



**NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE
STATISTICAL REPORT
2000**

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INTRODUCTION

With the year 2000 closed and a new year beginning, it is important to review the data collected over the past 12 months and assess the status of crime and workload of our police service. With the Adequacy Standard Regulation coming into force on January 1st, 2001, annual reporting of this type will become the norm.

Unlike the past years, where extensive annual reports were submitted, this report will be a brief look at crime and calls for service data. Beginning in 2002, the report will expand slightly to include information relating to the service's performance vis-à-vis the goals and objectives set out the Business Plan.

Past Annual Reports were published in limited numbers for circulation to selected recipients. This did not provide for extensive community education in relation to the status of safety and security or the performance of the police service. The statistical report will allow us to reach more people in the community and continue the to provide residents of North Bay and North Himsworth with information in a more efficient manner.

Our website at northbaypolice.on.ca is another avenue with which we continually update the residents of the area with information about who we are, what we do, and how we do it. By posting the statistical report on the website, we not only reach a local audience but provide an important resource to the global community.

We will, where available, provide provincial and national averages, data and trends to allow a comparison to what is happening in Ontario and across Canada. This should provide the reader with a reference point by which they can assess the quality of life, safety and security that we enjoy in North Bay and Himsworth.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN
NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

The year 2000 was one of change and new challenges for our Police Service and its members. A new Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, changes within City Council and the Police Services Board, as well as legislative changes directed at our service delivery created an atmosphere of renewal and freshness.

We bade farewell to Ron Nagle and greeted George Berrigan as Chief of Police along with Deputy Chief Paul Cook. We are confident that through their leadership, the quality of service that the citizens of North Bay and North Himsworth Township have come to enjoy will continue. It is clear that, as one looks through this report, we live in a safe community. However, when community concerns are voiced, the proactive approach demonstrated by our police service is evidence that through its leadership, the North Bay Police Service is dedicated to dealing with community issues by working with the community and finding community solutions to those concerns.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Al McDonald to the Board and Reeve Hector Lavigne of North Himsworth Township to the table.

The renovations to Police Headquarters were a long awaited event and we look forward to their completion in 2001. Our police service is deserving of a home that is welcoming to the public, comfortable and efficient for the men and women who work within its walls, and accessible to every member of the community.

The Board enjoys a close relationship with the Police Management Team and with the North Bay Police Association. Through this, we are able to work together to ensure the well being of our police personnel and the citizens of our community.

Colin P. Vezina
Chairman



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

In the policing sector the year 2000 saw more changes than any other time in our history. The North Bay Police Service's task was to revamp policies and systems to comply with the Adequacy Regulation to the Police Services Act. The processes involving Business Planning, Criminal Investigation Management Plan, Court Security Plan and a major re-write of Board and Police Services policies took place.

In the year 2000, North Bay and the Township of North Himsforth remained among the safest communities in the Province of Ontario. This was achieved through strong partnerships between the North Bay Police Services Board, Chief of Police and the North Bay Police Association and, of course, the members of our community.

Our calls for service were at an all time high of 32,215. Criminal occurrences dropped from 1999 levels and remained consistent with other years. Drug offences saw a significant rise due to our participation in an area Joint Forces Project. This rise is attributable to the extra enforcement efforts that our Police Service is involved in.

Road safety continues to be a concern. Our Service responded to 1329 motor vehicle collisions. However, of these only one resulted in a fatality. We processed 154 impaired drivers.

Our success as a police service is achieved through our relationship with our community partners. In particular thank North Bay Focus, North Bay Chapter of Mothers Against Drug Driving, Amelia Rising, North Bay Transition House and our many other partners.

G.T. Berrigan
Chief of Police



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD



Colin Vezina – Chairman



William Ferguson – Vice Chair



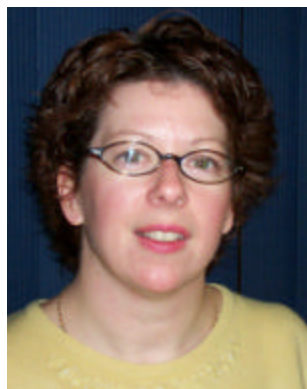
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Pat Cliche – Member



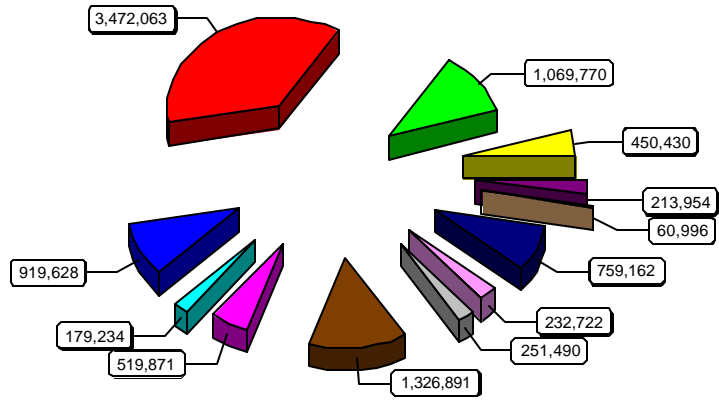
Al McDonald - Member



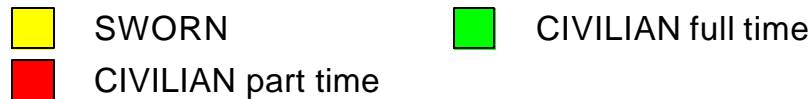
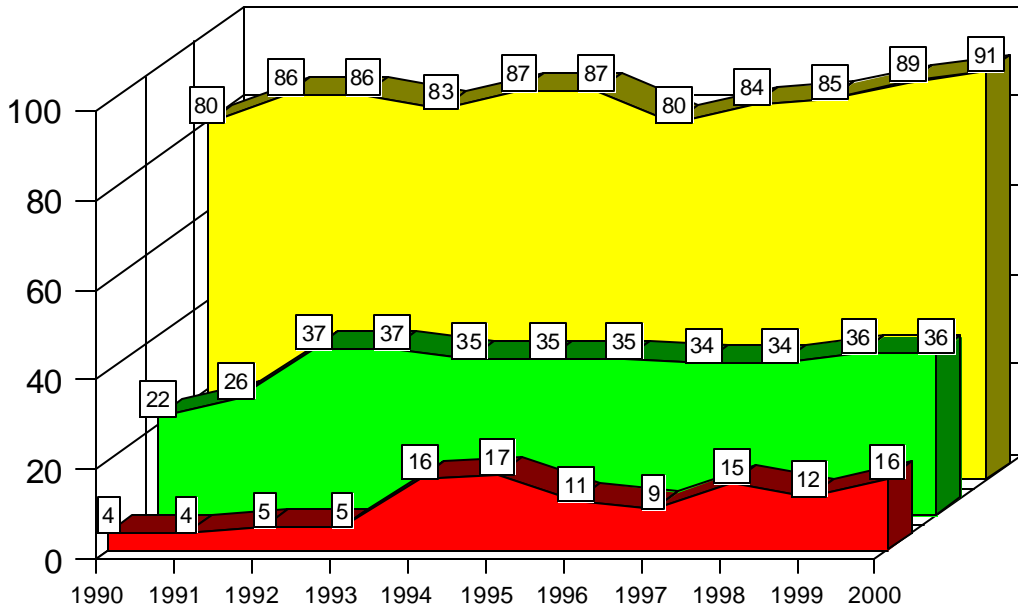
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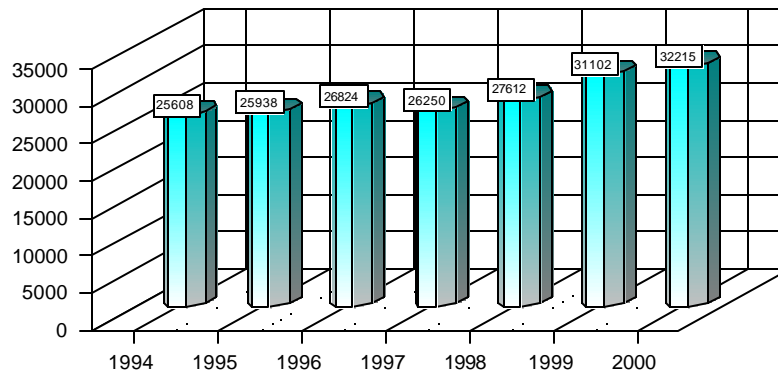
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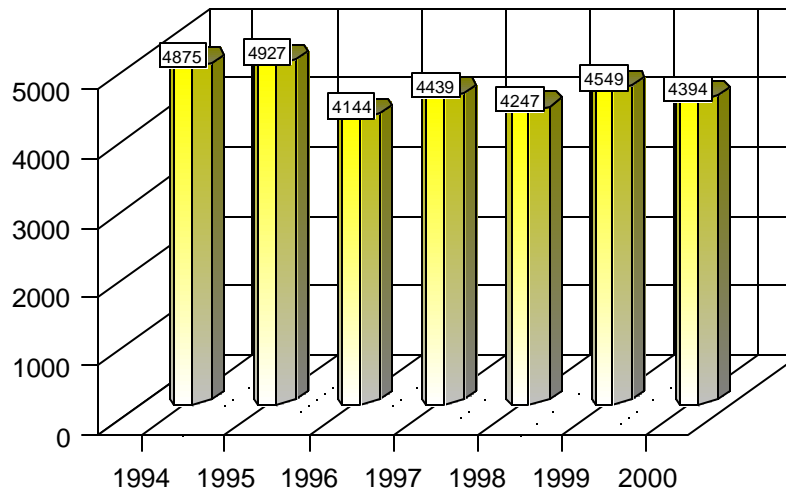
Calls for Service



