

CIVIL FORFEITURE FUNDS TO SUPPORT LOCAL POLICE*Helping Peterborough Police Prevent Organized Crime***NEWS**

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Ontario is helping the Peterborough-Lakefield Community Police Service purchase new equipment to help in its fight against organized crime and drugs.

The service will receive a grant of \$79,300 from the Attorney General's Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities program that will be used for the cars, cameras, computers and other equipment needed to gather and analyze intelligence and prevent drug crime in the community.

The grant is from funds forfeited under the Civil Remedies Act that allows the Attorney General to use forfeited funds to provide grants to police services to help them prevent unlawful activities and keep communities safe.

QUOTES

"These funds are going directly to tools that will help police prevent drug crime in Peterborough and in communities across Ontario. We are taking whatever measures are necessary to keep families and communities safe."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General

"We are pleased to accept this funding to resource and enhance our Asset Forfeiture Unit. Clearly, the Civil Remedies Act takes the profit out of unlawful activity."

— Chief Murray Rodd, Peterborough-Lakefield Community Police Service

"The Civil Remedies Act takes funds out of the hands of criminals and provides communities with the tools they need to help make their neighbourhoods safer."

— Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough

QUICK FACTS

- Since November 2003, \$10.8 million in property has been forfeited to the Crown under provincial civil forfeiture law. An additional \$40 million in property is frozen pending the completion of civil forfeiture proceedings.
- Civil forfeiture proceeds have funded approximately \$1.2 million in compensation to victims of unlawful activity and \$3.4 million in grants to law enforcement agencies.

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