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OPP / Woodstock Police Announce Policing Jurisdiction Changes – Oxford County

(LONDON, ON.) – The Oxford Community Police and Oxford OPP are announcing new policing jurisdictions which will take place on the 19th of October 2009.

At that time, the Oxford Community Police, headed up by Chief of Police Rod Freeman, will revert back to becoming the **Woodstock Police Service**, policing within the jurisdiction of the City of Woodstock.

The Oxford OPP, commanded by OPP Inspector Jack Goodlett, will become the **Oxford County OPP** reassuming jurisdiction of all areas contained within the Townships of Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra Tavistock and Norwich Townships. These jurisdictions will be in addition to the Townships of South-West Oxford, Zorra Township and the towns of Tillsonburg and Ingersoll already serviced by the OPP.

“Citizens in Oxford County and the City of Woodstock are assured a seamless transition in police service” said Chief Superintendent Ron Gentle. OPP officers will be reporting to satellite offices located at the township office in Drumbo, the fire hall in Tavistock and the fire hall / police facility in Norwich.

The changes will take affect at 07:01 a.m. on the 19th of October. “We are looking forward to continuing our tradition of providing excellent policing service to the residents of the City of Woodstock and working with the OPP during this transition phase. Effective policing requires cooperation from all services and we will continue to work with our policing partners for many years to come” stated Chief of Police Rod Freeman.

“We are pleased to be bringing back 100 years of police experience to Oxford County. We have worked well with the City of Woodstock Police and all other police agencies in the past and we look forward to fighting crime together in the future” said Oxford County OPP’s Detachment Commander Jack Goodlett.

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