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## Ontario unveils draft street check regulations



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**TORONTO** - Ontario is proposing new regulations that would ban the random stopping of citizens by police and require officers to provide a written record of any such exchanges.

Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi said the draft regulations, which are posted online Wednesday for 45 days of public comment, would establish clear and consistent rules to protect civil liberties during voluntary interactions between police and the public.

"We believe that random and arbitrary stops to collect personal information based on nothing more than the colour of one's skin are illegitimate, disrespectful and have no place in our society," said Naqvi.

"Simply put, the regulation will end the practice of street checks and carding in Ontario."

The government heard from too many people of colour and aboriginal men and women who said the Human Rights Code was being ignored by police who stopped



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them for no apparent reason, added Naqvi.

"Whether you are a brown man in Brampton, or an aboriginal woman in Thunder Bay or a young black man in Toronto: we heard you, and we heard your lived reality, and we are taking action today," he said.

Police would not be allowed to stop people based on how they look, but there would be "narrow exemptions" in the regulation to cover routine traffic stops, when someone is being arrested or detained.

"The regulation makes it very clear that police officers cannot stop you to collect your personal information simply based on the way you look or the neighbourhood you live in," said Naqvi.

If the regulation is passed, police would have to inform citizens of the reason they are being stopped, and tell them they don't have to engage in conversation with the officers.

"The police officer must explain to you that the interaction is voluntary and you have the right to walk away," said Naqvi. "The officer must also provide to you a written record of the interaction, along with information about the officer and how to access the police complaints system and the information collected."

Police wouldn't have to provide these written records when officers talk to people informally at community policing events where there is no intention of recording the information.

Naqvi wouldn't say what would happen to the personal information of Ontario residents' already gathered through carding that is now in police databases.

But he said any information found to have been collected improperly will be moved to databases accessible only by chiefs of police, and would eventually be destroyed after concerns about possible lawsuits have expired.

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## THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2015

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**TORONTO - A major investigation into human trafficking has led to the rescue earlier this month of 20 people - some as young as 14 - suspected of working in the sex trade as minors or against their will, police said Thursday.**



The investigation - called Operation Northern Spotlight - led to the arrest of 47 people who are now facing 135 charges, including trafficking in persons, forcible confinement, child pornography, and sexual assault with a weapon.

Officers met with people suspected of taking part in the sex trade in early October at locations across the country.

Most of those rescued were under the age of 19, said Ontario Provincial Police Deputy Commissioner Scott Tod.

"Human trafficking victims rarely identify themselves to authorities, so we have to take a proactive approach," Tod said at a news conference.

Ontario Provincial Police led the latest phase of Operation Northern Spotlight, which involved officers from 40 police agencies across Canada and 350 officers and support staff.

The OPP said it worked extensively with the RCMP and the FBI during the investigation.

In September 2005, the RCMP established the Human Trafficking National Co-ordination Centre at its headquarters in Ottawa to combat the growing problem.

"The role is to provide a focal point for law enforcement in their efforts to combat and disrupt individuals and criminal organizations involved in human trafficking activities," said RCMP Chief Superintendent Warren Coons.

In the 10 years since, the centre has had a hand in laying human trafficking charges in 308 cases across the country, Coons said, adding that 93 per cent of those cases involve domestic trafficking.

"These statistics are just the tip of the iceberg," Coons said.

South of the border, U.S. law enforcement agencies conducted a similar operation - called Cross Country - which resulted in the rescue of 152 children and the arrest of 153 "pimps," according to Joseph Campbell, assistant director of the FBI's criminal investigation division.

Oct 22 2015

**Staffing levels within the RCMP in Manitoba have dropped over the past two years while job vacancies have increased, creating a situation that a staff representative says is taking a toll on members.**

As of April 1, there were 36 vacant positions in Manitoba for regular members, according to documents obtained by CBC News under the Access to Information Act.

The number of RCMP regular members in Manitoba dropped from 1,082 in April 2013, to 1,070 in 2014, to 1,055 in 2015 - a loss of 27 positions over the two-year period.

Even with the smaller complement, the vacancy rate increased from 3.2 per cent in 2014 to 3.4 per cent in April 2015. By contrast, there was slightly more than a full complement in April 2013.

"Typically the members who are left behind fill the gaps by taking on additional duties, working extra overtime," said Staff Sgt. Scott Bird, a staff relations representative with D Division.

Bird said to maintain public safety while dealing with the shortages, officers are moved around from detachment to detachment, where they're most needed. Often it means working longer hours and spending less time with their families, he said.

"We have an extremely dedicated group of RCMP members and they continually take on more and more. But they get tired ... and they're working more than they want to in some instances," said Bird.

His concerns were reinforced by Rob Creasser, a media liaison with the Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada.

"I don't think the public knows how poorly the RCMP is resourced," said Creasser, based in British Columbia.

"For governments to say that we're going to have safe communities and safe homes, how do you do that unless you're properly resourced? And then we have things like the people that are left working are becoming stressed and getting sick," he added.

"Community safety, and certainly officer safety, are unnecessarily being hampered."

CBC News reported on Wednesday that at the time of the Parliament Hill attack in Ottawa one year ago, the RCMP unit that patrols Parliament was understaffed by at least 29 positions.

An internal RCMP staff bulletin this month said the police force is currently dealing with 1,100 vacancies nationally.

According to staff representative Bird, there are so few police officers to go around in Manitoba, the RCMP can't backfill positions left open by maternity and paternity leaves.

"Right now we don't have the resources to fill those gaps, so the members take it on their backs," said Bird.

The issue of backfilling when police officers are on leave is an issue that's been raised by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

"Municipalities have been concerned

about the level of service from the RCMP for some time,” said AMM president Chris Goertzen.

“Is the full complement that is being paid for ... or requested happening in the local detachments?”

Goertzen added, “We know there’s a lot of [RCMP officers] on leave, for parental leave or for sick leave or for some other reason, and that’s an ongoing concern because those positions seem to be staying vacant or not being filled when those people are on leave.”

He said the AMM will be raising the issue again next month in meetings with the RCMP and with Manitoba’s attorney general.

The AMM has also raised concerns about significant RCMP resources being required to accompany patients who need to be transferred from one location to another under the provincial Mental Health Act.

“This is significant stress, not only on the patient but on the officers, and it’s stress on the budget because this is overtime that is being taken away from the regular service that is being provided in the community,” Goertzen said.

The RCMP sent the following statement to CBC News late Thursday:

“At any given time, the RCMP may have a number of regular members who are:

\* on maternity/parental leave; \* unexpectedly off-duty on administrative leave for various reasons; or \* required to leave their regular duties to meet operational requirements elsewhere in the country.

