

RCMP ACCESS TO INFORMATION RESPONSE

GUNS REGISTERED TO POLICE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES

RCMP ATI RESPONSE DATED: AUGUST 31, 2011 RCMP FILE #: GA-3951-3-04077/11

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON POLICE AND PUBLIC AGENCY FIREARMS:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/information/ppa-pap/index-eng.htm>

Public Agency Regulations - Effective October 31, 2009: The regulations require agencies that possess firearms to report them to the Registrar. This applies to all Police Agencies, Courts and Public Service Agencies at all levels (federal, provincial and municipal).

"AGENCY" FIREARMS are those used by the employees of your agency, including police officers.

"PROTECTED" FIREARMS are those in agency custody following seizure, surrender or for some other reason. Protected firearms that are newly acquired must be reported within 30 days of coming into the possession of an agency.

WORDING OF ORIGINAL ATI REQUEST TO RCMP/CFC - JULY 10, 2011

With respect to the implementation of the Public Agents Firearms Regulations, please provide copies of reports showing:

- (1) the total number and types of firearms in the "initial inventories" reported by all police and public service agencies in Canada;*
- (2) since October 31, 2009 the total number and types of "newly acquired" firearms including both "agency firearms" and "protected firearms" reported by all police and public service agencies in Canada;*
- (3) since October 31, 2009 the total number and types of "protected firearms" acquired by police and public agencies that had been reported stolen and the number of stolen firearms that were returned to their rightful owners; and*
- (4) since October 31, 2009 the total number and types of "protected" firearms destroyed by all police and public service agencies in Canada.*

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Q1 - INITIAL INVENTORY = 69,127 Total

RIFLE = 34,624

SHOTGUN = 19,191

HANDGUN = 14,499

COMBINATION GUN = 271

OTHER = 189

SUBMACHINE GUN = 166

MACHINE GUN = 126

COMMERCIAL VERSION = 44
GRENADE LAUNCHER = 6
(BLANK) = 5
CANNON = 3
NOT AVAILABLE = 2
MORTAR = 1

Q2(a) - NEWLY ACQUIRED AGENCY FIREARMS - 23,324 Total

RIFLE = 3,341
HANDGUN = 17,735
SHOTGUN = 1,945
COMBINATION GUN = 13
OTHER = 53
SUBMACHINE GUN = 85
COMMERCIAL VERSION = 136
MACHINE GUN = 2
GRENADE LAUNCHER = 14
NOT AVAILABLE = 0 CANNON = 0
(BLANK) = 0
MORTAR = 0

Q2(b) - NEWLY ACQUIRED PROTECTED FIREARMS = 123,494 Total

RIFLE = 63,499
HANDGUN = 22,213
SHOTGUN = 36,335
COMBINATION GUN = 524
OTHER = 395
SUBMACHINE GUN = 233
COMMERCIAL VERSION = 88
MACHINE GUN = 176
GRENADE LAUNCHER = 6
NOT AVAILABLE = 9
CANNON = 8
(BLANK) = 6
MORTAR = 2

Q3 - REPORTED STOLEN & RETURNED TO RIGHTFUL OWNERS = 122 Total

SHOTGUN = 33
OTHER = 1
RIFLE = 67 HANDGUN = 21

Q4 - PROTECTED FIREARMS DESTROYED = 28,370 Total

RIFLE = 13,442
SHOTGUN = 8,388

HANDGUN = 6,218
COMBINATION GUN = 102
OTHER = 124
SUBMACHINE GUN = 62
MACHINE GUN = 15
COMMERCIAL VERSION = 9
CANNON = 6
(BLANK) = 2
NOT AVAILABLE = 2

NOTE: Anyone wanting copies of the original RCMP response to my Access to Information request please contact: Dennis R. Young: dhyoung@shaw.ca