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### First Place - York Regional Police

Looks, style, function and innovation are the new criteria for the annual Best Dressed Vehicles competition and York Regional Police is the clear winner.

For the past seven years the major criteria has focused on vehicle exteriors. The use of graphic design to get the public's attention was the main point of interest. This included the use of colour, fonts, striping and how it was incorporated with the physical lines and design of the vehicle. Other aspects were identifying with the community, enforcement focus and how quickly the vehicle could be recognized as a community police car.

We suddenly realized that there is more to a law enforcement fleet vehicle than the



exterior packaging. Other factors should be considered in what constitutes the "Best Dressed" in working vehicles. Toward this end we decided to open the doors and pop the hood and trunk. We now want to see how they are accessorized toward the betterment of the members driving and the communities they protect.

Creativity, innovation, doing more with less and employing what's new will now be



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considered along with the exterior work. Although some agencies may have vehicles which fall short at one level this may be offset by other compelling factors which help overcome a shortfall and make it a winner overall.

When viewing a wide array of police vehicles we quickly came to the conclusion that York Regional Police had a vehicle head and shoulders above the rest which best epitomizes the new “Best Dressed” standard.

1. The vehicle’s exterior lines not only show the uniqueness of the fleet but closer examination reveals that the red striping has a retro-reflective “watermark” embedded with the York Regional Police motto of “Deeds Speak.” This creative aspect prevents anyone imitating the vehicle for fraudulent or unauthorized purposes.
2. The mixed flowing blue and red striping is emblematic of the region’s mix of urban-rural and industry-recreation.
3. The transformation of the patrol vehicles from standard passenger cars to SUV type vehicles. This change was found to be economical due to less maintenance requirements, better passenger space and easier outfitting. Although the initial price is higher, the vehicle is expected to have a longer street life and higher trade-in value.
4. The V-6 engine has a low energy mode which kicks in for extended idle times saving on fuel consumption and reducing carbon emissions.
5. In-car computer design allows use by both driver and passenger without interfering with air-flow and air bag deployment.
6. New security locks for both shotgun and carbines.
7. The ergonomic keyboard holder is something that was studied and experimented with for over two years. Considerable effort was put into ensuring the keyboard

was able to be used by both the passenger and the driver in a safe and efficient manner while still making it universal enough to incorporate a wide variety of keyboard styles.

8. Equipped with front and rear in-car cameras and audio recording features to capture events taking place in front of the cruiser and in the back seat.
9. Ease of access to equipment such as first aid kits, ropes etc. due to the SUV configuration.
10. The card swipe is mounted on the cruiser dashboard. It contains a barcode reader that reads magnetic swipes as well as the 2-D swipe on newer driver’s licences.

It took more than two-years of study and research to bring the final vehicle together – and considerable coordination between fleet management, technical support, senior management, the clothing and equipment committee and many corporate clients and private sector fabricators. The finished product is simply stunning and a positive trend-setting example for others.

**Second Place –**

**Vancouver Police Department**

The Northwest Coast First Nations share two main clans, symbolized by an eagle and a raven. The clan that the mother belonged to defines membership, and these two cultural icons have become widely used in native art and sculpture. The forward ‘swoosh’ on the front fender of Vancouver Police Department marked cruisers is a Haida depiction of an eagle.



That forward swoosh has another purpose. It helps define at a glance the direction in which a cruiser is traveling. The word “POLICE” is clearly defined night and day and the door panel nicely frames the crest.

Selected by a committee of officers and citizens, the new design became necessary when the VPD chose the Dodge Charger as its marked cruisers. The previous design did not fit – another indication why visibility becomes so much more important as cruiser exterior panels get smaller and more rounded.

Vancouver uses an unusual gradient-fill in its design that integrates perfectly within the vehicle body lines and adds the necessary directionality. The highly reflective graphics were created by Ampco Grafix of Vancouver.

**Third Place -**

**Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM)**

The SPVM’s 4,600 police officers and 1,600 civilian employees serve the island of Montréal and its 1,800,000 inhabitants.



