



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015

**2:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Council Chambers**

**Civic Centre
320 Esplanade
Sydney, N S.**

***Note time change**

Commission Members:

**Commissioner Eldon MacDonald
Commissioner Kevin Saccary
Commissioner Jim MacLeod
Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Clarence Routledge
Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Earlene MacMullin
Provincial Appointee – Commissioner Joseph Gillis**

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Roll Call

1. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for Councillor Jim MacLeod and Councillor Kevin Saccary:** Demetri Kachafanas, Solicitor
2. **Election/Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Deborah Campbell, Municipal Clerk
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
 - **December 9th, 2014**
4. **TMR2 System:** Superintendent Walter Rutherford (See page 4)
5. **Divisional Reports:** Inspector Ron Donovan (See page 6)
6. **School Crossing Guards Review and Recommendations:** Chief Peter McIsaac (See page 15) (report attached separately)
7. **2015-2016 Proposed Police Budget and Organization Chart:** Chief Peter McIsaac (to be distributed prior to the meeting)

Adjournment

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TMR2



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MEMO

To: CBRM Board of Police Commissioners

From: Chief Peter Mclsaac

Date: February 25, 2015

Topic: TMR2 Radio System

The CBRM has begun implementation of the provincial TMR2 Radio system here in our local jurisdiction.

This is an upgrade that both police and fire services have been working towards at great length, for interoperability among all levels of first responders right across the province, on a state-of-the-art radio communications network for public safety. In addition to interoperability, the new system uses fully digital technology, based on current standards for public safety; and provides greater coverage from many new tower sites over a 700 MHz spectrum. Encryption is on the top of our priority list, and we are working towards the highest encryption possible for our police service.

We bring this item forward for your information, as work continues over the next several months to migrate to the new system, and integrate TMR2 radios into use. This includes hardware and software upgrades, as well as training, and will all happen in accordance with the same timeline of implementation across the province.

Peter J. Mclsaac

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Divisional Reports



Divisional Report
Chief Peter McIsaac
Deputy Chief Lloyd MacCormack

December 1, 2014 – February 15, 2015

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

	Calls	Reports
North Division	2320	941
Central Division	4946	2699
East Division	2778	1431
CBRPS Total	10,044	5071

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- Participated in Operation Christmas – a province-wide campaign to reduce impaired driving – throughout the month of December. Members of the Traffic Safety Unit and Patrols conducted checkpoints, including a CBRM wide checkpoint awareness day with MADD and the CBVRSB on December 16th.
- Held 7th Annual “Shop of the Class” in conjunction with the Mayflower Mall and Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board, helping 38 deserving students fulfill their Christmas wish lists with a \$100 Mayflower mall gift certificate, in addition to an extra \$100 each in shopping money, donated by local businessmen Joe Anthony and Jim Kennedy of S&L Seafoods – for the 3rd consecutive year. And, with a second annual contribution from North Sydney-based Mactech Distance Education, each student went home with a brand new winter jacket, purchased by Mactech at Sportcheck.
- With increased capacity in the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit, charged 4 individuals with 8 pornography-related charges, in a number of ongoing multi-jurisdictional investigations. The CBRPS ICE Unit – now staffed with two full time investigators and technological supports, to be able to appropriate and adequately deal with the changing nature and volume of internet-related crimes – investigates internet-based crimes against children, including offences such as accessing, possessing, making and distributing child pornography, as well as the luring of children over the internet for a sexual purpose. ICE investigators also specialize in conducting forensic examination and analysis of computers, electronic storage devices, cell phones and other mobile electronic devices.

TRAINING

- Child Sexual Abuse, Halifax (2)
- Call Taker Dispatch, Halifax (2)
- Drug Investigative Techniques, Canadian Police College (2)
- CPKN & CPIC Query for Dispatch, Online (6)
- Source Handling, Truro (1)
- Intoxilyzer Proficiency Examination, Online – Canadian Police Knowledge Network (7)
- Intoxilyzer Conversion Course, Halifax (1)
- Targeting Financial Crime – Online, Canadian Police Knowledge Network (13)
- PROS Computer, Halifax (1)
- Aboriginal & First Nations Awareness, Online – Canadian Police Knowledge Network (7)
- CyberSafety, Sydney (8)
- Annual Block Training for all Officers and Jailers
- Forensic Identification Specialist, Canadian Police College (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, Domestic and Weapons Complaints.
 - Examples...
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, loitering, mischief and garbage.
- Conducted extra foot patrols throughout downtown areas during the Christmas season.
- Enforced Winter Parking Regulations as part of continued efforts for winter road safety throughout the CBRM, issuing approximately 600 tickets.

