



Report to the Board: Community Services

Submitted By: Constable Mark Thuss

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School/Youth Programs

- Cst. Thuss continues to visit the schools teaching grade 6 students VIP/KIDS Programs (Values Influences Peers/Knowledge Issues Decisions Support).
- Cst. Thuss attended two grade 11 law classes at SDCI to discuss impaired driving laws.
- Cst. Thuss met with representatives of Community Safety Net, to arrange drug information booklets that will be distributed to youth in the fall.
- The annual HABIT Helmet campaign began with youth being given coupons for wearing their helmets properly while riding a bike/scooter or skateboard. The coupon is for a free sundae from Burger King Strathroy and a chance to win a bike from Doug and Marion's Bike Shop.
- "Operation Freeze" is underway again; police will be handing out free "Froster" coupons from Circle K. This is part of the positive ticketing program to engage youth in a positive way.

Media

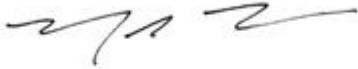
- Media releases and corporate website updates are ongoing with co-ordination with the Town Hall.
- Cst. Thuss completed a Rogers TV interview at IERD.
- Cst. Thuss completed 3 Radio interviews at MyFm. OACP drive-safe campaign, emergency preparedness, and for Police Week.
- Officers have tweeted/retweeted on 51 occasions, updating that Strathroy-Caradoc twitter account with information/ongoing events (@scpsofficer).
- Press releases are also being sent to our media partners where applicable.
- 23 Facebook updates on the Strathroy-Caradoc Facebook account. These updates consisted of general updates, Community Updates/Events, and information on Investigations.
- SCPS is now posting wanted persons on Facebook. Two wanted people will be posted weekly on Tuesdays and will be 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

- The 29th annual International Emergency Response Day was held Wednesday May 1st. 64 different agencies attended with approximately 250 personnel. Approximately 1500 youth attended the event. It was a very successful day! This year the lunch was provided by SDCI students from Saints Kitchen.

- Members of SCPS attended the annual MCL Mayors breakfast.
- Cst. Thuss and Chief Campbell attended “McHappy Day” at McDonalds, to help raise funds for Ronald McDonald charities.
- Cst. Thuss attended Denning’s Café to speak with the elderly regarding safeguarding themselves against scams and frauds.
- Cst. Thuss and Chief Campbell attended a Human Trafficking information session sponsored by Victims Services.
- Cst. Thuss assisted with hosting the monthly four counties traffic initiative. 38 charges were laid, including two impaired driving charges.

Respectfully Submitted,



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