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## Shift work ages the brain, dulls intellect



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**Working antisocial hours can prematurely age the brain and dull intellectual ability, scientists warn.**

Their study, in the journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, suggested a decade of shifts aged the brain by more than six years.

There was some recovery after people stopped working antisocial shifts, but it took five years to return to normal.

Experts say the findings could be important in dementia, as many patients have disrupted sleep.

The body's internal clock is designed for us to be active in the day and asleep at night.

The damaging effects on the body of working against the body clock, from breast cancer to obesity, are well known.

Now a team at the University of Swansea and the University of Toulouse has shown an impact on the mind as well.

Three thousand people in France performed tests of memory, speed of thought and wider cognitive ability.

The brain naturally declines as we age, but the researchers said working antisocial

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shifts accelerated the process.

Those with more than 10 years of shift work under their belts had the same results as someone six and a half years older.

The good news is that when people in the study quit shift work, their brains did recover. Even if it took five years.

Dr Philip Tucker, part of the research team in Swansea, told the BBC: "It was quite a substantial decline in brain function, it is likely that when people trying to undertake complex cognitive tasks then they might make more mistakes and slip-ups, maybe one in 100 makes a mistake with a very large consequence, but it's hard to say how big a difference it would make in day-to-day life."

He said he would not do night shifts "if I could possibly help it" but they were a "necessary evil" that society could not do without.

"There are ways to mitigate the effects in the way you design work schedules and regular medical check-ups... should include cognitive performance tests to look for danger signs," he added.

Dr Michael Hastings, from the UK Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, told the BBC: "The reversibility is a really exciting finding because no-one else has shown it and no matter how compromised a person may be there's always hope of recovery."

He said the findings may have important consequences in dementia, which is known to damage sleeping patterns in a similar way to shift work.

"If you can keep the sleep-wake cycle as solid as possible you're unlikely to reverse neurodegeneration, but you can ameliorate one of the consequences.

Prof Derk-Jan Dijk, from the Surrey Sleep Centre, cautioned that retired shift workers still had lower sleep quality than people who had never done nights.

"So some of these effects may not be so readily or rapidly reversed."

He added: "We now accept that shift work may not be good for your physical health, but this shows your brain function is affected and I think that finding will surprise many people."

(BBC News)

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2014

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**SASKATOON - The trial of a Saskatoon man accused of strangling a woman and who later confessed to police officers posing as gangsters won't be reopened.**

Douglas Hales is charged with first-degree murder of Daleen Bosse in 2004.

The case against Hales included evidence gathered in a so-called Mr. Big sting, in which undercover RCMP officers posed as members of a criminal organization trying to recruit him.

As Justice Gerald Allbright was about to deliver a verdict, the Supreme Court raised the bar for confessions extracted through such stings to be admissible in court.

Under the new test, prosecutors must show that a Mr. Big confession is reliable, that it won't unfairly prejudice an accused and that it wasn't obtained through police coercion, or was facilitated due to a suspect's mental health or addiction issues.

Allbright ruled Thursday that he was satisfied that the evidence presented in Hales's trial showed the accused was of sound mind. (CKOM)

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, 2014

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**CALGARY - A man is dead after a police-involved shooting at a Calgary facility that offers low-cost supportive housing for men with mental health and addiction issues.**

Officers were called early Friday morning to Langin Place in a southeast neighbourhood after getting word about someone threatening another client with a gun.

Police say in a release that officers were confronted with a high-risk situation as they approached a man on the second floor and that a police gun was fired.

He died at the scene, but it wasn't immediately known whether he had been armed.

No officers were hurt.

The building was evacuated, but residents were allowed back in after spending a short time on transit buses that had been brought to the scene.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is investigating.

(The Canadian Press, CHQR, CFFR)

Oct 31 2014

**MONCTON, N.B. - Justin Bourque was sentenced Friday to serve 75 years in prison before he can apply for parole for the June 4 shooting rampage that killed three RCMP officers and wounded two others in Moncton.**

Judge David Smith of the Court of Queen's Bench in New Brunswick delivered his precedent-setting ruling after a sentencing hearing earlier this week during which Bourque apologized to the families of the Mounties he shot.

