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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MANITOBA

“D” DIVISION / YEAR IN REVIEW / 2013/2014



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
KEVIN BROUSSEAU, O.O.M**



As Commanding Officer for the RCMP in Manitoba, I am pleased to provide you with our 2013-14 Year in Review. This report gives us the opportunity to connect with Manitobans and provide a glimpse into the impact the women and men of the RCMP are making in your community- in short they are making a difference in Manitoba.

Along with being Canada's national police force, the RCMP is Manitoba's provincial police service. We also provide policing contracts to 22 municipalities and have contract agreements to police 28 First Nations communities. As such, we are committed to keeping our communities safe and healthy and to engage with each other through integrated efforts and productive partnerships.

This past year saw us embark on a robust performance management framework aimed at addressing our common priorities, and ensuring that the RCMP in Manitoba is as effective as possible. We are seeing downward trends in violent/property crime rates and believe our efforts in areas of crime prevention/reduction will support future reductions. It has been a year of intelligence-led policing through greater integration, information sharing, community engagement and targeted enforcement.

Over the course of the past year I have travelled across the province to attend community events and to meet with our employees as well as to discuss with community leaders and citizens how the RCMP is doing. I have been humbled and impressed to hear the words of support expressed to me about the great work that is being done. Have a look at some of the messages we have received in the "From our Inbox" section of this report. The constant theme is that employees of the RCMP are committed to serving Manitobans and give back in ways that many will never know.

I am pleased with the progress we have made together with the communities we so proudly serve and we are committed to ensuring 2014 is a year filled with continued successes.

Thank you for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CRIMINAL OPERATIONS

**CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
SCOTT KOLODY, M.O.M**



The RCMP in Manitoba is working diligently to advance our goal of becoming one of the safest provinces in Canada, and our work towards a robust crime reduction strategy is well underway. Focus is now on evidence based deployments, concentration on prolific offenders and targeted enforcement activities in all three districts which has produced significant results. Good solid ground floor police work demonstrated by “D” Division employees has resulted in the successful resolution of numerous cases.

I am pleased to report that the hard work and dedication of “D” Division employees, along with our numerous partners, continues to yield positive returns, and the citizens of Manitoba continue to enjoy living and working in some of the safest communities in the country.

In the past year, we have achieved a number of operational successes. Manitoba’s Serious Crime Unit investigated 20 homicides throughout the province in 2013, with many operational and logistical challenges.

Meanwhile, a restructure of our federal policing program has enhanced our ability to conduct investigations into organized crime, with the past year having seen several large-scale investigations into drug trafficking and other criminal activities come to successful conclusions.

The RCMP in “D” Division continues to work closely with our partner agencies. The Integrated Warrant Apprehension Unit has now completed its second year in existence. Our team has been responsible for the successful execution of over 2000 warrants. This unit is now being utilized to augment DART (Division Action Response Team) deployments and is also working on shifting its focus to higher level targets and prolific offenders.

The DART and Jetway programs continue to produce significant results in many of our rural and remote communities. This past year “D” Division executed numerous DART deployments throughout the entire Division.

We are proud to announce that D Division presently has over 175 trained NCO’s in the MOSS (Member Operational Support System) program and this program has proven invaluable in the day to day operations of “D” Division. Our MOSS program continues to progress and provides real time assistance and supervision to our front line Members.

In the future I look forward to presenting the Crime Reduction Strategy for “D” Division and continuing to grow and improve the RCMP in Manitoba.

2014 “D” DIVISION PRIORITIES

COLLABORATION TO PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME

“D” Division will be enhancing its existing partnerships by launching a crime reduction strategy across Manitoba that aims to not only reduce criminality and calls for police service, but also to reduce youth and family violence, combat serious and organized crime, and target prolific offenders.

We will build on our partnerships with other agencies and communities to join forces in tackling the root causes of crime, including the health and social aspects in which we play an important role through crime prevention and education initiatives.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT POLICING SERVICE

The upcoming changes to the Band Constable Program next year give us an opportunity to move forward on new approaches to policing for our province and, in particular, for Northern Manitoba. To develop other potential approaches, we will work with provincial and federal officials, First Nations and Metis leadership and the communities we serve on a full review of our current structures.



LEADERSHIP, RESPECT

Members and employees of the RCMP are not only accountable to the communities we serve; we are accountable to one another. Every RCMP employee is expected to show leadership in encouraging mutual respect at work and in the community.

Our respectful workplace program is paying dividends in making us a more effective organization.

We have also made great strides in enhancing our leadership training to our employees.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS

We are committed to enhancing the way we communicate. We have a number of initiatives already in place that are working well, such as our RCMP community liaison officers, Community Consultative

Committees, Community Justice Groups, regular meetings with community leaders, and the RCMP “D” Division’s Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee.

Our website, Twitter and Facebook presence allows us to share important information quickly and to engage community members in the work we do. We’ve already seen the results of your participation by sharing links, tweets and posts to help locate missing persons, track down criminals, or raise awareness about our youth programs, safety tips or career opportunities. Each of these social media tools also provides another way for us to hear from you, the people we serve, and to further encourage respectful dialogue between the police and communities.

PROVINCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT GARTH PATTERSON

“D” Division Provincial Support Services provides “specialized” police services and expertise to police officers and enforcement units throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Services provided by PSS include : Manitoba Integrated Warrant Apprehension Unit, National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST), Air Services, Major Case Management, Forensic Identification Services (FIS), Major Crime Services, Operational Communication Centre (OCC), Police Dog Services (PDS), Crisis Negotiation Team, Underwater Recovery Team (URT), Tactical Troop, and the Emergency Response Team (ERT) to name a few.

Overall I am very pleased with the work from all of our specialized units during the past fiscal year.

Some highlights include the arrest of 702 subjects by the Manitoba Integrated Warrant Apprehension Unit while executing 968 warrants, and the dedication and support the NWEST team provided to the Winnipeg Police Service during Project Sideshow.

The “D” Division Police Dog Service was able to expand this year with the approval to add a position in The Pas. This will bring the total to five as Dauphin, Thompson, Selkirk and Portage la Prairie currently have PDS teams in place. “D” Division PDS responded to 367 calls for service last year.

“D” Division ERT had 10 deployments while the Emergency Medical Response Team had 24. A highlight for the EMRT was the enlistment of the new Mobile Medical Treatment Centre which has the capacity to provide on scene trauma care for our members and the general public when required.

“D” Division Air Services provide flight operations based out of Winnipeg and Thompson. It is impressive to note that during this reporting period, in what at times can be extreme Manitoba weather conditions (rain, extreme wind and snow), “D” Division Air Services flew 2,084 total legs (take offs and landings) while transporting 6,853 total passengers while operating on gravel, paved and snow covered air strips.

The “D” Division Search and Rescue Team received 25 calls for deployment for a variety of circumstances ranging from a lost three-year-old child to a lost and disoriented elderly person with Alzheimer’s disease. The vast majority of deployments were successful in locating the lost person or evidence being sought.

In the future all the members of Provincial Support Services will continue to respond to situations unfolding across Manitoba, from investigating serious crimes to responding to high risk emergency situations.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

2013 TRAFFIC SERVICES CAMPAIGNS

OFFENCES	CANADA ROAD SAFETY WEEK	OPERATION IMPACT	CHRISTMAS CHECKSTOP*	TOTALS
Criminal Code impaired driving offences	44	21	110	175
Alcohol related roadside suspensions	16	8	46	70
Failing to wear seatbelts	68	34	33	135
Distracted driving (cell phones)	26	5	N/A	25
Speed and other Highway Traffic Act offences	1201	483	1042	2726
TOTAL OFFENCES	1355	551	1231	

*During the 2013/14 campaign, RCMP checked 9917 vehicles during 346 Checkstops

“Please buckle up, stay sober, and stay focused on the road while driving” said Insp. Joanne Keeping, OIC Traffic Services. “Make the smart choice and get home safely to your family.”

Road safety was top of mind again in 2013 for “D” Division officers who continued to target drivers with high risk behaviours such as driving while impaired, distracted driving and speeding to name a few.

National Road Safety Week ran from May 13 to 20 with RCMP conducting Checkstops throughout the Province.

As a result of the campaign there were:

- > 43 Impaired driving charges (including 3 Impaired by Drugs)
- > 16 alcohol-related administrative suspensions
- > 68 charges for failing to wear seatbelts
- > 746 charges for speeding
- > 54 charges for fail to stop at an intersection
- > 26 charges for using a handheld electronic device while driving
- > 373 other traffic-related charges
- > 21 Prohibited/Suspended Drivers

Three fatalities occurred during Road Safety Week.

Operation Impact coincided with Thanksgiving weekend. Running from October 11 to 14, a priority of the enforcement campaign was to save lives and reduce injuries by targeting dangerous drivers during a peak travelling weekend.

During Operation Impact, the RCMP laid a number of charges including:

- > 20 Criminal Code Impaired driving charges (includes one Impaired by Drug)
- > 7 24-hour alcohol related roadside suspensions
- > 34 charges for failing to wear seatbelts
- > 5 charges for using a handheld electronic device while driving
- > 467 other traffic-related charges, including speeding, intersection and other
- > 19 Criminal Code Traffic Offences, including Drive Prohibited

There was one off-road vehicle fatality over the Thanksgiving weekend in the RM of Ste. Anne.



MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS

SOLVED: **MURDER OF CHAD DAVIS**

The Chad Davis story reads like something out of a mafia movie. A young man is found murdered, stuffed inside a barrel and floating in a river in eastern Manitoba.

However, truth is always stranger than fiction and when the case landed in the laps of RCMP members Cst. Janna Coade and Cpl. Chris Rouire, they honestly had no idea where the young man floating in the Lee River would take them.

“Two men who owned cottages on the river had seen the barrel floating for three weeks,” said Coade. “They brought it to shore, thinking it had been attached to someone’s dock and floated away.”

What they discovered was the body of 22-year-old Chad Davis, a Winnipeg man who had been missing for some time.

“All we had was a WPS (Winnipeg Police Service) file saying he had been reported missing by his girlfriend and was last seen on February 6, 2008,” said Coade. “He had left a friend’s place allegedly in a cab.”

Davis’s body was found July 23, 2008.

Through intelligence-led policing, commitment and the support of over 70 members, investigators tracked down

the two individuals that would eventually be tried and convicted for the murder of Davis.

Corey Tymchyshyn and Kristopher Brincheski had lured Davis to Tymchyshyn’s house and beat him to death with a blunt instrument, most likely over an unpaid drug debt that Tymchyshyn owed to Davis.

“Kris, I believe, thought they had gotten away with it,” said Coade.

However, after interviewing Kris’s then girlfriend and now current wife, and his brother, all of the pieces fell into place.

“Speaking to his girlfriend moved the investigation along quicker and the brother really was a turning point,” said Coade.

“This case involved a lot of witness management, dealing with different people, trying to get everyone on board.”

In the end, cell phone records and locations of cell phone towers allowed investigators to determine that after killing Davis, Tymchyshyn and Brincheski stuffed him in a barrel, drove him out to the Lee River in Davis’s own jeep and dumped his body in the water. The two culprits then proceeded to clear out Davis’s storage locker to make it look as though the victim had left town.

Tymchyshyn and Brincheski were arrested and charged on September 11, 2008. On February 27, 2014 the men were convicted of first-degree murder in the brutal death of Chad Davis. Both are appealing the verdict.

“This case involved so many people,” said Rouire. “The mapping of cell phone towers, analysis of phone records, U-Haul records – everything pieced together.”

The commitment of a variety of RCMP units contributed greatly to this investigation. The list includes the Underwater Recovery Team, Major Crime Services, Forensic Identification Services, Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force, Special “O”, DCAS, local detachments and many more.

In the end, due to extensive investigation and intelligent police work, a circumstantial case developed into a case with overwhelming evidence and a successful conclusion.



MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS

SHUT DOWN: PROJECT DEBIT BRINGS DOWN ILLEGAL SMOKE SHOP

In early 2014, a joint enforcement operation known as Project Debit successfully brought down an illegal smoke shop and seized almost one million cigarettes along with several firearms and cash.

Police arrested Matthew Audi, 26, and Christopher Wilkins, 30, both of Quebec, after they had made a delivery of contraband tobacco to a smoke shop at Dakota Plains First Nation. The owner of the shop, Craig Blacksmith, 51, was arrested shortly after.

By law, all cigarettes and tobacco must have a Health Canada warning along with a stamp indicating that the required duties and taxes have been paid on them. As of July 1, 2012, the Canada Revenue Agency deemed that all tobacco sold in Canada must carry both a federal excise stamp

as well as a provincial stamp for certain provinces, including Manitoba. The Rainbow Tobacco discovered in this instance had neither.

“In September 2012, Project Debit was started,” said Cst. Mike Chateaufeuf of Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC). “Through extensive investigation including under-cover operations, DOPS (Dakota Ojibwa Police Service) and the Province we were able to make this significant seizure.”

A search warrant was executed, and during the search of the property, 4800 cartons of cigarettes were seized as well as three firearms. The lone employee of the shop, Tammy Walters, 42, was also arrested. During the search, police became aware of a rental locker paid for by Blacksmith. When that was searched, further seizures were made, including two cases of tobacco and three additional firearms.

“Contraband tobacco has a link to organized crime,” said Chateaufeuf. “There are legal smoke shops, that sell federally and provincially taxed tobacco and the money from taxes collected goes back to the community in the form of healthcare and education funding, to name a few .

“With the illegal shops, the money doesn’t go back to the community, but instead to the financial benefit of one person or group only”.

In total, 951,225 cigarettes were seized, 1845 tins of chewing tobacco, six firearms, cash and one vehicle. The Manitoba tax avoided was \$292,572.68. If convicted of the provincial offences, each accused can face a tax penalty of triple the amount avoided, amounting to \$877,718.04.

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SOCIAL MEDIA IN “D” DIVISION



In October of 2013, “D” Division RCMP officially launched its Facebook and Twitter accounts, allowing us to reach new audiences, engage with the public, and modernize the Force while still maintaining control of our messages and promoting the RCMP as a leader in the communities we protect.

By March 30, 2014, we had approximately 1,400 followers on Twitter and had sent out almost 400 messages on both Twitter and Facebook.

Social media can be utilized in a variety of ways – from tweeting out road closures and safety alerts, to announcing recruiting events on both social media sites. In addition, news releases can receive instant attention and through re-tweets, our message can reach hundreds of people within minutes. It is important that we are able to engage the media using the tools of the industry. Social media allows us to relate to the media in new ways.

Another effective tool of social media is the ability to locate missing people, identify witnesses or even persons of interest in a crime.

ARREST OF WILLIAM HOLT:

In January 2014, Winnipegosis RCMP requested assistance from the public in locating William Holt. Holt was wanted for numerous firearm related charges stemming back from over a year.



A media release was issued; in addition, the RCMP communications office posted the release, along with Holt’s photo on both Facebook and Twitter.

According to the arresting officer, Holt called the RCMP detachment to turn himself in as his picture and information had “exploded all over Facebook.” The officer also stated that the reason Holt knew that the police were looking for him was because of social media.

When the RCMP members arrived at Holt’s apartment a number of tenants were very helpful in pointing out Holt’s location and the suspect himself was not surprised the police were on scene and looking for him.

