



**Serving Our Community**

**The Deep River Police Service**

**Annual Report**

**2015**

## **“Serving Our Community”**

In 2015, our police service continued its tradition of adequate and effective service to the citizens and visitors of Deep River. Time and effort was again directed to reviewing and maintaining, standards and compliancy. We handled the criminal occurrences within our jurisdiction, and supplied an assortment of other services expected by our citizens. These local expectations included foot patrol, vacant house checks and commercial property checks. Ending 2015 our overall staffing consisted of nine uniform members, one civilian member, a casual civilian member, and five special constables. Our Service has for many years provided free criminal record checks to individuals volunteering in our community and we continue to do so.

### **Organization: Purpose & Structure**

**Our Vision:** To provide the highest standard of professionalism in partnership with our community.

**Mission:** The Deep River Police Service strives to protect life, public and private property, under the law and with full respect for human dignity and according to the highest standards of professional skill, integrity, and accountability.

### **Core Values:**

- Integrity and Loyalty
- Empathy and Fairness
- Impartiality and Transparency
- Respect and Civility
- Courage and Leadership

**Governance:** The Deep River Police Service has been serving Deep River since the town’s inception in 1957. Governance of the local police service is through a three-member board known as the Deep River Police Services Board. In 2015 the Police Service Board Chair was, Chair Joan Lougheed, councils’ representative on the Board, Mr. Ed Cochrane and, Mr. John

Hosbons who is the provincial appointee. The main function of the Board is to provide governance of the police service through development of policies.

**Administration:** Chief of Police Barry Swarbrick has primary responsibility for the administration of the Deep River Police Service, providing some operational backup and coverage on occasion. Administrative Secretary Michelle Martel supports the Chief of Police.

**Departmental Staff:** Regular operational front line service is supplied by the following uniform members of the police service;

Supervisors: Sergeant Darin Faris and Sergeant Steven Lehoux

Officers: Constable Rob Medeiros

Constable Dave Newell

Constable Amanda Brela

Constable Marek Brela

Constable Matt Barker

Constable Anne Ray

**Special Constable:** The service utilizes provincially approved personnel for the purpose of assisting in the watching and/or escorting of prisoners/court officer. These members include;

Officers: Special Constable Len Ferrill

Special Constable Eric Steeves

Special Constable Henry Nugent

Special Constable Amanda Bellamy

Special Constable Michelle Martel

The Deep River Police Service provides a dedicated service within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Deep River, which includes the CNL plant site. Service is available twenty - four hours a day, seven days a week by phoning 613-584-3500, or 911 for emergencies. All radio, and 911 calls, are recorded on computerized digital recording system. Since December 21, 2011 communications services were obtained through the Belleville Police Service. These contracted services meet the legislative requirements of the Adequacy Standards. Since January 2003, our Service has been part of the records' management system known as NICHE. There are approximately 40 police services in Ontario that are part of this network; the largest member being the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

**Community Satisfaction:** A formal survey completed in 2015 indicated a strong feeling of support and satisfaction with our Service. Our Deep River Community feels safe in their home and while outside their home. Validation of this survey is seen in the lack of formal complaints and the letters of thanks and commendations for members throughout the year.

**Public Complaints:** There were two formal public complaints received during the year 2015. Our record over the past eight years indicate that traditionally very few complaints are received.

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of Complaints	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	2

**Financial:**

Our organization is a cost-effective service, directly answerable at a local level. As a partner in the town's financial strategy, we participate in the town's budgeting process, and are very aware of the need to be accountable to the citizens of Deep River. Part of our current yearly operating costs includes \$60,000 to the town for office rental. Revenue for the service is mainly obtained through grants and miscellaneous revenues such as criminal record checks. Revenues in 2015 included a grant of \$30,000 for community policing through the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, a grant of \$6,676 to enhance regular Reduce Impaired Driving

Everywhere (R.I.D.E) spot checks and approximately \$90,000 from the criminal record checks. The Deep River Police continue to provide free criminal record checks for volunteers in Deep River.

The established operating budget for 2015 was \$1,556,158.96. The year end result showed an actual budget of approximately 1,447,175.00 A review of the budget indicates that most sections were within the projected allotments. Our budgeting for 2015 remained realistic, accountable, and provided the means for adequate staffing and resources.

