

Overseas study keeps police abreast of emerging technology

Personal and professional development and the opportunity to liaise with leading international law enforcement agencies were among the rewards for last year's winner of the inaugural State Crime Operations Command (SCOC) Bursary Award.



Detective Sergeant Bishop and Detective Sergeant Art Nakamura of Portland Interdiction Taskforce with almost five kilos of ICE seized during a vehicle intercept.

Award recipient Detective Sergeant Greg Bishop recently returned from overseas where he researched and studied the impact of methyl amphetamines, specifically crystal methamphetamine hydrochloride or ICE, and crime prevention strategies.

The SCOC bursary offers police officers

and staff members the opportunity to study either domestically or internationally, or to interchange with an external agency.

Detective Sergeant Bishop was granted \$15,000 to travel to the United States and Canada for six weeks where he spent time at the Drug

Enforcement Administration Training Academy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in Portland, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, the Vancouver Police Department, and the Canadian Police College.

Detective Sergeant Bishop said the bursary had provided him with a fantastic opportunity to study the threats posed by illicit drugs.

Detective Sergeant Bishop said the networks he developed while overseas were assisting with ongoing drug investigations.

"The training material, operational practices and emerging technologies I picked up in my studies overseas are currently being evaluated for implementation here," he said.

Detective Sergeant Bishop said he highly recommended the bursary



Amphetamines seized by Canadian Police from a private residence. Police found drugs in their final stages of production in almost every room in the house.



An indoor marijuana growing operation used by the Vancouver Police Department to assist in training first response officers in detection and associated safety hazards.

"Travelling abroad helped me gain a better understanding of new and emerging techniques used by overseas law enforcement agencies to combat drug crime," Detective Sergeant Bishop said.

"These techniques will be used to improve the content and delivery of drug related training in Queensland, which will in turn help front line and specialist support police."

and encouraged any interested and eligible Queensland Police Service member to apply.

Applications for the 2008 Bursary Award for travel in 2009 close December 5. For further information contact the State Crime Operations Command.