

**TO:** Shirley Greyeyes, Chairperson

**Board of Police Commissioners** 

FROM: Cameron McBride

Office of the Chief

**DATE:** 2024 August 28

**SUBJECT:** Appreciation to the Saskatoon Police Service

FILE #: 12,002

## **ISSUE**:

To keep the Board of Police commissioners apprised of appreciation and recognition to the Saskatoon Police Service.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That this report be received as information.

# **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This report supports the strategic theme of Communication by ensuring accessibility and enhancing communications with the public.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The following items of appreciation/thanks were sent to the SPS as a result of communications and/or partnership opportunities in the community. They reflect a positive reaction from the public or are a recognition of service provided.

When a communication is received it is sent through the appropriate chain of command to ensure the members involved also receive it. In addition, a copy is sent to the Office of the Chief of Police.

Hello,

Below is the email from a Crime Stoppers board member who participated in a ride-a-long last night. I also received a thank you text from Roy who described the night as very busy and the ride-a-long as "eye opening."

Thanks,

-----Original Message----Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 7:45 AM
To:

Subject: Police ride along

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Hi

I just wanted to thank you on from Roy and me for setting up the police ride along last night . It was very busy and super enlightening . The work the Saskatoon police service does goes beyond words . Police cover a lot of ground .

Please thank Chantelle and Justin for allowing us to ride with them . They were very accommodating and allowed us to be involved . We had an opportunity to tryout the range as well . Very cool.

We appreciate the opportunity. This is probably something that Crime Stoppers board members should consider doing. Thanks again .

From

**Sent:** July 5, 2024 9:21 AM **To:** Police - Info Mailbox >

Subject: Service

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Good morning all - I would like to comment on some police activity in the Pleasant Hill area on Thursday evening and since I am not longer the switchboard operator I can't call the comm. centre and ask what was going down. In the area of Avenue N South Thursday evening I heard a noise outside out apartment building at 20 th street. I looked out of our window and saw numerous officers with guns and a K-9 so I backed away and stayed away from the window and put down my knitting as I was prepared to go out onto the balcony and knit. I may be a nosey old broad but I ain't totally stupid! I don't know what happened but I want to say "thanks". The tenement dwellers that live in are usually making noises all night long, this time of year. This is the first summer night, in the three years that we have been here that the noises have not forced me to close the windows in order to sleep.

Is there anyway that I could book a repeat performance for Friday evening!

Thanks for your service and stay safe - -

Your old, retired ( years ago) switchboard operator - -

From: > Sent: July 4, 2024 16:13 To: Police - Media >

Subject: Re: Saskatoon Police Service - News Release 2024-0359 - New Online Reporting Option: Theft Over

\$5,000

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Dear Saskatoon Police Service

I've been receiving your news releases for a few years and I wanted to let you know how well they are written. Concise, factual, accurate (with immediate corrections if facts change), it is a valuable service. I feel I am more in touch with my community and city. I also have a greater appreciation for what our police service does from day to day. For example, I did not know the air support and canine units are used so frequently. I see the jump in violence with the warmer weather, and I worry about the organized crime and gangs that your officers have to manage. So thank you very much!

From

**Sent:** June 22, 2024 19:10

To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>

Subject: Pride

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Hello.

I'm a bisexual, non-binary person living in Saskatoon. I've lived in various cities throughout my life, and as a result of a severe mental health disorder, have had several run-ins with police, none of them positive.

Since I was a child, I have feared police. I have always viewed them as intimidating, scary, and generally people to be avoided at all costs. During periods of psychosis, I have firmly believed the police were out to get me, and were going to kill me.

Today, I saw this police officer, and for the first time in my life, I wasn't afraid.

This is a man I would run to if I needed help. His brightly-coloured uniform and friendly demeanor tell me he's safe.

I've never seen this before outside of Saskatoon, and I'm grateful.

Thank you, and happy Pride.

From > Sent: June 17, 2024 13:18

To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>

Subject: speeders on Taylor Street East

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Thanks to the officer catching speeders on Taylor Street at Brudell Road. I would like to include Brudell Road southbound and northbound here as well. Keep up the good work.

Kind regards

Just reaching out for a shoutout to a couple of your officers. I hit a road hazard last night, my car was undriveable, and I was in distress. Two officers were driving by and were super kind, helpful, and guided me through the next processes. I appreciated it in my moment of distress. I can see from the incident form that one was Officer Norrie and didn't get the other man's name. But send them a thanks! And hopefully folks will better secure their loads in the future ?

Fri 6:00 PM

From:

**Sent:** May 3, 2024 5:35 PM

To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>

Subject: Cameron McBride

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Please forward this email to Cameron McBride

## Hi Cameron;

and I are so happy for you that you will be our new Police Chief. It is a well deserved appointment.

You have served the city so well. We wish you all the best in your new positon.

Congratulations Cameron, you should be very proud.

Hon. Councillor Block,

We note that Officer Chesney from the Saskatoon police service has done his best and has paid attention to our concerns about the hate graffiti in Saskatoon.

It is not our natural condition to want to contact the police even though we do. Often in other countries we have not seen the degree of graffiti and hate filled graffiti.

We just wanted to commend Officer Chesney for his efforts. We know police resources are strained and we would like to see at least 50 more police officers on the streets of Saskatoon. We even thought about recommending some graduated form of policing, as a test model for Saskatoon, with perhaps not full constables or officers doing patrols. These junior or police in training kind of staff could then call in more senior police if the situation warranted it. We know that the neighbourhood watch program should accomplish this same task, but given that we have noticed so many suspicious people, either hiding their faces from us when we note them and also those who really obviously avoid our dash cam that we feel that more patrols would be good.

In a round about way please recognize officially the good work Officer Chesney and the SPS is doing. Too often the media has unduly criticized them and they deserve our support.

We are lucky some of the police stay on longer than 5 years in their jobs because of the stress and problems they see everyday. We couldn't do their jobs and couldn't walk a mile in their shoes. So please encourage the council and the city to support them 110%.

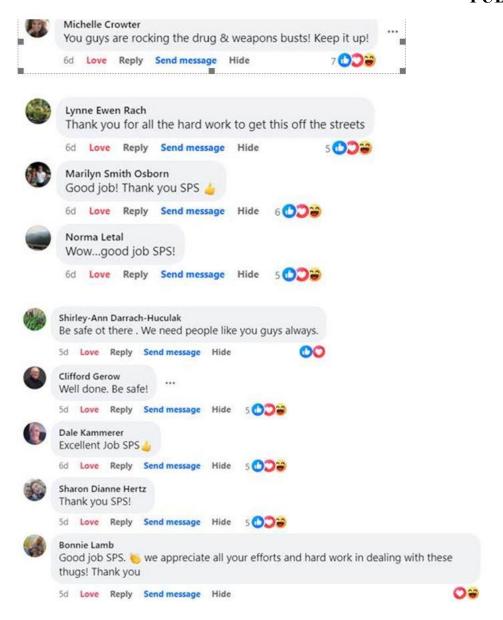
# Arrests - Drug Trafficking Investigation - Weapons, Cash, Drugs Seized

August 16, 2024 3:40 PM

The Saskatoon Police Service Crime Reduction Team has concluded a three-week drug trafficking investigation with the arrests of multiple people.

On August 13, 2024, with the assistance of the Tactical Support Unit, three people were arrested in relation to a drug trafficking investigation and search warrants were executed at addresses in the 300 block of 29th Street West and 2300 block of Millar Avenue. As a result, police seized a 9mm semi-automatic rifle, two prohibited 31-round magazines, 250 rounds of ammunition, approximately 50 grams of suspected fentanyl, methamphetamine, gamma-hydroxybutyrate, \$1750 CAD, multiple knives, and assorted paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking.

A 40-year-old Saskatoon man has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance, possession of the proceeds of crime under \$5000, eight weapons-related offences, possession of false identity documents, and breach of a firearms prohibition. Two Saskatoon women, age 40 and 44, are also facing multiple firearms-related charges.



In addition, the SPS received an outpouring of support and praise for their efforts in locating the remains of Mackenzie Trottier. Hundreds of people contacted the Service to express their thanks.

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