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This month's cover comes courtesy of Inspector Chris Offer of the Vancouver Police Department. Taken at the height of the APEC demonstrations this scene shows a cross section of society's varied interests. Most prominent, other than police, is the media with their cameras, sound systems and tape recorders. One can only imagine all the agendas that the other spectators have lurking in their minds. Controlling such crowds, especially in Vancouver, has been an on-going dilemma for years. On Page 10 of this edition you will find an article that explains the Vancouver Police Department's innovative approach to using bicycle officers for crowd control. For any agency considering the use of bicycle officers this article could be of interest to you.



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# What criminal did this damage?

by Morley Lyburner



10 YEARS

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The big notch I found in the steering wheel was neatly cut by a knife. It was easy to see that someone took his time to do it. The damage to the dash was clearly caused by someone cutting, tearing and pulling at it. The four plastic dash vents had been smashed out. I thought this must be a real old car. The speedometer read only around 60,000 km.

How could a police officer permit the criminal he had arrested to do this damage? I had to wonder what type of mind would do this kind of thing. It amazed me that the officer would not charge the guy after he found he had damaged his police car to that extent.

I was also amazed that the officer did not search his prisoner and find the knife he used to cut the notch in the steering wheel. But the thing that had me completely mystified was how this criminal got behind the wheel in the first place and was permitted all the time it took to do this?

Or could it be... Naw! No way! It couldn't have been...

The police force has come a long way since the old days of six and four cylinder Ford Fairmonts with bench seats that left your partner chewing on his knee caps or crushing your shoulder on turns. I can still remember trying to respond to major occurrences with a two door slant six Plymouth and no roof lights. Flashing my headlights and honking my horn caused me to spend more time responding to calls on the sidewalks and boulevards than on the highway.



On hot summer days, while wearing my buttoned up long sleeve shirt, tie and cross strap, and my hat firmly crushed onto my head, I would pick up speed and note the level of dust in the air came higher off the floor as my speed increased. Many a pursuit was called off due to the amount of dust in the air and in my eyes. One officer had written on the door that since the speedometer had not worked for the past six months the speed limit was when the dust was eight inches off the floor. He had drawn a line to indicate this. I tried it. He was right!

We have come a long way yet we have many, many more improvements to make. The biggest improvement necessary, however, is

the attitude of the person who's butt is on the seat. Proper respect for the issued equipment is more important than ever.

Police forces today are routinely ordering cars with air conditioning, split bench seats, cloth seats, tinted glass, and good sized engines. They are installing computerized video terminals, improved light and sound packages and better first aid kits. The police vehicles of today are painted better with some of the best reflective material in North America. Officers enjoy hat racks, night stick holders, hand radio holders, and in most instances even a place to put that cup of coffee. We now ride on the best tires that money can buy. And that isn't all. If you have any ideas on how to improve on perfection you can do this as well. Many agencies have Equipment Committees set up for this very purpose.

All that is asked in return is to take reasonable care of YOUR office. If you find something wrong have it fixed or let the officer-in charge know about it. Even better - let that slob who does this damage know how lucky we are to have the equipment we have. It was not too long ago we didn't have it and in most cases it isn't written anywhere that they have to give it to us.

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# Invisible walls and good guys

by Robert F. Lunney

Budgets are tight; resources scarce and Police Services everywhere are striving to improve their financial performance. In trying times, it's good to know who your friends are. Sometimes you find them in overlooked places; like right under your nose. A case in point: The many loyal, hard working and dedicated professionals representing suppliers of police equipment and services in Canada.

In most Police Services, salaries and benefits occupy between 80 and 90% of an annual operating budget leaving the balance for all other services, equipment and material costs. The need to make the most of these remaining dollars is obvious. It also seems obvious that police and their suppliers share a common goal in ensuring these monies are spent wisely and well. But in too many instances you wouldn't know it. Three issues hinder the mutual dependence that should ensure an advantageous partnership: Relationships; Process; and Business Environment. Supplier focus is an integral element of Quality Management. As Police strive for quality performance in operations and administration, these issues need urgent attention.

## Relationships

Frankly, there are still many police officials who regard commercial representatives as a necessary evil. That seems harsh, but this is the opinion of many of the sales people and manufacturers' agents serving the needs of the Police community. Suppliers have difficulty scheduling appointments with key decision-makers or getting a response to their letters. They lack good opportunities to display their products, share their expertise, and establish rapport to the benefit of their Police customers. Although in recent years many Forces use Uniform and Equipment Committees or a Joint Consultation process to identify equipment needs and specifications, there remain many examples when the decision-maker is not an ultimate user, and lacks accurate information about products or what the users need and want.

There are ways and means to improve internal communication, but beyond that police leadership needs to dispense with the fear of consulting suppliers on the specific requirements of a product and the search for the new and better. For a model of one of the best collaborative relationships now existing, consider the continuous flow of information between police fleet managers and manufacturers. The Canadian Police Research Centre routinely encourages and supports inventors and manufacturers of new products for policing.

There are obvious pitfalls for the unwary. Scanning and product research must be conducted separately from the tendering process, and fairness and equity must be extended to all competitors. Managers who practice unwarranted bias in the developmental process leave the Service vulnerable at the administrative and political level. In today's highly competitive business environment a challenge by an unsuccessful bidder on a big-ticket purchase has become depressingly common. This is an area where the unwitting internal committee can blunder badly. The prudent course is to ensure that a representative of the purchasing department or a legal advisor is consulted before the committee gets in over its head. Organizational integrity must be sustained, and the appearance of compromise avoided.

In direct dealing with suppliers, common courtesy and respect are at the heart of a productive partnership. Many of the sales agents have been in the field for years. They know the problems, sometimes better than their customers do, and they are concerned stakeholders in the business of policing. While there are fundamental differences between the public service culture and the commercial culture, the cultures are parallel and coexisting, not opposing. Recent years have seen the demise of many barriers that have hindered trade and free market forces, to the benefit of business and consumers. It's time to take down that invisible wall that has confounded our "good-guy" suppliers.

## Process

There may be variations in the degree of delegated authority, but police services everywhere operate within the purchasing policy of their government authority. Suppliers complain that government regulations and procedures have not kept pace with market realities and fail to recognize innovations in product and marketing practices. The pedantry characteristic of government "red tape" is legendary, and a continuing source of frustration to police buyers and suppliers. The suppliers are quite capable of voicing their concerns and suggestions to central purchasing authorities. Their proposals would succeed more often if endorsed by the police.

Timeliness is another concern. A central purchasing department located far from the ultimate user feels no pressure to deal promptly with submissions. There have been cases where suppliers have been driven into default waiting for an approval. The suppliers need to know that the police administration will fight for a critical priority. The risk is that frustrated busi-

nesses will drop out of the police market restricting the advantages of competition. We are not the only game in town. There is a private security industry out there three times the size of the police market and they are buying many of the same products. Excessive bureaucracy does not hinder them. Police need to get on the same page as their commercial partners, and lobby for better purchasing policies. Working together for mutual benefit serves us all.

## Business Environment

The business environment for suppliers is much different than it was ten years ago, and the pace of change has accelerated with the impact of free trade agreements. Bulk purchasing may not be the panacea it was once thought to be. Purchasing in bulk lots from a single supplier tempts the creation of monopoly, which in the long run eliminates competition - never a good way to ensure the lowest price for the best qualifying product.

Suppliers make tactful suggestions that, in the interests of internal efficiency, the police should consider out-sourcing their stores inventory. Why not deal direct with a supplier who offers on-time delivery, and will maintain a stock of new and slightly used property for off the shelf purchase? Police stores may be excessively costly and obsolete. Current and potential suppliers can assist in examining the cost benefit of out-sourcing non-core activities.

## Quality Management

The National Quality Institute of Canada promotes quality practices by assisting business and government in applying a template to their operations for measuring organizational performance. Significantly, "supplier focus" is one of the six measures in the NQI QualityTest. Many of the better supply firms are involved in the quality movement through participation in the ISO standards and other forms of accreditation. Supplier relationships are an important factor in any Quality Management initiative.

## Conclusion

In an era dominated by cost concerns, police consumers have the responsibility for making decisions on the basis of value, quality and cost effectiveness, ensuring the timely delivery of equipment and services to the front line users. It's time to stop treating our long suffering suppliers as camp followers, and recognize them as the respected and helpful partners they have proven to be.

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## LETTERS

I liked your item on concealable body armour. Let's see what reaction it gets!

I would also like to send along congratulations on 10 years of publication. No doubt you had to endure much self-doubt and adversity, but Blue Line is now an integral part of the Canadian Police culture, and the niche you have carved out straddles all levels and shades of opinion. Let's hear a big YES for Blue Line!

*Regards Robert Lunney  
Toronto, Ontario*

Regarding your commentary in Blue Line January 1998; "Let's get the word 'concealable' back into body armour."

I agree whole heartily with your comment points one and two, regarding exterior body armour. It struck me as such obvious liabilities when I first started seeing agencies going to the external vests that I wondered if I was the only one... apparently not!

I for one will continue to wear my armour, but concealed for the reasons cited by yourself in this article.

*Steve Crawford  
Mission, British Columbia*



I read your article about concealable body armour on page six in your January issue with a great deal of interest. Without making this sound too much like an advertisement, I believe you may be interested in a carrier we just recently

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It appears our decision to move forward with this concept is rather timely.

*Sandy Glenn, General Sales Manager  
R. Nicholls Distributors Inc.  
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## FRIGID AND FRAGILE

*The need for supplies and services has never been so great*

In casual conversation it will come to be known as the Ice Storm of 98. But in the minds of residents of Quebec and Eastern Ontario it will remind them of scrambling for food, candles, generators, fire wood, batteries, gasoline and money. It was a very difficult lesson in the need to be prepared for any eventuality.

What was experienced in Montreal was nothing short of a disaster. This is the type of event that is only seen on television, but never touching this close to home. Millions of people were without power and the after effects of power outages and shortages will be felt for many grim months to come.

Although the brunt of the storm struck the heaviest populated area of Quebec it also struck the Ottawa valley and upper St. Lawrence region of Ontario with equal fury and devastation. While Quebec authorities were well concentrated in the Montreal region it was not the same for the Ottawa to Kingston regions. The Ontario Provincial Police found themselves spread thinly with the work at hand and police resources had to be not only called in from across the province but also billets arranged with scarce resources suitable to accommodate.

Other police detachments were busy supplying drop off points across both Ontario and Quebec for donations of blankets, sleeping bags and power generators. Toronto area provincial and municipal police have gathered over 180 generators and Labbat Breweries supplied the tractor trailers to deliver the units.

No police agency can be prepared for every eventuality. This is where they need to turn to the private sector within their communities for support. It is from the private sector that depleting stocks can be replenished to provide these important services to the public.



Many companies put forth herculean efforts to assist authorities in their tasks. Nicholls Distributors was one of the first to step up for the challenge as was Thomas Electronics, and the Canadian distributor for Code 3 - Calgary-based Barry Shane and Associates.

Nicholls Distributors provided security supplies from its in-stock inventory including; flares, chemical lightsticks, rotating lights for police vehicles, flashlights, batteries, night vision equipment, wool sweaters, parkas, mittens, fur hats and spotlights.

This was no small task, for it was definitely not a simple matter of business as usual. Nicholls and Thomas Electronics, like other local Montreal area businesses, were also hit by the storm both in their warehouses, offices and in the homes of their employees. In spite of this they stayed on call twenty four hours a day.

Bob Nicholls reported that his employees kept the warehouse open and slept at the office throughout the crises. Almost all the requirements of local police were met by existing stock but many supplies had to be ordered from manufacturers for overnight delivery. Of particular assistance was companies such as Litton Industries, who worked overtime to provide night vision gear on a moments notice.

In many ways this event may serve as an indicator to law enforcement agencies, to be prepared, by obtaining equipment before such a disaster strikes. This edition of Blue Line Magazine is one of the more important issues of the year in this respect. Look over the category of products and services available and acquaint yourself with the suppliers of the life-saving equipment you may one day need. Best of all - keep a copy of this annual edition handy. Every effort is made to verify that the information is both correct and up-to-date.

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# It's time the downtrodden masses received true justice

by Morley Lyburner

## P.I.R.L.A

Several years ago we were introduced to the Citizens Independent Review of Police Practices. Known as CIRPA, this group of crusading people made a lot of noise in the media about police investigating complaints about themselves. It was this group that foreshadowed the present-day multitude of independent police complaints departments.

The name CIRPA was a bit of a misnomer. It would appear that it was far from mere citizens running this group. It was quite clear that the big wheels behind it were all lawyers who worked in the criminal justice system. With these noble persons in charge we now should be aware that the group should have been called LIRPA.

In any event these crusading lawyers certainly made a name for themselves. I am quite sure they made a good buck as well. In a profession that, at that time, did not allow advertising I think they could have made any Madison Avenue advertising agency blush. Media attention was sure intense.

It came to my attention that the legal profession does not allow outside agencies to investigate their own people for wrongdoing. Lawyers, much the same as police officers, have certain protections under the criminal code. However the Law Societies are the sole investigator of complaints against the members of their profession.

I would therefore propose we start a new organization. Since it is my idea, and in the interest of my freedom of expression, I would choose the name PIRLA. This group would supply an Independent Review of Lawyers Activities.

As suggested by the title the organization would be made up of a cross section of society. It should be a true representative of all groups in each community they serve. It should champion the cause of many a destitute person awaiting his lawyer in the hallways of the court house, lawyers who have double booked a jury trial with this poor shmuck's shoplifting charge.

The group should be made up of fine understanding persons within the community. They should be of excellent character. They should be genuinely concerned about the best interests of the accused persons victimized by all those profit motivated persons who cruise the hallways of the courts.

Now don't get us wrong. We do not wish to say for a second that all lawyers are this type. Well we would be the first to say that there has got to be some honest ones out there. The law of averages says there have to be some.

Our concern, as truly independent spokespersons for the downtrodden, is to make sure that complaints against lawyers receive a fair and impartial hearing. It will be our cause to create an atmosphere of trust between the public and the lawyer. This will be due to our completely detached and independent way of thinking.

It will be our position that no person should have to be subjected to the cruel tortures of the more unscrupulous members. We will demand an immediate end to the practice of "dry submarining". As you know this is a practice of charging so much for services that the person is buried under an ocean of bills and civil litigation for services rendered.

We will demand an end to "introducenus

an flogganus". This is when lawyers introduce themselves to their clients in the front of the court just prior to the plea of guilty.

We would like to introduce a program called "midnightus interruptus". In layman's terms this means we will demand that all lawyers be made available on a 24-hour basis to take calls from potential clients. We feel that if the legislators enshrine such make-work programs as section 10(b) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms the legal profession should be ready to back it up. We would like their home phone numbers to help do this. The downtrod-

den masses that PIRLA will represent should have the right to counsel of their choice, not the choice of the legal aid program.

We also want them to work three shifts. Citizens should be able to go see their lawyer at convenient times that do not clash with their own work.

As was stated before, PIRLA would be a completely independent review of lawyers' practices. We will have no interest other than improving legal services to the community.

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# Police bikes controlling demonstrations

## Keeping things in balance



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by Chris Offer & Bert Rainey



How crowds are controlled is an important aspect of the community policing philosophy. The degree of force used to balance an individual's right to protest and yet guarantee the security of internationally protected persons is a very important

and delicate issue. The Vancouver Police Department recently had an opportunity to prove that bike patrol officers can be used to better achieve that balance.

One of Canada's largest security operations, Asia Pacific Economic Conference 97 (APEC), presented many and varied challenges to the Vancouver Police, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other partner agencies. The APEC conference brought to Vancouver eighteen heads of state from the Pacific Rim, their support staff and spouses, many of whom have Internationally Protected Person status.

The APEC summit also attracted thousands of journalists as well as diverse groups opposed to the meetings or who wished to protest human rights violations in some of the countries attending the meetings.

Hundreds of police personnel were assigned to meeting sites and hotels during APEC. To meet unforeseen demands for personnel resources the Vancouver Police de-

ployed a sixty-officer bicycle equipped Quick Response Team (QRT) and in doing so showed unequivocally that large groups and belligerent crowds can be managed successfully by bike officers.

The use of the bike patrol was one of the most innovative security strategies used at APEC. Sixty of Vancouver's bike officers are normally assigned to community police offices, patrolling the city's neighbourhoods, beaches and parks, or targeting auto crime and enforcing drug laws. With the announced coming of APEC these resources were assigned for the first time into one Quick Response Team.

The team was organized into four fifteen-person squads with a sergeant in charge and an inspector with overall command. The mandate was to move rapidly to various APEC sites as additional resources were required.

The Bicycle Patrol Coordinator and trainer developed a number of innovative crowd control techniques using bicycles and modified traditional police crowd control tactics for use by bike patrol officers. The bike officers presented a less aggressive impression to the demonstrators and public than that of a Crowd Control Unit.

The bike patrol officer's method of transportation also doubles as a portable fence or crowd barrier. The officers face the crowd in a line holding their bicycles. To form a barrier each bike constable overlaps the front wheel of their bike with the next officer's rear wheel holding the bike

in front. The bike officers are able to restrain a demonstration or push the crowd back with less personnel and with a lower level of force than a line of police without bikes. The reason is the physical and psychological barrier the bicycle represents. The bike increases the personal space between police and demonstrators.

The Vancouver Police also developed a "V" formation used by a team of bikes to open paths for VIPs to gain entry through demonstrators. Using bikes to push people is more effective and psychologically is not as aggressive as being pushed with hands or a baton. The members utilizing this method found the "get your hands off of me" response was replaced with compliance.

The University of British Columbia became the flash point for protestors opposed to APEC with some setting up a tent city on the campus. The bike squad regularly patrolled the campus site in the days before the meeting and built up a relationship with tent protestors which later helped to de-escalate many tense incidents.

The critical test for the crowd control techniques occurred when the eighteen heads of state moved from downtown Vancouver in individual motorcades at two minute intervals to the Museum of Anthropology at UBC for their final meeting. One thousand protestors marched on the security fence after the leaders arrived at the site. Protestors were permitted to approach the fence. OC spray was used by police when a core group started to pull





*Parade downtown*



*Trade and convention centre Vancouver*

down the temporary fence. The bike members were in formation on either side of the marchers and moved quickly along with the RCMP personnel to form a line in front of the demonstration moving the protestors away from the fence. Bikes were used to form a barricade to hold the demonstrators back. Only a small group intent on creating an incident and being arrested clashed with police.

In one incident a protestor with chronic breathing problems needed medical attention after being sprayed with OC spray. When bike officers became aware of this the bikes were lifted up and surged forward until the line was past the ailing protestor who then received assistance from Paramedics who were also on bikes and strategically positioned behind the police lines.

This particular clash received considerable national and international media attention. The vast majority of the demonstrators were controlled in a non-violent way without the use of OC spray by the bike squad with the back up of RCMP members on foot. Due to this the Crowd Control Unit, police dogs and horses on stand by were not used to control the crowd.

When protestors began to disperse from the fence area, a core group attempted to enter one of three gates into the secure area. The bike squad set up a barrier of interlocked bicycles in front of the gate. The group then split up in an attempt to block the remaining two routes. In response the bike squad split to cover gates one and two. The third was cleared by RCMP foot personnel for the motorcades to leave.

When the last motorcade departed the QRT bike squads were immediately redeployed to downtown Vancouver to manage a march and rally of 700 protestors. The bikes travelled the eighteen kilometres from the university to the downtown core rapidly despite street closures. The rally was handled without incident even with an arrival of a motorcade a short distance away.

Bike patrol officers demonstrated their value during APEC at other events. China's president Jiang Zemin was spotted by a passing group of about one hundred demonstra-



*Vancouver bike patrol officers join with RCMP officers to hold the line.*

tors, who were in support of human rights for Tibet, when he was arriving on a non publicized visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery. The ensuing demonstration was not anticipated. The APEC site commander for the Art Gallery called for assistance. The first Bike Sergeant to arrive assessed the situation and requested three squads to attend. The bikes responded through the congested Vancouver traffic and formed a clear path for the departure of the President of China through the demonstrators. Then, with the increased level of protection required, extra RCMP and Vancouver Police personnel on foot arrived to back up the line of bikes. The President and his entourage departed safely to his ten vehicle motorcade.

The bike patrol officers were used to control a large parade when 2,500 people from groups opposed to APEC marched two kilometres through downtown Vancouver to the main venue for the APEC meetings at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. The control of this march fell to the QRT bike squad as all the Vancouver, Victoria Police and RCMP motorcycles were assigned to motorcade escorts. The bike squad members moved ahead of the six block long parade of demonstrators locking down each intersection. Despite not having the motorcycle's ability to squeeze the crowd from three lanes into two to keep some traffic moving the bike officers managed the demonstration from start to destination without incident.

The bikes were also called to a small dem-

onstration at a consulate office when a group of marchers attempted to gain entry to the building. A squad attended and locked all the doorways with their bikes permitting only two people to deliver a letter to the consulate office.

Bike patrol officers trained in crowd control methods offer field commanders another force option to consider as the bikes can be used as barriers and as protection. During APEC most protestors were reluctant to even touch the police bikes. When arrests were made, the suspects were easily pulled between two bikes that were moved aside. Arrested parties can also be controlled by being pulled over the bike. This causes the arrested person to lose balance and become easier to restrain.

Police use of bicycles has expanded rapidly in just a few years and has become central in many department's community policing strategies. The pioneering use of police on bikes at APEC illustrated a significant new area of deployment for bicycles.

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# Warrantless search for stolen property

*R. v. Belnavis (1997) 118 C.C.C(3d) p405 (Supreme Court of Canada)*

by Gino Arcaro

You are a uniform police officer on patrol. You stop a car for speeding. The car has New York state plates. Three occupants are in the car. The driver has no documentation and tells you that the car is owned by a friend. Three open garbage full of new clothes with price tags attached, are on the back seat. One occupant informs you that they own the clothes. Another tells you that they were in the car when they borrowed it. CPIC reveals that the car has not been reported stolen and a valid arrest warrant exists for the driver regarding unpaid fines. You suspect that the clothes have been stolen. Can you search the trunk without a warrant? Can you seize the clothes?

The answer begins with an analysis of section 8 Charter and a person's reasonable expectation of privacy, and an application of those principles as found in *R. v. Belnavis(1997)*.

The Supreme Court of Canada has stated that the purpose of sec. 8 Charter is to protect a citizen's right to a reasonable expectation of privacy against unreasonable searches by the police. However, this guarantee only protects a reasonable ex-

pectation of privacy. The circumstances that constitute reasonable will vary in every case. In *R. v. Edwards(1996)*, the Supreme Court of Canada created the following relevant guidelines:

- sec. 8 Charter is a personal right that protects people, not places.
- the right to challenge the legality of a search depends on the accused person establishing that his or her personal right to privacy has been violated
- sec.8 Charter issues require two separate inquiries:
  - i) did the accused have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the place that was searched?
  - ii) if the expectation existed, was the search conducted reasonably?
- a reasonable expectation of privacy is determined by evaluating the entire circumstances. The factors to be considered may include, but are not restricted to, the following:
  - i) presence at the time of the search.
  - ii) possession, ownership, and historical use of the place.
  - iii) ability to regulate access, including the right to admit or exclude persons.

iv) the existence of a subjective expectation of privacy.

v) the objective reasonableness of the expectation.

• if an accused person does establish a reasonable expectation of privacy, a second inquiry will determine whether the search was conducted in a reasonable manner.

The Supreme Court of Canada applied these principles in *R. v. Belnavis(1997)*.

### Offence

Possession of stolen property.

### Circumstances

A police officer stopped a car with New York plates for speeding. Three females occupants were in the car. The driver failed to produce any documents and identified herself verbally. She accompanied the officer to the cruiser as requested. One passenger followed. The officer intended to write a speeding ticket and suspected that the car may have been stolen. The driver stated that the car was owned by a friend.

The officer returned to the car to search the glove box for an ownership. He then asked the passenger in the back seat to identify herself. At

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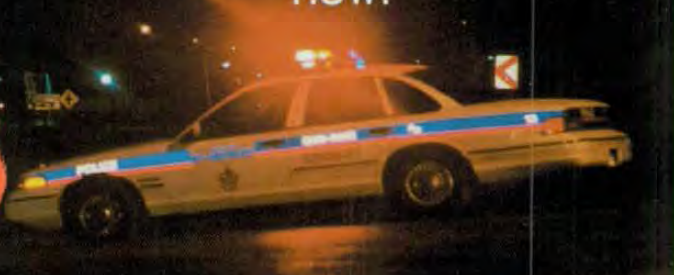
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that time, he saw three open garbage bags full of new clothes with price tags attached. The passenger stated that each occupant owned one bag. The officer searched the trunk and found five additional bags full of clothing. After returning to the cruiser, he questioned the driver. She contradicted the previous explanation by stating that the bags were in the car when she borrowed it.

A CPIC check revealed that the car had not been reported stolen. A valid arrest warrant existed for the driver for unpaid traffic fines. The driver was arrested. Afterward, the officer learned that the driver's boyfriend owned the car and had lent it to her.

The clothes were seized. After an investigation, all three women were charged with possession of stolen property.

#### **Trial**

The accused persons were acquitted. The trial judge ruled that reasonable grounds did not exist to conduct the search or to believe the clothes had been stolen.

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

The Crown appealed. The court allowed the appeal, quashed the acquittal, and ordered new trials.

#### **S.C.C.**

An appeal by the accused persons was dismissed. The issues of this appeal were:

- i) What expectation of privacy can a passenger and driver have in a car?
- ii) What are the consequences of a search of the car, without a warrant, which violates whatever right to privacy that may exist?

The court ruled that the passenger had no expectation of privacy in relation to the car or the property seized. She was not the owner. No evidence existed that she had any control over the car, or had used it before, or had any relationship with the owner that created special access or privilege regarding the car.

The driver did have a privacy right relating to the car. The search constituted a sec.8 Charter violation. However, the seized property obtained after the violation was not excluded under sec. 24(2) Charter because the admission of the evidence would not bring the administration of justice into disrepute. The following rulings were made:

- reasonable grounds existed to search the car.
- the officer had "every right" to search for an ownership, and to open the back door of the car and look inside for safety reasons.
- the garbage bags were in plain view.
- the property was not conscriptive evidence. Therefore, trial fairness was not an issue.
- the driver did not own the car. No evidence indicated historical use of the car. Consequently, her right to privacy was greatly reduced.
- the Charter violation was minimal.

Society's interest in the prosecution outweighed the Charter violation. The quantity of stolen property indicated that more than petty theft had been committed.

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# Playing Games

## How to achieve success in competition shooting without really trying

by Dave Brown

As an experienced competitive pistol shooter, I am often stopped at shooting matches and asked probing questions. Most of them run along the lines of, "Why are you such an idiot?" No one has ever asked for tips on shooting. Yet I have somehow managed to acquire a small collection of shooting trophies over the years; at least a few of which I did not buy in a pawn shop and scratch my own name over the engraving. There is an important reason why anyone can win at competition shooting, and it is not necessarily ability or skill, as evidenced by those shotgun-like patterns I laughingly refer to as "groups."

At the risk of incurring the wrath of my fellow competitors, I would like to share some winning secrets with you, our dear Blue Line readers. Remember, you didn't hear them from me.

### The Power of the Mind

There are two ways to win at competition shooting. (Actually three ways if you include practice and skill development... but who has time for that.) One way is to beat everyone else through intimidation. The other is to subtly play with their minds just enough that they end up beating themselves. We will be studying this second, much more elegant solution to win matches.

Target shooting is a mentally intensive pursuit. During competition, the mental game separates the winners from the rest of us. Under such pressure, the human subconscious is very susceptible to negative influences. The best competitors recognize this and seek to insulate themselves from negative thoughts and energy. Our solution is to simply get them back on the track to personal disaster by dropping a little hint of negativity into their subconscious.

Done properly, a good "psych-out" will not even be obvious.

I still remember the best mind game of all time. It was one of those kiln-hot summer afternoons in the west where the humidity was so thick, even the prairie dogs had gone underground for a cold beer. Not exactly a great day for shooting, and it was about to get much worse. As I squinted against the glare, my shooting partner commented with some degree of shared frustration, "Damn, I can't shoot today! My gun's dancing around like an ostrich in heat!"

As he headed for the shade of the scoring shed, he helpfully left me with a loud, "Watch out for the woodticks in that tall grass!"

That comment, "accidentally" overheard by the entire shooting line, was enough to cause



Intense concentration is needed during practical pistol competition. The shooter at station #3 is Contable Brad Richardson of the Winnipeg Police Service.

all of us to break concentration and suddenly feel these phantom itches crawling up the backs of our legs. My front sight seemed to bounce like a espresso-filled hummingbird, on those odd occasions when I even remembered to look at it, as I, and thirty other shooters, frantically scratched at random sensations which became, in our minds at least, vicious bloodsucking woodticks.

We may as well have gone home. Without firing a shot, we were all beaten; not by the heat or the humidity, but by our own minds!

The most effective psych-outs are also the most subtle. Planting a tiny seed of doubt into the fertile mind of a competitor under match pressure is certainly acceptable, at least to the letter of all the rule books. You don't actually beat anyone; they only beat themselves. Just the word "miss" is enough to cause one, and a seemingly casual comment such as, "Gee, is your front sight supposed to be crooked?" is enough to get them thinking about something else besides their technical shooting skills. Here are some more great psych-out tips. For your convenience, I have categorized them by discipline, but feel free to pick and choose whichever method works best for you.

Remember we may not all want to compete

at stratospheric levels. Many of us just enjoy hacking around shooting ranges and getting the occasional shot on the paper. And if we can't win on ability, at least we can have a lot of fun screwing with the other person's mind.

And, don't we all know some fellow competitors who take themselves way too seriously.

### Benchrest

In the world of benchrest rifle shooting, precision is king. The slightest deviation in tolerances is not acceptable and shooters love to endlessly debate the merits of the most exact reloading equipment known to mankind. Competitors carefully handload each round right at the shooting bench.

At your very first match, you can immediately psych-out every competitor at one time when you stroll up to a shooting bench and bolt down a Dillon Model 1050 progressive reloading press. Plug the electric case feeder into a noisy portable generator and start furiously cranking out rounds. Ask your neighbour to time you to see how fast you can reload 100 rounds of match ammunition. Show everyone the bandages lining the insides of your arms and ask questions such as, "I forget. How many grains of powder are in this load?"

Police snipers share many of the same traits as benchrest shooters, and showing up at a sniper match telling everyone, "Yeah, this is my third new rifle this week!" can lead to a source of endless fun. For extra effect, mumble a lot to yourself and paint little pictures on the noses of your bullets.

The ultimate psych-out of all time would be to show up early the morning of a sniper match and stake your own remote-controlled wind flag into the ground downrange. Rotate the flag at random using a radio control transmitter during the match, and watch the frustrated competitors hopelessly try to read a wind that mysteriously seems to change direction every few minutes.

Then leave judiciously early.

### Police Pistol Combat

One of the most successful Police Pistol Combat (PPC) shooters of all time is John Pride. Formerly with the Los Angeles Police Department, he shaped a career around winning matches. He even published a video and several books on winning at PPC.

One of his secrets is a form of self-hypnosis. While hypnosis is not for everyone, some form of positive self-talk can go a long way to focusing your mind on the important aspects of competition shooting. John Pride recorded his own positive words onto cassette tapes and plays





Photo by Dave Brown

them back to himself using headphones while waiting his turn on the line. This tape remained his secret edge for many years until a fellow competitor once "borrowed" one of his motivational tapes and played them through the hotel public address system. His words, "You're the best, John!" and "You can do it!" echoed around the swimming pool that night.

It is easy to make up your own "John Pride style" motivational cassettes, but instead of keeping those positive words to yourself, share them. Play them back at loud volume levels on a ghetto blaster propped across your shoulder so the whole line can hear.

Be sure to sprinkle your own positive self-talk tape with phrases such as "You're not a loser!", "You won't miss!", "You will not crossfire again!", "You haven't loaded any more double charges.", and my personal favorite "You won't hit a line officer, this time!"

Trust me, everyone will give you lots of room.

Police Combat shooting is known for its helpful competitors. Reinforce this by seeking the next out-of-town visitor on the line and act the part of the friendly local expert. "They gave you target position 12? Yeah, they tried to give me that one last year, but I wouldn't take it. After the incident, and all..." Then trail off the conversation and walk away, slowly shaking your head.

#### International Practical Shooting Confederation

If PPC is well known for the friendly competitors, then the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) is better known for the politics and the "range lawyers." Thankfully, the whiners are in the minority, but it is so much fun to play with their minds, it should almost be outlawed. (Although I haven't seen the 14th edition of the IPSC rulebook yet. Maybe it has been.)

In IPSC shooting, the whole stage can be over in seconds. At that rate, the slightest mental burp will result in a miss or, even worse, tagging a "no-shoot" hostage. This is the only sport where shooters can drive a thousand miles to shoot for a grand total of 150 seconds, and then complain all the way home that it should have been 140 seconds.

Because of the mental intensity in this sport, everyone is fair game, and a casual

"Watch out for all the no-shoots on this stage. I've hit ten today already!" is absolutely guaranteed to result in penalties and dropped points for your unfortunate recipient.

Shooters are always interested in who does the best custom gun work and it is not unusual for a competitor to drop \$4000 on a gun in order to gain a fraction of a second. Ask "Who built your gun?" to the competitor you would most like to get thinking worried thoughts instead of shooting their stage. "Yeah, I hear he

does really great work... when he's not drinking." This, of course, is not a slander on any gunsmith's reputation as it is likely to be an indisputable fact. No one can argue otherwise.

The worst place to kill time at a match from a mental perspective is in front of the results board or the prize table. Many a great shooter has fallen out of the standings because they began to think about results instead of processes. While the best shooters studiously avoid the results board, be a pal and bring it to them. "Hey, congratulations! I hear you're only a couple of points out of the trophies. Pick up the pace on this next stage and you can really clean up!" Trust me, they will thank you for it.

All the really great psych-outs subtly create an internal sense of discomfort. That nagging feeling that "something's wrong" eats away at someone's subconscious and ultimately affects their conscious actions.

One must admire the simple elegance of a word or phrase, carelessly tossed someone's way, that completely ruins a performance. Try it the next time you play golf. As your partner lines up a tricky shot close to a hazard, lean over and helpfully warn them, "Watch out for that sand trap." Nine times out of ten, their ball will then hit the sand. Be careful, though. This trick only works once per game - or once per partner.

When it comes right down to the very essence of competition, playing a well-fought mental game is really no different than the one guiding principle behind the entire business of law enforcement.

Get them before they get you!



*To this day, Winnipeg firearms instructor and sometime competitive pistol shooter, Dave Brown still devotes hours of energy at finding new and unique ways to avoid actually having to practice.*

Don't forget that you will have the opportunity to meet Dave (refrain from calling him an idiot in person) at Blue Line's Response '98 Law Enforcement Trade Show April 21 and 22, 1998. Mark your calendars now! If you wish to speak to Dave personally you may call him at 204 488-0714.



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# Cleaning up and building bridges

by Blair McQuillan



A touch of urban class was brought to Ajax, Ont., last October after local graffiti artists put the finishing touches on a mural at the town's community centre.

"We run a games room here at the community centre and we thought we'd like to spice it up a bit," facility manager Rob Braid said of the 12-by-15-foot mural that occupies the back wall of the room. "Everybody who walks in is quite taken by it."

The mural, created by three local taggers, was part of a joint initiative between the centre and the Durham Regional Police Service.

"It's a good opportunity for some of these people to show their work," said Const. Paul McCurbin, who was responsible for putting the taggers and community centre together. "They did a good job."

However, McCurbin said that although projects like the one at the Ajax Community Centre help to legitimize graffiti as an art form, it will still remain a problem on the region's streets.

