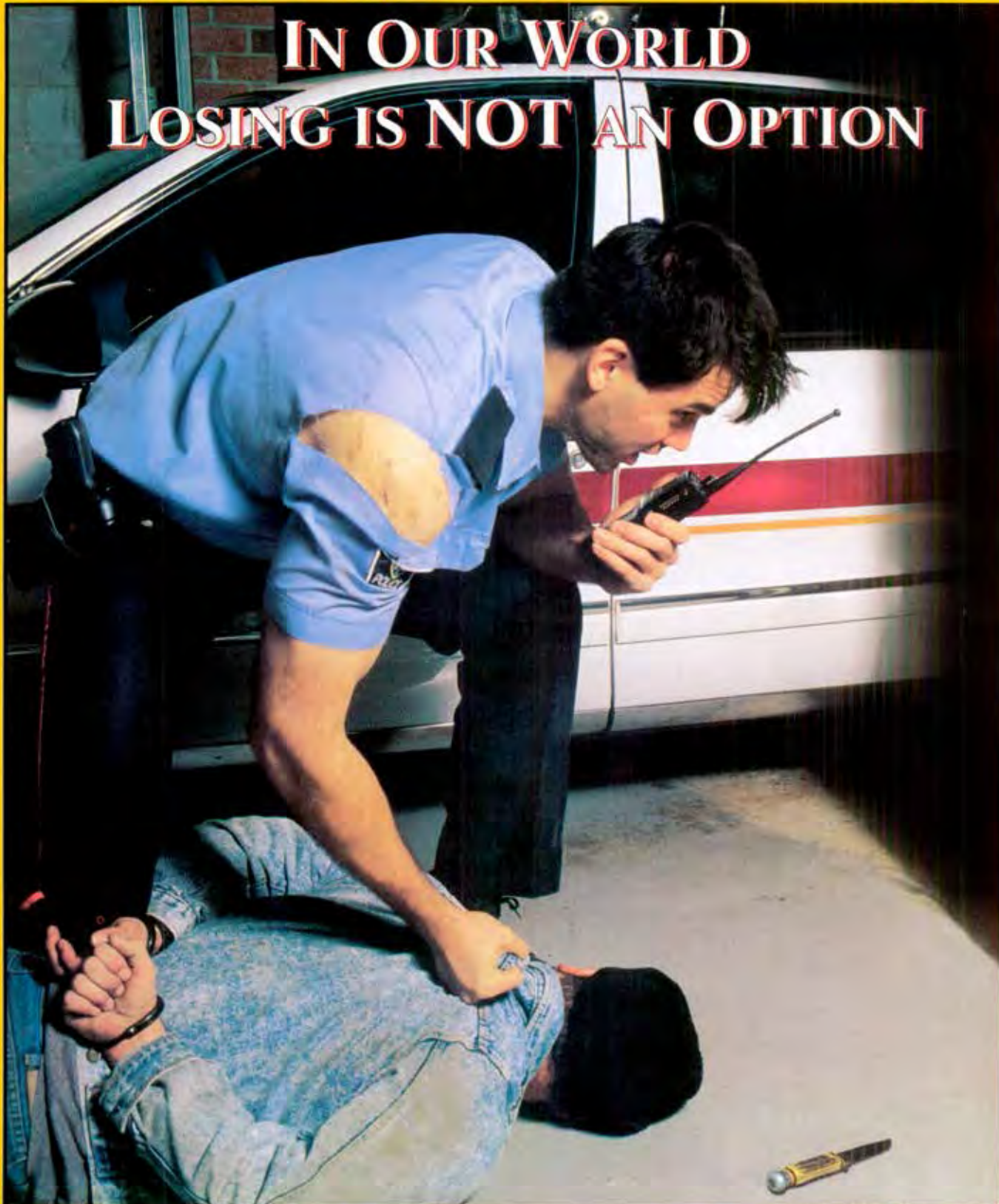


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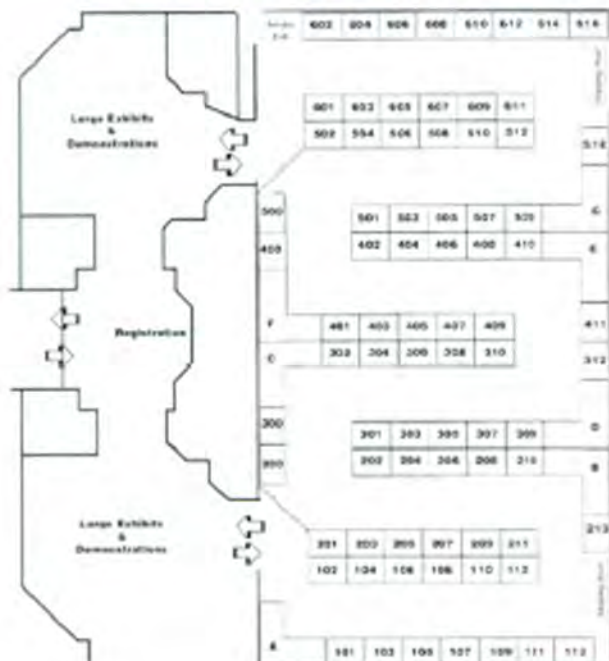


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This month's edition features a poster photograph composed by Bill Johnson. We felt it was quite appropriate for Blue Line Magazine's first annual Trade Show edition.

The poster is one of a series of motivational posters being produced by K&K Enterprises and currently marketed by a number of retailers across the country. Attendees at Response 97 will be able to purchase this and two other posters in the current series from one exhibitor. It will be your challenge to find out which one. If you are interested in becoming a local retailer of these posters you may call K&K Enterprises at 905 883-4960.

Beginning on page 24 in this edition you will begin reading about Blue Line's first annual trade show. The pages are designed to help you find your way to the show and find the goods and services in which you have an interest. In addition you will find a profile on each exhibitor and a run-down on what they will be displaying.

In the middle of this edition, for your convenience, you will find a registration card. Although there will be a \$10.00 entry fee at the door you will be able to get in FREE by filling out this card and returning it to us before April 18.

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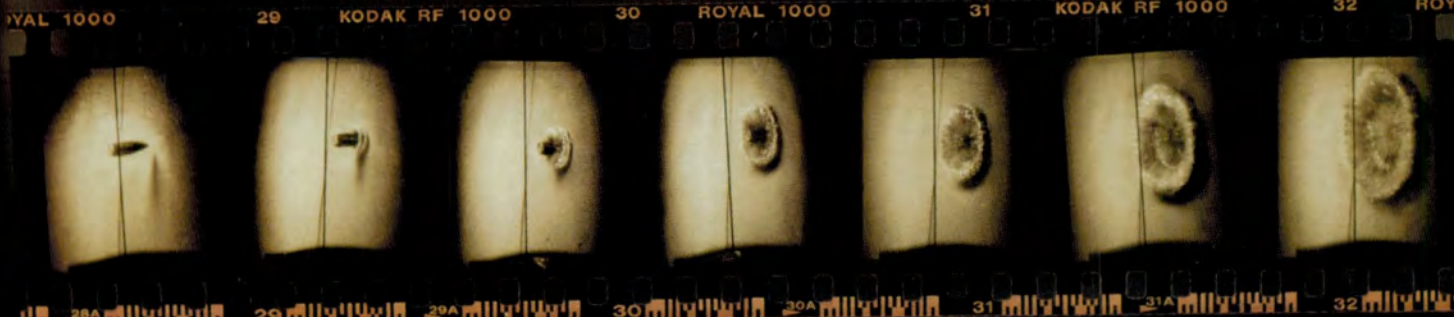
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Effective communication—more than just the printed word

By Morley Lyburner

Our communication ability is expanding in many ways.

Communicating is very important today and Blue Line Magazine is opening up more levels of communication than ever before.

In addition to communication through the printed word Blue Line has initiated its own annual trade show which is designed to promote communication between our readers and private industry. Blue Line's annual Response Trade Show, in its inaugural debut scheduled for April 22-23, has had a tremendous response from both registrants and the private sector. With over 60 attending companies in 70 booths (as of this writing in mid-March) along with numerous guest lecturers in two classrooms, this event should prove to be an excellent communication medium. You will find more about Response 97 in this edition.

As an informational communication medium Blue Line News Week has proven to be quite successful for those who wish to keep up to date with law enforcement oriented news from across Canada. The editor of this publication scans over 90 daily newspapers across Canada every day to cull out only the news of interest to law enforcement practitioners. This news is then compiled every Thursday and transmitted by fax

or mailed out to its subscribers.

We have realized from the very beginning of this publication that communication is important in an archival sense as well. Blue Line has developed a complimentary service of news searching which is available to subscribers to Blue Line News Week fax service. Subscribers simply call, fax or e-mail our office and supply us with a key word to search. This could be a name or subject or combination of words. We then search our news database for all stories matching the search. We then fax out the articles for the subscriber at no extra charge. This service is also available to all Blue Line readers for a service fee. The database has become quite large and presently searches over 3,000 articles going back to November 1995 and is increasing at the average rate of 40 articles per week.

Communication also means being open to you, our readers. To this end we have set up a 24 hour fax line. It is always on and ready to receive your stories or items of interest. We are happy to read press releases and those little "heads-up" pieces that let us know what is developing in your agency. We also encourage those with either an artistic or literary flare to submit their stories or articles to us so we may share this knowledge across the country.

Blue Line has also started to open up communication through the Internet in a variety of ways. Our readers may communicate letters to us through our internet address at BlueLine_Magazine@CompuServe.com. We will soon be visible on the new Community Policing Information Network, at www.cpinet.org, in the near future. CPI-Net is a cooperative effort between several police agencies, including the RCMP, OPP and Metro Toronto Police, to open lines of communication through the internet to assist in community policing initiatives. Portions of CPI-Net are set up for inter-agency communications and Blue Line initially will be placing a page on this system to advise people about the up-coming and just released articles in the magazine. We will also be posting requests for information on subjects our readers may be interested in. Blue Line will also be keeping our readers up-to-date on the progress of this program as it evolves.

Communicating is indeed important to any individual or group. It is of paramount importance to the law enforcement field and the publishing field. This makes for a great match when both mediums in need of communication can do so in a variety of ways. Your comments are expected.

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The Clipboard



Seized: Quebec provincial police confiscated \$1.6 million in counterfeit Canadian bills in addition to printing equipment and a plate for making U.S. bank notes in late February.

The phony \$50, \$100 and \$1,000 bills were seized in Charlemagne, east of Montreal, police said.

Officers also found a .22-calibre revolver and parts used to disguise stolen cars. One man was arrested.

Recognized: A B.C. cattle rancher who saved an RCMP constable's life was recognized for his bravery in late February.

Klaus Dieter Soth, 64, was awarded a medal for bravery from the prestigious Carnegie Hero Fun of Pittsburgh, Pa. He has already received the Commissioner's Commendation from the RCMP and the Medal of Bravery, one of Canada's highest awards for acts of heroism.

Soth was driving down a rural road in Columbia Valley, B.C., in July 1994, when he saw a man pointing a gun at a Mountie.

Soth aided the officer, who had stopped the man for questioning, by distracting the suspect and fleeing with the officer.

Soth drove the officer to a neighbour's home and called police.

The man was later arrested.

Made for TV: A new one-hour TV cop drama is set to air this fall.

Cold Squad will begin production in the spring and be aired across Canada on the Baton Broadcasting network. The 13-episode drama will be filmed around Vancouver and Fraser Valley.

The show is about a squad of homicide officers assigned to Vancouver's unsolved murder cases.

Settled: The mother and four children of an unarmed man who was fatally wounded by police received a \$218,269 settlement.

Marcellus Francois was fatally shot in his car on July 1991 because police mistakenly thought he was a murder suspect.

The Montreal Urban Community, a regional government, will pay Francois' mother and children for loss of financial support and moral damages, including pain and suffering.

Wants Charges: A lawyer for the family of a shooting victim asked Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick to investigate a chief of police for contempt of court.



Cousineau

In a letter dated Feb. 7, lawyer Paul Copeland alleges that a press release issued by Chief Bryan Cousineau after a York Region police officer was charged in connection with the shooting death of a suspect is designed to influence the prosecution of the officer and therefore constitutes contempt.

In the release Cousineau said: "We take the position that our officer was acting lawfully

and within his authority when he used his firearm in that instance."

Not Liable: Arnold Minors, a former member of the Metro Toronto Police Services Board, lost a liable suit against the Toronto Sun newspaper in late February.



Justice Nicholson McRae dismissed the action saying the articles, columns, editorials and editorial cartoons in question were justified or fair comment caused by Minors' own words and conduct.

Minors, who sought \$8.5 million in damages, alleged that the newspaper published 28 liables in a six-week period in 1994.

Appointed: Line Ouellet, of Quebec City, was appointed as part-time member of the RCMP Public Complaints Commission in early March.

Ouellet, who holds a law degree from Laval University, was admitted to the Bar of Quebec in 1980. She specialized in civil and commercial law.

The complaints commission is an independent and impartial organization that reviews complaints made by the public against members of the RCMP.

Fire Power: The New York's city police force announced in early March that its officers will be getting hollow-point bullets.



The bullets are designed to expand on impact and stop as soon as they strike their target.

The NYPD has ordered nine million rounds, or a one year supply for up to 70 per cent of its force. The cost is estimated to be \$500,000.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir announced the change two weeks after a woman lost her eye after an officer's stray ricochet bullet ripped through her front door.

Online: The RCMP will be placing their 10 Most Wanted list online next month.

Eight of the fugitives will be Americans who have disappeared into some of Canada's larger cities.

The website will be modelled after the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, which can be found on the agencies homepage.

Photographs, biographical information, physical descriptions and details of the crimes they're suspected of committing will appear on the Mountie website. The site is available through WWW.RCMP.GRC.GC.CA.



Remembering a big chance and a great start

In response to the "Letters To The Editor" article of February's Blue Line Magazine written from Windsor Police. In answer to the question: Yes, I used the plainclothes arrest photograph from another magazine as my reference for that part of the 1994 cover of Blue Line. It is nice to know that the officer in the photo recognized the art work as being himself, and to now know the story behind the arrest is also very interesting.

In cover illustration, from movie posters like Star Wars, to book jacket covers, Photo reference is often used to gain a solid representation of the subject matter, or likeness with believable results. With that said, it's good to know I accurately depicted that arrest; I'm glad to read both you and the Windsor officer enjoyed the illustration.

I should tell you a little bit about what I'm doing now that I have left both college and the pages of Blue Line. I was awarded a national award for cartoon excellence by the National Association of Canadian Political Cartoonists in Toronto a couple of years ago. Some of the cartoons submitted for review were one's I had done for Blue Line. I have done numerous comic book covers for some of the biggest



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a shot at doing work for a "real" magazine. As long as I draw cartoons I will never forget where it all began some seven or eight years ago.

Thanks and keep up the great work.

— Dave Bluestein

characters in the Superior business. My work has appeared in *MAD Magazine*, *Marvel* and *DC Comics*. I am now working in animation! I am currently doing storyboards for Saturday morning cartoons at a large production company in Toronto.

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Even modern non-violent interrogation techniques can produce false confessions

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The days of bright lights and rubber hoses as tools to obtain confessions from criminal suspects may be gone, but the more modern methods used by police to get suspects to confess may be no less powerful. And, according to psychologist Saul M. Kassin, Ph.D., of Williams College, "available research suggests that the criminal justice system currently does not afford adequate protection to people branded as suspects and there are serious dangers associated with the use of confession evidence."

In an article in the March issue of the American Psychological Association's (APA) journal *American Psychologist*, Dr. Kassin notes that the use of physical force to obtain confessions has given way to more psychologically oriented techniques, such as "feigned sympathy and friendship, appeals to God and religion, the use of informants, the presentation of false evidence and other forms of trickery and deception."

The most commonly used interrogation techniques, Dr. Kassin says, fall into two general categories: maximization and minimization. The aim of maximization is to intimidate a suspect into confessing by "overstating the seriousness of the offence and the magnitude of the charges and even making false or exaggerated claims about the evidence." Minimization aims to lull the suspect into a false sense of security by "offering sympathy, tolerance, face-saving excuses, and moral justification; by blaming the victim or an accomplice; and by underplaying the seriousness or magnitude of the charges."

While trial judges reject confessions that were elicited by explicit threats of harsh punishment or promises of leniency in sentencing, they often do not exclude confessions for which positive and negative consequences are merely implied, Dr. Kassin says. And the result, he says, is an unknown number of instances where people confess to crimes they didn't commit.

Dr. Kassin cites several historical cases of people giving false confessions to escape aversive interrogation, to gain a promised reward or because they came to believe they had committed the crime. The most recent and well-documented case of false confession was Paul Ingram, a former deputy sheriff in Olympia, Washington who "after 23 interrogations, which extended for five months, was detained, hypnotized, provided with graphic crime details, told by a police psychologist that sex offenders typically repress their offences, and urged by the minister of his church to confess," eventually "recalled" raping his daughter, sexual abuse and satanic crimes that included the slaughter of newborn babies. There was no physical evidence to suggest that the crimes had even occurred, Dr. Kassin notes, but Paul Ingram was sentenced to 20 years in jail, where he remains.

While Paul Ingram may have suffered from



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an unusually high degree of suggestibility, Dr. Kassin describes laboratory experiments involving college students that demonstrate the relative ease with which innocent persons can be induced not only to admit guilt, but to adopt the false belief that they are guilty and even confabulate details to fit that newly created belief (at least in a low-stakes, non-criminal situation).

In the experiment, participants were instructed to type letters into a computer as they were read off by a confederate at either a slow or fast pace. The participants were warned not to touch the ALT key on the keyboard or else the computer would malfunction and data would be lost. In each case, the computer suddenly "crashed" and the experimenter accused the participant of hitting the ALT key. In all cases, the participant at first denied hitting the key (and none actually had hit the key), but half the time the confederate claimed to have witnessed the

participant hitting the key and half the time the confederate claimed not to have seen what happened. The experimenter then hand-wrote a standardized confession and prodded the participants to sign it. Overall, 69 percent signed it and 28 percent believed they were actually guilty. Compliance was highest among those who had been typing the letters at the faster pace and whose "witness" claimed that they had hit the ALT key: 100 percent of them signed the confession, 65 percent believed they were guilty and 35 percent confabulated details to fit their belief.

This is important, Dr. Kassin says, because confession evidence — even confession evidence that has been withdrawn or recanted — can have enormous influence on juries. Even when a judge rules that a disputed confession was coerced and not voluntary and instructs the jury to discount it, evidence from mock juror experiments suggests that jurors will often be persuaded by it anyway. "In short," Dr. Kassin notes, "confession evidence is so inherently prejudicial that people do not fully discount the information even when it is logically and legally appropriate to do so."

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Traffic Calming

Forced compliance without the force



by Blair McQuillan

In a single evening a group of angry Dutch citizens changed the way traffic management is viewed and gave community leaders and professionals a wake-up call.

In the late 1960s, residents in the city of Delft, Holland, were so outraged over the negative impact vehicles had on their street that they literally tore up the brick pavement one night. The bricks were rearranged in such a way that motorists were forced to travel in a serpentine pattern at a much slower speed.

During that evening a concept known as "traffic management" was forced upon local officials.

The goal of traffic management is to integrate and accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and motorists on the road which they are using. This is achieved by altering the physical features of the road in such a manner that it changes the behaviour of those utilizing the street.

While the concept may sound complicated, it is actually quite simple and easy to implement.

Traffic calming supplies city planners and police with a number of methods which help to reduce the speed at which motorists travel, increase safety and improve the quality of life within the community.

In the past, physical features such as all way stops, speed bumps and traffic mazes have been implemented in an attempt to slow motorists, who are generally viewed as the most dominate road user. However, these methods may actually have the opposite effect on drivers.

All way stops for example, can generate frustration among drivers. Motorists tend to speed up in between stops signs in order to make up for lost time and roll through stops they feel are unnecessary.

However, when traffic calming methods are utilized the physical features of the road



itself enforces a lower speed limit.

This self enforcement is done through a number of methods. They include raising road surfaces, adding bicycle lanes, narrowing the road, creating traffic circles and altering the texture or colour of the road itself.

While traffic calming first began to gain popularity in Europe in the 1970s, it is still relatively new to Canada. The first traffic calming project was implemented in Ontario in 1994.

It was at that time that a resident association proposed that the Toronto City Council use traffic calming measures on Balliol Street in the heart of the city.

Residents were concerned about the high rate of speed at which motorists were travelling along the street.

The city was already planning to do construction on the street and agreed to implement the calming methods proposed, said Andrew Macbeth, manager of the city's Transportation

Management Department of Public Works and the Environment.

The first step in the initiative was to pass legislation which reduced the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h. Many changes were made to the street after the legislation was passed and the two month construction period had ended.

A total of five intersections were raised and narrowed along the street, seven road narrowings were created in between blocks by extending existing sidewalks and the road surface was altered in various spots by laying interlocking brick instead of asphalt.

The final measure included the removal of stop signs at three T-intersections. This was done because the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service felt that with the lower operating speeds, it would be safer for all road users if the signs were removed at locations where the intersections were narrowed.

Pedestrians could wait for gaps in traffic to cross the street, instead of relying on drivers to

stop. Pedestrians are known to frequently cross at stops signs before checking to make sure that a motorist is not rolling through the intersection.

According to a report by J.P. Braaksma & Associates, a transportation planning and engineering firm, removing stop signs can have a positive effect.

"Normally, the speeds are low near the stops signs and high in between. In addition, there is a lot of accelerating and decelerating and frustrated drivers who object to what are often called 'political stop signs.' Consequently rolling stops occur.

"The same street, but traffic calmed, has a lower top speed and fewer stops, resulting in a relatively flat speed profile. The speeding, frustration and rolling stops are eliminated or significantly reduced."

But the main question is whether or not Ontario's first traffic calming project was a success.

A traffic calming report prepared by Metro Toronto Police shows that prior to the project 54 per cent of all traffic on the road exceeded the speed limit. Of these, 14 per cent were speeding by 10km/h or more.

However, once the calming measures were in place, 34 per cent of the traffic exceeded the new, lower speed limit of 30 km/h. In addition, just 4 per cent of these people exceeded it by 10 km/h or more.

A survey conducted six months after the changes were made showed that 60 per cent of the residents supported the project, while just 26 per cent were opposed to it.

A door-to-door survey conducted by landscape architecture students from the Ryerson Polytechnic University indicated that residents had an increased feeling of safety on the street and that they were more likely to converse with neighbours because the slowed vehicle speeds reduced the amount of noise.

The project had positive benefits for police as well.

Police vehicles were able to travel along Balliol Street 13 per cent faster than they were prior to the calming project. The field test found that while the road narrowings and grade changes affected the maximum vehicle speeds between the intersections, the elimination of the stop signs meant police vehicles didn't have to come to a complete stop at those points.

Fuel consumption test done by the police force found there was a 32 per cent reduction in the amount of fuel used. The decline is attributed to the fact that the street can be travelled at a more uniform speed.

With slower speeds stopping distances are reduced and the driver's field of vision widens, the J.P. Braaksma & Associates study states. When this happens motorists become more aware of their environment and are able to stop faster if required. In fact, some studies have found that the number of collisions decreased by up to 50% after traffic calming measures were implemented.

The reduction in collisions means officers spend less time attending accident scenes, doing associated paper work and spending time in court.

There were however, some drawbacks for



other emergency services. The fire department found that their response time increased by three seconds, a one per cent increase in their expected time. Ambulance personnel also found it took an additional 25 seconds to travel the street. This represented five percent of the expected eight minute response time. Their main problem was dealing with patients while going over the raised intersections.

Although traffic calming is not a perfect concept, it has gained increasing attention from cities in Ontario and across Canada since the Balliol Street project.

Cities such as Victoria, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary and Nepean have all used traffic calming as a means of making their streets safer and reducing the need for constant radar enforcement.

The Ontario Traffic Conference, a committee that is made up of traffic engineers, politicians and police, has formed a Traffic Calming

Subcommittee. The committee is responsible for developing guidelines which outline legal, technical and financial issues associated with traffic calming in the province.

Nationally, the Transportation Association of Canada, along with the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers is forming a project team to study traffic calming in Canada.

But the key to the project is initiative. Police officers shouldn't wait for city engineers and resident associations to come to them. Instead, it should be the force itself that gets the ball rolling.

If an officer knows of a high incident area where accidents and speeding are commonplace, the officer should take time to think about traffic calming methods that may alleviate the problem.

Once a calming plan has been laid out, alert city officials and area residents in order to get everyone involved in the project. Solving a community's problems before they seek assistance is a definite boost for community policing and once the project is complete, officers will be able to move on to other areas that require their attention.

With all of its benefits, it may be time to turn off the radar at the worst intersection in town and look to traffic calming as a viable alternative to high profile traffic enforcement.

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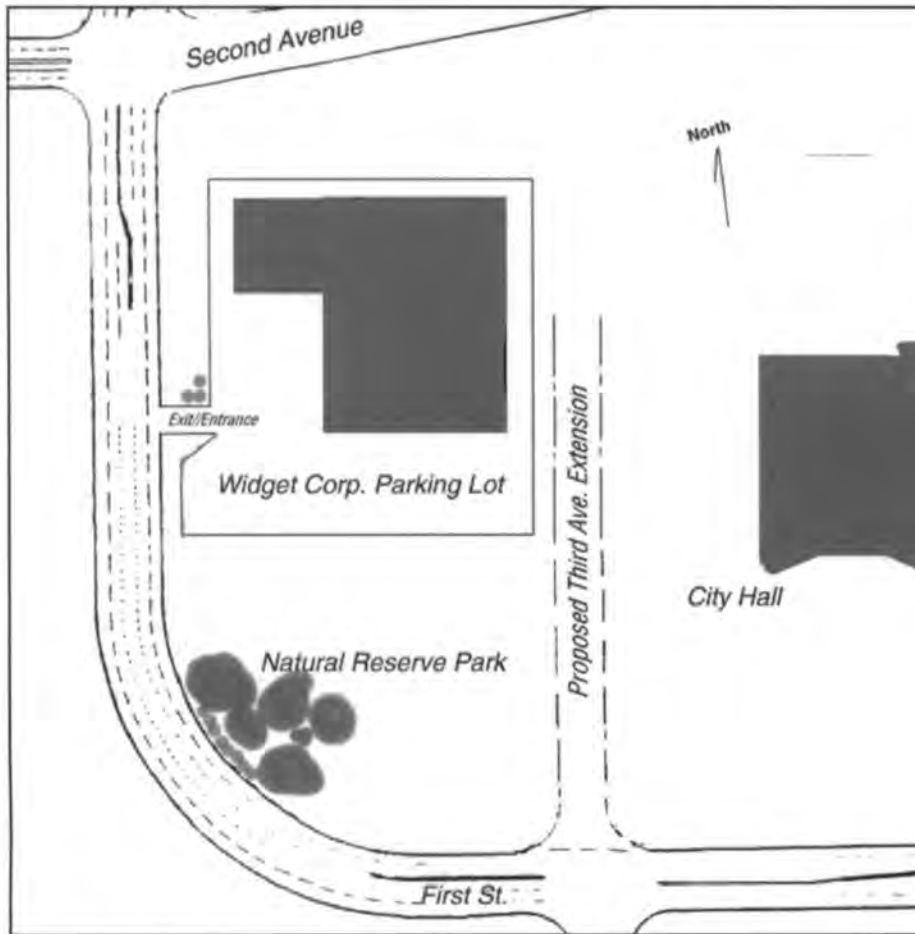
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Between the curb studies

That street problem may not be a police problem



by Morley Lymburner

It was an unfortunate system that had relegated the traffic enforcement branches of police forces to simply the enforcement of traffic laws and the investigation of accidents. Very little had been done to break the chain of handing out tickets and filling out accident reports. Certainly one area that was seldom accepted in traffic policing was the concept of prevention.

One area that traffic officers could focus on preventing collisions was in on-street analysis of traffic patterns and road construction. Many levels of government hire traffic engineers to monitor and redesign intersections, roadbeds and traffic control devices. The fact of the matter was that it was police officers who saw the roads more frequently than the engineers. They could determine very quickly, if given the opportunity, where a problem existed and how to correct it. Police leaders should focus more on the talents within their own agency before looking toward professionals.

One such talent available to most agencies is the trained collision reconstructionist. Most agencies call these officers out to investigate fatalities and other serious incidents but seldom

set them to work to study traffic problems in high accident locations. These skilled officers could be invaluable to any agency on several points.

- They know the streets and roads they patrol;
- They understand human nature and driving habits;
- They have seen enough collisions to know what went wrong;
- They have been trained to look beyond the obvious;
- They have been trained in the causative factors of collisions;
- They have been taught the basics of collision physics, sciences and math;
- They have been trained to communicate their findings in a clear fashion;
- Their report is viewed as unbiased to community groups and governments alike.

Putting these people to work to prevent collisions only makes good sense.

The following case study is one I submitted some 12 years ago. I have changed some details to emphasize some of the background politics surrounding this study.

Traffic Study of exit drive from Widget Corp., 1775 First Street, Maple City.

This study is a result of a letter of concern received by this police force from Mr. R. F. Smith of Widget Corp. and Mr. W. Jones of the Maple City Engineering Dept.

Location of this study is the western exit/entrance to the Widget Corp. Building at 1775 First Street. The drive is located about 100 metres south of the intersection of Second Avenue and situated on the east side of First Street and just north of a natural reserve city park. The road way has four lanes of traffic consisting of two lanes northbound and two southbound separated by a core left turn lane. The posted speed limit for First Street is 50 km/h. The road curves to the east just south of the Widget Corp. exit/entrance. It is also situated just west of the Maple City Administration Building.

The complaint is regarding the hazards, either encountered or perceived, of the employees as they exit the driveway of Widget Corporation and onto First Street. Basic concerns involved near and actual collisions with speeding vehicles going northbound. The city claims the problem is with speeding vehicles while Widget Corp. claims both a problem with speeders and the design of the road or exits onto this road.

Traffic Survey

This location has been an on-going speed complaint zone for the past four months with a police officer assigned to radar duty for a total of 82 hours. A total of three violation tickets have been issued. One for speeding and two for lane change violations.

A survey of traffic on First Street indicated that traffic was heavy but that speeds were not excessive. On December 12 between 16:15 and 16:45 hrs. a total of 165 vehicles were counted going northbound and their speeds monitored.

Speeds up to 49 km/h = 135

Speeds 50 to 55 km/h = 25

Speeds 56 and up = 5

The highest speed recorded was 61 km/h and this was only one vehicle.

Traffic exiting 1775 First Street was monitored between 17:10 and 17:30 hrs. A total of 77 vehicles left the lot between these times. A total of 44 vehicles turned left and 33 vehicles turned right.

After completing this observation it was determined that a greater hazard existed for those turning right. The main reason for this was that left turning vehicles cleared each lane quicker and were removed as an immediate hazard to northbound vehicles while right turning vehicles made a slower acceleration from their stopped position and caused some traffic to slow down to accommodate the reduced speed. It was also noted that many right turning cars made a quick lane change to get into the left lane of traffic in order to make a left turn at Second Avenue (a distance of about 100 metres north of the exit).

Several exits from the lot were performed

by this writer and it was found that due to the unusual obstructions to the south, northbound traffic came into view quite suddenly. This appeared quite intimidating to left turning traffic when coupled with the southbound flow which tended to flow at a higher rate of speed. It was felt that this apprehension could be a factor in traffic problems.

Technical Analysis:

Due to this unusual problem a deeper investigation was taken with regard to the road character to determine if there were any corrective measures that could be made.

The First Possible Point of Perception (FPPP) was measured from the standard stopping position of the exiting traffic. It was found that the first point at which drivers could see each other was 55 metres to the south of the exit.

The Coefficient of Friction of the road surface was measured by drag sleds. At the time of the tests the road surface was dry and the temperature was -9 Celsius. The road was in good repair and appeared of uniform composition. Calculations at the time indicated a friction fact of .69.

The Average Radius of the Curve was measured on the west edge of the northbound lane of traffic. It was found to be 85.88 metres.

The Critical Curve Speed was calculated by utilizing the two figures above. It was concluded that a vehicle travelling in the northbound passing lane would go out of control at a speed of about 86 km/h. A vehicle driving in the curb lane was calculated to go out of control at 80 km/h.

Upon analysing the above figures it was concluded that the curve in the roadway was adequate for the existing speed limit and the road surface as it existed.

Due to all of the above factors it appeared that only the location of the driveway could be brought into question.

Security of Space and Time

We know the speed limit was appropriate. The traffic flow was moving at an acceptable rate of speed and it was not a heavy flow for the road design. It was felt that 55 metres to the first possible point of perception to northbound vehicles from the driveway was not appropriate. Given the usual sequence of events leading up to a collision we discovered that it would take a vehicle travelling at 50 km/h at least 14.26 metres to slide to a stop if all brakes function properly on a dry road surface.

On top of this we added a further 10.7 metres to allow for the average reaction time of .75 seconds. This now took us to almost 25 metres to stop. This permitted only 30 metres to allow for perception delay. If we had a perception delay on only two seconds the remaining distance was consumed and we could potentially had a collision.

If we increased the speed of the vehicle from 50 km/h this safety zone distance was reduced dramatically. For instance at 60 km/h the total space consumed by an alert driver was almost 36 metres and the chances of a collision were increased dramatically.

Observations and Conclusions

As previously stated only one vehicle in a

half hour was found to be at 60 km/h and no vehicles had been found at 80 km/h.

It was not felt that the problem in this complaint was speed. It was well established that if a person came to a stop before the prolongation of the curb and did not see a car coming from the south, he could make the left turn safely with a car with even modest acceleration. The motorist would only need to check if traffic coming from the north was clear.

The only real hazard with left turning traffic at this location would be driver hesitation. To this end it was felt that steps could be taken to increase the perception point (sight-line) by removing some of the bush at the bend in the road and eliminate the parking of cars by the west edge of the parking lot.

Right turning traffic was another problem that must be addressed. It was found that most vehicles exiting made a rapid left lane change, or a wide right turn in order to get into the left lane. This was to get over to the left turn lane for Second Avenue which leads to a major arterial roadway and expressway used by most of the motorists on this street. Numerous northbound vehicles were seen to be interfered with by this activity. This hazard was made even more serious by the fact that the only escape route for other northbound motorists was to swerve to the left into southbound traffic or swerve to the right and strike curb lane traffic or another right turning car from the parking lot.

It was this study's conclusion that this exit should be removed or turned into an entrance location only. To accommodate exiting traffic another location should be considered at the east end of the property. It was noted that to do so the City would had to complete a street that had been on the drawing boards for the past ten years. The location was presently being used as a parking lot for City Hall. Records indicated that the city had made requests of Widget Corp. in the past to pay for the construction of this street extension but the company had refused citing the fact that the street was necessary for the city hall's usage as well and for the use of vacant land immediately to the north of city hall.

It was plain to see that the problems arising out of this hazard had long been attributed to being a police problem when it had been a simple dispute between city hall and Widget Corp. For the safety of the public they were encouraged to come to an agreement to solve

this problem. In any civil litigation arising out of this problem both the city and the corporation would had difficulty exonerating themselves from liability.

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Skate Safe - Skate Legal

by Lisa D'Allessandro

Picture this: It's a Sunday afternoon and the sky is finally clear of all the rain and drizzle that plagued the spring months of April, May and June. Looking out my window, I notice that the sun's rays have beckoned in-line skaters of all ages, out onto the streets. Not wanting to miss any of the action, I quickly retrieve my in-line skates out of winter storage and begin the arduous task of buckling them up.

Caught up in the anticipation of heading out for my afternoon blade, I forget to equip myself with all of the requisite protective gear. Remembering about my equipment, approximately five minutes away from my home, I quickly dismiss the idea of heading back to put it all on. My logic for this decision resided in the fact that since I have never really hurt myself on a fall while in-line skating, it couldn't possibly happen this time. This decision resulted in mistake number one.

Mistake number two occurred when I bravely took to the streets after realizing that pedestrians on the sidewalk don't necessarily enjoy in-line skaters racing towards them at daunting speeds.

Confident in my self-professed, super-human power to avoid all injuries, I committed mistake number three while attempting to pass a bicyclist. Unfortunately, while moving in for the close, I failed to notice the fresh strip of tar on the road. Time seemed to stop as I hurtled towards a parked car and landed hard on the pavement, leaving me with a major asphalt burn (also known as "road rash") down my left flank.

