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2001  
ANNUAL REPORT



# WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE

*Changing to Serve You Better*



Winnipeg

*Embrace the Spirit • Vivez l'esprit*

# WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE

## *Vision*

*Quality policing with commitment to excellence.*

## *Mission Statement*

*To provide a continuously improving police service to the citizens of Winnipeg through ongoing community commitment.*

## *Core Values*

### HONESTY

*Being truthful and open in our interactions with each other and the citizens we serve.*

### INTEGRITY

*Being above reproach, ethical and doing what is right.*

### TRUST

*Being honourable and maintaining a high level of trust with each other and the members of our communities.*

### RESPECT

*Valuing each other and our citizens by showing understanding and appreciation for our similarities and differences.*

### ACCOUNTABILITY

*Being conscientious, professional, dependable and accountable for our actions by the citizens we service.*

### COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

*Adhering to strict standards of conduct and performance in everything we do.*

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# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

## Winnipeg Police Service



POLICE CHIEF  
*Jack Ewatski*



DEPUTY CHIEF  
*Jim Thompson*



DEPUTY CHIEF  
*Menno Zacharias*

The events of September 11, 2001, reinforced the challenges communities around the world face in providing a safe place for citizens to live.

Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) members quickly rallied together on that day to ensure the people of Winnipeg were protected to the highest degree.

That commitment to service is demonstrated by our dedicated 1,178 sworn members every shift, every day. Their hard work and exceptional performance greatly contributes to the proud tradition of exemplary policing in our community.

The expertise and support of our 299 non-sworn members allows us to provide the high level of service that we do. They consistently handle challenges and a large volume of work with pride and professionalism.

In 2001, many initiatives were implemented that reflect teamwork from within the WPS and input from citizens and organizations. This Annual Report outlines accomplishments and highlights some of the ways we're changing to serve you better.

The WPS created the Organizational Development Division, which is responsible for research and development, policy and procedures and the monitoring and review of initiatives. The Division lays the foundation for training, services and programs that meet the needs of the community.

In striving to make our streets safer, the Traffic Division acquired a state-of-the art Checkstop van and launched a Photo Safety Technology Project that featured a sophisticated photo enforcement system.

We became the first police agency in Canada to introduce the Satellite Tracking Eliminates Auto Loss (STEAL) program, which uses Global Positioning Satellites and cellular phone communications to track and control specially equipped 'bait' vehicles.

Our members take pride in enhancing their training and expertise, from our newly created Family Violence Intervention Teams to our Criminal Gang Unit that hosted the first National Street Gang Conference.

Our hundreds of volunteers donate invaluable hours helping us serve the public. In 2001, the International Year of Volunteers, the 184 volunteers in our Community Volunteer Program recorded more than 27,000 hours working in eight Police Service Centres, one District Station and the Public Safety Building.

I am proud of the accomplishments and changes we've made to respond to the community's needs and am committed to ensuring Winnipeg remains a safe place to live.

J.J. EWATSKI  
*Chief of Police*



## MEETING HIGH STANDARDS

### ACCREDITATION BENEFITS POLICE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

The WPS is one of the few Canadian police services to attain accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The international distinction is granted after a police force undergoes a thorough evaluation and meets high standards that address six major law enforcement subjects: roles and responsibilities; organization; personnel administration; operational support and traffic law enforcement; prisoner and court-related services; and auxiliary and technical services.

Maintaining those standards helps law enforcement agencies strengthen programs, improve service delivery and translates into a sense of pride among members and a higher level of professionalism that benefits our community.

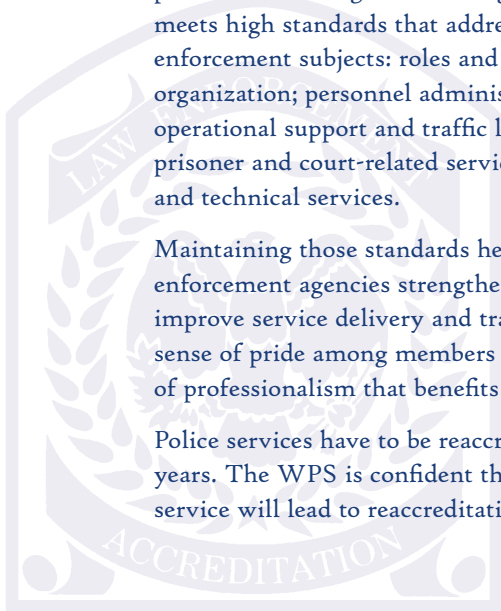
Police services have to be reaccredited every five years. The WPS is confident that its high level of service will lead to reaccreditation in 2002.

## ON THE FRONT LINES

Whether in a car, on foot or stationed in a neighbourhood service centre, the WPS provides the citizens of Winnipeg with front line uniformed officers who respond to varied needs in our communities.

General patrol officers are the most visible police presence, responding to emergency calls for service with a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge. These women and men also use pro-active patrol practices and the latest criminal investigative techniques to protect the life and property of citizens.

Neighborhood Foot Patrol Officers and Community Police Officers are assigned to certain areas of the city, where they become visible members of the community and form relationships with those they serve. This knowledge of a community enables officers to work with residents to solve problems and deter criminal activity through their high visibility and willingness to partner in community initiatives.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*The WPS received more than 260,000 calls for police service in 2001, translating into an average of 712 calls per day.*



## DOUBLING UP FOR DUTY

Striving to meet the challenge of increased retirements, the WPS has doubled recruit classes to ensure front line staffing requirements are maintained. Recruit classes, of up to 48 students, are now being held in March and September.

The WPS has also restructured classroom training so that recruits are ready for field training in general patrol service sooner than they have in the past.

The programs consist of 16 weeks of academic training at the WPS Academy, 16 weeks of field training and five additional weeks of classroom study before graduation.

Through pro-active relationships with members of Winnipeg's ethnic communities, the number of officers who reflect our city's diversity is growing.

## INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

The WPS prides itself in developing new programs to improve procedures or take advantage of technological advancements. A number of cutting edge projects were implemented in 2001.

### STEAL OF A DEAL

The WPS's Stolen Auto Unit rolled out a state-of-the-art pilot project to curb the escalating problem of auto theft.

The Satellite Tracking Eliminates Auto Loss (STEAL) program uses Global Positioning Satellites and cellular phone communications to track and control specially equipped 'bait' vehicles.

The bait vehicles are parked in areas known to have a high number of auto thefts, with the goal being apprehension of suspects in a safe and controlled manner.

When a vehicle is tampered with, a sophisticated audio and video device is activated via cellular technology, sounding an alarm in a STEAL computer located in the police Communications Centre. The technology has the capability of disengaging the engine and locking the doors.

The project is a venture between the Winnipeg Police Service, Manitoba Public Insurance and the Manitoba Justice Department.

The WPS was the first police agency in Canada to use the program.



### USING TEAMWORK TO HELP FAMILIES

Intervention and prevention are the keys to a three-year pilot project initiated by the WPS.

Two Family Violence Intervention Teams were formed in the collaborative project with the City of Winnipeg's Community Services, stemming from recommendations of the City's Working Group on Domestic Violence.

The Family Violence Intervention Teams consist of a police officer and social worker, who intervene in high-risk domestic violence cases where arrests haven't been made.

With a focus on prevention involving women, men and children, the Teams visited more than 40 local agencies that work in the area of family violence to learn more about potential resources and conducted focus groups with victims and men who had been through programs.

The Teams make contact with the victim as soon as possible after an incident and offer a variety of assistance. This includes written and verbal information on where to get help and how to formulate a safety plan, to an option where the Team works with the victim, aggressor and family to develop a strategy on how to access resources.

## COPING WITH CRISIS

When terrorists struck the United States on September 11, shock waves touched every corner of the world.

Law enforcement agencies in Canada were sent into high alert, including WPS members, who used their training and resources to ensure safety on the ground and in the air.

WPS members were also called upon to offer their expertise amid the destruction and despair that followed the collapse of the World Trade Centre towers in New York.

### OFFICERS ON ALERT

As stunned would-be passengers stopped to watch the horror of the U.S. terrorist attacks on TV sets at the Winnipeg International Airport, the WPS's Airport Unit was activated into operating at Level 3 security, a level which had never before been implemented.

The Airport Unit had four of its 17 staff members on duty when the order came through to shut down the facility, and manpower was quickly increased to 80 WPS Units involving 160 uniform and plain clothes officers.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*In 1930, the WPS was the first police agency in Canada to install radios (one-way transmit) in cruiser cars. In 1939, two-way radios were introduced.*

**DID YOU KNOW:**

*On September 11, 17 aircraft carrying 1,500 passengers were diverted to Winnipeg International Airport in response to the terrorist attacks in the United States.*

In a joint effort with Transport Canada, the RCMP and military personnel, the WPS set up a perimeter around the airport, activated three Canine Units and began handling the arrival and cancellation of flights.

Seventeen planes were diverted to the airport, including 14 domestic and three international flights carrying a total of 1,500 passengers. Numerous scheduled arrivals to Winnipeg were also safely guided to the ground.

At the request of the FBI, passengers from the international flights were interviewed by WPS members. Interviews were conducted on the planes, with the process in some cases lasting up to 12 hours.

The massive undertaking tested the WPS's Emergency Response, Communications and Call-Out procedures, and members proudly rose to the challenge.

**GOING WHERE NEEDED**

Shattered buildings and shattered lives in New York were the focus of members of the WPS's Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

When the International and Canadian Critical Incident Foundation put out a call for 90 Critical Incident Stress Management Teams to assist

serving members of the New York Police and Port Authority Police and their families, the WPS's Team was the ninth to be accepted and the fourth from Canada.

The Winnipeg Police Psychologist, Trauma Co-ordinator, Police Chaplain and retired former Trauma Co-ordinator travelled to New York in December for their five-day debriefing and defusing sessions.

The Team provided a structured debriefing process to approximately 200 first and second responders, who were offered a safe environment for telling their stories. The goal was to identify who was at risk, and invite them into ongoing care without jeopardizing their emotional well-being or job security.

The foursome also visited Ground Zero and the Staten Island landfill site (a crime scene), talking to street level and command personnel and offering information and encouragement about where to go for personal assistance.

The WPS is proud of its Team members, who viewed their contribution and support as a privilege.





**DID YOU KNOW:**

*Operation Street Smart, a summer student program, attended 15,126 homes in 2001, conducted 1,711 home safety audits and assisted at 541 graffiti removal sites.*

## VICE GRIP ON ORGANIZED CRIME

The primary focus of the WPS Vice Division in 2001 was restricting the impact of organized crime and cutting off the supply of illicit drugs in Winnipeg.

### GETTING RID OF GANGS

The Vice Division's Criminal Gang Unit concentrated on pulling the welcome mat out from under the feet of members and associates of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

Through diligent investigations, the Unit kept on top of related criminal activities and made a series of arrests following incidents between gang members that threatened the safety of Winnipeg streets.

