



Grey-Bruce O.P.P.
Southgate Police Service Board Report
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Detachment Commander:
Inspector Paul Richardson

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER

I am pleased to present the Detachment Commanders report for the Grey Bruce OPP.

I am excited to see the days getting longer and the temperature rising. As we head towards spring our traffic unit is preparing to address the increased volume of travelers, along with our frontline members and the support of the regional traffic unit. As always, we encourage the public who are our partners in public safety to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911 with timely information.

The Grey Bruce OPP recently installed ICC (In Car Camera's) in every car. These cameras capture our officer's interaction with the public capturing valuable evidence in the process. In addition to the recording capability the cameras are equipped with ALPR (Automatic Licence Plate Reader). The technology captures and processes licence plate information in milliseconds which provides real time information to the officers on expired plates, suspended drivers and stolen vehicles. This advancement in technology is an incredible tool supporting public safety.

You will notice a section added to the PSB report that highlights our front-line members. Front line policing is the core of our service to the communities of Grey and Bruce; thus, a section highlighting the efforts of our dedicated front-line members.

Grey Bruce members continue to be one of the highest enforcers of impaired drivers in West Region. The dedication of Grey Bruce OPP members in keeping our roads safe will surely reduce the carnage and victimization caused by impaired drivers.

As we navigate towards summer and recognize the exponential increase in population to the area, significant planning and preparation ensures a fulsome response to associated elevated call volume. Members from across the region and province will support the Grey Bruce detachment as we welcome visitors to the area.

Lastly, I wanted to thank the Police Service Boards and Councils for a warm welcome back to Grey Bruce and thank everyone for their participation in public safety.



**Grey-Bruce OPP Detachment
Commander**

Inspector Paul Richardson



CRIME

CRIME UNIT

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Byron Schwass

The Grey Bruce County Major Crime Unit (MCU) (7 Detectives) led, assisted or managed 49 Benchmark Occurrences January 1st, to February 28th, 2023.

This includes 23 Sudden Death investigations (one of which was an obvious opiate overdose), 2 Criminal Harassment complaints (charges laid), 1 child pornography complaint, 3 large cryptocurrency frauds, arson complaints, missing persons, and 5 reported sexual assaults.

One of the sudden deaths resulted in a scene being held for 2 days to allow for Forensic Identification Services, and the MCU to assist the Coroner. The death has been deemed inconclusive, but not criminal at this time. It may prove to be an overdose death (toxicology pending).

OPP CIB (Criminal Investigation Bureau) have invoked their mandate on three cases within this period. One case is an overdose death, where suspected traffickers have been identified, a second overdose death where a Person of Interest (trafficker) is known, and the third case is two missing males from Hepworth, where foul play cannot be ruled out. *Extensive ground searches undertaken with the OPP Emergency Response Team, and aerial searches with OPP Aviation Service. The two males remain outstanding, and will be the subject of further investigation.

One male was identified as involved in numerous deliberate arsons (property damage) within the Town of Meaford. 2 DCs were assigned, and through interviews and an arrest, charged a young male adult with 9 counts of arson.

In a rather unique case, a device capable of exploding was sent via mail to a person who resides in Southgate. This matter remains under investigation.

One of the 5 sex assaults is believed linked to other historical unsolved sexual assaults in Bruce County. This matter remains under investigation with the Grey Bruce MCU, and OPP RST (Regional Support team)

This Unit is also assisting other Major Crime Units with investigations/statements, and providing guidance to uniform personnel on criminal investigations. One DC is currently assigned on a TAA (temporary assignment agreement) in West Region HQ.

The Grey Bruce Major Crime Unit continues to follow up leads, prepare for court, and investigate several ongoing Homicides which fall under the direction of OPP Criminal

Investigations Branch (CIB). SPRUNG Homicide (Meaford) completed the preliminary inquiry for 1st degree Murder and is now proceeding to trial. SOLOMON Homicide (Saugeen First Nation) trial pending. The JACKSON attempt murder (North Bruce Peninsula).

All National and Ontario Sex Offenders, Hate Crime / Extremism Investigations and High Risk to re-offend Offenders and High Risk Domestic Violence Offenders continue to be managed by the Grey Bruce County Crime Unit.