“Statistics provide a snapshot of a moment in time. For the reasons noted above, vacancy numbers will fluctuate.

“The RCMP recruits new regular mem-

bers based on attrition, retirement rates and resourcing demands identified by our municipal and provincial partners as well as our federal policing requirements. These factors can also impact vacancy rates at any given time.

“The RCMP continues to load new cadets in troops, as required, to meet resourcing demands.”

(CBC News)

Oct 22 2015

**OTTAWA - Parliament Hill will never again be as vulnerable as it was on that morning, exactly one year ago, when Michael Zehaf-Bibeau stormed Centre Block with a hunting rifle, says the commanding officer of the RCMP's National Division.**

Assistant Commissioner Gilles Michaud said the RCMP has addressed the principal security flaws exposed by the armed incursion, which paralyzed Parliament Hill for nine hours and triggered four independent reviews of what went wrong that day.

Those reviews resulted in 161 recommendations.

More than 40 of those recommendations have already been acted upon, Michaud said, the most important of which is the integration of the three separate security forces that policed Parliament Hill: the House of Commons Security Services, the Senate Protective Service and the RCMP.

“That is the most significant change - integration - because it drives almost everything else: the practices, procedures, training, exercises, communications,” he said.

The three agencies used to work in silos, an Ontario Provincial Police review conclud-

ed earlier this year, with different communications systems, separate training schemes and limited intelligence sharing.

The security system was so flawed that had last October’s attack been carried out by a trained, heavily armed individual - or by two terrorists armed with assault rifles as in January’s attack on the offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris - the results would have been devastating, the OPP review concluded, “with the likelihood of many more casualties.”

Michaud doesn’t dispute those findings.

“Yes, we were lucky that day, very lucky,” he said

In late June, the three security agencies were unified under the leadership of the RCMP as part of a two-year plan to rapidly improve Hill security. The last federal budget set aside \$60 million to finance that work.

“It will never be as vulnerable as it was: We’ve learned a lot since the incident,” Michaud said in recent an interview.

The new director of the unified Parliamentary Protective Service, RCMP Chief Supt. Michael Duheme, said anyone who attempted the same kind of attack today would not make it far: “We’ve increased our posture; there are different teams in place. The posture we had right now, if it existed a year ago, he wouldn’t have made it through the gates. Never.

I’m confident of that.”

More RCMP officers have been assigned to the Hill - Duheme won’t say exactly how many - and any visitor will immediately notice that more are stationed near the entrance gates.

Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, a self-described jihadist, ran unchallenged onto Parliament Hill last year after killing Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at

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the National War Memorial. Cirillo was shot three times in the back at close range.

On the Hill, Zehaf-Bibeau commandeered a minister's limousine at gunpoint, drove to the base of the Peace Tower, and ran into the building through the open front doors.

Inside, he was confronted by two uniformed members of the Commons security service, both unarmed. One of them, Samearn Son, saw a rifle inside his coat and yelled, "Gun!" He lunged at Zehaf-Bibeau and tried to wrestle the weapon away, but the gunman fired a round that ricocheted off the floor and into Son's leg.

Three plainclothes Commons security officers drew their handguns; they fired 10 times at Zehaf-Bibeau as he ran north in the Hall of Honour. He returned fire once, nearly striking one of the officers.

Meanwhile, at the foot of the Peace Tower, several RCMP officers gathered on the front steps of Centre Block. They hesitated at the front door, according to an OPP report, because of a Parliamentary convention that prohibited them from entering the building armed.

A supervisor arrived and ordered them into the Peace Tower; he commanded them to take IARD positions. Incident Active Response Deployment (IARD) is a tactic, introduced in response to the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, designed to quickly challenge an active shooter and neutralize the threat.

The four officers formed a diamond-shaped team and moved directly toward the gunman, who had been pinned in an alcove near the Library of Parliament by the fire of another Commons security officer.

As the RCMP team advanced, Zehaf-Bibeau emerged and fired. One of the officers felt the shock wave of the bullet as it passed, according to the OPP report.

House of Commons Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers, who was behind a pillar next to the alcove, threw himself to the floor and shot up at Zehaf-Bibeau, while an RCMP officer walked directly toward the still-standing gunman. Vickers kept shooting until Zehaf-Bibeau fell.

Michaud said he's immensely proud of the IARD team members who confronted the unknown threat.

"As people were fleeing the scene and trying to get away from the danger, these members and others came in to confront the threat," said Michaud, who also had high praise for the action of Commons security officers.

Six official reviews of Zehaf-Bibeau's dangerous incursion and its aftermath revealed a raft of problems with resources, planning, communications, training and intelligence. One OPP report called the entire approach to security on the Hill "highly inadequate." Not least among the security problems was the fact that Centre Block's front doors were unlocked and lightly guarded.

Many changes to Parliament Hill security have since been introduced. Among them:

\* security posts have been created outside of Centre Block to ensure contact with visitors before they enter the building \* all

members of Parliamentary security now have radios that allow them to communicate with each other \* an emergency notification system has been built so that officials can communicate effectively with MPs, senators and staff during a crisis

The Parliamentary Protective Service has also established a shared intelligence service and a shared training unit, and introduced daily, joint briefings.

Duheme said he wants all of those who work for the service to eventually have the same level of training, including IARD training. "The goal is to have one unit: everyone trained the same way and responding the same way, operating the same way with the same common language," he said. "It's a monumental task, but a lot of good things have already been done."

One of the biggest challenges is cultural, he said, since the new service merges three agencies, each with its own history and identity.

Senator Vern White, the former Ottawa police chief who co-chairs an advisory committee on Hill security, said more changes are needed to guard against a "more intense" threat. He wants the outside perimeter of Parliament Hill "hardened" through more limited access and with security officers engaging visitors as they enter the grounds.

(Ottawa Citizen)

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### **HALTON - Halton police are asking for funds for an armoured tactical vehicle as part of the 2016 \$139.7 million budget.**

The budget was approved by the Halton Regional Police Services Board on Thursday, but must still be approved by Halton Regional Council.

It includes a \$450,000 request for specialized vehicles.

Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner said up to \$300,000 of those funds would go towards some kind of armoured vehicle, which would be used by the Halton police Tactical Rescue Unit.

"If someone is in a house or apartment building shooting, or has shot someone who needs to be rescued, this vehicle will allow the Tactical Rescue Unit to drive right into a scene," he said.

"We do not want to have an armoured tank and we will come back to the board with what those designs may look like."

The other \$150,000 would be used to replace a Halton police drone, which Tanner emphasized is used for photography and not surveillance. Police have previously used their drone to locate outdoor marijuana grow-ops.