Lockup:

December	January	February
151	132	69

Membertou:

- Responded to 187 calls for service and laid 33 charges.
 - Arrested and charged a male for selling stolen and un-activated gift cards.
 - Conducted curfew checks and made several arrests for breaching conditions and outstanding warrants.

- Attended several meetings involving the Inter-Agency, EMO, OHS, Seniors and Band Council.
- Attended the Membertou Elementary School Christmas Dinner.
- Participated in several funeral processions.
- Attended the symposium on the 25th Anniversary of the Donald Marshall Royal Commission Report and results/impacts of the recommendations.
- Conducted school and community presentations on cyberbullying, senior safety and phone scams.
- Participated in a study from Dalhousie University on the Atlantic Policy Congress for First Nations Chiefs.
- Worked with Membertou Mets Program to promote First Nations police recruitment for the Atlantic Police Academy.
- Recorded Public Safety Announcements on C-99 Membertou Radio.
- Conducted a radio interview on the CrimeStoppers program.

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to and assisted with 20 occurrences including Robbery, Break Enter, Attempted Armed Robbery, Theft of Motor Vehicle and MVA, Home Invasion, Missing Persons, Attempted Suicide.
 - Located a male suspect involved in thefts from vehicles.
 - Tracked and located a suspect involved in thefts from vehicles.
 - Located a female suspect involved in thefts from vehicles.
- Assisted patrol officers with over 48 calls for service and responded to 12 alarm calls.
- Conducted presentations and participated in events for community groups.
- Regularly patrolled streets throughout the CBRM on foot to maintain a presence and relationship with citizens in the community.

School Liaison Officers:

- Participated in coaching and mentoring students.
- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety.
- Dealt with incidents including: fighting, bomb threats, property damage, drug activity, weapons complaints, harassment, bullying, 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.
- Worked with patrol officers and specialized units where information was received concerning weapons threats.
- Referred students who were experiencing personal problems to Mental Health Services.
- Organized drug talks in the schools.
- Attending various after school activities.
- Started training as TelusWISE Ambassadors for cyber safety presentations to school children, families and seniors.

Community Officers:

- Worked on a National Crime Prevention Grant proposal targeting high-risk youth in CBRM.
- Worked with the Association for Safer Cape Breton Communities Senior Safety Officer, doing safety presentations to various senior groups in the CBRM.
- Conducted presentations concerning workplace safety for employees that work after hours.
- 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.
- Helped Not for Profit agencies in the CBRM.
- Conducted school talks in CBVR schools
- Attended various committees meeting with organizations throughout the CBRM.
- Attended a one day session at CBU about establishing a Community Mobilization Team in the CBRM. Currently organizing a meeting with service providers in the CBRM to begin talks to on how to establish such a team in our communities.
- Worked with other police services in the province to look at restructuring the provincial crime prevention committee.
- Worked with Mental Health Services and the CB-Victoria Regional School Board, looking at innovative ways to deliver awareness and prevention programming to students.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Laid 289 charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Assisted patrol members with several motor vehicle collisions; investigated 3 motor vehicle collisions involving serious injury, laying charges in 1 and awaiting forensic results in the other 2, where charges are pending; and investigated 3 fatal motor vehicle collisions.
- Worked with CBRM and Department of Transportation on signage to address areas of concern for roadway safety – including stop signs at intersections, speed signs.
- Participated in continuing discussions with NS Transportation and CBRM Engineering on the proposed roundabout at Highway 125 and Grand Lake Road.
- Provided safety planning and escorts for 25 events, parades, festivals and races throughout the CBRM.
- Managed CBRM School Crossing Guard Program.
- Participated in the CBRM Active Transportation Committee discussions on the multi-use path off of Grand Lake Road.
- Provided daily road reports and traffic safety tips on local radio stations, as part of winter road safety efforts.
- Recorded impaired driving prevention PSA for CTV campaign during December.

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Laid 27 charges and executed 15 Search Warrants under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* – Possession, Trafficking, and Breaches.
 - Total street value of drugs seized: approximately \$35,000.00.
 - \$50,000.00 in cash seized.
- Conducted numerous motor vehicle checks.
- Assisted other agencies and sections of the CBRPS in arresting violent offenders.
- Conducted Drug Education presentations for schools and community groups.
- Assisted Nova Scotia Safer Communities with enforcement of the *Safer Community & Neighbourhood Act*, shutting down residences involved in illegal activities.
- Assisted CBRM By-Law Enforcement & Property Maintenance in addressing safety issues in the community.
- Shared intelligence on persons involved in criminal activity with police agencies across Nova Scotia.

