history of Shelburne, covering a period of 154 years, a man has paid the penalty on the scaffold for the crime of murder.

"Yesterday morning at five o'clock, Everett Farmer, convicted of murdering his half-brother last August, was taken from his closely guarded cell and executed.

"With firm step he walked up the two flights of stairs, and with the same coolness that has characterized him since he has been in jail.

"Rev. A.R. Reynolds, his spiritual advisor, remained with him from midnight until the last and, as the trap was sprung, was in the act of reading a passage of scripture.

"The condemned man made no statement."

Next month in part two of *The Last Noose* the story of Earl Lund and Fred Sterling Phillips will be featured.

## Sheriff turns tables on privatization

by Michal Shanley

Polk County, Fla., has been struggling with jail overcrowding since the late 1980s.

The county's newest facility, the jail annex, was operating at an average 155 per cent of capacity at the end of 1999. As jail overcrowding neared the crisis stage, the Polk County Commission contracted with a private company to build and operate a 1,000-bed jail.

Slated to open in July 1999, the county's plan was to pay the private company to house county inmates - relieving overcrowding at the county's jail facilities.

However, Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow had a different plan in mind. Convinced the county could do just fine on its own,

Crow approached the County Commission with a long-term solution. Crow proposed that the county should buy the private jail. He illuminated a contract clause that would allow the county to purchase the facility from the private company at three per cent above construction costs.

By buying the jail facility from the private company, an external auditor predicted that Polk County would save over \$2 million a year for 21 years.

Additionally, Crow made the case that the sheriff's office's hiring standards for correctional officers were well above the standards of the private company.

The county commissioners approved the \$40.9 million purchase.

## Boat to give feds a hand in drug war

by Associate Press

Federal law enforcement authorities in the United States have acquired a boat capable of reaching speeds up to 70 miles per hour to combat drug trafficking.

The catamaran has two 300-horsepower engines and was created by Bob Perette, who resides in Weymouth.

Perette, the owner of the boat manufacturing firm Intercept Boats, started working on constructing the catamaran six years ago when

he heard of the federal government's struggles to stop coastal drug smuggling.

When he started the project, Perette had no other previous experience constructing boats.

Perette says he designed the boat to operate best on the ocean.

The catamaran is valued at \$200,000 and is scheduled to initially be provided to coastal patrolling operations in Miami, says Keith Roberts, who is the assistant chief with the U.S. Border Patrol in the region.

#### Great Mac Attack

by Tony MacKinnon



"YOU'VE REALLY GOT SPUNK KID I'LL SAY THAT, BUT YOU CAN'T SQUEEGEE AT OUR ROAD CHECKS."



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## Conferencing and circles

by Bill Johnson & Lisa Koltun

Terry O'Connell is a burly Australian with the look of an ex-rugby player or prizefighter. His broken nose and raspy voice belie the image one would have of a believer in restorative justice, the touchy-feely, soft approach to crime. Things, however, are not always as they initially appear.

O'Connell is neither a boxer nor a rugby player; he was a 30-year veteran of Australia's New South Wales Police Department and the current director of Real Justice.

As for restorative justice, it is neither soft nor touchy-feely, it is a powerful, often gutwrenching process to heal the harm done to a person or community.

## What is A Restorative Justice Conference?

Conferencing is mainly based on traditional Aboriginal practices in New Zealand, Hawaii, and North America. A family or community conference is an opportunity for people to express how they have been harmed by another person or persons, and to have a voice in what can be done to repair the harm.

Restorative justice focuses on outcomes: holding offenders accountable for their behaviour, giving victims the opportunity to address the offender and the integration of the offender back into the community. In restorative justice

programs, victims play a vital role in the resolution process and are therefore more likely to view their experience with the justice system as a fair one.

Conferences include the victim and victim support, offender and offender support. The support is usually comprised of family and friends of both the victim and offender who have been harmed by the incident.

The conference focuses on the action and the harm done, not on determining whether the offender is a good or bad person. The conference is also not

about the guilt or innocence of the offender. The offender must accept responsibility for his or her actions before the conference can take place.

## Do Restorative Justice Conferences Work?

Evidence on the success of victim-offender mediation programs in achieving restorative justice goals has been quite favourable in a number of ways. First, participant satisfaction rates for mediation with juvenile offenders are very high.

Seventy-nine per cent of victims and 87 per cent of offenders surveyed have said they are satisfied with the system. A total of 83 per



Terry O'Connell

cent of victims and 89 per cent of offenders surveyed who have participated in mediation believe the process is very fair.

In addition, victims have reported reductions in their fear of being re-victimized. Prior to mediation, 25 per cent of victims reported fear of being hurt by the offender again, compared to only 10 per cent of the victims after mediation.

Closer to home, in the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the local police department and the community service foundation evaluated the effectiveness of

police-based family group conferencing between November 1995 and May 1997. The results show that 96 per cent of crime victims who participated in a conference were satisfied with the way in which their case was handled, compared to 79 per cent of those whose cases were processed through the courts.

#### Breaking The Cycle Of Re-Offending

Statistics from restorative justice programs consistently show that recidivism among youths who participate in these programs is lower than those who go through the court process.

Statistics from a youth justice committee established in Cornwall, Ont., have indicated that only 33 of the 300 cases handled by Cornwall's informal youth justice committee registered further convictions. That is half the reoffender rate experienced by cases that go through the courts.