The arresting officer indicated that social media was incredibly helpful in this instance.

NORTHERN MANITOBA’S FIVE MOST WANTED:

Social media has been helpful in apprehending dangerous individuals across the division. In January, we released Northern Manitoba’s Five Most Wanted list



on our website and social media, and the reaction was positive and helpful.

The Northern CREST (Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team) submits the list to the media relations office, who in turn releases the information to external media, along with posting the names on social media.

The team believes that all forms of media help police in the apprehension of these persons, whether it is accomplished through a tip from the public, or other officers from other organizations or detachment areas.

Our social media channels work in tandem with our divisional public website, where users can visit for more information about the latest news from RCMP Manitoba. Stay informed, ask questions and hear the latest from RCMP in Manitoba—follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or visit our website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/mb/.

MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER - NORTH DISTRICT



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN VIOLOT

During the past year, the North District has successfully addressed the policing priorities that were collaboratively identified by the detachments and the communities. These priorities contribute to safe and healthy communities. The North District has twenty-two detachments that provide policing services to the northern half of Manitoba. All twenty-two detachments have done an excellent job working with

youth, various community groups, and the interdiction of contraband. The North District overall has had positive results this past year with our crime reduction initiatives.

Intelligence-led policing is continuing to make a difference in Northern Manitoba. All detachments, with support from the North Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST), focus on high risk prolific offenders, persons with outstanding warrants for arrest and the sharing of intelligence on travelling criminals. Last year, more than 110 prolific offenders were identified for stringent monitoring, resulting in criminals being returned to jail. This is sending a strong message to criminals - either stop committing crime, relocate or go back to jail.

Project Describe in The Pas was a six month project that targeted cocaine trafficking in The Pas and nearby Opaskwayak Cree Nation. More than 18 ounces of cocaine and a small quantity of ecstasy were seized. Ten suspects have been charged in connection with trafficking cocaine; greatly reducing cocaine in Northwest Manitoba.

The partnership between the North Crime Reduction Enforcement Support Team and Canada Post has prospered to include three separate inspections of mail at the Canada Post sorting station in Thompson, Manitoba. The results were impressive, with seizures of marihuana, pills, alcohol and illegal cigarettes destined for many isolated communities in Northern Manitoba and Nunuvut.

This past year has been a positive one based on the dedication and hard work of our personnel in the North District. They have shown great flexibility in the face of change, service demands, and emerging trends. I am confident our members will continue to enhance their existing initiatives, create new initiatives, and work with the communities to contribute to their health and safety. The members, communities and government leaders have seen first-hand how effective it is to work together to solve issues.

I look forward with confidence and great anticipation to the year ahead. Intelligence-led policing and crime reduction continues to be a priority of Manitoba North District.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT

The North District was successful in 2013/14 with warrants and arrests related to illegal drugs. In Norway House in February of 2013, RCMP officers seized cocaine and marihuana along with alcohol, cash and a prohibited weapon.

In May of 2013, four individuals were charged in relation to cocaine trafficking offences in The Pas and area during three separate police investigations and a total of 17 individuals were charged in early 2014 for cocaine trafficking related offences.

“We are committed in our focus to keeping drugs off the street” said Staff Sergeant Noel Allard, NCO in charge of The Pas Detachment. “This is achieved by partnering together with the citizens of our community and we encourage anyone with information regarding drug activity to report it so that we can continue to work together to keep our streets safe.”

The RCMP “D” Division Action Response Team (DART) completed a three-day deployment in Northern Manitoba in and around the communities of Grand Rapids and Chemawawin.

During July 18, 19, and 20, 2013, members of DART conducted proactive enforcement in an effort to make Manitoba highways safer, monitor prolific criminal offenders and to combat illegal drug trafficking. Officers from a number of specialized RCMP units as well as officers from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship were utilized to assist the team with this enforcement project.



Officers were able to arrest several perpetrators and made a large quantity cocaine seizure.

The frigid waters of Paint Lake were an ideal training locale for Ice Rescue Training for 12 RCMP officers last year.

With temperatures dipping to - 47C, officers equipped with dry suits, spent close to five hours in and out of the lake. The officers were required to enter the cold water through a hole cut in the ice of Paint Lake to practice classroom techniques. Some of the officers, wearing everyday winter gear, entered the water without a dry suit in order to gain the experience and understanding of what is required in order to protect those that we serve and ourselves.

Homeless Shelter. The transition house provides a stable home environment where clients participate in counselling and treatment for ongoing mental health and substance abuse addictions.

The Thompson RCMP and other stake-holders developed the program and selected the clients to participate in the PND program. Twenty-eight candidates were prioritized to fill the 16 beds at the transition housing. The 28 candidates were ranked and assessed by their individual needs and based on a risk-assessment. The candidates that utilized the services of the RCMP, health services, EMS and other agencies were identified as being the most at-risk.

“We are committed in our focus to keeping drugs off the street” said Staff Sergeant Noel Allard, NCO in charge of The Pas Detachment.

Over a two-day period, ice rescue experts attended Thompson, to provide training and practical experience to the officers for personal safety, self-rescue and details to initiate rescue systems as it pertains to ice emergencies.

