



**County of Wellington O.P.P.
Police Services Board Report**

December 2021

Detachment Commander:
Inspector Paul Richardson



From the Detachment Commander

As 2021 has come to a close, we face challenging times again with the surge of covid-19 cases along with more restrictions and the transition to remote learning for students. I encourage everyone to reach out to their supports, should they need, to help navigate through this latest pandemic resurgence and hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

Our members conducted 57 R.I.D.E. programs throughout the county during the holiday season. 12 persons were charged with alcohol or drug related driving offences removing a potentially deadly situation from our roadways. Although the holiday season has come to a close, our Officers will still be conducting R.I.D.E. checks and proactive patrols to keep impaired drivers off of our roadways and our snow machine trails.

Our Auxiliary Unit had a successful stuff a cruiser event. The public supplied 2 van loads of groceries and some cash donations to support those in need. Thank you to all that donated.

As we are now in the middle of winter, please exercise care and caution while driving in adverse weather and road conditions. As the saying goes, “if you see snow, go slow.”

A more fulsome year-end report will be provided at next month’s Police Services Board meeting.



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Executive Summary



2021 Festive R.I.D.E

On November 11, 2021 the joint Wellington County OPP/Guelph Police Service Annual Festive RIDE Kick-Off Event was held. The 2021 Festive RIDE Initiative runs from November 18th, 2021 to January 2nd, 2021.

R.I.D.E checkpoints save lives year after year by taking impaired drivers off our roadways and holding them accountable for their actions that place the lives of others at risk. But that risk that is present to our communities goes well beyond the Festive R.I.D.E dates. We would be naïve to think that people driving on our roadways while impaired was not a daily occurrence. Hence, the importance for all officers to conduct regular R.I.D.E spot checks each and every shift. It sends a message to the community and those that choose to drive while impaired that we care about our community and will be relentless in doing everything possible to eradicate impaired driving.

As a result of the Festive R.I.D.E Program and our relentless pursuit to end impaired driving, Wellington County OPP officers conducted 57 R.I.D.E checkpoints resulting in three individuals receiving a warn range suspension and 12 people being charged with impaired, over 80 mgs or refusal. There was a total of 36 occurrences involving charges under the Criminal Code of Canada or some involvement in relation to alcohol and driving.



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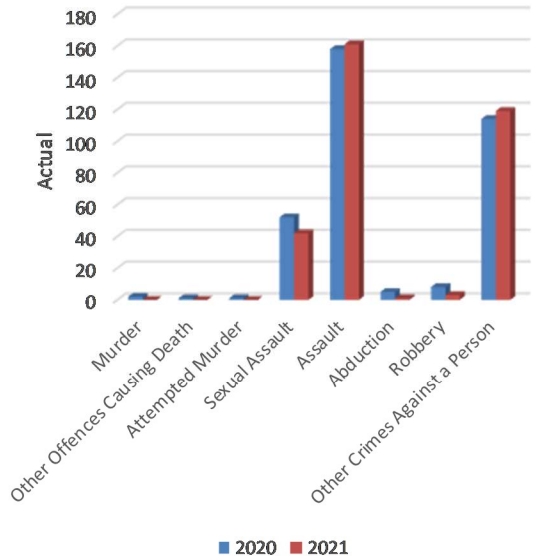
No time is a good time to deliver bad news but something about the [#HolidaySeason](#) makes it worst. Please call 9-1-1 if you suspect someone is driving while impaired or 1-888-311-1122 [@CSGWtips](#) if you know a habitual impaired driver ^ JC [#WellingtonOPP](#)



Statistics Summary – January to November 2021

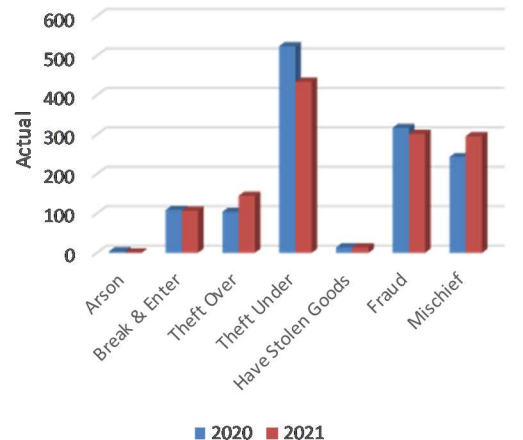
Violent Crime

| Actual | January to November | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | % Change |
| Murder | 2 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Other Offences Causing Death | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Attempted Murder | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Sexual Assault | 52 | 42 | -19.2% |
| Assault | 158 | 161 | 1.9% |
| Abduction | 5 | 1 | -80.0% |
| Robbery | 8 | 3 | -62.5% |
| Other Crimes Against a Person | 114 | 119 | 4.4% |
| Total | 341 | 326 | -4.4% |



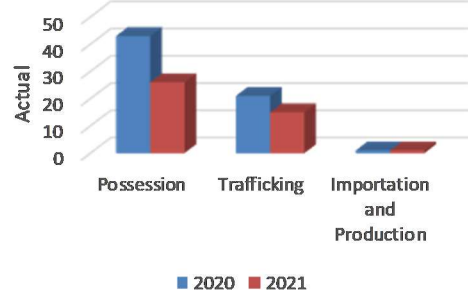
Property Crime

| Actual | January to November | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | % Change |
| Arson | 4 | 1 | -75.0% |
| Break & Enter | 109 | 107 | -1.8% |
| Theft Over | 104 | 145 | 39.4% |
| Theft Under | 524 | 434 | -17.2% |
| Have Stolen Goods | 14 | 14 | 0.0% |
| Fraud | 317 | 302 | -4.7% |
| Mischief | 243 | 296 | 21.8% |
| Total | 1,315 | 1,299 | -1.2% |



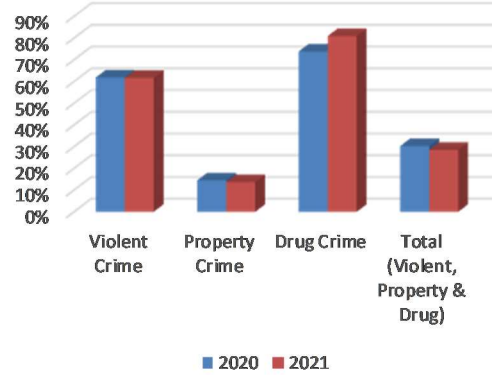
Drug Crime

| Actual | January to November | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | % Change |
| Possession | 43 | 26 | -39.5% |
| Trafficking | 21 | 15 | -28.6% |
| Importation and Production | 1 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total | 65 | 42 | -35.4% |



Clearance Rate

| Clearance Rate | January to November | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | Difference |
| Violent Crime | 61.9% | 61.7% | -0.2% |
| Property Crime | 14.5% | 13.7% | -0.8% |
| Drug Crime | 73.9% | 81.0% | 7.1% |
| Total | 30.3% | 28.5% | -1.8% |
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Report Summary

This statistical report is a brief snapshot of the major occurrence totals between January to November 2021 a complete yearend report will be submitted next month in greater detail.

This report also showcases the 2021 Festive R.I.D.E and our commitment to eradicating drinking and driving. Despite our consistent messaging 12 people were charged with drinking and driving offences and three individuals received warn range suspensions. Wellington County OPP will continue to make it clear to the public that drinking and driving will not be tolerated and we will use everything at our disposal to educate and eradicate this issue, so our streets and highways are safe for the motoring public.

The Wellington County OPP would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Let's work together to make our roads safer by slowing down and leaving some extra time to get to our destinations. As stated previously, if you see snow, go slow.



Contacts

In an emergency DIAL 911

You can also call
1 888 310 1122
1 888 310 1133 (TTY)
Anywhere in Ontario, 24-hour toll free

Non-emergency calls

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