



Corporation of the County of Wellington

Police Services Board

Minutes

May 11, 2022

County Administration Centre

Guthrie Room

Present: Warden Kelly Linton
Councillor David Anderson
Lisa MacDonald (Vice-Chair)
Joanne Ross-Zuj (Chair)

Regrets: Gary Williamson

Also Present: Councillor Steve O'Neill
Angelica Babiera, Reporter, Guelph Today
Dean Korn, Staff Sergeant
Kevin Driscoll, Sergeant
Acting Inspector Stephen Thomas, Detachment Commander

Staff: Donna Bryce, County Clerk
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Samantha Thomson, Accounting Clerk - Purchasing
Kelly-Ann Wingate, Purchasing and Risk Analyst
Scott Wilson, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order

At 9:00 am, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes for Approval

1/5/22

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting of the Wellington County Police Services Board be approved.

Carried

4. Delegation:

4.1 Neil Dunsmore, Deputy Mayor, Township of Centre Wellington

2/5/22

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That the Speeding / Enforcement Concerns in Centre Wellington delegation by Councillor Neil Dunsmore, Township of Centre Wellington and residents Carl MacArthur, Dana Donovan, Michael Madden and Peter Vial be received for information.

Carried

5. Financial Statements as of April 30, 2022

3/5/22

Moved by: Lisa MacDonald

Seconded by: Warden Linton

That the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2022 for the Police Services Board be approved.

Carried

6. Detachment Commander's Report - April 2022

4/5/22

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That a request be sent by Board Chair Joanne Ross-Zuj to OPP Headquarters requesting an increase in the number of Collision Reporting Centres in Wellington County.

Carried

5/5/22

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That the Detachment Commander's Report for April 2022 be received for information.

Carried

7. April 2022 Parking Ticket Report

6/5/22

Moved by: Warden Linton

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That the April 2022 Parking Ticket Report be received for information.

Carried

8. April 2022 False Alarm Revenue Report

7/5/22

Moved by: Warden Linton

Seconded by: Lisa MacDonald

That the April 2022 False Alarm Revenue Report be received for information.

Carried

9. Closed Meeting

8/5/22

Moved by: Lisa MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

That the Police Services Board moved into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering the following:

Matters involving public security may be disclosed and, having regard to the circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public; and

Intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

Carried

10. Adjournment

At 11:19 am, the Chair adjourned the meeting until June 8, 2022 or at the call of the Chair.

Joanne Ross-Zuj
Chair
Police Services Board



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

April 2022

Detachment Commander:
A/Inspector Steve Thomas

From the Detachment Commander

The months seem to be passing quickly, and the past several weeks have continued to be very busy for officers here in the County of Wellington. Frontline officers continue to work diligently to ensure the residents in the County of Wellington receive quality service while meeting their policing needs.

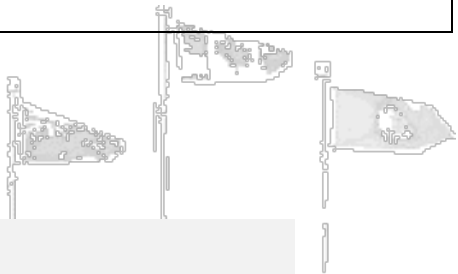
Officers recently dealt with a very difficult fatal motor vehicle collision involving a school bus with several children on board and a second vehicle driven by a teacher from the same school. The officers engaged resources immediately, so that within 30 minutes of the collision, mental health clinicians were on scene to assist with the children and to prevent further traumatization. Officers worked closely with the affected school as well as the Upper Grand schoolboard to ensure that everyone was given time to process and to grieve the traumatic event. Providing supports in these types of incidents is a key component to assisting victims. I would like to take this opportunity to, on behalf of the entire detachment, express my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the entire school community affected by this tragic accident. We will continue to follow up with all of those impacted to ensure that we are doing all that we can to assist them and to support them as they grieve this heart-breaking loss.

With the nicer weather approaching, along with fewer COVID-19 restrictions, we will most likely see an increase in traffic through the County of Wellington. As we approach the May long weekend, we will continue to focus our efforts on promoting traffic and boating safety. All members will be working tirelessly, utilizing both education and enforcement in an effort to make the County of Wellington's roadways and waterways as safe as possible this coming summer season.



A/Inspector Steve Thomas
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Crime

Crime Unit

Supervisor: Acting Detective Sergeant Jennifer Foley

In April 2022 Provincial Constable Jennifer Osborne began a temporary assignment with the Wellington County Crime Unit. Jennifer has been a member of the OPP for six years. Jennifer began her policing career in Perth County and came to Wellington County in 2019. Jennifer is an experienced front line patrol officer who has specialized training in interviewing victims of trauma. Jennifer has an interest in expanding her investigative skills in major crimes. We welcome her to the Unit!

One mandate of the Crime Unit is to monitor high risk offenders and parolees who are being released into the community. The OPP works closely with Probation & Parole Services to ensure that offenders have appropriate supervision and reporting requirements, and are abiding by release conditions. This includes monitoring persons on the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR) who reside within Wellington County. The OSOR requires people convicted of various sexual offences to register certain information with their local police service. The OPP will not disclose the names, address or any personal information of persons registered on the OSOR, but police officers have access to this information to assist in maintaining community safety. Police services are also permitted to use information from the OSOR to prevent and solves crimes of a sexual nature.

Community Street Crime Unit

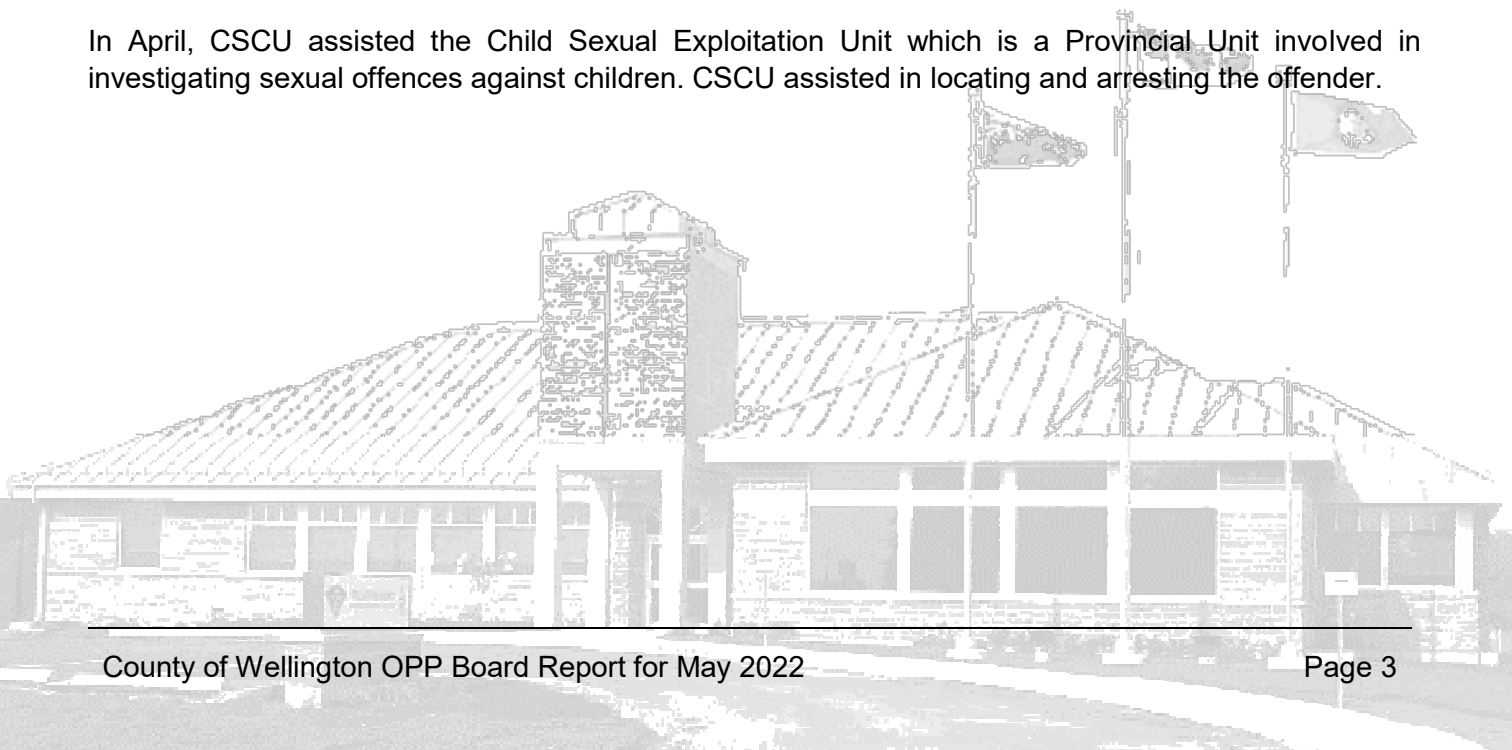
Supervisor: Acting Detective Sergeant Vicky McGough

This month the Wellington CSCU members were very fortunate to be offered training opportunities that have not been available to them during COVID. The training they received is job based and the new skills are an asset for their position.

CSCU is actively engaged in drug trafficking investigations that are linked to property crimes.

Throughout the month, members conducted follow up for ongoing property crime occurrences, including break and enters, motor vehicle thefts, trailer thefts and high value mischiefs that occurred across the County. As well as actively involved in linking multi-jurisdictional theft occurrences with neighbouring police services and detachments.

In April, CSCU assisted the Child Sexual Exploitation Unit which is a Provincial Unit involved in investigating sexual offences against children. CSCU assisted in locating and arresting the offender.



Traffic

Traffic Management Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Adam McGough

Traffic Management Unit

Personnel Updates

A/Sergeant UNGER will be returning to his position in the Traffic Management Position in June and is facilitating Marine Operations for 2022.

Black Cat Speed Monitoring Devices

Location	Community Initiated	Study Length	Number of Vehicles	Recommended Enhanced Enforcement	Posted Speed Limit	85 th Percentile	Collision History (5 years)
Victoria Rd S	No	In Progress					
Geddes St	Yes	In Progress					

The Black Cats have been deployed to 13 locations in 2022. This data is being used to target specific complaint locations from members of the community or those identified internally.

Notable Incidents

Wellington County OPP, including the Traffic Management Unit, participated in the annual Easter Long Weekend seatbelt campaign. This initiative was province wide and Wellington County topped West Region stats with 43 charges for seatbelt violations over a period of four days.

Traffic Management members were busy in April conducting commercial vehicle enforcement. During a safety blitz, TMU conducted four commercial vehicle inspections, taking two unfit vehicles off the roads. 10 charges were laid, and eight warnings issued for minor violations. Further, a TMU inspector attended another safety blitz for commercial vehicles where a total of 14 level I inspections were completed, taking eight unfit vehicles off the road. 49 charges were laid, and three warnings issued. Planning is underway for local commercial vehicle enforcement over the next months.

Marine Patrol

A 2022 Marine Operations Plan has been developed to ensure coverage on the waterways for the 2022 boating season. Several special events have been identified and new partnerships have been developed. Safe boating literature has been ordered to provide education to the public on changes to boating regulations and safe operating practices.

Traffic Management is engaging stake holders such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Grand River Conservation Authority on marine operations for this season.

Community Safety Zones

The Traffic Management Unit are preparing for nine new Community Safety Zones. Community engagement, education and enforcement will be crucial to their implementation.

Collision Reporting Centre

Wellington County OPP as a whole saw a decrease in the number of collisions from March 2022 to April 2022, the Collision Reporting Centre reported a 36% increase in the number of collisions they investigated. This increase is a welcome sign that the workload for frontline officers is being directed to the Collision Reporting Centre, thus allowing officers to focus on priority calls and proactive policing. Members of the public are also benefiting from this as they no longer have to wait at the scene of a collision when officers are busy attending to other calls for service.

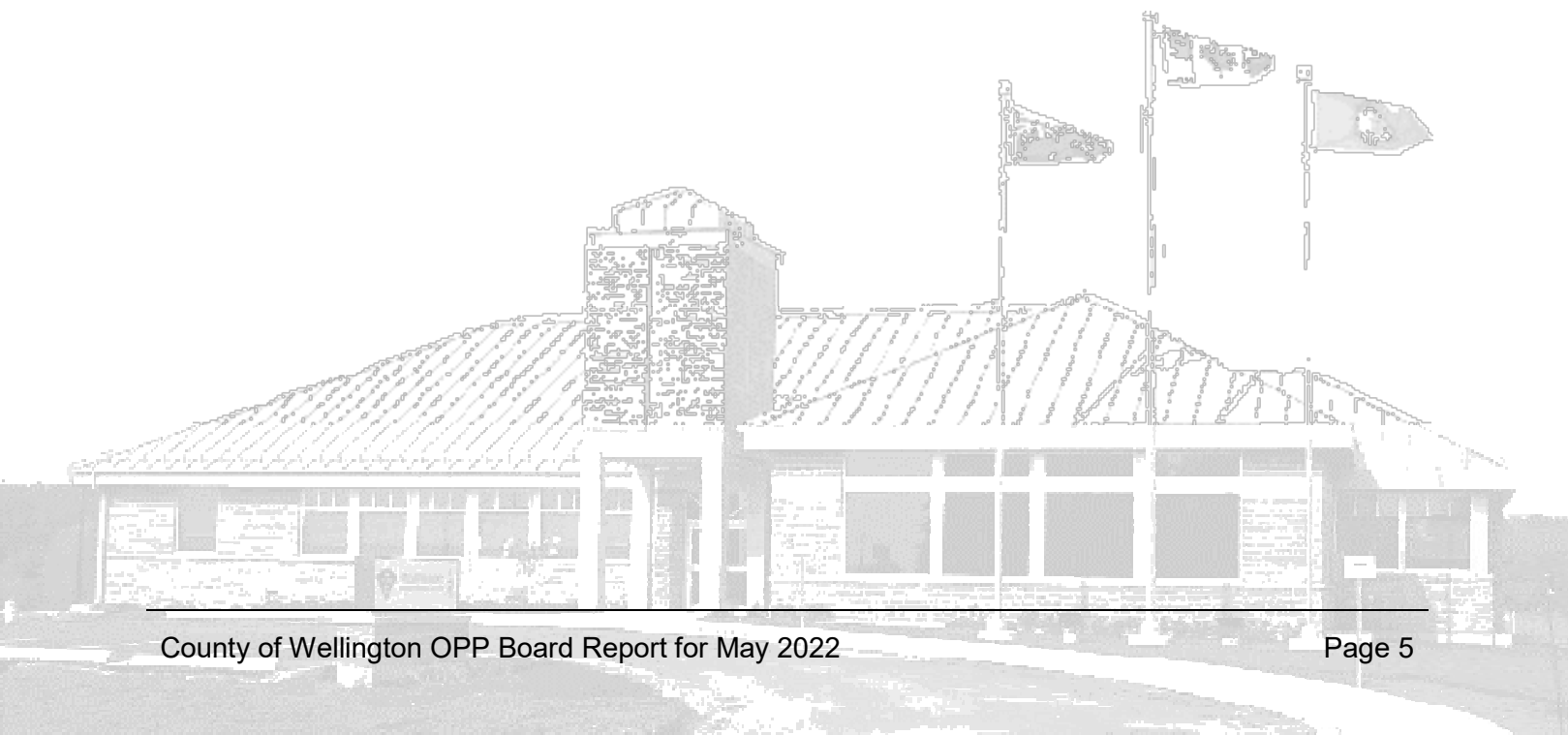
Property Damage Collisions reduced by 46% from March 2022

Personal Injury Collision reduced by 22% from March 2022

Fatalities – No increase or decrease

Total Collisions recorded reduced by 43 % from March 2022

Persons injured reduced by 23 % from March 2022



Community Response

Community Response Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Corrie Trewartha

The CRU Unit is gearing up for and getting excited about the upcoming seasonal events. In April many of our members attending training courses including our annual Block Training, ATV – all terrain vehicle course, and a bicycle operator course. This will provide some additional educational opportunities and ways that the CRU unit can engage with the public at events, and in their general patrol duties. We hope to have a few more of the members trained on our OPP Bicycles in the next few months – so keep an eye out for them doing patrols on 2 wheels over the summer.

Our members also attended the launch of Project Lockdown, alongside Crime Stoppers, at the Stone Road Mall. It was a great opportunity to engage with folks and help educate them on ways to protect themselves against the theft of motor vehicles in their communities.

Our members attended numerous calls for service, and began with some enforcement at the Quarry over the Easter long weekend. Trespassers to these locations is an ongoing problem after hours, and when these parks are closed. Adventures can lead to tragic endings and enforcement and education are part of the CRU's efforts.

Planning is underway for quite a few events starting to fill up the spring calendar as we anticipate a very busy season.



Members of the Wellington County Community Response Unit
(L to R) Sgt. C. TREWARTHA, PC K. DRAVES, PC C. ROCKEFELLER and PC MOORE down front centre.

IMPACT (Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team)

March 2022

Individuals Served

65

Requests for Service

45

Live Calls With Police

41

Calls Diverted From
Hospital

80.5%

Safe Communities Wellington County

Continuing on with the Drop the Labels Presentation Series, the second of the presentations took place at The Grove Hub in Palmerston talking about the importance of cyber safety and what harassment means. We partnered with the Wellington County OPP and The Grove to bring this presentation to the youth of Minto, as well as virtually to youth across Wellington County. Further, our Mental Health Action Group has created a survey series focusing on Eating Disorders to determine the best course of action going forward on what strategies and tactics to implement to educate residents of Wellington County about the prevalence of eating disorders in our communities.

Auxiliary Unit

Unit Commander: Acting Auxiliary Staff Sergeant J. SWAN

Liaison: Provincial Constable Kyle Draves

All of our active members completed their annual block training this month. Our monthly meeting featured a visit from the OPP Healthy Workplace Team (HWT). Covid has been a strain on several members of the unit both personally, professionally, and through their volunteer commitment to the OPP. This reminder of the support services available through the OPP was very valuable and it was great to be able to connect face to face with members from the HWT. They also passed along a number of calming and relaxation techniques that could be used in stressful situations both in and out of uniform.

The unit participated in a couple of community events this month. Our members assisted at the return of the Rockwood Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt was very well attended by the community. We also connected with the Centre Wellington Food bank for a food drive at Freshco in Fergus. There were almost two full van loads of food and over \$800 in donations collected during the six hours we were in attendance. Jackie Andrews from the food bank was appreciative as always for our participation and she took the time to pass along letters of thanks to our members who attended.

Crime Stoppers

Sarah Bowers-Peter, Program Coordinator CSGW

Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) focused on Auto Theft Awareness in April, hosting Project Lockdown on April 21, 2022 at Stone Road Mall in Guelph. This event saw 50 faraday key fob pouches given to motorists free of charge. Members from Wellington County OPP and Guelph Police Service provided their support and amplified the message of reducing the chance of auto theft. These pouches can also be purchased by going to www.csgw.tips. A small portion of the proceeds goes to CSGW.

Anti-Black and Anti-Indigenous Racism training is an ongoing priority for the CSGW Board. A two-hour training session geared to Crime Stoppers was delivered by Dr. Rai Reece of Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University).

The Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault grants concluded in March, however there are two grants that CSGW has applied for or contributed to, and we look forward to hearing of the outcome of these applications. The human trafficking and sexual assault videos that wrapped up the grants are available for viewing on the CSGW YouTube channel.

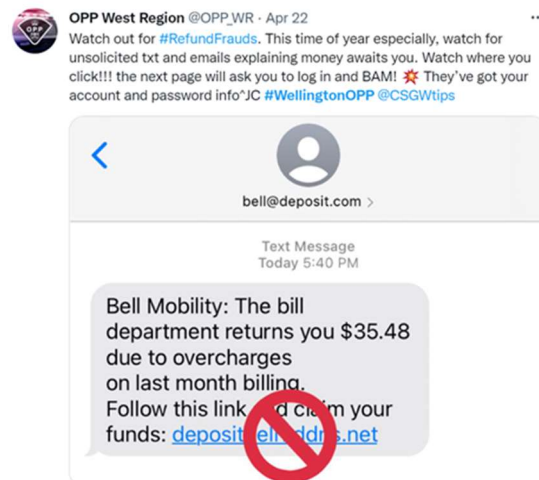
May is Mulch Month with the Mount Forest Mulch Sale at Young's Home Hardware in Mount Forest on May 7th and the month-long partnership with JL's Home Hardware's three Guelph locations. Fundraising is a crucial component of Crime Stoppers to pay Tipster rewards and to operate the program.

Media

Provincial Constable Josh Cunningham

Provincial Constable Jacob Unger

The Media unit partnered with Guelph Police Service, Crime Stoppers and Keeping Your Community Safe for Project Lockdown in an effort to prevent vehicle thefts.

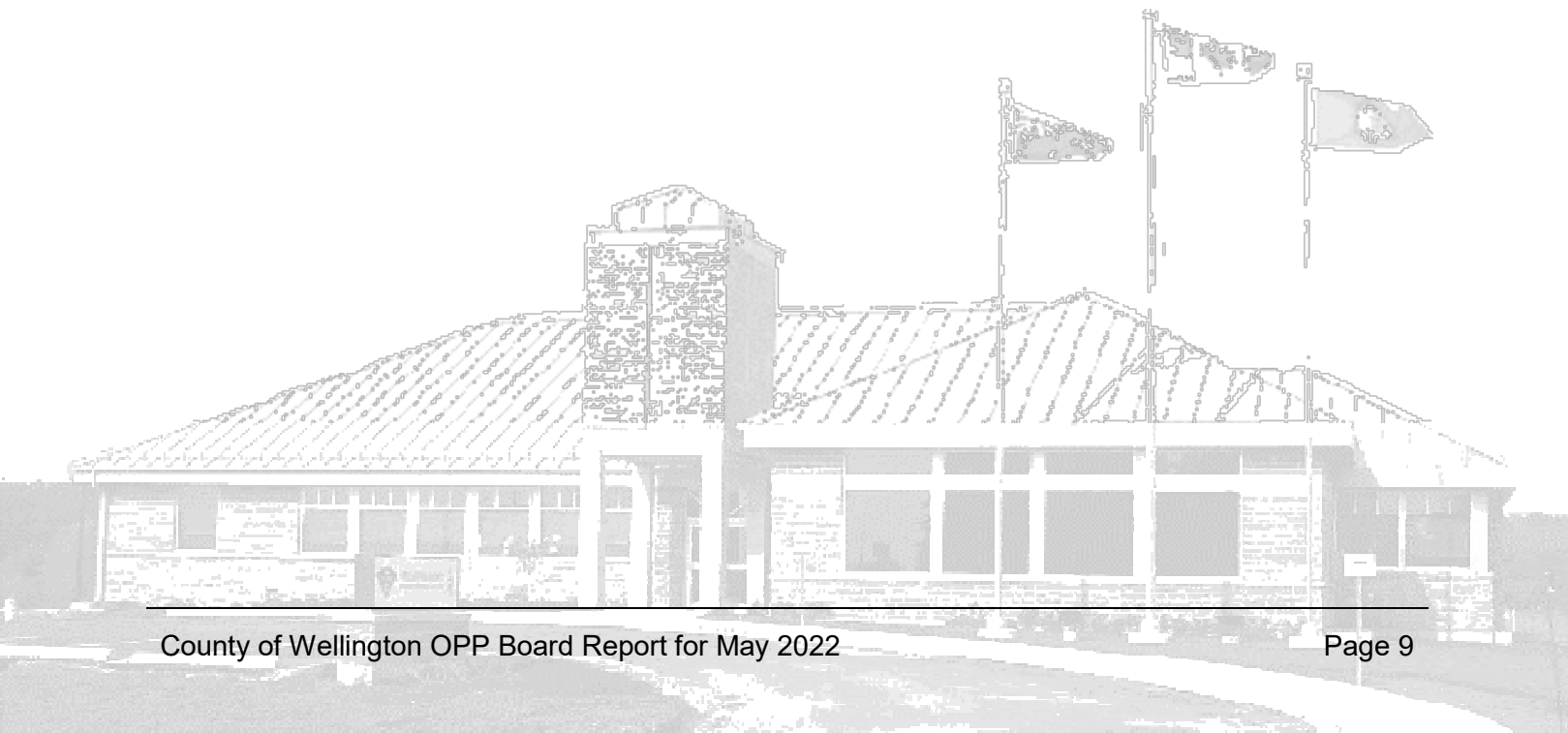


Acknowledgements

Commissioner's Letters & St. John Award

Detective Constable Jennifer Osborne #14559

Detective Constable Jennifer Osborne received a call to assist ambulance with an elderly male party that was VSA. DC OSBORNE arrived before paramedics to an apartment in Fergus. She entered the apartment to an elderly male that had collapsed, unconscious, unresponsive and not breathing. The son of the elderly male was attempting to perform CPR. DC OSBORNE began CPR and compressions on the male party immediately. DC OSBORNE did this for more than two minutes until paramedics arrived. EMS crew were able to establish a pulse shortly after arrival and the male was transported immediately to a local hospital. DC OSBORNE attended for a different call for service later in the evening to that same local hospital, and inquired to the elderly male's status. The male was stable, and alive and receiving additional treatment.

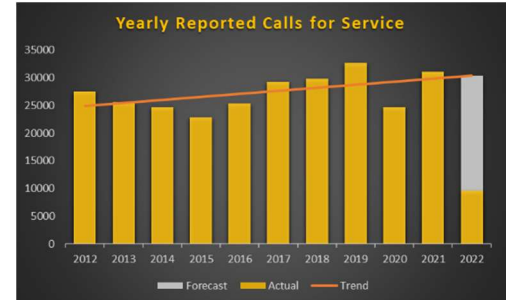


Statistics Summary

Calls for Service

Thus far in 2022, year to date calls for service have increased by 14% over the same period last year with April 2022 showing a 3% decrease over April 2021.

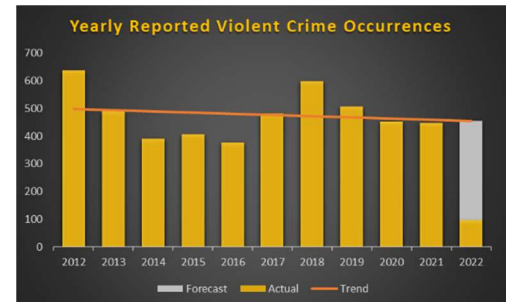
Calls for service appear to be gradually returning to normal levels.



Violent Crime

Violent Crime continues trending lower since 2018. This reduction may be in part due to the Covid-19 pandemic however there is a projected decrease in violent crime for 2022.

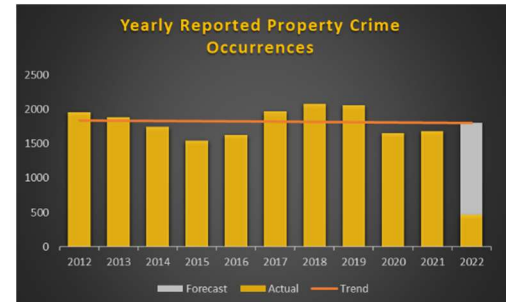
Year to date violent crime has decreased 23% over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 28% decrease over March 2021 and April 2022 currently showing a 57% decrease over April 2021.



Property Crime

Property Crime had an observable decrease in occurrences in 2021 that was likely due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Current trends appear to project an increase over 2021.

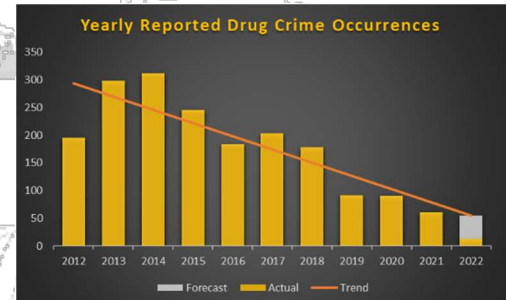
Year to date property crime has stabilized (no change) over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 15% decrease over March 2021 and April 2022 currently showing a 33% decrease over April 2021.



Drug Crime *

Drug Crime has continues to trend downward. Current trends appear to be following the 2021 results however a projected increase over 2022 is anticipated.

Year to date drug crime has decreased 43% over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 25% increase in over March 2021 and April 2022 currently showing a 71% decrease over April 2021.

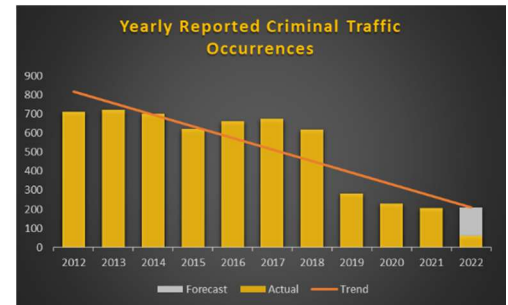


* Note: Recreational use of cannabis was decriminalized on October 17th, 2018

Criminal Traffic Offences

Like Drug Crime, Criminal Traffic has also been trending lower. Current trends appear to be following the 2021 results however a projected increase over 2022 is anticipated.

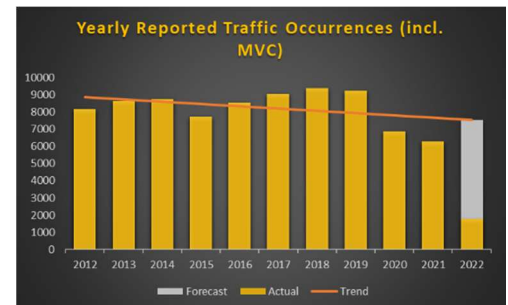
Year to date criminal traffic occurrences have increased 16% over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 9% decrease over March 2021 and April currently showing a 46% increase over April 2021.