Project Northern Doorway (PND) is a true success story for the City of Thompson. PND is a multi-agency partnership in Thompson which focuses on improving the lives of the homeless population by providing a Housing First model.

In April 2014, PND opened a transitional housing unit at 95 Cree Road in Thompson that accommodates 16 individuals that were previously clients of the Thompson

Sixteen lives have been changed for the better by being provided with a roof over their heads and a place to call home. Some clients have since started school, gained employment, stabilized their lives and are managing their addictions.

Agencies involved in PND are as follows: Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba Housing, the Thompson Homeless Shelter, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, City of Thompson, Northern Health Region, community stake-holders and the Thompson RCMP Detachment.



MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER - EAST DISTRICT



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT SHAHIN MEHDIZADEH

As the District Commander for Manitoba East District, I have the pleasure of working with many dedicated, competent and professional women and men who are determined and passionate to increase public safety in this beautiful province. Over the last two years, we have made many changes to our structure and processes to increase our level of

accountability on policing operations as our citizens deserve that level of commitment from their police service.

Over the past year, the East District has boasted many successes. Our members made significant marihuana busts in Headingly, Selkirk and Portage.

Project Delimit in Oakbank targeted and dismantled a drug trafficking ring responsible for distributing drugs to several of our communities, while Project Demonstrate in Steinbach targeted a male who was posing as a physician treating patients which could have had significant public safety issues. This project resulted in an arrest and charges with the public ultimately being made aware.

The TCPL Pipeline explosion in St. Pierre-Jolys Detachment area caused significant damage to the natural gas pipeline and left many residences in the area without natural gas during a very cold winter season. The incident was managed through collaboration and partnerships with many agencies and tireless efforts by RCMP members across the District.

As a result of aggressive targeting of drugs and liquor traffickers in the community of Little Grand Rapids RCMP members have seized a considerable amount of liquor and drugs going into this fly-in community. These efforts have resulted in a 30% reduction of crime in this community.

Programs targeting at risk youth in Selkirk (START) and Steinbach have resulted in very positive collaborative partnership between several agencies working together to support at risk youth and their families. These programs have changed many lives and are an excellent example of a "HUB" model, bringing different agencies together to deal with complex issues.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EAST DISTRICT

The East District was vigilant in shutting down illegal activity in 2013/14; from dismantling marihuana grow operations to busting illegal liquor sales.

In early January, 2014, police officers from the Steinbach RCMP and Steinbach General Investigative Section (GIS), with the assistance of the RCMP Interdiction Team, pulled over a semi-trailer travelling through the Steinbach area, headed to Eastern Canada. A search of the semi-trailer resulted in police locating approximately 114 pounds of marihuana.

Two separate properties in the RM of St. Laurent and the RM of Woodlands were both discovered to have significant outdoor marihuana grow operations.

An investigation that began in late June 2013 resulted in two outdoor marihuana grows taken down. Almost 600 marihuana plants were seized on the RM of St. Laurent property, along with a large utility trailer stolen out of Winnipeg. About 900 plants were seized in the RM of Woodlands site.



The RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit assisted by the Manitoba East District Enforcement Team executed Control Drugs and Substances Act Warrants on both properties. Two men were arrested during the course of this investigation, one at each location.

Organized crime is suspected due to the sheer scale of the operations.

Little Grand Rapids RCMP with the assistance of the RCMP Winnipeg Drug Section arrested two men in May of 2013 after the plane they were passengers on landed and they were discovered to have the following:

- > 10 Cases of Windsor Whiskey (12 x 750ml bottles per case)
- > 5 Cases of Budweiser Beer (24 cans per case)
- > 2 Bottles of Smirnoff Vodka (1.75L bottles)



It is believed the men were going to illegally sell the liquor in Little Grand Rapids.

A Gypsumville constable went above and beyond when he rescued a woman from the Fairford River after she drove her vehicle off the roadway and into the icy water.

On May 10, 2013 at about 5:00 pm, Gypsumville RCMP were dispatched to a report of a distraught woman at the Fairford bridge. When they attempted to make contact with her she drove her vehicle into the river.

The current was moving very quickly, and the water was extremely cold. The vehicle began floating downstream, and police were able to see the woman exit the vehicle just before it sank.

One of our constables removed his duty equipment and went into the water to rescue the woman. He was able to swim out to her and was pulling her to shore when they were picked up by rescuers in a boat.

The Selkirk Team for At-Risk Teens (START) program is a collaborative network of youth-serving resources involved with high-risk youth in Selkirk, St. Clements, and St. Andrews.

The network exists to cater to youth whose complex challenges require a multi-faceted approach. Rather than just refer youth to another agency, START's program coordinator expedites information flow, supports client follow through and facilitates collaboration among the program's six



partner agencies: RCMP, Lord Selkirk School Division, Manitoba Justice Community and Youth Corrections, Child and Family Services, the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, and the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba.

START does not replace the services of any of these agencies; they merely provide a framework that facilitates multi-agency involvement. Since being founded 12 years ago, START has assisted 220 youth and their families and held over 2200 client case conferences.

