

# Former Schreiber Constable graduates at top of his class



Const. Bert Logan with his wife, Betty Ann, in Schreiber last fall.

the training was really hard, It was all enjoyable, so I don't consider it difficult."

Logan says he joined the TRU unit because he was ready for a change in his policing career.

"I was in Schreiber for six years, and I did quite a few things there," he says.

"I went into the schools and talked to the kids, and I developed the CAP (community against pushers) line up there. So I wanted to branch out into a different kind of policing. And (TRU) is something I've always wanted to do."

He plans to stay with the TRU unit for five years, and plans to return to Schreiber quite often during that time.

"I really enjoyed it (in Schreiber), so I'll probably be back in the summer a couple of times for vacation," he says.

"My wife's from Schreiber, so we'll be back there quite a bit."

# Hunters convicted

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"The bull and the cow were recovered, but the calf was never recovered," says Paul Dennis, the conservation officer who investigated the case.

Dennis says the incident took place last October along the Winston Lake Road near Schreiber.

"We received information that they were shopping for a tag in town," he says.

In addition to the fines, the pair also had their hunting privileges revoked for three years.

"We're happy with those penalties," says Dennis. "They're very much in keeping with what we've been receiving over the last several years in the local court circuit."

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Former Schreiber OPP Constable Bert Logan has graduated at the top of his class from a Tactical Response Unit (TRU) training program held in Barrie, Ont.

An elite section of the OPP, the TRU units are comparable to an American SWAT team, says Logan.

"I guess the public would know what a SWAT team is," he says, "and that's exactly what we are."

In addition to Barrie, 12-member TRU teams are stationed in Belleville and London. Aside from responding to emergency situations, Logan says the units handle things like providing security for high-profile people, such as high-risk criminals and politicians.

"Then there's also witness protection," he says. "If a witness has been threatened, we provide protection for those people. And we do all this in addition to being called to emergency situations, which almost always involve guns or some type of weapons or explosives."

Of the 50 people who applied to join the unit, only about 25-30 actually made it to the first two weeks of "survival training," says Logan. Of those, only 12 graduated out of the 12-week program.

"The most difficult part was the first two weeks of sur-

vival," he says. "After that, I don't think it was difficult. We worked out in the bush with the dog men, tracking people down with dogs. We also stayed out in the bush and did a couple of miles of cumpus work to reach our campsite."

Other parts of the training include "house clearing", which involves learning how to gain control of a building, extensive firearms training, and "repelling", which is a rope climbing technique employed when scaling down a building.

"It's interesting work," says Logan. "I don't know if any of

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