



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2006 Annual Report FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

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A. Mandate of the Unit

Provide forensic support to both the Investigative Support Section and the Uniform Section of the Police Service. Maintain Local data in the Ontario and National Sex Offender Registries and submit local samples to the National DNA Data Bank. The Section endeavours to advance with on-going technical change to maintain a constant and reliable level of expertise in keeping with the integrity of the North Bay Police Service.

B. Executive Summary

Over the past 12 months little has changed with respect to the types and volumes of occurrences, with the exception of 2 attempted homicides where the victim was the same for both incidents. There has been a significant decrease in the number of people finger printed for criminal purposes. The Unit continues to provide forensic identification support to members of the Service offering both advice and the level of expertise required to submit evidence into a court setting.

C. Activities

In 2006 the Forensic Identification Unit registered 90 Sexual offenders and made an additional 22 address changes for the individuals who had been registered. This was an increase over the previous year and will likely continue each year until 2010 when offenders obligated to report for 10 years will start to have fulfilled that requirement. Offenders are required to register for a minimum of 10 years for a single offence and a maximum of life for multiple offences. As a result the registrations are accumulative and an increase in registrations is representative of new convictions and convicted Sex Offenders moving into the North Bay jurisdiction. Offenders are responsible for reporting any change of address within 15 days of moving and must report as a Sex Offender within 15 days of being released from custody as a result of a sexual offence conviction. At the same time offenders report for the Ontario registry they are now registered on the National Sex Offender Registry.

As of this date there are not any non-compliant sex offenders living in the City of North Bay or Callander.

There are a total of 148 Sex Offenders on the registry that have a North Bay address within their address history. This suggests that at least this number of known sex offenders have ties to North Bay.

A total of 82 DNA samples were obtained and processed for inclusion in the DNA Data Bank. The DNA Data Bank responded with 9 positive hits as a result of crime scene samples submitted by the Section for analysis. The Section is currently in receipt of 2-crime scene to crime scene hits where no suspects are identified.

The Section Supervisor continues to hold a position on the Ontario Police College Training Advisory Board and is a faculty member of Nipissing University, while the other Forensic Identification Officer sits on the North Bay Police Service Health and Safety Committee.

Members of the unit are also provided several student presentations at Nipissing University, Canadore College and local high schools.

D. Performance Indicators

In a conventional report performance indicators depict statistics based on conclusions of results that can either be favourable or unfavourable. For the purpose of this report a list of types of investigations and activities associated to the Identification Section have been categorized and numerical values have been submitted.

Please refer to Appendix A.

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

In December of 2006 the Section began preparation for digital mug shot capabilities in the cellblock at HQ, front fingerprint room and the cell area at the courthouse. The workstations are approximately 60% installed with expectations of training Special Constables in its use by the end of February 2007. Back loading process is currently being conducted and to-date approximately 1,000 photographs have been added to the North Bay Police Service database. This has been accomplished by using uniform officers designated as "light duty". It is the intention to backload a total of 5 years to populate a working database that can be used for photo line-ups.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

In the next year attempts will be made to digitize the photographic capabilities of the uniform section for the purposes of property returns. This will be possible with the set up of a digital camera and copy / print station in the parade room. This will give uniform officers the ability to produce photographic evidence packages without the high cost of Polaroid reproductions.

The Forensic Identification Unit will also be changing the way exhibits are handled on a day-to-day basis. The Unit will no longer act as a storage facility for bio exhibits and exhibits returned from the Centre of Forensic Sciences.

Finger print forms will soon be in an electronic media and will be completed in duplicate on a computer workstation.

Appendix A

Incidents	2004	2005	2006
Sudden Deaths	39	35	39
Sexual Assaults	10	8	9
Calls for Service	248	233	271
Persons Fingerprinted - Criminal	1,180	1,496	1,210
Persons Fingerprinted- Non Criminal	121	123	145
DNA Data Bank Samples	39	58	82
DNA Consent Samples	2	9	6
Sex Offender Registrants	65	76	90
Photo Line-ups Prepared	68	72	61
Fingerprint Charts for Court	3	2	1
Centre Of Forensic Science Submissions	41	49	36