

SAUGEEN SHORES



Saugeen Shores Police Service
Annual Report
2007



Providing Value and Accountability to the Citizens Of Saugeen Shores

Vision

"To have our citizens know we provide them with the best police service"

Mission

"Our mission is to serve and protect in partnership with the community"

Values and Ethics In pursuit of our mission, we believe:

In providing quality service

In recognizing the value and contribution of all our members

In a commitment to continuous learning, training and development within the service that will maximize the potentials of all our members

In the importance of our volunteers and our community partners

In promoting a professional police image by demonstrating impartial service to the law and by offering service and friendship to all citizens of Saugeen Shores without regard to race, religion or social standing

In using only the minimum force required in carrying out our duties

In maximizing individual and collective skills within the police service in terms of crime prevention, crime detection and traffic safety

In open, positive communication which encourages teamwork

In being sensitive to the needs of victims of crime and other circumstances

In ensuring the citizens of Saugeen Shores never lose faith in our ability and desire to protect and serve.

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Message from the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board Chair

As Chair of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board, I am pleased to say that the board members lived up to the goals they set before themselves for the year of 2007. I am honoured to be able to provide this message in our 2007 Annual Report.

I would like to personally thank the Board Members and Secretary Georgina Elliott for their dedication and hard work. It was my first year serving on the Board and it was their knowledge and commitment to the police services that made my job as Chair very enjoyable.

A new business plan that will set the priorities and map the direction of the Saugeen Shores Police Services was completed. Along with input from our citizens, our officers and board members, we created a document that will serve us well as we move forward in this ever changing and challenging world of policing.

I believe it is important to recognize and thank our officers who not only serve our community every day through their work, but take their own personal time to work with the youth and various committees to help make Saugeen Shores the best community in which to work, grow and play.

Finally, I would like to thank Chief Rivett and our civilian staff for their dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of Saugeen Shores. It is these efforts, along with those of our officers and the members of our Board that help make us the envy of the Province and establishes Saugeen Shores as the greatest and the safest place to raise our families.

Doug Freiburger
Chair,
Saugeen Shores Police Service Board.



Message from the Chief of Police

It is a distinct privilege to present to the Mayor, Council, Chairman and members of the Police Service Board my second annual report. Policing is a challenging occupation yet officers of your police service work hard each and every day. Despite the ever increasing demands on time and resources, our officers continue to put forth a high quality service.

Saugeen Shores Police have a unique challenge to police with the resources that are based upon Census numbers. We are compared by these numbers with everything from officers to population ratios and cost per person for policing. I recognize that most people reading this report will know that the population our officers deal with on a daily basis exceeds 11,720 persons.

As you can see from statistical data we have a problem with impaired drivers. This appears to be a growing problem in many jurisdictions. Our officers are particularly skilled in locating these drivers and getting them off the street. These offenders are from all walks of life, male, female, young and old. Our police officers strive to make this community safe and that includes our streets.

In 2007 we conducted a public survey of their thoughts on our policing. Many community members, groups, council and police sat on a committee facilitated by retired Hamilton Police Chief Ken Robertson to come up with a business plan for 2008-9-10. This resulted in an excellent product and in my 2008 Annual Report, I will report and evaluate the results.

The Criminal Investigation Branch expanded to include an officer working full time with drug investigations. Constable Kevin Zettel was instrumental in getting this position up and running and has assisted in getting drugs off our streets. The year 2007 also saw the retirement of Ada Weatherall, our civilian supervisor. Ada was a truly valued employee who had a work ethic second to none. We wish Ada good luck in her retirement.

Although extremely challenging at times I am enjoying my role as Chief. I will continue to provide you with the ethical and professional standards I have done so far. I will continue to train your officers to provide Saugeen Shores with the best municipal police service it wants and it deserves.

Dan Rivett
Chief of Police
Saugeen Shores Police Service

Personnel 2007



Chief
Dan Rivett
(01 March 1998)



Inspector
Ken McCulloch #9
(01 June 1986)



Sergeant
Gary Dale #8
(02 March 1986)



Sergeant
Ron Cuillerier #5
(09 January 1978)



Constable
Doug Lein #14
(31 October 1979)



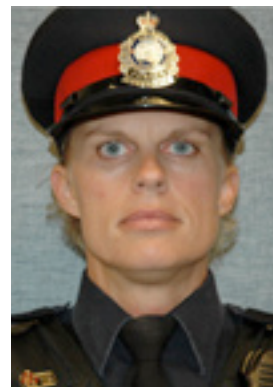
Constable
George Stokes #3
(13 January 1980)



Constable
Andy Stewart #11
(03 August 1989)



Constable
Terry Kerr #15
(15 April 1992)



Constable
Rose Myers #13
(01 January 1996)



Constable
Tracey Bookham-Smith #19
(11 March 1997)



Constable
Shawn Paulitzki #16
(04 January 1999)



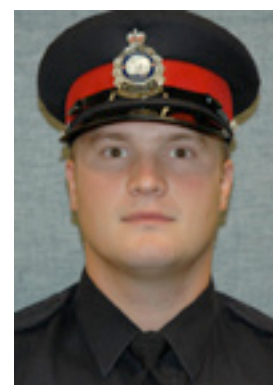
Constable
Matt Mulholland #28
(13 May 2002)



Constable
Dave Butcher #1
(27 December 2002)



Constable
Chris Shaidle #29
(02 January 2003)



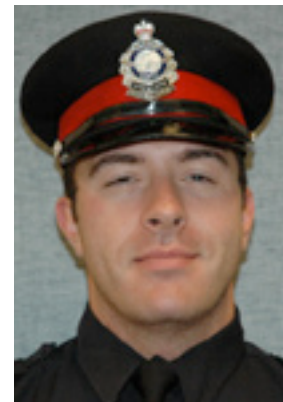
Constable
Kevin Zettel #32
(29 September 2003)



Constable
Kevin Ryan #30
(02 January 2004)



Constable
Chantel Primeau #33
(02 January 2006)



Constable
Adam Sachs #34
(05 June 2006)



Constable
Andy Evans #35
(03 January 2007)



Civilian Supervisor
Lorri Trafelet



Civilian
Melissa McCulloch



Civilian
Tracey Clarke



Police Chaplin
Bob Johnston

Part-time Personnel



Part-time Constable
Jim Cutting #4



Part-time Constable
Bob Shoemaker #27



Part-time Constable
Larry Cooper #6

Staffing

Chief of Police

Inspector

2 - Sergeants

16 - Constables

3 - Part-Time Officers

3 - Full Time Civilian Support members

Communications

The Police service purchases a twenty-four hour a day dispatch service from the Owen Sound Police Service on a per capita basis. The arrangement has been in place since 1980.

The dispatching always operated as a cooperative venture until 2000. With the advent of 911, Owen Sound acts as a Central Emergency Reporting Bureau. Owen Sound is now paid to perform this function.

We have improved our communications by relocating our repeater tower. Presently our radio system is analogue technology. As such, our confidential transmissions can be overheard by anyone with a scanner. Government regulations, officer safety, quality of communications and confidentiality of information are all factors contributing to changing our technology to digital encryption in the near future.

Criminal Investigations

(Major cases, sexual assaults, special investigations and drugs)

The Inspector is responsible for the investigative unit. One constable is deployed full time to major investigations and this year a second constable is assigned full time to drug investigations.

The unit is responsible for sexual assault and the sexual assault registry, ViCLAS (Violent Crime Linkage System), Major Case management and Powercase, all major investigations, suspicious deaths, drugs and high-risk offenders.

Support Services

Saugeen Shores Police Service has members trained to specialize in different areas. All members are expected to perform community service functions and several members have specialized training in such functions as:

- 2- Breathalyzer Technicians
- 5- Intoxilyzer Technicians
- 1- Forensic Identification Officer
- 2- Scenes of Crime Officers
- 3- Level Two Collision Investigators
- 1- K-9 Handler
- 1 -Use of Force Trainer
- 1- Ground Search and Rescue Officer
- 1- Police Service Chaplin
- 2- C.S.O. Community School Officers
- 1- Criminal Investigator
- 1- Community Watch Liaison officer
- 1- Drug Investigation officer

Saugeen Shores Policing Boundaries

Population: 11,720, 2006 Canadian Census
Area: 170.58 square kilometers
Total kilometers of roads: 432 kilometers, including Hwy 21 and county roads.

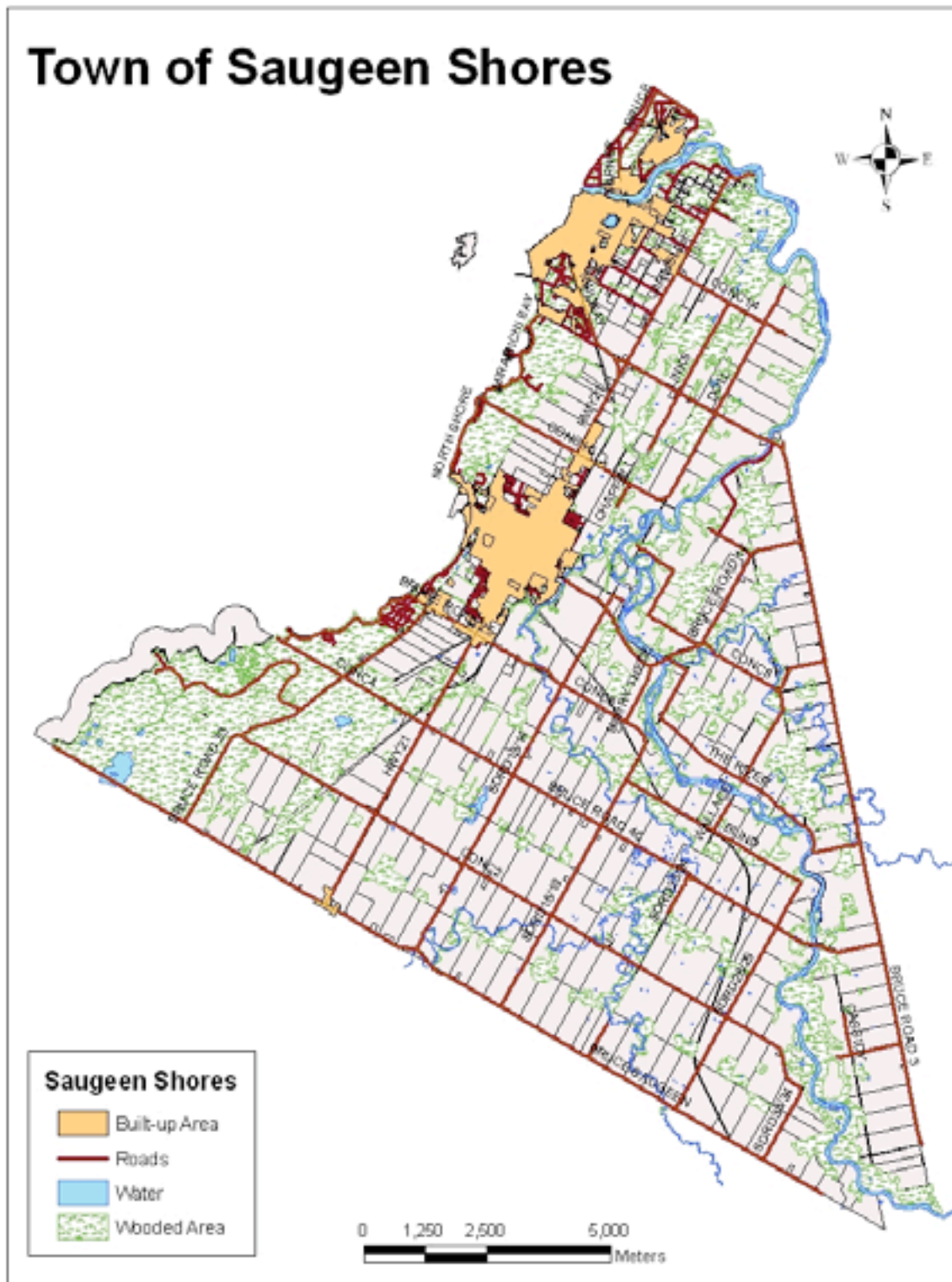
Saugeen Shores is situated on the Lake Huron coastline in south/central Bruce County. It encompasses an area of 170 square kilometers. Provincial Highway 21 runs through its borders. As one of the two urban centers of the municipality, former Port Elgin is home to half of the municipality's population. The community of Port Elgin has a thriving commercial core and service sector industries.

