

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 15, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioner Gloria McCluskey, Chair
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Krista Snow
Commissioner William White
Commissioner Kenneth Hill

REGRETS: Commissioner Terry Roane
Commissioner Jim Perrin

STAFF: Deputy Chief Burbridge, HRP
Supt. Gordon Barnett, RCMP
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Mark Hartlen introduced himself to the Board.

CITIZEN COMMENDATIONS

Deputy Chief Burbridge presented a Certificate of Merit to Ms. Stephanie Allen, Mr. Joseph Deveaux, Petty Officer Shayne Allen, Mr. Ivan Raptchuck and Mr. Chris Hutchinson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 9, 2007

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the minutes of July 9, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner White, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Media Releases

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised information has been sent regarding the crime stats.

4.2 Clearance Rate Comparison

Deputy Chief Burbridge advised this information was circulated for the information of the committee. The Board was advised more police officers are in the front line and visible and as a result crime is coming down and clearance rates are going.

Supt. Barnett, RCMP, advised clearance rates are holding steady.

In response to Commissioner Walker as to how this news would get out to the public in the Media, Deputy Chief Burbridge advised the Chief is suggesting meeting with the media and

release of information wait until December to see what impact there is between 2006/2007.

4.3 Policy - Citizens on Patrol

Supt. Bill Moore advised the Citizens on Patrol are currently car based. They are eyes and ears only and do not get involved. A policy is being developed for a foot based walking patrol.

He advised any sanctioned group follows HRP directions. A group can come in and set up outside HRP guidelines but they would not have approval of the police agencies.

Commissioner Walker requested the Policy be brought back to the Board and set by the Board. If a group is going to opt out then they would have to announce their intention not to follow the policy.

Supt. Gordon Barnett, advised the RCMP has a policy for such groups. He advise they fundraise for their expenses.

It was requested a copy of each policy be provided to the members of the Board.

Supt. Moore advised there has never been a foot based Citizens on Patrol group.

5. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant