



North Bay Police Service

Report on Policing 2001



G.T. Berrigan
Chief of Police

Executive Summary

DID YOU KNOW:















-  That the North Bay Police Service achieved or exceeded  its goals in 21 out of 27 categories. The other 6 are  works in progress.
-  That the North Bay Police Service has completed the process of reviewing and rewriting its policies and procedures in compliance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation.
-  That the rate of violent crime in North Bay and North Himsworth is **down** 10.57%.
-  That 90.55% of violent crimes were solved in 2001.
-  That the rate of property crime in North Bay and North Himsworth is **down** 13.31%.
-  That the number of traffic collisions in 2001 decreased by 3.5% to 1,283, led by a decrease in injury and fatal collisions of 42.9%.
-  That the ratio of value of property recovered (\$551,000) to property stolen (1.1 million dollars) is over 50% for the third consecutive year.
-  That there were 389 break ins in 2001, 30.54% less than the previous year, the lowest in over 5 years.
-  That 27.70% of break ins were solved in 2001. The average in the previous five years was 21.44%.
-  That there were 7.4% less Domestic Violence cases reported, charges were laid in 6.7% more cases, and the Courts dismissed no Domestic Violence charges in 2001.
-  That there were 12 complaints received under Part V of the *Police Services Act* in 2001. All were found to be unsubstantiated or were withdrawn. One was appealed to the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services and the Chief's decision was upheld.
-  That the number of calls for service increased by 1,104 in 2001 to 33,319, an increase of 3.43%.

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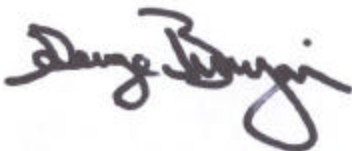
Mr. William Ferguson and
Members of the North Bay Police Services Board;

It is my privilege, as the Chief of Police, to report to the North Bay Police Services Board regarding the service's performance standards for the year 2001.

At the outset I would like to thank the Board for the excellent relationships that have been fostered among the members of the Board, Police Association and myself. This has enabled the Service to bring public accountability and community policing to the residents of North Bay and North Himsworth to a level that is unsurpassed.

The year 2001 has seen our Service face challenges as never before. We met the first year of the Adequacy Standards Regulation to the Police Services Act, extensive building renovations, a young work force, major Information system issues and, the most challenging, the continued delivering of optimum police services to the members of our community.

The contents of this report reinforce the fact that our community remains one of the safest in the country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George T. Berrigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent loop at the end.

George T. Berrigan
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

*“The **NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE** is an integral community partner committed to maintaining the law and protecting the rights of all, through professionalism, sensitivity and efficiency, thus ensuring an orderly and safe environment in which people can live, work and raise families”.*



VALUES

We, the members of the NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE believe in:

*A meaningful **Community Partnership** with the people we serve*

*A **Safe Community** where the **Protection** of life and property are preserved*