The former Town of Southampton accommodates a well-established cottage community. The cultural and artistic heritage of the town is highlighted in Southampton with the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, historical Chantry Island Lighthouse and Southampton Art School.

The agricultural lands of the former Saugeen Township and the Saugeen River all combine to showcase the community of Saugeen Shores. The Lake Huron shoreline has attracted summer residents for generations resulting in a vibrant cottage community.

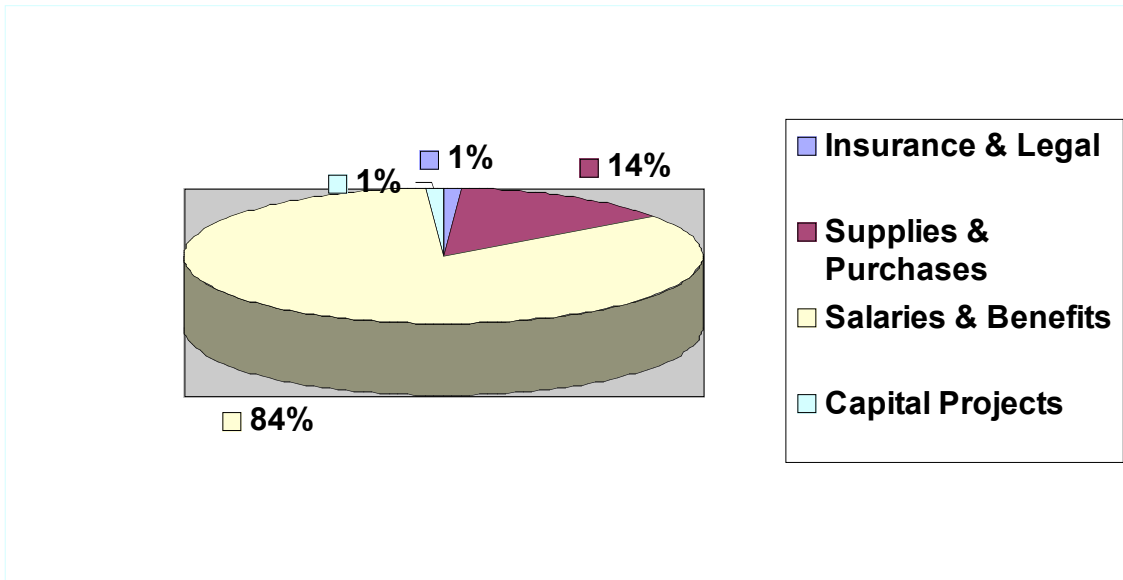
The (C.A.W.) Canadian Auto Workers Union has developed their national training center on the shore of the former Township. Bruce Power is located 20 minutes to the south and is a major industry that helps drive our economy.

Map



Financials

Expenditure by Object Saugeen Shores Police Service- 2007



Salaries & Benefits - Salaries, benefits, overtime, Part-time, special events	84 % \$2,111,126.
Insurance & Legal -	1% \$25,136.
Supplies & Purchases - Office supplies, vehicles, training Building maintenance & operations, uniforms, etc	14% \$372,692.
Capital Projects - Digital recording and security camera system	1% \$16,141.
Total	\$ 2,525,095.

Major Incidents

Major Break and Enter group arrested.

December 2006 through January, February and March of 2007 proved to be a busy three months for Officers Matt Mulholland and Shawn Paulitzki. Saugeen Shores was experiencing numerous break and enters to both businesses and private residences. The investigation led to one ringleader who used several other youth in our community to get merchandise by stealing from people.

After a several month investigation the officers laid 144 charges against 9 individuals. The charges ranged from Theft over \$5000, Theft under \$5000 trafficking, possessions of stolen property, break and enter, possession of break and enter tools and fail to comply with probation. This investigation led to solving crimes across the province.

May 24 River Run



Saugeen Shores Police continue to monitor an informal, non-organized “River Run” down the Saugeen River on the May long weekend. Most participants of this event have a good time and cause no problems for themselves or property owners along the river. Some people, however, cause many problems. Some see this event as an excuse to drink and party along the river and in particular, on a private

island. Police have received many complaints of drinking, intoxicated people, smashed beer bottles littering as well as trespassing.

Because police are aware of the event and of the problems associated with it they are duty bound to provide some enforcement. Police have concerns that at some point a person who has consumed too much may drown. Some enforcement of this event may help prevent a tragedy. “Project River Run” was established to monitor persons launching boats into the river and again when they take them out at the end of the day. Members of Saugeen Shores Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Ministry of Natural Resources and our Police Auxiliary all assisted. Numerous charges were laid related to alcohol, boating safety equipment and public intoxication. A R.I.D.E. program was run at the end of the day to ensure safety on the roads.

This police response is anticipated to be a yearly project. This past year many participants were noted to be wearing personal floatation gear.

Internet Safety

The Saugeen Shores Police partnered with Waterloo Regional Police to bring Sergeant Eugene Sylva to the Saugeen Shores Plex. Sergeant Sylva gave a presentation on the Internet, the good, the bad and the ugly. He showed the audience how to protect their children, and the good the internet can bring. He also posed as a young child on the internet and posted to a chatroom. He showed, in real time it only takes a matter of minutes until internet predators start establishing a connection to your child and try to learn more about them. This was a very valuable presentation especially when he showed just how much information could be gathered about individuals from the internet.

Community Partnerships:

In 2007 our service played a role in numerous Community Organizations through which the delivery of local information and program initiatives were enhanced.

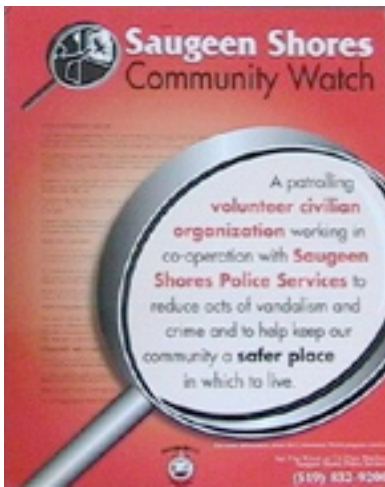
1. Crime Stoppers
2. Local School Boards
3. Bruce County Domestic Assault Review Team
4. Grey Bruce Court Co-Ordination Committee
5. Victim Services – Bruce Grey Owen Sound
6. Winter Storm Transportation Planning Committee
7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
8. Operation Look-Out
9. Bluewater District Cops for Cancer
10. Community Watch
11. Special Olympic Torch Run
12. Community Living
13. MADD Mothers against drunk driving
14. Saugeen Shores Skate Park

Co-Op and Police Foundations Placement

We continue to participate in the Saugeen District Secondary School co-op program. We accepted two students from SDSS for the 2007/08 Co-Op program. This placement gives potential future officers the opportunity to do placements in the field they want to pursue.

Community Watch

In late 2002, Saugeen Shores Police Service developed plans to establish a Community Watch program in Saugeen Shores. This program essentially provides the Police Service with more eyes and ears on the streets. Local volunteers are there to assist the local police service in the deterrence of unlawful activity within the community.



It is a concept that originated in Western Canada when ordinary citizens formed organizations to supplement police patrols to help reduce acts of vandalism and crime by keeping a neighborhood watch over their communities.

The program extended throughout North America operating under numerous names from Citizens on Patrol, Citizen Observer Patrols, Volunteers in Policing, Community Action Patrols, etc.

All programs have a very similar mandate; they have civilian members on patrol for unusual or criminal activities and report such incidents of suspicious activity to their local police service by cellular phones or radio for necessary police follow-up.

Community Watch members do not have the authority or mandate to intervene when suspicious activity is noted. The action they take is to observe and report the activity to police. This is essential so members of the Community Watch group do not place their own safety in jeopardy.

A patrol consists of two citizens in one vehicle, one as driver, and the other as an observer and generally lasts four or five hours. Patrols are random throughout the municipality with specific focus on areas and locations, which were identified as problem areas.

The volunteers do not take enforcement action of any sort. They observe, record and report any suspicious activities to the police while on patrol. Constable Dave Butcher is our Community Liaison Officer and helps co-ordinate the program along with Joe Sholtes. Dave Butcher devoted the time and effort required to get this project off the ground and become the success it is. Constable Chantel Primeau has taken over the duties of the liaison officer to Community Watch.

We held a Community Watch Appreciation dinner in the fall of 2007 to show our gratitude. Joe Sholtes organized an excellent evening.

Awards were given and appreciation was shown to its members. Due to the very nature of the volunteers job function there is no opportunity to express thanks to these members in a public forum.

Community Watch Statistic Report (Prepared by Constable Chantel Primeau).

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Kilometers patrolled	5196	5532	4604	4822	5365
Property Checks Logged	2181	2176	1631	1561	1118
Patrol hours (total person hours)	519	576	500.5	504	538
Liquor Offences reported	2	9	8	10	33
Other incidents reported	7	25	5	19	38
Fuel received by patrollers (liters)	803	828	678	781	806
Officer hours (grant)				56.5	93
Cost of Officers (grant)				\$2,321.	\$4,123.

