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Stress taking toll on police



Apr 15 2014

MONTREAL - Jacques-Denis Simard knows first-hand how the stressful work of a police officer can sometimes lead to depression, addiction or suicide.

For more than 10 years, the retired Sûreté du Québec officer has headed up a specialized treatment centre in Quebec City that caters mostly to police officers, soldiers and paramedics.

Most years, counsellors at La Vigile treat about 50 police officers from across the province who seek help for a variety of personal problems, ranging from burnout to depression.

So Simard said he was disheartened to learn about the deaths over the weekend of two police officers who had committed suicide.

A Montreal police detective killed himself Saturday after barricading himself in his Longueuil home. Several hours earlier, the

body of Éric Martin, a former SQ captain, was pulled out of a lake near Sorel. Martin, 49, had been missing from his Montreal home since December.

"It's very sad because they know they have access to help," Simard said in a telephone interview from Quebec City.

Police officers are trained to be strong and to support others, so they find it hard to ask for help themselves, Simard said. "They think they can sort out their problems on their own."

But Simard said that is often not the case.

Since police departments have improved employee assistance programs, suicides among police officers have dropped in Quebec, he said.

Suicides among Montreal police officers have plummeted since the force introduced a suicide prevention program called Together



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for Life in 1997. There were 14 cases of suicide between 1986 and 1996. After the program was implemented, there were only four cases of suicide between 1997 and 2008, according to a study by researchers at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

As part of the program, officers in distress can call a hotline number 24 hours a day and speak to a colleague who has been trained in crisis management.

Simard has been working with stressed-out police officers since 1988, when he was responsible for rolling out an employee assistance program for officers in rural Quebec.

During the five years he ran the support program, Simard discovered that many officers, especially those living in the regions, were uncomfortable seeking help in traditional settings like hospitals, clinics or in group therapy because they might be recognized.

So after retiring from the SQ in 1994, Simard began working on a plan to open a treatment centre that mainly caters to law enforcement officers.

Today, La Vigile is a 16-bed centre that offers month-long programs to treat depression and addiction and a 15-day program that deals with post-traumatic stress.

The cost of the programs is often covered by the officers' group insurance plans. The centre receives some of its funding from officers who have contributions deducted from their pay.

Simard said officers often call for help when they're in crisis, which means they need immediate care.

Officers are trained to deal with the difficulties they encounter on the job, he said, but problems often arise when they have trouble at home, like a breakup, a family member becoming ill or other personal issues.

"They can be stressed out from work and problems at home can provoke a crisis," Simard said.

Although he said his treatment centre has been able to help many officers overcome suicidal thoughts, the recent deaths of Martin and the Montreal police detective are proof that some officers are more difficult to reach.

Simard urged stressed-out officers to contact their employee assistance programs sooner rather than later. "There is help available 24 hours a day and they need to use the services," he said.

(Montreal Gazette)



Apr 10 2014

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. - A British Columbia judge has refused to grant bail to a man awaiting trial on sex-tourism charges that allege he abused children in Cambodia a decade ago.

Christopher Neil has already spent five years in prison in Thailand for sexually assaulting children in that country.

Neil's lawyer had asked for the man's release on bail leading up to his trial where he faces 10 counts, including sexual touching, invitation to sexual touching and production of child pornography.

While the judge rejected the bail request, other details of today's hearing can't be revealed because of a sweeping publication ban.

Neil was dubbed "Swirl Face" after his 2007 arrest in Thailand based on digitally disguised images of his face in photos depicting him in sex acts with children.

Neil also faces charges of accessing and possessing child pornography in Vancouver, allegedly after he was deported back to Canada in fall 2012.

Apr 10 2014

SYDNEY, N.S. - A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has ruled Cape Breton Regional Police exceeded their authority in entering a North Sydney home in 2012 and stumbling across several marijuana plants.

Justice Patrick Murray ruled that the seizure by police violated the charter right of 36-year-old George Thomas Johnston to be protected against unreasonable search and seizure.

Murray also ruled the Crown could not enter the plants into evidence against Johnston, and charges were dismissed.

Police were alerted on Feb. 13, 2012 that there was a possible break and enter at the home on Pierce Street in North Sydney.

Court heard police ran across the plants while responding to that call, and the prosecution argued officers were executing their common law powers to investigate crime.

However, Murray said police exceeded their power by opening up the bedroom doors, adding that the expectation of privacy in such a room is higher than any other area of a home.

(Cape Breton Post)

Apr 10 2014

VICTORIA - Loot collected from traffic fines imposed on speeding motorists has helped pay for a state-of-the-art, emergency-command vehicle for the District of Saanich.

Saanich Mayor Frank Leonard cheered on the government's traffic-fine, revenue-sharing program that raised \$750,000 of the \$970,000 to purchase the vehicle.

