



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2009 Annual Report Bicycle Patrol Officer Unit

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A. Mandate of the Unit

General

- Increase the visibility of NBPS patrol officers while allowing greater accessibility, for the public, to police assistance and interaction;
- Enforcement of applicable Federal / Provincial Offences and City By-Laws. Specific;
- Increase patrol in restricted access areas such as bicycle paths, alleys and parks;
- Increase the ability to complete targeted enforcement initiatives (bicycles on sidewalks);
- Respond to public complaints specific to bicycle usage and augment uniform cruiser patrol;
- Educate the public on safe bicycling practices;
- Investigate CC /CDSA occurrences; and
- Efficiently meet the needs of the patrol function at special events.

B. Executive Summary

The North Bay Police Service Bicycle Unit commenced patrols on May 24, 2009 and was completed on August 31, 2009. During the four months of summer, the positive feedback from the public in North Bay and Callander was heard at all levels. The Unit was formed to respond to community needs for increased patrol in seasonal locations, more frequented by the public, such as the Kate Pace Way, City beaches and special events in North Bay and Callander. The Bicycle Patrol Officer (BPO) also affords the opportunity to be more accessible to the public and to assume the role of ambassador to the North Bay Police Service and to promote safe cycling habits while enforcing Federal and Provincial Statutes and City of North Bay By-Law's more specifically to the safe use of bicycles.

At present, the five-officer Unit consists of the Traffic Enforcement Officer and one officer appointed from each of the four Uniform Platoons. This structure was utilized in order to facilitate the availability of BPO's while responding to the need to ensure staffing levels on Patrol are maintained.

Traffic Enforcement Officer:	Cst Merv Shantz
Platoon 1:	Cst Steve Sproule
Platoon 2:	Cst's Marc Ethier (Cst Long manpower permitting)
Platoon 3:	Cst Brown
Platoon 4:	Cst Steve Trahan

To assist with the Unit's ability to carry out its mandate, the unit now has five Cannondale bicycles, specifically designed and built to meet the needs of police patrol, and there are two Aquino bikes as spares. The new Cannondale bicycles appearance project the commitment and professionalism of the North Bay Police Service to the public.

C. Activities

During the 2009 bicycle patrol season, the BPO's were primarily engaged in conducting general patrol of the waterfront, the downtown cores and bicycle path areas in North Bay and Callander. The ease of movement of the BPO's also facilitated patrol at a number of special events such as the Big Bike, Canada Day Parade, Summer in the Park, North Rocks the Bay, charity golf tournaments and assistance to other community events.

The BPO's were also engaged in a number of targeted enforcement initiatives, in particular, the enforcement of bicycling laws in accordance with the HTA and the Traffic By-Law specific to the movement of bicycles on downtown sidewalks and streets. The ease of movement of the BPO also allowed for the enforcement of a number of CDSA offences and the arrest of offenders involved in theft, mischief and wanted on outstanding warrants. BPO officers also took on calls for service when distance or priority was not an issue.

D. Performance Indicators

The patrol season allowed for forty-one (41) deployments, of officers on bicycles, resulting in two hundred and fifteen and a half (215.5) patrols hours. The BPO's addressed one hundred and ninety-one (191) infractions of the CCC, CDSA, HTA, TPA and city by-laws with the completion of Provincial Offence Notices including the completion of 72 Hour reports, MVC investigations and warning notices and/or the arrest of the offenders. Reported Number of Deployments of BPO/Assignment:

Traffic Enforcement Officer:	8
Platoon 1:	6
Platoon 2:	6
Platoon 3:	6
Platoon 4:	15

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

Staffing:

The BPO Unit is a dedicated seasonal program. The Service's commitment to the assignment of suitable officers will ensure the proper development of the initiative and ensure the continued success of this program. The assigned officer, properly considered through the "Expression of Interest" process, has the opportunity to facilitate the success of the program or contribute to its demise.

Secondary Duty vs. Temporary Reassignment:

More often than not, the BPO was utilized, by the Platoons, to assist with calls for service, prisoner escorts and/or other duties that removed them from their function for the remainder of or a considerable amount of their tours of duty. The temporary reassignment of four officers, to work under the control and direction of the Traffic Sergeant during the summer months, would allow for the proper use and greatest ability to address the mandate and intended activities of the BPO's.

Equipment:

The purchase of the Cannondale bicycles, individual helmets, riding gloves and bicycle shorts was absolutely necessary and beneficial to the success of this unit. The purchase of a further two bicycles for the 2009 season will continue to ensure that the safety needs of the officers and the ability to respond to the demands for patrol will be met.

In order to be compliant with MOL safety guidelines and to ensure the visibility, safety and comfort of the officers, the purchase of high visibility vests, which are issued to each officer, satisfies the requirement for the officer to be easily seen. The 2010 budget has been submitted for the purchase of police specific uniforms for cycling, to ensure the comfort needs of the BPO's. Six complete uniform sets were budgeted for, one uniform set being a spare.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

In 2010, the statistical results of this program can easily be improved, as there will not be a need to organize and develop the implementation of the unit's mandate or ensure the basic infrastructure of equipment that is available, if the aforementioned parameters are implemented.

There will be a need to post through RO, a request for Expressions of Interest with a general description of scheduling and reporting requirements, early in the year so that members can adequately assess and determine whether they would seek this assignment. The seamless implementation and reassignment of officers will ensure that the unit is immediately staffed at an acceptable level that will allow for the fulfilling of the mandate.

G. Bike Patrol Stats

2009 BPO

POA	Plt # 1	Plt # 2	Plt # 3	Plt # 4	TEO	TOTALS
Charges	4	5	1	28	4	42
Warn	16	2	16	35	24	93
72 Hr	0	2	0	2	2	6
MVC	0	0	0	1	1	2
CC/CDSA/Other Statutes/Obs	2	2	5	22	1	32
Community Events Attended	6	0	2	4	4	16
TOTALS	28	11	24	92	36	191
Deployments	6	6	6	15	8	41
Hours / On Bike	19	27.5	39	92	38	215.5