***Compassion** for all in need*

Honesty

*Being **Professional** and **Impartial** at all times*

***Respect** for **Colleagues** and the **Individuals** we protect*

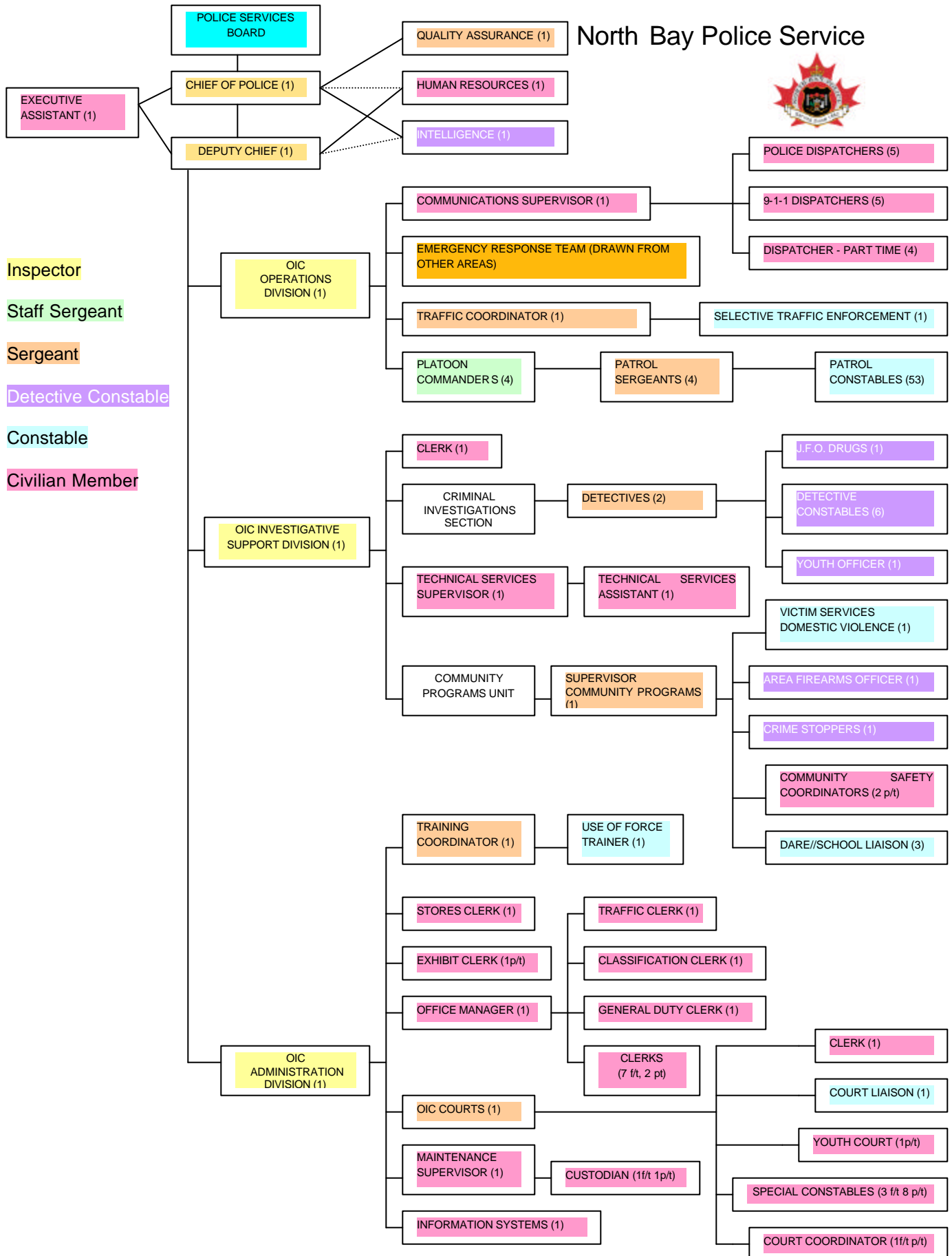
*Being **Approachable** and **Understanding** of community needs and issues*

*Open **Communication** in all areas of policing*

*Continuous **Improvement***

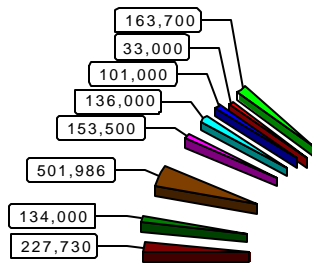
***Efficiency** and **Effectiveness** in our organization.*

North Bay Police Service

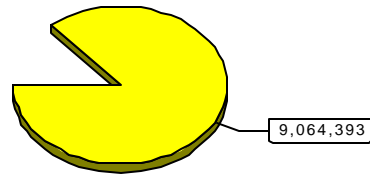


- Inspector
- Staff Sergeant
- Sergeant
- Detective Constable
- Constable
- Civilian Member

COST OF POLICING

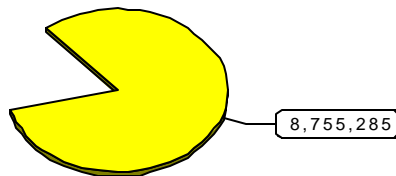
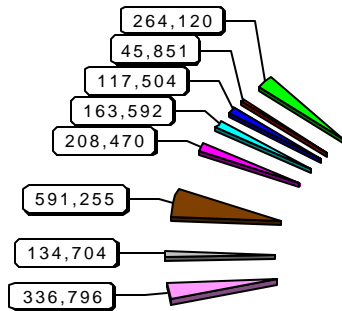


Budget 2001
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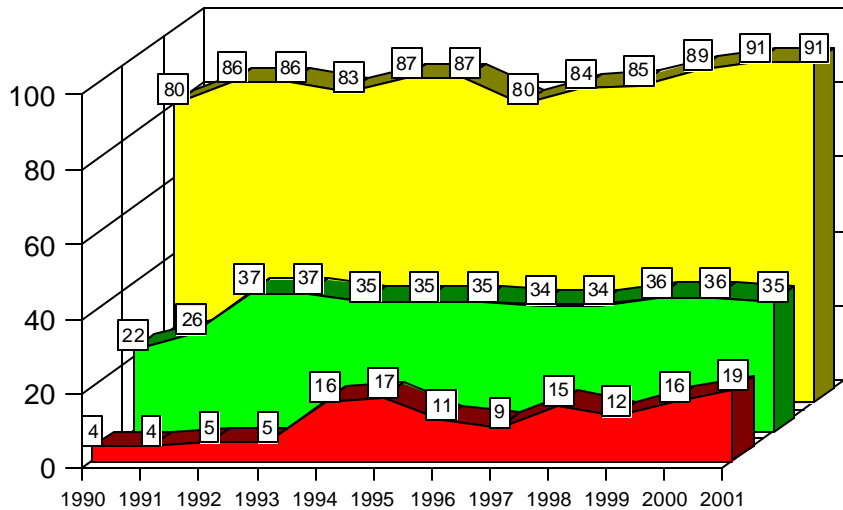


