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Subject: police budget

Re: the police budget- pass the budget as it is- it is an essential service – the men, women & dogs- even the horses would die for you The merchants in the International Village wanted beat cops back and they got it It is not just the person in the cruisers or on the beat- the public doesn't see the undercover cops, the ones who work on the increasing cyber crimes using their skills on the internet to trace scammers etc; especially the child porn sites & human trafficking – from vulnerable workers to sex trade workers'

I live at [REDACTED] it is a 4 building complex and last year we had a man with ongoing mental health issues who was self medicating He completely lost the plot – from his [REDACTED] balcony he'd broken all the windows in his apartment, was throwing objects down on John St., tore out the plumbing in his bathroom causing a flood etc- the police were there- blocked off all 4 buildings- & blocked people from entering or leaving the building [REDACTED] until the situation was under control He did get out at one point – went down to the [REDACTED] to try to enter the apartment of a woman who worked in the office – she was alone in the apartment with 2 young children- he had a knife & had he gotten in, he would have killed them all The police offered victims services to her & to the tenants who were traumatized by this event.

They also keep faith when at this point until someone comes forward to say something, it is a very cold case- in 1982, a young nurse who worked at the [REDACTED] was murdered She was 27 – her name [REDACTED] She was found in her burning home, an apparent suicide by hanging; the doors were locked – no forced entry It was the worst funeral I ever went to- at the back of the Church stood the police ...watching- her Mum 's anguished cry of grief as she followed the casket haunts me still EVERY year at the beginning of March her memorial was in the Spec – “on this day...murdered” Her parents & grandparents are all gone now (I knew them)- not having justice Every year when “the old nurses” of [REDACTED] gather for our Christmas luncheon we

remember [REDACTED]. She should have been married, maybe had children/grandchildren & been retired like us. The head nurse, clinician & 1 of the staff of that unit have now gone but for those of us who knew/worked with this wee lassie remember her as do the detectives of the homicide unit- they have kept faith with the family- they speak for the victims I stand with the police as does my daughter [REDACTED]. SO keep the budget as it- pass the budget as it. My ward 2 councilman has a bee in his bonnet about the police- that is his opinion not ours – he's a wee lad that needs to remember he works for us not his own agenda, aye yours Donna G. Portree