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## Crime rate drop is misleading



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**HALIFAX** - Statistics suggesting crime rates in Canada have been falling for decades may not tell the whole story when it comes to criminal wrongdoing, the chief of Halifax Regional Police said.

Jean-Michel Blais said there are indications that the nature of crime is changing in a way that is not reflected in traditional

crime data.

"And this crime is not being committed by your neighbour, and probably not someone here in Nova Scotia or even in Canada," he said in an interview. "It's being committed by somebody in a different country."

Blais says traditional crimes appear to be "morphing" and migrating to criminal acts perpetrated online.

As a result, he says, crime probably hasn't

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decreased as much as statistics might suggest.

In 2014, a study in the United Kingdom found just over half of those surveyed in Britain had been the victim of an online crime, including identity theft, hacking and illegally accessing and stealing from bank accounts.

The study found that much of this crime was never reported, which means it didn't show up in police statistics.

The Get Safe Online survey, conducted by market research firm Vision Critical, also showed that 53 per cent of those surveyed said they considered online crimes as serious as physical crimes.

"Crime really hasn't gone down as much as we think," Blais said in an interview. "It's ... migrated onto the Internet."

To illustrate his point, he suggested it has become common for anyone using email to be routinely prodded by fake messages that seek access to bank accounts or offer rich rewards for participating in shady international transactions.

"Think about the number of passwords that you have in your life, and imagine if those were hacked," he said. "On average, it takes 400 hours of time to rehabilitate a person's identification."

Last year, a PwC study conducted for the British government found 90 per cent of large corporations surveyed in Britain had experienced a security breach last year, up from 81 per cent in 2014, reflecting a similar trend for small - and medium-sized businesses.

"So, if you're part of a large company, chances are that in the future you will have a data breach," Blais said. "It's a real challenge."

The chief also mentioned the rise of the so-called Dark Web, an off-limits layer of the Internet where special software and codes are needed to access illicit material.

Statistics Canada says that the overall police-reported crime rate in Canada has been falling for more than 20 years — a reversal of the upward trend recorded between 1962 to 1991.

The trend applies to violent crime, including homicides, and many other Criminal Code offences, Statistics Canada reports.

The federal agency said experts have attributed the decline to a long list of factors, including an aging population, changing policing practices, shifts in unemployment and variations in alcohol consumption.

Similar downward trends have been observed in other countries.

Blais, a former Mountie who has served as police chief for almost four years, said law enforcement here is inevitably challenged by police-civilian conflicts in the United States, but Canadians need to know things are different on this side of the border.

Canadian police often "end up wearing" U.S. law enforcement issues, particularly as a result of highly charged incidents in places such as Orlando, Dallas, Baton Rouge, and North Carolina, Blais noted.

"One of the biggest challenges is dealing with those perceptions, both public and individual, that very often have no basis in fact," said Blais. "Unfortunately these perceptions have a direct link to public trust."

He said the growing linkage that occurs through social media has led him to devise his own definition of the so-called Ferguson effect, named for the Missouri city that became a flashpoint for civilian protests after a 2014 police shooting.

"Whereas in the U.S. the term Ferguson effect refers to the reticence that some police officers may have in dealing with certain citizens for fear of being labelled a racist, for me the Ferguson effect essentially means what happens there, matters here."

Blais said people need to know that there are many differences in how police operate on both sides of the border.

He said unlike Canada, the majority of police in the U.S. have no civilian oversight and don't have the ongoing training that is a priority here. He said surplus military hardware does not go to Canadian police, and police and other justice officials are not elected as some sheriffs and judges are in the U.S.

Blais said Canadian police don't get revenue from tickets, something he said has led to "repression" in the U.S. and has directly contributed to problems in places like Ferguson.

"Ticketing goes directly to the police service, whereas here it is a shared responsibility of the province and municipality as it should be," he said. "I dare say that Ferguson and the issues that followed ... have been more a question of classicism than racism."

Blais said to combat perceptions and to deal with real problems, police have to involve themselves in more community engagement in order to keep a level of trust.

"We want to be intelligence-led, problem-solving community contributors. We do that by getting to know our communities and people in them and having them get to know us especially."

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

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**TORONTO - It's being pegged as the start of changing the decades-old policing model.**

Toronto Police say a new multi-divisional team is already helping dramatically reduce shootings and solve gun and gang-related crimes in some of the city's most violence areas.

"Criminals don't restrict their activities based on our boundaries," 31 Division Superintendent Tony Riviere said.

"Traditionally what we have done is a silo type of response to violence, by division, and we have done that based on our geographical area or boundaries...But the players don't play by that geographic area...so what Project Revolution does is provide a wider lens."

Project Revolution is a nine-months-long pilot project that launched in January. The team of investigators, intelligence, guns and gangs, and uniformed officers from three divisions in the northwest quadrant of the city — 23, 31 and 12 — work together to probe all shooting incidents in those areas.

The goal is to create more effective communication and information sharing between the three divisions as the team looks for similarities in shooting crimes, potential and existing rivalries and gang affiliations.

This is how it works: Based on intelligence gathered from communities in the most high-risk and violent areas, undercover officers are sent out to chase leads. As well, they follow up on people on parole and probation who are at high risk to re-offend or go back to their violent lifestyle. The team's mandate is to target crime, not specific communities.

When the team first launched at the beginning of the year, there was a 200 per cent increase in calls to the area for shots fired compared to last year. Now, that's down to five per cent.

Community members told CityNews they are seeing a change in officers' behaviour and interactions with people.

"People always say police are bad and people always seem to think that. Now even the youths, they see changes. Police can come, you see kids running and following them and have a favourite police officer... it's really good interactions," local resident Emma told CityNews.

"They talk to residents, they engage in conversation, they play with children, there's a caring about them... It does [feel safer] when they're here, but when they're not here, people are nervous," another resident who runs an after-school program said.

Project Revolution was originally slated to end at the end of this month. It's now been extended to the end of October for further review.

Police say the team is a re-deployment of current resources and does not come at any extra cost to the public.

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## TORONTO - Police cruisers in Toronto are getting a new look.



Over the next five years, the police force will replace its white scout cars with grey Ford Interceptors.

"Given the ongoing modernization of the service, it was felt the time had come to change the look of our cars as well," Toronto police spokesperson Meaghan Gray said Wednesday. "We did pilot the new design out in 23 Division last year. My understanding is that they were well received by both the public and the police officers."

But there were some concerns, primarily that the new cruisers aren't as visible, despite their white reflective decals.

"We disagree with that. We think the cars are actually quite visible," said Gray, noting the new cars have "the same sort of markings as our old cruisers as far as the word 'police' and the lights and the sirens."

While grey police cruisers may not be the norm today, they may be the way of the future.

"We've seen a couple of services even in Ontario that have started to make that move towards this different look," Gray said.

Toronto police have a fleet of 500 cruisers, which have a life span of four to five years.

"It'll take about five years to replace our entire fleet," Gray said.

During that period the public will see a mix of white and grey cruisers out on the road. (Metroland Media)

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## TORONTO - A coroner's inquest into the 2010 death of Eric Osawe has determined the bullet that killed the 26-year-old was fired accidentally from the gun of Toronto cop David Cavanagh — the same conclusion previously made by an Ontario court judge.

A five-member jury made its ruling on Tuesday, issuing three recommendations to the Toronto Police Service to improve safety in future circumstances of a similar nature. This includes incorporating a specific training module for incoming officers about the risk of unintentional discharges.

In the early-morning hours of Sept. 29, 2010, as Emergency Task Force officers executed a search warrant of Osawe's Etobicoke apartment, Cavanagh's gun fired while he and three other officers attempted to handcuff Osawe, who died within 15 seconds after the lone bullet struck his spine.

Cavanagh was previously charged with second-degree murder in the death, but the charge was tossed out at a preliminary hearing in 2013 by an Ontario Court justice who ruled that the evidence pointed to an accident.

That decision was later upheld by a Superior Court justice and, in 2014, the Ontario Court of Appeal.

In his testimony last week, Cavanagh speculated that the safety of his gun had been turned off at some point during a "chaotic struggle" with Osawe that involved the latter tugging and punching, and that the trigger got caught with a piece of equipment Cavanagh was carrying on his vest.

The coroner's jury recommended a training module that highlights "the possibility of interaction between the equipment worn or carried by an officer and the safety selector and trigger of the various weapons systems used by the ETF."

The training module "should also refer to specific real-world instances of unintentional discharges experienced at the ETF and the significant consequences of those events."

In his testimony, Cavanagh said he wished that he had been shot instead.

"There hasn't been a day that's gone by that I (didn't) wish that round went through my leg," Cavanagh said. "There hasn't been a day gone by that I wasn't thinking about what occurred."

The jury recommended that Toronto Police continue its research into available weapons systems and equipment and keep up to date with the latest safety improvements that could minimize the risk of an accidental discharge.

It also encouraged the practice currently in place of having hands-free officers, not carrying long guns, when part of ETF teams conducting "dynamic entries."

(Toronto Star)

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## CALGARY - When Calgary police Const. Jeremiah Stump moved to the city, he soon realized he was forgetting his indigenous roots and something needed to change.



Stump is now being recognized for his key role in the Indigenous Team of the CPS' Youth at Risk Development program, where working with a social worker he incorporates cultural teachings while creating opportunities for youth to connect with their cultural roots.

Stump is the 2016 recipient of the Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Award.

"For me, I love this gig. I grew up on the reserve, came to the city, and had strong mentors, but they weren't indigenous. So you kind of forget where you come from," said Stump who added he knew the impact of his work watching the excitement on the faces of the kids at a round-dance.

Last February, Stump left his role after suffering a brain aneurysm out playing hockey with work friends. After several months of therapy, Stump said he woke up everyday



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looking forward to going back to work and was blown-away when he found out he won the award.

"Mentoring these youth as a job, I couldn't ask for more. It's not really work," said Stump.

The Youth Justice award celebrates innovative policing that serves to inform police and the community about creative responses to youth crime.

It is awarded to police officers who take innovative approaches in responding to, preventing and reducing the rate of youth crime. (Metro)

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

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**VANCOUVER - A legal advocacy group in British Columbia is demanding that dog handlers with the Vancouver Police Department wear body cameras after a bystander was maulled earlier this week.**

Doug King of Pivot Legal Society says the use of police dogs is on the rise and recording these incidents would provide an objective look at the circumstances around their use.