COMMUNITY STREET CRIME UNIT | CSCU

Supervisor: Acting Detective Sergeant Martin Dlouhy

In late January Grey-Bruce/South Bruce CSCU assisted Oxford CSCU, OSPS Drugs and Intel and ROPE at locating wanted person, PRIEM, at a motel in Owen Sound. PRIEM was subject to a provincial wide alert by ROPE as he cut his GPS ankle monitor and fled his residence on January 11th, 2023. PRIEM was on house arrest for drug trafficking charges stemming from a drug project that Oxford CSCU initiated. Sourced information indicated that PRIEM was at a said motel in Owen Sound. Units contained the motel and observed the suspect attempting to flee from the balcony. Further containment and negotiating with the suspect resulted in a successful arrest. Large scale, multijurisdictional investigations involving the collaborative efforts of various specialty units within the OPP and with our municipal policing partners are essential to the promotion of public safety and the judicial process.

CSCU assisted OCEB in Belleville in the execution of numerous drug search warrants as well as surveillance as part of 'Project Coyote'. 1 kg of fentanyl, 6 kg of methamphetamine, 16 kg of cocaine, \$370,000 in Canadian currency, 10 vehicles, body armour, and 12 firearms were seized. Twenty-six (26) people were charged after a 13-month investigation, including several Hells Angels and Red Devil motorcycle club members. Although this search warrant was not within Grey-Bruce OPP jurisdiction, it will have positive impacts within our area as many of these drugs may have been destined for rural communities including Grey-Bruce. Local CSCU regularly collaborate with the BEU (Biker Enforcement Unit) within the OCEB (Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau) for large-scale investigations across the province, the collaborative efforts of these highly skilled investigators effectively disrupt criminal organization and drug distribution networks for the betterment of our communities and citizens.

Grey-Bruce/South Bruce CSCU executed a s. 487 search warrant at a property in Chatsworth. The ACCUSED, CORDEAU-HILLIARD, was arrested for: Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 x 3, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000 x 2, theft over \$5000 x 2, altering removing VIN, possession of cocaine, possession of methamphetamine. Recovered property includes: 2023 Freight Tow truck, 2021 Honda van, 2018 utility trailer, 2007 Pontiac vehicle, 1 gram of cocaine, 9.3 grams of suspected methamphetamine.

Grey-Bruce/South Bruce CSCU executed a s. 487 search warrant at a property in Grey Highlands. The ACCUSED, DUCK, was arrested for: possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 x 4, dangerous operation of vehicle, resist peace officer, failure to comply with release orders. A co-ACCUSED, WIEBE, was arrested for: possession property obtained by crime over \$5000 x 3, failure to comply with release order. Recovered property includes: 2009 Subaru Tribeca, 2017 IGO Evergreen Camping trailer, 2017 GMC Sierra, 6 x stolen vehicle license plates, 21.1 grams of suspected cocaine, several functioning digital scales, packaging material, cell phones, 12 x Milwaukee power tools. Investigation ongoing and additional charges are pending.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM | MCRT

Provincial Constable Ang Hastings

As the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) continues to establish themselves in our detachments and communities they are consistently helping members of our community connect with the resources they need and to assist our members in providing the type of services they require.

Frontline Grey-Bruce officers still attend mental health classified calls for service but are now better able to serve the caller by having an in-house team of professionals to call to the scene or to refer to for follow-up.



MEDIA

Provincial Constable Nick Wilson

January 2023 Media Releases	= 21
February 2023 Media Releases	= 24
March 2023 Media Releases	= 12
Q1 Total	= 57

MEDIA RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

- Coverage of several property crime investigations within Grey Bruce (see page 3)
- Coverage of high-profile sudden death occurrence in the Municipality of Meaford along the Bruce-Trail
- Coverage of Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enforcement
- Several media releases posted to social media accounts including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram surrounding media related events and things happening within the OPP

COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES

- Presented high risk individuals to STAR situation tables to form working groups for long term support.
- Attended case conferences with MCRT workers regarding investigations in our area.
- Attended local area schools and taught presentations on internet safety and bullying.
- Participated in the Grey County Youth Substance Working Group.
- Presented presentations to several community groups throughout Grey Bruce County surrounding frauds and scams for Fraud Prevention Month starting in March. *Fraud Prevention Month is an annual campaign that seeks to help citizens recognize, reject and report fraud.*
- Assisted a Halton Regional Police civilian member, a Cops for Cancer ambassador, as he dragged a 200-pound sled through Grey County on his way from Owen Sound to Oakville
- Attended training regarding OPP Media Relations to apply up to date operating procedures and practices.
- Continued work with Regional Road Safety Committees.
- Taught conflict resolution presentations at schools within Grey Bruce County.
- Participated in youth engagement at schools within Grey Bruce County.
- Attended the Wiarton Willy event and conducted foot patrol to ensure public safety.
- Worked with several working groups addressing calls for service for at risk youth and how best to formulate a community response plan moving forward. Once implemented continued to follow up and meet with stakeholders to ensure follow through.
- Community Information session on Human Trafficking in Grey-Bruce supported by a Grey Highlands Anti-Human Trafficking grant initiative
- Tri county presentation to Midwest Co-op for their yearly company training sessions on robbery prevention, and fraud. Members from Wellington, South Bruce and Grey Bruce Co-Op's attended.
- Spoke at the Crime Prevention Working Group for Grey Bruce meeting on initiatives and community outreach being done by the OPP to better aid them in directing their resources
- Human Trafficking community information session was held in Grey Highlands – organized by the Municipality, South Bruce OPP and Grey Bruce OPP.
- Assisted in partnership with PLT organizing and preparing for a community recruitment session on Saugeen First Nation. The actual session was run by PLT, Uniform Recruitment and our Auxiliary Unit.
- Participated in Regional Road Safety Committee for South Western Ontario to continue efforts for awareness and education towards improving road safety.
- 14 presentations run at elementary schools in Grey Bruce regarding Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying – Grades 3 – 8 spoken to.
- Fraud presentations continued with events in Meaford for multiple seniors groups consisting of about 60 attendees.
- Attended a Safe Community Schools Initiative Seminar virtually through Buffalo State University. Topics of discussion were focused around school shootings, responses to mass shootings, and emergency personal preparedness for mass casualty shootings.

AUXILIARY

Auxiliary S/Sgt Tom Buckley

Provincial Constable Shaun Hierlihy

GREY-BRUCE AUXILIARY HOURS BY MONTH – 2022 AND 2023

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS	60.75	151.5	165.5	206.0	470.5	286.0	445.5	318.5	357.0	368.75	299.25	296.5
2023												
HOURS	250	204	340									

In January auxiliary members accompanied uniform members on nine (9) patrol shifts. Additionally, an auxiliary member had the occasions to assist with a school presentation in Meaford during the month of January. Three (3) auxiliary officers traveled with uniform officers from the Grey-Bruce Detachment to attend the funeral of fallen officer PC Greg Pierzchala in Barrie on January 4, 2023.

February started with the Wiarton Willy festival with four (4) auxiliaries in attendance with many uniform members. The national attention gathering prognostication was well attended by the public and police alike as 2023 marked the first event since the onset of the pandemic. Willie predicted an early spring.

A SafeGuard trained auxiliary conducted an evaluation with a uniformed member at the request of a citizen. SafeGuard is a community-based crime prevention program developed in direct support of our detachments. SafeGuard is a public awareness and education initiative based on the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principle and is applicable to both homes and businesses in our communities. Trained members complete and evaluation and make recommendations to increase security and deter crime.

An auxiliary member who has been a Fitness Appraiser for over 12 years attended recertification in Orillia and returned to conduct a Fit Pin Test at the request of a member who was successful. Another Auxiliary member will be attending the two-day, 300 km OPP supported James Bay Epic Ride from Moose Factory to Attawapiskat by fat bike arranged by long time local officer PC Adam Belanger the OPP's provincial coordinator of the Right Smart Cycling Education Program.

Two auxiliary members attended the recruiting sessions held on Saugeen First Nation as part of the recent local uniform recruiting efforts within Grey-Bruce.

In March 2023 three (3) auxiliary members were presented with service awards. Lance Holmes retired after 20 years of volunteer service. Auxiliary Sergeant Paul Ballard received a 25 year service award. And Auxiliary Constable Kevin Predon for 5 years. In combination with the three (3) 25-year awards presented in months prior this totals over 175 years of auxiliary service recognized within our Grey-Bruce auxiliary unit.

STATISTICS SUMMARY

GREY-BRUCE / SOUTHGATE CRIME STATISTICS

See below first quarter (Q1) crime statistics for both Southgate and Grey-Bruce total over the last five (5) years.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q1	Southgate	748	552	562	434	343
	Grey-Bruce	6845	5150	5139	4917	5062

VIOLENT CRIME

VIOLENT CRIME		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q1	Southgate	15	22	21	10	20
	Grey-Bruce	116	115	160	136	124

PROPERTY CRIME

PROPERTY CRIME		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q1	Southgate	29	49	41	40	23
	Grey-Bruce	208	253	266	252	243

DRUG CRIME

DRUGS		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Q1	Southgate	0	1	0	1	4
	Grey-Bruce	7	7	16	9	13

GREY-BRUCE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

See below **first quarter** (Q1) Criminal Traffic Offences for Southgate and Grey-Bruce total for the last five (5) years.

CRIMINAL TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Q1 - Criminal Traffic	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Southgate	5	2	7	1	4
Grey-Bruce	42	32	45	26	40

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

Q1 - MVCs	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Southgate	27	28	33	30	23
Grey Bruce	270	400	283	355	461

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT

In the first quarter of 2023 (Q1), the Traffic Management Unit, consisting of two (2) Provincial Constables, have issued nearly 255 provincial offence charges, 267 warnings, and have laid additional criminal charges as it relates to impaired driving.

All statistics, graphs and maps are based upon preliminary information supplied by reporting parties and may not have been verified. Preliminary crime classifications may be changed at a later date based upon additional investigation and the possibility of mechanical or human error. There is no warranty, representation or guarantee as to the content, sequence, accuracy, timeliness, or completeness of any of the data provided herein. The data provided is unreliable for comparison purposes over time, or for any other reason. The Ontario Provincial Police explicitly disclaim any representation or warranty, including, without limitation, any merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL & PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

PROVINCIAL DEPLOYMENT OF IN-CAR CAMERA AND ALPR TECHNOLOGY

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has begun expanding the deployment of In-Car Cameras (ICCs) with built-in Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) province wide. Full provincial rollout is expected to be complete by the end of this fiscal year. *The Grey-Bruce OPP were outfitted with ICCs this spring and eagerly await the issuance of body worn cameras in the coming months.*

The ICC system includes a forward-facing camera covering three lanes of traffic, as well as a camera facing the rear interior of the vehicle. This system also includes integrated ALPR capability, meaning every ICC-equipped vehicle is also an ALPR-equipped vehicle. Digital evidence collected via ICCs is stored and managed using the provincial cloud-based Digital Evidence Management portal. The OPP is continuing to partner with the Ministry of the Attorney General to incorporate their requirements, ensuring all evidentiary ICC files are processed and disclosed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Communications and Technology Services Bureau



COMMUNICATIONS MODERNIZATION PROJECT

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NETWORK (PSRN)

With more than 20 years of continuous operation, the current FleetNet radio system is nearing its End of Life and a replacement is required to meet the needs of a forward-looking OPP. As a result, the OPP will be transitioning to a modern, encrypted and innovative radio system: the Land Mobile Radio Network (LMRN).

An inter-ministerial system, the Public Safety Radio Network (PSRN) will be utilized by eight Ontario Ministries and more than 38,000 frontline and emergency responders. It is a secure network that incorporates new and existing infrastructure that will allow for multi-agency response with radio interoperability. At a cost of approximately \$2 billion, it is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Ontario and is the largest PSRN project in North America.

Throughout 2022 and continuing into 2023, as part of the province-wide upgrade to LMRN, the OPP continues to advance radio communications technology and resources for its members. Once complete, frontline OPP officers will see enhancements to radio coverage, interoperability through encrypted GPS-enabled devices and enhancements to their portable radios.

Grey-Bruce OPP began the LMRN transition and our fleet and members are now outfitted with the new hardware and trained on their use. We look forward to the improved functionality of the LMRN radio system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

In an emergency DIAL 911

You can also call
1 888 310 1122
1 888 310 1133 (TTY)
Anywhere in Ontario, 24-hour toll free

Non-emergency calls

Please call
1 888 310 1122
1 888 310 1133 (TTY)
Anywhere in Ontario, 24-hour toll free

GREY-BRUCE OPP DETACHMENTS

CHATSWORTH OPP DETACHMENT

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