Smith said Bourque showed little remorse for his actions, which the judge said were motivated by his hatred for authority.

"This has been difficult for everyone," Smith said. "The crime committed is one of the worst in Canadian history."

Bourque's sentence is the harshest in Canada since the last executions in 1962.

He pleaded guilty in August to three counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

Bourque, 24, faced a mandatory life sentence, so the only issue for Smith to decide was when he could apply for parole.

The Crown sought the maximum sentence of 75 years under a section of the Criminal Code that was amended in 2011, arguing that Bourque's crimes were among the most heinous this country has seen and they warranted a sentence that would give precedence over rehabilitation.

The defence argued for parole eligibility to be set at 50 years.

The wife of one of the slain RCMP officers thanked her family, friends and the community for their support before speaking of the bond she had with her husband.

"I spent the happiest 17 years of my life with you," Nadine Larche, the wife of Const. Douglas Larche, said outside court.

"It's now time for us to start the healing process as we piece our lives together as best we can."

Assistant commissioner Roger Brown, the commanding officer of the RCMP in New Brunswick, said he doesn't know if there will ever be a point when the emotional scars from the shooting will fully heal.

"It's like any tragedy. People say that time heals, but that's subjective," Brown said outside the courthouse.

"I just hope and pray that nobody in my position or no other police officers will have to live through this again."

The amended Criminal Code provision that factored into Bourque's sentencing has been used only once before. In September 2013, a judge in Edmonton sentenced an armoured-car guard to life in prison with no chance at parole for 40 years for gunning down four of his colleagues during a robbery in June 2012.

Travis Baumgartner had pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree murder, two counts of second-degree murder and a charge of attempted murder.

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**HALIFAX - Police say an armed man dressed as Batman tried to hold up an armoured vehicle as guards were making a delivery at a bank in the Halifax area.**

RCMP Sgt. Alain LeBlanc said the man approached the guards at a Royal Bank branch in Lower Sackville on Thursday around 11:20 p.m.

LeBlanc said the suspect was wearing a Batman mask with a blue hooded sweat shirt, jeans and running shoes.

"It's certainly unusual," LeBlanc said. "Certainly I don't remember someone committing or attempting an armed robbery with a Batman mask."

LeBlanc said the man, believed to be in his 20s, fled the scene in a nearby minivan.

No one was hurt.

Police continue to search for a suspect.

Oct 31 2014

**The OPP will lead an independent investigation into last week's shooting on Parliament Hill.**

In an interview with Orillia Today, OPP Commissioner Vince Hawkes confirmed the provincial force would conduct a "comprehensive" investigation into the incident that ended with the death of Michael Zehaf-Bibeau.

The gunman stormed the Centre Block after killing Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial.

"The RCMP has requested that the OPP come in and do an investigation into the actual shooting incident within the walls of Parliament Hill, so the House of Commons," Hawkes said. "The interaction between the subject and their RCMP officers which resulted in the shooting and the death, we will do that investigation."

The investigation will explore "every aspect of the shooting."

"All the forensic evidence, all the interviewing, all of the assessment of any evidence associated to the shooting itself," he added.

A detective inspector with the OPP's criminal investigations branch will lead the investigation.

"It potentially could take months to complete," he said. "It's one of those things where there are a number of people to interview and examine forensic evidence and so on."

The OPP will provide the RCMP a comprehensive report on the shooting following the investigation.

(Orillia Today)

Oct 31 2014

**CALGARY - A man who was a resident at an assisted living complex for single men with mental health and addictions issues was shot and killed by police.**

Calgary Police Chief Rick Hanson says the officer involved in the shooting at Lanigan Place has been on the force for the last four years.

Hanson said officers knocked on the door of the man's apartment early Friday morning.

The chief says the man opened the door and produced what appeared to be a firearm and that's when two shots went off.

Hanson was limited in what he could say because of the investigation by the Alberta

Serious Incident Response Team, which investigates police shootings.

ASIRT acting executive director Susan Hughson said a realistic-looking BB gun was found near the man's body.

"Preliminary investigation has revealed that a Carl Walther Model PPK/S BB gun was located near the deceased man," said Sue Hughson.

One resident told police he was being threatened by another person with a gun. Police couldn't say what prompted the threats as the two men weren't well known to each other.

