

Police Services Board Meeting

(ZOOM) Constable Colin McGregor Building April 28, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. **AGENDA**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

CHIEF COMMENDATIONS – 2021

Name
Constable Johan Giesbrecht

NEW HIRES / PROMOTIONS

Name	Position	Start Date
Ross Winter	Cadet	April 26, 2021

MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 2021.

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DEPUTATIONS

REPORTS

Revenues and Expenditures

Financial Statements for 2021 as of March 31, 2021.

Please note: these statements will be sent out at a later date once received from the City of St. Thomas.

Ontario Naloxone Program

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Fourth Quarter report dated January 2021 – March 2021

A report from Communications Coordinator Tanya Calvert dated April 2021.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Pistols Pages 20

A verbal update from Chief Herridge re: Windsor Police Services.

MOVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ADJOURNMENT



Police Services Board Meeting

OFFICIALS:

M. Roskamp

C. Herridge

T. Terpstra

Constable Colin McGregor Building
March 24, 2021
MINUTES

Chief of Police

Deputy Chief

Executive Administrator

ATTENDANCE:

D. Reith Chair
S. Birkby Vice Chair

D. Warden Member
J. Herbert Member
J. Preston Member

GUESTS:

K. Samarian

B. Johnson-Lachapelle

MEDIA:

None.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

CHIEF COMMENDATIONS – 2020

Chief Herridge presented K. Samarian and B. Johnson-Lachapelle with a Chief Commendation for their role and involvement in an incident that occurred in 2021. Congratulations!

NEW HIRES

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: Jordan Babb is hired as a 4th Class Constable effective March 28, 2021.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: Jamie Rowse is hired as a Part Time Communicator effective April 6, 2021.

Carried.

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Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: Jessica Piekny is hired as a Part Time Communicator effective April 6, 2021.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: Kennedy Mattatall is hired as a Part Time Communicator effective April 6, 2021.

Carried.

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: Steve Bogart is hired as Inspector effective March 12, 2021.

Carried.

MINUTES

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

Constable Lois Hardman presented Chair D. Reith, Mayor J. Preston and Chief Herridge with a token of her appreciation on behalf of Crime Stoppers.

Constable Hardman noted that Chief Herridge, Deputy Chief Roskamp and the Police Services Board remain strong supporters of the Crime Stoppers program allowing the program to continue to be successful.

REPORTS

Revenues & Expenditures

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The printout of revenues and expenditures ending February 2021 be accepted.

Carried.

Protective Services Report - March 2021

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The Protective Services Report for March 2021 be received.

Carried.

OAPSB Zone 6 Membership - 2021

The Board reviewed the OSPSB Zone 6Membership information for 2021. At this time, the Board will not be proceeding with a membership.

Polar Plunge 2021

Moved By: David Warden Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The Police Services Board accept the Polar Plunge 2021 verbal update as presented by Chief

Herridge.

Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Axon Payment Plan

Moved By: Scott Birkby Seconded By: Joe Preston

THAT: The Police Services Board approves Chief Herridge signing the 10 year Axon agreement with payment plan as noted and recommended by the City of St. Thomas.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Taser Demonstration

Training Officer, Constable Darren Congdon provided a demonstration on the new Taser 7s that the St. Thomas Police Service will be using. Constable Congdon is leading the training initiative for the Tasers.

MOVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By:

Jim Herbert

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: We move to the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By:

Jim Herbert

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: We adopt the actions of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved By:

Jim Herbert

Seconded By: Scott Birkby

THAT: We do now adjourn 10:03 a.m.

Carried.

Dan Reith Police Services Board Chair

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care **Ontario Naloxone Program Police and Fire Services Quarterly Reporting Form to Southwestern Public Health** Quarter: Org. Name: St. Thomas Police Service (see below) Deputy Chief Marc 519-631-1224 Ext Email: Contact: mroskamp@stps.on.ca Tel: Roskamp 4230

Key outcomes for the quarter:

Output			Number	
Number of individuals (who are not a member of a police and/o	or fire service	e) who	Individual(s)	Dose(s)
were administered naloxone by your organization. Please	Individual(s)	Dose(s)		
specify the number of doses each individual received. <u>E.g.:</u>	10	1	5	10
10 individuals received 1 dose becomes: 10 individuals, 1 dose	8	2		
8 individuals received 2 doses becomes: 8 individuals, 2 doses	h			
Number of police and/or fire service members who were adm	ninistered na	loxone	Individual(s)	Dose(s)
by your organization. Please specify the number of doses each individual received.	Individual(s)	Dose(s)		
E.g.:	10	1	0	0
10 individuals received 1 dose becomes: 10 individuals, 1 dose 8 individuals received 2 doses becomes: 8 individuals, 2 doses	8	2		
Number of times paramedics came to the scene when a member of your organization administered naloxone.			5	

Please provide any additional information you feel is pertinent to Southwestern Public Health and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, including information about drug trends in your community:

2020-21 Fourth Qrtr represents further use of Naloxone by our officers in the field.

Five (5) individuals received ten (10) doses of Naloxone this past Quarter.

Due Dates			
Q1 (April – June)	Q2 (July – September)	Q3 (October – December)	Q4 (January – March)
July 5	October 5	January 5	April 5

Your reporting form may be submitted <u>electronically</u> (preferred) to: jvanloy@swpublichealth.ca Should you not be able to submit electronically, you may submit via fax at: 519-631-1682

Strength Through Progress **Protective** Services Report

APRIL 2021

St. Thomas Police Service
Tanya Calvert
Corporate Communications Coordinator





Officers Prepping For a Busy 2021

Year to date incidents as of midnight March 31st 2021 = 1,869 Year to date incidents as of midnight March 31st 2020 = 1,751

Weekend Call Tracker

March 06/07 - 148 incidents

March 13/14 - 125 incidents

March 20/21 - 156 incidents

March 27/28 - 148 incidents

Promotions



Congratulations Inspector Hank Zehr!

After thirty years of dedicated service you have earned a happy, healthy retirement! We are grateful to have worked alongside you to keep the city of St. Thomas a safe place to live, work and play! All the best as you embark on a new exciting chapter in life!

C. M. H. A.

Welcome MEGAN!

Please join us in welcoming our newest MOST team member Megan! Megan joined the STPS Mobile Outreach Support Team Last Monday.

Megan will join Brianne who continues to provide superior support to the community with the assistance of Constable Jeremy Linker. We are overjoyed to have Megan with us to help with the workload!

Please give Megan a warm welcome!

We are so happy to have you on our team!



Please join us in welcoming our newest team member Constable Jordan Babb to the St Thomas Police Service!

Jordan joins us as an experienced officer having started his career with the Aylmer Police Service.

We are pleased to have Constable Babb with us serving the citizens of St Thomas! Welcome to the work family Jordan! 🖨



STPS is now recruiting for the position of POLICE CADET! St. Thomas is a great place to begin your policing career! Join our dynamic team within and inclusive work environment and help us make a difference. We offer a competitive wage and benefit package along with the opportunity to work within a progressive city that has a small town feel.

For more information on how to apply click on the careers tab on our website at www.stps.on.ca
Apply today; we can't wait to hear from you!
https://youtu.be/Gwe60JrgEZs



Local Media

ST. THOMAS POLICE CHIEF CHRIS HERRIDGE: 'AN INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE POLICE RESPONSE IS THE WRONG DIRECTION'



It's time to get serious and address the escalating challenges looming over the city's downtown core, advises St. Thomas Police Chief Chris Herridge. After a couple of phone calls this week and an exchange of emails, Herridge took the time to present a case for taking a leadership role in confronting those challenges.

"We are seeing a trend where drug and property crime has been increasing," notes Herridge. "If we do not get a handle on the issues we are currently facing, the big city issues that quickly arrived here three to four years ago are going to turn into the serious issues occurring in larger centres across our country.

"As I have mentioned many times in the past, St. Thomas is not unique to the social, health and crime problems being experienced, but we can be leaders in addressing these issues if we focus on where the challenges are and, right now, the challenges are predominantly in and around our

downtown."