Another \$1.8 million is required to replace existing police vehicles, while \$930,000 will be allocated for technology such as software programs and security measures for police computer systems.

(Oakville Beaver)

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### **EDMONTON - Edmonton police hope increasing online reporting of minor crimes could help officers manage a steep increase in the number of calls to police.**

Deputy police chief Tony Harder said Edmonton police have received over 10,000 more calls than this time last year, a 9.2% increase.

Harder said petty, non-violent crimes such as break and enters and thefts from vehicles are driving up the number of calls significantly.

"We need the public's help on these," Harder said. "We need people to report minor crimes so we know what's happening, so we know where the hot spots are so we can try to solve those problem areas."

Harder said vehicle thefts are becoming so prevalent that some members of the community are leaving their cars unlocked to avoid having burglars smash through their windows.

"It's a problem, and not a problem we can solve without help from the public," Harder said.

Currently, citizens can report damage to property, damage to a vehicles, thefts under \$5,000 and lost property online and through the EPS mobile app, freeing up police resources while allowing officers to better monitor trends.

Edmonton police receive approximately 4,300 online reports per year, up around 800 this year over last, but Harder said he hopes upgrades to both the app and online system will encourage more people to report their crimes online.

Upgrades will include increasing the types of crimes people can report online and enabling users to upload photos through the app.

(Edmonton Sun)



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# REGINA - The first in-depth study of its kind looks into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Saskatchewan's police officers, and paints a grim picture.

It found about 12 per cent of municipal police officers in Saskatchewan had probable PTSD, and about 25 per cent of RCMP officers in the province had probable PTSD.

Samantha Horswill is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the University of Regina, and has just finished the first part of the study. The last study on the same subject was conducted by her one of her supervisors a decade ago.

"We really noticed that most of the research that's being done on police officers is in the States, and policing in the states is pretty different than policing in Canada," Horswill said.

Her survey was sent out in September last year to every currently deployed officer at the time. Almost a quarter of people responded, which Horswill says could suggest that the concern about first responders experiencing PTSD is growing.

"We think about it in military primarily, and a lot of people don't think of policing as that stressful," she said. "But when you think about an RCMP officer's job, they can be super isolated, and even a municipal police officer. Even just pulling over someone who is speeding could end up in a potentially traumatic situation. We don't talk about it as much as we should, but I think people are starting to become more aware of it."

So far it is a snapshot study, and since Horswill hasn't yet followed up with people over time, she can't talk about cause and effect.

She can, however, identify some predictors of PTSD. People who have high anxiety and are uncomfortable with an uncertain future are at a higher risk of having PTSD.

The next step in her study is to follow new recruits over time to see what patterns show up. After that she can look into how it affects someone's job.

"Someone can have PTSD and still do a good job, but chances are good they're not functioning very well."

The study relied on voluntary responses, but Horswill says it's hard to say if that affected the data. It's possible that people responding to the survey were the people struggling with PTSD, or it's possible that people with and without wanted to respond because they see it as an important issue.

"Given that we had a fairly high response rate for that research, I'm more comfortable generalizing it," she said.  
(CBC News)

Oct 22 2015

# REGINA - A new study suggests teenagers are texting less while driving, in large part because they think it's dangerous and irresponsible.

The study's lead author, Sean Tucker, an associate professor at the University of Regina, says the number of teens who said they sometimes or almost always texted while

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driving fell to six per cent in 2014 from 27 per cent in 2012.

The findings are based on surveys of 6,133 teens in 2012 and 4,450 teens in 2014, mostly in Ontario.

Tucker and co-author Simon Pek from Simon Fraser University also asked the teens why they stopped texting and driving.

"The top reason for a significant decrease in texting while driving was the perceived danger and irresponsibility of the activity and 27 per cent of the people said that," said Tucker.

The teens also cited laws and fines against texting while driving and seeing close calls or accidents by other drivers.

Texting while driving usually falls under the law for distracted driving.

Ontario implemented stiffer fines for distracted driving in September. The new penalties include an increased set fine of \$490 and three demerit points upon conviction. As well, drivers without a full licence will receive a 30-day suspension for the first conviction for distracted driving.

In Saskatchewan, legislation banning the use of hand-held cellphones while driving became law in 2010. The province toughened the rules last year so that drivers caught breaking the law for the second time within one year will have their vehicles seized for up to seven days.

Distracted driving was the No. 1 factor in all crashes in Saskatchewan in 2012 and 2013, even ahead of impaired driving.

"It became socially unacceptable to engage in drinking and driving, more and more so, and we may be seeing that over time with texting while driving, that it's increasingly being shunned, although we still see it all too often," said Tucker.

The findings are published in the November edition of the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention.

He suggests the findings could be used to target awareness campaigns to young people.

Tucker could not say if the findings are indicative of what's happening across Canada, noting different jurisdictions have different laws for distracted driving.

"I think it's a tough question when it comes to young people - do laws make a difference for young people - because some of the driving rules are different too, but it does seem to be effective. The enforcement side of it is pretty important," he said.

**FRIDAY**  
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**TERRACE, B.C. - A coroner's jury in Terrace, B.C., has made 16 recommendations to conclude an inquest examining the in-custody death of a 25-year-old Terrace woman.**

Alyssa George, who also used the last name of Oleksiuk, died in September 2013, several days after collapsing in the Terrace RCMP holding cells.

After hearing three days of testimony,

the jury has ruled the death was due to natural causes related to long-term drug and alcohol abuse.

Jurors recommend the Northern Health and First Nations Health authorities begin discussions with the province about building a substance abuse and detox centre for the Terrace area.

Other recommendations focus on the City of Terrace and the RCMP detachment, with calls for better staffing, more training and improved monitoring of prisoners.

Jurors want to see guard checks every 15 minutes, in-cell checks every four hours and improvements to the jail's closed circuit TV system.

Oct 23 2015



**VERNON, B.C. - A former British Columbia RCMP officer will appeal his conviction and sentence for possessing child pornography.**

The lawyer for Ryan Hampton has confirmed the appeal, but Jason Tarnow says he will not be representing the former member of the Vernon detachment.

Hampton was sentenced in September to ten-and-a-half months plus a day in jail but only spent one day behind bars based on pre-custody detention and time already served.

On his release, he was transferred to Alberta to face unrelated charges in that province.

Hampton remains on two years probation





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and can't work or volunteer with any children under the age of 16.

The 37-year-old father of five resigned from the RCMP in 2013, shortly after he was charged when his estranged wife, also a Mountie in Vernon, reported she had found a flash drive containing child pornography.

