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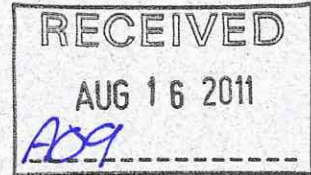
Niagara Regional Police Service

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REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE

TO

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD



Board Report Number: 190 / 2011
Date of Report: 2011-07-18
Date of Board Meeting: 2011-08-25

**Acting Chairperson Todd Shoalts
and Members of the
Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board**

Reference: Reporting Requirement of Regional Municipality
of Niagara Police Service By-Law 234-2000
Robbery Investigations

Recommendation: Receive for Information

Background:

On 00.11.30 and 00.12.14, a number of Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board by-laws were enacted in response to the *Provincial Adequacy*



Standards Regulations. These by-laws contain provisions requiring the Chief of Police to report specific information in order to ensure compliance with the legislative guidelines.

This report is submitted to provide the Board with the necessary and required information, pursuant to a by-law, relating to investigations into robberies. Subsequent reports will follow annually to continue with this reporting process.

By-law No. 234-2000, A By-Law Respecting Robbery Investigations

By-law #234-2000, A By-law Respecting Robbery Investigations, was enacted as a result of *Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation, Law Enforcement LE-042 – Robbery Investigations.* This by-law details specific requirements that are reported as follows:

The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of investigations into robbery occurrences. The report shall include:

- a) a summary of the written procedures concerning robbery investigations; and
- b) the status of Service compliance with the procedures.

The following is a detailed response to each of the above noted requirements:

- a) **“...a summary of the written procedures concerning robbery investigations...”**

Niagara Regional Police Service General Order – 095.06 – *Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations* was prepared and approved to comply with the *Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation, Law Enforcement 042 – Robbery Investigations.*

In summary, this general order is intended to familiarize police officers with the duties and responsibilities necessary to conduct routine criminal investigations, while also outlining the process to be followed when involved in incidents considered to be of a major nature. The Order mandates that it is the responsibility of personnel of the District Detective Offices to conduct robbery investigations.

Niagara Regional Police Service General Order – 091.04 – *Bank Alarms / Robbery Investigations*, was prepared and approved to comply with the *Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation, Law Enforcement LE-042 – Robbery*

Investigations. In summary, this general order details the procedure to be followed when members respond to an alarm from a financial institution.

b) "...the status of Service compliance with the procedures..."

A wide range of specialized training is required and has been provided to investigators engaged in robbery investigations. All investigators assigned to the District Detective Offices receive the Ontario Major Case Management training. This two-week course provides specialized training to ensure compliance with the *Major Case Management Manual* and to standardize investigative procedures across the Province. Components of this course include: fundamentals of major case management, crime scene management, search and seizure and judicial authorization to intercept private communications, strategic approach to investigative interviewing and statement admissibility, behavioral sciences, dangerous offenders, search incident command, the role of the Coroner, media/public appeals, and victim issues.

The Niagara Regional Police Service conducts Major Case Management courses annually. Positions for a number of Service members are allotted in each class to provide training for our members. Additional members have attended courses provided by neighboring Services, as positions become available. Since January 2009 there have been 49 officers who have received this training.

Basic investigative training is also provided to Niagara Regional Police Service members engaged in conducting various types of investigations. This training has been delivered through the General Investigative Techniques (GIT) course. This course curriculum includes components in robbery investigations. In the past two years approximately 23 Service members were trained. In the past, additional members have attended courses provided by neighboring Services, as positions become available.

Specific specialized training in robbery investigations is also provided to select members at the Ontario Police College, and also through approved seminars and conferences.

A review of the Board Reports for the previous five years indicates that the total number of robberies reported to the Niagara Regional Police Service has fluctuated over the past five years. The number of robberies over the last two years has decreased and the number of robberies resolved by charges has increased from 33.8% to 38.3%.

ROBBERIES – BASED OFF CENTRAL RECORDS FIGURES

<i>Date</i>	Robberies (Reported)	<i>Unfounded</i>	Cleared By Charge	Cleared Otherwise	Unsolved
MAR 01-05 TO FEB 28/06	346	9	135	8	194
MAR 01-06 TO FEB 28/07	371	18	153	21	179
MAR 01/07 TO FEB 29/08	280	11	93	8	168
MAR 01/ 09 TO FEB 10/ 09	295	9	111	6	169
FEB 10/10 TO MAR 01/10	278	15	94	5	164
MAR 02/10 TO FEB 28/11	206	8	79	11	108

This Service previously underwent a review of Adequacy Standards by the Ministry of Public Safety and Security and was found to be in compliance with the standards.

Conclusion:

This report is submitted to the Board for review and consideration of information relating to robbery investigations in the Regional Municipality of Niagara

Relevant Policy Considerations:

By-Law No. 234-2000, A By-Law Respecting Robbery Investigations.

General Order - 095.06 - Major Incidents and Routine Criminal Investigations.

General Order - 091.04 - Bank alarms / Robbery Investigations.

Cost of Recommendations:

There is no cost associated to the recommendation.

Alternative Options:

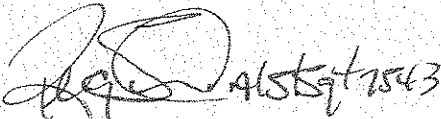
To not accept this report.

Reasons for Recommendation:

To comply with the provisions of Police Service Board By-Laws and to maintain compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations and Major Case Management Investigative procedures.

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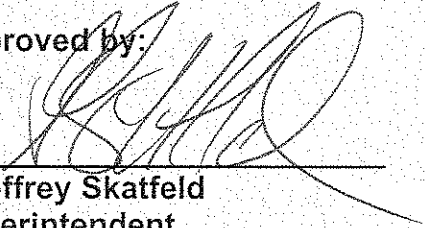
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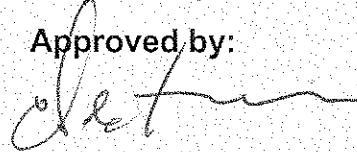
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