

MINUTES
CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING
(REGULAR)

Boardroom
Chatham-Kent Police Headquarters

March 8, 2011
Time: 10:15 hrs.

PRESENT:

Motion

Mrs. Pat Belanger, Chair
Mr. Uly Bondy, Vice Chair
Mayor Randy Hope
Councillor Art Stirling
Mr. Reg Farquharson
Chief Dennis Poole
Deputy Chief Clare Wiersma
Mr. Gary Weir, Administrative Asst.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None declared

3. **Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mayor Hope

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011.” #1137

Carried

4. **Reports from Chief of Police:**

4.1 Elevation

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELEVATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK DEB MCMILLAN TO ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK, LEVEL 3, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2011.” #1138

Carried.

5. **Reports from Deputy Chief:**

5.1 Critical Incident Response Team 2010 Annual Report

This Team fulfills the Adequacy Standards requirement for a Containment Team and results in well-trained officers responding in a timely manner to those calls that typically involve the highest level of risk to our members and the public.

5.2 Canine Team 2010 Annual Report

The canine response option is an Adequacy Standard requirement. Canine services could be contracted with another agency such as the OPP. However a quick response time is crucial to the effectiveness of this option, making the in-house Canine Team the best alternative.

5.3 HELP Team and HELP M.C.T. 2010 Annual Report

Sgt. Gabe Tetrault, Co-ordinator of the HELP Team, Becky Eglie, CKHA Crisis Nurse and Constable Brent Milne were in attendance.

The HELP Team was established in 2000 and consists of members who received 40 hours of training to deal more effectively with the mentally ill. A big part of the HELP Team's success has been the partnerships with the MH agencies. The main reason this Team was implemented was because it was believed that tragedies would be avoided if properly trained first responders attended calls where mentally ill persons are in crisis. Often these incidents involve a threatened suicide or a death by cop scenario.

The HELP Mobile Crisis Team is an enhancement to the HELP Team which allows them to do an even better job of assisting the mentally ill. A plainclothes officer teamed with a crisis nurse has proven to be very successful in many ways through proactive intervention and having the expertise of the crisis nurse at incidents involving the mentally ill, and the virtual elimination of wait times at the E.R. when a patient is apprehended under the MHA.

Constable Brent Milne along with Becky Eglie provided the Board with an overview of the activities and success of the HELP Team and the HELP Mobile Crisis Team.

5.4 Mobile Crisis Team Vehicle

Deputy Chief advised that the Crisis Team started as a pilot project and continued as such for three years. During this time a vehicle had been leased

due to the fact that it was a pilot project. He commented that the Team would have been coming to the Board to purchase a vehicle for the use of the Mobile Crisis Team regardless of the funding that was received. The bonus in this case is that LHIN came through with a donation of \$10,000.00 which has to be spent by the end of this month their year end, which is to go toward the purchase of a vehicle.

A Dodge Charger is recommended because of cost effectiveness due to the bulk buying co-operative. There will be a police package but the vehicle will look like a civilian car.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Councillor Stirling

“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE POLICE PACKAGE DODGE CHARGER AT A COST OF \$26,500, PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES, LESS THE \$10,000.00 DONATION.” #1139

Carried.

The Board was advised that the reason for this particular car being unmarked is to protect the anonymity of the individual who is being picked up.

The Mayor commented that the colour of the vehicle should also be considered.

5.5 Financial Crime Unit 2010 Annual Report

The Financial Crime Unit was established in 2010 which includes two sworn First Class Constables, managed by Sgt. Kirk Earley. Each team member has the appropriate training and/or experience in interviewing and investigating financial crimes. Given the complexity of conducting financial crime investigations, each member brings a very distinct perspective to the team, which ultimately provides for better service.

Financial Crimes are defined as a crime against property, involving the unlawful conversion of the ownership of property (belonging to one person) to one's own personal use and benefit. Financial crimes often involve fraud.

Sgt. Earley and Acting Inspector Trevor Crane were in attendance. Sgt. Earley provided the Board with an overview of the Unit. Sgt. Earley concluded his overview by saying that the pro-active approach taken by the Chatham-Kent Police Service to combat financial crimes has improved the community's safety and assisted in our mission to make Chatham-Kent the safest community in Ontario.

5.6 Child Pornography and Exploitation 2010 Annual Report

Sgt. Earley advised that at the present time they have two officers on a part time basis conducting child pornography investigations. These investigations did not commence until November/December last year and there have already been seven investigations, 24 interviews, 15 devices seized, 6 arrests and 12 charges.

Chair Belanger advised that a resolution regarding the issue of child pornography will be brought before the OAPSB conference in May, requesting more funding for municipalities to carry on these investigations.

5.7 Forensic Identification Unit 2010 Annual Report

The Forensic Identification Unit consists of three first class constables highly trained in the area of forensic analysis. The Unit receives over 800 requests for service per year through the uniform patrol and SOCO officers. The Unit's major role is to apply forensic sciences to collecting evidence that will be admissible in court.

Sgt. Earley provided the Board with an overview of the Unit.

5.8 Intelligence Unit 2010 Annual Report

Acting Inspector Crane, who oversees this Unit as Branch Commander along with Sergeant Jeff Schamahorn in charge of the Unit were present.

Sergeant Schamahorn provided the Board with an overview of the Unit.

The Intelligence Section of the Chatham-Kent Police Service is a multi-purpose unit comprised of a Sergeant and nine members dedicated to different responsibilities, including biker enforcement, drug enforcement, street crimes and crime analysis.

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE ITEMS 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8.” #1140

Carried.

6. **Acknowledgement Letters**

The Chief advised that this correspondence is a request for funding from Cops Link with Kids program. This was inadvertently placed under this item.

The Chief also commented that this is a highly successful program and the Force certainly enjoys their participation in it and receives a lot of return from the program. However, the only difficulty at this time is that the Auction Account where this donation is taken from has a balance of approximately \$1,269.00 for donations we make to community programs. Therefore the Chief suggested that if the Board wished to continue to support this program, that it go to its traditional \$500.00 amount that we normally consider for community partnership type of events, and follow this up with a conversation with the program directors Councillor Marjorie Crew and Cst. Chickowski as to whether they can make up the difference through some other community donations.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$500.00 WITH AN EXPLANATION REGARDING THE REMAINING \$500.00.” #1141

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO RECEIVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS.” #1142

Carried.

7. **OAPSB Annual General Meeting Sponsorship.**

A request was received from the OAPSB and the Niagara Regional Police Services Board for a donation toward the cost of the Annual Conference being held in Niagara Falls.

Moved by Mr. Bondy and seconded by Mr. Farquharson,

“MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD TOWARD THE COST OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN NIAGARA FALLS MAY 11-MAY 14, 2011.”

#1143

Carried.

8. **Non-Agenda Items**

8.1 **Vice Chair – Ontario Media Relations Officers Network**

Moved by Councillor Stirling and seconded by Mayor Hope,

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVOLVEMENT OF CST. MICHAEL PEARCE, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER IN THE ONTARIO MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICERS NETWORK AS VICE CHAIR.” #1144

Carried.

9. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, in the Board Room at 10:15 A. M.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Bondy,

“MOTION TO ADJOURN.”

Carried.

Time: 11:52 A. M.