

United Way of Colchester County asks ... What is Impact?

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, the word impact is defined as the act or force of one thing hitting another and a powerful or major influence or effect.

At the United Way of Colchester County, their mission is to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. They do that by supporting local agencies whose work directly impacts the individuals and families who live in the community. In other words, they create opportunities for impact. They support work that offers meaningful and positive change; work that creates a powerful or major influence or effect.

Donations received from workplace campaigns, corporate donations, in-house fundraising events and generous individuals and families builds our Community Fund, which sustains our grant program. Non-profit organizations

are invited to apply for a share of the Community Fund to cover some of the costs related to enhancing existing programs and services, and establishing new programs. Through these services, organizations collectively create their own impact within our community by offering support, guidance and encouragement to thousands of Colchester individuals and families.

In 2022 these agencies are committed to addressing new challenges with often less money and less resources than previous years. As evidence of this, United Way has just completed our latest call for applications, with both the number of applicants and the dollars requested doubled from last year.

The need is great. But so are our donors. As we move further into 2022, we need to identify new and innovative ways to build up our community and address the chal-



lenges of this new world we live in. We need to increase our impact. We need to Think Outside the Box.

This year, please help with the Think Outside the Box with an extra gift to the United Way of Colchester County's Annual Community Campaign. Together, let's create

greater impact in the place we live, work and play.

To learn more about the United Way or to make a donation, contact us at 902 895-9313, coordinator@colchester.unitedway.ca or visit www.unitedwaycolchester.ca

22 Murders - Book Released

Paul Palango who has authored three previous books about the RCMP has just released his latest book on the mass murder of 22 Nova Scotians in April 2020. It is a shocking exposé of the deadliest killing spree in Canadian history, and how police tragically failed victims and survivors.

The short BIO on the back cover of the book titled *22 Murders - Investigating the Massacres, cover-up and obstacles to justice in Nova Scotia*, states the following:

AS RUMOUR SPREAD of a killer ram-paging through the tiny community of Portapique, Nova Scotia, late on the night of April 18, 2020, details were hard to come by and the sense of urgency strangely muted. Aside from a handful of unsettling tweets, the RCMP was not communicating, and the province's Ready Alert system, which could have warned nearly a million people to take cover, remained silent. Then, in the morning, came the most perplexing news of all: the gunman was still on the loose and killing again. By the time the killer, Dartmouth dentist Gabriel Wortman, was shot and killed by RCMP officers at a highway gas station, the public's questions vastly outnumbered the answers—answers that, over the days, weeks, then months and years that followed, didn't come.

Though retired as an investigative journalist and author, Paul Palango had spent much of his career reporting on Canada's troubled national police force. Watching the RCMP stumble through the Portapique massacre, only a few hours from his Nova Scotia home, Palango knew the story behind the headlines was more complicated than anyone was willing to admit. With the COVID-19 lockdown sealing off the Maritimes, no journalist in the province knew the RCMP better than Palango did. Soon, he was back in print and on the radio, seeking public insight and conscientious



Paul Palango author of "22 Murders" shown sitting in his favourite office chair. (Contributed)

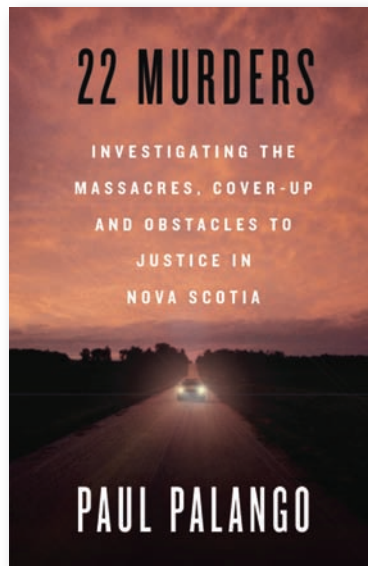
police sources, peeling away the layers of this murderous episode as only he could.

22 Murders is the epic account of a restless seeker of truth, his rare fellow travelers in media, and the determined citizens who join their effort to break the silence and expose the secrets that continue to denigrate the memories of the innocent dead.

The book will be published on April 5 in print, audio and digital. It can be pre-ordered on-line at Indigo, Amazon or through your local bookseller. If Covid clears up a

little, the publisher and author may plan a public launch in the area.

PAUL PALANGO is a veteran investigative journalist. He started his career at the Hamilton Spectator; his hometown newspaper. In 1977, he joined the Globe and Mail as a reporter, and between 1983 and his resignation in 1990 he served successively as its sports editor, Metro editor, and, eventually, national editor. During his tenure at the Globe, Palango's reporters swept the Centre for Investigative Reporting Awards in five consecutive years. In 1989, he accepted the Michener Award for disinterested public service journalism on behalf of the newspaper. A resident of Nova Scotia, he is the author of three previous books about the RCMP.



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