

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services



AMPS

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ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Akwasasne Mohawk Police Service is to enhance Peace, Harmony, Justice and Cultural Values throughout Akwasasne. To honor and respect all living things. To acquire the highest level of professionalism and accountability in serving the community members of Akwasasne and surrounding areas.

CORE VALUES & GOALS

- TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE
- TO ENFORCE THE LAWS OF AKWESASNE AND CANADA IN A FAIR AND UNBIASED MANNER
- TO ENFORCE A VIARIETY OF ASSIGNMENT AREAS INCLUDING; TRAFFIC LAW, ANTI-DRUG AND SMUGGLING AND CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT
- TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY TODAY, AND FOR THE SEVEN GENERATIONS OF TOMORROW
- TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND ROLE MODELS FOR OUR YOUTH
- TO WORK AS A TEAM

Message from the Chief of Police

It is with pleasure that I present to you the annual activity report of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

In accordance with our mission statement and the priorities identified by the Police Commission, we have continued to deploy our services throughout the Akwesasne territory.

It includes activities carried out in connection with local priorities, statistics related to road safety, crime prevention and criminal occurrences.

This report and its results will enable you to monitor the performance of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service.

Best Regards,
Chief Shawn Dulude



The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Overview

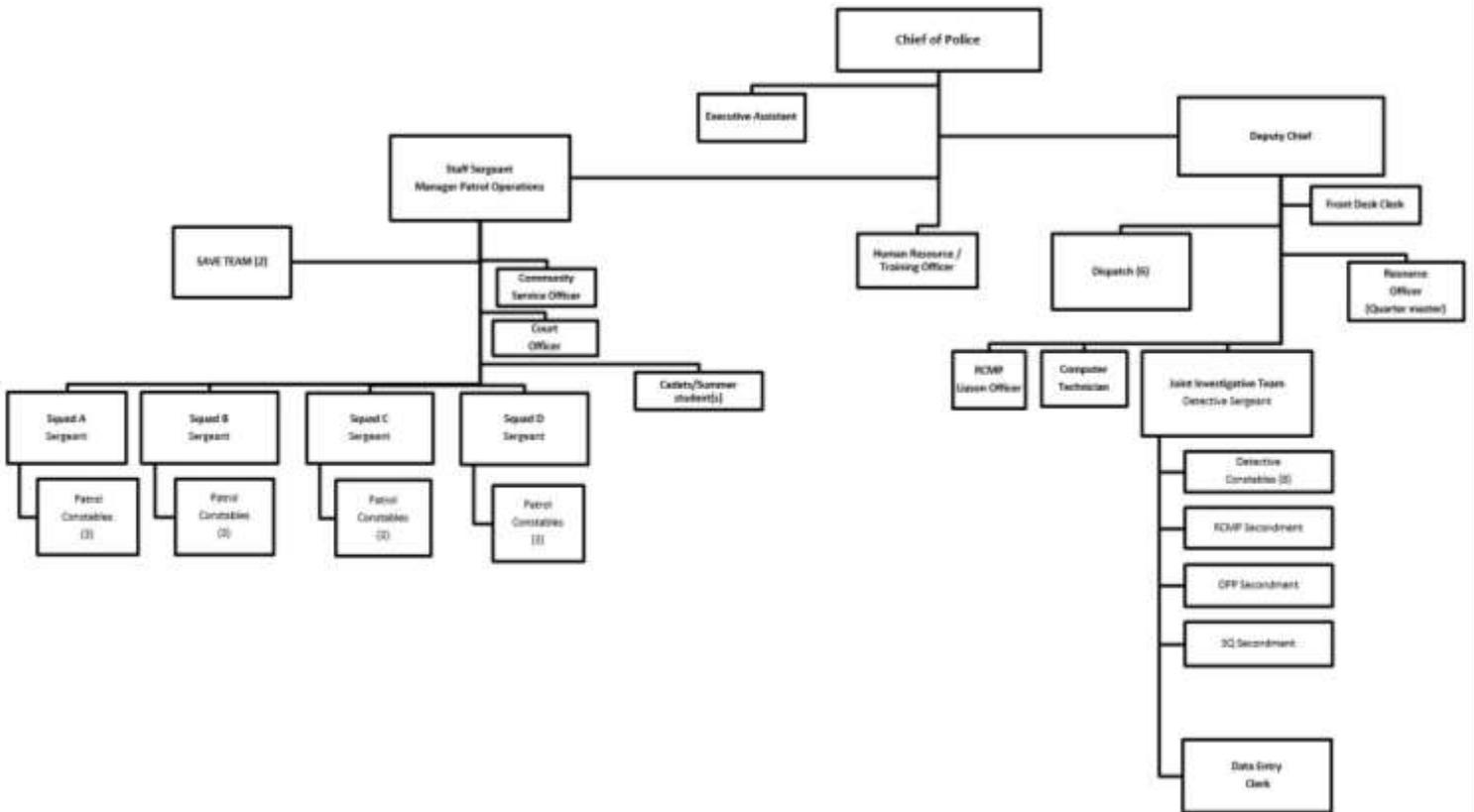
The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) consists of 33 sworn members, 3 seconded sworn members, 6 public safety dispatchers and 3 civilian members all of which who are responsible for delivering policing services to the Territory of Akwesasne. The AMPS has several units such as the S.AV.E. team, JIT team, E.R.T team, Community Services and Court Services division.

