



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

Annual Report Emergency Response Team

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A. Mandate of the Unit

The Emergency Response Team has been operating for 13 years dealing with a variety of high-risk incidents, requiring special weapons and tactics for resolution. The team works along side Crisis Negotiators, Incident Commanders, and uniform personnel to isolate, contain, evacuate, and negotiate incidents to a peaceful conclusion. In addition the members of the ERT work regular duties and respond to high-risk incidents as part of ERT functions without full team call outs.

B. Executive Summary

During the year 2006 the Emergency Response Team conducted two weekly training periods. One week during the spring and one week during the fall. As a result of these training periods all members completed certified training in accordance with Provincial mandates.

Two new members completed the basic containment portion of training. Both members have qualified on all specialty weapons and are gradually increasing their effectiveness on the team with experience.

The Emergency Response Team was involved in 45 incidents. These include team calls and patrol calls for service where ERT members were called upon to attend specifically for Taser deployments. In addition members of the team provided several lectures throughout the year to differing groups, on a variety of topics.

C. Activities

The table in Appendix A lists the calls for service responded to by the Emergency Response Team in 2006.

In order to respond effectively the team must train. The team had nine days of Maintenance Training in 2006, covering a variety of topics like:

1. Stealth Searching and Covert clearing techniques of buildings;
2. High Risk Warrant Service on Residential and Commercial Buildings;
3. High Risk Vehicle Stops;
4. Containment of Barricaded Persons;
5. Rapid Deployment involving active shooter scenarios;
6. Use of Force
7. Taser training
8. Firearms training on Bushmaster .223, 12 gauge shotgun, .40 cal. pistols
9. Specialized less lethal weapon training on the ARWEN
10. Chemical Munitions, and Gas training
11. Distraction Device training
12. Command and Control and SMEAC
13. Search and Rescue
14. Map and Compass training
15. Fitness and Task Specific training

In addition, one member continued with maintenance training as a Sniper/ Observer, which involves 4 hours on 7 separate days on the range, throughout the year.

Sgt. Gary MacInnis and Cst. Jeff Scardamaglia of Peel Regional Police attended to provide 3 days of training on advanced techniques including:

1. Clearing techniques and arrest procedures,
2. Immediate action response,
3. Bus assaults,
4. Command and control,
5. High-risk vehicle stops,
6. Warrant service, and
7. Less lethal applications.

During the fall of 2006 members of the ERT team were fortunate to re-establish links with the Civilian Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) and Bay Search and Rescue (BAYSAR) groups. Both OPP and North Bay Police took part in the National Search and Rescue Excursive (SAREX) 2006 hosted by CFB Trenton in North Bay. This was an impressive exercise to say the least. The military SARTEC'S personnel are some of the most highly trained personnel in Canada. ERT members were involved in a ground search prepared by Sgt Taylor from the OPP and A/Sgt Hunter. The scenario exercise was designed to mix all the teams with NBPS, OPP, BAYSAR, and CASARA members. The operating teams then responded to a simulated downed aircraft search and rescue. All the teams completed the exercise and came away with an increased awareness and appreciation for each member's respective profession. It was a fantastic opportunity and a great chance to work with the military, and civilian members of the search community.

Two senior members of the team had the opportunity to attend the Managing the Search Function Course, hosted by Halton Regional Police Service. The course instructor, Mr. Ted Phillips is one of the foremost authorities for the Province of Ontario. The course focused on the liability of the search, suspending the search, the probability of success in a search, and articulating the search for inquests. This will also compliment the planned search course for all our members of ERT in the fall of 2007.

D. Performance Indicators

The Emergency Response Team calls for service for 2006 number the same as 2005. The eighteen calls are all of a similar nature as the previous year with weapons offences, high-risk arrests and search warrants, searches for missing persons and investigative assistance to other units within the Service.

The Team has satisfied the Ministry mandate in relation to maintenance training, as well as broadening the scope of knowledge, skills and abilities through its interaction with other police agencies.

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

The need for more extensive training in the area of land search for lost or missing persons has been identified. A course is scheduled for the fall of 2007. In addition, the renewed partnership with BAYSAR will assist in this area and should provide further training and learning opportunities for both agencies.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

During the next year of service the Emergency Response Team, hopes to certify each member through a Basic Tactical Course offered by the Peel Regional Police Service. Thus certifying each member to a set higher standard of training. In addition the team will attempt to certify an additional sniper observer, to complement our only other trained member. The team is scheduled for a basic search and rescue course slated for the fall, by Search Master Instructor Ted Phillips, here in North Bay.

G. The Coin

In the spirit of tactical teams, camaraderie, accomplishment and graduation, the ERT has created and now honors its own coin. This coin symbolizes being a part of the ERT after completion of the basic ERT course. The coin has several distinguishing features:

1. The twelve maple leaves represents the twelve-member team.
2. 1993 indicates when the team was established.
3. The ERT logo was created several years ago.
4. Robor et Honos, is Latin for "Strength and Honor" qualities our team upholds in our service to the public and officers alike.



Each member has his own badge number engraved on the coin for ownership and becomes responsible for their coin. You dare not get caught without it in fear of the wrath of the team.

Appendix A
ERT Calls for Service 2006

Date	Type of Call	Details
20 Feb 2006	Criminal Code Search warrant	Male involved arrested and residence secured without incident and turned over to investigators.
03 Mar 2006	Domestic Male with gun	Violent male, containment set up, attempt negotiation, and male arrested.
13 Mar 2006	High risk arrest warrant	Male, suspected to be armed execution of arrest warrant without incident.
24 Mar 2006	Criminal Code Search Warrant	Male, wanted for stabbing high-risk arrest, residence secured male not located.
06 Apr 2006	Prisoner Escort	Male violent and escape risk, escorted to Sudbury.
08 Apr 2006	Disturbance North Bay Jail	Fire and disturbance at jail, ERT assist CERT with containment and prisoner escort and security.
06 May 2006	High-risk arrest	Male violent active resistant and assaultive, tasered by ERT to effect arrest.
13 May 2006	Female armed with a knife	Female suffering from mental illness and under the effects of illicit drugs armed with knife, tased to effect arrest, by ERT.
30 May 2006	Barricaded male with gun	Female alleged a home invasion of male with gun, premise contained, and searched, female arrested public mischief and MHA.
31 May 2006	Search insecure school	School searched and culprit located and arrested.
10 July 2006	Criminal code Search Warrant	Sands Motel, warrant service for stolen rifles.
13 July 2006	Criminal Code search warrant	Search warrant executed for stolen guns, on McIntyre St.
13 Sep 2006	CDSA Warrant	CDSA warrant executed, parties arrested and evidence seized.
09 Oct 2006	Suicidal Male	Suicidal male with rifle fled into bush, search conducted and male arrested without incident.
01 Dec. 2006	Domestic	Barricaded male, possibly armed, contained, evacuated residence, call out arrest.
13 Dec 06	Search Warrant and arrest	Attempt murder investigation – suspects possible armed with handguns
	Surveillance	ERT members conducted surveillance of biker members in City.
	Surveillance	Members assigned for extortion investigation, Observations of alleged money drop location.