



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2010 Annual Report Emergency Response Team

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A. Mandate of the Unit

The North Bay Police Service Emergency Response Team (ERT) has been in existence for 17 years. The ERT uses a combination of special weapons and tactics to deal with high-risk occurrences. At times it works in conjunction with Crisis Negotiators, Incident Commanders and uniform personnel to isolate, contain, evacuate, and negotiate occurrences to a peaceful conclusion. In addition the members of the ERT work regular duties and respond to high-risk occurrences when required both in full team and part team functions.

The Emergency Response Team also provides courtroom, witness protection in high-risk occurrences and transportation services for violent or high risk of escape custody offenders involved accused and or convicted persons.

ERT is specifically trained in search and rescue. Two members are qualified search mangers. ERT will set up and conduct searches for lost and or missing persons, provide recommendations and documentation to support continuing or discontinuing search occurrences.

B. Executive Summary

This report will document calls for service and training that have taken place during 2010. A total of seven (7) calls for service were recorded during 2010. The calls were varied from warrant service, barricaded person, conducted energy weapon deployment and search for missing persons, court security and escorts.

One week of training in the spring and fall were conducted, during which all members were re-qualified on all weapons that are available to the ERT.

The team also had the opportunity to be involved in several community service aspects promoting both the team and the service during the year. Four different lectures were conducted by a variety of ERT members.

C. Activities

The chart on the following page denotes the calls for service in 2010 that were handled specifically by members of the ERT.

2010 Calls for Service

Date	Type of Call	Details
Jan. 10, 2010	High risk arrest	Arrest of male for domestic, and deployed CEW
Jan. 15, 2010	CDSA warrant	ERT and Drug unit execute CDSA warrant secure and search premise.
Mar. 29, 2010	Search for person	Escapee from Northeast Mental Health Centre, search and arrest.
May 3, 2010	Search Missing Person	Search for missing suicidal person.
June 4, 2010	Arrest warrant	Canada Wide Arrest Warrant executed for suspect.
Sept 24, 2010	Search missing person	Ground search for missing person from Northeast Mental Health Centre
Dec. 3, 2010	High risk arrest	High risk arrest of suspect with handgun

D. Performance Indicators

Emergency Response Team members and platoon supervisors are the only personnel issued with the X26 Taser, which is classified as a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW). In 2010 ERT members were involved in three (3) occurrences where the CEW was utilized on individuals. In each of these instances the application of the CEW was successful, effective, and appropriate. Its use is now added to the use of force model, as an intermediate weapon and is to be utilized during assaultive behaviour.

Once again this year ERT has satisfied the Ministry mandated training, for an emergency response team. All twelve members of the ERT participated in five days of maintenance training. The areas of training included:

Firearms qualifications	Vehicle Stops
Containment training	Arrest Techniques
ERT written testing	Man Down Techniques
PIN test	Distraction Devices
Task Specific testing	Chemical Munitions
Use of Force Techniques	Clearing Techniques

Sniper/Observer Maintenance Training – two (2) new members have qualified as Sniper/Observers and completed Level 1 Observer training through Milcun. Two (2) new rifles were purchased and issued to the observers for their duties as snipers. Both members have been maintaining their qualifications and maintenance training for 2010.

Peel Regional Police attend for 5 days training to provide tactical training in a variety of areas. As well as evaluate our performance in scenario based exercise.

Training in the fall joint maintenance training with members from the Peel Regional Police Tactical Unit took place at CFB North Bay. Training included weapons, entries, clearing, arrests, less lethal options, use of force equipment and deployment, command and control, vehicle stops, plans, note taking, briefings and debriefings. The ERT also conducted several scenario based exercises at that time.

During this past year the team has purchased new cases and carriers for our members. New and additional, breaching equipment and carriers have also been purchased.

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

Currently the ERT operates with half the team issued bushmasters and half the team issued new C-8 rifles. It is anticipated the team will purchase the remaining C-8 rifles so all members are operating with the same weapon.

A Business Plan has been submitted regarding the purchase of a new ERT vehicle in the future. The ERT will also be researching replacement communications units and personnel issue kit in 2011.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

Anticipated training for next year will include one (1) week in May for maintenance training with Peel Regional Tactical, one (1) week in Sept. for maintenance training with Peel Regional Tactical, Monthly Sniper training for two (2) members and for six (6) members to attend Ontario Tactical Advisory Body (OTAB).