

Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board
August 15, 2013
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
Constable Melissa Barfoot
Constable Maggie Stecuk – New recruitment

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Agenda

14/2013 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland* *Seconded by Bob Elliot*

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board Agenda for the August 15, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes

15/2013 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Bob Elliot

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board Minutes of June 20, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
 June and July 2013
 Statistical Reports – June and July 2013

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the OPP reports with the Board and highlighted the following incidents. Before proceeding Commander noted that occurrences for June were down by 8 and July they were down by 10 which reflects an overall decrease of 5.95%, however, the same occurrences actually include more time spent for the officers in investigating these occurrences reflected in the report.

Chatsworth Police Services Board Report Noteworthy Occurrences

In June there were three incidents of bear sightings in Chatsworth both in the Village of Chatsworth and the Holland Township area. This is not unusual for this time of year. Meaford, Markdale, South Hampton, Bruce Peninsula and other areas have all reported bear sightings. There is a Bear-Wise Hotline that people can call, operated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The OPP role when called to bear sightings is to show up in a public safety capacity. Often times using sirens or loud noises scare the bears away. The OPP have the authority to use level of force if they absolutely have to but only after trying every other avenue unless there is eminent danger to the public.

There was an investigation of a 74 year old male involving members of the Amish community. The investigation as it progressed escalated in seriousness engaging the crime unit. The 74 year old male was arrested, charged with 9 counts of criminal harassment and 1 count of intimidation and is now before the courts. The OPP were very thankful to the Amish community who cooperated fully in the investigation.

An investigation of theft of prescription medication resulted in a 27 year old male being charged with theft under \$5000.00 and a 22 year old male being charged with theft under \$500.00 and breach of probation. The Commander reported that the OPP have put on a program for the public to bring unused medication to the OPP station noting that the reason for this program is because people have prescription drugs that they no longer use that can garner a lot of money on the streets. If someone is found selling these drugs on the street there are serious charges that apply.

Three teenage males were charged with theft under \$5,000, mischief under \$5,000 and trespass/prowl near a dwelling house. The males were recommended for the diversion program under the YCJA. The males were under 18 and identified for the diversion program. In the beginning they are technically arrested and charges are laid. If they follow through with the diversion program which is several weeks in length then the charges are dropped. If they are caught again doing something illegal they do not get a second chance of entering this program.

The OPP had an occurrence involving a 53 year old female that was admitted as per the Mental Health Act. The Commander noted that he has employed an officer that has taken training in intelligence led policing to provide him with a new report that shows information on Mental Health Act cases over the past three years. The Commander is looking forward to the information that should be helpful to the OPP in trying to assess the increasing needs in these types of occurrences.

The Commander presented the board with a new Monthly Crime Analysis Report. This report is also intelligence led policing initiative. It reflects more visually the pattern involved in Crimes. It looks at all the occurrences and identifies the types of occurrences. The

report is for a full month and then year to year, identifying one year to the next year. It is part of the intelligence led policing initiative that the Commander is hoping to use in several other reporting areas.

The Commander introduced two officers to the Board. Officer Maggie Stecuk was introduced as a new recruitment along with Officer Melissa Barfoot who is her coach officer.

Officer Stecuk comes to us from the London area. She was in the January class and graduated in May. Officer Stecuk has earned her day wings and will have a coach officer for ten months in total.

Being a coach officer is a very important position and Officer Barfoot has taken this role for several new recruits.

On-Going Investigations

Theft and break and enters were prominent in June. July resulted in thefts including license plates and a camper along with a historical sexual assault. Officers are still working on these investigations.

Crime Unit Operations

There were only two incidents in Chatsworth in June and July, one being the male party harassing members of the Mennonite community which was a serious investigation that was significant in nature. The second was the historical sexual assault.

Tributes

Three tributes were received in June and July. One tribute was for Constable Frook expressing appreciation for professional and compassionate treatment following a sudden death. The Egremont Optimist Club wrote two separate letters of thanks for officers who assisted their group. Constables Alina Grelik and Shawn Gibbons were both given thanks for their participation in the Annual Maplefest and the Holstein Bike Rodeo.

Personnel Issues

There was lots of staff off on vacation in June and July. One member was deployed to Weagamow detachment as a result of staffing pressures for the OPP in that area. Provincial Policing Services will issue a credit back to the Detachment for the use of this officer. The officer will come back with more skill sets as a result of the experience obtained while deployed at Weagamow.

Chris Brinklow has been assigned to Grey County Detachment. Officer Brinklow was formerly employed by Tyendinaga First Nations Police.

Training

Training has slowed down significantly and will continue to be slow for the balance of the summer while OPP officers attempt to experience some vacation time.

Media Relations

There were 31 releases on Project 10-4 in June and 58 releases on motorcycle safety in July.

Community Service Report

The OPP were very busy with Community Service initiatives in June and July. Initiatives included internet/sexting presentations, Seniors Fair at the Bay Shore, Chatsworth Fire hall elementary school presentations, Stranger Danger presentation, CAA bus patrollers meeting, Lockdown presentation, Canada Day festivities, Meaford Hospital 5 km run.

Auxiliary Unit

Auxiliary Unit hours are experiencing a decrease which is not unusual for the month of July.

POA Enforcement

POA Enforcement stayed the same for June showing Provincial Highways enforcement up but the rural area down in enforcement. July resulted in 9 fewer tickets issued, showing provincial highways increased slightly but the Rural Area down by several tickets. The officers will be focusing more on the side roads in August as they normally do this time of year especially with the construction on Highway 10 where traffic volume on the side roads is significantly higher.

Officers Activities

Once again, obligated duties reflects an increase in the amount of time being spent on occurrences and is reflective of the increased requirements of the officers in completing compulsory information for occurrences.

Statistical Reports – June and July, 2013

Occurrences had a slight reduction of 5.95 % from this time last year.

Motor Vehicle Collisions were down 13.33% from last year which is a good news result.

Contract Hours show a decrease of 5.53%. Contract hours are always in excess of the minimum monthly obligation which is a benefit to the municipality.

Contract Overtime Hours showed a decrease of 55.16% which is down substantially from 2012 and 2011. Overtime is being maintained at a good level which is the goal of the OPP.

Seatbelt Enforcement was down 64.80%. Vehicles are being stopped, but compliance is way up which is good. It was noted that the major cause of collisions is distracted driving.

Night Time Ride hours were up 3.57%. This is the same as the previous report.

Driver Contacts were down 2.93%. This is slightly less than last year, however the Commander stated that lots of vehicles are still being stopped.

Arrests – CC Drinking & Driving Offences was down 27.91%. The Commander is looking at ways of identifying areas that officers need to focus on and is looking at a new report to track this information.

Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions results showed a significant increase of 55.88%. The OPP are looking into the reasons why.

Property Crime Clearance Rate was down 3.26%. The Commander reported that there is now a new member of the crime unit.

Bike Patrol is down 81.34%. It is impossible to do bike patrol right now as there is no training available for the officers under the new curriculum.

Foot Patrol was down 11.05% however the OPP continue to have high hours even though it is less than last year.

16/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board accept the Detachment Commander's Report for the months of June and July, 2013.

And that the 2013 Business Plan Commitments Progress Reports and the Chatsworth Police Services Board Statistical Reports for June and July also be accepted.

Carried

New Business

Next Meeting

Thursday October 17, 2013 – 10:00 AM – Tentative
Commander Guilfoyle will confirm. He has requested that the date might need to be changed to the week before or the week after.

17/2013 Moved by Cornelius Vlieland

Seconded by Bob Elliot

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Carried