



# Edmonton Police Service

## Targeted Offender Section Overview

# Targeted Offender Section

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- Investigative Units:
  - Targeted Offender Enforcement Unit
  - Priority Prolific Offender Program
  - Registered Sex Offender compliance investigator
  - Return of Fugitives Program
- Offender Management Complexities
- Statistics

# Targeted Offender Section

## Mandate:

- create a safer city and reduce victimization through the management and enforcement of judicial and/or parole conditions against offenders labeled as Priority Prolific Offenders, gang members, serious high risk violent offenders, and/or high risk sexual offenders.

# How do we do this?

- Investigate and enforce bail/recognizance release conditions, probation orders, conditional sentence orders and/or parole conditions.
- Same with court orders issued under the Sex Offender Information Registration Act;
- Return of Fugitives warrant return program

## Priority Prolific Offender Program (PPOP)

What is a repeat offender?

- ◆ Appears repeatedly before the courts
- ◆ History of offending while on Judicial Interim Release
- ◆ Criminal behavior not deterred by past sentences
- ◆ Motivating factors – drug/alcohol addictions, or mental health issues

\*\*\*Requires individualized programming\*\*\*

# Priority Prolific Offender Program (PPOP)

- Coordinate activities between corrections, crown & police
- Build & provide the Comprehensive Bail Package
- Provide linkages to community supports
- Education of and communication with stakeholders
- Continuity of Care

## **Unit Members:**

Manager, Police Officers (3) - EPS, CPS, RCMP,  
Probation Officers (2), Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Program  
Support Analyst, Administrative Assistant

# Sex Offender Registry Compliance Investigator



Christopher Stevenson

# Sex Offender Registry Compliance Investigator

1993 – Fredericks was fatally stabbed during his prison sentence. This resulted in commencement of a fatality inquiry that reviewed the entire murder of Christopher Stevenson.

April 2001 – The Ontario government passed legislation entitled “Christopher’s law” which created the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

Dec. 15, 2004 - The Federal Government of Canada enacted the Sex Offender Information Registration Act



# Sex Offender Registry Compliance Investigator

Crown must make application:

Section 490.011 Criminal Code includes:

- Sexual Interference
- Sexual Exploitation
- Child Pornography
- Living off avails of prostitution of person under 18 yrs of age
- Sexual Assault
- Manslaughter
- Gross Indecency
- Plus many more sex related offences

# Sex Offender Registry Statistics

As of October 27, 2010:

- 2060 RSO's in the Province of Alberta
- Approx. 650 registered sex offenders presently call Edmonton their home ( 29% of all RSO's in the province).
- The compliance rate for Edmonton offenders is 94%.
- In 2009, 14 offenders were charged with 23 non-compliance charges.
- As of October 27, 2010, 14 offenders have been charged with 21 criminal non-compliance charges in 2010.
- Media Release of non-compliant RSO's

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- **Return of Fugitives Return:**
  - **Process in place for serious charges**
  - **1 year pilot project for less serious charges**
    - **Cost to issuing agency**
  - **Cost to "community" to keep offender**
    - **court**
    - **police**
    - **corrections**

# Offender Management Complexities

## Bail / Recognizance / CSO

These are “orders” issued by a Judge or Justice of the Peace. They are orchestrated to manage an offender pre and/or post trial to minimize “risk” to the community.

Eg: You shall remain in your approved residence between 10PM – 6AM, seven days a week except for:

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## **Offender Management Complexities**

### **Bail / Recognizance / CSO**

- Seeking employment
- Medical appointments
- To attend religious ceremonies
- To vote in any election
- To play soccer
- Shopping for the necessities of life which will not exceed 5 hours per week.

# Offender Management Complexities

## Parole

### Day Parole

- Released at 1/6

### Full Parole

- Released at 1/3

### Statutory Release

- Automatic release at completion of 2/3 of custodial sentence

### Warrant Expiry

- When offender has completed his/her sentence (time "owed" to CSC)
- Offender is denied release and is held in custody for the entire prison sentence.

# Federal Parole Statistics

As of 2010 Nov 01:

- 401 federal offenders completing their parole/stat release in Edmonton

On a National level:

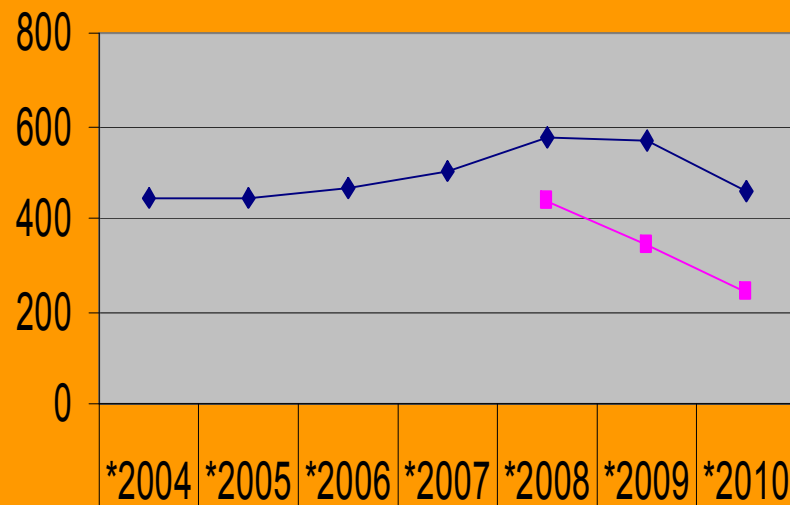
- 13,261 male offenders held in our Federal penitentiaries.
- 507 females in custody in the various women's institutions.
- 8015 male offenders were on some form of community release (parole or statutory release)
- 575 female offenders were on some form of community release (parole or statutory release.

# Parole Violators

The investigators within TOS have continued their efforts to quell the frequency of parole violators by pursuing criminal charges as per the enhanced enforcement strategy. The following presents the results observed relative to holding federal fugitive parole violators accountable:



# Edmonton Police Service Targeted Offender Section Statistics:



- ◆ Number of Apprehension/Suspension warrants issued
- Number of parole violators whom fled from CSC supervision

Number of Apprehension/Suspension warrants issued	440	443	466	505	576	569	461
Number of parole violators whom fled					438	341	243

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- Questions

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