Stunned by the notion that I survived the fall without landing on my head or getting hit by a car, I gladly received a Peel Regional Police officer's offer for help. While assessing my injuries he was quick to inform me of the rules of the road. The main rule being that in-line skaters are responsible for obeying all traffic regulations. That is, in-line skaters have the same responsibilities as any wheeled vehicle.

Upon learning the rules of the road I was ashamed to admit that mistakes number two and three were actually against the law, while mistake number one was just plain stupid.

No, ignorance is definitely not bliss. Had I known that in-line skaters have the same responsibilities as any wheeled vehicle, this accident probably would not have happened. Follow the Rules of the Road.

Wearing protective gear is a great start in the prevention of injuries. Along with the Peel Regional Police, the Canadian In-line Skating Association is a strong advocate of in-line skating safety. The association offers the following advice:

1. Skate Smart - Always wear protective equipment - Take lessons - Master the basics, especially stopping - Keep your equipment in safe condition.

2. Skate Alert - Control your speed - Watch for road hazards - Skate on dry surfaces. Avoid water, oil and sand - Avoid obstacles and surface irregularities (i.e. cracks, debris, sticks)



- Stay away from traffic.

3. Skate Legal - Obey all traffic regulations. When you skate you have the same responsibilities as any wheeled vehicle. Consider yourself a bicyclist without a seat. - Don't skate while being towed by cars, bikes, dogs or people.

4. Skate Courteous - Skate on the right side of paths and pass on your left - Always yield to pedestrians.

The Law - Where to Skate or Where NOT to Skate?.

That is the question. Confusion exists as to what is required of an in-line skater in regards to the law. Since the sport is so new, most of the municipalities across Canada do not have by-laws that regulate the use of in-line skates.

The City of Brampton, for example, has rules preventing "roller-skating" or "skateboarding" on sidewalks or streets, however, "in-line skating" is not mentioned specifically. On the other hand, most municipalities have caught up with the skating boom and enacted legislation to regulate where people can or cannot in-line skate. Right now, in the City of Mississauga, you cannot in-line skate on the road but you can on the sidewalks as long as you give pedestrians the right of way.

Safety Equipment

According to injury data, compiled by 15 hospitals across Canada, 82 per cent of reported injuries were due to not wearing safety equipment. Statistics like these are not surprising considering the fact that it's not unusual to see in-line skaters wearing only light summer clothing with no helmet or padding.

The Peel Regional Police are dedicated to providing the skating public with safety education. Staff Sergeant John Byrne, of the Peel Regional Police, believes that serious injuries can be easily prevented simply by wearing the right equipment.

"Equipping yourself with all the requisite protection - helmets, wrist protectors, knee pads and elbow pads - will greatly decrease the likelihood of being sent to the hospital with a broken arm, asphalt burns, a concussion or other serious injuries," says Byrne.

Helmets are the most important piece of equipment for in-line skaters. Helmets should be CSA approved and should fit snugly with

straps on both sides securely fastened directly under the ears.

Wrist guards are the next most important piece of safety gear. Instinctively you try to break your fall with your hands. Wrist guards keep your wrists rigid so when you do throw your hands out to break a fall, the plastic on the guards protects your body from any initial contact you may have with the pavement.

Knee pads protect the knees in the event of a fall forward just as elbow pads protect the elbows. Although many falls occur backwards while skating, in most accidents the skater falls forward.

At the present time, many municipalities do not have bylaws that make it mandatory for in-line skaters to wear protective gear. However, once the municipalities have caught up with the sport it is more than likely that bylaws will take over where the Highway Traffic Act stops.

As of May 2, 1995, a bylaw approved by the City of North York states that persons 19 years of age and under must wear helmets, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads. Fines of up to \$5,000 may be applied to those violating this bylaw.

Types of Injuries

Believe it or not, the sport of in-line skating is fairly new. This is hard to imagine considering the fact that over the past few years, the population of in-line skating has exploded. Unfortunately, along with the rising growth of in-line skating, there has been a corresponding increase in the number of injuries connected to the sport.

Statistics, compiled by 15 hospitals across Canada, show that from 1990 to 1993, more than 50 per cent of injuries associated with in-line skating, involved children between 10 and 14 years of age. Most of these injuries occurred on sidewalks, where uneven surfaces often result in a loss of control.

In 1995, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 12 in-line skaters died and an estimated 99,400 reported to hospital emergency rooms. Most of these injuries were not due to a malfunctioning of the in-line skate itself. Rather, most mishaps occurred because of the poor judgment on the skater's part. The commission notes, for example, that only one-third of all victims wear safety gear.

The body part most often injured is the wrist. According to data compiled by the same 15 hospitals, 58 percent of injuries - especially fractures and dislocations - were to the wrist and forearm; 14 per cent were to the leg and ankle; 11 per cent were head and face injuries; 10 per cent were to the shoulder, upper arm and elbow; 7 percent were attributed to other injuries.

If you have any further questions regarding in-line skating safety or any other safety related issue, call the Peel Regional Police, Traffic Services, at: (905) 453-3311, extension 7030.

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Who is Nova Scotia's fittest cop?



The 1996 Nova Scotia Fit Cop winner Kelly Oickle, New Glasgow/Westville Police, holds the Nova Scotia Fit Cop Trophy for local media while Maritime Police Bicycle Challenge Winner Walter Smith, Trenton Police, stands by.

Well, who is it? For the year 1996, a 41 year old, 20 year, veteran officer from the recently amalgamated force of New Glasgow/ Westville Police Departments has claimed the title of Nova Scotia's fittest cop.

Cst. Kelly Oickle has won the title twice in the last four years, in 1993 and this year. In addition to a boxing career, Kelly has spent a lifetime working out.

What is the "Fittest Cop Competition" all about? In 1990, Alfie O'Quinn and Ward Beck of the Bridgewater Police Department set up a gym in the garage of the station. Both had been actively involved in High School sports and had continued their involvement in athletics into their law enforcement careers. Shortly after setting up their "mini-gym" at the station, both officers concluded there was a need for an athletic competition which would promote physical fitness amongst all badge carriers. Therefore, all law enforcement officers from the Province of Nova Scotia, whether they be fisheries, natural resources, R.C.M.P., Corrections, or Municipal Police Officers were encouraged to enter. Much positive feedback was received and this led to the inaugural event being held in June of 1992, in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. Ten events were planned over a two day period. The first day's events were: a 1.5 mile run, the Long Jump, Bench Press, Baton Throw, and the Dead Lift.

Day Two saw the 60 Metre Dash, the Weight Walk (a 70 lb railroad rail carried in each hand over 200 metres.), Speed Cuffing, Chin ups, and an Obstacle Course.

The winner of that inaugural competition was Dave McDowell, a Youth Facility Corrections Officer working in Waterville, N.S. This event was deemed to be a great success by all who participated. The following year, the Competition was organized by Cst. Steve Saunders, a veteran member of the Halifax Police Department. In hosting the event, Halifax made one change to the competition. The baton throw was replaced by the shot-putt. Kelly Oickle came out on top and was declared Fittest Cop in 1993.

June, 1994 saw the Competition come back to Bridgewater. Once again, some changes were made as new faces became involved in organizing the event. Cst. John Collyer, a bike patrol officer with Bridgewater P.D., suggested the addition of a cycling event. So the shot-putt was dropped in favour of a bicycle obstacle course. This gave all participants a taste of what a bike patrol officer does on a day to day basis. Throughout the weekend-long competition, there was an epic battle for supremacy between Oickle and McDowell. When the dust settled, Dave McDowell had come out on top for his second win in three years. 1995 was a difficult year for the Fittest Cop Competition. The event, sched-



Mike Waghorn, RCMP Halifax, is shown here competing in the weight walk competition. Mike received a broken neck in a police vehicle accident in 1993. He always stated he would walk again and compete in the Fit Cop. Last year he accomplished his goal. Each year there is an award presented on Mike's behalf for Achievement & Determination.

uled for Pictou County, had to be postponed due to a number of external factors. The G7 Conference in Halifax, the PANS Convention and an impending amalgamation in Pictou caused major headaches for the Pictou delegation. There was will but NO WAY !!!

The 1996 Fittest Cop Competition came back to its birthplace. Again some tinkering was done by Alfie and the boys in Bridgewater. The result was two new events and the discontinuation of one of the original events. The Dead Lift was replaced with the Stones of Strength. The high rate of injury amongst competitors had convinced the organizers to look at an alternative. The Stones of Strength test cardiovascular fitness as well as strength. The other new event was called the Maritime Police Bicycle Challenge. This race was a special event opened to all Maritime Based Badge Holders. The race consisted of an obstacle course followed directly by a 12 km race on paved and offroad surfaces. Cst. Walter Smith of the Trenton Police Department won this event in a time of 26:38. Walter, a die-hard marathon runner and perennial contender for the overall competition will be hard to beat in the years to come but 1996 was not to be his year for the overall title. That honour went to Kelly who had 9 first place finishes in his age category and a third place in the Bike Challenge.

The 1996 event also gave birth to a team competition event for the Nova Scotia Fittest Cop. Teams consisted of five members each declaring two events before the competition and points from these events were added with the other members of the team giving each team a ten event score. The Bridgewater Police team (Alfies Allies) took the title for 1996.

The 1997 Fittest Cop will be held in the city of Halifax under the chairmanship of Steve Saunders a veteran of the Halifax Regional Police Force and the Fit Cop Competition. The event is slated for the weekend of the 15th of June 1997.

For more info you may contact Steve at 902-490-5199 or Fax 902-479-2172 or Alfie O'Quinn or Ward Beck at 902-543-2464 or Fax 902-543-7478. The organizers would love to see contestants from other provinces. They will enjoy the opportunity to welcome you all.

Police laptops fight crime

Saanich Police fight crime with new on-board computers and CDPD

A random licence plate check with new high-tech computers came up with a triple hit for police on patrol in Saanich recently. The car they were following had stolen plates, the driver was wanted by police, and information provided by the driver led to the arrest of the driver's girlfriend, who was also running from police. It's a great example of the latest tool Saanich police are using to fight crime.

Police in Saanich are among the first in Canada to use a new data network from BC TEL Mobility called CDPD, or Cellular Digital Packet Data. The system puts the most advanced computerized dispatch system into police cruisers, giving officers virtually instant access to messaging, dispatching and police databases across North America.

"This new system lets us do more with less," says Saanich police Constable Chris Horsley. "With reduced paperwork and report writing, officers have more time to spend in the community. This is something that will directly benefit the community by reducing crime as well as costs."

CDPD lets officers access police files and databases such as CPIC (the Canadian Police Information Centre in Ottawa) on their computer laptops with only a few key strokes. Previously, the process took several radio conversations with the police dispatcher as valuable time slipped away. The new system also provides detailed records of all information requests.

"When an officer stops a car, he can have information on the vehicle and its driver even before the officer's seat belt is unbuckled," says Horsley. "Now police are armed with up-to-the-minute information before they enter potentially dangerous situations."

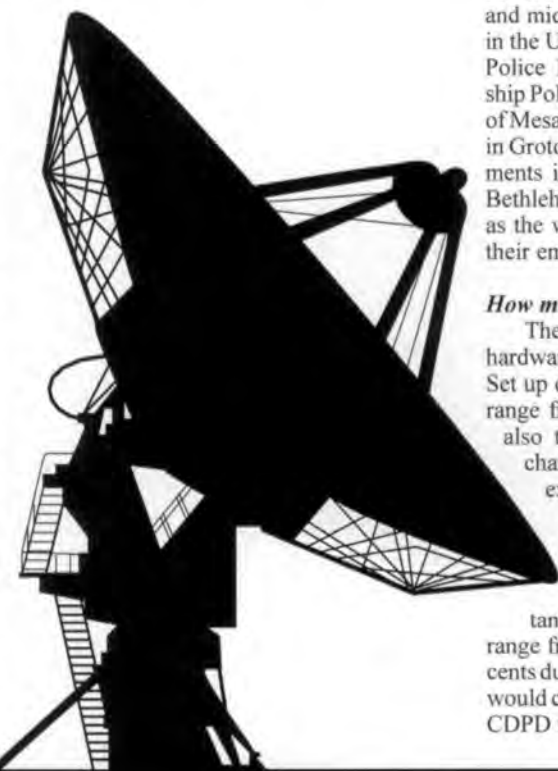
Computer software from TalkThru Canada gives police access to information such as car registration, computerized police records and complete report writing from the field. As well as fast, reliable and cost-effective messaging, CDPD has several levels of security to prevent unauthorized access including "military-grade" data encryption applied to all information sent over the CDPD network.

"CDPD gives Saanich Police the best of all worlds," says Ted Lattimore, vice president of marketing for BC TEL Mobility. "They can use a public network rather than having to build, maintain and pay for a private system, and it also lets them upgrade easily as new technologies evolve. There's really no limit to what CDPD can offer in wireless data communications."

Lattimore adds that CDPD is an excellent backup if the police's own radio network fails during an emergency or disaster. "The CDPD network is monitored 24-hours a day and fully backed up with generators and auxiliary batteries in the event of a power failure."

The Delta Police Department was the first force to use CDPD in Canada. There are also several police departments in the United States

using CDPD, including the Philadelphia Police Department, The Bridgewater Township Police Department in New Jersey, the City of Mesa in Arizona and two police departments in Connecticut. As well, the state of Utah has selected CDPD as the wireless data technology of choice for Utah's emergency and protective services.



increases productivity by providing officers with in-field report writing and transmission capabilities. It also keeps sensitive information private.

Has CDPD been used at any other police department?

The Delta Police Department was first to use CDPD in Canada. There are several large and mid-size police departments using CDPD in the United States including the Philadelphia Police Department, The Bridgewater Township Police Department in New Jersey, the City of Mesa in Arizona and two police departments in Groton, Connecticut. As well, police departments in the City of West Jordan, Utah and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania have selected CDPD as the wireless data technology of choice for their emergency and protective services.

How much will the system cost?

The cost of the system depends on the hardware, the software and the modem used. Set up costs for a laptop and a CDPD modem range from about \$2,000 to \$8,000. There is also the cost of CDPD service, which is charged on the amount of kilobytes of data exchanged between the mobile computer and the network. One benefit of CDPD is that users only pay for the volume of information sent or received, not the amount of airtime used or distance the data is sent. Transmission rates range from 13 cents a kilobyte to a high of 25 cents during peak hours. A 500-word document would cost about 13 to 25 cents to send over the CDPD network.

What is the coverage for CDPD?

British Columbia is the first province to offer CDPD with coverage throughout the Greater Vancouver and Victoria area. BC TEL Mobility is also developing partnerships with other CDPD network providers to offer coverage in cities across Canada and the United States.

What files/databases/information can you access from police cruisers?

Delta Police will have access to several databases including CPIC - the Canadian Police Information Centre in Ottawa, NCIC - National Crime Intelligence Computer in Washington, D.C. and internal police files. As well, officers can access department reports, complete report writing from the field and send or receive electronic mail.

What industries might be interested in CDPD?

CDPD is ideal for those applications that use the transmission of short bursts of data. Examples include dispatching, credit card authorization, e-mail and accessing various databases. Taxi drivers can "swipe" and confirm credit card

Answers to Common CDPD Questions

What is CDPD?

CDPD, or Cellular Digital Packet Data, offers fast, cost-effective, reliable and secure methods of sending and receiving information. CDPD works by transmitting short bursts (or packets) of data over BC TEL Mobility's cellular network at a rate of 19.2 kilo bits per second, which is equivalent to sending a 500-word document every second.

Unlike previous systems, users don't have to "dial in" or "register" onto the CDPD network. They simply switch on the CDPD modem and it automatically communicates with the network. The CDPD modem also receives information without being prompted by the user.

How will this assist police officers?

With virtually instant access to police databases, police are armed with information needed to make important decisions in dangerous situations. It improves police safety and



Photo - Tim Boniface

New generation of police car prints



Since its inception in 1909, the Ontario Provincial Police has undergone a series of changes, from procedures to uniforms and even police vehicles.

Framed-Police Concepts has endeavoured to capture the changes on the OPP's cruiser colours from the traditional black and white to the new blue & gold. The striking image is reproduced by Canadian Artist Marc Lacourciere in full fall splendour. This print has the viewer wondering if the next call will send the officer into Ontario's rural wilderness or back to suburbia to face society's next challenge. An outline of the province's shape seems to be part of a tree's branch system, creating a familiarity known to all of Ontario's provincial police officers.

The current hat badge is also represented, creating a beautiful memento for anyone involved in the police service. A total run of 650 prints is available on a limited edition basis and range in price from \$100 to 175.00. Also available is the RCMP print entitled "Coast to Coast". For further details call 519 728-2502 or visit booth number 503 at the *Response 97 Trade Show*.

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Can eavesdroppers scan CDPD? (Eg. scanners in newsrooms)

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OPP Helicopter Unit Ontario



By Mike Reyno



As one of North America's largest police agencies, the OPP is able to provide service for over a million square kilometres of land and water by use of thousands of mobile units including police cruisers, snow mobiles and boats.

However, one mobile unit often goes unrecognized for its essential contribution to the force. To the people living near and around OPP headquarters in Orillia or the OPP detachment in Sudbury, blue and white Eurocopter AS 355F2R TwinStars are another familiar mobile unit. Others will be more fortunate to see one of these units hovering above them when they get lost in the thick bush of the Ontario northland for days. These blue and white mobile units bear the markings of the Ontario Provincial Police Helicopter Unit. According to retired OPP pilot Sgt. Duain Sedgwick, the OPP first got into rotary operations in 1974 because at that time the force wanted to modernize itself. "The population was increasing and we had a large responsibility in the northern reaches of Ontario; we required a way to respond to occurrences faster, and we also needed a way to modernize for the 20th century."

By virtue of price, availability, and good single-engine performance, two Bell Jet Rangers were purchased and were operated by the force until 1991 (one Jet Ranger crashed in 1977 and was replaced with a Bell 206L). In 1974 when the OPP purchased the Jet Rangers, the plan was to have one Helicopter Unit as-

signed to each of the 17 police districts in Ontario (now broken into six regions). "Obviously, as time went on it was realized that it would not be very feasible to operate 17 helicopters," said helicopter pilot Sgt. Brian Paul.

Both Jet Rangers were initially based at Spadina heliport, then moved to King City and then to the OPP's training academy in Brampton. In September 1990 one of the helicopters was transferred to the OPP detachment in Sudbury, and in 1995 the second machine, now a TwinStar, was moved to the OPP's new headquarters in Orillia.

The Helicopter Unit's mission evolved in 1990 when the OPP recognized the need to diversify into areas where the unit required a helicopter with better performance than the Jet Rangers it was operating. For example, helicopter pilot Sgt. John Crate says there was a desire to expand into night operations, and for better safety over water. "We were already doing a lot of flying in the middle of nowhere - we were operating in the 'dead man's curve'."

Sgt. Paul adds: "It was not that we were having problems with the Jet Rangers, it was because of the type of operations we wanted to do. While twin-engine safety was a big factor, at the same time we also would expand our capabilities by being able to fly at night and over water more."

After some consultations, the OPP found converting to a light-twin would make the unit more versatile. The OPP narrowed down the selection of a light-twin to the MBB BO 105 and the Aerospatiale TwinStar. Eventually the Aerospatiale (now Eurocopter) AS 355F2R TwinStar was selected with additional police

modifications included.

The TwinStars are equipped with two Allison 250-C20R engines (rated at 450-hp per engine) with sand filters, FLIR 2000 (one shared between the two detachments), SX-16 Nightsun (30 million candlepower) searchlight, dual loud hailer, stretcher kit, full radio package - dual NAT VHF and FM radio system, cargo swing, two-axis autopilot, air conditioning, IFR panel, rear sliding doors and high-visibility cockpit doors.

The OPP received its new TwinStars in May 1991. Inspector Ed Robertson, manager of OPP Emergency Response Services (of which the Helicopter Unit is a part), says the Helicopter Unit's mandate today is to support police operations. "This includes providing search and rescue (our primary function) throughout Ontario. That accounts for approximately 45 percent of all operations since 1991. (The military's mandate for SAR is vessels on federal waterways, and aircraft - everything else is a provincial responsibility).

Other tasks include transporting police personnel into remote areas, aerial drug detection and drug eradication, supporting specialized units within the OPP such as tactical teams, divers, canine units, Criminal Code investigation, and as a platform for aerial photography of major crime or disaster scenes.

"We are also available to any other municipal police force or government agency in Ontario at no charge," Sgt. Crate says. One task the OPP Helicopter Unit will not do is traffic patrol, although many people think they do this. "We once did traffic patrol when the machines first came on-line, but higher authority soon realized the costs involved in operating a helicopter unit."

Sgt Paul says some Helicopter Unit operations have changed over the years. "At one time we used to carry out property checks on the cottages up the coast of Georgian Bay in winter, but we do not do that any more. Before, when we operated the Jet Rangers, we never did infrared operations; now we do them regularly. As technology advances we are trying to go along with it."

Helicopter pilot Sgt Scott Ross differentiates between the OPP Helicopter Unit and a city police helicopter operation like that of the Calgary Police Service - HAWCS. (See March edition of Blue Line). "In most cases a city police force will utilize its helicopter for patrols (pro-active) while we are reactive in nature; in other words, we are not out flying looking for occurrences to happen." Sgt Ross says the Sudbury unit will find itself more involved in remote SAR operations by virtue of location, while the Orillia unit will work more closely with city and municipal police forces.

The Helicopter Unit is busiest from April to November. Sgt Paul said that May, August, October and November are the busiest times for the unit.

"May is busy because it's spring and people are getting outdoors a little more after winter - they wander into the woods and sometimes get lost. August is busy because marijuana is in full swing (drug eradication)."

Chief pilot S.Sgt Norm Kerr intercedes: "I don't know whether or not we have cut into the volume of production, but we have certainly made them (the marijuana growers) aware that we are there working with the RCMP. If volume is what it was five years ago, then they are

becoming more ingenious about ways to camouflage their cultivation."

Sgt Paul continues, "October and November are busy because of the hunting season." During the slower times of the year, the OPP's four helicopter pilots and two maintenance engineers keep current on their training.

Like most other police forces in North America, the OPP requires a helicopter pilot to be a police officer on the force first before moving into a specialized unit. The criteria for helicopter pilots is at least five years experience as ground patrol officers. Sgt. Paul said, "Having previous experience means you will have an understanding of the way the force works. When you're flying above, assisting, you want to have an understanding of what they're doing and what the procedures are on the ground. There should be compatibility between the officers on the ground and in the air - each understands what the other is doing."

After being selected to join the Helicopter Unit the trainee will fly for up to two years with a training officer before being mission-qualified. Sgt. Ross says actually flying the helicopter is only one small part of the training that pilots will get in the first few years in the Helicopter Unit. "Most of the training isn't so much learning how to fly the machine, but learning how to do things the way the OPP does. We have developed our own way of doing things - it may be search patterns for a lost hiker or searching for marijuana."

All pilots have taken the National Association of Search and Rescue's search management course. "We're all search managers who have learned to deal with probabilities and

statistics." The Helicopter Unit hasn't been especially hit by government cutbacks, said Sgt Paul. "We haven't been cut back per se ... but we have become more efficient over the last few years. We have cut down on flying time since moving one Twin Star to Sudbury, which reduces ferrying time. When both machines were based together, 50 percent of the time we were flying up to northern Ontario. In fact, we would like to have a third machine based in Thunder Bay to service northwestern Ontario, but it's not conceivable right now."

The two Twin Stars are averaging a total of 1,000 hours annually with pilots averaging approximately 250 hours a year each. The Helicopter Unit is a 365-days-a-year operation with pilots working 10-hour day shifts and on stand-by in the evening. They work eight days on and six days off. Last year the Helicopter Unit was involved in 543 occurrences. It was directly responsible for finding 180 missing persons between 1992 and May 1996. (This does not include searches the unit was involved in but in which the missing person was found by other means.) It rescued seven people, photographed nearly 500 major crime or disaster scenes, was involved in 478 Criminal Code cases, located 18 drowning victims, undertook 18 criminal surveillance, flew to 28 aircraft accident scenes and took part in 385 searches for missing persons.

This is the third of a five part series profiling the use of helicopters in Canadian Policing. Although there are several agencies in Canada who have helicopters there is presently only one that uses them for patrol work. Reprinted with permission Helicopter Magazine Aug 96

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Officer reports from Saudi Arabia



Jeff Speckeen

I've been a member of Peel Regional Police since July 1988, and have been a member of the explosives disposal team for the past 5 years.

In 1995 my wife made application to the government sponsored health authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our motive was to earn the lucrative salary paid to foreign nurses staffing hospitals in the Kingdom.

At the same time Peel Regional Police Chief

Robert Lunney entertained three visiting delegations of Saudi officials on a trade and liaison mission to Canada.

On July 10, 1995, representing Prince Naif, Minister of Interior Saudi Arabia, General Ahmad Bilal Commander of all police, public securities for the Kingdom (total 160,000 police officers) and a senior officers entourage visited Peel Police headquarters.

EDU staff displayed their skills and equipment. It was at this time I introduced myself to the entourage to determine opportunities for employment parallel with my wife's contract.

My qualifications were reviewed by ministry officials and they were satisfied with my proof of training and competence.

Being the first North American police officer to be granted a one year contract with the Saudi Arabian police force, many obstacles had to be overcome. After several months, the Saudi Ministry, completed all paper work for a working contract, visas, housing, vehicle, health care, airline tickets, etc. As I now know this was no easy task for Saudi officials. The country is naturally security conscious. In addition it is a strict Muslim country and closed to tourists!

During this waiting period I was granted a one year leave of absence by Chief Lunney and the police services board. Chief Lunney having tremendous foresight as to the valuable experience I would gain, not to mention the opportunity to open police relations with Middle East, was a great supporter!!

My platoon members as well as Staff Sergeant Gord MacKinnon were a continued support, for me during those waiting months!

Upon arrival to the capital city, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, October 5, 1996, I was greeted as a brother police officer, although our countries were half a world apart.

I was settled into a large villa which is a senior police officer's quarters at the Police Academy. What followed was a tour of all police stations, tactical, and explosives units at the academy and GHQ.

My duties were expanded by General Ahmad Bilal and I was advised I would be a consultant on topics which range from traffic enforcement to arson and explosives disposal. All North American policing ideas and training suggestions were welcomed. In addition I have been assigned to the Riyadh bomb squad as a team member, and E.D.U. instructor at the academy.

My wife is currently working in the National Guard Hospital, Royalty Clinic beside the training academy.

This year should be a great opportunity to expand our professional skills as well as a great adventure! I would welcome any police letters or information as "western news" is limited.

Blue Line Magazine is getting through to Jeff (as can be seen in the photograph). We would be happy to send magazines to other officers overseas. For further information call the publisher at 905 640-3048.

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"Just Another Tool of The Trade"

Permission from informant must be obtained before disclosure

by Morley Lyburner

In February, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that an iron curtain of privilege protects police informers' identities and the information they supply. The ruling states that the Charter does not demand that the Crown reveal the identity of police informers and in fact no information about an informant can be released without the informant's permission.

The unanimous decision in *R.v. Leipert* states that the Charter right to full Crown disclosure must not interfere with the "ancient and hallowed protection" of informer privilege.

The Supreme Court stated that the judicial system should not reveal any information at all about anonymous crime tips, unless the accused can establish the single exception to informer privilege: that "there is a basis, on the evidence, for concluding that disclosure of the informer's identity is necessary to demonstrate the innocence of the accused."

Appellant Richard Leipert of Vancouver, who was accused of trafficking in marijuana challenged the validity of a warrant to search his house. To obtain the warrant police based their reasons partly on information obtained from an anonymous tip made to Crime Stoppers.

The Supreme Court concluded that the trial judge should not have revealed anything about the tip. The judge in the original trial had ordered the "tip sheet"—which contained the details of

the tip—to be disclosed to the defence. The Crown released the sheet after an edit which removed all references that could potentially have identified the anonymous informant.

Writing for the court, Madam Justice McLachlin stressed that total confidentiality is required in cases involving anonymous tips. Madam Justice McLachlin explained that in some cases an information can be sufficiently edited to help conceal the identity of the informant. In such cases there would be no problem in releasing the document to the defence for disclosure.

"When, however, as in the case at Bar, it is impossible to determine which details of the information provided by an informer will or will not result in that person's identity being revealed, then none of those details should be disclosed, unless there is a basis to conclude that the 'innocence at stake' exception applies."

The decision endorses the Crime Stoppers' practice of providing anonymity to its informants as well as giving Crown and defence counsel some guidance in such matters.

This case established that an accused who wants to find out the identity of an informer will have to point to some evidence which supports the claim that his innocence is at stake.

In this Supreme Court decision the court repeatedly stated that informer privilege, in general, remains of the highest importance to the criminal justice system and that this privilege belongs to the Crown. The ruling however


went further and pointed out that the privilege also belongs to the informer and the Crown must obtain a waiver from the informer before it can release the information to the defence.

The sole exception to informer privilege is "where there is a basis to conclude that the information maybe necessary to establish the innocence of the accused. The scope of the rule extends not only to the name of the informer, but to any details which might reveal the informer's identity," Madam Justice McLachlin said.


An accused seeking to establish that a search warrant was not supported by reasonable grounds may be given information which would identify the informer if it is absolutely essential. "Essential" circumstances exist where the accused establishes the "innocence at stake" exception.

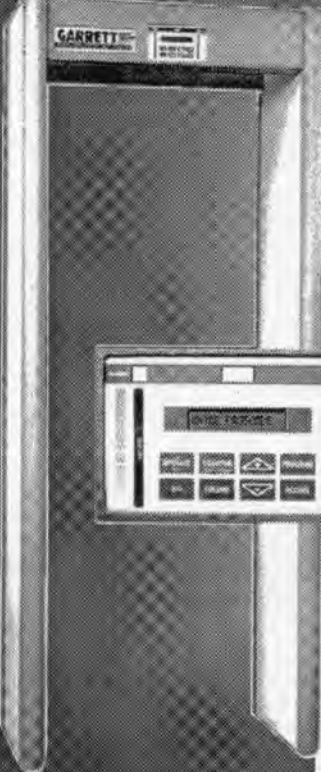
In her ruling Madam Justice McLachlin suggested that this might occur, for example, where there is evidence suggesting that the goods seized under the warrant were planted by the informer. If the "innocence at stake" exception does apply, the information no longer remains privileged and can be produced, whether at a hearing into the reasonableness of the search or at the trial proper.


If disclosure is necessary, "the court should only reveal as much information as is essential to allow proof of innocence," the Supreme Court stressed. However before disclosure, the Crown must be given the option of staying the proceedings in order to protect the informer.




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by Tom Rataj

Office 97 a "Suite" deal

An introductory look at the new Office 97 software suite from Microsoft

Focused strongly on organization and connectivity, the recently released *Microsoft Office 97* offers an extensive array of improvements and enhancements over previous versions.

The "standard" edition of the *Office 97* maintains its core applications; Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, while introducing Outlook 97, the replacement for the, at times weak, Schedule+.

As the centre of the organizational and connectivity focus, *Outlook 97* contributes strongly to the new look and feel of this upgrade. Automatic Internet connectivity is built into almost every aspect of *Office 97*, providing a seamless and almost indistinguishable transition between the desktop and the Internet. Every application in the suite allows the user to save work in the standard Internet code called HyperText Mark-up Language (HTML). In addition to that, Internet addresses typed into any application is automatically converted into hypertext links on the Internet. This allows anyone reading the document or spreadsheet to jump directly to the site and access the information that is available there.

Also building on improvements introduced in previous generations of *Office*, Microsoft has continued to shift the focus away from individual applications, and towards a more "task oriented" approach. Falling in line with this shift are further refinements to the uniform look and feel of all applications. Dialogue boxes common to every application, such as the "Save As" dialogue box, are exactly the same from one application to the next, except for such unique things as file types.

IntelliSense features have also been improved throughout the *Office 97* suite. Providing automation of many routine tasks, *IntelliSense* technology also simplifies many more complex tasks through a variety of built-in utilities. Background spell checking in both *Word* and *Excel*, and even background grammar checking in *Word* are prime examples of this. Automatic correction of common formula errors, as well as the addition of natural language formulas within *Excel*, let users focus on the tasks instead of how to do them.

Outlook

Outlook is the cornerstone of the organizational focus of this package, providing serious "Personal Information Manager" (PIM) features, that automatically link many routine functions together. Internet e-mail, faxing, advanced contact management, task lists, and calendars and scheduling, are all integral parts of *Outlook*.

Shortcuts to documents can be added to contact summary fields within *Outlook*, allowing the user to open the documents while work-



ing within *Outlook*. The clear advantage here, is that instead of having to find the documents through *Windows Explorer* or some other route, the documents are immediately at hand.

When working in a completely networked environment, users can place team calendars in public folders where everyone on the team can access them. Booking meetings or reserving equipment or facilities, can all be accomplished through *Outlook 97*. Creating contacts, tasks, and appointments can of course be done manually, although *Outlook* is capable of automatically creating them from e-mail messages, replacing the need to retype any of the received information.

Word

The reigning champion of the word processor field, *Word 97* has received many major and minor feature improvements. *AutoCorrect*, *AutoComplete*, and *AutoText* have all been improved to provide almost completely automatic help. Corrections of common "typos" happen on the fly, while common words or phrases are suggested in small pop-up boxes, after the user enters the first few letters.

AutoCorrect can for example be set up so that when the user types "rcmp" the complete name is automatically spelled out as Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Names that include accents can also be added to this so that users do not need to manually insert the required special characters.

A personal favourite of mine, the tables feature, has been greatly enhanced. Constructing elaborate tables to display and manage mostly columnar information has never been easier. Many users rely on the misleading simplicity of tab-stops to accomplish the same task, only to find that when the information gets lengthy or more complicated, the tab-stops have a tendency to become hopelessly unmanageable. Pulling the same information into a table actually provides more simplicity than tab-stops, and allows the user to copy the table for reuse elsewhere.

Text and graphic manipulation has also been greatly improved with the addition of many desktop publishing features. "Jumping," the continuation of a story from one page to another, has been added to text frames, while the precise placement of graphics anywhere on a page, has been improved.

Excel

Anyone familiar with spreadsheets surely

remembers the initial difficulty they had understanding some of the more complex formulas. Writing formulas to make automatic calculations could be time consuming and complicated. One small mistake in a formula could easily throw off the entire spreadsheet.

The *Formula Auto Correct* feature in *Excel 97*, watches for the 13 most common errors and corrects them on the fly. The completely new "Natural Language" formula feature lets the user write formulas using column labels and row headings without first having to define name ranges, and without having to stick with the at times cryptic default labels and headings.

A combination of the function wizard and the formula bar results in the new "Formula Palette," where the most popular formula functions, such as Sum, Average, Max, etc., can be readily accessed. The maximum worksheet size has also been increase four-fold to 65,536 rows, and the charting wizards have been improved and bolstered by the addition of new 3-D chart types.

Powerpoint

Whether creating a budget presentation or a crime statistics overview, *PowerPoint* now offers a whole range of new drawing tools, *AutoShapes*, text and texture effects, and custom animations.

The Internet "hyper-linking" features in *PowerPoint* also allow the user the option of jumping directly to a specific point within a presentation, or alternately to an actual Web page on the Internet. *PowerPoint* presentations can even be published to a Web site.

The bloated user file sizes in previous generations of *PowerPoint* have been tamed with the addition of automatic compression features that shrink graphic images to a fraction of their original size. A whole range of automated features also make working with larger presentations a lot simpler.

Other Little Bits

Getting a grip on all these improvements can be a daunting task, even for the experienced user. Fortunately the new *Office Assistant* helps to flatten the learning curve by providing assistance even while the user works. Borrowing the concept from other Microsoft applications, like "Cosmo" in *Encarta*, the *Office Assistant* can be left on the lower right corner of the screen, providing animated help suggestions and context sensitive links to the Help files. Fortunately perhaps, the *Office Assistant* can, like its sibling *Cosmo*, be turned off.

Office Binders, first introduced in *Office 95*, provides the user with a simple method to

group files together into one place. Once a group of files is bound together, it can be manipulated like a single file. Automatic and contiguous page numbering and other features common to single documents can be taken advantage of, giving the bound file a more professional appearance.

The organizational and task based focus of *Office 97*, has been further enhanced with the "Office Shortcut Bar." Instead of having the buttons on the "Shortcut Bar" point to the applications within *Office 97*, the buttons point to the tasks the user wants to accomplish. The default buttons point to such tasks as creating new documents or opening existing documents.