2013/14 was an exciting year for START as we had a first formal evaluation of the program completed with excellent results. The START model was presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security at their request as part of their study on the Economics of Policing. The Standing Committee's report listed START as one of their "best practices", one of only three models in Canada recognized.

MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER - WEST DISTRICT



MESSAGE FROM INSPECTOR PAULETTE FREILL

The Manitoba West District polices 13 service areas that span across Western Manitoba. Our members work closely with all communities in identifying our priorities and goals each year. The priorities of the West District this year include Youth, Community Engagement, Building

Meaningful, Sustainable Relationships, Safe Roads, Crime Reduction, Communication, Safer Communities as well as ensuring we have a harassment free workplace where our staff feel safe and happy at work.

The West District has been very engaged in intelligence-led policing as well as working with our partners to build and sustain community mobilization projects in 2013.

In late October, Parkland Detachment launched the District's first Prolific Offender Program. As a result of our member's keen interest and commitment, the program is working. There have been eight prolific offenders displaced and seven more in jail. Between the 15 of them they have a total of 189 convictions.

Proactive and strategic policing initiatives like the Crime Reduction Strategy and Community Mobilization Initiatives are going strong in West District. We are active participants in the West and will be

attending a training session in September 2014 along with various other partner agencies involved in the Community Mobilization Initiative in the Brandon / Westman area.

Parkland Detachment is currently running a community program called DART – Dauphin at Risk Teenagers that has been successful for the past six years.

These approaches recognize that in order to identify and effectively resolve important public safety issues, police have to be connected to and working in partnership with the communities they serve.

The West District RCMP team works in partnership with the RM's, cities and their staff to make our communities healthy, vibrant and safe places for residents, businesses and visitors.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEST DISTRICT

The RCMP members out of the West District successfully partnered with several other detachments, agencies and units during the past year to execute warrants, make arrests and seize both illegal drugs and firearms.

Sandy Bay First Nation was the target of two firearms search warrants in February, 2014.

Central Plains RCMP, including the Amaranth, Treherne and Portage la Prairie detachments; the RCMP Integrated Gang Intelligence Unit; and the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team, assisted by Dakota Ojibway Police Service executed the warrants which lead to the seizure of several prohibited and stolen firearms. None of the weapons or ammunition were safely stored.

As a result, four residents of Sandy Bay First Nations are facing numerous charges.

In early May, 2013 28 arrest warrants were executed throughout Central Plains as part of a very successful Warrant Apprehension Project which was a combined effort between Portage la Prairie RCMP General Duty Members, General Investigation Section, Traffic Services, Amaranth RCMP, Treherne RCMP and the Winnipeg Police Service.

During the execution of the warrants, 26 arrests were made with an additional 13 charges being laid. As well, two youths who had been missing from Winnipeg, Manitoba were located.

A commercial vehicle inspection at the Headingley weight scales resulted in a significant drug bust when RCMP Traffic Services noticed a strange odour coming from the cab of a semi-trailer in August of 2013.

A search of the trailer resulted in 388 pounds of marihuana concealed in duffle bags and boxes along with \$8,000 in cash.

Both occupants were arrested and identified. They have been charged individually with possession for the purpose of trafficking and trafficking, as well as possession of proceeds of crime.

Through a series of tips and intelligence led police work, Melita RCMP with the assistance of Carnduff RCMP managed to apprehend an armed robber.

On March 11, 2014 shortly before 7:00 pm, Melita RCMP received a report of an armed robbery that had occurred at Waterboy's Store in Melita, Manitoba.

The next morning, Melita RCMP received a report of a "gas and dash" from a gas station in Melita. According to the witness, the vehicle used in this crime matched the one seen at the Waterboy's robbery.

Following an attempted vehicle stop in Melita and the deployment of a spike belt, the pursuit came to a successful conclusion on Highway 8 in Saskatchewan, when the suspect attempted to go around police vehicles and ended up in a snow filled ditch.

Dauphin at Risk Teens or DART services the Dauphin/Parkland area with the ultimate goal of ensuring that the identified at-risk youth in the community are moving towards becoming active, productive members of society and that they are no longer engaged in activities that are a detriment to both themselves and the community at large.

The DART organization is run by two separate yet equally important governing



bodies – the DART Screening Committee and the DART Steering Committee. These two committees are comprised of appointed representatives from the network of supporting agencies including the RCMP, Child and Family Services, Addiction Foundation of Manitoba and others.

DART has been operating for six years. Since 2008, 77 referrals have been received and 156 case conferences were held in DART's sixth year on behalf of 24 youth in the program.

During the 2013/14 funding year, D.A.R.T. has had 12 clients meet the criteria for entering the program. Of these 12 clients, two have left the DART Program and therefore are considered to have completed the youth portion of the program. The remaining ten clients continue to work on their goals.



FEDERAL POLICING



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT LEN DEL PINO

During the 2013/2014 fiscal year, RCMP “D” Division re-structured its federal policing operations. The numerous specialized investigative and administrative units are amalgamated into a new streamlined model. The investigative side of this re-organization is the Federal Serious Organized Crime or FSOC and includes investigators from Commercial Crime, Drug Enforcement and Proceeds of Crime to name just a few.

In June 2013, FSOC Intake Unit was formed and mandated to investigate matters that would require approximately three months or less. Duties related to VIP, National Security Enforcement, Jetway and Proceeds of Crime fall within Intake’s area of responsibility.

Jetway has been very successful in intercepting illicit drug shipments. Between July and August 2013, Jetway intercepted over 106 pounds of marihuana in three different incidents. Criminal charges were laid against one suspect who ultimately received an 18 month jail sentence. Jetway has had a significant impact on impeding the flow of illicit contraband within Manitoba.

With the federal re-engineering initiative, efforts have been under way to focus investigative priorities on groups involved in organized crime rather than specific commodities or criminal activities such as drugs, illegal firearms, contraband, or financial crimes. Current intelligence products such as the Manitoba Provincial Threat Assessment have been utilized to identify the most serious criminal groups operating in the province and allow police to focus long term project style investigations to achieve maximum impact.

Additionally, the Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force (MIOCTF), made up of members of the RCMP, Winnipeg Police and Brandon Police Service falls under the reporting line of the Officer in Charge, FSOC. This unit continues to work the highest level crime figures operating within Manitoba in the effort to disrupt and dismantle such organized crime groups.

The Undercover Unit was successful in many operations this past year including Project Displace which resulted in the conviction of the suspect for second degree murder on a historical homicide from Dauphin. Project Dapple involved a cross border joint force operation involving the purchase of firearms in Canada and the US resulting in the conviction of the suspect for attempted importation of firearms.

The federal units of the RCMP within “D” Division will continue to assess its approach and provide excellent service to the citizens in Manitoba.



FEDERAL POLICING HIGHLIGHTS

A joint investigation between the RCMP and Correctional Service of Canada resulted in the arrest and charge of four individuals who are believed to have played a role in supplying inmates with illegal drugs inside Stony Mountain Institution.

On August 22, 2013, the RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit with the assistance of several RCMP Support Units arrested both Christopher Sposito and Ashleigh Sullivan in Selkirk.

At the time of the arrest, Sposito was a casual employee of Stony Mountain Institution. Sullivan is believed to have had a relationship with an inmate at the institution.

The investigation has also led to two Stony Mountain Institution inmates charged: Stephan Konowalchuk, 30, and Joel Bruneau, 23, each face two counts of Conspiracy to Traffic a Controlled Substance.

Morphine tablets, ephedrine pills, cannabis oil and cash were seized during the course of this investigation.

In the summer of 2013, tips to the RCMP Jetway Unit resulted in two significant marihuana seizures.

On July 30th, 2013, the RCMP Jetway Unit received information that Robert Linton was travelling on VIA Rail in possession of 40 pounds of marihuana and subsequently on August 22nd, 2013, the Unit was informed that Sunny Logothethis was also on VIA Rail and was in possession of two hard shell suitcases that emitted an odor of marihuana.

Through intelligence checks and with assistance from partners in the transportation industry, the Jetway Unit was able to confirm the tips and both suspects were arrested.



FROM OUR INBOX

The men and women of “D” Division RCMP serve on the front lines to maintain safety and peace in the Province of Manitoba. To serve is an honour and the privilege is even more so when a “thank you” is received from the citizens we see every day.



I just wanted to follow up with a big thank you. The day I sent this email I was contacted by the local detachment and they also expressed concern about this issue. I am very happy with the end result as I and all my neighbors have noticed a drastic reduction of excessive speed.

Thanks again

I am writing you to commend the efforts of Constable Taylor Burns in assisting us with a minor theft incident last week. His kind, courteous and professional manner assisted us greatly in bringing resolution to a incident that was very frustrating for my daughter was greatly appreciated. Constable Burns assisted us in the recovery of my University age daughter's cell phone that went missing in your area. His diligence and attentiveness to this matter was extremely helpful to our family in the recovery of her phone. I want to formally say thank you to Taylor Burns through your office and wish him will in his career with the RCMP.

Many thanks to the RCMP from Headingley who came to my husband's rescue last night 6 miles out of Elie when his car broke down and CAA was unable to get there within 2.5 hours. It of course had to be on one of the coldest nights. I am not sure of his name but please thank him personally. Even though my husband had warm clothes his car refused to run and he was grateful to sit in a warm truck. Many thanks for going beyond his job requirements. Thanks again.

I am a pastor's wife from Austin, MB. Last night me and my husband spent the evening with the mother of one of the boys killed in the accident last night. We were at the house with her when Officer Fehr came, and also at the hospital where another officer was watching over the bodies of the boys. We were just so very impressed with the way they spoke with the families, their strong kindness and tenderness at such a tough time. I certainly do not envy you all the hard places that you have to be in. Our prayers are also with you all. Just wanted you to know that our appreciation for you has increased greatly since last night :)

The two officers were a pleasure to have on the air as they discussed all the aspects of a career with the RCMP and answered many (if not all) questions that our large audience may have had in regards to the recruitment campaign and what it entails to be an RCMP officer.

Both gentlemen were extremely well-spoken and charming. They also found time to make the rounds here at the station and meet everyone. They were an especially big hit with the ladies here as well!