A man was sent to hospital with serious injuries following a police takedown in the search for kidnappers in New Westminster on Monday.

A spokeswoman with a New Westminster hospital says Vick Supramaniam, the person identified in the media as the dog-bite victim, has been discharged.

Media reports say the man lost part of his left ear and was bitten on his thigh.

The Independent Investigations Office is looking into the incident, which involved the arrest of three people in a homicide and kidnapping probe.

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**WINNIPEG - Manitoba's justice minister says fixing the province's justice system will pose a "significant challenge."**

Heather Stefanson was reacting Thursday to the release this week of a report by Macdonald-Laurier Institute, a public-policy think-tank in Ottawa.

The report gave Manitoba's criminal justice system the worst provincial ranking and the second worst overall.

It said Manitoba has the second highest per-capita violent crime rate and fourth highest per-capita property crime rate among the provinces.

It also noted the public perception of police in Manitoba is among the lowest in Canada.

Yukon received the worst overall grade with a C and Prince Edward Island was graded the highest with a B+.

Stefanson said you can't point fingers at one specific part of the justice system.

"There are many different areas where

it creates the backlogs within a system," she said. "Even just transporting prisoners from one jurisdiction to another, it takes time. The sheriffs could be caught up. We need to work together, across different government levels. It is a significant challenge to try and develop a solution."

She said a full review of the justice system will be done, but she stresses that changes will take time.

"Certainly, what's taken more a decade to get to where we are will not be able to be fixed overnight. It's a very complex issue that will take some time to resolve but we are very committed to that.

"I'm not a big believer that we need to throw more money at a system. I think we can create efficiencies within the system that we've got."

The report used Statistics Canada data and quantitative statistical methods to assess each province and territory's criminal justice system. It rated based on five major objectives - public safety; support for victims; costs and resources; fairness and access to justice; and efficiency. (CJOB, CTV Winnipeg)

Sep 22 2016

**HALIFAX - A landmark cyberbullying law that was ruled unconstitutional and struck down nearly 10 months ago won't be replaced until at least next spring, says Nova Scotia's justice minister.**

Diana Whalen said Thursday that provincial government officials are still consulting with experts and want to ensure the new law can withstand a court challenge.

"I'm not committing to a timeline, but we couldn't do it by this fall - it wouldn't be before the spring at the earliest."

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia struck down the CyberSafety Act last December, saying it infringed on charter rights involving freedom of expression.

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**LOS ANGELES - From a broken bone to a fatal shooting, all 800 police departments in California must begin using a new online tool launched Thursday to report and help track every time officers use force that causes serious injuries.**

The tool's developers hail it as the first statewide dataset of its kind in the country and a model for other states. Those more critical of law enforcement call it a big step toward better police accountability.

The tool, named URSUS for the bear on California's flag, includes fields for the race of those injured and the officers involved, how their interaction began and why force was deemed necessary.

"It's sort of like TurboTax for use-of-force incidents," said Justin Erlich, a special assistant attorney general overseeing the data collection and analysis.

Departments must report the data under a new state law passed last November. Though

some departments already tracked such data on their own, many did not.

Working with the California Department of Justice, a technology nonprofit called Bayes Impact developed the tool in hopes of making the data easy for departments to report and easy for the state to analyze.

The tool was built as an open-source project, and California will share the software code with interested law enforcement agencies across the U.S.

Only three other states - Texas, Colorado and Connecticut - now require departments to track similar use-of-force data but their systems aren't digital, and in Colorado's case, only capture shootings, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The goal is to capture all incidents that cause serious injuries but not minor ones, like bruises.

California's efforts come as the FBI has made such data collection a priority. Last year, the FBI announced it would begin collecting all use-of-force data and make it public, though departments don't have to participate.

FBI Director James Comey has expressed frustration over the absence of nationwide use-of-force data and said its collection will "dispel misperceptions, foster accountability and promote transparency."

California's police departments will report their use-of-force data to the state once a year beginning in January. It will be made public as early as the spring. (AP)

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**An apparent spike in crime in some parts of rural Saskatchewan has some farmers arming themselves and it has the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, SARM, asking for more RCMP officers.**

"We know the RCMP have only so many officers out there in the rural areas. We've requested from the province that we could get more funding for those officers. We've lobbied the federal government as well," said SARM president Ray Orb.

Recently, an alleged near-robbery by masked men armed with handguns prompted some farmers to send CBC News photos of the guns they travel with while harvesting. RCMP say they are investigating and have not made any arrests.

On Wednesday, the RCMP urged people to let the police handle any criminal activity.

Orb said farmers want to protect themselves and their property and he expects them to obey the law.

"I don't think they [farmers] intend to harm anyone. I think it's a way of demonstrating [that] if you are a criminal and you are coming into this area, we don't want you to bother our farm," he said.

"I think we have to respect farmers' rights and at the same time I know that farmers have to respect the law and be careful with the firearms."

Orb said crime seems to rise during harvest and in the spring when farmers are busy



and may be distracted.

"There are more criminals travelling out there in the rural areas this time of year," Orb said adding he believed there had been a recent spike, in some areas, of crime.

"We would like more RCMP presence, but if we can't get it in the short term we'll have to work with them with our programs that are available," Orb said.

According to officials, there are currently 1,302 provincially-funded policing positions serving communities in Saskatchewan that do not maintain their own municipal police force. That figure includes a number of officers who provide additional policing support.

(CBC News)

Sep 22 2016

**EDMONTON - The average amount of time police officers spend dealing with mental health calls has declined compared to last year, but those calls remain a major expense for the department, according to a report presented Thursday to the Edmonton Police Commission.**

In the first half of 2016, the average number of hours spent on each Mental Health Act incident was 7.5 hours, down from 9.2 hours during the same period in 2015.

Under the law, police must be involved in any apprehension under the act, and must remain until the individual is handed over to Alberta Health for an assessment by a doctor. Officers often spend significant time on hospital guard duty, while patients wait for assessment.

"One of the issues we have with the high cost of policing in Edmonton is that we ask them to do everything," said Coun. Scott McKeen, who represents city council on the Edmonton Police Commission.

"The police say it's one-third of their resources go to deal with social disorder," said McKeen. "And that would probably be social disorder, mental health calls, issues related to homelessness. One-third! And the city contributes \$200 million to the police budget every year. So that's a lot of money."

McKeen thinks alternative measures can be found that would help.

"I've said for a while that if we got the appropriate level and amount of supportive housing in Edmonton ... we may save some money that way. But also we could have the police working on more high-priority items."

The police chief has called for a wellness centre to help deal with the issue, McKeen said, and while the councillor said he understands the department is in a tough position, he's not sure that's the answer.

"I was never a huge supporter of it, because I think we need supportive housing for those folks and that seemed more like the old line of catch and release," said McKeen, who thinks the benefits of housing would be significant. "We'll reduce calls for service to police, reduce our costs, [and] we'll reduce intakes at hospitals."

(CBC News)

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

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**The RCMP says it has received credible intelligence that a Hells Angels-affiliated group is forming on Prince Edward Island this year.**

That would follow the opening of a club in Nova Scotia this summer

RCMP suspect membership of the club will be made up of former members of other motorcycle clubs in P.E.I.

"We've, over the last year especially, been seeing an increase in the number of Hells Angels visits to Prince Edward Island,"

said RCMP Cpl Andy Cook, outlaw motorcycle gang coordinator for the province.

Cook said it is not yet clear if the new club will be a Hells Angels chapter, or an affiliated or puppet club.

Staff Sgt. Len Isnor of Ontario Provincial Police Biker Enforcement Unit believes the Atlantic provinces is attractive to the Hells Angels because of its coastal access.

"Most of the cocaine that comes into this country will come in by boat, whether that be through one of our ports, or through what they call 'offloads'," which Isnor says are locations where drugs can be unloaded in smaller harbours.

Cook said, to his knowledge, there have never been any motorcycle gang related arrests or charges on Prince Edward Island.

(CBC News)



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**TORONTO - The Law Society of Upper Canada is trying to suspend the licence of Andrew McKay, a lawyer who represented the Ontario Provincial Police union, while he fights criminal charges of fraud and money laundering.**

McKay's charges stem from allegations he helped top officials with the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) misuse its members' money; three top union officials at the time of the 2015 police probe also face charges.

The law society, which governs Ontario's lawyers, is in the midst of a professional misconduct investigation of McKay relating to allegations raised in the criminal probe.

The society went to court in August to gain access to all of the material police seized from McKay during a search of his law office, even documents considered to be under solicitor-client protection that were withheld from RCMP investigators.

"There are reasonable grounds to believe that there is a significant risk of harm to members of the public or to the public interest in the administration of justice if an order is not made suspending the licence of (McKay)," the law society says in its notice of motion.

What is particularly unusual is the court provided the search warrant material to the law society — with the consent of McKay — providing the society's investigation is held in abeyance pending McKay's criminal prosecution and that the documents not be made public without providing notice.

The law society, however, is seeking only an "interlocutory suspension" of McKay's licence to practice law, meaning a provisional order during the course of a proceeding. The notice of motion names the law society hearings as the proceeding, rather than McKay's pending criminal charges.

"An interlocutory order suspending the licence of (McKay) is likely to reduce the risk of harm," the law society notice says.

A request for comment or response to the law society's action made to McKay through his lawyer, prominent Toronto attorney David Humphrey, was not answered prior to deadline.

McKay, 54, is a former Toronto police officer who became a lawyer. He represented OPPA and its members who become involved in criminal, disciplinary and regulatory matters.

An affidavit sworn by Stephen McClyment, a veteran law society investigator, outlines his concerns over the RCMP's allegations.

The police probe began in 2014. McKay is charged with money laundering and fraud, along with James Christie, 48, the union's president at the time; Martin Bain, 50, then the union's vice-president; and Karl Walsh, 52, then the union's chief administrative officer. Also charged is Noel Francis Chantiam, 60, of New Jersey.

On March 5, 2015, police executed a search warrant of McKay's law office, rare in Canada. To protect solicitor-client privilege, a neutral lawyer was asked to vet documents before they were turned over to police.

"At this point in my investigation, I am unsure as to precisely what his role in the OPPA was," writes McClyment.

The OPPA is the union for all civilian and OPP officers below the rank of detective-sergeant, with about 9,700 members. The OPPA's operations revenue derives entirely from member dues, which totalled \$5,019,856 in 2014, McClyment says.

The OPPA allegedly signed a contract with PIN Consulting Group Inc., of which McKay was listed as the sole director, McClyment alleges. The beneficial owners of PIN were the five men charged.

The three-year contract said PIN would be paid \$5,000 a month for investment advice from McKay.

"The lawyer does not practice corporate commercial law, does not have a business degree, and has no professional expertise in investments," McClyment says.

About \$30,000 of the money paid to PIN by the OPPA was used by Walsh, Bain and Christie to purchase shares in First Response Travel Group, the affidavit alleges.

First Response, a registered travel agency, was jointly owned by the five charged men, along with a woman, Klara Kozak, who was not charged.

"All of the shareholders but Kozak hid their ownership in the company through a trust agreement," McClyment alleges, summarizing the police accusations. "Kozak was the face of First Response."

Walsh directed all OPPA travel be booked through First Response. The value of OPPA travel was approximately \$400,000 a year, McClyment says.

To aid its investigation, the law society applied to the Superior Court of Justice to gain access to all of the material seized from McKay, including privileged documents.

McKay consented with conditions and in August Justice Ian Nordheimer granted the request.

Those conditions prevented McClyment from disclosing certain documents to the law society tribunal for its deliberations on McKay's suspension, scheduled for Oct. 6.

(National Post)

Sep 23 2016

**THUNDER BAY - Police in Thunder Bay, Ont., will be reviewed by the province's civilian police oversight body for the way they treat the deaths of Indigenous people.**

News of the forthcoming investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) comes almost a year after the drowning death of Stacey DeBungee, which was quickly deemed accidental by Thunder Bay police.

A private investigator, hired by the family, later found several suspicious circumstances, including the use of DeBungee's bank card after his death.

"There's a justice for non-Natives and there's a justice for Natives, that's what needs to be addressed," said DeBungee's cousin Sonny McGinnis.

"There has to be an inclusion of us as worthy citizens," he added. "First Nations lives matter."

The review will also "probe the approach taken generally to such or similar cases, as well as drawing on information and evidence from the current inquest into the deaths of Aboriginal youth," said a July 4 letter from the investigating agency.

The deaths of seven First Nations youths in Thunder Bay were the subject of a coroner's inquest that concluded in June. Like DeBungee, five of the students bodies were found in the river. The cause of three of the river deaths was ruled as undetermined by the inquest jury.

A letter from the agency saying it would launch an investigation to determine whether there was misconduct on behalf of police officers in the DeBungee case, as well as outlining the "broader systemic review," was sent to the lawyer for Rainy River First Nations in July.

While the letter to the lawyer says "a broader systemic review into these issues will be conducted in the fall," a spokeswoman for the OIPRD told CBC News it has yet to be launched.

There will be a public announcement when the review begins, Rosemary Parker said. (CBC News)

Sep 23 2016

**OTTAWA - Federal officials have warned operators of electrical grids, transportation hubs and other key infrastructure of the cyberthreat from insiders who could unleash devastating viruses and cripple systems, internal government notes reveal.**

Crucial networks that Canadians rely on for everyday needs face a "substantial threat" from rogue employees out to wreak digital havoc, warn the Public Safety Canada briefing notes.

"The insider threat is difficult to detect and can cause real damage."

No special hacking skills are required, just a portable memory key loaded with a malicious code. As a result, it is important that organizations have the right security protocols and procedures, "for example by limiting access to systems only to those who genuinely need it."

A federal briefing on the insider threat was delivered last December to leaders of the 10 most crucial infrastructure sectors, the notes say.

They point out that over 90 per cent of critical infrastructure - key to delivering everything from food and clean water to banking and health services - is controlled by the private sector and all of it is dependent in one way or another on information technology to operate. Many critical infrastructure sectors are interdependent, meaning a problem in one could have a "cascading impact" in others.

The notes, prepared earlier this year for Monik Beauregard, a senior assistant deputy minister at Public Safety Canada, were obtained by under the Access to Information Act. Beauregard is chairing a panel today on



the global implications of the challenges to cybersecurity at an intelligence conference in Ottawa.

The conference comes as the Liberal government undertakes a cybersecurity consultation that runs through mid-October. The overall aim is to identify gaps and opportunities, bring forward ideas to shape a renewed approach and capitalize on the advantages of new technology.

State-sponsored hackers, sophisticated criminals, cause-motivated hacktivists and people out to make mischief online all pose a threat, the government warns.

Public Safety is already working with critical infrastructure operators to prepare for the possibility of a major cyberattack on the Canadian electrical grid and telecommunications systems, the internal notes say.

Security officials call such an occurrence a "black swan" - a rare but devastating event that requires special attention due to the potential for massive losses should it happen.

Sep 23 2016

**FREDERICTON - The RCMP has reopened the investigation of the death of a 33-year-old inmate who was pepper sprayed four times in the face in rapid succession last year at Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick.**

Last month, police said their investigation was closed, but now RCMP spokesman Const. Hans Ouellette says new information has come forward and the file is being re-examined.

He would not give any details about the new information or the nature of the investigation.

Matthew Hines died on March 27, 2015 after he was pepper sprayed for refusing to return to his cell.

A three-person panel said the use of force was inappropriate, noting that Hines was "under sufficient control of the staff" at the time of the repeated spraying.

Sep 23 2016

**TORONTO - Ontario's police watchdog says there will be no charges after a man was shot three times and struck with a Taser in Toronto in December 2015.**

The Special Investigations Unit says police were acting in self-defence in the incident, which sent him to hospital where he underwent surgery and survived.

The agency says police were responding to a call about a man who staff at a hospital believed had driven home drunk, when officers knocked on the man's door, and - through the screen door - the man warned them not to come in or there "would be trouble."

The unit says officers told the man they were there to ensure his well-being, and the man walked out of the house brandishing a 17-centimetre serrated knife.

It says officers demanded the man drop the knife, but he did not.

The SIU says one of the officers then shot the man three times, and the man remained on his feet.

Sep 23 2016

**BRAMPTON, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog says assault charges have been laid against a Peel region police officer who allegedly broke a 17-year-old boy's wrist during an "interaction."**

The Special Investigations Unit says the incident happened in June, when police received multiple calls about an altercation in Brampton.

The agency says that before police responded, two off-duty officers intervened, including the officer who became the subject of the SIU's investigation.

The SIU says that as a result of the "interaction" between police officers and the teen, the teen's wrist was broken.

The agency says Const. Joel Mazzotta of the Peel Regional Police faces charges of assault causing bodily harm and assault.

He's scheduled to appear in court next month to face the charges.

Sep 23 2016

**SASKATOON - Incumbent mayoral candidate Don Atchison is standing by his claim that Saskatoon's crime rate can be attributed to residents reporting more crime than those in other cities.**

"I can tell you we report a lot of crime in Saskatoon. As a matter of fact, our own family does. We report all the crimes we see along the way," Atchison told reporters at a news conference on Thursday.

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Atchison's comments that high reporting levels contribute to Saskatoon's nation-leading crime rate drew criticism this week from two of his mayoral challengers.  
(Saskatoon StarPhoenix)

Sep 23 2016

**SMITHS FALLS - "I'm a small town boy who wanted to be a policeman, and I got a chance 35 years ago," Smiths Falls Police Chief Robert Dowdall said this week.**



As of Sept. 30 Dowdall's police career comes to a close as he retires and begins a new chapter in his life.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "I still love my job, but you know when the time is right to move on."

Dowdall began his career as a constable at a time when reports were still written on typewriters, using carbon paper to make two copies. There were only two typewriters for the entire department.

"In a small town department you were a jack of all trades," he recalled.

Dowdall had a special interest in criminal investigations, and took courses in the late 1980s and early '90s to qualify him to specialize in fraud cases.

In the late 1990s Dowdall worked in partnership with OPP on a "cold squad" investigating unsolved cases from the 1960s and '70s.

Smiths Falls has evolved over 35 years from the days when people called the town Little Chicago, and a police officer might process three impaired driving cases during one eight-hour shift.

"I believe that our streets are safer now than they were 35 years ago," said Dowdall. "I've seen a big change that way."

The biggest changes in policing since the 1980s involve technology.

Working his way up through the ranks, Dowdall was promoted to sergeant, then staff sergeant, then to deputy chief in 2008. He became chief in 2012, replacing Larry Hardy, who had served in that role since 1990.

The new chief, effective Oct. 1, will be veteran Smiths Falls police officer and current deputy chief Mark McGillvray. McGillvray's role as deputy will be taken over by Staff Sgt. Richard Labelle.

The Smiths Falls Police Service currently employs 24 uniformed members, eight civilian dispatchers, one administrative assistant, and two special constables. "I can leave with a comfort that the service is well positioned," said Dowdall. "Smiths Falls does have a good service here, and I hope it goes for many more years."

Sep 23 2016

**EDMONTON - The Crown has stayed terror-related charges against an Alberta teen a month before he was to stand trial.**

The boy, who cannot be identified, was 17 when RCMP arrested him last year in Beaumont, a bedroom community south of Edmonton.

Police alleged he was planning to leave Canada to fight with Islamic State militants.

He faced two offences: attempting to leave the country to participate in a terrorist group, and attempting to leave the country to commit a terrorist activity, "namely murder."

Court records show the charges were stayed earlier this week.

Defence lawyer Nate Whitting said the Crown notified him in a letter that the charges were stayed against his client but it gave no explanation.

Sep 23 2016

**ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - A Court of Appeal judge in Newfoundland and Labrador will begin work immediately on an inquiry into the shooting death of Donald Dunphy.**

Justice Minister Andrew Parsons announced the appointment of Justice Leo Barry as commissioner for the public inquiry today, with a final report expected by July 1, 2017.

Dunphy was shot by a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary who was a member of then-premier Paul Davis' security detail.

Const. Joe Smyth went to Dunphy's home after staff in the former premier's office alerted police about comments Dunphy had posted on social media.

The inquiry will examine the circumstances surrounding the officer's solo visit to Dunphy's home, in RCMP jurisdiction, and the fatal shot.

Parsons also announced that Dunphy's history with Workplace NL will be referred to the Office of the Citizens' Representative for further investigation.

The union representing Newfoundland police officers has called for all reports on the shooting to be released. The RNC Association says withholding information could undermine confidence in a public inquiry expected soon. The RCMP says releasing the reports could taint the investigation.

Sep 23 2016

**LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS, Man. - RCMP officers are being credited with saving two people from a burning home on a Manitoba First Nation.**

Little Grand Rapids RCMP say they were called to a house fire on Sept. 18.

The three officers were told when they arrived that people were still in the home.

Smoke was coming out of the windows, front door and chimney when a woman came out, coughing.

The officers went in and found an unconscious male and barely conscious woman and got both out with the help of a medical van driver.

One officer stayed with the victims while the other two took turns going inside to ensure there was nobody else in the home.

Sep 23 2016

**MONTREAL - There will be no criminal charges laid against Costa Labos, head of the Montreal police department's internal affairs division, police Chief Philippe Pichet announced on Friday.**

Labos had been under investigation by the Sûreté du Québec because of allegations that he lied to a judge in 2014 to obtain a search warrant against former police officer Roger Larivière.

Pichet says the Montreal force was informed on Friday that the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions has decided not to charge Labos.

"I want to reiterate my full support for chief inspector Labos and all the police officers and citizens who work around the clock to ensure public safety in Montreal," Pichet said from the force's headquarters.

Pichet had come under fire by the Montreal Police Brotherhood for not removing Labos from the position while the investigation was ongoing.

"It's obvious that with an investigation of this nature against him, (Labos) doesn't have the credibility or legitimacy needed to assume the role," brotherhood president Yves Francoeur had said in a statement in June.

But Pichet said on Friday that he always had information, which he could not share, that led him to believe that Labos hadn't done anything wrong.

"I know it wasn't easy to understand why we weren't moving him," Pichet said. "There was pressure and a lot of questioning, but today we know it was the right decision."

(Montreal Gazette)

Sep 23 2016

**EDMONTON - The city remains concerned about a lack of diversity at the Edmonton Police Service, the police commission heard at a meeting on Thursday.**

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie asked Edmonton police representatives why a slower economy wasn't attracting younger, more skilled recruits.

Police representatives said policing has a bad image at the moment.

Being a police officer isn't a popular occupation right now, Deputy Chief Tony Harder said, referencing a series of shootings of black people by the police in the United States that has caused backlash from minorities.

"There's a stigma attached to policing," Supt. Dave Christoffel added.

Edmonton police launched the Diversity Positive Recruiting Communications Plan in 2015 to increase members from visible minority communities.

But getting recruits from diverse backgrounds will take time, said Coun. Scott McKeen.

"The truth is, we have people moving to Edmonton from all parts of the world, and in some of those parts of the world, the police are



oppressors, they represent the disappeared and so they could be a pretty scary lot," he said.

"How do you change that attitude pretty quickly?"

A push to get recruits from diverse backgrounds shouldn't just be a "lip service," McKeen said, adding it's important the police reflect the community.

"I don't think it's doing that very well, but neither is council right now, neither are lot of the board and agencies," he said.

"The best we could have some day is a police service that is extremely diverse."  
(Metro)

Sep 23 2016

**CHILLIWACK - A Chilliwack RCMP officer has been charged with several counts related to an arrest he made on Nov. 17, 2013 and his subsequent testimony in court regarding the arrest.**

The Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment said Friday that Const. Jeff Van Woerden has been charged with one count of assault with a weapon, one count of assault causing bodily harm, and four counts of perjury.

"These are serious charges," said Supt. Deanne Burleigh, the officer in charge of the detachment. "The allegations demonstrate conduct that is not in keeping with my expectations for our members."

Const. Van Woerden will now have an opportunity to answer to these allegations in court."

Van Woerden, who has been suspended with pay, will appear in Abbotsford Provincial Court on Nov. 3. A separate code of conduct investigation is ongoing.  
(Vancouver Sun)

Sep 23 2016

**A Toronto man was arrested Friday morning after a shotgun fell out of his pants while paramedics were attempting to put him in an ambulance in Leslieville on Friday morning, Toronto Police said.**

Around 7:15 a.m., officers received a medical assist call near a Tim Hortons in the area of Leslie St. and Lake Shore Blvd. E. about a man who had collapsed.

Police located the man, and aided paramedics when the gun fell out of the waistband of his pants.

Investigators said the man then picked up the gun, concealed it and ran across Leslie St. to the drive-thru lane of a Starbucks where the officers confronted him.

The man then pointed the gun at the officers, but was eventually apprehended by police.

Cameron Harding, 23, is facing nine charges, including four firearm charges, two weapon charges, failing to comply with recognition and taking an auto without consent.

A shotgun was recovered in the investigation, police said.

He is scheduled to appear in court on Saturday at 10 a.m.  
(Toronto Star)

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Sep 24 2016

**TORONTO - The body that regulates lawyers in Ontario says if you are cheated by an attorney there you could get half-a-million dollars in compensation.**

In recommending a higher cap, a committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada tasked with the issue noted the last increase was in 2008, at which the time the limit was set at 150 thousand.

The committee says an increase per claimant limit is appropriate at this time.

Figures show that between February 1st, 2014, and August 31st, 2016, the fund doled out almost 7.5 million dollars to 260 claimants.

The highest payout during that period — almost 1.4 million dollars — went to 35 clients of Javad Heydari, a Toronto lawyer who took money from trust accounts before he fled to Iran in late 2013 and likely died there.

Sep 24 2016

**MONTREAL - A local politician wants Montreal city council to become the next municipality to consider allowing residents to use text messages to communicate with 911 emergency operators.**

Francois Limoges, an opposition city councillor with Projet Montreal, says he intends to introduce a motion Monday night asking Montreal police to study the feasibility of such a service.

Calls for widely available texting services are on the rise in some North American cities since the mass shooting at an Orlando nightclub in June, when it was reported that some of the victims texted family members to ask them to call 911 out of fear of drawing the shooter's attention.

In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission says about 670 dispatch centres can currently accept 911 texts.

In Canada, 911 texting is available for people with speech or hearing impairments in most communities, with others still in the process of upgrading their networks to support the service.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is reviewing the potential for "next generation" 911 services and is expected to hold public hearings in January.

Sep 24 2016

**A Parkland County public green space will now bear the name of an RCMP officer who was killed in a traffic collision while on duty in 2010.**

RCMP from Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Enoch celebrated the grand opening of the Const. Chelsea Robinson Park at 2303 Township Road 510 on Saturday.

Originally from Picture Butte, Robinson, 25, died in hospital in June 2010 after her patrol car was hit by a tractor trailer while she was crossing Highway 16 in search of an impaired driver.



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Before becoming a regular member of the RCMP, she worked with the RCMP forensic identification section in Edmonton.

The park was opened at an earlier date with Saturday's ceremony marking its dedication to the fallen officer.

On Sunday, all 100 officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1867 will be honoured at the Alberta Legislature.

Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day is planned to honour the fallen beginning at 1 p.m. at the south grounds of the legislature. Those scheduled to take part in the ceremony include Alberta's Lieutenant-Governor Lois Mitchell, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kathleen Ganley as well as Sgt. Michael Elliot of the Alberta Federation of Police Associations.

Traffic will be blocked at 107 Street and 99 Avenue at 12:30 p.m. to make way for a ceremonial parade onto the grounds. (Edmonton Journal)

Sep 24 2016

### **A well-known Alberta RCMP officer has been suspended over allegations of sexual misconduct against employees.**

A spokesman for the K-Division told CTV Edmonton that Const. Pernel Cardinal has been "suspended for a while now."

Cardinal was working at the Maskwacis RCMP detachment, and was a spokesperson for the force during the Chelsea Yellowbird case in 2011.

The constable is facing six counts of sexual misconduct. He had 14 days to appeal the suspension, with the deadline coming September 30.

It is not clear if Cardinal is being paid during his suspension. (CTV News)

Sep 24 2016

### **Fentanyl use and distribution has exploded in Canada over the last 12 months, and it's going to get worse before it gets better, says a new RCMP report examining the deadly drug.**

And fentanyl is just the tip of the iceberg, the report, called Fentanyl and Beyond: Evolutions in the Canadian Illicit Opioid Market says.

"While fentanyl continues to pose a high-level threat, the illicit opioid market writ large is evolving at an alarming rate and significantly raising the risk/threat level."

Fentanyl's analogues, or variations, have increased in number and potency over the last year, along with non-fentanyl opioids like W-18, and will continue to grow for the next 12 to 18 months, the report says.

The report says that measures like increasing access to naloxone, increased opioid reporting and early-warning systems will help stem the increase in fentanyl distribution, but won't stop the market for the drug from increasing.

The practice of drug producers and traffickers cutting their product with supplemental substances is not new. But the use of fentanyl and other opioids to do so is not only uncommonly deadly, it can also clearly trace its roots to the "the national crisis of prescrip-

tion painkiller abuse, and associated medical prescribing practices."

Fentanyl as a cutting agent can have tragic consequences.

Many who die from fentanyl overdoses have no idea they are consuming it. Last year a young B.C. couple, described as healthy and hardworking, died after consuming fentanyl-laced drugs during a weekend of partying, leaving behind a young son.

China remains the "pivotal source" of fentanyl and other opioids supplying drug traffickers in Canada, according to the report. The Internet makes it all too easy to find the drugs and place an order.

(Global News)

Sep 24 2016

### **CALGARY - A Calgary woman is singing the praises of social media after her Facebook post helped catch a couple that stole her car.**



Jennifer Allen noticed her car was missing from outside her home early Wednesday morning in the southeast community of Mahogany.

"I called my husband downstairs, that's when he noticed there were multiple other things missing, which was a bit of a shock," Allen told the Calgary Eyeopener Friday.

She called the police and while "they were wonderful" she knew her case wouldn't rank high on a list of their priorities.

"So I decided, 'What can I lose by just posting a picture onto Facebook?'" she asked.

Allen posted a photo of the car on Facebook at 10:23 a.m. to multiple groups and pages.

"I literally watched it just take off, every few seconds I was getting a notification that it had been shared," she explained.

About 90 minutes later, it was social media to the rescue.

"Just after noon, I was tagged in a post by a woman. She was standing at a gas station taking a picture of my licence plate and my car with a woman fuelling it up," she said.

A woman spotted the car at a Royal Oak gas station. Royal Oak is virtually the other end of Calgary from Mahogany, almost 50 kilometres away.