The visual identity of the entire agency is represented by a graphic star symbol containing a human silhouette and the acronym SPVM. With the launch of new neighbourhood police stations, it adopted a new identity for all personnel, including civilian employees, police officers, cadets, school crossing guards, parking agents, taxi bureau and towing inspectors. This logo was developed through consultation with citizens and police officers and dates back to the symbol used during Expo 67, a visual identity that emphasized fraternity and solidarity between peoples. It stands for excellence, and the human silhouette within it reminds citizens that respect for fellow humans are the focus of every member. The heavier graphics towards the rear and the upward jog of the reflective striping just aft of the b-pillar adds directionality to the design. While the word “POLICE” may be smaller than others, it is simple, plain and centered in a place of prominence on the door. Montreal also uses very clever stealth cars that utilize the same basic design but in a covert gold on black style.

**Top First Nations –**

**Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation**

Kitigan Zibi Police serves 2,700 people adjacent to the town of Maniwaki, Quebec. The design was chosen specifically to reflect the people it serves and integrates the community logo in a prominent place on the front fender.



The drum in the logo symbolizes the drum originally given to the women because of their responsibility and position in the structure of social life within the community. The seven fires represent the legend that

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speaks of two covenants of law – one given to the land and the other to the Anishinabeg of North America. The otter depicts the animal that went before the great spirit who created the earth, and offered to educate and instruct people by teaching them the ways to protect their family and group.

The cruiser graphics pick up the same colours from the community logo and use them to great effect to reinforce the power and speed of the host vehicle. “POLICE” is simple, strong and very readable.

**Top Law Enforcement -  
Prince Edward Island Sheriff Services**

The PEI Sheriff Services is tasked with providing a safe environment in and around the province’s courts. Its duties include court security, inmate and jury management, fine and writ collection and process work.



One of our concerns with law enforcement vehicles is that the design must clearly define who the agency is.

PEI Sheriff Services is one of the best examples we have ever seen of a clear and professional design. We especially love how the graphics use the lines of the vehicle to best effect. We would be willing to bet that PEI citizens can see at a glance who the agency is and that its people mean business.

**Top Community Relations –  
Cape Breton Regional Police Service (CBRPS)**

The CBRPS serves 106,000 people across a 2,500 square kilometer area. Formed through a 1995 amalgamation of the Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Dominion and Louisbourg police forces, it also took over all policing duties for rural areas of Cape Breton County in 2000 and the Membertou First Nation in 2007.



The CBRPS moved its entire fleet back to a historical black and white look because it is instantly recognizable as police. The design uses the colours of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and all stripes and lettering are made from a highly reflective material, making the fleet visible both day and night.

One factor that impressed our judges is the integration of the new look across every

vehicle in the fleet, including motorcycles, ATVs and boats. The design elements are also incorporated on business cards, letterhead, publications, signage, websites and promotional materials.



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**EDMONTON - In a year-end interview with the CBC’s Janice Johnston, Edmonton police chief Rod Knecht said he is pleased to see fewer violent crimes and more police staffing – but says that property crimes and public complaints against police are up.**



Knecht, who recently signed a contract extension guaranteeing his job until 2018, said he is largely satisfied with EPS’ track record for 2013.

Looking forward to 2014, Knecht said he is pleased with the city’s decision to grant EPS an additional \$7.1 million.

“Our vision is to make Edmonton the safest major city in Canada – and I think that’s an achievable goal over time,” he said. “But it is going to require investment and it is going to require support. Policing is expensive. It’s a very expensive business. And our costs are not going down. They continue to go up.”

Knecht also said rebuilding public faith in the EPS is one of his priorities in the coming year.

“We live and die off the public trust. We need the public to trust us. And that’s why it’s important to engage them and hear what they have to say and what they expect.”

The force is also looking to train more officers in 2014, as more than 50 senior members of the EPS are set to retire.

(CBC News)



Dec 27 2013

**NEW YORK - CBS News correspondent John Miller has bounced between journalism and law enforcement for years, and now he’s headed back to**

**work for incoming New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton.**

CBS confirmed Miller’s imminent exit on Thursday.

Miller served as deputy commissioner and chief spokesman for the New York City police during Bratton’s first tenure as police commissioner in the 1990s. He followed Bratton to Los Angeles, and was head of the LAPD’s counterterrorism and criminal intelligence bureau.

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**TORONTO - Toronto police Chief Bill Blair says his officers will turn to other laws to deal with the harmful effects of the sex trade after the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the country’s major prostitution laws.**



In a year-end interview with The Globe and Mail on Friday, Chief Blair declined to reveal whether he agrees with the top court’s unanimous ruling. He noted police officers can use other laws, such as those targeting human trafficking, assault and exploitation, to deal with pimps and people who and sell women, men and children for the sex trade.

“The Supreme Court has issued a ruling and it’s a very strong ruling and we accept the direction that they give,” the Chief Blair said. “We will use every tool available to us to keep people safe.”

In a 9-0 ruling last week, the Supreme Court declared that the laws that increase dangers to vulnerable prostitutes, including bans on street soliciting, brothels and living off the avails of prostitution, violate Canada’s basic values.

The Supreme Court has given Parliament one year to respond. Justice Minister Peter MacKay must decide whether to adopt new prohibitions in connection with prostitution. If so, the minister must ensure those rules fall in line with the ruling.

Chief Blair weighed in Friday on another Supreme Court decision that affects police officers. The court ruled last week that officers being investigated in a shooting should not be allowed to talk to a lawyer before preparing their notes and turning them over to investigators, such as Ontario’s civilian Special Investigations Unit.

The ruling was a strong rebuke of a common practice in Ontario.

The court determined that protecting

public confidence in the police is so important that government can limit police officers' rights to basic legal advice.

Officers will now be allowed to consult lawyers after turning over their notes to investigators.

"In my opinion, it was never appropriate for lawyers to vet notes," Chief Blair said. "The officers' notes are to be a reflection of their independent recollection of events – today's memoir – and to assist them. It was never appropriate for a lawyer to ... vet the notes."

(Globe and Mail)

Dec 27 2013

**ATLANTA - Target said Friday that debit-card PINs were among the financial information stolen from millions of customers who shopped at the retailer earlier this month.**

The company said the stolen personal identification numbers were encrypted and that this strongly reduces risk to customers. In addition to the encrypted PINs, customer names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates and the embedded code on the magnetic strip on back of the cards were stolen from about 40 million credit and debit cards used at Target stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15.

Security experts say it's the second-largest theft of card accounts in U.S. history, surpassed only by a scam that began in 2005 involving retailer TJX Cos.

Target said it doesn't have access to nor does it store the encryption key within its system, and the PIN information can only be decrypted when it is received by the retailer's external, independent payment processor.

However, Gartner security analyst Avivah Litan said Friday that the PINs for the affected cards are not safe and people "should change them at this point."

Litan said that while she has no information about the encrypted PIN information in Target's case, such data has been decrypted before, in particular the 2005 TJX Cos. hacking case that's believed the largest case of identity theft in U.S. history.

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**NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Connecticut police released thousands of pages Friday from their investigation into the Newtown massacre, providing the most detailed and disturbing picture yet of the rampage and Adam Lanza's fascination with murder, while also depicting school employees' brave and clearheaded attempts to protect the children.**

Among the details: More than a dozen bodies, mostly children, were discovered packed "like sardines" in a bathroom where they had hidden. And the horrors encountered inside the school were so great that

when police sent in paramedics, they tried to select ones capable of handling what they were about to witness.

"This will be the worst day of your life," police Sgt. William Cario warned one.

The documents' release marks the end of the investigation into the Dec. 14, 2012, shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary that left 20 first-graders and six educators dead.

Lanza, 20, went to the school after killing his mother, Nancy, inside their home. He committed suicide with a handgun as police arrived at the school.

Last month, prosecutors issued a summary of the investigation that portrayed Lanza as obsessed with mass murders and afflicted with mental problems. But the summary said

his motive for the massacre was a mystery and might never be known.

In releasing the huge investigative file Friday, authorities heavily blacked out the paperwork, photos and videos to protect the names of children and withhold some of the more grisly details. But the horror comes through at nearly every turn.

