

Woodstock Police Services Board (WPSB) Communiqué

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SUPERLATIVE BRAVERY RECOGNITION

Sergeant Neil Butler and Constable Rick Sziklai each received the Ontario Medal for Police Bravery by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor at Queen's Park on November 22, 2012.



"We are extremely proud of them, says Chief Freeman." Extraordinary bravery was demonstrated while rescuing an elderly woman from a collapsing apartment building during the Victoria Street explosion and fire. Additionally both officers assisted an injured fire-fighter to safety as the building collapsed and the fire raged around them. Sergeant Butler, commented, "Rick and I are both humbled by this recognition, and thank the Chief for nominating us. We were a part of a group of Officers responding to a mass disaster, the type of which had never occurred in our community. Our entire Platoon acted heroically that morning, we just found ourselves in the right place at the right time to help out."

Message from the Board Chair:



As Chair of the Woodstock Police Services Board, it is a pleasure to bring to you the Board's Communiqué for Fall 2012.

On October 2, Woodstock achieved its Safe Communities Designation after many months of organizational and planning meetings. Woodstock is now among a select group of cities in Canada that officially acknowledges its citizens' commitment to making it one of the safest places in the world to live, learn, work and play. The Board would like to thank Chief Rod Freeman, committee Co-Chair, for his tireless devotion to this cause and for the many, many hours of work that culminated in this designation.

On October 15, it was an honour for me to bring greetings from the Board to the delegates of the Police Association of Ontario, Civilians

Conference at the Quality Inn. On behalf of the Board, it was a pleasure to recognize publicly that the teamwork demonstrated consistently by our civilians is the "Gold Standard" and to acknowledge the critical nature and excellence of all the work done by our hardworking WPS civilians.

On October 20, the third annual Lights and Sirens Charity Ball took place at the Oxford Auditorium. Many members of the Woodstock Police Service were instrumental in the success of this event including: Chair Steve Berkeley, Jayne Baker, Debby Klemp, Phyllis Eastlake, and Jennifer Shewan. The event raised \$40,000 divided between Woodstock & District Developmental Services (WDDS) and the Oxford County Nutrition Program. It was an extremely successful and enjoyable evening!

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was awarded to six members of the Woodstock Police Service. 60,000 medals were awarded across Canada in 2012 to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Our recipients are: Constable Jim Dalueg, Deputy Chief Daryl Longworth, Auxiliary Sergeant Debby Klemp, Sergeant Marvin Masecar, Inspector Bill Renton and Sergeant Elaina Taylor. Each of these officers has made significant contributions to their communities through their volunteer work. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals!

The Board has fulfilled its legislated requirement to conduct a community survey at regular intervals. A professional survey company was hired to administer the survey instrument to citizens and businesses in Woodstock randomly by telephone throughout the month of November. The results are posted on our website.

We have begun the preliminary steps to craft the Board's 2013 Woodstock Police Service Budget. The Board works closely with Chief Freeman to finalize a budget that satisfies its legislated requirement for "adequate and effective policing", that acknowledges that the value of any policing organization is its ability to serve the community and that maintains the current level of service provided to and expected by our citizens.



On behalf of the Woodstock Police Services Board, I would like to express my sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Nancy O'Grady, 2012 Board Chair

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Recipients Presented by Chair O'Grady



**Deputy Chief
Daryl Longworth**
25 year volunteer coach of a variety of local youth sports programs, Supporter and police coordinator with the Special Olympics, volunteer member of Children's Aid Society Board of Directors.

**Auxiliary Sergeant
Debby Klemp**
20 year volunteer with minor hockey & WPS auxiliary for 14 years, 25 years with Special Olympics, and is part of the Lights and Sirens Charity Ball, Santa Claus Parade Committees.



**Sergeant
Marvin Masecar**
Police volunteer at Ground Zero (2001 & 2002) in New York, & provided critical Incident support to families and emergency responders after Hurricane Katrina struck Mississippi in 2006.

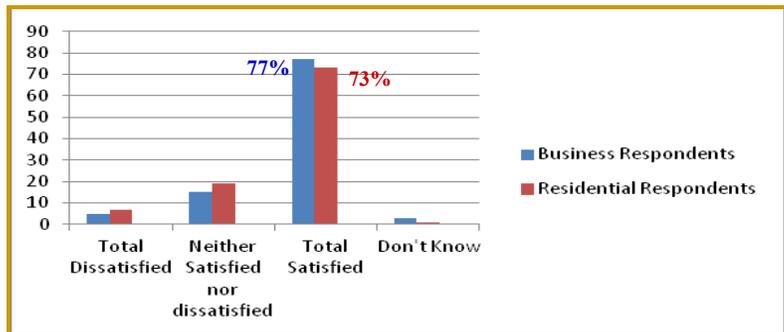
Sergeant Elaina Taylor
Police Officer for 26 years, 9 years assigned as a Domestic Violence Coordinator, highly trained to fulfill her responsibilities, expert in the field of domestic violence & prevention.



2012 Woodstock Police Service Survey Results

The Board is extremely pleased by the results of the recent community survey. Because 77% of our businesses and 73% of our residents surveyed feel "totally satisfied" with the overall quality of policing provided by the Woodstock Police Service, we can be confident that governance decisions made at the Board table are effectively translated into first rate policing operations in our community.

QUESTION
"Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of policing provided by the Woodstock Police Service?"



Moreover, an overwhelming majority of our businesses and residents feel "safe or very safe" in Woodstock (86% and 84% respectively). These results align perfectly with the first principle of our Mission Statement, "Ensuring the safety and security of all citizens."

Respondents rated their level of Safety "Respondents feel safe or very safe"	Business Respondents	Residential Respondents
Overall sense of safety	86%	84%
Being in the community during daylight hours	97%	93%
Being in the Community at night	55%	61%

Finally, with the financial sustainability of municipal policing, together with the responsible spending of tax dollars as another of our guiding principles, the Board is gratified to see survey results indicating that the majority of businesses and residents (76%, 71%) consider that they are getting good value for the cost of policing.

For complete survey results, please visit the Woodstock Police Service Website at www.woodstockpolice.ca

To All Members of the Woodstock Police Service:
The Board is very proud of your commitment to Protecting Our Community with Pride, Integrity & Teamwork.
Keep up the Great Work!!