

MIDLAND POLICE SERVICE
CHIEF'S October 2014
REPORT TO THE BOARD



Presented November 19th, 2014

During the month of October 2014, the Midland Police generated 759 incidents reports in response to community needs. This is up from 671 incidents during the same time period in 2013. Incident reports generated to date for 2014 stand at 6945 as compared to 6599 for 2013.

October 2014	Monthly			YEAR TO DATE		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
Criminal Code	65	64	83	763	626	706
Highway Traffic Act	168	194	287	1683	2088	1585
Liquor Licence Act	11	7	12	135	134	155
Misc. Provincial Statutes	8	9	3	83	50	23
Municipal By-Law	3	0	2	7	5	10
Total PON				1908	2277	1773
Month of October				2014	2013	2012
Theft Under \$5,000				34	41	30
Theft Over \$5,000				0	0	0
Mischief				15	9	12
Break and Enter				5	10	9
Fraud				3	8	10
Robbery				0	0	0
Assault				7	12	9
Assault (weapon / bodily harm)				0	0	2
Sexual Assault				0	3	0
Criminal Harassment / Threats				5/6	7/10	5/4
Motor Vehicle Collisions				45	47	37

CRIMINAL OFFENCES:

Theft Under \$5,000

There were (34) thefts reported to the Midland Police Service in the month of October, compared to (41) during the same month last year. The Service has cleared (5) of those thefts by investigation or charge.

This represents a (14%) clearance rate.

It is important to note that of the (34) thefts reported, (8) or (23%) were items from unlocked vehicles.

Mischief

A total of (15) mischief calls were reported to the Service this month. Of the (15) mischiefs reported to the Service, (2) were cleared by charge. This represents a clearance rate of (13%).

Break and Enter

A total of (5) break and enters were reported to the Service, (10) were reported during the same time period last year. This represents a (50%) reduction in Break and Enters for this month. They are currently under investigation.

Fraud

There were (5) frauds reported to the Service this month. (8) were reported during the same time period last year. This represents a reduction of (27%). Of those (5), (1) was cleared by discretion or diversion and (1) was cleared by charge. The balance are under investigation. The clearance rate for this month is (40%).

Assault

There were (8) assault calls reported to the Service this month. (12) were reported to the Service during the same month last year. This represents a (34%) reduction in assaults. Of the (8) reported assaults (3) were cleared by investigation or charge and (3) were cleared by discretion/diversion. The clearance rate is (75%).

Sexual Assault

There were (0) sexual assaults reported to the Service this month.

Criminal Harassment/Threats

A total of (5) harassment cases were reported to the Service this month. (10) harassment cases were reported to the Midland Police Service during the same month last year. This represents a decrease of (50%). The Service cleared (3) of them by diversion/discretion. This represents a (60%) clearance rate.

A total of (6) threatening cases were reported to the Midland Police Service during the month of October. The Service cleared (4) of the cases by discretion or diversion and (1) was cleared by investigation or charge. The clearance rate is (83%).

Impaired Driving

(1) person was arrested and processed for drinking and driving; a total of (2) charges were laid in relation to this matter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Foot patrol Downtown . (4) hrs, NSSRC . (2) hrs

High School visits . (22) hrs, Lockdown Drill, St. T's Text and Drive Play, Truth and Consequences

Elementary School visits . (8) hrs, Huron Park (60) student tour, Mundy's Bay crossing guard assist

Community Events - Race Against Drugs (16) hrs, Halloween - CLH One Roof, Car Seat Clinic, school cross country meet

Presentations Not by Accident Conference, London . (1) hr Presentation for 150 attendees, CAA Safety Patroller Training . Monsignor Castex
Meetings . Safe and Sober, Race Against Drugs, Winterfest
Drop in visits . Wendat, Health Unit, Alternate Learning, Parole Office, Salvation Army
Intoxilyzer, ASD and DRE maintenance (8) hrs, ASD maintenance, DRE instructor eval for SSPS
Assist patrol: (48)hrs . (6) shifts, (2)hrs subpoena service, (5) CC charges, Crown Follow-up (6) hrs
Graffiti Investigation: (8)hrs . (2) Charges
Other . Traffic Duty - Hugel Ave (12) hrs, Repair phone for Autistic Child broken in an incident, donate bicycle to MSS student in need,
Court POA (2) hrs
Training . Centre Forensic Science - Intoxilyzer Field Coordinator (2) days, Live Scan, Taser training, Use of Force Training

RIDE/Foot Patrol:

During the month of October 2014, Midland Officers conducted a total of **(36)** hours of RIDE. A total of **(7)** warnings under Provincial Statutes were given out. A total of **(1)** charge was laid on RIDE spot-checks this month under the Provincial Offences Act. A total of **(933)** vehicles were stopped and checked collectively.