Included were photographs of the Lanza home showing numerous rounds of ammunition, gun magazines, shot-up paper targets, gun cases, shooting earplugs and a gun safe with a rifle in it.

A former seventh-grade teacher of Lanza's was quoted as telling investigators that Lanza exhibited anti-social behaviour, rarely interacted with other students and wrote obsessively



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“about battles, destruction and war.”

“In all my years of experience, I have known (redacted) grade boys to talk about things like this, but Adam’s level of violence was disturbing,” the teacher told investigators. The teacher added: “Adam’s creative writing was so graphic that it could not be shared.”

The documents also fill in more details about how the shooting unfolded and how staff members looked out for the youngsters.

Teachers heard janitor Rick Thorne try to get Lanza to leave the school. One teacher, who was hiding in a closet in the math lab, heard Thorne yell, “Put the gun down!” An aide said that she heard gunfire and that Thorne told her to close her door. Thorne survived.

Teacher Kaitlin Roig told police she heard “rapid-fire shooting” near her classroom. She rushed her students into the classroom’s bathroom, pulled a rolling storage unit in front of the bathroom door as a barricade and then locked the door.

She heard a voice say, “Oh, please, no. Please, no.” Eventually, police officers slid their badges under the bathroom door. Roig refused to come out and told them that if they were truly police, they should be able to get the key to the door - which they did.

Others weren’t so lucky.

Police Lt. Christopher Vanghele said he and another officer found what appeared to be about 15 bodies packed in another bathroom. So many people had tried to cram inside the bathroom that the door couldn’t be closed, and the shooter gunned them all down, Vanghele surmised.

Vanghele also recalled another officer carrying a little girl in his arms and running for the exit. Vanghele ran with him through the parking lot as the officer repeated, “Come on sweetie, come on sweetie.” The girl didn’t survive.

In a letter accompanying the files, Reuben F. Bradford, commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, wrote that much of the report was disturbing. But he added: “In the midst of the darkness of that day, we also saw remarkable heroism and glimpses of grace.”

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 28, 2013

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**WINNIPEG - Manitoba Public Insurance says its investigations saved ratepayers \$8 million last year, and it has released a list of the top frauds they uncovered in 2013.**

The Crown-owned insurance company says one of the cases involved two men who staged a collision with their high-end cars.

The pair claimed they didn’t know each other, but they were actually business partners and police later spotted them riding in

the same vehicle during a business trip.

Another fraud had a more serious tone and involved a fatal collision between a vehicle and a train.

According to the insurance company, the vehicle driver had a blood-alcohol content that was twice the legal limit, but he told investigators his dead passenger had been the one at the wheel.

A camera in the locomotive eventually proved him wrong.

It resulted in the man’s personal injury protection plan benefits being denied based on the involvement of alcohol. The savings to Manitoba Public Insurance premium payers was about \$150,000.

The insurer says its special investigations unit probes about 3,000 claims yearly.

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**EDMONTON - Edmonton police are investigating after an officer fired his gun early Saturday morning.**

Police say they were called to a weapons complaint just before 2 a.m.

When police arrived they found a man brandishing a firearm.

Police say the man was confrontational and refused to obey officers’ instructions.

“Members tried to engage the individual. He was not responding to verbal direction to drop the weapon, and as a result, one member discharged their firearm,” said Insp. Chad Tawfik.

That’s when the officer fired his gun.

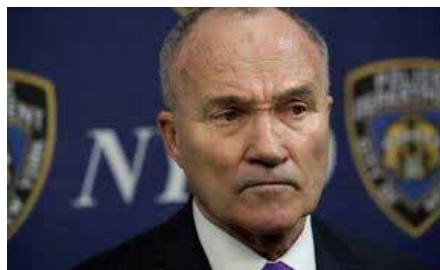
“[The suspect] sustained minor injuries at this point in time, and he has been treated at hospital. The investigation is continuing and he’ll be facing potential charges in relation to the weapon,” said Tawfik.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), which deals with incidents involving civilian death or injury that results from the actions of police, was notified about the incident but has instructed EPS to continue their own investigation.

