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Ottawa Police Services Board

Good afternoon,

I want to start by thanking Board Member Valiquet for joining us last week as we welcomed 61 new members to our service. The badge ceremony is a memorable one for all sworn members. It's a proud moment for all of us as we recognize the hard work and dedication that brought our new recruits and experienced officers to this point in their careers. Chair El-Chantiry was not able to attend as he was at the OAPSB meeting. I want to offer my congratulation to Chair El-Chantiry for his reelection as chair of that organization.

Robbery Arrest

This weekend, we saw some excellent police work by front line Constable Katherine Plomp. A man entered an Industrial Ave. area bank and passed a note to the clerk demanding money before fleeing the scene. Cst. Plomp soon arrived in the area with the description of the suspect. She was able to locate the suspect, identify him and make an arrest.

Defib Call

On the afternoon of June 4th, 911 received a call about a man without vital signs in the Carlington area. His family had begun CPR as Cst. Steve Bond and Cst. Kyle Dodgson quickly arrived on scene. The Constables assessed the body noting some very faint vital signs and immediately administered CPR and a defibrillator. Five minutes later, the 64 year old man regained consciousness. He was then transported to hospital by paramedics and was able to sit up and speak in the ambulance.

We received information from Ottawa Fire the immediate action and deployment of the defib that day was responsible for the man's recovery. I want to acknowledge Constables Bond and Dodgson for their quick assessment and life-saving actions that day.

Opioids

We continue to focus on opioids and counterfeit pills. Our drug unit is leading our efforts with some important enforcement initiatives. Last week, the unit announced the results of an eight month investigation that included arrests and seizures of drugs, chemicals and firearms. The seizures included a pill press that is capable of producing

20,000 counterfeit pills an hour. Enough chemicals were seized to produce 600,000 counterfeit pills.

It was some great investigative work that serves as a reminder of the capabilities of local drug traffickers who are selling counterfeit pills in our community. More and more, counterfeit pills and Fentanyl are showing up in our drug investigations. It's clear that drug traffickers are selling these products and cutting a wide variety of drugs with Fentanyl.

The judiciary has taken note as well and has sent a strong message against trafficking Fentanyl. Last week a ten-year prison sentence was imposed against a trafficker charged by our drug unit in February. Despite the risks, people continue to buy these drugs. That's why our efforts around education are so important.

This past weekend we worked with several city partners including Ottawa Public Health to promote safety messaging related to the Escapade Music Festival. I want to thank the members who worked hard with festival organizers and our city partners to ensure that all safety measures were in place. For the first time, those measures included a drug amnesty drop box where festival-goers could discard of drugs safely.

Opioids and counterfeit pills will continue to remain a focus of our service. Our continued efforts to raise awareness and promote safety remain an important mission for the Ottawa Police. As part of the Overdose Prevention Task Force, we continue to assist by increasing communication and collaboration to reduce overdoses related to drug misuse in Ottawa.

Also last week, the OPS began to issue Naloxone to frontline officers who have completed the training component.

Homicide

Sadly, we saw another homicide in Ottawa early this morning after a shooting outside of a bar. The death of the young man who was murdered appears to have come about after a minor altercation inside a Rideau St. bar. It's another example of criminals carrying deadly weapons and using them after the slightest provocation. Our Major Crime investigators are on this case and I have confidence in them.

However, we can't solve these crimes alone. We need members of the public who were there last night to come forward and report what they saw. Someone knows who did this and we need them to come forward.

Guns and Gangs

We continue to see the use of weapons in our city as we head into the summer months. This year, Ottawa has seen 30 shooting. 26 crime guns have been seized and our enforcement efforts continue. We continue to investigate nine shootings in June with four people being struck.

This month our DART team worked with Ottawa Community Housing Security patrols to focus on high risk communities and specific addresses of home takeovers. Joint patrols attended OCH buildings checking on vulnerable tenants in relation to drug dealing and home takeovers. During the initial three days of this joint venture, the team discovered and dealt with an active apartment takeover. DART and OCH officers also met with many residents and stressed the importance of reporting crimes and disturbances in their communities.

Canada Day

Canada Day is just a few days away. This will be an exciting event for our city and we began working on the security more than a year ago. The Board will receive its briefing on this event in camera later today.

Our Service has worked with its police and security partners to develop a strong security plan for the entire Canada Day weekend, which includes a Royal visit and several high profile musical acts. Visitors and residents can expect to see a very strong police and security presence. This will be the largest Canada Day deployment in our history starting Friday and ending on Sunday July 2nd.

We continually work with our intelligence partners to assess and reassess our plans based on world events. Our plans for all our major events have continually adapted to the changing threats we see internationally.

The current national threat level set by the federal government remains at medium.

We want people to celebrate Canada and enjoy themselves at these events.

We continue to ask the public to remain alert, not alarmed and to report any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

Thank you.