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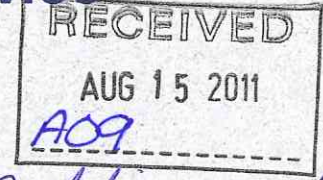
Niagara Regional Police Service

Chief of Police Wendy E. Southall

REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE

TO

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD



Board Report Number: 182/2011
Date of Report: 2011-08-08
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 Services Board By-Law 254/255 - 2003, Use of Auxiliaries and Volunteers

Recommendation: Receive for information

Use of Auxiliaries

Background:

On 2003-09-25, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Police Services Board enacted a by-law in response to the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations AI-005 Use of Auxiliaries and AI-006 Use of Volunteers.



By-Law No. 254/255 A By-Law Respecting the Use of Auxiliaries/Volunteers:

By-Law No. 254/255 - 2003 a By-Law Respecting the Use of Auxiliaries/Volunteers was enacted as a direct result of the Provincial Adequacy Regulations. This By-law details specific annual reporting requirements placed on the Chief of Police. As a result this report has been prepared to address those requirements listed in the By-Law.

Section 5 of the By-Law details the reporting requirements of the Chief of Police.

5.1.1 The Chief of Police shall make a written report to the Board for any requests or recommendations for appointments and initiation of auxiliary recruiting drives, promotion, demotion, suspension or termination of the appointment of auxiliary members of the Service.

Appointments, demotions, suspensions and terminations of Auxiliary members are documented during the year by way of Personnel Orders, which are copied to the Board office.

5.1.2 The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year. The report will include:

a) a summary of the written procedures that address the use of auxiliaries/volunteers.

The Niagara Regional Police Service General Order 12.06 Auxiliary Police Service (last revision February 8, 2011) and General Order 25.04 Volunteer Services (last revision November 1, 2007) currently meet Ministry Guidelines in compliance with Provincial mandated standards.

b) the status of Service Compliance with said procedures.

Both policies have been reviewed to ensure compliance with Provincial Legislation and the Board By-Law.

c) confirmation that auxiliary members have been trained in accordance with section 4.3.1;

Each Auxiliary member assigned by the Service is required to be trained in accordance with Provincial Legislation that necessitates annual use of force refresher training. Members received Advance Patrol Training on October 16, 23, 31 November 6, 13, 21 2010. The same training will next occur in the latter part of this year, dates are yet to be confirmed.

Auxiliary Recruits receive a total of ninety-six hours training from the NRPS Training Unit. In addition, monthly training sessions for all Auxiliary members occur throughout the year with the exception of July and August. This will include Leadership Training, Search and Rescue, Traffic Control, Communications Procedures, Collision Scene Procedures and Marine Patrol as well as some members being trained on the All Terrain Vehicles.

d) generally commenting on the appointment process in respect of auxiliary members

Auxiliary Police Coordinator, Inspector Des Carter with the assistance of the Recruiting Unit and Human Resources will continue to oversee the recruiting and selection process for the Auxiliary Unit, which will commence in December.

The process includes a recruitment drive utilizing advertisements in the local newspapers and information nights. Additional recruitment information is available on the Services' website at www.nrps.com. The Auxiliary Police selection process is comparable to that of a regular Constable.

Candidates must undergo both written and physical testing; an interview; background investigation and psychological testing. Auxiliary recruits must then successfully complete Recruit training offered by the NRPS Training Unit prior to their appointment.

e) confirming the number and rank of auxiliary members and any changes since the date of the last report;

The current complement of the Auxiliary Officers for 2011 consists of three (3) Auxiliary Inspectors, of which two (2) are Auxiliary Chaplain Inspectors, one (1) Auxiliary Staff Sergeant, four (4) Auxiliary Sergeants, three (3) Acting Sergeants and fifty one (51) Auxiliary Constables for a total complement of sixty two (62) members. *This is a decrease of six (6) Auxiliary Officers since the last submission of this Board Report in August 2010. It should be noted that seven (7) Auxiliary officers resigned from the unit in 2010 due to being hired by various Police Services in the province.*

The Niagara Regional Police Service also has five Chaplains, as noted above two of which serve as Auxiliary Police Officers, holding the honorary rank of Inspector and bound by all oaths and requirements of all Auxiliary Police Officers and in accordance with General Order 81.04 - Chaplains.

On May 10, 2011, the Auxiliary Unit hosted an Auxiliary Recruit Graduation Ceremony at the Niagara Regional Council Chambers. Thirteen (13) new Auxiliary members were sworn-in on this occasion.

f) confirming the work performed by the auxiliary members;

In 2010, the Auxiliary Unit fulfilled 147 Taskings and volunteered a total of 13,727 hours to the Niagara Regional Police Service. This is the largest number of volunteer hours by the Auxiliary Unit in over a decade.

In 2011, Auxiliary volunteer service will include training, administration, special events, community oriented initiatives, patrol duties, foot patrol duties, distributing Crime Prevention/Investigative flyers, and search and rescue.

Community oriented initiatives includes on-going participation with: Bicycle Patrol in conjunction with Safe Summer initiatives, Police Week, Niagara College off Campus Resident Directed Patrol, assisting with R.I.D.E. initiatives and attendance at parades and special events. To date this year (July 25, 2011), the Auxiliary Unit has completed 110 Taskings.

g) and indication of resources used and costs associated with the Niagara Regional Auxiliary Police Service.

Auxiliary Budget		
Year	Approved Budget	Actual Budget
2005	\$39,050.00	\$51,260.00
2006	\$46,300.00	\$33,213.75
2007	\$46,300.00	\$35,179.03
2008	\$46,000.00	\$57,429.95
2009	\$65,200.00	\$56,318.39
2010	\$74,600.00	\$47,935.18
2011	\$67,900.00	\$44,423.78 (to date)

The Auxiliary Budget is required for overall administration, recruiting, training and providing equipment for Auxiliary members.

Conclusion:

Members of the Niagara Regional Auxiliary Police Service continue to provide extensive support and service to the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Niagara Community without receiving monetary compensation.

The Auxiliary Unit has taken part in several Community and Directed Patrol Initiatives with increased utilization in search and rescue, high visibility patrol, Marine Patrol, Bicycle Patrol, ATV Patrol and emergency response.

The Niagara Regional Police Service has complied with the Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections Services Guidelines related to the Use of Auxiliary and Volunteers as outlined in the Provincial Adequacy Regulation AI-005 and AI-006.

Relevant Policy Considerations: By-Law 170-97 Administrative and Personnel Management

By-Law 254-255 – 2003 Use of Auxiliaries/Volunteers

General Order 12.06 Auxiliary Police Service

General Order 25.04 Volunteer Services

General Order 81.04 Chaplains

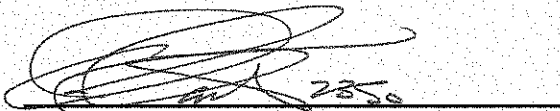
Cost of Recommendations: There are no costs associated with this recommendation.

Alternative Options: Not to receive for information

Reasons for Recommendations: To comply with the provisions of Police Service Board By-Law and to obtain compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations.

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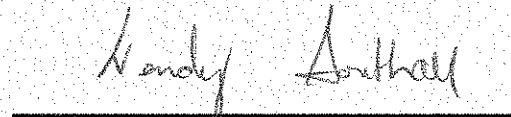

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