Against the wishes of Calgary police, that eagle-eyed witness followed the stolen car from the gas station to the McMahon Stadium area where a HAWCS police helicopter located it, Allen said.

"HAWCS followed it to Kensington and they circled the car and arrested a couple of people that they found in it," she said.

Allen says the car, while still in police custody, is in good condition.

She says in addition to the two people arrested in her stolen car, two other individu-

als were observed using her credit cards on video surveillance.

(CBC News)

Sep 24 2016

### **TORONTO - Fentanyl was the number one cause of opioid-related deaths in Ontario for the second straight year in 2015, according to new data from the chief coroner's office.**

Across the province, the powerful narcotic drug killed a record 162 people on its own and 36 when combined with alcohol, the new numbers reveal. Over a five-year period, deaths from fentanyl alone have nearly doubled in Ontario, up from 86 in 2010. When mixed with alcohol, the drug killed nearly seven times the number of people who died from combination five years earlier.

The figures obtained by CBC News are preliminary but "close enough to the final to be released," strategic advisor to the chief coroner, Julia Noonan-Savage said. Final figures should be available in 2017, she added.

After fentanyl, the second biggest opioid killer in 2015 was hydromorphone. The narcotic painkiller claimed 112 lives and 36 when mixed with alcohol. Hydromorphone deaths have also risen sharply since 2010, when 31 people died from the drug alone.

Fentanyl deaths in Canada have been characterized as a country-wide "disaster". In British Columbia, nearly 500 people died of fentanyl overdoses from January to August of this year.

In Ontario, police and community groups have raised alarm bells that a fentanyl crisis could be looming as synthetic versions of the drug appear across the province as they have elsewhere in Canada and the U.S. (CBC News)

Sep 24 2016

### **CALGARY - Batman-like devices that would propel GPS tracking chips onto fleeing vehicles are being examined by city police.**

The force is also requesting data on a similar system that would remotely deploy spike belt-like tire deflation units from police cruisers to more safely foil suspects' escapes.

Two requests for information (RFI) from possible suppliers and manufacturers dated Sept. 6 have been issued by the city on behalf of its police force, seeking specifics on the devices.

On their wish list is a GPS launcher with a range of at least 30 metres that includes a re-usable tag, states one document.

It's a never-ending pursuit in the name of increasing safety and efficiency, said Deputy Police Chief Trevor Daroux.

"They're researching different avenues to eliminate pursuits, which are very dangerous things," he said.

Daroux says technology the force could eventually explore further technology such as the ability to shut off the power of fleeing vehicles, possibly by throwing an electromagnetic pulse beneath them.

"A vehicle disabler could scramble the electronics," he said.

(Calgary Sun)



## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Sep 25 2016

**HALIFAX - School officials in four Canadian provinces all received similar bomb threats this week, but each responded to the potential danger differently.**

Universities and schools across Prince Edward Island were evacuated Wednesday morning after police received a fax from someone threatening to detonate bombs at several schools. Three colleges in Nova Scotia were also evacuated after receiving threats.

Hours later, a school board in Winnipeg received a similar bomb threat, but no schools were evacuated.

And on Thursday, schools in three regions of Nunavut were closed due to a bomb threat, but reopened after lunch.

"Assessing a bomb threat is very, very difficult," said Chris Mathers, a Toronto-based crime and risk consultant. "You can't examine a bomb threat in a vacuum."

Mathers said a number of factors are considered when assessing the credibility of a bomb threat, including the frequency of the threats and whether similar threats have made.

"If you're getting a bomb threat every day, eventually someone had to make a decision not to act out as the person making the threats wants them to," said Mathers. "And typically, serious bombers don't call it in."

But he said with minimal information available, many officials would err on the side of caution, as was the case in P.E.I.

P.E.I. Staff Sgt. Kevin Baillie said this was the case when the threat was received Wednesday.

"There's no question, the vast majority of these types of threats are not credible. However, in the early stages, it's very difficult to say definitively that the threat is not credible," said Baillie, adding that the decision to evacuate schools was made by the school board.

"It's a very difficult decision to make and I think in the vast majority of cases, it's prudent to err on the side of caution. But no matter what way you go, you're opening yourself up to criticism."

Police in Winnipeg said they were monitoring the threats in P.E.I. and Nova Scotia when a school board there received a similar threat.

"If the person is making this threat in P.E.I. and Halifax, the likelihood of one individual carrying out the threat as it was described in multiple locations across a country was effectively impossible," said Winnipeg Police Service spokesman Const. Rob Carver.

But officials have the difficult task of balancing the safety of the people being targeted by the threat with creating unnecessary panic, said Carver.

"We don't want to be reacting to one of these a week where we're emptying schools out and somebody thinks this is a joke," he said.

"But our officers always assume we're making life and death decisions. We don't

take this lightly. But we also don't take lightly putting a city on panic."

As for the threat in Nunavut on Thursday, RCMP Sgt. David Lawson said officials did consider the similar threats in P.E.I., Nova Scotia and Winnipeg, but decided to search the schools as a precaution.

"We just wanted to ensure all the students were safe," Lawson said.

Sep 25 2016

**The images are dark and ominous; children curled up on a bed or a couch as a man towers over them, camera in hand. The only thing protecting the child is an arrow.**



The ads are part of a national awareness campaign launched Monday by the Winnipeg-based Canadian Centre for Child Protection. It runs Canada's national online tool to report child abuse, Cybertip.ca.

"We want people to be reporting concerning behaviour to us, so that we don't end up with so many images on the internet of children being exploited," said Signy Arnason, the tipline's director.

Cybertip.ca was launched in September of 2002 and in 2004 officially became part of the federal government's strategy to protect children from abuse. At first it would get a few hundred tips a month. Over the years, that number has grown exponentially; the agency now gets 3,300 reports a month.

Of those, about 40 per cent are forwarded to police or a child welfare agency.

Some of those tips go to acting Det.-Sgt. Paul Krawczyk with the Child Exploitation Section of Toronto police.

When he started in 2002, Krawczyk said he would have days to follow up on a tip. That's no longer the case.

"We are a team of 19 in Toronto alone, and we can't keep up — it is way too busy," he said. "We get multiple reports every single day."

This past January, Cybertip.ca analyzed about 45,000 unique images and videos. It found about 80 per cent contained images of children under the age of 12.

It also found about 70 per cent of the images appear to have been taken inside a home. Arnason said that signals most of the abuse is being committed by family members or close family friends.

"We need to heavily remind the public that this isn't a problem that is abroad. It is not distant to us, it's actually happening in homes and communities."

The large number of images online are fuelled by apps that allow users to be anonymous and by wide ownership of smartphones

and tablets so that cameras are everywhere. A decade ago, most people didn't walk around with a camera in their pocket, he said.

"There are a millions of different ways of trading things online now than there were even 10 years ago," he said.

It's also easier to be anonymous online and remain hidden.  
(CBC News)

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Sep 26 2016

**SAINT JOHN, N.B. - A police officer has been hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries after an accidental shooting at a firing range in New Brunswick.**

Police say they were called to the Saint John Police Shooting Range just outside the city early this morning.

The force offered few details about the incident, but say the 46-year-old officer was involved in an "accidental firearms discharge."

They say the officer is with the Saint John police force.

The Kennebecasis Valley Regional Police Force and WorkSafeNB are investigating.

Sep 26 2016

**SOUTHWOLD, Ont. - Ontario Provincial Police say a 26-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy are facing a total of 54 charges arising from an incident that sent four officers to hospital and left four cruisers wrecked.**

They say officers spotted a stolen pickup truck driving erratically on Friday evening, but were unable to stop it before it left Highway 401 in the Shedden area in southwestern Ontario.

It's alleged the occupants broke into a home in Shedden, where they abandoned the first truck and stole another pickup.

OPP say that truck collided with two police vehicles northeast of Shedden and two additional police vehicles a few kilometres later, injuring four officers, who were taken to hospital for treatment.

Investigators allege that after the second collision the pair abandoned the second pickup, flagged a passing car, and assaulted the driver and passenger in an unsuccessful attempt to steal their vehicle.

They say after the occupants of the car drove away unharmed, the suspects hid in a ditch, where they were apprehended by police about an hour after the incident began.

"Four officers in the police vehicles suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the collisions," OPP said in a release. "They were transported to hospital, and have been subsequently discharged."

Two long guns were recovered in the first stolen pickup truck, police said.

Gary Green of Haldimand County, Ont., faces a total of 40 charges, including six

counts of assault with a weapon, three of assault causing bodily harm, assault with intent to resist arrest, and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

A boy from Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation, Ont., faces 14 charges that include assault with a weapon, robbery with intent, theft of a motor vehicle, and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

OPP say the accused are being held in custody, and are scheduled to appear in court in St. Thomas, Ont.

Sep 26 2016

# OTTAWA - A newly released document shows the Mounties developed a review process to run alongside the national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

A heavily redacted memo prepared for the deputy minister of justice shows the RCMP pitched the idea of a "parallel review process" to support the national inquiry into the death or disappearance of nearly 1,200 indigenous women and girls.

A senior official with direct knowledge of the proposal says it was intended to allow the inquiry to focus on the underlying socio-economic issues without getting bogged down in individual cases.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, says the rationale was that the RCMP had the resources available to delve into specific allegations and files, and could assist the inquiry in tracking down answers.

The memo, obtained by under the Access to Information Act, notes the fragility of the relationship between police and many of the families of the victims, saying "there is a significant need to address the restoration of trust."

Some advocates had called for a parallel process to review individual cases where families believed there was something wrong with the initial investigation but stressed that the RCMP not be the one to lead it.

Sep 26 2016

# THUNDER BAY - The new Ontario Provincial Police regional commander for the Northwest region said his top priority will be building stronger relationships with the communities his officers serve.

Mark Pritchard was promoted to the rank of chief superintendent and named the regional commander of the OPP Northwest region.

Pritchard is taking over for outgoing regional commander, Darrell Smiley, who retired earlier this year. With more than 30 years of service with the OPP, Pritchard has an extensive background with the force, including serving as a case manager in the criminal investigation branch, helping update the OPP's Quality Assurance Manual for homicide investigation, and most recently, serving as the commander of the Aboriginal Policing Bureau at the OPP general headquarters.

Pritchard will be overseeing more than 500 officers and employees working in 15 detachment offices.

"My first priority is going to be to meet as many officers as I can, as well as commu-

nity groups, and First Nations police services," Pritchard said.

(TB Newswatch)

Sep 26 2016

# Violent crime in the US increased last year, according to the FBI, with murders, rapes and assaults all edging up after falling for decades.

There were 1,197,704 violent crimes in 2015, an increase of 3.9% compared to the previous year, said the US law enforcement agency's annual report.

The 2015 violent crime rate was 372.6 incidents per 100,000 people, compared with 361.6 the year before.

But crime levels are still far below their peak during the 1990s.

In 2015, there were an estimated 15,696 murders in the US, compared with 14,164 the year before. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter had increased 10.8%, according to the report, with guns used in two-thirds of those cases.

The increase in crime was most pronounced in the segregated and impoverished neighbourhoods of big cities, the FBI report found.

Crime was highest in the southern US, the report found.

The murder and manslaughter rate in the region — at 45.9 per 100,000 people — was more than twice as high as in the West, Midwest and Northeast, said the FBI.

Rates of rape, assault and property crime were significantly higher as well.

(BBC News)

**TUESDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Sep 27 2016

# OTTAWA - The government hasn't done enough to protect the privacy of "law-abiding Canadians" from new information-sharing powers in the omnibus security legislation known as C-51, says a federal watchdog.

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says he was surprised that many federal agencies did not examine the effect the powers in the controversial Conservative bill would have on people's personal information.

In his annual report Tuesday, Therrien recommends agencies carry out formal privacy impact assessments — a key tool required under government policy when departments set up any new program or activity involving personal information.

The Security of Canada Sharing Information Act, part of C-51, expanded the exchange of federally held information about activity that "undermines the security of Canada."

In his report, Therrien says the law is broadly worded and leaves much discretion to agencies to define what sort of activities fall undermine security. The scale of information-sharing that could occur "is unprecedented," he adds.

Legal standards for information sharing should ensure that "law-abiding Canadians, ordinary Canadians who should have nothing

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to fear from surveillance activities of the state, are not caught by the information-sharing regime,” Therrien told a news conference.

In the first six months the law was in force - August 1, 2015, to Jan. 31 of this year - five agencies reported to Therrien’s office that collectively they received information through the law on 52 occasions.

Of the five agencies, three had developed policy and guidance documents, but these “lacked specificity and detail to provide meaningful assistance to employees” to help them determine whether thresholds for sharing had been met.

In addition to formal privacy assessments, Therrien says there should be information-sharing agreements that contain core privacy protections and safeguards against accidental disclosure of personal data.

Public Safety Canada has agreed with the recommendations.

Sep 27 2016

### **REGINA - One person is dead after a car slammed into a tree in Regina soon after a failed bid by police to stop the speeding vehicle.**

Police say officers saw the car being driven erratically and at high speed around 1:30 a.m. today.

They tried to stop it, but the driver evaded them and attempts to halt it were discontinued.

After losing sight of the car, police got two calls regarding a vehicle being driven dangerously shortly before word surfaced about the accident.

Investigators believe the vehicle went out of control before crashing into the tree, killing the lone occupant.

They say it was the same vehicle officers had tried to stop earlier, but there were no immediate details about the driver.

Sep 27 2016

### **KELOWNA, B.C. - The Abbotsford Police Department is investigating what is described as a series of allegations involving the Kelowna detachment of the RCMP.**

Abbotsford police Const. Ian MacDonald says the department was asked in early September to conduct the investigation.

Due to privacy concerns, MacDonald says he is unable to comment on the person or people involved or why the probe was requested.

He says the RCMP asked the Abbotsford department to step in and investigate, but further details could not be released.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Rob Vermeulen says detachment commander Nick Romanchuk took a leave from his post in early September and announced his retirement on Sept. 26.

Vermeulen did not directly address the ongoing Abbotsford investigation or identify who, within the RCMP, had requested it.

An interim Regional Detachment Commander, Insp. Brent Mundle, is now in charge in Kelowna.

McDonald couldn’t say how long the investigation was expected to take.

“One of the challenges is, when you are looking at a series of allegations, as opposed

to a single stand-alone, sometimes those things can connect through to other witnesses and other evidence, and so I don’t want to put a definitive time line on it.”

Sep 27 2016

### **WINNIPEG - Manitoba’s police watchdog says injuries to a man in police custody were caused by the man’s own actions.**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba investigated complaints from a man who was arrested on April 2 at a home on the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation.

The Dakota Ojibway police went to the home to execute an arrest and the man surrendered without injury.

He was taken to RCMP cells in Portage la Prairie and was taken to Portage hospital on April 4 and admitted for treatment.

The IIU says it reviewed files and closed circuit video from both police agencies and found the man’s injuries resulted from both a pre-existing medical condition and self-inflicted actions.

It says there is no evidence that any officer injured the man or denied him treatment.

Sep 27 2016

### **SAUGEEN SHORES - The “era of municipal policing is over,” according to former Southampton mayor and police commissioner Art Knechtel who again asked Saugeen Shores councillors to study the cost of switching to the OPP from municipal police.**

While Knechtel received enthusiastic support at the Sept. 26 committee of the whole meeting, councillors took no action, sparked by the current Police Board study of options to ease chronic overcrowding at the existing Saugeen Shores Police Services headquarters in Port Elgin.

Knechtel predicted a change to OPP would result in the “same friendly” officers on the streets with better wages, benefits and resources, but stressed that all he wanted was a costing investigation.

He again noted that similarly-sized Kincardine spends \$1.3 million less on OPP coverage and predicted the debt costs for a new police building could increase that figure to \$2 million annually.

“The era of municipal policing has come and gone,” Knechtel said, anticipating a provincial take over of policing, and telling councillors they have the “golden key,” the authority to “open the door and ask for costing on behalf of your taxpayers.” He said councillors would be “totally fiscally irresponsible” to not request a costing.

Saugeen Shores Deputy Mayor Luke Charbonneau said there is no magic wand or magic bullet and that cutting \$1.3 million in annual police costs to match Kincardine would mean eight or nine fewer officers on the streets, and that’s not adequate or effective policing.

There are just eight municipal police services in Ontario towns of less than 15,000. Knechtel said the costing process could take a year, although another councillor said it would take

three years to figure out the cost of a switch. (Shoreline Beacon)

Sep 27 2016

### **VANCOUVER - About 500 Mounties who were working on organized crime investigations have been moved to national security and terrorism cases, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said Thursday.**

That means some major investigations targeting the highest echelons of organized crime are on hold, the top RCMP leader told The Vancouver Sun’s editorial board.

“That number of trained and experienced officers absent from the organized crime fight impacts our efforts on organized crime,” Paulson said.

“It is a significant percentage because we are taking the people with the experience in terms of evidence collection, wiretaps, search warrants and interrogations, high-value investigative techniques, that we bring to organized crime, and we are putting them on terrorism cases.”

Paulson said a major organized crime investigation could involve dozens of officers for years.

“It takes between 40 and 100 people to run a full-sized project and that’s a multi-year, wiretap, agent, undercover operation. That’s a big enterprise,” he said. “So you are looking at, in effect, probably four or five project-style targeting initiatives that aren’t being deployed.”

While federal policing resources devoted to organized crime are down, the RCMP also has “provincial resources in B.C. that are dedicated to organized crime,” he said, referring to successes of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit.

And he said there is still a national strategy to go after the major targets involved in criminal organizations.

“We are hitting the highest priority targets, going after the highest priority targets, with the view to impacting the organized crime groups the most,” he said.

He said the RCMP is doing “a very comprehensive review of our federal resourcing with a view to making the case exactly to government that this many people need to be in national security, this many people need to be in organized crime.”

The reallocation of resources began after Michael Zehaf-Bibeau’s attack in Ottawa in October 2014.

At first about 300 organized crime officers were re-assigned. That number later doubled to 600, but is now at the 500 mark, Paulson said.

Paulson was in B.C., where he started his policing career in 1986, to address the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade.

He told board members that the terror threat against Canada has not changed despite the recent bombing attacks in Brussels by men linked to ISIS.

“It is at a medium level,” Paulson said. “There is no evidence of an imminent attack on Canada right now at all.”

He said efforts continue to identify

Canadians vulnerable to recruitment by terror groups and try to prevent that from happening.

Paulson also laid out his efforts to improve the culture of the RCMP after a series of high-profile sexual harassment cases over the last few years.

"My philosophy has been that you can't change the organization by having it understood differently. In other words, this is not a public relations exercise," he said. The change "has got to be at the guts of the organization. It has got to be structurally different. So that's what we set out to do."

He said the changes already implemented "are paying dividends" though he cited disturbing allegations of unwanted sexual touching and nudity at the Canadian Police College as a "recent setback."

"That is shocking and it was a heartbreak to me," he said.

As for rampant gang violence in Surrey — home to the largest RCMP detachment in Canada — Paulson said he is confident in the strategies police have adopted there.

"Their strategies to combat that violence have been pretty sound, have been fairly well thought through and they're deploying them rigorously, requiring some prevention efforts," he said. "We need the cooperation of the Crown, the police, the community and it seems to me all those elements are properly represented in their plan."

(Vancouver Sun)

Sep 27 2016

### **The suspensions of three Cape Breton Regional Police officers are now the subject of a criminal investigation by the RCMP, but the reason for the suspensions remains a mystery.**

Police confirmed late Monday afternoon that the officers have been suspended under the Nova Scotia Police Act and that a criminal investigation by the RCMP is pending. However, no charges have been laid.

Police failed to provide more details, including confirmation of the officers' names or reason for the suspensions, citing the ongoing investigation.

However, the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union — the union representing the officers — has confirmed to CTV Atlantic that Const. Greg Livingston, Sgt. Jerome Kelly and Const. Roberta Kelly have been suspended with pay.

CTV Atlantic reached Kelly by phone on Monday but he declined to comment.

CTV Atlantic also contacted the RCMP to request more information about the investigation, but was told the people with that information had already left for the day.

A source says the suspensions have to do with the ongoing criminal matters involving another Cape Breton Regional Police officer, Const. Wade Lavin.

Lavin is currently standing trial on forgery charges after emails were sent to the media under another officer's name, alleging misuse of police vehicles and credit cards.

