

# Owen Sound Police Services Board

January 25, 2023

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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**Members Present:** J. Thomson (Chair), G. Pierce, J. Sampson, S. Kukreja, I. Boddy

**Management Present:** Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector J. Fluney, Inspector D. Bishop

**Guests Attending:** Constable C. Martin, Constable C. Obillos

**Minutes:** K. Wardell

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

I would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the First Nations and has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. In particular, I acknowledge the history, spirituality, and culture of the Territory of the Anishnabek Nation; the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nation and further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, known collectively as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this area as well as the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples whose ancestors shared these lands and waters. May we live with respect for each other on this land and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

### 2. Election of Chair 2023

Chief Ambrose explained that according to Section 28 (1) of the Police Services Act 1990, that the members of a board shall elect a chair at the board's first meeting in each year. Therefore, he declared the office of the Owen Sound Police Services Board Chair to be vacant and the floor open for 2023 nominations for the position of Chair.

G. Pierce nominated J. Thomson for the position of Chair of the Owen Sound Police Services Board for a one-year term. I. Boddy, J. Sampson, and S. Kukreja supported the nomination.

J. Thomson accepted the nomination and the Chief called for any other nominations. Hearing none, Chief Ambrose declared nomination for the position of the Chair be

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closed.

Chief Ambrose announced J. Thomson as the 2023 Chairman of the Owen Sound Police Services Board.

Chief Ambrose noted that Section 28 item 2 of the PSA also says that members of a board may also elect a vice-chair at the first regular meeting each year. In the past years, we have elected not to have a Vice Chair.

I. Boddy nominated G. Pierce for the position of Vice Chair on the Owen Sound Police Services Board for 2023. J. Sampson, and S. Kukreja supported the nomination.

G. Pierce accepted the nomination and the Chief called for any other nominations. Hearing none, Chief Ambrose declared nomination for the position of Vice Chair be closed.

Chief Ambrose announced G. Pierce as the 2023 Vice Chair of the Owen Sound Police Services Board.

*“Prior to today’s meeting, the Board met in closed session to review and discuss matters that in their opinion fell under Section 35 (4) of the Police Services Act, R.S.O 1990 c. P.15 and as per the Owen Sound Police Services Board BY-LAW NO. 2019-01 Section 19.1 Closed Items.”*

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Thomson moved up item 19a 2022-22- 2023-24 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant to be reviewed after item 7 as Chief Ambrose had to step out for a conference call.

**Moved by J. Sampson, seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*“That the agenda dated January 25, 2023, be approved.”* **CARRIED**

### **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the Minutes and Matters Listed on the Agenda. HEARING NONE**

### **5. Presentations, Deputations, and Public question period.**

#### **a) Recruitment Video**

Constable C. Martin and Constable C. Oblios presented the recruitment video made in collaboration with CTRE Productions. The video will be released on the OSPS website as well as OSPS social media platforms.

### **6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held December 21, 2022.**

**Moved by G. Pierce, seconded by J. Sampson.**

*“That the minutes dated December 21, 2022, be approved.”* **CARRIED**

**7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of the December 21, 2022.  
HEARING NONE**

**8. Correspondence received.**

- a) Media release from Crime Stoppers
- b) Crime Stoppers Program Coordinator’s Report October 1 TO December 31, 2022

Chair Thomson recessed the meeting as the Reach Program arrived to sell their baked goods as they do every Wednesday at the station.

- c) Grey Bruce Community and Safety Well Being Planning (CSWBP) Flyer

The CSWBP is establishing an action table to address crime prevention which has been identified as one of five priority areas of concern. They are looking for volunteers to sit at this action table.

Chair Thomson in consultation with Chief Ambrose noted that J. Crannie possibly could sit on the committee until someone else came forward.

**9. Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**10. Governance**

- a) Update on progress with By-law/policy review plan

Chair Thomson provided an update on the by-law and policy review. K. Wardell, D. Preston, and himself met in late November 2022 to begin the review. Since then D. Preston has created a number of new policies based on the Ministry guidelines. Upon review of the 24 By-Laws and over 94 policies, minor spelling errors and duplications of policies were found. Another meeting will be scheduled with D. Preston before the March Board Meeting to go over any new policies and any other changes required. In preparation for the March meeting a comprehensive list that includes the policies and by-laws with comments noting if they are new or have had any changes made to them will be prepared.

**11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop**

- Inspector Bishop presented the following reports.

- a) Criminal Investigations Branch
- b) Drug Enforcement and Intelligence
- c) Auxiliary Unit Report
- d) Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit

## **12. Reports from Inspector J. Fluney**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following reports.
  - a) Collision Statistics
  - b) Community Services Office
  - c) Lost Hours and Training
  - d) Front Line Patrol

## **13. Reports from Director of Civilian Services K. Fluney**

- Inspector Bishop presented the following reports on behalf of Director Bishop
  - a) Board By-laws - 2021 and 2022
  - b) Court - 2021 and 2022
  - c) Records - 2021 and 2022

## **14. Report from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson**

- Inspector Fluney presented the report on behalf of Director Bell-Matheson

It was noted that Calls for Service in 2021 totaled 16,951 while Calls for Service in 2022 had increased to 18,197, an increase of 7.18293%

Chief Ambrose commented he has asked M. Gloade - Strategic Analyst to put together statistics over the years of the calls for service to be able to bring to a future board meeting.

## **15. Report from Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill**

- Chief Ambrose presented the report on behalf of Director Hill

## **16. Financial Reports from the Chief of Police**

- a) Financials

No report for January as the Financial Coordinator is off on leave, and Chief Ambrose has been working with the City to close 2022-year end.

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A temporary contract position for a Financial Coordinator has been posted to cover the absence.

b) Approval of Outstanding Accounts for Payment

To be added to February's board meeting for approval of November, December, and January's outstanding accounts for payment.

## **17. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police**

a) Chief's Activity Report

As there were no requests for action in the above reports, which were provided for information purposes, will be placed on file with the minutes of this meeting for future reference.

## **18. Annual Reports**

Inspector Bishop presented the following annual reports:

a) 2022 Public Complaints

b) 2022 Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

## **19. Other Items and New Business**

a) 2022-23 – 2023-24 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant

Chief Ambrose noted that the service was successful in securing this R.I.D.E grant. It pays for members to come in and conduct the ride programs throughout the year, which increases Police presence to reduce impaired driving, especially during events, and the holiday season.

b) Update on Police Academy

Chief Ambrose added that the 1<sup>st</sup> inaugural Police Citizen Academy was hosted on January 18th, 2023, with himself, Inspector Bishop, and Inspector Fluney present. There were 24 candidates signed up for the Academy. There was a good cross section of individuals from across Grey and Bruce Counties, some participants have a direct interest in policing, while others are looking for more knowledge.

c) OAPSB Bail Reform Outreach

Chair Thomson noted that he received an email from Lisa Darling- Director of OAPSB looking for support on Bail Reform. Chair of OAPSB Patrick Weaver and Lisa Darling have been invited to the Justice Committee Meeting to present the items brought forth

by the Toronto Police Service Board. The Toronto Police Service Board has put forward three items they requested support on which include:

- Require that Bail Hearings for the most serious firearm offences be heard by a judge of the Ontario Court or Superior Court.
- Add an additional route to First Degree Murder under Section 231 of the Criminal Code, by including death resulting from the discharge of a firearm in a congregate setting.
- Increase parole ineligibility to 2/3 of an individual's custodial sentence, for any offence where the court finds that the offender discharged a firearm in a congregate setting (including those who are found to be parties to such offences).

**Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*"That the board supports the 3 items put forth by the Toronto Police Service Board in regard to the bail reform to be taken to the Justice Committee Meeting be approved."*

**CARRIED**

## **20. Termination of the Public Meeting**

As the board had dealt with all of the items on the agenda, and there being no additional business to conduct, the chair declared the open session to be terminated at 11:18 a.m.

**Next meeting: Wednesday February 22, 2023**



**“Stand Up, Stand Together” January is Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.**

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce joins hands with our partners globally to celebrate the community collaboration between the Public, Media, and the Police. The Crime Stoppers program provides concerned citizens with an anonymous channel to report criminal activity. Remember: community safety is a shared responsibility.

