



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2009 Annual Report JFO Drug Unit

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A. Mandate of the Unit

Investigate the production and trafficking of controlled drugs and substances within the City of North Bay and North Bay Ontario Provincial Police detachment areas.

Provide involved police agencies with a unified local body of expertise to address drug enforcement issues.

Gather and disseminate intelligence regarding individuals and groups trafficking in drugs in the targeted area.

Identify and seize proceeds of crime derived from the trafficking and production of illegal drugs and the associated criminal activity.

B. Executive Summary

The Joint Forces Operation Drug Unit continued to actively enforce the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* in the North Bay and surrounding Ontario Provincial Police jurisdictions.

Information sharing between our two agencies continued and allowed for the detection of persons and places involved in the drug subculture.

The JFO Drug Unit continued to provide assistance to the Criminal Investigation Sections of both the N.B.P.S. and the O.P.P., in the form of physical surveillance, disseminating information from confidential human sources and victims/witnesses, drafting and executing *Criminal Code* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* search warrants, assisting with arrests and providing advice and expertise.

C. Activities

In 2009, Project Northern Gateway IV, an undercover operation aimed at street level drug traffickers, concluded. During the project an undercover police officer was successful in identifying and establishing contact with several drug traffickers responsible for the distribution of large amounts of cocaine and other illegal drugs in North Bay and the area.

In North Bay, the use and distribution of cocaine and crack cocaine maintained levels comparable to that in 2008. A rise in the distribution of pharmaceutical narcotics has been observed in our municipality as well as province wide. This increase is believed to be caused by an increase in the price of cocaine in Canada, caused by other enforcement activity. The highly addictive qualities of

drugs such as oxycodone and percocets has increased in demand and is a factor in some areas of crime such as pharmacy robberies.

Criminal organizations from other jurisdictions continue to be a concern to our municipality. In November, the Unit made a large seizure of cocaine and oxycodone from a well known drug trafficker. Increased co-operation between other police services, the JFO Drug Unit and the North Bay Police Service will continue to assist in the enforcement of drug activity along the highways that lead to our community.

The Unit also targeted southern Ontario based street gang members frequenting our area and as a result, two traffickers were identified and arrested for various *C.D.S.A.* offences. This led to a temporary decrease in the supply of drugs from these organizations to our area.

During 2009, the Unit investigated 141 drug occurrences in the Northeast Region resulting in 265 criminal charges and a total of \$7,551,808.00 in controlled drugs and substances seized. A total of 11 *C.D.S.A.* and *Criminal Code* search warrants were executed, resulting in 60 criminal charges, relating to 32 individuals, with a value of \$461,442.00 in controlled drugs and substances seized.

D. Performance Indicators

Appendix "A" - Statistical Report - Project Northern Gateway

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

It is expected that drug traffickers from other jurisdictions will continue to distribute illegal drugs in our area. The Unit will continue to access police intelligence sources and work cooperatively with the other police services in an on-going effort to curtail illegal drug trade activity.

In general, the use and availability of cocaine and marijuana in the area has maintained high levels, although province wide there has been a large influx in the availability and addiction to pharmaceutical narcotics. These issues continue to directly affect the amount of property crime and acts of violence in all age groups and sectors of our community.

These trends will continue to present a challenge for the JFO Drug Unit and the various sections of N.B.P.S. including the Street Crime Unit, Investigative Support Section, as well as front line officers in the Patrol Section. It will be imperative to develop human source intelligence, stay current with crime trends and utilize the expertise and experience of the members of the Unit.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

The Unit will identify and target high level and street level drug traffickers in North Bay and the surrounding areas. Enforcement will include progressive police investigative techniques and utilize intelligence sources. Initiatives to address the shift to illegal prescription drugs as well as the presence of drug traffickers from other areas will be necessary. Technology, particularly social networking mediums, will play an ever increasing role in police drug enforcement.

