

Chatsworth Police Services Board

April 19, 2012

MINUTES

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

Present:

Board Members:

Bob Elliot = Community Member

Cornelius Vlieland – Council Member

OPP Detachment Members:

Detachment Commander - Mike Guilfoyle

Staff Sergeant - Rick Sinnamon

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

4/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the minutes of February 16, 2012 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
February and March 2012
Statistical Reports – February and March 2012

Staff Sargent Rick Sinnamon and Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed with the Board the Detachment Commander's Report for the months of February and March. Focus was on several incidents.

First of note was a traffic stop which resulted in a male driver being charged with operating a motor vehicle over 80 mgs and mischief under \$5000.00. During this incident the male driver took offence to being arrested and resulted in damage that he inflicted on an OPP cruiser. Several charges were laid.

Officers were requested by London Health Services to locate a female resident concerning a medical issue. The female was on a list of recipients for a heart transplant. A heart had come available and they could not get ahold of her. The OPP located her at 11:15 pm that day and she immediately went to London. She has since received the heart transplant and is doing well.

Two incidents involving the same person started with a domestic dispute and a male being charged criminally with assault, assault with a weapon, two counts of uttering threats, domestic mischief, theft under \$5,000.00, mischief under \$5,000.00 and possession of stolen property. A second incident occurred involving the same male after being released. Several more charges were laid including two counts of breach of Officer in Charge Undertaking, and one count each of breach of firearms regulation and unauthorized possession of a firearm. The male did not understand that the behavior and actions he was taking were not going to be tolerated. He was held in custody until a bail hearing.

A vehicle stolen from Toronto was recovered and the suspects identified.

As a result of a Crime Stoppers tip a search warrant was executed on a property. There were several stolen items found and recovered. This included a stolen Kubota tractor, a John Deere Gator, a skid steer and several other items of significance reported as stolen going back into the early 2000 years. One male was charged with possession of stolen property over \$5,000.00 and a second male was charged with two counts of possession of stolen property over \$5,000.00.

March's warm weather spell of 10 days resulted in three separate Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. Each case involved persons operating motor vehicles and one driver failed the roadside test being issued a three day suspension. The other two drivers being charged with open liquor in a vehicle.

Benchmark Crimes for the Township of Chatsworth were very straight forward. There were two incidents, both involving a sudden death and both were from natural causes.

Tributes involve two officers from the Grey County Detachment receiving Commissioner's Commendations for Exemplary Performance of Duty following a shooting incident in the County.

Personnel issues brought forward the work that had been performed by Staff Sergeant Rick Sinnamon who stepped in as Acting Detachment Commander until Mike Guilfoyle was able to start his new duties as Detachment Commander. Commander Guilfoyle expressed his thanks to Officer Sinnamon and reported that Officer Sinnamon had a handle on everything that was occurring. Commander Guilfoyle also reported that Officer Sinnamon will be retiring in May and that this was the last Chatsworth Police Services Board meeting that Officer Sinnamon will be attending. He also noted that the Detachment will experience a great loss when Staff Sergeant Sinnamon retires. The Board expressed their thanks for all of the positive and hard work that Rick has displayed over the time he has been with the Grey County Detachment and told him that the Board will really miss him, but wished him well in his retirement.

They also reported that the position of Staff Sergeant was posted and has now been shortlisted. Commander Guilfoyle is hoping that the new Staff Sergeant will attend the next Police Services Board meeting. Overall the Grey County OPP Detachment has been experiencing a significant change in staff over the last nine months. There have been several retirements and transfers and shifts in personnel, which has also required more training. There are also 3 new recruits coming in from Aylmer over the next few months.

Training for the months of February and March was ramped up for the months of February and March. These are also the months where there is more quiet time and staff can utilize their time doing training that must be completed and each officer must be requalified annually.

Community Service resulted in Drug Abuse Resistance Education which included a judged public speaking contest. This was the first year that Staff Sergeant Sinnamon and Detachment Commander Guilfoyle attended. The event had a piper who piped in the attendees. It was a very successful event. Part of the D.A.R.E. aspect involves fundraising. This effort is run on fundraising monies and as such organizations from the area have taken on the cost. The children have benefitted significantly from this endeavor.

POA Enforcement shows that in March there were significantly more tickets issued. This was a result of warmer weather especially during the Easter long weekend. It was noted that for the most part, motorists know not to speed through Chatsworth.

Overtime once again has been kept to a minimum. The Commander stated that it is his goal and the goal of the Detachment to keep overtime down whenever it is possible.

The Detachment Commander reviewed the Statistical Reports with the Board. Highlights included Occurrences which show an increase of 10.6% attributing this increase to the warm weather in March causing a spike in occurrences.

Motor vehicle collisions remained static. Contract hours were well above the minimum which means that the service we are receiving is higher than the contracted service hours at no extra cost to the municipality. Overtime hours remain down as previously mentioned.

Seatbelt enforcement was down significantly -84.13%. The reasons attributed to this include compliance being up, officers distracted from focusing on Seat Belt enforcement due to warm weather bringing other focus of their time.

Night time ride hours were also down -22.64%. Officers were out doing their early spring campaign. The Commander was asked why the RIDE Grant for the previous year was not used fully. There was approximately 700.00 dollars unused. He was going to look into why this had occurred. He did inform the Board that the officers have been doing RIDE regularly.

Driver contacts were down 30.72%. The Commander informed the Board that the officers are out there stopping cars, but the trend over the last couple of months has shown that there is less traffic around. Not as many people are travelling due to cost of gas and the economy. They are thinking that this pattern may continue throughout the summer months too.

Arrests for Drinking and Driving are up 5.56%. The numbers are similar however; March experienced a significant increase due to the warm weather which was unusual.

Personal injury Motor Vehicle Collisions was down 34.48%. The mild winter weather factors into this as not having bad weather resulted in significantly fewer accidents.

Clearance rate was up 10.39%. A large impact on this number was as a result of the crime stoppers tip and the search warrant to the property which had several stolen articles from several different incidents.

Foot patrol was up 12.30%. This is as a result of the officers going inside arenas and community centres as part of their regular patrols.

- b) OPP Yearend 2011 Reconciliation – noted and filed.
- c) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Police Quality Assurance Unit – noted and filed.

New Business

The Forensic Laboratory in Mount Forest is now functioning. The Commander reported that he thinks they will be having a tour of the facility available to the Police Services Boards within the upcoming months.

The Business Plan is now in print. As soon as it is available the Commander will ensure that it is delivered to the Boards for review.

5/2012 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday June 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.