

# Board Report



Civilian Governance and  
Oversight for the Niagara  
Regional Police Service

A Newsletter from the Niagara Police Services Board

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(Pictured from L-R: Board Vice-Chair Todd Shoalts, Member Ken Gansel, Regional Chair Gary Burroughs, Member Vaughn Stewart, Board Chair Henry D'Angela, Chief Jeff McGuire, ASSI Vice-President Bob Gutwein, Deputy Chiefs Joe Matthews and Bryan MacCulloch, and CRC Manager Andrea Dallas.)

## GRAND OPENING CEREMONY COLLISION REPORTING CENTRE IN WELLAND

The new Welland Collision Reporting Centre represents something new and important for Niagara Region. It provides a convenient reporting environment to the public for the investigation of property damage vehicle collisions. Rather than police attending the scene of the accident, citizens have a choice of where they can now exchange information and report later at the Collision Reporting Centre. Board Chair D'Angela said "this is an excellent example of partnership that will provide enhanced service to the community while allowing the police to re-deploy resources to higher priority needs. In these challenging times of doing more with less, partnerships such as this exemplify the benefits of public and private sector partners working together and the Board looks forward to this opportunity." By implementing the Collision Reporting Centre program as a 12-month pilot project, the Service will be able to evaluate the freeing up of valuable front-line policing resources which will assist the Service in achieving its community policing goals. Regional Chair Gary Burroughs said that "reporting the collision in a centralized location will be less time consuming and safer for both the citizens and officers. And, the Collision Reporting Centre is funded entirely by supporting insurers so there is no cost to the Police Service or the local taxpayer." The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank our Police Service and ACCI staff who have worked tirelessly on this project to bring increased convenience to the public and higher road safety.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**August 8, 2013**

Police Services Board  
Accommodation Steering  
Committee Meeting  
9:30 am – 11:30 am, PSB Boardroom,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 110 James Street,  
St. Catharines, ON

**August 15-17, 2013**

CAPB Annual Conference  
"Bridging the Gap:  
Policing & Mental Health"  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**August 29, 2013**

Police Services Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
8:30 am, PSB Boardroom,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 110 James Street,  
St. Catharines

**September 4, 2013**

OAPSB/OACP Zone 4 Meeting  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Brant PSB  
South Dumfries Community Centre  
7 Gaukel Drive, St. George, ON

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST STAFF SERGEANT AND SERGEANTS



On behalf of the Niagara Police Services Board, we convey our congratulations to the following uniform members of the Niagara Regional Police Service being recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and Sergeants! Pictured from the back row, left to right, are: Deputy Chief Bryan MacCulloch, Sergeants Paul Koscinski, Jim Taylor, Todd Claydon, Chief Jeff McGuire, Staff Sergeant Eric Ellwood, Sergeant Andrew Knevel, Deputy Chief Joe Matthews. Front row from left to right: Sergeants Mario Lagrotteria, Steve Magistrale, Linda Haday, Jack Warner and Martin Cook. Badges were presented to the newly promoted officers at a special ceremony held on July 22, 2013.

*The Niagara Police Services Board is the civilian body established by provincial legislation that provides governance and oversight of the Niagara Regional Police Service. It is accountable to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission. If you are interested in viewing past issues of the "Board Report" newsletter or other information about the Niagara Police Services Board, please visit [www.niagarapolice.ca](http://www.niagarapolice.ca)*

### REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

The Board received reports on the following topics at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting that may be of interest to you. To access the Board agendas, minutes and additional information, please visit our website at [www.niagarapolice.ca](http://www.niagarapolice.ca)

