

**RCMP ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT RESPONSE**  
**EXPIRED LICENSE HOLDERS UPDATE**

RCMP ATI RESPONSE DATED: MAY 30, 2013 RCMP FILE #: A-2013-01117

**WORDING OF ORIGINAL ATI REQUEST SUBMITTED TO RCMP (February 10, 2013):**

"The Firearms Commissioner's Annual Report s report the expiry of a total of 342, 942 firearms licenses between 2005 and 2011 inclusive. For the period from January 1, 2012 to present, please provide copies of reports and correspondence showing: (1) the measures that are being taken to enforce these violations of the *Criminal Code of Canada*; (2) the measures that are being taken to bring these paper criminals into compliance with the Firearms Act; (3) the success that has been achieved with these measures; and (4) the measures that are being considered in the future."

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*"Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled."*

**At a cost of \$70.00, the RCMP provided 91 pages of e-mails between officials in Public Safety Canada, the RCMP and the Canada Firearms Program dated between October 2012 and February 2013 that resulted in the following statistics being provided to Public Safety Canada on February 2, 2013 in an e-mail from Glenn Duncan to Scott McDougall Director, Firearms Management and Strategic Services, Canada Firearms Program ( ATI Page 1):**

*"A) Number of individuals whose POLs expired from May 17, 2008 and April 5, 2012: **257,850\***  
Number of individuals who applied and received a new POL from May 17, 2008 to April 5, 2012 (and did not upgrade to a PAL): **234,059\*** - \* does not include individuals who are deceased*

*B) Number of individuals who applied for a new POL from May 17, 2008 and April 5, 2012: **51,295**  
Number of individuals who applied and received a new POL from May 17, 2008 to April 5, 2012: **50,464***

*C) Number of expired POLs existing on May 16, 2008: **253,056\***  
Number of expired POLs existing on May 16, 2008 (and had not upgraded to a PAL: **197,038\***  
\* does not include individuals who are deceased*

*D) As of March 2012, the overall (POLs & PALs) compliance rate was **86.2%** (POLs 79.7%, PALs 89.0%)."*

**On ATI Page 27 of the RCMP's response, Eric Huberdeau, a/Manager Firearms Strategic Policy, Canada Firearms Program stated in an e-mail dated January 11, 2013: "I just spoke with our data section and they advised that because of the destruction of the NR registration records, they are no longer able to produce the stats you are requesting on renewal rates. The renewal compliance rate was calculated based on the number of individuals with firearms registered to their licences and who renewed, or did not renew, their licences. In other words, there is no way for us to know that individuals who did not renew their licences have fallen out of compliance because we don't know if they possess firearms. We could produce a renewal compliance rate for Restricted and Prohibited firearms owners only, but the numbers would be drastically different then those produced in the past.**

**On the same page 27, Scott McDougall Director, Firearms Management and Strategic Services, Canada Firearms Program responded that same day to Eric Huberdeau: "We can discuss next week, but maybe we can come up with some kind of best estimate on compliance rate based on other factors (age, for example)"**

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NOTE: Anyone wanting copies of the original RCMP response to my *Access to Information Act* request please contact: Dennis R. Young: [dhyoung@shaw.ca](mailto:dhyoung@shaw.ca)