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Innovative Approach to Community Policing

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The involvement of community volunteers as auxiliary constables is an established and accepted practice in hundreds of RCMP Detachments. This approach to community policing has proven to be of tremendous benefit to local communities, police offices, and the volunteers themselves.

Could a similar program be established in the area of Federal Policing? Two years ago, this was an interesting question with no clear answer. Today in “D” Division, the answer is a definite “yes.”

Since November 1996, the Force’s first Federal Auxiliary Constables have demonstrated that there is a role for volunteers in Federal Sections. The ten individuals have contributed thousands of hours and some very special talents in a wide range of Federal Policing activities. They have brought with them a variety of experiences and training from other environments that are now being utilized to the benefit of the Force.

Modelled on the Provincial Auxiliary Program in Manitoba, the Federal Program requires a minimum of two days each month

of the volunteers’ time (the actual average is much higher). The Federal Auxiliaries receive an initial 30 hours of training and are provided with a full uniform. Their role is not to replace regular members, but to broaden the range of skills and talents available in today’s complex policing environment. Often, the volunteers enable Sections to get work done that they otherwise wouldn’t have time to do, or to do a more thorough job in ongoing activities.

Response from the Federal Sections involved with the volunteers has been positive. Initially it took some time for both the Sections and the volunteers to clarify how these new people filling new roles would fit in. Acceptance came quickly, however, as the Federal members recognized that the volunteers could be of real assistance in their investigations.

The current Federal Auxiliaries in “D” Division come with a variety of backgrounds, including computer programming, insurance fraud investigation and accounting. One is a retired military officer with specialized experience in intelligence and surveillance, including photographic interpretation