



## **Board of Police Commissioners**

### **Agenda**

**Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**

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320 Esplanade  
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**Roll Call**

1. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for Citizen Appointees:** Demetri Kachafanas, Solicitor
2. **Election/Selection of Vice-Chair:** Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
  - **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
4. **Promoting CBRPS Member to Rank of Sergeant:** Chief Peter McIsaac (See page 3)
5. **ARAS 360HD Demonstration:** Sergeant Joe Farrell and Constable Ed Hall, Traffic Safety Unit (See page 4)
6. **Divisional Reports:** Inspector Ron Donovan (See page 5)
7. **2016-2017 Proposed Police Budget and Organization Chart:** Chief Peter McIsaac and Deputy Chief Lloyd MacCormack (to be distributed prior to the meeting)

**Adjournment**

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## MEMO

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**To: CBRM Board of Police Commissioners**  
**From: Chief Peter McIsaac**  
**Date: March 3, 2016**  
**Topic: Promoting CBRPS member to rank of Sergeant**

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Please join me in congratulating Cape Breton Regional Police Service (CBRPS) member Kirk Oliver who will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective March 3, 2016.

Sergeant Oliver has been with the CBRPS for over 15 years, and his career as a police officer spans over 24 years. Sergeant Oliver has an extensive background in both the General Investigation Section and the Major Crime Unit.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers at CBRM City Hall.

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ARAS 360HD is a crash and crime reconstruction software. The enhanced graphics are a large component to this software, however the list also includes new features such as:

- Improved Total Terrain system, which can snap to both polylines and measured points.
- New vector-based printing system.
- Automated articulation model with off tracking.
- Total station points protection, with the ability to track changes.

This demonstration of ARAS 360HD will provide a clear example of how important this software is in conducting investigations, particularly for the Traffic Safety Unit.

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**Divisional Report**  
Chief Peter McIsaac  
Deputy Chief Lloyd MacCormack

**November 15, 2015 – February 15, 2016**

**Calls responded to by the CBRPS:**

| Division     | Calls         | Reportable   |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Central      | 5267          | 2718         |
| East         | 3435          | 1551         |
| North        | 2480          | 1079         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>11,182</b> | <b>5,348</b> |

**HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES**

- On December 10, Chief Peter McIsaac and Samantha Hodder, Co-Chairs of the CBRM Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) working group, presented the policy to the CBRM Council.
- On February 12, Sergeant Barry Gordon of the CBRPS was awarded the Cape Breton Interagency on Family Violence Heartfelt Appreciation Award for his extensive work and leadership for over 20 years in Family Violence Prevention throughout the CBRM.
- From February 14- February 20, the CBRPS participated in Family Violence Prevention Week, including Purple Shirt Day on February 19, where staff members and officers throughout the police service wore purple to show their support for victims of family violence.
- On February 24, the CBRPS participated in the anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day, where staff members and officers wore pink to raise awareness for victims of bullying.

- The CBRPS continues to provide several officers to patrol Chase the Ace locations throughout the CBRM, ensuring participants and organizers safety.

## **TRAINING**

- One member attended Major Crime training in Ottawa.
- Four members attended Domestic Violence training in Halifax.
- One member attended training in Truro regarding Helicopter/K-9 training.
- Twenty-five members of the Public Safety Unit attended training at the Coast Guard College.
- One member participated in Human Rights training in Halifax.
- Two members attended PEI for a course in Search Warrants.
- One member participated EMO training in Winnipeg.
- Three members completed training in DRE in Halifax.

## **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, as well as a stabbing and a shooting, which were re-assigned to Major Crime.
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, loitering, mischief and garbage.
- Provided extra patrols and support for events and festivities throughout all communities of the CBRM, including: Coal Bowl, and security for Chinese New Year's at CBU.

## **Lockup:**

| <b>November</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>January</b> | <b>February</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 161             | 124             | 148            | 86              |

**Membertou:**

- Responded to 254 calls for service.
  - Charges relating *Motor Vehicle Act*, Fraud, Sexual Assault, and Sexual Interference.
  - Assisted Mi'kmaw Family & Children's Services in relation to a sexual assault in Halifax.
- Attended Robbery Prevention Workshop, Membertou Directors' Meetings, Club 55+ Meetings, Interagency Meetings.
- Attended meetings with Chief and Council of Membertou.
- Participated in Health Emergency Management Committee, Summer Games Committee Meeting, assisted with deliveries of needed food baskets throughout the community.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) Training, attended Community Awards Banquet, participated in an on air interview (C 99 Radio) pertaining to community events.
- Conducted school talks relating to Bike Safety.
- Missing female from Membertou was located.

