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Cybercrime backlog 'a significant risk' to RCMP, internal audit warns



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OTTAWA - Rising cybercrime has left the RCMP program that investigates everything from child pornography to online fraud with a backlog that poses a serious risk to its work, says a newly released audit.

The internal audit of the RCMP's technological crime program found a backlog of requests to analyze computing devices - potentially crucial pieces of evidence - at all five program units the reviewers visited.

"All program managers are concerned that the number of requests for assistance and devices being analyzed by the (program) has been increasing year after year," says the audit report.

"This was identified as a significant risk

to the program."

The auditors called for "immediate attention" to address the backlog.

The RCMP's technological crime program helps with investigations involving organized crime, national security, fraud, hacking, homicide, drugs, child porn and others requiring expertise with digital technology.

The program comprises a headquarters branch with various expert teams and 11 technological crime units across the country.

The report says the audit was undertaken in recognition of "an increase in criminal activity" involving computers and other electronic devices - crimes including cyber-fraud perpetrated on unwitting consumers and use of mobile devices



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to plan illegal operations.

The audit was completed last February but only recently made public by the national police force. Portions considered too sensitive to disclose - including two other problem areas requiring prompt attention - were withheld by the RCMP.

The report also cited a need to "establish and implement clear strategic direction" for the program.

In addition, it raised questions about whether Mounties were following the best possible practices to ensure the seized computing devices were secured when left unattended - a practice necessary to ensure there is no tampering or other corruption of the evidence.

In a written response included in the audit report, a senior RCMP officer said the technological crime program finds itself in a period of unprecedented global technological change during an era of austerity, "effectively creating an extremely challenging operating environment."

"Furthermore, cybercrime is quickly becoming a phenomenon which has garnered the attention of the public, media, law enforcement and governments around the world," said Line Carbonneau, RCMP deputy commissioner for policing support services.

She said while the federal cybersecurity strategy announced in 2010 provided money for administrative help, there was none for front-line investigators to address "gaps in service delivery."

Still, she said the Mounties were "committed to addressing the deficiencies" noted in the report.

Since the audit, the RCMP has put in place a new system for prioritizing cybercrime case files.

In addition, RCMP members can make requests for help from other divisions to reduce the backlog of service calls, the police force said in its most recent annual performance report.

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The force also said it was moving to improve the handling of electronic exhibits while "ensuring integrity of the evidence."

An RCMP spokesman had no immediate comment on the report's findings.

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NEW YORK CITY - The New York Police Department is testing a new device it says can detect firearms concealed beneath layers of clothing, a high-tech crime-fighting tool seemingly torn from the pages of science fiction.



The so-called T-Ray machine detects terahertz radiation, a high-frequency electromagnetic natural energy that is emitted by people and can penetrate many materials, including clothing.

"If something is obstructing the flow of that radiation, for example a weapon, the device will highlight that object," said Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who described the device Wednesday in a speech at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In an image displayed by Mr. Kelly, the T-Ray scanner highlighted the body of a plainclothes officer in neon green—with a gun clearly visible as a black shape. The image was captured with the officer standing about 30 feet away.

Another photo showed the machine, tripod-mounted and about the size of an old-style projection television and housed in blue plastic. Officials said in its current form, the machine could be mounted on a truck and deployed to high-risk sites.

Mr. Kelly said the department had been working with a security-and-surveillance systems manufacturer based in Britain, along with the London Metropolitan Police, to develop the device.

The NYPD received its machine last week, he said. Representatives of the company, Digital Barriers, could not be reached for comment.

The program is being paid for by the U.S. Department of Defense, said Paul Browne, chief spokesman for the NYPD. Mr. Browne described the machine as a "multimillion" dollar device but wouldn't specify its cost.

Mr. Browne said the police aimed to get the T-Ray technology in a device small enough to carry on an officer's gun belt. The police provided no timetable for when any version of

the device would be deployed.

Last month, the California Institute of Technology developed a terahertz microchip, raising the possibility the technology could one day be packed into hand-held devices. (Wall Street Journal)

Jan 24 2013

MONTREAL - A Laval man is in hospital on Thursday evening after he was shot by police after a tense standoff in the St-Vincent-de-Paul sector near Pie-IX Blvd.

Laval police received a call about an altercation at 969 Rose-de-Lima St. just after 5 p.m. When they arrived they found two victims, an 85-year-old and 40-year-old man. Both had been stabbed repeatedly.

The 34-year-old suspect lived in the same triplex as the two other men.

While searching his apartment unit, police found an empty rifle casing and called for backup. They located the man at a nearby parking lot, armed with a rifle.

While trying to convince the suspect to drop his weapon—the man has a history of mental illness—a shot was fired at the suspect, striking him in the upper body. Laval police spokesman Franco Di Genova confirmed that the man did point his weapon at police officers.

The man was conscious as he was transported to hospital. Both of his suspected victims are listed in serious condition.

