



# Woodstock Police Services Board (WPSB) Communiqué

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*Message from the Board Chair: Happy New Year!!*



I am honoured & delighted to be elected Chair of the Woodstock Police Services Board for 2013. I feel my experience and knowledge on Woodstock City Council will benefit the Board and police service as we work diligently together to prepare a fiscally responsible budget. The Board's presentation to Woodstock City Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th at Woodstock City Hall during the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

In order to keep everyone informed on Board activity and meetings, posted below is the Board's calendar of meetings/events for 2013. I will be using this Communiqué to provide quarterly updates throughout the year on activity and work of the Board. One of the goals from the Board's self assessment is to start using only electronic format to access meeting material. This will cut down on costs by saving a few trees, time, and photocopying expenses. The Board's section of the

Woodstock Police Service website [www.woodstockpolice.ca](http://www.woodstockpolice.ca) under the About Us tab contains copies of all Communiqués, membership information, plus the Public Agenda material and Minutes is archived back to October 19, 2009 when we officially returned to policing the City of Woodstock.

As another year unfolds, the Board and senior administration will be focusing on the 2013-2015 Business Plan. This is an important tool used to reference Woodstock Policing Priorities including Strategies, Performance Measures, and Accountability to achieve these goals.

This Spring the Board and Chief will be hosting the Zone 4 meeting and OACP meeting in Woodstock. This group is comprised of area police services including Brantford, Hamilton, Niagara that are under Section 31. Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Norwich County, Norwich, Blandford-Blenheim, and East Zorra-Tavistock, are serviced by the OPP under Section 10.

The Board is pleased to announce that Mary Anne Silverthorn was elected as 1st Vice Chair of Zone 4. Getting involved on the executive where your ideas and concerns are heard does make a difference, so we thank Mary Anne for representing us in this position.

*Sandra J. Falbot, 2013 Chair*

## 2013 Woodstock Police Services Board Meetings/Conferences/Events

Board Meeting - Monday, January 14	Board Meeting Monday, June 10
Board Meeting Monday, February 04 - 5:00 pm	August 15-17 Canadian Association of Police (CABP) Conference—Saskatchewan
Budget Presentation - February 07 City Hall 7:00 p.m.	Monday, September 9
Board hosting Zone 4 Meeting in March	Monday, October 7
Board Meeting Monday, March 11	Monday, November 4
Board Meeting Monday, April 8	Monday, December 9
Board Meeting Monday, May 13	All meetings are held at 4:00 pm, at Woodstock Police Service Headquarters, 615 Dundas Street, Woodstock, unless otherwise noted. The Public is welcome to attend!
Ontario Association of Police Boards Conference May 29 - June 1- Toronto	

## EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION— JANUARY 14, 2013

Sergeant Marvin Massecar started his career in policing with Waterloo Regional Police in 1984 on general patrol duties and was later transferred to the Traffic Branch assigned to the Hit and Run Investigation Unit. He left policing in 1991, going into full-time pastoral ministry serving as Chaplain for the Hamilton Police Service. In 1999, he returned to policing with Oxford Community Police Service. Sergeant Massecar has been involved with Values, Influence & Peers (VIP) in local schools, School Liaison Officer and a Critical Incident Stress Co-ordinator. He is a trained Technical Collision Investigator and Collision Reconstructionist. Sergeant Massecar was promoted to Sergeant in 2004, in charge of a uniform platoon, & served as the Administrative Sergeant for 3 years. Currently Sergeant Massecar is in charge of Platoon A.



Sgt. Massecar, Nancy O'Grady & Deputy Longworth

### Exemplary Service

The medal recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency. Recipients must have completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police services. Chief Freeman states, "I am very proud to have nominated these two outstanding officers for this well deserved recognition of their exemplary service to our community and citizens. My congratulations to both!"

Deputy Chief Longworth started his policing career with the Woodstock Police Auxiliary Unit in 1988. In 1992, he was hired as a constable in Halton working frontline until he joined WPS in 1995. In 1997 he excelled in the Criminal Investigations Branch where he worked on a number of high profile investigations which included four homicides. In 2000 Deputy Longworth was transferred to the Drug and Intelligence unit and promoted to Sergeant in 2003. A highlight was being involved in the 3 year undercover investigation into the Outlaws Motorcycle Gang in Ontario. In 2008, Deputy Longworth returned to the Uniform Ranks as a uniform Staff Sergeant and was promoted to Inspector. He also served as a member and a supervisor of the Containment Team and as a member of the Executive of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario. In 2009, he was promoted to his current position of Deputy Chief of Police.

### ~Getting to know your 2013 Board Chair~



Sandra J. Talbot was born in Woodstock and has raised her family in the friendly City as well. She has two grown children, a son Justin, and daughter Jasara married to Marc, plus one happy and outgoing granddaughter, Lily.

Sandra has owned and operated two successful businesses that she has now sold and is presently employed with Meridian Credit Union.

Sandra first became involved in politics in 1988 as an Alderman for the City of Woodstock and then in 1991 as a Member of City and County Council. Serving the community in these capacities for the past 23+ years, certainly shows an outstanding commitment and compassion in serving the citizens of Woodstock and Oxford County.

Sandra has a wealth of experience she has been able to share with her colleagues while sitting on a wide range of boards and committees, including: the Art Gallery, Oxford County Board of Health, Woodstock Hospital, Woodingford Lodge, and Woodstock Library, to name a few!!

Sandra is known for her professionalism, listening skills, asking the right questions, and paying attention to detail during council meeting deliberations to ensure her vote counts on the many Agenda items that Members of Council are responsible for. For possessing these quality life-skills, Sandra has gained the respect of many tax payers and her colleagues.

When asked what do you enjoy the most about politics? Sandra replied, "Serving the community I live in to make it the best it can possibly be."

In her spare time, Sandra enjoys travelling, cooking, golfing, gardening, and swimming.

### ~Getting to know your 2013 Board Vice Chair~

Mary Anne Silverthorn is well known in the community and very much appreciated for her knowledge, skills, and keen interest in serving on the Police Services Board. She served as Provincial appointee from 2006-2010 and is now back for another 6 year term, presently serving as Vice Chair.

Born and raised in the Tillsonburg area Mary Anne spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher.

In 1995 she and her spouse John Finlay moved to Woodstock, where she commuted to Ottawa to support John as he served as the Member of Parliament for Oxford.

Mary Anne has many fond memories of travelling the world with John from safaris in Africa to Alaska and to Antarctica they shared their love of travel learning all they could about the world.

A strong community supporter Mary Anne spends "countless" hours of her time volunteering on Boards and committees throughout the County including: the Retired Teachers of Ontario-Oxford District, the Woodstock Art Gallery, Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO), Canadian Mental Health Association, and United Church of Canada.

Mary Anne is the recipient of the Wes Magill award from the United Way in October 2012.

Thank you for all you do in the community, Mary Anne, especially serving the Woodstock Police Services Board with pride, integrity & teamwork.