- Salaries and Benefits
- Administration
- Emergency Law Enforcement
- Communications
- Maintenance of Quarters
- Uniforms
- Mobile Equipment
- Training
- Computers

ACTUAL



STAFFING LEVELS (Dec 31st 2001)



- SWORN
- CIVILIAN full time
- CIVILIAN part time

COMMUNITY BASED CRIME PREVENTION

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the community's participation in helping to prevent and solve crime To implement an effective anti-violence education program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of persons participating in established Crime Prevention Programs Establish partnerships within the community to address violence issues. Deliver an anti-violence program to members of the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of persons participating in Crime Prevention Programs Number of partnerships established Number of persons reached through various mediums



A. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- The number of community partnerships built on in the area of crime prevention has been increasing yearly since the late 1970's when the Service had one Crime Prevention Officer. Although programs come and go, the interaction and relationships continue to flourish. These committees and coalitions have enabled the Service to increase its ever-widening circle of community partners and thus, reach a larger sector of the population.
- The signing of the police/school protocol culminated over 2 years of work with the four area school boards. We now have one protocol for all police services and school boards in northeastern Ontario, due in great part, to the work of our members. This has cemented our relationship with schools and ensures an understanding of roles and responsibilities in keeping our schools safe.
- The expansion of the Risk Watch program from a pilot project in six schools to being offered to all students at all levels is another example of the increasing reach we are having. This program is taught by the teacher with support from many community partners, covering topics like traffic and gun safety, fire safety and is provided in partnership with a number of community agencies.
- The Block Parent program continues to provide a vital service both at home and, as one of the few communities in the province, as a proactive program. The missing child shelters at the Heritage Festival and the Pumpkin Patrol on Halloween night provide

opportunities for participants in this program to actively take part in community safety and provide an essential service to the community.

5. The organization and delivery of a conference in October of 2001 entitled PANDA – Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness provided an opportunity for over 100 participants from across northern Ontario to hear this message. As part of the Health Professional Development Program, Dental Hygienists, Nurses, Language Pathologists and police personnel learned about Forensic Dentistry and Child Abuse in order to better identify at an early stage any possible incident and prevent future abuse.
6. Reaching a large audience effectively requires good use of the media. With the assistance of The Nugget, Community Voices, the Gateway Advertiser, the Fox, EZ Rock, CKAT, Cogeco Community 12 news, MCTV and many other mediums like our website, we have increased the network and reach of our message in the areas of Crime Prevention and public awareness of crime.
7. Through more than a dozen problem solving interventions, the Service has met with community members and groups to resolve issues of public safety and concern. These vary from lighting in park areas, trespassing and vandalism in residential areas to dealing with issues in the Downtown core.

B. ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

1. Through our partnership with local school boards, our School Liaison and Community Safety Officers have been delivering presentations to students. In the past year, over 85 presentations have been made, reaching in excess of 1700 students throughout the area. The material used is a collection of presentations researched and obtained from other police services. This will enable our personnel to take the best from each and develop our own program. The D.A.R.E. program, delivered to all area schools at the Grade 5 and 6 levels continues to deliver its message against drugs and violence.
2. In the area of domestic violence, our Domestic Violence/Victims Assistance coordinator has been working with a group that includes local shelters, the Crown Attorney's Office, VCARS and VWAP in the development of a community education package. This work is ongoing and should result in a community wide education initiative.

COMMUNITY PATROL

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To effectively identify and respond to community crime and disorder problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require patrol officers to spend a least 10% of their time on directed patrol To decrease the number of repeat calls for service to locations through community problem solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of time spent by patrol officers on directed patrols Number of issues dealt with through community problem solving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance the visibility of Patrol Officers in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deploy bicycle patrol officers for a minimum of 6 hours per day from June 1st to September 30th of each year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of hours spent by officers on bicycle patrol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a General Patrol Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To study the recommendations of the Workload Analysis Study and develop strategies geared to increasing general patrol time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of a report to the Chief of Police within 3 months of the completion of the study



A. Directed Patrol

- At the time of the development of the Business Plan, there was no measurement of the amount of time spent on directed patrols by officers. Through the Workload Analysis Study, we were able to quantify this activity. Table 1 of that report establishes the level at an average of 2.9%. This is the average amount of time spent by a patrol officer on patrol for a specific purpose. Through the study, we were able to quantify the amount of time spent on general patrol at 25.5%. This translates to a patrol officer spending a total of approximately 2.7 hours of a 12-hour shift on general or directed patrol.
- However, directed patrols can be assigned to specific units. For example, the School Liaison Officers spend 40 hours per week dealing specifically with school related issues. Thus, patrol officers need not respond to calls for service or attend at local schools as this program is satisfying that need. Further, seasonal patrols like bicycle and motorized snow vehicle patrols target specific activities. The hours spent on the streets and trails by these officers must be included in the overall picture.
- The targeted enforcement of the Traffic Unit dedicates itself to target specific enforcement. This officer spends 100% of his time addressing traffic concerns and dealing with traffic safety issues through intelligence-based enforcement.