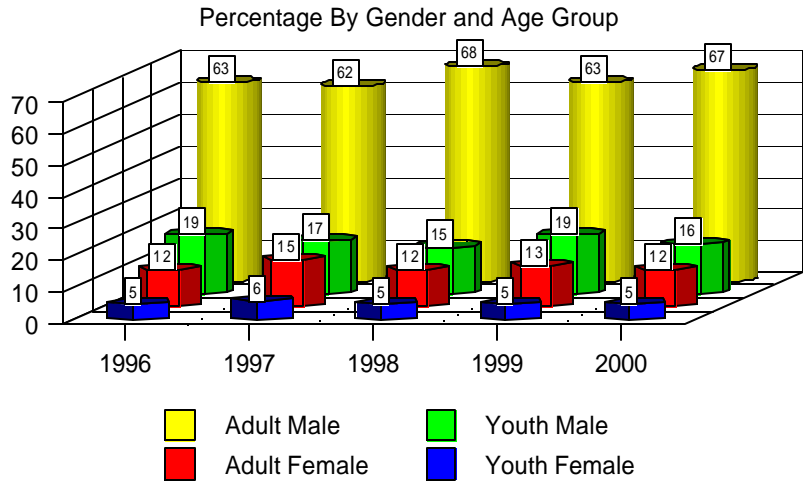
The trend of increasing Calls for Service continued through the year 2000. The increase of 1,113 calls is lower than the increase from 1998 to 1999. This year's increase is 3.45% is slightly lower than the previous five-year average of 3.72%. This increase does not appear to be attributable to an overall increase in Criminal Occurrences as the following figure demonstrates.

Criminal Occurrences have dropped by approximately 3.41%, keeping with the trend of an average decrease in Criminal Occurrences of 1.83% per year. Although no figures provincially or nationally are available for the year 2000, the trend in crime rates has been a continuous reduction since about 1990, with a national decrease in 1999 of 5% and a provincial fall in crime rates in Ontario of 4.9% in that same year.