**K-9 Unit:**

- Responded to and assisted with 26 occurrences including Suicidal Persons, Armed Robbery, Drug Search, Threats to cause Death and Prisoner Escort with E.R.T.
  - Tracked and located one suicidal male with weapon.
  - Assisted Emergency Response Team (ERT) with two prisoner escorts.
  - Assisted in locating a male wanted for death threats.
  - Assisted with the robbery at a local downtown Sydney business establishment.
  - Assisted in locating a suicidal female.
  - Assisted ERT arresting a male who threatened to cause death to others.
- Assisted patrols with over 48 calls for service.
- Attended C8 Rifle Recertification.
- Started a four-week In-House Drug Recognition Course with two of our Police Service Dogs.
- Attended D.N.R. Helicopter/K-9 Orientation working seminar in Truro.

- Performed several foot patrols in Police Service Dogs inside various high schools within the CBRM.
- Regularly patrolled streets throughout the CBRM on foot to maintain a presence and relationship with the citizens in the community.

### **February 10, 2016 (K-9)**

Police Service Dog “Vlad” passed away from a rare untreatable medical condition – VLAD was three and a half years of age.

### **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, property damage, drug activity, 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.
- Attending various after school activities.
- Attended after school events, which included sporting events, meetings, Parent/Teacher meetings, and school dances.

### **Community Officers:**

- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Audit, Charlotte Street, Sydney.
- Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying presentations in various schools throughout the CBRM.
- Work place safety presentations.

- Participated in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Telethon.
- Continue to work with the Executive Director to establish host sites for the NCPC RELAYS project along with hiring of RELAYS Staff.
- Liaison between CBRPS and Child Welfare Group Home in Sydney.
- Attended various community events throughout the CBRM.
- Working with various Not for Profit Agencies in the CBRM.
- Overseeing the day to day operations of the Association for Safer Cape Breton Communities Centers for underprivileged youth.

## **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**

### **Traffic Safety Unit:**

- Traffic Safety Unit completed daily road reports to K94 Cape Radio, Coast Radio and CBC Radio during storm days.
- Sgt. Joe Farrell and Cst. Ed Hall attended Provincial Opening of Operation Christmas in Truro in November 2015.
- Traffic Safety Unit and MADD Cape Breton completed checkpoints for Operation Christmas in Sydney and Glace Bay. Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan attended Sydney Check Point on December 5, 2015.
- Completed the escorts for the Santa Claus parades in North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Sydney, Glace Bay, Reserve and Louisbourg.
- Completed traffic planning and road closures for the CBRM New Year's Eve event.
- Traffic Safety Unit completed a schedule for checkpoints for all divisions throughout the holiday season with a concentration on Impaired Drivers.
- Traffic Safety Unit charged one male with four counts of Criminal Negligence/Dangerous driving Causing Death bodily harm in relation to a July 2015 crash.
- Traffic Safety Unit charged one male with Dangerous Driving causing bodily harm in relation to vehicle striking a building in 2014.
- Traffic Safety Unit worked with Logistec Railway in relation to Transport Canada compliance to safety issues.

- Investigated a vehicle versus pedestrian collision serious injury Prince and Disco. Charges were filed as a result.
- Meeting with Mayor and CBRM Engineering regarding Donkin Mine trucking issues.
- Meeting with CBRM to improve crosswalk lighting at the intersection of Prince and Esplanade as a result of a collision.
- Participated in developing a policy a Pedestrian Safety Policy for the CBRM, which includes increasing crosswalk visibility, additional markings, lighting and signage.
- Parking issues on Johnstone Street and Townsend Street resulted in a No Parking sign erected.
- Conducted a Distracted Driving Campaign January 2016 for enforcement and also conducted radio interviews on CBC for educational purposes.
- Conducted radio interviews on K94 Cape and CBC for School Bus Safety.
- Member Cst. Walter Bruckschwaiger retired as of January 1, 2016.
- February 2016 Cst. Robert Davies and Cst. Dave Vokey became members of the Traffic Safety Unit.
- There was a total 190 MVA enforcement charges for this reporting period.

#### **Street Crime/Drug Unit:**

- Street Crime has been busy in the execution of CDSA Warrants and the required surveillance necessary to initiate the CDSA Warrant process.
- Members of Street Crime are also trainers in the Use of Force capacity and Firearms.
- Members are integrated into patrols for backfilling purposes as required, while Block Training is in progress.
- Street Crime members continue to work with other sections, i.e., Major Crime, CSEU, etc., in the surveillance of specific areas throughout the municipality for investigation purposes.
- Members have assisted the Community Safety Unit in executing a warrant pertaining to illegal gambling, which resulted in firearms charges being laid as well.

- Several charges have been laid for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Breach of Probation, Possession, Assault Weapon, Assault Causing Bodily Harm. Dangerous Operation of a Vehicle, Flight from Police as well as several Firearms Regulation Charges.
- Conducted numerous motor vehicle checks.

