Each year at this time, I have the privilege and pleasure of being able to communicate directly with all the people who live, work and play in Vancouver through this annual report. It is an opportunity for me to let you know what we are doing to keep you safe and outline the progress we are making towards achieving our goal of making Vancouver Canada’s safest major city.

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This past year was our first year of doing it, and it was certainly a fun one. We called together all of the resources we had in Metro Vancouver to produce a truly stunning 360-degree virtual reality experience. It was a true collaboration between the VPD and the City of Vancouver, and we are extremely proud of the final product.

In addition to the VR experience, we continued to push the boundaries of surveillance technology with our innovative back-examining methods. This year, we were able to successfully identify and prosecute numerous criminal elements using data-driven approaches.

Our success in the past year is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team. We are already looking forward to the next challenge and are committed to continuing our efforts to make Metro Vancouver a safer place for all.

Thank you to all of our supporters and partners who have contributed to our success. We couldn’t have done it without you. Let’s continue to build on our achievements and work towards a brighter future for all.

Sergeant Bruce-Thomas
THEY SAY WHEN DOG BITE A MAN IT IS WORSE than when the dog is a 150-pound Rottweiler and the man is a Vancouver Police officer injured in savage dog fight.

On December 29, 2011, two police officers on foot looking for evidence of a shooting encountered two angry men in a car parked across a residential lot that was off-blocks. When one of the officers interviewed, one of the men attacked him. When other officers nearby for the shooting rushed to his aid, the man’s dog attacked them.

“His last thing he wanted to do was be attacked by his dog,” said Sergeant Bruce Thomas, who responded to the scene with Constable Jasprit Shahi. “He was going to be killed—that I think—that he might have to have a shot at that dog.”

Sergeant Bruce Thomas managed to break the dog’s head, and used it to windmill the ground. With assistance from the other officers, he was able to control the dog, and prevent anyone from being injured.

“It was a really good effort. The other police officers had to push and pull and get control of this dog.” It is amazing how many officers it takes to control a 10-pound dog; a dog that in fact is thinking it is going to fight for its life or for its master’s life.

The use of a dog in this sort of event and dynamic situation would almost drive people beyond them for more than one reason: one, the dog is thinking it is fighting for its life or for its master’s life.

“I had four surgeries on my hand, grabbed the wire in my hand, but I don’t think I could ever say I want to save the dog.”

For his dedication and actions that prevented other officers from attack and most likely serious injury, Sergeant Bruce Thomas is awarded the Chief Constable’s Commendation.

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These awards are presented to law enforcement investigators throughout the world who have used social media successfully to solve crime.

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The two Vancouver police officers are particularly vulnerable to violence, injuries and death.

Vancouver Community Eco-leader is an informal but highly respected group of individuals who were praised for their efforts to control, and prevent anyone from being injured.

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In 2011, the VPD is in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department, the Chief Constable’s Office, and the Vancouver Police Association to promote a new project that is making the neighborhood safer for everyone.

You can find out more about these programs and scores of other events such as the VPD’s Graveley Street Community Celebrations and Change of Command ceremony and the massive Swearing-In ceremony and Change of Command.

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WHAT IS THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD?
The Vancouver Police Board is the governing body for the Vancouver Police Department. The Board performs several governance and oversight of policing. Its mandate is set out in British Columbia’s Police Act. The Board performs four main governance functions:

- sets policy and direction for the Vancouver Police Department, including strategic planning
- provides oversight of the Department’s finances
- assists the Department’s police officers and civilian staff
- receives and acts on complaints made about the Department’s services and policies

WHO IS ON THE BOARD? In 2011, Board members were:

Mayor Gregor Robertson (Chair), Mary Collins, Wade Grant, Patti Marfleet (term ended June 30, 2011), Stacey Robertson and Glinie Wong (term ended June 30, 2012).

In 2012, three new Board members were appointed:
Wei Shao (appointed March 2012), Doros Bridgeman (appointed July 2012) and Daljit Sidhu (appointed July 2012)

The Board has a staff of two: Shessa McEwen, Executive Director (until May 2012), and Rachelle Rand, Administration Assistant (appointed Acting Executive Director May 2012).

BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES The Vancouver Police Board meets monthly. Much of its business is conducted in public, and members of the public can attend the meetings, address the Board as a delegate and ask questions. The Board publishes its meeting agendas and minutes online. The agenda of its in-camera (privacy) meetings are also posted online, together with the report for each in-camera meeting, and a copy for each member.

During 2011, the Board held 12 delegations and responded to questions from members of the public.

In 2011, a challenging year for the Department with extraordinary costs associated with policing the Stanley Cup playoffs, the ensuing riot and BIT investigations, and the Occupy demonstrations.

In 2012, the Board received and responded to nine requests for access to records under Freedom of Information legislation, advised by the Freedom of Information Committee.

The Governance Committee oversee the annual Board effectiveness evaluation, which now includes a peer evaluation component.

The HUMAN RESOURCES and COMPENSATION COMMITTEE led the annual evaluation of the Chief Constable’s performance, and considered labour matters and succession planning.

SERVICE AND POLICY COMPLAINTS The Service and Policy Complaints Committee receives complaints about the services or policy of the VPD.

In 2011, the Board received nine such complaints. The outcome of the Board’s work on these complaints included:

- an examination of resources allocated to the Traffic Enforcement Unit
- improvement to training and communication surrounding checks of running houses
- an examination of the Department’s Dog Squad training and procedures
- the implementation of improved procedures to police record check processes
- an examination of the Department’s response to the Criminal Minds role play

The Board also increased its attention on complaints to ensure appropriate preventative actions and succession following up-sets.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD’S WORK IN 2011 INCLUDED:

- STRATEGIC PLANNING
  - The Board and Department finalized work on the VPD 2012-2016 Strategic Plan. The Board published an official document in time for the first year to a new Board and to continue improving its independent civilian oversight, governance and strategic leadership to the Vancouver Police Department, all while reflecting the needs and values of the communities of Vancouver.

- POLICY OVERSIGHT
  In 2011, the Board approved changes to the VPD’s policies on varied subjects including: patrol-based undercover operations, on-targeting warrants, parolees, seatbelts, seizing digital property, returning property to owner, domestic violence, search warrants and telewarrants, and donations and sponsorship to and of the VPD.

- OTHER WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD
  - In conjunction with the Province and the City, the Police Board called for an independent review of the 2011 Riot
  - Monitored the implementation of all recommendations coming from the independent Riot Review
  - Monitored the progress of the Missing Women Inquiry to ensure adequate representation at the hearings
  - Continued to focus on the priority of Mental Health issues by developing partnerships with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and its Board. A joint memorandums was developed and the ensuing actions have included:

- VPD inclusion as members of ACT (Assessive Community Treatment) Teams to help manage clients suffering from serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders and who have frequent involvement with the police
- Development and implementation of new protocols which have resulted in significantly reduced wait times for parolees

Our mission is to promote alternative funding to improve innovative community partnerships with the VPD. These partnerships enhance public safety, professional development, and fund unique neighborhood initiatives to help make Vancouver a safer place.

The Vancouver Police Foundation is a registered charitable organization (BN 89022-6178-RR0001) as well as a non-profit society.

To find out more please visit our website at vancouverpolicefoundation.org

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES

For more information and contact details, please visit the Board’s website at vancouverpoliceboard.ca

FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the Year Ended December 31

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