G. Other

N/A

H. Appendix

See Appendix "A"



NORTH BAY DRUG UNIT
 Project Northern Gateway
MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT
 JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2009



INVESTIGATIONS		CHARGES							SEIZURES				
		Substance Offences							Description	Amount	Unit	Retail Value	
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Charges	SCHEDULE I	Grams	Unit		
Number of CDSA Investigations	139												
Number of CC Investigations	2	Schedule I											
Number of FDA Investigations	0	TRAFFICKING s. 5(1)	65	26	5	0	1	96	Cocaine	3,509	0	\$ 350,920.00	
Total Investigations:	141	POSSESS.FOR THE PURPOSE s. 5(2)	28	52	5	1		86	Cocaine Base (Crack)	0	0	\$ -	
Number of Persons Charged	163	POSSESSION s. 4(1)	5	20	3	0		28	Diacetylmorphine (Heroin)	0	0	\$ -	
Charges Laid By OPP	265	PRODUCTION s. 7(1)	0	24	0			24	Morphine	0	0	\$ -	
Charges Laid By Other Agencies	101	IMPORTING s. 6(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oxycodone (Percodan)	0	623	\$ 12,460.00	
Total Charges Laid:	366	CONSPIRACY TO TRAFFIC s. 465 CCC	0	0	0	0		0	Methamphetamine	285	0	\$ 22,800.00	
Search Warrants Executed	40	CONSPIRACY TO PRODUCE s. 465 CCC	0	0	0	0		0	Codeine	0	63	\$ 1,890.00	
Media Releases	14	CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT s. 465 CCC	0	0	0	0		0	Ketamine	0	0	\$ -	
Drugs Seized OPP (Retail)	\$7,551,808.50	DOUBLE DOCTORING s. 4(2)	0					0	Other	0	112	\$ 6,985.00	
Drugs Seized Other Agencies(Retail)	\$570,051.50	Non-Substance Offences								SCHEDULE II	Grams	Plants	
Money Seized (CDN)	\$37,265.00	PROCEEDS OF CRIME	0	0	0	0	0	0	Marihuana Shake / Clones	37,442	139	\$ 20,111.00	
(USD)	\$0.00	CRIMINAL CODE	130	0	0	0	0	130	Marihuana Med / \$250 plant	109	0	\$ 1,090.00	
P.O.C. Assets Seized	\$400.00	PROVINCIAL STATUTES	2	0	0	0	0	2	Marihuana Good / \$500 plant	14	0	\$ 210.00	
Offence Related Property Seized	\$38,750.00	OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	Marihuana High / \$1,000 plant	31,667	6,967	\$ 7,600,332.00	
Total Value Seized Property	\$39,150.00								Resin (Liquid)	34	0	\$ 670.00	
Prohibited Firearms Seized	0	Sub-Total Substance Offences:						234	Resin (Solid)	4,968	0	\$ 99,352.00	
Restricted Firearms Seized	1	Sub-Total Non-Substance Offences:						132	SCHEDULE III	Grams	Unit		
Other Firearms Seized	15	Total Charges:						366	Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)	0	0	\$ -	
Prohibited Weapons Seized	1									G.H.B.	0	0	\$ -
Total Weapons Seized	17	Clandestine Labs								Psilocybin	3	0	\$ 45.00
Calls For Service		Methamphetamine Labs						0	MDA/MDMA (Ecstasy)	0	195	\$ 4,875.00	
O.P.P. Detachments/R.H.Q.	54	Ecstasy Labs						0	Other	0	0	\$ -	
Other Police Agencies	2	Oil Extraction Labs						0	SCHEDULE IV	Grams	Unit		
Public (Including Crimestoppers)	161	Other Labs						0	Benzodiazepines (Valium)	0	0	\$ -	
Total Calls for Service	217	Total Clandestine Labs						0	Anabolic Steroids	0	0	\$ -	
Expert Witness Requests	8									Barbituates	0	0	\$ -
Presentations		Marihuana Grow Operations								Other	0	15	\$ 120.00
Police Presentations	2	Soil Indoor Grows						9	SCHEDULE V, VI & F (FDA)	Grams	Unit		
Public Presentations	1	Hydroponic Indoor Grows						2		0	0	\$ -	
Total Presentations	3	Outdoor Grows						6	Other	0	0	\$ -	
Total Attendance	77	Total Marihuana Grow Operations						17	Retail Value of Drugs Seized:			\$8,121,860.00	