

MEMORANDUM



To: Kingston Police Services Board
From: Antje McNeely, Chief of Police
Date: March 21, 2019
Re: St. Patrick's Day Deployment 2019

On Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17, 2019, a special deployment of Kingston Police sworn and civilian staff was activated under an Incident Command Model and assigned specifically to the Queen's University campus and student housing area. This deployment was in addition to the usual resources dedicated to city-wide police operations.

This year the Kingston Police observed fewer numbers of parties in attendance, and, as part of the University District Safety Initiative, individuals found in contravention of *Liquor Licence Act* and by-law offences were issued a summons to appear in court. In total the Kingston Police, along with Kingston By-Law enforcement officers, laid 79 Part I Summonses. Having to actually appear in court before a justice of the peace to be held accountable for violations instead of just being able to pay for a ticket online appears to have helped to curb the overall numbers observed over the weekend. While Aberdeen Street was closed to traffic for several hours on Sunday, major thoroughfares in the University District remained open for emergency vehicles and the public.

Based on what was observed during the 2017 and 2018 St. Patrick's Day gatherings, the breakdown for 2019 is as follows.

Saturday, March 16, 2019

A total of 15 Kingston Police officers and additional By-Law officers were deployed to the area, including a staff sergeant and two sergeants. Officers were dismissed from duty depending on an ongoing assessment of the activities in the focus area. As it turned out, Saturday was quiet and uneventful, with a little more pedestrian traffic and volume in the "hub" area than for a typical Saturday night. Eight Part I Summonses were given out for open liquor, and eight were issued for amplification of sound at a prohibited time in a residential area.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Organized in shifts starting at 07:00, 08:00, and 12:00 hours, 51 officers were deployed, along with 8 special constables assigned to prisoner transportation, extra Communications staff, and additional By-Law officers. It was estimated that the crowd at its peak was in the range of 3,500 to 4,000 people. There were seven arrests for public intoxication and one for mischief, along with summonses issued for liquor infractions (40), for amplification of sound at a prohibited time (16), and for hosting a nuisance party (7).

Costs

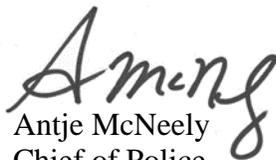
A number of officers were deployed through a shift change or a change to their scheduled work hours during these two days. In addition, officers were deployed on overtime at a total cost of \$39,564.51 for this two-day deployment, as follows.

Saturday, March 16:	\$ 5,609.94
Sunday, March 17:	<u>\$33,954.51</u>
Total:	\$39,564.45

As a comparison, during the 2018 St. Patrick's Day weekend, there were seven arrests and a total of 118 *Provincial Offences Act* charges were laid, mostly for *Liquor Licence Act* violations but also for various other provincial offences, including *Highway Traffic Act* infractions. The total overtime cost was \$56,307.95.

Unlike last year, however, during this St. Patrick's Day weekend the University District Safety Initiative was in effect, as well as the Nuisance Party By-Law.

In addition to the contributions of numerous community stakeholders in initiatives to discourage undesirable and unsafe behaviour, both the University District Safety Initiative and the Nuisance Party By-Law are viewed as long-term strategies in an increased attempt to lessen the overall impact of unsanctioned celebrations in the University District. The Kingston Police and their community partners understand the community's frustration with such events and will continue to work progressively towards lessening the impact on the community.


Antje McNeely
Chief of Police