Crime Stopper’s success is reflected in the numbers. In Grey and Bruce Counties police were supplied with approximately 600 tips from Crime Stoppers in the last year. These tips resulted in the recovery of over \$150,000 of stolen property; the seizure of over \$500,000 worth of drugs and proceeds; the arrests of more than 30 people and a total of 145 charges laid. Since our inception in 1987 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce’s tips have led to the seizure or recovery of almost 55 MILLION DOLLARS in drugs, cash, and property!

**What is Crime Stoppers?**

Crime Stoppers is a community-based program that allows residents to provide anonymous information about criminal activity. Crime Stoppers is overseen by a volunteer Board that is passionate about making a difference in their community. As a registered charity Crime Stoppers relies on the generosity of community donors to fund our program.

Tips are received anonymously from “Tipsters” contacting Crime Stoppers. All tips are shared with police and other investigative agencies to be followed up on. Crime Stoppers works diligently to shield the identity of the Tipsters. If tip information is accurate and leads to an arrest or the recovery of drugs or stolen property, the Tipster may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$2,000.

Crime Stoppers is best used for community members who do not wish to be identified, or to appear in court. “Tipsters” may have information about crime, and Crime Stoppers offers them an alternate resource to contacting police.

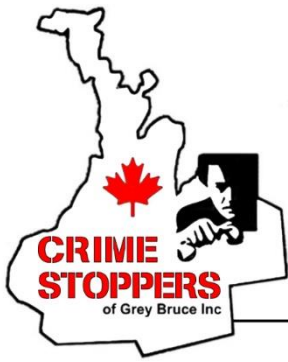
Crime Stoppers is not for emergency response. We encourage the community to call 911 to report crimes, suspicious persons, or activities in progress.

You can report tips to Crime Stoppers by: Calling 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS); Downloading the free P3 Tips mobile app; or making an online “Web-Tip” at [www.cstip.ca](http://www.cstip.ca).

**Make a Difference in your Community:**

“Stand Up, Stand Together” is our theme for Crime Stoppers Month this year. Often people are hesitant to come forward because of many reasons. By providing anonymity and removing the burden of testifying in court, Crime Stoppers makes it easier and safer to help the police make a difference in your community. By standing up and standing together, taking the time to report information we can be part of the solution.

Crime Stoppers is looking for self-motivated, committed members to represent the communities of Grey and Bruce Counties on the Board of Directors or as volunteers for fundraising events and community awareness initiatives.



# Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

P.O. Box 1119, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 6K6

**1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**  
Submit a Secure Web-Tip at [cstip.ca](http://cstip.ca) or get the P3 Tips Mobile App

Phone: 519 371-6078  
eMail: [crimestopgb@bmts.com](mailto:crimestopgb@bmts.com)

Fax: 519 371-1275  
Web: [crimestop-gb.org](http://crimestop-gb.org)



**Program Coordinator's Report**  
**OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 – Q4**  
**Drew Kalte**

### DISTRIBUTION

Board of Directors, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce  
OPP GHQ Orillia  
Grey Bruce OPP  
South Bruce OPP  
Blue Mountains OPP  
Owen Sound Police Service  
Hanover Police Service  
Saugeen Shores Police Service  
West Grey Police Service  
Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police  
Ontario MNRF

Brockton Police Services Board  
Northern Bruce Peninsula  
Arran-Elderslie  
Kincardine Police Services Board  
Municipality of South Bruce  
Saugeen Shores Police Services Board  
South Bruce Peninsula Police Services Board  
Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board  
Owen Sound Police Service Board  
Grey Highlands Police Services Board  
Municipality of Meaford  
Hanover Police Services Board  
Blue Mountains Police Services Board  
Chatsworth Police Services Board  
Georgian Bluffs Police Services Board  
Southgate Police Services Board  
West Grey Police Services Board  
Saugeen First Nation  
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County of Grey  
County of Bruce

## TIP STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 622
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 162

### Tips Allocated: 188 (26 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

- Grey Bruce OPP: 66 (34%)
- South Bruce OPP: 54 (28%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 1 (0.5%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 23 (12%)
- Hanover Police Service: 10 (5%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 22 (11%)
- West Grey Police Service: 6 (3%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 5 (2%)
- Ontario MNRF: 3 (1%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 2 (1%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 0 (0%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 2 (1%)
- OPP Historic Crimes: 0 (0%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 0 (0%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 2 (1%)

### Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987

Tip Reports	17,833
Arrests	1,765
Charges	2,443
Cases Cleared	2,735
Property Recovered	\$4,624,001
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,172,014
Rewards Approved	\$286,760



## **Tip Totals Year to Date**

- 588 new tips have been received over the four quarters of 2022, which is behind the four quarters of 2021 by 182 tips.