Lavin faces a separate charge of uttering a threat to cause death or bodily harm after an

alleged incident in July that police have said is not related to his duties as an officer.

CTV Atlantic has also learned that Kelly is the president of the NSGEU local representing Cape Breton Regional Police officers, while Livingston is the union vice-president.

The union local would be the same one representing Lavin as his criminal matters play out in court.

Lavin is suspended with pay from his police duties pending the outcome of the charges against him.

(CTV News)

Sep 27 2016

### **CALGARY - The Calgary Police Service have seen a 292 per cent increase in methamphetamine seizures in the second quarter of 2016, compared to the same time last year, according to a report presented to the Calgary Police Commission on Tuesday.**

Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta said the increase is measured in both small busts, such as a person carrying a baggy of the drugs, all the way up to large busts.

In conjunction with the ever-increasing fentanyl issue in the province, they're seeing some scary outcomes.

"Some people are using meth to get high and fentanyl to come down," he said. "It's a double-edged sword."

Adding to the challenges faced by CPS dealing with the increased presence of meth on city streets is a rising culture of addiction to drugs like meth and fentanyl.

Schiavetta said there are people in Calgary trying to support a \$1,000-a-day addiction, which directly correlates with increased property crime.

"It's not the norm, but it's not the exception either," he said. "People needing to support that addiction often don't have the money, so that's \$1,000 of crime they have to commit."

(Metro)

**WEDNESDAY  
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Sep 28 2016

### **DENVER - Police officers across the country misuse confidential law enforcement databases to get information on romantic partners, business associates, neighbours, journalists and others for reasons that have nothing to do with daily police work, an Associated Press investigation has found.**

Criminal-history and driver databases give officers critical information about people they encounter on the job. But the AP's review shows how those systems also can be exploited by officers who, motivated by romantic quarrels, personal conflicts or voyeuristic curiosity, sidestep policies and sometimes the law by snooping.

In the most egregious cases, officers have used information to stalk or harass, or have tampered with or sold records they obtained.

No single agency tracks how often the abuse happens nationwide, and record-keeping inconsistencies make it impossible to know how many violations occur.

But the AP, through records requests to state agencies and big-city police departments, found law enforcement officers and employees who misused databases were fired, suspended or resigned more than 325 times between 2013 and 2015.

They received reprimands, counselling or lesser discipline in more than 250 instances, the review found.

Unspecified discipline was imposed in more than 90 instances reviewed by AP. In many other cases, it wasn't clear from the records if punishment was given at all. The number of violations was surely far higher since records provided were spotty at best, and many cases go unnoticed.

Among those punished: an Ohio officer who pleaded guilty to stalking an ex-girlfriend and who looked up information on her, a Michigan officer who looked up home addresses of women he found attractive, and two Miami-Dade officers who ran checks on a journalist after he aired unflattering stories about the department.

The misuse represents only a tiny fraction of the millions of daily database queries run legitimately during traffic stops, criminal investigations and routine police encounters. But the worst violations profoundly abuses systems that supply vital information on criminal suspects and law-abiding citizens alike.

The unauthorized searches demonstrate how even old-fashioned policing tools are ripe for abuse, at a time when privacy concerns about law enforcement have focused mostly on more modern electronic technologies. And incomplete, inconsistent tracking of the problem frustrates efforts to document its pervasiveness.

The AP tally, based on records requested from 50 states and about three dozen of the nation's largest police departments, is unquestionably an undercount.

Some departments produced no records at all. Some states refused to disclose the information, said they don't comprehensively track misuse or produced records too incomplete or unclear to be counted.

Florida reported hundreds of misuse cases of its driver database, but didn't say how often officers were disciplined.

And some cases go undetected, officials say, because there aren't clear red flags to automatically distinguish questionable searches from legitimate ones.

"If we know the officers in a particular agency have made 10,000 queries in a month, we just have no way to (know) they were for an inappropriate reason unless there's some consequence where someone might complain to us," said Carol Gibbs, database administrator with the Illinois State Police.

(AP)



**ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - Newfoundland's Child and Youth Advocate is looking into the death of a youth at a group home and three other serious incidents affecting seven children.**

Carol Chafe said today she's examining whether provincial agencies met the needs of the children and youths in each of the cases.

She says in a news release one case involved an 18-year-old who committed suicide while residing in a group home and receiving services from the regional health authority and the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development.

Chafe says in other incidents, several children were physically and sexually abused by their parents despite their cases being overseen by provincial agencies.

In another case, the advocate says she will look at what happened to a 16-year-old girl with complex mental health needs whose health deteriorated while in a group home, prior to her move to another location.

The investigations will also look at the involvement of police services, the departments of Health and Justice, the English school district, and the Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Chafe says the child protection systems in the province continue to have significant gaps which place children at risk.

Sep 28 2016

**TIMMINS - After nearly four decades as a member of the Timmins Police Service, Insp. Mike McGinn has more experience in being a police officer than many of his co-workers have in being alive.**



But now the life-long Timmins resident is turning in his badge to enjoy retirement with his wife.

McGinn was thanked for his 39 years of police work by the Timmins Police Board with a short ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm just glad I don't have to iron my shirts anymore," said McGinn, causing chuckles in the meeting room. "I've had a career that I can honestly say that I truly enjoyed. I was able to come in every day looking forward to it. I was not looking forward to this day, though. I know it had to come, I'm ready for it, but I've enjoyed my time and my career here. It was not an easy decision to make."

A 20-year-old McGinn began his career at the Timmins Police Service back in September 1977 as a general duties constable and from there began climbing the force's ranks.

In 1986, he was briefly transferred to the

Traffic Section before he took a position at the Ontario Police College in 1987 where he taught basic recruit training. He was the first-ever Timmins officer to teach at the college.

By 1990, McGinn returned to Timmins and spearheaded the police services transition into the digital age by shifting the force from paper filing to the computer-based Ontario Municipal and Provincial Automation Cooperative system later that year.

He earned a degree in Law and Justice in 1992 and was promoted to staff sergeant in 1994 and given the role of platoon supervisor.

Police Chief John Gauthier said McGinn has set a sterling example throughout his career.

"Short on criticism and eager to find workable solutions has been the attitude in policing that Insp. McGinn actively demonstrates and imparts to his colleagues regardless of rank," said the chief.

(Daily Press)

Sep 28 2016

**TORONTO - Police in Ontario will soon be able to suspend the licences of drug-impaired drivers, with the same penalties that drunk drivers face.**

Starting on Sunday, drivers impaired by drug use will face a \$180 fine, and a licence suspension of three days for the first occurrence, then seven days for the second time and 30 days for subsequent ones after failing roadside tests.

After more testing at a police station, drivers could face a 90-day licence suspension and have their vehicle impounded for a week.

Further penalties could include mandatory education or treatment programs or an ignition interlock.

Drivers could still be charged criminally with impaired driving, but Ontario is implementing these new rules to give police more tools to immediately get impaired drivers off the roads.

Criminal convictions for impaired driving come with sentences of up to five years.

Sep 28 2016

**CALGARY - Video of violent arrests and investigations into allegations of officer corruption and misconduct may be at the root of troubling new poll numbers showing nearly half of Calgarians disapprove of how the Calgary police force is operating.**

The Postmedia-commissioned survey by Mainstreet Research found 48 per cent of the 823 respondents lacked confidence in the Calgary Police Service, compared to 39 per cent who approved of the performance of the 2,000-officer force.

Quito Maggi, president of Mainstreet, said the dismal numbers should serve as a wake-up call to police brass, who've endured a difficult 18 months marked by criticism over officer-involved shootings, arrests and suspensions for several officers, and social media backlash after videos of police take-downs emerged.

"These approval numbers are just awful," said Maggi, noting it's the lowest approval he's seen in several similar surveys that looked

at police forces in other Canadian cities.

Had Calgarians been asked a year ago, their opinions may have been even lower. The poll found 39 per cent of respondents say their opinions of the force improved over the last year, compared with 25 per cent that saw it diminish. Another 23 per cent said their opinion hadn't changed.

Just over half (51 per cent) felt police officers facing misconduct would be held accountable for their actions, with 29 per cent expressing doubt they would face repercussions and another 20 per cent unsure.

One tool that could help police are body-worn cameras, something poll respondents were eager to see.

Some 72 per cent of those surveyed approved of the personal surveillance gear, with only 19 per cent disapproving.

A majority of those polled also support better training for police to deal with high stress situations. The survey found 49 per cent in favour of augmented training, with only 11 per cent opposed to the idea. Some 42 per cent said they were uncertain.

The bleak numbers in the Mainstreet poll are in stark contrast to those reported by the Calgary Police Commission's annual citizen survey, with confidence in the local force typically in the high 90s.

In 2015, the civilian-run commission found 97 per cent said they were confident in the Calgary Police Service. That poll surveyed 1,002 residents and was considered accurate within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The Sept. 7 Mainstreet poll, a combination of both cellphone and land-line users, is considered accurate within 3.41 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

(Calgary Herald)

Sep 28 2016

**VANCOUVER - He's got a thing that's called radar love.**

Cpl. Grant Gottgetreu, a traffic cop with the West Vancouver Police Department on secondment to the Integrated Road Safety Unit, on Saturday nabbed his 2,000th vehicle for excessive speeding since 2010.

It is a labour of love for the 27-year veteran cop.

"Some guys focus on drug enforcement, some on distracted drivers," Gottgetreu said. "My thing is excessive speeding."

Just two days before No. 2,000, a video of Gottgetreu informing a driver his car was being impounded was posted on YouTube.

In the video entitled 'Driver vs. Metro Vancouver Cop,' the driver is pretty piqued his car will be impounded on top of a \$368 ticket.

Gottgetreu said he handles all situations the same.

"I get abuse sometimes," he said. "It's a shock to drivers and I let them vent."

"Some people go nuts. One guy started smashing the heck out of his car."

Since the Motor Vehicle Act was changed in 2010 to mandate vehicles exceeding the posted limit by 40 or more kilometres an hour be impounded, Gottgetreu has called the tow truck on everything from a Canada

Post van to a loaded camper with a family of four racing to catch a ferry, to couriers, rental cars, motorbikes and expensive cars like a \$300,000 Bentley Continental being driven home from the showroom.

The other day Gottgetreu impounded a Tesla in Westwood Plateau going 92 kilometres over the limit in a 30-km playground zone.