4. Lastly, in response to issues in the downtown core, a targeted foot beat was established in 2001. A total of 535.75 hours were logged over a nine-month period from April to December, averaging 67 hours per month, or just over 2 hours per day.
5. This results in approximately 33% of the available person hours at any one time dedicated to a directed patrol of some type.

B. REPEAT CALLS FOR SERVICE

1. The implementation of the new Records Management System is not scheduled until later this year. It was anticipated that it would be sometime in 2001. This new system should allow for the analysis of calls for service in terms of locating *Hot Spots* and *Hot Dots* and locate areas where there were repeat calls for service.
2. As this technology comes to us and is put into use, we will be developing strategies and mechanisms to deal with the issues. The new system is expected to be on line later this year.

C. BICYCLE PATROL

1. Two officers were assigned to the bicycle patrol from May 14th to September 10th. They were actively deployed for 660 hours over a period of 119 days for an average of 5.5 hours per day per officer. This includes periods where one or the other officer would be on a scheduled day off or annual leave. Further, weather and air quality advisories played a part in reducing the time that they could be actively deployed.

D. GENERAL PATROL STRATEGY

1. The Workload Analysis Study was completed in January of this year and the Report presented to the Board on January the 8th, 2002. A new committee comprised of Senior Officers and other members of the staff is acting on the recommendations at this time. They are meeting and reporting to the Chief on an ongoing basis.
2. Some of the recommendations have already resulted in changes to the way we do business. Further reporting will be required to fully appreciate the value of having conducted this study and the actions being taken in response to the recommendations.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SERVICES

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure compliance with the criminal investigation services mandate To promote and ensure excellence in criminal investigation services To promote and ensure long term quality of criminal investigators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all members of the Criminal Investigations Section are designated as criminal investigators Ensure that a minimum of 2 officers per platoon are designated as criminal investigators at the end of year one and a minimum of 3 officers per platoon are designated by the end of year 3 To maintain the clearance rate for criminal code incidents within 2% Ensure that patrol officers have access to opportunities to acquire skills, experience and training in criminal investigations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of criminal investigators designated by the Chief of Police Clearance Rate of criminal code incidents. Number of officers assigned to work with criminal investigators on a case-by-case basis.



A. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

- The Criminals Investigations Section is staffed by two Detectives (Sergeants) and eight Detective Constables including the Youth Officer and one attached to the Joint Forces Drug Unit. All officers assigned to this unit are designated criminal investigators.

B. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS ON PLATOON STRENGTH

- During the year 2001, the Chief of Police designated a total of 34 officers as criminal investigators. The Chief of Police may designate officers as criminal investigators based on recommendations from the Deputy Chief. These recommendations are based on the following criteria:
 - Police experience with the North Bay Police Service
 - Previous police experience
 - Previous Assignment to the Criminal Investigation Section
 - Training
 - Work related experience.

2. With 57 constables assigned to 4 platoons and 17 officers designated as criminal investigators, the goal set of 3 investigators by year 3 has been surpassed. In addition to the constables on each platoon, both supervisors are designated as well. This area will be monitored to ensure that the level is not reduced to an unsatisfactory level over time as a result of normal attrition.

B. CLEARANCE RATE

1. The average clearance rate for total criminal code for the past five years is 48.52%. The clearance rate for total criminal code for 2001 is 52.65%, 4.13% above the five year average.

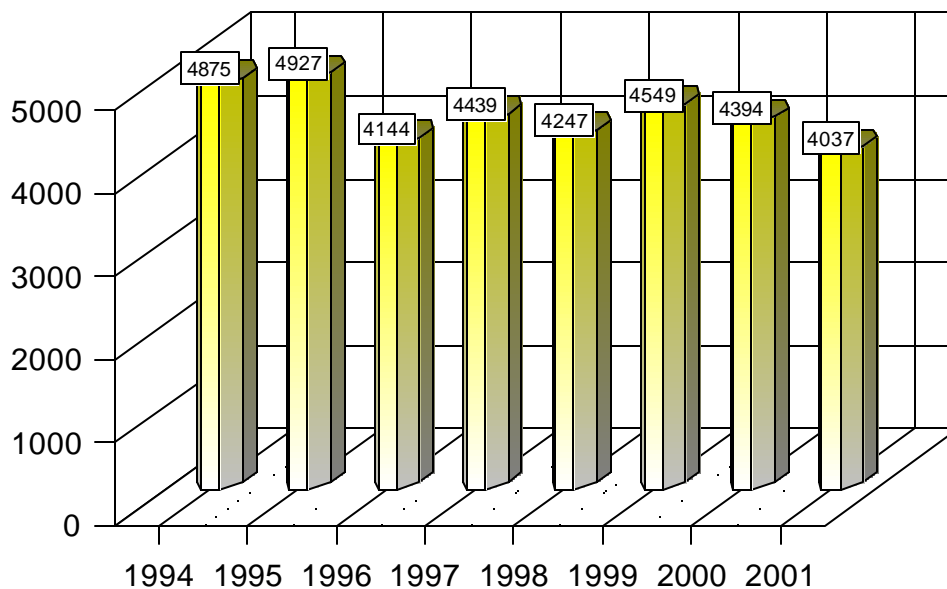
C. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