(CKIZ)

Oct 23 2015

**MONTREAL - Eight Quebec provincial police officers have been suspended amid allegations of assault, sexual misconduct and other abuse against native women, Public Security Minister Lise Thériault said Friday.**

Thériault also announced that the probe into the alleged incidents has been transferred to Montreal police amid criticism the provincial force was investigating its own.

On Thursday, Radio-Canada's investigative "Enquête" program broadcast interviews with various women, including one who alleged police officers took her to a remote road in northwestern Quebec and asked her to perform oral sex for \$200.

Another told the show that officers allegedly broke her cellphone and threw her footwear into the snow before abandoning her about a kilometre from her house.

Thériault urged other women who have been abused or assaulted to report the incidents.

"It is reprehensible and unacceptable for a police officer to use his power to abuse people who are vulnerable," said Thériault, who burst into tears at her Quebec City news conference.

"If the criminal allegations are founded, those involved will be brought to justice... We cannot remain insensitive to these shocking and troubling revelations. We must act."

Thériault also defended the original decision to not assign the investigation to a force other than the provincial police when her office first heard about the allegations last May.

"Provincial police officers who are involved in these types of investigations are experienced men and women and their integrity must not be called into question," she said.

In Montreal, provincial police Capt. Guy Lapointe said the 14 allegations involved nine officers, one of whom has died, and include two of a sexual nature. There are also allegations of assault.

"Let's be very clear on one thing," he told a news conference. "The type of behaviour that allegedly took place is unacceptable and in no way reflects the values of Quebec provincial police."

Oct 23 2015

**NEWMARKET, Ont. - A 19-year-old found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a York Region Police officer is expected to be handed his sentence next month.**

The teen was 15 when he was involved in a crash north of Toronto that killed Const. Garrett Styles.

Styles was standing beside a minivan during a traffic stop in East Gwillimbury in

June 2011, when police say the vehicle suddenly accelerated and dragged him about 300 metres before losing control and rolling on top of him.

The teen who was at the wheel was left a quadriplegic in the crash that killed Styles.

His defence lawyer is asking for no time in custody, arguing that the teen's quadriplegic condition as a result of the crash is sentence enough.

The defence has maintained the teen panicked, causing him to accidentally press the accelerator instead of the brake.

(CFRB/680News)

Oct 23 2015

**EDMONTON - The number of photo radar tickets issued in Edmonton reached almost 70,000 last year, a trend some councillors say is not likely to change any time soon.**

"It's the reality," said Coun. Ed Gibbons, about the proliferation of photo radar equipment around the city, which helped contribute to a 2,055-per-cent spike in tickets handed out between 2012 and 2014.

The city collected \$13.4 million in net revenues from photo radar in 2012, compared to \$33.6 million in 2013 and \$34.5 million in 2014. The city took over operation of the photo radar program from Edmonton police in 2012.

Last year, council approved the creation of a special reserve for the millions now collected in tickets.

The reserve contributes money to operate the Office of Traffic Safety, which controls the photo radar program. It also contributes to police traffic initiatives and community infrastructure programs.

A former photo radar operator has alleged that operators were "directed to go to sites where more speeders would be caught" and that the threshold for a ticket was quietly dropped from 15 km/h over the limit to 10 km/h.

Coun. Ben Henderson said part of council's commitment with photo radar was to determine where the technology is most needed.

"The point is not to raise money, but there's no point to having photo radar where no one is speeding," he said.

City staff directs photo radar equipment to be placed in locations where the public has complained or where speeding has caused problems and collisions, said Gord Cebryk, the city's transportation branch manager.

(Edmonton Journal)

**SATURDAY  
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Oct 24 2015

**British business leaders are begging police to make cyber crime an urgent priority following a massive attack on broadband provider TalkTalk, saying firms face continual security breaches.**

TalkTalk said the private data of its more than 4 million customers could be at risk following an intrusion by as-yet-unidentified

hackers.

The data is believed to include names, addresses, emails, credit cards and banking details, and if the theft is confirmed by a police investigation it would be one of the country's largest online breaches.

TalkTalk has received a ransom demand via email - but it's not clear whether this was sent by the actual attacker.

The Institute of Directors, a British business lobby, said that while the biggest attacks gain most attention, companies face a constant threat from cyber security incidents.

"Only the most serious breaches make it into the headlines, but there are attacks on UK companies happening constantly," a spokesman said in a statement.

"The police must make this issue an urgent priority and investigate theft of data just as it would theft of physical property."

The attack of TalkTalk is the third one targeting the British telecoms company this year. The company has also admitted that not all customer data was encrypted, raising questions about whether adequate security measures were in place before the attack.

The hack follows dozens of high-profile cases targeting retailers and banks in North America.

(Reuters)

Oct 24 2015

**MONTREAL - Montreal police, firefighters and paramedics were among hundreds of law enforcement officers and public safety stakeholders testing out response times and communication tactics during a terror attack drill Saturday.**



"We need to do a general practice to see how people interact, what should [be done] to help and not contradict the others, that's why a general practice is so important," said Montreal police spokesperson Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere.

More than 300 people from the SQ, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Department of National Defence, Quebec's public safety department and other organizations took part in two simulations, happening in three locations but treated as part of the same coordinated attack.

The first drill wrapped up late in the morning. In the scenario, police were acting on two tips they received, including one from their suspect's girlfriend, about a man who had been radicalizing himself.

The next simulation took place at the Black Watch Armoury on Bleury St. later in the afternoon. Blank pellets were used to make the sound of shots fired at the armoury as re-

alistic as possible.

It's the biggest exercise of its kind to take place in Montreal since 2005, when police did a training exercise involving an attack in the metro.

Another 200 people were on hand observing the operation, dubbed "Montreal 360," and taking notes. There will be a post-mortem where the performances of all involved will be evaluated.

(CTV Montreal)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2015

Oct 25 2015

**OTTAWA - Internal government notes say the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is likely to team up with "trusted allies," such as the American CIA and Britain's MI6, on overseas operations to derail threats - plans that underscore concerns about CSIS accountability under new security legislation.**



The omnibus bill known as C-51 allows CSIS to engage in joint "disruption" efforts abroad - including covert actions that break foreign laws - something the spy service previously had no authority to do, according to the government notes.

"In the international context, CSIS would likely first seek avenues to work jointly with partners in the local jurisdiction or trusted allies before engaging in independent action," the notes say.

"In the past, CSIS has been invited to participate in joint operations abroad to disrupt threats or to provide assistance to allies, but has had no mandate to do so."

CSIS's new threat disruption mandate - perhaps the most contentious element of the legislation that received royal assent in June - could include surreptitious meddling with websites, cancelling airline reservations, disabling a car or myriad other schemes.

The spy service would be allowed to engage in disruption activities that violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as a judge sanctions them, a measure critics say perverts the role of the judiciary.

CSIS would co-ordinate threat disruption activity with other agencies such as the RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency and Foreign Affairs, and could use its statutory mandate to enlist the technical expertise of the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency, the government notes say.

However, the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the watchdog known as SIRC that keeps an eye on CSIS, is limited to examining the spy service alone.

The new Liberal government has indicated it will revamp "problematic elements" of C-51, for instance by ensuring all CSIS warrants respect the charter. It also plans to create a security-cleared committee of parliamentarians who could see any relevant information held by federal agencies.

Oct 25 2015

**KAPUSKASING, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog is investigating after a man died in Kapuskasing, Ont. on Saturday.**

The Special Investigations Unit says an Ontario Provincial Police officer was investigating a vehicle near the Northern Ontario town, when he found a man inside with what appeared to be a long-barrelled weapon.

Police secured the immediate area and the SIU says officers found that the man had suffered a gunshot wound - he died later Saturday.

The SIU describes the case as a "custody death" but the agency gives few other details.

Oct 25 2015

**VANCOUVER - A Colorado official has some sobering words of advice for Justin Trudeau if he fulfils his promise to legalize pot in Canada.**



"It's going to be a lot harder to implement than you think. It's going to take a lot longer to do it. And it's going to cost more than you think," said Lewis Koski, director of the state's Marijuana Enforcement Division.

Colorado is one of four U.S. states to fully legalize recreational bud. Their challenges - including how to regulate edibles like brownies and cookies and a rise in drug-impaired driving - could be instructive for Canada's incoming prime minister.

Among the questions Trudeau's government could grapple with are whether to allow people to grow pot at home or buy it in stores, and how much sales tax to charge.

In Colorado, adults over 21 can grow up to six plants at home, while those who buy recreational weed in stores pay 25 per cent sales tax on top of the regular 2.9 per cent sales tax.

The state has collected \$141 million in taxes since storefront sales began in January 2014. But a portion of the tax earmarked for school construction projects has fallen short of a \$40-million goal.

There's also the matter of how to regulate edible products, which often take the form of

sweet treats that appeal to children or are so potent that adults easily overindulge.

Two suicides and a murder committed by people who consumed edibles have caused alarm in Colorado. The state introduced new rules in February to require more explicit warnings on labels and offer companies incentives to produce lower-potency goods.

In Washington, nearly half of marijuana poisoning calls last year involved children. Packages on pot products can't use cartoon characters or bright colours, and must clearly mark each 10-milligram serving of THC, the chemical in pot that makes users feel high.

"It can't be especially appealing to children, which is admittedly a bit subjective. So each one of those products is actually submitted for review prior to going on the shelves," said Mikhail Carpenter of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

Another area Canada will need to study is drug-impaired driving. While fatal crashes in Washington only increased slightly after legalization, the percentage of drivers involved in those crashes who tested positive for THC doubled - to 12 per cent in 2014 from 6 per cent in 2010.

There is no approved breath or saliva test in the U.S. or Canada to determine if someone recently consumed marijuana. In Washington, a blood test is the best available method to measure THC levels. The state's maximum is five nanograms of THC per millilitre of blood.

Washington police must obtain a judge-approved search warrant before bringing a driver to hospital for a blood test - a process that can take a couple hours. While marijuana remnants can stay in a person's system for days, active THC dissipates rapidly.

"That's why in a general traffic-stop situation, where say a person was smoking it as they were driving down the road, there's a time aspect where we want to try to get the test done as soon as possible," said Washington State Patrol Sgt. Brandon Villanti.

But questions remain about whether every person with active THC in their system is actually impaired by the drug. Lawyer John Conroy said medical patients who regularly use marijuana do not get high.

Alaska and Oregon legalized pot last year and are in the midst of crafting new rules. Cynthia Franklin, director of Alaska's Alcoholic Beverage and Marijuana Control Boards, said lawmakers are under pressure to meet tight timelines and begin issuing licences in May.

"It's a wild ride, and we've been through a lot of loops and twirls and stomach-churning drops," she said.

Representatives from all four states stressed the importance of public engagement. Oregon recently adopted its temporary requirements for marijuana licensees after a robust community debate.

"We don't have a bunch of controversy around our rules because we've been transparent and open," said Rob Patridge, chair of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Patridge, also a district attorney, estimated

about 75 per cent of medical marijuana grown in the state is currently going into the black market or being exported.

"We're hoping that the regulatory environment that we've put in place will attract those who want to participate in a legal market," he said.

"However, Oregon is way over-producing for its current population that could partake in marijuana. So, unless (legalization) is done on a nationwide level, we are certainly going to continue to have significant black market problems."

## MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2015

Oct 26 2015

**HALIFAX - Halifax police say a complaint about public urination led to the discovery of an apparent fraud operation.**

Police received a call about a man urinating on a tree at a city intersection at around 3:45 a.m. Saturday.

The man got into a car, which responding officers followed to a convenience store where two men in the vehicle were arrested for breaching court orders and a third for obstructing a police officer.

The ensuing investigation led officers to a home that police say the men had rented two weeks earlier.

Inside, investigators allegedly found materials used to produce fake credit cards and other items that police allege were obtained fraudulently.

Three Quebec men are facing several charges, including fraud over \$5,000, possession of stolen credit cards and possession of property obtained by crime.

Oct 26 2015

**WINNIPEG - Two men are in custody after a Winnipeg teen was shot with a gun allegedly stolen from an off-duty RCMP officer.**

Deputy Winnipeg police chief Danny Smyth said investigators believe the gun was stolen Friday evening from a marked RCMP vehicle parked outside the officer's home.

"The officer's equipment belt including his firearm had been secured in the vehicle," Smyth said Monday. "Police believe the two accused unlawfully entered the vehicle and stole several items including the firearm from the off-duty officer."

Just after midnight later that night, the two suspects exchanged words with a group of young people sitting in a vehicle in a convenience store parking lot. Smyth said one of the suspects allegedly approached the car with a gun and took aim at those inside.

A 16-year-old girl was shot once in the upper body and rushed to hospital in critical condition. The shooting was "senseless and reckless" without apparent motive, Smyth said.

"It's not believed that she was the intended target of the attack," he said. "She sus-

tained critical injuries. Her parents are with her and members of the police service send our sincerest hopes for a complete recovery."

When officers tried to arrest one of the suspects on Sunday, Smyth said an armed standoff ensued but ended peacefully. The other suspect was arrested without incident.

Matthew Wilfred McKay, 22, has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, numerous weapons and theft charges. Matthew Andrew Miles, 25, is facing numerous weapons-related charges and a theft charge.

Investigators are still performing ballistics and forensic tests to confirm if the gun used was stolen from the RCMP, Smyth said. He wouldn't say whether RCMP officers are allowed to leave their guns inside unattended vehicles or how the gun was "secured" inside the car.

The RCMP declined to answer any questions about the alleged stolen gun or about whether officers can leave their guns unattended in vehicles.

Spokesman Robert Cyrenne issued a written statement saying Winnipeg police are leading the investigation.

Oct 26 2015

**The number of US police officers charged in fatal shootings has hit the highest level in a decade in 2015, new research shows, driven by greater scrutiny over use of deadly force.**

Public outrage over the deaths of black men at the hands of police in New York, Missouri, and elsewhere has spurred prosecutions. Police body cameras and bystanders'

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videos have also helped bring cases, but even with the upturn, only a small percentage of police killings result in charges, lawyers and analysts say.

A dozen officers have been charged with murder or manslaughter this year resulting from shootings, up from an average of about five a year from 2005 to 2014, said Philip Stinson, an associate professor of criminology at Ohio's Bowling Green State University. He sifted through court records and media reports as part of research for the Justice Department on police crimes and arrests.

The 2015 number does not include six Baltimore officers facing trial for the death of Freddie Gray. The 25-year-old black man died in April from a spinal injury after he was arrested and bundled in a transport van. Four of the officers face murder or manslaughter charges.

None of the officers has been convicted, and over the previous decade just one in five officers charged was found guilty, said Stinson, a former police officer.

Stinson, attorneys and criminologists say it is too early to tell if the upturn indicates a permanent change or is a statistical fluke.

"We can tell for one year, but is that just an anomaly or is it a trend?" said Stinson.

The prosecutions represent only a small fraction of the killings by US police. A Washington Post database last week showed 796 fatal police shootings this year, and one maintained by the Guardian recorded 936 deaths from all causes.

(The Guardian)

Oct 26 2015

**The Federal Bureau of Investigation has drastically understated the number of police who have been killed in high-speed chases, counting only 24 deaths since 1980 despite records showing more than 370 officers killed in vehicle pursuits in that time span, a USA TODAY analysis shows.**

At least 371 police officers have been killed in chases from 1980 through 2014, according to an analysis of the U.S. Transportation Department database of fatal vehicle crashes and records of officer deaths maintained by two private police-memorial groups.

That's 15 times the number of chase-related deaths than the FBI has counted, and makes chases the fifth-leading cause of police deaths.

The undercount is one of the most extreme examples of the federal government's inability to accurately track violent deaths, and has led the FBI to minimize the danger of police chasing motorists, often at high speeds and in dangerous conditions, at a time when many police departments are restricting or considering restricting vehicle pursuits.

"The fact that these numbers have been undercounted further emphasizes the magnitude of the problem and the need for sensible restrictions on pursuit driving," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. "This is important

for the safety of officers and citizens alike."

The FBI did not dispute USA TODAY's findings and said it started taking steps in 2010 to improve its count of officers killed in police pursuits, but has yet to publish new information.

The inaccurate count results from the FBI's decision to label almost all cases of police killed in chases as "automobile accidents." That means officers killed in high-speed chases are typically placed in the same category as officers killed in vehicle crashes during routine patrols, even though chases are a distinct and dangerous activity.

Only in the rare instances that a fleeing driver directly causes an officer's death, usually by ramming a police car or forcing it off the road, does the FBI say an officer died "engaging in vehicle pursuit." Most police killed in pursuits lost control of their car or motorcycle with no direct involvement of the fleeing suspect.

The FBI publishes a count of police killed in chases in its annual report "Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted," which the FBI uses to spot trends, develop training and issue safety bulletins.

Police aren't the only ones at risk in chases, and attention has focused on deaths to bystanders and passengers in fleeing cars. In the past 35 years, chases have killed at least 11,500 people, roughly one-quarter of them innocent bystanders and another quarter passengers in fleeing cars, USA TODAY reported in July after analyzing DOT records.

The newspaper reported in September that the DOT has vastly understated the total number of deaths related to vehicle chases, prompting the department to review its records.

While the FBI has faced wide criticism of late for not fully counting the number of killings by police, its shortcomings in counting officers killed in vehicle chases - and in other circumstances - has persisted for decades.

"There are a whole variety of problems," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, a national labor union, noting that some police departments decline FBI requests for information about officer deaths. "I wish the FBI would do a better job of making it clear that their information is not based on 100-percent reporting, because it gives people a distorted picture of reality."

In recent years, the FBI has used its reports on police deaths and injuries to provide training on handling traffic stops, engaging in foot pursuits, handcuffing suspects and facing gunmen. But it has given little guidance on police safety in chases.

In September 2012, the FBI issued a bulletin warning police about the danger of trying to stop a fleeing vehicle by laying spikes across a road to deflate its tires. Written after five officers were hit and killed in 2011 by drivers who swerved to avoid the spikes, the bulletin urged departments to "weigh other options" to stop fleeing motorists such as aerial monitoring.

But the deaths had been occurring since the mid-1990s, when tire spikes came into

use. Twenty officers were killed while deploying the spikes between 1996 and 2011, including five in 2003, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page.

The FBI didn't begin reporting police killed while deploying tire spikes until 2005.

Since the FBI issued its warning, three officers have been killed while deploying tire spikes, according to Officer Down reports. That's half the number of deaths per year compared with the decade before the FBI warned about tire spikes.

As the overall number of police deaths has fallen substantially from the early 2000s, the number of officers killed in chases is roughly the same, USA TODAY found.

A July 2014 study on the risks to officers in chases found that "pursuits have not become safer over time" despite improvements in training and vehicle safety that should have reduced the number of deaths.

Oct 26 2015

**There is concern some criminals could walk free if a backlog in Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench due to a lack of judges isn't addressed.**

It's a worst-case scenario but one that is causing a lot of stress for stakeholders.

"We are literally at the breaking point right now," said Court of Queen's Bench Chief Justice Neil Wittmann.

Queens Bench judges are appointed by the federal government, but even though Alberta's population has nearly doubled in the last decade, only one judge has been added to the province's complement.

Alberta has the fewest Queen's Bench judges per capita in the country.

"We just can not keep up with the demands for our services," said Wittmann. To match British Columbia's ratio, Alberta would need 11 more judges.

Right now, a two-week trial in Calgary is booking into 2017.

(CBC News)

Oct 26 2015

**EDMONTON - A man has died after being in "medical distress" while being transported in an Edmonton police van.**

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is investigating the death of the 46-year-old.

The agency says the man was one of six people being moved from police cells to the remand centre Monday morning.

