

## **RCMP ACCESS TO INFORMATION RESPONSE**

### **428 FIREARMS LOST BY AND STOLEN FROM THE POLICE AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES**

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#### **WORDING OF ORIGINAL ATI REQUEST SUBMITTED TO RCMP (July 10, 2011):**

Please provide the most recent copies of existing reports that show the total number and types of firearms (prohibited, restricted, non-restricted) that were:

- (1) lost by, missing and stolen from the RCMP;
- (2) lost by, missing and stolen from other police forces;
- (3) lost by, missing and stolen from other public service agencies; and
- (4) lost by, missing and stolen from the military.

#### **FIREARMS LOST BY AND STOLEN FROM THE RCMP = 32**

Shotgun = 9  
Rifle = 4  
Handgun = 18  
Other = 1

#### **FIREARMS LOST BY AND STOLEN FROM OTHER POLICE SERVICES = 316**

CN Police – Handgun = Information blacked out  
RNC – Handgun = Information blacked out  
OPP – Rifle = Information blacked out  
OPP – Rifle = Information blacked out  
OPP – Handgun = Information blacked out  
Surete du Quebec – Handgun = Information blacked out  
Aboriginal Police – Rifle = 11  
Aboriginal Police – Shotgun = 2  
Aboriginal Police – Handgun = 3  
Municipal – Shotgun = 3  
Municipal – Handgun = 267

**DENNIS R. YOUNG'S COMMENT:** By subtracting the number of guns reported above as stolen (286) from the total (316) means that thirty(30) firearms were stolen from the OPP, Surete du Quebec, RNC and the CN Police.

**RCMP EXPLAINS BLACKED OUT INFORMATION:** *Please note that some of the information has been exempted under Paragraphs 13(1)(c) and (d) of the Access to Information Act. Section 13(1) reads: Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained in confidence from (c) the government of a province or an institution thereof; or (d) a municipal or regional government established by or pursuant to an Act of the legislature of a province or and institution of such a government.*

**FIREARMS LOST BY AND STOLEN FROM OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES = 80**

Shotgun = 22  
Handgun = 41  
Rifle = 17

**FIREARMS LOST BY AND STOLEN FROM THE MILITARY = NOT AVAILABLE**

**RCMP EXPLANATION:** *Please note that in response to your question 4), the Canadian Firearms Program does not track military firearms as they are exempt from the regulations.*

**RCMP CLARIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF GUNS STOLEN FROM POLICE:** *Please also note that these numbers are all firearms that have been recorded in the CFRS as lost, missing or stolen at one point in time. This means, these numbers include firearms that may no longer be lost or stolen.*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON POLICE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES**

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-98-203/?showtoc=&instrumentnumber=SOR-98-203>

*"public agent" means (a) any of the following persons in the course of their duties or for the purposes of their employment: (i) peace officers, (ii) persons training to become police officers or peace officers under the control and supervision of a police force or a police academy or similar institution designated by the federal Minister or the lieutenant governor in council of a province, (iii) persons or members of a class of persons employed in the public service of Canada or by the government of a province or municipality who are prescribed to be public officers by the [Regulations Prescribing Public Officers](#), and (iv) chief firearms officers and firearms officers, and (b) an individual acting on behalf of, and under the authority of, a police force or a department of the Government of Canada or of a province. (agent public)*

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)

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