There are approximately 12, 000 community members residing within the Canadian portion of Akwesasne. In 2017, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) hired two new officers to join the ranks of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. We are always actively looking to hire new and experienced qualified candidates to fill constable positions.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is a progressive organization which is committed to refining and adjusting our service delivery model to create a truly sustainable and effective approach to crime reduction and building a safer and healthier community. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police maintains a strong presence in the community through their core policing objectives and community service events. The Service will continue to invest strongly in the concepts of community-based, intelligence-led, problem-oriented, and risk-focused models of policing. Members of the Police Service are dedicated and committed to enhancing the quality of life within the Territory of Akwesasne by working cooperatively to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, reduce fear, and provide for a safe environment. Creating and maintaining a community that is healthy, inclusive, cohesive, and resilient for the next seven generations.

In 2017, the AMPS entered a transitional phase. The AMPS has been experiencing ongoing changes within the organizational structure to better suit the needs of the department and the community. In the fall of 2017 the AMPS hired a new Chief of Police and an organizational review was completed in early 2018. The Organizational review was conducted by Mr. Chris Lewis from Lighthouse Leadership Services and resulted in 67 recommendations to be implemented over the next two years.

Organizational Chart- AMPS





AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE COMMISSION

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission (AMPC), in partnership with the people of Akwesasne, provide service that:

- **Promotes public peace, well-being and security;**
- **Promotes the prevention and detection of crime;**
- **Provides appropriate enforcement of all laws; and**
- **Promotes and supports community policing**

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission is comprising of six (6) community members of Akwesasne. Two (2) Commission Members are selected from each of the three (3) districts in Akwesasne for a total of six (6). Each Commission Member holds their seat for a three (3) year term. When a seat becomes vacant the Public Security Portfolio Council Chief appoints a member of the Community, upon interest and meeting the criteria. The Council Chief sits in regularly for Police Commission meetings as a liaison to Council but does not have any voting rights. All minutes of each Commission meeting is recorded.

The Commission meets regularly on the first Monday of each month and as required for special and specific topics. Sub-committees of the Police Commission may meet as well in regards to Policy review, hiring boards and the Chief of Police's evaluation.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission members for the current three-year (3-yr) term (2016 – 2019) are as follows:

MEMBER	DISTRICT	TERM OF OFFICE
Cole, Gary	Chair (Kawehno:ke)	2016 – 2019
Jacobs, Regina	Tsi Snaihne	2016 – 2019
Peters, Caroline	Tsi Snaihne	2016 – 2019
Jackson, Joanne	Kana:takon	2016 – 2019
Terrance-Francis, Valerie	Kana:takon	2016 – 2019
Thomas, Steve (Chief)	Public Safety Portfolio	2015 – 2018
Dulude, Shawn	Chief of Police	Not Applicable
Swamp, JoAnn	Tsi Snaihne	Recording Secretary

As the AMPC continues to oversee the quality and provision of service of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS), it has been very active in its duties and functions to ensure that Akwesasne codes, laws, by-laws and / or regulations, including operational procedures, are adhered to in order to meet the needs directly associated to the health and safety of its staff and the community.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission looks forward to the next year and the challenges which it will bring, working with our new partners and sharing ideas and initiatives that will improve service delivery to the Territory of Akwesasne.



