

Chatsworth Police Services Board
August 18, 2011
MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members Bob Elliot, Frank Beirnes, Cornelius Vlieland, Detachment Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon, Sargent Terry Ward, Sargent Byron Schwass and Teresa Buys, Acting Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

07/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes of June 15, 2011 be accepted as circulated.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

**Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 June & July 2011
 Statistical Reports – June & July 2011**

Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon started by introducing Sargent Terry Ward who will be taking over for Sargent Dave Roulston September 1st. He also introduced Sargent Byron Schwass who will be involved in the fly over searches for grow operations in the very near future.

Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon then presented the reports for this meeting, first reviewing the Detachment Commander's Report. He noted an incident that happened in June where a male was charged with careless use of a firearm. He was shooting at a bird and stray pellets from the shot carried across to the neighbor's residence and struck the neighbor. There were no injuries sustained.

There were 3 instances of thefts at a Sullivan Township wrecking yard. Two nights in a row and the third night they watched for someone to break in and caught a man and a youth who were later charged.

On the 12th Concession of Sullivan Township there was a marihuana grow op located which had approximately 2,925 plants which were seized and related property with an approximate value of \$2,380,000.00. The culprits were caught and charged.

There was a stolen vehicle being driven around on County Road 3. It was full of stolen items and the same person was staying at a residence in Holland Township near Robson Lake without the owners knowing about it. The person that was hired to take care of the grounds was friends with the culprit and told him that the owners were not around.

There was a house fire on Crawford Road where a 31 year old lady was injured and taken to Sunnybrook Hospital. The fire is suspicious and Sargent Sinnamon believes the female will need some psychiatric help.

The Benchmark crimes for June totaled 13 but only 1 was in Chatsworth which was a drug offence where a CDSA warrant was executed on a property and several plants were discovered and destroyed. The investigation is ongoing. For July there were 20 and 5 were in Chatsworth of which Sargent Sinnamon noted on a male with a stolen vehicle and plates was wanted by the Owen Sound Police for breach of probation and taking a motor vehicle without consent. The suspect has been arrested. Another was a pursuit that took place when a suspicious vehicle failed to stop for police on the County line. The vehicle was located, shortly after the pursuit was terminated, engulfed in fire. A Canine unit searched the area but did not locate anyone. Investigation revealed the vehicle and plates were stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Secondary employment was authorized for two officers.

There were no tributes for June but in July an officer stopped on the highway to help a motorcyclist who was very thankful for the kind help.

Personnel issues note for June - one member is absent on short term sickness following a shoulder operation, another member was on modified duties but has since returned to duty.

Sargent Sinnamon noted that Steve Star retired and Alina Grelik was taking over his position.

Auxiliary Unit volunteer hours were up in July.

There was no overtime in June and in July there was 25.5 hours of overtime due to the Grey Bruce line incident where a K9 unit had to be called in. There was also the issue of the vehicle that was taken without consent and the person was impaired that caused 22.5 hours of overtime and the attempted suicide at the Crawford Road fire that created 18 hours of overtime. Break, enter and thefts caused 6 hours and impaired caused 3 hours of overtime.

Statistical information was reviewed.

Occurrences were up in July over June. Motor vehicle collisions were up mostly due to wild animal collisions. Over time is still down 40% to last year.

The seat belt number for June is inaccurate as there was a new person taking over that was in the learning process. July's number is accurate. Driver contacts are due to traffic stops not RIDE programs. Arrests for drinking and driving are down to 2009 which is due to the initiatives of the OPP they hope. Personal injuries to motor vehicle collision's is down almost 12% which has been a trend for the past 3 years which they believe is a result of constables watching for seatbelts, seatbelt checks and RIDE checks. Property crimes are down in July over June, bike patrol and foot patrol are up over last year.

Sargent Sinnamon thinks overall the detachment is doing a very good job and the Chair agreed.

New Business

08/2011 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday October 20th, 2011 10:00 am