Criminal Occurrences



Distribution of Criminal Charges

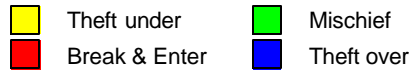
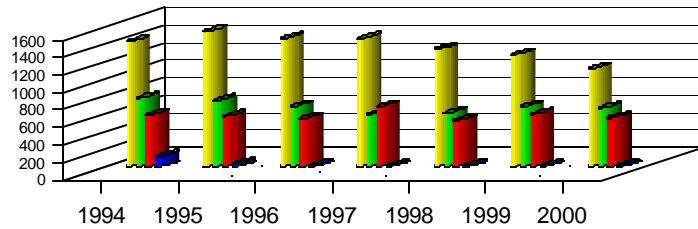


Overall, there does not appear to be a great deal of change in the distribution of Criminal Charges by age and gender. The vast majority of offenders are adult males, with youth males second, adult females third and youth females the lowest. A slight decrease in the percentage of youth males with a corresponding increase in adult males is noted. However there is not significant trend identifiable at this time. Across the nation, the distribution is similar as shown below:

Distribution of Criminal Charges by Age and Gender (Canada, 1999)	% Charged
Male Adults	68.72
Female Adults	13.43
Male Youth	13.85
Female Youth	4.00

Distribution of Criminal Charges by Age and Gender (Ontario, 1999)	% Charged
Male Adults	66.99
Female Adults	14.02
Male Youth	14.53
Female Youth	4.46

Property Crimes

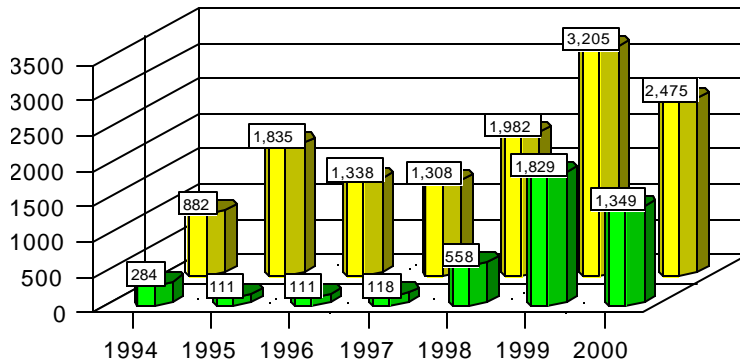


Theft und	1439	1550	1469	1469	1350	1283	1124
Mischief	784	759	692	600	615	692	673
Break &	596	578	553	692	530	602	560
Theft ove	118	33	18	14	15	13	21

Property crimes continue to mirror the provincial and national trends with declining figures since the early 1990's. The above figures demonstrate that, with the exception of a slight increase in Theft Over, reported incidents of property crime have declined. Theft Under is down 13.21%, Mischief down by 2.8% and Break-ins down by 7.5%.

Stolen and Recovered Property

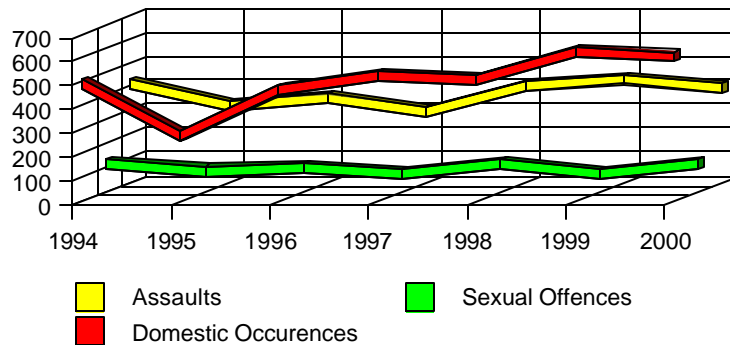
Value in \$1000



Investigations and the recovery of property in relation to property crimes continue to be an important issue for the service. As is seen above the ratio of the value property recovered to property stolen is quite high at 54%. This is slightly lower than the 1999 figure of 57% but still well over the previous years. This is in keeping with the 1999 clearance rate for property crimes of 35%, well above the provincial average of 24.4%, and the national average of 22.6%.

