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REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE

TO

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Board Report Number: 156/2011
Date of Report: 2011.06.03
Date of Board Meeting: 2011.07.28



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

Reference: Reporting Requirement of Police Services
Board By-Law 211 – 2000 – Stolen or
Smuggled Firearms

Recommendation: Receive for information.

Background:

On 2000.11.30 and 2000.12.14, 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 certain by-laws, relating to investigations pertaining to Stolen or Smuggled Firearms. Subsequent reports will follow annually to continue with this reporting process.

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By-Law 211-2000, a *By-Law Respecting Stolen or Smuggled Firearms*, was enacted as a result of *Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation, Law Enforcement 019 – Stolen or Smuggled Firearms*. 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 stolen or smuggled firearms. The report shall include:

- a) A summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into stolen or smuggled firearms; and
- b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedure.

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

a) “...a summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into stolen or smuggled firearms...”

Written procedures regarding stolen and smuggled firearms are found in General Order 175.04, *Firearms – Stolen or Smuggled*, which addresses the following:

- Section 2.4 deals with definitions of Firearm, Designated Tracing Officer, Protected Firearm, and Provincial Weapons Enforcement (PWEU) Unit Member.
- Section 3.0 deals with the duties, responsibilities and reporting requirements of members after coming into possession of firearms.

b) “...the status of Service compliance with the said procedures...”

The procedures, duties and responsibilities as set out in General Order 175.04 - *Stolen or Smuggled Firearms* ensure that the Service is compliant with the Provincial Adequacy Standard LE-019. This order is currently in the process of being reviewed and revised to ensure it remains current and compliant.

The Niagara Regional Police Service has assigned a member of our Service to the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU) on a full-time basis and is therefore able to effectively satisfy the provisions of the General Order.

Training initiatives instituted by the Province and by the Service have ensured a regular review of the above requirements by Service members. The recruit training process and the coach officer training process ensures that new Service members, upon being appointed, obtain knowledge of and comply with the requirements of the General Order and the laws associated to it. Ongoing additional training is provided to serving members through courses such as *Advanced Patrol Training* and the *General Investigative Techniques Course*, as

well as through Annual Re-qualification Training, Video Unit Updates and the Training Unit Newsletter.

Conclusion:

This report is submitted to the Board for review and consideration of information relating to Stolen or Smuggled Firearms and the duties and obligations of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Relevant Policy Considerations:

**Provincial Adequacy Standards
Regulation, Law Enforcement 019 –
Stolen or Smuggled Firearms**

**General Order – 175.04
Firearms – Stolen or Smuggled**

Cost of Recommendations:

**There are no costs associated with
his report.**

Alternative Options:

To not accept this report.

Reasons for Recommendations:

**To comply with the provisions of
Police Service Board by-laws and to
maintain compliance with the
*Provincial Adequacy Standards
Regulations.***

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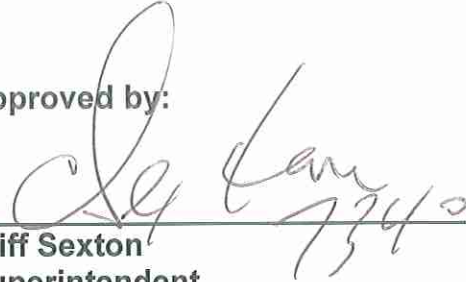
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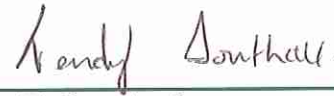
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