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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS of June 2024

1. Staff Sgt. Jon Kurtz summarized recent activities including the March and April policing report:

MVC's Niche

Incidents	March 2024	April 2024
Fatal	2	0
Personal Injury	3	2
Property Damage	57	47
BI Cube Total	63	39
Niche Total	60	49

Overall, collisions are slightly up from last year YTD – last year we had 241 YTD and this year 250.

Fatals:

- 2 vehicle collision. Intersection related. 1 female driver deceased. No charges laid. (Courtright Line at Marthaville Road, Enniskillen Township).
- 2 vehicle collision. Intersection related. 1 female driver deceased. No charges laid. (Inwood Road and Rokeby Line, Brooke-Alvinsotn).

Property Crime March/April

Incident Type	Total	Details	YTD	Niche
Sexual Assault	8	6 cleared by charge, 2 open, 2 insufficient evidence to proceed	Up 58.3%	10
Assault	23	16 cleared by charge, 3 insufficient evidence, 2 unfounded, 7 victim declined to proceed	Down 4.9%	28
Abduction	0		No Change	0
Robbery	0		No change	1



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Break and Enter	13	1 cleared by charge, 12 insufficient evidence to proceed, 3 open/still under investigaiton	Down 3.3%	16
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Reported SA offences – up from 2023 – last year 12 reported, this year 19

Assaults have decreased slightly - 61 in 2023 compared to 58 in 2024

Overall, down 28.7% in property crimes

Fires March/April

	Amount of Calls	Clearance Type	
	1	Insufficient Evidence	
	36	Complete solved non- criminal	
	0	Under Investigation	
Total	37		

Alarms

- 64 – all complete solved non-criminal
- 10 addresses with multiple alarms
- Various reasons for false alarms: kids home, faulty alarms, door left ajar, persons forgetting alarm codes etc.

Deaths

- 17 total
- 13 natural causes/medical concerns
- 2 other
- 2 MVC

Patrol

Well over 1,500 hours were spent by our officers conducting cruiser patrol, foot patrol, marine patrol, and school patrol. This led to positive interaction within the community, greater police presence and a reduction in crime.

Impaired Driving

- 30 during this reporting time frame – have noticed **significant BAC** in a lot of cases,



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SRO's

2 officers assigned to work with the local high -school – 1 at LCCVI and 1 at NLSS

New Members

- Hired 2 new special Constables – Currently at PPA for training – Will be assigned to our court office.

Community Involvement

- OPP Kids programs at elementary schools
- Fight Fraud presentations
- Personal Safety presentations

Grants

Update - MCRT Enhancement grant – continued to be used to supplement full-time coverage with OT

(Additional/statistical information available in OPP Monthly Report | forwarded electronically to municipal partners and posted to LGPSB website).

2. The board received correspondence back from St. Clair Township in relation to the boards letter identifying that while the additional room is no longer being occupied by OPP and has been occupied by Township staff for some time, the board continues to receive an invoice for payment. The correspondence received confirmed Councils decision, *“agreed to discontinue the increased rent (currently \$2326.53) for a room no longer occupied by the LGPSB, Council agreed; but, as for your request to offer a credit for any money paid to date for that same room, Council was not agreeable”*
3. After reviewing the increase in false alarm responses, that take away valuable resources, the board directed that letters be sent to property owners to advise the number of false calls, and a reminder that if accidental, the keyholder can and should call in immediately once the accidental response has been triggered. A By-Law will also be drafted and circulated in the fall to member municipalities requesting provisions for monetary penalties, should the false alarms continue, the proposed by-law would be a joint by-law in place with all Lambton Group municipalities.
4. Concerns were raised in relation to increased trends so far this year in Grand Bend: public intoxication, an alarming notation of occupants in rear seats not using seatbelts, including, and more concerning, children not being secured in car seats.
5. In response to the increase of traffic in Grand Bend this season, 12 additional officers are working every weekend during the season.
6. Correspondence received from Lambton Shores and Enniskillen Twp was reviewed and discussed. The board passed a motion:



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THAT in response to the changes from SOLGEN in relation to provincial funding issued for municipalities through the CSPA; and

THAT in addition to the procedures issued to all municipalities in April from the Lambton Group OPP Detachment Board, and in response to Enniskillen Twp, and Lambton Shores correspondence, all Lambton Group municipalities will be requested to keep track of payments received, and quarterly provide payment of the funds received to the board via The County of Lambton and to include summary statement along with the payment; and

*THAT it be requested of our SOLGEN rep to provide us a year end summary for each municipality; and
THAT any of the boards operating budget deficit will be invoiced by December 31, 2024, to individual municipalities.*

7. The Board reviewed current website services provided and heard an update on the requirements under the CSPA. The board secretary will look at some additional options and report back in August.
8. Inspector Avery provided an update on recent Impaired Driving Plea frustrations updated the concerns and will continue to bring forward information and updates to the Board.
As this is such a key awareness piece – the board requested that the topic be a standing item on the agenda.
9. Provincial Member Durance provided the board with an overview of the recent OAPSB conference that she along with Members McCharles and Marsh attended.
10. Member Atkinson provided compliment to the detachment on recent interactions and correspondence he has been receiving in relation to the Marine Unit.
11. S/Sgt. VanRoboys announced that as of July 1, 2024, PC Robertson will be moving into the media roll for Lambton, and two new school resource officers will start in September, who are currently receiving training for that unique roll. Noted the excellent relationships that PC Robertson forged as the school resource officer.

Next Regular Meeting: August 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

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