

## MIDDLESEX POLICE SERVICES GROUP INAUGURAL MEETING

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**Ilderton, Ontario** – The Middlesex Police Services Group held their Inaugural Meeting on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 1:00 pm in Middlesex Centre. Beginning January 1, 2009, the municipalities of Lucan Biddulph, North Middlesex, Southwest Middlesex and Middlesex Centre began a contractual agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police to provide policing services to the member municipalities. The Police Services Group will meet bi-monthly with representatives of the Ontario Provincial Police Middlesex Detachment.

The Middlesex Police Services Group is a 5 member board composed of municipally and provincially appointed members. Ken Filson, the Municipal appointed representative from Middlesex Centre was elected Chair of the Middlesex Police Services Group for 2009. Wes Hodgson, the second Municipal appointed representative on the Board, was appointed Vice Chair for the year.

The Middlesex Police Services Group assume their responsibilities as defined in the *Police Services Act* and are responsible for monitoring the policing services contract between the member municipalities and the Ontario Provincial Police Middlesex Detachment. Members commit to ensure that the safety and security of residents will be the major factors that will guide the decision-making process in all facets of their deliberations and activities related to police services. Middlesex Police Service Group members have committed to working in partnership with the Detachment Commander to ensure the provision of quality-based and operationally effective police services

The Middlesex Police Services Group recognizes the need to ensure the safety and security of all persons and property in their communities. They understand the importance of co-operation between the Ontario Provincial Police and the communities within Middlesex County that they serve. Board members support the belief that quality of life is dependent on public safety and that communities will be vibrant and prosper in an environment of obvious and apparent public safety.

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