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Worked on a total of 222 files and laid a total of 19 charges
 - 10 *Criminal Code* charges and 9 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges; CSEU targets certain areas in response to complaints and concerns for ongoing motor vehicle infractions.
- Executed 6 outstanding arrest warrants, and made attempts on an additional 14, 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 seizures.
- Assisted patrols and investigative sections with surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints, concerns, areas of increased criminal activity (vandalism, vehicle entries, break and enters, drug activity), high risk offenders and ongoing investigations, successfully resulting in some arrests and charges.
 - Continued to concentrate enforcement efforts in downtown areas of Sydney, in response to reports of prostitution activity.
 - Investigated ongoing complaints of hire help fraud among senior residents in the community.
- Collaborated with ICE Unit to gather information on suspects and execute search warrants, resulting in pornography charges against 3 individuals.

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Investigated complaints of Armed Robbery, Assault, Break & Enter, Fraud, Fire, Sexual Assault and Sudden Death, laying a total of **18** *Criminal Code* charges.
 - Continued follow-up on 4 outstanding Missing Persons files.
- Registered 15 Individuals as Sex Offenders with the Sex Offender Registry.
- Executed 20 search warrants and production orders for ongoing investigations.
- Continued preparing Court documentation for upcoming trials in the Jessome and MacKinnon homicides.
- Reviewed 111 Domestic-related files, resulting in 226 charges.

General Investigation Section / Youth Investigations:

- Investigated files resulting in *Criminal Code* charges including Property Damage, Assault, Sexual Assault, Fraud, Break and Enter, Robbery, Theft and Child Pornography.
- Reviewed youth-related files to assure quick court dates are issued for serious and pending charges.
- Referred 12 youth and 1 adult to the Restorative Justice Program.
- Worked closely with Children's Aid and the Restorative Justice Program for both youth and adults and attended Restorative Justice sessions.
- Through the Internet Child Exploitation Unit, investigated several files and charged 4 individuals for child pornography.

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 141 calls for service including: Break & Enters, Thefts, Deceased Persons, Mischief, Stolen Vehicles, Stabbings, Robberies, Sexual Assault, Arson, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Home Invasions, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE evaluations) and Freedom of Information requests (FOIPOP) .
- Prepared files for court
- Assisted with ongoing homicide investigation.
- Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service, and managed all photographic evidence.
- Continued work with the Sheriff's Office on a pilot project with regard to the collection of DNA samples from convicted offenders – 62 orders have been executed since the project started in March 2014.
- Continued work on firearms documentation project for weapons seized by police.

Arson Investigator:

- Investigated 11 suspicious fires within the CBRM.
- 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, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting Polygraph tests, taking statements and conducting interviews, and advising on interview strategy and technique.

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, resulting in increased remand rates.
- Facilitated information sharing with Criminal Intelligence Service of Nova Scotia and maintained all information entries to the Automated Criminal Intelligence Information System (ACIIS).

Mental Health Liaison Officer:

- Acted as liaison between the CBDHA and the CBRPS to help address issues and resolve situations involving individuals with mental health disorders, and 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, providing law enforcement personnel with strategies for dealing with emotionally disturbed persons to increase confidence, comfort and awareness for officers dealing with and successfully resolving such situations.
- 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 and reduce anxiety for those who 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.
- 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.
- Accompanied Mental Health nurse to meet with clients with unpredictable behaviours or in concerning environments.

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School Crossing Guards Review and Recommendations

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MEMO

To: CBRM Board of Police Commissioners

From: Chief Peter Mclsaac

Date: February 25, 2015

Topic: School Crosswalk Guards Review

As part of the organizational review process in 2013-14, the CBRM hired an independent traffic consultant to review the School Crosswalk Guards program in our municipality, based on national policies, standards and data. Population decline has led to a decline in school enrollments and some school closures through the CBRM; yet, there had been minimal changes in the number of crossing guards we employ, and the program itself had never been reviewed in its 15+ years of existence.

Using research and field investigations – based on national standards for criteria, including: proximity to schools, street crossing width, traffic volumes and speeds, and the number of pedestrians crossing – the consultant provided the evidence to conclude that 9 locations were no longer required, and that an additional 18 locations required further review, primarily due to a lack of quality and/or consistent data. The CBRM endorsed this further review, and in June of 2014, again hired the independent traffic consultant to do so.

Based on the same principals and criteria, the follow-up assessment incorporated additional data, site investigation and consideration of more site specific factors at each location, to better determine needs and identify any opportunities for improvements. The evaluation recommends elimination of a further 9 crosswalk guard locations, determined to be unnecessary primarily due to school closures in those areas.

I ask for support of the Police Commission to accept this recommendation, to be then brought forward to Mayor and Council as part of the 2015-16 budget deliberations; if approved, the CBRPS Traffic Safety Unit will work with staff at the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board and CBRM Public Works to make necessary modifications to infrastructure, before the locations are eliminated in advance of the start of the 2015-16 academic school year.



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