

2000 Annual Report

Chief's Message

The face of policing continually changes. As we look across the past century, the changes have been phenomenal. No longer is a police officer seen as an armed, militaristic defense against crime, but rather a member of the community and a professional trained to maintain law and order through crime prevention and enforcement.

With the changeover into the year 2000, reflection on the past is inevitable. The challenge, however, is to provide policing into the future. The Saskatoon Police Service has prepared to meet such a challenge. Through our successes in technology, advanced investigation techniques, specialized training and an enthusiastic, educated human-resource base, we have what it takes to excel in future policing endeavors and the flexibility to meet diversions.

The year 2000 has been an anomaly for me as Chief. Issues presented early in the year brought the Police Service into public scrutiny and constant criticism. Decisions made by myself often reflected the support of the police service and members' welfare, in balance with the protection and the confidence of the community. It was important to meet criticism "head to head" and confidently deal with issues. Decisions weren't always the most popular, but I believe they were the right thing to do.

This past year has taught us, as a police service, to believe in ourselves, to have courage and faith in our honesty and integrity, and to respect ourselves and others. Through the adversity and scrutiny of the past year, members of the Saskatoon Police Service have emerged strengthened with pride and valour, knowing that 24 hours a day, 365 days a year they provide service, based on excellence to ensure a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Saskatoon.

As Police Chief, I salute the police officers, civilians and volunteers of the Saskatoon Police Service for their dedication and perseverance during the past year and the past century. You are what the police service is made of and are what every citizen counts on when in need. We also commend our community and business partners for their continued support and participation.

As we approach 2001, the leaders of the Saskatoon Police will continue to promote and support creativity and productivity. They will build confidence and pride within the members of our service. We will provide the public with information about their police service so they can make educated decisions and develop opinions based on fact about their police service.

We will continue to reach out to the community, to continue to work together with us in the prevention of crime, enforcement of laws, and the safety of our citizens.

Dave Scott, Chief of Police

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



Left to right:
Councillor Jim Maddin,
Ms. Joan Llewellyn,
His Worship Mayor Henry
Dayday (Chairman),
Councillor Peter McCann,
missing from the photo Todd
Peterson.

CHIEF



Chief Dave Scott

DEPUTY CHIEF



Deputy Chief Dan Wiks

EXECUTIVE TEAM



Left to right:
 Front row: Director Don Bodnar, Supt. Brian Dueck,
 Supt. Murray Colter, Chief Dave Scott, Supt. Gary Broste, Supt. Bill Hargarten, Director Jack Heiser.
 Back Row: Deputy Chief Dan Wiks, Supt. Don MacEwan, Supt. Rick Grosy, Supt. Keith Rans.

STATISTICS

2000 Actual Budget	\$31,443,000
Saskatoon Population	209,600

COMPARISONS

	Cost/Capita	Police/Population
Winnipeg	174	1/527
Calgary	168	1/711
Edmonton	190	1/569
Regina	180	1/596
Saskatoon	155	1/660

(CCJS statistics)

PERSONNEL

Position	Actual (Dec. 31st 2000)
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Superintendent	7
Staff Sergeant	14
Sergeant	88
Constable	213
Total	324
Special Constables	42
Civilians	83
RCMP - Integrated Units	16
Volunteers	53

WOMEN IN POLICING CONFERENCE

The 2000 Women in Policing Conference was held in Saskatoon October 2nd - 4th 2000. The Saskatoon Police Service in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police hosted this conference which attracted over 260 officers from 18 different police services across Canada. Presentations included; Criminal Profiling, Aboriginal Issues in 2000, Crime Scene Identification, Officers in fatal situations and Women in other non-traditional roles. Our corporate partners were extremely generous in financially supporting this Women in Policing initiative. Thank-you to the following Gold and Silver sponsors: SaskTel Mobility, Mid North Safety, CJWW/Hot 93, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Saskatchewan Indian and Gaming Authority, Cameco, Rocky Mountain Sportswear, Integral Design and SaskEnergy.

ABSENTEE ASSESSMENT TEAM

Every day 600-700 children in Saskatoon are not attending school. Why is this a police issue? Ongoing absenteeism from school is a clear indicator that something is wrong in a child's life, be it family, environment, health or crime. Absenteeism is used as a means to identify children at risk of falling prey to substance abuse, victimization, and criminality. The Saskatoon Police Service in partnership with the Public School Division, Catholic School Division, Westmount Community Association, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Saskatoon District Health and the Department of Social Services developed the Absentee Assessment Team. This collaboration of helping agencies utilizes a process called "wraparound" to address family issues. Community resources are gathered to provide the absentee child and their family with assistance in meeting their immediate and future needs, to support a healthy environment in which their family can grow. This process eliminates the need for referrals to several different agencies and brings assistance to all members of the family.

BADGE AND SHIELD

The Saskatoon Police Service has partnered with Fire and Protective Services in providing crime and fire prevention information to the citizens of Saskatoon. May 1st - 5th was designated Badge and Shield Week where BBQ's and demonstrations were held at three city highschools; E.D. Feehan, Marion Graham and Holy Cross. Demonstrations included; Explosive Disposal Unit and the Robot, Fire Extinguishing Demo, and the Police Emergency Response Team. Canada Safeway and Dairyworld assisted by providing hot dogs, drinks and yogurt for those who attended. The week ended with the Rotary "Badge and Shield" Dinner which is a tribute to the men and women of our Police and Fire Services. This dinner provides Police and Fire a venue in which to publicly recognize selected citizens of Saskatoon. The Police Citizen award was given to Jean Carroll and Police Corporate award to Jubilee Ford. Fire presented the Citizen award to Ken and Michelle Percy of the Salvation Army and the Corporate award to Canada Safeway. Proceeds from this event went towards Rotary Community Projects for Children and Youth.

STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS

With the generosity of the Saskatoon Real Estate Board the Student Crime Stoppers program was enhanced with the Student Crime Stoppers Bursary. This bursary is available to any graduating student who plans to enroll at a post-secondary education institute in Saskatchewan and whose

high school participates in the Student Crime Stoppers Program. To apply for the bursary the student must write an essay on "How to preserve and enhance the quality of life that citizens of Saskatoon have come to enjoy." The first recipient to receive this bursary was Christopher Antonopoulos, a grade 12 student at Holy Cross High School. Congratulations Christopher!



Bill Benoit of the Saskatoon Real Estate Board presents the award to Chris Antonopoulos

RENOVATIONS

Some will remember the police service in the year 2000 by the yellow bus in front of the police station utilized as a service centre for citizen reports to the police. The first floor of the police service (20,000 square feet) was renovated to better utilize our limited space and create a more comfortable environment for officers and victims of crime. The inconvenience of 8 months of crowded office space during renovations and the cost of 1.5 million dollars provided the police service an up-to-date facility for interviewing, report taking and investigation.

KOSOVO

In October 2000, Sergeant Keith Atkinson and Constable Darcel Pittman left for peace keeping duties in Kosovo. This is the first time our police service has been involved in United Nations Civilian Peacekeeping missions. Our officers have been sent to Kosovo to help restrict the environment in which crime and corruption can flourish, teach police services new policing techniques, and perform the role of peacemaker, peacekeeper and technical advisor. Sgt Atkinson and Cst. Pittman will be returning to Saskatoon August 2001.

ABORIGINAL LIAISON



The Saskatoon Police Service is committed to enhancing relationships, understanding and trust with First Nations and Metis people of Saskatoon. In pursuit of this, we look forward to strengthening the partnerships we have developed with the Aboriginal community.

In keeping with basic principles of community policing and grass roots involvement, we have created a unique approach to crime prevention, by developing, with the Saskatoon Tribal Council, a program entitled "Peacekeepers." By utilizing elders, role models, Tribal Council staff and police, we work with at-risk youth in an effort to help them understand the consequences of negative behavior and to overcome obstacles. This is accomplished by incorporating First Nations teachings and ceremonies.

In 2000 we had over 800 people participate in programs such as; roller-skating, down-hill skiing, basketball, war canoe race, sporting and cultural events and the First Annual Saskatoon Tribal Council /Saskatoon Police Service Peacekeeper Basketball Tournament. Our major activities consisted of a four-day cultural winter camp held at Camp Tawow, a two-day hike in the Prince Albert National Park and two four-day canoe trips to Nistowiak Falls on the Churchill River.

Of interest is an initiative undertaken by our bike unit, where nine adults took nine youth on a three-day mountain bike trip to Banff. This helped to improve relations with Aboriginal youth and was a unique and memorable experience.

The Saskatoon Police Service scholarship recipient for the 16th Annual Native Recognition Night was Michelle Kirby. The recipient of the First Nations Awards 2000, Justice category (co-sponsored by the Saskatoon Police), was Corporal Jerry Nelson of the Regina Police Service.

The Saskatoon Police Service would like to thank our partners, sponsors and those in the Aboriginal communities, especially the elders, for their continued guidance, wisdom, assistance and support of our programs.



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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

	1999	2000
Complaints	74,316	83,701
9-1-1 Calls	54,453	64,700
Incident Reports	38,694	39,966
Offences	42,717	43,990
Arrests	11,496	10,377
Death Violations	4	5
Attempted Murders	6	4
Sexual Assaults	297	266
Assaults	2,145	2,392
Armed Robbery	142	139
Robbery	289	340
Stalking	154	150
Arson	88	115
Break & Enter Residence	3,030	3,040
Break & Enter Business	788	710
Theft	8,766	8,198
Fraud	1,745	1,454
Willful Damage	3,155	4,308
Prostitution	69	93
Drugs	373	396
Fatal Accidents	6	11
Impaired Driving	1,441	1,092
Municipal Bylaws	9,397	10,651
Provincial Statutes	28,929	25,603

RETIREMENTS

The Saskatoon Police Service would like to thank the following members for their years of dedicated service.

Superintendent Robert Findlater	36 years
Superintendent Ronald Weber	35 years
Staff Sergeant Glenn Thomson	35 years
Staff Sergeant John Buhler	35 years
Staff Sergeant John MacDonald (#31)	34 years
Staff Sergeant Robert Morton	34 years
Staff Sergeant Ken Sawyer	33 years
Staff Sergeant John MacDonald (#132)	32 years
Sergeant Malcolm McMurchy	32 years
Sergeant Milton Atwell	30 years
Sergeant Robert Eder	30 years
Sergeant Benjamin Mason	28 years
Sergeant Ross Campbell	27 years
Sergeant Rene Lagimodiere	26 years
Sergeant James Hodgson	25 years
Sergeant Orest Lukash	22 years

2000 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

	1999	2000
Discreditable Conduct	20	20
Abuse of Authority	15	18
Neglect of Duty	15	5
Criminal Conduct	9	23
Improper Disclosure	1	1
Insubordination	1	0
Other	3	2

Total Complaints	64	69
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DECISIONS FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS

	1999	2000
Charged	2	2
Counselled	10	9
Unfounded	34	17
Pending	8	31
Other	10	8
Dismissed	0	2