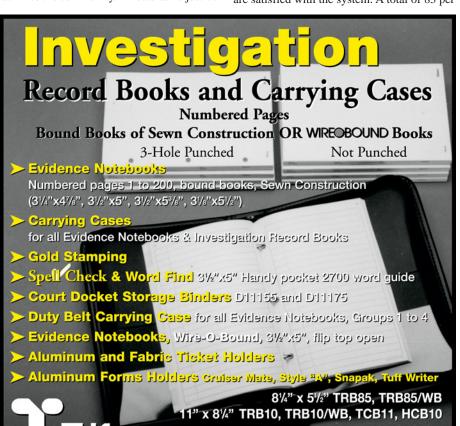
The recidivism rate for participants in the Restorative Resolutions Project in Winnipeg was significantly lower than for those on probation. In the first comparison group, the recidivism rates for the probationers was based upon one-year post-program recidivism. Recidivism for restorative resolution clients was 5.3 per cent, compared to 16.1 per cent of the comparison group.

In the second comparison group, recidivism rates were based upon in-program failures while on probation. Recidivism rates for restorative resolution clients was 16.7 per cent, compared to 43.7 per cent for the comparison group.

The results clearly show offenders supervised by restorative resolution had lower recidivism rates compared to offenders exposed to traditional correctional supervision and probation services.

Furthermore, after two years, only 11.5 per cent of the restorative resolution male offenders were convicted of an offence resulting in a custodial disposition compared to 33 per cent of the inmate control group.

There are many examples of restorative justice practices working exceptionally well in many communities. It is not the panacea we are always looking for. It does, however, deserve a larger place in our justice system.



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# BLUE LINE Symposium

Two courses will be offered to law enforcement personnel at the Blue Line Symposium held in conjunction with the Response Trade Show.

Each of the courses will be covered over the two days, providing in depth training, and certification. Space is limited, and seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Course One Investigative Interviewing Techniques

April 24, 9-5 p.m. and April 25, 9-4 p.m.

#### **Course Outline:**

#### Day One:

Part One

- Introduction
- · Types of Witnesses and Witness Psychology
- The Law Relating to Interviews (Case Law and the Charter)
- Important Legal Concepts for the Interviewer
- The "Non-Accusatory Interview Technique"

#### Part Two

- The Mechanics of the Interview
- Detecting deception
- The Essential Steps
- Verbal Signs of Deception
- · Tactics for Overcoming deception

#### Day Two:

- Using Tactics and Thematics
- · Dealing with Denials
- Physical Indicators of Deception (includes body language)
- Analysis of statements by both witnesses and accused
- Conclusion and wrap up

#### Presenter:

**Det/Sgt Gordon MacKinnon**, with over thirty years of experience in law enforcement, has worked in a multitude of areas including uniform patrol and criminal investigations as well as specialized in areas of underwater search and recovery, fraud investigation, and intelligence. He is an acclaimed lecturer in the techniques of Investigative Interviewing and has taught officers of police services across Canada, as well as being a course instructor at a community college.

#### Who Should Attend:

Uniform patrol officers, specialized police units, private investigators, any professional who must find the truth.

## Course Two Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

April 24, 9-5 p.m. and April 25, 9-4 p.m.

#### Course Outline:

#### Day One:

- · Nature and Types of Stress
- Types of Critical Incidents
- The Rescue / Responder Personality
- · Factors Which Influence Reactions to Critical Incidents
- CISM Continuum of Care and Types of Interventions, the Debriefing Model

#### Day Two:

- Techniques of CISD "hands on" Demonstration
- On Scene / Near Scene Services (the role of peer support)
- Defusing
- Demobilization
- · CISM Team Formation Issues

#### Presenter:

*Murray Firth* has been involved in emergency service work for nearly 25 years. He held positions as Senior Fire Service Commander, and Staff Officer, Emergency Medical Attendant, and he worked for nearly 14 years as an Air Traffic Controller. Murray holds an Advanced Fire Protection Technology Diploma from the Ontario Fire College and is certified by the Ministry of Health as an Emergency Medical Care Assistant. Murray has been actively involved in the delivery of Critical Incident Stress Management education and services for the last 10 years and was Ontario's first CISM Program Coordinator.

#### Who Should Attend:

Any person who wishes to know more about Crisis Intervention Strategies for personnel impacted by traumatic stress; emergency service workers such as police, military personnel, and chaplains; incident commanders, CISM team members, sex crime investigators.

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## Twelve hours of terror for the Moose Jaw boy

### **OPP** constable finally honoured for saving child

by Rob Lindsay Reprint: The Kenora Enterprise

It was a frozen February night 14 years ago when seven-year-old David Mitchell was abducted from the Moose Jaw Natatorium shortly after his swimming lesson. He was waiting for his father to pick him up, but that was not to happen. A homosexual pedophile lurking in the parking lot snatched the child, bound his hands with surgical tape, then sped off into the ominous darkness of the frigid night.

The boy's parents, Martha and Donald Mitchell, became frantic when they couldn't find their son. They called the Moose Jaw Police Service.

Cst. Marc Girard, then 29, was on duty that night. Girard, who's now a sergeant with the Moose Jaw force, remembers the incident well.

"It was a really cold night and I was getting ready to finish my shift when the call came in,"

Girard said in a telephone interview. "We started looking for the boy immediately. Our officers combed the area behind the pool in case he wandered off into the park and fell through the ice of Serpentine Creek. We were looking everywhere."

But despite the efforts of the police, the boy was nowhere to be found. Dozens of people - neighbours, strangers, the emergency measures folks - joined the search, but they couldn't locate the child.

When Girard finally went home at 4 a.m., he began to suspect the worst. The next morning, more than 1,000 kilometres away, in Ontario, John Kennedy was leaving early for work.

The Ontario Provincial Police officer was heading westbound down Hwy. 17 just west of Vermilion Bay when he spotted an eastbound vehicle without a front licence plate. He turned his unmarked patrol car around and gave chase. The suspect vehicle turned down a dead-end road, but not before Kennedy could manage to run the licence plate. The vehicle was reported to be missing or stolen from Quebec the previous year.

Kennedy waited for the vehicle to come back out on to the highway and when it did he stopped the car and approached the driver. The driver let the car roll ahead and after about 50 feet, he took off eastbound. He would lead police on a 24 km, high speed chase.

The OPP set up a running road block, which the driver tried to run, but he lost control of his vehicle, spinning into a ditch. Kennedy approached the vehicle and apprehended 26-yearold Ariel John Bellosillo.



REUNITED: John Kennedy poses for a picture with David Mitchell.

In the back seat, under a pile of blankets, Kennedy noticed a tiny hand. It was David Mitchell.

Kennedy tore off the blankets and discovered the boy - surgical tape still stretched over his mouth and eyes. David had managed to squirm free of the tape that had fastened his wrists together. Kennedy removed the tape from the youngster's eyes and mouth.

"As soon as I removed the tape from his mouth, he blurted out that his name was David Mitchell and he didn't know this man. He said he was kidnapped from Moose Jaw," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also found a small bag of drugs and a bottle of Vaseline in the back of the car.

Kennedy was unaware of any abduction report out of Moose Jaw, so he radioed in to the Moose Jaw Police Service with the news he had discovered a seven-year-old boy by the name of David Mitchell. Moose Jaw police were relieved to hear of the find. The weight lifted from the shoulders of Girard.

The boy was reunited with his family that same day.

#### **Emotional Reunion**

That again, was 14 years ago. David Mitchell is now a lanky University of Saskatchewan graduate, with curly hair. He finished his arts degree at the top of his class, and won the Copeland Prize in Humanities.

The family wanted to share the special occasion of their son's graduation with the OPP's Kennedy. They invited Kennedy, who's still with the provincial force but on disability, to take part in the graduation ceremony in Saskatoon on May 23. The next day, Kennedy, now 54, was honoured in Moose Jaw for recovering the kidnapped child.

During the ceremony, Kennedy was presented with a plaque from Moose Jaw Police Chief Terry Coleman. But the icing on the cake was when 21-year-old David Mitchell thanked the officer who saved his life. He said he learned anything can be accomplished through hard work.

"I believe I'm a very lucky person," Mitchell said. "But it is through John's hard work that I am able to believe that."

That simple thanks moved the police officer. Kennedy was clearly touched by the honour.

Sgt. Girard said that the formal recognition was overdue.

Kennedy was honoured by the OPP in a ceremony in 1987 by former commissioner Tom O'Grady.

"It's sort of odd that it took so long for John to be honoured

in Moose Jaw for the capture of this kidnapper," Girard said. "When you realize the magnitude of the case, it was a major find. Many abducted children are never found. His work is an indicator of excellent police work. I was happy to finally get a chance to meet him."

For his part, Kennedy says it was all in a day's work.

"It's all about hard work and dedication to duty. I loved police work," Kennedy says simply.

And that hard work paid off a second time when Kennedy recovered another abducted child in a routine stop of a pick-up truck on Jan. 4, 1990. That stop resulted in the recovery of a four-year-old boy who'd been abducted from Redwater, Alta.

John Kennedy, who now lives in Waldhoff, near Vermilion Bay, has been on long term disability for the past nine years after a serious car accident that left him unconscious for 21 days. He was in pursuit of an impaired driver when a motorhome turned into his patrol car. The accident severed his aorta and left him unable to continue with the work he loves. The accident occurred June 15, 1990.

The man who kidnapped David Mitchell received a five-year sentence for kidnapping, unlawful confinement, dangerous driving, failing to stop for police and possession of a stolen car, in June of 1986. He is currently behind bars as a dangerous offender after a similar abduction attempt in Ontario.

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## Changing the perspectives of cops and kids

by Blair McOuillan

Gerry Cleveland is not the kind of man to shy away from a problem.

When Cleveland, a Toronto school principal and former police officer, learned during a routine safety audit that many students in his former school were afraid of, or felt intimidated by the police, he decided to do something about it.

"That's a pretty hard thing to hear because you sort of expect police are the good guys," said Cleveland, who was a police officer in Toronto and Peel Region for 10 years. "It was one of those classic problem solving situations where I said to the kids, 'Okay, what are you going to do about it?""

Cleveland sat down with a group of students and began brainstorming. A number of suggestions as to how the youths could build bridges with the police in their community were made and rejected. Finally, the idea of talking directly to police officers was put forward.

With a little more input from the students in the group and a call to the Ontario Police College, the Changing Perspectives program was born.

Changing Perspectives is unique in that it brings students and police recruits together to discuss issues such as racism and police practices and helps promote cultural awareness.

Cleveland notes that some of the students who enter the program come from cultures



ALL TOGETHER: Gerry Cleveland (left) poses with officers and students in Toronto.

where the police are viewed as the enemy, or a strong-arm tool for the government. He also bluntly admits that some of the students simply aren't police boosters.

"These kids... they've got attitude," he says. "They don't like cops, but they come out of there understanding a little bit more."

Understanding is created during a two-day gathering held at the Ontario Police College about every three months, when new recruit classes are in session. Students arrive at the college on the evening prior to the start of the conference. By the time they make their arrival, the students, who range in age from 16 to 20 and come from a variety of cultural backgrounds, have already scripted, planned and rehearsed about five short plays which they will perform in front of the class of up to 390 recruits.

"It's a very tightly scripted performance," said Cleveland, the principal of alternative programs for the Toronto District School Board.

The five performances include a car stop involving an officer who makes racist comments, a strip search in public and a presentation on how the body language of an individual from another culture could be misinterpreted as hostile.

"We don't think the young recruits are going to go out and say racist, sexist, homophobic things," Cleveland said. "But my focus is more on what will you do if somebody else does it?"

Following the performance, the students, along with other guest lecturers respond informally to questions and concerns while seated in front of the recruit class.

In addition to the exchange of ideas, the students, who are selected by Cleveland to take part in the program, are given the opportunity to follow recruits for the day to gain insight into how they are trained.

Cleveland said one of the greatest misunderstandings his students have is in regards to how police approach them on the street. But after a day of observing recruit classes many misconceptions are put to rest.

"They get offended at how the police walk up so defensively," he said. "Once they go to the (defensive training) classes and start to un-

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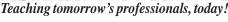
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derstand some of the strategies that the recruits are learning and why they're learning them, it makes a little bit more sense."

However, the students aren't the only ones who benefit from the program.

"Feedback from recruits is overwhelmingly positive," says Sandra Crozier of the Ontario Police College. "The presentation provides incredible insight into young people's views of police and assists recruits in understanding how a police officer's approach can be critical in determining the outcome of an encounter.

"Overall, the recruits are impressed with the teens, including their display of courage in speaking before a group of uniformed officers."

Crozier added that from a community policing perspective the program, which has won local, provincial and national awards, is an example of the community "providing direct input into the training of the service providers."

As for the students, Cleveland says in most cases the program does change perspectives.

"Now I've got kids who actually have been in it for a few years and want to maybe join the police force," he said.

The Ontario Police College has been pleased with the results of the Changing Perspectives program as well and plans to continue to incorporate it into their Basic Constable curriculum.

"In the case of the Changing Perspectives group, the interest is in promoting youth/police relations particularly between visible minority and aboriginal youth and police," Crozier said. "The Ontario Police College is committed to fostering positive race relations in all its programs. Our training program will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the recruits; providing them with the skills required for officers to respond to the realities of the communities they serve."

In terms of evolution, Cleveland said he hopes future plans for the program will include opportunities for the recruits to come to schools in the city to observe students and learn about life in their community. He also hopes that the students will be able to take tours of local police stations and have community meetings with police from their own area.

"You have to keep changing and refreshing programs," he advises.

## Global forum to bring law enforcement agencies together

Transnational organized crime, crime over the Internet, population migration and policing in post-conflict regions are just some of the issues that will be examined at a unique international forum called to discuss new and nontraditional threats to law enforcement.

The Global Forum for Law Enforcement and National Security (LENS), to be held in the heart of Edinburgh in June, will bring together government officials, law-enforcement agencies, military personnel and academics with the international business community. The gathering will produce an agenda for action to help protect the stability and integrity of law and order

The high-level programme will include presentations from William Webster, former director of the FBI and CIA; Jurgen Storbeck, director of EUROPOL; Peter Ryan QPM, commissioner of the New South Wales Police and Professor Ernesto Savona, director of TRANSCRIME.

These experts will join an impressive list of

more than 50 speakers who will focus on trends that will make it more difficult for governments and businesses to function effectively in secure and stable conditions.

Topics to be addressed during the forum will include the theft of intellectual property, counterfeiting, cyber-crime, the protection of electronic information, environmental crime and human smuggling.

"National security agencies and international policing organizations already have some of these threats in their sights," says Robert Hall, project director for the forum. "However, if these challenges are to be met with a truly effective and strategic response then they require new approaches and new structures.

"Above all, new alliances between agencies, particularly in the law enforcement and national security domains, are called for."

For more information on the forum, contact Robert Hall at +44 (0) 1206 845615 or by email at robert.hall@spearhead.co.uk.

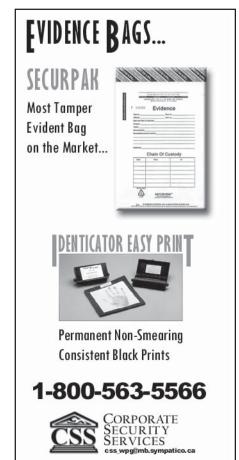
## Thief of the future revealed

by Alan Travis

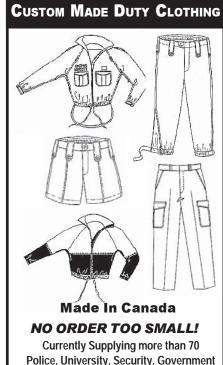
Britain's Department of Trade and Industry has issued a report saying that in 20 years, the skilled British thief will be more interested in stealing identities than objects.

The department's crime prevention panel warns that the nation needs to establish a national strategy to combat electronic crime within the next two years, if law enforcement agencies are to keep up with criminals who are learning new technologies. According to the report, criminals will be hunting for things like intellectual property, Internet services, data, and knowledge; it also predicts that the development of electronic tags and coatings for possessions will brand items with owners' identities and make them harder to steal.

The report suggests that technology will let thieves use relative anonymity to strike through the Internet, quickly and without a trace, and they will target services like pre-paid, no-contract mobile phones. The panel also predicts that there will be more violent crime, with individuals being targeted for passwords or credit card details, and notes that new laws are already needed to handle emerging crimes.



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## Sleep and sleep disorders

by Sleep/Wake Disorders Canada

Roughly one-third of our time is spent in sleep. Yet, in spite of rapid advances in sleep research during the past decade, there are still many things we don't understand about this important part of our lives.

Basically, there are two kinds of sleep. One is known as Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep. It is related to dreaming and occupies about a quarter of our sleeping hours. The second type, known as non-REM sleep, is characterized by light and deep stages, with the deeper stage (slow wave or delta sleep) usually predominating during the first three hours of sleep.

#### How Much Is Enough?

Perhaps the only measure of the amount of sleep we need is the amount that makes us feel well. Too much or too little makes a person irritable and tired. The old idea that every adult needs eight hours has long since been discounted; some need 10, some four.

#### What Are Some Of The Symptoms Of Sleep Disorders?

Primary sleep disorders all have a physiological basis. Something in the sleep mechanism is amiss.

Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) can manifest itself as sleep attacks (irresistible

sleepiness and/or an unusual susceptibility to drowsiness).

Sleep Apnea involves frequent cessations of breathing during a sleep period. Loud snoring usually accompanies each resumption of breathing. Awake, respiration is normal; asleep, the sufferer is unaware of breathing irregularities.

Cataplexy is a rapidly occuring loss of voluntary muscle tone, usually triggered by emotions such as laughter, anger, elation or surprise. A cataplectic attack can range from a brief experience of partial muscle weakness to an almost complete loss of muscle control lasting several minutes; the victim is conscious, but cannot move.

Disrupted Night-Time Sleep refers to multiple awakenings during each sleep period. Often such awakenings are accompanied by a craving for food.

Hypnagogic Hallucinations are intense, vivid, sometimes terrifying experiences which occur at the beginning or end of a sleep period. Any or all of the normal senses may be involved and the experience is often very difficult to distinguish from reality.

Night Terrors (not to be confused with night-

mares) usually affect young children who awaken in panic and confusion within an hour of falling asleep. The pulse races and there is disorientation, but no memory of dreaming. Nightmares are not a disorder, but a natural dream phenomenon; only if they are recurrent and deeply disturbing is help necessary.

Automatic Behaviour refers to doing things (usually of a routine nature) with greatly reduced awareness of, and intelligent control over, the activities involved. One is generally unable to recall the specific details of one's activities.

Sleep Paralysis is an awareness of one's inability to move despite the desire to do so. It occurs as a person is falling asleep or waking up.

Sleepwalking (somnambulism) episodes occur occasionally in children, typically before the age of 10 and stop by age 15. Frequent sleepwalking in adults is more serious, begins later in life, occurs more frequently, shows no family history, and is often related to major stress. Although sleepwalkers can avoid objects, they are clumsier than when awake and speech is usually unintelligible.

#### Disorders of the Sleep/Wake Schedule

People whose sleep time is shifted every few weeks may find their daily rhythms cannot adapt and may experience disrupted sleep. Even when circumstances later permit a regular schedule, it may be difficult to re-establish a good sleep schedule. Such people may develop mood changes, cognitive difficulties, and a tendency for peptic ulcers. Insomnia is common.

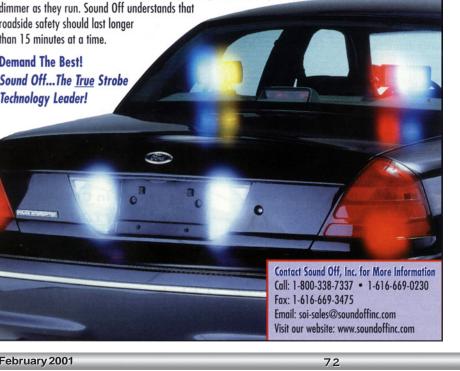
#### **How Are These Disorders Diagnosed?**

In addition to a thorough clincial history, the sleep specialist may request an all-night polysomnograph, requiring the patient to sleep at the lab while equipment records the different stages of sleep which are experienced.

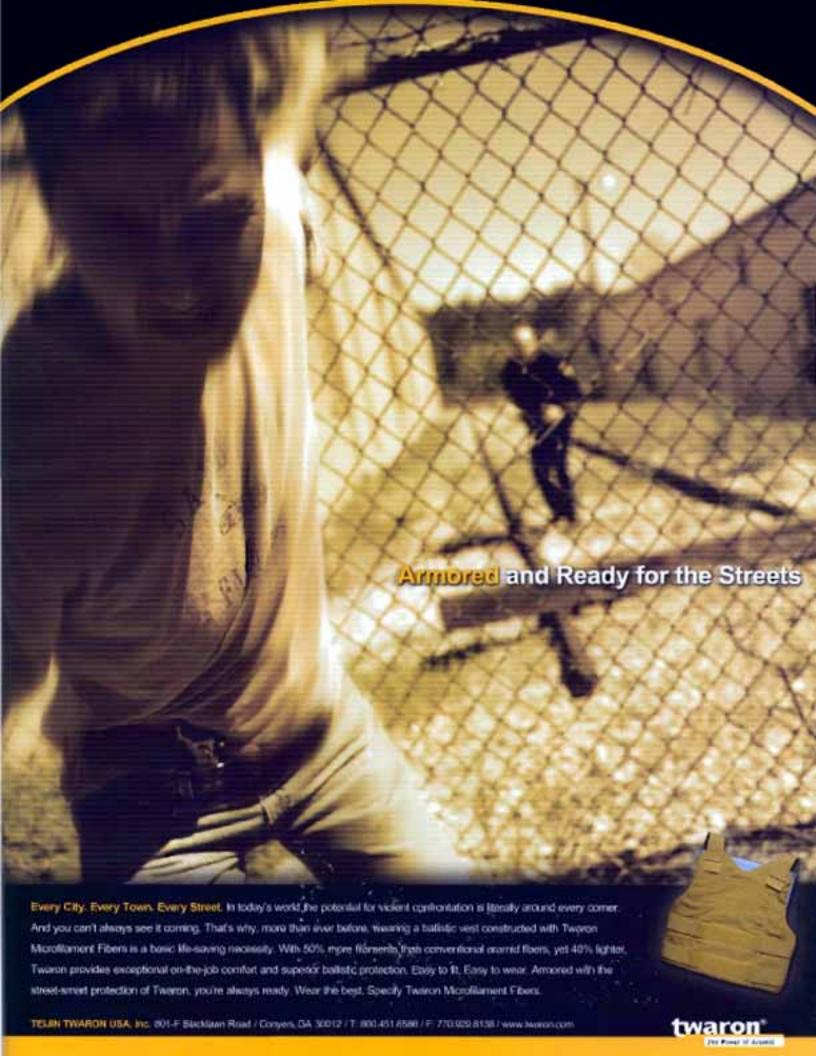
This same equipment may be used during the daytime for a multiple sleep latency test (MSLT), in which the patient is given opportunities to nap and the time needed to fall asleep is measured. Whether or not the patient enters REM sleep early is also recorded.

