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Township Of Melancthon 2009 Year End Report

Police Estimate

The 2009 police estimate for the Township of Melancthon was \$320,339.

The 2009 actual was \$303,151. The difference of \$17,189 will be deducted from the first quarter policing costs in 2010. The reconciliation report has been forwarded to the municipality.

The contract with the municipality provides for 2.49 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) uniform positions.

Officers regularly assigned to this Municipality in 2009 were:

Staff Sergeant S. Sills (Steve) – Detachment Commander
Sergeant G. Brodhagen (Greg) - Zone Supervisor
Constable K. Lawson (Keith) – Court Case Management
Constable A. Buck (Al) – Community Services Officer
Constable G. Tardif (Gord)
Constable P. Nancekivell (Paul)
Constable S. Doney (Scott)
Constable S. Oram (Sheldon)
Constable J. Mask (Jason)

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Public Complaints

In 2009 there was one complaint against an officer assigned to this municipality that was cleared as unfounded by an investigator from the OPP Professional Standards Bureau.

Community Services

The CSO meets with citizen groups on request to provide personal safety and crime prevention information.

- Child Car Seat Safety Clinics
- Child ATV Safety
- Bicycle Rodeos
- DARE
- Bullying / Cyber Bullying Programs
- Internet Safety / Kids & Parents
- Seniors Defensive Driving Presentation (Drive Wise)
- "Stuff A Cruiser" Toy Drive
- Code Red School Lockdown Safety Procedures
- Safe Communities of the Hill Country
- Community Task Force on Youth Violence (Upper Grand District School Board area)

Trends

- There were 86 less incidents than in 2008, 707 in 2009 compared to 793 in 2008. On a detachment wide basis there has been a decrease of 516 incidents. 6819 in 2009 compared to 7335 in 2008
- There were 29 9-1-1 hang up calls in 2009 a decrease of 7 from 2008
- There were 14 False Alarms in 2009, 17 less than in 2008.
- There were 11 reported break and enter incidents in 2009, the same as in 2008.
- There were 13 reported thefts in 2009, 8 less than in 2008.
- There were 8 reported crimes of violence in 2009, the same as in 2008, 6 were assault investigations and 2 were sexual assault investigations.
- There were 27 mischief incidents in 2009, 3 less than in 2008

Traffic

There were 114 motor vehicle collisions reported in 2009, 8 more than in 2008. Property damage collisions accounted for 76 of the 114, 17 involved injuries and 15 were non-reportable. Unfounded collisions totaled 6.

There were a total of six fatal collisions on roads in the detachment area, the same as in 2008. Two were on Provincial Highways, the first on March 17th on Hwy. 10 at Hockley rd. in which an Enbridge service vehicle was rear ended by a truck. The Enbridge employee died at hospital. The truck driver was charged.

The second on Hwy. 10 north of County rd. 17 on the 24th of November claimed the lives of a young mother - Tali Cohen and her one year old daughter Healey. This accident is still under investigation.

On May 9th on 5 S/R east of the second line a head-on collision occurred in which Matthew Chapman from East Garafraxa Township did not survive the impact.

On August 14th on County rd. 11 another head on collision occurred in which two Caledon residents were killed. Tiffany Viera age 20 was driving and her mother Berta Viera a passenger in the front seat died.

On the 2nd of October on County rd. 21 a single motor vehicle collision occurred in which Jason Cooke of Southgate Township died.

On the 27th of October a single motor vehicle collision occurred on Airport rd. on the Town of Mono in which a Miles Williams of Guelph died.

In our detachment area there were 707 reported collisions 16 of which were unfounded, there were 882 in 2008, which is a decrease of 175 collisions. Personal injury collisions were down again with 103 in 2009 compared to 110 in 2008

Speeding and failure to wear seat belts continue to result in deaths that could have been prevented. This remains a priority with the OPP and we actively enforce these offences on a year round basis. We set up 344 R.I.D.E. programs in 2009. There was 4720 Provincial Offence Notices issued in the County in 2009.

Officers from Dufferin Detachment checked 20,184 vehicles in our year-round RIDE program and 9,999 in R.I.D.E. grant programs. As well 914 Motorized Snow Vehicles were checked to ensure sobriety of the driver and the necessary documentation and permits were in use. There were 69 Roadside Alcohol Tests administered. A total 53 drivers were charged with impaired driving related offences and 15 drivers were suspended for 12 hours / 3 day suspensions.

