

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

July 13, 2009

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Commissioner Bill Karsten
Commissioner James Perrin
Commissioner Doug MacDonald
Commissioner Earl Gosse

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STAFF: Deputy Chief Tony Burbridge, Halifax Regional Police
Deputy Chief Chris McNeil, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police
Superintendent Darrell Beaton, RCMP
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m. in the Meisner Room, Halifax Regional Police Headquarters, 1975 Gottingen Street.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - June 15, 2009

MOVED BY Commissioner McCluskey, seconded by Commissioner Perrin, that the minutes of June 15, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Karsten, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 RCMP Reports

C Copies of the June 2009 RCMP reports were before the Board.

In response to a question posed regarding high risk domestic violence cases; Superintendent Beaton advised that the coordinator for the high risk case makes contact with the individual identified as the victim and works with them to develop a response protocol. He indicated that a personal safety alarm may be given to the individual.

7.2 HRP Reports

C Copies of the June 2009 HRP reports were before the Board.

Deputy Chief McNeil noted that there had been a remarkable reduction in motorcycle fatalities over the past three years despite the tragic accident which had occurred on July 11.

Deputy Chief McNeil also advised that the HRP had solved close to 60% of the recent shooting cases and was currently working on a gun strategy. He stated that there had been 40 shootings in HRM to date in 2009.

7.3 Mayor's Task Force on Violence - Superintendent Don Spicer

C The July 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 1 was submitted.

Superintendent Spicer requested approval to report to the Board of Police Commissioners and other external partners via the Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner McCluskey, that the Board of Police Commissioners approve Superintendent Spicer's request to circulate the July 2009 Spotlight on Public Safety newsletter Vol. 1 Issue 1.

It was noted that the newsletter would be sent electronically to a number of community organizations. It was also noted that the initiative included both the HRP and RCMP.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Superintendent Spicer advised that staff was currently working on a communications strategy plan that would be available for the Board at their August 10, 2009, meeting.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant