

## **Ottawa Police Services Board**

**January 26, 2015**

### **Chief's Verbal Report**

Good evening,

I have a number of items on which to update the Board.

#### **Chimo Hotel**

Last week, RCMP in Nova Scotia alerted our service of the possible presence of a man wanted in that province who may be travelling to Ottawa. Our members were provided information about the vehicle that the individual was driving. The information we received also demonstrated a potential and serious threat to public safety.

Soon after receiving the update, a patrol sergeant located the vehicle behind the Chimo Hotel. Given the information we received, the discovery of the vehicle and the presence of the individual in the hotel prompted a major response by our service. Members throughout the service ensured the success of the operation.

After locating the vehicle, they evacuated the hotel, arrested the suspect and then searched and cleared the scene to ensure the area was safe. It was a complex operation that required teamwork. These events show our ongoing vigilance to the threats that can exist, the professionalism of our members and our commitment to public safety.

#### **Neighbourhood Officers and Street Crime Unit**

Our District Officers work every day to deal with concerns and complaints from local communities. Earlier this month, Central District officers received concerns about an operation illegally selling a variety of items including cigarettes, alcohol and drugs out of a Rochester St. apartment. Constables Dewar and Kaufmann requested the assistance of the Street Crime Unit to assist in the investigation. That investigation lead to a search warrant on the premises that resulted in the seizure of marijuana, beer and illegal cigarettes. One person has been charged.

#### **Arrest on Attempted Murder Charges**

This past weekend, we were alerted to the possible presence in Ottawa of Rahshawn Hamilton, a man wanted by Montreal police for attempted murder. Central District investigators launched an investigation supported by patrol, drugs and neighbourhood officers. That work resulted in the quick arrest of Hamilton in downtown Ottawa.

#### **Gun and drugs seized**

Our drug unit is always active in dealing with issues of narcotics being sold in our community. Last week, our Drug Unit detectives began an investigation into the

activities of individuals known to the Guns and Gangs Unit using a Draper Ave. apartment as a distribution point for crack cocaine. Following several days of investigation officers confirmed that gang members were frequenting the location and were active in the area selling crack cocaine. A warrant was obtained to search the premises and entry was made by the Tactical Unit on Friday night. Five people were arrested inside the residence. A search of the apartment resulted in the seizure of Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, a loaded .9mm handgun with ten rounds of ammunition and packaging supplies. All five have been charged and one individual is being held by Canada Border Services as he is currently in the country illegally.

### **CBSA Immigration Warrant Execution**

In mid-December, officers received information about a crack dealer operating in the east end. The individual was also wanted by CBSA and the Miami FBI for fraud. An investigation lead to the man being arrested at his residence. He is currently awaiting deportation and extradition.

### **TD Bank Robbery**

On January 19, a man entered the TD Bank on St. Joseph Blvd. and demanded money from one of the tellers. After receiving a small amount of cash the suspect fled the scene and walked northbound on Orleans Blvd. Patrol units attended the area and were given updates by the communications centre. The suspect was observed by two constables walking on Orleans Blvd. and was subsequently arrested for the robbery.

After discovering money in nearby bushes officers retraced the route of the suspect and retrieved gloves, and sunglasses believed to have been worn by the suspect at the time of the robbery. The Canine Unit also attended the scene and located the suspect's cell phone in the snow close to where he was arrested. Trevor PRATT, age 30, of Ottawa, is charged with single counts each of robbery and wearing a disguise.

### **Black History Month**

For more than 10 years, our Police Service has recognized and participated in Black History Month. Each year, a banner recognizing this month is displayed in the lobby for the duration of the month of February. The month is also promoted through our various communications channels. COMPAC will also take the opportunity to highlight the month at its monthly meeting in February.

Members of our Executive, Diversity and Race Relations and Recruitment Outreach Sections plan to attend various activities to recognize the month. This includes the official launch on January 31st and the formal gala and awards ceremony on February 28th.

This month we also want to highlight that the Ottawa Police Service is accepting applications to the Thomas G. Flanagan Scholarship. The scholarship is presented

annually to a woman from a racialized or Aboriginal community who is interested in pursuing a career in policing with the Ottawa Police Service, following a period of post-secondary study.

### **Special Olympics 2015 Provincial Floor Hockey Tournament: Polar Plunge**

The Ottawa Police Service is an enthusiastic supporter of the Special Olympics and our local athletes. We are excited to host the 2015 Special Olympics Ontario Provincial Floor Hockey Championships in partnership with the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group. The event takes place at Carleton University from May 7 to May 10.

This tournament is held every four years and serves as a qualifier to compete in the National Games. It will involve 24 teams, almost 400 athletes, 72 coaches and over 400 volunteers, parents, caregivers and supporters.

We are actively fundraising and seeking sponsorships to give the athletes the level of quality competition they deserve. To achieve this, we are hoping to raise in excess of \$300,000. The largest awareness and funding drive leading up to the Floor Hockey Championship is the 1st Annual Polar Plunge at TD Place on February 21st.

Inspector John McGetrick and I will be plunging in full uniform.

I encourage Board members to come out to the Polar Plunge and the tournament taking place in May.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.