Noteworthy Incidents

On 19 Feb 09 while investigating a single motor vehicle accident on the Townline south of 5 Side Road the officer determined the female driver to be impaired. The injured 43yr. old Shelburne woman was taken to hospital by ambulance. Once at hospital, the woman was given a demand to provide breath into the intoxilyzer, however she refused. She is charged with impaired driving and fail to provide breath sample.

On 14 March 09, a resident of 2nd Line N/E reported that his weekend workshop had been broken into and \$7500 in items were stolen. Culprits broke the padlock on the front door and gained access. They stole an ATV worth \$5500, and \$2000 in tools. No suspects have been determined.

On 24 May 09 police received a complaint of an assault on a taxi driver who was parked on Cty Rd 124 near 20 Side Road. They attended and met the driver who stated that the intoxicated male in the back had choked him from behind, and threatened to kill him. The 72 yr. old Glen Huron man was arrested and charged for assault and threatening. He had been drinking at a local bar and was headed for Collingwood.

On 02 Aug 09, a resident of 5th line Melancthon encountered 2 ATV'S on his property that had caused damage to his fence and some vegetation. He spoke to the first driver who is a resident of Amaranth twp. This male drove at him intentionally, and then held him against a tree choking him. The driver of the first ATV then fled the scene. The two occupants of the second ATV who are both from Brampton, were stuck in the mud and stayed until police attended. The first male was later arrested at his residence and charged with assault with a weapon, assault, and mischief. The other two males were charged with mischief.

On 02 Sept 09, a 29 year old Southgate Twp man was driving his pickup on Cty Rd 21, east of Hwy 10. He was driving at excessive speed when he past a farm tractor. He lost control, struck the ditch and rolled over. He was ejected and pronounced deceased on scene.

On 25 Oct 09, officers were dispatched to a residence on Hwy 10 to investigate a report of a VSA male. Upon arrival they found the 48yr. old man lying on the kitchen floor. His wife was on scene and advised that he had high blood pressure, and had been complaining of heart burn and chest pain. The cause of death is suspected to be heart attack.

On 12 Nov 09, officers were conducting a RIDE check on 2nd Line s/w at 260 Side Road spoke with a 50yr old Mono man who had an odour of alcohol on his breath. After been given the Alcotest, he registered a fail. He was arrested for over 80 and transferred to the Dufferin detachment where he blew over the legal limit into the intoxilyzer. He was charged with driving with over 80 milligrams, blood alcohol.

On 22 Nov 09, officers were patrolling Hwy 10. They observed a vehicle being driven at higher than normal speed. They stopped the vehicle and spoke with the 19 yr. old male who had an odour of alcohol on his breath. After 5 attempts at providing a suitable sample into the Alcotest, he registered a fail. He was arrested and taken to Shelburne police for intoxilyzer tests. He provided samples over the legal limit, and was charged with driving with over 80 milligrams, blood alcohol.

On 15 December 09, officers were dispatched to a business on Cty Rd 124 concerning a report of a 49yrs old male unconscious and trapped between the loader arm and cabin roof of his skid steer. Upon arrival officers observed he male had succumbed to his injuries. The Ministry of Labour was contacted regarding this incident.

OFFICER ACHIEVEMENTS

Detective Jill Manser has been seconded to the planning/security division for the G8 summit, as well in this capacity she will be attending the Olympics to provide support and coordinate efforts between the RCMP and other police agencies. Jill was sought out due to her organizational and communications skills.

Three officers received medals/bars reflecting years of service.

S/Sgt. Steve Sills – 20 year medal

Sgt. Dave Quinton – 30 year bar

Sgt. Derek Zayachkowski – 20 year medal

Constable Steve Quinn received his fit for duty pin for the 10th straight year.

Business Plan for 2009

The detachment business plan has ten goals designed to meet the OPP Strategic Priorities of:

PUBLIC SAFETY We ensure Public Safety is our Core Focus

RELATIONSHIPS We build trusting relationships with the public, our partners and stakeholders

WORKFORCE We represent a professional and diverse workforce that is the Benchmark of Excellence

EFFECTIVENESS We invest public resources wisely in support of frontline service delivery

Dufferin Goals - Results for 2009

Safer Highways, Waterways and Trails

The reduction of Personal Injury (PI's) collisions continues to decline. A three year comparison shows that in 2007 there were 150 PI's and in 2008 there were 110. The down trend continued for 2009 with 104 PI's.

