



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nasset
 Officer In Charge,
 Richmond RCMP Detachment
Re: Live Scan Technology Report

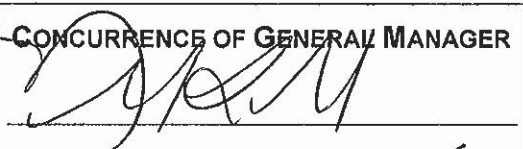


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Staff Recommendation

That the Richmond RCMP implement Live Scan Technology as soon as technically feasible, as outlined in the OIC's report entitled "Live Scan Technology Report" dated March 22, 2011.



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Origin

At the Community Safety Committee on March 15, 2011 the Committee asked that Live Scan Technology be referred to the Richmond OIC to analyse and report back on the implications of implementing Live Scan Technology at the Richmond Detachment including any financial impacts.

Background

Currently, Vulnerable Sector Checks, mandatory for people wanting to work with children, seniors or the disabled, can take months to complete following the implementation of strict governmental guidelines in the summer of 2010. The Federal Government has tightened the security-check criteria to stop people with criminal records or pardons from going undetected during the application process due to having changed their name. The tighter rules have caused the number of monthly fingerprints being manually processed by the RCMP to skyrocket 6,000%, or, from 130 in the late 1980's to 8,000 currently. If the police agency processed the fingerprints electronically, the 85-90% with no criminal record or pardon could be completed in minutes.

Analysis

The RCMP in Ottawa is hoping to speed up background security checks of people from months to weeks, and possibly even days or minutes. This plan rests with the municipal and provincial police forces that may purchase electronic fingerprint-scanning equipment for approximately \$15,000. The Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP Forensic Sciences and Identification states that, "the resources that are used to deal with 130 checks a month cannot handle anywhere near the 8,000 currently being received on a monthly basis."

With the recent development of new software and techniques, the RCMP is moving forward with Live Scan Fingerprint technology and currently have several pilot projects underway in British Columbia. Although working towards a viable and sustainable system to be implemented nation-wide in the future, due to communication issues between interfaces this cannot be achieved at this time. It is anticipated that the pilot projects will address and rectify the interface communication problems and then the RCMP will be in a position to offer this service to the citizens of the City of Richmond.

Financial Impact

There is no current financial impact associated with this report.

Conclusion

Currently Criminal Records Checks that include vulnerable sector inquires are taking many months to be processed due to the backlog as a result of the Federal Government's recent implementation of strict guidelines. With new techniques, chemicals, light sources and

especially software upgrades the RCMP are moving forward with Live Scan fingerprinting using the latest cutting edge technology to continue innovating and improving service to law enforcement agencies across Canada. Unfortunately, due to substantial issues communicating between interfaces, the technology cannot be purchased at this time. It is anticipated that pilot projects currently underway will address and rectify the interface communication problems and then the RCMP will be in a position to offer this service to the citizens of the City of Richmond.

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