

"K" DIVISION
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THE "DREAM TEAM" It is very refreshing to know that even in times of fiscal restraint, office politics and the uncertainty of the impact of technology on the Force, Whitecourt RCMP members and their spouses are still capable of coming together and celebrating Christmas and the arrival of an unpredictable millennium. It is also comforting to be able to feel strong support from co-workers and know that every effort will be made by all to soften the tougher times and to provide a common denominator that will wrestle the notion that the grass is always greener somewhere else. Make the best of your own world! Best wishes to all for the year 2000 from the "Dream Team" of Whitecourt Detachment.



(L-R) On couch: Cst. Brent Miller (now posted at Fort Chipewyan), Cst. Ray Cyr, Cst. Shawn Hodgins, Santa Claus (a.k.a. Chad Stieb), Vanessa Hodgins, Lisa Briers, Cst. Kelly Brophy, and Hazel Latka. On floor: Joelle Cyr and Thea Rogers. Missing: Cst. Bruce Briers, Cst. Don Rogers and Cst. Michelle Griffiths.

CRIME PREVENTION TECHNIQUE MAKING A BIG IM-PACT The PACT is a big success. It's a computer telephone system police use to call groups of households — and entire neighbourhoods — when crime occurs. Police say it regularly leads to arrests. More than 50,000 homes and 10,000 businesses have signed up to join the free Police Automated Computerized Telephone system. Used for everything — from quickly alerting households of vandals, burglars and even child molesters roaming specific neighbour-

hoods, to helping find missing neighbourhood children or notifying residents about toxic spills — approximately 100 new households sign up for the PACT every month. PACT has been a success in catching criminals. For example, in the past year, Calgary police arrested at least 12 crooks shortly after a crime was committed. Clerks at hotels and motels that have signed onto the PACT system have recognized culprits after listening to messages describing the suspects.

MEMBER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS TROPHY Last year, RCMP Cst. Stewart Begg of "K" Division HQ received the most prestigious award presented by the Alberta Lacrosse Association — the James McFall Trophy. The award is given to a volunteer who has made a commitment to good sportsmanship and a significant contribution to the game of lacrosse in Alberta. This trophy has its roots in Alberta and was presented to the Alberta Lacrosse Association in the memory of James McFall by Dominion Construction Ltd.

One of James McFall's most passionate interests in sports was hockey, and where most kids aspire to become hockey players, McFall concentrated his efforts in the area of refereeing hockey and most significantly, in the area of lacrosse. At the time of his death in May 1978, McFall was serving as co-chairman of the Lacrosse Committee for the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. Shortly after his death, Dominion Construction Ltd. commissioned artist John Weaver to sculpt the figure that appears on the trophy.

RCMP member Cst. Stewart Begg of "K" Division was the 1999 recipient of the James McFall Trophy — the most prestigious award presented by the Alberta Lacrosse Association. Congratulations!