Police Auxiliary

Currently Saugeen Shores Police Service has three (3) active Police Auxiliary Constables: Terry Varga, Michael Cuillerier and Larry Garrod. Sergeant Ron Cuillerier and Constable Terry Kerr provide initial and ongoing training to our Auxiliary. Auxiliary members are unpaid members of our community who wish to be a little more involved and volunteer their time. They participate in functions such as parades, fairs, Pumpkinfest and do ride alongs with officers.

Our Auxiliary officers are a valuable asset to our police service and to our community.

Police K-9 “Titan” and Handler Constable Andy Stewart.



Our police service has had four police dogs over the years: Stryker, Ace, Raptor and currently Titan in 2007.

Our K-9 unit handler is Constable Andy Stewart who has been the handler for all the police dogs. Titan and Constable Stewart receive annual re-certifications and monthly training from Niagara Regional Police. Area police services have called upon our K-9 unit for assistance.

The K-9 unit is called out for searches for lost and missing people, tracks from crime scenes and drug warrants.

Constable Stewart is a proud member of our police service who attends many events on his own time to show off his K-9 partner.

Special Events:

Cops for Cancer Golf Tournament / Head Shaving

Police Service Board member Bev Wark and his entire family worked tirelessly to ensure a successful “Cops for Cancer” fundraiser event this year. This is an annual event that gets attention and participation from police and public alike.

This event is hosted at the Saugeen Golf Club and is an extremely well-run golf tournament that raises much needed funds for cancer victims. The year 2007 marked year number 8 that the Wark family has been organizing this event. The traditional head shaving is done by police and members of the public. There are many organized shave offs in the community from schools to businesses.

Jeff Preston Celebrity Golf Tournament

Jeff Preston is away at University in London but that does not stop him from returning to Saugeen Shores to participate in his Celebrity Golf Tournament. This event is held at Saugeen Golf Club and the main organizers of this are the Port Elgin Rotary club members. This is a very well run event that attracts numerous celebrities such as Bobby Baun to participate. With Jeff’s father, Dave Preston being a retired police chief of Saugeen Shores many police officers, retired police officers and members of police related organizations participate.

Traditional Programs:

The Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to provide, with great success, the following services to the community:

1. Station Tours
2. Crime Prevention talks to local service groups and businesses
3. Media releases, providing information and crime tips
4. Halloween Safety
5. Child Identification program
6. Elementary and Secondary school drug education lectures
7. Safety lessons at local pre-schools
8. Boy Scouts / Girl Guides / Beavers
9. Talks to seniors groups
10. Bring in guest lecturers to speak on important topics, i.e. drugs, internet.
11. Speak to driver education classes

Road Safety Initiatives:

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere; (R.I.D.E.) lanes are funded in part by the provincial government. It is an initiative to assist in the reduction of impaired driving. In 2007, Saugeen Shores Police Service conducted 12 separate RIDE programs under the grant structure. In addition, on-duty officers set up numerous other R.I.D.E. lanes. The provincial funding for this grant is a fiscal year beginning 01 April 2007. Saugeen Shores allotted funding was \$5,216.44 for the RIDE grant year 01 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

The OACP, (Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police) and the OAPSB (Ontario Association of Police Service Boards) have been lobbying the Provincial Government to increase the grant money provided to various police services.

Problem-oriented traffic enforcement is a model used when our service receives complaints in a certain area. Police use selected enforcement to assess the extent of the problem and active enforcement to try to reduce or eliminate the problem. Community members assist the police in identifying the problem areas. Our area is growing and as it grows different traffic patterns emerge. Police address all speeding, not stopping for stop signs and aggressive driving when complaints are received.

Police Services in Bruce and Grey Counties share a roadside portable radar device that displays a vehicle speed. This is a visual reminder to motorists as to what speed they are traveling. The sign is deployed in high traffic areas, high complaint areas or areas as identified by police.

