



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2007 Annual Report Forensic Identification

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A. Mandate of the Unit

Provide forensic support to both the Investigative 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 of occurrences that the Forensic Unit responds to, with the exception of 2 attempted homicides and 1 homicide involving an infant. These matters required significant resources to be expended by the Forensic unit.

The number of people finger printed for criminal purposes has shown a decrease for the past 3 years.

Over the past few years there appears to be an increase in the level of violence associated to assaults and home invasion type crimes that the members of the Forensic Unit are called upon to investigate. Due to the nature of these types of investigations, the examination of scenes for blood and other DNA related evidence takes greater time resources than ever before. The Forensic Unit continues to provide forensic identification support to members of the Service by providing the level of expertise required to effectively collect and preserve physical evidence for court purposes.

C. Activities

In 2007 the Forensic Identification Unit registered 98 Sexual offenders and made an additional 27 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 no registered offenders living Callander at this time.

There are a total of 164 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 61 DNA samples were obtained and processed for inclusion in the DNA Data Bank. The DNA Data Bank responded with 11 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 have 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. As of November of 2007 workstations are all installed and functioning with expectation of training Special Constables in its use in 2008. RMS photographs taken over the past 5 years have been back loaded onto the system database and are available for viewing purposes. The photo line up session of the system is not yet functional, however, the office manager is evaluating this capability.

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 continue to monitor the way exhibits are handled on a day-to-day basis. We are still in the process of transferring exhibits traditionally

stored in the identification section to the stores section of the service. Where practical, biological exhibits will continue to be disposed of when they are no longer required for analysis or court purposes.

Appendix 'A'

Incidents	2005	2006	2007
Sudden Deaths	35	39	32
Sexual Assaults	8	9	7
Calls for Service	233	271	222
Persons Fingerprinted - Criminal	1,496	1,210	1,190
Persons Fingerprinted- Non Criminal	123	145	131
DNA Data Bank Samples	58	82	61
DNA Consent Samples	9	6	11
Sex Offender Registrants	76	90	98
Photo Line-ups Prepared	72	61	47
Fingerprint charts / reports for Court	2	1	1
Centre Of Forensic Science Submissions	49	36	57