The Surete du Quebec has been called in to investigate the shooting.

Jan 24 2013

SURREY - A man allegedly seen throwing a firearm away in a Surrey shopping mall parking lot while being chased by police has been acquitted after a judge ruled he was wrongfully arrested.

Ian Clifford Langthorne was seen by two RCMP officers to be crossing the King George Boulevard near an area of illicit drug activity and ordered to stop.

When he did not do so, police concluded he was obstructing them and announced over a loud hailer that he was under arrest.

According to a ruling released online Thursday, Langthorne fled across the street and police gave chase.

He was arrested shortly after emerging from a shopping mall. Police were then approached by a man who claimed to have seen Langthorne drop a handgun or dispose of a handgun in the mall parking lot.

One of the officers followed the bystander into the shopping centre, where a handgun was located.

Langthorne was charged with three firearms counts — possession of a prohibited weapon without a licence, knowingly possessing a firearm without a licence and possession of a prohibited, restricted weapon with ammunition.

At the time Langthorne and another person were crossing the boulevard, police were trying to gain intelligence about the two.

The person with Langthorne was known to police, who believed the pair were jaywalking, and by disobeying the order to stop were

obstructing them.

But B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Saunders noted that there was no traffic control signal where Langthorne was alleged to have jaywalked and therefore the Motor Vehicle Act section relied upon by the Crown had no application.

The judge said there was no general prohibition in the act against crossing a street other than at a crosswalk and therefore the conduct of the police was based on a "fundamental misunderstanding" as to the scope of their powers.

Langthorne's arrest was unlawful and violated his Charter rights and his self-identification to the officers breached his right against unreasonable search and seizure, the judge concluded.

Despite the officers' keen interest in intelligence gathering in this case, Langthorne had done nothing to justify an arrest, he said.

"In this case, the officers' fundamental ignorance of the nature of the offence of jaywalking was inexcusable, and their readiness to escalate a commonplace situation into a scenario of alleged criminal obstruction cannot be countenanced."

The judge said admission of the contested evidence would bring the administration of justice into disrepute and ordered it be excluded.

He noted that the Crown had indicated there was no further evidence to be called, and acquitted Langthorne of the charges.

The ruling was handed down orally in December but only released in written form on the court's website Thursday. (The Province)

FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2013

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PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. - A man has been arrested after a police pursuit of an alleged drunk driver in Prince Albert, Sask., that ended in a fatal crash.

Police say the accident happened Wednesday night when officers were called to check on a suspected impaired motorist.

The vehicle was located but the driver sped away.

Shortly after, the vehicle allegedly went through a red light and collided with two other motorists, including a Prince Albert woman who was seriously injured and died later in hospital.

The suspect driver and a male passenger suffered minor injuries.

A 21-year-old resident of Weldon, Sask., was arrested, but there is no word on charges. (CTV Regina)

Jan 25 2013

RICHMOND, B.C. - An RCMP officer in Richmond, B.C., has been convicted of assault, but he won't be going to jail.

A provincial court judge in Richmond has handed Const. Inderpal Bal a suspended sentence and placed him on six months probation for the incident during an arrest on Jan. 26, 2012. Bal was originally charged with assault

causing bodily harm but was convicted of the lesser count.

Surrey RCMP recommended charges last July after an investigation launched when fellow officers alerted a supervisor to concerns about the arrest.

At the time, Mounties say the victim required hospital treatment, but no further details were provided.

An internal RCMP code of conduct review was also carried out, but the force has not released any information about that probe. (CKNW)

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SASKATOON - Saskatoon police want a formal investigation into an allegation that an officer dropped a young man off outside the city at night in frigid temperatures.

Chief Clive Weighill says the Public Complaints Commission has been asked to investigate even though no one has filed a formal complaint.

Police say a woman called early Tuesday morning saying a 19-year-old man was driven out of the city and dropped off sometime Monday evening.

Saskatoon police say they have reviewed the global positioning systems on patrol cars and none of them were out of the city limits.

Police also say the man was not the subject of a police computer check, either nationally or locally, during that time.

Weighill says the allegation is serious and



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police will help the commission with its investigation.
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VANCOUVER - Human smuggling charges have been dismissed against four men accused of bringing dozens of Tamil migrants into Canada aboard the MV Ocean Lady in October 2009.

The dismissals came as a B.C. Supreme Court judge temporarily suspended his own ruling that struck down Canada's human smuggling law.

Justice Arne Silverman's decision Friday gives the Crown 30 days time to appeal his Jan. 11 ruling that found the law unconstitutional.

In asking for the stay, prosecutor Peter LaPrairie told the judge that the earlier ruling left a gap in the legislation and put the prosecution of 95 people across the country in jeopardy.

The judge said his decision on Friday affects a law that was in place for 25 years.

In his earlier ruling, Silverman said he struck down a section of the law because it is too broad, doesn't expressly refer to human smuggling and could criminalize humanitarian workers or family members helping refugees.

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VANCOUVER - The B.C. government has more than \$187,000 found on a Hells Angels trainee almost eight years ago and it's asking the court to allow it to keep the money.

The Ministry of the Attorney General's director of civil forfeiture filed a notice of civil claim in B.C. Supreme Court Friday, stating the RCMP seized \$173,560 in Canadian funds and \$14,000 in U.S. funds from Jonathan Bryce Jr. in Vancouver March 19, 2005.

Bryce was a so-called "hang around" for the East End Chapter of the Hells Angels, according to the document, and all or a portion of the money was generated from the sale of illegal drugs or from the commission of other Criminal Code offences.

Under the Civil Forfeiture Act, the provincial government can apply to the courts to seize proceeds of unlawful activity.

Bryce was convicted of trafficking a scheduled substance and possession of property obtained by crime on April 10, 2007.

"Mr. Bryce Jr. either directly participated in the selling of the illegal drugs or obtained the money directly or indirectly from the sellers of the illegal drugs," states the document.

"In the alternative, Mr. Bryce Jr. received the money either directly or indirectly from his participation in the commission of Criminal Code offences."

Had it not been seized, the ministry argues, the money would have been used to produce or traffic illegal drugs or would have been applied toward other Criminal Code offences.

Besides seeking an order of forfeiture, the ministry wants Bryce to pay for costs of the court action.

Bryce has 21 days to respond if he plans to

fight the ministry.

Since 2006, police have referred more than 1,250 cases to the province's civil forfeiture program, with the civil forfeiture office acting on 932 of them, according to a media release issued by the ministry last November.

The province also announced two-thirds of those cases had been concluded.

Since 2006, the office has also taken in more than \$28.7 million, including more than \$10.8 million in 2011, states the ministry.

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Langley City Mayor Peter Fassbender and Union of B.C. Municipalities president Mary Sjostrom have sent a letter to federal Justice Minister Vic Toews, suggesting he take financial responsibility for the decision to change federal pensions.

RCMP officers must decide by Dec. 31 to take an early lump-sum severance payment or wait until they retire for the payout.

Fassbender said the UBCM is still calculating the cost. But if all 6,500 Mounties in B.C. opted for a lump sum payout, municipalities could have to pay out huge severances all at once, not spread out as officers retire.

The federal government expects the cost of buying out the severance clause will be \$6 billion for the entire federal public service.

B.C. NDP MLA Kathy Corrigan said the cost could be in the millions for B.C. RCMP officers alone.

"We're taking a clear position that it should be (the federal government's) liability," said Fassbender, co-chairman of the UBCM's local government contract management committee.

The change was included in the federal budget last year, just days after a new 20-year contract was signed for RCMP policing in B.C.

"It was a unilateral decision made by the Treasury Board," Fassbender said. "It was never part of the negotiations. Nobody gave us any heads-up this was coming."

B.C. Justice Minister Shirley Bond said in an emailed statement Friday that her government has been in touch with Toews and the RCMP to seek clarification.

Acknowledging that municipalities are concerned about their ability to handle policing costs, Bond said the province recognizes that it must work with the federal government

to deal with the problem.

The letter was sent a week before Fassbender raised concerns with the Federation of Municipalities about rising costs for police services in Canada, noting they have increased from \$6.4 billion in 1999 to \$12.3 billion in 2009, with municipalities paying for 60 per cent of that.

(Vancouver Sun)

Jan 25 2013

Manitoba RCMP responded Friday to a judge's criticism for not enforcing a court injunction ordering an end to a rail blockade earlier this month.

The Mounties declined an on-camera interview but issued this statement:

"The RCMP's objective is to balance the right (Charter) to peaceful demonstration as well as the safety of officers, the public, and demonstrators involved. In managing any type of demonstration, the RCMP will always take a measured response where open dialogue with organizers is favoured and the use of force is always a last resort."

CN Rail was in court Thursday asking for an extension of the court injunction filed January 16th, to remove protesters from a rail line on Highway 16, west of Portage La Prairie.

It also asked that RCMP make arrests if the injunction is disobeyed. No arrests were made during the January 16th blockade and the protesters eventually left after about 7 hours of holding up rail traffic. The judge who ordered the original injunction, Justice Donald Bryk, said: "I can tell you that I find the lack of responsiveness from the police authorities to a court order to be perplexing."

"You got a court order saying you can't (protest), so that quote doesn't apply to this situation," said Winnipeg defense lawyer, Jay Prober, after hearing the RCMP statement. Prober said it is surprising RCMP officers didn't remove the protesters from the rail line, provided the court injunction requested they do so.

"One would think that the police would want to enforce the law to make sure that order is followed," he said.

The federal Minister of Public Safety, Vic Toews, said how the situation on January 16 was handled was an operational decision, something he doesn't involve himself in.

