

South Frontenac Township Police Services Board –Annual Public Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Sydenham

Board Members

Present: Ron Vandewal
Brad Barbeau
Stephen Bach

Staff: Staff Sergeant Sharron Brown

Secretary: Wayne Orr

1. Opening of Meeting

Ron Vandewal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome – The Chairman Ron Vandewal welcomed those in attendance. One member of the public attended.

3. Introduction of Committee Members

The members of the Board and staff representatives introduced themselves.

4. Statistical Report

Staff Sergeant Sharron Brown reviewed the 2016 quarterly and year to date stats.

Highlights include:

Exclusive to South Frontenac:

- Violent Crime year to date is slightly up at 3.8% over the same period last year. This represents 2 additional incidents for a total of 54.
- Property Crime year to date is down 7.6% over the same period last year. This represents 18 less incidents for a total of 218, which is still higher than what is preferred.
- Drug Crime year to date is down 28.6% over the same period last year. This represents 4 less incidents for a total of 10.
- The overall clearance rate for these three classes of crimes is improved to 30.8% with violent crime being 81.5%, property crime being 12.8% and drug crime 60%.
- The OPP and Board are waiting to see the outcome of the Federal changes with regard to marijuana. Regardless of changes, hard drugs are becoming more prevalent in our community.
- Unfounded calls are down and criminal record checks continue to be cyclical.

Detachment Area including 401 and Highway 15:

- Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges including traffic related charges are all down as a result of staffing challenges.

South Frontenac Motor Vehicle Accidents, Injuries and Fatalities were reviewed, including mapping of such incidents along Perth Rd. Highest incidents of MVA are on Perth Rd, Rd. 38, Rutledge Rd. Battersea Rd. Bellrock Rd.

In reviewing the last 12 months of data the worst month for accidents is October, the worst day is Saturday, the most frequent time is between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Festive RIDE programs will be commencing soon.

Responding to false “burglar” alarms has been declining for the last five years, however still represents 193.6 hours of officer time for 175 calls. 911 hang ups and pocket dials tends to remain stable at around 330 calls and this represents 259 hours of officer time. Combined these are a preventable waist of limited policing resources. An education campaign is to be developed that attempts to reduce this unnecessary burden.

Staff are to ask Public Works for any speed data that they have collected through either traffic counts or the use of the education sign. Perth Road should be targeted for sign deployment and data collection.

The Board and or Council may wish to have future discussions of the potential to introduce photo radar for School or Community Safety zones.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the Public meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chair Ron Vandewal

Secretary Wayne Orr