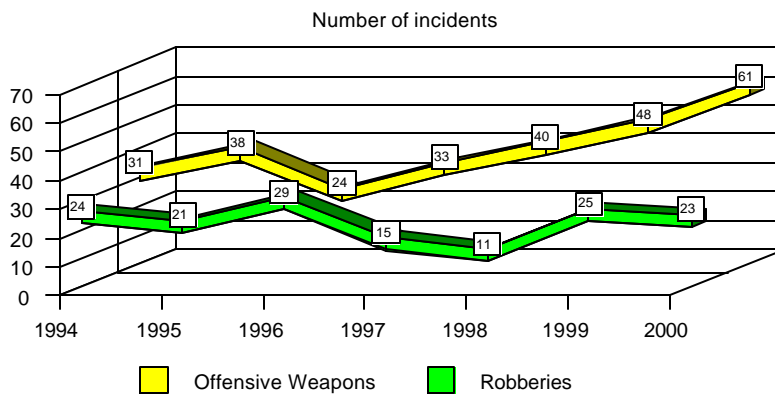
The rate of violent crime nationally has been decreasing steadily over the past seven years and in 1999 by 2.4%. Locally, we observed a slight decrease in Domestic Occurrences and Assaults in the past year. However, the figures are still above or just slightly below the average for the previous 5 years. The number of reported sex offences increased over the past year but what is worthy of comment, is that in most instances, the victim knew the offender. The incidence of random attacks by a stranger is extremely rare.

Violent Crime

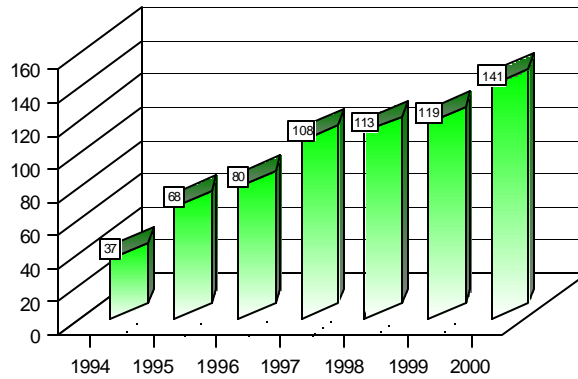


Assaults	409	320	349	293	403	429	392
Sexual Of	120	88	101	75	119	73	117
Domestic	488	273	469	525	511	625	605

Offensive Weapons & Robberies

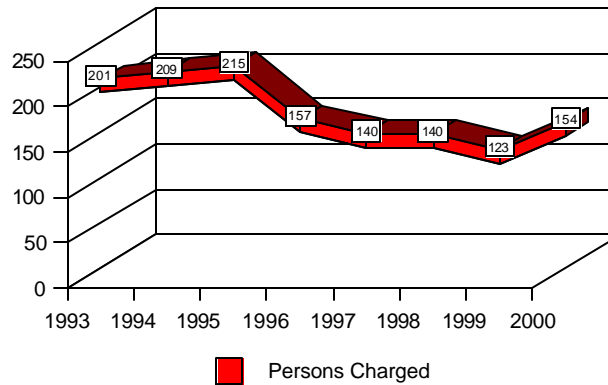


Drug Offences



Participation in the Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Unit has again allowed a greater level of enforcement in the area of illicit drugs. Through our partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police and the Anishinabek Police Service, an increase in drug related incidents of over 15% has resulted. This also creates an impact on property crimes as stolen property is often found at locations where searches for drugs are executed.