"Any illegal blockade concerns me, we expect local law enforcement to enforce the law and how they enforce the law is up to them," said Toews.

The CN court injunction is extended to February 19.

(Shaw Media)

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The RCMP is using a new strategy in trying to recruit more women to the force — targeting athletes who are already in shape.

Currently women make up only 18 per cent of RCMP officers in Saskatchewan.

Const. Amy Forbes is talking to universities and high schools in the province about possible partnerships with their female teams.

"We'd like to actually integrate ourselves into the team if possible," said Forbes. "So the girls can get to know us, I guess and see obviously we are police officers, but we're human at the same time."

The project is in its initial stages, but Forbes said it's being well received.

The RCMP hopes this type of relationship building will convince more women that becoming a Mountie is a possible career choice for them.

(CBC News)

SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2013

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CALGARY - Police now say one officer involved in a YouTube video showing two marked cruisers and an unmarked unit in an alleged street race was disciplined.

Disciplinary action can include anything from a verbal reprimand from a supervisor all the way up to dismissal.

Police cannot reveal specifics of the discipline taken against officers, but acting deputy chief Katie McClellan said Thursday one officer was disciplined after the video surfaced.

One cop car, appearing to rev in anticipation of the green light, hit the gas to get to its Tim Hortons destination.

Two other officers captured in the video had a discussion with supervisors, she said.

While the officers didn't do anything to break the law and it was determined they did not exceed the speed limit, police took the incident and its optics seriously.

"We took this as a learning opportunity, a reminder ... we are role models," McClellan said. (GMI Agency)

Jan 27 2013

The RCMP are planning to expand their fleet of remote-controlled "eyes in the sky," and for the first time, they're looking south of the border to a company that has been a major supplier of unmanned aerial vehicles for the U.S. military.



suasnews.com

Southern California-based AeroVironment Inc. builds tiny fixed-wing drones, which have

been a staple of the U.S. Defense Department's arsenal in the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq.

But it also produces a line of four-rotor helicopters — called Qubes — tailor-made for use by police. Small enough to fit in the trunk of a car and controlled using touch-screen tablets, these toy-like machines are equipped with live-stream video cameras and thermal-imaging technology to give police a bird's eye view of an accident scene and aid in search-and-rescue operations.

RCMP's F Division in Saskatchewan, which has taken a lead role testing unmanned aircrafts for the force, just posted on a government-contracting website notice of its intent to acquire as many as three Qubes and related accessories for about \$270,000.

"It's starting to catch on more and more. Eventually, I think you'll see (unmanned aerial vehicles) in almost all the provinces," said RCMP Staff Sgt. Dave Domoney in Regina.

The force already has at its disposal 18 less-expensive, Canadian-made models in several divisions — nine in Saskatchewan, four in Alberta, two in Manitoba, one each in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, and one at headquarters in Ottawa.

Some municipal police agencies and the Ontario Provincial Police also have them.

Domoney said the RCMP took interest in the costlier Qube because it can stay up in the air for 40 minutes, longer than others. The force is still saving money in the long run, he said, because it can cost thousands of dollars per hour to deploy a regular helicopter.

Small, low-altitude drones offer many benefits, police say: They can assist in collision reconstruction by helping investigators see skid marks that they may have overlooked; they can identify potential threats to tactical officers responding to a critical incident; and they can help locate missing people over difficult terrain.

Though police insist they have no intention of using these machines for surveillance purposes, privacy advocates have raised concerns.

The RCMP's Domoney said the force does not send its unmanned aircrafts on fishing expeditions and limits their use to four scenarios: accident reconstruction, search-and-rescue operations, major crime scenes and situations involving emergency response teams.

While the force does not yet have a national policy in place for the use of these machines, one is "very close to being completed," he said. (Postmedia News)

Jan 27 2013

TORONTO - The Toronto Port Authority wants hired guns to police the island airport.

The TPA's proposal, which is almost unheard of in Ontario, includes staffing the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport with nine armed special constables between 6 a.m. and midnight seven days a week.

The TPA says it would use the constables to assist investigations, respond to alarm calls and enhance current security services.

But perhaps more importantly, the port authority needs armed officers so that it can

operate a preclearance area for U.S. customs, a requirement under federal aviation regulations.

Porter Airlines has been negotiating to bring U.S. customs to the island airport since last year.

"You have to have an armed officer at the screening points because U.S. customs workers aren't allowed to carry weapons in Canada," said Angus Armstrong, harbour master and chief of security for the port authority.

"We're looking at the possibility of having Toronto police or reviving the port police," said Armstrong. The port police were armed special constables who worked for the Harbour Commission in the 1980s, he said.

Cost is definitely a factor for the port authority, which has to foot the bill either way.

Armstrong said his organization is looking at all the options, but there "may be [a] cost saving for us to go with our own special constables." One figure being mentioned is that using Toronto police would cost the TPA \$2.8 million.