He says the mobile emergency centre allows the police and fire department in the suburban Victoria community to respond quickly and communicate more efficiently in emergencies.

Since 2013, the traffic-fine, revenue-sharing program has returned \$31.1 million to local governments.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton says traffic-fine revenues have permitted Saanich to develop leading-edge response capabilities.

Apr 10 2014

EDMONTON - Officials with Edmonton police say 2,831 incident reports have been filed since an online crime reporting tool was launched one year ago, and they expect that number to rise.

Edmonton Police Service started allowing citizens to report some crimes online last April, including lost property, theft, damage/mischief to property, theft from vehicle and damage/mischief to vehicle.

To report other crimes, citizens must still go to a station or call 780 423-4567.

The visits to www.edmontonpolice.ca/reportacrimeonline and the number of reports filed are "fairly consistent" with what other police agencies have seen in their first year of operation, said Sgt. Tony Paxton.

"We've heard from citizens about how quick and convenient this is, and we fully expect the numbers to double in the next two to three years," Paxton said in a news release.

Police said they strive to complete all reports within a 24-hour period.

The online crime reporting system is made by a California-based company and is used by more than 400 police agencies throughout North America, including 24 in Canada.

(Edmonton Journal)



Apr 11 2014

WASHINGTON - A review of how the government's intelligence agencies handled information they had before the Boston Marathon bombings last year concluded that it was impossible to know whether anything could have been done differently to prevent the attack.

Whether information withheld by Russia until after the bombings could have made a difference was not addressed in the unclassified version of the report.

Three people died and more than 200 others were injured in two explosions during

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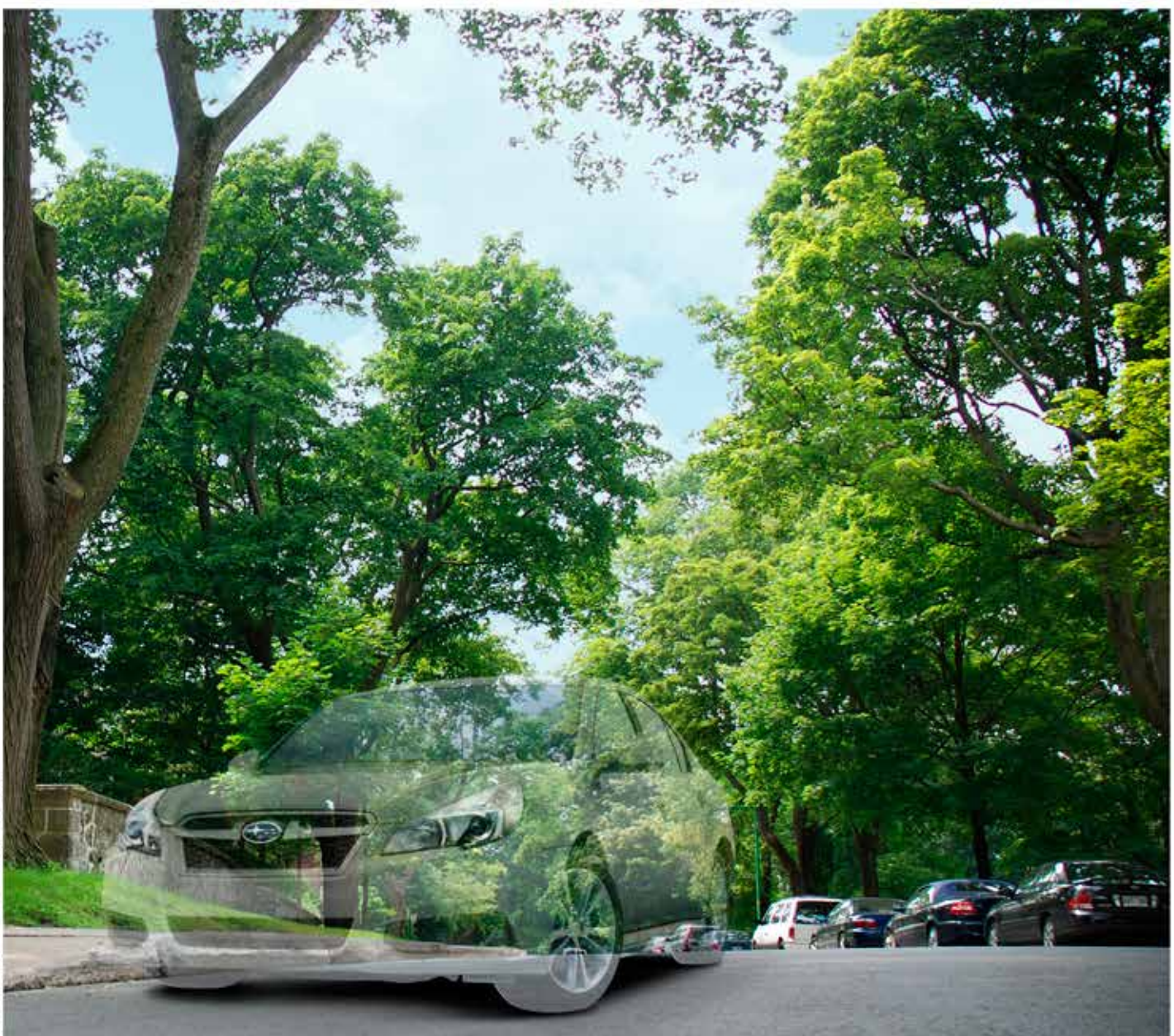
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the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013. Two ethnic Chechen brothers are accused of carrying out the attacks. The oldest died in a police chase and his brother has pleaded not guilty to federal charges.

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OTTAWA - The Supreme Court of Canada has once again softened the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda.

In a unanimous 7-0 ruling, the high court has affirmed the amount of pre-trial credit that offenders can receive for time spent in custody before they are sentenced.

The Conservatives have implemented tougher pre-trial custody and sentencing provisions for repeat and violent youth offenders by removing the long-held provision of giving an offender credit for double the time served in pre-trial custody.

The Tories removed the provision, but allowed for a credit of 1.5 times in exceptional circumstances.

The Supreme Court has ruled that pre-trial custody constitutes a circumstance that warrants the 1.5 credit.

"Had Parliament intended to alter the well-established rule that enhanced credit compensates for the loss of eligibility for early release, it would have done so expressly," the ruling stated.

This was not a constitutional case, and the ruling does not strike down any laws.

But it will provide guidance for judges when they sentence offenders.

The court ruling involved three separate criminal cases, including one involving a young man convicted of manslaughter in the shaking death of his infant daughter, who was given the 1.5 credit.

Sean Summers, 20, had his eight-year sentence reduced to six year and eight months to reflect the credit.

The ruling comes one day after the Supreme Court of Canada agreed to hear two more cases on whether the government's changes to mandatory-minimum sentences for unlawful gun possession are constitutional.

Apr 11 2014

HALIFAX - Nova Scotia's police watchdog has cleared an RCMP officer of wrongdoing in a connection with a single-vehicle crash that killed a man last year.

The Serious Incident Response Team says the Mountie acted appropriately when he attempted to stop a speeding car on Cornwall Road in Blockhouse on Nov. 22.

The team says the car sped away from the officer and crashed about two kilometres away into a ditch, killing the 23-year-old driver.

The team says it determined the police cruiser was well behind the car at the time of the accident and there are no grounds to lay charges.

It estimates the car that crashed was travelling at least 130 kilometres an hour and attempting to pass another vehicle when it went off the road.

The team also says the driver was suffering from mental health issues at the time and may have panicked.

**SUNDAY
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Apr 13 2014

AURORA, Ont. - Ontario's Special Investigations Unit in looking into a fatal shooting involving police in Aurora

York Region police say they received a call Saturday night about a man walking down the street with a handgun.

The SIU says police opened fire and a 22-year-old man was pronounced dead after being taken to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

The watchdog agency has assigned four investigators and three forensic investigators to probe the incident.

(The Canadian Press, 680 News)

**MONDAY
APRIL 14, 2014**

Apr 14 2014

TORONTO - Toronto Police say if Ontario's privacy watchdog wants information about suicide attempts kept from American officials, she should talk to the RCMP because that force maintains the database that is shared with U.S. officials.



Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian says she was prompted to start an investigation after hearing about four Ontario residents who were denied entry to the United States on the basis of their mental health history.

Cavoukian says she was unnerved by the humiliation and embarrassment felt by the people who were told by American border guards that they couldn't enter the U.S. because of a suicide attempt.

She says there is no legal requirement that suicide attempts be entered into the Canadian Police Information Centre database and claimed it was the policy of the Toronto Police Service.

But Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash says that's just not so, and officers do use discretion about which cases are uploaded to the database.

However, Pugash also says the force feels the information is important for officers to have, and if Cavoukian doesn't want it shared with American officials then she should ask the Mounties to change who has access to what data.

Cavoukian says the information is then loaded into the CPIC database, which is available to U.S. border guards through a co-operation agreement between the RCMP and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Apr 14 2014

VANCOUVER - Panicked calls to 911 about a child in distress and a bloody apartment building hallway on Monday led Vancouver police to shoot a suspect who refused to drop a knife.

Inside the apartment above one of the city's busiest streets, the officers found a woman dead. Their 33-year-old male suspect was loaded into an ambulance with a police bullet wound.

Vancouver Const. Brian Montague said a girl, about five or six years old, was taken to children's hospital with some injuries that aren't considered life threatening.