He had been kicking and yelling as he was being put in the van.

Officers later noticed the man was quiet, stopped to check on him and discovered he was "unresponsive and in medical distress."

He was pronounced dead at hospital.

Oct 26 2015

**REGINA - Justice Minister Gord Wyant says Saskatchewan will develop a process to review domestic violence deaths.**

Wyant says they are a significant prob-

lem in Saskatchewan that must be addressed, noting the province has the highest domestic violence rate in the country.

"It's a record we're certainly not very proud of and that's one of the reasons for moving forward with this committee," Wyant said Monday.

According to Statistics Canada, police-reported family violence rates among the provinces were highest in Saskatchewan with 489 incidents per 100,000 people.

Wyant said part of addressing the problem is understanding why domestic violence happens, as well as creating a review process that will protect families from these tragic and largely preventable deaths.

"We know a lot of the issues that surround domestic violence," he said. "We need to look to see what the programs we have in Saskatchewan, within our various ministries, to see how effective they are and to see whether we can reallocate resources to better deal with some of the issues when they give rise to domestic violence."

The Ministry of Justice has looked at the review processes in other provinces.

The structure and scope of the Saskatchewan review will be decided after talks with the chief coroner's office, community-based organizations, police, other government ministries and First Nations groups.

Oct 26 2015

### **BUFFALO NARROWS, Sask. - A Saskatchewan RCMP constable has been charged with sexual assault.**

Mounties say a complaint of sexual assault was made on June 1 about an alleged crime at a gathering at a home in Dillon on May 20.

As a result of the investigation, Const. Randy McKay was charged with one count of sexual assault.

He was released with conditions.

McKay is scheduled to appear in provincial court on Dec. 9 in Buffalo Narrows.

McKay had been suspended with pay from the RCMP on June 8 and at the time he was posted at the Buffalo Narrows detachment.

(CKOM)

Oct 26 2015

### **Fredericton police chief Leanne Fitch, and seven of her officers, have been cleared of wrongdoing by the New Brunswick Police Commission in the Jeff Smiley case.**

Const. Jeff Smiley, of the Fredericton Police Force, laid a complaint with the commission, alleging various contraventions of the New Brunswick Police Act.

Steve Roberge, the executive director of the New Brunswick Police Commission, says, "We've exonerated the police officers involved."

He would not release the details of the complaints other than to say they were related to the Police Act code of conduct, "especially given that all members have been exonerated."

Roberge says the police commission's investigation "came to the conclusion that none

of the allegations could be sustained."

Smiley made the complaint in January. He has said he believes Fitch is attempting to end his career.

In October 2014, a domestic assault charge against Smiley was dismissed over a jurisdictional issue.

He was accused of assaulting his live-in girlfriend on Feb. 17, 2014.

However, as the assault is alleged to have occurred at Smiley's parents's house in Nova Scotia, Fredericton police did not have the authority to lay the charge.

Smiley now has an arbitration hearing before the New Brunswick Police Commission scheduled for November and another for May 2016.

CBC News contacted Police Chief Fitch and was told she is away and unavailable for an interview. But the police chief issued an email statement.

"On behalf of the Fredericton Police Force, myself and the affected members named in these complaints, we are pleased that due process has concluded, and that those involved in this unfortunate and complicated matter were acting in good faith and have been exonerated of any wrong doing in the course of our duty," the statement said.

Smiley, a decorated officer, has been suspended with pay since he was charged, pending the outcome of the criminal court proceedings.

The New Brunswick Police Commission's decisions are final. According to Roberge they are only subject to judicial review.

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### **Law-enforcement technology builder Taser International is jumping from Amazon.com to Microsoft for storing body-camera video and other sensitive data.**

Taser and Microsoft on Monday announced a deal that makes Microsoft's Azure cloud-computing program the host of Taser's video-storage and data-storage software. The companies say they will work together to build new programs that allow law-enforcement and criminal-justice workers to collect, store and share video and other data.

Previously, Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Taser stored its body-camera data with Amazon Web Services. Existing Taser customers who are using Amazon or another technology before Monday's tie-up with Microsoft can continue using that service, the company said.

Microsoft last year touted a set of federal security standards that it said Azure had met, part of a bid to get government business.

One of Taser's rivals in the business of building body cameras, Seattle's Vievu, a unit of Safariland Group, also uses Microsoft's Azure.

(Seattle Times)

Oct 27 2015

### **WASHINGTON - Ambush attacks against US law enforcement officers remain a threat to officer safety, with the number of attacks per year holding steady at about 200 a year since a decline in the early 1990s, according to a Department of Justice study released Tuesday.**



The study by the department's Office of Community Policing, examined the ambushes - or planned surprise attacks - of law enforcement officers between 1990 to 2013 and concluded that concerns about targeted violence against police were on the rise and that "officers must not only be guardians of the public but also be prepared to respond to violence targeting them."

Although the number of ambush attacks on police per years is steady, the report says that the proportion of fatal attacks on officers attributable to ambushes is increasing - during the years they examined.

"Law enforcement officers regularly put their lives on the line in order to protect our communities and serve our nation," said Attorney General Loretta Lynch, in releasing the report, titled "Ambushes of Police: Environment, Incident Dynamics, and the Aftermath of Surprise Attacks against Law Enforcement."

Some of the conclusions are not surprising. The report found that areas where crime is high and assaults against police are high "may be more prone to severe attacks such as ambushes." The study found that progressive hiring practices and standards were associated with a lower number of ambushes. Technology, especially in-car cameras, significantly lowers ambush assaults and is a potential deterrent on both officer and citizen, the report found.

But, oddly, the report also found a small and "confounding" correlation between police ambushes and community oriented policing.

"We found that community policing... had the opposite effect than what we had expected," the report said. "It is not within the realm of any plausible theory that community-oriented policing is a contributing factor to violence against the police." But it was unclear whether the correlation was because of incomplete data or because communities that have significant violence already have responded with community policing activities, the report said.

(Washington Post)

Oct 28 2015

**OTTAWA - A wildly inaccurate rumour flashed through social media in the panicked aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings because police did not provide information on the suspects for days, a new study concludes.**

Identifying and refuting falsehoods early with clear and strong information is the best way to ensure truth wins out when terrorism or war strikes, says the research report prepared for the Canadian government.

If that doesn't work? Fight a rumour with a sensational counter-rumour.

The study on the generation and debunking of untruths, commissioned by Defence Research and Development Canada, was recently completed by Humansystems Inc. of Guelph, Ont. The findings could influence the Canadian military's thinking on information-related tactics.

