CITY OF HAMILTON

Hamilton Police Services Board

Report to: Mayor & Members Committee of the Whole
Submitted by: Lois Morin Administrator

Date: May 31, 2010
Prepared by: Lois Morin Administrator
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SUBJECT: HPS Monthly Report (City Wide)
(PSB 10-046)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Report PSB 10-046 respecting the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report be received.

Lois Morin, Administrator
Police Services Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Police Services Board met on Monday, May 17, 2010 and respectfully submits the above recommendation which, the Police Board approved.
SUBJECT: HPS Monthly Report  
(City Wide) (PSB10-046)

BACKGROUND:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:
(see attached report PSB 10-046)

Attachment: PSB 10-046
HPS Monthly Report

cc Chief Glenn DeCaire, Hamilton Police Service
HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2010 May 17
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
           Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
      Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
         (PSB 10-046)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct the Administrator of the Board to refer this report, in its entirety, to the City of Hamilton, for information.

Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL – n/a

STAFFING – n/a

LEGAL – n/a
BACKGROUND:

April 28: BEAR Bags Bank Robber in less than three (3) hours
At 11:15 a.m., Hamilton Police responded to a bank robbery at the TD Canada Trust, on James Street South. Given the descriptors and the Modus Operandi, Detectives from the B.E.A.R. Unit immediately identified the suspect and within three (3) hours of the crime, arrested the male.

April 28: Gang Proof Video
Over 200 people gathered at The Spectator auditorium for the release the video, Gang Proof: Breaking the Cycle of Violence. It was produced with the support of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Tweedle Productions and Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc. Funding was supplied by the Hamilton Community Foundation.

The documentary chronicles the gang lifestyle and 'dares' viewers to break the cycle of violence. Through a number of interviews, including individuals previously involved in the gang-lifestyle, community members and police, the myths of a gang lifestyle are explored and solutions are presented. A lesson plan has been developed around the video and educators and community groups are encouraged to contact the Service's Youth Co-ordinator to book a presentation.

April 30: Ontario Women in Law Enforcement
On Friday, April 30, it was my pleasure to attend the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement Annual Awards ceremony in Mississauga, Ontario. There were several awards and acknowledgements given throughout the evening. I am proud to say that three of the major awards were presented to Hamilton Police Officers:

Leadership Award: Staff Sergeant Carol Pacey
As a uniform Staff Sergeant Carol Pacey has demonstrated her ability to inspire her officers with passion.
On December 15, 2008, 28-year old Hamilton Police Constable Jeff Lennox had just completed a workout at home when he collapsed. His wife Sarah called 911 and frantically began performing CPR. BMS arrived and continued working on him while en route to the hospital. Twenty minutes later his vital signs returned, but at the hospital, the prognosis for him looked dire.

Within 30 minutes of hearing about the officer that night, Staff Sergeant Pacey had communicated the news to her Squad and all of the officers attended the hospital to provide whatever support they could.

It was learned that Jeff’s sick time would run out in early 2009. Since Service Members can only donate three (3) days of sick time, S/Sgt. Pacey’s squad developed a power point tribute to their friend. She then encouraged each of her colleagues to attend as many parades as possible across the organization. More than three (3) years of sick days were raised for the Cst. Lennox.

Additional rehabilitation therapy was necessary for his recovery, but it was not covered by OHIP. With S/Sgt. Pacey’s encouragement, the 2009 Colin Millar Police Charity Golf Tournament was dedicated to raising money for his rehabilitation. The tournament sold out, and at the end of a beautiful sunny day in June, $20,000.00 was raised for the Officer.

She is involved in numerous off the job activities that profile her Police Service and enrich the community she serves. This includes the involvement with Youth, Elder, Veterans and supporting charity organizations in her community.

Award of Valour: Constable Tara Copeland and Constable Amanda Reid
These two (2) officers responded to assist in a pursuit from a hold up on January 29th, 2009, at a Hamilton mountain Tim Horton’s. They assisted in arresting the two (2) suspects that had earlier burst into the store and held up the nine (9) patrons and staff at gun point. They fled in a vehicle and these officers caught up to them in the residential area close by.

After pursuing the suspect vehicle it went into a snow bank and the suspects fled on foot. One of the suspects turned and shot at the officers with a sawed off shot gun. Without having time to acquire cover, both officers returned fire and struck one (1) suspect in the arm before effecting the arrest. He was in possession of both a sawed off shotgun and a 45 calibre hand gun.

The second suspect was arrested by other officers a short distance away. The money taken during the robbery was also recovered. Had these two (2) officers not continued the pursuit, it is unknown how many people would have been victimized that night.
These officers were placed in harm’s way with less than one (1) year on the job at the time. It is obvious that they had their life threatened and were able to rely on their training with little time on their hands to make life altering decisions. They were able to prevent these men from continuing to threaten the community.

On behalf of Deputies Leendertse and Girt and all the men and women of Hamilton Police Service, congratulations to Tara, Amanda and Carol on your commitment to this Service and to the community. You are exceptional Ambassadors for this Service, fully deserving of the recognition you received.

We congratulate the following Hamilton Police Service Members who received recognition for long service:

25 years
S/Sgt. Carol Pacey  Cst. Patricia Cole-Stever

30 years
Darlene Shepherd  Kathy McLean

Congratulations to Detective Jo-Ann Savoie and Detective Myra James. Detective Savoie is now the President of the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement, taking over from Detective James.

May 2: 11th Annual Ontario Police Memorial Day at Queen’s Park
Hamilton Police had over 100 members attend this year’s Memorial, which included Command, Senior Officers, Sworn and Civilian Members, Special Constables, Auxiliaries, Chorus, Band, Honour Guard and 13 Retirees. It was a very impressive showing in support of the families of fallen officers.

May 7: Launch of ACTION Team: Anti-Violence Strategy

ACTION
Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods
May 12: Launch of Mounted Unit
Police Week saw the official introduction of the new Hamilton Police Service Mounted Patrol Unit during Police in the Park activities.

In September, 2009, the Hamilton Police Services Board approved the creation of a new Mounted Patrol Unit to be deployed as a three-year pilot project. The mission of the Mounted Patrol Unit is to complement existing policing strategies currently used throughout the City. This Unit will heighten the Police Service's ability to accomplish crime prevention, manage our entertainment districts, complement search and rescue capabilities and provide park and trail safety. The Unit will also be effective in promoting community outreach with our Police Service, while positively impacting local tourism.

The Mounted Patrol Unit will focus on the Downtown Core, but will be available in areas throughout the City requiring special attention. The Mounted Patrol Unit is designed as an operational Unit and will be deployed in a patrol capacity. The Unit is expected to work closely with the Police Service’s new ACTION team – promoting high visibility in key areas.

Five (5) HPS officers were selected to be the first riders for the Hamilton Police Service. The officers have recently completed a 15-week training program, hosted by the Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit. The course included training on riding skills and equitation, horse health and grooming, stable management, and formation drills. The Hamilton Police Service credit the staff, Commanders, and Chief W. Blair of the Toronto Police Service for their significant contribution to the development of a Mounted program, in Hamilton.

Upcoming

June 1: Support our Troops
June 1st will mark the Hamilton Police Service’s participation in the Canada-wide ‘Support Our Troops’ month. Chief De Caire will also be announcing the Service’s new Military Leave Policy and participating in the unveiling of a restored antique scroll that lists the names of our officers who have served overseas.

Please join us; we will be gathering in front of Central Station at 9:30 a.m. and you are all invited.

There are 14 members of the Military Reserve Force presently serving with the Hamilton Police. Our Members provide countless hours in service to the Canadian Forces in addition to their regular duties.
In this post 9/11 era, police and the military are on the front lines of the "War Against Terrorism." As a Police Service, we are responsible for the day-to-day safety of the people of Hamilton. The Canadian Forces are responsible for the wider mission of Canadian national security. In that respect we are partners as world wide events play out on our local streets everyday. No nation is immune from a terrorist attack or natural catastrophe, as we in Canada have seen and experienced. Forming a strong bond between the Hamilton Police Service and our local military community is very important.

When ‘Support Our Troops’ month concludes June 30, the Hamilton Police Service will continue to fly the Ensign as long as any Hamilton based soldier is deployed. As we have done for some time now, our marked cars will continue to display the yellow ribbon of support. Lest We Forget.

GD/C. Martin