"Our officers attended and they were confronted by a man with a weapon. The officers gave him some commands and ended up firing their weapons," Montague told reporters outside the complex.

When officers entered the apartment the female victim was clearly deceased, he said. Police said they had not yet determined the relationship between the dead woman, the child and the suspect.

They did not release any names.

Apr 14 2014

WINDSOR - A Windsor police officer has been arrested for allegedly attempting to smuggle cocaine into the United States.

At a news conference Monday afternoon, police Chief Al Frederick said Const. David Bshouty was arrested while entering the U.S. on Saturday. The arrest brought a two-month-long investigation to a climax.

"We are all angered and in disbelief over these allegation," Frederick says.

Windsor police received an anonymous tip on Feb 10, regarding illegal drug activity involving Bshouty. An internal criminal investigation was launched immediately afterwards by the risk management unit.

A Windsor police statement says, "WPS used all legal and available means, including covert measures and assets to gather evidence to substantiate the allegation of illicit activities."

On Feb. 14, Windsor police contact U.S. Homeland Security in regards to the investigation.

In a statement to CTV News, Khaalid Walls, a spokesperson for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said Bshouty allegedly tried to smuggle three grams of cocaine into the U.S. via the Ambassador Bridge.

"He is currently facing state possession of narcotic charges," Walls said. "Because the investigation is ongoing, we will decline to elaborate."

Windsor police says Bshouty was arraigned in a Detroit court Monday. He's charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 25 grams. Police say Bshouty has not been released from custody.

He was hired as a cadet in February 2009,

and promoted to the rank of constable in 2010, where he's worked in patrol services.

Bshouty has since been suspended from duty. (CTV Windsor)

TUESDAY
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OTTAWA - Police say they asked the Canada Revenue Agency to hold off on telling Canadians that 900 social insurance numbers had been compromised by the Heartbleed security bug.

The RCMP were notified of the security breach on Friday, but asked the agency to hold off making an immediate announcement about the data loss so they could pursue investigative leads.

Word of the Heartbleed security vulnerability prompted the agency to shut down its publicly accessible websites last week.

A number of other federal departments followed suit.

The government says it has solved the problem and the sites re-opened over the weekend.

But the revenue agency did not disclose the loss of data until Monday.

"The RCMP asked CRA to delay advising the public of the breach until Monday morning," the Mounties said in a news release.

"This deferral permitted us to advance our investigation over the weekend, identify possible offender(s) and has helped mitigate further risk."

The Heartbleed bug is caused by a flaw in OpenSSL software, which is commonly used on the Internet to provide security and privacy. The bug is affecting many global IT systems in both private and public sector organizations and has the potential to expose private data.

CRA said it will notify everyone involved in the security breach by registered letter and will offer access to credit protection services.

At least one Internet security expert has suggested that the data losses may go well beyond just 900 social insurance numbers.

Apr 15 2014

WINNIPEG - Manitoba will start routinely allowing TV cameras in its courtrooms for select hearings.

Chief Justice Glenn Joyal says there will be designated courtrooms where it is presumed that everything will be broadcast.

He says lawyers are welcome to argue against having a camera in court but the assumption is that they are allowed.

Joyal says cameras won't be allowed to record jury trials or witnesses giving testimony.

Chief Justice Richard Chartier says courts must be open to the public.

TV cameras will be allowed to broadcast a murder trial verdict for the first time Wednesday.

Apr 15 2014

VICTORIA - British Columbia's privacy commissioner says tougher rules are needed to stop police from releasing sensitive personal information about people beyond criminal convictions to their prospective employers.

In a report released today, Elizabeth Denham says government and police boards should immediately stop providing mental health information to employers as part of the information released in information checks.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner has called this report on the use of police information checks in B.C. her most important ever.

Denham says thousands of police information checks are used by employers and

volunteer groups every year in the hiring process and the information in these checks, which often goes beyond criminal records, can have lasting and profound impacts on a person's privacy.

Her report says the government should adopt legislation prohibiting the release of non-conviction information for employment positions outside of those working with children and other vulnerable people.

Denham's report says B.C.'s police information checks reveal more information about individuals than most other jurisdictions.

REGINA - Saskatchewan RCMP have charged an Alberta Mountie with sexual offences involving a 12-year-old girl in 1982.

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Insp. Ronald Makar faces one count of sexual intercourse with a female without her consent and one count of having sexual intercourse with a female under the age of 14.

Makar was arrested at the Wood Buffalo RCMP detachment in Fort McMurray, Alta., where he was operations officer in charge.

RCMP say Makar has been a Mountie for 34 years and served at the Carlyle, Sask., detachment as a constable in 1982.

Police say a woman filed a statement last year alleging that she was assaulted in the summer of 1982 by a man and a woman.

Makar has been suspended with pay.

Apr 15 2014

REGINA - A senior Regina police officer is facing three disciplinary charges over allegations of inappropriate use of surveillance video.

The officer, who has not been named, is charged with discreditable conduct, neglect of duty and improper disclosure of information.

He was placed on leave after a complaint by a Regina woman who had gone to a shopping mall to fax an inquiry to a swimming club about the organization's finances.

Andrea MacMurray says swim club officials then confronted her, saying they had surveillance video of her sending the fax.

She later learned police had asked the mall for the recording and went to the Public Complaints Commission, which investigates complaints against the police.

The officer has been suspended until the discipline matters are settled.

Apr 15 2014

CALGARY - Calgary police say the son of one of their own is a suspect in the worst mass murder in the city's history, a bloody and baffling attack on a group of university students at a house party.

Five young people were celebrating the last day of classes at the University of Calgary when they were stabbed to death early Tuesday. A suspect was arrested a short time later after he was tracked down and bitten by a police dog.

Police Chief Rick Hanson told reporters that he spoke with the suspect's father, a 33-year veteran with the force, and the officer and his wife are heart-broken.

"They are now feeling so much sorrow ... Those young people are dead and they are absolutely devastated."

Late Tuesday, police said they charged 22-year-old Matthew Douglas de Grood of Calgary with five counts of first-degree murder.

A Facebook page under the name Matt de Grood said he completed a psychology degree from the University of Calgary last year and had been accepted into the school's law program for the fall.

Hanson said a suspect allegedly brought a weapon, or "instrument," from work to the party, but grabbed a large knife from inside the house.

He "targeted the victims one by one, stabbing them several times," said the chief.

Investigators were still trying to determine what motivated the attack.

"Was there anything that precipitated the event? Was there something that anyone had done that anyone could have taken as an insult or an affront to this individual? To the best of our knowledge right now, there's nothing to indicate anything like that happened," Hanson said.

He said it appears no one at the party had been sleeping, but everyone was taken off guard. One of the party-goers was able to call 911.

Police found three men dead at the scene, while another man and a woman died in hospital.

"This is the worst murder - mass murder - in Calgary's history," Hanson said. "We have never seen five people killed by an individual at one scene. The scene was horrific."

Hanson said the victims were all "good kids" in their twenties. Neither they nor the suspect had any prior involvement with police, said Hanson.

The chief also said there's nothing to indicate the suspect was drunk or had been doing drugs.

He was arrested with the help of the police canine unit and taken to hospital, where he was treated for dog bites.

Apr 15 2014

NEW YORK CITY - The New York Police Department has disbanded a secret programme designed to eavesdrop on Muslims to identify potential terrorism threats.

The Demographics Unit had dispatched plainclothes detectives to listen to conversations and build files on places frequented by Muslims, US media say.

The squad had been the subject of two federal lawsuits in the past, and drew ire from civil rights groups.

It is also said to have sowed Muslim mistrust for law enforcement.

"This reform is a critical step forward in easing tensions between the police and the communities they serve, so that our cops and our citizens can help one another go after the real bad guys," the office of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio wrote in a statement. "Psychological warfare"

The decision to stop the programme was reportedly made by new Police Commissioner William Bratton, and is viewed as a moving away from past intelligence gathering practices instituted after the 9/11 attacks.

The unit - in operation since 2003 and later renamed the Zone Assessment Unit - logged where Muslims worked, shopped, ate and prayed.

(BBC)

Apr 15 2014

Rod Freeman will step down as Woodstock's police chief at the end of 2014.

"It has truly been an honour serving alongside the talented and dedicated members of the Woodstock Police Service," Freeman says in a news release.

"It has been both a very challenging time and a very rewarding experience as we

worked through some extremely serious and important investigations."

Freeman has spent seven years in Woodstock, first as deputy chief before taking the top job in 2009.

Prior to his arrival there, he policed other parts of the province, including stints as chief in Fergus and Orangeville over a 37-year career.

Freeman is married with two young sons.

The Woodstock Police Services Board says it will begin searching for a new chief in the next few weeks.

(CTV Kitchener)

Apr 15 2014

OTTAWA - Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau says he'd like to see the country's prostitution laws follow the leads of countries like Sweden and France, who have laws that target the men who buy sex instead of the prostitutes themselves.



Last December the Supreme Court of Canada struck down several of the country's prostitution laws and has given the government a year to come up with new legislation, should it choose to do so.

The decision has sparked a debate throughout the country about how best to strike a balance that both protects women from being exploited or trafficked and also respects the rights of the women who choose to work in the sex trade.

Bordeleau said he is concerned total decriminalization doesn't do enough to protect women.

"I don't want something that is legitimized or decriminalized that you have more and more women being trafficked and victimized," he said.