One investigation resulted in 98 charges laid against 14 gang members, the seizure of 30 firearms and the recovery of \$25,000 worth of stolen goods, \$24,000 in drugs and \$26,000 cash as proceeds of crime.

### STOPPING SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The Vice Division's Drug Unit applied a large amount of its resources to stopping the major distribution of cocaine and crack cocaine in Winnipeg by organized crime groups.

The priority led to what was then the WPS's largest seizure of cocaine, 10 kilograms confiscated during the arrest of a Hells Angels associate.

The Unit seized 20.8 kilograms of cocaine and 3.1 kilograms of crack cocaine, up from 1.65 kilograms of cocaine and 1.1 kilograms of crack cocaine in 2000.

Seizures of drugs at the community level also increased. The amount of Ecstasy taken off the streets rose to 3,174 pills compared to 120 pills in 2000, while 182,144 grams of marijuana was seized compared to 48,000 grams the year before.

Undercover Drug Unit operations led to several 'crack houses' being shut down, and public awareness of drugs in schools was raised when an operation resulted in drug trafficking charges against high school students.



## PROTECTING VICTIMS

Merging victim-oriented Units to improve services was the motivation behind creating Division 21, which operated for its first full year after being established in late 2000.

The former Youth Division is now a blend of eight former and new Units, including the Child Abuse Unit, Sex Crimes Unit, Family Violence Intervention and Support Unit, High-Risk Offenders Unit, Vulnerable Persons Unit, Missing Persons Unit, Child Exploitation Unit and a Youth Crime Co-ordinator.

The common thread throughout these Units is that officers have special training and expertise to investigate cases requiring a high degree of sensitivity.

Centralizing these types of cases in one Division also allows officers to more easily share information, recognize patterns of predators and be pro-active in dealing with serial offenders and high-risk offenders.

Division 21 also supports uniformed police Divisions by taking over complicated sexual crimes at an earlier stage.

The Division's Youth Crime Co-ordinator deals with youth crime issues and acts as a resource and a liaison with other agencies. Investigation of youth-related crime is handled by Patrol Divisions.

The Vulnerable Persons Unit works with victims or offenders with mental or physical disabilities. Liaising with community service providers, they act as a conduit between the person in need and the service providers.

## SAFER STREETS

The WPS's Traffic Division continues to focus on awareness, education and enforcement in an effort to increase road safety. A commitment to innovative projects and technology is part of attaining this goal.

### CHECK IT OUT

The Traffic Division unveiled its new Winnipeg Police Checkstop van, a custom-built vehicle which features new infrared breath-testing technology, a laptop computer, prisoner-holding area and washroom.

The state-of-the-art \$120,000 vehicle increases the efficiency of processing impaired drivers and is a visual reminder that driving under the influence is a crime.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*The Vehicle Inspection Project, which identified vehicles that posed a significant danger, was implemented in May 2001 and resulted in 25% of 346 inspected vehicles removed from the street.*



#### CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Deterring drivers who put themselves and others at risk by running red lights and/or speeding is the aim of the Traffic Division's six-month Photo Safety Technology Project.

A sophisticated photo enforcement system using a red light camera and sensors was installed at the intersection of Broadway and Sherbrook Street in late 2001. Pictures were taken of the rear license plates of vehicles going through the intersection after the light turned red, and a second photo showed the vehicle in the intersection, along with a record of the date, time and speed.

The project included an amnesty period for traffic violations caught on film, and a public awareness campaign informed citizens that legislative approval will lead to fine notices being sent to the registered owners of offending vehicles.

#### MESSAGE TO MOTORISTS

The Traffic Division's ongoing Public Education Program included a widespread Safe Streets Campaign.

The Safe Streets logo featured a winding road and was pictured on transit bus signs proclaiming "Death and Injury by Speeding—NOT ACCEPTABLE."

A video explaining how photo enforcement works, including information on photo radar and intersection safety cameras, was also part of the campaign.

To support the effort, school patrols received green Safe Streets buttons to wear in an effort to spread the message.

#### NEW TOOL OF THE TRADE

The Traffic Division was equipped with a new tool for collision investigations called the Total Station.

The specialized instrument sits atop a tripod and provides measurements in a faster, more accurate method using infrared light beams instead of standard measuring tape.

The data received includes a partial scale drawing of the scene and information is stored on an electronic data collector attached to the Total Station.

Traffic Division members are now a resource to the Identification and Crime divisions, which use this technology to assist in the measurements of large, outdoor crime scenes.



## PARTNERS FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

The WPS's dedication to providing a safer community includes participation on the Winnipeg Committee For Safety.

A partnership of individuals and organizations, the Committee was formed in 1999 by Winnipeg City Council with the mandate to support, assist, mobilize and stimulate the work of the community on safety concerns.

Chaired by City Councillor Jenny Gerbasi (Fort Rouge), the Committee has developed and distributed a Safety Tool Box, a continually changing document which includes practical information about safety issues.

The range of the Committee's work also included a survey of downtown businesses to assess existing security measures, the production of a Who Do I Call list of contacts for common community safety problems and the development of a pamphlet containing information on homophobia and hate-motivated violence.

The Committee acknowledged contributions citizens made toward crime prevention through its 2001 Safety Audit Awards.

## ON TOP OF TECHNOLOGY

Taking advantage of the latest in technology is the aim of the WPS, which completed Phase 1 of its Technology Advancement Project.

The Project has identified the equipment available for new systems which would enable officers on the street to receive accurate, timely and more thorough information.

