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**PROVINCE TO FUND NEW RCMP OFFICERS,  
ADDITIONAL CRIME FIGHTING TOOLS**

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**Five New RCMP Positions Funded Across Province, \$1 Million Seized from Criminals  
To be Invested in Better Tools for Police, Victim Support: Premier**

The provincial government will fund five new RCMP officers and put over \$1 million seized through criminal property forfeitures into the hands of law enforcement agencies and supports for victims, Premier Greg Selinger announced today.

“Our RCMP play an important part in keeping families and communities safe, and today we’re ensuring they have more of the tools and resources they need,” said Selinger. “More officers and specialized technologies in the hands of law enforcement officials are another step forward in keeping all families safe.”

The money seized through criminal property forfeitures will be distributed across the province to support the work of law enforcement agencies and victims of crime. The premier noted the RCMP “D” Division in Winnipeg has received \$161,840 in grants, which will be used for:

- six InstAlert programmable computer messaging signs used to alert drivers to driving hazards;
- 50 kits for all traffic service officers who investigate and respond to emergencies, which could include equipment like cameras, electronic flares and an extra reflective vest;
- night vision equipment to support officer safety; and
- 16 ballistic helmets and a portable bunker to help protect members directly involved in high-risk incidents.

“The RCMP welcomes these additional resources and tools that will enhance our capacity to prevent and reduce crime,” said Assistant Commissioner Kevin Brosseau, commanding officer of RCMP “D” Division. “Fighting crime is a joint effort. The RCMP works closely with our partners in government, law enforcement, communities and public safety organizations to make Manitoba’s streets safer.”

RCMP detachments across the province will receive over \$277,000 in grants.

In addition, the Manitoba Justice Victim Services branch will receive \$150,000 to allocate to community agencies providing enhanced supports and programs to victims of crime and their families. Part of the funding will help cover travel costs for families of homicide victims who must come to court. Some money will also be used to provide interpretation services for newcomers who need to apply for a protection order.

“Manitoba offers some of the most comprehensive and accessible services for victims of crime. This funding will help ensure it continues,” said Justice Minister Andrew Swan. “We are building partnerships and capacity in our communities to help victims and their families, while also making critical investments to prevent crimes and victimization in the future.”

Since the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act was put in place in 2010, over \$5 million in assets have been successfully forfeited to Manitoba. The money recovered is deposited into the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund and used to support the work of police and victim services. More forfeiture proceedings are in process, with over 200 files currently being pursued involving numerous vehicles, houses, rural properties and cash.

For more information about criminal property forfeitures, visit:

[www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/cpf/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/cpf/index.html).