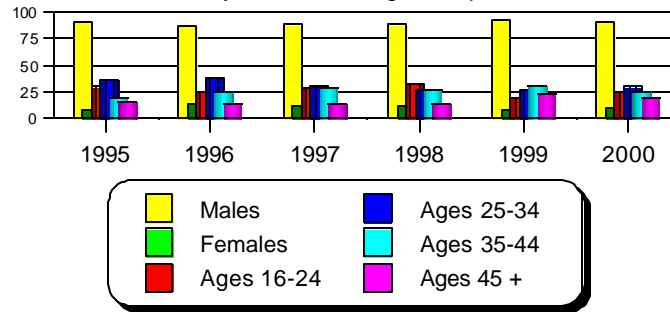
Drinking and Driving Offences



A 25% increase in enforcement is evidence of our commitment to keeping our streets, roads and highways safe. With an emphasis on R.I.D.E. shifts during peak hours and front line officers gaining more experience, the increased enforcement and public awareness through partners like the North Bay Focus and M.A.D.D., we will continue our efforts to reduce the number of drunk drivers on our roads.

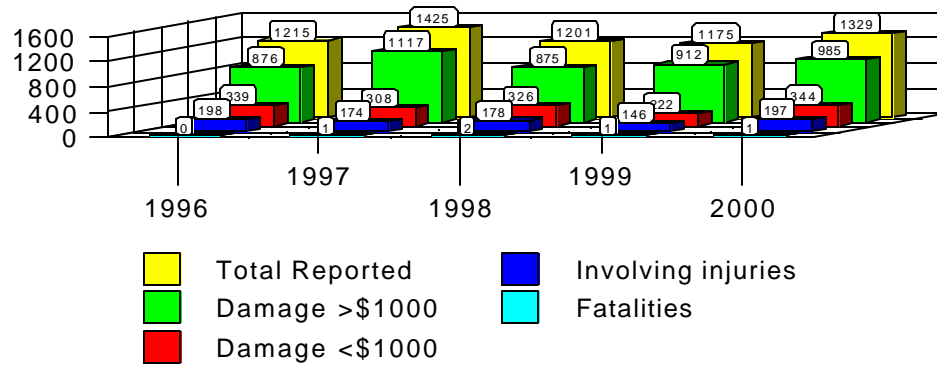
Distribution of C.C. Driving Offences

By Gender and Age Group



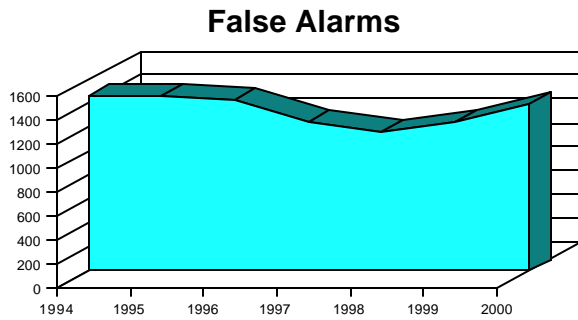
Males	91.2	87.4	88.4	88.4	91.8	90.3
Females	8.8	12.6	11.6	11.6	8.2	9.7
Ages 16-24	29.8	24.6	28	32.9	19.5	26
Ages 25-34	35.5	38.9	30	27.4	26.8	29.9
Ages 35-44	19.3	24	28	27.4	30.9	25.3
Ages 45 +	15.6	12.6	14.6	13.4	22.8	18.8

Traffic Collisions



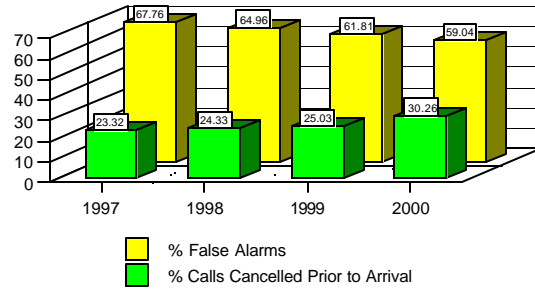
Total Reported	1215	1425	1201	1175	1329
Damage >\$1000	876	1117	875	912	985
Damage <\$1000	339	308	326	222	344
Involving injuries	198	174	178	146	197
Fatalities	0	1	2	1	1

The increase in the number of reported collisions over the past 12 months can be attributed to a number of factors. One hundred and twenty-two of one hundred and fifty-four are categorized with less than \$1000 damage. This reinforces the need for targeted enforcement in problem areas like intersections and busy thoroughfares where aggressive driving habits become hazards.