The proposal by the port authority narrowly squeaked through last week's police board meeting after Councillor Michael Thompson deferred a report by Chief Bill Blair that said the police board should turn it down.

The island airport currently has unarmed security guards.

Meanwhile, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police has asked the ministry to review the special constable programs.

"Police services boards authorize special constables, but then have very little control over them," said the association's spokesperson Joe Couto.

There is no oversight by the Special Investigations Unit or the Office of the Independent Police Review Director.

Another issue, he said, is how special constables look in terms of uniforms and cars. There is "some public confusion over what is a special constable and what is a police officer, who have different roles and responsibilities," he said.

"Public confidence needs to be addressed." (Toronto Star)

MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2013

Jan 28 2013

EDMONTON - The case of a former army sniper who was fired from his Edmonton Police Service job is heading to the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Const. Rob Furlong, a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan, was fired last year from the police for urinating on a fellow officer and other misconduct.

But Alberta's Law Enforcement Review Board ordered him reinstated, saying the penalty was too harsh and that Furlong had completed an alcohol rehabilitation program.

The Edmonton Police Service then sought leave to challenge the board's ruling in the Alberta Court of Appeal.

In a judgment released today, a judge agreed

to hear the appeal, but says it should be dealt with quickly, because Furlong continues to be suspended without pay.

Furlong, a former army corporal, was lauded in 2002 for shooting a Taliban fighter at a range of 2.43 kilometres - the longest sniper kill ever recorded at the time.

Jan 28 2013

EDMONTON - Alberta has come up with a policy to allow Sikhs to wear a ceremonial religious dagger called a kirpan in courthouses.

Under the Justice Department policy, a person must tell security officers they have a kirpan and wear it in a sheath, under clothing.

The blade of the kirpan can be no longer than 10 centimetres.

The World Sikh Organization says Alberta is the first province to bring in such a policy, which is partly based on rules developed for courts in Toronto.

The organization says Ontario is now working on a provincewide policy.

The Alberta rules stem from a human rights complaint filed in 2008 where a man wasn't allowed inside a Calgary court because he was wearing a kirpan.

Jan 28 2013

MONTREAL - A man charged in Quebec's election-night shooting has been declared mentally fit to stand trial.

A judge ruled today that Richard Henry Bain will face criminal charges.

The question of whether Bain would face a trial has loomed large since the Sept. 4 shooting, with his fitness hearing being delayed several times.

The fishing-lodge owner faces 16 charges, including first-degree murder, related to the attack at a downtown Montreal club where the Parti Quebecois was celebrating its election victory last September.

A stagehand was shot dead and another was wounded by a single bullet.

Jan 28 2013

SURREY, B.C. - Mounties in Surrey, B.C., are investigating yet another murder in what has been a gruesome month for the city.

The body of a man was found in a grassy area on the side of a road in South Surrey on Monday morning.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team confirms the man's death was a homicide.

Police say they're still working on identifying the man and don't know yet if the murder is related to gang activity.

Earlier this month, Surrey RCMP Chief Supt. Bill Fordy spoke out about the dangers of a life of crime after a spate of murders.

Four men were killed and one person was wounded in a series of shootings over a two-day period starting on Jan. 13.

Jan 28 2013

MILWAUKEE - A sheriff who urged Mil-

waukee-area residents in a radio ad to learn to handle firearms so they can defend themselves is dismissing pointed criticism from the city's mayor - calling the mayor's response "weak" and telling Fox News "my job is to protect the public."

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke Jr. stirred controversy after releasing a 30-second radio ad saying budget cuts have hurt officers' ability to respond.

"With officers laid off and furloughed, simply calling 911 and waiting is no longer your best option," he said in the ad. "You can beg for mercy from a violent criminal, hide under the bed, or you can fight back. ... Consider taking a certified safety course in handling a firearm so you can defend yourself until we get there."

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett lashed out at the ad. His office said in a statement: "Apparently Sheriff David Clarke is auditioning for the next Dirty Harry movie."

Clarke, in an interview Monday with Fox News, brushed off the criticism.

"Personally I've never seen the Dirty Harry movie - but if that's all the mayor can come up with, that's pretty weak," he said. "I think that what's going on in the city of Milwaukee on his watch is kind of, you know - it looks like he doesn't have much to say, he doesn't have much to offer and that's okay."

"My job is to protect the public," he said.

Clarke said that with the Milwaukee area beset by burglaries and robberies, residents need to know how to protect themselves.

"We can't be everywhere all the time. Sometimes we can't be there as fast as we'd like," he told Fox News. "Once the wolf is at the door ... 911 isn't going to help you, but there are some things that you can do."

The ad has generated sharp criticism from other area officials. The president of the Milwaukee Deputy Sheriffs' Association, Roy Felber, said it sounds like a call to vigilantism.

Under Wisconsin's "castle doctrine," someone who uses deadly force against an unlawful intruder to their home, business or vehicle is presumed to have acted reasonably. A spokeswoman for the state Department of Justice said that as of this week, there are about 155,000 concealed carry permits in Wisconsin.

(Fox News)

Jan 28 2013

SURREY - Surrey's mayor says they're not welcome. The city's chief of police has told them so, personally.

But the Hells Angels say they're not discouraged by the police pressure around their supposed move into the city.

They've already set up shop — just not formally.

"It is a fact that many Hells Angels live in Surrey, have done so for many years and will continue to do so in the future," said Rick Ciarniello, spokesman for the motorcycle club.

"We are not intimidated or discouraged by police pressure."

After two more "high profile" murders in

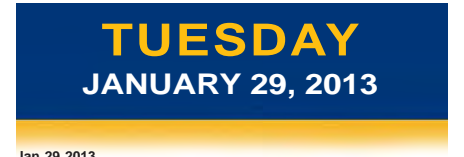
the city, RCMP Chief Supt. Bill Fordy issued a statement late last week re-assuring residents of ongoing "gang enforcement and eradication measures."

"The landscape of violent crime and organized crime groups is constantly changing, and spans the Lower-Mainland," said Fordy.

"I have personally met with a local chapter president of the Hells Angels to discourage their establishing a chapter in Surrey, and to date, they have not."

Ciarniello calls the plans to establish the Westpoint clubhouse in the city "police speculation".

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts said the motorcycle club has yet to file any formal request. (Vancouver Province)



SEATTLE - So far, no one is suggesting checkpoints or fences to keep Washington state's legal pot within its borders.

But Gov. Jay Inslee insists there are ways to prevent the bulk smuggling of the state's newest cash crop into the black market, including digitally tracking weed to ensure that it goes from where it is grown to the stores where it is sold.

With sales set to begin later this year, he hopes to be a good neighbour and keep vanloads of premium, legal bud from cruising into Idaho, Oregon and other states that don't want people getting stoned for fun.

It's not just about generating goodwill with fellow governors.

Inslee is trying to persuade U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder not to sue to block Washington from licensing pot growers, processors and sellers. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

"I am going to be personally committed to have a well regulated, well disciplined, well tracked, well inventory-controlled, well law-enforcement-co-ordinated approach," said Inslee, who is due to give Holder more details this week.

Colorado already has intensive rules aimed at keeping its medical marijuana market in line, including the digital tracking of cannabis, bar codes on every plant, surveillance video and manifests of all legal pot shipments.

But law enforcement officials say marijuana from Colorado's dispensaries often makes its way to the black market, and even the head of the Colorado agency charged with tracking the medical pot industry suggests no one should copy its measures.

The agency has been beset by money woes and had to cut many of its investigators. Even if the agency had all the money it wanted, the state's medical pot rules are "a model of regulatory over-reach," too cumbersome and expensive to enforce, Laura Harris said in a statement.

Last fall, voters made Washington and Colorado the first states to pass laws legalizing the

recreational use of marijuana and setting up systems of state-licensed growers, processors and retail stores where adults over 21 can walk in and buy up to an ounce of heavily taxed cannabis.

Both states are working to develop rules for the emerging pot industry.

The Obama administration could sue to block the legal markets from operating, on the grounds that actively regulating an illegal substance conflicts with federal drug law. The DOJ is reviewing the laws but has given no signals about its plans.

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WINNIPEG - The union that represents Winnipeg's police officers fears front-line officers could be cut after an operational review by a U.S. firm.

The Winnipeg Police Association says Matrix Consulting Groups Ltd., has a reputation for recommending job and service cuts following a series of similar reviews it did for some U.S. cities

Mike Sutherland, president of the association, says he believes Matrix was hired by the City of Winnipeg because of its reputation, which would make it easier for budget hawks on council to push police layoffs.

Figures show the Winnipeg police budget accounts for 26 per cent of the city's 2012 budget, with wage increases outstripping those received by all other civic employee groups.

Coun. Scott Fielding, who heads the city's protection and community services committee, says he believes it makes sense to find ways to save money, although he does not support layoffs.

Councillors approved the operational review in the 2012 budget and awarded it in mid-December to Matrix at a cost of \$174,000. (Winnipeg Free Press)

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SPRUCE GROVE, Alta. - An Alberta Mountie who was in charge of the detachment in Mayerthorpe when four officers were gunned down faces unrelated criminal charges.

Sgt. Jim Martin of Spruce Grove has been charged with two counts of fraud and two counts of breach of trust.

Mounties say Martin is accused of using RCMP credit cards to buy personal items.

Martin has been suspended with pay pending resolution of the charges and faces an internal RCMP code of conduct investigation.

He was a corporal in charge of the Mayerthorpe detachment on March 3, 2005, when four constables were murdered by gunman James Roszko.

Martin was to be promoted to the rank of inspector and transferred to Vancouver Island, but the promotion and transfer have been cancelled.

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FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. - Forget the long arm of the law, it's the long arm of the neighbours - with a little help from

Mother Nature - that brings suspects to justice in one northeastern B.C. community.

Fort St. John RCMP say residents of the small community of Buick Creek ignored bone chilling temperatures to tail two suspects they knew were wanted by police.

Police say residents alerted them after the man and woman drove through the enclave, about 70 miles north of Fort St. John, early Sunday morning.

As officers were en route, community members tailed the 28-year-old man and 24-year-old woman as they drove a stolen pickup truck into a ditch and then, despite wearing light clothing, tried to flee on foot in wind chill that made temperatures feel close to -40 C.

The woman quickly gave up, but residents continued to chase the man as he tried to steal a second truck, crashed it, and then ran into a field where, after 90 minutes in freezing conditions, quickly surrendered to Mounties as they arrived.

Officers say the man and woman are wanted on outstanding warrants, and they are recommending charges of robbery and possession of stolen property against John Keyler. (The Canadian Press)

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EDMONTON - The Edmonton Police Service has fired a constable for misconduct.

Police said in a news release that charges of deceit, discreditable conduct and insubordination against Lori Lamb were proven in a disciplinary hearing in December.

She was also found guilty of providing false information in an information to obtain a search warrant, and to professional standards branch investigators during the internal investigation.

Lamb was a 15-year member of the force.

The disciplinary hearing began in October and Lamb was assigned to administrative duties during the process.

Police did not give details about what Lamb did.

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WINNIPEG - A firearms expert has testified that police officers are not taught to shoot their handguns while running because they're unlikely to hit much and the bullets can travel a long distance and do a lot of harm.

But Sgt. Kevin Wiens also says that in a stressful situation, all bets are off.

Wiens testified Tuesday at the trial of two Winnipeg police officers accused of shooting at a fleeing man they thought had been involved in the armed robbery of a convenience store.

Const. Darrel Keith Selley is charged with attempted murder, using a firearm, and criminal negligence causing bodily harm in the shooting of Kristofer Shaun Fournier on July 16, 2007.

As well, both Selley and Const. Kristopher John Overwater have pleaded not guilty to intending to wound Fournier by firing a Glock .40 calibre handgun, aggravated assault and obstruction of justice.

Fournier, 23, was hit by a bullet in his buttocks after three other shots missed him.

He earlier testified he led the officers on a high-speed chase not because he had anything to do with the robbery, but because he was high on meth and had cocaine on him.

Wiens said officers are taught to shoot when they have to at a person's chest because "it's a huge target."

"Quite simply, handgun shooting is not a fine art. It is easy to miss with a handgun." (Winnipeg Free Press)

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SASKATOON - A Saskatoon police officer will stand trial this fall on charges of assaulting a 14-year-old boy he believed had pepper-sprayed a fellow officer.

Const. Luke St. Onge is accused of using excessive force while arresting the boy and is charged with assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon.

It has not been proven the teen was the one who used the pepper spray.

St. Onge has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings.

His trial is set for Sept. 16. (CJWW)

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FORT MCMURRAY, Alta. - Two people, including an RCMP officer, are expected to make a full recovery after a two-vehicle collision on a treacherous section of a northern Alberta highway.

Mounties say the male officer was on duty and driving a police pickup truck when it collided late Tuesday night with another pickup on Highway 881, south of Fort McMurray.

Both drivers were taken to hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

No one else was hurt.

Const. Christina Wilkins, an RCMP spokeswoman, says the road where the accident happened was very slippery due to ice and packed snow.

Police closed the highway for several hours while they investigated the crash.

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SHERBROOKE, Que. - A provincial police officer has pleaded guilty to child-porn charges in Quebec.

Francois Blouin, an officer in the Eastern Townships region, had worked closely with a high school in East Angus, Que.

After being charged, he had been freed on bail and suspended from his position in the force.

He was freed under a series of strict bail conditions.

Blouin has undergone therapy. And, having accepted that his police career is over, he's working on new projects such as returning to his studies.

He pleaded guilty today to one of two charges. Sentencing arguments are now scheduled for April 17.

TRAIL, B.C. - Scofflaws in Trail, B.C., beware; the boot beckons if parking tickets go unpaid.

Councillors in the southeastern B.C. city say the immobilizing device is expected to be shoe-horned onto downtown streets as Trail struggles to collect more than \$150,000 worth of unpaid fines racked up over the last four years.

Council is preparing to adopt a traffic by-law amendment that would allow use of the device, in hopes of convincing more drivers to pay parking tickets.

In 2012, the percentage of paid tickets dropped to 42 per cent, down from 63 per cent four years ago, amounting to \$43,000 in unpaid fines last year, alone.