Sleep/Wake Disorders Canada (SWDC) is a registered charitable organization devoted to helping people suffering from sleep/wake disorders. SWDC provides literature, films and tapes in several languages and, through its chapters and contact representatives, encourages the development of self-help groups across the country. For more information call (416) 483-9654.





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A training session for board members and board secretaries has been scheduled for Zone 1. For details call (800) 831-7727.

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#### Niagara Falls - Ontario

This conference brings together police officers, educators and probation personnel in a forum of workshops and plenary speakers to discuss issues concerning those dealing with youth. In addition, the Bud Knight Award will be pre-

sented. For more information, contact Doug Turner at (905) 453-3311, ext. 4166.

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#### Toronto - Ontario

The seminar will deal with many aspects of sexual assault investigation and give the Sexual Assault Investigation specialist invaluable knowledge which will enhance their investigative skills. Seminar and panel speakers will include professionals from many different areas of expertise. Contact Tracey Marshall, (416) 808-7448.

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The Sarnia Police Service is hosting this annual event. for more information, call Frank Blum at (519) 344-8861, ext. 6056.

#### March 19 - 23, 2001 15th Annual Forensic Identification Seminar Toronto - Ontario

This seminar, hosted by the Toronto Police Service, will include lectures, workshops and a trade show. The theme of this year's event is forensics in the new millennium. For more information contact Anna Ferrari (416) 808-6976

#### April 1 - 3, 2001 Western Canada Robbery Investigators Seminar Edmonton - Alberta

This seminar is not to be consid-

ered a training program but an opportunity for robbery investigators from other parts of Canada to meet and exchange ideas and strategies relating to robbery investigations, prosecutions and prevention. Some of the topics that will be discussed include Geographical Profiling, DNA exhibit collection and handling, robbery prosecutions and at least three case studies from different police services. If you require any further information regarding this seminar, please contact Robin Plomp (780) 421-3415.

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## Command centre will help beat cops

by John Drake Washington Times

Police in Washington, D.C., will soon have access to a 24-hour "tactical operations command centre" that can collect crime data in real-time, scour it for patterns and statistics and then shoot it back to officers on the beat almost immediately.

The centre will be especially helpful now that the city's police department has put 250 extra officers on the streets.

Previously, crime data and trends were relayed during briefings at roll calls, a method which was not particularly thorough.

The new centre will disseminate crime reports to officers within an hour after a crime is committed and will also be used to direct officers to serious incidents as they are occurring, by detailing locations of emergency calls via electronic maps, highlighting the crime history of a particular location and listing possible suspects in the case.

For example, the centre can alert an officer about to enter a residence as to whether anyone in the house has been arrested before, or has a warrant out for their arrest and whether there is a likelihood of firearms being on the premises.

The centre will not be fully operational for several months.

## U.S. sees threat of information warfare

by Washington Times

The United States is becoming increasingly vulnerable to information warfare as the nation's reliance on technology grows, officials warn.

Hostile governments, guerilla groups and criminal cartels could launch surprise digital attacks designed to knock out critical systems such as telecommunications, power grids, and financial networks.

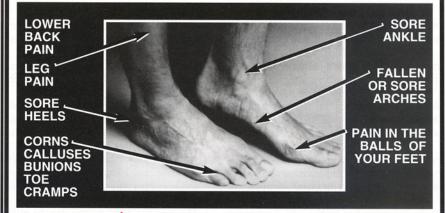
Malicious groups "are doing reconnaissance today on our networks, mapping them, looking for vulnerabilities," says Richard Clarke, the top aide to President Bill Clinton on infrastructure protection and counter-terrorism.

Hostile parties could easily unleash largescale versions of the distributed denial-of-service attacks that brought down leading web sites such as e-Bay and Amazon.com last February, Clarke says.

The National Security Council recently hosted a conference where attendees discussed ways to address the threat of information warfare, such as developing a rapid response system and improving cooperation between government and the private sector.

The CIA and other intelligence groups have released a report saying that the nation's enemies are more likely to launch a cyber-attack or threaten the use of biological or nuclear arms than to attempt traditional combat with the U.S. military.

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## What computer forensics can do for you

by Kenneth Molloy

An increasing number of police departments are training their members in the field of digital evidence recovery, or are making arrangements with larger departments with resources to have fully trained and dedicated staff. Whether they are civilian or sworn members working in this field, they can be called upon to assist in search warrant preparation, computer seizure and examination, or tracing information on the Internet.