The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Emergency Response team also known as the “ERT” team was developed in 2014. This team consists of three (3) front line patrol officers and one (1) patrol sergeant who have obtained advanced training in specialized weapons and tactics. Members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police ERT Team are highly trained to effectively, safely control and contain a volatile situation. The ERT team members carry out regular patrol duties and are deployed on an on-call service as required.

In 2017, ERT responded to 15 calls for service.



THE JOINT INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The Joint Investigation Team (JIT) of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service continues to operate the course of investigations involving organized crime. The team was developed in 2001 and was created to provide a central hub for joint law enforcement initiatives within the Akwesasne Territory. Currently, this team is comprised of members from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service as well as two members from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police one member from the Ontario Provincial Police.

The JIT unit continues to develop intelligence based investigations and often takes the lead on major criminal investigations by drafting search warrants and by providing specialized investigative techniques. The Joint Investigation Team continues to work with various partnership agencies in Canada and the United States by assisting with investigations and providing intelligence sharing.

In 2017, the JIT initiated the Akwesasne Intelligence Core Unit, this group is comprised of OPP, RCMP, CBSA, Cornwall Police Service and the mandate of this group is to share high level of intelligence. This initiative has led to some significant seizures since its commencement.

In 2017, the JIT participated in many high profile cases in partnership with surrounding agencies; one of those files included a major human smuggling network. The JIT unit participated directly in this file and worked in collaboration with the RCMP and CBSA, the file was a long term project and at the conclusion several arrests were made in Montreal QC, Chicago Illinois and involved two Akwesasne residents.

The JIT were also leading its own investigation into a major drug trafficking network in 2017, this investigation resulted in the seizure of 100 lbs. of marijuana and one Akwesasne

resident being arrested and charged. This investigation was assisted by the Sûreté Du Quebec, Ontario Provincial Police and the Canada Border Service Agency. This investigation identified the supplier of a major marihuana distributor in Montreal QC, as well as a mid-level trafficker in Valleyfield QC. The value of the seized marihuana is netted at \$350, 000 and this matter is still active before the courts. A vehicle was also seized as proceeds of crime in this investigation.

The JIT had also worked up an investigation that was developed by a confidential source. It is a priority for members of this investigative unit to develop intelligence; this is often the direct result of many successful seizures. One file in particular, involved the seizure of a loaded AK-47 and 10 lbs. of marihuana. This file was assisted by the Border Enforcement Security Team, of Homeland Security.

Project Cendrier was an investigation initiated by the RCMP in Valleyfield QC, this file targeted a major cocaine network. The JIT provided assistance with surveillance that identified certain targets and locations used within the Akwesasne Territory.

In May 2017, a member of the JIT played a significant role in community service as Detective Norman King helped facilitate and organize the Kids for Fishing Event. The JIT make their best attempt at participating in public events and have also helped facilitate activities with local schools that involve sporting events. These initiatives are often used for community outreach and educating children on making good life decisions, mainly a life without drug use.

- The JIT assisted and directly participated in 53 files in 2017
- 130 lbs. of marihuana and an AK-47 were seized by the JIT in 2017
- There were 15 Judicial Authorizations drafted in 2017

STATISTICAL INFORMATION- *The Year in Numbers*

Calls for Service 2017-18 (RMS Incident Reports Generated)

Members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service responded to

2,686 *incidents where an occurrence report was completed in*

2017 (13% increase from 2016).

358 CRIMINAL CODE CHARGES LAID

SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS 14 (SAME AS 2016)

ASSAULT AND OTHER VIOLENT OFFENCES 44 (2% LESS THAN 2016)

594 PROVINCIAL /BY-LAW CHARGES LAID

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service's Central Dispatch and administration staff receives on average over 14,000 calls per year. Reasons vary from community watch requests such as being placed on the "house watch list", community service event appearance or assistance requests, funeral escort requests, reporting requirements, legal consultations regarding pardon requests and community safety bulletins. In addition to an occurrence report being generated the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service responds to thousands of additional telephone calls, walk-in events and individual officer contacts with citizens for advice and information that are not usually recorded within our Records Management System (RMS).

Domestic Violence Coordinator's Report

Constable Wallace Thompson

Domestic violence (also known as: Intimate partner violence) is any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened, in an intimate relationship, including emotional/psychological abuse or harassing behaviour. Although both women and men can be victims of domestic violence, the overwhelming majority of this violence involves men abusing women.

Intimate Relationships include opposite-sex and same-sex partners. These relationships vary in duration and legal formality, and include current and former dating, common-law and married couples. An “Intimate relationship” may or may not include a sexual component.

Criminal Code offences that may be involved in a domestic violence incident include, but are not limited to; homicide, assault, sexual assault, threatening death or bodily harm, forcible confinement, harassment/stalking, abduction, breaches of court orders and property-related offences such as mischief.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police places a high level of attention to training, collaboration with other community partners, as well as keeping our standards of policing and changes to policies up to date as it relates to domestic violence investigations.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police is dedicated to maintaining partnerships with local agencies such as the: Assault and Sexual Abuse Program (A.S.A.P.), Cornwall Community Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, Victim Witness Assistance Program (V.W.A.P.), Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (A.F.W.P.), Victim Services of S.D.G. & A., Three Sisters Program and the Koala Place. The newly appointed Domestic Violence Coordinator for the AMPS is Constable Wallace Thompson. The DVC is responsible for reviewing all files of a domestic nature, liaising with local agencies, providing training and guidance to officers conducting DV investigations.

Domestic Violence Statistical Information

- ✚ Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service responded to **39** Domestic Violence related calls for assistance in 2017.
- ✚ **67** criminal code charges were laid by AMPS relating to incidents of Domestic Violence in 2017.

Domestic violence calls for service are one of the most dangerous calls an officer can respond to as they often involve highly emotional individuals. In many incidents alcohol, drugs and weapons are involved.

- ✚ On average the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service responds to **3.25** domestic violence related calls each month.
- ✚ 7.69% of the above related calls for service involved the accused using a weapon or firearm.

DOMESTIC COURT PROGRAM (Cornwall, Ontario)

In Ontario, if the case goes to criminal court, it will go through a specialized court process called the Domestic Violence Court Program. As part of that program, victim & witness service workers from the Victim & Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) are available to assist the victim & witnesses going through the court process. In some cases, those who have assaulted their spouse/intimate partner are referred to an in-depth educational program called the Partner Assault Response Program (PAR).

In Canada, indigenous women are:

- ⊙ **Three times** more likely than non-indigenous women to be victims of spousal violence.
- ⊙ Significantly more likely to experience **serious forms of violence** including being beaten, strangled, sexually assaulted or threatened with a weapon used on them compared to non-indigenous female victims (54 per cent indigenous versus 37 per cent non-indigenous).
- ⊙ **More than twice as likely** to experience emotional abuse at the hands of a current or previous common-law or marital partner compared to non-indigenous women.
- ⊙ Have a **20 %** chance of being stalked in their lifetime, a number twice as high as that of the general population.

Source: Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2005, p.20 & 39.

The Mandatory Charge Policy

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police is committed to assisting with the prevention and reduction of domestic violence through intervention and education, and by holding offenders accountable for their actions. The police are required to lay charges when there are reasonable grounds to believe an offence has occurred, this may occur with or without the victim's cooperation. The ultimate goal of such a policy is to reduce the incidence of domestic violence.