No officers were injured.

Residents told Global Calgary that it wasn't the man's first conflict with other residents.

They say he was released from hospital about 1 1/2 months ago but add he was "too sick" and should not have been discharged.

(CFFR, Global Calgary)

Oct 31 2014

**MCMASTERVILLE, Que.- Four police officers were suspended without pay after getting caught on the wrong side of the law in McMasterville, Que., a small city half an hour east of Montreal.**

Local police punished the officers for putting up signs and stickers on the walls of the town hall.

A sergeant was suspended for 10 days and three constables for five days.

Since October municipal employees across Quebec have been using stickers to protest a law that would considerably reduce their pension funds.

Until now, no policemen were punished for using stickers. Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre says he will not suspend police officers for minor acts of vandalism.

"We simply ask that the stickers be removed and we send the receipt to the police union," Coderre said.

(QMI Agency)



Nov 01 2014

**VICTORIA - A man has been shot and killed by police responding to a 911 call from a home in Victoria.**

Chief Frank Elsner says officers were confronted by the man when they arrived at the house at about 11 a.m. Saturday.

Elsner says the incident in the James Bay area is tragic for the community and offered condolences to the man's family.

The Independent Investigations Office has been deployed to Victoria.



Nov 03 2014

**HALIFAX - Nova Scotia's police watchdog has cleared two RCMP officers of wrongdoing in the arrest and detention of a man who suffered broken ribs while in custody.**

The Serious Incident Response Team says there are no grounds to lay charges against either Mountie in connection with the July 4 incident in Enfield.

The team says a 45-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and taken to the local detachment about 30 minutes north of Halifax.

While there, the team says the man grew aggressive and tried to kick one officer in the abdomen but missed, striking her arm instead.

That's when another officer grabbed the man around his torso and pulled him to the ground.

The man later complained of pain and was diagnosed in hospital with cracked or fractured ribs.

In its report, the team concludes the officers were justified in arresting the man and the force used at the detachment was reasonable.

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**HALIFAX - The RCMP is investigating after 400 bricks of suspected cocaine were found stuffed inside duffle bags on a container ship in Halifax.**

The Canada Border Services Agency says the drugs were found last Wednesday during a search of a container that arrived at the Port of Halifax from Argentina.

The agency says the shipping documents purported the container to be carrying more than 1,200 cases of alcohol, but an X-ray showed something different.

Officers then discovered eight duffle bags containing what was believed to be more than 450 kilograms of cocaine.

RCMP Const. Mark Skinner says the substance is believed to be pure cocaine, but lab tests continue to be conducted.

He says the investigation is in the early stages and there have been no arrests.

Nov 03 2014

**KUWAIT CITY - Iraq intends to dramatically step up its police training - a project one expert says would be ideal for a Conservative government that's eager to make its mark in the war against extremists in the Middle East.**

Terry Gould, a veteran of writing about civilian police missions in Afghanistan, Palestine and Haiti, says the Harper government has put more emphasis on business and trade in emerging nations than on capacity and institution-building.

Gould says having honest, well-trained police would be a major step towards bridging Iraq's sectarian divide, which has torn the country apart in the post-Saddam Hussein era.

Gould says the chaos that followed the international community's failure to build an impartial police service in Libya after the 2011 NATO bombing campaign should be a cautionary tale for the coalition that's currently bombing Iraq and Syria.

Gould says when a country drops bombs, it should have something to follow it up.

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**OTTAWA - Ontario's police watchdog has charged two Ottawa police officers after it's alleged a 32-year-old man was injured while in their custody.**

The Special Investigations Unit says Ismael Awaleh was in police custody at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital on May 1 when the alleged incident occurred.

Constables Erin Cavan and Jordan Blonde are each charged with one count of assault.

They are due in court Dec. 16.

Ottawa police spokesman Const. Chuck Benoit says only that Cavan and Blonde "remain on active duty."

Nov 03 2014

**Communication problems between the RCMP, police officers from other jurisdictions and other first responders on the night of Justin Bourque's shooting rampage in Moncton will likely be highlighted by an internal review, according to the head of the RCMP in New Brunswick.**

Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown said in an interview on Monday he believes the report will address some of the communication problems that arose as Bourque wandered through a north-end neighbourhood on June 4, dressed in camouflage and gunning down officers with a high-powered weapon.

It's "the first thing that needs to be zeroed in on," he said.

The case escalated from a simple gun complaint to a deadly shooting and two-day manhunt that involved hundreds of police officers from across the country and saw much of the southeastern New Brunswick city locked down.

"We had police officers from different provinces -- from Nova Scotia, P.E.I. -- that came here, that are on a different radio system, (who) couldn't communicate with each other," said Brown.

Ambulance crews couldn't communicate with police and paramedics could not respond to the fallen officers because the area had been categorized as a kill zone, he said.

"This is one that we absolutely have to get fixed, not just here, but across Canada."

Brown said he would be "very surprised" if the issue isn't dealt with in the report. "If it isn't, I'm still going to work on it, because it's something that I know I need to do," he said.

The commissioner said he expects the report will be made public within weeks.

"It's my understanding the report is in its final draft stages," said Brown.

"The commissioner made mention last week that in the coming weeks he will release that report. In a case like this, what I'm anticipating, what I'm hoping for, is a very critical look at the incident, exactly what can we learn from it."

Last July, the RCMP announced that retired assistant commissioner Phonse MacNeil, the former commanding officer of H Division in Nova Scotia, would lead the internal review of the shooting deaths in Moncton.

At the time, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said all facets of the June 4 shootings in Moncton "need to be understood."

Brown said there's still much to learn in the wake of the shootings, but the case has served as a reminder to all first responders that every call has the potential to be life-threatening.

"One of our biggest enemies in police work is complacency, not looking at the overall danger and saying, 'Oh, this is just another hunter going in the woods, or someone going paint-balling, or whatever the case might be."

"But I think certainly this reminds us that every single call has the potential to go from a basic call to one that is extremely dangerous in a matter of seconds."

(CBC News)

Nov 03 2014

**TORONTO - Most Toronto Police officers will not be packing their service weapons for a grocery store trip or night out at the movies anytime soon.**

Mike McCormack, President of the

Toronto Police Association, proposed his members carry their guns when out of uniform as a way to deal with safety concerns. They stem from two recent fatal attacks on Canadian soldiers and the general threat of ISIS.

The union boss put the idea to the Chief Monday. Bill Blair turned it down, pointing to the lack of specific threat against the service.

"The intelligence or the risk assessment they've done...he (Blair) doesn't feel it warrants having officers carry fire arms as a general rule while they are not at work," McCormack told Newstalk 1010 after the meeting.

Toronto Police rules allow officers to bring their guns to and from work. The chief can allow a service weapon to be carried around the clock in special circumstances, like when an officer's life has been threatened.

The conversation around gun rules is not over. McCormack will raise the subject with Blair weekly.

"If the landscape changes again or the intelligence changes, he'll let me know," McCormack said.

(Newstalk 1010)

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## Ford has a new way for police to keep an eye on themselves.

The automaker is now offering a tracking system for its Taurus and Explorer-based Police Interceptors, that can monitor the driving behavior of law enforcement officers.

The technology, developed in partnership with Telogis, builds on Ford's Crew Chief system, which was designed for fleet management and uses telematics to monitor the location of vehicles on the road, their fuel economy, etc.

The police version can do all of that, but is focused more on safety. It tracks if occupants are wearing their seatbelts, speeding, cornering or braking hard and even if the vehicle is involved in a spin. It can then take this information and determine whether the speed was appropriate for the situation, such as whether or not the officer behind the wheel was responding to call.

Ford cites data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund that shows more law enforcement personnel die each year in car accidents than firearms incidents. Many of these were the result of officers not bucking up.

The system is currently being field in 50 cars in the Los Angeles Police Department fleet.

"We have a responsibility to the communities we serve and to our fellow officers to make safety behind the wheel one of our top priorities," said the LAPD's director of policed transportation, commanding officer Vartan Yeghyan, in a press release.

But some of the officers on the beat are not entirely sold on the system just yet. Los Angeles Police Protective League president Tyler Izen told USA Today that they're concerned that it could be overly intrusive and expect to hold a meeting with officials before the department fully implements it.

"They have a requirement for letting my people know about ramifications," he said.

As far as data security is concerned, a Ford spokesperson tells FoxNews.com that the automaker doesn't have access to the information collected, only the department using the system does.

(Fox News)

**TUESDAY**  
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Nov 04 2014

## CALGARY - Calgary police are now using facial-recognition software as a screening tool to help solve crimes.

The program, called NeoFace, takes photos and videos of persons of interest and compares them with the Calgary police mugshot database of about 300,000 images.

It uses a complex mathematical algorithm of pattern recognition to quickly screen photos for potential matches.

The system will also be used to help identify people after their arrest in order to reduce the time and resources needed when officers are given fraudulent self-identification.

Insp. Rosemary Hawkins, a Calgary police spokeswoman, says the technology is very similar to fingerprint evidence.

The software was developed by NEC Corp. of America and Hawkins says it's already proven itself in one Calgary case in which investigators used a seven-year-old database photo to come up with a match.

Keith Raderschadt, an NEC spokesman, says several U.S. agencies with large databases use NeoFace, with some reporting more than 1,000 confirmed cold-case hits.

Calgary police say they're the first law-enforcement service in Canada to use the software.

(CTV Calgary, Global Calgary)

Nov 04 2014

## OTTAWA - The federal public safety minister suggests an explosive cocktail of mental health problems, drug addiction and extremist ideology prompted the recent killing of a soldier in Ottawa.

Steven Blaney told a security conference today that Canada must be vigilant about threat posed by people who become radicalized for any reason.

The federal government was quick to label the deadly shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial an act of terrorism.

It soon after emerged that the killer, Michael Zehaf Bibeau, had abused drugs, spent time in homeless shelters and displayed erratic behaviour.

The RCMP says a video the man recorded before the shooting indicates his actions were rooted in his religious beliefs and opinion of Canada's foreign policy.

Nov 04 2014

## LONDON - U.S.-based social media have become "command-and-control networks" for terrorists and criminals and tech companies are in denial about their misuse, the new head of Britain's electronic eavesdropping agency said.

Writing in Tuesday's Financial Times, GCHQ chief Robert Hannigan said British intelligence agencies know that IS extremists use messaging services like Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp to reach their peers with ease. He said spy agencies need to have greater support from the U.S. technology companies which dominate the Web in order to fight militants and those who host material about violent extremism and child exploitation.

"However much (tech companies) may dislike it, they have become the command-and-control networks of choice for terrorists and criminals," he wrote.

Twitter declined to comment on the story. Facebook - which owns WhatsApp - had no immediate comment.

Yet the problem is larger than the question of social media, said Thomas Rid, professor of security studies at King's College London.

Companies like Apple, cognizant of the privacy concerns of its customers, are install-

ing powerful encryption programs on their devices. That leaves agencies like GCHQ facing the onset of encryption on a massive scale.

"You cannot make the Internet super safe and keep it unsafe for pedophiles and terrorists," Rid said of GCHQ's dilemma.

Nov 04 2014

## REGINA - Police in Saskatchewan have identified about 30 wells in an aboriginal community as they check out a possible new lead in the case of a five-year-old girl who has been missing for more than 10 years.

Tamra Keepness disappeared from a Regina home in July 2004.

On Monday someone posted a crudely drawn map on the social media website Reddit that claims to show where her body is located that carries the notation "check the wells."

Regina police and RCMP say the wells they have identified are on the Muscowpetung Saulteaux First Nation northeast of Regina.

Police say they are putting together a plan that may include a close inspection of these wells, but are not sure yet where to start.

Regina police spokeswoman Elizabeth Popowich says investigators still haven't confirmed if the map and tip are genuine.

Nov 04 2014

## WHITEHORSE - A Whitehorse man has been sentenced to 11 and a half years in prison for various crimes including attempting to murder a Mountie.

With time served, 33-year-old Chris Cornell will spend eight years behind bars.

Yukon Supreme Court Justice Leigh Gower also imposed long-term offender status and supervision for 10 years after Cornell is released.

He was found guilty last month of attempted murder for shooting at an RCMP officer during a high-speed chase in September 2011.

Cornell was also convicted of attempting to murder a deputy conservation officer who was with the Mountie during a response to a break-in at a store in Haines Junction.

