

**Owen Sound Police Services Board  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
2nd Floor Meeting Room**

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**Public Present:** Sharon Lee Wideman (M.A.D.D.), Donald Allison,  
Anne Elliott, Kim Wideman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henselin

**Members Present:** G. Pierce, G. Levine, D. Adair, D. Haswell and M. Koepke

**Admin. Present:** Acting Chief B. Sornberger

**Minutes:** K. Calver

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chairman declared the Wednesday, September 28, 2011 meeting be called to order at 11:30 a.m. CARRIED*

2. **Approval of Agenda**

*Moved by D. Haswell, seconded by D. Adair*

*"That the agenda dated September 28, 2011 be approved as distributed." CARRIED*

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the matter listed on the agenda. **HEARING NONE.**

4. Presentations, depositions, and Public Question period.

- Mr. Donald Allison introduced his wish to appeal the letter of taxi denial. He addressed the board by asking why his licence was denied. He mentioned that criminal matters were 20 years ago. He stated he paid his dues and has been an outstanding citizen since. Acting Chief reminded Mr. Allison that he is here to present to the board why he should have a taxi licence. Mr. Allison said he can be a help to the community, he has been training on dispatch and learning the city routes and he is good with people. Mr. Allison also wanted to add information and provided hard copies of charges 20 years ago; nothing has changed, found not guilty on both accounts. The board notified Mr. Allison that they will take this information to review. Deb thanked Mr. Allison for bringing extra information to the Boards attention.
- Garth welcomed Victim Services and all though they requested a time slot of 45 minutes he asked that they keep their presentation to a minimum.
- Anne Elliott; Director of Victim Services introduced herself and Kim Wideman (Program Co-ordinator for Central Bruce Grey Region). Victim Services also has two other

program co-ordinators for North and Sound Bruce Grey. Anne provided hard copies of an agenda and Annual Report to all members.

Anne explained the 24/7 service for victims of crime and what they do. There are two primary programs. Anne provided an overview of the historical usage, she estimates calls for service through OSPS to be 40 this year which is a steady trend downwards. When looking at the handout it was clarified that HPS is Hanover Police Service as a comparative.

Victim Services usage by OSPS comparison with OSPS UCR stats were taken from our annual report. Categories compared by both were difficult.

There was an issue regarding homicides. Anne will look at this later.

The totals at the bottom were explained and the issue is with the difficulty of tragic circumstance category.

It was clarified that it is up to the victim whether they choose the service. Acting Chief explained to members that we do a spot audit to make sure that when our officers go to scenes they offer Victim Services. This information was at one point on the back of each officer's business card however it became expensive and we no longer have.

Anne explained some examples to the board that victims services helps individuals deal with for example break and enters, domestic violence and criminal harassment.

Kim explained that the most popular are the three listed above. Provide emotional support either over the phone or in person and provide packages of information specifically on the incident such as home security, emotional dealings, identification theft, fraud, family law, legal supports, patterns of behavior, shelters and safe places, substance abuse, community safety plans, domestic violence, teen dating and violence, children and domestic violence.

Handout was distributed and discussed; Victim Quick Response Program – 24-48 hours to finalize and approve applications. Victims are eligible to apply for funding under these categories. Support is immediate and covers counseling, home repairs, lock changes/repairs, windows/doors, cell phone replacement (damages as a result of the incident) and emergency transportation. Children benefit from the program.

Victim Services is Ministry of the Attorney General and is totally free.

Anne pointed out in their annual report each police service has one page that includes statistics for that specific year, location, Chief's name and any partnerships initiatives. At this point Acting Chief has been very helpful; victim services has been in to do platoon briefings, Insp. Wurfel has joined their board of directors, there is a web-link to victim services through OSPS, there is on-going discussion for office space at OSPS.

Victim Services has just recently signed on as partners of a New Horizons Grant and has approached OSPS to partner with Victim Services; it is a grant for seniors in the city of Owen Sound (safety planning specifically for seniors) and conducting security audits.

A research document that they produced was distributed. This is through the victim safety project funding. Research on serving victims of crime in Grey-Bruce counties towards good practice. It was pointed out that on page 32 there are 9 recommendations towards good practice for the board to review.

Anne also provided flyers for two upcoming workshops: Suicide Awareness November 14 and 15 and Grief after Suicide November 14

- Deb thanked Anne on behalf of the board and expressed pleasure with renewed interaction between OSPS and Victim Services. This is a positive step forward. Deb

raised the question that there is no support group for parents who have lost a child to death and Anne agreed. There is a need in the community to have a support group for this.

- Anne is the regional representative of Bruce-Grey County for Bereavement Ontario Network. They are a group of service providers who look at bereavement on a provincial scale.  
Anne also announced that on June 21, 2012 Victim Services is having a fundraiser. 'Amazing Race' to provide services for bereaved families.

Gary asked has Suicide increased in this area. The answer is yes, there has been a large upswing in last 6 months (tend to be mostly male).

- Garth thanked Anne and Kim for attending.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by M. Koepke, seconded by G. Levine***

*"That the minutes dated May 25, 2011 be approved as distributed."* **CARRIED**

6. Business arising out of the minutes dated May 25, 2011 Public Meeting.  
**HEARING NONE.**

7. **Motion to Approve Payables**

It was noted that August is high due to the number of paid duty shifts plus overtime events. We are still running a surplus when it comes to officers.

***Moved by M. Koepke, seconded by G. Levine***

*"That the Outstanding Accounts for the period of June 01 – 30, 2011 in the amount of \$51,009.32 and July 01 – 31, 2011 in the amount of \$69,516.55 and August 01 – 31, 2011 in the amount of \$84,742.73 be approved for payment."* **CARRIED**

8. **Acting Chief's Report**

**Platoon Enforcement Statistics – August 2011**

Total PON's Issued: 184

Recorded Cautions: N/A

**R.I.D.E.**

There were a total of 19 on-duty R.I.D.E. spot checks conducted in August 2011. There were no paid duty R.I.D.E checks conducted.

Of the on-duty R.I.D.E checks, Sgt. Fluney's platoon (# 1) conducted 3; Sgt. Green's platoon (# 2) conducted 5; Sgt. Kitto's platoon (# 3) conducted 5; and Sgt. Rusk's platoon (# 4) conducted 6.

The combined statistics were:

## **On-Duty**

- 39 officers
- 17.25 hours
- 1422 vehicles stopped
- 0 roadside tests administered
- 0 Impaired Driving/Over 80 mgs charges laid
- 1 Three-day administrative licence suspensions
- 14 HTA charges/ compliance reports/ cautions
- 1 LLA caution

The Acting Chief pointed out the increase in impaired driving statistics between August 2011 and August 2010. This is a concern and we will get the message out to the public that it is unacceptable to drink and drive.

## **S.T.E.P.**

This program is designed to decrease accidents. Failing to yield is the most common offence. The August 2011 S.T.E.P. was established by Platoon #2. This month's S.T.E.P. initiative focused on the enforcement of moving violations which are common causes of motor vehicle collisions. The enforcement locations concentrated on areas with high traffic volumes and high collisions rates. A total of 49 S.T.E.P. related charges were laid and 38 cautions were issued.

## **H.E.A.T. Unit – August 2011**

- Continued to maintain a visible presence in the downtown core and licenced establishments throughout the city.
- Conducted regular and ongoing checks of licenced establishments to ensure liquor licence act compliance.
- Conducted residential visits to ensure compliance of court and probation conditions on local residents.
- Conducted investigations leading to the laying of 9 Criminal Charges.
  
- Arrested one individual under the Liquor Licence Act and laid one charge under the LLA.
- Laid one charge under City bylaws.
- Laid 8 charges under the Highway Traffic Act.
- Laid 2 charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.
- Assisted CIB and Drug Unit on surveillance projects and drug investigations, contact cards were submitted where appropriate.
- Conducted approximately 3 hours of foot patrol.
- Attended Provincial Offences Court to provide testimony in a prosecution.

## **C.O.R.E. Unit Month End - August 2011**

The CORE unit engaged in the following activities for the month of August 2011:

- Targeted patrol in the downtown area.
- Street checks of persons of interest.
- Conducted bar checks to ensure Liquor Licence Act compliance

- Assisted platoons with calls for service.
- Conducted foot patrol and bicycle patrol in the downtown core and public parks.
- Provided assistance with court security regarding the George Bothwell matter.
- Participated in a Traffic Safety Blitz with the traffic unit conducting numerous vehicle stops resulting in several charges and warnings.
- Attended the Walkerton DirtPigs ball tournament for a Joint Forces initiative.
- Conducted foot patrol in and around the Derby tent during the Salmon Spectacular event
- Submitted several contact cards
- Conducted patrols of Men's fastball tournament

### **Accident Statistics – August 2011**

#### **Summary:**

<b>Total accidents:</b>	<b>(33)</b>	
Accidents East side Owen Sound	13	
Accident West side Owen Sound	6	
Accidents in parking lots	14	(including 2 FTR accidents below)
Fail to Remain Accidents	3	
<b>Accidents referred to CRC</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Accidents investigated by OSPS</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Total accidents</b>	<b>(33)</b>	

The total number of accidents dropped for month of August. A drop in the total number of accidents investigated by OSPS also saw a noticeable drop. Accident locations are varied; however, the most common HTA offence appears to be the offence of failing to yield.

### **Auxiliary Report August 2011**

Members contributed 335 hours this past month. This is an increase of 146 hours over August last year. Patrol hours were 211 hours representing an increase of 54 hours over last year. There were two events this year, SSA Kids Day and A&W cruise, which is one more than last year.

Our top member was Adam Heathers with 37 hours. Eric O'Neil was a close second with 31 hours.

It was suggested that we provide stats for our Citizens on Patrol unit as far as hours spent. This group as well has been instrumental.

#### **9. Approval of Acting Chief's Report**

***Moved by D. Haswell, seconded by G. Levine***

*"That the Acting Chief's Report be accepted as presented."* **CARRIED**

#### **10. Motion to Receive Information Package**

***Moved by D. Haswell, seconded by D. Adair***

*"That the Board Information Package dated September 28, 2011 be approved as circulated."*

**CARRIED.**

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

***Moved by D. Haswell***

*"That the meeting of September 28, 2011 be declared terminated at 12:11 p.m."* **CARRIED**

***Next meeting:***

***Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. O.S.P.S. 2nd Floor Meeting Room***