## **MEDIA**

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Nevada ticket revenues continue to assist in funding rewards; our tips line; promotional advertising; our P3 annual subscription; and the NACC afterhours call centre.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2022 and have been successful with the Port Elgin and Hanover stores so far.
- In the four quarters of 2022 Northern Bruce Peninsula, Meaford, the Brockton Police Services Board, and The Blue Mountains have made donations. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is very grateful to the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce that have donated to our program!
- Funds continue to be received from the Direct Accountability Program, (court diversions).
- Net revenue of \$24,600 was received from our August 11, 2022 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament.
- In the four quarters of 2022 we received over \$19,000 in combined charitable donations, municipal and PSB grants, corporate grants, and public event collections.

## **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- The winter 2023 edition of TIPSTER Magazine is set for release in January. This magazine features articles and editorials focusing on regional current and historic crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.
- We attended the OSAAVA Volunteer Fair on October 24, 2022 in Owen Sound.
- We attended the Owen Sound, Mildmay, and Wiarton Santa Claus Parades.

## **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- With the resignation of three members and the addition of one new member we currently have nine members on our Board of Directors, with one new prospective member currently in the application process. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is set for Thursday June 1, 2023 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin.



Grey Bruce CSWBP  
**Community Safety &  
Well-Being Planning**

# Seeking Volunteers

Community Safety and Well-Being Planning is establishing an Action Table to address crime prevention which has been identified as one of five priority areas of concern.

## Are you interested in...

- Promoting crime prevention by focusing on community education?
- Addressing misconceptions about crime and social disorder?
- Increasing awareness about risk factors associated with crime and protective factors that can reduce these risks?

## What is the Crime Prevention Action Table?

This action table is comprised of experts and individuals that take a root-cause approach to community safety and reducing victimization. They aim to increase knowledge and understanding of community safety and well-being issues facing our communities. The approximate time commitment is 3 hours monthly.

## To Learn More

Please email  
[SPelton@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:SPelton@brucecounty.on.ca)



Find out more at:

**CSWBP-BruceGrey.ca**



## Report to the Board

### Criminal Investigations Branch and Drug Enforcement Unit **December, 2022**

*From: Inspector D. Bishop*

*Date: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

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**Drug Offences** – From December 5<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>, CIB, CORE and Drug Unit members conducted an Undercover Police Operation in partnership with CISO and other police services to target drug traffickers on the streets of Owen Sound. The two-week project resulted in 5 individuals being charged with 21 offences and over \$8,000 worth of illicit drugs being seized.

**Weapons** – (December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022) CIB attended the Emergency Department of the Grey Bruce Health Services with respect to a 37-year-old male with a gunshot wound to his left hand and left leg. The male was interviewed by police and the weapons offence was found to have occurred in the jurisdiction of the Ontario Provincial Police. Members of the O.P.P Grey Bruce Crime Unit attended and continued the investigation. Of note, a large caliber bullet was removed from the leg of the 37-year-old male and he was expected to make a full recovery.

**Missing Person (Located)** - (December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022) CIB and CORE members continued the investigation into a missing, 23-year-old vulnerable female. The area surrounding the missing female's residence was canvassed by police and she was later located in the area of the Marine Rail Museum.

### **Drug Overdose Information:**

In December 2022 the city had no deaths as a direct result of drug poisoning. The year ended with a total of 5 of deaths, compared to 14 deaths in 2021 and 8 in 2020 due to drug overdose.



