



Report to the Board: Community Services

Submitted By: Constable Mark Thuss

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School/Youth Programs

- Cst. Thuss wrapped up his visits to the schools teaching grade 6 students VIP/KIDS Programs (Values Influences Peers/Knowledge Issues Decisions Support).
- Cst. Thuss attended a kindergarten class at Caradoc Public School, teaching the children about police being community helpers.
- Cst. Thuss attended Caradoc Public School for “Safety Days” promoting safety for young people.
- A tour of the police station was given by one of the Strathroy-Caradoc female police officers to the Strathroy Girl guides.
- Cst. Thuss attended SDCI for a meeting to discuss the upcoming school year and police involvement within the school.

Media

- Media releases and corporate website updates are ongoing with co-ordination with the Town Hall.
- Cst. Thuss completed 2 Radio interviews at MyFm including one on long weekend safety.
- Officers have tweeted/retweeted on 13 occasions, updating that Strathroy-Caradoc twitter account with information/ongoing events (@scpsofficer).
- Press releases are also being sent to our media partners where applicable.
- 18 Facebook updates on the Strathroy-Caradoc Facebook account. These updates consisted of general updates, Community Updates/Events, and information on Investigations.
- SCPS continues to post wanted persons on Facebook, two wanted people are posted weekly on Tuesday and known as “turn’em in Tuesdays”. Officers are also answering questions and responding to concerns from followers in the Strathroy-Caradoc Police private message area.

Community Events

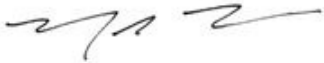
- Sgt. Cushman attended the “Touch a Truck” event held at the Strathroy Community Christian School.
- Cst. Thuss and other officers helped with Tim Hortons Camp Day raising money to send kids to camp.
- Cst. Thuss gave a presentation on Internet Safety to members of Middlesex Community Living.
- The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held, members of the Strathroy-Caradoc Police and OPP took part followed by a BBQ at headquarters for participants.

- The Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service was presented with a “Decal of Distinction” from Middlesex Community Living, demonstrating that the Strathroy-Caradoc Police is committed to creating a community where everyone belongs.
- Cst. Thuss gave a presentation on Bike Safety to members of Middlesex Community Living.
- Cst. Thuss was presented with hand made teddy bears from Debbie Kozi and will be given to children involved in traumatic events.

Shift coverage

- Cst Thuss assisted with shift coverage on two night shifts.
- Cst. Thuss trained a new hire with CEW and firearms.

Respectfully Submitted,



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