

Chatsworth Police Services Board

June 21, 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
Frank Beirnes – Provincial Member

OPP Detachment Members:

Detachment Commander - Mike Guilfoyle
Acting Staff Sergeant – Scott Moore
Constable Troy Siekierzycki
Constable Brad Olsen

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Adoption of Minutes

6/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the minutes of April 19, 2012 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
April and May 2012
Statistical Reports – April and May 2012

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the Detachment Commander's Report for the months of April and May highlighting several items.

An incident involving a theft of a cell phone was reported. The phone had been stolen from a school and two students were identified. Both students were cautioned and disciplined by the school. The OPP used discretion in this case opting for a cautioning rather than laying charges identifying that it was the best method for all involved.

An investigation resulted from an assault complaint. A male was charged with assault.

An incident occurred, where a male with previous theft incidents was reported for uttering threats. The OPP arrived on scene to investigate the threat complaint and located a distraught male who was armed with a gun. The West Region OPP Tactics Rescue Unit (TRU) and the West Region Emergency Response Team (ERT) along with Canine and Negotiations Unit, attempted to negotiate a peaceful resolution. It became a containment type of call. An incident like this always demands a significant amount of resources. As the incident progressed more units were brought in including an OPP helicopter. Once gunfire was exchanged and the male suspect succumbed to injuries, the SIU invoked their mandate and took over the case. The case will be considered an on-going incident until the SIU completes their investigation. Everyone who attended this incident worked well together. The OPP having a great deal of resources to draw on was a tremendous aide in this incident. Outside resources provided by the OPP, other than the police officers from the Grey County Detachment's overtime, was not at any additional cost to the Municipality.

A theft investigation resulted in a young person being charged with theft. The young person was dealt with by way of diversion as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Officers take into account the individual's history, regret, etc. and do not always lay charges or reduce the charges being laid. However, should the individual become a repeat, it could end with charges being laid.

A single motor vehicle collision investigation resulted in a male driver being charged with impaired driving. The male was also charged with careless driving as per the Highway Traffic Act. This case is now before the Court.

A fraud which has initiated over the computer was reported. Information was sent to the Canadian Anti-Fraud (Phone Busters). This incident was a prime example of how computer fraud can real in unsuspecting targets. The OPP have been putting out a number of alerts. There is a real need for public awareness. The OPP use the phrase "if it sounds too good to be true it usually is" and chances are it is a fraud.

Ongoing Investigations which heavily involves the Crimes Unit had several on-going investigations for April and May. The Commander will be reporting back to the board on one item where several separate reports were received with regards to youths partying and loitering as to the location(s) involved.

There were three Crime Unit Operations in Chatsworth for April and May. The first was the Barricaded Person involving shooting which is in the hands of the SIU. The second was where a fire destroyed a motor home and numerous items were reported missing. This investigation is ongoing. The third was a sexual assault case where information was located that may indicate a sexual assault against a minor. The investigation is continuing and the Commander reported that there is no public safety risk.

Personnel issues showed one civilian member on maternity leave for April and May, one officer on modified office duties for April and one officer deployed to Pikangikum for two weeks in April. The Commander noted that the experience to officers who do a deployment in the North Western region of Ontario get to experience a difficult kind of policing, which can benefit them in gaining experience. These deployments are of no cost to the Municipality. Staff Sergeant Rick Sinnamon retired on May 31st. He is currently being replaced by Acting Staff Sergeant Scott Moore. A permanent replacement will take place on July 9, 2012 where Constable Phil Mann has been selected to take over this position, leaving his current position as Sergeant. This will result in another competition for a Sergeant to replace Constable Mann's current role.

Training shows that several officers continued their required training and specialized training over the months of April and May. The detachment took advantage of a Breathalyzer Course being offered by the Saugeen Shores Police Force for two officers.

Media Relations resulted in twenty two press releases in April, and forty three press releases issued in May. Education releases included Driving Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Road Safety, and Safe Boating Awareness.