Although I do not remember the last name of the officer that I am writing about, I still wanted to make the effort to send a compliment. We only recall that "Officer Chris" was from Winnipeg and worked for the RCMP. Officer Chris was off duty and on vacation in Breezy Point, MN yet went out of his way several times to take care of our group of older ladies that were also vacationing there that weekend.

I just wanted to let him know that his kindness and actions were appreciated. I did not get a chance to thank him in person nor say goodbye before we had to leave, so I am hoping someone will pass this note onto him. His actions, even off-duty, were exemplary and left a positive lasting impression of the RCMP on us.

Today I received a call at home advising someone dropped off a package at the office for me. It turned out to be from a wife of a missing husband. The package included carrot muffins, icing and ice cream. Further a thank you card which included in writing, her thanking me for the "comfort" I provided during the time her husband's whereabouts were unknown. Not to mention a full "Allergy Alert" piece of paper which included every ingredient she had made the icing and muffins with.

This is something that has happened to me less than how many fingers I have on one hand.

When in doubt that you are not appreciated, save this to remind yourself YOU are by the public.

THE POLICING LANDSCAPE

VIOLATION GROUP	2012	2013	% CHANGE
Crimes Against Property			
Arson (excluding offences related to death)	481	355	-26%
Break and Enter	4904	4250	-13%
Fraud	1163	1321	14%
Mischief	15217	14807	-3%
Possession of Stolen Goods	457	487	7%
Theft over \$5000.00	2102	2023	-4%
Theft under \$5000.00	6972	6519	-6%
Crimes Against Property TOTAL	31296	29762	-5%
Crimes Against the Person			
Assaults (excluding sexual assaults)	13792	12789	-7%
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	172	154	-10%
Offences Related to Death	65	74	14%
Robbery/Extortion/Harassment/Threats	5294	5223	-1%
Sexual Offences	1290	1324	3%
Crimes Against the Person TOTAL	20613	19564	-5%
Drug Enforcement			
Drug Enforcement Other	48	105	119%
Import/Export	13	9	-31%
Possession	1305	1447	11%
Production	177	170	-4%
Trafficking	1494	1596	7%
Drug Enforcement TOTAL	3037	3327	10%
Other Criminal Code			
Corruption	742	828	12%
Off. for/Participation in Criminal Organization	3	10	233%
Offences Against Morals	152	159	5%
Offensive Weapons	1245	1358	9%
Other Criminal Code	20730	29060	40%
Public Order Offences	50	47	-6%
Other Criminal Code TOTAL	22922	31462	37%
Traffic offences			
Dangerous Operation of Motor Veh. /Vessel/Aircraft	395	371	-6%
Impaired Operation Related Offences	4798	4514	-6%
Traffic offences TOTAL	5193	4885	-6%
GRAND TOTAL	83061	89000	7%

EXPENDITURES

Provincial Contracts:
\$139,261,184

Municipal Contracts:
\$22,171,176

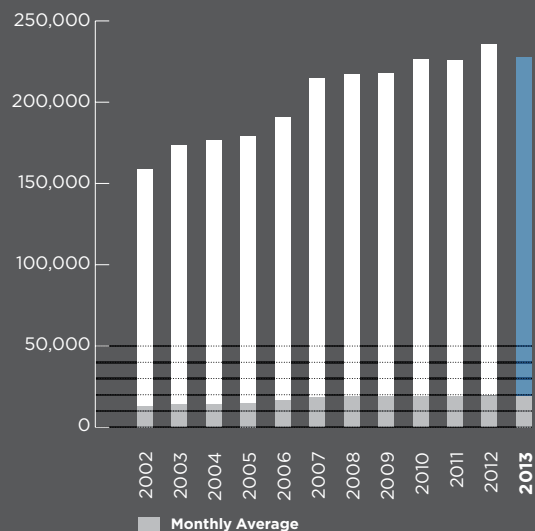
First Nation/Aboriginal Contracts
\$10,038,308

Federal Policing:
\$17,061,332

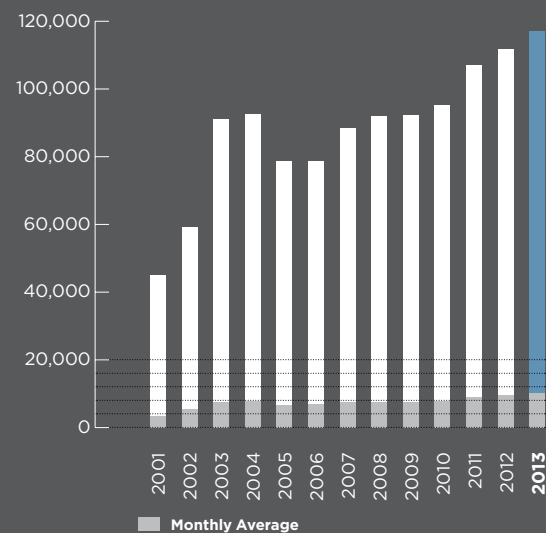
Internal Services
(formerly Corporate Infrastructure):
\$10,768,883

Specialized Policing Services
\$5,448,710

NUMBER OF INCOMING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE PUBLIC



NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES DISPATCHED



In 2012 the OCC assumed 24/7 call-taking for Thompson, Selkirk and Portage.



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