"We won't be able to direct all of their attention to the community and to legal wall space because, even by their own admission, these taggers say you have to do a certain amount of bad stuff to get your reputation," he said. "It's kind of an unwritten code."

The tagger's code has become a problem because area businesses, bridges and underpasses are generally targeted by individuals who want to promote their work.

"There is a major graffiti problem," said Const. Krish Ganeshan, McCurbin's partner. "It's mostly on the overpasses and bridges. If you get on the GO Train you can see almost every bridge has been hit throughout Durham Region."

Ganeshan said while there are many reasons why taggers feel the need to create graffiti, there is one thing that drives them.

"I think the main reason is it's a way of expressing themselves," he said. "A lot of these people do have talent."

However, this talent isn't being displayed by kids in gangs, or from low income families as depicted on television and in the movies.

"Some of the people we've dealt with in the past are going to university or college," McCurbin said. "They're upper middle class kids who are productive and good in school."

But not all taggers are under 18, Ganeshan said. "They're not necessarily young offenders," he said. "Some of the people we've caught are adults."

But no matter who is creating the graffiti, Ganeshan and McCurbin have taken it upon themselves to combat it both by enforcing the law and through a volunteer program known as the Clean-up Krew.

The Clean-up Krew is made up of volunteers and offenders who can use the time painting over graffiti as a means of satisfying their community service hours, or having their criminal record erased.

"It started with one of the people we caught about two-and-a-half years ago," Ganeshan said. "He started the Clean-up Krew and once his community service hours were finished he got off the bandwagon. The street crime unit continued the program in order to assist with the clean-up of graffiti."

Aside from improving the area, the clean-ups also help offenders to work off community service hours assigned by the courts.

"Probation officers have a hard time finding places for kids to get into and to get their hours done," he said. "A bridge will only take about four hours to do, so a kid with 40 hours of community service time can do 10 bridges. That's a lot of bridges we can clean up."

Of course beautifying the region is an expensive task. Fortunately, Glidden Paints in Oshawa has been kind enough to supply materials to the program since it began.

"We supply painting tools, paint and instruction if necessary," Glidden Paint sales representative Paul Duschene said. "I think it's doing a lot of good. It helps to improve the community."

The work done by the crew over the past two years has been very successful, Ganeshan said. The officers have found that once graffiti is painted over, taggers don't usually return because they know their art will be covered over again.

"The ones that we've cleaned up so far haven't been touched," Ganeshan said. "I think it's pretty effective. It looks a lot nicer."

But while taggers are discouraged by the clean-ups, they are still influenced by the media, Ganeshan said, adding that there are magazines and television stations that cater to the group.

"There are quite a few graffiti magazines out there, mainly in California, where you can get tips for spray paint cans," he said. "California also has a video called 'video graph'. Kids go out and do tagging, film themselves on camera and submit it to a TV station, which puts it on air. It actually promotes it, which is unfortunate."

The Internet is another medium used by businesses and taggers looking to promote graffiti. By searching on graffiti in any search engine, taggers can pick up information about the numerous magazines and videos available to them. Many areas also allow taggers to place their work on virtual walls that all web surfers can access.

But despite all the negativity surrounding graffiti, initiatives like the mural at the Ajax Community Centre are helping to bridge the gap between graffiti artists and the public.

"The Ajax Community Centre mural looks really good," Ganeshan said. "The community centre likes it. Everybody else likes it. It's a good way for the kids to express themselves."

The community centre is so pleased with the games room mural that they are looking into creating more in the future.

"We are entertaining some ideas," Braid said. "We haven't taken it much further than that."

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## When policing becomes a commodity, cooperation goes out the window



by Dee Kramer

There are always two sides to every story. From the Ontario Provincial Police's (OPP) point of view, they are not playing on a level playing field. They are playing with one hand tied behind their backs, and it is just not fair that they are perceived as the "Big Bad Bears!" Yet perhaps the questions that should be asked are, how come the OPP are competing with municipal policing? How come policing is now being bid on like a slab of beef? And what should the rules of this competition be?

On January 1st, Ontario's Bill 105 came into effect. The legislation affects the policing services of 576 municipalities, townships, and villages (representing 15% of the province's population). Instead of the province paying for these jurisdictions' policing by the OPP, they are now receiving an invoice from the OPP which they have to pay for out of their local property taxes. The legislation also allows these municipalities to choose whether they wish to continue being policed by the OPP. They have a number of options. They can continue to be policed by the OPP, or they can form their own police force, amalgamate with another town, share policing with a neighbouring municipal police force, or create a joint police service board with one or more other municipalities.

The number of options available has created a new situation - police forces are now bidding against each other for these contracts. But it's not all fair in love and war - or in competitive policing. There are number of issues

that Inspector Graham Gleason and Staff Sergeant Mike Read at OPP headquarters in Orillia do not feel happy about.

Firstly, they want to make it clear that the OPP gains no direct financial benefit if they "win" the bidding war. If anyone benefits, it is the Ontario government who is trying to pay down the province's deficit. This lack of vested interest means that the OPP does not try to underbid any competitive bid, says Gleason.

What they also want understood is that although every one of the 576 municipalities received a preliminary estimate in August, this figure is only used to determine the invoices that have been sent out from January. This figure is not the same as the figure they would submit in a sealed bid when the OPP is competing against other police services.

The preliminary estimates are based on a work-load analysis (depending on crime level statistics from the last three year) that is apportioned by the number of households in the area. As an example, Kenora District's invoice is based on an estimate of \$711.84 per household. Kenora is in the north and there are 9,226 households in the district. Bruce County's estimate, on the other hand, is only \$174.97 per household for its 22,981 households. It is all determined by the density or sparsity of the population.

Gleason and Read acknowledge that bids from the OPP might consistently be lower than those put forward by the other bidders, but they see this as the advantage that the OPP has with economies of scale - they are already there, and so their costing will probably be lower.

On the other hand, they do feel that many

times when they are asked to do costings, it is just "pro forma" - the township has already decided to go with the neighbouring municipal force, and their asking the OPP to enter the bid is really a waste of the OPP's time. Perhaps when it is nearly obvious that a township will want to go with a neighbouring municipal police service, the OPP should not go to all the trouble of giving a formal competitive presentation. Perhaps, instead of engaging in a competitive market-oriented bidding war which can taint future relations, they could just wait for negotiations between the municipal service and the township to be settled.

But if an OPP bid is accepted, the OPP still see themselves at a disadvantage. They have to go through an extra layer of approval and they have to guarantee the jobs of the present officers in good standing. The OPP proposal is reviewed by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCPS) who assess whether their proposed level of service is adequate, and whether the present staff will be either absorbed by the OPP or given a good severance package. This is not the same for municipal forces.

If a municipal police force expands its boundaries, this proposal does not have to pass a higher approval layer. Read gives the example of the city of Quinty West that recently received bids for the policing of its newly formed boundaries. The new city will include the city of Trenton, Murray township, Sidney township and the village of Frankford. The bidders were the OPP, the municipal police force of the city of Trenton, and two private police forces, including Intelligarde. It looks as though Quinty West will go with some kind of combination of an expanded municipal police force supplemented by services supplied by Intelligarde.

If the Trenton police force wins the bid, there is no review of the proposal. Trenton also did not have to do a workload analysis. Three-year statistics are available from the OPP, but they have not been requested. This lack of dialogue is not unusual. The OPP have experienced a number of occasions when the first time they learnt that a municipal police force was bidding on one of their jurisdictions was in the newspaper. This was the situation with Saugeen Township where the municipal police force of Southampton/Port Elgin won the bid to police the little township that runs







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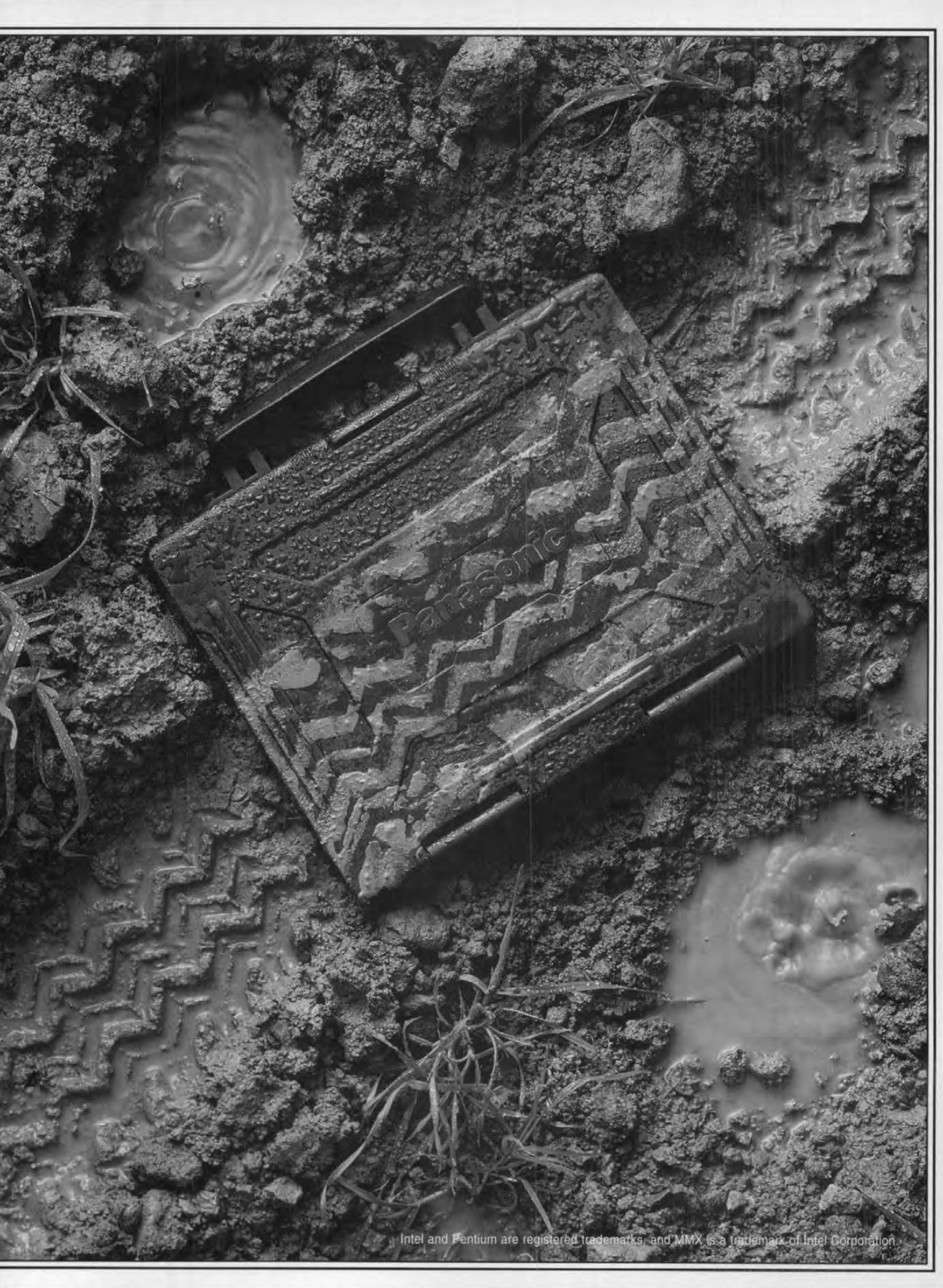
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# Wired world presents new challenges for police

by Larry Blight

The information age is changing the nature of crime in Canada and it's now vital for police to adopt new technological tools to fight a new strain of illegal activities that's sweeping the country. With the click of a mouse - sometimes thousands of kilometres from a crime scene - thieves can plunge into computers and steal valuable corporate data, invade consumers' bank accounts, distribute illegal pornographic material and lure innocent children from their homes.

Conservative estimates peg annual losses from computer crime in Canada at up to \$1 billion, a drop in the bucket compared to the U.S. where losses are more than \$10 billion a year and computer break-ins have increased by 323 per cent since 1992.

"Crimes are being committed that never existed before," says John Rollock, General Manager of Public Safety and Justice for IBM Canada. "As we move into the 21st century these crimes will multiply as more and more households link to the internet and more commerce is handled electronically."

The potential for computer crime is enormous, especially in the area of internet commerce where electronic trade is growing by a staggering 100 per cent per year. As more consumers buy and sell goods electronically, Mr. Rollock says crafty techno thieves will attempt to tap into department store computers for credit card and bank account information that will allow them to spend other people's money at will.

The internet is also being used to spread hate literature, distribute pornography and arrange meetings that lead to illegal activities. "Adults are using computers to lure kids. That is almost kidnapping," says Mr. Rollock.

In the corporate world, the internet is becoming a new back door for competitors to break into computer networks to steal trade secrets, plunder research data and pirate customer lists, pricing schedules, sales information and manufacturing processes. "If someone can get at a company's research secrets, they can kill that company in the marketplace," says Mr. Rollock. "The theft of information can be much more powerful than stealing physical assets."

It's already commonplace for computer hackers to engage in "computer vandalism" by planting viruses in computers which destroy valuable files and spread to other networks. "I equate this to joy riding, something that hackers take as a challenge," says Mr. Rollock.

Police departments are not immune to technopiracy.

As thieves become more sophisticated, hackers may soon infiltrate police intelligence files in search of confidential data that can be used to evade the law, hamper investigations or damage the reputations of unsuspecting citizens.

With more crooks using the wired worlds



of the internet and the world wide web for criminal activity, it has become paramount for police to keep pace technologically if they hope to effectively battle technocrimes, says Mr. Rollock.

A key tool in their battle will be the internet, a worldwide network which connects 60 million people and 15 million computers. It will be a valuable aid in crime prevention, maintenance of order, criminal investigations and managing social crises, such as the recent ice storm which devastated parts of eastern Ontario and Quebec.

"Using the internet and a wide range of tools and applications that go with it, police can become true knowledge workers with the ability to access information from anywhere, at any time to get the job done thoroughly, accurately and quickly," says Mr. Rollock.

In the future, when most households are connected to the internet, citizens will communicate with police departments instantaneously to report crimes. Citizens and police officers on patrol will have access to up-to-date crime information on community-based web pages which will enable both to be on the look out for crimes which re-occur in a neighborhood. Computer bulletin boards will publish photographs of missing persons or wanted criminals to increase the likelihood of receiving a tip from the public to help solve a crime.

The internet will allow police to send offenders traffic citations, summonses and notices of license suspensions quickly and at far less cost. And intranets - closed networks that limit the transfer of information to specific users - will enable police to receive police orders, handle incident reporting and move administrative information between the field and headquarters quickly and efficiently.

While conducting criminal investigations, police will use intranets to share information between police services, conduct joint investigations, send documents to courts and publish photographs of missing children and most wanted offenders. "Police departments agencies are not always effective in sharing infor-

mation during joint police investigations. The ability is there now, thanks in part to intranet systems," says Mr. Rollock.

When social crises occur, such as floods, train derailments or storms, the intranet will enable joint forces planning for crisis response and the internet will be used to keep the public informed. Police will use web pages to make available detailed information that is not always supplied by other sources, such as television.

To rise to the challenge of the new realities of electronic crime, police services across Canada will be required to make key changes. "They must become

better prepared to enforce the rule of law on the Wild West frontier of cyberspace," says Mr. Rollock.

Hiring requirements need to ensure all new recruits are computer literate and all existing staff should receive internet training; police services should update their internal information technology infrastructure and establish secure intranet services to make maximum use of the internet's capabilities and more efficiently deliver services; departments should consider establishing specialists to deal with computer crime and more staff will be required to help officers use an integrated system to work more closely with courts and corrections.

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# Street teams get child prostitutes off the streets

by Sue Pritzker

In August 1994 Karen Lewis was found strangled in a parking lot. There was piano wire tied around her hands and feet. She was only 17.

Karen Lewis wasn't just any young woman out for a night on the town who ran into the wrong group of people. She was a prostitute. To Ross MacInnes, this made her death all the more tragic.

MacInnes was in the process of setting up a program for these teenage hookers when he learned of the death of Karen. He had been close to the girl and because of her death he opened *Street Teams* five months early.

As an ex-vice squad staff-sergeant, this Calgary native took an interest in the plight of these young victims when he first was exposed to the city's prostitution problem in 1991. Expecting to enjoy his promotion to the vice squad, MacInnes was shocked when he discovered 10 year olds selling their bodies. One night in 1991 a 15 year old girl climbed into his patrol car wearing diapers. She was a prostitute and had been anally raped so many times that her sphincter no longer worked. Still, she was out on the street working. He decided that something needed to be done about it.

On the first day that *Street Teams* unlisted number was in operation, the agency received forty calls from parents and prostitutes looking for help. In 1995, there were 176 open records of girls currently on the street with whom *Street Teams* had made contact. Fifty girls had successfully completed the program. Now the number of active files is 287. The average age of entry into the *Street Teams* program is thirteen. In the first year of operation the number of staff grew from 2 to 16.

One of the features of the *Street Teams* program is their "Point Of Departure" (POD) residential treatment. The attempt is to train and prepare the participants for re-entry into outside society. The life inside the POD is strictly structured, with a constant daily regimen. To most of the clients within the treatment facility this life-style is completely foreign to them after their time on the street.

*Street Teams* is trying to provide the discipline, and love, most of these girls did not receive in their homes. Three out of five girls at *Street Teams* are runaways from group homes or treatment facilities. Four out of five have been sexually abused before running away.

Not all of these girls are from a bad situation. Some are just attracted to the freedom and "glamour" of life on the streets. Once on their own, it is easy for a girl to imagine independence. Street life is seen as a never-ending party, with drugs and cool friends. All of this, and no parents. The teenager can feel as though they are finally in control of their own life.

The goal of *Street Teams* is to break the vicious cycle of teenage runaways turning to prostitution to survive. Teams are usually made up of one staff member, a female volunteer and a male driver. These teams help the girls make the transition from life on the streets into straight society.

Worse than walking the streets are the "trick pads" which hide in the back rooms of restaurants. Girls are forced to have sex with dozens of men each day, on unclean mattresses. The pimp will threaten the child, or their family to make sure that their income doesn't escape.