"And dump trucks," he said. "Lots of taxis, vehicles with Washington and Alberta plates. I once impounded a Kenworth going down Gagliardi from SFU doing 111 in a 60 zone."

So far this year, with three months to go, he's just shy of having impounded 500 cars. Last year he impounded 550.

"Male, female, people in their 80s, young drivers," Gottgetreu said. "I've impounded firefighters' (personal) vehicles, police officers, a priest going to a service."

"The thing with me, and you can ask anyone whose car I've impounded, is I'm fair; I'm consistent across the board."

When transgressors point out the arbitrary nature of both speed limits and a 40-km threshold, well, the law's the law.

"I tell them, you just lost your car for a week over your principles. Good for your principles."

Last year, according to the province, speed accounted for about 30 per cent of all traffic fatalities. In the five years before 2010 deaths because of speeding averaged 152 a year, a spokeswoman said. The past five years, that number has averaged 88.

The tow and storage fee for an impounded vehicle is about \$300 to \$350 a week.

The good business Gottgetreu delivers towing companies aside, the officer is doing a valuable public service, said Mitchell Martin of Mitchell's Towing in North Vancouver.

"Honestly, I feel Grant is a hero," Martin said. "When you're at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and you see the fatalities or injuries, when you see what excessive speed does, Grant has saved hundreds if not thousands of lives with all the vehicles he's impounded."

(Vancouver Sun)

Sep 28 2016

### **REGINA - The Saskatchewan ministry of justice is looking into the high number of escapes from jails in the province this year.**

So far, there have been eight escapes from secure youth custody and five from adult jail.

It's the highest number since 2011, and far more than the average of two per year.

Department spokesman Drew Wilby says their responsibility is to figure out why the escapes are happening and "respond accordingly."

While some of the escapes have been while youths were on escorted leave, others have been from jails.

"We will look at infrastructure needs and what those requirements might be going forward to make sure that we have the right infrastructure in place to keep those offenders in the walls of our facilities," Wilby said.

(CJME)

Sep 28 2016

### **CALGARY - Edmonton police say it too will be joining Calgary in providing naloxone spray kits to its front-line officers.**

Calgary reached the decision at a commission meeting Tuesday afternoon.

That follows in the steps of Vancouver police, who started carrying naloxone earlier in September.

The nasal spray would allow officers to treat a person overdosing without the use of needles, something usually done by paramedics.

Chief Roger Chaffin calls it a safer, more risk adverse way to getting safety to members when they come in contact with fentanyl.

"We don't wanna become the paramedics. Calgary has a great EMS system, if someone's in a medical crisis we want those medical professionals there. But when we're in a situation where we need something because we've come in contact quickly and we need quick relief, that's great."

Chaffin was unsure if other police forces in the province would follow suit with offering naloxone.

Naloxone was made available to the public by the province earlier to combat the fentanyl crisis, but as to whether mounties will start carrying it, the RCMP say they're looking into the matter.

As of June 30th, 2016, Alberta Health Services says 153 people have died from fentanyl overdoses in the province, including 67 in the Calgary zone.

**THURSDAY  
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Sep 29 2016

### **OTTAWA - The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT), a government watchdog, has recommended a process to purchase night vision binoculars for the RCMP be restarted — but this time in an open, fair and transparent manner that doesn't favor one particular company.**

Pierre-Alain Bujold, a spokesman for Public Services and Procurement Canada, stated in an email the department is committed to fair, open, and transparent procurement to procure goods and services at best value for Canadians.

"The government of Canada has cancelled and intends to reissue this requirement for night vision goggles," he added.

Industry representatives told Defence Watch that they had questions about whether this competition could be fair since those involved obviously had a certain outcome in mind.... and they would once again be involved in the "competition."

The bungled purchase in March 2016 quickly spiralled out of control after it became apparent that the requirements were geared toward one particular firm, say industry representatives. One company refused to bid because of that.

Another company, MD Charlton, one of Canada's top police equipment suppliers, also raised objections the purchase favoured a particular firm. Its complaint was met with silence as federal officials refused to answer any questions about the project, according to the CITT investigation.

Then instead of dealing with the problems, Public Services and Procurement Canada took the highly unusual step of trying to force MD Charlton to destroy a copy it received of the specifications for the binoculars — a key document the firm needed to prove the purchase was being rigged.

"The Canadian International Trade Tribunal recommends the solicitation be cancelled and a new solicitation be issued," the agency pointed out in a newly released ruling. "The new solicitation should not include technical requirements that favour a particular supplier."

Industry representatives warned the government about the proposed purchase, shortly after the RCMP put out the call for equipment earlier this year.

The police force invoked what is called a national security exemption for the purchase of the night vision binoculars, meaning that regular rules governing federal procurements didn't apply.

The exemption was needed, the RCMP claimed, so criminals and terrorists wouldn't find out the technical specifications of the equipment being purchased. The government then sent the request to a pre-determined list of three potential bidders.

MD Charlton, not on the list, questioned the government's need to limit the bidding. It also pointed out the requirements seemed designed to favour a particular supplier.

In addition, it noted the specifications for such equipment could easily be found on the Internet by the public. As well, another industry player sent Defence Watch highly detailed specifications of such night vision binoculars... those are publicly available.

MD Charlton argued that the RCMP's use of national security exemptions allowed it to sole source the binoculars from its preferred supplier without fear of being challenged, the CITT noted in its ruling.

In fact, the tribunal discovered that some of the government's own documents submitted to counter MD Charlton's claim actually supported the allegation the RCMP had a preferred supplier. That supplier was never named in the tribunal ruling.

(Ottawa Citizen)

Sep 29 2016

### **BELLEVILLE - Hastings County council has voted in favour of requesting a cost estimate for county-wide Ontario Provincial Police service — but a new report shows such service is unlikely to bring significant savings.**

Council met Thursday morning at county headquarters in Belleville.

In a report tabled for today's session, chief administrative officer Jim Pine detailed his conversations with OPP officials.

His report noted while the police service has conducted no formal analysis of county



data, they “believe that there would be little savings to be found by way of a county-wide policing contract” because the OPP already police 13 of 14 county municipalities.

The exception is Stirling-Rawdon, which is presently one of four Ontario municipalities for which the OPP are providing cost estimates. Stirling-Rawdon’s estimate is expected no later than early 2017.

Pine’s report added a county-wide contract could result in some changes in governance as well as some additional services. An OPP official told The Intelligencer recently it could result in fewer civilian groups, such as the advisory committees overseeing policing.

The cost of OPP service is currently \$193 per property, Pine reported, with billing for service calls based upon usage and a percentage of the provincial calls.

Municipalities incur further costs due to overtime, court security, etc.

Pine also reported there appears to be little change within the current policing model - such as using civilians for some roles in order to cut costs.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and others “continue to press for changes in order to lower the overall cost to local taxpayers,” Pine writes.

Even if council votes today to request an estimate, he adds, such work would not likely begin for one to two years given the number of estimates now being prepared by the OPP.

“This may be prudent and beneficial, allowing us to continue to research and advocate for substantial change during that period,” he concludes.

(The Intelligencer)

Sep 29 2016

**LONDON - Britain’s most senior police officer is to retire seven months before the end of his contract.**



The dramatic announcement of Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe’s departure after five years as head of Scotland Yard came in the wake of suggestions of tensions with new London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

However, Sir Bernard denied he is stepping down because of fears Mr Khan would not reappoint him — and insisted the decision was not connected to a forthcoming report on the Metropolitan Police’s handling of historical abuse allegations.

The 58-year-old, who was appointed Met Commissioner in 2011 and earned £278,563 a year, had been expected to remain in the role until at least September next year.

Theresa May, who was then home secretary, announced in February that she had recommended a 12-month extension to his five-year contract, which had been due to expire

this month.

Legislation allows for an initial extension of up to three years. This can then be followed by unlimited one-year extensions.

However, in an unexpected development, the force announced that Sir Bernard was to retire - remaining in the post until February 2017 to allow the Home Secretary and mayor to appoint a successor.

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**WINNIPEG - Police in Winnipeg are warning of a growing drug problem that they say is spreading across Canada.**

Officers recently raided a hotel in the city’s west end and seized 1,477 doses of carfentanil — a synthetic drug 100 times more powerful than fentanyl.

Deputy police Chief Danny Smyth says Winnipeg is seeing problems similar to cities such as Vancouver and Calgary, where larger doses of the emerging drug have been seized.

Carfentanil was developed to sedate large animals, such as elephants, and is often mixed with other drugs such as cocaine and crystal meth.

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**SASKATOON - Saskatchewan’s ministry of Social Services is cutting funding to the Lighthouse stabilization unit, a 20-bed dorm housing intoxicated people who do not pose a security risk and who are not in need of medical attention.**

It began in 2013 as a pilot project in response to a series of deaths in the Saskatoon police service’s cells and had previously been hailed as a success for diverting people away from those cells, emergency rooms and a monitored detox unit.

But the province says a funding review found only five people who used the stabilization unit over the last year went on to make the transition to stable housing.

The province’s news release says the unit doesn’t serve enough clients to cover the costs of its operation.

Last year, Action Accord Saskatoon said the unit reduced the number of intoxicated people in police cells by 400 over two years.

Police praised the unit as recently as February of this year, when Chief Clive Weighill told the city’s Board of Police Commissioners that the unit had helped reduce arrests for public intoxication and was helping to keep people out of the cells.

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Sep 29 2016

**WINNIPEG - Winnipeg police have been cleared of any wrongdoing after a man armed with a sawed-off rifle suffered a fractured rib and a partially collapsed lung during an arrest earlier this year.**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba says it has completed its investigation of the Jan. 23 incident and concluded that the force used by three officers to take the man into custody was reasonable and necessary.

The unit says the officers were called to a

rooming house after a person wearing a black ski mask and carrying a gun was seen entering the building.

Once inside, the officers found a man in a balaclava and carrying a scope-equipped rifle with a shoulder sling being injected with a syringe by a second person.

There was a struggle and police eventually subdued the suspect with a Taser electronic stun gun before he was taken to hospital.

Zane Tessler, the unit’s civilian director, says in a report the officers used all available means to disarm the man and defuse what he calls a potentially deadly situation without resorting to lethal force.

Tessler also wrote that although the man suffered a serious injury, “more serious physical harm and the potential for loss of life was completely avoided by the actions of these officers.”

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