Traffic Related Occurrences

Although reductions were observed in traffic occurrences during 2020 and 2021 current trends appear to project an increase over 2021.

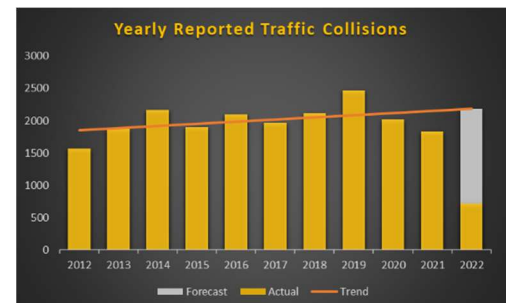
Year to date traffic occurrences have increased 2% over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 9% reduction in occurrences over March 2021 and April 2022 currently showing a 13% reduction over April 2021.



Motor Vehicle Collisions

Similar to all other traffic occurrences, reductions in vehicle collisions were enjoyed during 2020 and 2021 however again, it appears these occurrences are returning to near-normal levels. An increase over 2021 is anticipated.

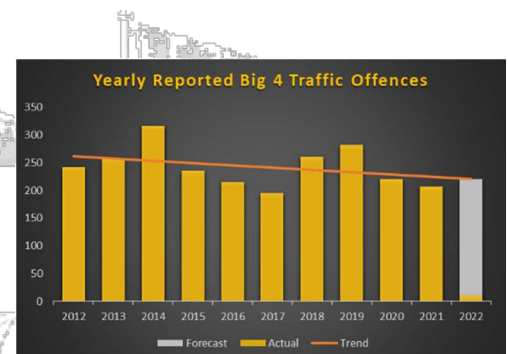
Year to date collisions have increased 37% over the same period last year with March 2022 showing a 28% increase in collisions over March 2021 and April 2022 currently showing a 2% increase over April 2021.



Big 4 Traffic (Impaired Operation – Distracted Driving – Seatbelts – Speeding)

Reductions in Big 4 traffic offences were observed during 2020 with increases seen in 2021 as the Covid-19 pandemic progressed. An increase over 2021 is anticipated.

Year to date Big 4 offences have decreased 28% over the same period last year with February 2022 showing a 49% decrease in over February 2021. No further data has been available for this category since February 2022.



All statistics, graphs and maps are based upon preliminary information supplied by reporting parties and may not have been verified. Preliminary crime classifications may be changed at a later date based upon additional investigation and the possibility of mechanical or human error.

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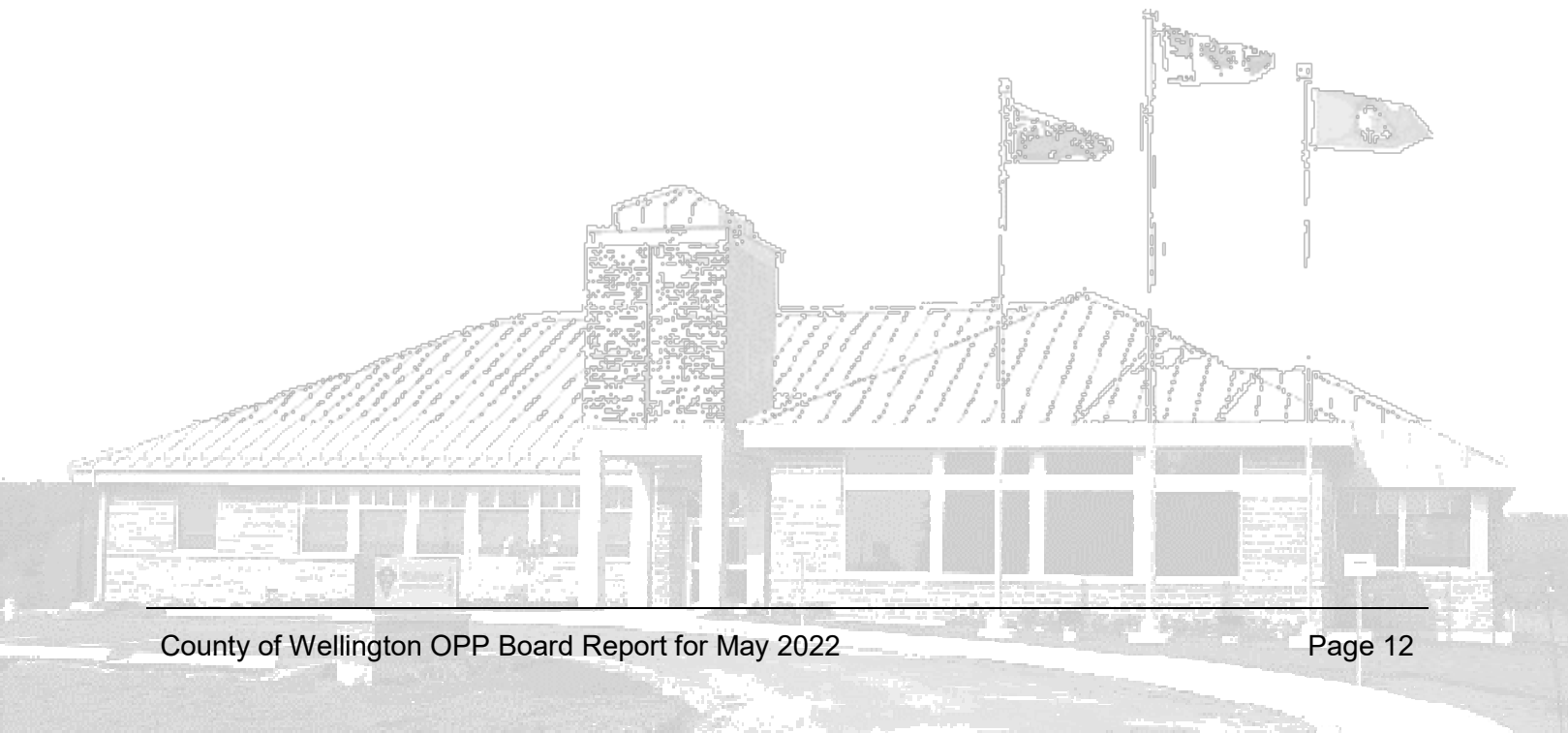
All data visualizations on maps are considered approximate and attempts to derive specific addresses are prohibited.