(CBC News)

Dec 28 2013

**NEW YORK (Reuters) - In the final weeks of New York City police commissioner Ray Kelly’s 12-year tenure, the spotlight has been focused on the city’s falling crime rate and the NYPD’s aggressive use of policing tactics like stop-and-frisk.**



Often overlooked in press reports about his legacy have been Kelly’s efforts to transform policing in the country’s biggest city through technological innovation and mass data-collection, which has been met with a mixture of praise and accusations of over-reaching.

Since taking charge of a force in 2002 that was “still using carbon paper and White Out,” as Kelly has said, the New York City Police Department has become, by many policing experts’ accounts, the most tech-savvy in the country, and crime has dropped by a third - twice the national average, according to some studies.

Former commissioner Bill Bratton, who will succeed Kelly to the post, had in 1995 launched CompStat, a police performance management system that tracks and analyzes real-time crime data and holds precinct commanders accountable.

CompStat, which the urban think tank Manhattan Institute called “the most revolutionary public sector achievement of the past quarter-century,” ushered in an era of police accountability that has been replicated in departments across the nation.

It was Kelly, however, who fully embraced technology as a policing weapon.

“I can’t think of any other law enforcement leader who has such a varied amount of experience at every single level of law enforcement, and brought so much positive change to this department,” said New York City Councilman Peter F. Vallone Jr, chairman of the council’s Public Safety Committee.

Kelly sharply expanded data-driven, corporate-accountability management strategies, built the nation’s most sophisticated municipal surveillance network, and introduced a high-tech Real Time Crime Center.

He predicted this week that technology will play an ever-larger role in U.S. urban policing, calling it a “force multiplier” that allows departments to fight crime more efficiently even with diminished forces.

“As we’ve shown here, it can work and it can work well,” Kelly said on Monday.

One of Kelly’s first moves as commissioner was to re-evaluate the department’s technology. He hired top experts who studied corporate giants like Federal Express to understand how investing in technology could breed efficiency.

In 2005, the NYPD opened its Real Time Crime Center, a supercomputer which uses sophisticated data-mining tools to comb through a database filled with billions of public and classified records.

The RTCC, which operates 24/7, has allowed police to rapidly crack cases which often begin with the slimmest of leads - a partial license plate, a nickname, or even just the description of an assailant’s tattoo.

“They conduct instant, on-the-spot searches, something that previously took

days,” Kelly said at a Missouri urban crime summit last fall.

Soon after the September 11, 2001, attacks, and long before this year’s revelations about the National Security Agency’s secret data-collection practices, the NYPD began bringing municipal databases into its warehouse and creating new ones.

The NYPD’s supercomputers can now access a universe of databases filled with building blueprints, gang tattoo photos, surveillance video, a 16 million-license-plate database, parole records, graffiti tags and a decade of 911 call records.

“Be data-driven,” Kelly urged fellow cops at the crime summit. “Numbers are a police department’s best weapon against crime.”

When a 2012 study of New York City gun violence determined that gangs or “crews” accounted for 30 percent of the city’s violent crime, the NYPD created a new database to catalog teens involved in multiple incidents, either as attacker or victim.

Kelly doubled the size of the NYPD gang unit. Within a year, statistics show, the murder rate among 13- to 21-year-olds was cut in half.

## MONDAY DECEMBER 30, 2013

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**WINNIPEG - The Canadian government and the RCMP have been dropped as defendants from lawsuits filed after the beheading of a young man aboard a Greyhound bus in Manitoba.**

The father of victim Tim McLean filed a claim soon after his son was killed in the summer of 2008 against Greyhound, perpetrator Vince Li and Canada.

The file has since been amended to drop the federal government as a defendant and to add 22-year-old McLean’s “infant son” as one of the people hurt by his death.

Lawsuits filed by two separate passengers aboard the bus in July 2008 have also been amended to drop the RCMP as defendants.

Lawyer Jay Prober, who represents the victim’s father, says the claim against Canada was dropped, because there were concerns it wouldn’t stand up in court.

Prober says the case against Greyhound and Li is proceeding, but has been delayed because the lawyer representing the bus company has just been appointed a federal judge.

Li has been confined to a psychiatric institution since he was found not criminally responsible for stabbing, mutilating and beheading McLean.