### **Community Safety Enforcement Unit:**

- Members of CSEU have performed surveillance and extra patrols in the Whitney Pier area after a complaint was received about an individual known to police operating motor vehicles with stolen and unregistered license plates.
- Members of the CSEU Break and Enter task force investigated over 20 break and enter/thefts from vehicles resulting in over 27 criminal charges.
- Members of CSUE located an individual in relation to an 'assist citizen' file. Members of CSEU spoke with the individual and determined there was no threat to report. This file was concluded.
- Members of the CSEU assisted Major Crime Unit with surveillance on a residence and vehicle on January 28<sup>th</sup>. This was in relation to an on-going robbery investigation.
- Sgt. Wilson met with Probation Services in regards to possible underage prostitution taking place. Further investigation is required.
- Members of the CSEU issued 20 SOTS in regards to no insurance, operating a motor vehicle with hand held device, expired plates, etc. Assisted other units with searches, including ICE and Major Crime.
- CSEU performed numerous vehicle and persons checks, and also conducted extra patrols in the Sydney downtown core area.
- Members of CSEU attended the opening of the Native Women's Centre on George Street. Members have continued extra patrols around this property at the request of volunteers.
- Sgt. Wilson completed Introduction to Human Trafficking with CPKN, Human Trafficking at Canadian Police College Ottawa, ICS 100. Sgt. Wilson was also an I-Skills trainer and responsible for training other members of the police service.

### **Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:**

- Investigated complaints of Armed Robbery, Assault, Break & Enter, Fraud, Fire, Sexual Assault, Domestic Assault, Uttering Threats to Cause Death, Possessing Child Pornography, Fraud (over \$5,000), Assaults, Assaults with Weapons (two stabbings and one shooting), Weapon Violations, Parole Violations, Sudden Deaths, Suicides and an In-Custody Death.
  - 34 Adult male charges laid and 4 Adult female charges laid.
- Registered eight (8) Individuals as Sex Offenders with the Sex Offender Registry.
- Executed 28 search warrants and production orders for ongoing investigations.
- Continued preparing Court documentation for upcoming trials, two of which are homicide files.
- Travelled out-of-province on two occasions to pick up suspects wanted on Canada-wide Warrants and arrested in other jurisdictions.
- Assisted outside police agencies with files, relating to Armed Robbery investigations, SIRT investigations and warrant apprehensions.
- Reviewed 116 Domestic-related files, resulting in 187 charges.

### **General Investigation Section / Youth Investigations:**

- Received twelve files since January 2016. Complaints included Fraud, Sexual Assault, Assault and Break and Enter, which resulted in a total of 16 Criminal Code charges.
- Prepared numerous Production Orders and Search Warrants.
- Attended Court.
- Assisted with witness preparation and security in a recent homicide court file.
- All members participated in NSOR (National Sex Offender Register) training.
- Assisted with the internal training of I-Skills.
- Four referrals were made to the Restorative Justice Program.

### **Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) / Computer Forensic Unit:**

- This Unit combines the function of two different sections. The Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) investigates incidents of sexual exploitation involving children on the Internet. Investigations involve the criminal offences of making, distribution, accessing and possession of child pornography, Internet Luring and other relevant offences.
- The Computer Forensic Unit assists other units within the CBRPS with the forensic analysis of computers and mobile devices such as tablets and cell phones. Evidence collected from these devices has assisted in the investigation of offences such as arson, child pornography, distribution of intimate images, sexual assault and homicide.
- During the period of this report, our Unit was the primary investigative unit or assisted other units with twelve occurrences.
- We have raised and executed Six Production Orders and Search Warrants resulting in four charges.
- This Unit currently has 15 files still under active investigation.

### **Forensic Identification Unit:**

- Cst. Kyle Dicks completed his basic Identification Certification Course and began working in the Section in December.
- Responded to 79 calls for service; including, Break & Enters, Thefts, Deceased Persons, Mischief, Stolen Vehicles, Stabbings, Robberies, Sexual Assault, Arson, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Home Invasions, and Freedom of Information requests (FOIPOP) .
- Work continues on two homicide investigations.
- Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service. On-going purge of the exhibit room continues to occur.
- Maintain Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) cards the three Divisions. Downloading of images to the main IDENT Computer.
- 17 DNA samples were from collected from convicted offenders.

- Work continues on development of Digital Image Policy and updates to Exhibit Disposal Policy.
- Members attended Provincial and Supreme Court.
- Members assisted Major Crime and I.C.E. (Internet Child Exploitation) Unit members with several warrants.

