

**Owen Sound Police Services Board
Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
2nd Floor Boardroom**

Media Present: Ken Hashizume, C.F.O.S.
Maria Canton, The SunTimes

Members Present: G. Pierce, B. Twaddle, G. Levine, W. Murray

Regrets: A. Wright

Admin. Present: Chief T. Kaye and Deputy Chief B. Sornberger

Minutes: K. Calver

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman declared the Wednesday, February 25, 2009 meeting be called to order at 11:35 a.m. CARRIED

- **Chairman apologized to the media for the delay as In-camera meeting lasted longer than expected**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by G. Levine

“That the agenda dated February 25, 2009 be approved as distributed.” CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by W. Murray

“That the minutes dated January 21, 2009 be approved as distributed.” CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the minutes and matter listed on the agenda. **HEARING NONE.**

5. Business arising out of the minutes dated January 21, 2009 Public Meeting. **HEARING NONE.**

6. **Motion to Approve Payables**

Moved by W. Murray

“That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of January 01 - 31, 2009 in the amount of \$43,311.29 be approved for payment.” CARRIED

7. Chief's Report

- As per the last meeting of the board, the Record Retention By-Law has now been updated and requires motions to pass same. (See attached).
- City police are monitoring reports of internet scams, telemarketers scams, email scams etc. In the current economic climate people who have been hurt financially as a result of the current economic downturn, sometimes resort to quick fix schemes or offers that promise high returns for a very low risk. The police service urges caution by the community if they are approached with such a scheme and to ensure before they invest, that the company is in fact legitimate. The public is also urged to contact the police e.g. phone busters as is it important the incident be recorded and reported. We need to know if anyone is targeted of these scams.
- The new patrol car has now arrived after a two month delay by Ford and the vehicle is in service in the patrol branch. The two vehicles taken out of service will be sold through a sealed tender process.
- The final contracts have arrived for the funding of a new officer under the Federal Governments 2,500 officer program and have been forwarded to the city for their signature. This program provides funding for the next five years under the current agreement.
- Chief read the Annual Use of Force Report that was included with the agenda. In 2007 the National stats were 3.3 million calls. Of that 803,000 were criminally charged and 176,000 were arrested. 98.5% showed no use of force and of the 1.5% remaining 0.08% of the cases showed the taser being used. This is a very small percentage of someone getting injured and our statistics say the same.

8. Deputy Chief's Report

C.O.R.E.

- Conducted 1 R.I.D.E.
- Executed 1 arrest warrant
- Issued 3 Notices of driver's licence suspension
- Laid 1 HTA charge
- Laid 3 LLA charges
- assisted general uniform patrol officers with home invasion/robbery incident

HEAT

The H.E.A.T unit attended a Crime Conference in Hanover on January 22nd. The purpose of the meeting was to share intelligence information with several other enforcement agencies in this region. Valuable professional contacts were made.

During the month the H.E.A.T unit provided escort service for prisoners on two separate occasions.

H.E.A.T also assisted the uniform branch with priority calls and during periods of high call volume, including:

TRAFFIC TRAILER

The trailer was put away for the winter at the end of October 2008.

R.I.D.E.:

There were a total of **14** R.I.D.E.'s conducted in January; all except one were conducted on duty.

Of the **13** on-duty R.I.D.E.'s, Sgt. Fluney's platoon (# 1) conducted 3; Sgt. Green's platoon (# 2) conducted 3; Sgt Kitto's platoon (# 3) conducted 3; and Sgt. Rusk's platoon (# 4) conducted 2. The HEAT unit conducted 2 on their own and assisted a platoon with a third RIDE.

The combined statistics were:

- 31 officers,
- 13.5 hours,
- 1016 vehicles stopped,
- 0 roadside tests administered,
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charge laid,
- 0 twelve-hour driver's licence suspension,
- 6 HTA charges,
- 0 LLA charges or seizures,
- 2 Criminal Code warrants were executed.

Platoon Enforcement

Highway Traffic Act: 31 Compliance Reports: 3 Recorded Cautions: 4 Liquor Licence Act: 1 Criminal Code: 20 Other POA/By-Law: 38 Foot Patrol: 30	Highway Traffic Act: 32 Compliance Reports: 2 Recorded Cautions: 8 Liquor Licence Act: 1 Criminal Code: 2 Other POA/By-Law: 43 Foot Patrol: 28.5
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S.T.E.P. Enforcement

There was no S.T.E.P. initiative held in January 2009.

Collisions
Summary:

Total accidents:	(44)
Accidents East side Owen Sound:	26
Accident West side Owen Sound:	5
Accidents in parking lots:	13 (including 6 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents:	6
Accidents referred to CRC:	22
Accidents investigated by OSPS:	<u>22</u>
Total accidents:	(44)

The total accidents for January show a slight decrease of 9 accidents reported from the previous month of December 2008. The area of 10th St East between 3rd Ave East and 4th Ave East was identified as a problem area for moving violations that lead to collisions. (Fail to Yield and Lane changes) ***For the fourth month in a row there are no reported accidents in the area of the Mill Dam as part of the continuous complaint in this area for speed related issues.***

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

After almost 31 years in policing, all with the Owen Sound Police Service, the last 8 years as the Community Services Officer, Constable Ron Reid retired effective the 31st of January, 2009. His last day working included handing out D.A.R.E. graduation certificates to kids at one of his favourite schools, Bayview Public School.

Constable Chris Hartley worked with Cst. Reid during the month to meet the many school/group contacts, and to gain a better understanding of his new role as the Community Service Officer.

AUXILIARY REPORT

This January we contributed 240 hours with 19 members. This represents 12.63 hours per member. Last year we contributed 268 hours with 21 members for an average of 12.76. The decrease from last year is 28 hours.

Our Patrol hours are up comparing year to year. In 2009 we have 138 hours compared to 95 in 2008. There was a big drop in our Festival of lights hours due to the much shorter period that the lights stayed on this year. We contributed 18 hours this year compared to 48 hours last year. This helps explain the 28-hour decrease in total hours from 2009 - 2008.

Our top member this month was Nick Houston with a total of 45 hours contributed. He put in 41 hours in Patrol.

9. Approval of Chief's and Deputy Chief's Report

Moved by G. Levine

"That the Chief's and Deputy Chief's Report be accepted as presented." CARRIED

10. Other Business

Moved by B. Twaddle, seconded by G. Levine

"That leave be granted to introduce the amended By-law 2009-01 be approved as circulated in the correspondence." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- It was announced after just receiving news that Deputy Chief Frank Elsner is the newly appointed Chief of Sudbury.

11. Motion to Receive Information Package

Moved by G. Levine

"That the Board Information Package dated February 25, 2009 be approved as circulated." CARRIED

12. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by W. Murray

"That the meeting of February 25, 2009 be declared terminated at 11:35 a.m."
CARRIED

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Board Room