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The request reads as follows:

"a copy of Firearms Internet Investigative Support Unit's costs, number of personnel, function, activities and details regarding the numbers and types of investigations this unit has initiated and supported since January 1, 2012."

Unit Mandate

The Firearms Internet Investigation Support Unit provides a range of Internet support services, both in the firearms applicant screening process and directly to front-line police officers. The unit gathers information from a variety of online sites that are accessible to the public. The Internet unit has two service components: In its primary role, the unit provides CFOs and investigating Firearms Officers with any information uncovered during an internet search of firearm licence applicants and licenced clients under continuous eligibility to support their regulatory/public safety investigations. The secondary role consists of open source searches of internet sites identifying public safety risk from firearms and criminal activities relating to firearms. The information gleaned from this area of the internet is forwarded to the police of jurisdiction for further investigation. The unit also supports ongoing firearms investigations by police upon request.

Unit Composition

6 civilian employees

1 police officer supervisor at the sergeant rank

Total operating costs for January 1 2012 to December 31 2013 (2 Years)

Salary dollars \$ 943,032

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Numbers for 2012

- In 2012 the Firearms Internet Investigation Support unit screened 2793 restricted firearms applicants.
- 55 resulted in supplemental files identifying potential public safety risk to the Chief Firearms Officer.
- 42 requests for Internet screening by Chief Firearms Officer or Firearms Officer for continuous eligibility issues of licenced clients.
- 11 requests for Internet investigation from the CFP-PCAF Police Support line.
- 54 NWest/POLICE requests.
- Open Source generated 37 files for police investigation

Numbers for 2013

- In 2013 the Firearms Internet Investigation Support unit screened 2736 restricted firearms applicants.
- 59 resulted in supplemental files identifying potential public safety risk to the Chief Firearms Officer.
- In 2013 the Firearms Internet Investigation Support unit also screened 732 random firearms applicants.
- 22 resulted in supplemental files identifying public safety risk to the Chief Firearms Officer.
- 78 requests for Internet screening by Chief Firearms Officer or Firearms Officer for continuous eligibility issues of licenced clients.
- 23 requests for Internet investigation from the CFP-PCAF Police Support line and registry.
- 100 NWest/POLICE requests.
- Open Source generated 27 files for police criminal investigations.