## Report to the Board: Auxiliary Unit

*From: Inspector D. Bishop*

*Date: December 2022*

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December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at Food Basics and December 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Zehrs concluded our holiday Food Drives in partnership with the Salvation Army. These Food Drives were great successes, delivering food and cash donations to our local Salvation Army and community members in need. This year the Owen Sound Police Auxiliary Food Drives raised a total of:

- ✚ Weight in Food = 1830 lbs
- ✚ Total Cash Donation = \$ 4797.95

Thank you to Auxiliary Member Hannah Morden for her organization and liaison roll to make these Food Drives run smoothly, and to all members for their dedication to the partnership and cause!

To celebrate the completion of our busiest season, the Auxiliary Unit attended a local restaurant for a holiday gathering which was also attended by Chief Ambrose and Inspector Bishop.

Recruitment for a new Auxiliary class has now closed. Applications will be reviewed and the interview process to proceed in the new year.

The total number of volunteer hours our Auxiliary Members gave to the Police Service this month was 143 hours.





## **Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit (CORE)**

PC Martin #173, PC Edmiston #179 & PC Bridgeman #189

Month End Report

**DECEMBER 2022**

### **DRUG PROJECT “WINTER”**

From December 5<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, members of the CORE Unit were assigned to the surveillance team for Project “Winter” targeting street level drug traffickers. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 CORE Unit members also participated in the execution of a search warrant, resulting in the arrest of two individuals for drug related offences, and also arrested three other individuals for trafficking controlled substances to an undercover police officer during the project.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION**

PC Bridgeman and PC Martin continued an investigation of the trafficking of two female youths by a 43-year-old Owen Sound male that commenced in November and resulted in seven sexual offence related charges. A search warrant was written and obtained to search the cellular phones used by the accused, as well as the victim, to obtain further evidence of the offences. Officers notes, interviews, photographs and other evidence was compiled and disclosed to the court. Investigative follow up continues.

### **FOOT PATROL**

- A total of 5.5 hours of foot patrol was completed in December.

### **ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY**

- PC Martin assisted Toronto Police Service with interviews of a female and her 5-year-old son in relation to an assault allegation against the boy’s father

### **VACATION**

- PC Bridgeman, PC Edmiston & PC Martin all had one week of vacation in December



## Report to the Board: Collision Statistics

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: January 3, 2023*

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### **December 2022 – Collision Statistics**

	<b>December 2022</b>	<b>November 2022</b>	<b>December 2021</b>
<b>Total Collisions:</b>	44	56	44
Collisions - East side	23	29	17
Collisions - West side	10	10	10
Collisions - parking lots	11	17	17
Fail to Remain Collisions	7	10	15
<b>Collisions referred to CRC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>



## Report to the Board: Community Services Office

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: January 5, 2023*

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In December 2023, The Community Services Officer engaged in the following highlights:

Continued with traditional corporate and social media for OSPS;

- Notifications of local charities door-to-door campaigns, Annual Christmas Fund Broadcast- Officer participation, National Day of Remembrance- violence against women, Christmas Food Drive, Festive R.I.D.E., Fraud at Christmas time, #PowerfulWomen- Constable, Chevonne Martin, Death of Constable Greg Pierzchala, Reminder of Community Survey, Swearing in of Officers, #PopChristmas with Grey County & CMHA, Merry Christmas, News Years Eve reminder- Don't Drink & Drive.

Community Partnership/Provincial Collaboration & Internal Committee work

- Public Health- partnership in schools
- City of Owen Sound- Hockey Day in Canada preparations
- Special Olympics Ontario- Polar Plunge- working with Georgian College on date
- Owen Sound Legion, Branch 6- Teddy Bear Bingo in Jan/Feb 2023
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) monthly meeting
- Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership- monthly meeting
- Alpha Street Resource Centre- Resource Centre- Inside/Out Program
- Internal Communication Committee
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial committee
- Local School Boards- Local Owen Sound schools- Social Media and Internet Safety presentations for January



- Local Senior Complexes- Online/phone scams Christmas and in the new year.
- Georgian College- International students and working in Law & Policing

Community Presentations & Celebrations;

- Georgian College- Hosting the Polar Plunge 2023
- Grey County- Inside/Out Program Update
- Alexandra Christmas Luncheon
- Grey County Housing #PopUpChristmas tents

Earned/Paid Media

- CFOS- Christmas Broadcast
- SunTimes- Don't Drink & Drive Campaign
- Local Police to attend funeral of OPP Constable Greg Pierzchala

Training;

- Online training- Common Frauds and Scams over Christmas



Alexandra Christmas Luncheon. (Picture L-R- Greg Nicol-OSFire, CSO, Formal Principal Dan Russel, 2 Former Teachers, Bluewater District Board Superintendent)



Picture taken at National Day of Remembrance. CSO and Inspector Jeff Fluney attended.