Change in Alarm Response

Since the introduction of the Alarm By-law in June of 1997



Although the number of false alarms has increased slightly, we have maintained a low level of false alarms in comparison to the overall number of alarm calls. More importantly, the percentage of occurrences where the officers who are attending are cancelled has again increased over the past 12 months. This is again an indication that police resources are being used efficiently and more attention is being given to the quality and maintenance of alarm systems by the public.

STATISTICS CANADA DATA

City	Population	# Officers	Pop. Per Officer	Violent Crime		Property Crime		Total C.C. Crime		C.C. Inc per Officer
				Rate *	Clear**	Rate*	Clear**	Rate*	Clear**	
North Bay	60,000	87	656	885	100	4,761	35	7,862	50	52
Status Provincially			2 nd lowest	6 th lowest	Highest	Highest	Highest	4 th highest	Highest	4 th lowest
Status Nationally			4 th lowest	4 th lowest	Highest	3 rd lowest	Highest	3 rd lowest	2 nd highest	Lowest

Source: Police Resources in Canada, 2000, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada

* Rate is expressed in # of incidents per 100,000 population

** Clear is the Clearance Rate in %

Comparisons are to those communities with a population between 50,000 and 99,999

Provincial Cities Include:

- Barrie
- Brantford
- Oxford Community
- Peterborough Lakefield
- Sarnia
- Sault Ste Marie
- South Simcoe
- New Tecumseth

National Cities Include:

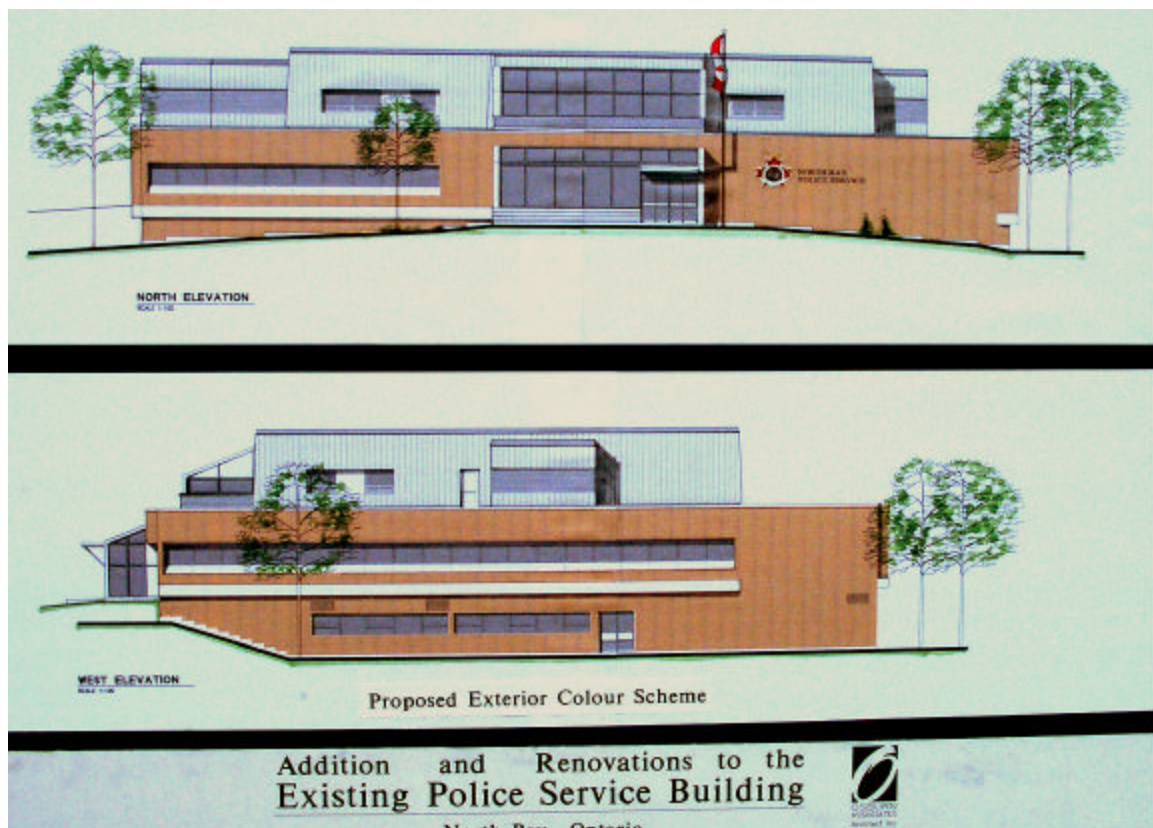
- Drummondville, P.Q.
- Haut-Richelieu, P.Q.
- Jonquiere, P.Q.
- Repentigny, P.Q.
- Lethbridge, Alta.
- Medicine Hat, Alta.
- New Westminster, B.C.

