

Chief Charles Bordeleau

Verbal Report

March 26th, 2018

Good evening.

Gun Violence

This weekend we saw a serious shooting in the downtown area that left a 35-year-old man fighting for his life. He remains in hospital in stable condition and the investigation continues.

Since the start of the year we have put a major focus on gun violence in our community. Our Frontline and investigative units are very much engaged. We have seized 13 guns and continue to make arrests and lay charges in relation to this type of violence. Our officers have conducted over 209 compliance checks and 387 police visits to problem addresses since starting this initiative in January. It's clear that we need to continue this important work.

We will also be participating in a province-wide Gun Amnesty Program, set to run throughout April. The amnesty was announced by the OPP and we will be collecting any guns from Ottawa-area residents. The program will begin on April first. For those who are interested in bringing in guns, whatever you do, please do NOT bring any guns into police stations. Instead, please call us at (613) 236-1222 extension 7300 to arrange to have an officer come and pick them up. We know that stolen, legally-owned guns make up a good percentage of the crime guns in our city.

This Amnesty will provide residents with a safe way to surrender weapons, imitation weapons, and related equipment and ammunition which they are not legally entitled to own or no longer want, to enhance public and police officer safety. We also recognize that criminals using illegal firearms aren't the ones that are going to be calling us. What we are attempting to do is reduce the likelihood of firearms in residences, which are no longer needed from being stolen.

Anti Black Racism

Last Wednesday we had the opportunity to meet with the community at the Anti-Black Racism Town Hall. Included at the update meeting were representatives from the City of Ottawa, School Boards and the Community Health and Resource Centres.

It was an opportunity to talk about some key items that we have been working on in partnership with Ottawa's diverse communities. We updated the attendees on:

- The development of a new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office;
- The start of a comprehensive Diversity Audit;
- An anti-racial profiling policy review;
- We completed the Fair and Impartial police training
- The fact that our outreach recruitment strategy will get more resources and improve processes;
- We will introduce a new bias-awareness training for members;
- We'll continue with our race data collection project that will include additional analysis in another report due out later this year;
- We will also continue to examine our deployment model to address concerns about racial profiling and over-policing; and
- Introduce a new council to replace the COMPAC committee model which was disbanded last fall.

It's important that we continue to work together on this to create lasting solutions that will impact the wellness of all of our communities.

Conducted Energy Weapons Consultation

I also want to provide the board with a short update on the Conducted Energy Weapons consultation that has been underway since the beginning of March. An online questionnaire has been posted on our website and we have been reaching out regarding the opportunity to comment through media, social media and community channels. The questionnaire will be online until after the Easter weekend. A series of targeted consultations have also been scheduled with community groups, mental health advocates and practitioners and other interested parties. We will use the feedback and perspectives gathered as we develop a report to the Board on the expansion of CEW deployment for the May meeting.

Arrest by K9 officers

Early this month, our canine team responded to a request for assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police. The OPP were attempting to locate a vehicle that had been involved in a robbery in Rockland. The area to search was quite large, so our K9 was called in. Constable Martin Corbeil located hockey bags at the end of a remote country

road containing the stolen goods, and K9 Constables Jamie Desormeaux and Ian Beattie, with the help of K9 partner Frigo, later located the suspect and arrested him. Two firearms were recovered as part of the investigation.

Diversity Audit – Request for Proposals

As the Board is aware, the diversity audit requirements were provided to the Board last year and were based on the recommendations from the Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project and significant community and police input. Over the last several weeks, we provided this update to internal and external stakeholders in order to encourage both awareness and sharing of the Request for Proposals which closes tomorrow – March 27. We expect to make an announcement regarding the successful proponent in early April – as soon as the selection process is complete.

Bingo Hall Robbery

Our Robbery Unit successfully concluded its investigation of a bingo hall robbery in early March and arrested five people. Upon executing a search warrant in relation to the investigation, our officers seized a large quantity of drugs. One suspect was charged in relation to the robbery and all suspects have been charged with drug related offences. In addition, the unit also successfully cleared an unrelated series of investigations, including a bank robbery and three retail robberies, all linked to the same suspect. A series of charges have been laid.

Communications

I would like to end by highlighting an example of the difficult work our communications centre operators do every day to serve the residents of this city. One such call involved a recent murder-suicide, with a child calling 9-1-1 to report the incident involving two parents. Amanda McDonnell took this call and remained on the line to ensure the safety of those in the house, including an autistic male who was overwhelmed by the events. Her compassion and care ensured that those dealing with such a terrible event felt cared for, and safer, until help arrived.