

Chatsworth Police Services Board
August 19, 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 Don Fitzgerald and Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

09/2010 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes June 17, 2010 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 June, July 2010
 Statistical Reports – June, July 2010**

Detachment Commander Bob Mahlberg reviewed the OPP Reports for June and July. No comments were made on individual items. The Commander asked if the Board had any questions. One question was raised as to the new zero tolerance and the Commander informed the board that there were several charges.

Noteworthy Occurrences including Clearances and On-Going Investigations for June and July 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 2 major incidents that the Board should be aware of. The Incident on June 4th involving the CDSA where a search warrant was executed and various drug equipment and a quantity of drugs was seized. The second was on June 11 involving Fire/Property Damage where a suspicious fire destroyed an older vehicle. This has lead to the Crime unit investigating this incident.

The Commander moved on to Personnel Issues. He noted absences where one officer is on light duties, one officer is absent on WSIB and 32 officers were deployed to G8/G20. The Commander wanted the Board to know that the G8/G20 event does not encompass any costs to any of the Police Services Boards for this event. All costs are billed to the province.

The Commander reviewed the Upcoming Staff Changes and noted that there have been and will be several changes over the next few months. There are several "Acting" position changes that have been or will be taking effect. Sgt. Rick Sinnamon will be seconded to Bruce Peninsula OPP as the Acting Detachment Commander effective August 1, 2010. Sgt. Don Fitzgerald will be Acting Staff Sergeant in the Chatsworth Detachment effective August 1, 2010 until October 31, 2010. Sgt. Phil Mann will then be Acting Staff Sergeant effective November 1, 2010 with an unknown termination date. A copy of these changes has been e-mailed to all supervisors. All Acting positions are from Grey County. There have also been several shifts amongst the Constables transferring to and from other departments and Bruce Peninsula OPP.

Training for June and July was reviewed. It was noted that July was a slow month for training as it is holiday time. June however, resulted in block training for 11 members, Marine training for 1 member and a Sexual Assault Course for 1 member.

Media relations involved eleven media releases in June. It included outdoor marijuana growing operations and electric bikes. July involved 26 media releases. Education included "Operation Freeze" sponsored by Mac's Milk.

There were several Community Service events including Cops for Cancer, an ongoing event. Other events included Bike safety, a liaison with Amish elders, fundraising barbeque, stranger/safety talks, safe school meeting, and a Grey Bruce Health Unit seminar.

Detachment Initiatives included the Canada Day Traffic initiative. It was noted by the Commander that every statutory holiday is a Province wide initiative focusing specifically on target areas.

The Highway Safety Enforcement Action data was not available for both months. This is due to a replacement officer not able to record all of the required statistics. Future information will be forthcoming.

There was a significant increase in POA Enforcement in July. This involved several speeding related issues. Every available officer from 7-9 and 3-7 was on duty for driving infractions.

Officer Activities percentage of total hours worked was down on Admin duties for the month of July, due to no training.

The Commander went on to the statistical information noting that Motor Vehicle Collisions were down by 19.44%. He was pleased with this. Contract hours were up by 16.91%, but the Commander reminded the board that this was of no cost to the Township as these extra hours are not billed. Contract Overtime hours are back down to where they should be. The shooting incident increased the hours substantially higher than normal in the month of May, but June and July were relatively normal.

The Commander was pleased to inform the Board that the Driver Contacts are down by 7.20%. He wanted the board to know that the officers are out there patrolling, but they are not finding as many offences, which is good.

Arrests from drinking and driving were down by 26.55%. Again, the officers are not finding as many drivers participating in this offence which again is very good.

Bike patrol is down significantly, however, foot patrol is up significantly. The Commander has more officers out on foot patrol instead of bikes which has caused a shift in numbers.

It was also reported to the Board that the OPP have noticed an increase in vehicles that are being ransacked. It is a common occurrence for thieves just looking for quick items to get rid of for quick dollars.

New Business

The Commander was asked if the Concert that was held in Owen Sound caused any financial burden to the Municipality. The Commander reported that they sent 22 Officers to this function. He said that any costs that would have been incurred by the Detachment for this venue would be paid for by the Province and that no outside Municipality would be responsible for any of the cost.

The Commander was asked if the closure of the Markdale Detachment to the public would result in any increased costs to the Municipality from more traffic attending the Chatsworth Office. The Commander reported that Grey Highlands was paying extra to have extra staff at the Markdale Detachment for the last several years. Before that time, the Detachment was not open to the public. He said that Grey Highlands has decided that they no longer want extra staff there to allow for people to visit the office, so things will revert back to the way they were before that. There is no reason that any extra cost would be burdened by any other Municipality for the reduction in service being offered by the Markdale Detachment. The Commander noted that he would be happy to address Council at any time over questions that they may have.

A question was raised regarding Berkeley. One of the residents was wondering if the hamlet Highway 10 section could be made a Community Safety Zone. The Commander was going to look into it.

An Annual Public Meeting was held at 8:00 p.m.

10/2010 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

That the PSB adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Carried

Next Meeting

Thursday October 21, 2010 10:00 am