



Commissioner's New Year Message

In 1993, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police marked its 120th year of policing in Canada, the "Quarterly" celebrated its 60th Anniversary, Canadians elected a new federal Government and the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series for the second year in a row. The RCMP has been fortunate to have the trust of the Canadian public over the years. Positive media coverage, the growing number of volunteers associated with various Force projects and new community programs reflect the energy and dedication of Canadians and RCMP personnel across the country. I am particularly proud of the members who volunteered for duty in the former Yugoslavia and in Haiti. Many of these accomplishments and the consistency of our viable traditions have been, and still are, presented in the RCMP "Quarterly" magazine.

The state of the Canadian economy has had, however, a profound effect on policing. In an attempt to reduce the cost of providing policing services to the Canadian community and to achieve budget savings required by Treasury Board, Headquarters will be setting the example by undergoing fundamental organizational changes such as streamlining, eliminating, reducing or decentralizing functions.

It is appropriate at this special time of the year, therefore, to reflect on our many blessings as Canadians, and to be hopeful for those living in less fortunate nations. The RCMP has weathered difficulties in the past — adversity tends to bring out the best in all of us. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I join the "Quarterly" staff in extending to all readers and contributors our wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year.

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