

Ottawa Police Services Board

April 27, 2015

Chief's Verbal Report

Good evening,

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

When evaluating our performance as a police service, we often look at numbers such as arrests, charges, and calls for service. What sometimes is not captured in those numbers is the difference our members make in the community every day.

Constable Lisa Welsh

Earlier this month, a young woman came to our front desk at Elgin station visibly upset. She just moved to Ottawa from India and the moving company she hired never showed up with her belongings. She had no friends or family in the city, as her parents had returned to India. Cst. Lisa Welsh took the report and went on to contact the moving company and have the woman's belongings returned the following day.

However, in the meantime, Cst. Welsh also helped collect and deliver some necessities to the young woman's apartment including a sleeping mat, a chair, pyjamas, a towel, a face cloth and plates. She also provided her email address in case she needed anything further.

Cst. Welsh went above and beyond her duties as a police officer to assist a resident in need.

Constable Ahmad Hafizi

One of our members, Cst. Hafizi, recently assisted on a call involving a 17-month-old child without vital signs. His quick response and intervention on the call helped to save the boy's life. Paramedics were then able to transport the child to CHEO.

Water Rescue

On April 22, a young woman accidentally fell into the Rideau River from Cummings Bridge. Constables Hugh Irwin, Nadir Siddiqui and Sebastien Chartrand-Despatie were

first on scene. They quickly got a rope line down to the woman to hold on to in the fast moving water. Ottawa Fire arrived shortly after and completed a boat rescue.

I want to thank those officers for their quick and life saving actions.

Vital Signs Absent - Male

In early April we received a call for service on Sable Ridge Drive. A 62-year-old male had no vital signs. Constable Marc André Fleury arrived on scene where the man's wife had started CPR and immediately deployed the defibrillator. The man was resuscitated and the paramedics who attended the call later wrote a note commending the officer for his actions.

Major Accident on the 401

Earlier in April, a number of our officers were returning from a prisoner transport to the Niagara Detention Centre. They came upon a major accident on the 401, being handled by the OPP. The officers, Sgt. Salinas and Constables Gill, Kay, Belanger, Cutts, and Leclerc, all stopped and assisted the OPP in triaging victims and clearing traffic. Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison later sent a note of gratitude, thanking the officers for their assistance.

Arrest in Homicide of Connor Stevenson

I would like to update the Board on the investigation into the homicide of 18-year-old Connor Stevenson. He died of the injuries he sustained at a Jasmine Cr. address. Thanks to the combined efforts of those working on this case, Major Crime made an arrest last week.

19-year-old David Dubois has been charged with 2nd degree murder.

Barrette Street Home Invasion

At the beginning of April, a home invasion took place on Barrette Street. A suspect was seen exiting a residence with a gun. Patrol officers arrived on scene a short time later and stopped the suspect vehicle. Four occupants were located, arrested, and charged. A search of the vehicle also uncovered a prohibited long gun.

Update on Gangs

We continue to be focused on enforcement efforts related to Guns and Gangs. This important work is ongoing and our officers and investigators continue to lay charges, execute warrants, and conduct compliance checks.

In total this year:

- 576 Criminal Charges have been laid;
- 160 persons have been charged;
- 69 warrants have been executed; and,
- 170 compliance checks were conducted.

We also seized another 3 crime guns since my last update in March bringing this year's total to 17.

Renewal of Federal Funding

I would like to remind the Board of the announcement by the federal government to renew its commitment to funding some of the unique policing costs associated with policing the National Capital. Chair El-Chantiry joined the Mayor, Minister Poilievre and acting Deputy Chief Don Sweet at 474 Elgin to discuss the \$10 million, five-year commitment. This funding is important for our city and tax payers and we are pleased to see the commitment renewed.

Police Week

Finally, I would like to invite members of the Board to join us in celebrating Police Week from May 10-16. The theme is "Discover Policing". There will be a series of events across the City throughout the week, starting with the official launch and proclamation on May 11 at 474 Elgin. The dates and times for other Police Week events are available on ottawapolice.ca. I am happy to take any questions you may have.

Thank you.