1. Mentoring of officers and training in the area of criminal investigations over the past year involved taking patrol officers and assigning them on a case-by-case basis to work with members of the Criminal Investigations Section. Six different officers benefited from this experience, working in excess of 100 hours on investigations including Robbery, Fraud, Arson, and Sexual Assault.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. In addition to the above, the decline in criminal incidents over the past year should be noted. The table below outlines the trend in criminal occurrence reduction for the third consecutive year, and the lowest level in eight years.

Criminal Occurences



COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the overall satisfaction with the police service in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the number of persons surveyed each year who report being either satisfied or very satisfied with the police service within 5% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The % of persons being either satisfied or very satisfied with the police service



A. SURVEY RESULTS

- The level of satisfaction expressed by residents during the Community Survey 2000 was as follows:
 - 86.66% of respondents indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the service delivery.
- During the month of March 2002, the Service conducted a survey of using a combination of telephone calls randomly selected residents of North Bay and North Himsforth as well as questionnaires to randomly selected residents in a mall, with the assistance of Nipissing University's Criminal Justice program. The resulting data was not only used for this report but will also serve as an important scan of the community in the development of the Service's strategic plan.
- The question relating to Community Satisfaction was asked in a slightly different form in 2002. The respondents were asked to answer in terms of being very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. The results of that survey, entitled *Community Voice on Policing*, indicate the following: that 91.21% of respondents rated their level of satisfaction as Very or Somewhat satisfied. Only 8.79% indicated a level of dissatisfaction.

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote and ensure a high level of efficiency in responding to emergency calls for service To establish an accurate measuring system of response times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of persons surveyed each year who report being either satisfied or very satisfied with the response to emergency calls for service by 3% To study the OPTIC system and CAD dispatch system and other systems in order to accurately measure response times to emergency calls for service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The % of persons reporting being either satisfied or very satisfied with response to emergency calls for service The ability to accurately measure response times



A. SURVEY RESPONSE

- The Community Survey 2000 results placed the number of respondents who responded satisfied or very satisfied at 77%. The 2002 Community Voice on Policing solicited a response to the same question with the community answering that 89.65% were satisfied or very satisfied with the performance of the Service in the area of responding to emergencies.

B. MEASURING SYSTEM

- As indicated earlier in this report, the implementation of the new computer systems including CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) is expected later this year. Therefore, this report will not comment on this aspect.

VIOLENT CRIME

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create an atmosphere of security and safety in the community To enhance the police response to domestic violence Work with local schools in reducing the incidence of school related violent crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the number of crimes against persons within 5% To maintain the clearance rate of crimes against persons within 5% of the current 92% To increase the % of domestic violence occurrences that result in a charge being laid Establish education and prevention programs in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of crimes against persons Clearance rate on crimes against persons % of domestic violence charges which result in a charge being laid Number of programs established Number of school related violent incidents



A. CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- The total number of crimes against persons (Assaults, Sex Offences and Robberies) decreased by 8.3% over the past year. This is despite changes in the *Education Act* and the signing of the *Police School Protocol* that resulted in School Liaison Officers responding to 13 more reports of assault in 2001 than in the previous year.
- The five-year average clearance rate for violent crime is 94.76%. The clearance rate for 2000 was 92%. The clearance for 2001 is slightly lower at 90.55% but still within the target in the plan.

B. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

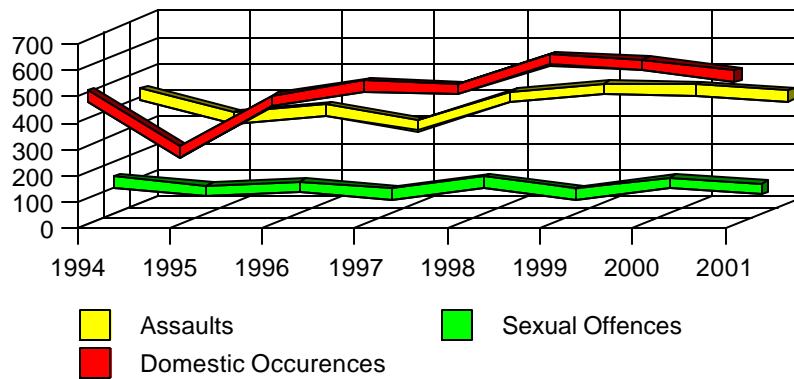
- Over the past twelve months, a greater percentage of domestic violence incidents have resulted in charges being laid. Officers laid charges in 93.6% of incidents, an increase over the 2000 rate of 86.9%. There were 5 fewer repeat offenders and no charges dismissed by the courts in 2001.

C. EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- The Community Programs Unit has been working at the development of an Anti-Bullying program for school age children. This matter is still being researched in order to find the best practices in the province. Some presentations have been given using curriculum established by other police services. As previously mentioned, over 1700 students have been reached thus far. This matter is still a work in progress.

2. Furthermore, the Domestic Violence/Victims Assistance Coordinator is working with a number of community partners including the Crown Attorney's Office, VWAP, VCARS, women's shelters and other groups to develop a community education initiative in this area. Their work is ongoing.

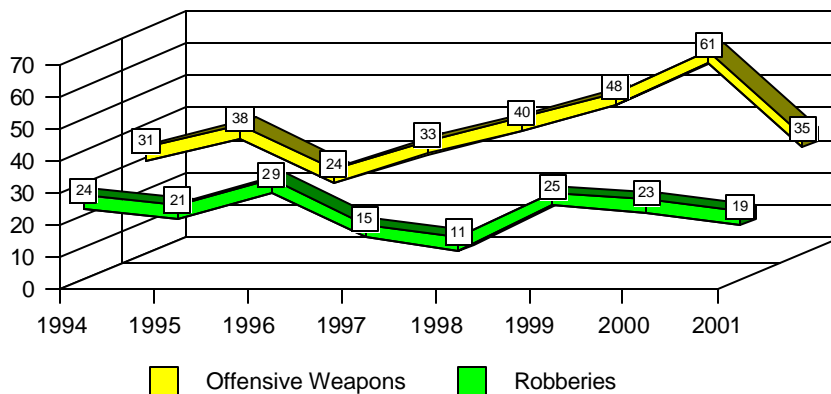
Violent Crime



Assaults	409	320	349	293	403	429	427	406
Sexual	120	88	101	75	119	73	117	95
Domesti	488	273	469	525	511	625	605	560

Offensive Weapons and Robberies

Number of incidents



PROPERTY CRIME

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

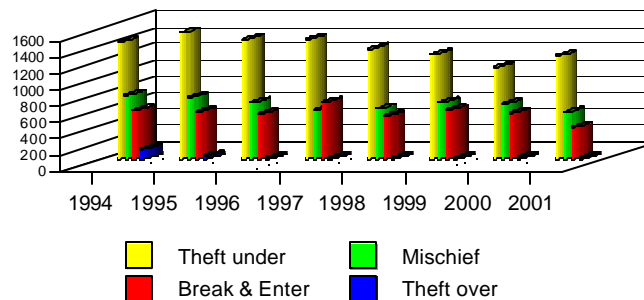
QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an effective police response to property crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the number of property crimes within 5% To maintain the clearance rate of property crime within 5% To maintain the number of break and enters within 2% To maintain the clearance rates of break and enters within 2% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of crimes against property % of property crimes cleared Number of break and enters % of break and enters cleared
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a follow up service to victims of property crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of victims contacted through follow up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of victims contacted through the follow up program



A. POLICE RESPONSE TO PROPERTY CRIME

- Property crimes fell in all areas except theft under which rose slightly. The chart below shows the changes. With a five-year average of 3059 incidents per year, the overall reduction in 2001 is 20.7%.

Property Crimes

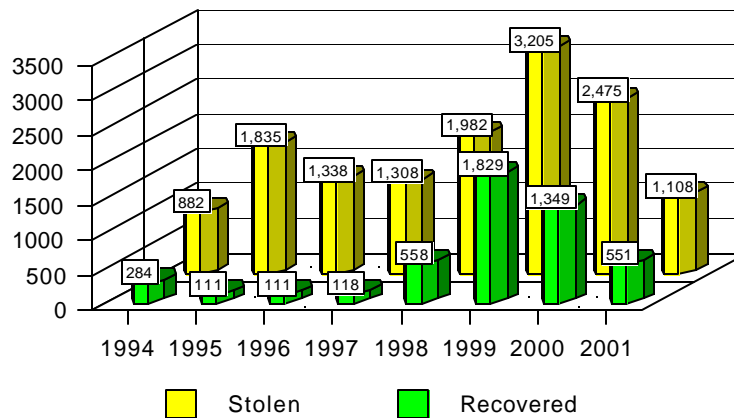


- Investigations into property crimes yielded a clearance rate of 34.34%, 1.27% higher than the five-year average.
- Break and enter dropped from 560 incidents to 389 a 30.54% decrease.

- The clearance rate for break and enter in 2001 was 27.7%, an increase over the 22.86% clearance rate of the previous year and the five-year average rate of 21.44%.
- The following chart is evidence of the increase in the clearance rate. The ratio of "property stolen to recovered" continues to be about 50%, a considerable increase over the mid to late 1990's.

Stolen and Recovered Property

Value in \$1000



B. FOLLOW UP PROGRAM

- With the Workload Analysis Study report being delivered in January 2002, this matter was not addressed prior to this report. As well, recent audits in the area of property have resulted in a review of this area and recommendations for increased levels of service to be made. This area will be further explored over the next several months.

