

Chief's Verbal Report
Monday, October 24, 2016
Ottawa Police Services Board Meeting

Good evening,

TSRDCP

This was an important day for the Ottawa Police Service and our community in presenting the Traffic Race Data Collection Project. It's a significant milestone for our police service and our community and its ground breaking research which couldn't have happened without the professionalism and dedication of members of the Ottawa Police Service and the York University Research Team. I want to acknowledge them again and thank them for the work that they have done.

Murder Suspect Arrested

I want to thank our investigators and the many officers who worked to identify and then arrest a suspect in a homicide early Saturday morning. Patrol officers, tactical officers and a K9 unit were all dispatched. An individual is in custody and charges will be laid in the matter.

K9 Track

Earlier this week our officers responded to a robbery at a Quickie on Bell St. Two masked men walked into the store at about 5 a.m. while another masked man waited outside the store. The men brandished a crow bar, threatened the clerk and then grabbed cigarettes before fleeing.

K9 Frigo and his handler Constable Jamie Desormeaux were soon on scene supported by Constables Mike Edens and Chabine Tucker. They began a track locating the suspects and the stolen cigarettes at an address on Cambridge St. All three were arrested and are now before the courts.

Niagara Police Assistance

Since last February, Malcolm Edwards was wanted by the Niagara Police on a Canada Wide Warrant for numerous offences including 3 counts of Attempt Murder. On October 18th, Niagara requested help from our Guns & Gangs Unit and the 23-year-old was arrested by our service within eight hours.

High Rise Fire

I want to recognize the heroic efforts of Constable Matt Jones and Sergeant Andrew Pidcock. On October 5th they were first on scene at an apartment fire on Wurtemberg Avenue and saw fire and smoke coming from a 6th floor apartment window. The two officers immediately entered the building to provide assistance and alert the residents. When they reached the 5th floor, they found residents attempting to exit the building through heavy smoke conditions.

Working in dangerous conditions, the two risked harm while ensuring that all residents were safely evacuated from their apartments and from the hallway. We are all proud of their actions that day.

Drug Seizure

Earlier this month our Airport Policing Section was contacted by the RCMP in Iqaluit regarding two people travelling to Ottawa carrying a large quantity of cash to purchase controlled substances. On October 15, both subjects checked in at the Airport and pre-board alarms indicated two bags containing contraband. Officers attended and arrested two people carrying controlled substances worth about \$165,000 in Iqaluit.

Ottawa Police Strategic Operations Centre (OPSOC)

Finally, we launched our new Strategic Operations Centre (OPSOC) today. The new centre acts as a hub for day-to-day, frontline operations, providing city-wide situational and operational awareness of incidents, events (planned/unplanned), road blockages, etc.

Many people contributed to the development of this Centre. I want to thank Deputy Chief Jill Skinner, Inspector Murray Knowles, Director Randy Mar and Sgt PA Tremblay for their work pulling this together.

Data analysis to support proactive and problem-solving activities will also be directed through the OPSOC. It will have access to key information to assist officers whether they are enroute to a call, on scene, or in the early stages of an investigation. Depending on the incidents, operations centre personnel will be able to direct frontline resources and specialized or support units where they are needed across the city. This is one of the key ways we are redesigning our service delivery model to ensure we are deploying the right resources at the right time to deal with the ever changing complexities that we are fielding on a day to day basis. Congratulations to the team.

Thank you.