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Timeline: Key events cited in *Caught in the Act*

September 25, 2009	Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces Canada will host the 2010 G20 summit, in addition to the G8 summit to be held in Huntsville, Ont. (announced in June 2008).
December 7, 2009	The PM announces the summit will be in Toronto, June 26-27, 2010.
February 19, 2010	Metro Toronto Convention Centre is announced as the G20 venue.
Early spring 2010	The Toronto Police Service (TPS), RCMP and OPP discuss the <i>Foreign Missions and International Organizations Act</i> in a bid to provide a legal basis for summit security, as do lawyers for the provincial Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the federal government. No agreement is reached, ultimately leading to Ministry and TPS discussions about giving police a designation under Ontario's <i>Public Works Protection Act (PWPA)</i> .
May 7	The Deputy Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services writes to his federal counterpart, seeking an agreement under the <i>Federal Missions and International Organizations Act.</i> (Public Safety Canada responds June 11 that this is not necessary as police possess sufficient authority for the summits.)
May 12	The Toronto Police Chief writes to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, requesting a designation under the <i>PWPA</i> .
May 20	The Minister is briefed on the proposed designation, with Ministry and OPP officials in attendance.
May 31	The Ministry sends proposed draft Regulation 233/10 to Cabinet's Legislation and Regulations Committee.
June 2	Committee passes Regulation 233/10 (it is signed by the Lieutenant Governor June 3).
June 7	Construction of the security fence begins.
June 13	Toronto Police ask City of Toronto to amend its advertisements to include language about requests for ID and searches. The amended version is not published until June 21.

June 14	Ontario Minister of Community of Safety and Correctional Services sends Toronto Police Chief official written notice that the <i>PWPA</i> designation has been granted. Regulation 233/10 is filed with the provincial Registrar.
June 16	Regulation 233/10 is published on e-Laws.
June 21	Regulation 233/10 comes into force.
June 24	York University Student Dave Vasey becomes the first person to be taken into police custody under the authority of the regulation. Protest and civil rights groups post warnings online about the <i>PWPA</i> . Charlie Vietch is arrested outside the fence under the <i>PWPA</i> . Ministry staff begin to get questions about the regulation from the media.
June 25	The Toronto Police Chief publicly refers to protecting a "five-metre" zone around the security fence. The Commissioner of Community Safety calls him about this misinterpretation/misstatement and TPS counsel clarifies in an email that the <i>PWPA</i> "does NOT extend outside the fence." Ministry staff consider issuing a statement on the issue but decide not to.
June 26	Day 1 of G20 summit: TPS sends Ministry an email clarifying instructions on the scope of the regulation and the Act that it says will be provided to frontline officers."Black Bloc" militants set out on a 90- minute spree, damaging property and setting four police cars on fire. ISU takes over control of the Interdiction Zone at request of TPS; ISU deploys more than 1,000 officers to Toronto. Police make numerous arrests at Queen's Park and at the Novotel Hotel.
June 27	Day 2 of summit: Police raid a U of T gymnasium being used as a hostel for out-of-town demonstrators and arrest almost 100 people; about 250 demonstrators are "kettled" by police at Queen St. and Spadina Ave.; many are arrested.
June 28	Reg. 233/10 is revoked. Premier McGuinty acknowledges the province could and should have made the regulation clear to the public.
June 29	Toronto Police Chief holds press conference, displaying confiscated weapons, some of them not related to G20. Media reports quote him as saying the "five-metre rule" never existed, but he was trying to keep "criminals" out. A Ministry spokesperson advises media that the regulation "did not give police one iota of extra power."
July 2	Toronto Police advise the Ministry that that two people were arrested under the <i>PWPA</i> .
July 3	Regulation 233/10 is published in the Ontario Gazette.

July 6	Toronto Police Services Board approves a recommendation for an independent civilian review of certain G20 issues.
July 7	Premier McGuinty acknowledges the government should have done a better job at clarifying the regulation.
July 9	Ontario Ombudsman André Marin announces his investigation.
July 22	The Office of the Independent Police Review Director announces it will review public complaints against police during the G20.
September 22	The province announces the former Ontario Chief Justice and Attorney General, Hon. Roy McMurtry, will review the <i>PWPA</i> .
September 23	Toronto Police Services Board names Hon. John W. Morden to conduct its review.
October 5	NDP Leader Andrea Horwath introduces Bill 111, An Act to require a public inquiry into government action and spending in connection with the G20 Summit.
October 6	The House of Commons' Public Safety Committee confirms its parliamentary inquiry into G8 and G20 security.
October 19	MPP Peter Kormos introduces Bill 121, the <i>G20 Public Inquiry Act</i> , 2010. (Defeated Nov. 4)
October 21	Ombudsman Marin provides the Ministry with his preliminary report.
November 1	Minister of Community Safety responds to the Ombudsman's report and commits to act on all recommendations "in a timely manner."