



FEBRUARY 20, 2019

This week, our guest speaker was Chief Gary Conn from the Chatham-Kent Police Service. Chief Conn was introduced by Rotarian Darlene Smith and thanked by President Jennifer Hill.

CK Police patrol a large area of 2,400 square kilometres -one of the 5 largest areas in Ontario. This requires a staff of 164 officers and 65 supporting full-time civilians.

There are an average of 178 occurrences per day.

The local police service is overseen by a civilian authority with 5 members, including the mayor and one other councillor. Two members are from the province and one member is appointed locally by council. This year, the chair is Pat Weaver.

The police have 35 marked vehicles and 16 un-marked cars. Each of these cars is equipped with computers. These computers also allow officers to send in reports from their vehicles.

Approximately 90% of the budget is for personnel and only 2% is available for operational expenses.

Municipalities are responsible for providing police services.

Locally, the number of serious crimes such as homicides and assault make our community rank as one of the safest. In fact, we rank in the top 3 of all Ontario communities above 100,000 people.

However, statistically we do not fare as well with less serious crimes, crimes such as thefts from cars.

The local service offers many safety initiatives such as security camera registration or bike registry. Officers also spend many hours checking that



*Chief Gary Conn
of the Chatham-Kent Police Services*

people on bail with certain compliances are actually meeting those compliances.

The chief is particularly pleased with the new mobile command centre that was recently added to the resources of the local department.

The Rotary Club is very supportive of our police and were pleased to receive an update this week from Chief Conn.



Top: Darlene Smith, Chief Conn and President Jennifer
Above left: Darlene Smith introducing our guest speaker
Above: Speaker Chief Gary Conn
Left. New Mobile Command Unit

BIRTHDAYS

None



Happy Notices

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 27 Social Meeting
6 pm - Mamma Maria's

March 6 Ken Willmore
Farming CK

March 13 HL Col. Joseph Ouelette
Regent History

March 20 Peter Tanner
Guatemala Project

March 27 Don Shropshire
Municipal Update

April 3 Lisa Gilbert
A Chatham Kent Tapestry

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None



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