## Report to the Board: Lost Hours and Training December 2022

*From: Inspector Jeff Fluney*

*Date: January 3, 2023*

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Month/Year	SICK/STD			WSIB		
	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours	Number of Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours
December 2022	16	56	507	2	22	176
November 2022	12	24	252	2	36	240
December 2021	9	33	372	1	23	184

Two members were on WSIB during this period. One is working modified duties/hours and another remains long term. Two members are on LTD. Four members reported sick with Covid for a total of 136 hours.

### Training:

- Two recruits graduated from OPC and started training with coach officers.
- Two recruits completed the Standard Field Sobriety Training course at OPC
- One member attended the Defensive Tactics Seminar in Waterloo



## Report to the Board: Front Line Patrol Report December 2022

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: January 4, 2023*

<b><u>Platoon #1 – 4</u></b>			<b><u>Traffic/Part time Officers</u></b>		
	<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>		<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>
<b>Highway Traffic Act:</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>Highway Traffic Act:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Compliance Reports:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Compliance Reports:</b>		
<b>Recorded Cautions:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Recorded Cautions:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Liquor Licence Act:</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Liquor Licence Act:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Criminal Code/ CDSA:</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Criminal Code/ CDSA:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other POA/By-Law:</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Other POA/By-Law:</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Foot Patrol:</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>Foot Patrol:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

### **R.I.D.E.**

There was a total of 23 on-duty R.I.D.E. checks in the month of December. Additionally, there were two grant funded RIDE programs during the month. with 326 drivers checked and 4 breath tests administered.

The combined statistics for RIDE were:

- 49 officers
- 18 hours
- 411 vehicle drivers checked
- 9 HTA Charges/Warnings
- 2 Criminal Code charges

Three impaired driving charges were laid during the month.



## Report to the Board: Board Bylaw

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 16, 2022*

*Related to Business Plan S#*

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### **December 2021**

#### **TAXI**

Total number of Taxi Driver & Private Transportation Company Driver Licences Issued/Renewals	= 8
Total number of Re-Issue Lost Taxi Driver Licences	= 0
Total number of Taxi Driver's Licences Deferred/Denied	= 0
Total number of New/Taxi (transfer) Vehicle Licences Issued	= 0
Total number of Agent Transfers	= 0
Total number of New Agents Registered	= 0

All taxi companies have registered for 2022.

#### **ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Issued	= 2
Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Denied	= 0
Total number of Adult Entertainment Owner Licences Renewed	= 0

#### **ALARMS**

Invoices to be completed for Chief's signature.



## Report to the Board: Board Bylaw

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 19, 2023*

*Related to Business Plan S#*

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### **December 2022**

#### **TAXI**

Total number of Taxi Driver & Private Transportation Company	
Driver Licences Issued/Renewals	= 3
Total number of Re-Issue Lost Taxi Driver Licences	= 0
Total number of Taxi Driver's Licences Deferred/Denied	= 1
Total number of New/Taxi (transfer) Vehicle Licences Issued	= 0
Total number of Agent Transfers	= 0
Total number of New Agents Registered	= 0

All taxi brokers, agents and private transportation companies have renewed their licences for 2023.

#### **ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Issued	= 2
Total number of Adult Entertainment Licences Denied	= 0
Total number of Adult Entertainment Owner Licences Renewed	= 0

#### **ALARMS**

Invoices to be completed for Chief's signature.



