



Police Services Board Brant County OPP

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Section 1 – Staffing and Public Complaints

Human Resource Updates for March 2021

PC Sylvie Gagnon, front line platoon member started a 2 year School Resource Officer (SRO) RRA effective March 1, 2021.

PC Michelle Murphy, front line platoon member started a 2 year Community Mobilization Officer (CMO) RAA effective March 1, 2021.

PC Conrad Vitalis, front line platoon member started a 2 year Community Services Officer (CSO) RAA effective March 1, 2021.

PC Ken Johnston, Brant CSO has completed his RAA and has returned to a front line platoon member position effective March 1, 2021.

PC Jerusha Woodley, Brant CMO has completed her RAA and returned to a front line platoon member position effective March 1, 2021.

PC Darcy Daly, Brant ERT member was successful in a provincial PSU SPIN position effective March 8, 2021.

D/Cst Samantha Bergeron, a member of Brant crime unit has been on a TA in Haldimand assisting with Caledonia since August 2020. She was successful in a recent competition and will be joining CSEU Unit, based in Wellington effective May 17. 2021.

Inspector Lisa Darling, Peterborough Detachment Commander on a TAA as Interim Detachment Commander for Brant effective March 29 2021—may 9 2021.

Looking forward in April 2021

A/Sgt Tim Graham into Admin NCO position

PC Andrew Nicholson returning to ERT-Thank you for supporting our Detachment

DAC Austin Kohler ending contract - Hired as a Provincial Constable—Congratulations!

New DAC Tamara Brooks-Wheat to start May 03 – she is also long standing Aux Sgt here

Public Complaints	January—March
Policy	0
Service	0
Conduct	2 1 Jan, 1 March—complaints resolved

Section 2 – Community Safety & Well-being Team

Community Mobilization Officer (CMO)
PC Michelle Murphy



PC Murphy reports a busy start to the CMO position, which began for her on March 1, 2021. After a series of meetings with St Leonard’s in relation to the MCRRT/ COAST program, new SOP’s were adopted. This will assist in ensuring the safety of all involved as well as quick and necessary response to mental health related calls. PC Murphy will transport the MCRRT worker to any crisis calls and work with MCRRT on any apprehensions or necessary follow up. This relieves road officers from the calls and allows them to be back in service instead of tied up while MCRRT completes assessments.

In March, there were 19 follow up referrals for the COAST program for incidents where officers identified a need for mental health supports at the various calls they attended. This is on top of the 14 crisis calls for service that MCRRT attended in the month. Due to these interactions as well, a family and an individual were presented to and accepted at the Situation Table, where a wraparound of supports was initiated to ensure the health and safety of all.

PC Murphy attended a variety of meetings involving various community organizations who are doing a great deal of work to bring forward resources for community members in need.

Looking forward, work will continue with MCRRT and engaging people who are in need of mental health supports in order to assist them and lessen the calls for

Community Services/Media Officer
PC Conrad Vitalis



PC Vitalis started his role as CSO on March 1st 2021. This past month he has been familiarizing himself with the expectations of his new role while awaiting the media relations course by working with the Media Officer for West Region, Derek Rogers.

He has supported our communities and the Detachment by planning and/or participating in several events and initiatives:

- Assisted with Motorcade for Mr. Gretzky’s funeral
- Participated in Black History month presentation
- Working with county to plan grand opening of detachment
- Virtually attended St George community policing group
- Liaised with Edith Stone regarding Paris community policing group
- Assisted with positive ticketing campaign
- Participated in several meetings related to the role and duties of the MCRRT workers as well as overall functionality of the Community Safety and Well Being Team
- Proactive safety messaging on motorcycles returning to the road, off road vehicle operation
- Liaised and made introductions with local media outlets
- Liaised with BPS Crime stoppers coordinator regarding “tip of the week” on CKPC radio

**Youth/School
Resource Officer
PC Sylvie Gagnon**



- Focusing on reaching out to schools for future programming
- Online presentation to allow for OPP KIDS program to be electronically delivered
- Positive Ticketing program through #TeamBrant
- Liaised with Edith Stone regarding Paris community policing group

Do your part, and you could win!

If we spot you doing your part, an OPP officer or Bylaw Officer will happily stop and provide a gift certificate from a local restaurant as our way of saying thanks. Students will also be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of three grand prizes.

- ✓ I wear a mask.
- ✓ I follow the gathering limits.
- ✓ I practice safe physical distancing.
- ✓ I am leading the charge for the prevention of COVID-19 spread in our community.

I care about others in my community.
#TEAMBRANT

Section 3 — DETACHMENT INITIATIVES

FOCUSED PATROLS

<u>Hwy 24</u>	<u>Hwy 403</u>	<u>Cockshut Road</u>	<u>Colborne Street</u>
110 hours	79 hours	31.5 hours	31.25 Hours
67 x PONs	57 x PONS	23 x PON	11 x PON
14 x Part III	12 x Part III	6 x Part III	3 x Part III
2 x CC Charges	1 x CC Charge	9 x Warnings	2 x CC Charges
1 x CMV Inspection	1 x CMV Inspection		2 x Warnings
41 x warnings	18 x Warnings		

Brant Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement Initiative

- Operational Plan developed based on success of last years initiative. Proactive patrols in place for April focused on farm lands and disruptions in our communities.
- Media reminding everyone that ATVs not permitted in Brant.
- Educational campaign
- Communication and where/if applicable joint enforcement with agency partners.