Plans are underway to purchase equipment such as laptop computers for all police vehicles, and wireless communications that provide secure messaging between the Dispatch Centre and police vehicles.

The WPS will also be replacing the Computer Aided Dispatch System and Records Management System with more advanced, efficient networks.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*The Speed Enforcement Campaign in April 2001 identified 1,196 offenders.*



## STREAMLINING AND IMPROVING SERVICES

The WPS created two new Units and one Division in an effort to optimize resources and enhance services.

### STAYING ON THE JOB

Keeping officers on the streets and cutting down on backlogs was the motivation for establishing the Arrest Processing Unit.

Twenty-one WPS officers make up the Unit, which takes over the processing of prisoners at the Public Safety Building so arresting officers can return to the street in a more expedient manner.

The Unit works day and evening shifts. Since its implementation, there has been a marked improvement in backlogs.

### ON TRACK FOR CHANGE

The Organizational Development Division acts as an agent for change, developing WPS initiatives by identifying emerging crime trends and formulating corresponding police responses, approaches or deployment.

It is also responsible for the development of policy and procedures and the monitoring of new initiatives.

The new Division integrated Research and Development and the Accreditation Unit.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Recognizing that efficient internal and external communications is the catalyst for success, the WPS created a Public Affairs Unit.

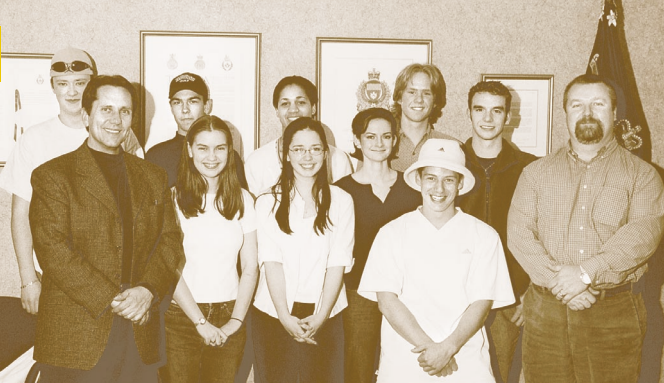
Its primary focus is to develop, execute and maintain a pro-active communication strategy in support of the Service's overall mission "to provide a continuously improving police service to the citizens of Winnipeg through ongoing community commitment."

The Unit also enhances the channels of communication between our members and the citizens of Winnipeg.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*The WPS investigated more than 72,409 crimes in 2001.*



## PIPELINE TO THE POLICE CHIEF

Strengthening ties with the community is one of the goals of two Advisory Committees which regularly meet with the WPS's Chief of Police.

### LISTENING TO OUR YOUTH

Every four weeks, the Chief of Police meets with a Youth Advisory Committee of up to 18 male and female members aged 16 to 23.

Active participants in their schools and communities, members represent a cross-section of ethnic backgrounds and geographical areas in Winnipeg.

With input gathered from other youth in their communities, the members discuss and provide guidance on issues of concern in their neighbourhoods and assist in educating the WPS on the ever-changing trends of young people in the city. In turn, youth get a better understanding of policing goals.

The Youth Advisory Committee was formed in 1999.

### ABORIGINAL INPUT

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee was struck in 1996 to assist the Chief of Police in developing a better relationship and understanding between the Aboriginal Community and the WPS.

A committee of 13 Aboriginal citizens and five WPS members meet 10 times a year to work together toward various objectives.

These objectives include exchanging advice on policing matters with Aboriginal people of Winnipeg, providing recommendations on issues of community concerns and safety and helping educate WPS members about the Aboriginal culture.

## RESPECTFULLY REMEMBERED

For the fourth consecutive year, a ceremony in Ottawa was held on the last Sunday in September in recognition of Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day.

Coinciding with the Ottawa event was the second annual Winnipeg Police Memorial Service in the City Hall courtyard, which honoured the memory and sacrifice of the eight members who have died while on duty for the Police Forces that now make up the WPS.

Winnipeg Police Chief Jack Ewatski held an open house at the Public Safety Building following the memorial service.



## SHARING EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE

The WPS hosted a number of national conferences in 2001, giving local members the opportunity to exchange information and make contacts in an effort to enhance knowledge and better serve the public.

### FIGHTING AGAINST CRIMINAL GANGS

The WPS continued its efforts to try to stamp out street gangs.

In 1995, the WPS formed one of the first Street Gang Units in Canada. Two years later, it hosted the first Western Canadian Street Gang Workshop. In 2001, Winnipeg was the site of the first National Street Gang Conference.

The conference drew 221 delegates from across Canada to share ideas on how to police the growing spread of street gangs. Participants included police, prosecutors, corrections staff and parole and probation officers.

Police Forces from coast to coast recognize organized crime impacts all communities and shared communication is crucial.

The conference gave delegates valuable intelligence, new techniques and first-hand accounts of the problems, plus viable remedies for prevention, control and elimination of street gangs across the country.

Workshops featured Gang Investigators from the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department.

### CANINE COPS

The brave, talented and vital work performed by four-footed members of police forces was highlighted in 2001 as the WPS celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Canine Unit and hosted the Canadian Police Canine Association's Police Dog Competitions.

Twenty-eight teams of dogs and handlers from 18 law enforcement agencies across Canada took part in seminars and a three-day competition.

Seven judges graded performances in 12 events showcasing training profiles. The final day of competition at the Winnipeg Arena was open to the public.

Three Winnipeg teams took home trophies.