FACILITIES

North Bay Police Headquarters is located at 135 Princess Street West. The building, consisting of two levels with approximately 19,260 square feet on each level, was constructed in 1975 with the vision of expanding upward to a third level should there be a need. That time has come and additional 8,000 square foot addition, to be completed in the spring of 2001, adding approximately 20% more office area. We are working closely with the City of North Bay, Osburn Associates Architect Inc. and DJ Venasse Construction on this project.

It is anticipated that the planned renovations will provide an adequate working environment to meet the needs of the service for the duration of this planning period and beyond. The current expansion will not only satisfy our current needs but can accommodate an increase in personnel of 10%.

The renovation also permits the police service to upgrade building systems like heat and air conditioning to ensure the cost effective operation of the building as well as ensuring that all provincial and municipal building and construction codes are complied with. Two full-time and one part-time staff are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the building and grounds.



CONCLUSION

The year 2000 was one of change and progress. The much-awaited renovation to the Headquarters Building has meant a number of adjustments by all our staff members who, through it all, are maintaining their sense of humor and work ethic to ensure that despite these disruptions, the business of delivering policing services to the community is not affected.

The development of our three-year business plan will provide all members of the service with the direction needed to ensure a quality of service that is second to none. Goals and Objectives have been established and will be reported on annually. That document is the blueprint for the next three years in terms of our core functions and delivery of those services.

As part of that process, the Community Survey 2000 identified issues that will direct our deployment of resources and priorities. Of significance is the downtown issue that is being addressed by a group of community partners through "Cut to the Core". In order to facilitate measurement of the effectiveness and impact of this group, we have undertaken a change in our record keeping allowing the gathering the statistical data specific to that area. Beginning in January of this year, the downtown area has been identified as a specific patrol zone to facilitate comparisons in the future. 2001 will establish the baseline.

As we progress through the 2001, we will embark on a Strategic Planning process. The five-year plan developed in 1997 was the first for this organization. Upon review, it was noted that all the goals and objectives of that plan were or would be completed by the end of the year 2001. It is therefore time to revisit this process that will bring members of the community, the Police Services Board as well as sworn and civilian members of the Police Service together in the development of a new Strategic Plan.

As seen in this report, the men and woman of the North Bay Police Service have worked hard to ensure a safe community for all who live, work and raise families here. They have done it with Compassion, Honesty, Professionalism, Respect Efficiency and Effectiveness.