As computers continue to be used by an ever-increasing number of people and businesses, the use of personal computers by criminals or as objects in police investigations continues to grow. Computers are being used for activities that range from creating false identity papers, to counterfeiting money, to making harassing letters and e-mails.

Even identifying the owner of a stolen computer is possible. In each case, there is digital evidence stored within the computer that may be recovered and used in court. Some exceptions do apply to the retrieval.

If knowledge exists that a computer may hold evidence, consulting with one of the computer crime members should take place early in the investigation. An example is a recent case where a suspect was said to have recorded a sexual assault with a web camera to play it back on the Internet. Forensic investigators were able to brief officers on what equipment would have been needed for this to have occurred and confirmed that it was possible.

Investigators will also be able to consult with forensic investigators for wording on search warrants and answering magistrates' questions. In addition, the investigators could be briefed on what types of computer related items they should be looking for.

If it becomes necessary to seize a computer, unit members will attend the scene. Investigators do not need to worry about tagging or seizing any part of the computer equipment. Computer crime investigators have taken training in the safe and proper methods of seizing a computer. They will look after seizing all computer items, removing them from the scene, doing a forensic examination and report, and securing seizures for court.

The investigator does need to be specific in what it is they want to find on the computer. To say "tell me everything that is on the computer" is too large a task and would produce a pile of paper that could literally fill a semi-trailer. It is more practicable, and realistic to ask for specific files or images. After the forensic examination is completed, the investigator will receive a written report and a compact disc showing the digital evidence found. The investigator will still need to link that evidence to the suspect.



DATA: Hard drives often contain a lot of case information.

Computer forensics can certainly uncover a mountain of evidence, but it does not take a picture of who is behind the keyboard. The investigator will still need to relate the evidence to the crime and the suspect. This may mean checking company security logs, or taking negative statements from others with access to the computer.

Such was the case for uniform members of the Winnipeg Police in the St. James Division investigating a series of hate emails sent from a home computer. A negative statement from the suspect's brother found that he had watched while the suspect typed the malicious message.

In most cases, even if the material is deleted from the computer, it can still be recovered. In deleting a file, computers are lazy, they don't erase the material, they just remove the references to it. It's like taking the chapter title and page number out of a book's table of contents, the material is still on the pages, only the table of contents thinks it's not there.

If the material does get overwritten, there is a chance it can still be partially recovered. Remember, computers are lazy, they can't keep track of every bit of material. They track an area of space on a hard drive or floppy disk that is referred to as a sector.

A maitre d' in a busy restaurant doesn't track each diner, just the tables. If each table seats four people, each dinner party must occupy the whole table. If only two people sit down, the other two seats are left vacant.

The computer does the same thing, only one file can occupy a sector and if it does not completely fill it, the rest is left blank.

When the people are done eating in this imaginary restaurant, the dirty place settings are left there, they are so busy. When the new party sits down, only enough settings are cleared to seat the new diners. If only one person sits down, the other three dirty place settings are left there.

The computer will do the same thing, only as much space as is needed is cleared for a new file, any old data is just left there. The computer puts a marker in to ignore the old data, but an examiner can find it with the proper tools.

People are often surprised that a forensic examiner can find a file on a personal computer when the file has never been saved to the hard drive. While a user is working on a file, the computer, through an internal process, performs an auto save to update the file and try to prevent data from being lost should a power interruption occur.

Watch the next time you are typing in Word or WordPerfect, at the bottom of the screen is a tool bar that will occasionally read auto save and have a series of coloured blocks grow across the tool bar. So even if a file is saved on a diskette, while being worked on the computer is saving the

information to a temporary storage space on the internal hard drive.

One case saw the examiner hunting for just such a file. The perpetrator had always worked off a diskette, never saving to the hard drive, and the floppy could not be found. Yet the examiner recovered all 30 pages of the document from the hard drive.

The skills involved in forensic data recovery are largely common sense, but they do require the proper forensic tools and training. It may seem simple for the investigator to just turn the computer on and hunt for the file, but this should not be done under any circumstances.

Just turning on the Windows operating system that is so familiar to most users, can change as much as 500 files in the start up. Even opening files to view them changes access time stamps. All this needs to be explained by the forensic examiner in court and computer crime members have been trained on how to prepare and present this information to a judge.

Check your own department policies on computers in investigations and speak to your department's members assigned to the field. You will find that they will gladly answer questions before a problem arises, rather than after.

If you remember one thing related to computers being required as evidence, do not turn the power on and if the computer is on, do not turn it off. Liaise with a computer examiner for further details.

Kenneth Molloy, is an 11 year veteran of the Winnipeg Police Service, currently assigned to the Commercial Crime Unit conducting computer seizures and examinations along with general fraud investigations. He can be reach by e-mail at kmolloy@city.winnipeg.mb.ca.

## Response trade show turns five

## Co-ordinators prepare for another sucessful year

The staff at *Blue Line Magazine* are preparing for a milestone. When the doors open for Response 2001, it will mark the fifth year for the annual trade show.

Response 2001, Canada's national law enforcement exhibition, will again feature a number of attractions for police officers, security personnel, by-law enforcement officers and corrections officials nation-wide.

"We're really looking forward to our fifth show," said Tricia Rudy, a Response 2001 coordinator. "We've enjoyed great success in the past and this year should be no different. Thousands of law enforcement officers have attended the trade show since it began in 1997 and every year it seems we receive a greater number of positive comments from those in attendance

"This show has really grown during the past five years and it will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future."

A number of exhibitors will once again be in attendance at the show, which will be held between April 24 and 25, to display a vast array of products and services.

During past shows, members of the law enforcement community have had the opportunity to view and test products and services including motorcycles, infrared camera units, duty belts, cruisers, holsters, flotation gear, pens, ammunition, canine body armour, batons, Internet connection services, blunt trauma vests and sunglasses.

"This year promises to be no different," Rudy said. "With the wide range of exhibitors who attend the show, officers will be able to find a product or piece of equipment of interest regardless of the agency they serve, or rank they hold."

The Canadian Police Research Centre will also host a special display dubbed "Emerging Technology." This section of the show is reserved for companies displaying innovative technology which could some day be used by the law enforcement community.

"The Canadian Police Research Centre is looking forward to being part of Response 2001," said John Arnold CPRC's chief scientist. "We have received a lot of positive feedback from officers in the past and we always welcome the opportunity to allow the law enforcement community to share their thoughts with us regarding technology which is being developed for their use."

In addition to these features, Response 2001 will also host the Blue Line Symposium. The symposium for this year offers two instructional courses which cover Investigative Interviewing Techniques and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.

Both courses run over two days and seating is reserved on a first-come, first serve basis.

Response 2001 will be held at the Le Parc Conference Centre in Markham, Ont., between April 24 and 25. For more details regarding the show contact Blue Line Magazine at (905) 640-3048. To pre-register for Response 2001 and gain free admittance to the show, complete the form on the magazine's front outside sleeve and fax it to (905) 640-7547 or fill out the registration form at www.blueline.ca.





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## Make no mistake about ethics

by Robert Stevens

For as long as people have been living together in groups, ethics, the moral regulation of human behaviour, has been necessary to the group's well-being. This is no less so today. In our rapidly changing world, where established ideas seem to be turned on their heads over night, it is a particularly difficult transition to the new realities for police organizations.

#### **History**

Early, pre-Christian civilizations such as Judaism had arbitrary moral standards, with its Mosaic law. It presented moral standards as commandments of God, to which the individual was expected to submit without question.

Not until the Greek philosophers of the sixth century BC, did moral behaviour become the subject of theoretical speculation. According to Plato, good is an essential element of reality. Evil does not exist in itself, but is an imperfect reflection of the real, which is good.

To some, ethics is like breathing. There is no issue at all, being transparently ethical takes no effort, no thought whatsoever. This is the type of person that police departments ideally should be attracting.

After all, police personnel themselves are entrusted with enforcing a code of ethics within the communities they serve. They should have no problem living within the same code of ethics themselves.

#### **Mistakes**

These days we hear serious ethical breaches described as mere "mistakes".

Ontario's deadly tainted water scandal, amounts to one trusted town employee's 20 year long "mistake" of deliberate negligence and falsifying records. A 14 year adulterous affair, conspired under the nose of his wife, is shrugged off as simply a mistake by a city's chief magistrate. A philandering president lies to his nation, then lies under oath. His defenders counter the only mistake lay in asking the questions.

A CEO of a major hospital, much admired for his frugal budgetary ways, lets the hospital fall into dangerous disrepair while he diverts scarce hospital resources and tradesmen to spruce up his summer cottage. A multi-millionaire hockey impresario is convicted of theft and fraud.

All betrayed a trust. Did they make a mistake? They made no mistake, short of being caught.

Police officers are no different. Some do breach ethical behaviour. They use their position to gain materially for themselves and family members. Some have gone still further and committed serious indictable offences. Others cheat and chisel at smaller things.

It would be hard to argue that any of the

above were forced by tight finances or poor working conditions to do what they did. They did what they did because they believed they could get away with it. A betrayal.

#### **Good Conduct**

Depending on the social setting, the authority invoked for good conduct is the will of God, or the pattern of nature, or the rule of reason.

Adherence to God will be drawn from the commandments in the scriptures.

If the pattern of nature is to be conformed with, then qualities attributed to human nature is the standard.

With the rule of reason, good behaviour is expected to result from rational thought.

Ethics is considered a normative science, that is, it is concerned with norms of human conduct. Phi-

losophers have attempted to determine goodness in conduct according to two chief principles, types of conduct which are:

- · good in themselves, and
- good because they conform to a particular moral standard.

The former implies a final value, which is

desirable in itself and not merely a means to an end. There are three principle standards of conduct, each of which may be proposed as the highest good:

- happiness or pleasure,
- duty, virtue or obligation, and
- perfection, the most harmonious development of human potential.

Standards leading exclusively to intense and enduring pleasure are best fulfilled. In the philosophy of Hedonism. The hedon-

ist's only goal is pleasure. A philosophy whose highest attainment is power, implies a standard of perfection that can be attained only through competition and control.

Ethical philosophy usually equates satisfaction in life with prudence. A prudent person resigned to accepting all

customs because of no motivation to exercise preference, may develop a philosophy of prudence.

He or she then lives in conformity with the moral conduct of that period and society. This person, dedicated to duty, virtue and obligation would be ideally suited to policing.

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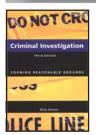
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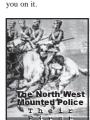
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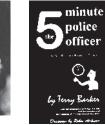
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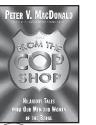
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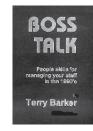


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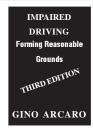
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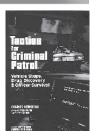
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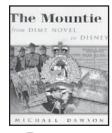
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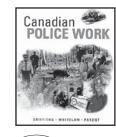
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