### BALANCING JUSTICE

Almost 800 people from across Canada and the world came to Winnipeg for the 2001 Restorative Justice Conference, hosted by the WPS, the RCMP, Manitoba Justice, Probation Services, Aboriginal Ganootamajee Justice, Aboriginal Justice Learning Network and the law firm of Pitblado, Buchwald and Asper.

Restorative Justice aims to renew the balance between the justice system and members of the public by recognizing the needs of victims, victimized communities and offenders.



Education sessions during the four-day conference were designed to provide ideas, strategies and resources for Restorative Justice.

More than 90 guest speakers and 680 delegates from as far away as Africa and Australia attended, including members of the WPS and its Diversity Relations Unit.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2001, WPS members were the recipients of numerous national awards and international accolades highlighting outstanding service and program excellence.

### CRACKING DOWN ON GANGS

Eradicating street gangs is a high priority of the WPS, and members' efforts were applauded when the Criminal Gang Unit received the Mark of Excellence Award, presented by the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada.

The award honoured the Unit's outstanding investigation in Project Northern Snow. A series of 1998 raids, involving 120 Winnipeg police officers, led to 35 Manitoba Warriors members and 15 of the gang's associates facing 142 criminal charges.

The Criminal Gang Unit was also recognized for hosting the first National Street Gang Conference, which attracted 221 delegates.

# 2001 COMMENDATIONS

Every year the WPS hosts an Awards Day to recognize outstanding performance and exemplary service among its members. In 2001, we celebrated the accomplishments of 169 members as follows:

- 55 COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES AWARDED
- 45 DIVISIONAL PRESENTATION OF THANK YOU LETTERS  
*(From the Chief for good work performed)*
- 69 CONDUCT FORMS  
*(For good work performed)*



#### DID YOU KNOW:

The community-based Winnipeg Crime Stopper's program has helped solve 17 homicides in the city since the program began in 1984.





### SAFE STREETS

The WPS Traffic Division earned a national Honourable Mention award for traffic safety at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.

The award recognized the Division's Aggressive Driving Campaign.

The Campaign featured five mini-campaigns targeting specific aggressive driving behaviours: speeding; running red lights or stop signs; failing to use signaling devices; blocking intersections by entering on a green light and being unable to clear before the signal is red; and following too closely behind a vehicle.

### IN SELECT COMPANY

The WPS's TakeAction Prevent Crime program was on the world stage when it was selected as a semifinalist for the Webber Seavey Award. The award drew 164 applications from around the globe.

Sponsored by the International Chiefs of Police, the award recognizes agency initiatives which raise quality and effectiveness of law enforcement through innovation, teamwork and success.

### POLICE FOR PEACE

The YMCA Canada Peace Medal was bestowed on the WPS for its members' outstanding contribution through their work, education programs, special projects, community initiatives and commitment to peace and making our communities safer and healthier.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE INVALUABLE

Devoted, knowledgeable and caring are just some of the words used to describe the people who volunteer their time for the WPS.

The Victim Services Unit has between 40 to 50 volunteer caseworkers, who recorded almost 10,000 hours in 2001, which was International Year of Volunteers.

Volunteers contact victims of crime by phone, visit hospitals and homes, providing short-term emotional support, arrest and court information, crime prevention knowledge and referrals to agencies.

They're also involved in events outside the Unit, taking part in the Winnipeg Police Career Symposium, making presentations to community groups and organizations and partnering with other city departments for special events.

The volunteers also assist at the Winnipeg Police Training Academy by role playing in practical situations. This has included acting as victims or accused in the giving of statements to recruits.

The Community Volunteer Program has 184 volunteers working in eight Service Centres, one District Station and the Public Safety Building.

Volunteers logged 27,128 hours in 2001, helping police and the public by answering questions, taking information for non-emergency incident reports and performing general office duties.



## WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The WPS is proud of its commitment to developing and promoting closer ties to the community, and has witnessed growth and success in its four Community Services Division Units.

### PROMOTING CRIME PREVENTION

The Crime Prevention Unit strives to motivate citizens, business owners and employees to implement crime prevention initiatives to reduce the likelihood of victimization.

Working with groups such as Neighbourhood Watch and Citizens for Crime Awareness, the Unit has produced two award-winning programs.

TakeAction is a program for the non-business community that focuses on crime prevention topics such as home security, personal safety and consumer fraud. Within consumer fraud is a special component for older adults.

CounterAction trains business owners and their employees in methods to prevent and reduce incidents of crimes such as armed robbery, threats of violence, fraud and counterfeit detection. They're also instructed on how to be astute witnesses or complainants.

### IN THE CLASSROOM

The School Resources Unit provides pro-active crime prevention, drug awareness and road safety programming to students in more than 300 Winnipeg educational institutions.

The Unit has implemented a multi-media Take Action In Schools Program, which delivered 694 presentations to more than 51,709 students and parents in 2001.

The Program keyed on 11 topics: arson; bullying; consequences in crime; drugs; personal safety; street proofing kids; Internet safety; police careers; street gangs; impaired driving; and school crisis situations.

### WORKING TOGETHER

The Diversity Relations Unit liaise with members of the Aboriginal community and other cultural and diverse groups within Winnipeg.

The Unit, which reports directly to the Chief of Police, addresses issues and provides insight to the WPS in areas of education, hiring and support.

Ten members of the community, who have identified themselves as being from a specific ethnic or cultural group, assist the Unit.



### DID YOU KNOW:

*The WPS's School Resources Unit made 786 presentations to 56,076 students in 2001.*



## NEIGHBOURS IN THE KNOW

Caring citizens continued to provide the WPS with extra sets of eyes on the streets.