*Street Teams* isn't always successful. MacInnes states that most girls will try five different rehabilitation programs before truly ditching life on the streets. Many of these girls have run away from what they see as "the system" and see no point in returning to those same social workers and treatment programs which have betrayed them before. Frightened by their pimps, the girls rely on their street family. This is real to them, far more than the "straight" society.

Part of the success of *Street Teams* comes from their ability to analyse the psychology behind those involved in prostitution. By looking not only at the way the girl feels, but also the way a pimp works they increase their weapon of knowledge.

It is hard for those not out on the streets to understand the way in which a pimp gains control over these girls. In the beginning a pimp may actually have formed some attachment to his girls, buying them special gifts and splitting money with them. As time goes on he becomes more abusive, seeing any act of kindness as weakness. The pimp becomes more willing to take risks as he gets deeper into the pimping game.

The reality is that a pimp may himself be the person to abuse the working girl. A commonly used tool in disciplining these children is a pimpstick, which is nothing but a doubled up coathanger that the pimp uses to beat an unruly, or unsuccessful girl. Sometimes the hanger is heated so as to increase the pain.

As hard as it is to believe, it is difficult for a girl

to break out of this situation. They have been exposed to the street life one of four ways. They can be seduced into it by falling in love with their pimp, or by seeing the glamour of endless partying and drugs. Rarely, but occasionally, girls can be coerced into it because they were already hooking or engaged in survival sex and a pimp wanted the girl to be working for him, so he will have one more victim to sponge off. The final way is kidnapping but this is the rarest form of controlling a girl.

There are ways in which a girl can escape though. Sometimes a girl just tells her pimp she will no longer work and returns home. This can only happen when a girl's decision making abilities have not deteriorated.

If a prostitute can manage it she might stash away some money and then run away to another city, and hopefully a new life. If a prostitute's drug habit becomes more expensive

than what she's bringing in, she can be cast away. Often though these girls remain on the street, close to their supplier.

The death of a pimp will only be a temporary solution if the girl is young. She will be picked up by another pimp quickly if she is of any value. The incarceration of a pimp has the same effect.

Often when first made aware of a girl's situation her parents and friends will attempt to "rescue" her. This is rarely a successful solution because if the girl is still tempted by the street she will usually return. The girl needs to make the decision to leave the street on her own.

"Exit counselling" is the term used to describe the method of intervention which *Street Team* uses. An individual who is living successfully in society will contact a young girl working the streets. Over time the adult will gain the girl's friendship and lead the child to voluntarily leave the street life, and return to mainstream society.

It has been three years since the opening of *Street Teams*, and they have experienced success. Along with their triumphs have come the disappointments. The situation is far from under control. MacInnes continues his efforts at public awareness. He has made appearances on "Maury Povich" and "Shirley". He has published a book called *Children In The Game* based on his experiences, and the book is the basis for a documentary, *The Butterfly Collectors*.

He keeps at his work, each girl saved an added victory. He likes to refer to his agency as "the largest dysfunctional family in town". To so many of these girls, he's just the father they need.

The Alberta government is beginning to sit up and take notice as well. In November new legislation was introduced concerning the pimping of prostitutes, specifically those who are under eighteen years of age. These harsher new laws are intended to attack the problem of child prostitution more directly and is designed specifically to target those who profit by it.



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# Street prostitution In Canada

by Owen Percy



Prostitution is not illegal in Canada. The exchange of money for sex is not against the law in our country. It is, however, unlawful to engage yourself in peripheral activities such as publicly communicating with another person for the purpose of buying or selling sexual services, or living on the avails of the prostitution of an individual. Although these crimes are thought to be victimless, prostitution makes victims of us all,

according to recent *Juristat* statistics.

Until the 1970's, prostitution was treated as a "status" offence, associated with vagrancy, whereby a prostitute in a public place without a valid reason for being there could be picked up. These regulations were changed in 1972 when the soliciting law was introduced. This prevented prostitutes from soliciting sexual services in any public place. This law was later replaced by what is now the communication law. Any persons publicly communicating for the purpose of soliciting sexual services could be charged.

In the year 1995, almost all of the 7,165 prostitution incidents reported by police, nationally, were communicating to buy or sell sexual services. 92% of all prostitution incidents involved this offence. The remaining offences involved procuring (5%) and bawdy house offences (3%). These numbers are up by a sharp 29% from the prostitution rates in 1994, but this increase follows two years of steep declines, thanks in large part to concentrated efforts in Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

In the adult court system, women convicted of communicating tend to be sentenced more severely than men, perhaps because they are more likely to have had a previous conviction, or cases involving multiple charges. For example, 39% of women charged between 1993-1994 were imprisoned, as compared to the 3% of men. The men seem to get off easier when it comes to sanctions imposed by the system. Fines were imposed in 56% of all cases involving men, contrasting the 32% of women who received fines.

When prison sentences are imposed, the offenders usually do not have time to get comfortable in their cell. The median sentence imposed was 30 days in an institution. When probation is the most severe sanction imposed, women generally receive twice as long as men, on average (1 year as opposed to 6 months). In cases where fines are imposed, the amount is an average of \$200 for both sexes.

A disturbing factor in the terrible world of street prostitution is the number of youths involved. Many street kids and runaways turn to prostitution as a means of survival, as they can find no other income. Most youths, aged 12 to 17, who are offenders are diverted to social services by the police as an alternative to the

justice system in hopes that maybe their lives can be turned around. Most adult prostitutes began soliciting in their teens. Early sexual activity and home abandonment (runaways) are proven risk factors.

Teens are in high demand on the prostitution market, as they are perceived as less threatening, and less likely to be harbouring a sexual disease. Teenagers are often recruited into the prostitution trade by 'friends' who are already involved in the trade. Once a teenager is involved in prostitution, it is very difficult for the person to get out.

Criminal legislation also actively participates in the rehabilitation of teenage prostitutes. Once arrested, a youth may be offered the Alternative Measures Program whereby they can drop any charges in exchange for counselling or community service. Youths may also be given probation, whereby they must live in specified locations, avoid their former places of work and report to a probation officer on a regular basis.

Street prostitutes obviously lead an extremely dangerous lifestyle, and they are often the target of attacks. Between 1991 and 1995, 63 known prostitutes were murdered in Canada. Seven of these prostitutes were juveniles, aged 15 to 17 years, all were females. Most of the murders were thought to be related to the job, as 50 prostitutes were murdered by clients, and 8 by pimps or in drug related incidents.

The private manner of a prostitute's business usually makes it difficult for police to solve their homicides. The identification of a killer is usually difficult to uncover because they are usually a stranger to the victim. Most prostitute murders go unsolved (54%) as compared to the 20% of unsolved murders involving citizens other than known prostitutes.

In retaliation to the growing number of crimes against prostitutes, it is estimated that

40% of Vancouver prostitutes carry a weapon when working. This puts clients, pimps and the general public at risk when dealing with prostitutes. These weapons are not usually used for their intimidation factor either. Between 1991 and 1995, 18 prostitutes were implicated in the deaths of 10 clients, 1 pimp and 5 others. All but one of the prostitutes charged with murder had a previous criminal record. All but one of the victims were male, and 15 of the prostitutes were female.

Prostitution is thought of as a city problem, and figures have proven that theory. In 1995, almost two thirds of all reported prostitution incidents originated in the Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver metropolitan areas. Only 4% of all reported prostitution incidents occurred outside of major metropolitan areas.

Prostitution is considered victimless, but in general, everyone suffers. The community where the prostitution is taking place becomes a negative environment in which to live, as prostitution brings added traffic, loitering, noise and almost positively, drugs. The prostitutes themselves suffer a great deal, as their lifestyles are frequented by exploitation, violence, disease and substance abuse.

The rates of prostitution in Canada fluctuate regularly, depending on the law enforcement policies in different areas of the country. The obvious ideal would be to put an end to all prostitution, but that is clearly not yet possible, and so the law enforcement communities of Canada continue to work together on improving the situation of prostitution.

The life of a prostitute is a desolate one, with many terrible repercussions. It is important that communities work on helping prostitutes get off the streets and get the required help. It is also important for communities throughout Canada to pull together to prevent another person, especially a child, from turning to the streets.

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# Canadian cop takes top Bermuda post

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Lemay



Chief Superintendent Jean-Jacques Lemay of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police went to Bermuda in January 1997 on an 18-month contract to fill the post of Deputy Commissioner of Police. Since the unexpected departure of Commissioner Colin Coxall last October Mr. Lemay took over the position of Acting Commissioner of Police until a new Commissioner can be appointed at the end of March.

Upon taking up his new position Lemay quickly recognized what was needed was a rallying call to the members and some defined and focused direction as to the future. That was effectively accomplished at a general meeting held on Friday, November 21st. All three of the senior officers were present to openly and candidly discuss the questions and concerns of the rank and file. The meeting, the attendance, the atmosphere and the exchange were viewed as positive and encouraging. About one-third of the Service's approximately 500 members attended and sat intently, questioning or offering input.

Lemay assured those gathered that indeed the Bermuda Police Service did have both focus and direction. He advised those gathered that senior officers had met a few days previ-



Bermuda Police Force Traffic officers pose for the camera.

ously at a retreat centre for an informal, but work-intensive summit.

Mr. Lemay stated that the 1995 Service Strategy, which outlined around 120 points of necessary improvements in the Service, while still being used as the Service's blueprint, would continue to be re-evaluated and officers' input as to the effectiveness of those strategies were to be solicited and encouraged.

Mr. Lemay also commended the ideas that had been submitted recently by candidates interviewed for the Sergeants to Inspector Board Exams. Similarly, it was reported that action was being taken to establish the succession planning process for the Executive Development of senior officers. A draft document was already in the hands of the Governor of Bermuda, which would then be adapted by policy and implemented.

Acting Commissioner Lemay also advised the Bermuda Police Service would be placing emphasis on career development with the impending appointment of a Career Development Officer.

Acting Commissioner Lemay committed himself to working closely with the Police Association and again expressed optimism about the future direction of the Service.

Concerns expressed were surprisingly similar to those of Canadian police agencies: a more efficient and effective deployment of officers, a review of the shift system, and a number of training initiatives. Technology issues of concern at the meeting centred around the safety of officers and the purchase of new radios. Other issues concerned improvements to structural facilities, the 911 emergency call system and current computer systems were also discussed.

All in all, Mr. Lemay and his senior colleagues emphasized the need to win back the feeling of "family" amongst officers. He also advised that the Bermuda Police Service needed positive "PR" and requested the members submit positive stories and anecdotes that the Public & Media Relations Department could publicise.

At this meeting Acting Commissioner Lemay also tackled the active 'rumour mill' that, as is the case in many organizations, was running unchecked. He then went about clarifying all questions put to him in as forthright fashion as possible.

The officers were impressed with several statements from Acting Commissioner Lemay during that mid-afternoon meeting. Some of the more notable included; "Let's try the new ideas! We're into risk management, here..." "We're going to make mistakes along the way... if we don't, we won't learn anything." "As a family we all need to help each other out..."

Mr. Lemay and his senior staff offered themselves and their optimistic outlook to the public through a press conference the following Monday. Surprisingly they received the support and encouragement (for the first time in a long time) of the Opposition Minister of Public Safety. This achievement was no small feat. This member of the legislature was the one politician that was viewed as the biggest thorn in the spine of the outgoing Commissioner and one of the people who helped precipitate his resignation.

Michael Jackman, President of the Bermuda Police Association, has made his feelings known that the Police Service is overdue for a little more stability at the top. "In the past six years the Bermuda Police Service has seen three different Commissioners of Police," Jackman stated in the

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latest edition of their police newsletter. "Each has brought his management style and vision. Throughout this period, members of the Service have made constant adjustment to these different management styles... with the resignation of Mr. Coxall, there is again an air of confusion and instability in the Service."

An undercurrent of dissatisfaction with the leadership selection process is apparent. Bermuda, in spite of its close proximity to North America and a mere 2 hour flight from Canada, still has strong political and social ties with Britain. A general feeling of discontent exists with the selections of top appointments. Many include British nationals and a growing number of Bermudans would prefer local appointees. However the difficulty of drawing capable people from a talent pool of only 60,000 people is quite obvious. Couple this with a national average income of just under \$45,000 and it can be difficult to convince many Bermudans to make a career of the police service. This is reflected in the fact that Bermuda police membership consists of only 60 percent Bermuda nationals. This makes the odds of a potential Bermuda born Commissioner making it to the top of the 450-member force even slimmer. In spite of these limitations one of the goals of the police service is to actively encourage locals to join and move up the ladder within the police service.

Mr. Jackman is quick to point out that there is considerable support for Mr. Lemay and his management style. "The task of being Acting Commissioner for a short period will certainly test his management skills," Jackman stated. The Association is burdened with many issues that will have to be addressed by Lemay and whoever takes control from him. Mr. Jackman advises he is going to be forced to negotiate some form of pay raise due to a long period of pay freezes and department downsizing.

The pay scale of from \$40,000 to \$55,000 (Canadian) coupled with no income tax initially sounds terrific. This is quickly off-balanced by an extremely high cost of living. Gas is around \$2.00 per litre, beef prices can be over \$7.00 per pound and the refrigerator to keep it in will cost around \$2,000. There is no easy expectation of buying a house. With limited properties available the price of a modest three-bedroom home could reach close to \$1 million. Other than its climate this popular vacation paradise has no exportable commodities. Almost everything is imported and everything is taxed.

Mr. Jackman advised the Association will continue to give Lemay the same level of support it provided the previous Commissioner. He added that he was sure that the relationship will be as good or even better with Acting Commissioner Lemay. This is quite an endorsement from the person who represents the rank and file. Time will tell if the same feelings en-



sure Mr. Lemay's tenure. If his term proves successful it just may encourage a shifting of attention towards more Canadian police support and even closer relations between the two ex-British colonies.



Jean-Jacques Lemay joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in December 1965 at the age of 19 years. Following basic recruit training at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan, he was posted to federal duties in Montreal, Quebec.

In 1969, he was transferred to New Brunswick where he performed general police duties. In 1972, he returned to Montreal to perform Commercial Crime duties and in 1974 was selected to teach Law and Human Relations at the RCMP Training Academy.

In 1977, he was transferred to the Ottawa Commercial Crime Section where he served until 1984, at which time he was appointed Inspector and posted to the International Criminal Police Organisation, Interpol, in Paris, France where he performed a number of functions until 1986.

After serving a further two years as Officer in Charge of Commercial Crime, in 1988 Mr. Lemay became the Division Staffing and Personnel Officer at New Brunswick and in 1991 was appointed Training Officer at the RCMP Academy during which time he was promoted to Superintendent.

In September 1993, the United Nations Security Council appointed Chief Superintendent Lemay Commissioner of Civil Police Monitors (CIVPOL) for the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH).

February 1994 saw the transfer of Mr. Lemay to the RCMP National Headquarters in Ottawa as Director of Public Affairs and Information and finally in January 1996 to his position prior to his arrival in Bermuda, as Director Officer Staffing and Personnel.

Chief Superintendent Lemay was born on 28th May, 1946 at Ottawa, Ontario and received his education in Ontario and Quebec. He is a graduate of the Canadian Police College, Executive Development Course and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with combined majors in Law and Sociology/Anthropology, with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Carleton. He has received the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with silver clasps and the Canada 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal.

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# The Doomsday Problem

For police officers everywhere it's a simple matter of good judgement

by B.H.Harris

It's the same old story; damned if you do - damned if you don't. Law enforcement agencies face a familiar frustration when investigating doomsday cults such as the Solar Temple and Heaven's Gate.

The public, enraged when deaths occur, and with the benefit of perfect hindsight, are sometimes highly critical of police response. "Effective monitoring of the cult members would have prevented the second and third set of Solar Temple murder - suicides, critics claim. The police did too little. They dragged their feet."

But speculative surveillance is costly, infiltration often inappropriate, and informants dubious. In the Solar Temple case, the Surete de Quebec would have had to commit at least 80 officers to watch 40 plus people over a period of 15 months. At the end of that time, there is no evidence such observations could have prevented the third incident at St. Casimir, but a reasonable certainty the Surete would have faced harassment charges.

On the other hand, in the aftermath of the Waco, Texas, debacle and the Ipperwash standoff, law enforcement was accused of jack booting over civil liberties and religious freedoms. The police did too much, critics claim.

Some civil liberty activists will argue that policing agencies have no business even assessing spiritual groups, preferring, one would conclude, that a policeman's main role is simply clearing away the bodies. Furthermore, some cult leaders are particularly adept at indignant outrage at police interest and play the ethnic, religious and race cards with consummate skill.

If the social prophets are correct, this perennial problem will become more acute.

As the millennium approaches, social analysts and cult observers tend to agree in predicting a rise in deadly incidents by "End of the World" believers and Doomsday cults. With just two years to the millennium, they say, Apocalypse is now.

The death toll (38+2) from the Heaven's Gate cult in San Diego, California, and the repetitive Solar Temple murder/suicides (74 dead, so far) in Quebec and Europe tend to remove this prediction from the realm of academic speculation. The memory of the Aum Shinri sarin attack in Tokyo, the Branch Davidian tragedy at Waco, Texas, and the Christian Identity linkages - with Oklahoma



The Four Horsemen series, a set of woodcuts made by Durer in 1498, shows the horrors associated with the Apocalypse. This woodcut and engraving is the image conjured up by soothe sayers who envision the worlds demize in the new millenium.

City bomber Timothy McVeigh - is recent enough to reinforce the reality of the threat.

Since religious freedoms and civil rights do not extend to the right to abuse and murder children and dissenters, bomb government offices, casually gas commuters in the subway, smuggle drugs and guns or shoot law enforcement officers, the activities of some cults will encourage a police response, millennium or not.

So how does a perennially overworked law enforcement agency assess whether a peculiar group within their jurisdiction represents a real and present danger to its own members or the community at large?

How does one separate the numerous but harmless new age alternative spirituality groups from their deadly and destructive cousins? And what about the groups which begin benignly but turn bizarre?

