



TOP 10 MYTHS about the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP)

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Fact

- 1** The firearms registry is a financial boondoggle & costs billions to run.

In 2009, it cost \$4.1 million to operate the long gun registry.
- 2** There's too much red tape in registering a long gun.

Registrations or transfers are done over the phone or on line in a matter of minutes.
- 3** It's expensive to register/transfer a long gun.

It's free.
- 4** The gun registry targets the wrong people.

As of 2009, 111,533 firearms were in police custody for community safety reasons or after criminal use. 87,893 were long guns.
- 5** Criminals use handguns. Long guns are used by law-abiding hunters and farmers.

Not always. Of the 16 police officer shooting deaths since 1998, 14 used a long gun. In 2007, about 15% of known fire-arm homicides in Canada were committed with a long gun.
- 6** Police don't support the CFP.

All of the major Canadian organizations representing police support the registration of all firearms in Canada.
- 7** Police don't use the gun registry or the CFP's other services.

Police across Canada access the Firearms Registry on-line on average 11,076 times a day, 2,842 of those queries for addresses involving community safety incidents
- 8** The Firearms Registry on-line has no impact on police

It does impact officer safety as evidenced by the fact that police used it 4,042,859 times last year.
- 9** The CFP does not save lives.

The CFP does more than register guns. It's another tool that assists police in making informed decisions that contribute to community safety.
- 10** The "gun registry" database has been breached over 300 times by hackers - our information isn't safe.

Wrong. The CFP's national database has never been breached by hackers. Information is safe and secure.