



SASKATOON POLICE SERVICE

TO: Shirley Greyeyes, Chairperson
Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Cameron McBride
Office of the Chief

DATE: 2025 May 23

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 foundational 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.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 22, 2025 3:47 PM
To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>
Subject: Thank you for your help and support

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Dear Saskatoon Police Service,

My teenage son, [REDACTED] was in a minor vehicle accident on Tuesday night at the intersection of Nelson and Attridge. We called 911 since the cars were not driveable. There were no injuries.

I want to mention that the police officer who attended the accident scene was friendly, supportive, and professional. He was able to put everyone at ease. He handled everything with great care. We could not have asked for a better police officer in such a situation. I did not notice his name amid all that was happening, but I am very thankful and grateful for his service and help last night. I was able to personally express my thanks to him last night, but I wanted to share my experience with you also as our police service.

It was our first time calling 911 too, and the responder on the phone was fantastic and supportive. The paramedic we spoke to for a few minutes was also very caring and encouraging. There were no injuries, but she nonetheless was there just in case.

Thank you for making Saskatoon a safe place to live and work.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 30, 2025 11:10 PM
To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>
Subject: A tip of the hat
Hi SPS,

On Monday, February 27, 2025, around 11AM I had to call you folks to help remove a fellow from my place of work. He was inebriated, known to your staff, and while not overly quarrelsome or aggressive, was definitely not in the right place for someone in his condition.

Within 20 minutes of my call, which I stressed was not an emergency, four officers arrived at my location and VERY professionally and sensitively removed the man to what I could only hope was a warm and safe place of detainment/detox.

I sincerely thank those officers, and the SPS team in general, for the way this incident was handled. It might seem a small and obvious thing to some, but the fact that this man was treated like a human being despite his habitual lapses speaks volumes about the state of policing services in our city.

No one wants to deal with people who are poverty-stricken, riddled with addiction issues or mental health problems, or just socially inappropriate, but we don't want to see them treated harshly either. So we ask a lot of our police services: protect us from uncomfortable or dangerous people, but don't hurt them either.

I'm appreciative that our SPS so often does exactly this. I like living in a city where I'm not afraid to call police, and can trust that the response to any given situation will likely make it better, not worse.

Thank you for doing what you do. Keep up the professional work.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 13, 2025 8:46 AM
To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>
Subject: Great service from your officers
Hi,

Last evening I was involved in a minor collision that required police attendance. Officer Couzens (No. 1111) responded with his partner. Ultimately I got a ticket but both officers were excellent service providers. They were empathetic and professional. I greatly appreciate their calm and easy demeanor. I can't think of any way that they could have improved. Overall 10/10 for the officers on a 0/10 evening for me.

kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: Brian Pfefferle
Sent: February 16, 2025 13:58
To: McBride, Cameron (Police) <Cameron.McBride@Police.Saskatoon.Sk.CA>
Subject: Det. Sgt. Robbie Sampson #488

Dear Chief McBride:

I write in gratitude to acknowledge a Saskatoon Police Service member, Det. Sgt. Robbie Sampson, who recently welcomed U. of S. College of Law students as well as around 26 members of the Defence Lawyer's Association on February 14, 2025.

By way of background, I am the current President of the Defence Lawyer's Association (SCDLA), having served in this capacity since 2018. I am also the lead instructor for Law 498, an upper-year Juris Doctor course at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. This course is known as the "Advanced Criminal Practicum," and I have served as the instructor for the last 11 years. Alumni of this class have gone on to careers in prosecutions, defence, private practice, and politics. Many are, in part, crediting the College of Law and this course for their successes.

Det. Sgt. Sampson has guest lectured in our Practicum on 6 previous occasions on "Polygraphs and Interview Techniques". His lecture is one of the yearly highlights for our program. He clearly spends considerable time on his presentation and creates an interactive and open dialogue with our students and practicing lawyers. It is always a learning experience and a privilege to be welcomed to the Saskatoon Police Service Headquarters.

Although he is not a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, he has continued to support and volunteer his time to our College. It is clear he values building relationships with future and current justice system participants, and I believe that he is a great ambassador for the Saskatoon Police Service and law enforcement agencies across the Province.

As a sessional Faculty member at the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan, on behalf of myself and the College, I would like to personally thank the Saskatoon Police Service and Det. Sgt. Sampson for his contributions to our College over the last several years. He has greatly enriched the educational experience for our students, and we are grateful for that.

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As President of the Defence Lawyer's Association (SCDLA), on behalf of myself and the SCDLA, I would also acknowledge the important role Det. Sgt. Sampson has played in building positive relationships in a sometimes adversarial system.

I believe through my personal observations that Det. Sgt. Sampson has demonstrated a commitment to the principles of justice, fairness, and equality before the law – all of which are essential components of the rule of law. This respect reinforces the idea that everyone, including law enforcement, is subject to and protected by the law, which is the very essence of the rule of law in a democratic society. Furthermore, Det. Sgt. Sampson has continually demonstrated respect for all parties in the legal process, including victims, accused persons, and defence lawyers, which serves to enhance the legitimacy of our criminal justice system. This legitimacy is crucial for maintaining the rule of law and public confidence in the justice system. The legitimacy of such systems and constantly under attack, and the Canadian justice system is not immune.

For employing members like Det. Sgt. Sampson, I wish to thank your organization for your continued commitment to our great university, the University of Saskatchewan, and our greater community in Saskatoon.

Should your organization wish, I have several photographs of Det. Sgt. Sampson from recent and past presentations I would be happy to share.

With Gratitude,

Brian Pfefferle, K.C.

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Chief of police
City of Saskatoon

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On Saturday, Feb. 22/25, I took the bus from Preston Avenue to downtown. The bus was late so I missed my connection to the westside. As I got off the bus, there was a fight between 2 people by the transit office and a large crowd gathered to watch the fight. I had to go by the fight to get to a different bus home but thankfully the fight ended and everyone left so I was okay to walk by fight scene to my next bus.

As I crossed the street, I noticed a police truck parked at the corner across from library and by city hall. (When the police truck got there, the fight was over and everyone had left.) That is

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the perfect place to park because the officer can see down the street at the transit office, etc. and kitty corner where the #60s bus ^{stop} in front of a parking lot and on ^{could see} front of City hall. The truck was parked just far enough back so not in plain sight.

I felt safe when realized police had the perfect place to park.

I ~~to~~ briefly spoke to the officer to tell him thanks for being there but had to run to catch my bus.

Thanks for me feeling safe.

Randy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 15, 2025 2:50 PM
To: Police - Info Mailbox <police.info@Police.Saskatoon.sk.ca>
Subject: Compliments

Hello Chief McBride,

I'm writing to offer praise and appreciation for your officers who responded to help our family deal with a very scary situation yesterday. Officer Ian Klassen (987), his partner, and I think two others, were compassionate, gentle, understanding and totally focused on keeping everyone safe and comfortable in what was a very awkward, distressing situation. It could have ended so differently and we are very grateful for their actions and guidance.

An appreciative mom and caregiver,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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Good morning,

I just wanted to send a quick email to share my gratitude to the police officers that helped locate my stolen cell phone yesterday. They were very helpful and I know they don't always have an easy job so I wanted to share that I appreciated their assistance. Unfortunately, I didn't get their badge numbers but they assisted me on April 28 around 3 pm on 1st St E.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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Thank you.Keep up the awesome work you do.

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Happy Natioal Police Day. Thank you for all you do to try and keep our city safe.may God bless each and everyone of you and watch over you.

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Thank you! God bless and protect you!

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Feeling blessed to have all of you !!
May you you all be safe .

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After stopping to assist someone where the police arrived this weekend, and later reading the crime map for that single day, I am in absolute awe. The officer was legitimately the most calm, methodical human I've ever seen. It takes someone incredible.

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[Redacted] You're the best, thank you for all you do for us!!!

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[Redacted] Thank you ! Much needed in our community.

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[Redacted] Thank you for all the work that you all do to make our community safe ! !!

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ajor Thank you SPS and all other police for the work you do! Be proud of your service! We love and appreciate you all. Stay safe, guardians



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Approved and

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