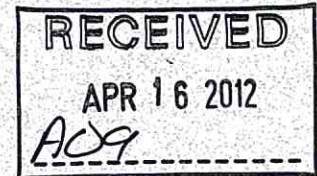




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REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE

TO

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Board Report Number: 90 / 2012

Date of Report: 2012-04-05

Date of Board Meeting: 2012-04-26

Chairman Mr. Henry D'Angela and Members of the
Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board

Reference: A By-law respecting Suspect Apprehension Pursuits
(LE-045).

Recommendation: That the Board receive this report for information.

Background:

The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board by-law no. 237-2000, Suspect Apprehension Pursuits section 5.1 states as follows:

5.1 *Reporting Requirements – Exception Based Reporting*

The Chief shall make a written report to the Board immediately following any Suspect Apprehension Pursuits in which:

- a) there has been property damage;



- b) there has been a personal injury or death;
- c) the procedures with respect to Suspect Apprehension Pursuits were not followed;
- d) in any other circumstances where, in the opinion of the Chief, there is a significant issue or potential liability to the Board or the Service.

Per past practice, a synopsis and pertinent details of all Suspect Apprehension Pursuits will be submitted by the Chief of Police, in order to comply with the Police Service Board by-law relating to the reporting of all Suspect Apprehension Pursuits. This submission will occur via a quarterly report for the Police Services Board.

The Police Services Board will also be notified immediately of any major incidents involving death, serious injuries or property damage of significant value or of any unusual circumstances. The Deputy Chief of Police, upon notification, of the incident will notify the Chief of Police who will subsequently notify the Police Services Board.

During the reporting period there were five (5) Suspect Apprehension Pursuit reports submitted to the Training Unit.

There were no injuries reported during any of the pursuits. There was no damage reported to any of the police vehicles involved. Three of the five reported pursuits were discontinued by either the officer involved or the patrol supervisor. All pursuits that were discontinued were due to concerns for public safety. In one (1) of the discontinued pursuits, a 3rd party vehicle received minor damage as a result of collision with a suspect vehicle.

Please see the attached quarterly report summary of Suspect Apprehension Pursuits for the period of **January 1st, 2012 to and including March 31st, 2012.**

Relevant Policy Considerations: Niagara Regional Police Service General Order 042.08, entitled "Suspect Apprehension Pursuits".

Cost of Recommendations: There are no costs associated to the receipt of this report.

Alternative Options: Not to accept this report for information.

Reasons for Recommendation: To provide the Board with information regarding Suspect Apprehension Pursuits in the Region of Niagara for the period of **January 1st, 2012 to and including March 31st, 2012.**

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Suspect Apprehension Pursuits for the period of

January 1st, 2012 to and including March 31st, 2012

QUARTERLY REPORT

Date: January 2, 2012

Synopsis:

On the 2nd of January, 2012, at approximately 905 pm, police noticed a suspicious vehicle pulling into the rear area of a commercial plaza in the City of Niagara Falls. Police followed the vehicle observing the make, model and plate. As the vehicle exited the parking lot, police activated the marked cruiser's emergency lights and sirens in an attempt to initiate a traffic stop. As soon as emergency lights were activated, the vehicle accelerated away from the marked cruiser.

At this time, dispatch advised that the vehicle was stolen. Police pursued the vehicle onto the Queen Elizabeth highway. The suspect weaved around slower moving traffic. The speed of the suspect vehicle was estimated to have reached approximately 200 km/h. Police lost sight of the vehicle when they were unable to pass other traffic on the highway. As a result police terminated the pursuit. The last direction of travel of the suspect vehicle and description were then broadcasted.

The pursuit lasted approximately 3 minutes and travelled 4.4 kilometers. There were no injuries or damage reported as a result of this pursuit.

Property Damage Total Cost		Personal Injury or Death			Policy and Procedure
NRPS Damage Value Estimate	Other Damage Value Estimate	NRPS Member	Suspect (s)	Other/ Members of the public.	Followed?
		Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
\$0	\$0	N	N	N	Y

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Date: January 23, 2012

Synopsis:

On Monday January 23rd, 2012 at 12:44 p.m. police attempted to stop a motor vehicle in the City of St. Catharines. The lone occupant was wanted for an outstanding criminal code offence. An officer attempted to stop of the vehicle by activating the cruiser's emergency lights and siren. The vehicle slowed, but failed to stop and fled from police. Police strategically followed the vehicle as it continued to attempt to flee police. The suspect vehicle continued turning onto different streets and weaving in and out of traffic. The suspect vehicle then failed to stop for a stop sign. As the suspect vehicle approached a red light at a signal controlled intersection, the vehicle proceeded through the intersection forcing other traffic to halt abruptly.

