



## Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit

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Dear Russell:

**Re: The Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit  
Christmas Formal Dinner & Dance - December 10, 2004**

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself, Inspector Steve Clegg, officer in charge of the Provincial Weapons Unit, and the members that were in attendance at our 2004 Christmas Dinner and Dance.

As you are well aware, the Provincial Weapons Unit is operated by the Ontario Provincial Police, and is joined by many other Regional, City and Federal Police agencies. In attendance also was our fellow American Officers from the United States Embassy in Ottawa, in particular, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and Homeland Security. Civilian staff and officers connected to CISO Ontario were also present.

A mixture of several different types of people as you can see. Inspector Clegg called me several days before the function and we spoke about retaining your comedic services. Ideas were tossed back and forth until a final decision was reached to have you attend our function. I must admit that as the organizer of the annual Christmas Diner, I was a little nervous with a comedian I had never seen, mixing it up with a bunch of experienced policemen/policewomen their respective spouses and girlfriends. Without a doubt, a tough crowd at best.

My fears were soon dissipated within the first few minutes. The almost one hour routine kept the audience listening, laughing, and talking about it for days afterwards.

Your humour and your delivery were well received. The dialogue between you and the guests was especially hilarious. I asked for comments from people in attendance to get ideas for the following year dinner. *"We should have had him before,"* and *"lets get him again next year"*, and more often, *"Second City level comedy was here at our due, it was great."*

On behalf of myself, Inspector Clegg and the rest of the members, I wish to acknowledge you with this letter of appreciation for such a great job. All the best in the upcoming year and hope to see you in 2005. Thanks once again Russell.

Oh and yes, we **can't** fix your speeding tickets...

Cst Ian Leonard  
RCMP Representative to the  
Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit.