

Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board

June 20, 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
Frank Beirnes – Provincial Member

OPP Detachment Members:

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle
Constable Terry Ward

Staff:

Grace Nayler, Secretary.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Adoption of Agenda

09/2013 *Moved by Cornelius Vlieland*

Seconded by Frank Beirnes

*Be it resolved that the Agenda for the June 20, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.*

Adoption of Minutes

10/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

*Be it resolved that the Minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.*

Information Correspondence

Item a) OPP – Chatsworth Police Services Board Reports:
April and May 2013
Statistical Reports – April and May 2013

Detachment Commander Mike Guilfoyle reviewed the OPP reports with the Board and highlighted the following incidents noting that occurrences were down just under 5.13% for

the months of April and May 2013 compared to the months of April and May 2012. The Commander also pointed out officers hours spent on occurrences is actually up significantly compared to previous years. This is due to several reasons including more time required per occurrence for increased information and paperwork along with domestic occurrences which are much more time intensive.

Chatsworth Police Services Board Report Noteworthy Occurrences

Incidents involving two seasonal residences resulted in two males being charged with two counts of break and enter; one count of possession of stolen property under \$5,000.00 and one count of breach of probation. This incident was beyond the normal mischief charges and escalated to theft charges. The OPP had good investigative successes which resulted in solving this theft.

An incident involving six noise complaints to the OPP resulted in a noise bylaw ticket being issued. Once the OPP receives several phone calls for noise issues, the incident is increased by progression of complaints and goes on to By-Law enforcement or goes to a section in the Criminal Code which can be used to address noise issues.

Police officers apprehended a young person under the Mental Health Act. The OPP is experiencing a much higher volume of Mental Health Act cases and a much broader spectrum of the population with Mental Health issues. The Commander has enlisted the help of an officer to compile a report based on past occurrences with Mental Health Act individuals. This report will be to aid the Commander in reviewing the protocol being established with the Canadian Mental Health Association in a chart format.

An incident at the Holland Chatsworth Central School involving a young person carrying a fairly significant knife resulted in the young person being charged with carrying a concealed weapon. The OPP have a partnership agreement with the YMCA involving youth that offers counseling that the young person can complete. Once completed, the charges are staid. If the OPP choose this method of dealing with the youth, they find that often times when the incident has been addressed, it does not occur again.

The OPP were called to a vehicle parked outside the Chatsworth OPP Detachment at 7:37 am, before the Detachment is open to the public to aid a pregnant woman who had gone into labour. The officers arrived to find that the woman had already given birth to a baby girl assisted by the father; they were escorted to the hospital by ambulance.

A 15 year old young person was arrested for breach of peace as a result of officers attending a family dispute. Breach of the Peace removes the individual from the dispute which in this case worked out well.

A theft investigation resulted in two males being charged with theft under \$5,000.00 and two counts of breach of probation.

Two persons operating ATV's were charged under the Highway Traffic Act with unlawfully driving off road vehicles on a highway. This resulted from complaints being received. The Commander noted that the OPP have their ATV out patrolling the trails which has been very successful.

On-Going Investigations

Theft and break and enters were prominent in April. There has also been a change in officer compliment in the investigation unit. An officer already with the Grey County Detachment will be transferring to the investigation unit and a new recruit will be replacing the resulting vacancy.

Crime Unit Operations

There were only two incidents in Chatsworth in April and May, one being a sudden death from natural causes, the other was an assault which resulted in an arrest and charged with assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm and criminal harassment following an incident at a party.

Tributes

Two tributes were received in April and May. One tribute was for Constable Sewell and Sergeant Fitzgerald relating to their compassion shown towards family members following a sudden death. Another was a motorist that was stopped for speeding and was issued a speeding ticket. He was impressed by the professional and courteous approach made by Constable Sundy, stating that the actions of this officer made him a good ambassador for the OPP. The Commander noted that to have a tribute from someone who received a traffic ticket is an exceptional letter to receive.

Personnel Issues

There was a member absent on WSIB in April who returned to work on graduated duties in May.

A member transferred to Wellington County OPP mid-May and a new recruit commenced in mid-May.

Training

The Commander informed the Board that the OPP were able to have an Intoxilizer Training course for 3 members. This was a very successful course. Block Training was reduced in May and will discontinue over the summer months.

Media Relations

During the summer months, the focus on driving issues becomes more important. There were 32 news releases for Distracted Driving and 35 releases for Canada Road Safety week.

Community Service Report

D.A.R.E Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduations have been completed. The Commander attended all of them.

Meetings with the Amish and Mennonite community have been going very well. They have resulted in several of the Orders agreeing to place black reflector tape on the back of their buggies and to using lanterns. The Commander reported that they are making progressive steps and feel that this is a very important endeavor building trust with the Amish and Mennonite Communities which also builds support.

Auxiliary Unit

There has been a very significant decrease in volunteer hours from April to May. They have lost some volunteers, but they now have two new members graduating the end of June.

POA Enforcement

The number of tickets issued for 2013 April and May are less than in previous years. However, the number of vehicles being stopped is up. Officers have been issuing warnings in some cases, which can also be an effective tool.

Officers Activities

Obligated duties reflect an increase in the amount of time being spent on occurrences. This is reflective of the increased requirements of the officers in completing compulsory information for occurrences that was not required previously and is reflected in the number of occurrences which are down.

Statistical Reports – April May, 2013

Occurrences were down 5.13 % from this time last year.

Motor Vehicle Collisions show a 0% change from last year.

Contract Hours show a decrease of 6.34%. Contract hours are still higher than the monthly obligation for the contract.

Contract Overtime Hours showed a decrease of 53.8% from this same time in 2012. Overtime is watched very carefully. Officers stagger their shifts so that they can aid in reducing overtime.

Seatbelt Enforcement was down 75.45%. This is an ongoing result of motorists using their seatbelts more and more.

Night Time Ride hours were up 1.25%. RIDE Grant monies were completely expended.

Driver Contacts were up 6.16%. Overall Driver Contacts are up significantly. Stopping a number of cars does not always result in enforcement, but involves education.

Arrests – CC Drinking & Driving Offences was down 20.69%. Officers are still actively out there looking for drivers that are drinking and driving.

Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions results showed an increase of 6.25%. This is the result of two more collisions than last year. The Commander could not target any specific reasons for this.

Property Crime Clearance Rate was down 3.26%. The month of April showed excellent results. The Grey County Detachment maintains a higher average than almost any other detachment in Western Region.

Bike Patrol is down 55%. The reason for this is that Bike Patrol has basically come to a stop. There is a new bike curriculum in place and none of the officers have been able to get the required training. This is an issue that will be remedied over time, but it is going to take a while.

Foot Patrol was down 4.74% however there are still a good number of hours being experienced.

11/2013 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board accept the Detachment Commanders Report for the months of April and May, 2013.

And that the 2013 Business Plan Commitments Progress Reports and the Chatsworth Police Services Board Statistical Reports for April and May be accepted.

Carried.

12/2013 Moved by Frank Beirnes

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board accept the 2012 Reconciled Contract Policing Costs presented to the Board at the April 11, 2013 meeting.

Carried.

b) Ontario Provincial Police – 2010 Public Sector Compensation Framework Agreement – Noted and Filed.

c) Animal Incidents involving OPP – former OSPCA responsibility.

A discussion took place regarding the transition from the former OSPCA responsibilities and the roll of the OPP and the roll of the Township of Chatsworth Animal Control Officer. The Commander reported that the OPP are responsible for any incident that is Criminal in nature, however, there is a gray area where it is an issue of possible animal abuse, or where Veterinarians or other professionals must be called in. Part of the issue is who is going to be responsible for payment when outside professionals are called in. Who is responsible for payment? The Municipality has the authority to charge the property owner, where the OPP do not.

There has been difficulty having any training arranged for OPP officers. Training is almost impossible for the officers to get, and many of them have no background in animal control or animal care and are out there in the dark. Due to this, they have had to rely heavily on the Township Animal Control Officer.

It was decided that the Commander, the Township Animal Control officer, CAO and Treasurer should meet and find a solution as to who is to be responsible and at what point their responsibility begins.

A meeting is to be arranged with all of the parties.

New Business

Two complaints received by the Township of Chatsworth were forwarded on to the OPP for their initiatives.

West Back Line between 70 and 80 Sideroad is experiencing an excess of speeding traffic that is resulting in dangerous driving and causing huge clouds of dust.

A complaint from a resident on Old Log Road in Holland Centre regarding excess traffic parking on the road and cul-de-sac that is close to the ball park. The complaint also involves speeding, not adhering to the stop signs and other complaints that the OPP will have to address.

The Commander will be forwarding this information on to his officers. He commented that when people have issues like this, they need to call the 1888 number so that there can be proper follow up for these concerns.

Next Meeting

Thursday August 15, 2013 - 7:00 PM.

13/2013 *Moved by Frank Beirnes*

Seconded by Cornelius Vlieland

Be it resolved that the Township of Chatsworth Police Services Board adjourn at 11:23 am.

Carried.