There was also a decrease of 175 collisions overall in 2009. This can be attributed somewhat to weather as well as increased visibility and traffic enforcement by members of the Dufferin Detachment. Traffic enforcement in 2009 saw an increase of 35% this is a 6 year high for the Dufferin Detachment.

Increase public confidence through Crime Prevention

Our "Lock it or Lose it" campaign and public education County wide on the issue of thefts from motor vehicles had a desired effect in that there was 48 thefts from motor vehicles in 2009 compared to 66 in 2008. This indicates reduction of approximately 30%. The apprehension of the persons responsible for these thefts played a role in the reduction. Over 70 thefts from motor vehicle occurrences were cleared in Dufferin, Caledon and Orangeville. The offenders were residents of Dufferin County.

Our Break & Enter occurrences also saw a dramatic decline as there were 85 Break-ins in 2009 compared to 116 in 2008. Public education and awareness obviously has had the necessary effect. Again, apprehending offenders played a role in the reduction.

Deliver professional frontline services, one contact at a time

Our Community Service programs facilitate public interaction and information sharing. Weekly police news releases are well received by local media outlets and ensure key messages are publicized. All uniform front line officers support and participate in OPP community

opportunities. From fall fairs, Santa Claus parades, bicycle rodeos, Lock It or Loose It endeavors, to Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drives, speaking about crime prevention, seniors Drive Wise presentations, DARE and other school safety programs, the Dufferin OPP Detachment is proactively committed to the communities we serve.

Traffic enforcement continues to focus on impaired driving, aggressive driving, and failure to wear seatbelts. OPP RIDE programs and seatbelt checks operate year round throughout all communities in Dufferin County. RADAR and LIDAR speed enforcement equipment is utilized from both marked and unmarked police vehicles. Deployment locations are based upon community input and collision frequency.

Deliver responsive programs and services that address the needs of the varied communities we serve

The many proactive programs that address the community needs have been identified in the previous paragraphs. They include:

Seniors Fraud Prevention Presentation

Child Car Seat Safety Clinics

Child ATV Safety

Bicycle Rodeos

DARE

Bullying / Cyber Bullying Programs

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Develop harmonious, trusting and mutually respectful relationships with Aboriginal Communities

While there is no Aboriginal Communities in Dufferin County, many officers have attended the Native Awareness Course and have returned believing it was the best course they have had the opportunity to attend.

Create a culture in which every employee is a leader and all contributions are valued

The environment that exists in this detachment recognizes the strengths of each individual and the leadership ensures that members are placed in a position to learn and then investigate particular occurrences. The team approach ensures that knowledge is gained in a timely fashion and participation in all aspects of an investigation promotes confidence in the employee to do his / her best. A third of the Dufferin officers were provided the opportunity to act in the next rank or coach new recruits.

Support workforce excellence through continuous learning and development opportunities

Officers have attended numerous courses which has benefited the office as a whole. We now have a trained firearms officer, first aid instructor, driving excellence officer, domestic violence trainer and a second officer trained in presenting the D.A.R.E. program. The noted officers were identified for the particular courses as a result of strengths and opportunities supported through career development.

Measure performance and hold ourselves accountable through ongoing evaluation, including RDP and Performance Management

Dufferin Detachment attended monthly Results Driven Policing (RDP) meetings where traffic and crime statistics were reviewed on a monthly basis. When a significant increase in a given area was identified, action was taken to address the issues.

In November the detachment was the subject of an audit that was completed by the Quality Assurance Unit of OPP GHQ, of the high-risk areas within the detachment. A detailed report was provided and all deficiencies identified have been addressed. The detachment continues to monitor these high-risk areas through a quarterly management process and yearly audits completed by Regional staff.

Ensure effective fiscal management

During the year all expenses were reviewed and approved by the Detachment Commander. Restrictions on overtime for administration and training continued. The detachment was able to increase its staffing level to the full complement of 25 constables. This has assisted in reducing the need for overtime as a result of needing to backfill because of vacation, sick time and outside assignments. The hours worked for Melancthon Township were 89 hours under in the 2009 contract number and there was a 28% decrease in overtime over 2008.

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