(CKRW, Whitehorse Star)

Nov 04 2014

## CALGARY - Calgary would see just 10 additional police officers hired over the next four years as the population grows by an estimated 100,000 people, according to the city's new financial plan for 2015 to 2018.

The spending restraint comes within a department that already "serves more citizens with fewer officers than most other cities in Canada," according to city budget documents, published Tuesday.

It also comes amid predictions that the city's population projections may underestimate actual growth in the coming years.

The budget calculations assume population increases of 25,000 each year, but in 2014 the city grew by 38,508 people and many on city council believe annual

increases of 40,000 are possible, even likely, in the coming years.

Still, police Chief Rick Hanson believes the miniscule increase in staffing levels is manageable, at least for the foreseeable future.

Hanson told councillors in September the modest budget request was developed “recognizing the fiscal constraints facing the city” and said police could maintain service levels by finding “operational efficiency” and making use of technologies – like new facial recognition software – that help speed up their work.

“With the application of some of the technologies we’re using, I think we can maintain through 2015 and probably into 2016,” Hanson said. “After that, there’s no way I can absolutely predict what’s going to happen.”

Officers attended 145,259 calls in the first six months of 2014, up 1.8 per cent from the year before, according to the police service’s latest quarterly report.

Calgary has 2,758 full-time positions on its police staff. Of those, Hanson said 2,045 are sworn officers and 713 are civilian members.

Of the country’s 11 largest cities, only Ottawa and Quebec City have fewer officers, per 100,000 population, than Calgary, according to 2013 Statistics Canada data.

(Metro Calgary)

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 05, 2014

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### **ORILLIA, Ont. - Provincial police are appealing to motorists to help keep Ontario’s roads safe this winter after recording a surge in crashes last year.**

The OPP says there were 33,334 collisions between Dec. 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014, compared to 25,953 collisions over the same four-month period in 2012-2013.

They say bad driving and not poor weather or road conditions, was a primary contributing factor in many of the crashes.

The provincial force says it is working closely with the Ministry of Transportation to ensure that roads are kept as safe as possible over the winter months.

It plans to provide a steady flow of safety tips, information and reminders in an effort to keep motorists on track with safe driving behaviour.

One key message will be the need for drivers to slow down and drive according to road and weather conditions.

Another will be the need for all drivers to use their full set of headlights every day throughout the winter months.

“Far too many vehicles could not be seen by the drivers behind them last winter because their rear lights were not on,” the OPP said in a release.

Nov 05 2014

### **HALIFAX - Nova Scotia’s justice minister says the province’s relatively new mental health court is achieving**

### **its objectives, but there are no plans to extend its specialized services beyond the Halifax region.**

Lena Metlege Diab says a formal evaluation for the court, which marks its fifth anniversary today, is underway and that hasn’t been released yet.

However, she told a news conference that statistics compiled by the court show that of the 232 people deemed eligible to participate, 199 have successfully completed the diversion program.

The court was set up to deal with people with mental disorders who come into conflict with the law.

Diab says the goal of the court is to set up support plans for each accused in a bid to improve their well-being so they are less likely to reoffend.

The minister says the program is working and there are some pilot programs outside the Halifax region, but there are no plans to set it up elsewhere.

Nov 05 2014

### **OTTAWA - The Conservative government’s controversial anti-prostitution bill passed third reading in the Senate on Tuesday and requires only royal assent to become law.**

The government had wanted to get the bill through the legislative process by the middle of this month, so it could become law by December.

That would meet the deadline imposed by the Supreme Court of Canada when it struck down existing laws as unconstitutional last year.

The court found the laws violated the charter rights of sex workers because they were criminally prohibited from taking measures to keep themselves safe.

Nov 05 2014

### **CALGARY - Alberta’s privacy commissioner is investigating the use of some high-tech equipment used by the Calgary police.**

Jill Clayton is looking into whether facial recognition software and body-worn cameras are acceptable under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Calgary Police Service announced just days ago that it would be using facial recognition as a screening tool to help solve crimes.

Clayton says in a release that she will look at how and why officers will use the technology, how personal information will be managed and how it will be protected.

Clayton points out police do have broad authority to collect, use and disclose personal information in carrying out their job.

Results of her investigation and any recommendations are to be made public.

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### **VICTORIA - Guns, body armour, metal detectors and an airport-like security screening area will soon be the norm**

### **at British Columbia’s legislature in the wake of the recent Ottawa shootings and a security review.**

The all-party Legislative Assembly Management Committee approved Wednesday evening a seven-point security package recommended by the legislature’s sergeant-at-arms, Gary Lenz.

The vote means protective services staff who are designated as special provincial constables will be equipped and trained in the use of firearms.

Lenz said armed guards are needed at the legislature to meet any threat posed by someone with a weapon and about 45 of 70 guards will receive the training.

“Here we’re not like the House of Commons in Ottawa where we have police cars and police,” said Lenz.

“We are what we have. If we have to wait five minutes or eight minutes or ten minutes for a response, that’s a lifetime. What’s required is to have an adequate presence here to deal with a threat immediately, as was done in Ottawa.”

He told the committee that the special provincial constables are primarily former police officers and will now be carrying firearms as part of their uniforms.

Premier Christy Clark said last month she supported a security review even though she feels safe at the buildings after the Ottawa shootings.

The committee also approved installing metal-detector equipment at the front entrance of the legislature and supported the introduction of an airport-like security screening area, through which all members of the public, including tour groups, will have to pass before entering the building.

MLA’s and staff who work in the legislature will also receive training in active-shooter response.

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### **OTTAWA - Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau says he is still waiting on an explanation and justification from Ontario’s civilian police watchdog after its decision this week to charge two Ottawa police officers with assault.**

The Special Investigations Unit charged two patrol officers with assaulting a 32-year-old man who was in police custody at the Queensway Carleton Hospital on May 1.

“We are in the process of trying to understand the basis and justification for the charges,” Bordeleau told the Citizen in an email. He confirmed that he spoke to the director of the SIU, Tony Loparco, on Wednesday about the charges but said that conversation wasn’t informative.

“I am still seeking information and an explanation,” Bordeleau said.

Bordeleau declined to comment on the specifics of the charges.

In a media release Monday, the SIU said it had been notified of a complaint against Const. Erin Cavan and Const. Jordan Blonde.

The release said Loparco had reasonable grounds to believe that Cavan and Blonde committed a criminal offence against Ismael Awaleh. Though details were scant in the release, sources have told the Citizen that the officers were assisting hospital staff on May 1 with a person who was in police custody.

Awaleh is known to police. According to court documents, police charged Awaleh on that date with possession of crack cocaine, resisting arrest, assault and breaching probation. Police allege Awaleh assaulted Cavan and Blonde while they attempted to arrest him.

Ottawa Police Association president Matt Skof said the latest charge will follow the trend of Ottawa police officers being criminally charged for actions they are sworn to do in the course of their duties. The association and others in the province, have requested oversight into the SIU's conduct and decisions to lay criminal charges.

Cavan and Blonde are scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 16. Both officers remain on active duty.

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### **TORONTO - OPP officers are being told to wear their regular uniforms rather than dress uniforms at Remembrance Day ceremonies for safety reasons.**

This follows the deaths last month of two Canadian soldiers — one in Ottawa and one in Quebec — at the hands of terrorists.

"The change of dress is basically an internal directive given the event that transpired in the last couple of weeks. It is for the safety of our officers," OPP Sgt. Peter Leon said Wednesday.

Remembrance Day is a statutory holiday for the OPP and officers are to wear plain-clothes or full uniform — which includes body armour and carrying their weapon — if they attend any Remembrance Day function.

Leon says there are no specific threats.

"There is nothing I can speak to, but there have been threats made on our soil in the past. It's regrettable we can't wear our dress uniforms to show our respect for the sacrifices of our veterans," Leon said.

"Our focus is on officer safety. If there was a situation that transpired, officers could react and respond and protect citizens."

The Toronto Police Association wants all off-duty officers to be able to carry their sidearm.

Toronto officers not on duty can carry their weapon with permission.

There needs to be a broader policy, says Mike McCormack, president of the association.

"There is a changing landscape around terrorism and we have to ensure officer safety isn't compromised," McCormack said, adding police are cops 24/7.

"Officers aren't just going to be targeted at work. We are assessing things on a day-to-day basis."

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### **OTTAWA - A massive intelligence-gathering network of RCMP video cameras, radar, ground sensors, thermal radiation detectors and more will be erected along the U.S.-Canada border in Ontario and Quebec by 2018, the Mounties said Tuesday.**

The \$92-million surveillance web, formally known as the Border Integrity Technology Enhancement Project, will be concentrated in more than 100 "high-risk" cross-border crime zones spanning 700 kilometres of eastern Canada, said Assistant Commissioner Joe Oliver, the RCMP's head of technical operations.

"The concept involves employing unattended ground sensors, cameras, radar, licence plate readers, both covert and overt, to detect suspicious activity in high-risk areas along the border," Assistant Commissioner Oliver told security industry executives attending the SecureTech conference and trade show at Ottawa's Shaw Centre.

"What we're hoping to achieve is a reduction in cross-border criminality and enhancement of our national security."

The network of electronic eyes is to run along the Quebec-Maine border to Morrisburg, Ont., then along the St. Lawrence Seaway, across Lake Ontario and ending just west of Toronto in Oakville.

The project was announced under the 2014 federal budget, but framed solely as a measure to improve the RCMP's ability to combat contraband cigarette smuggling.

The network will be linked to a state-of-the-art "geospatial intelligence and automated dispatch centre" that will, among other things, integrate the surveillance data, issue alerts for high-probability targets, issue "instant imagery" to officers on patrol and produce predictive analysis reports.

"We do have (border surveillance) technologies deployed on a limited scale but ... nothing in terms of the scale of this project," Assistant Commissioner Oliver said in an interview. Unmanned drones will not be part of the high-tech arsenal.

The network is to be operational by 2017-18. Site surveys are now underway, procurement and implementation strategies are in development and operational requirements are being studied, he said.

The United States could eventually have access to the collected data. Assistant Commissioner Oliver added that with the potential sharing of information, privacy concerns would be paramount.

The various technologies required will be selected and installed with potential future interoperability with U.S. police and border officials in mind, he said. As Assistant Commissioner Oliver spoke, he was flanked by Mark Borkowski, assistant commissioner for the office of technology innovation and acquisition with U.S. Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security.

"The fiscal and operational environment, the nimbleness of organized crime and

the ongoing national security threats require that we explore new ways of deepening and strengthening collaboration," said Assistant Commissioner Oliver.

"There are lots of opportunities to look at new ways of doing business. A threat to Canada is a threat to the U.S. and vice versa, so we operate in an environment where we're trying to address shared threats."

The Ontario-Quebec border with New York State is a key conduit for tobacco smugglers; experts agree smuggling generates hundreds of millions annually in black-market profits. Dozens of organized crime groups, big and small, from outlaw bikers and Italian mobsters to Vietnamese and Chinese gangs, use the same routes and infrastructure to move narcotics and illegal immigrants south into the U.S.

The fear is that terrorists could infiltrate the country by the same routes.

Some Mohawks have already condemned the RCMP plan for "high-tech weaponry" as an attack on their sovereignty and the economy of the Akwesane reserve between Cornwall, Ont. and Hogansburg, N.Y.

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### **CALEDONIA - Three men have been charged in connection with a demonstration on Highway 6 last month to pressure the federal government to call an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.**

The demonstration led to the closure of the highway for 36 hours on the weekend of Oct. 4 and 5.

It's the first time in memory that Ontario Provincial Police have charged anyone in connection with closing the highway, which was also shut down at the height of the 2006 land claims dispute at Douglas Creek Estates in Caledonia. It was closed in 2008 to support natives in a standoff with police in Eastern Ontario and in 2013 to support natives in a standoff with police in New Brunswick.

Last month's demonstration was part of a series across the country.

OPP Constable Mark Foster said in a release Wednesday that it affected public safety, and police responded with officers from Haldimand County and the West Region OPP.

"Due to the safety concerns," he said detour routes were set up. At the time, demonstrators insisted they were not closing the highway.

William Monture of the Six Nations Men's Fire told the Grand River Sachem the demonstrators were allowing traffic to travel on the highway and would not impede emergency vehicles. They indicated they were only stopping vehicles long enough to give the driver a flyer detailing the issue.

(Hamilton Spectator)