When a gunman killed a soldier at the National War Memorial on Oct. 22, 2014, false reports began circulating in cyberspace about armed accomplices and more shots ringing out.

At least four major rumours quickly turned up on social media such as Twitter when two brothers detonated pressure cooker bombs a year earlier near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring more than 250.

"Rumours may have propagated to the extent they did because they were believable and helped to make sense of the situation," the study says.

As a result, the authors say, a rumour that a woman running the marathon was killed before her boyfriend could propose at the finish line was believable because such proposals are relatively common and it served to make sense of the question, "Who were the victims?"

Similarly, a false suggestion an eight-year-old boy running the marathon was killed helped "put a face to the victims."

Another rumour incorrectly blamed the bombing on U.S. Navy SEALs, though some were present that day and were seen in photographs.

"Believability of a rumour increases when accompanied by attached photos," the study says, suggesting it lends "hard" evidence of a rumour's validity.

A fourth rumour misidentified one man as a suspect, but was considered credible because he had been reported missing a month prior to the bombings and was also supposedly struggling with depression, the study notes. There is a weak link between mental instability and violence, but it lingers as a stereotype.

Even though other suspects were formally named, the rumour about the man in question continued to swirl online because

the U.S. FBI did not provide details on these suspects until three days after the attack. This is likely because it took time to confirm facts.

"In the information vacuum, rumours were generated to make sense of the situation," the study says.

The authors recommend countering rumours through early efforts from a highly credible source using strong evidence aimed at the right audience.

If that's not possible or it proves ineffective, a counter-rumour can succeed. But they note it needs to be just as titillating as the rumour it is trying to eclipse.

Oct 28 2015

**RICHMOND, B.C. - It was an escape**

**attempt worthy of an action movie, complete with the ramming of a police vehicle and a 200-kilometre pursuit through southwestern B.C.**

Five people face a long list of charges after RCMP followed a driver through numerous jurisdictions and three vehicle changes.

The police pursuit of a stolen vehicle began in Richmond, where two officers were uninjured after their vehicle was struck.

Police forces, then a helicopter and the dog service joined the pursuit as several occupants in a vehicle travelled through the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley and almost reached Manning Park.

Three men and two women, ranging in age from 20 to 31, were arrested and police

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say they face charges connected to break and enters, possession of stolen property and mail theft.

Police say they recovered two stolen vehicles, credit cards, cheques, identification, mail, computer equipment and a credit-card skimmer and are working with Canada Post in the investigation.

Oct 28 2015

**PETERBOROUGH - Some perhaps lesser-known, but increasingly-important partners in policing are in Peterborough for a week-long annual training seminar that began Monday.**

For the first time, city police are hosting the 2015 Canadian Police Chaplain Association event at the Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront.

The seminar will include 10 courses over the five days, including a basic curriculum for new chaplains to provide fundamental training for what to expect in the unique role, said association president Rev. Rod Willems, chaplain for RCMP Grand Prairie.

It also includes an enriched program to add to a chaplain's skill set and an advanced program that will certify experienced chaplains in applied suicide intervention skills training.

Topics range from officer injury and death to police officers and their family, to international policing and the impact on an officer, police stated.

Rev. Warren Vollmer, the city police chaplain since 2006, describes the chaplain role as a "ministry of presence." Part of the role is to listen to and support officers, as he did after Const. Keith Calderwood was shot in Lindsay in 2011.

"It's a powerful way of connecting with someone in an informal manner," he said.

City police emergency response team Staff Sgt. Sean Quinlan noted how valuable a chaplain is to officers of faith who may not place the same level of trust in medical professionals.

"They are a part of our working team," he said, noting that chaplains are not only valuable after a major, traumatic incident, but as officers deal with the cumulative effects of policing.

"There's no if's, and's or butt's. You come away from this job changed. (Having a chaplain) makes it a whole lot easier to deal with things," he said.

Vollmer said there has been much positive change when it comes to reducing the stigma traditionally attached to mental health issues. It is now recognized that there are many solutions available to help people get better, he said.

"It is actually okay to seek help now," he said, comparing it to a physical injury. "If you break your arm, you fix it. If you hurt your head, we can fix it ... that's a really big change."

The association, established in 1984, has two key priorities - first to provide quality training and second, to be a support network, Willems said.

(Peterborough Examiner)

Oct 28 2015

**The Cape Breton Regional Police are moving ahead with a multi-million dollar program to prevent youth crime, even though the federal funding is not in place.**

Last June, the federal government announced funding of \$3.9 million over five years for a project called Resiliency Education Leadership Adventure and Youth Service, or RELAYS.

The goal is to help 70 teens overcome drug abuse, anger issues and other challenges that put them at risk for criminal behaviour.

So far, the contract has not been signed.

Police chief Peter MacIsaac said he's been using \$120 thousand in municipal money to get things rolling.

"We've already dipped into that part of it in relation to [hiring] our executive director," he said. "She's going out and building these relationships now and talking about our programs so people understand exactly what it is. So we're moving as fast as we can with what we have right now."

(CBC News)

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**MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - Ontario's Special Investigations Unit says it is probing the death of a Mississauga man.**

The unit says the 58-year-old died on Tuesday after Peel Regional Police were called to a home for an apparent domestic dispute.

The SIU says police found the man had barricaded himself in the home.

When they entered the premises an hour later, however, the man was found dead.

His name was not released.

Oct 29 2015

**A joint investigation between the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams and Stettler RCMP has uncovered one of the largest marijuana busts in the province.**

Members of ALERT and Mounties dismantled the grow-op on Oct. 22 at a rural

home off of Highway 12.

It was there that they found 3,284 plants with an estimated street value of nearly \$4 million.

A man and a woman were arrested at the home.

53-year-old Kin Wa Au Yeung and 35-year-old Dan Wang are now facing charged related to drug trafficking and illegal production.

(660 News)

Oct 29 2015

**MONTREAL - Some of Montreal's police officers will soon be wearing body cameras.**

After pursuing the idea for some time,



the city of Montreal announced Wednesday that it will go ahead with the pilot project.

Both the police force and civil rights groups had been asking for the body cameras. On Wednesday the executive committee approved a project which will outfit 50 police officers with the bodycams.

The move comes at a time when cell-phone videos of confrontations between police and citizens have become more common. In light of the anger and outrage some of these videos have provoked, authorities have suggested that body cameras would provide a clear picture of any interaction.

Other cities have tested these cameras, and so far there is some evidence that shows they reduce the use of force by front-line officers, as well as and complaints against police.

There remain some issues to address, according to Canada's Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien, who has flagged several issues with police forces wearing cameras.

There is no word yet which police units will be wearing these body cameras nor how long this project is expected to last.

(CTV Montreal)



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