

MORDEN POLICE SERVICE



2018
ANNUAL REPORT



THE MESSAGE FROM RICH HARRIES

2018 was a year of change for the Morden Police Board. We welcomed a new member representing the Province of Manitoba, Linda Doerksen. Linda has brought a fresh perspective to the board table and her input has been invaluable as we move forward. The board also said goodbye to two representatives from the City of Morden, Brian Minaker & Heather Francis, as well as citizen representative, Larry Danielson. All three were long-term members of the police board and their insight and work was instrumental in laying the strong foundation that the board has today. After the municipal election in October, we welcomed new representatives from the City of Morden, Hank Hildebrand & Jim Hunt as well as new citizen representative Stephen Ross. These new members bring a wide breadth of skills and experiences to the police board. Throughout this transition, the Board continued their focus of providing sound strategic direction to the Morden Police Service through Chief Neduzak.

The police board spent much of 2018 exploring the potential of a closer working relationship with the Winkler Police Service, including the potential of merging the two services. While no decisions were made on this front we continue to work closely with our colleagues in Winkler to enhance the level of service across our region. Much of this work was based on the findings of the review of the Morden Police Service completed by retired Winnipeg Chief of Police, Devon Clunis. His report, titled “Looking Forward” was received in November of 2017 and was the catalyst for much of the work completed by the board 2018.

Four regular Police Board meetings followed by four In-Camera meetings were held in 2018. They were held on March 13th, June 14th, September 12th and November 28th.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

Rich Harries

Police Board Chair



THE MESSAGE FROM CHIEF NEDUZAK

The Morden Police Service continues to provide the residents and visitors of our City with professional service and care. The Morden Police Service is regarded as a proactive agency and the members dedicate themselves to the philosophy of “community policing”. We continue to maintain and improve partnerships within our community and other outside agencies in order to provide a collaborative approach to the needs of our citizens. Through these efforts, Morden continues to be among the safest communities in Manitoba.

In 2018, Morden Police Service continued their partnership with various community organizations to enhance safety and build strong relations. The Morden Lion’s Club once again sponsored the Child Identification Program, providing fingerprinting kits for all kindergarten students in the Western School Division. The Morden Police Service continues to enjoy a great partnership with Special Olympics Manitoba. In November 2018, the Morden Police Service was recognized for their involvement with Special Olympics Manitoba at the Manitoba Chiefs of Police meetings in Winnipeg. Over the past several years, Morden Police Service has raised significant funds in support of Special Olympics through events such as the Morden Police Officer’s Community Ball, the Morden Polar Plunge and Law Enforcement Torch Run. Morden currently has a member serving as Secretary on the Provincial Executive Committee for Special Olympics Manitoba and we look forward to future involvement with these organizations.

The discussions regarding a full merger of Morden and Winkler Police Services over the past year was very positive and gives a sound foundation for consideration going into the future. We continue to work closely with our neighboring agencies with the idea of sharing resources and expertise. Recognizing that public safety is expensive, the Morden Police Service works extremely hard at fiscal responsibility while balancing the safety needs of our community. We are proud to once again run a surplus budget in 2018.

By working with our community partners, our goal is to enjoy a decrease in crime while improving the quality of life for everyone in Morden.

B.J. (Brad) Neduzak
Chief of Police
Morden Police Service



Strategic Priorities

Education

Education is one of the most important aspects to helping keep our community safe. The Morden Police Service continues to work closely with all schools within the Western School Division, ensuring various educational talks and programs are delivered throughout the school year. In 2017, officers once again participated with the annual Lions Club Fingerprint Program. Officers, along with members of the Morden Lion's Club, attended all kindergarten classes and fingerprinted each student. The identification kits, which include the student's fingerprints and personal information, are brought home by the student to their parents. This program provides an opportunity for the students to learn about talking to strangers as well as many other safety tips. Parents can use these booklets as a teaching method with their children. It can also be a helpful tool for Emergency Crews looking for a lost child, with a spot for a photo along with updated information. The visits to the K-4 classes also included bicycle safety talks in the Spring, teaching students proper rules of the road while cycling. Officers attended various grade 5-12 classes to speak about drug and alcohol abuse and laws. The High School Law class received talks on various other topics as well as a Science class receiving instruction and demonstration from our Crime Scene Examiner for their Forensic Science component. Along with the students, staff at the various schools also received presentations on drug abuse during their Personal Development meetings with instruction on the characteristics and identification of various drugs. Training is ongoing throughout the year with all schools pertaining to lock down procedures, ensuring staff and students are kept up to date in the event of an emergency situation. The Morden Police Service continues to designate an officer one day a week to attend the Morden High School and Ecole Morden Middle School to be available to speak with staff and students. A Community Drug Awareness evening was held at the Morden High School where officers presented on the various drug trends facing our community today with suggestions on how parents can address issues or concerns as they arise. A drug display was on hand to show some of substances seized by police in the area. This was beneficial as a teaching aide for parents and citizens to be able to learn about and recognize various substances. And finally, the Morden Police Service participated in a Career Symposium held at the Morden High School. A table was set up with displays of equipment and information available for a career in Law Enforcement. Several grade 9-12 classes circulated throughout the event for the afternoon, where officers were on hand to answer questions and promote Morden Police Service as a career choice.