IN SERVICE TRAINING

The officers of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police and the dispatch personnel received 2180 hours of training in 2017. Courses that were taken and received training on were;

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Aid / CPR• CAD/ RMS• CEW Instructors Course• CEW Requalification• DNA Collections• Domestic Violence• Effective Health & Safety Committees & Reps• Federal Parolees• Firearms requalification• General Investigative Techniques• Informal Conflict• Use of Force• Crown Disclosures• Human Trafficking• Snowmobile operator course• Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques• Open Source Practitioners course• Non Violent Crisis Intervention• Preventing workplace aggression and violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intoxilyzer requalification• Inv. Offenses against Children• Sexual Assault Investigations• Suspect Apprehension Pursuit• ERT• Coping w/symptoms PTSD• General Investigation Training• Fentanyl Training• Advanced Patrol• Active shooter• Radar training• Forensic Interviewing w/Children• Influential Police Leadership• MECC• Weather Emergencies• Coach officer• Swatting• Joint Emergency Operations• Suicide intervention• Criminal Justice Information Management• Vehicle Inventory Searches
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The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service conducts yearly, mandatory in-service training for all officers. This in-service training is also called “Block Training”. In 2017, our officers completed block training which covered topics related to the following:

- Provincial Offences Training;
- Crisis Intervention;
- Fitness testing and training/PIN testing

- Domestic Violence Investigations
- Interviewing Children (Conducting a forensic interview)
- Interviewing and interrogating Sexual Offenders

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service hired two additional constables in 2017, Brier Jonathan and Christian Zimmer. Both new recruits attended the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police Academy in Orillia, Ontario and successfully completed the Basic Constable Training Program.



Constable Christian Zimmer, Chief Dulude and Constable Brier Jonathan

OPC March Past Ceremony in Aylmer, Ontario

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police service participated in 121 community service events/occurrences during the 2017 calendar year. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is striving to become a more community involved police service. Here is list of some of the highlighted community events that the AMPS attended and participated in:

- ❖ Christmas Caroling at
- ❖ Halloween patrol and handing out candy to trick-or-treaters
- ❖ Youth Cultural Camp
- ❖ Rock n' Skate events at the Anowarakowa Arena
- ❖ Police Week events; including open house events in Cornwall and at the station, kick ball games and safety presentations
- ❖ Kids for Fishing with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police
- ❖ Presentations in local schools regarding various safety topics; fire safety, bullying, Halloween safety, drug awareness and seat belt safety.
- ❖ Dreams Take Flight
- ❖ Christmas Enchantment
- ❖ Annual Akwesasne Law Enforcement Tournament



**KIDS FOR FISHING
SRMTPD & AMPS**



The “Kids for Fishing” program is the result of many agencies and organizations coming together to promote healthy activities, boating safety and drug prevention. The event involves many volunteers including professional fishermen, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, tribal agencies and various community sponsors.

Christmas Caroling Event with local law enforcement



Every holiday season around the beginning of December members from the RCMP, OPP and the AMPS get together and visit the long term care facilities in Akwesasne for some Christmas caroling. Afterwards members are invited to join the elders for lunch. In 2017, members visited Tsiionkwanonsoh:te & Iakhihsohtha.



AMPS Officers participating in kickball games at in Kawehno:ke and Kana: takon

AMPS members participating in a game of Kickball with kids from Kana:takon and Kawehno:ke



Kickball game in Kana:takon



Free BBQ after the Game



Sgt. Porter



Cst. Nathan Thompson



Great game! Lots of fun had by all
(AMS Students & AMPS members pictured below)



Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run (Kawehno:ke with AMS students)



The Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known honourably as *Guardians of the Flame*, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics Provincial, National, Regional and World Games. Worldwide annually, more than 97,000 dedicated and compassionate law enforcement members carry the “Flame of Hope,” symbolizing courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.



Akwesasne Mohawk Police attended the Anowarakowa Arena to participate in the National Children's Day



AMPS members skated, tied skates, shared a pizza lunch while interacting with children and community members. The AMPS new mascot "Sergeant Justice" was also present and was a huge hit with the kids!

