Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Tuesday, September 16th, 2014

10:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Civic Centre
320 Esplanade
Sydney, N S.

Commission Members:
Commissioner Claire Detheridge - Chair
Commissioner Charlie Keagan
Commissioner Eldon MacDonald
Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Clarence Routledge
Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Earlene MacMullin
Cape Breton Regional Municipality

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Roll Call

1. Approval of Minutes: (previously distributed)
   ➢ June 12th, 2014

2. Update from the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference: Chief Peter McIsaac (See page 3)

3. Agenda for the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association & Nova Scotia Police Boards Conference: Chief Peter McIsaac (See page 5)

4. ATVs on Walking Trails: Commissioner Eldon MacDonald (See page 8)

5. Police Reported Crime Statistics in Canada - 2013: Chief Peter McIsaac (See page 10)

6. Divisional Reports: Inspector Ron Donovan (See page 12)

Adjournment
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Update from the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Conference
Resolutions adopted at the 109th Annual Conference
August, 2014 – Victoria, BC

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Resolution #01 – 2014  Roadside Drug Screening Tool

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police urges the Government of Canada to improve the safety of Canada’s roadways by approving a drug screening tool to enhance investigation and prosecution of drug impaired driving.

Resolution #02 – 2014  Change Terminology from “Economics of Policing” to “Economics of Community Safety and Well Being”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police encourages governments, police governance bodies, academics and researchers, police agencies and all stakeholders to use the term “economics of community safety and well being” in place of “economics of policing” in its ongoing work on the costs, efficiencies and effectiveness of measures that ensure public safety.

Resolution #03 – 2014  Reducing unintentional 9-1-1 Calls RE: Pocket Dials

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police call upon Industry Canada and the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to:
   a. Immediately address the sale of any mobile handsets that support single button access to 9-1-1 emergency services, and further
   b. Require that the future sale of handsets sold in Canada not have the ability to dial 9-1-1 through a single button push.

Resolution #04 – 2014  Improving Outcomes: Police Interactions with Persons Experiencing Mental Health Issues / CACP to Support the Continuing Advancement of the Canadian Mental Health Strategy

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police commits its support to the Canadian Mental Health Strategy (“the strategy”) and urges its members across Canada to actively engage with their local partners in health, mental health, education and social services to accelerate the advancement and adoption of proven and promising practices in collaborative, multi-sector, risk-driven strategies designed to improve outcomes for persons experiencing mental health issues while also enhancing community safety, member safety and well-being, and the operational efficiency of the policing, corrections and criminal justice systems.
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Agenda for the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association & Nova Scotia Police Boards Conference
Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association & Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards
FALL CONFERENCE
September 18 – 20, 2014
Holiday Inn Sydney – Waterfront
300 Esplanade – Sydney, NS

AGENDA

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 18TH

1:00 – 6:00 Golf Tournament – The Lakes Golf Course in Ben Eoin
5:00 – 8:00 Registration
5:00 – 8:00 Trade Show Opens
7:00 – 10:00 Hospitality Reception

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:00 – 8:30 Registration
7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
8:00 – 4:00 Trade Show
8:30 – 12:00 Plenary Sessions

- Economics in Policing (Mark Potter, Public Safety Canada);
- The Honourable Lena Diab (Nova Scotia Minister of Justice and Attorney General);
- Social Media and Policing – Challenges and Opportunities
  (Desiree Vassallo, CBRPS; Theresa Rath, HRP; Paula Sibley-Fox, NS RCMP)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Trade Show
1:00 – 4:30

Plenary Sessions

Accommodation in Emergency Service (Scott Thomas, CBRM; Tony Mozvik, Breton Law Group; David Roberts, Pink-Larkin / NSGEU)

Centre of Excellence (Edgar MacLeod, Atlantic Police Academy)

Telus WISE – WISE Internet and Smartphone Education (Shelly Smith, Telus)

Community Mobilization / Youth Interventions (Inspector Rick Shaw, RCMP)

6:00 to 9:00

Gala Dinner

Guest Speaker: The Honourable Vern White, Member of the Senate of Canada

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 20TH

7:30 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 11:00

Plenary Sessions

Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference (Mayor David Walker, President NSAPB)

211 Information & Referral Services Association (Mike Myette, 211)

Project Lifesaver (Kevin Beard, Project Lifesaver; Steve Mills, EMO NS)

Collision Reporting Centres in Nova Scotia (Bob Gutwein, C.F.E.)