YOUTH CRIME

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

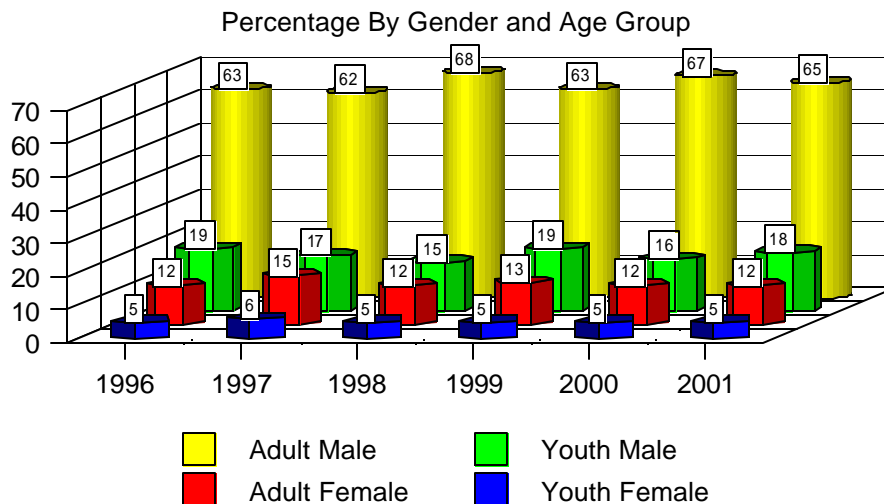
QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and react to changes in Youth Crime involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any changes to youth crime involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of criminal case load attributed to youth Number of criminal charges laid



A. CRIMINAL CASE LOAD

- The following chart shows the distribution of criminal cases by age and gender:

Distribution of Criminal Charges



There are no significant changes to the percentage of criminal charges attributed to youth over the past year. Although there is a slight increase in Youth Male, it is within 1% of the five-year average of 17.2%.

- We can conclude that with the decrease in overall criminal incidents and a constant distribution pattern among offenders, there is no increase in youth related charges being laid.
- A committee comprised of representatives from all North Bay high schools has been established to meet with School Liaison Officers and the Chief of Police. Known as the Chief's Student Advisory Council, they provide insight and feedback into youth crime issues and safety concerns for young people.

ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide adequate support for victims of domestic violence Raise public awareness in relation to Domestic Violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of referrals to VCARS and other support for victims To increase the number of presentations to the public and education programs in relation to domestic violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of referrals made to VCARS and other supports for victims Number of presentations made to the public



A. REFERRALS

- Although referrals to other agencies are not tracked individually, the Victims Assistance/Domestic Violence coordinator monitors Domestic Violence investigations. This is to ensure a high level of investigative quality and adherence to procedures and protocols. We are able to report that referrals to VCARS continue to increase with each passing year.

REFERRALS TO VCARS	
1998	21
1999	47
2000	65
2001	71

B. PUBLIC AWARENESS

- As previously mentioned in this report, a community-based committee is in the process of developing an education program for the community on the issue of Domestic Violence.
- The Service uses every opportunity to create public awareness on this issue. March 1st to 8th marked International Women's Week. In keeping with its commitment to working with the community on issues, Chief Berrigan signed a protocol with the Nipissing Transition House and the Ojibway Family Resource Centre. This protocol lays the groundwork for police and support agencies to understand the role that each plays in dealing with this issue and ensures a high level of service to the members of our community. Further protocols are being developed with other like-minded community agencies.

ROAD SAFETY

The Business Plan set out the following goals for this area:

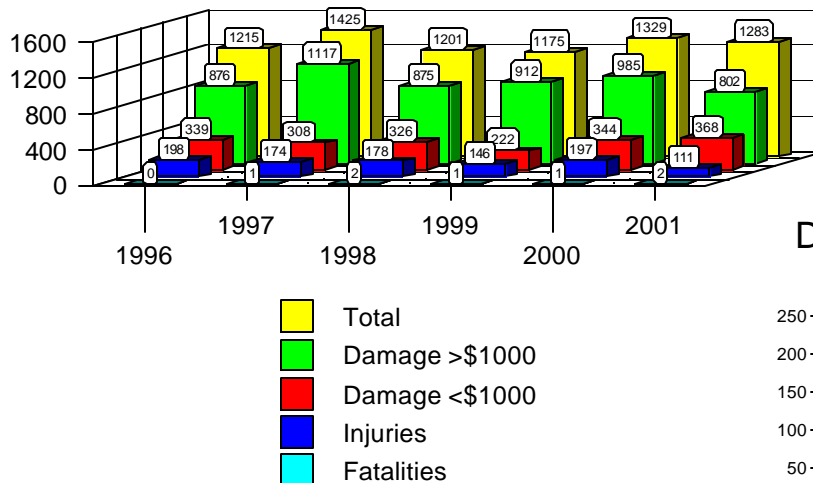
QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve Road Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the level of collisions within 5% To reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of collisions reported Number of persons charged with a drinking and driving offence