Loud Vehicles

- Operational Plan developed - proactive enforcement to commence in April
- Joint enforcement with agency partners. MOE and MTO

Community Safety and Wellbeing Unit

- Focus on building stronger relationships with community, policing and health sector partners to develop a more robust multisector proactive approach with our vulnerable populations.

Section 4 — NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

Noteworthy incidents

- 01Mar21 – Proactive stop on Hwy 403 for a minor traffic offence reveals the driver is impaired by alcohol, she is arrested and charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, failing to move into another lane for an emergency vehicle, having open alcohol in reach of driver, and also G1 licence holder operating a vehicle without an accompanying driver.. Her licence has been suspended for 90 days and her car towed.
- 01Mar21 – A traffic stop on Dundas Street East leaves the driver with charges of driving while under suspension and failing to display two licence plates. He was also turned over to Brantford Police on an outstanding arrest warrant.
- 02Mar21 – Proactive traffic enforcement on County Road 18 leads to a male driver being stopped for speeding 131 in 80 km/hr zone, he was charged with speeding, stunt driving and had his vehicle impounded for 7 days.
- 02Mar21 – Speed enforcement on Colborne Street East leads to a female driver being charged with speeding and having cannabis readily available.
- 03Mar21 – A traffic stop on Hwy 54 leads to a vehicle driver being charged with possession of over 600 cartons of unmarked cigarettes and possession for the purpose of resale.
- 04Mar21 – Officers conducting radar enforcement on Hwy 403 stop a car for 154 in 100 km/hr zone. The driver was charged with speeding, stunt driving, and 3 offences in relation to holding a G1 class licence.
- 04Mar21 – Officers conducting speed enforcement on Cockshutt Road leads to a driver being charged with operating a motor vehicle without insurance.
- 04Mar21 – Officers observe a speeding car on Shellards Lane, a traffic stop leads to the driver being charged with stunt driving, his vehicle was impounded and his licence suspended for 7 days.
- 06Mar21 – Brant members are dispatched to a personal injury collision on Middletown Line where the driver had fled on foot, officer quickly engage K9 and emergency response unit members and located the male driver. He is taken for medical care and charge with failing to remain at an accident, driving without a licence, driving without insurance, having cannabis readily available and also for breaching his release conditions.
- 07Mar21 – Radar patrol on Rest Acres Road leaves a male driver charged with stunt driving and speeding 143 in 80 km/hr zone. His licence has been suspended and his vehicle impounded.

08Mar21 – Officers conducting speed enforcement in focus patrol on Hwy 403 stop a vehicle for 171 in 100 km/hr zone. The driver is charged with stunt driving, speeding, his licence has been suspended for 7 days and his vehicle impounded.

09Mar21 – Officers patrolling Dundas Street East observe a vehicle being driven erratically which leads to the vehicle being stopped and the driver arrested and charged with impaired operation, failing to comply with his release conditions as well as violations for being a novice driver.

09Mar21 – A traffic stop on Oakland road leave a driver charged with driving with expired plates and G1 licence holder without accompanying driver.

11Mar21 – Proactive vehicle stop on Rest Acres Road results in the driver being charged with driving while suspended, G1 licence holder without accompanying driver, and driving with expired licence plates.

12Mar21 – Report of a possible impaired driver travelling the wrong way on Hwy 403, vehicle eventually involved in a single vehicle collision and the driver fled on foot. The driver was located a short time later with assistance of Brantford Police service K9 and ERT. The male has been charged with Dangerous Driving, Flight from Police, Failing to comply with release conditions, driving without a licence and failing to remain at a collision.

12Mar21 – Officer conducting speed enforcement in focus patrol area of Hwy 24 results in a female driver being charged with speeding 131 in an 80 km/hr zone as well as for failing to surrender insurance card.

14Mar21 – a traffic stop for speeding on Hwy 54 ends with the driver being charged with driving without insurance and speeding 120 in 80 km/hr zone.

15Mar21 – A Report of ongoing thefts from Biggars Lane landfill, CSCU engaged and charged a male with break and enter as well as possession of property obtained by crime.

16Mar21 – A proactive traffic stop on Newport Road leaves a female driver charged with driving while suspended, using licence plates not authorized, failing to apply for a permit upon becoming an owner of a vehicle and driving without insurance.

17Mar21 – Officer in Focus Patrol area of Colborne Street observes vehicle with incorrect licence plates. The driver was charged with using unauthorized licence plates as well as for having cannabis readily available to the driver.

17Mar21 – A report of a rock being thrown through a window on Grand River Street South resulted in officers attending, locating a male in the area who was subsequently arrested for mischief under \$5000 and public intoxication.

18Mar21 – Officers working in Focus Patrol area of Hwy 24 observe a vehicle speeding 137 in the 80 km/hr zone. The driver was arrested and charged with stunt driving and had his vehicle impounded and licence suspended for 7 days.

20Mar21 – Officers respond to a male sleeping in his vehicle in the drive through of Tim Hortons. Officers determine the male is impaired. He is charged with impaired operation, operating over 80 mgs, novice driver above zero blood alcohol and having open alcohol in his vehicle.

20Mar21 – An officer locates a vehicle on East River Road being driven erratically. A traffic stop is conducted which leaves the driver charged with impaired operation and dangerous driving.

20Mar21 – A female driver is located on Grand River Street North and arrested and charged with impaired driving, she is released when sober and later arrested again for failing to comply with release conditions from a previous arrest in February.

20Mar21 – Radar patrol on Hwy 403 leaves a driver arrested and charged with stunt driving/ speeding 179 in the 100km./hr zone.

21Mar21 – A report of an erratic driver results in officers locating the vehicle. As a result of their investigation, the male driver is arrested and charged with dangerous driving, possession of property obtained by crime, driving while prohibited and a variety of charges related to possessing a loaded handgun in the vehicle.

21Mar21 – Officers respond to a single vehicle collision on Cockshutt Road. As a result of an investigation, the driver was charged with operating a vehicle without a driver's licence, licence plates or insurance as well as careless driving and operating an unsafe vehicle.

24Mar21 – A routine traffic stop on Hwy 403 leads to a female driver being arrested and charged with driving with over 80 mgs of alcohol as well as Class G1 licence holder driving on a prohibited class highway.

24Mar21 – Radar patrol in focus patrol area of Hwy 24 leaves a county residence charged with stunt driving, speeding 144 in the 80 km/hr zone and failing to surrender insurance. His vehicle has been impounded and his licence suspended for 7 days.

25Mar21 – Officer stops a male operating a motorcycle on Governors road, the driver is charged for operating a motor cycle without a licence, use of unauthorized licence plates and driving without insurance.

26Mar21 - A three vehicle collision results in a traffic fatality at intersection of Bishopsgate and Ellis Road. The investigation remains ongoing.

27Mar21 – An Officer working in the Focus Patrol area on Brant Road locates a speeding vehicle, the driver is charged with driving without a licence.

27Mar21 – Officer locate an erratic driver on German School Road, the driver is arrested and charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs, she is further charged with driving with liquor readily available.

28Mar21 – Proactive radar enforcement on Colborne Street West results in a driver being charged with stunt driver for 143 in 80 km/hr zone, his vehicle has been impounded and his licence suspended for 7 days.

28Mar21 – Officers stop a vehicle on Mt Pleasant road. The driver fled on foot, he is later charged with impaired operation, refusing to provide a breath sample and flight from police.

29Mar21 – A report of a road rage incident occurring on Burford Delhi Townline Road results on a male driver being arrested and charged with Dangerous Driving, Impaired operation, Driving over 80 mgs ,and driving while suspended.

30Mar21 – Police respond to a report of a single vehicle collision on Hwy 403, investigation reveals the driver is impaired. He is charged with impaired operation, driving over 80 mgs. and for novice driver with alcohol in his system. The vehicle has been impounded and his licence.

Trends & Actions

Charge data not available at time of report due to ICON issues.

- All crime category summaries are showing a reduction from both 2019 and 2020 records.
- Our 9-1-1 response incidents continue to rise over YTD 2020 records. In March we were up by 55% over 2020 incidents. Although these numbers are rising, they are still significantly lower than our calls for service prior to the implementation of the OPP Efficiency Project.
- The OPP Efficiency Project has also impacted our volume of frontline response to alarm calls in the County. We continue to see a reduction in alarm incidents in 2021. YTD we are down 33% from 2020 .
- Mental health calls are holding steady compared with CFS in March 2020. YTD mental health calls have increased by 22% over 2020 reported incidents.

Patrol Hours—March

- Brant County had a slight increase over last March in Patrol hours. We are down slightly in both foot patrol and school patrol hours compared to last year, however when comparing patrol hours to last month, foot patrol hours have more than doubled over last month's recorded patrols. We had 41 foot patrol hours in February and 94.75 in March. Despite the challenges with the COVID restrictions over the month of March, we were able to complete 32.25 hours of school patrol.
- Vehicle patrol hours are up 200+ hours from last year's first quarter. Foot patrol hours are down 31.8% from 2020, but as stated previously, a marked improvement since the beginning of the year. School patrols continue to be down due to challenges with COVID restrictions but our officers are finding creative ways to connect with our youth.
- Year to date traffic collisions are down overall from 2020 statistics. We have seen a reduction in both personal injury and property damage collisions. Sadly the one category where we have seen an increase is in fatal collisions. Two fatal collisions in March brings a total to 3 fatalities in 2021 compared to 2 for the same timeframe in 2020.
- Zone patrol hours were up 9.8% in March and are down 1.1% YTD. A significant increase in patrol on our highways has been occurring due to the high risk driver behavior identified. Members are being assigned foot and other proactive patrols on platoon to increase community visibility.

APPENDIX A
DETACHMENT STATISTICS REPORT
MARCH 2021

SEE ATTACHED