Herridge starts with a resource primer that should be pinned within easy reach for downtown merchants and their staff.

He observes, "Given the ongoing issues business merchants and citizens of St. Thomas are experiencing on Talbot Street and the legal limitations we have in our toolbox to enforce some of the disruptive behaviours being exhibited, I encourage St. Thomas residents to call us when assistance is required.

- "Please do not worry about bothering us as it is our job to keep this community safe. If I may suggest:
- If it is a garbage issue, call customer service at city hall. (519-631-1680 or email customerservice@stthomas.ca) https://www.stthomas.ca/living_here/customer_service
- if it is a behaviour issue, call the police and/or CMHA. (519-631-1224/911 or CMHA Elgin: 519-633-1781) https://www.cmhaelgin.ca/
- if it is an addictions issue call the police and/or Addictions Services Thames Valley (519-673-3242) http://adstv.on.ca/
- if it is a medical problem call 911 or STEGH.
- If we need support from other partners, we will call them.



"If a criminal charge is viable," continues Herridge, "we will lay it and put the onus on the court system as well. Our goal is to prevent crime, prosecute crime and bring people before the courts.

"The problem is that the determined impact of the court system has become limited and diminishing, resulting in the criminal population knowing full well that they will be released.

"That gives you circular justice when there's a lack of deterrence in the criminal justice system. When there's no long-term treatment, we end up dealing with the same people repeatedly."

Herridge gives the frustrating example of one prolific offender last year who was charged with 108 counts of breach of release conditions.

Of those 108 charges laid:

- 3 received a conviction
- 47 were withdrawn
- 58 are still before the courts

So, what is needed to assist the police service?

"We need regional rehabilitation centres, therapeutic courts, court-ordered treatment, readily available wraparound services, street health expert teams and housing, all supported by the police for public safety purposes."

Herridge suggests the reverse is happening where policing has become the catch-all for a multitude of situations.





"The challenge now," explains Herridge, "is with the amount of time it will take to establish the necessary supports.

"We have fallen behind on social determinants of health supports and the outcome is the issues we are currently facing result in an increasingly expensive police response which is the wrong direction, in my respectful opinion."

Keep in mind that observation is coming from a police chief.

However, what is to be done in the meantime?

Says Herridge, "Mayor Joe Preston, city council, and city manager Wendell Graves have identified an excellent housing plan which cannot come fast enough in St. Thomas.

"However, the crucial wraparound services will be required in order for housing to be a success.

"Behind the scenes, I have been working with Mayor Preston, MPP Jeff Yurek, members of our Police Services Board and others to bring these issues to the forefront so change can occur.

"We are stretched too thin — I am robbing from Peter to pay Paul to address drugs and property crime while sacrificing uniform general patrol presence on our city streets and in our neighbourhoods, where we are also required."

"All of these leaders recognize the challenges we are facing and the need for improved healthcare infrastructure. These issues are complex, challenging, and delicate."

Herridge continues, "In policing, as I often see on social media, attempting to balance the needs of everyone clashes way too often and officers are caught in the middle, trying to show compassion toward vulnerable persons in crisis while remaining sensitive to victims of crime.

"Sometimes, it is a no-win situation."

To their community partners, Herridge brings it down to a personal level.

"I certainly appreciate your challenges as well and I know everyone is doing their best. We all need to own this problem 24/7 – 365 in order to clean up the downtown core and enhance the well-being of our city.

"I am constantly asking for more staff to address a significant increase in calls for service due to health-related issues, which has resulted in a collateral property/drug crime fallout.



"Even though these issues are locally occurring, the health umbrella is owned by the provincial government and local taxpayers should not carry the burden of paying police officers to be healthcare workers."

"We are stretched too thin – I am robbing from Peter to pay Paul to address drugs and property crime while sacrificing uniform general patrol presence on our city streets and in our neighbourhoods, where we are also required.

"I certainly appreciate our friends in the health sector are overwhelmed as well. However, STPS officers are trying to balance two jobs: policing and social work, faced with solving a variety of health-related community problems at the frontline while trying to reduce crime.

"We need to get back to police work and provide the professional health experts with the vital resources they need to do their jobs so our vulnerable citizens receive the crucial support they need, enhance the well-being of our downtown and reduce crime victimization."

Herridge continues, "A number of people have addiction and substance use disorders in our community. They're not criminals, and they shouldn't be treated like criminals. We desperately need to improve our health care infrastructure." Here's another observation you may not necessarily anticipate from a police chief.

"As passionate as I am about policing and the city of St. Thomas," confides Herridge, "I actually prefer to avoid increasing police resources because of social/health-related problems.

"Even though these issues are locally occurring, the health umbrella is owned by the provincial government and local taxpayers should not carry the burden of paying police officers to be healthcare workers.

"We need to move this responsibility away from policing and into the hands of healthcare professionals so we can return to actual policing and slowdown the exponentially increasing cost of our profession."

Pivoting his thoughts to MPP Jeff Yurek, the city's police chief observes, "thanks to you and your government for the commitment of millions of dollars in the recent budget to assist Ontarians (and first responders) who are in crisis. "There is hope when this degree of commitment and leadership is being shown at the provincial level. As mentioned on social media recently, I also appreciate the significant assistance you have provided with creating and maintaining our Mobile Outreach Support Team."

"Our community is facing increasing social-related issues resulting in a rise in crime and a feeling of being unsafe in our downtown. We immediately need a 'boots on the ground' professional health team (mental health, medical, addictions, housing, etc.) in our downtown in partnership with STPS who will assist when public safety is a concern. "The police require a team of experts so we can triage these health-related calls and the appropriate assistance/supports can be provided.



Yvonne Mawson

St. Thomas Police Service crisis support worker Yvonne Mawson with Insp. Hank Zehr.



"Our officers are policing experts dealing with health-related issues while having minimal training in these areas. It is a disservice to those who we serve and a challenge to the officers as well. I equate this to sending health experts to do police work."

Herridge explains the service has a pair of CMHA clinicians and an officer on their MOST Team who can assist.

"However, our city requires additional assistance at the street level from CMHA, Addiction Services of Thames Valley and others. Hopefully, the Street Outreach Team request can be expedited along with ensuring our Civil Remedies grant request for a third mental health clinician is approved."

Herridge notes the additional resources will ensure there is "an increased support presence on the street providing a dedicated proactive response versus always responding after the fact."

Herridge concludes with a personal note to the women and men of the St. Thomas Police Service.

"Keep up the excellent work! You have been tasked with some of the greatest challenges ever faced by members of the St. Thomas Police Service, dealing with increased social challenges and responsibilities, a significant climb in calls for service and escalating property crime while doing this during a worldwide pandemic.

"I am very proud of you and I know our community is as well.

"To our proud community; the future of our city belongs to us. It is time to unite and become one voice and create a well-being model for others to envy!"

Incidents of Note

Assault with a Weapon

A thirty eight year old St. Thomas man was arrested after police were called to a disturbance at a residence. The man is alleged to have assaulted a fourteen year old inside the home. Police seized a knife from the man as he was taken into custody and transported to the Colin McGregor Justice Building for processing. He was charged with one count Assault with a Weapon and four counts Breach of Release Conditions. He was later released on an Undertaking with court date. The youth required medical attention

Weapons

A St. Thomas man was arrested and charged after police were called to a disturbance on the Whistle Stop trail behind Memorial Arena. The man was alleged to have confronted another man on the trail with a knife. The victim, along with another woman, were trying to assist a female after observing her in a domestic related argument with the knife wielding man. Thirty three year old Thomas Marchment was taken into custody after a brief confrontation with police. He eventually dropped the knife after Officers drew their Tasers. Marchment is charged with Uttering Threats to Cause Bodily Harm, Assault with a Weapon, Cause a Disturbance and Breach of Release Condition.

Break and Enter Suspect Wanted

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of forty five year old Michael Hansen of St. Thomas. The warrant was secured after he was identified as the suspect in a residential break and enter back in October 2020. DNA samples left behind at the scene by the suspect were collected by the STPS forensic identification unit and sent to the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto for further processing. A warrant was secured after the DNA identified Hansen as the suspect. He is now wanted for one count Break, Enter and Theft and two counts Breach of Release Conditions.

Weapons

On March 14th Officers on Community Patrol were called to a residence on Horton St. by EMS who reported a male who was out of control. The 22 year old male was located in the backyard with his girlfriend who had already taken a gun from him. The male grabbed the handle of an officer's gun and was quickly arrested and handcuffed. He was transported to the St Thomas Elgin General Hospital by EMS to be assessed by doctors there. It was learned that the gun was not



stored properly in the home and the he was not authorized to have any firearms. He was charged with Disarming a Peace Officer, Careless Storage of a Firearm and unauthorized possession of a weapon.

Search warrant - Stolen Property, drugs and weapons seized

On the 17th of March 2021 members of the St Thomas Police Service Street Crimes Unit, with assistance from Criminal Investigations and uniform patrol, executed a search warrant in an apartment located at 32 Princess Avenue in the City of St Thomas. This address has been active in both the drug subculture and stolen property.

On Searching the residence Police seized a quantity of Morphine and Hydromorphone as well as recovering a .22 caliber rifle, ammunition, a crossbow, and 2 imitation firearms.

Police further located a number of tools reported stolen earlier this year during a residential break and enter.

The apartment resident, 30 year old Aaron Watt of St Thomas, was arrested as a result of the investigation and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime, unauthorized possession of a firearm, and 10 counts of failure to comply with release order(s).

The street value of the drugs seized is estimated at \$2550.00

Watt was held overnight awaiting morning court where he was later remanded into custody.

Scam Alert

www.antifraudcentre.ca

A St. Thomas woman is out \$6000 after falling victim to a lottery scam. It started when she received a message online indicating she had won a prize from Publishers Clearing House. The woman believed the message was from a known friend, not realizing that persons account had been hacked. She was told the prize could only be collected after she paid a processing fee by way of Google and iTunes gift cards. The woman bought the cards, forwarded the codes only realizing she had been scammed when the prize did not arrive.

The best way to protect yourself and your savings is to learn more about scams that circulate regularly. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true.....it probably is. We understand that the pandemic has made tough times even tougher for many people but PLEASE stop, think and ask before you respond to these kind of messages.

Regular Scams to watch out for:

CRA Scam

Lottery Scam

Romance Scam

Grandparent Scam

Job Scam

Fake Business Proposal Scam

Puppy Scam

Renovation Scam

AND SO MANY MORE! Please click the link. Visit the Canadian Anti Fraud Centre to learn more about how these international scammers work. Knowledge is power.

https://youtu.be/frQ51G71BNQ



what3words: An app you should download today!

what3words is a mapping app different from anything you might have used before. It may have first been created to easily locate exact locations around the world to assist travelers but it has turned out to have life saving capabilities!

There are already several reports around the world where what3words has helped police locate lost individuals. The service

is so impressive STPS has downloaded the what3words app to all our police devices should we ever need to use the platform to help find someone.

To see how what3words was created watch this ted talk by the creator Chris Sheldrick https://youtu.be/hKh7DcQnuTE

Click on the website link to learn more about how easy this mapping system is! https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app/



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Team

St Thomas Police Service March 8th
Happy International Women's Day #choosetochallenge. STPS
celebrates all women's achievement, especially the 43 women
we have on staff!

From The Traffic Unit

Speeding on Dalewood Drive (southbound)

Officers monitored this area as a traffic project from February 10, 2021 to March 1, 2021.

Reports submitted: 26

Charges laid: 21

During the period of February 8th and 21st, 2021 the STPS Traffic Management Unit deployed the Speed Data Collection sign on Dalewood Dr to record data of motorists entering the city southbound on Dalewood.

The total number of vehicles in this period was 16,460 vehicles, with the highest numbers of vehicles recorded daily Mon to Fri during the hour of 16:00 and 17:00. With both Saturday and Sunday being the hour of 14:00 to 15:00.

The average speed recorded was 52kph, the 85% speed being 62kph.





