Chief's Verbal Report

Monday, June 27, 2016

Ottawa Police Services Board Meeting

Good evening,

I have a short verbal report for you this evening.

I will begin with some excellent and quick thinking police work by two officers on June 18th.

District Investigator Evan Hung and Central Patrol Constable Kim Desjardins responded to a call at an Overbrook apartment where they encountered a man thought to be armed. After entering the residence, the officers encountered the man in a bedroom. He had his back turned to them, his gun was concealed and he was trying to flee. It was a dangerous situation and both officers made the split-second decision to tackle him causing the gun to fall to the floor. He was found with 180 grams of cocaine and a loaded 9mm handgun. Our officers have a tough job to do and this is an example of how dangerous and volatile situations can occur every day. In this case their training and experience paid off.

NALS & Canada Day

The Ottawa Police Service has a great deal of experience maintaining security and order at large public events. But even for our Service, this week will be extraordinarily busy as we support the North American Leader's Summit and Canada Day. As was announced on Friday there will be some major traffic disruptions related to NALS. We have been working with our partners, businesses and the City to minimize the impact on residents and visitors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who have been working alongside our partners in preparation for two major, back-to-back events this year.

SI Update

Finally, I wanted to provide a short update on consultations related to the Service Initiative. We were very pleased to hear from over 800 residents through our online questionnaire and about 200 stakeholders through the consultation sessions, meetings, and presentations.

Here are a few of the key themes we heard. There is a need to ensure:

- that we improve information sharing with the community,
- continue to build relationships with the community; and
- maintain and improve proactive policing and engagement activities in any new model.

These were all excellent points and we are ensuring the model reflects those comments. We are now compiling and analyzing the feedback and we will be providing a full summary of the results in our quarterly update to you in July.

Thank you.