



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2006 Annual Report Joint Forces Drug Enforcement

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A. MANDATE

The mandate of the Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Section is to:

- a) Investigate the production and trafficking of controlled drugs and substances within the City of North Bay and North Bay Ontario Provincial Police detachment areas.
- b) Provide the involved police agencies with a unified local body of expertise to address drug enforcement issues.
- c) Gather and disseminate intelligence regarding individuals and groups trafficking in the targeted area.
- d) Identify and seize proceeds of crime derived from the trafficking and production of controlled substances.

B. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Section continued to actively enforce the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act in the North Bay and surrounding Ontario Provincial Police jurisdictions. Information sharing between our two agencies allowed for increased detection of persons and places involved in the drug subculture.

The city continued to see a significant increase in the use and distribution of crack cocaine and methamphetamine. This invariably had a profound effect on property crime. Those addicted to crack cocaine have been forced to sustain their addictions by committing property crimes in order to pay off their debts. Coordinated efforts between the Street Crime Unit, the Intelligence Section and the Drug Enforcement Section have been effective in targeting known distributors and efficient by way of seizing their contraband and the proceeds derived from it.

The Drug Enforcement Section has also provided assistance to the Criminal Investigations Section. This assistance has come in the form of surveillance duties, obtaining information from confidential human sources, drafting and executing Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrants, affecting arrests and any other duties required.

Confidential human source development has continued to be the foundation of effective targeting of producers and drug traffickers. Training that was received in this area in 2006 has been instrumental in maintaining a high level of enforcement while limiting liability.

C. ACTIVITIES

Over the course of 2006, the Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Section executed 46 Search Warrants in the Northeast Region resulting in the laying of 337

criminal charges and a total of \$2,648,027.00 in controlled drugs and substances being seized.

In the North Bay and Callander area, 19 CDSA and Criminal Code search warrants were executed resulting in the laying of 144 Criminal charges on 56 individuals, a total of \$116,011.00 in controlled drugs and substances being seized and the recovery of over \$27,430.00 in stolen property.

Training received in 2006 included the following:

- a) Drug Investigation Training Course
- b) Human Source Development
- c) Mobile Surveillance Course
- d) Introduction to Undercover Techniques
- e) Asset Forfeiture Foundations Training

D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Joint Forces Drug Enforcement 2006	Northeast Region	North Bay and Callander*
Charges laid	337	144
Search Warrants Executed	46	19
Value of Contraband Seized	\$2,648,027.00	\$116,011.00
Value of Stolen Property Recovered	\$30,555.00	\$27,430.00

*North Bay and Callander Statistics included in the Total for Northeast Region

E. ANTICIPATED ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

In 2006 there was a substantial increase in the number of persons from Southern Ontario and the Ottawa area attempting to assimilate into this area in order to distribute illicit drugs. These individuals brought with them a level of violence that had not been seen in Northern Ontario. This was evident in the shooting at a local drinking establishment, which involved individuals from Ottawa who continued to travel to and from North Bay throughout 2005 and 2006. Their encounters here in North Bay have been well-documented and usually involved drugs and weapons.

As well, there were two attempt murders on the life of a North Bay resident, a known drug trafficker/user. Organized crime groups attempted to profit from the lucrative crack cocaine trade here in North Bay by creating an atmosphere of fear and violence. Police will continue to monitor these groups through ongoing intelligence gathering and heightened enforcement measures.

The increase of crack cocaine and methamphetamine use in the area will continue to directly affect the amount of property crime and acts of violence. This is due in large part to the high profits associated to this type of crime and the overpowering addiction that plagues the user. These issues will not only affect the Drug Enforcement Section and the Street Crime Unit but will also tax the resources of the Criminal Investigation Section as well as front line officers in the Patrol Section.

A very important and effective working relationship has been developed between the Drug Enforcement Section, the Intelligence Section and the Street Crime Unit. This relationship has been instrumental in combating two separate target areas of criminal behaviour in the drug subculture: the purchase and sale of illicit drugs and the movement of stolen goods from the purchasers to the drug traffickers in order to compensate for these transactions.

Training in relation to the Law Enforcement Justification Act (Bill C-24) is also seen as being a vital component in protecting the police service and members of the drug enforcement section from liability issues as it relates to drug investigations.

F. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

The upcoming year will prove to be as challenging as the previous one as there appears to be an interest in setting up clandestine labs in the city in order to produce and sell methamphetamine. Members will monitor this situation and will attempt to gather further intelligence with regards to this alarming information.

There are still small cells of individuals from outside the city who continue to compete for their share of the drug market in North Bay. They will be targeted for selective enforcement and dismantled. However, due to North Bay being viewed in the drug subculture as a lucrative market, it will still be open to any and all organized crime syndicates.