#### **Arson Investigator:**

- Investigated four new suspicious fires with the CBRM, while continuing to investigate past files.
- Working with COMFOR Unit in relation to electronic items seized by Warrant in relation to arson investigations.
- Continue to work closely with the Provincial Fire Marshall's office, Polygraph Examiner, the Insurance Bureau of Canada and CBRM Inspection and By-laws Dept.

#### **Polygraph Unit:**

- Monitoring of the Niche System for potential polygraph files as well as advising S/Sgt's Ross and Muise of any matters that require immediate attention.
- Continue to work with major crime investigators on various criminal matters and have obtained numerous statements and conducted several interviews in relation to these matters.
- Work closely with our Arson Investigator providing assistance with interviewing strategies as well as conducting polygraph tests.
- Work with our GIS section in relation to numerous files involving assaults thefts, frauds and sexual assaults and have completed several polygraph tests and interviews during this period on various files.
- Continue to work with, and assist our patrol members with matters involving the use of polygraph, as well as advising them on interviewing and interrogation strategies and techniques.
- Offer assistance with investigations of all types, by all sections of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service.

### **Criminal Analyst:**

- Maintain Prolific Offender list monthly (data collection, organization, criminal involvement scoring analysis to identify top Property crime offenders in CBRM, all information on each is gathered and checked, lists are created, all information is disseminated via briefing monitors.
- Show Cause documents created for Prolific Offender's (see above) going to Court. Liaison with Crown's Office to promote a zero tolerance approach to remand.
- Assisted with investigations, analyzing data, producing reports and crime mapping to identify timelines, potential suspects and target areas (MCU homicide, CSEU Prostitution, etc., SCU drug files).
- Added all new information to electronic briefing monitors each day to ensure proper dissemination of important intel.
- CISNS Bulletins (Officer Safety, Travelling Criminals, Crime Trends) created and disseminated from ACIIS.
- Liaison with Correctional Services Canada regarding checks and information sharing on individuals released from federal institutions. Quarterly meetings to check caseload along with continuous contact with Parole Officers to share information/updates on offenders.
- Updated full Boots on the Street report (to December 2015) that includes successes of Provincially-funded positions.
- Internal Stats – Vehicle fires in CBRM, calls for service to particular areas of interest, Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle accidents, distracted driving charges and incidents in rotaries for Traffic Safety Unit.
- External Stats – Missing Persons stats for local College, Suicidal persons calls for community organization, robbery and vehicle entry stats for local media.
- Liaised with VICLAS to review and send our information to ensure the national database has up to date and current information from our Police Service
- Attended CSIS Mobilization to Violence Seminar, February 4, 2016.

### **Mental Health Liaison Officer:**

- The Mental Health Police Liaison Officers (MHPLO) continues to act as a liaison between the CBDHA and the CBRPS to assist in addressing systemic issues and in resolving particular situations involving individuals with mental health disorders.
- The MHPLO assisted with training in Mental Health, which introduces law enforcement personnel to broad categories of difficult and appropriate strategies and tips on how to interact with emotionally disturbed persons. The hope is to

increase confidence, comfort and awareness for officers in dealing with and successfully resolving such situations. Cape Breton Regional Police completed another class this year in May 2015. After this training session the CBRPS will have nearly 100% of the staff (police/jailers/dispatch) completed. Further Mental Health training is planned again this year for the spring of 2016. The MHPLO and the Community Outreach Nurse conduct presentations to the training personnel with dynamic cases encountered during outreach visits. The identification of signs and symptoms of mental illness are highlighted so that responders could determine the appropriate path for the client.

- The MHPLO participated in daily outreach activities providing support to individuals exhibiting symptoms of mental illness that are at times disturbing to another individual or others in the community. The assessment, intervention and/or referral often reduce the risk of escalation of the symptoms and behaviour to the point of a psychiatric emergency and/or involvement with justice services. The Community Outreach Team (COT) consists of a Mental Health Nurse and Police Officer. On several occasions our team (MH Nurse & MHPLO) assisted clients who have clearly decompensated/ deteriorated to access supports at the hospital where involuntary admission was necessary. These occurrences not only reduced the amount of emergency services that would normally be utilized i.e. police and paramedics but minimized the overall experience for our clients by using the least intrusive means.
- The MHPLO participated in community education committees and focus groups, attending meetings that address the issues of mental illness in the community and performed formal presentations, consultation and advocacy to various services.
- Police officers are on the front line in dealing with people with mental illness and their families. They are important allies with health care professionals and play an important role not only in fulfilling legal obligations, but also in diffusing difficult situations and providing calm, support and reassurance. The MHPLO is continuing to create a better link with Police, Mental Health Services and the Justice System to hopefully reduce the rate of recidivism.
- MHPLO has also been assisting Addiction outreach workers with their clients and also Community Support Team. MHPLO has been attending client's residence with the mentioned teams.