- **Interest Arbitration System** – Letter from the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Labour, advising that the new Ontario government is seeking to build a sustainable model for wage negotiations to ensure a fair and transparent interest arbitration process. The Board will be requesting regular updates from the Provincial Government on improvements and reforms.
- **Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara** – Presentation on the operation of the Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara, including the services provided; community partners and strategy to achieve sustainable funding and support from the Region, Board and Police Service.
- **1 District Site Location** – Presentation from Regional Councillor Bruce Timms reiterating the City of St. Catharines interest in the new 1 District police facility remaining at 68 Church Street, St. Catharines.
- **Regional Council Resolutions** – Notification of information received by the Region on police-related matters at the July 11, 2013 meeting.
- **Brock University Campus Security Services – 2012 Annual Report** Provides a report on the previous year activities including, organizational structure, professional development and enforcement statistics for the special constables at Brock University.
- **2012 Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Statistics** – Report outlining the types of incidents and costs contributed to the increases in the WSIB liability expense in 2012 over 2011.
- **2013 Police Service/Board Operating Budget** – Information report providing a breakdown of the \$153.5 million listed for policing in the 2013 Regional budget, of which \$139.5 million is funded from property taxes with the remainder funded through provincial and federal government grants.
- **NRPS Financial Overview** – Monthly report summarizing the NRPS year-end budget forecast for the six months ending June 30, 2013.
- **Police Sponsorship** – The Board is proud to financially support its Service members and donated \$750 to offset expenses incurred for participation in the 2013 World Police and Fire Games being held in Belfast, North Ireland from August 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- **Sexual Assault Investigation** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, compliance, training, monitoring, evaluation and issues raised and discussed with community partners.
- **Police Response to High Risk Individuals** – Annual report outlining police procedures, Service compliance, and confirmation of training.
- **Marine Unit** – Annual report on police procedures, compliance with legislative requirements and utilization.
- **Public Complaints** – Quarterly report on complaints made by members of the public against the NRPS and statistical yearly comparison.
- **Public Order Unit** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, compliance with legislative requirements, and utilization.
- **Hostage Rescue** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, compliance with legislative requirements, and the circumstances hostage rescue services have been utilized.
- **Preliminary Perimeter Control and Containment** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, compliance with legislative requirements, and confirmation of development and maintenance of the manual on containment team services and training.
- **Informants and Agents** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, Service compliance and summary of payments made.
- **Major Incident Command** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, status of compliance, confirmation of development and maintenance of a manual, and the circumstances where Major Incident Commanders have been deployed.
- **Search and Seizure** – Annual report summarizing police procedures and compliance with legislative requirements.
- **Ontario Sex Offender Registry** – Annual report outlining police procedures, Service compliance, and confirmation of training on use of the Sex Offender Registry.
- **Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse** – Annual report summarizing police procedures and compliance, training, issues raised or discussed with community partners and steps taken to monitor and evaluate elder and vulnerable adult abuse investigations.
- **Domestic/Family Violence** – Annual report summarizing police procedures and compliance, training, issues raised or discussed with community partners and steps taken to monitor and domestic/family violence investigations.
- **Victim's Assistance** – Annual report summarizing police procedures, changes since last report and compliance with legislative requirements.
- **Response to Emotionally Disturbed, Mental Illness or Developmental Disability** – Annual report summarizing police response, Service compliance with procedures, training, and issues raised or discussed with community partners.



#### NRPS HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

The Niagara Regional Police Service recently launched its new website [www.niagarapolice.ca](http://www.niagarapolice.ca)

We encourage you to visit the new site to see all that it offers. New features include: media centre, current events and police initiatives, connections to social media channels, 12 language options, interactive maps, and quick links for background checks, reporting crimes online and other important information.

### NRPS OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

**Homicides** – Two compared to three for same period in 2012, compared to two in 2011, three in 2010 and six in 2009/2008.

**Traffic Fatalities** – Seven collisions with seven deceased, compared to 11 collisions with 12 deceased for 2012, five collisions with five deceased in 2011 and eight collisions with eight deceased for 2010.

**Life Threatening Injury Collisions** – Eight compared to 19 for same period in 2012; further compared to 10 in 2011 and 17 in 2010.

**Marijuana Grow Operations** – Year to date, NRPS seized illegal drugs totaling a street value of over \$3,385,300 and \$97,000 in equipment.

**Robberies** – In June, NRPS solved four of 17 reported robberies, 13 remain under investigation.