Due to concerns for public safety, police aborted the pursuit. The suspect vehicle was not stopped. A warrant was issued for the driver of the vehicle.

No collision occurred. There were no injuries or property damage reported.

Property Damage Total Cost		Personal Injury or Death			Policy and Procedure
NRPS Damage Value Estimate	Other Damage Value Estimate	NRPS Member	Suspect (s)	Other/ Members of the public.	Followed?
		Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
\$0	\$0	N	N	N	Y

Additional Notes:

The pursuit distance was approximately 5 kilometers and lasted 3 minutes. The suspect vehicle was estimated to have reached speeds up to 100 km/h.

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Suspect Apprehension Pursuits for the period of

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Date: February 8, 2012

Synopsis:

On Wednesday February 8, 2012 at approximately 6:45 pm, police noticed a vehicle abruptly cut in front of another vehicle while travelling in the city of Niagara Falls. Police activated the marked cruiser's emergency lights in an attempt to have the driver pull over. The vehicle did not pull over. The officer strategically followed the suspect vehicle from a distance due to the heavy volume of traffic between the suspect vehicle and the cruiser. Police noticed the suspect vehicle fail to stop for numerous stop signs. The suspect vehicle stopped at an intersection due to stopped surrounding traffic. The officer was able to block the suspect vehicle preventing it from travelling any further. The driver of the suspect vehicle was subsequently charged with a number of Provincial offences.

Property Damage Total Cost		Personal Injury or Death			Policy and Procedure
NRPS Damage Value Estimate	Other Damage Value Estimate	NRPS Member	Suspect (s)	Other/ Members of the public.	Followed?
		Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
\$0	\$0	N	N	N	Y

Additional Notes:

The pursuit lasted approximately 3 minutes and travelled 1 kilometer. There were no injuries or damage reported.

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Date: February 26, 2012

Synopsis:

On Sunday February 26, 2011, at approximately 7:58 pm, police noticed a vehicle in the city of St. Catharines that had been reported stolen and involved in other criminal activity. Upon identifying the vehicle police activated their emergency lights and siren in an attempt to get the vehicle to stop. The suspect vehicle made no effort to stop. The vehicle also failed to stop for a number of stop signs in an effort to evade police. The suspect vehicle continued to try and evade police by travelling the wrong way on a one way street. The vehicle continued to fail to stop for red lights at numerous intersections.

At approximately 8:06 pm, the patrol supervisor ordered the pursuit discontinued due to concerns for public safety. Police checked the area where the suspect vehicle was last seen in an attempt to locate the vehicle in the event that it was abandoned. Police were informed that the suspect vehicle had sideswiped another vehicle prior to fleeing the area.

Subsequently, a warrant was issued to the driver of the vehicle for numerous criminal offences. The total distance of the pursuit was approximately 5 kilometers.

Property Damage Total Cost		Personal Injury or Death			Policy and Procedure
NRPS Damage Value Estimate	Other Damage Value Estimate	NRPS Member	Suspect (s)	Other/ Members of the public.	Followed?
		Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
\$0	\$1000	N	N	N	Y

Additional Notes: The suspect vehicle was estimated to have reached speeds up to 70 km/h.

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Suspect Apprehension Pursuits for the period of

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Date: March 31, 2012

Synopsis:

On Saturday March 31, 2012 at approximately 10:02 a.m., police observed a vehicle leaving a known drug area in the city of St. Catharines. Upon noticing the police cruiser, the vehicle made a sudden change in direction. Upon doing an information check of the vehicle, police received information that an individual known to drive the vehicle is a disqualified driver. Police activated the emergency lights on the cruiser in an attempt to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle pulled over and stopped. As the officer exited the cruiser, the suspect vehicle accelerated away from the area. Police returned to their cruiser and followed the fleeing vehicle. Police activated the cruiser's emergency lights and siren. The suspect vehicle travelled approximately 400 metres before pulling onto a side street and stopping.

The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested and charged with numerous criminal offences. The incident lasted approximately one minute.

Property Damage Total Cost		Personal Injury or Death			Policy and Procedure
NRPS Damage Value Estimate	Other Damage Value Estimate	NRPS Member	Suspect (s)	Other/ Members of the public.	Followed?
		Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N
\$0	\$0	N	N	N	Y

Additional Notes:

The distance of the pursuit was approximately .4 kilometer. There were no injuries or damage reported. The suspect vehicle was estimated to have reached speeds up to 82 km/h.