Where the "Shortcut Bar" really shines though, is in its access to the features of *Outlook 97*. Creating a new task or appointment is just one click away. *Outlook* launches and proceeds directly to the selected function instead of making the user navigate there manually. The "Shortcut Bar" can be anchored to any side of the screen or left to float anywhere else. Shortcuts of any kind can be added to the "Shortcut bar," allowing it to work exactly the way the user wants it to.

Macro languages unique to each application, which were already being unified under the *Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)* programming environment, have been completely replaced by one VBA for all applications in the suite. Macros created in earlier versions of *Word* or *Excel* will still work in the *Office 97* versions.

To upgrade, or not to upgrade...

That is always the question. Microsoft has budgeted almost as much money to promote *Office 97*, as it did to launch *Windows 95*. But beyond all the hype, they have also spent the best part of three years and 25,000 hours in usability testing to create and refine this suite. In the limited amount of testing I could do on the individual applications, I found them to be fast, clean, and stable. New features were easy to discover and use without having to dig into the manual or consult the online help.

Although some features worked slower than in previous versions, most features worked

faster. My 75MHz Pentium with 32MB of RAM wasn't taxed too often, and the performance of most features was acceptable. Because it is all 32 bit, *Office 97* works only on Microsoft *Windows 95* or *Windows NT 3.51* or 4.0.

More information can be obtained about *Office 97* by visiting the *Office 97* Internet site at: www.microsoft.com/office. A Corporate Desktop Evaluation Kit can also be ordered directly from Microsoft. It contains fully functional trial versions of all the office applications, and a wealth of information to evaluate the costs and benefits of switching to *Office 97*, *Windows 95*, or *NT 4.0*. The trial versions expire 120 days after installation.

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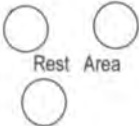
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Dave Brown, from The Firing Line in Winnipeg and a frequent contributor of firearms articles in Blue Line magazine, will demonstrate a variety of ways to train students on a shoe string budget. He will demonstrate some unique methods that closely approximate true interactive techniques.

Dave Brown, in another presentation, will present some shotgun safety and handling techniques in an entertaining manner.

Ron Beer from Tactical Control Systems, will demonstrate a safe and effective defense for an officer on the ground. You have read about the grappling techniques as presented in a four part series beginning in the Oct 96 issue. Now come out to see the defensive techniques in action.

Watch a video presentation of the most spectacular police pursuits in an aerial presentation taken from helicopters.

Other events for the lecture halls are still in the planning stages and it is anticipated that a canine unit will attend.

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**Advanced Workplace Solutions Mgt
Exhibit 307**

Ron Sawatsky, senior partner of Advanced Workplace Solutions Management, will feature a computerized presentation on technology implementation and systems integration for police department and corporation offices.

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**Alcom Enterprises Inc
Exhibit 209**

Featured will be Clearnet's Mike, a 2-way radio pager, phone, and fax all in one. It is Motorola manufactured with billing as low as 10 cents per minute and billed in one second increments.

**Barrday Inc.
Exhibit 309**

Visit Barrday's booth to see what's new from Canada's oldest body armour manufacturer. With its latest teammate, Tricia Rudy Enterprises Inc., look for new and exciting developments in armour design, beginning with the World's First Seamless, Form Fitted, Moulded Women's vest.

See Ad on page 5.

**Beamhit America
Exhibit 408**

Interactive training system utilizing lazer light technology in existing firearms. Attendees will be introduced to this low cost method of interactive firearms training and will be able to ask questions and see a demonstration of the equipment.

**Beretta USA
Exhibit 400**

Beretta is celebrating its 470th anniversary and will be featuring a display of all the current semi-automatic handguns along with complimentary historical photographs of weapons through the ages.

**Biltmore Hats
Exhibit 310**

Biltmore Hats from Guelph, Ontario with 80 years of quality and service, will be featuring hats in fur, felt, and in natural straw, the R.C.M.P. hat and the Park Warden hat; plus a rain crusher Park Warden hat.

See Ad on page 17.

**Biotek Canada Inc.
Exhibit Area B**

Biotek Canada will demonstrate positive identification using fingerprint analysis and verification technology. The unique device sets the stage for commercial use of personal biometric security and identification in a multitude of government and commercial applications including criminal justice reporting and access control.

**Canadian Body Armour
Exhibit Area G**

The full range of body armour of both Canadian Body Armour and Pacific Body Armour will be on display, which includes both the concealable and outer vests. Also featured will be The Station, a safety focused weapons loading/unloading system.

See Ad on page 30.

Canadian Helicopters Ltd.

Canada's largest helicopter leasing and training company will be displaying literature and answering questions regarding helicopter flight schools and a future in the helicopter industry or becoming a police helicopter pilot.

Exhibit 406

**Centre Firearms Co
Exhibit 109**

SafeShot will be the featured product which is a revolutionary idea of firearms training. It is specifically designed for close quarters tactical scenarios and training. It duplicates live-fire recoil and handling characteristics without the need for hearing protection!

**Centurion Police Supply
Exhibit 105**

A complete line of leather and nylon holsters and accessories featuring Strong Holster Company's line of Piece-Keeper security holsters available in duty, pancake, paddle, and shoulder style. Also featured will be Nite-Writer pens, duty bags and humorous "T" shirts.

**Child Find Ontario
Exhibit 110**

Child Find is the oldest, largest and most comprehensive missing children's agency (13 years) in Canada. Child Find will have available tips for safety for various age groups aimed at reducing the incidence of abducted and missing children plus samples of our programs and services. These are free of charge, and all are endorsed by OACP. Flyers and posters of missing children will be displayed and available.

**City of Orillia Economic Development Commission
Exhibit 103**

The City of Orillia EDC will be promoting the many attractive features of the city as a viable relocation site.

See Ad on page 38.

**Comfort Spas
Exhibit 409**

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**Courage Distributing Inc.
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See Ad on Page 17

**CVC Computer Video Conferencing
Exhibit 505**

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Custom Specialties Inc Exhibit Area A

Custom Specialties will feature a variety of products including tactical equipment: retention holster, duty belts, body armour, swat gear and accessories; K-9 training and nutrition needs: bite suits, sleeves, muzzles, leashes/collars, training, and dog/cat food; as well as document shredders.

D & R Electronics / Barry Shane & Associates Exhibit 303

Featured will be their lightbar and controlpanel package along with a full line of roof lights and sirens as well as a new lap top computer console.
See ad on page 37

Framed Police Concepts Exhibit 503

The new print of the OPP cruiser entitled, "Pride - The New Generation", by Canadian artist Marc Lacourciere is now available for sale. Some prints of the RCMP cruiser, "Coast to Coast" will also be available. Enter the raffle for a free print.
See Ad on page 17.

Gentex Corporation Exhibit 104

GENTEX Corporation is the leading developer and manufacturer of Police and Military helmets and associated protective devices. Based in Carbondale, PA, GENTEX serves a world market for ballistic and impact protection, communications and hearing protective devices, laser-protective polycarbonate lenses, and specialty engineered fabrics such as chemical defense and aluminized heat resistant fabrics. GENTEX works very closely with customers to design, develop and manufacture products to precisely meet the demanding requirements of the mission.

Geomatics International Exhibit 211

Geomatics International will be featuring CrimeMAPPER a GIS-based software mapping tool which is designed to assist police forces in visualizing and analyzing crime incident patterns. It enables the integration and manipulation of dispatch and records data, as well as geographic and other supporting data such as images, tables and graphics. Come view this new innovative technology which gives a new perspective on criminal activity.
See Ad on page 19.

Heli-North Aviation Inc. Exhibit 514

The Canadian distributor for the Schweizer Aircraft Corporation. The Schweizer 300C is the most popular piston-engined law-enforcement helicopter in the United States. The Schweizer 300CB is a two-lace aircraft designed for flight training and light utility work. The Schweizer 330 is a 3-4 place turbine helicopter ideally suited to police and surveillance work.
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Hi-Tec Sports (Canada) Ltd. Exhibit 102

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is looking forward to being the official sponsor of the World Police and Fire Games in Calgary.
See Ad on page 23.

Hussion Aviation Exhibit 300

If the Robinson factory is able to deliver before the show, Hussion will have a fully equipped R-44 Police helicopter on display equipped with an Inframetrics 445 G-MKII infrared and colour video systems and night sun. If the aircraft has not been delivered before the show than a standard R-44 will be on display.
See Ad on page 45.

Hutton Communications Exhibit 208

Hutton Communications is a communications products distribution company, serving the wireless communications direct and dealer market places, as well as directly to the public safety market. The products Hutton Communications will be showing are portable radio batteries, cases, test equipment, vehicle mounting systems, mobile antennas, power products, headsets, microphones, and emergency vehicle lighting products.

IBM Canada Exhibit 501

IBM will feature mobile workstation solutions specifically designed for law enforcement and security operations.

Insurance Bureau of Canada Exhibit 201

Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is the national trade association representing the private general insurance industry (home, car and business insurance). IBC member companies include more than 125 companies accounting for more than 75 % of the non-government, non-life insurance business in Canada. The insurance industry also works in many ways to improve the quality of life in our communities by promoting loss prevention, safer roads, crime prevention, improved building codes, and coordinated preparation for coping with disasters.
See Ad on page 44.

Investors Group Exhibit 404

Investors Group is Canada's largest investment funds company. For over 65 years, they have been helping Canadians with retirement planning, mortgage reduction strategies, tax savings and insurance needs.

International Police Association Exhibit 508,510,512

Increase your collection of law enforcement memorabilia at the IPA booth. Chapter two of the IPA will host a buy, swap or trade display of law enforcement patches and memorabilia. Find out more about this international social organization and join their membership.

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L.E.O. Products & Training
Exhibit 402

L.E.O. Products and Training will feature and display products available from various law enforcement equipment manufacturers. We will also have end of line model collectible police cars and specialty t-shirts. All items are for sale, and if you don't see it you can place orders for items not present at the show. L.E.O. will also be featuring the latest innovation in impact weapons and prisoner restraint. See Ad on page 9.

Lloyd Libke Police Sales
Exhibit 507

Winchester ammunition will be the main feature at the Lloyd Libke Police Sales booth. See Ad on page 4.

ManCom Target Systems Inc
Exhibit 111

On display will be Mancom's Touch-Plus Target Retrieval System, a new and innovative product for law enforcement training facilities. Features an extremely reliable and easy to maintain design, coupled with a flexible and easy to use Touch Screen interface that combine to provide an effective training tool for firearms proficiency.

M.D.Charlton Co. Ltd.
Exhibit 312

M.D.Charlton Co. Ltd, has been providing a wide range of top quality equipment to Canadian law enforcement agencies and security companies for the last 16 years. Surefire flashlight, ASP expandable

batons, Hatch gloves, Hiatt handcuffs, and our custom leather/nylon accessories are just a few of the many items you can expect to see for sale and on display. See Ad on page 43.

Michigan Quality Sales
Exhibit 202

Come experience the BodyGuard, a revolutionary new design that allows police officers to safely restrain and immobilize combative subjects. It quickly immobilizes the lower extremities and allows the subject to be restrained in a seated upright position. The BodyGuard has built-in padded wrist restraints.

Nutech Security
Exhibit 509

Nutech Security Systems Limited is a Canadian owned and operated company and was established in 1983. We have since provided clients with very reliable and cost effective security systems for their homes and businesses. Our booth will provide application information on both Closed Circuit Television Surveillance and Card and Programmable Key Access Control for use in the law enforcement industry.

Nine-One-One Outerwear
Exhibit 301

Nine-One-One will be exhibiting their full line of outerwear: squall jackets, bombers, 3/4 length parkas, bicycle rain gear/shorts - all featuring waterproof breathable fabric with zip in zip out insulations. Also available are the new Nomex fire retardant riot or tactical suits. Nine-One-One also carries a full line of all leather bombers which can be manufactured to order. Nine-One-One is a Canadian company that will custom manufacture to suit your requirements. See Ad on page 29.

Old Village Press
Exhibit 503

Meet Gord MacKinnon, the author of the newly published book, "Investigative Interviewing" who

will be selling autographed copies. He is a lecturer in the techniques of "Investigative Interviewing and has taught officers from the major police services in the Greater Toronto Region as well as members of the R.C.M.P. and O.P.P. He has experience in a multitude of specialized areas.

Partners in Prevention
Exhibit 210

Partners in Prevention is a group of companies who have pooled their expertise in the field of child protection in general. More specifically, we offer streetproofing and abuse awareness seminars for both children and adults, child monitoring and identification services like none other in Canada, education in avoiding dangerous situations by paramedic personnel and support programs for survivors.

Pine Tree Marshal Arts
Exhibit 304

Canadian Trainer, a division of Pine Tree Martial Arts Equipment will feature: focus mitts, Thai pads, Thai and regular heavy bags, kicking shield (the best ever), training mats, training suit for Dynamic Simulation (this suit is one of a kind), gym bags, and training shoes. Also featured will be complete uniforms, winter/summer jackets, track suits and more. Canadian Trainer, a Canadian manufacturer, will design and manufacture equipment to your personal specifications!

Polaroid Canada Inc.
Exhibit 106

Polaroid Canada will feature badge and security identification.

Police Service Applicant Testing
Exhibit 204

Police Service Applicant Testing (PSAT) is an independent firm that specializes in gross screening tests for police hiring. They have over the last two years administered a gross screening process that assists police services in selecting the best candidate for their organization. PSAT currently assists over 30 Ontario Police services in their hiring process with excellent results. We believe that our PSAT can assist other organizations with our service.

PPCLI Regimental Kit Shop
Exhibit 506

Do you need jackets, boots, protection vests or outdoor gear? How about a GPS 38 hand held global positioning system? These are just some of the many items on display by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Kit Shop. The gear is military and protection service approved. The kit is designed to make a professional peace-maker/keeper more comfortable or more functional in their environment. Drop by the booth to test samples and place your orders. Custom orders are readily available.

Regional Air Support
Exhibit 101

Learn more about Dave Barnes' innovative concept for community based initiatives in promoting a fleet of police patrol helicopters. Honey will be for sale as a fund raiser for Skybeez. Also featured will be a silent auction of police memorabilia. Attend his lecture hall video presentation about police pursuits as seen from the air.

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Salient Manufacturing & Security Products Exhibit 403

Brampton, Ontario based Salient Manufacturing & Security Products has developed a "third eye" for Police and Security officers to assist them in detection for areas or situations that are high risk. The unit is called the Portable Detective. Among its many attributes, the unit extends to approximately 75" and collapses to 36" for storage. All units are equipped with an 8" acrylic mirror and a heavy duty hook for room closures. There are four models available, of which one includes a battery powered halogen lamp and battery chargers. All units come with an optional CCTV camera mount.

Savage Range Systems Exhibit 407

Visit Savage Range Systems to learn more about the revolutionary passive trap that stops bullets without the destructive force that produces airborne lead contamination.

Securereach Inc. Exhibit 411

For 27 years, the company has been providing specialized training courses, publications, videos and inert explosive training aids. Its products include an X-ray image identification guide for bomb component recognition; trace explosive marker pens for detector dog training; videos on letter bombs, parcel bombs and hidden contraband in luggage; dangerous drug identification kits and display boards; inert explosives and improvised explosive devices for recognition training, and a wide range of publications. The company also provides courses in Canada and abroad dealing with explosives disposal and x-ray image interpretation.

Securitech Sales (Ontario) Ltd. Exhibit 411

This Toronto based company provides a variety of products and services, specializing in counterfeit and fraud detection and prevention. Securitech manufactures the ID 2000, a CSA/UL certified scanner designed to differentiate Canadian and foreign counterfeit bank notes from authentic currency. The ID 2000 also identifies the security ink found in bank credit cards, traveler's cheques, gift certificates, store sales receipts, passports and other secured documents. Other products include the original counterfeit detector pen, Canadian made videos on shoplifting prevention, a full line of Thief Detection powders and sprays, and invisible security markers.

Securitrim Inc Exhibit 500

Neon Graphik, the latest technology in retro-reflective fleet graphics produces up to 12x more reflective power than conventional decals. Neon-Graphik enhances driver protection, thanks to the increased visibility, and gives oncoming motorists the extra second of reaction time for evasive maneuvers. Its power allows emergency vehicles to be spotted up to 3000 feet away, and not only reduces the effects of poor weather (snow, rain and fog), but also of driver inattention and slow reflexes. Neon Graphik, marketed by Securitrim and sold in pre-cut custom kits, can be easily installed by Securitrim's authorized installers or by fleet personnel.

See Ad on page 7.

Shuriken Distributors Inc. Exhibit 302

Shuriken will feature two new leather items that we have manufactured: a clip on badge holder and a deluxe badge wallet. We're sure you will appreciate the quality and design. We will also display a complete line of Streamlight flashlights at exceptional prices, as well as feature the Hatch shooting glove. We look forward to seeing you during Response 97 at booth 302.

See Ad on page 34.

Smith & Wesson Exhibit 205

Smith and Wesson will be displaying their full range of semi-automatic firearms for law enforcement use, plus handcuffs and bicycles.

Streetquip Inc. Exhibit 203

Will be featuring samples of uniforms (shirts, pants, jackets) in tactical and semi-dress styles. Also accessories in both nylon and leather such as: duty belts, handcuff pouches, baton holders, duty bags, and holsters. Footwear will also be on display in nylon, leather and waterproof styles.

Tactical Control Systems Exhibit 401

Ron Beer, one of Canada's foremost authorities on law enforcement ground tactics, will discuss and demonstrate a safe and effective defense for an officer on the ground. Come and see why the leading law enforcement trainers all come to Ron Beer for training through the Canadian Ground Control program.

Techno-Police Inc Exhibit 107

Techno-Police will feature the Intoxilyzer 5000C breathtesting instrument, radar equipment and in-car video system.

The Current Corporation Exhibit 213

The featured law enforcement products will be ITT night vision equipment, Pacific Body Armour, Swarovski Optik and Maxabeam Searchlights.

TrendTec Canada Exhibit 200

Trend Tec Canada will be displaying the gyro stabilize infrared camera system manufactured by Inframetrics. There will be an operational system demonstrated at the booth. Also featured will be the Airborne SOSpenders life jacket system on display for aviation and marine units.

Tricia Rudy Enterprises Inc. Exhibit Area D

Tricia Rudy is pleased to offer her personally selected range of quality products along with the kind of service you have come to depend on. As Lead Agent (Canada) for Barrday Inc., She will be showing the latest design in body armour. See the finest made, first quality uniforms and outerwear by Horace Small Apparel. Pick up your Motivational Posters by K&K Enterprises. View the latest prints from the Police Artist's Association. Purchase military sweaters and thermal regulating primary layer knitwear. Stop by her booth to see what else she's been up to. See Ad on page 41.

Vistek Ltd. Exhibit 308

Vistek will be exhibiting photographic equipment for law enforcement use.

As of press time many other exhibitors are not yet confirmed.

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Last October Constable Matthew Parr was killed by a drunk driver, who had been disqualified for the second time for operating a vehicle while disqualified. At the time of the crash he was driving a multi-ton truck that was not insured.

The truck immediately left the scene of the fatal crash and it was later found the driver had a cell phone he could have used to call for help. The driver's criminal record goes back to 1965 and includes numerous convictions for similar type offences. Before sentencing the accused the court permitted Matt's mother and father to deliver a victim impact statement. Blue Line Magazine would like to share their statement with you.

Tom Parr (Father of deceased)

Writing a Victim Impact Statement is an onerous task since one is chosen to represent all of the victims. Matthew, of course, was the principal victim. His surviving family, his friends, relatives and co-workers are all victims as well. Society is a victim too because of the loss of a good police officer who was dedicated to making the world a better place. We know that everyone will feel his loss in some way. The world is now a lesser place.

I want to express how I feel as a Father. Matt and I enjoyed an extremely close relationship. A relationship bonded through sharing many similar interests. We hiked; we camped; we fished; we hunted; we rode motorcycles; we talked, we trusted and we loved. He was my son, my confidante, my best friend. We grew up together.

I was proud when he served in the Canadian Forces Reserve. I was proud when he became a peace officer - as I had. I was proud when I heard of his awards and accomplishments as a police officer. However, the ultimate pride came from the love and respect he gave to his mother and his sister. He dearly loved those that I dearly loved.

This statement is also about feelings of failure as a Father. My duty is to protect my family. I somehow feel I failed this on October 26, 1996. I could not protect Matt, our son, from a killer. As a member of the criminal justice system I failed again because, despite our attempts at enforcement, this drunk driver was still able to drive a vehicle while impaired and kill our son. And, finally, I failed as a member of a society that cannot prevent drivers from operating lethal weapons while impaired and killing and maiming thousands of innocent people day in and day out.

A Victims Impact Statement could not be written in good faith without mentioning the past, the present and, most disturbingly, the future victims killed or maimed by drunk drivers. They come from all walks of life; from infants to elderly; from coast to coast and they get no trial, no lawyer, no day in court and no good byes. Pain, death, destruction and grief is their destiny. What will it take to break this vicious cycle?

Victims become faceless names in the newspapers. However, we won't allow this to happen. Matthew's memory will live on. He was 27 years old, a dedicated police officer, a man, a son and a brother.

Matt had strong values - love, honour, respect, generosity and strong family ties. He was a young man and a police officer who repeatedly went above and beyond the call of duty to protect and to serve those that were the most disadvantaged. As a police officer he would often stay at shelters for the abused, on

his own time, in order that women and children could rest safely under his protection. He participated in 'Toys for Tots' and other related causes. Even in death he was giving. His eyes were donated for someone else to see. A young man who had no children of his own, yet he cared for many. A young, brave man who was, after all, making a difference.

On the other hand, we have a 49-year-old drunk, complete with a criminal record dating back to 1965 - before Matt was even born. A man who stands for everything that Matt was against. This individual lives his life to "Beat the System", to take what isn't his. Assaults on women, thefts, fraud, tax evasion, false pretences, impaired driving and more are just some of his accomplishments. He is a lethal parasite on the very society that allows him to exist and he has complete contempt and disdain for the laws of this country, for the citizens that obey them and for the police agencies that enforce them.

This total disregard for the law allowed him to kill our son, and surely, he was bound to kill someone sooner or later. It is as if he planned and premeditated a murder. He drove a lethal weapon. His victim, however, would be chosen at random. He had no licence, no insurance and false papers of identity. He had no right to drive.

This is not a case of someone "having one too many" and getting into a crash. No, this is a perpetrator who purposefully and unlawfully drove a vehicle in order to get away with impaired driving. This is a case of a killer who planned and manipulated every detail to drive while intoxicated and disqualified and with no regard for the consequences ever having been an issue. Only his way of life is paramount; me first no matter what. He also had a plan to escape once he had killed. There were never any thoughts about assisting the victim when self-gratification at society's expense has always been the norm. So, he took the coward's route and fled into the night leaving Matt to die alone. Even an anonymous call on his car's cell phone would have helped.

Presently, our family, each in our own way, and together, is trying to cope with this staggering loss. Again and again we think of Matt and the rest of his life that was taken from him. He will never get the chance to look into his bride's face. He will never hold the little hand of a son or a daughter. He will never be able to say good bye.

We ask anyone who reads this statement to try to change this present system in any way possible. If by doing so, one life is saved, one family spared, then our efforts will be worthwhile. Matt would want that.

Brenda Parr (Mother of deceased)

Matt is the first thought in our minds and hearts each morning, afternoon and night. I close my eyes, crying, hoping to never open them again. Can you imagine what it is like to know we will never be able to hold him, kiss him or see his face again? How can you understand the depth of that?

Words may help you understand the impact Matt's death has had on our family. Only experience would enable you to truly know about it.

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The lives of our family, Matt's close friends and co-workers have become like a piece of fine china that has been dropped and shattered. No matter how hard you try to put the delicate pieces of china back together, they never return to their original state. Life will never be the same. There will always be pieces missing, cutting edges, jagged cracks and a deep wrenching sadness.

Matt's sister has had to return to her home and deal with this tragedy on her own. Before her departure, as a family, we had to disassemble Matt's life that was so carefully and lovingly nurtured and shared. We had to deal with large, unemotional corporations. We had to close his bank accounts and insurance policies. We had to send out copies of his death certificate. We went to his apartment and sat on his bed and wept. We had to somehow take his life's belongings and put them into boxes. We saw that he had keepsakes from early childhood as well as keepsakes of only a few weeks before he was killed.

One drunk driver has torn our world apart. Matt's death was not an accident; it was a crash. Matt would be alive today if this one drunk driver had not caused his death. He drove that dump truck while impaired and disqualified and with previous convictions for drunk driving. He knew full well what he was doing and what a five ton piece of steel could do to someone in its path. He did not care if he killed. He did not care who he killed. He did not care when he killed. He only cared for himself. He left Matt to die... to die alone.

More people will die and families will suffer the same writhing pain as ours and all those families who have suffered before us. It has been reported that drunk driving kills two and half times more people in Canada than murder - more than 1,400 in 1994. But, it is more complicated to prosecute an impaired driver than a murderer. Politicians, attorneys and judges should go out to the crash scenes, pull the bodies out, live in the homes of the victims to see and hopefully feel their agony and then maybe they would be more motivated to prosecute drunk drivers to the fullest.

It is this system that Matt honoured as a police officer and as a citizen. Do not fail him. Do not fail his family and, God forbid, should you fail those families and victims yet to come.

Our children are in our blood and the bond with them does not ever break. The amount of our pain is a measure of the amount of love we feel for Matt. We must somehow learn to live with Matt's death and the pain associated with it.

"Matthew, you are in our hearts and thoughts every minute of every day. We love and miss you."

Editor's Note -

Last month John Henry Howes was convicted of, among other lesser offences, Criminal Negligence Causing the Death of constable Matthew Parr. He was sentenced to a cumulative total of eight years in prison and banned from driving anywhere in Canada and/or Ontario for life.

Regardless of the sentence handed down it begs the question - What would a person have to do to get the maximum sentence of 14 years?

I checked into a book entitled "Sentencing - The Practitioner's Guide" published by Carswell. The highest penalty for this offence was 5 years and the description of the offence mirrored that of the Howes case. Upon checking the sections on Fail to Remain I found the highest penalty to be 6 years which was a total of consecutive sentences for related offences. When checking the section for Impaired Driving Cause Death 6 years was again the maximum in a cumulative consecutive sentence.

In the introductory section of this book, used by judges, it reads as follows;


The effects of the 1985 amendments are particularly apparent in offences resulting in death. Accordingly, (reviewing) sentencing cases that pre-

date them are of little or no value (when determining an appropriate sentence) as they fail to reflect Parliament's determination to deal more severely with this type of offence. Shortly after the amendments to the sentencing provisions took effect, the Ontario Court of Appeal observed in R. V. McMerty that Parliament had "placed crimes of dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm among the more serious crimes and empowered the courts to impose substantial sentences."

Although the sentence this man received was record setting I must ask the question once again - if parliament decided that 14 years was the maximum sentence, under what circumstances is it to be levied? Perhaps there is an answer from amongst our readers. Better yet, perhaps someone should be made answerable!

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THE GROUND IS SIMPLY ANOTHER PLACE TO WIN FROM!



By Joel Johnston

It has been said yet again by another feature instructor at a recent international training conference that "if you're on the ground and you're not handcuffing, you're losing!"

This type of instruction fosters negative mindsets, ignores very real officer safety issues, and sets students up for defeat in the field.

While it is nice to fantasize that we can always control the way any given situation is going to unfold, the reality remains -we can't! Trainers must instead acknowledge that police officers do face difficult problems from time to time. They do get attacked by multiple assailants, they do get knocked to ground, etc. We must be the first to adopt and promote a winning mind, no matter what the situation. To state that an



officer is losing if certain circumstances exist can create a mental state that is difficult to recover from, which makes winning physically, virtually impossible. Further we must devise sound procedures, tactics and techniques to ensure that our

people have the skill set to win in any situation, regardless of how uncomfortable it may be. If there is an identified potential threat to the safety of our police officers we are obligated to provide sound training to address that threat, and not just say "well, don't let that situation happen". To do any less is lazy at best and negligent at worst.

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Merith's attitude regarding grappling and groundfighting. You are truly never down and out! A recent international law enforcement survey revealed that 89% of officers responding to the survey had been knocked to the ground or had fallen to the ground during an arrest process. Usually officers don't choose to go to the ground, but it happens. Sometimes they are suddenly overwhelmed (surprised) by an assailant or group of assailants, they are overpowered, they fall down, they are injured. Sometimes officers choose to go to the ground to gain a tactical advantage!

Groundfighting for police officers is not martial arts, it's not a bar fight and it's certainly not a sport. The ground can be an extremely vulnerable place for officers to be, unless they have some specific strategies, tactics and goals to achieve. Then it becomes just another place to win from!

The goals of bad people that choose to assault police officers are different from those involved in most other types of confrontations. They usually don't want to spend much time with the police officer, they want to beat or stomp the officer and flee to avoid prosecution, or they attempt to disarm and shoot the officer and run away to avoid prosecution. The bottom line is that 'buddy' doesn't want to hang around too long and if you can fend off your assailant or assailants, keep them at bay, or frustrate their attacks, chances are they will run away if they can. In a situation such as this it's a clear win for you. No arrest, ticket, or street check could possibly be worth your physical safety. There are a number of disadvantages to being on the ground. You may be more susceptible to injury, certain types of mobility are restricted, your visibility is restricted, you may have less control over your firearm. For all of these reasons you are justified in escalating force right now! Though perhaps the most compelling justifica-

tion for escalating force is if you are on the ground and your assailant(s) has the option of fleeing and chooses not to they have demonstrated clear intent to do you harm. Don't wait until it's too late - escalate!

While there are disadvantages to being on the ground, there are some advantages, and you must capitalize on all of them. The first one may be psychological - your opponent will believe they are winning, when in fact they are now in your environment (if you're prepared). You have better leverage, standing assailants have to bend at the waist to reach you, you have better balance, you have the simultaneous use of all four limbs at all angles, and you have better circular mobility. Now you need the

goals, strategies, tactics and techniques to make these advantages work for you against one or more assailants.

Groundfighting for police officers must be law enforcement specific and involve a ground position that accounts for the situations police officers most frequently find themselves in, the goals of assailants, and the goals of the officers. Most importantly it must account for multiple assailants and weapon retention. For these reasons we try to stay away from the traditional martial arts side position because it is too limiting and leaves too many vital targets exposed. Grappling is also discouraged because it in no way accounts for multiple assailants or weapon retention. Instead a position on the back is adopted where the spinal column is always protected, the use of all limbs, access to all force options, and 360 degree circular mobility is possible.

Included in a complete law enforcement groundfighting program should be the following components: falling safely (from realistic knockdown positions); movement on the ground; blocking from the ground; striking and kicking from the ground; throws and takedowns from the ground; redirections from the ground; vital target acquisition and extrication from the ground; baton techniques from the ground (in case it's in hand when knocked down); and recovering from the ground. Movement drills, evasion drills, interactive partner drills, and dynamic simulations should all be incorporated in a tactical groundfighting training program.

Help your officers to become comfortable with being on the ground, make the ground their place. And no!, if you're on the ground and you're not handcuffing, you are not losing. You are simply winning from a different position!

Joel Johnston is a frequent contributor to Blue Line Magazine. Those interested in Tactical Groundfighting information training or certification may contact the author at the Vancouver Police Department (604) 665-2196.

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The parole board - skilled inquisitors (Part 2)

By Gary Miller

With the cooperation of Simonne Ferguson the National Parole Board's Regional Director for Ontario, I was permitted to continue my examination of Parole Board proceedings, "on site" as it were. As I explained in a proceeding issue of Blue Line Magazine I was given observer status within the room where the hearing was conducted.

It is a bright, airy room approximately 30' X 24' with a long table in the centre surrounded by chairs in which the participants sit. Those with observer status are seated beyond this perimeter, nearer to the walls but well positioned to see and hear the proceedings.

The next inmate to enter the room was James Schlatman who was serving a plea bargained sentence for Assault with a Weapon, Sexual Assault and Threatening bodily harm. It was stated right up front that he was a high risk offender. Goodness knows the number of violent offences he had managed to jettison in the plea bargain process.

A rather good looking young man of just 21 years, it was easy to visualize that here was a person to whom, on appearance alone, one would want to give the benefit of the doubt (no doubt a critical miscalculation on the part of his victims). However, the misconception was quickly dispelled.

Apart from any other predilections one held, it became obvious that the chip on his shoulder was more like a piece of lumber. He had a parole hearing a year before, in the summer of 1995 and been refused parole on that occasion. As his case manager made his presentation to the Parole Board, there was a routineness to the points required to be covered.

We heard, seemingly, almost a replay of the previous hearing: the inmate had not participated in any remedial programs, he was classified as an untreated sexual offender, he had a pattern of persistent violent behaviour. Words like violent, threatening, predatory, sadistic, peppered the sordid account of depravity which had led to his criminal convictions.

The Board Chair, Mrs. Frances Baines, asked what had changed since last July when Schlatman had been last refused parole. The case manager stated the inmate had refused assessment. When asked if he agreed with the information in possession of the Board, he responded; "It's all bullshit." He went on to deny in total the essential allegations made out in the offences against him.

Mrs. Baines asked him the question that was surely on everyone's lips; "Why did you take the plea bargain" ..(to the charges before the court).

"Because I was scared, I was 18 years old."

If one could capture the feeling of collective disbelief, it was palpable in that room that day. No part of this snarling misfit could be seen or imagined as being scared. With the exception of the inmate seated in a central position at the table and the detached professionalism of the Parole Board members, all eyes involuntarily snapped skyward.

The decision was swift and sure. Since no new information had been presented on the inmate's behalf, his detention would continue. He had failed to meet any necessary criteria.

After the conclusion of this hearing, we broke for lunch. The Board members are very open and approachable. They seemed happy to meet someone who appeared not be burdened with misconceptions about their role and duties

in the system. I learned that 85% of parole board members selected have had some involvement in criminal justice in the past, whether it was in policing court administration, prisons, parole or "aftercare" agencies.

The length of parole board appointments have been reduced from ten years to five years to improve members' accountability. I was to learn that if parole board members look content with their lot in life, it is little wonder, what with pulling down handsome annual salaries, plus travel, hotel and meal allowances for the work they do. The Board members I dealt with, Frances Baines, Brenda McIntyre and Kenneth Payne, as I have alluded to earlier, all have excellent experience and education backgrounds.

By 1:10 PM, we were back in the parole board hearing room, ready for the next inmate to appear, one Robert Eisen 32 years of age. In a most courteous fashion everybody in the room was introduced and Mr. Payne started off the hearing. The inmate was advised of his hearing rights to an assistant. He had decided this was to be his girlfriend, whom it turned out, had very little to say. The official Recorder explained the information to the inmate. The inmate's case worker explained the case after a fashion and also that Eisen had been in a treatment program for five months. His most recent conviction had been for Sexual Assault. Scores from a psychiatric test had been poor. He was placed in a higher than average category to re-offend. It was noted that he had re-offended a previous time while out on early release.

In spite of all that, the demeanour of inmate Eisen was dramatically unlike the previous inmate, appearing calculated to impress the board members with his friendliness and reasonableness. He was more than willing to play the game. Unfortunately for Eisen (and fortunate for the community) he was completely inept. His efforts appeared painfully self serving and shallow.

He was asked his opinion of the case manager's summation of his offences. His response was as vague as the summation had been. Both the summation and the critique appeared to have been rushed by the Board in hopes that no one noticed. What we observers missed, the Board members picked up. The alarm bells went off, however, as it became clear he was serving nine years for his offences. Such a long sentence in Canada indicates a very serious level of criminal conduct.

The inmate had embarked upon what could only be described as a "spree" of serious and escalating crime in a relatively short period of time. He "progressed" from robbing a Dickie Dee ice cream vendor to robbing a Beckers Milk Store to break and enters to raping three women.

One Board member asked him why he had moved on from the other offences to "take up"



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sexual assault. Inmate Eisen's response was that when he had been released from jail the previous time, he had received no help in adjusting to life in the community. He also blamed his drug and alcohol problem. He referred to "acting out my fantasies" and how he now had developed a belated "empathy for my victims." It was as though the phrases had been borne of a new found morality rather than being carefully memorized to impress the Board. He smiled constantly... and fooled no one.

Still, his responses were mechanical and sounded rehearsed. He attributed the rapes to pornographic pictures which he had viewed while in prison a previous time. He said he wanted to be "free of deviant fantasies" in a way which telegraphed he had only the faintest grasp of what he was talking about. The Board noted that in all the professional assessments they had before them, he was still rated as a high risk to re-offend. When asked why this might be so he had no answer. When given a previous opportunity at day release, he had violated the conditions of the institute. When Mrs. Baines asked him why, as his only explanation, he fell back into parroting one of the phrases he had heard while in "treatment". "I acted out deviant thoughts that I had while in prison."

Mrs. Baines asked him to turn his mind back to his first offence on September 17. She

was able to catch him out in one contradiction after another between what he said one moment and what he said the next.

Parole Board member: "How long have you had these fantasies?"

Inmate: "None prior to 1990 when I was in jail reading pornographic magazines". It was clear he blamed his time in jail for all his recent violent and criminal misadventures. He had first been jailed in 1981 and had spent most of his adult life in jail.

Board member Brenda McIntyre questions the inmate: "You repeatedly say 'I'm sorry, I need help'. You are trying to seduce the Board with smiles and charm. You are bright eyed..."

Inmate: "I'm really nervous, I'm trying to catch the atmosphere of the Board."

Board member: "There is an incongruity between your expressions and the acts of violence you committed."

When asked how he proposed to stay out of trouble if returned to the community, he repeated the stock phrase learned from his professional counsellors in prison. Inmate: "I choose not to think about deviant fantasies." Decision: *Detention to continue, inmate failed to meet criteria for release.*

To be continued next month

Police killer denied chance at early parole

A man convicted of killing an RCMP officer has been denied a chance to apply for early parole.

A jury took just four hours last January 17th to deny an application by Darrel Crook who was convicted along with Gregory Fischer in the 1978 murder of Constable Brian King.

The two were sentenced to life imprisonment with no eligibility for parole for 25 years.

"I find no joy in the verdict," said King's widow, Marie King Forest, in a prepared statement. "As long as the Liberal government supports (Section) 745, there will be continued revictimization and no truth in sentencing."

Crook applied under the so-called faint hope clause of the Criminal Code - Section 745 - which allows people serving life sentences to

apply to the courts for a review of their parole eligibility after they've served 15 years.

Fischer's minimum sentence was reduced by two years to 23 years when he applied for a similar review.

"I think this case proves that the section works and that the community can make decisions like this," Crook said as he was taken from the courtroom. "There's no need to repeal Section 745."

The Crown argued Crook's sentence should not be reduced because of his primary role in the killing.

Constable King was abducted, handcuffed and driven to an isolated area where Crook shot him twice at close range.

Crook can now seek parole on April 24, 2003.

Parole Board to get access to records

Criminals will find it more difficult to get parole under a new agreement signed by Ontario and Ottawa last February. The agreement will have background information supplied to the Parole Board that was previously only kept in court files.

Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick signed the agreement with Federal Solicitor General Herb Gray on February 28th at a ministerial conference.

The agreement will grant the Federal Parole Board access to Ontario court records, including all sentencing information, victim impact statements and psychological assessments.

In the past members of Parole Boards have been entitled only to review sentencing reports.

The information sharing has been recommended by several juries of coroners' inquests, including one that probed the 1988 murder of 11-year-old Christopher Stephenson. He was murdered by repeat pedophile Joseph Fredericks, who was staying in a halfway house while completing a sentence for a previous conviction of assaulting children.

The National Parole Board's early release of Fredericks has been regarded as a tragic example of poor communication between law enforcement officials, the courts and parole boards.

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Toronto - Ontario

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

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May 8, 1997
Ontario Women in Law Enforcement
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**August 23 - 27 1997
92 Annual CACP Conference
and Exhibition**

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Inspector Eric Joliffe and Constable Jeff Bullied (pictured above) studied steel and rubber bullet traps, before selecting the Savage wet design. It was the most expensive trap to purchase, but the very low operating cost, the ease of bullet removal, and the inexpensive air system required all added up to it being the most economical choice. The fact that the Savage traps are Canadian (made in Mississauga) was an added bonus.

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Vancouver targets pimps, johns



Vancouver city police have announced they are going to stop charging hookers and begin to target pimps and johns instead.

"We look at sex trade workers as already being victimized," the media quoted Insp.

Ken Doern as saying after the mid-February announcement was made.

The vice squad officer said police would no longer charge any females unless there were unusual circumstances surrounding the case.

"It may be someone quite young and we may need a court to get them assistance," Doern was quoted as saying.

Doern believes that going after pimps and johns will be effective in reducing street prostitution in the long run.

Between 1988 and 1995, over 9,000 charges were laid in Vancouver, but less than 3,000 involved johns.

"Obviously charging females hasn't been a deterrent," Doern was quoted as saying. "Prostitutes have been penalized, jailed, fined and shifted from neighbourhood to neighbourhood, but no concentrated effort was made to go after the customers and we firmly believe these men are predators."

However, other forces don't seem to agree with the Vancouver approach.

Const. Kevin Caddell of the Toronto juvenile prostitution unit was quoted as saying: "I can't understand why they would charge (prostitutes). We see them as victims as well, but some of the older ones have full knowledge of what they are doing."

Edmonton police Sgt. Brad Ward said many community groups would begin to protest if the city decided not to go after prostitutes.

Montreal Const. Richard Di Foglio said charges against prostitutes have not decreased in Montreal and there has been no effort made to start charging more johns.

A study conducted between 1986 and 1992, in Vancouver indicates that charging sex trade workers is not an effective practise, but that going after their customers is, Simon Fraser University criminologist John Lowman said.

Of the 2,045 men charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution during the study only 44 repeated the offence, Lowman said.

But of the prostitutes charged about 80 per cent went back into the trade, he said.

New harassment policy for municipal forces

New workplace harassment guidelines that are mandatory for all municipal police departments were introduced by New Brunswick's solicitor general in late February.

The guidelines will help prevent problems like those that have occurred in the province's municipal police forces, Jane Barry said.

The solicitor general also said that the guidelines are effective. They define types of behaviour that are considered unacceptable and make it easier for workers to make complaints against colleagues.

The guidelines were created last year after allegations of sexual harassment were made by some female employees in the Moncton and Rothesay police forces.

The policy is mandatory for police departments, but not for municipalities.

The guidelines replace a former code of conduct that failed to cover all situations, such as harassment of civilian police employees by



police officers, a situation alleged by some female employees.

"Hopefully if a situation arises, then maybe it might be a minor one that can be nipped in the bud," Barry was quoted as saying after introducing the policy in the legislature.

The solicitor general said that policy places the onus for liability with municipal employers in order to encourage them to look for problems that may exist.

"I realize that is quite strong," the local media quoted her as saying. "There are times you have to be pro-active as an employer and keep your ear to the ground. Maybe that wasn't happening to the degree it should have in some places."

Every municipal force in New Brunswick has at least one officer trained to instruct colleagues on the new policy.

Enforcement of the policy will begin on March 31.

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Former Mountie translator convicted

A former wiretap translator in a major RCMP smuggling investigation was found guilty of breach of trust in mid-February.

Kumaravelu Vignarajah was convicted in relation to the theft of an RCMP tape recorder, wiretap tapes and transcripts. The RCMP believe Vignarajah was a member of the Tamil Tiger terrorist organization and a Sri Lankan military intelligence agent.

Senior Crown attorney Stephen Sheriff told the court that Vignarajah's actions were a "grotesque betrayal" of the requirement to keep telephone wiretaps confidential during the course of a criminal investigation.

Vignarajah was sentenced to nine months

and four days in jail by Ontario court judge Brian Weagant. The sentence matched the amount of time Vignarajah had spent in jail since his arrest last May.

In his closing argument, Sheriff said it was unclear whether Vignarajah's loyalty lies with the Tamil Tigers, who are fighting for a separate homeland in Sri Lanka, or to the Sri Lankan military intelligence directorate who are fighting the Tigers.

But Sheriff did say that Vignarajah intended to use the material stolen from the Mounties during an investigation into passport forgery and alien smuggling in Canada's Tamil community for intelligence purposes.

Public alerts could affect everyone

Individuals who haven't been convicted of an offence could be affected by any new provincial guidelines on warning the public that high-risk individuals are in their community.

The guidelines could include anyone who may be considered to be a threat, Halifax regional police spokesman Const. Gary Martin said.

A committee, which could be comprised of police officers, members of the community and lawyers, could examine cases and recommend whether police should let the public know about the high-risk person in their area.

But the alert may not be limited to those who have been convicted of a crime.

"It may be very rare, but some individuals may be coming before the board that do not have a criminal record, yet there's good evidence that those individuals may be a threat to the community," local media quoted Martin as saying.

Defence lawyer Joel Pink says issuing public alerts about those who haven't been found guilty shouldn't be considered.

Public alerts can have a negative impact on the person, especially if they are accused of a sexual offence, Pink said.

Fewer officers per capita: Stats Canada reports

Fewer police officers were patrolling Canadian cities last year, a report from Statistics Canada states.

The statistics, released in late February, indicate the number of police officers per 100,000 residents decreased in 1996 for the fifth year in a row.

The decline has come at a time when public concern over crime and public safety have increased, despite numbers from Ottawa that show crime rates have fallen.

The number of police officers declined by 1.3 per cent in 1996. Since 1992, Canada has lost 2,681 officers - a drop of about five per cent, the report said.

While forces in some cities have hired more officers, Toronto, Montreal and the Quebec provincial police have all reported major decreases.

Statistics Canada attributes the drop to budget cutbacks.

Police strength increased steadily during the 1960s and early 1970s, then remained stable until the early 1990s.

Manitoba had the most officers per 100,000 population, followed by Quebec and Saskatchewan. Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have the fewest officers.

Justice spending costs tax payers three cents on the dollar

Just like the price of everything else in the nineties, the price of keeping Canada's justice system running has gone up since the eighties.

Police, courts and correctional services accounted for 3 cents of every dollar spent in 1994-95. This share is however low compared to the 12 cents for education, the 13 cents for health and the 24 cents per dollar spent on social services. This according to a JURISTAT pamphlet concerning judicial spending.

The government spending on police, courts, corrections, legal aid and criminal prosecutions was flirting with the \$10 billion mark in 1994-95. This number translates to \$340 per person in Canada. Over half of this amount paid for policing (58%), and about one fifth for adult corrections (19%). The remainder was spent on courts (7%), legal aid (7%), youth corrections (5%) and prosecutions (3%).

Since the year of 1988-89, total expenditures have increased 13% on an inflation-adjusted basis. Most of the increase, however, occurred before 1990-91, as spending only grew by 4% between 1990-91 and 1994-95, reflecting the 1990-92 slowdown of the Canadian economy. With all these factors, the 1994-95 bill per person is actually slightly lower than the bill of 1990-91.

As for spending in different regions of the country, the costs remained fairly constant, except for slightly lower spending costs in



Quebec, Alberta and the Yukon, and moderately higher costs in British Columbia, relative to the 1990-91 rates.

While the per capita spending on different services has also remained constant in the areas of policing, adult corrections and courts, spending on other judicial services has increased. Since the 1990-91 survey, spending on youth corrections, and especially legal aid has risen.

Once again, policing tops the list of judicial spending, with the government shelling out 5.8 billion dollars in 1994-95, which translates to \$198 per person. Municipal governments pay for the largest share of policing costs (55% or \$3.2 billion), followed by the provinces gov-

ernments, contributing 24%, or \$1.4 billion, followed up by the federal government, who chipped in 21%, or \$1.2 billion for the year of 1994-95.

Policing contracts, in place since the 1930's, offer centralized services which help reduce administrative costs. Contract policing for the RCMP accounted for 16% of total spending on police services by provincial, municipal and territorial governments. An additional 20% was paid to provincial forces to cover mainly rural areas, and the remaining 64% was paid by the municipalities having their own police services in the segment of 1994-95.

Regarding the federal financial responsibilities, the government was all over the map for consistency in spending, contributing from 16% for criminal prosecutions to 48% of the adult corrections bill. On an inflation-adjusted grid, the federal government contributed significantly more in 1994-95 than in 1990-91.

With the new youth offender plans being implemented around the country, the cost of youth corrections shot up since the last survey. \$526 million dollars was spent on youth corrections in 1994-95, that is roughly \$18 per person. Since the reported data from 1988-89, this is a 23% increase in the spending, on an inflation adjusted grid. This growth coincides with the 26% increase of the daily youth inmate count since 1988-89.

Force agrees to stop using weapon

The Ottawa-Carleton regional police agreed to stop using a beanbag shotgun in late February after a man died shortly after being struck by one of the weapon's projectiles.

Ontario Special Investigations Unit asked the force to stop using the weapon while it looks into the man's death.

The request to stop using the gun came after police were called to an apartment on Feb. 24, to deal with a man who was cutting himself with a knife.

When the man refused to drop the weapon, a member of the SWAT team fired at him with the beanbag gun in an attempt to disable him.

An autopsy showed the man had died of severe blood loss.

In a statement issued a day after the inci-



dent, SIU head Andre Marin also said the autopsy indicated that the beanbag shot was lodged inside the man's body.

SWAT team members are the only officers qualified to use the weapon, which has been in use for about a year.

Staff. Sgt. Terry Charbot, who oversees the SWAT team, said the force has never had a problem with the beanbags penetrating the skin before.

The local press quoted Charbot as saying: "They're deemed less lethal ... (but) there's a possibility of injury with them. The tactical unit adhered to standard operating procedures in regards to the call."

The beanbags are two square inches, covered in nylon and contain 42 grams of birdshot. The projectile can travel at 280 feet per second.

Prison guards survive hostage situation

Three Quebec prison guards survived a seven-hour hostage situation without injury in early February.

The guards were taken hostage after an attempted escape at a provincial jail went sour.

It was not immediately known whether the inmates released their captives, or if a squad of provincial police officers rescued the guards just before dawn.

The escape occurred at about 11 p.m. Police released few details about the incident, but one inmate reportedly made it outside of the facility by climbing down bedsheets that had

been tied together.

The inmate was apparently apprehended by a municipal officer who was driving by in a patrol car.

The jail holds about 60 prisoners, but only three or four were involved in the escape attempt.

Const. Gerard Carrier of the Quebec provincial police said they were armed with homemade weapons.

Most of the inmates in the jail are serving sentences under two years. Others are waiting to appear in court.

Case backlog could free criminals

Thousands of criminals in Toronto may go free due to a number of court backlogs, the Toronto Sun reported in late February.

There are about 14,000 overdue cases in Etobicoke, a west-end suburb, with a waiting list of 10 months for trial. Of those cases, about 2,000 are impaired driving offences, provincial court Judge Derek Hogg said.

Cases are being dismissed everyday under the Askov precedent, a 1990 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that says cases taking more than eight months to get to trial should be tossed out, said Hogg.

The Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association said the provincial Conservative government's policies are adversely affecting the justice system.

Paul Vesa, the president of the association,



said there appears to be a lack of resources and that a lot of the time there is neither a courtroom or judge available.

Premier Mike Harris said he is concerned about freeing thousands of criminals because courts are overcrowded.

The media quoted Harris as saying: "Our goal is to try and make the court system more efficient so

these situations don't develop. I know the attorney general is working on measures to try and clean up the backlog."

Attorney General Charles Harnick said overcrowding is a problem.

"That is a problem that we have," Harnick was quoted as saying. "I'm very committed to breaking the back of Askov..."

The province cut a total of \$116 million from the Attorney General's budget last year.

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No charges will be laid: police



An internal investigation conducted by the Metro Toronto police into allegations that officers beat a man at the city's lakefront will not result in criminal charges unless new information is uncovered, police said in late February.

The six-month investigation began on Aug. 21, when Thomas Kerr, 32, complained that a group of police officers had taken him to the lakefront and beat him after he was arrested for public drunkenness.

Staff Insp. Rocky Cleveland, head of internal affairs for the force, said the investigation, in which locked and sealed evidence within a police station may have been tampered with, did not result in charges because there was no reasonable prospect of conviction in the matter.

But, in the carefully worded presentation that was transmitted simultaneously to police officers on the force's internal cable system, Cleveland would not say that the investigation was over.

The local media quoted Cleveland as saying: "The criminal aspect of this investigation at this point in time with the information available has been concluded. Should any other information come forward, then there is potential that the investigation would reopen."

Cleveland said the matter will go before the professional-standards review committee of the force to determine whether charges under the Police Act will be laid against any of the officers.

AG may seek injunction to keep prostitutes away from kids

British Columbia Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh is considering asking the courts to order prostitutes to keep their distance from elementary schools.

The consideration came in the wake of complaints by parents at William Macdonald elementary school in east Vancouver. The parents are upset that children walking to and from school everyday regularly see prostitutes soliciting customers.

Parents and teachers have also complained about finding needles and condoms in children's play areas.

"I understand very well the anger and frustration experienced by the residents, the children and the school," Dosanjh was quoted as saying in early March.

The solicitor general went on to say that members of his staff are looking into the possibility of getting an injunction.

Dosanjh also said that the Vancouver police department has indicated it will make ex-

ceptions to its policy of not charging prostitutes if schools and children are affected.

The provincial government may even go so far as to pass legislation to make it illegal for prostitutes to solicit clients near schools, Dosanjh said.

He hoped to meet with all parties involved prior to making a final decision on whether to seek an injunction.

Kay Stockholder, president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said it is premature for the organization to say whether it would oppose an injunction until the solicitor general provides more information.

She said the association opposed a 1984 injunction obtained by former attorney general Brian Smith, which banned prostitutes from West End streets.

School trustee Ken Denike said the school board would be interested in applying for an injunction if it protected the children from prostitution.

Mounties, soldiers ship toys to Haiti kids

An RCMP officer is heading up an effort to send toys to impoverished children in Haiti.

Last fall, Const. Francois Henri of the Stone-wall RCMP raised about 1,350 kilograms of toys and children's clothing through the Toys for Haiti campaign.

"Last year was fantastic," the local press quoted Henri as saying.

The constable expected to collect only 450

kilograms of toys last year. But the project was much more successful.

This year he is planning to send another 1,459 kilogram shipment.

The 17th Wing CFB Winnipeg will warehouse the toys and clothes before shipping them out.

The goal of the project is to make life a little brighter for the children of Haiti.

Prostitution makes victims of us all, Juristat says

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 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 a recent JURISTAT statistics pamphlet.

Until the 1970's, prostitution was treated as a "status" offense, 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 of 1995, almost all of the 7, 165 prostitution incidents reported by police, na-

tionally, 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.

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.

Street prostitutes obviously lead an extremely dangerous lifestyle, and they are often the target of attacks, as our society looks down upon them. Between 1991 and 1995, 63 known prostitutes were murdered in Canada. Seven of these prostitutes were juveniles, aged 15 to 17 years. 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.

It is thought that prostitution is victimless, but in general, everyone suffers. The community where the prostitution is taking place becomes a terrible place to live, as prostitution brings added traffic, loitering, noise and quite likely, 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 area of the country.

The obvious ideal would be to put an end to all prostitution, but that is clearly not yet a solution, and so the law enforcement communities of Canada continue to work together on improving the situation of prostitution in our country.

The life of a prostitute is a desolate one, with many terrible repercussions and it is important for communities throughout Canada to pull together to prevent another person from turning to the streets.

OK to ask for names



An officer has the right to ask a driver without a licence for his name and birth date, a B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled in mid-February.

The ruling means John Weirs, 28, will be retired on a charge of driving while under suspension.

A provincial court judge had ruled that police violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by asking Weirs for his name and birth date when he didn't have a licence on him.

Weirs was stopped by police on Sept. 26, 1995, because it appeared he had failed to stop at an intersection.

He was unable to produce a driver's licence, so police asked him for his name and date of birth. Police learned that Weirs was prohibited from driving after the information he provided was checked on a computer.

He was then told he had the right to legal counsel and was arrested.

The judge at Weirs' trial found he had made the statements voluntarily, but ruled police ignored his rights under a section of the Charter by not warning him that he could be arrested before they asked for his name and birth date.

The judge ruled this meant his statements were inadmissible under the Charter and dismissed the charge.

But Supreme Court Justice Peter Lowry noted that even if Weirs' right to counsel was breached, the evidence of his date of birth shouldn't have been excluded.

Lowry said a person's birth date is readily visible on every driver's licence and the licence must be carried and produced on demand while operating a vehicle in B.C.

Ottawa passes child support legislation

Legislation to improve Canada's child support system was passed by Ottawa in late February.

The new legislation will come into effect in the beginning of May. It will include:

- amendments to the Divorce Act to establish a framework for the use of child support guidelines.
- amendments to the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance (FOAEA) to add Revenue Canada to the list of federal departments whose databanks can be searched for the purpose of locating persons who have breached family support orders.
- new provisions in the FOEA Act to establish a new federal licence denial scheme. The scheme authorizes the suspension of passports and certain federal transport licences where a payer of child support has repeatedly breached support obligations.

The new legislation is part of the federal government's Child Support Initiative which include new tax rules for child support payments.

Judge wants clear rules for police chases

A B.C. Supreme Court judge and the father of a teenager killed in a collision with a police cruiser are seeking tougher rules for high-speed chases.

In late February, justice Wally Oppal said he wrote to Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh asking for changes to the Police Act and was promised they would be made.

Oppal, chairman of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Policing in 1994, said police need a mandate that outlines when and how they should engage in high-speed chases.

Last November, the judge acquitted a Kamloops RCMP constable of dangerous driving causing death.

Ken Winters, a 21-year veteran of the force, was charged with dangerous driving causing the deaths of Erik Thomson and Krystal Bartusek, both 18, in Kamloops in 1995.

Winters was in pursuit of a suspected impaired driver when he struck the teenagers' car

as it was turning left at an intersection.

The court was told that Winters, who was driving between 125 and 140 kilometres per hour, considered switching on his siren when he saw Bertusek's car.

But he said he changed his mind because he didn't want to alert the speeding impaired motorist to the fact that he was being pursued.

Bruce Thomson, Erik's father, is concerned that there are no rules in B.C. that require police to turn their emergency lights and siren on during a pursuit.

Thomson said the law shouldn't give police the power to decide whether or not they will use their lights and siren.

After the verdict, jury members asked Oppal to write to Dosanjh regarding the lack of regulations surrounding police pursuit.

The justice said he agreed with the jury based on what he had learned during the commission of inquiry into policing.

Not all youth violence is gang-related: officer

According to a Toronto police officer turned author, not all youth violence is related to gangs.

During his book launch in February, Const. Kevin Guest said that while the number of violent crimes committed by youths has risen, only about one per cent of young people are pressured

into becoming part of an organized gang.

Guest said today's youth faces a tougher and more competitive world and attitudes are reflecting that. He says parents can combat the problem by getting involved in their children's lives and communicating with them.

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Scientist taking a bite out of crime



A University of British Columbia scientist is preparing to fight crime by matching human bite marks in criminal cases to the people who made them.

Forensic dentist David Sweet is planning to open a lab, which is thought to be North America's first facility devoted to focused research in this area sometime in April.

With \$500,000 in B.C. government funding, the lab will also refine Sweet's work in extracting DNA evidence from saliva left on human flesh.

Saliva deposited during a bite can be extracted up to 72 hours after the attack. High-tech machines can enhance the DNA, then study the sample, a practise which can come in handy in sexual assaults and cases of child abuse.

The head of an elite North American board of experts in Sweet's chosen field expects good things from the UBC centre.

"To my knowledge, I don't know of any university or college that has the type of setup Dr. Sweet is working with," Dr. George Issac, president of the American Board of Forensic Odontology was quoted as saying. "It's going to be an exceptional facility."

Sweet's team will be comprised of a research assistant and graduate students. Sweet will be studying in such areas as recovering DNA from teeth degraded to various degrees.

Research will be part of the lab's focus, but it will also do contract work for police, defence, or Crown lawyers at a cost of up to \$250 per hour.

Since 1984, Sweet estimates he has testified in roughly two dozen cases and processed bite evidence in about 40.

In one case he matched a Seattle mother's bite to a mark on her three-year-old child.

Sweet has also obtained saliva traces from a body submerged underwater. He was able to obtain the evidence because the dried saliva stuck to the skin even with water surrounding the body.

Sweet first entered the world of forensic dentistry in 1979, when police asked him to use dental charts to identify the burned body of a patient who died in a fiery car crash.

After the task was completed he was hooked on the scientific aspects of the job.

"Bringing someone to justice or the fact that this is in a legal context is beside the point. This is science," Sweet was quoted as saying.

Sweet is currently a member on Issac's board. Only three other Canadians are part of the 90 member board.

Teeth may reveal domestic abuse

Students at the University School of Dentistry are being taught to look for signs of spousal and elder abuse in patients' teeth.

Meanwhile, the Alberta Dental Association is trying to find a way to educate the province's 1,500 established dentists about how to recognize a battered spouse or neglected senior.

"You can see where somebody has been struck, broken teeth, bone fractures, or just contusions," Gordon Thompson, the executive director of the ADA, was quoted as saying.

Thompson said future dentists are being taught to look for any indications of family violence or neglect of patients.

"If there's direct neglect of patients you would see it more possibly in the elderly than you might in children," Thompson was quoted as saying.

The university, which turns out about 30 new dentists every year, teaches students that teeth say more about a person than whether they brush regularly.

Thompson said a dentist would be able to tell if someone has been struck in the mouth, even if they try to create a false explanation.

Thompson said officials are still trying to develop an outline of the proper steps to take once domestic abuse has been confirmed.

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Police inquiry begins with dispute



An inquiry into the practices of the Quebec provincial police began in late February with the sort of power struggle that critics have identified as part of the force's problem.

The three-member probe, headed by former judge Lawrence Poitras, was called for after a major drug case was tossed out of court in 1995 for evidence tampering.

The probe's mandate and televised hearings have left some with the feeling that the probe could provide an inside look at the force, which one criminologist referred to as a state within a state.

The first witnesses are scheduled to be heard in early April.

But before the inquiry can begin, it must first deal with a motion by the police officers' union which wants commissioner Louise Viau dismissed for alleged bias.

The union, which represents 3,700 of the provincial force's 4,100 members, is a considerable force.

The union showed its strength in 1984 during contract negotiations when officers surrounded the legislature in a walkout which left highways unpatrolled and criminal investigations in limbo.

The Quebec Provincial Police Officers Association wants Viau replaced because she headed a committee which recently reviewed complaints against the force.

Viau, a law professor at the Université de Montréal, contends that her only task was to determine if the complaints were unimportant or needed to be given further attention.

Poitras said he expects to get down to the main part of the probe in April.

At that time the inquiry will look into an Aug. 26, 1995, party during which officers conducting an internal investigation into the bungled drug case were allegedly intimidated by their superiors.

"But our inquiry goes beyond those events," Poitras was quoted as saying. "The government has asked us to examine the current practices of the Sureté du Québec concerning investigations of major crimes as well as internal investigations."

Some doubt the inquiry will produce any major improvements.

Criminologist Georges-Andre Parent said the force has been subjected to a number of inquiries since the 1960s, without much success.

"The government may be trying to get a message to the SQ as to who's boss," the local press quoted Parent as saying. "But the primary impression I have is that ordinary people are being taken for fools by a government that's trying to convince them public commissions solve problems."

Retired officer to look into Gardens security

A retired Metro Toronto deputy police chief has been appointed to conduct a full security review of Maple Leaf Gardens in the wake of alleged sex crimes against teens.

Walter Tyrrell, a 38-year police veteran, began his investigation in early March.

Tyrrell said he will examine everything from procedures for allowing visitors into the facility to how management screens prospective employees.

The former officer added that during his investigation he will look at other stadiums

such as the SkyDome, to determine if security at the Gardens is comparable.

"The most effective way of keeping on top of a situation is management," the local press quoted Tyrrell as saying.

Tyrrell said management has already taken steps to tighten security.

Two former Maple Leaf Gardens employees have been charged with sex crimes against children.

Gordon Stuckless, 47, and John Paul Roby, 54, face a total of 121 charges.



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Advice doesn't have to come from a lawyer

Legal advice can come from an array of different legal specialists - even suspended lawyers.

In a recent case a New Brunswick Queen's bench ruled that taking the advice of a suspended lawyer wasn't reason enough to overturn a local man's impaired driving conviction.

A man was charged with impaired driving last year and escorted to the local police station where he was supposed to submit a breath sample.

However, the man refused to do so before speaking to his lawyer. The lawyer promptly answered the man's call and, after arriving at the station, advised his client to

take the test, which the man failed.

The day prior to trial the Crown informed the man that his lawyer was not an active member of the Law Society. It seems the man had been suspended for failing to pay his errors and omissions insurance premiums.

The man was found guilty at his trial.

The man's new lawyer attempted to appeal the verdict by arguing that the Charter states that an accused individual has a right to consult a practising lawyer.

But the justice disagreed. He said there is no obligation on the police to ensure that a person who gives legal advice is a lawyer.

Youngsters botch beer hold-up

It was the type of slap-stick that would have made a great comedy.

Five youths snatched two cases of beer from a Brewer's Retail Truck in Brantford, Ont., in late February police said.

Witnesses began to chase the thieves and one of the cases was dropped and smashed during the pursuit.

The bandit with the other case kept running ahead of the pack, but then ran into the side of a building and knocked himself unconscious.

Police later said he was drunk before he attempted to steal the beer.

An 18-year-old youth was charged with theft and under age drinking.

The adventures of Bob the Bug

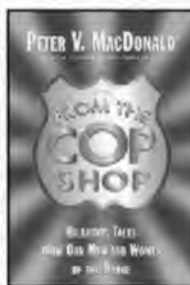
Terry Cooper - not his real name - met Bob the Bug in a penitentiary in Springhill, Nova Scotia, back in the 1980s, when both were serving terms of several years duration. Terry's on the "outside" now and has a business that's starting to flourish. He says that Bob, an incredibly inept crook, is probably in the pen, or will be returning there soon because "he always comes back."

I asked Terry why his old pal is called Bob the Bug. "Does it mean he bugs people?" I wondered.

"No," Terry replied. "A bug, in prison lingo, is an inmate who's very bright and does offbeat things, is a nonconformist and a loner, minds his own business and has few good friends, doesn't join organizations or cliques, makes elaborate plans that often lead to calamitous results - that sort of guy."

Terry tell us about the night Bob and a couple of his confederates decided to rob a sporting-goods store, steal a bunch of guns, and then sell them to buy drugs.

First they stole a large van and actually pulled off the late-night



break and enter without incident. The three of them were stoned on weed while driving out of town, and they soon noticed a cop on their tail. Ahead of them was a hitchhiker.

To see if the cop was following them or not, they stopped and picked

this guy up. The cop pulled over too, about a hundred yards behind them. This spooked the driver and he raced away just as the hitchhiker made it into the van. The hitchhiker saw all the guns that were spread over the floor of the van and he started freaking out. He said he wanted to get out of the vehicle right then and there.

This set off the three crooks, and Bob overreacted. He assembled one of the shotguns, loaded it, and fired through the back window at the cop car. The blast scared his unprepared driver, and he lost control of the van. The vehicle left the road and hit a tree. All three went directly to jail with no one hurt.

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Speeder nabbed three times in three hours

Sometimes people have to make mistakes before they learn a lesson, but a Pickering, Ont., man had to make the same one three times before he began to understand the problem.

Provincial police said they caught the same man speeding three times in less than three hours along Highway 401, in mid-February.

The man's mustang was first caught doing 140 kilometres an hour. Just two hours later, he was clocked at 145 kilometres an hour. Then, a mere 45 minutes later, he was stopped for driving at 140 kilometres an hour.

Sgt. Kelly Smith was quoted as saying: "This guy tried to pull a fast one on us and didn't get around to doing it. I have never seen anything like this before. He deserves to win the genius award."

The man could be forced to pay \$800 in fines and accumulate 12 demerit points.

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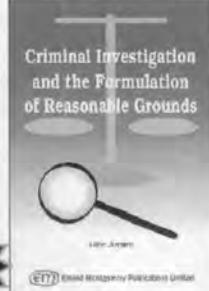
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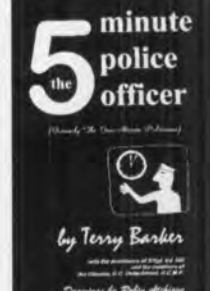
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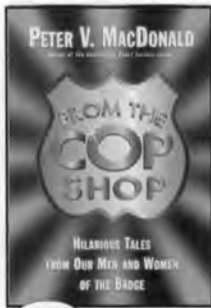
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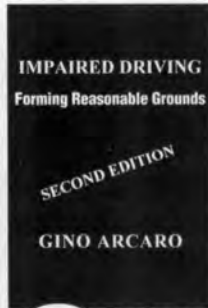
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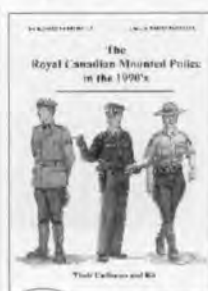
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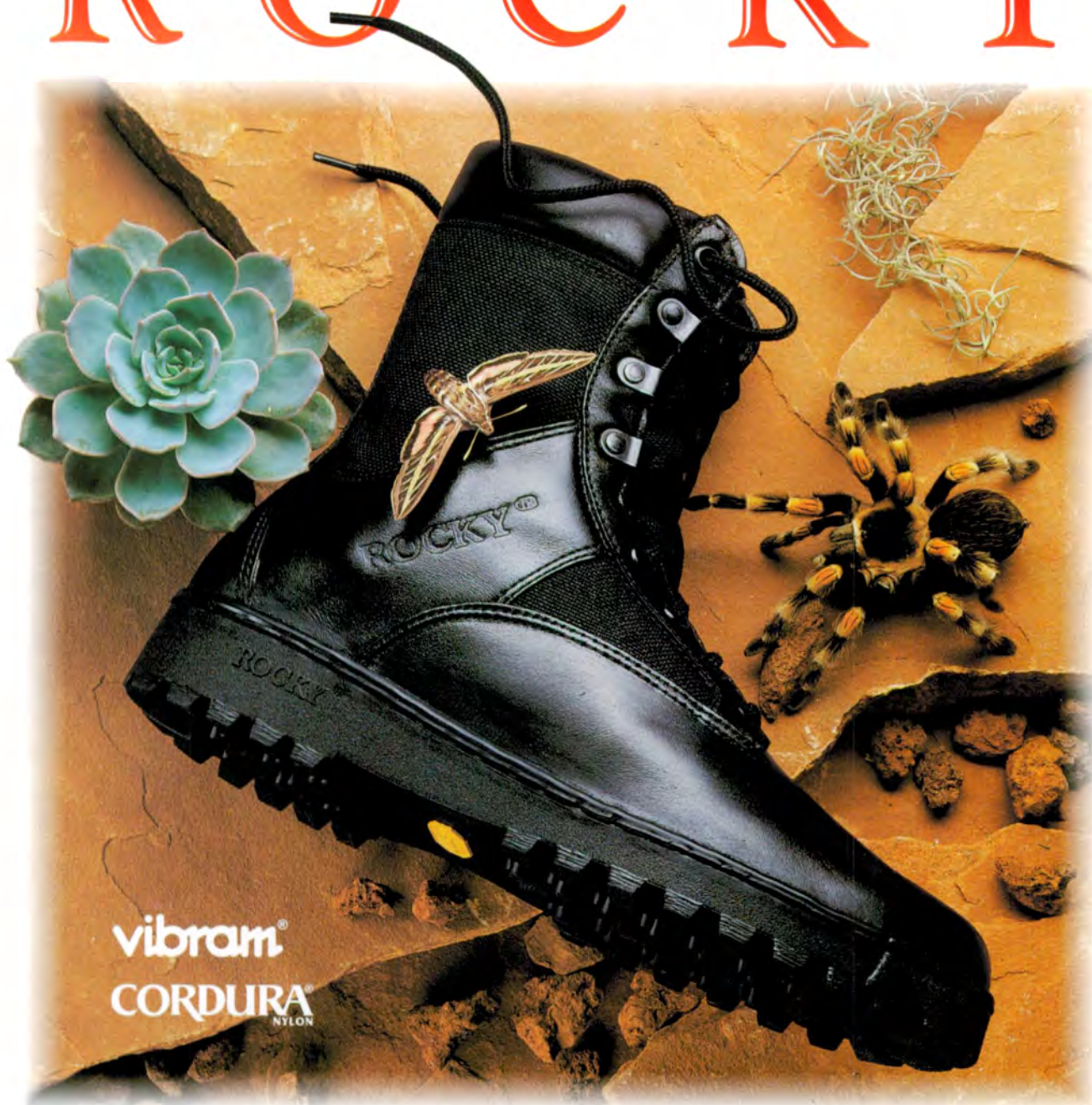
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