The majority of complaints police get about the sex trade involve street prostitution. But street prostitution makes up only 10 per cent of the sex trade, with the majority happening online and indoors through escort ads.

Bordeleau said he wants a legislative tool that respects Charter rights while allowing his officers to respond to community concern by rounding up the buyers, or johns.

"What we've been doing here in Ottawa and seen some success is more like the Nordic model where we target the johns and those who prey on vulnerable women purchasing the sex. As a police service we'd like to see that continue down the path that we've taken," he said.

(CBC News)

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Apr 16 2014

REGINA - Police have laid aggravated assault charges against a 15-year-old boy after four people were injured in a random stabbing at a downtown Regina mall.

The stabbing happened around dinner time Tuesday evening.

Police say a teenager entered the Cornwall Centre mall armed with a knife and began randomly attacking people who were nearby.

Witnesses say the attack was sudden and that the attacker was wearing a red bandana.

Two police officers who happened to be at the mall as part of their regular downtown patrol arrested the youth.

Police say all of the injured are expected to survive.

In addition to the aggravated assault charge the youth is facing assault with a weapons charges and allegations that he breached an undertaking.

Apr 16 2014

More than 300 police officers carried out raids on a major drug trafficking network in the Montreal area this morning.

Laval police say they seized hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and tens of thousands of synthetic drug tablets.

Sgt. Frédéric Jean with the Laval police said one of the biggest stashes was found in the Laurentians, where pills were being manufactured.

"The transformation point that is in Saint-Lin-Laurentides has quite a large amount of bulk synthetic drugs there. The drugs were in a powder form and being pressed into a tablet form," said Jean.

The operation began at 5 a.m., involving 36 warrants in seven cities including Montreal, Laval and the North and South shores.

Police have made at least 27 arrests.

Jean said the investigation called "Projet Souterrain" — or "Project Underground" — is being led by the Laval police's anti-gang unit.

He said it started with an anonymous tip in September 2013.

"We're looking at breaking up an operation that deals with the distribution and trafficking of synthetic drugs, cocaine and cannabis," said Jean.

Jean said the trafficking network covers a vast territory that extends from St-Bruno and Candiac on the South Shore, to Blainville and Saint-Jérôme on the North Shore.

The raids involved officers from eight different organizations including Laval Police, the Sureté du Québec and the RCMP.

(CBC News)

Apr 16 2014

OTTAWA - Police have charged a 19-year-old man from London, Ont., in connection with the recent breach of taxpayer data from the Canada Revenue Agency.

The RCMP say Stephen Arthuro Solis-Reyes was arrested at home Tuesday and is charged with unauthorized use of a computer and mischief in relation to data.

The agency was forced to shut down its publicly accessible website on Friday as the world learned about the Heartbleed computer bug, a previously undiscovered global Internet security vulnerability.

Earlier this week, the agency said 900 social insurance numbers had been compromised.

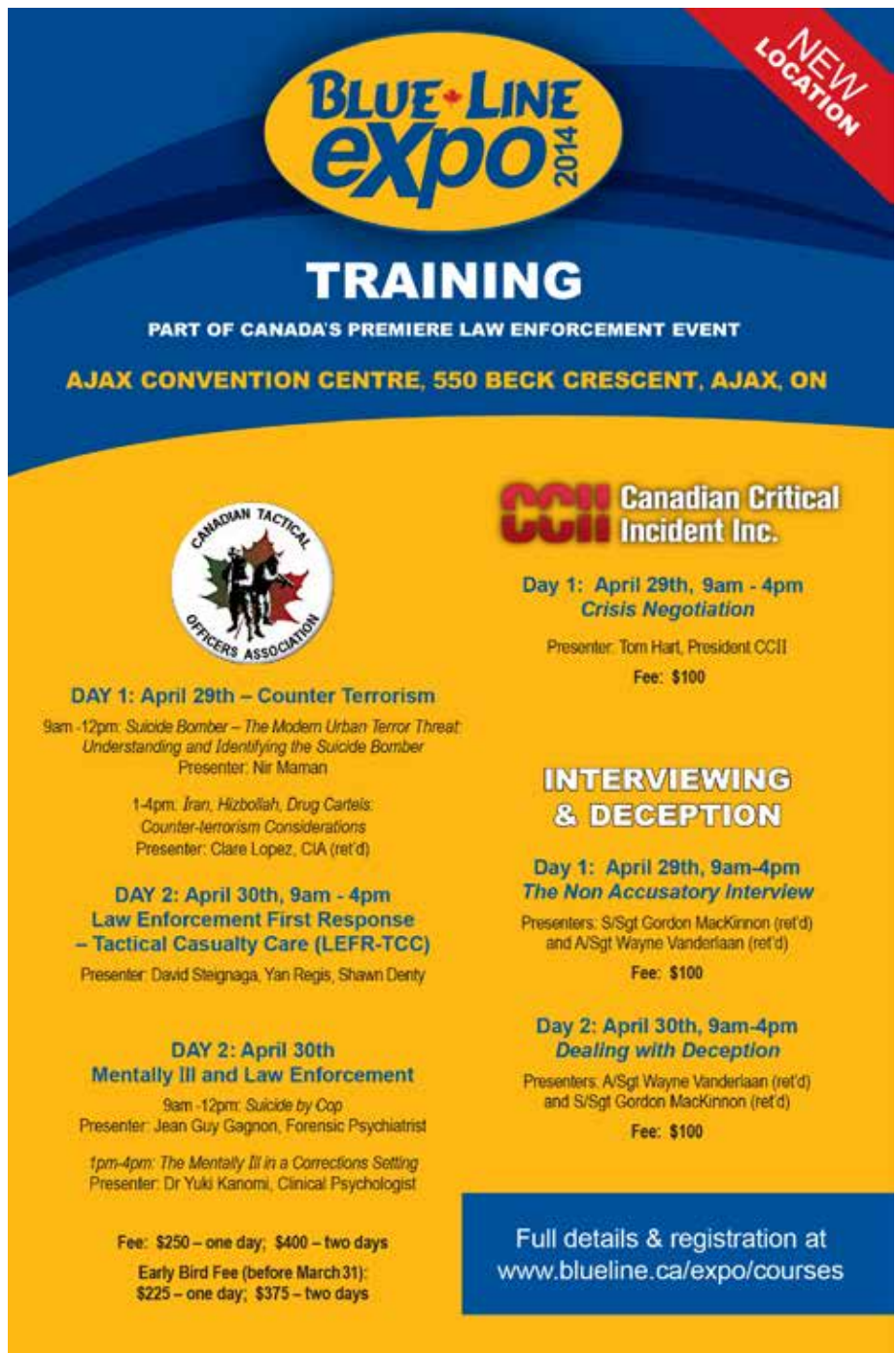
The loss was detected on Friday, but the agency delayed telling Canadians about it at the request of the Mounties.

That delay allowed police to pursue their investigation through the weekend and helped track down a suspect.

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TORONTO - Toronto's police board has budgeted \$300,000 to conduct a "review of the review" already completed by Chief Bill Blair to find efficiencies in the force.

The chief was asked by the board to look for cost-savings within the service several years ago, and delivered the results of his "internal organizational review" earlier this year.



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CANADIAN TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

DAY 1: April 29th – Counter Terrorism

9am - 12pm: *Suicide Bomber – The Modern Urban Terror Threat: Understanding and Identifying the Suicide Bomber*
Presenter: Nir Maman

1-4pm: *Iran, Hizbollah, Drug Cartels: Counter-terrorism Considerations*
Presenter: Clare Lopez, CIA (ret'd)

DAY 2: April 30th, 9am - 4pm

Law Enforcement First Response – Tactical Casualty Care (LEFR-TCC)

Presenter: David Steignaga, Yan Regis, Shawn Denty

DAY 2: April 30th

Mentally Ill and Law Enforcement

9am - 12pm: *Suicide by Cop*
Presenter: Jean Guy Gagnon, Forensic Psychiatrist

1pm-4pm: *The Mentally Ill in a Corrections Setting*
Presenter: Dr Yuki Kanomi, Clinical Psychologist

Fee: \$250 – one day; \$400 – two days
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Several board members have since expressed concerns, leading the board to decide to hire a separate group of consultants to conduct their own assessment.

The decision comes against the backdrop of continuing tension between at least one board member and the police chief, and lingering questions over the chief's future his contract expires next April, but could be extended.

The police board decided in January to hire separate consultants to look at the results of the "chief's internal organizational review" (CIOR), after members raised questions about the transparency of the process, as well as the "modest financial efficiencies" it managed to find.

"It seems to have gotten away from the board," said vice-chair Councillor Michael Thompson, who described the board-led assessment as "a review of the review." He said the intention from the outset in 2011 was that the board and not the chief be in charge of the organizational review.

"It was my understanding as well that the board was going to be an integral part of the review process, which doesn't seem to have happened," he told The Globe, adding that at least two board members were assigned to "a CIOR steering committee" to be involved with the process.

When asked why the board was not integral to the chief's review, Mr. Thompson said "apparently, whatever instruction was given wasn't followed." He made clear that Chief Blair was the subject of that remark by later clarifying: "the board only has the authority to give instructions to the chief."

Toronto Police spokesman Mark Pugash said Tuesday that the chief's review found a savings of \$7-million per year for the force. He declined to respond to Mr. Thompson's comments about the chief.