Speeding on Dalewood Drive (northbound)

Officers monitored this area as a traffic project from February 10, 2021 to March 1, 2021.

Reports submitted: 20

Charges laid: 21

NEW

Speeding

Fairview Avenue between Chestnut Street and Elm Street.

This project will run from March 6 to March 17, 2021.

Stop Sign Violations

4-way stop signs at Manor Road and Highview Drive.

This project will run from March 2 – March 17, 2021.

Trending in the City



Catalytic converter thefts rise as metal inside 'more valuable than gold' | CBC

There have been some reports of Catalytic Converter thefts here in the city over the last couple of weeks. Here is more info on why they are a "hot" item.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/catalytic-converter-thefts-canada-waterloo-guelph-1.5927734

Heroes Among Us

The St Thomas Police Service honoured two very special people at the Police Services Board Meeting this morning

Kayla and Brier were each awarded a Chiefs Commendation for their life saving efforts back in February.

The two were sight seeing at the elevated park when they came across a third female in crisis. Without hesitation, they took quick action calling police. They stayed talking to the girl and restraining her from harming herself until officers arrived.



Please help us celebrate these two very brave, very competent young women. Their compassion and willingness to get involved saved a life this winter.





STPS Challenge Coin

A new challenge coin has been issued to STPS members and our own Constable Tiffany Goor was chosen as the face of the coin. It's hard to see.....but that's her laser etched on the front!

Historically the coins are collected and traded amongst members of the military and law enforcement. The coins create a sense of honour and unity promoting excellence by being issued for recognition

Members will acquire additional coins through exceptional service when receiving a Chief's Commendation. See Less



	Jan	100	Mar
CHARGES	Jan	Feb	Mar
CRIMINAL CODE	113.00	78.00	175.00
CDSA	7.00	5.00	8.00
CA	0.00	0.00	1.00
YCJA	0.00	0.00	2.00
НТА	170.00	195.00	444.00
LLA	4.00	2.00	8.00
CAIA	20.00	20.00	31.00
ТРА	0.00	12.00	24.00
EPA	0.00	0.00	4.00
SSA	0.00	1.00	1.00
DOLA	1.00	0.00	1.00
FCSA	0.00	0.00	0.00
FLA	0.00	0.00	0.00
POA	0.00	0.00	1.00
SOR	0.00	0.00	0.00
ORVA	0.00	0.00	0.00
SFOA	0.00	0.00	2.00
ТТА	0.00	0.00	2.00
OSPCA	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSA	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCA	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROA *	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL POA	195.00	230.00	518.00
MVC - Fatal	0.00	0.00	0.00



MVC - Injuries	2.00	3.00	2.00
MVC - No Injuries (not NOR)	13.00	15.00	25.00
By-Law (including parking - NOT 3-5)	11.00	11.00	6.00
3-5 Parking ONLY	21.00	33.00	10.00
Incidents	1,566.00	1,110.00	1,869.00
Arrests	124.00	84.00	125.00



WINDSOR POLICE SERVICE

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Deputy Chief

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March 30, 2021

Chief Chris Herridge and Deputy Chief Marc Roskamp

St. Thomas Police Service

45 Caso Crossing

St. Thomas, ON

Sent via email to: Inspector Steven at sbogart@stps.on.ca

Dear Chief Herridge and Deputy Chief Roskamp,

I wish to express my gratitude for the generous donation of eighty Smith & Wesson M&P pistols to be transferred to the Windsor Police Service upon the approval of the St. Thomas Police Services Board. This donation will greatly assist the Windsor Police Service in facilitating and augmenting our firearms training platforms as we prepare to transition to new pistols in 2024.

The donated pistols will be utilized on our gun ranges. Thirty pistols will be converted to Simunition guns for use by the Training Branch and our Emergency Services Unit, while the balance of the pistols will be utilized for refurbishing internal pistol parts.

We value having the St. Thomas Police Service as our policing partner and greatly appreciate this very generous donation made to the Windsor Police Service.

Sincerely,

Pamela Mizuno
Chief of Police