In the original statement of claim filed by McLean’s father, the lawsuit alleged the government of Canada was liable because it is responsible for national transportation security.

None of the allegations in the lawsuits has been proven in court.

The federal government never did file a statement of defence.

Dec 30 2013

**TORONTO - Toronto’s police chief has confirmed that an officer who died of his injuries after an on-duty car crash was not wearing a seatbelt.**

Cst. John Zivcic was thrown from his cruiser on Nov. 30 when he collided with another vehicle while responding to a call, and he was pronounced dead in hospital on Dec. 2.

Chief Bill Blair told CP24 in a year-end interview that it is clear the officer wasn’t wearing a seatbelt and that it is a concern for police that officers be safe while they work.

The cause of the collision has not yet been determined and the investigation remains ongoing.

In the interview, Blair called the loss of Zivcic “a very, very difficult thing” for both the police service and the city as a whole.

Zivcic, 34, had joined the Toronto police force in 2007.

“I think it’s very clear - he was ejected from the vehicle - that he wasn’t wearing a seatbelt and that’s a concern for us and for our officers,” Blair said in the interview.

“They carry a lot of equipment on their utility belt and they’re in and out of the car all the time, but that seatbelt saves lives and we want everybody to wear it,” he said.

“We want our officers wearing it and we want the members of the public to understand it’s importance, and so I think that is one of the lessons that can be drawn from the tragic circumstances of John’s passing.”

Earlier this month, Blair said the exact circumstances of the crash were still under investigation but that he was open to anything that would make officers safer, including mandating their use of seatbelts.

The woman driving the other vehicle involved in the collision suffered minor injuries. (CP24, The Canadian Press)

Dec 30 2013

**A southwestern Ontario resident’s attempt to meddle in the Senate scandal by calling 911 on Mike Duffy made the local police force’s annual list of the silliest emergency calls of the year.**

The caller accused the embattled senator of fraud in effort to sic Chatham, Ont., police on him - despite being more than 700 kilometers from the capital.

That wasn’t enough to nab the top spot, however. The call only ranked fifth out of the force’s 10 most ridiculous reports.

First prize went to a lovers’ quarrel over a glass eye. A man reported his girlfriend hid the prosthesis after he took it out at her home, and asked that police help him retrieve it.

Second place went to a driver who ended

up being carjacked by a goat.

Police say the woman initially called after seeing the animal in the road, but when she stepped out of her vehicle to look for an address to give the 911 operator, the goat hopped in.

Dec 30 2013

**MONTREAL - Police, bystanders and hundreds of mourners were on hand Monday for Mafia boss Vito Rizzuto’s funeral in the same church where his son and father were remembered after their violent deaths.**



Bells pealed as Rizzuto’s gold-coloured casket was carried out of the Notre-Dame-de-la-Defense Church in the heart of Montreal’s Little Italy.

Family members left in a convoy of nearly a dozen limousines.

Elaborate flower arrangements, including one in the shape of a golf bag - a nod to one of Rizzuto’s favourite pastimes - were tied to the bumpers.

The traditional Roman Catholic service lasted about an hour.

“It was a very simple funeral,” said Igino Incantalupo, the priest who oversaw the ceremony.

“People displayed a very, very surprising level of calm and seriousness.”

People who tried to get in were screened and asked if they were family.

Rizzuto, 67, died of natural causes in a Montreal hospital last Monday.

There was a heavy police presence outside the church Monday, with cop cars directing traffic and investigators in unmarked vehicles snapping photos of mourners.

Mafia watchers say it’s unclear who will take over - and some have speculated there could be a period of violence if a clear successor isn’t established.

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2013

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**TORONTO - Canadian border officials say they’ve made two big seizures that amount to nearly 50 kilograms of what they suspect is cocaine.**

The Canada Border Services Agency says

on Sunday officers at Toronto's Pearson International Airport discovered 17 bricks in an unclaimed suitcase on a flight from Curacao.

The bricks weighed 23 kilograms.

On Tuesday customs officers found another unclaimed suitcase on a flight from the Dominican Republic and discovered another 17 bricks, this time weighing in at 25 kilograms.

