

Cottage Watch-OPP Meet and Greet Tuesday, May 24, 2011

PRESENT:

Tim Drouin	Constable Lynda Cranney
Julie Smith	Staff Sergeant Mike Frew
Bill Service	Superintendent John Tod
Doug Kyle	
Jan Woods	
Ben Teskey	
John Gunderman	
Gisele Gunderman	

Purpose of meeting

- To introduce Cottage Watch Coordinators to OPP Officials.
- To discuss topics of mutual interest designed to promote and enhance the effectiveness of the OL CW Program.

Crime Stats, Huntsville Detachment

9,994 calls entered. 1,158 from Lake of Bays; assumption is that there may have been approximately 1 or 2 % from Oxtongue Lake. Unable to retrieve data specifically for OL but Superintendent Tod suggested that they could explore possibility to do so as we are now a community involved in Cottage Watch. Gisele will follow-up with Lynda Cranney.

By all accounts Winter 2010-2011 was an uneventful one.

Police presence at Oxtongue Lake

Contrary to a newspaper report that indicated confusion into which OPP Detachment is responsible for full time servicing of OL, it was noted that Huntsville has complete policing responsibility for OL.

The CW Coordinators expressed a desire to see more presence on our roads, not only on HWY 60 where police are more visible. This was noted by Constable Cranney, Staff Sergeant Frew and Superintendent Tod, who also explained that a patrolling schedule is never encouraged as patterns might be noticed by those who might commit crimes. They suggested that they would utilize a variety of programs to ensure visibility.

Superintendent John Tod explained that with limited resources they use such programs as the Crime Abatement program which focuses on 20 repeat offenders with whom they regularly do compliance checks. They also use Intelligence-Lead policing practices to make the most of their resources.

Discussed the Dorset Community Policing Office. The Dorset CPO has been quite successful as a visible entity in the Dorset area. To acquire the same in OL, costs would have to be fully borne by the community. Costs can be quite high when including cost of technology. Perhaps a consideration for the future.

Crime reporting

Crime reporting procedures were reviewed. Suspicious activities should be reported to the OPP or if not appropriate to report to the OPP, should be noted and reported to the Road Coordinator, who keeps track of activities on their road. The July 1 Community events at the Community Centre is a good opportunity to remind all community members of the procedures.

2010 crimes reported from OL are still under investigation.

Crime victims are welcome to follow-up the investigation with the investigating Officer. If crime victims are not getting responses from the investigating Officer are welcome to contact Staff Sergeant Mike Frew at the Huntsville Detachment.

Crime Alert has been discontinued and will be replaced soon by a much improved communication tool. We were advised to watch for the launch on OPP.ca

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We are encouraged to visit the site. The OPP offer several relevant programs that our community might be interested in.

July 1 celebration

Constable Cranney, Staff Sergeant Frew and Superintendent Tod were invited to join the community on that day at our Community Centre. Gisele will send a reminder invitation closer to the date.

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