The following provides a list of indicators which may assist law enforcement and other social agencies in risk determination and profiling. These risk factors have been drawn from

comparative analysis of a number of notable classic cult cases.

## (1) Leaders status change

A self-appointed guru's role may develop from messenger to prophet, from prophet to king, from king to messiah.

Aside from evidence of overpowering conceit, if not runaway megalomania, the elevation of status indicates an expansion of the leader's power and control. From a devout believer, David Koresh became a prophet in the Branch Davidian sect and eventually a self-styled Lamb of God and Messiah. Rock Therriault of the Ant Hill Kids was first "Pappy" to his followers, then Moses, Master, Elder Apostle, and King.

Another flawed god, Luc Jouret's advancement to messianic status included tasteful art work depicting himself as Christ. Ashara, the leader of the Japanese Aum Shinri cult rose from a humble herbalist to announce in 1992 that he was Jesus.

While not millennium oriented, the leader of the Matamoros, Mexico, "narcosatanico" cult killings developed from a "curandero" (healer) to "El Padrino", (loosely, the Master).

One can reasonably conclude that acquisition of godhead status is often an immediate prelude to hellbent destruction.

## (2) Defection of members

While all groups have occasional seekers who drift in and out, a sudden spate of defections, particularly by ranking individuals or hard-core acolytes from a closed organization indicates considerable internal upheaval, and a sharp change in group direction. Sometimes, statements by defectors are the first indicators police may have that criminalities have occurred.

Defections often reflect a shift, a drive beyond where some members are not prepared to go. Defections are a direct challenge to leadership control and often operate as both cause and effect. The leader's control methods and aims may cause defections; in turn defections force the leader to more strongly assert control. Like failed prophesies, failure to retain cult members impels the leader to exert even more rigid control measures.

Successful lawsuits by ex-members and the expected defection of his special effects technician are believed to be two of the triggers in the initial Solar Temple murder-suicides.



Fear of revelations by ex-members may accelerate a destructive game plan which was a factor in the Kirtland murders.

Enforced defections such as the removal of children from a cult by social agencies as in the case of the Ant Hill Kids can produce the same effect. Loss of members represents a critical period in group dynamics. Perhaps for the first time, the leader is forced to take into consideration an outside reality; that society, for example, does not recognise a spiritual rationalization for child sex abuse.

### (3) Stockpiling

Some intentional communities are survival oriented and as a matter of course have emergency supplies. However, a sudden increase in stockpiling of essentials such as food stuffs, medical supplies, fuel, FAC applications, or arms and ammunition acquisitions indicate expectation of some crucial event within a specific time frame.

An arms charge was one of the first indicators that the Solar Temple theology had taken a dark apocalyptic turn. The Waco group was reported to have amassed an 11 ton arsenal (presumably one of the reasons the ATF showed up at their door). The Lundgren cult in Kirtland, Ohio engaged in heavy arms stockpiling and training before the 1989 massacre. The stockpiling efforts of the Aum Shinri cult was mind boggling in quantity and sophistication, including a military helicopter, tons of chemical and biological warfare supplies as well as the usual ordnance, a chemical factory, a firearms factory and plans for nuclear weapons acquisition.

### (4) Enclosure

While cults by definition tend to be insular closed societies, sudden additional restrictions on the freedom of cult members may indicate an anticipated crisis, especially if there is no overt evidence of police scrutiny. Enclosure may take the form of perimeter security, "out" members may quit jobs, close bank accounts, max credit cards and withdraw children from school. This kind of withdrawal was particularly evident in members of the Lundgren cult in the days preceding the Kirtland, Ohio massacre. If enclosure occurs after innocuous visits by fire code inspectors or social workers, then the group's paranoia index reads above average.

### (5) Spiritual isolation

Group isolation entails more than physical or geographical isolation. The isolation index extends to the spiritual realm as well. The Waco Branch Davidians were not welcomed by the Branch Davidians at the Sprucedale, Ontario compound. Non-conforming Mormon polygamists in Big Water, Utah, considered Rock Therriault dangerously weird. The Seventh Day Adventists had previously washed their hands of him. Jeff Lundgren and followers were expelled from the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints. Criticism and avoidance by other groups within the particular religious spectrum may be based on sound and just unease and not on rivalry, jealousy or competition for followers.

### (6) Sudden relocation

A sudden arrival or departure of a cult

group may be a trouble indicator. Therriault's Ant Hill Kids, (formerly Holy Moses Mountain Family) relocated to Burnt River, Ontario from New Carlisle in the Gaspé, fresh from a string of criminal charges involving, for example, a dead child and a castrated follower. Investigation into the sudden disappearance of the Kirtland, Ohio cult uncovered the bodies of an entire family. Within a year of relocation in Guyana by the Jim Jones Peoples' Temple, over 900 people died in a reality-bending orgy of suicide and murder.

### (7) Emphasis on anniversarial events

This includes astronomical, political and terrestrial events as well as internal anniversaries such as birthdays or death dates of past or present leaders. Heaven's Gate staged their suicides to coincide with the arrival of Hale Bopp. The Solar Temple murder suicides related to the calendar equinoxes and solstices. The Waco inferno occurred immediately prior to the anniversary of a 1959 end of the world prophesy. The Oklahoma City truck bomb went off on the anniversary of Waco, but perhaps more significantly, the date of the opening shot in the American War of Independence. Attention paid to a cult's personalized calendar may be instructive.

### (8) Violent theology

Most if not all religions include prophesy regarding the final battle between Good and Evil. There is, however, a vast difference between "Repent, the end is near", and "The end is near and the rest of you unwashed unbelievers (i.e. the rest of the world, i.e. you and me) are going to get it". The distinction reflects a difference in emphasis and malevolence.

The Solar Temple members were told they would escape apocalyptic fire if they burned themselves to death. Heaven's Gate followers were conditioned to believe the world was about to be destroyed. The Lundgren group were taught the Temple must be cleansed by blood atonement. The Davidians saw reincarnation in fire and destruction. Spiritual jus-

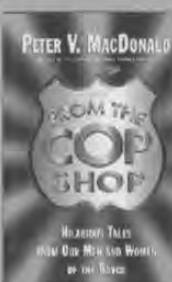
tification for pathological actions.

### Conclusion

Apart from the fact that human frailty is eternal, the millennium factor unfortunately will not disappear when the year 2000 becomes last year's discarded calendar. Some apocalyptic time lines set the years 2002, 2006, others 2012 as the "true" millennium at which time the prophetic cosmic shift will occur and the world will really, really truly come to an end.

With all due respect to religious liberties and civil rights, police can counter the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" with four of their own: good intelligence, good procedures, good cooperation with other agencies, and good judgment. In the final analysis, that is what the "doomsday problem" reduces to: a question of judgment.

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By David Welsh,  
London Press Service

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One of the first commercial applications of Dr. Daugman's technology is to identify users of ATMs (automatic teller or cash dispensing machines) through the use of a built-in "smart" camera, now being developed by



Sensar in the United States for Oki, Japan's largest manufacturer of ATMs. Manufacturing and user licenses are also being negotiated in Germany, France and the UK, where British Telecom and others are studying the concept.

The complex mathematics needed to encode and compress the large quantity of digital data contained in the image of an iris into a small data-storage volume - while enabling the presented image to be compared to a reference image with extremely low error rates (said to be many hundreds of times less than other biometric identification systems) - is at the heart of the technology.

The structure of an iris remains stable over

decades. The system also detects the small variations, such as constriction and dilation of the pupil, which are characteristic of a living eye, so that it cannot be deceived by, for instance, presenting a fake eye or photograph.

In addition to ATMs, the wide variety of potential uses for the technology include control of access to buildings, secure areas, and so on, and verification of personal documents. Licenses are also currently being negotiated for car anti-theft devices, and for use of the iris pattern as an encryption key for securing telecommunications over non-secure channels.

For more information you may contact: Dr. John Daugman, University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory, +44 1223 334501; fax: +44 1223 3344679; or, e-mail: John.Daugman@CL.cam.ac.uk.

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Constables Gerry Dwyer and Al Pigram advised the program was quite effective and they intend to continue the project in the future. They pointed out that some times the speed recorded was simply too fast to issue the warnings. For these very special people an introduction to the court process was deemed to be more appropriate.

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# Police Motorcycle Gangs — Are they righteous outlaws?

by Walter M. McKay

*With the recent establishment of a Wild Pigs chapter in Ontario, I would like to examine the question of where do those motorcycle clubs such as the Wild Pigs, Steel Justice, Rebel Knights, et cetera, fit in when they are comprised of police members and yet choose to emulate a 1%er club such as the Hells Angels or the Outlaws? On whose side are those law enforcement members who choose to join a gang such as the Wild Pigs?*



This is a question asked not only by other police officers but also by the media, the public at large and even the international president of the Hells Angels, Sonny Barger. At a biker rally Sonny had encountered some Wild Pigs in colours and had talked with them. Knowing who Sonny was, the Wild Pigs apologized to him and other Hells Angels about being law enforcement officers. When interviewed later Sonny stated, "I couldn't believe that cops could run around like that and act like that and actually be cops...they tried to explain that they were out having fun and not acting like cops at that time." (cite ref. *Super Cycle* Oct 1990 issue)

To begin with, let's examine the image of the outlaw biker which has been with us since the late 40's. Often depicted thusly in the media: "The Hell's Angels (sic) — a California-spawned gang famous for long hair, black leather jackets, souped-up Harley-Davidsons and violence." (Reuters Ltd 10-01-1995)

The contrived image of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) member is of the warrior, one of the last true rebels of society, someone who resists the constraints of law and order to the last. Gangs such as the Hells Angels and the Rock Machine perpetuate this image so that they can continue to thrive on violence and intimidation in order to achieve their goals; namely, prostitution, gambling and the drug trade.

Part of the strategy of the OMGs is their propaganda machine and the claim that they are nothing more than just a motorcycle club of which some of their members have a criminal record. Those who are less than supportive of the police buy into this line of reasoning and thus regard the efforts of the police to battle the OMGs as nothing more than one gang (the police) fighting another.

OMGs have been successful in achieving these goals since the late forties and the creation of the Hells Angels, the most notorious of the

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. Despite their claims of being simply a motorcycle club for enthusiasts (ref. the Para Dice Riders web site) the Hells Angels are an international crime organization which has successfully intimidated the citizenry, the courts and, some say, the police.

To quote Sonny Barger, "A one percenter is the one percent of 100 of us (bikers) who have given up on society and the politicians one-way law. This is why we look repulsive. We are saying we don't want to be like you, or look like you, so stay out of our face."

A comparison of the bylaws of the Wild Pigs and of OMGs reveals disturbing similarities. Similarities are evident within the organizational structure through to membership criteria. The following are some examples of the membership requirements for the Wild Pigs (which are the same for OMG 1%er membership as compared to the Outlaws' bylaws for membership):

Like OMGs, the Wild Pigs have membership requirements such as:

- ownership of a Harley is paramount.
- new members have to be sponsored by a current member.
- once accepted the new members are referred to as "prospects".
- "during the 6 month probationary period, the new member will be entitled to wear the respective state rocker on the rear of the vest and the American flag, city designation, nickname and Wild Pigs patches on the front of the vest."

- the patches are the property of the club but, like the OMGs, after ten years the member is allowed to keep the patches if they leave in good standing.
- obligatory participation in a minimum number of annual runs.

From the above it is no wonder that the public seems to regard the Wild Pigs as an OMG, based upon appearance and club organization. But are the Wild Pigs an OMG? That is, do they satisfy the elements outlined by a recent court decision? In other words, should the Wild Pigs be classified as an OMG? A review of the following recent court ruling will help us answer this question.

**Definition of an OMG as interpreted by a recent Canadian Court Decision:**  
**Court File No.45646/92**

This is a civil trial in which the plaintiffs seek remedies under s.24 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and at common law because of the conduct of the police in conducting repeated road checks on the members of the Para Dice Riders Motorcycle Club and their guests attending social functions.

The plaintiffs (the Para Dice Riders) seek damages, an injunction and a declaration that the police conduct was unlawful.

So, what exactly is an outlaw motorcycle gang? The court ruled that the following were essential elements:

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- often used interchangeably with the term "one percenter".
- one percenter used by bikers as a symbol and is commonly displayed as a 1% patch or tattoos by members of outlaw motorcycle clubs.
- love of the motorcycle and especially the Harley-Davidson.
- outlaw clubs are close-knit fraternal organizations for which loyalty is paramount and disloyalty may be punishable by death.
- they are paramilitary in terms of organization with fortified clubhouses and heavy security measures. These precautions are intended to be defences against the police, the public and rival gangs.
- the social activity is marked by abuse of alcohol and drugs, violence, and aggressive behaviour and language. They are basically exclusive and antisocial as exemplified by their common use of the slogan 'Fuck the World'.
- their subculture is traditionally marked by distinctive dress and appearance, typically long hair and a beard.
- black leather clothes which are decorated with symbols of their club and motorcycling lore.
- the colours are worn on the back of a denim or leather vest.
- the plaintiffs claimed their club is not an organized crime organization.

As I understand it, they claimed that the criminal activity of the members was their individual responsibility and not related to the club's activity.

Thus, "we can see that OMG is a term now commonly used to describe motorcycle clubs around the world which have adopted a fairly stereotyped lifestyle which the members themselves consider that of a 'righteous outlaw'. The term 'outlaw' is intended to differentiate such bikers from those who are law-abiding."

#### Courts Conclusion On the Definition of OMG:

"The label 'outlaw motorcycle gang' is descriptive not just of criminality but also of lifestyle...I find that the Club is an outlaw motorcycle gang in terms of lifestyle and that there are



strong grounds supporting the police view that it is a criminal organization and not just a club, so members are involved in crime."

With the above court interpretation on what comprises an outlaw motorcycle gang there are some important questions raised about police motorcycle gangs such as the Wild Pigs.

The question may now be asked, "So what? Why can't law enforcement officers be bikers too?" The answer to this is inherent in the very ethics of the law enforcement profession. The area of concern with which law enforcement agencies are facing today is a code of ethics which is generally encapsulated in a Code of Conduct. This is a code for the individual members as well as for departments as a whole. That a code of ethics is important to the department is due to the very nature of the profession and its high visibility in the public eye.

The public has high expectations of law enforcement personnel and as such, views any

behaviour that is less than virtuous, in a harsher light than that of others (such as the Fire Department or the Emergency Health Services). Whether consciously or not, we have accepted that role, a role which many of us strive to live up to, as we perform our functions in less than desirable conditions.

Although we can alleviate dire consequences from such disadvantageous situations through technology and through training, without a sound ethical foundation to refer to, the correct, ethical decision may not be so obvious at the time the decision is made.

What is ethics? Webster's Dictionary defines ethics as "relating to morals.. moral philosophy, which teaches men their duty and the reasons of it: the science of duty." Ethics pertains to the rightness and wrongness of actions. A sense of what is right or wrong is generally learned from the environment of the individual in which one was raised i.e. family, friends, school, etc. A code of ethics proscribes the moral parameters on the part of the person who subscribes to the code. How one ought to act.

**Why the emphasis on police ethics?**  
Sir Robert Peel: "The power of the police to fulfil their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions, and behaviour, and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect".

Unfortunately most events involving the police attract media attention, brief, superficial coverage from which the public gets most of its information.

For law enforcement agencies to be in a sound position to defend their actions, positions, and policies, a strong ethical foundation is required. Sometimes the correct decision may not be obvious and if it must be made under stress and time constraints then past training and reflection from a solid ethical foundation will be beneficial.

Benefits are extended both to the member at the time who must bear the weight of the decision on his/her shoulders and to the department who is frequently judged through the actions of a single member in a highly publicized incident. A code of ethics creates an atmosphere of public accountability where there is expectations on the part of the public as to how officers are to conduct themselves.

A necessary part of conducting oneself properly presupposes certain values. The following is a statement of basic values of the law enforcement officer:

**Integrity, Justice, Honesty, Duty, Beneficence, and Trustworthiness.**

With this we can see from the last few years that the membership of the Wild Pigs have grossly transgressed these values as they pursue the path of rebels of society.

**Honesty: truthfulness, nondeception, and candour**

The Wild Pigs have been reported to have associations with various criminal OMGs and members of their organization have been charged criminally in relation to their association with OMGs.

**Integrity: actions are consistent with beliefs and principles**

Founder, Armand Tiano, was demoted after it was learned that a Hells Angel member, arrested on a warrant, contacted Tiano to assist him with obtaining bail. Tiano was de-

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moted to Sergeant, another officer was suspended and a DA reprimanded. All were members of the Wild Pigs.

**Justice: impartial and objective**

Wild Pigs members were charged with obstructing justice in Connecticut by destroying evidence in an investigation of the Diablos motorcycle gang in a 1995 Massachusetts police investigation.

**Duty: exercised with diligence and competence**

Wild Pigs members were accused of providing members of the Hells Angels an alternate route around a police roadblock in New York State.

**Benevolence: caring and concern for others**

A Yuma County Police Officer, and member of the Wild Pigs, arrested after being caught rifling narcotics from an evidence locker by his ex-partner. When confronted, the officer killed one police officer and wounded a second.

**Trustworthiness: reliable, capable, prepared and informed**

Members of the Wild Pigs were photographed arm in arm with members of the Hells Angels and the photographs published in the Dec. 93 issue of a national magazine *Outlaw Biker*.

The biggest area of concern for law enforcement officers is trustworthiness when it comes to dealing with Wild Pigs. We have to ask ourselves which side of the law are they truly on? How is it that those who are sworn to protect and serve can also ride as one who rebels against those same laws? In the name of "outlaw brotherhood", are they passing information on to other OMGs? (cite ref. April 96 of the FBI/Connecticut State Police investigation and an arrest of a Harley-Davidson theft and fraud ring which involved the president of the Wild Pigs).

Further, why would serving law enforcement officers associate with those who are actively anti-police and have a flagrant disregard for the law? If the 1%er members (such as the Hells Angels) welcome the police OMGs you have to question their goals in light of the above. What do the Hells Angels have to gain by befriending those police officers who desire to wear colours?

Even if the above questions can be satisfactorily answered, and it just involves a group of motorcycle enthusiasts as police officers, why would they actively seek to blur the line, in the eyes of the media, public and of others, between law enforcement professionals and criminal organizations (which can only add public support to these same criminal organizations while taking it away from us)?

Why support the arguments of OMG organizations such as the Para Dice Riders, Hells Angels, Bandidos etc. that they are simple motorcycle clubs? The image of the outlaw biker has been created and used by OMGs as a means to further their crime organization. The overwhelming success of the operation of their organizations is based on fear, intimidation and violence. Thus, for law enforcement officers to emulate OMGs is either through ignorance, negligence on their part, or the fact that they are truly 1%ers.

It is clear that the Wild Pigs have lost sight of what it means to be a law enforcement officer. The line between those who ride as police motorcycle clubs and those who are 1%ers is not only becoming blurred and confusing to

the public but to those members themselves as the following examples illustrate:

- i) the association of the Wild Pigs at Hells Angels' sponsored events and visa versa.
- ii) a few years back the Hells Angels and the Pagans had an ongoing turf war and some members of the Wild Pigs, in colours, attended a popular bar to inform the Pagan members there to back off from the Hells Angels, that they were cops, and that they had guns. This only came to light because the Pagan members actually went to the local police station to lodge a complaint.
- iii) two chapters of the Blue Knights in New York city were crossing the line and had their patches pulled, they in turn adopted

new ones, similar to the Hells Angels with a skeleton riding a motorcycle with the 1% symbol in the eye socket as well as a new name, the 'Rebel Knights'.

- iv) the arrest of the president of the Wild Pigs (mentioned above).

Police outlaw motorcycle gangs, such as the Wild Pigs, Steel Justice, et cetera, raise serious ethical questions concerning club members' profession as law enforcement officers. Doubt as to where loyalties lie are justified and the public perception of the role of these police officers is clouded by their affiliation with OMGs. Participation in such organizations should be discouraged and those who are members of such clubs should be carefully scrutinized.

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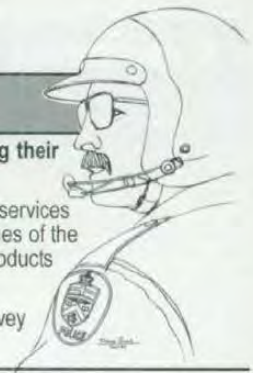
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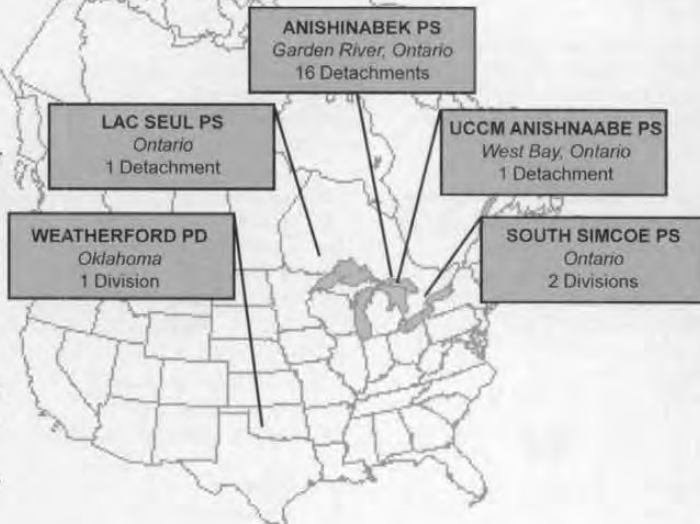
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# Planned for the future... built for today

by John Pepper  
Rebanks Architects Inc.



*"We have a vision to be the best community-based police service in Nova Scotia - with this new building that vision can be achieved," Ken MacLean, Chief, Truro Police Service, November 1997.*

The Truro Police Department moved into its new headquarters in October 1997. After many years in a crowded ex-post office, the new facilities enable the police to work more efficiently and better serve their community. Planned to accommodate amalgamation of adjoining communities and expected growth well into the next century, the new facility has been very well received by staff. This should be no surprise, as the consultant team involved officers and civilian members throughout the design process. At the official opening the building was praised for its functional secure design, its efficient layout and its state-of-the-art features. Residents and officials appreciated the efforts made to integrate the new building into the historic core of the town.

In 1995 the Town of Truro approved funding for a new police station. After establishing a project building committee they requested proposals from qualified architects. Following a review of population demographics, current and planned policing strategies, crime rates and service requirements we were able to project future staff and facility needs. As the Town is likely to expand to incorporate outlying communities, we recommended provision of additional space to accommodate the extra growth. The new building is planned to accommodate more than twice the current staff complement.

The additional cost to provide this space now, compared to adding later, was seen by the Town to be a prudent investment. Further, the police know that their building will work and meet their needs when the town grows. Police buildings cannot be easily expanded due to the complicated interconnections between functional units, and the required separation between public, staff, victims and suspects.

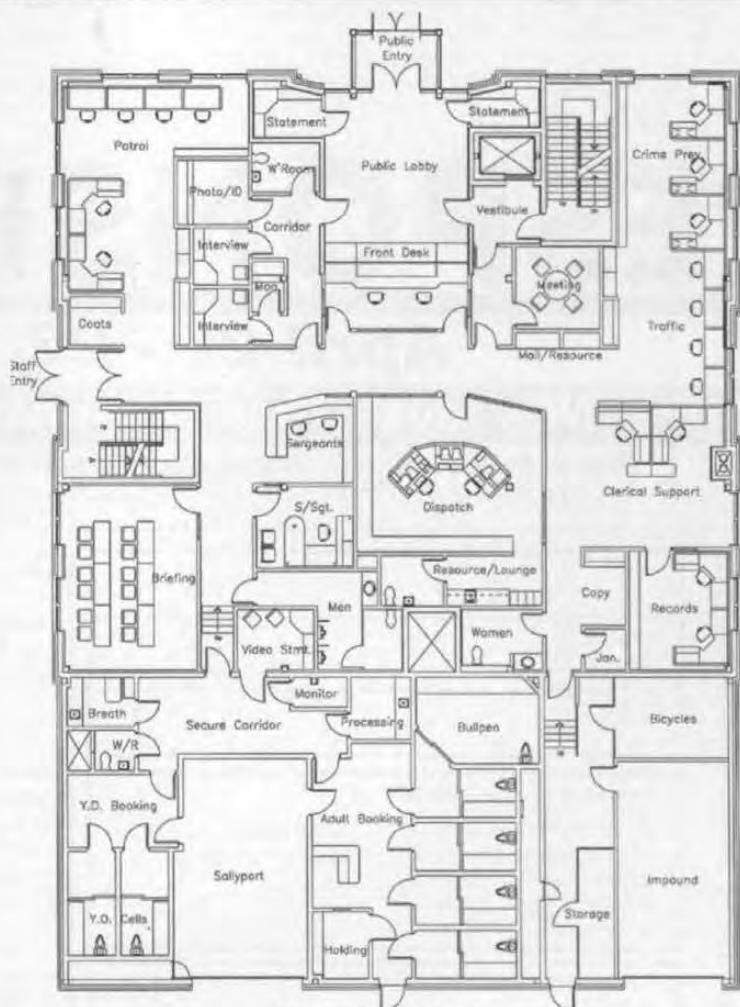
Those early studies gave us a broad understanding of the Truro Police, but much work remained to understand the detailed functional requirements of each operational unit, the Department's operational preferences and its policing philosophies. The design team spent many hours in discussion with Chief MacLean and his staff, and reviewed the design with them at frequent intervals. The new building must meet their needs for many years to come. Decisions made during the design process must be lived with for a long time. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and must be done right.

Although Rebanks have worked with police agencies across North America, we believe each case is different. Each building must be tailored to the agency's particular needs. Many of our discussions revolved around solutions which had worked elsewhere. However, the

## Truro, Nova Scotia



*The new Truro Police building, facing the civic square park. Planned to accommodate amalgamation of adjoining communities and expected growth well into the next century, the new facility has been very well received by the community and staff.*



First Floor Plan





The 20,000 square foot facility is fully equipped with modern technology for fighting crime into the next millennium. Architect George Cataras stated, "The citizens of Truro should be proud of what they now have for their police. It will serve them well into the next century."



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design which emerged was a unique mix of ideas developed specifically for this project. In particular the design team focused on developing a building which would enhance the Department's community-based policing philosophy, and would allow the police to work more closely with the community. The front lobby was designed to be inviting and pleasant. A series of meeting and interview rooms open off the lobby to allow easy interaction between police and the public.

The new building faces a civic park off the town's main street, close to the library, fire station, museum and Town Hall. The former police station is just across the street. All the significant civic buildings are built of brick.

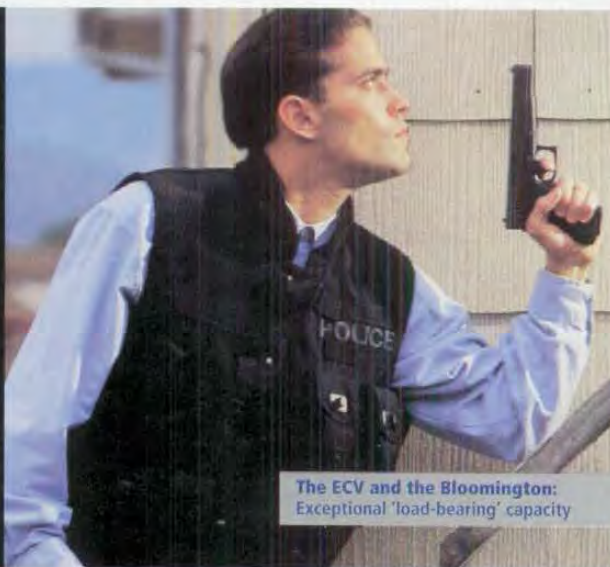
The town's historical society was very anxious that the new building respect the existing architectural character of the civic block, both in style and materials. As a gesture towards the history of the area we incorporated two of the granite columns from a former school into the design of the front counter.

The ground floor contains the 'operational' areas of the building. The front desk, sergeants' desk and dispatch centre are located in close proximity to each other. This allows dispatchers to be in visual contact with front desk staff and station command. The public lobby, while open, airy and inviting, is designed with staff security in mind. The glazed screen at the front

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The ground floor also contains the briefing room, patrol and traffic report writing areas, a library, records and clerical areas, and the community policing and crime prevention offices. The detention area, with separate adult and juvenile areas, secure interview room, prisoner processing (breath testing, fingerprinting, digital imaging) and secure sallyport is located at the rear of the ground floor.

The Chief's office, support staff, detective bureau and forensic laboratory are located on the second floor. This floor also contains a project room, police association meeting room, secure evidence storage areas and a lunch room with outdoor patio. A multipurpose room located over the main entrance is available for public use, and for training.

Staff lockers and fitness facilities are located in the basement, along with specialty units such as the ER team and canine unit. There is ample storage for archives and miscellaneous items.

The building is designed around the complex set of relationships between various functional units. Where possible spaces are designed to fulfil multiple functions, to make the most efficient use of the space. Planned around a highly functional core, less critically planned areas can be easily adapted to future changes. Modular systems furniture ensures future functions can be accommodated without major disruption.

Once the building budget was approved, the design team needed to ensure final construction costs were controlled. Cost estimates were prepared at key points in the design process, and adjustments made in the early stages to ensure the most effective use of available funds. Final construction costs came in just under the initial design estimate. Materials and building components were selected to provide long life and high durability. Police buildings are used twenty-four hours a day and must withstand heavy use and abuse. They cannot rely on expensive maintenance budgets, so durability and ease of cleaning are important.

The final result was a close collaboration between the police, the architect, the police consultant and the engineering team. Although planned to accommodate twenty-five year growth, this building will serve the Truro Police Department and the people of Truro for a very long time.

## Facts & Figures

Floor Area: - 22,131 sq.ft  
 Construction Cost: - \$2.5 million  
 Current Police Staff: - 31  
 Planned Occupancy: - 81  
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# Collaboration - The Best of Both Worlds

The new Truro Police building was the result of a successful collaboration between a local architect and a specialist police facility consultant.

Architectural responses to police building requirements cannot be reduced to a few standardized models. The unique dynamics occurring within each organization requires a systematic approach to understanding and developing the most appropriate solution. The planning challenge is very complex, often requiring unique architectural responses to seemingly conflicting functional requirements. Because of this specialization, and the need for specialist knowledge, collaboration between local architects and qualified police consultants is often considered the most appropriate way to ensure a police building that will closely meet any community's needs.

## Recent collaborations



### AMHERST

Amherst Police Department, Massachusetts (with Kuhn Riddle Architects) - This very functional police building was designed to fit into the historical character of an old New England town. The local brick and stone banding echoed the character of the Town Hall.



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# SURVEILLANCE

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Part 4

by Hal Cunningham

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First, as in any highly demanding profession, surveillance is not for everyone. Try to decide if it sounds like it is right for you and be mature enough to acknowledge the fact at any time, that you might not be suited for this type of work. You must be an above average driver with aggressive driving skills and in total control of your vehicle at all times.

Exceptional powers of observation and being able to be a team player are a must. This is not the place for an individual who is used to doing everything alone and not able to trust others. Teamwork is the predominant requirement for a successful surveillance unit. Most experienced police officers that are trying to enter a surveillance unit have proven themselves as aggressive above average performers in all areas, responsible, and possess a higher than average level of interpretative skills.

Ensure that your sick and driving records are free of any unfavourable occurrences because they will be examined closely. If you have the opportunity to enter a structured surveillance training program, you will have a big jump over all other candidates. This will give you more time to adjust and practice the new techniques you will learn.

A structured program showing mobile and foot techniques, counter surveillance techniques, communication skills, clothing and equipment needs, and the rules of surveillance will ensure you have acquired the basic knowledge to "talk the talk." You must accept that you are lacking the experience to apply this newly acquired knowledge and willing to admit that you still have a lot to learn and more than willing to accept the surveillance unit's way of performing surveillance and adapt to their style.

I have always found that calling the officer in charge (OIC) personally and requesting an interview is the best way to have your possible new boss meet you and put a face to the name. As in any interview, this is your opportunity to sell yourself and ask questions as what is to be expected of you and for you to express what you can offer the surveillance unit. Be careful to express that you have limited knowledge and experience in surveillance and can be taught their methods and are more than willing to learn.

It is extremely impressive to be able to discuss the need for "shade", the "eye" and paralleling techniques. This should be done without trying to show off, but convey that you understand the need for professionalism in the way these techniques are to be performed. As the OIC, he would much rather prefer a non-experienced student that his staff can train and mould rather than try to retrain an experienced operative with some poor habits.

If I had to do it all over again at the inter-

view stage, I'd offer the opportunity for the officer in charge to escort me for a 20 minute drive. This would give me the chance to show my aggressive and confident driving skills and carry on a rolling dialogue discussing shade, distance, light timing and lane choices all the while following a moving target.

Again, be humble and show your acquired knowledge and the need for more experience on the road with the surveillance unit. Hopefully you have prepared yourself and impressed the OIC that you are the type of person that they need in their office to compliment their staff. If you are successful in obtaining your transfer, the work has only begun for you.

I'd strongly suggest you close your mouth and open your ears. It does take six full months to learn surveillance techniques. Practice daily until you are showing a return. Look, listen and learn and wait the six months before you offer your opinion or make suggestions for change. Too many officers can not handle this transition and come across extremely poorly with an "attitude". You do not want your team members to shut you out if they suspect you have a "know it all" attitude. Be a team player and trust your other mates without being the weak link.

As expressed earlier, if you continually make mistakes and feel uncomfortable, admit that surveillance is not right for you. This is

not a personal reflection on you, rather an admission that your best skills remain elsewhere. Go back to your previous job function where you excelled and felt more comfortable. I saw one colleague "suffer" for two years until the right supervisor made him happy and returned him to his original unit.

Now is the time to show the OIC that you are a good investment and practice all the proper techniques you were taught. As stated in previous articles, do not settle for average, but look for the "better con to play" or the better "eye" to get. Show how you as a person can apply your acquired knowledge like no one else ever has. While still being a team player you can excel as an individual with your footwork, driving ability, communication skills and powers of observation. With proper training, planning and preparation you increase your chances of moving up and enjoying some of the best years in your career.

I would like to thank those of you that have called me with comments on this series of articles and wish you the best of success. If I can continue to be of any assistance please feel free to call me at (416) 716-3107.

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**March 2 - 6, 1998**

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**Toronto - Ontario**

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### Leadership '98 Conference Vancouver - British Columbia

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**May 12 - 14, 1998**

### EDCON '98

**Ottawa - Ontario**

Members from the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police, Ontario Provincial

Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be hosting the Canadian Explosive Technicians Conference at the University of Ottawa and the National Arts Centre. Guest speakers and manufacturers will present the latest in techniques and equipment in rendering safe explosives. For more details contact Jim Montgomery or Dan Delaney at (613) 236-1222, ext. 5224.

**May 14 - 17, 1998**

### 13th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Celebration Cleveland - Ohio

Held each May, this event allows officers from across the U.S. and Canada to honour all fallen law enforcement and corrections officers, in addition to sharing in fellowship. For more information contact the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society at (216) 621-3830.

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**New Service:** Alberta's fourth independent native police service was officially established in December.



The Hobbema Police Service, located on the Montana and Ermineskin reserves southeast of Edmonton, became autonomous after working with the RCMP for two years.

The chief of the Hobbema Police Service, Dan Kirby, said a review committee made up of representatives from the RCMP and the federal and provincial governments decided that the police service was ready to operate independently.

The Hobbema-area Louis Bull Band, which was established in 1987, was the province's first independent aboriginal force.

**Cleared:** Nine Metropolitan Toronto Police officers were cleared of wrongdoing after a beating probe ended in December with a meeting between the officers and Chief David Boothby.



Eight constables - brothers Gordon and Patrick McLeod, Mike Hammond, Paul Rubbini, Albert Coombs, Dale Corra, Mark Laine and John Reid - and Craig Bromell, the new police association president, shook hands with the chief.