The force's total annual budget is more than \$1-billion. The board has allocated \$300,000 from the Toronto Police's 2013 operating budget surplus to pay for the second review.

Board chair Alok Mukherjee played down dissent between the board and the chief in e-mails to The Globe Tuesday. "The board is undertaking an assessment of the results of the Chief's internal review and not a review of his review," he wrote. He said that an assessment is different from a review in that "it involves an in-depth examination of the measures in terms of several factors such as cost-benefit, risk, value added, long term implications."

Mr. Mukherjee, who would only respond to questions submitted to him by e-mail, wrote in a January report to the board that the chief's review does include "important recommendations," despite the "modest financial efficiencies" found.

And though Mr. Mukherjee did not answer directly whether the chief followed instructions, he did say that the board recommended to Chief Blair in October, 2011, that he "retain external expertise" in conducting the review. Chief Blair hired Accenture to

assist with part of the review, but "the internal review was not conducted by an external consultant," Mr. Mukherjee wrote.

And though terms of reference for the review were to be "developed in consultation with the board," Mr. Mukherjee said that "the terms of reference for CIOR were not developed in consultation with or shared with the Board."

Mr. Mukherjee could not say how much the chief's original review has already cost the TPS, except to say it is "significantly more" than the \$44,265.60 paid in 2013 alone to consultants at Accenture for part of the CIOR.

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THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2014

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CHICAGO - Walter Unbehaun has spent nearly all of his adult life behind bars, so it's not surprising that he awaits sentencing for yet another crime, a bank robbery last year.

Unbehaun's reason for robbing the bank is surprising, though: He was homesick for prison.

The 74-year-old Unbehaun showed a Chicago-area bank teller a revolver in his waistband and told her softly over and over, "I don't want to hurt you." He drove to a nearby motel with more than \$4,000 in loot and waited for police to arrive.

Confronted by police in the motel parking lot, Unbehaun dropped his cane, raised his hands and startled the officers by his apparent joy at getting nabbed. That's according to prosecutors and his own attorney.

He's scheduled to be sentenced later Thursday.

Apr 17 2014

NEW YORK - The move by New York City's new police commissioner to disband a unit that spied on the everyday activities of Muslims could be just the first step in a dismantling of some of the huge post-9-11 intelligence-gathering machinery built by his predecessor.

Among other anti-terror programs that are getting a hard look from Commissioner William Bratton is a unit that stations NYPD officers in foreign cities such as London, Paris, Tel Aviv and Amman, Jordan. Also under review are the protocols for when and how to conduct surveillance in the hunt for terrorists.

Bratton, who has been in office for three months, was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio, a liberal Democrat, and given a sweeping mandate to ease tensions between the 35,000-officer department and the city's minorities.

Over the past few years, Bratton's predecessor Ray Kelly and then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg vehemently defended what has

become the nation's largest intelligence-gathering, anti-terrorism operation outside the federal government, saying the lack of any major attack on the city since 9-11, and the lowest overall crime rate in a generation, are proof it is working.

But Bratton and his allies say the unit-by-unit review of the NYPD's intelligence and counterterrorism operations is necessary to eliminate possible inefficiencies, better deploy resources and respond to criticism that the department has trampled on civil rights.

The review is expected to bring tighter restrictions on how the department gathers intelligence and make it less secretive.

On Tuesday, the department confirmed the dismantling of the Demographics Unit, which sent plainclothes officers to mingle with Muslims in bookstores, restaurants and mosques and listen for terrorist plots.

Under Bratton, the department concluded that the information collected by the unit could be better gathered through direct contact with community groups, officials said.

Another one of Kelly's initiatives that could be scaled back or eliminated is a program that posted more than a dozen detectives in major cities abroad. It is intended to give the department more timely intelligence on terror plots. But critics have questioned whether the officers have access to any meaningful information.

Apr 17 2014

REGINA - Regina police say they are still trying to figure out the motive behind the random stabbing of four people at a downtown shopping mall.

A 15-year-old boy is facing charges of aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

Deputy police chief Bob Morin says police consider the attack at the Cornwall Centre a spontaneous, unpredictable event.

He says there's no sign of gang involvement.

The four males who were stabbed all suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Morin says the public can be reassured that Regina is a safe city.

He says this kind of attack is rare and uncommon.

The banner features the International Police Association (IPA) logo on the left, which includes a globe and the text "International Police Association". To the right of the logo are two Canadian flags and the text "Canadian Section". Below the logo and flags is a photograph of a group of police officers in uniform standing together. Underneath the photo is the text: "The IPA strives to enhance the image of police in its member countries and to facilitate international cooperation through friendly contacts between police officers of all continents." At the bottom of the banner, it says "Service through Friendship" and "Membership is \$30 annually To learn more visit the website www.IPA.ca".