

**Lanark OPP/ Lake Associations Fall meeting**  
**Wed. Nov. 2, 2011 – 10 a.m.**  
**TVT Council Chambers, 217 Harper Road**

Attending: Inspector Gerry Salisbury, Eileen and Ed Barbeau (Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes), Gordon Hill (Christie Lake), Audrey Cook (Pike Lake), Terry and Judy Kennedy (Kennebec Lake), Karen Hunt (Otty Lake)

Regrets: Jim Lampman (Bennett Lake), Taro Alps (Bobs and Crow Lake), Eugenia Flett (Farren Lake), Rebecca Wissler (North Shore, Big Rideau)

**Inspector Salisbury provided the following update:**

1. Marine Stats for summer 2011 (covers all the local lakes, no breakdown by individual lake)
  - There were two full-time units available for marine patrols throughout the summer which resulted in 130 hr. of patrol on the local lakes. The patrol hours on Rideau Lake were in addition to this
  - 16 LLA (alcohol related) charges were laid and 7 warnings were issued
  - 31 Small Vessel charges were laid and 60 warnings were issued
  - Other statutes – 3. These related to drugs in a vessel, drugs at a cottage and 2 charges for impaired operations
2. The Lanark County OPP Auxiliaries implemented the Safe Guard Ontario program locally in which Auxiliaries follow-up with victims of Break and Enters and help victims understand how they can protect themselves against future B & Es. Note: the Auxiliary Program is a volunteer program for which individuals must commit a minimum of 20 hours a month (most volunteer many more hours than this). The OPP are currently recruiting for their Auxiliary Program. Inspector Salisbury commented that this is a great opportunity for someone who feels that they might be interested in a career in policing.
3. Inspector Salisbury reported that locally the number of Break and Enters rose to an all time high this past year. Greatest number of incidences was reported in areas such as the lower part of TVT (near Frontenac County) and in North and Central Frontenac Townships (around Ompah). Articles such as boats, motors, lawn mowers were most often targeted.
4. Discussion about Break and Enters led to a discussion about Neighbourhood Watch Programs. Inspector Salisbury described it as a good program but one which has fallen by the wayside in many areas. He would like to know where active Neighbourhood Watch Programs still exist and where they might be re-activated.
5. Lake reps attending the meeting felt that this program might be of interest to their and other lake communities and a considerable discussion followed about when and how the

OPP might offer a presentation about Neighbourhood Watch Program to members of the Lake Networking Group.

6. In the end it was agreed that the format for the Spring 2012 OPP/Lake Associations meeting should be altered to be a presentation(s) rather than around-the-table discussion and that the fall meeting would again be a discussion meeting. The suggestion was made that this format might be followed in future years as well. As the attendance at some of the discussion meetings has been fairly low, this might be a good alternative format.

Wed. March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Tay Valley Township Council Chambers was booked for the Spring Meeting.

There will be two OPP presentations at the March 21, 2012 meeting

- OPP Auxiliaries' will present on the Safe Guard Ontario Program
- Inspector Salisbury and other members of his staff will present on the Neighbourhood Watch Program

All members of the Lake Networking Group will be invited to participate in this meeting (not just Lanark County lake associations)

Inspector Salisbury suggested that Maureen Towaij from the TVT Police Services Board be invited to this meeting. (Karen will send an invitation to Maureen)

Inspector Salisbury strongly recommended that everyone should LOCK YOUR CAR and LOCK YOUR HOME

#### 7. Other OPP comments

- Inspector Salisbury reported that the County of Lanark and the Town of Perth have both requested information for potential OPP policing.
- In the OPP Lanark Detachment there have been some staffing changes which include Jeff Smith being promoted to Detective Staff Sergeant at Headquarters and Pat Donnelly becoming the Det. Staff Sergeant at the Lanark Detachment. Recruiting is also underway for 2 sergeants.
- The OPP Tay Valley Township Police Business Planning Meeting went very well with about 30 participants.
- Inspector Salisbury discussed results of a recent OPP Community Satisfaction Survey involving about 1000 respondents.

#### 8. OPP Community Satisfaction Survey

A few results shared by Inspector Salisbury indicated that ...

- 97.9 % respondents in Lanark County felt safe/very safe in their community

- 90.5% were satisfied or very satisfied with the OPP Lanark's ability to work with the community to solve local problems
- Areas of greatest concern identified by respondents were elder and child abuse, sexual abuse and drugs in the schools
- Communication about OPP Programs received a lower satisfaction response (54% said yes that they were satisfied and that 46% said no). The OPP is going to be working to improve in this area e.g. they will use Lake 88.1 more frequently to get out information about their programs to the community and there will be increased communication between OPP and the lake associations. Several people around the table commented on the responsiveness of Lake 88.1

### **Questions and Comments from attending lake association representatives**

#### 1. Water safety

- Inspector Salisbury confirmed that there are no speed limits on the water except for close to shore
- Swimmers in situations where there is water skiing taking place must be on the alert as it is their responsibility to stay out of the path of the water skiers
- In response to a question about channel markers and how the restrictions would be established and carried out, Inspector Salisbury indicated that the placement of channel markers is under federal jurisdiction but that the enforcement is done by the OPP. He would like to be notified when channel markers are put into place.

#### 2. Road Safety

- Inspector Salisbury confirmed that where an incident occurs in one policing jurisdiction and moves into another jurisdiction (e.g. provincial highway to municipal road) that the original police unit will stay with the situation until the other policing unit is in place.

### **Next OPP/Lake Associations meeting**

- will take place on Wed. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the Tay Valley Township Council Chamber and will include presentations from the OPP on the Safe Guard Ontario Program and Neighbourhood Watch. Representatives from all members of the Lake Networking Group will be invited