



# **NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE**

## **2008 Annual Report Street Crime Unit**

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## **A. Mandate of the Unit**

- Prevent crime, particularly property crime, using predictive tools and trend analysis; and
- Apprehend criminals, lay charges, execute warrants, and prepare cases for court, as well assist in the court process.

## **B. Executive Summary**

In January 2008 D/Cst. Hampel and D/Cst. McFarlane were assigned to the Street Crime Unit. In June 2008 D/Cst. McFarlane was reassigned to another detail. As a result the Street Crime Unit functioned with a single officer from June 2008 to December 2008. As such, the Unit was involved in 152 occurrences, making 90 arrests and laying 122 criminal charges.

The Street Crime Unit completed and executed two DNA warrants, three "Feeney" Arrest Warrants and one Criminal Code search warrant. The Street Crime Unit also assisted in executing five CDSA search warrants and two Criminal Code warrants. The Unit was also involved with project "Lights Out", a street level project aimed at dismantling a local massage parlour.

Assistance was provided to the Criminal Investigative Section, the Intelligence Unit, the Youth Officer, Joint Forces Drug Operation and Uniform Patrol Section. The Street Crime Unit also worked with the Liquor Inspector and other police agencies.

## **C. Activities**

In January 2008, while executing an Arrest Warrant, the Street Crime Unit became involved in an armed standoff with an accused. The accused threatened to kill officers and blow up his house. With the assistance of the Emergency Response Team and Patrol officers, the accused was arrested after a 10-hour stand off. (NB08001348)

In February 2008, while doing curfew checks on active criminals, a vehicle stop was conducted. As a result a male was arrested and \$550.00 cash and a variety of drugs were seized. The accused was subsequently convicted and received a 105-day jail sentence. (NB08002226)

Also in February 2008, a male was assaulted and robbed of money he had just withdrawn from an ATM. The suspect also committed a fare fraud. At the time these two occurrences were unrelated. The suspect was later identified and charged with both offences. (NB08002422)

In March 2008, an investigation was conducted in relation to a robbery at a Fisher Street restaurant where the suspect brandished a knife and demanded cash. A suspect was later identified, arrested and charged with robbery. (NB08004639)

In April 2008, the Street Crime Unit responded to several complaints of assault after a high school bush party became out of control. As a result three people were charged with Assault Causing Bodily Harm. All the accused were known to each other and believed to be involved in other criminal activity in North Bay. (NB08006249)

In May 2008 officers from the Unit worked with the Liquor Inspector and two undercover operators. This resulted in four charges and one arrest under the Liquor Licence Act. The Liquor Inspector laid other charges that resulted in a liquor licence suspension for a local establishment.

In May 2008 there were several counterfeit one hundred dollar American bills transacted in North Bay. As a result of a joint investigation with the Greater Sudbury Police Service, the London Police Service, and the Street Crime Unit, one female was charged with three counts of Uttering Counterfeit Money. The accused was arrested in Sudbury and brought back to North Bay to face charges. (NB08005086)

In June 2008, a follow up investigation of two break and enters into residences in the West Ferris area resulted in the arrest of two youths. In one incident, the accused targeted a police officer's home to seek retribution because of a previous arrest. (NB0803564)

In July 2008, information was received from the Centre of Forensic Sciences results of a DNA Search Warrant that had been executed in May 2008. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was responsible for numerous overnight break and enters into local businesses in the North Bay downtown core during a four-day span in March. The suspect was charged with two counts of Break and Enter. (N08003982)

In August 2008, the Street Crime Unit assisted patrol officers with complaints that "The Chief" Restaurant had been broken into on various occasions. Multiple youths were charged and issued Youth Referrals or Written Warnings under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. (NB0801208)

Also in August, two adults were charged for a May, 2008 robbery at the Mac's Mart Store in Callander. During this incident, the suspects used a knife and a sock with a rock in it to smash the counter tops and intimidate the clerk. The suspects fled with cash and cigarettes. After their arrests, the Street Crime Unit obtained inculpatory statements from both accused persons. (NB08008176)

In October 2008, Crime Stoppers information was used to charge two males for the theft of two bicycles. Both bicycles, valued at \$600.00 were recovered and returned to their owners. (NB08019008)

In November 2008, surveillance was conducted in the downtown area of North Bay and a drug deal was observed. Two people were arrested and one male was found to be in possession of approximately \$4,000.00 worth of cocaine plus a small quantity of Marijuana and Hashish. The accused was charged with a number of drug-related offences, plead guilty and received a nine-month jail sentence. (NB08020781)

#### **D. Performance Indicators**

See Appendix "A"

**E. Anticipated Issues for the Future**

Property crime will continue to be an issue because of the increase in illicit drug use, including "crack" cocaine and illegal prescription medication. This will affect both businesses and individuals. Drug addicts are motivated to commit a variety of property crimes, including break and enters into residences, businesses and vehicles to obtain money and property to purchase or trade for drugs.

The theft of high-end bicycles has emerged as an issue and it is expected to continue to be a problem in 2009. It is suspected that these bicycles are stripped down for their parts and then sold over the Internet.

Incidents of graffiti within North Bay and Callander will continued to be monitored by the Street Crime Unit and enforcement will occur when possible.

**F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year**

The Street Crime Unit will continue targeted enforcement of individuals on Undertakings, Recognizances and Probation Orders. Increased police contact with these individuals will cause them to abide by their conditions and will also yield more useful information regarding their movements and associates.

The Street Crime Unit shall strive to work more closely with the JFO Drug Officer, the Intelligence Officer and the School Liaison Officer, recognizing that the various units are often dealing with the same individuals. The Unit will also continue to share information with all levels of the North Bay Police Service, especially the Patrol Section which holds a significant amount of police information and intelligence. Assistance will also be provided to the various sections when required.

The Street Crime Unit will continue to educate the public and businesses and share information in relation to current crime trends and crime prevention strategies. Direct contact and media releases will be utilized to accomplish this task. The Unit will also continue to meet with security and loss prevention personnel to share intelligence.

**G. Other**

Surveillance training should be provided to members of the Street Crime Unit in 2009. Training in this area of expertise is invaluable when working with other police units and essential for officer/public safety and successful investigations.

## **H. Appendices**

Appendix "A" Performance Indicators

## APPENDIX "A"

### Street Crime Unit Annual Statistical Report

<b>Description</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Occurrences	152	130	104
Total Criminal Code Charges	122	101	131
Total Property Related Charges	16	30	39
Breach of Court Orders	57	29	14
Fraud	1	9	18
Robbery/Extortions/Weapons	7	6	2
Drugs	17	13	12
Break and Enters	7	2	39
Assaults	5	1	4
Other (Obstruct, Threats, etc)	15	11	3
Value of Property Recovered	\$4,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$129,564.00
Value of Drugs Seized	\$12,670.00	\$45,500.00	\$ 6,715.00

\*29 Arrest were made for outstanding warrants.