In addition, a total of **(123)** hours of foot patrol were conducted in our high visibility locations, including the downtown area, Rotary Trail, NSSRC and others. (74) hours of this was spent in our downtown core area.

Auxiliary Hours:

Auxiliary Police Officers completed (27) hours of service to the community in the month of October. They completed general patrol duties with uniform patrol officers and participated in %Racing Against Drugs+.

Mutual Assistance:

MPS assistance to OPP: (5.2) hours –

(4 officers assisted in warrant execution in Midland of OPP warrant)

OPP assistance to MPS: (.15) mins –

(Female officer requested to search female MPS prisoner).

INCIDENTS OF INTEREST: (Summary)

Graffiti Arrest

On the evening of July 1, 2014, graffiti was painted on the side of the ADM grain elevators. The following evening the graffiti was painted over with new graffiti.

An investigation followed and on October 1, 2014, Midland Police Service arrested a man and charged him with Mischief and Breach Probation. He was released on a Promise to Appear and will attend a court date in November.

Charged: A 21 year old Midland man

Charges: Mischief under \$5000, Sec. 430(4) CC
Fail to Comply . Probation, Sec. 733(1) CC

Fire in Home Results in Fatality

On October 4, 2014, at 950pm, the Midland Police Service responded to a fire at an Elizabeth Street residence. Another occupant in the home greeted police and had already extinguished the fire. The residence was heavily engulfed in smoke. Midland Fire Department and Simcoe County Paramedics attended the scene and it was determined that there was an occupant in the room where the fire was extinguished; it was quickly realized that the occupant was deceased.

Midland Police Service and the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall are investigating the cause of the fire.

A post mortem examination of the deceased will be conducted.

Deceased is a 56 year old Midland man.

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The cause of this fire is currently under investigation by the Midland Police Service . Criminal Investigations Branch and the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall. This is common investigative process where a fire occurs and a death results. There will be no further information released until a post mortem examination has been completed and the investigation has been concluded +

Drug Offences

On August 28, 2014, a Midland man was found intoxicated in a local Midland park. The man was escorted home by Midland Police Service and left in the care of a family member. The officer assisted the man to his bedroom and observed marijuana plants growing in his room.

The suspect was charged with production of marijuana and was issued an appearance notice on October 14, 2014. The suspect is scheduled for a court date of November 13th 2014 at 900am in the Midland Court of Justice.

Charged: A 50 yr old Midland man

US Counterfeit \$50.00 Bills

The Midland Police Service would like to warn the public about a rash of counterfeit US \$50 bills that have been circulating in Southern Ontario and Muskoka. There have been incidents of these \$50 dollar bills being circulated in the Midland area.

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The public and business owners should be aware of the fact that these counterfeit US fifty dollar bills are circulating. We have seized some in the Midland area and want people to safe guard themselves from being a victim. If you have concerns about the authenticity of a bill, contact your local police service .+

Midland residents can contact the Midland Police Service at (705) 526-2201 to make an inquiry about this currency. Anyone with information about who may be responsible for uttering this currency is asked to call Midland Police Service or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).

Midland Police Service has implemented new LEARN Guidelines for Police Record Checks

Effective immediately, the Midland Police Service are implementing the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) LEARN (Law Enforcement and Record Managers Network), Guidelines for Police Record Checks. The LEARN guidelines will ensure an equal level of service under the provinces released legislation, policies, procedures and directives.

The guidelines adopted will:

- better protect Ontarians from the disclosure of their **non-conviction police records** and the discrimination and stigmatization that often results from their release;
- **mental health police contacts will no longer be released;**
- **unproven charges** will not be released except under exceptional circumstances for work with the vulnerable sector

The revised guidelines also have the strong support of the **Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA)**.

For more information and a detailed background on the history and evolution of the (OACP) LEARN guidelines, refer to the media release from the OACP on the Midland Police Service website, titled . ***“Ontario Police Chiefs Release Updated Guidelines for Police Record Checks”***

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“The Midland Police Service has adopted this guideline with the recognition that everyone has a fundamental right to privacy. By adopting this guideline, these

rights will be protected and will also solidify the consistency and best practices we have shown in conducting record checks for the citizens we serve”

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'O'.

Michael C. Osborne
Chief of Police