



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2009 Annual Report Street Crime Property Unit

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A. Mandate of the Unit

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

B. Executive Summary

In January 2009, Det/Cst. Tom Robertson joined Det/Cst. Hampel in the Street Crime Unit. Det/Cst McFarlane was reassigned to work Street Crime Drugs - Asset Forfeiture. The unit was involved in 165 occurrences and laid 105 charges. The unit prepared and executed two DNA warrants, one General Warrant and one Warrant to Enter a Dwelling House.

On numerous occasions members of the unit worked with the Joint Forces Drug Unit assisting with surveillance and helping execute search warrants and shared information with the Intelligence Officer and assisted him with surveillance when requested.

In November, the unit worked with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, North Bay Fire Department and the Intelligence Officer to shut down an illegal night club.

At various times throughout the year members of the Street Crime Unit were assigned to assist Uniform Patrol and the Investigative Support Section officers in detailed investigations. The Unit also assisted Victim Services in locating non-compliant sex offenders.

C. Activities

In January 2009, the Street Crime Unit was involved in arresting two individuals for drug trafficking. A small seizure of oxycodone was made as well the officers seized brass knuckles from one of the individuals. Also in January, the Unit arrested a male that had been hiding from police for over a month after committing a serious assault.

In February 2009, the Unit assisted the Investigative Support Section after learning that a home invasion was being planned on a member of the Police Service. The investigation lead to two arrests and a female being charged with Public Mischief. Also in February, the Unit charged three persons with drug related offences in relation to a drug trafficking incident on Ferguson Street. As a result of the investigation, approximately \$1,500.00 worth of oxycodone was seized along with a small amount of cash.

In March 2009, Street Crime officers charged a female with Communicating for the Purpose of Prostitution after receiving complaints from the owner of the truck stop about females bothering the drivers.

The Unit also prepared and executed a DNA warrant on a youth for a residential break and enter from August 2008.

In April 2009, the Unit solved a break and enter to an old age home. The person responsible for the crime was arrested, charged and received a jail sentence of 1.5 years. Also in April, an arrest of a male occurred after observing a drug deal on Third Avenue West. As a result cocaine and percocets were seized.

In July 2009, the Unit focused on Graffiti issues within North Bay and Callander. The officers met with local retailers to inform them of the issues and concerns about the selling of spray paint/paint markers to youths and young adults and requested assistance with identifying suspects. The Unit documented and recorded new incidents of graffiti as well as conducted mobile and static surveillance on high frequency areas.

In August 2009, a search warrant was executed on a local residence in relation to several incidents of graffiti. The accused was a repeat offender and his "tag" had been seen throughout the city over the past couple of years. A large quantity of spray paint and graffiti paraphernalia were seized from this residence. A media information session was held in relation to this occurrence.

In September 2009, with the assistance of a Crime Stoppers tip, the Unit was able to solve an armed robbery at a local convenience store that occurred in April 2009. Two males were arrested in Sudbury for the occurrence and were held in custody.

In November 2009, the Unit used confidential sources to obtain a search warrant for a boarding house where a male was found deceased from an overdose on Fentanyl. The drugs were traced back to the original prescription holder. As a result of the investigation, five people were charged. The Unit also assisted the Criminal investigation Section with an armed robbery of a local pharmacy.

In December 2009, the Street Crime Unit solved a robbery that had been re-assigned from the Patrol Section. The investigation revealed that the robbery never took place and as a result, the complainant was charged with Public Mischief.

Also in 2009, the Unit was tasked with notifying individuals with expired firearms licences as required by the Canadian Firearms Registry.

D. Performance Indicators

See Appendix A - Street Crime Unit Annual Statistical Report

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

North Bay is experiencing firsthand the effects of opiate abuse. In 2009 there were three armed robberies of pharmacies where oxycodone was targeted. This trend is being seen across the province and especially in Northern Ontario.

Incidents of graffiti within our City will continue to be monitored by the Street Crime Unit and will be enforced whenever possible. The amount of time spent on the issue in 2009 did not yield the results that were anticipated. This issue will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

The theft of high end bikes continues to be a problem. The Unit has received very little information about these types of thefts but will attempt to address this issue later in the summer.

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 Service has implemented a new Human Source Development and Management Procedure which includes financial compensation for information provided. This will help cultivate more intelligence which will in turn hopefully solve more crime. Developing human sources will be a primary goal of the Unit.

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. It 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 other 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

N/A

H. Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Street Crime Unit Annual Statistical Report

Description	2009	2008	2007
Occurrences	165	152	130
Criminal Charges - Total	105	122	101
Property - Miscellaneous	4	16	30
Breach of Court Orders	41	57	29
Fraud	1	1	9
Robbery/Extortions/Weapons	5	7	6
Drugs	23	17	13
Break and Enters	2	7	2
Assaults	2	5	1
Other (Obstruct, Threats, etc)	25	15	11
Value of Property Recovered	\$13,500.00	\$4,500	\$13,000.00
Value of Drugs Seized	\$3,700.00	\$12,670.00	\$45,500