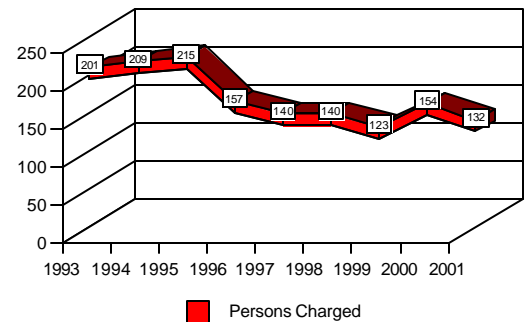
A. COLLISIONS

- The number of collisions reported in 2001 decreased by 3.5% from the previous year. The 1283 collisions reported this past year is just slightly higher than the five-year average of 1269. Of note in the chart below is the decrease in collisions with damage over \$1000 as well as collisions involving injuries.

Traffic Collisions



Drinking and Driving Offences



B. DRINKING AND DRIVING

- Although there appears to be a decrease in enforcement in this area, an increase in 12-hour suspensions must be noted. In the year 2000, 121 drivers had their licence taken away for 12 hours as a result of providing a breath sample that resulted in a reading between 50 and 99 milligrams of alcohol in 100 milliliters of blood. This number rose to 143 in 2001. Therefore, the level of enforcement continues to identify people who have been drinking and driving at about the same rate.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

A. CONDUCT

1. There were twelve complaints in 2001 dealing with officer conduct. Of these, four were withdrawn and the remainder investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. Of these, the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services reviewed one and the decision made by the Chief of Police was upheld.

B. SERVICE

1. There were no complaints received in 2001 dealing with service delivery.

C. POLICIES

1. There were no complaints received in 2001 dealing with policies or policy issues.

TRENDS AND FORECASTS

A. YOUTH CRIME

1. The chart below compares our community to the national and provincial numbers obtained from Statistics Canada in their report *Canadian Crime Statistics 2000*. Although our figures indicate a slightly higher number of youths being charged, the distribution has remained relatively constant.

Distribution of Criminal Charges	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth Male	Youth Female
Canada	68.52	13.43	13.95	4.10
Ontario	66.70	13.61	14.88	4.81
North Bay	67	12	16	5

(2000 data)

2. Statistics Canada reports an increase in the youth crime rate of 1% from 1999 to 2000. They do not attribute this to any one factor. It is noted that our rate dropped from 1999 to 2000 but rose slightly in 2001. The most obvious reason is the change in education legislation and the closer relationship we enjoy with the education sector. We appear to be mirroring the national and provincial patterns, with any changes being within 3% of the previous year.

B. CRIME RATES

1. Crime Rates are reported in number of incidents per 100,000 population. Below is a comparison of our local numbers to those compiled by Statistics Canada and reported for the year 2000.

	Violent Crime		Property Crime	
	Rate	%Change	Rate	%Change
Canada (2000)	982	Up 2.8%	4070	Up 4.1%
Ontario (2000)	887	Down 4.5%	3383	Down 1.9%
North Bay (2000)	984	Up 6.2%	4478	No change
North Bay (2001)	880	Down 10.57%	3882	Down 13.31%

% Change = change from 1999 to 2000, 2000 to 2001

2. Therefore, we have seen decreases in the rate of crime in both these categories over the past 12 months. There are no provincial or national statistics for the year 2001 to use for comparison purposes at this time.

C. WORKLOAD

1. Issues like crime being more sophisticated, organized and technically complex, increase in paperwork and regulations, greater public expectations, greater accountability and others were not only identified in our own Workload Analysis Study, but are echoed in a recent publication entitled Strategic Human Resources Analysis of Public Policing in Canada. The Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police commissioned the study.
2. Their study outlines five priorities identified at a national level:
 - a) Attracting the next generation of talent for policing organizations.
 - b) Increasing sector-wide efficiencies.
 - c) Improving the police sector's human resource planning capacity.
 - d) Improving labour-management relations, and
 - e) Increasing funding and resources.
3. It is gratifying to note that we have achieved success in some of these areas or identified them and are currently striving toward achieving success. We will continue to strive toward our goals, studying our operations from all perspectives, in order to better serve the community.

D. PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

1. The closing of the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital will have an impact on the entire community. To that end, a number of community partners, including this Service, have established a coalition called the Nipissing and District Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee. This group is studying the potential impact on the community, looking at gaps in service delivery, and will develop strategies for dealing with the issues from a community-based perspective.

E. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

1. The Business Plan covers a three-year period. It is expected that those goals not achieved at this time will be reached within the next two years. Fluctuations in crime rates occur from year to year. We will continue to monitor trends and identify problem areas in order to take action against crime. At present, there are no issues that leap out at us. We remain cautious and ever vigilant to identify problems early and take appropriate action. We will continue to involve the community in what we do, and work with the citizens of North Bay and North Himsworth to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.