## Report to the Board: Courts

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 16, 2022*

*Related to Business Plan S#*

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**Personnel:**

Nothing to Report

**Budget:**

Nothing to Report

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**Operational:**

Custodies Transported during the month: OPP - 0, OSPS – 0 **TOTAL – 0**

Video /Audio appearances: 50 OSPS persons in custody appeared by audio (most making numerous video appearances throughout the month)

Meals provided to custodies: 0

Special Constable Total Hours: 784

**Issues, Concerns & Comments:**

Superior Court, Criminal Court & Family Court remain the only courtrooms that hear matters in-person. Prisoners are not transported to the courthouse at this time unless they are attending for their trial. All other prisoners are still being done by audio/video from the police services or the correctional facilities.

Special Constables have been assigned at the police station to cover in custody hearings. When not required for prisoners in custody members have assisted to perform other duties.

**Front Entrance Statistics:**

- Nothing to report



## Report to the Board: Courts

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 19, 2023*

*Related to Business Plan S#*

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### **December 2022**

#### **Personnel:**

Nothing to Report

#### **Budget:**

Nothing to Report

#### **Operational:**

Custodies Transported during the month: OPP - 15, OSPS – 12 **TOTAL – 27**  
Video /Audio appearances: 44 OSPS persons in custody appeared by audio (most making numerous video appearances throughout the month)  
Meals provided to custodies: 27  
Special Constable Total Hours: 947

#### **Issues, Concerns & Comments:**

Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice are now hearing more matters with the public, court staff and judiciary in the courtroom. Prisoners are not transported to the courthouse unless they are attending for their trial, Counsel/Judiciary/Crown Attorney has requested an in-person attendance or the correctional facility is unable to accommodate them appearing virtually due to video booth scheduling. All other prisoners are still being done by audio/video from the police services or the correctional facilities.

Special Constables have been assigned at the police station to cover in custody hearings. When not required for prisoners in custody members have assisted to perform other duties.

Due to weather conditions and road closures one custody was required to stay at the Owen Sound Police Service cells for two nights as OPP Offender Transport were unable to transport back to Central North Correctional Centre.





## Report to the Board: Records

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 16, 2022*

*Related to Business Plan S#14.4*

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Local criminal record searches are being completed and sent back to the individuals within 1 to 2 weeks of submitting them. Owen Sound Police Service accepts criminal record check applications in person at the service as well as online.

There was a total of **8518** bulk searches completed in December 2021.



## Report to the Board: Records

*From: Director of Civilian Services – K. Fluney*

*Date: January 19, 2023*

*Related to Business Plan S#14.4*

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Local criminal record searches are being completed and sent back to the individuals within 1 to 2 weeks of submitting them. Owen Sound Police Service accepts criminal record check applications in person at the service as well as online.

There was a total of **10119** bulk searches completed in December 2022.



## Report to the Board: Information Technology

*From: Director of Information Technology Services – C. Hill*

*Date: January 11 2023*

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- Cutover of Chatsworth Fire to new radio system (December 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Installation of new Bell data/voice circuits for NG911 at alternate dispatch site
- Completion of Security Audit for OSPS with internal review of IT members in January before submission
- Combined 4 weeks annual leave during the month of December
- Began TPON grant for NG911
- Onboard two new Constables to OSPS
- Final Budget for 2022 for operational and capital
- Began migration of additional phone extensions to new phone system
- Assistance to Perth County Fire in troubleshooting of their County system



## Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities December 2022

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Tuesday October 4, 2022

- OACP CEO Day Vaughan– 1 day
- City Council Orientation Sessions– 17 hours
- Annual Leave & Stat Holidays – 6 days
- Policy and Procedure Review- 4.5 hours
- CACP ICT Information Communication and Technology Conference and Committee Meetings- 4 days
- OPC Graduation for new recruits– 7 hours
- Grey and Simcoe Foresters Change of Command- 4 hours
- Coverage for Finance Coordinator– several days difficult to track
- Meeting with MPP Rick Byers– 1 hour
- Meeting with Sol. Gen NG911 Grant staff- 2 hours
- Budget Preparation – 6 hours
- Dispatch Contracts – 3 hours
- Court Security Meeting – 1 hour
- CFOS Open Line- 2 hours
- OACP Zone 5 Meeting – 2 hours
- Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy Meetings- 2 hours
- Staff Appreciation Lunch- 4 hours



## **Report to the Board: 2022 Public Complaints**

*From: Inspector D. Bishop*

*Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

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Public complaints against police are governed under the provisions of Part V of the Police Services Act. Any member of the public may make a complaint about the policies or service of a police service or the conduct of a police officer. The Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) receives, manages and oversees all complaints against police in Ontario. Upon receiving a complaint, the OIPRD can elect to: Conduct an investigation, screen the complaint out as being not in the public interest to proceed, direct an investigation to be conducted by the police service of the respondent officers or direct an investigation to be conducted by another police service.

In 2022, a total of 11 complaints were initially received by the OIPRD. This compares to 12 received in 2021. 10 of the complaints were in relation to officer conduct with one deemed to be in relation to services provided by the OSPS.

Two of our complainants filed more than one complaint each, 11 complaints were filed by 8 individual complainants.

The single service complaint was investigated and deemed unsubstantiated.

Of the 10 officer conduct complaints, two were screened out by the OIPRD who deemed them to be not in the public interest to investigate. One was screened out by the OIPRD as it related to an ongoing criminal proceeding. Another was closed when it was deemed to not be about the conduct of a police officer.

Of the remaining six conduct complaints, one was resolved through the early resolution process to the satisfaction of the complainant and the involved officer. Another was investigated and deemed unsubstantiated. The complainant requested a review of the decision by the OIPRD and the decision of the Chief was upheld.

Four 2022 conduct complaints remain under investigation, and are not resolved as of this date.

Of note, two of our civilian members were designated as civilian witnesses for an OIPRD complaint directed against the West Grey Police Service. Directors Hill and Bell-Matheson were interviewed by the OIPRD in relation to the WGPS case in order to answer questions related to Communications and Information Technology as a result of our contracts with WGPS to provide those services.

Finally, in December of 2022 our Service received notice of an application filed with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. The Service was named as one of several defendants in the application that alleged that an Owen Sound man's rights were violated during a call attended by the police in 2020. A response to that application has been filed and we await further information.



## **Report to the Board: 2022 Special Investigations Unit**

*From: Inspector D. Bishop*

*Date: Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

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In 2022, the Owen Sound Police Service had four incidents which required notification of the Special Investigations Unit in accordance with the provisions of Ontario Regulation 673/98 made under the Police Services Act.

On one occasion in April, 2022 the SIU were contacted for an incident involving a female who alleged to have received an injury from a prior interaction with the Owen Sound Police. The SIU initially invoked their mandate to investigate but later withdrew when they were unable to confirm that the injury occurred with the complainant.

In one instance in July of 2022, a male prisoner ingested drugs which had been concealed on his person and was taken to hospital for overdose symptoms. The SIU investigated this matter and in November of 2022 wrote to Chief Ambrose to advise that there were no reasonable grounds for criminal charges.

On another occasion in September of 2022, the SIU were notified when a male prisoner passed away shortly after being released from custody. The SIU were notified and invoked and investigated. The SIU has yet to notify us of their decision in this case. The Service is prohibited under the Ontario Special Investigations Unit Act from providing any further comment or detail on the matter.

On another occasion in December of 2022 a male party received an injury during his arrest that resulted in the SIU being notified and they chose to invoke and investigate. To date no decision has been received from the SIU. Again, the Service is prohibited under the Ontario Special Investigations Unit Act from providing any further comment or detail on the matter.

Also during 2022, the Owen Sound Police Service assisted the Hanover Police Service regarding a Special Investigations Unit investigation of a member of that Service. A constable with the Hanover Police Service had been investigated by the SIU and charged criminally related to an allegation of a historic sexual assault. The constable was later acquitted by the Courts following a trial.

Section 32(1) of Ontario Regulation 268/10 to the Police Services Act creates a legislative requirement for the Chief of Police to promptly cause an investigation to be conducted into any incident involving a police officer in the Chief's police force that becomes the subject of an investigation by the SIU Director under Sec. 15 of the Special Investigations Unit Act. The purpose of the investigation is to review the policies of or services provided by the police force and the conduct of its police officers. The results of this investigation must be reported to the Board by the Chief.

Chief Knoll requested that the Owen Sound Police Service conduct this investigation on Hanover's behalf. Inspector Bishop completed that investigation and tendered a report on the matter to Chief Knoll.