Community Service reported that in April D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremonies took place which the Commander and Staff Sergeant always attend. Child car seat checks, this was a joint operation with the Owen Sound City Police Force and Grey Bruce Health Unit. May resulted in the Holland Chatsworth School for presentation during the teacher night, and an Amish Liaison visit. The OPP are reaching out to communities.

Provincial Offenses Act Enforcement statistics on tickets issued shows that Provincial Highways for Chatsworth resulted in 152 tickets in April and 177 in May. Village of Chatsworth showed 1 in April and the Rural Area resulted in 58 tickets in April and 62 in May.

Officer Activities revealed that Obligated Duties experienced 72.11% of total hours worked in April and 60.6% in May. Patrol hours resulted in 5.88% of total hours in April and 16.3% in May. Court hours resulted in 2.06% of total hours in April and 1.2% in May.

Overtime hours were significantly higher in April. This was a result of the Major incident in April.

The Chatsworth Police Services statistical reports presented show that there was an overall increase in Occurrences of 9.36%. Motor Vehicle Collisions were down 22.22%, Contract Hours were up by 18.15% significantly above the monthly obligation. Contract Hours Overtime reflected an increase of 130.39% which as mentioned was the result of the Major incident in April. In a major incident such as the one in April, all resources outside the Grey County Detachment that attended the incident have no cost born by the Municipality, the Province picks up the cost. The extra cost that is born by the Municipality is for the Grey County Officers overtime only. While the outside resources take over many of the duties, the Grey County Detachment is still responsible to provide containment, etc. The Detachment tries very hard to keep the overtime to a minimum.

Seatbelt enforcement was down from 250 in 2011 to 110 in 2012. The OPP are continuing to see a trend in the reduction of seatbelt infractions. Again, this is not because vehicles are not being stopped, but, because drivers and passengers are much more compliant then they used to be.

The Night Time Ride hours were at 280.25 in 2012 down from 313.5 in 2011. Driver Contacts show that there were 5,766 in 2012 and 7,778 in 2011. However, it is difficult to compare as current numbers reflect accuracy in the numbers being recorded, where previous statistics may not have been reflected with the same accuracy. Personal Injury MVC's were down, showing 31 in 2012 compared to 47 in 2011, it is estimated that the reduced winter weather conditions had an influence on this result. Property Crime Clearances were very similar for 2012 as 2011. The Crime Unit is very adept at solving crimes. The Clearance rate for the Grey County Detachment is always once of the highest in Western region. Theft, break and entry, automobile theft is all Crime Unit incidents. The Detachment is now bringing in uniformed officers to gain experience in investigative techniques. The goal is to provide all officers the opportunity to develop more skill sets while giving the Detachment more skilled resources to work from. Bike Patrol is comparable with 2011. The Commander is encouraging officers to get out on bikes. Foot patrol continues to increase. Officers are encouraged to "get out of their cars". They are encouraged to make themselves accessible to the public. The goal is to make a significant difference in officers availability to the public.

Two officers attended the meeting with the Commander and Acting Staff Sergeant. They consisted of Constable Brad Olsen and Constable Troy Siekierzycki. Constable Siekierzycki is a new recruit who has just completed the Policy Academy and as a new recruit, his training involves having a Coach. Constable Olsen is his coach. The Board was pleased to meet both officers.

b) OPP Revised Estimate 2012 Policing Costs.

Total 2012 Estimated Gross Policing Cost	\$765,278
Provincial Services Fee	(<u>23,889</u>)
Total Estimated Policing Cost	\$741,388

Report Noted and filed.

New Business

The Commander delivered the 2012 Business Plan. He is asking Board members to review the Plan and bring any questions forward at the next meeting. The plan was prepared in January, but due to the levels of approval and printing time, it is just now available to the boards.

Discussion took place regarding the Williamsford Community Centre which houses a licensed bar and Alcohol and Gaming requirements. Commander Guilfoyle was asked to attend a Board meeting to discuss these issues with the Board.

6/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

Carried.

Next Meeting

Thursday August 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Annual Open House 8:00 p.m.