

Chatsworth Police Services Board
June 17, 2010
MINUTES

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

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

07/2010 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the minutes April 15, 2010 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 April, May 2010
 Statistical Reports – April, May 2010**

Detachment Commander Bob Mahlberg gave the overview of the OPP Reports for the April and May. He informed the Board that this report is the new format that he has completed designing and it will remain the same as this report in the future unless the Board had any other suggestions, none of which were mentioned.

Noteworthy Occurrences including Clearances and On-Going Investigations for April and May were not commented on. The Commander asked the Board if they had any questions, and then moved on to the Crime Unit Operations section.

The Commander noted that there were 4 Benchmark Crimes in April and 4 in May that were in the Township of Chatsworth. It was noted that in the report it shows several incidents of individuals found deceased of natural causes. The Commander informed the Board that it is local policy for police officers to attend these incidents even though medical professionals are always in attendance. The Detachment feels that officers have a different view upon arriving at a scene and can often see things that because of their training may not be noticed otherwise.

Drug Unit had an incident of note that involved West Grey and Grey Highlands. The Commander commented that this operation was a very sophisticated operation and the amount of plants was very significant.

Crime Unit training was highlighted, noting that the Domestic Violence Investigator attended a 2 day session on elder abuse. A half day of training to local Victim Services agencies was provided.

Personnel Issues involved two officers off on light duty and one officer absent for a month on short term sickness in April and one officer on light duty and one officer absent for most of May on WSIB. All officers except for one are currently back to work.

Training in April for officers included Mandatory training of a 3 day block training for 9 members was completed. The Commander reminded the board that mandatory training must be completed each and every year, or the Officers cannot function normally. Mandatory training includes Firearms, Use of Force and Scenario situation training. All officers must complete this training yearly.

Complaints were noted speaking on 2 minor complaints received which involved issues with interaction with the public complaints. These two issues were dealt with to the satisfaction of both the complainant and the officers involved.

There were two tributes received in April and two in May.

Media Relations report shows all of the initiatives involving officer Steve Starr. These are ongoing public awareness and public education initiatives which help enlighten the public on many different items.

The Community Service report includes the activities of the Officers in the Schools and the local community.

Detachment Initiatives were reviewed. These are joint force initiatives that are entered into with neighbouring police forces. These initiatives are very beneficial to everyone and are programs that do not and cannot take away only augment the ongoing efforts of each police force.

There was significant overtime experienced in the last two months. Threat occurrences took up 11.25 hours in April and May showed extreme coverage. The shooting investigation has taken 171 hours in May and is not yet complete. The Plane Crash (ultra lite) took up 27.75 hours. These hours are extreme and the Commander is very cognizant of the fact that the Municipality usually experiences a credit at year end due to unused overtime hours. He is making sure that any overtime experienced is completely necessary, and will be watching carefully the overtime activity. The Commander has also attributed 153 hours of overtime to the province, placing only the initial response hours to the municipality. Since this issue involved a very substantial SIU investigation that is ongoing and called for security of the area 24/7 while the investigation was being completed, the amount of overtime would have used up over 50% of the budgeted overtime for the year. The Commander is doing everything in his power to limit the amount of overtime the municipality will be responsible for.

While reviewing the Business Plan the Commander noted that the number of charges is down both for Seat Belt enforcement and Night Time ride program. While looking at these statistics, it was also noted that the driver contacts are up by 7.57%. This shows that the officers are making more contact with drivers, and experiencing fewer offences. He attributes this to the increase in awareness through education and media initiatives and therefore decreases in unwanted driving behaviours in these regards.

Criminal Investigations shows Property Crime Clearance Rates is down 30.19%. The Commander wanted the Board to know that the officers assigned to this area of policing are very good at this initiative and is pleased with the results.

After completing his report the Commander wished the Board to be aware that his ability to give a report on the shooting incident is nil at this time. This is an ongoing SIU investigation and until it is complete the Commander can give neither information nor comment in any way. He has promised the board that when the investigation is complete, he will give a full report to the Board on this incident.

New Business

08/2010 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the PSB adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

Carried

Next Meeting

Thursday August 19th, 2010 7:30 p.m.