

Chatsworth Police Services Board
April 15, 2010
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Chatsworth Police Services Board was held on the above date.

Present: Board Members Bob Elliot, Cornelius Vlieland, Officer Rick Sinnamon and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

05/2010 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the minutes of February 18, 2010 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 February, March 2010
 Statistical Reports – February, March 2010**

Officer Rick Sinnamon was in charge of reporting for the February and March OPP Reports. The first report was the Detachment Commander's Report which Officer Sinnamon gave several highlights. Under Noteworthy Occurrences it was reported that the incident under the Dog Owners Liability Act has not yet been concluded. The officers are waiting for further instruction before proceeding further with this order.

The Detachment had a snowmobile checking endeavour where they checked private owners snowmobiles and in several cases charges were laid. A 15 year old was charged with driving with no license.

The OPP officers have had reports that Brian Smith, a homeless person who often sleeps in the ditches on sides or roads or in parks, etc. has been reported as being back in Grey County but not in the Chatsworth Area.

The OPP assisted in a Bomb threat at the Owen Sound Library and the Owen Sound OPP Station. Threats were made suggesting that bombs were at these two locations. It turned out that there were no bombs even though there were threats. The investigation has been turned over to the Crime unit.

The accident with the Tractor Trailer on Highway 6 & 10 in Chatsworth resulted in the driver being charged with careless driving. A truck inspection showed that there was nothing physically wrong with the truck itself. There was a considerable amount of OPP Officers time used up for this accident.

The Board was made aware that the Crime Unit has 8 full time officers. The Detachment is trying to develop new members through succession planning to allow more officers to qualify for this Unit. They have been rotating uniformed officers every three months to spend time in the unit as a training tool. It has been working very well. 2 members of the unit are strictly for property crimes, not for crimes against persons. Officer Sinnamon was glad to report that there is not very much activity in the Chatsworth area. There were a significant amount of crimes in the Southgate area (50-70). Charges have now been laid against four people, two are Young Offenders and 2 are Adult Offenders. The Markdale Beer Store was broken into. Multiple incidents had occurred and charges have now been laid.

Benchmark Crimes under the Crime Unit are more significant crimes. These crimes can consist of Property Crimes but the amount of property involved has to be over \$5,000.00. Because these crimes are much more intense they warrant significant investigation in many of the cases. The Crime Unit are the ones who take over these cases.

There are several Major Cases ongoing at the present time. The Chatsworth Detachment does assist with stuff outside of the area when requested. Currently there are 50 or more investigations regarding drugs that are in various stages.

Domestic Violence Investigators have to be trained in this field. The officer must review all Domestic Investigations. The officer must ensure that the victim and any others are appropriately assessed to ensure their safety, assess their needs and ensure protective measures are in place for victims in "high-risk" relationships. To complete an investigation in this area take a fair amount of time. There is now a push to stop the cycle of violence repeating itself and the police are trying to step in. The OPP now have the ability to charge offenders even if the victim does not want to press charges.

The detachment received one complaint regarding their police staff. This issue has been resolved.

There were several tributes received, one being the Beaver Valley skiing incident where a skier lost her life running into a tree. The letter was complimenting the officers involved showing true professionalism of all involved.

Officer Sinnamon commented that there have been a significant amount of sudden deaths in Grey County, including some suicides and the skier who ran into a tree.

Officer Activities reported includes Admin duties of 22.7 hours. These hours also include training hours for officers.

Officer Sinnamon reviewed the statistical reports. Motor Vehicle Collisions showed 9 in February and 6 in March several of which were vehicles hitting deer crossing the roadways. The problem seems to still be active.

Overtime hours were under by 12.21% as February and March were relatively quiet. Driver contacts were slightly down, however, the officers are still out there and are still looking to pull vehicles over. Public awareness has also been a factor.

Personal Injury MVC's is down by 30% which is significant. It is most likely weather related, less traffic in March due to lack of snow and no winter sports, where due to the good clear weather there have been less accidents from weather related incidents.

The good weather has brought with it an increase in Foot Patrols. Foot Patrol was up 18.54%.

Officer Sinnamon also reported to the Board that the OPP have been watching the stop sign at Duffy's Corners and that there was only one charge of a vehicle driving through the stop signs without stopping.

New Business

06/2010 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the PSB adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

Carried

Next Meeting

Thursday June 17th, 2010 10:00 am