**Crime Report:**

**Review:** This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year in which the new records management system NICHE will have captured statistics.

In a comparison of 2014 and 2015 we see that there were 100 reported criminal occurrences in 2015 as compared to 103 in 2014, a decrease of 3 Criminal Occurences. The last five year annual average for criminal occurrences is down to 133 in 2015, compared to 148 in 2014.

**Yearly Crime / Clearance Comparison**

Year	Violent Crime #/Clearance	Property Crime #/Clearance	Total Crime #/Clearance	% Change
2002	18/100%	106 / 35%	169 / 41%	0%
2003	22/82%	142 / 24.6%	234 / 45%	0.04
2004	26/100%	110 / 38.2%	224 / 54%	0.09
2005	24/100%	128 / 21.9%	227/49%	-5%
2006	31/100%	115 / 23.5%	242 / 47%	-2%
2007	19/100%	133 / 18.1%	218 / 43.1%	-4%
2008	22/100%	111 / 27.9%	170 / 50.0%	6.9%
2009	20/90%	128 / 21.1%	199 / 43.7 %	-2.3%
2010	39/100%	100 / 28%	184 / 56.5 %	12.8%
2011	22/100%	76 / 25%	163 / 64.4 %	7.9%
2012	17/100%	90 / 22%	189 / 61.9 %	2.5%
2013	23/91.3%	48/18.8%	112 / 58.9%	3.0 %
2014	18/83.3%	52/18%	103 /52.4%	6.5%
2015	18/100%	49/18.4%	100 /44.6%	7.8%

**Violent Crime:** The number of violent crimes in 2015 were equal to 2014 , 18 occurrences. The number of assaults are down from 16 in 2013 to 8 in 2014 and 6 in 2015. The net result in this category remains an overall decrease in the amount of violent crimes. Maintaining a high clearance rate of these types of occurrence is important to feeling secure. In the community of Deep River, we still have and enjoy a feeling of safety and security.

**Property Crime:** The number of incidents continue to decrease with 49 in 2015. This year's total is significantly less than the five year average of 63. Break and enters were 4, equal to the 5 year average of 4. These types of crimes are often difficult to solve, being that they are crimes of opportunity. Our clearance rate is at 18.4%.

**Overall:** The number of criminal offences are heading in the right direction, decreasing yearly. The criminal offences in 2015 are at 100, significantly below the 5 year average of 133 criminal occurrences.

#### **Specific Criminal Occurrence Category Comparison**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Sex	0	0	0	6	7	0	1	2	1
Break and Enter	5	6	10	8	5	3	3	3	4
Assault	15	13	12	18	7	12	16	8	6
Thefts	77	53	69	51	32	42	21	22	23
Mischiefs	40	41	35	44	31	46	10	13	11
Crim.Traffic	1	3	1	5	5	3	2	2	0
Impaired	4	2	4	7	8	6	4	3	2
Drugs	16	11	11	9	17	42	10	17	2

The number of sex offence investigations were 1 in 2015.

Break and Enter offences remained close to the same as the previous three years at 4.

The actual number of simple assaults were down significantly from 16 in 2013 to 8 in 2014 and 6 in 2015

Theft incidents for 2015 were 23 which is below the 5 year average of 28

Mischief offences have been decreasing over the last 5 years. 2015 was slightly below 2014 at 11 incidents.

The number of impaired charges are down slightly and Drug related incidents were down significantly to 2 occurrences in 2015 as compared to 17 occurrences in 2014 and 10 occurrences in 2013.

### **Community Problem Solving**

Our Service continues to utilize the proactive community – based and problem- solving models of policing. This requires the police and community to work together to solve community problems. This must be done while balancing the need to react to calls for service and crime incidents, with the traditional model. These approaches assist in directing the Service to issues of importance within our community. The Service’s capabilities are expanded beyond that of just the actual staff. The utilization of Social Media such as Facebook and the Deep River Website is a quick and efficient method of providing the community information and education.

### **Crime Prevention:**

This is a core activity of our Service with members on patrol responding immediately to a situation they become aware of, or by them providing feedback to management to initiate action. Additionally we have a designated Crime Prevention Officer Constable Marek Brela. Constable Brela participates on the Eastern Ontario Crime Prevention Committee. He is also an active member of Renfrew County Crime Stoppers Program.

Included in our crime prevention efforts are the daily commercial property checks, and vacant house checks.

The greatest single contributor to crime prevention is the active support of our citizens. The additional eyes and ears are an invaluable source for police. During the year we receive information through crime stoppers that assist us in solving problems and crimes. We look forward to your continuing assistance in preventing crime. **(Crime Stoppers)**

**Problem Solving-** This model is for specific problems in the community where we work with the organization, or business, being affected. As part of our efforts to work with the high school, our Community Services Officer, Constable Marek Brela, maintains regular contact with school managers and educators. We continued to have extra patrol on Halloween night to reduce vandalism and to ensure the safety of the children in our town. Ongoing problems regarding the parking of motor vehicles in around the Tim Hortons on Hwy 17 continued to receive dedicated attention. A level of proactive traffic enforcement continues to be undertaken as well on HW17 to increase the safety of the community on the highway in town.

**Community Patrol:** Providing a highly visible presence is important for reassuring citizens that we are available and aware. We pride ourselves on being able to respond to calls and events in a quick and safe manner. The bulk of our community patrol is provided through cruiser patrol. As a result of having an officer hired under the Community Policing Program Grant, we continue to provide a high level of general patrol. The use of a second patrol car is strategically done to increase effectiveness . Foot patrol is also a regular function of our community patrol; foot patrol also occurs regularly with the checking of downtown commercial properties. Vacant house checks are part of our community patrol and monitoring operation. In 2015 we had 72 vacant house check requests in 2015.

<b>Foot Patrol</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
	521 hours	549 hours	564 hours

**Community Service Officer Programs:**

Constable Marek Brela is our community officer; besides updating media such as Facebook, there are several programs that he provides to the schools and community. They include the Bike rodeo, the First School Bus Ride , Halloween safety, Bullying project, Drug Drop off Program, Crime Stoppers meetings, Positive ticket Campaign, Cram the Cruiser, Presentations on Cyber Bullying, Fraud Scams and Counterfeit Money, Support for Cops for Cancer and Jump Start.

Presentations at long term care and assisting with the Red Cross babysitting course are offered. Education to the community is very important. We also continue to provide updated information as well; such as the most recent traffic laws , such as passing a cyclist on a highway.

Constable M.Brela is working on a future bicycle program. He is researching the cost effective bicycle purchase and also the necessary training for the officers for the bicycle program in 2016.



### **Assistance to Victims**

Victim issues and concerns are an integral part of policing. We continue to work with the North Renfrew Family Services as a link to assisting victims in our area and also with victim services of Renfrew County. Further to this we have a Victim Assistance Officer, Constable Dave Newell. Through Sgt Darin Faris, we regularly participated as a member of the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee. During the year 2015 there were no complaints from victims.

**Victim Services of Renfrew County:** is a non-profit volunteer based organization which assists police and other emergency services in providing emotional and practical assistance to people who have experienced a crime, tragic life event or community disaster.

### **Road Safety & Enforcement**

Enforcing traffic laws is a highly recognizable activity of policing. Most of our enforcement involves the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (H.T.A). Officers on general patrol incorporate awareness of traffic violations as part of their duties. Throughout the year, we respond to specific areas of traffic concerns, usually reported to us by our citizens.

Enforcement results are subject to many factors including weather, volume of traffic, and staffing. The majority of the charges were for speeding violations. Seasonably, summer is the highest enforcement period, which makes sense given the better weather and increased volume of traffic.

### **Highway Traffic Act Charges**

<b>Year</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Tickets</b>	1138	974	1428	1421	1773	1151	1066	1030	782

### **Traffic Complaints:**

The number of traffic complaints in 2015 were 128, up in comparison to 123 in 2014. Most of the traffic complaints originated on Hwy 17, and generally related to an issue that happened

outside the town limits. The increase in complaints on Hwy 17 is something we expect will continue to grow. The inherent problems with Hwy 17 are growing partly in response to the increased usage by transports and heavy vehicle traffic.

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
#Complaints	51	56	57	73	84	96	123	128

**Motor Vehicle Collisions:** Our Service is responsible for attending and investigating motor vehicle collisions in the town and at CNL in Chalk River. In 2015, we responded to 73 motor vehicle collisions in the town as compared to 65 in 2014. There were no fatalities, and only a small number of collisions involving injuries.

Motor Vehicle Collision	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
#M.V.C.'s including Fail to Remain	79	85	79	79	67	84 (PI-4)	65 (PI-5)	73

### Other Operations

#### Enforcement Non-Traffic:

There are a number of other provincial offences we regularly issue during the course of the year. There appears to be a significant reduction in liquor violations in 2015 compared to previous years.

Provincial Offences	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liquor Licence	41	34	28	40	49	23	54	8
Trespassing	9	1	21	10	0	5	5	3

**By-Laws:**

As a municipal police service, we deal with our by-laws that are non-property standards. This includes, but is not limited to those listed in the following chart:

By-Law	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Noise	0	2	1	9	29	15	12
Parking	33	12	9	14	20	4	11
Watering	0	4	1	0	0	0	2
Animal	0	0	4	9	0	0	20
Snow removal	22	22	27	29	10	2	0

**Impaired Driving Offences:**

In 2015, 4 breath tests were conducted by our breathalyzer technicians. Two of the tests conducted were for Upper Ottawa Valley OPP officers.

Our Service participates in a number of traffic initiatives throughout the year. During the year 2015 we participated in two specific programs: R.I.D.E and CNL extra traffic enforcement safety initiative. The RIDE campaign is assisted with provincial funding and in 2015 we received **\$6,676.00**. During 2015, the service conducted 26 RIDE programs, the results of the programs were as follows:

**RIDE 2015 (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere)**

RIDES	Vehicles checked	Approved Screening Tests	3-7-90 day Suspensions	Impaired/ Over 80 mgs
26	644	5	6-3day 0-7day 2-90 day (ADLS)	2

ASD- Approved Screening Device

ADLS- Administrative Driver Licence Suspension (90 day Licence Suspension)

Driver charged with impaired /over 80 mgs

**Use of Force reports**-There was one use of force report submitted in 2015. This was as the result of an officer having to discharge his firearm to destroy an injured animal to prevent suffering.

**Injuries in Cell**- There were no injuries in the Deep River Police Cell in 2015

**Firearms destroyed in 2015 - 3**

**Firearms returned to owner in 2015 –5**

Property crime represents a large percentage of crimes reported to our Service (49/100). With the lock it or lose it campaign, high police visibility and public education, reminders on facebook and assistance from the community we are looking forward to continue reducing property crime.

### **Courses and Training**

The front line officers of the Deep River Police service completed the annual re-qualifications in Firearms, Use of Force and CPR and First Aid in 2015.

### **In Service training**

CEW Tactics
Accident Investigation – Motor Vehicle
Duty to Co-operate with SIU ( Special Investigations Unit) and Misconduct
Police Suicide – Shining a Light
Investigative Detention : Articulation
Aftermath and Traffic Management Enforcement & road Safety
Confidential Informants and Prisoner Care and Control Policy
Suspect Apprehension Pursuit and Stop Stick
Use of Force Scenarios
Court of Appeal Decision R v MOTOVYLETS

### **Courses and Seminars completed by officers**

Intoxilyzer 8000C Course
Media Relations Course
Elder Abuse Conference
Sexual Assault Investigation Course
CEW Taser Instructional Requalification

### **Conclusion**

We enjoyed another great year of working with our community, continuing to keep Deep River a safe place to live, work, and play. During 2015, overall crime occurrences were down. The Deep River Police Service continue with consistent traffic enforcement to keep our roadways safe. Cst. Marek Brela was also very busy working proactively and collaboratively with the schools and the community.

The officers within our service continued taking courses and meeting the adequacy standards in training.

The Deep River Police Service is meeting the needs of our community in an adequate and effective manner. The members of the Deep River Police Service continue to be a committed team of police professionals that strives to serve our community.

We look forward to another year of working as a team with the Deep River Police Service's Board and the community of Deep River.

Yours truly,

Barry Swarbrick  
Chief of Police