Enforcement

The Morden Police Service strongly believes that presence on the streets and in the public helps to prevent crime and reduces the number of problems in the community. The priority of the Morden Police Service continues to be the enforcement of drug activities and to keep on top of the latest trends. In addition to training courses specific to specialized investigative techniques, officers must be out in the community; talking to and encouraging people to get involved by reporting crimes or any suspicious activities. This year, Morden Police Service executed several drug related search warrants seizing quantities of Methamphetamines, shatter, cocaine, marihuana and prescription drugs. A total of 96 drug related complaints and incidents were received and investigated in 2017. Although criminal and drug related investigations are the priority, the Service continues to enforce the various traffic laws during general patrol duties as well as participating in various Manitoba Public Insurance sponsored programs throughout the year. Some of the areas targeted by these additional enforcement initiatives include Distracted Drivers (cell phones/texting and driving), School Safety Enforcement Program (reduced school speed zones) as well as the Roadwatch Checkstop Program (targeting impaired drivers).

Efficacy

Sufficient staffing, training and equipment along with effective budget management, continue to be a challenge for many police services. The Morden Police Service strives to work at maintaining a responsible balance in order to ensure safety for its citizens as well as for the officers that serve. We continue to seek out alternate ways to help provide effective and efficient policing for our community. The City of Morden solicited an outside source to conduct a review of police operations in regards to Organizational and Operational Structure. Many suggestions and recommendations were presented in the report with emphases on exploring the possibilities of a merged service with neighbouring communities and/or sharing of services. Preliminary meetings have taken place and will continue with the focus of enhanced services to the City of Morden and surrounding area.

Morden Police Board Members

Citizen Representatives



Rich Harries
Police Board Chair



Stephen Ross

Provincial Representative



Linda Doerksen

Municipal Representatives



Jim Hunt



Hank Hildebrand

MPS Organizational Chart



C/Cst. Brad Neduzak
34 yrs



Sgt. Sean Aune
19 yrs



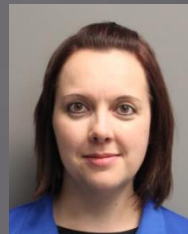
Sgt. Chris Flook
12 yrs



S/Cst. Pam Goertzen
22 yrs



Brandi Saunders – Admin
2 yrs



S/Cst. Danselle Neufeld
1 yr



Cst. Bill Flynn
16 yrs



Cst. Jeremy Loewen
15 yrs



Cst. Jeff Forster
13 yrs



Cst. Demianiw
12 yrs



Cst. Scott Edwards
11 yrs



Cst. April Penner
10 yrs



Cst. Richard Faucher
10 yrs



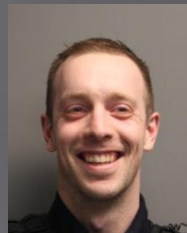
Cst. Dale Hiebert
9 yrs



Cst. Devin Bell
9 yrs



Cst. Jon Goertzen
8 yrs



Cst. Curtis Warkentin
3 yrs



Cst. Jordan Canart
2 yrs

Boundary Trails Regional Police Association



The Boundary Trails Regional Police Association held its first annual fund raising social in February of 2018, \$2000.00 was raised for STARS Ambulance, \$300.00 to Special Olympics and \$300.00 to Blue Ribbon Society. Some of the Association members participated in several community events such as the Polar Plunge, Fishing for Fallen Hero's, Special Olympics torch run. Members also attend Ecole Middle School once a week to participate in intramurals with grades 5-8.

REGIONAL SUPPORT TACTICAL TEAM



Regional Support Tactical Team 2018 Annual Report

2018 saw The Regional Support Tactical Team (RSTT) finish its fourth full year as an active team. The RSTT was deployed 8 times in the local area which included: 1 armed and barricaded situation, 2 Firearms warrants and 5 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrants. The resulting search warrants allowed investigators to seize significant amounts of marihuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and related proceeds of crime items.

The RSTT continues to have monthly training days in all three service areas including some rural properties, working on all tactics the team has developed over the last four years. The team continued its training mandate by adding additional courses and skills to its repertoire. In June the team attended Winnipeg for 2 days of training on Bus/Tubular Assaults and Hostage Rescue tactics in that environment. This training was instructed by the Winnipeg Police Tactical Support Team. RSTT also continued to train with the RCMP ERT team as they attended Morden and instructed a firearms training day involving vehicle tactics.

One notable highlight of 2018 was getting a provincial grant from the province, so the team could purchase Less Lethal (LL) equipment. The RSTT also sent two members from the team for one week of training to become LL instructors, so they can now train all other team members on these systems. The introduction of LL options to the RSTT will better team tactics, officer safety and the overall capabilities for bringing high risk situations to a peaceful conclusion. The team hopes to have all members trained and be deploying with LL by spring 2019.

The RSTT is looking towards a successful 2019 with hopes of increased training and equipment such as a much needed team vehicle. The RSTT needs this vehicle for the transport of team members and all tactical gear that comes with the team on every deployment.



K9 UNIT



In 2018, PSD Chase was deployed for illicit drug searches several times with the City of Morden and also assisted CBSA and Winkler Police Service on several investigations. PSD Chase also received her yearly validation through the Winnipeg Police K9 Unit. PSD Chase and handler Cst. Edwards also represented Morden Police Service in several events in 2018, including the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Teddy Bear Picnic, and several drug presentations and demonstrations in the schools and business community.

LETR LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN June 12 , 2018



On June 12th, 2018, Special Olympic athletes, local law enforcement, and middle-school aged kids took part in the Torch Run in Morden. The Torch Run, which is aimed at raising awareness for Special Olympics Manitoba, went from the Morden RCMP station to Morden Police Service, and accompanied several other runs throughout Manitoba during Special Olympics Awareness week in Manitoba.

Polar Plunge

February 17, 2018

Morden , MB



Morden's third annual LETR Polar Plunge took place in conjunction with the 10th annual Multicultural Winterfest . Had 30 plungers that took part. The event raised over \$20,000 for Special Olympics MB through fundraising and sponsorships.



Christmas Cheer Board

During the month of December, the Morden Police Service and Morden Fire Department teamed up to collect toys and money for the Morden Christmas Cheer Board. Due to a scheduling conflict, the annual Morden Gun & Hoses Vs. Morden Thunder charity Hockey Game was unable to be played. As a result, both Emergency Services Departments still wanted to help out and decided to hold the toy drive where citizens could drop off a new unwrapped toy at either department location. This toy drive was very successful and a large amount of toys and funds were donated and presented to the Morden Cheer Board.

Members of the Morden Cheer Board, Morden Fire and Rescue and Cst. Devin Bell from Morden Police Service



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Jersey Day



On April 6th, 2018, 16 people were killed and 13 injured when a semi struck the Humboldt Broncos. In light of this tragic event, Morden Police Service showed their support by wearing their favourite hockey jersey.



COMMUNITY



Remembrance Day



Career Symposium



Tim Horton's Camp Day



Teddy Bear Picnic

Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.

Take Our Kids To Work



A grade 9 student from the Miami School spent the day learning how the police world runs .



Pay It Forward



Together we change the world , one good deed at a time.



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

In recognition of their exceptional contribution to Special Olympics in Manitoba through the Law Enforcement Torch Run Morden Police Service was presented this award.



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Law Enforcement Review Agency Complaints



The Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) is an independent, non-police agency established under *The Law Enforcement Review Act* in 1985 to investigate public complaints about police.

LERA deals only with complaints about municipal police performance arising out of the execution of duties. It does not investigate criminal matters. Criminal matters are referred to the Crown Attorney's office.

LERA is staffed by a Commissioner, a registrar and professional investigators.

Anyone that feels wronged by the conduct or actions of a municipal police officer in Manitoba, may file a complaint.

Law Enforcement Review Agency
420-155 Carlton Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3H8
In Winnipeg phone (204) 945-8667
Outside Winnipeg, call toll free at
1-800-282-8069
Fax (204) 948-1014
E-mail: lera@gov.mb.ca

In 2018, the Morden Police Service received no complaints.

The Morden Police Service insists that all complaints against employees, that are not resolved satisfactorily with the Chief of Police, be thoroughly investigated.

Anyone wishing to make a complaint can contact Chief Brad Neduzak at the following:

B. J. (Brad) Neduzak, Chief of Police
Morden Police Service
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Ph#: 204-822-6292

2018 Crime Statistics

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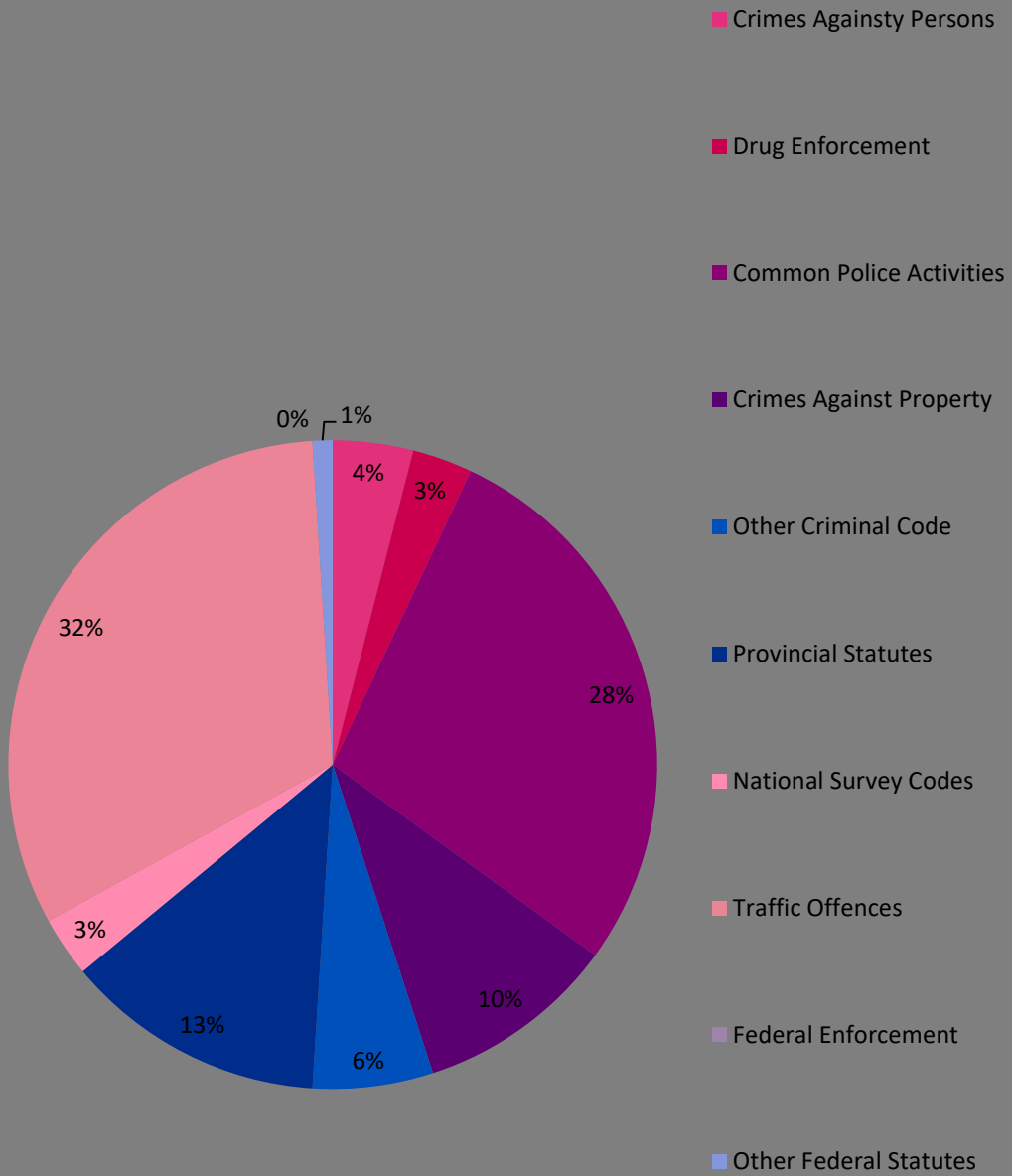
Calls for Service Received

8722

City Population

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| Crimes Against Person | 87 |
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| Drug Enforcement | 55 |
| Common Police Activities | 597 |
| Crimes Against Property | 210 |
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| Other Criminal Code | 116 |
| Provincial Statutes | 250 |
| National Survey Codes | 49 |
| Traffic Offences | 630 |
| Federal Enforcement Sections | 9 |
| Other Federal Statutes | 24 |
| Criminal Record Checks | 948 |
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| Total | 2975 |

2018



of Occurrences – 1933

Social Networking

In May 2015 Morden Police Service became a part of the social media world at which time a Facebook and Twitter account were set up for the service. Social media continues to be a valuable tool for us to communicate with the public and as crime fighting tool. Our social media accounts continue to be used for such things as identifying suspects caught on video surveillance, locating missing persons, advising the public of current scams, relaying road conditions and advising the public of in-process major emergency events going on in the community or surrounding area. The Morden Police Service continues to see great value in social media that will continue to play an important role in serving the public in a modern policing world.

Facebook likes as of March 19, 2016 – 1,183
Twitter followers as of March 19, 2016 – 137

Facebook likes as of March 21, 2018 – 2,283
Twitter followers as of March 21, 2018 – 393

Facebook likes as of January 9, 2019 – 2,612
Twitter followers as of January 9, 2019 – 465



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