Volunteer members of Citizens on Patrol work in conjunction with police and local businesses to make their communities safer by walking around their neighbourhoods and reporting any criminal activity they observe.

Volunteers also donate their time promoting crime prevention in their communities.

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Giving to the community is more than the on-duty pledge of WPS members, who continued to support charities through fund-raising activities in 2001.

### LIGHTING THE WAY

For the 14th consecutive year, members of the WPS readily volunteered their time to help raise money for Manitoba Special Olympics.

The annual Manitoba Law Enforcement Torch Run was held in Winnipeg on June 22, with about 300 participants running, walking and rollerblading their way through city streets from Polo Park to the University of Manitoba.

The run and other events throughout the year raised \$70,000, taking the total since 1988 to approximately \$1.5 million.

### CARING ABOUT CANCER

WPS members didn't have to use force to get fellow members, family and friends to lose their locks for a good cause.

The Cops for Cancer head-shaving fund-raising event at St. Vital Centre, combined with a Cops for Cancer social, raised a record \$26,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, bumping up its four-year total to approximately \$100,000.

Cops for Cancer is a national initiative involving members of police services across the country, locally co-ordinated by the Winnipeg Police Association.

### CYCLING FOR CHILDREN

The WPS's 16-member Bicycle Relay Team pedalled a Zoo to Zoo tour in aid of the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, wheeling from Winnipeg's Assiniboine Zoo to the San Diego Zoo.

Since 1995, a team has headed out on various tours every second year, raising more than \$150,000 from sponsors and local businesses.

### FITNESS FOR FUNDS

More than 40 WPS members competed in the 2nd annual Fittest Crime Stoppers Challenge, raising money and awareness for Winnipeg Crime Stoppers.

Participants tackled six fitness challenges during the year, aiming to improve fitness levels or compete against co-workers in age divisions.

Crime Stoppers is a registered charity and relies on donations raised through the community to operate. The program pays anonymous callers reward money for phoning in successful tips that lead to the solution of crimes.

## STATISTICS/AUTHORIZED 2001 COMPLEMENT

### POLICE

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	2
Inspector	19
Staff Sergeant	25
Sergeant	79 + 1 *
Patrol/Detective Sergeant	147 + 6 *
Constable	841 + 57 *
Non-Sworn Members	298 + 1 *
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,477</b>

\*Externally funded positions including 17 under contract with the Winnipeg Airport Authority.

### NON-SWORN MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS (ACTUAL) (as of December 31, 2001)

Caucasian	324
Aboriginal	9
Black	5
Filipino	6
Southeast Asian	2
Oriental	2
Other	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>
Female	286
Male	63

Note: Numbers include job-sharers, casual employees and members on supernumerary status.

The above statistics are based on voluntary declaration made by employees. The Personnel Division is permitted to ask for the ethnic/race declaration but does not compel employees to respond if they choose not to. Actual percentages of minorities may be higher than depicted, as employees choosing not to make a declaration are assumed to be Caucasian.

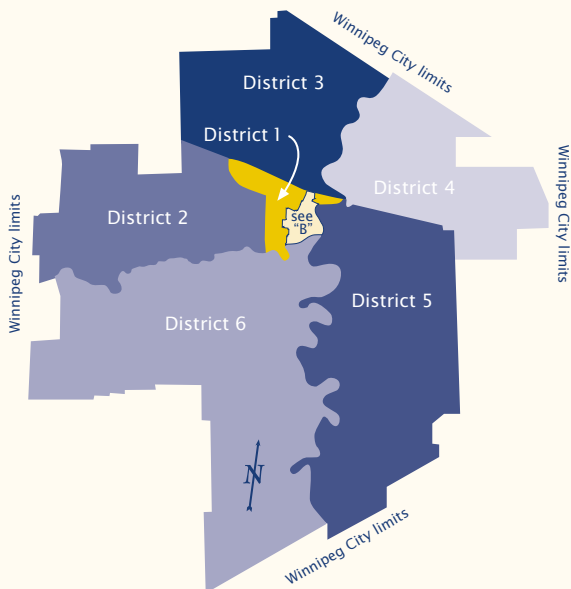
### SWORN MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS (ACTUAL) (as of December 31, 2001)

Caucasian	1,029
Aboriginal	104
Black	19
Filipino	10
Southeast Asian	10
Oriental	4
Other	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,180</b>
Female	147
Male	1,033

### INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2001

Information Only	50
Informal	37
Not Sustained	21
Sustained	20
Unfounded	7
No Charge Per Crown	6
Not Justified	5
Dropped	5
Abandoned	4
LER Section 37(1)	1
Conduct Form	1
Pending	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>

## A: THE CITY OF WINNIPEG — BY POLICE DISTRICT



## B: THE CITY OF WINNIPEG — DOWNTOWN (FROM CENTREPLAN)



CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	CITY OF WINNIPEG TOTALS				DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG			DISTRICT 1'		
	2000-2001 Variance				2000-2001 Variance			2000-2001 Variance		
	Total	% Cleared	#	%	Total	#	%	Total	#	%
<b>Crimes Against Persons<sup>2</sup></b>										
Homicide <sup>3</sup>	18	83%	2	13%	6	4	200%	11	3	38%
Attempted Murder	17	88%	3	14%	0	-2	-100%	6	1	20%
Sexual Assault <sup>4</sup>	594	53%	28	5%	106	15	16%	242	10	4%
Other Sexual Offences <sup>4</sup>	14	21%	-30	-68%	1	-3	-75%	2	-5	-71%
Assault <sup>4</sup>	6,458	79%	-218	-3%	653	-20	-3%	2,246	-125	-5%
Abduction <sup>4</sup>	14	38%	-4	-22%	0	-2	-100%	3	-1	-25%
Robbery <sup>4</sup>	1,814	35%	120	7%	252	8	3%	702	55	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,929</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>										
Break & Enter <sup>4</sup>	7,500	15%	-451	-6%	456	-103	-18%	1,689	-108	-6%
Theft Motor Vehicle <sup>4</sup>	10,663	8%	1,199	13%	576	88	18%	1,953	368	23%
Theft – Over \$5,000 <sup>4</sup>	216	26%	17	9%	44	8	22%	67	29	76%
Theft – Under \$5,000 <sup>4</sup>	18,869	16%	1,076	6%	2,571	396	18%	4,844	491	11%
Possess Stolen Goods	495	98%	-32	-6%	49	-4	-8%	118	11	10%
Fraud <sup>4</sup>	1,434	48%	196	16%	251	3	1%	403	13	3%
Arson <sup>4</sup>	488	24%	-44	-8%	20	-9	-31%	119	-12	-9%
Mischief <sup>4</sup>	14,573	6%	2,130	17%	1105	220	25%	2,961	512	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,238</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Other Criminal Code</b>										
Prostitution	219	97%	-28	-11%	17	-12	-41%	172	30	21%
Firearm/Offensive Weapons	421	82%	45	12%	45	-1	-2%	153	22	17%
Other Criminal Code <sup>5</sup>	8,602	83%	1,002	13%	1,737	243	16%	3,437	455	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,242</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>72,409</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19,128</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>10%</b>
Total Area (square km)	473.71				3.3			14.2		
Population <sup>7</sup>	631,700									
Police per Residents	1/545									
Calls for Service – Total	263,024							69,497		
Calls for Service – Dispatched <sup>6</sup>	167,914							46,377		
Operating Expenses <sup>8</sup>	\$116,723,929									

n/a—Not Applicable

1 Any comparisons between Districts 1 and 2 may be affected by a boundary change that occurred May 1, 2000.

2 Totals reflect number of victims.

3 Homicides within Winnipeg investigated by the WPS.

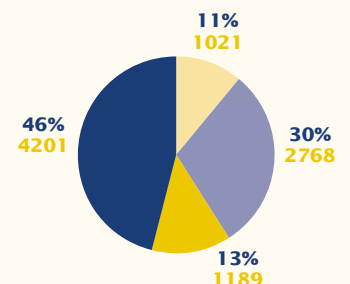
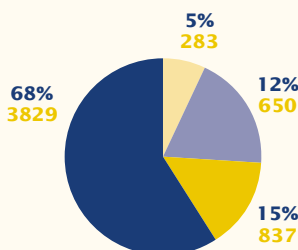
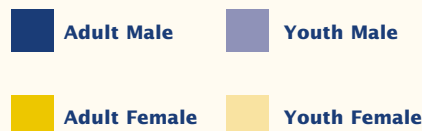
4 Includes actual and attempted.

5 Other Criminal Code includes kidnapping, hostage taking, criminal harassment, uttering threats, production/distribution of child pornography, explosives causing death/bodily harm, criminal negligence causing death, conspire to commit murder, bail violations, disturbing the peace, breach of probation, indecent acts, counterfeiting currency and other violations.

## CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES—PERSONS CHARGED

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY



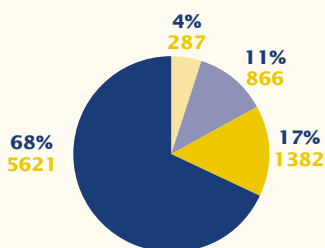
DISTRICT 2 <sup>1</sup> 2000-2001 Variance			DISTRICT 3 2000-2001 Variance			DISTRICT 4 2000-2001 Variance			DISTRICT 5 2000-2001 Variance			DISTRICT 6 2000-2001 Variance		
Total	#	%	Total	#	%	Total	#	%	Total	#	%	Total	#	%
1	0	0%	3	-2	-40%	2	1	100%	1	1	n/a	0	-1	-100%
0	-1	-100%	6	2	50%	2	0	0%	2	1	100%	1	0	0%
71	17	31%	119	8	7%	53	-11	-17%	43	-6	-12%	66	10	18%
2	-2	-50%	3	-10	-77%	1	-6	-86%	3	0	0%	3	-7	-70%
568	-125	-18%	1,533	-102	-6%	836	32	4%	616	110	22%	659	-8	-1%
1	-1	-50%	4	0	0%	3	-3	-50%	1	1	n/a	2	0	0%
133	1	1%	443	-27	-6%	213	45	27%	162	58	56%	161	-12	-7%
<b>776</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>-131</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-2%</b>
971	-66	-6%	1,594	-52	-3%	1,123	9	1%	822	-339	-29%	1,301	105	9%
1,287	145	13%	3,077	316	11%	1,384	-72	-5%	1,188	128	12%	1,774	314	22%
43	5	13%	30	-9	-23%	22	0	0%	30	1	3%	24	-9	-27%
2,607	97	4%	3,176	-199	-6%	2,747	224	9%	2,061	-48	-2%	3,434	511	17%
66	15	29%	107	-27	-20%	68	1	1%	56	-11	-16%	80	-21	-21%
198	-12	-6%	258	76	42%	194	6	3%	195	65	50%	186	48	35%
51	7	16%	138	-66	-32%	77	6	8%	58	17	41%	45	4	10%
1,646	220	15%	3,383	374	12%	2,357	358	18%	1,451	-1	0%	2,775	667	32%
<b>6,869</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>11,763</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7,972</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>-188</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>9,619</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>20%</b>
2	2	n/a	44	-61	-58%	1	1	n/a	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a
51	-10	-16%	89	16	22%	63	12	24%	31	0	0%	34	5	17%
682	-28	-4%	1,805	157	10%	921	103	13%	811	170	27%	946	145	18%
<b>735</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>8,380</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15,812</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10,067</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7,531</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>18%</b>
64.8			65			63.5			110.3			155.9		
29,187			56,352			34,662			29,055			44,100		
17,358			37,815			21,711			18,270			26,383		

6 Calls where a unit was assigned for dispatch.

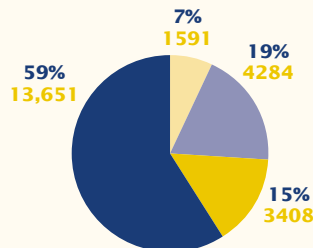
7 Statistics Canada preliminary estimate, November 2001.

8 Actual expense incurred during 2001 by the Police Service. Includes accommodation, employee benefits, financing and other charges.

**OTHER CRIMINAL CODE**

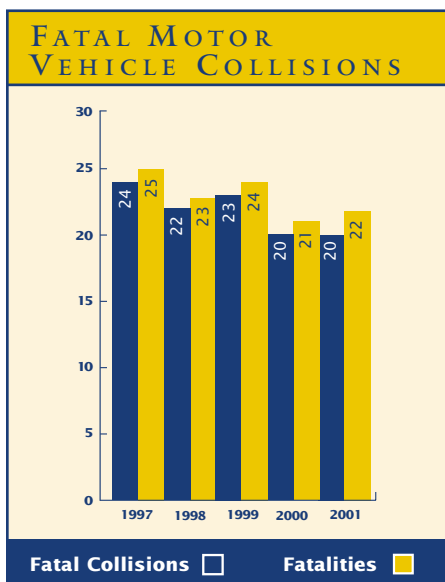
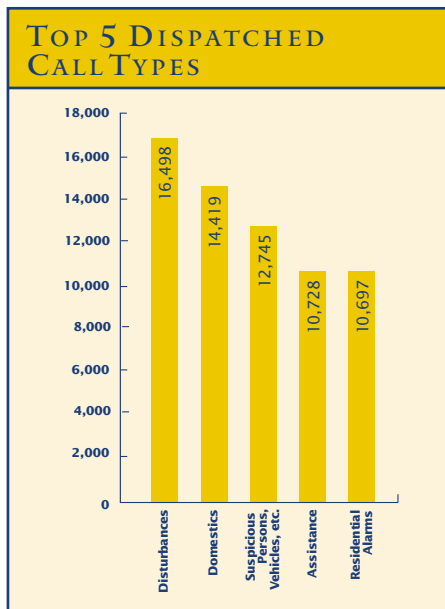
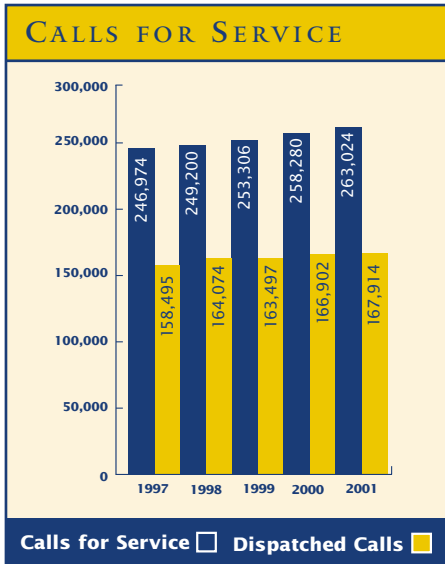


**TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE**



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Year	Reported	Cleared	% Cleared
1997	67,779	16,778	25%
1998	65,379	18,589	28%
1999	63,909	16,096	25%
2000	67,398	19,382	29%
2001	72,409	20,533	28%



### TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Offense Category	Charges 2000	Charges 2001	00-01 Variance #	00-01 Variance %
Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death	2	3	1	50%
Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm	12	12	0	0%
Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle	56	59	3	5%
Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle evade police <sup>1</sup>	19	57	38	200%
Impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death	1	1	0	0%
Impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm	16	16	0	0%
Impaired operation of a motor vehicle or over .08mg%	957	817	-140	-15%
Fail to produce breath/blood sample	59	48	-11	-19%
Moving violations	50,347	26,461	-23,886	-47%
Parking violations	174,617	180,831	6,214	2%

<sup>1</sup> New Criminal Code legislation given royal assent in 2000.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

	1999	2000	2001
Total domestic calls for service	9,840	14,660	14,523
Total domestic violence	2,864	3,923	3,470
Persons charged — adult males	2,100	2,754	2,598
Persons charged — adult females	466	656	558
Persons charged — youth males	49	39	46
Persons charged — youth females	29	21	25
<b>Total number of persons charged</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>3,227</b>

### POTENTIAL STREET VALUE OF DRUGS SEIZED

	2001
Drugs seized	216.7 kilograms
Potential street value of drugs seized	\$4,034,971.60
Marijuana plants seized	3,856
Potential street value of marijuana seized	\$6,523,950
<b>Total potential street value of drug seizures</b>	<b>\$10,558,941</b>

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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