"This isn't being entered into lightly," said councillor Kevin Jolly. "I'm not in favour of this type of measure. But if you look at the recovery rate ... and over \$43,000 in uncollected parking tickets in the city of Trail, essentially what is happening is people are disregarding (tickets) because there is no implication if they do."

"It is ineffective to continue to issue violation notices to vehicles ... if these parking tickets are going to remain unacknowledged," city corporate administrator Michelle MacIsaac told council Monday night.

Anyone unlucky enough to find themselves stalled by the boot will have to pay the initial ticket and a further \$75 dollars to have the device removed.

"We certainly don't want to be putting the boot on vehicles with only a few parking tickets," said councillor Gord DeRosa.

But new handheld devices allow officers to immediately know if the vehicle has outstanding infractions, giving staff all the information needed to decide if the boot is warranted.

(Trail Times)

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog has cleared Toronto cops in the death of a man who was dangling outside a fifth-floor hospital window before he was pulled to safety.

The Special Investigations Unit says it began preliminary inquiries into the injuries sustained by the 42-year-old man at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre on Jan. 24.

It says the man - who was admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act on Jan. 23 for with self-inflicted injuries, fled his room and assaulted a nurse before barricading himself in another patient's room.

He later broke a window and climbed through but hospital staff were able to grab him as he hung outside the window and police officers then helped pull him to safety.

The SIU says medical staff injected the man with a sedative but he was then found to be not breathing, so CPR was performed and he was placed in the critical care unit in serious condition. He died Tuesday in hospital.

Ian Scott, director of the Special Investigations Unit, says the information collected shows the man's injuries were caused before police arrived and that the officers did not contribute to his injuries or his death.

KENTVILLE, N.S. - A Nova Scotia judge has ruled that a videotaped police confession by a man charged with criminal negligence causing death and drug trafficking is not admissible as evidence in his trial.

Judge Alan Tufts ruled Wednesday in Kentville provincial court that the police statement by Kyle David Fredericks was not given voluntarily.

Tufts ruled the interrogation tactic the police officer used in getting the confession was "a loud, intimidating display that intimidated the accused."

In the videotaped statement shown to the court, Fredericks is subject to intense questioning, and the officer calls him "the devil himself" at one point.

Sobbing throughout, Fredericks eventually confesses to having given 21-year-old Joshua Graves half a Dilaudid pill at a house party in Berwick on March 18, 2011.

Graves, who was also drinking rum that night, died the next day.

(Halifax Chronicle-Herald)

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PORT HOWE, NOVA SCOTIA - Police says yesterday's icy roads played a role in causing a Pugwash, Nova Scotia, fire vehicle to slide into a car at the side of the road, resulting in a man's death.

RCMP say the emergency vehicle was on its way to another accident near Linden, Nova Scotia, when it came upon the scene of one car off the road, and two other cars stopped to help that vehicle.

The truck went out of control, and slid into all three cars.

Of the eight people in the various vehicles, two were sent to hospital, and one man died from his injuries.

Sergeant Allan Carroll of the RCMP says an investigation will be done into what occurred.

But he says police believe the icy roads definitely played a role in the fire vehicle losing control.

Carroll says the scene of the crash about 40 kilometres east of Amherst was so slippery that first responders could barely keep their footing.

BURNABY, B.C. - RCMP in Burnaby, B.C., have shot and killed a man while responding to a call about a person with a knife.

A release from the office says seven independent investigators are now at the scene trying to determine what happened.

The release says RCMP officers were answering a 911 call about a man with a knife, and were about one block from the scene, when they spotted a man who met the description of the suspect.

How that meeting escalated to a fatal shooting is still under investigation.

Police have blocked off Hastings Street and have used a plastic sheet to cover what appears to be a knife, lying in the middle of the busy commuter route.

WINNIPEG - Mounties believe they have dismantled an outlaw motorcycle gang in Winnipeg.

Officers say they have arrested 11 people, including the entire Winnipeg chapter of the Rock Machine biker club.

The accused face various charges related to drug and firearms trafficking in Manitoba.

RCMP say officers executed several search warrants Wednesday and seized drugs, guns, cash and a sports car.

Some pipe bombs and dynamite were also discovered at one location, resulting in the temporary evacuation of nearby homes and businesses.

Police say the investigation, dubbed Operation Dilemma, began last summer and involved more than 140 officers.

(CJOB)

CALGARY - A judge has sentenced a Calgary psychiatrist who molested three court-appointed patients to five years in prison.

Dr. Aubrey Levin was convicted on three counts of sexual assault by a jury earlier this week.

The Crown had asked for six to eight years for a man it said was a predator who broke his patients' trust.

The defence had argued the 74-year-old would suffer in prison.

Levine's lawyer suggested his client should be sentenced to 60 to 90 days, to be served on weekends.

The patients had been assigned to Levin between 1999 and 2010 by the justice system.



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