11:00 – 12:00

NSCPA and NSPBA Business Meetings
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ATVs on Walking Trails
To: Municipal Clerk Deborah Campbell
From: Councillor Eldon MacDonald
Re: Request for Agenda Item – Board of Police Commissioners – September 16th, 2014
Date: September 12th, 2014

Dear Deborah:

I am requesting that the issue of ATV’s on walking trails be included on the upcoming Police Commission meeting agenda on September 16th, 2014

There is a serious problem with some of the users of these vehicles and I would like to discuss this so we can try to come up with a plan to address concerns of the residents.

If you require any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you for your time and consideration to this request.

Sincerely;

[Signature]

Councillor Eldon MacDonald – District #5 – CBRM

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Police Reported Crime Statistics in Canada - 2013
2013 Crime Stats


The report presents findings from the UCR Survey, an annual survey of all criminal incidents known to, and substantiated by, Canadian police services.

- The police-reported crime rate in the CBRM decreased by 11%.
  - Total crime rate of 5,787 in 2013, compared to 6,544 in 2012.
  - Violent crime dropped 18% and property crime dropped 14%.
  - Other Criminal Code offences decreased 26% from 2012.
  - We saw significant decreases in assault, harassment, threats, break and enter and theft.

- Crime rates in the CBRM have dropped a total of 11% since 2010.

- Crime severity decreased 18% to 60.1, and sits significantly lower than both the provincial and national averages.
  - The Crime Severity Index measures the seriousness of police-reported crime.
  - Each offence is assigned a weight, derived from sentences handed down by criminal courts. The more serious the offence (i.e. homicide), the higher the weight.
  - Introduced to address the issue of the overall crime rate being driven by high-volume, less-serious offences.

- The weighted clearance rate of all crimes solved by the CBRPS decreased slightly to 36.6%.
  - The Weighted Clearance Rate measures the proportion – amount and severity – of crime solved by police.
  - Offences are weighted according to their severity.
  - More serious offences are assigned a higher “weight” than less serious offences; solving more serious crimes counts for more.
    - For example, clearing homicides, robberies or break and enters would represent a greater contribution to the overall weighted clearance rate value than clearing minor theft, mischief or disturbing the peace.

Background:

- The crime rate represents the sum of all criminal incidents (excluding traffic offences and drug offences) reported to police, divided by the population. The crime rate is expressed as a rate per 100,000 population.
  - All offences are counted equally.
  - In addition to the overall crime rate, there are three sub-totals: violent, property and other Criminal Code.
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Divisional Reports
Divisional Report
Chief Peter McIsaac
Deputy Chief Lloyd MacCormack

June 1 – August 31, 2014

Calls responded to by the CBRPS

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HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES:

- Through a Memorandum of Agreement with Parks Canada, the CBRPS provided an officer to patrol Parks Canada properties, ensure visitor safety, enforce applicable laws and liaise with the community, beginning in June and continuing through to October.

- Hosted 6 Cadet Constables from the Atlantic Police Academy for On-the-Job-Training, each assigned to a CBRPS Coach Officer for mentoring. The APA Cadets provide service to the CBRM community at zero cost, conducting foot patrols in our Parks, summer concerts and other larger gathers, as well as general duties.

- Dedicated an increased police presence in the downtown Sydney core for the summer months, in response to the large numbers of visitors and tourists, including 20 cruise ships.
  - Two members were assigned to foot patrol daily, joined by Bicycle Patrol members during cruise ship visits.

