

# Chatsworth Police Services Board

October 18, 2012

## MINUTES

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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:**

Staff Sergeant Phil Mann

**Staff:**

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**Adoption of Agenda**

11/2012 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

*Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland*

*Be it resolved that the Agenda for the October 18, 2012 meeting be approved as circulated.*

**Adoption of Minutes**

12/2012 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

*Seconded by Frank Beirnes*

*Be it resolved that the Minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting be approved as circulated.  
Carried.*

**Financial Reports:**

**Information Correspondence**

Item a)        OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:  
                  August and September, 2012  
                  Statistical Reports – August and September 2012

Staff Sergeant Phil Mann represented the OPP in Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle's absence. He reviewed the OPP Reports for the months of August and September.

An incident on August 13 was highlighted where a male was charged with stunt driving with a speed of 106 km/hr in a 50 km/hr zone. This took place on Highway 10 in Holland Centre. It was noted that when these charges occur, the vehicle is towed away and impounded.

There were several charges to individuals driving while over the 80mgs., during several stops throughout August and September. The stops were a result of both R.I.D.E. programs and driving infractions where it was also discovered that the driver was under the influence. The Staff Sergeant pointed out that it is still a common occurrence in Grey County and that they are finding that stops on rural roads instead of major roads have resulted in an increase in charges.

R.I.D.E. checks have not been just occurring at night, but the OPP have been doing daytime R.I.D.E. programs on rural roads. An example is an individual charged at 3:00 p.m. on Concession 2.

In September a male driver was stopped and charged with speeding. The driver was going 115 Km/hr. During the investigation marihuana under 30 grams was seized and the driver was also charged with possession.

There have been several complaints and incidents as a result of the strike that is ongoing at Participation Lodge. Luther Ranch and Participation Lodge share a driveway entrance off of 30 Sideroad which has also caused some incidents. In these cases officers mediated a conclusion or solutions to the problems. However, the OPP have had to engage a conflict resolution Provincial Liaison Team to mediate between people involved. As a result, the disputes between the strikers and Luther Ranch residents seem to be staying fairly calm.

Officers were called to a theft of a diamond ring. There were no suspects. The Staff Sergeant noted that in some cases it turns out to be a loss rather than a theft.

There were also several thefts reported in August and September as a result of rural properties that are remote and no one is at home. These involved items such as scrap metal and aluminum to a much more substantial theft of solar panels and tools being taken from properties. It is becoming quite common and usually involves perpetrators from another area altogether. Common items that are taken on an ongoing basis are building materials thefts and copper thefts.

Throughout September there were a rash of break and enters and thefts all within seven days. It doesn't appear to be the same people involved in these incidents. It was reported

that as times get harder, people start doing things like this. They target places where people are away working through the daytime. These events are normally minor in nature and usually involve items that can be sold quickly for cash. The Crime Unit has been very busy.

There were two sudden deaths in Chatsworth, one in August and one in September. Both were as a result of natural causes.

Two tributes were experienced in August. One was Constable Shawn Gibbons who is an Emergency Response Team officer for his involvement at Georgian College in the Police Foundations Program. The other was for Constable Sharon Fisher for showing insight and sensitivity into a sexual assault investigation. It is always good to hear that police officers are showing compassion and understanding to victims and their families.

Personnel Issues showed one Civilian member and one Uniform member on maternity and parental leave had both returned in September.

Four new recruits arrived at the detachment the first week in September and have been deployed to various areas of the County.

Officer Paul Smith, a Drug Enforcement Officer retired after 30 years of service.

Training is ongoing with officers taking Taser Recertification, Negotiation Training (Crisis Negotiation), and Leader Course involving the Staff Sergeant. One member took the Note Taker's Course. This is a valuable course where the officer learns to take notes meticulously and records every particle of information needed at a scene. As a result the Detachment now has an officer trained in this skill which is a significant addition to the Detachment. Block Training, General Investigative Training, Collision Photography Training and Technical Traffic Collision Investigation courses were also experienced by several officers.

Community Service involved an Amish liaison visit. This visit was timely due to a recent incident involving a buggy and a vehicle collision. The OPP are trying to ensure improved safety for the Amish community. There is a real problem with visibility when they are travelling by horse and buggy and often times a problem when it is dark in the early morning or evening and nighttime hours. The OPP are encouraging them to use reflective devises on their buggies and carts, however under the Highway Traffic Act they are exempt from requiring reflective items to be placed on their buggies. The OPP are working with the Amish community on a continual basis.

Community Service also involved several other items, including attending school assemblies, child car seat checks, bus patroller safety, Domestic Violence Committee

meetings and the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in the school systems. The DARE program also involves finding sponsors to help aid in the cost of materials and books. The OPP often seek out the help of local businesses to contribute to this very worthwhile initiative.

POA enforcement has decreased on Provincial Highways; however, there has been a significant increase on Rural Roads which has resulted in a significant number of tickets issued.

Overtime for August was relatively low, however in September on Labour Day weekend there was an increase in overtime. General Headquarters has directed Detachments to have more officers out on overtime to police highways over long weekends. The result is overtime on municipal roads as well as side issues happen that occur on municipal roads due to more officers patrolling. The Detachment is going to ensure that overtime is properly recorded to the Province and not to municipalities.

OPP Statistical reports were reviewed. Occurrences were up 5.16%, noting that August and September are normally busy months. Motor Vehicle Collisions continue to be down. Contract Hours had a significant increase showing 14.57% above 2011. There were no significant incidents during August or September, and the Detachment is reviewing the scoring to ensure that regular time is being properly recorded and scored between the Province and the Municipality.

Seatbelt enforcement statistics include a seatbelt blitz. The result was a reduction of 28.47% infractions. Officers are being proactive in looking for seatbelt infractions, but it is being realized that drivers are complying with seatbelt laws and are for the most part, wearing their seatbelts.

The Night time RIDE was down 9.55%. However, RIDE programs are being held during the day, which are not reflected in these numbers. Overall RIDE activity is still substantial.

Driver Contacts were down 11.20%. However, in previous years officer scoring was not correct and has been corrected for 2012. This will continue to show a discrepancy when comparing previous years until 2014 when all scoring will again be the same.

Arrests for Drinking and Driving offences were down 35.06%. Officers are still out being proactive in their policing. Changing legislation where vehicles are getting impounded and insurance companies increasing premiums significantly when infractions occur seems to be resulting in fewer offences. However, Grey County is still an area where drinking is above normal.

- Item b) OPP 2012 Semi-annual Contract Policing Costs - Noted and filed.
- Item c) RIDE Program Agreement – Noted and filed.
- Item d) Mulmur Police Services Board/Shelburne Police Services Board; Police Officer Recruitment Program.

13/2012 Moved by Frank Beirnes Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

*Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board supports the motion of the Mulmur Police Services Board and the Shelburne Police Services Board to petition the Government of Canada to renew the Police Officer Recruitment Fund Program for a further 5 years.*

- Item e) Mulmur Police Services Board; Release of Information on Traffic Reports

14/2012 Moved by Frank Beirnes Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

*Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board supports the motion of the Mulmur Police Services Board requesting that the Corporate Risk Management section of the OPP complete a Memorandum of Understanding that would allow the release of information on Traffic Reports to the Municipalities for the purpose of billing regarding services.*

15/2012 Moved by Frank Beirnes Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

*That the Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:25 am. Carried.*

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday December 20, 2012 - 10:00 am.