In both cases field tests suggest the substance is cocaine but the finding must still be confirmed through lab testing.

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### **CALGARY - Body cameras being worn by Calgary police are expected to help officers spend less time in court and more time patrolling streets in the new year, the city's police chief says.**

"We're the only ones who aren't videotaping any interaction with police. Everybody else has their phone out," said police Chief Rick Hanson in an year-end interview with the Herald.

"Now we're going to be doing that all the time. We have to use technology better, which we are."

During a nine-month pilot project that wrapped up last summer, 50 body cameras were distributed to officers around the city. Patrol officers, K-9 unit, gang suppression team and traffic officers shot approximately 2,700 videos.

The footage captured includes police responding to intoxicated people, assaults, driving infractions, and other dispatched calls.

Now that the pilot project has wrapped, police want to continue using the cameras. But officials are still trying to determine how many more cameras to add, and a policy of when to use them has yet to be developed.

Still, the early footage has led to early case resolution and convictions.

A little more than two dozen of those videos have been used as evidence in court cases.

More than a dozen resulted in early resolutions.

While police are still in the process of developing policies about how and when to use footage, and how long to store it, the technology is helping streamline cases, Hanson said.

"There's never been a more complicated time to take a case to court," he said.

The cameras used in the pilot project cost \$1,200 apiece, but it's not certain what police will end up using, or for how much.

(Calgary Herald)



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### **PINCHER CREEK, Alta. - Stranded in the cold with no kindling?**

Don't set your car on fire, Pincher Creek RCMP advise.

And if you have a cellphone, you might want to call for help before torching your car and belongings to keep warm.

Fire crews from the town 230 km south of Calgary were called to a vehicle fire Dec. 28 on a rural road between Pincher Creek and the Piikani First Nation.

There they found the smouldering remains of a Honda, along with the aftermath of a second fire in the middle of the road.

A quick search of the area located the two occupants of the car at a nearby house.

Pincher Creek RCMP said the pair were travelling home to Lethbridge, Alta., from Crowsnest Pass, Alta., overnight Saturday when they got lost on country roads east of Pincher Creek, eventually losing control and ending up in a ditch.

With overnight temperatures dropping to around -15 C and fearing for their safety, the duo removed the crashed vehicle's seats and lit them on fire in the middle of the road, along with all of their personal belongings.

When that fire went out, the two men decided to set their car alight.

"They actually had two fires going," RCMP Cpl. Jeffrey Feist said.

"Their car was completely consumed by fire. They lit their car on fire, because they thought they were going to freeze to death."

In the morning, the two men discovered that they were within easy walking distance of a nearby house and set off to find help.

Rising smoke from the burned-out hulk attracted the attention of a passerby, who called 911.

Feist said both men had cellphones.

The pair were taken to hospital where they were treated and released for minor burn and frostbite. One was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Feist recommends motorists carry emergency supplies in their car, and to prepare for the worst when travelling in winter conditions.

"We certainly don't recommend lighting your vehicle on fire to stay warm," Cpl. Feist said. "Stay inside your vehicle and call 911 if you can."

(QMI Agency)

Dec 01 2013

### **MISSISSAUGA - For Peel Regional Police, Jan. 1 isn't only New Year's Day, it's also the force's birthday.**

And this year, it's a big one: Peel's police service has just hit 40.

Officers will be kicking off the force's 40th anniversary celebrations later this month when they host a showcase of the force's history.

The force was established on Jan. 1, 1974 out of the merger of police services in Mississauga, Port Credit, Streetsville, Brampton and Chinguacousy. Now numbering some 2,700 uniformed and civilian staff, it is the third largest municipal police service in Canada.

Jan 01 2013

### **While 2013 marked a record-low murder rate in Vancouver and a record high in Surrey, homicides across the region were down significantly from the peak of the Lower Mainland gang war five years ago.**

The total number of murders and suspicious deaths in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley reached 53 last year, compared to 83 in 2009 when gangsters were shooting each other in mall parking lots and on city streets.

Still, police and politicians are so troubled by the record 25 homicides this past year in Surrey, where a hockey mom was beaten to death last week, that a task force has been struck to delve into the root causes of the violence.

In Vancouver, where just six people were murdered in 2013, police are crediting specialized crime prevention programs for the record-low murder rate.

Sgt. Adam MacIntosh, who speaks for the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, said IHIT opened 46 new files in 2013, compared to 36 in 2012, and 37 in 2011.

Not all of last year's cases have been deemed murders, as the statistics include three suspicious deaths, one that was determined not to be suspicious, and one in-custody death involving another police agency.

IHIT is a regional squad that heads murder investigations in all Lower Mainland RCMP jurisdictions, as well as for Abbotsford, Port Moody and New Westminster municipal police forces.

Vancouver, Delta and West Vancouver police handle their own murder files.

"We are higher in numbers for actual investigations we have been involved in," MacIntosh said of 2013. "It is not tremendously high — nothing like 2009 — but we are a little bit higher in 2013."

MacIntosh said the structure of IHIT, which has 68 officers working in teams, means it can take on a large volume of cases.

Both IHIT and Surrey RCMP are part of the task force struck by Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts in November as the city set a new record for murders in a single year.

Also on the task force is University of the Fraser Valley criminologist Irwin Cohen, who said this week that the goal is to come up with a better understanding of what is driving the violence in Surrey.

But coming up with contributing factors to violent crime can help with designing prevention programs and implementing other measures to keep people safer.

Cohen said something as simple as increased lighting and re-designed pathways in problem areas can prevent random attacks like the one on Julie Paskall, who was fatally beaten outside the Newton Arena on Dec. 29.

"One of the things I have been trying to

tell residents of Surrey (and) more broadly is that if you are not gang or organized-crime affiliated, if you are not engaged in a criminal lifestyle in some way or another, your risk of being the victim of a homicide in British Columbia is extremely low," Cohen said.

(Vancouver Sun)

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**SURREY - Investigators will be back at the Surrey, B.C. ice rink on Thursday where hockey mom Julie Paskall was fatally beaten.**



Officers will set up a command post where Paskall was savagely attacked Sunday night as she waited for her referee son to finish officiating a minor hockey game.

Police are canvassing the area around Newton Arena looking for information that will help catch the killer of the 53-year-old who died of her injuries on Tuesday.

Authorities say they've reviewed surveillance tapes and they believe the attack to be similar to one in the same area earlier in December.

"This was an unprovoked attack," Sgt. Adam MacIntosh of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said this week. "It appears the motive remains robbery, and... we're working very hard to try and find out what happened."

Surrey Councillor Barinder Rasode says the community has been shaken to the core and called on authorities to make changes.

"We need more uniforms on the street, working with both business and residents to make sure we're improving public safety," she said.

Rasode is calling for a review of security measures at recreation centres in the city, with special attention to cameras, lighting, and trees and shrubs in the area.

Two dozen homicides have been recorded in Surrey in 2013, a record high that provoked the mayor to launch a task force last month.

(CTV News)

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**MONTREAL - Montreal police have confirmed that the fire that destroyed a cottage belonging partially to the Director General of the Surete du Quebec was criminal in nature.**



From Friday to Saturday night, flames raged through a chalet located in Saint-Come, just north of Montreal. The fire completely razed the cabin to the ground, though no one was injured by the blaze.

The chalet belonged in part to SQ head, Mario Laprise, who co-owned the dwelling

with other shareholders that held jobs in the law enforcement field.

On Jan. 2, spokesperson Daniel Lacoursiere confirmed that the hand that had sparked the flames was, in fact, criminal.

For transparency reasons, the investigation looking into the cause of the blaze had been transferred from the SQ to the Montreal police force.

The SPVM's arson squad has since searched the ruins and met with multiple witnesses.

No suspects have been identified at this point, though forensic analyses are expected from labs in the coming days, standing to further advance the investigation.



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An experienced law enforcement executive, you have the leadership skills to energize, motivate and guide a complement of 264 sworn personnel, 111 professional support staff and more than 300 volunteers. Working with the Police Services Board, staff, volunteers, the Association and the community, you will continue to enhance the credibility of the Service, building partnerships to provide effective, coordinated solutions to issues of concern.

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