- Arrested and charged four people responsible for the assault of a man in the wooded area behind the Atlantic Superstores on King Street in North Sydney. Police issued a Canada-side Warrant for the arrest of the 4th suspect. Charges include Aggravated Assault, Wearing a Disguise with Intent to Commit an Offence and Attempted Murder.

- Successfully and peacefully resolved 3 weapons-related incidents, negotiating suspects to surrender to police from inside their residences.

- Officially dedicated the Myles F. Burke Police Headquarters, in honour and tribute to the late Chief Myles F. Burke.
TRAINING

- Suspicious Incident Reporting, Sydney (8)
- Critical Incident Response, Halifax (4)
- Infectious Diseases, Sydney (All Jailers and Cleaning Staff)
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Sydney (7 plus Civilian Staff)
- Use of Force, Atlantic Police Academy (2)
- Major Crime, Ottawa (1)
- Cyberbullying, Halifax (1)
- Aries 360 (Traffic), Sydney (2)
- Expert Witness, Halifax (2)
- ACIS, Sydney (1)

PATROLS

- Attended calls relating to incidents including Assault, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, Break and Enter, Impaired Driving, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestics and Weapons Complaints.

- Provided extra patrols and support for summer events and festivities throughout all communities of the CBRM, including: Canada Day Festivities, Concerts on the Dock, Action Week, North Sydney Exhibition and various parades, ceremonies, flag meanings and other concerts.

- Bicycle Patrol Unit assisted with patrol efforts during community events to help manage increased crowd traffic and diversity police presence.
  - Easily approachable, travel in areas not accessible by vehicles, effective parade, traffic and crowd control.
  - Promotes physical activity, healthy living, bicycle safety and community involvement.

- Marine Unit patrolled waterways on boat and Sea-Doo to monitor boating practices and enforce laws and regulations, as well as provide extra enforcement for special events and periods of increased boating activity.
  - Mira River, Bars D’Or Lakes, Sydney/North Sydney/Glace Bay Harbours.
  - Cape Breton Dragon Boat Festival, Race the Cape, Dory Races, Poker Runs
  - Enforced safety requirements and regulations, including: proof of competency to operate a boat, registration for the boat, on-board safety requirements and impaired driving.

- Conducted traffic enforcement in Leitches Creek and Frenchvale, in response to speeding complaints in the area, laying mover than 15 charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.

- Conducted off-road vehicle enforcement in Sydney Mines, seizing seven off-road vehicles (ATVS, motorcycles) and laying several charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.
Lockup:

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Membertou:

- Responded to 336 calls for service and laid 121 charges.
- Actively investigated several sexual assault files and conducted curfew checks to resolve outstanding warrants and breaches of conditions.
- Attended several meetings involving the Inter-Agency, EMO, Seniors and Band Council.
- Participated in community events, including: the Grand Entry Pow-Wow, Membertou Awards Night and several funeral processions.

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 69 calls for K9 service.
  - Located an elderly male “Alzheimer” patient in a wooded area who had left a nursing home.
  - Located a Suicidal Male in a wooded area.
  - Located articles from Break and Enters.
  - Assisted Emergency Response Team with arrests of a violent offender and a shooting suspect.
  - Located several crime related articles from a Sexual Assault.
  - Assisted patrol officers arrest a male suspect with a rifle after a lengthy standoff.
  - Tracked and located a male wanted for Uttering Threats with a Weapon.
  - Apprehended an intoxicated male suspect fleeing the scene of an MVA.
  - Located a weapon used in an Assault with Weapon case.
  - Located a male suspect in a Domestic, Assault with Weapon case.
  - Located a male suspect in a wooded area with knife.
  - Assisted patrols containing a male with a firearm.
  - Assisted Drug Section, CSEU, and ERT execute search warrants.

- Assisted patrol officers with over 116 calls for service and responded to 16 alarm calls.
- Assisted RCMP on 2 calls in Eskasoni and Nevada Valley.
- Conducted presentations and participated in events for community groups – Bible Camp, 30 plus Youth, Car Show and Camp Breton Dean.
- Regularly patrolled streets throughout the CBRM on foot to maintain a presence and relationship with citizens in the community.
School Liaison Officers:

- Participated in Safe Grad Programs in high schools throughout the CBRM
- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety.
- Dealt with incidents including: fighting, property damage, drug activity, weapons complaints, harassment and theft, working with school administration and parents to address internally through suspensions and restitution or through further police investigation and the Court system where warranted.
- Assisted patrol officers with files connected to students at schools.
- Worked with Addictions Services to identify and refer youth with addiction issues.
- Met with Cape Breton Regional Hospital Mental Health Management to discuss ways to improve the "Every 15 minutes" program that has been run in the past in the high schools throughout the CBRM.
- Participated in a camp sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation Road Safety Advisory Committee for high school students to educate them on driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Community Officers:

- Worked on a National Crime Prevention Grant Proposal to target high-risk youth in the CBRM.
- Worked with the CBVRSB Senior Administration to develop "Safe School Plans" for the schools that are located in the CBRM.
- Finalized Cape Breton Association for Youth Housing and Program Initiatives Board of Directors, signing over Access 808 to the Cape Breton District Health Authority who will provide long term sustainability for the youth center.
- Conducted presentations on cyberbullying, stranger danger, youth at home alone, and protecting your business.
- Worked with under-privileged youth that attend the different community youth centers in the CBRM, taking them on outings, and helping with day to day operations of each center.
- Attended various community events throughout the CBRM.
- Attended a Housing First Conference which looked at ways to deal with those that are homeless or at risk at being homeless with an emphasis on mental health.
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Laid 606 charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Assisted patrol members with several motor vehicle collisions.
- Investigated 6 motor vehicle collisions involving serious injury or death.
- Provided safety planning and escorts for 23 events, parades, festivals and races throughout the CBRM.
- Worked with CBRM and Department of Transportation on signage to address areas of concern for roadway safety – including Stop signs at the intersection of Commercial Street and Mitchell Avenue in Dominion, to create a 3-Way Stop.
- Managed CBRM School Crossing Guard Program.

Street Crime/Drug Unit

- Laid 45 charges and executed 15 Search Warrants under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Criminal Code.
  - Total street value of drugs seized: approximately $15,000.00.
  - Approximately $65,000.00 in cash seized.
- Assisted other agencies and sections of the CBRPS with arrests of persons of interest.
- Conducted drug education presentations for schools and community groups.

Community Safety Enforcement Unit

- Worked on a total of 450 files and laid a total of 77 charges
  - 72 Criminal Code charges and 5 Motor Vehicle Act charges.
- Executed 9 outstanding arrest warrants, and made attempts on an additional 23, including surveillance.
- Conducted numerous curfew checks, property checks, address checks and vehicle stops, arresting individuals breaching conditions.
- Assisted Street Crime Unit with numerous search warrants, resulting in multiple arrests, and drug and weapons seizures.
- Assisted patrols and investigative sections with surveillance in response to complaints, concerns, areas of increased criminal activity (vandalism, vehicle entries, break and enters, drug activity), and high risk offenders, successfully resulting in some arrests and charges.
• Investigated a theft of building materials from Gillis Home Hardware, arresting two people attempting to sell similar material on Kijiji and linking them to a further theft from Castle Building Supplies.

• Investigated a Break, Enter and Theft at City Motorsports, recovering 2 stolen ATVS and arresting two individuals, further linking them to a second theft at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Health Park.

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

• Investigated complaints of Sexual Assault, Armed Robbery, Fraud, Sudden Death, Weapons Complaints, Missing Persons, Stabbing Theft, Assault and Arson, laying a total of 44 Criminal Code charges.
  • Continued follow-up on 3 outstanding Missing Persons files.

• Registered 19 Individuals as Sex Offenders with the Sex Offender Registry.

• Executed 25 search warrants and production orders.

• Continued preparing Court documentation for upcoming trials in the Jessome and MacKinnon homicides.

• Travelled out-of-province (Ontario) to pick up a suspect wanted on a Canada-wide Warrant.

• Assisted outside police agencies with files.

• Reviewed 145 Domestic-related files, resulting in 287 charges.
  • Designated 22 files as “High Risk”

Forensic Identification Unit:

• Responded to 159 calls for service including: Break & Enters, Thefts, Deceased Persons, Mischief, Stolen Vehicles, Stabbings, Robberies, Sexual Assault, Arson, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Home Invasions and attempted Homicides.

• Prepared files for court

• Assisted with ongoing homicide investigation.

• Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service.

• Working with the Sheriff’s Office on a pilot project with regard to the collection of DNA samples from convicted offenders – 45 orders have been executed since the project started in March 2014.
Arson Investigator

- Investigated 25 new suspicious fires within the CBRM.
- Laid 2 charges for ongoing Arson investigations.
- Executed search warrants and production orders for ongoing Arson investigations.
- Participated in Court hearings for Arson charges.
- Worked closely with the Fire Marshall's office, polygraph examiner and Forensic Identification Unit, Insurance Bureau of Canada and CBRM Inspection and Bylaws, as well as the RCMP Technology Lab in Halifax.

Polygraph Unit

- Assisted members of Major Crime, General Investigative Section, and Patrols with several investigations, conducting Polygraph tests, taking statements and conducting interviews, and advising on strategy and technique.
- Assisted arson investigator with interviewing strategies and polygraph tests.

Criminal Analyst

- Assisted with investigations, analyzing data, producing reports and crime mapping to identify potential suspects and target areas.
- Collected and analyzed statistical information for various initiatives and reports.
- Managed information and intelligence on Prolific Offenders and prepared documentation to support Court appearances.
- Assisted in gathering information and testing new mapping software to assist in geographical analysis and crime prevention initiatives.
- Facilitated information sharing with Criminal Intelligence Service of Nova Scotia.
Mental Health Liaison Officer

- Acted as a liaison between the Cape Breton District Health Authority (CBDHA) and the Cape Breton Regional Police Service to help address issues and resolve situations involving individuals with mental health disorders, as well as create a better link between police, Mental Health Services and the Justice system to reduce the rate of recidivism.

- Assisted with training in Mental Health, introducing law enforcement personnel to strategies for dealing with emotionally disturbed persons to increase confidence, comfort and awareness for officers dealing with and successfully resolving such situations. Approximately 2/3 of all CBRPS staff have completed this training.

- Met with all sections of CBRPS (patrols and specialized sections) on a weekly basis to improve identification and intervention with individuals experiencing a mental health disorder and enhance their understanding of the Mental Health system.

- Assisted CBRPS and RCMP officers with mental health related incidents, increasing confidence with their assessments.

- Provided training and education to mental health professionals regarding the legal processes, liaising with Crown Prosecutors, Defence lawyers and Mental Health professionals to create plans for supporting accused, victims and the community. This collaboration reduced anxiety for those who sometimes struggle with communication in the judicial system.

- Participated in community education committees and focus groups, attended meetings that address the issues of mental illness in the community and performed formal presentations, consultation and advocacy to various services.
  - Member of the Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Committee.

- Participated in family meetings concerning the appropriate resources for loved ones, including follow-up with the family to resolve issues.

- Participated in daily outreach activities with the Community Outreach Team, consisting of a mental health nurse, mental health social worker and police officer.
  - Provided support to individuals exhibiting symptoms of mental illness that at times are disturbing to other individuals.
  - This type of intervention and/or referral often reduced the risk of behaviours escalating to the point of psychiatric emergency and/or the need to involve justice services.

- Accompanied Mental Health nurse to meet with clients with unpredictable behaviours or in concerning environments.

- Saw a total of 183 clients.