Report Summary

With the warmer months fast approaching and pandemic restrictions now fully lifted Wellington County OPP is seeing a rise in calls in for service month over month. We anticipate calls for service to return to pre-pandemic levels, although, our predictions do not show a return to 2019 levels this year. Wellington County OPP is in a position to meet this rise in calls for service and continue to provide top notch policing services to the County of Wellington.

Wellington County OPP also wants to remind the public to lock the doors on their vehicles both overnight and during the day. It does not take long to enter your vehicle and remove your belongings. It is much easier and quicker to lock your car doors then it is to make a police report about your lost items. The five seconds it takes to lock your vehicle doors can save you 30 minutes to an hour at a police station, not to mention the aggravation of your belongings being taken from you.

We are looking forward to seeing members of the public attending the many community events being organized across the County of Wellington and we hope everyone can enjoy these events safely. The Community Response unit will be in attendance at many of these events for public safety, please do not hesitate to approach them if you or someone is in need of assistance or if you would just like to say "Hello".



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

Please call
1 888 310 1122
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Anywhere in Ontario, 24-hour toll free

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Ticket Activity		Number	Value			
Tickets - Entered						
ALPHADIGITAL Ticket		0	\$0.00			
Manually Entered Ticket		14	\$360.00			
Skeletal Ticket		0	\$0.00			
Subtotal Tickets Entered		14	\$360.00			
Tickets - Reactivations						
Voids - Reinstated		0	\$0.00			
Dismissals - Reversed		0	\$0.00			
Waived - Reversed		0	\$0.00			
Subtotal Ticket Reactivated		0	\$0.00			
Tickets - Removed						
Voided		0	\$0.00			
Dismissed		0	\$0.00			
Waived		0	\$0.00			
Skeletal Ticket Matches		0	\$0.00			
Subtotal Ticket Removed		0	\$0.00			
Total Ticket Activity		14	\$360.00			
Fines and Fees Added						
Fines Added		0	\$0.00			
Late Fees Added		0	\$0.00			
NSF Fees Added		0	\$0.00			
Other Fees Added		0	\$0.00			
Total Fines and Fees Added		0	\$0.00			
Fines and Fees Removed						
Fines Removed		0	\$0.00			
Late Fees Removed		0	\$0.00			
NSF Fees Removed		0	\$0.00			
Other Fees Removed		0	\$0.00			
Total Fines and Fees Removed		0	\$0.00			
Total Change from Ticket Activity and Added Fees			\$360.00			
Payment Activity	Number	Fine	Late Fee	NSF Fee	Service Fee	Total \$
Ticket - Payments						
Fully Paid	5	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Partially Paid	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Over Payments	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Payments	5	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Outside Payments	5	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Ticket Payments Rescinded						
Payment Reversals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NSF Reversals	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Rescinded Payments	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunded Overpayments	0	\$0.00				\$0.00
Payments	5	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Total Fees Paid				\$0		\$0.00
Gross Revenue(Total Payments - Total Fees Paid)						\$120.00
Adjustments	Uncollectable Fines and Fees			0		\$0.00
Net Database Change(Total Change from Activity and Added Fees - Total Payments - Adjustments)						\$240.00



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Police Services Board
From: Kelly-Ann Wingate, Purchasing and Risk Analyst
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Subject: False Alarm Revenue Report

Background:

False Alarm revenue collected for 2022.

Month	False Alarms sent to the County for invoicing	Amount invoiced to customers	Amount collected to date
January	19	\$1,450	\$500
February	22	\$6,325	\$1,685
March	2	\$700	\$5,625
April	25	\$9,625	\$1,125
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
2022 YTD	68	\$18,100	\$8,935
2021 Totals	272	\$18,850	\$15,800

Recommendation:

That the May False Alarm Revenue Report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly-Ann Wingate
Purchasing and Risk Analyst