The 15-month probe was launched after Robert Kerr, 33, alleged he was beaten by the nine officers in the summer of 1996.

Last February, Internal Affairs said no criminal charges would be laid, but police officials decided to conduct a probe for possible wrongdoing.

Boothby told the officers that the matter has been dropped.

**Above & Beyond:** Three Mounties and a friend plan to climb the highest peak in the Americas in February to celebrate the RCMP's 125th anniversary.



The climbers also hope to raise one dollar for the Children's Wish Foundation with every step they take up the slope of Argentina's 6,960-metre Mount Aconcagua.

Regina RCMP Cpl. Jacques Maillet and Const. Cliff Chastellaine of the Pemberton, B.C., detachment, will climb with Const. Mael Pizarro and Richard Getzkow, who both reside in Gibsons, B.C.

The four climbers arrived in Argentina in January. Pizarro said the team plans to reach the summit of Aconcagua by Feb. 5.

Aconcagua was selected because it symbolizes the Mountie philosophy of reaching for the highest goal and working in foreign lands, Pizarro said.

The climb, which will cost an estimated \$42,000, was sponsored by local and international companies.

**Charged:** Members and associates of the Satan's Choice motorcycle gang were charged in the 1996 bombing of the regional police headquarters in Sudbury, Ont., in mid-December.



Police Chief Alex McCauley made the announcement at a news conference held on Dec. 15, exactly one year after the bombing.

The blast, which went off around 1:45 a.m., blew a hole in the wall of the headquarters. A nearby bank was also damaged. No one was injured.

McCauley took time during the conference to congratulate officers throughout the province for their perseverance in the fight against organized crime, specifically outlaw motorcycle gangs.

**Critical:** The Quebec Press Council criticized police in December after they seized video-tapes shot by Global television during an anti-hunger demonstration.



Police said they needed the tapes in order to identify demonstration leaders.

Over 100 people were arrested at the Queen Elizabeth hotel after a buffet lunch was raided in early December.

Global news director Benoit Aubin had refused to give up the tapes, but was forced to turn them over after police obtained a search warrant.

The press council said it has de-

nounced similar seizures in the past as a violation of freedom of the press. They also frighten off potential sources of information that is of public interest, the council claims.

**Murdered:** A double murder claimed the lives of RCMP Sgt. Peter Roger Sopow and kindergarten teacher Lorraine McNab.



Their bodies were discovered on Dec. 15 in a horse trailer on McNab's property near Pincher Creek, 150 kilometres south of Calgary.

"They died of gunshot but I can't comment any more," Cpl. Walter Coles was quoted as saying.

McNab, 47 and Sopow, 52, had been dating for six months. Sopow was the officer in charge of the Fort MacLeod detachment.

Police began their investigation when he failed to show up for work. Coles said he wasn't on duty when he went missing.

McNab was divorced and had two children age 15 and 18.

Sopow was also divorced and had two adult children living in Edmonton.

**No Charges:** An officer who shot and fatally wounded a robbery suspect in 1995 will not face disciplinary charges because the incident was the result of human error, Montreal police chief Jacques Duchesneau said in mid-December.



Duchesneau's comments came on the heels of a publication ban on a coroner's report into the May 1995 shooting.

Martin Suazo was fatally shot while being removed from a car by a uniformed officer after a chase.

During the inquest, the officer - who can't be named because of a publication ban - could not explain why his gun went off about 30 centimetres from the suspect's head.

The coroner ruled that the shooting was accidental.

**Made Up:** A rookie court officer in Newmarket, Ont., who claimed she was knifed by a stranger in December made up the story police



said. All injuries to Julie Crilly's face, hand and chest were self-inflicted, according to authorities.

Crilly, 27, who had been on the job for two months, claimed she was attacked while getting out of her car in the courthouse parking lot.

York Region police Sgt. John Sheldon said investigators have closed the case and have deemed the allegations to be false.

He said police don't know what could have motivated Crilly, who has a background in the security field, to act in such a manner.

**Hero:** Niagara Regional police Const. Dave Weeks was credited with preventing a tragedy in late December.



Weeks was passing a home on Dec. 26, when he saw flames consuming it.

The quick thinking officer alerted the family inside the home and used a portable fire extinguisher from his cruiser in an attempt to stop the blaze.

The fire department was called in to bring the blaze under control.

Police said the fire started when a 10-year-old accidentally placed cinders from a fireplace into a box.

**Deceased:** A funeral service was held for a Chilliwack, B.C., Mountie who died in a car crash on Christmas Day.

Const. Gerald Fortis, 32, was killed when his cruiser went out of control on an icy highway and struck a bridge abutment.

Fortis, a seven-year veteran, was on duty but travelling home for a short break to watch his children open presents.

Fortis is survived by his wife and three children aged five months to five years.



# TEN-SEVEN

Law Enforcement News From Blue Line Magazine

## Nova Scotia to train police recruits

*New pilot project will be half the price of Atlantic Police Academy, official says*

Nova Scotia has decided to set up its own police recruiting program instead of working with the Atlantic Police Academy in PEI. Justice Department officials said in mid-December.

Police and justice officials told a news conference that they will start training recruits at police stations in Halifax and Dartmouth this month.

The 10-month pilot project will cost about half as much as a similar course at PEI's academy.

Potential recruits will pay \$14,000 each to be trained in Nova Scotia, said Bob Barss, the province's executive director of policing services. The Justice Department will help out by giving each student a \$4,000 student loan.



The 10-month course at the Atlantic Police Academy costs \$22,000 and will increase to \$28,000 in 1998, Barss said.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Vince MacDonald and Barss said the project, which will involve about 100 instructors, will cost between \$300,000 to \$400,000 to run. The province of Nova Scotia

will cover the bill.

The decision to pull out of the academy was made after studies indicated the province's police agencies will be losing a high percentage of experienced members within the next decade.

"We are fighting the loss of 80 per cent of the workforce over the next 10 years," Barss was quoted as saying.

"We had to respond in a very aggressive way to satisfy not only the recruiting needs for the Halifax Regional Police Service, but also the recruiting needs for Cape Breton."

If the province didn't form its own training program Halifax would have had to recruit from other areas of Nova Scotia, which would have placed a burden on small-town forces.

The director of the Atlantic Police Academy, Al Swim, said he wasn't aware of the new training program, but said it wasn't likely to be a major problem for the Summerside school, which receives recruits from police agencies across Canada.

"We're not just (training) for one police department," he was quoted as saying. "We still have courses going through. We'll have courses forever."

## RCMP to get balloon from marketing firm



The RCMP image will be up in the air when a Mountie hot-air balloon takes off in the middle of 1998.

The RCMP has entered an agreement with an Ottawa marketing company to build a 33-metre by 33-metre balloon shaped like a Mountie on horseback. And the deal won't cost the force a cent.

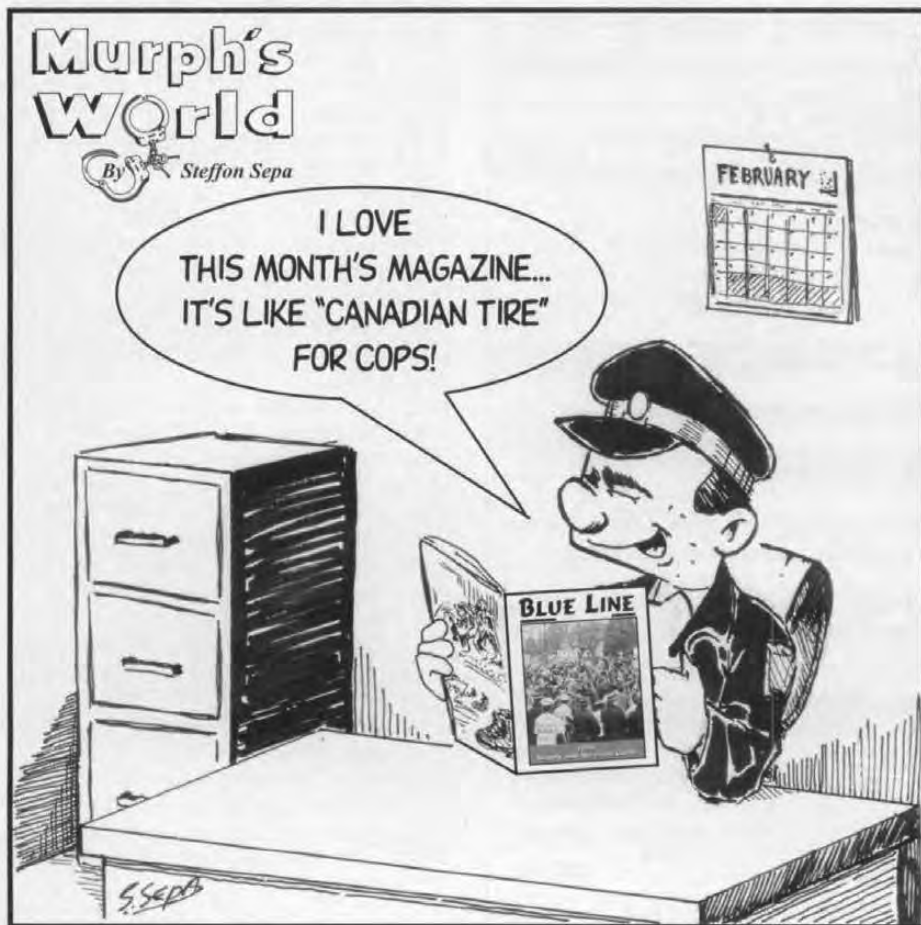
The balloon will fly over various Musical Ride events next year in honour of the force's 125th anniversary.

The RCMP gave the project the green light after receiving a proposal from Leroux Rheel and Associates. The balloon, which should be finished by May, will be built by a company in Bristol, England at a cost of more than \$100,000.

Under the agreement, Leroux Rheel and Associates will own the balloon and loan it to the RCMP for use at official events across Canada.

The arrangement allows the firm to use the balloon at "proper" events like the annual Canada Day celebration on Parliament Hill, or at balloon festivals in Canada and Europe, RCMP spokesman Cpl. Gilles Moreau said.

"The benefit to the RCMP is exposure," Moreau said. "It brings a lot of attention to the RCMP and the 125th anniversary of the force."



## Cops angered by anti-RIDE citizens

Police in Lanark County, Ont., were discouraged by local citizens who ruined their attempts to crack down on drunk drivers in December.

Officer in this town, about 70 kilometres southwest of Ottawa, experienced an odd epidemic in which motorists warned others of spot checks.

The Ontario Provincial Police reportedly recalled one incident as follows: "Along comes somebody's grandmother. Sober as a church mouse, on her way she goes. No sooner is she out of sight and she begins to flash her headlights, warning approaching vehicles of a police check ahead. Thanks for nothing!"

"You can't sit on the fence when it comes



to drinking and driving," Senior OPP Const. N.H. Fennell was quoted as saying in a statement. "You are either with us or against us. Make up your mind."

The provincial police said citizens even posted large signs beside back roads to warn drivers that officers were checking vehicles.

"Before we chalk this up to some knucklehead, I think these incidents hit at the heart of a deeper social problem," Fennell was quoted as saying.

"Too many people still don't accept drunk driving for what it is - a criminal act that devastates thousands of Canadians annually. Instead of warning a drunk, turn him or her in."

## Joy-riding law unconstitutional, judge rules

An Ontario judge declared a tough new law that targets joy-riders unconstitutional when acquitting a 17-year-old in early January.

The law punishes people for simply being present at a crime and violates the rights of citizens, provincial division Judge Sherill Rogers said in her ruling.

Under new federal law passed last June, passengers can be charged for being in a vehicle taken without the owner's permission.

The law was created to make it easier to gain convictions against young passengers who

participate in joy-rides.

Those convicted under the new law face up to six months in jail just for being in the car.

"To make such a young person culpable in a criminal sense seems quite removed from the objective of curbing ... joy-riding," Rogers said.

Rogers ruled that the law casts a net wide enough to catch a young person who unknowingly accepts a ride home from school in a car that was taken without the owner's permission.

## Province wants feds to crack down on broker scams



The Ontario government wants to get tough on crooked loan brokers who are scamming citizens throughout North America.

The province has asked the federal government to make changes to the Criminal Code that would see shady brokers go to jail more frequently and for a longer period of time.

Ontario's Consumer Ministry has reported a marked increase in the number of con artists who charge exorbitant fees for fake loans to people in deep financial trouble.

But the problem isn't limited to Ontario. Swindlers are also operating in Vancouver and Montreal, where Quebec authorities have initiated a public awareness campaign.

Four years ago Ontario passed a law forbidding the practise, but it hasn't had much of an impact.

The province wants the scam to be placed on the same plateau as crimes such as fraud and theft.

"The victims are across the country and all over North America," Consumer Ministry spokesman Gabriel Manseau was quoted as saying. "That's why they're getting bigger - their market is huge."

They often target residents of small towns spanning from Ontario to Missouri through newspaper ads containing 1-800 numbers, he said.

Some loan brokers do offer legitimate service to their customers, the province says.

But a number charge clients an initial fee ranging from \$250 to \$500 to arrange credit. They tell their client that their loan has been approved or their bad credit rating will be dissolved. But the loan is never received and the broker often disappears with the fee.

Authorities believe that as many as 100 brokers are operating in Toronto.

Complaints to the ministry jumped dramatically in 1996 to 3,000 from 1,000 over the prior year.

In addition to petitioning Ottawa, Consumer Minister Dave Tsubouchi is looking at increasing fines under the provincial law, implementing minimum fines and asking newspapers not to run ads for suspect brokers, spokeswoman Deb McCain said.

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## Ipperwash cost Ontario taxpayers over \$2 million

Taxpayers shelled out more than \$2 million to cover the cost of policing during the Ipperwash Provincial Park protest in September 1995.

According to documents acquired by the Sarnia Observer under the Freedom of Information Act, Ontario paid \$2.12 million in wages, overtime pay, housing, meals and vehicle maintenance over a 27-day period.

**"This just adds more fuel to the fire demanding a full public inquiry."**

**- Gerry Phillips**

Provincial police were called in after an estimated 20 to 30 natives began to occupy the park at the end of the Labor Day weekend.

Aboriginals claimed Ipperwash was the site of a scared burial ground. The province initially denied the claim, which was later verified by federal documents.

The documents from the provincial solicitor general's office shows that most of the money - \$1.85 million worth - was used to cover police wages. Another \$1.27 million was spent on overtime pay.

At its peak, the 397 provincial officers from detachments across Ontario were working on the protest.

A 38-year-old aboriginal protester, Dudley George, was shot and fatally wounded during a confrontation with an OPP tactical squad at the gates of Ipperwash.

Acting Sgt. Kenneth Deane was convicted of criminal negligence causing death last April. He was given a two-year conditional sentence, which is under appeal.

Liberal native affairs critic Gerry Phillips said the policing cost highlights the need for an inquiry into the shooting incident.

"This just adds more fuel to the fire demanding a full public inquiry," Phillips was quoted as saying. "Part of the question is, why the enormous buildup of police resources?"

"Why were they requesting armoured personnel carriers? Why were they requesting OPP sharpshooters to assemble there? All these questions are serious and troubling."

Ken Tufts, spokesman for the solicitor general, said it would be impossible to hold an inquiry before the numerous court proceedings related to the shooting have been concluded.

## Payment to York Region chief was for future services, spokesman says

A \$125,000 payment made to York Region Police chief Bryan Cousineau in December 1995 from auto parts maker Magna International Inc. was for future consulting services, a company spokesman said.

"We entered into a contract with Chief Cousineau to provide us with security consulting services in 2002," Magna's executive vice-president of corporate development, Graham Orr was quoted as saying, referring to the chief's expected year of retirement. "There is nothing sinister about our agreement ... it's above board."



Cousineau

Orr's comments on the agreement were made as the Ontario Provincial Police continues its probe into Cousineau's affairs. Launched in March, the investigation is believed to involve allegations of personal use of police resources.

Orr said signing Cousineau to a contract before he retired was one way to make sure he would work for Magna after he left the regional force.

Orr also said Magna's agreement with Cousineau was not the reason the OPP began their probe.

## Timmins names its youngest police chief

The youngest police chief in the history of Ontario's Timmins Police Service was sworn in on Dec. 18.

The chairman of the police services board, Tom Laughren, has high expectations for 44-year-old Denis Lavoie.

"It's a very important day in the city of Timmins because I think we're probably going to have one of the best chiefs in the history of the city of Timmins," Laughren was

quoted as saying.

Lavoie said he realizes his new job will be tough, but he's up to the challenge and knows all the members of his service are professionals.

"I know there'll be some tough years ahead but I have confidence in the people at the Timmins Police Service," Lavoie was quoted as saying. "They're a very dedicated group."

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# Mounties found guilty of negligence by high court

Judge awards B.C. man more than \$459,000 in damages

An injured man who was taken to a holding cell instead of a hospital was awarded more than \$459,000 in damages by a B.C. Supreme Court judge in late December.

Justice John Spencer handed down the ruling after finding Chilliwack RCMP Const. John Dykstra and Sgt. Craig Logan negligent in their dealings with Steven Fortey on Sept. 28, 1993.

The incident began at 1 a.m. when Fortey tripped and struck the back of his head against the ground while walking home drunk.

Two citizens found him and called for paramedics. Dykstra arrived on the scene to lend aid after he heard the "man down" call on his radio.

Fortey had a bloody patch on his head, but was conscious. He refused repeated offers of medical assistance from both the paramedics and Dykstra. The officer told Fortey he had three choices, he could either walk home, go to the hospital, or go to jail.

Fortey got off the ground and carried on his way. After walking for a brief time he disappeared into the early morning darkness. Dykstra later found him beside a car in a nearby driveway.

The officer then told Fortey he could either go to the hospital or go to jail. Fortey again refused medical assistance so he was taken to jail.

Dykstra told the jailers to watch Fortey and let him know if the man was having any prob-

lems. Fortey was observed 22 times during the night and was seen to move and get up to use the toilet.

