

Helping London Police Increase Community Safety

Civil Forfeiture Funds Supporting Local Police

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A new mobile command vehicle will allow the Community Oriented Response Unit of the London Police Service to respond to, and coordinate, investigations of large scale emergencies and more effectively assist in the search for missing persons throughout the community.

The vehicle, which was funded through the Attorney General's Civil Remedies Grant Program, will also act as a satellite police facility that can travel to incidents throughout the London area. Instead of having to go back to the station, police officers will be able to review evidence, hold confidential meetings, write reports and give direction from a centralized location.

The grant program, created under the Civil Remedies Act, allows money to be taken out of the hands of wrongdoers and used to support the prevention of unlawful activity and victimization.

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"This vehicle will allow police to fight crime and respond quickly and effectively to incidents across the London region. The London Police Service works hard to protect our community and should be commended for identifying a need in the community and submitting a strong proposal to make it possible."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General and MPP London West

"Thanks to this grant, the Civil Remedies Act has provided us with a very important community policing tool. This new community command vehicle will allow the London Police Service to better serve our community and make London a safer place for all residents."

— Chief Murray Faulkner, London Police Service

QUICK FACTS

- The mobile command vehicle was purchased with a \$250,000 grant from the Attorney General's Civil Remedies Grant Program.
- Since November 2003, \$11.2 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 direct victims of unlawful activity and \$3.4 million in grants to law enforcement agencies.

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