

MONTHLY REPORT

Amherst Police Department

April 2019

This report covers the month of March 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

Lean 6 Sigma: Chief Pike and Acting D/Chief Hunter attended Lean 6 Sigma training on March 26 & 27. This training provided an introduction to the Lean Six Sigma approaches to analyzing processes and looking for efficiencies. As this is directly related to the sustainability review, it was an important training experience for all involved.

OPERATIONAL

Itunes Cards – Frauds. Constable Wood has been investigating a fraud involving itunes cards. In these cases, fraud artists call the victim and advised that they are in arrears on bills (CRA, Phone, hospital bills) and request payment via itune cards. Victims purchase the itunes cards and provide the card numbers so that the suspect can access the money on the card. Fraud artists are able to sell the itunes codes online. One recent victim in Amherst was defrauded for close to \$20,000 and had purchased over 200 itunes cards. Suspects in these frauds usually target seniors who are more vulnerable.

Stunting, West Victoria Street: On March 12th, at approximately 4:14pm, police stopped a speeding vehicle on West Victoria Street. The vehicle was clocked at 104 km/h in a 50km/h zone. The 25 year old driver was stopped and charged with 'Stunting' which carries a fine of \$2422.50 for a first offense.

Permanent Chief Appointment: On March 25th, Dwayne Pike was appointed as the permanent Chief of Police. Dwayne has been with the Amherst Police Department for close to 23 years and was Acting Chief for nine months as a result of the retirement of Chief Ian Naylor in July of 2018. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Dwayne was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2014.

Fallen FireFighter: On March 30th, Chief Dwayne Pike, Cst Tom Wood and Cst Charlie Munro attended the funeral for Skyler Blackie, a member of the Truro Fire Department who died tragically as a result of a training accident. The funeral was attended by Fire Department members from all over North America. APD members marched with members of the Amherst Fire Department

CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Members attended the YMCA Youth Drop in which continues to see the attendance numbers in the 70's.

Constable Harrison has set 3 dates in April to complete presentations on Internet Safety. She has invited CyberScan to attend and assist with the presentations to the 3 schools.

In March, Constable Harrison moved into her new office space at ARHS. This provides her with space to meet students and staff and a workspace to call her own at the school.

Constables' Wood and Harrison both attended International Womens' Day committee meetings and the Luncheon that was held on March 8th. Chief Pike and Acting S/Sgt also attended. The guest speaker this year was Lacey Fisher.

Constable Harrison conducted several SafeTALK sessions in March, including one in Springhill and one at Trinity United Church. SafeTALK is about suicide prevention, and teaches one to recognize the signs indicating risk of suicide and how to communicate to that person and provide resources.

Police Week planning is now underway, with both Cst Wood and Cst Harrison starting preparations. The event will be held on May 14th at the Amherst Centre Mall.

FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT:

Focused Enforcement for March was seatbelts. Members dedicated over 42 hours to this initiative which resulted in 6 tickets for seatbelts, 8 tickets for other offenses and 7 warnings.

OPERATIONAL STATS – March 2019

Occurrences: 433
 Impaired by Alcohol: 1
 Impaired by Drug: 0
 Traffic Tickets: 60
 Vehicle Checks: 273
 Foot Patrol Hours: 81h 13m

Criminal Code Charges: 103
 CDSA: 8
 Traffic Written Warnings: 67
 LCA: 6
 Bike Patrol Hours: 0