However, the officers didn't know that Fortey had sustained a depressed skull fracture and was bleeding into his brain. When police attempted to wake him in the morning he was unconscious. Fortey was taken to hospital where he underwent emergency brain surgery.

Fortey was left with significant speech and physical impairment as a result of a brain injury.

Spencer said police officers must walk the line between "committing the tort of battery by compelling" an individual to receive unwanted medical attention and "the tort of negligence" by failing to realize an individual is too impaired to make a decision as to whether they need assistance.

Ultimately, he found Dykstra and Logan to be liable because their own evidence showed they both knew Fortey was very intoxicated.

The judge found Fortey to be 40 per cent responsible for his injuries and awarded him 60 per cent of \$25,100 sought for past wage losses; \$131,789 for loss of future earnings; \$8,742 for past care; \$369,763 for future care; \$30,000 in a trust award to his mother; and \$200,000 in general damages. The total award reached \$459,235.



## New regional force selects top cop

A seasoned Mountie was selected to head up New Brunswick's newest police force in December.

Insp. Jim Payne, a former member with the Campbellton detachment, was named commanding officer of the proposed Codiac Regional Police Force.

"I feel very honoured," Payne said of his appointment. "It's quite an opportunity."

The 26-year veteran of the mounted force said he has no immediate goals except to get the force up and running and begin interacting with the community.

"We're seized with effecting the transition," Payne said. "That's the priority right now. The overriding objective would be to develop a sense of trust between the community and the members and deal with the change that's taking place."

Payne's appointment came just two weeks before the New Brunswick government passed a controversial bill which gave them control over policing duties.

Under the legislation the Liberal government was allowed to replace the Moncton force, which was disbanded under the new regional RMCP agreement that includes Dieppe and Riverview.

Moncton may be the hardest community to deal with because the local government and the union representing its officers have been opposed to the idea of creating a regional force since the provincial government first considering the plan in 1996. Some Moncton city councillors have called the bill an attack on the democratic rights of municipal councils.

## Toronto force looks into helicopter deal



The Metropolitan Toronto Police Service could have three helicopters in the air within the next five years, the chair of the police services board said in late December.

Maureen Prinsloo said it could take as long as five years, or as short as three before there is enough money in the budget to buy the choppers.

But before the helicopter project can get off the ground the board has to deal with a \$163-million budget short-fall and its \$94-million, 12-year plan to rebuild the service's division buildings.

Toronto police would like to have three helicopters to be staffed 18 hours a day by five pilots and five observers. The estimated up-front capital cost is \$5-million. The annual operating costs could reach \$1.6-million for each helicopter.

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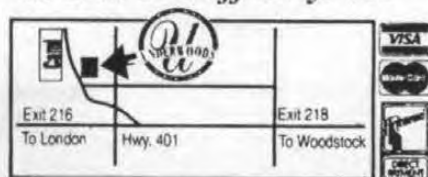


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# Mountie entrance exam to undergo some changes

The RCMP is changing parts of its entrance exam after some aboriginals and other visible minorities scored slightly lower than other applicants, according to a federal employment equity report.

The report voiced concerns over subtests involving written composition, logic and computation, as well as second language issues for some visible minorities.

The RCMP didn't discuss what specific changes were to be made or when they may be implemented, but they did say some questions were being reworded.

The equity report didn't include details of the test results. The Mounties said none of the changes resulted from the scores.

"I would never confirm that interpretation at all," Ottawa RCMP spokesman Sgt. Mike Gaudet was quoted as saying. "We have to try to design tests that meet the requirements of the kind of people we're looking for."

The RCMP recruitment priorities are, in descending order: visible minorities, aboriginals, women and Caucasian men, the equity report said.

The number of people selected from each group depends on the locations of the jobs that need to be filled, the report said.

Altering the test was done in an effort "to continue to be sensitive to the needs of various groups that we're hoping to recruit within the ranks of the RCMP," Gaudet was quoted as saying. "We want to make sure there are no systemic barriers."

The entrance exam is written by everyone who applies to become a full-time member of the RCMP. A physical fitness test is also conducted before recruits are sent to Regina.

The idea of changing the test to make it more culturally sensitive received full support from Nova Scotia's black community, which sees more minority police officers as a necessity in preventing the racial problems experi-

enced in Cole Harbour and East Preston.

"I think they're on the right track," Rev. Mark Adams, a black community leader in Halifax, was quoted as saying.

But not everyone shares the same sentiment.

The director of justice for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Darren Winegarden, said changing the exam is a bad idea.

Winegarden said aboriginal Mounties he's spoken with all say they should be subjected to the same entrance standards as other applicants.

"They don't want a special process. They'll be looked at as second-class officers by the other officers and, I guess, by themselves too," he was quoted as saying.

Gaudet said everyone will still write the same test.

"Our aim is to have a fair process, to have the best person," he was quoted as saying. "At the same time, we want to reflect the Canadian public within our ranks."

Winegarden said giving native groups more control over reserve policing and administration would be a better way to encourage aboriginal representation.

Gaudet said the force is trying to recognize that people come from different backgrounds and that individuals who have grown up in remote northern communities are different than individuals from heavily populated urban areas.

"Their particular environment has not provided them with all of the skills that would allow them to function at equal levels in mainstream society," Gaudet was quoted as saying.

In 1994, the RCMP launched a development program that helps aboriginals upgrade their skills and education before being recruited.

The equity report anticipated that 75 to 80 aboriginals, who otherwise wouldn't have been qualified for a position with the RCMP, have become constables with the force in 1997.



## Biker leaders arrested during RCMP raids

Two biker leaders were among seven people arrested in late December during drug raids in Ontario's Niagara region.

Arthur Shura, 37, national president of the Outlaws and 26-year-old Ryan Montgomery, president of the affiliated Heavy Gauge club, were among those charged.

Both gangs are rivals of the Hells Angels.

A five-month RCMP probe resulted in several raids over four days, police said.



"This began as a drug operation and just happened to evolve into a biker operation and we eventually reeled in the big fish," Cpl. Harry Barrington was quoted as saying.

Two hydroponic marijuana growing operations were discovered and two weapons were seized during the raids, investigators said.

Half a kilogram of cocaine was also seized in the operation.



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## Violent crime down, commercial crime rises during 1997: experts

While homicide rates continued to fall in Canada in 1997, commercial crime was on the rise, according to criminal experts and crime statistics.

"Why are we seeing an increase in commercial crime? Quite simply because it is easier to do than other kinds of crimes," Edmonton police Sgt. Bryan Boulanger was quoted as saying. "You don't have to get a gun to rob a bank. Now we're looking at an increase in things that are much more difficult to patrol, such as fraudulent credit card use."

Edmonton police have had such a huge increase in commercial crime that investigations can last between three months and two years, Boulanger said.

"What we are seeing is a huge increase in property offences and frauds," Toronto criminal lawyer John Rosen was quoted as saying. "The homicide rate in this country is pretty steady and for the last 10 years it's been pretty much declining, but there seems to be a lot of pressure out there to make easy money."

Homicide rates in most major Canadian cities either decreased in 1997 or remained consistent with rates over the past several years.

In Toronto, the nation's most populated city, police reported 61 homicides in 1997. This represents a two per cent increase over 1996.

Montreal police reported 49 homicides in 1997, a drop of 54 over 1996.

**"What we are seeing is a huge increase in property offences and frauds."**

**- John Rosen**

The decline was attributed to a joint effort by city police, RCMP and the provincial force to work together to solve murders and prevent others from happening, Const. Michel Fontaine said.

Close to half of the 49 homicides committed in Montreal were biker gang related. A total of 21 lives were claimed as a result of the ongoing turf war between rival gangs.

Edmonton police found that a number of last year's 22 homicides were the result of domestic disputes. To rectify the situation the Family Protection Services Division was launched. The division teams police and social workers together in an effort to monitor severe cases of domestic abuse that they feel could turn fatal.

The province also launched a program two years ago that allows officers investigating a disturbance or crime to seize children if they are deemed to be in danger, such as an incident where an adult has been drinking or taking drugs.

## Number of female officers hits a high



The number of police officers per capita may have declined in 1997, but a record number of women are wearing the blue.

In December, Statistics Canada reported the number of police officers per capita had fallen for the sixth consecutive year to 181 officers per 100,000 population.

The drop, which is less than one per cent compared to 1996, was said to be caused by budget cutbacks at every level of government. Overall there were 54,699 police officers employed across Canada in 1997.

The number of female officers rose by eight per cent in 1997, while the number of male officers remained consistent with other years. Females now account for one in every nine officers, compared with one in 20 just 10 years ago.

Manitoba had the most officer per capita last year (195 per 100,000 population) followed by Quebec (185).

Policing expenditures for 1996 totaled \$5.86 billion, a cost of \$195 per Canadian.

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## B.C. cop helps kids play ball



An Oak Bay, B.C., police officer has turned his vacation time into a time of giving.

When Dan McLean started to plan his Nicaragua holiday trip last summer, he thought it would be a good idea to take along some used baseball equipment to distribute to some of the country's poverty-stricken children.

He began by asking individuals and teams in the Victoria area if they'd like to help the initiative, which he called Play Ball.

"The generosity of all these people has been overwhelming," McLean was quoted as saying. "I didn't really know what to expect ... but it wasn't this."

McLean won't just be stuffing a couple of bags full of equipment. Instead, he has been given enough baseball merchandise to fill two sea-containers.

The officer has hundreds of new and used baseball bats, balls and gloves. He also has enough uniforms to outfit 155 teams and dozens of refurbished trophies bearing the Canadian and Nicaraguan flags.

More than 15,000 baseball cards, 300 of them of the county's major league hero Dennis Martinez, were also donated to the project.

McLean was able to find a number of partners who were willing to help out with the project.

Rotary Clubs in both Victoria and Nicaragua were more than willing to help out. The clubs in Nicaragua will be responsible for distributing the baseball gear throughout the country.

Trading-card stores, trophy companies and an investment dealer who will pay for the containers to be shipped south also played major roles in the effort.

"Right now there are no opportunities for children to play organized sport," McLean was quoted as saying.

McLean left for his vacation on Jan. 29 and will help to distribute equipment on Feb. 21 and 22 when the containers arrive.

## Ottawa officer saves life of suicidal man on bridge



An Ottawa-Carleton police officer was hailed as a hero in December after he saved the life of a man who attempted to jump from a bridge.

Const. Lance Cheesman grabbed the coat of a suicidal man who tried to hang himself from the Bank Street bridge, which spans the Rideau Canal.

Cheesman, along with an off-duty RCMP officer and Carleton University student Peter Zimonjic, held on to the 33-year-old man for seven minutes before they managed to calm him down and lift him to safety.

Cheesman, a 23-year veteran, was sitting in his cruiser doing paperwork on Dec. 6, when a passer-by told him a man on the bridge was

acting strangely.

When the constable reached the bridge he saw a man standing on a ledge, ready to jump. The man had one end of a rope tied around his neck and the other tied to the bridge.

Cheesman approached cautiously.

When he moved closer the man jumped from the bridge, but Cheesman reached over the rail and caught hold of the man's jacket. He hung on to him until the Mountie and Zimonjic arrived to lend assistance.

"His cool-headedness contributed to saving the life of this person and he should be recognized," Police Chief Brian Ford was quoted as saying.

Ford said he plans to recommend Cheesman for a police award.

## Parliament member nabs suspect

A Manitoba member of Parliament was credited with saving a woman from a potential sexual assault and apprehending the knife-wielding assailant who broke into her bedroom.

David Iftody said he was getting dressed one morning in early December at a bed and breakfast when he heard a woman screaming, according to a Winnipeg Free Press report out of Ottawa.

"You could hear people bouncing off the walls," Iftody was quoted as saying. "I ran downstairs and found the woman owner pushed up against the wall."

What the MP didn't know was that the assailant, dressed only in a bra and panties, had

confronted the woman in her bedroom bathroom.

When Iftody found the man he had put on his clothes and was attempting to flee the scene.

"I didn't know what was going on so I just looked straight at him and yelled, 'Drop the bag and sit down,'" Iftody was quoted as saying.

When the man didn't respond the first time, the six-foot-two, 215-pound MP repeated his instructions. The man complied and took a seat.

Police soon arrived on the scene to make the arrest.

"He certainly played a role in the capture of the felon," Ottawa-Carleton Police Staff Sgt. Gilles Larochelle was quoted as saying. "Without his direct assistance, I'm sure he would have fled."

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## Fashionable bank robber fled in rented limousine

### Man gets three years in jail for poorly executed crimes



A robber with a flair for fashion and rented limousines was sentenced to three years behind bars in December for perpetrating some interesting heists.

The court heard how the 23-year-old man, a cocaine addict, walked into a bank at noon wearing a yellow silk shirt and green dress pants and passed a note that said he had a gun.

After swiping \$1,600 the flashy crook made his getaway in a chauffeur driven grey stretch limousine and was easily apprehended by Niagara Regional Police minutes later.

The man also plead guilty to a robbery at a Kitchener convenience store a few

weeks prior to the bank heist.

In that incident the crook, dressed in a suit and tie, leapt behind the counter and began waiting on customers after telling the store clerk he had a gun.

The man spent about 15 minutes selling cigarettes and lottery tickets to unsuspecting customers while security cameras filmed him.

After he served customers and cleaned out the store's safe, he jumped into a cab and told the driver to take him to a nice hotel with room service, Crown attorney Brian Wilcox, said.

In support of the 3-year jail term, defence lawyer Graeme Leach noted his client's crimes weren't very sophisticated and were so poorly carried out that he was almost sure to be arrested.

## Grey Cup stolen from bar during celebration



The Grey Cup may have returned to Toronto with the Argonauts for a second time, but it almost had a new residence after someone made off with the trophy in late November.

Sgt. Grant Wilkinson of the Halton Regional Police Service said Toronto Argonaut Mike Vanderjagt was showing the historic Cup off at a popular bar in Oakville and allowing fans to drink from it.

Among those at the bar was a group of college students who were having a Christmas party.

In jest, one student apparently said she would pay \$100 to have the Grey Cup in her apartment. When the woman got home that evening, she turned on the kitchen lights and found the cup sitting in front of her.

The police were notified and the cup was recovered.

No charges were laid.

It is not known if the woman paid the \$100 she owed the Cup's abductor.

## Police pull pot from their own flower bed

Police in Kristiansand, Norway conducted a marijuana raid on a familiar site in late August - their station's flower bed.

The pot removal was conducted after an observant citizen noticed the distinctive seedlings sprouting up in the police force's garden.

The informer, Karen Valeur, said she had no doubt that the plant growing in the flower bed was marijuana.

Police went out to the front of the station, dug up the plants and confiscated them.

Svein Erik Findal, head of the Kristiansand police narcotics unit, said some one obviously thought planting pot in front of the station would be an amusing trick.

## Is this armed robbery?



A would-be thief gave new meaning to the term armed robbery in December.

The incident began when a man walked into a hotel in La Ronge, Sask., with his fingers arranged in an attempt to symbolize a handgun.

The man informed the clerk he was robbing the hotel and drove his point home by leaping over the counter and demanding that the till be opened.

But the clerk tipped the man's hand when he began to call for help. The bandit lost his nerve and fled with his "gun" in hand.

"It's definitely strange," RCMP Cpl. Len Desautels was quoted as saying.

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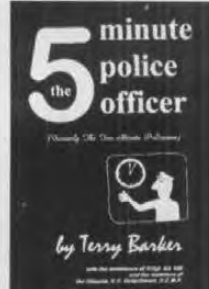
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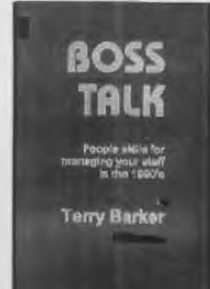
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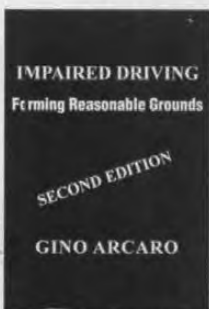
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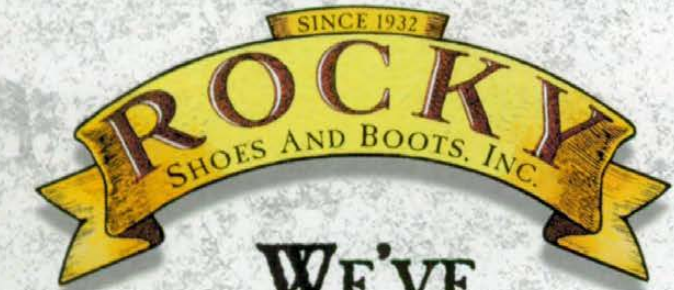
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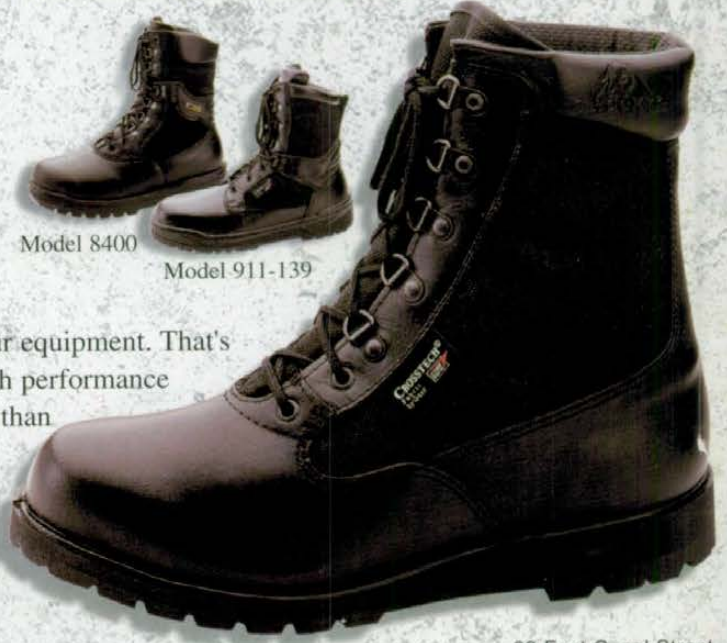
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