

**Verbal Report
Interim Chief Steve Bell
Ottawa Police Services Board
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Good afternoon,

We have several presentations this evening so I will keep my comments brief.

Badge Ceremony

Thank you to members of the Board and the senior officers and rank and file members who attended the 2019 Badge Ceremony earlier this month.

The ceremony is a big day for those new Ottawa Police officers and their families. It was important that we were all there to celebrate their accomplishment and welcome them to our service.

Canada Day

Our planning teams are finalizing our operations for Canada Day this coming weekend.

We are working with all of our partners to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time wherever they choose to celebrate.

I will be briefing the Board in-camera on our operations.

Interfaith Safety Forum

I want to thank Deputy Chief Jaswal and our Diversity and Race Relations Section for their work in organizing the Interfaith Security Forum earlier this month.

The forum was developed in response to community concerns of safety at religious institutions.

It was a great opportunity for Ottawa's Interfaith Community to network and share current safety practices, learn about current OPS programs and community resources.

The forum was well attended by a cross section of Ottawa's diverse faith communities and was a positive step towards building a safe and resilient City.

Market Initiative

We continue to conduct weekend community safety initiatives in the Byward Market and Vanier area along. The increased presence has ensured our officers are out speaking with

residents and business staff, conducting bar walk-throughs, enforcing laws and dealing with social disorder issues.

We have received good feedback about this activity and will continue to have an increased community presence throughout the summer.

Missing Person call

Every year about 2,000 missing person reports are filed with Ottawa Police. Each one of these cases is unique and a lot of work goes into locating the individuals and ensuring they are safe.

Here is an example of one of those cases. On June 11th, Cst. Keith Martin was dispatched to a call about a missing elderly man.

Martin took all the necessary steps to try and locate the man following our internal search protocols. He advised OPP and other local agencies as well. He then contacted the man's bank so he could be notified when the missing man's bank card was used.

The next day, Cst. Martin received a call from the bank advising him that the card was used in Kanata. He advised dispatch and requested other officers for assistance. After another

phone call from the bank, and a citizen observing the man's vehicle in the vicinity of Moodie Dr., officers flooded the area and located the elderly male.

The man was completely disoriented. He had been driving around the city for 26 hours but was under the impression that he had slept overnight at home.

His family was contacted and was extremely pleased with police efforts.

Airport

I also want to mention some excellent work by our Airport Section who came to the aid of a traveler. Officers came upon the man who appeared disheveled after he landed in Ottawa on his way to Calgary. Officers spoke to the man and learned he was having personal issues and lost his job.

The man's flight to Calgary was still a few days away so he left the airport but was unable to find a place to stay.

Given his condition, when he returned for his flight he was refused by his plane provider.

The officers then found him a clean set of clothes, got him a shower and helped him make his flight. This is just an example of the extra efforts our officers make every day to help those in our City.

That is my verbal report.