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# RCMP on Internet

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The Internet is an international tangle of vast and powerful computer networks. The World Wide Web (WWW) is a global interlinking of several thousand individual computers (called web servers) that store thousands of multimedia documents called “web pages”. Individual web pages, studded with highlighted text areas called “hypertext”, link users to audio, video, text and data files or other related web pages. An organization or individual’s series of pages on related subjects are also called “web sites” — the web site is also sometimes referred to as a “home page”. Movement from site to site to site (or from page to page) is called “surfing”.

In trying to remain on the cutting edge of the law enforcement technology revolution, a group of RCMP employees are using Internet information and communications resources to launch an RCMP web site this winter. This RCMP World Wide Web Site will be bringing community relations into the information age.

The new RCMP web site will contain public information about the Force, current news releases, descriptions of RCMP programs, policies and recruiting information. It will also include excerpts from current editions of the RCMP *Quarterly*, the *Gazette* and the *Pony Express*, as well as community policing information, a visual catalogue of stolen art and hypertext links to Child CyberSEARCH Canada, a site run by the RCMP Missing Children’s Registry.

Because of the flexible nature of Internet publishing, the information on the web site will be updated continuously. All the material will be provided by Public Affairs and Information Directorate, Community Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services Directorate, International Liaison and Protective Operations Directorate and Federal Services Directorate. RCMP Divisions will also be encouraged to submit material to this national RCMP site. ❖