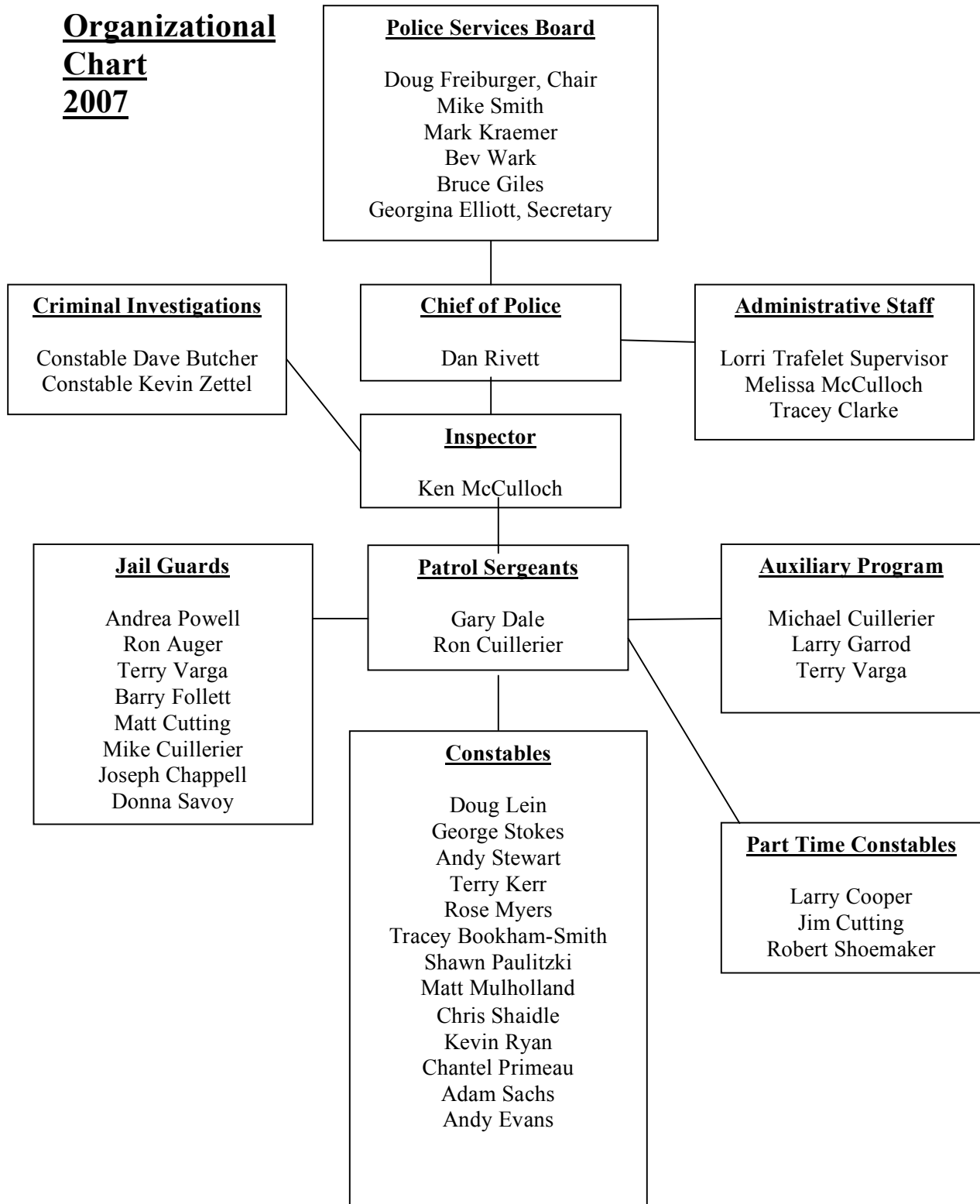
Retirements 2007

2007 – Ada Weatherall Civilian Supervisor.

Appointments 2007

03 January 2007 - Constable Andy Evans #35

Organizational
Chart
2007



Saugeen Shores Crime Statistics

2005 – 2006 – 2007 (Actual incidents)

Crimes of Violence Offence Type	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance*
Homicides	0	0		0		
Attempt Homicides	0	0		0		
Sexual Assaults	13	8	62.5%	4	100%	100%
Assault level #1	31	45	-31.1%	53	103.2%	100%
Assault w/ Weapon or Bodily harm	4	11	-63.6%	8	75%	100%
Aggravated Assault	0	4	-100%	0		100%
Assault Police	7	0	0	2	100%	
Other Assaults	5	4	25%	5	100%	100%
Offensive Weapons	0	0		1		
Robbery	0	0		1		
Total Crimes of Violence	60	72	-16.7%	74	100%	100%

Property Crimes Offence Type	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance*
Break and Enter-Business	21	11	90.9%	10	9.5%	0
Break and Enter-Residence	45	42	7.1%	28	33.5%	16.6%
Break and Enter-Other	6	6	0	2	0	50%
Vehicle Theft Automobiles	4	5	-20%	4	50%	60%
Vehicle Theft Trucks	2	2	0	4	100%	50%
Other Motor Vehicles	1	3	-66%	0	400%	0
Theft over \$5000.	6	2	200%	0	18.3%	0
Theft of bicycles	66	117	-43.6%	93	1.5%	6.8%
Theft from vehicles	30	62	-51.6%	40	20%	0
Other Theft Under \$5000.	112	122	-8.2%	101	27.7%	23%
Possession of Stolen Property	7	10	-30%	13	85.7%	100%
Fraud-Cheques	1	1	0	1	0	200%
Fraud-Other	5	10	-50%	8	80%	100%
Total Property Crime	306	393	-22.1%	304	-22.1%	18.3%

Other Crimes Offence Type	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance
Weapons Possession	3	4	-25%	2	100%	100%
Other Weapons Offences	0	2	-100%	2		50%
Arson	1	1	0	2	100%	0
Bail Violations	36	20	80%	28	100%	120%
Counterfeits	4	4	0	17		0
Disturb the Peace	20	11	45%	15	70%	81.8%
Escape Custody	0	1	-100%	0		100%
Indecent Acts	0	0		0		0
Kidnapping	1	0	100%	1	100%	0
Public Morals	1	2	-50%	0	0	100%
Obstruct Police	1	1	0	1	100%	100%
Trespass by Night	3	2	50%	2	100%	0
Mischief-Over \$5000.	0	0		1		0
Mischief-Under \$5000.	86	206	-58.3%	162	20.9%	13.1%
Other Criminal Code	23	43	-46.5	30	108%	86.1%
Total Other Crimes	179	297	-39.7%	263	57%	35.7%

Drugs Offence Type	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance*
Possession of Cocaine	3	2	50%	1	100%	100%
Trafficking Cocaine	1	0	0	0	100%	
Possession of Other drugs	3	0	0	3	100%	100%
Trafficking of Other Drugs	0	0		1		0
Possession of Marihuana	21	8	162.5%	5	100%	100%
Trafficking of Marihuana	4	2	100%	1	100%	100%
Importation	1	0	0	0	100%	
Total Drugs	33	12	175%	11	100%	100%

Other Federal Statutes Offence Type excluding traffic	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance
Other	15	11	36.4%	0	106.7%	81.8%
Total Federal Statutes	48	23	108.7%	0	102.1%	95.6%
Total Criminal Offences Not including Traffic	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance*	2006 Clearance
Total	593	786	-24.5%	652	48.1%	35.1%

Traffic Offences Offence Type	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance	2006 Clearance
Dangerous Operation	10	7	42.9%	0	100%	85.7%
Impaired Operation Causing Bodily Harm	0	1	-100%	0		100%
Impaired / Over 80 mgms Operation	96	73	31.5%	39	100%	100%
Refuse to Provide Breath Sample	2	0	0	0	100%	
Fail to Stop of Remain	0	2	-100%	0		100%
Drive Motor Vehicle while Prohibited	1	2	-50%	0	100%	100%
Total Impaired Operation	98	73	34.2%	39	100%	
Total Traffic Offences	109	85	28.2%	39	100%	98.8%

Total Offences	2007 Total	2006 Total	% Change	2005 Total	2007 Clearance	2006 Clearance
Total Criminal Offences including Traffic	654	848	-22.9%	680	52.8%	40.1%
Total All Incidents including Traffic	702	871	-19.4	685	56.1%	41.6

	2007	2006	% Change	2005
Total Calls for Service	6669	6,895	-3.3%	6,769
Total Prisoners Lodged in Cells	364	166	119.3%	168

Youth Crime	2007	
	Youth Charged	Youth not Charged
Crimes of Violence	10	1
Property Crimes	30	11
Other Crimes	18	0
Drugs	15	31
Other Federal Statutes	11	0

Clearance; means occurrences that were cleared by a charge or cleared otherwise such as a warning or diversion. Crimes such as assault, sexual assault, drugs and Impaired Driving have high clearance rates due to the nature of the crime and the culprits are often known. Theft of bicycles and from vehicles has lower clearance rates because they are random acts with no suspects.

Business Plan

Our previous Business Plan outlines Goals and Performance Objectives for the following years. This section will summarize some of those initiatives.

Community Based Crime Prevention

Community Watch

Saugeen Shores version of “Neighbourhood Watch” was started and is very active in the community. This report previously outlines the program and some statistics.

Crime Stopper Coordinator

Inspector McCulloch has taken over the co-ordination and follow-up with Crime Stopper reports. Crime Stoppers continues to be a very effective tool for the public to assist the police with anonymity.

RIDE Programs

We continue to apply for and receive funding from the Provincial Government to place extra officers out on the street enforcing drinking and driving laws.

Drug Awareness

Sergeant Dale continues to provide our schools with presentations on drugs and drug abuse.

Bicycle Patrol and Foot Patrol

Officers patrol the downtown cores of Southampton and Port Elgin on foot and the Town pond, beach and Fairy Lake on bicycle. We have increased our foot and bicycle patrols in response to our public survey we will be further increasing these initiatives.

Community Patrol

Community Patrols

Patrols remain the best way for members of our police service to be proactive in their approach to policing. While on patrol the officers respond to calls for service and generate their own calls through vehicle stops and proactively monitoring crime.

Traffic Complaints

Complaints are logged and extra enforcement is applied in areas that are identified as problem areas. Enforcement continues until complaints subside or a noticeable decrease in the reported activity occurs.

Open Communication with Public

The Police Service provides the information to the public that they want and need. Media outlets are provided with regular weekly press releases and further releases when a significant event occurs. Our website will be developed to provide current information about the service. Our 2008, 2009, 2010 Business Plan was developed at the end of 2007. This required a comprehensive survey of the public to get their thoughts and views on crime and our police service.

Criminal Investigation Services

We now have several members from our Police Service who have specialized training for offences listed in the Adequacy Standards as required under the Police Services Act. As well, one police officer is assigned to the Criminal Investigator Branch to investigate major occurrences such as Major cases listed in the MCM manual, sexual assaults and major frauds. Another officer is assigned to drug offences. Officers require and receive continual training and upgrading on techniques.

Officers are trained in recognizing when DNA samples can be taken at a crime scene and are submitting them to the National DNA Databank for comparison.

With our goals of assisting victims of crime we continually work on increasing our referrals to Victim Services. Victim Services has an office right in our police service and are on call 24 hours per day 7 days per week.

Community Satisfaction

Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to enjoy a very high level of Community Satisfaction. We have great support from the business community and the public and want to strive to keep that relationship strong.

Public Complaints

One (1) public complaint was received in 2007. This complaint was withdrawn by the complainant prior to the Chief classifying the matter and launching any investigation. One complaint remains open from 2006 and is presently under review by O.C.C.O.P.S. the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services.

Community Surveys

Surveys were conducted in the past to assist in the preparation of the Saugeen Shores Business Plan. A Community Survey was conducted in 2007 for the next business cycle. This community survey assisted the Police Service, the Police Service Board and Town Council in determining the policing wants and needs of the community. It was very clear that the community wanted its own police service, Eighty Seven percent (87 %) of the respondents felt it was important that the Saugeen Shores Police Service continue to deliver services to the town rather than another police service under contract. The 2008-2009-2010 Business Plan was created with the assistance of an area resident and retired Hamilton Police Chief Ken Robertson. With this plan in place and the community survey we can “ensure the citizens of Saugeen Shores never lose faith in our ability and desire to protect and serve in partnership with the community”.

Internet website

A website was established and in 2006/2007 the site will be upgraded in 2008 and made user friendly. We would like to have a very innovative website that will include press releases, community safety tips, links to other police related sites, our annual report and a community alert message site, Business Plan and public meetings.

Emergency Calls for Service

Saugeen Shores Police continue to educate the public on proper use of police phone numbers 911 or 519-832-2500 police, 519-832-9200 administration. This is being done through newsletters, news correspondence and the phonebook.

Violent Crime

Weapons offences decreased from 17 in 2006 to 7 in 2007. These charges include such offences as weapons possession, assault with a weapon, offensive weapons and other weapons offences.

Robbery offences remain low in Saugeen Shores. We experienced one (1) robbery in 2005 and none in 2006 and 2007.

Sexual assault occurrences vary from year to year, for example in 2004-10, 2005-4, 2006-8 and 2007-13. While unfortunate and disturbing, a majority of these reported sexual assaults are committed by family members, friends or someone with whom the victim has had a relationship.

Assaults decreased from 64 in 2006 to 47 in 2007. This included offences such as common assault, assault police, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and other types of assault. We experienced 7 assault police incidents in 2007.

Enhanced foot patrols in the downtown core along with increased enforcement with the liquor inspector at our liquor establishments have helped keep violence in the downtown core controlled. We are noticing an increase in the requirements for police presence in the downtown core and areas of entertainment in the evening. There is so much development bringing in workers for construction, both commercial and residential, Bruce Power and the windmill developments that the police service is dealing with a greater population base than indicated by census numbers.

Property Crime

Incidents of property crimes in 2006 were 393, this decreased to 306 in 2007, a reduction of 22.1%. We experienced drastic reductions in the incidents of theft from motor vehicles and theft of bicycles. We undertook to educate the public in a "Lock it or Lose it" campaign. In 2006 theft of bicycles and theft from vehicles accounted for almost 23% of our total criminal offences. In 2007 these crimes accounted for 16% of our total criminal offences, a great reduction.

Community Watch membership will be increased if possible. We will provide education to the public on **C**rime **P**revention Through **E**nvironmental **D**esign (C.P.T.E.D.). We hope to get an officer trained in this field in 2008 to hold public sessions on designing your business or home to help reduce the risk of crime.

Youth Crime

Youth crime continues to be a concern of this police service and this community. The Youth Criminal Justice Act was implemented to reduce youth crime, reduce incarceration of our youth and to provide strategies to deal with youth in conflict with the law. This includes increased school presence and to continue with alternative measures programs. We have an office at the high school where officers while catching up on their notes or other investigations can be available to students. In 2007, 84 youth were charged and sent through the criminal justice system. A further 43 youth were not charged but held accountable through some form of diversion.

Assistance to Victims

Victim Services of Grey and Bruce have an office in the Saugeen Shores Police building. They assist in training of officers and attend for all victims of crime, death notifications, domestics and serious break and enters. They also provide training at Use of Force training days for our officers.

Road safety

Traffic problems and issues within our community are a major concern of our residents. Road safety also translates into a safer community for all of us. Constable Dave Butcher has developed a traffic enforcement strategy where complaints are logged and an occurrence is created. Officers refer to this log and actively enforce the problem areas. The results of the enforcement are noted and continued enforcement is done until the identified problem has been reduced or eliminated.

R.I.D.E. programs continue to be funded by the Provincial Government to allow for extra coverage on long weekends and over the holiday season to help reduce the incidents of Impaired Driving.

Fatalities in 2005-2, in 2006-3, in 2007-0.

Recognizing we have a great increase in traffic we are stepping up patrol and enforcement of Impaired Driving offences. We need to send the message that Impaired Driving will not be tolerated in our community.

Information Technology

Saugeen Shores Police continue to use the latest technologies and information-sharing programs. We currently use NICHE which is a program used by most police services across Ontario for records management. We have access to all Niche reports and offenders. We are required to investigate threshold offences in the Major Case Management model and to record details in its software called Powercase.

Sexual offenders are tracked on the S.O.R., a **Sexual Offender Registry**. There is mandatory reporting by the offenders and we can refer to this registry when investigating sexual assaults. CPIC Web is a newer technology designed by the RCMP to access records of wanted, charged or convicted persons.

Resource Planning

Saugeen Shores continues to grow and our infrastructure needs to grow with it. We will require extra personnel to handle the increased workload. Investigations are becoming more complex and Provincially mandated Adequacy Standards have certain requirements that increase the time needed to conduct proper, professional and complete investigations.

The permanent population of Saugeen Shores is 11,720. For statistical purposes these are the figures that are used. All residents of Saugeen Shores are very aware that we deal with a far greater population.

The following are some interesting statistics as indicated in the Police Resources in Canada 2007 publication:

Per capita costs for police service in Ontario \$268, per capita costs in Saugeen Shores \$207. Clearance rates for criminal code offences in 2006 were 36% in Canada and 42% in Saugeen Shores. In 2007 Saugeen Shores clearance rates increased to 56%.

We have a population to police officer ratio of 1 officer for every 580 citizens, or 172 officers per 100,000 population. (This figure is expanded to compare to other municipalities). This is low compared to most municipalities in Canada at 195 officers per 100,000 population.

In Saugeen Shores we have had a 34.9 % increase in our clearance rates. Our officers are solving more crime and as a result, we have had an increase of 119% in prisoners lodged in the cells.

Overall Saugeen Shores had a decrease of 19.4% for all offences. Impaired driving arrests increased. Total arrests for impaired driving were 39 in 2005, 74 in 2006 and 98 in 2007 or 89.7% (2006 over 2005) and 32.4% (2007 over 2006).

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