



Corporation of the County of Wellington

Police Services Board

Minutes

September 13, 2023
County Administration Centre
Guthrie Room

Present: Warden Andy Lennox
Councillor Earl Campbell (Chair)
Allan Alls (Vice-Chair)
Ron Faulkner
Walter Trachsel

Also Present: Councillor Diane Ballantyne
Councillor Matthew Bulmer
Councillor Jeff Duncan
Councillor Steve O'Neill
Inspector Stephen Thomas, Detachment Commander
Karen Medeiros, Staff Sergeant

Staff: Jennifer Adams, County Clerk
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
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

1/6/23

Moved by: Allan Alls

Seconded by: Warden Lennox

That the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting of the Wellington County Police Services Board be adopted.

Carried

4. Financial Statements as of August 31, 2023

2/6/23

Moved by: Ron Faulkner

Seconded by: Walter Trachsel

That the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2023 be approved.

Carried

5. Detachment Commander's Reports

3/6/23

Moved by: Warden Lennox

Seconded by: Allan Alls

That the Detachment Commander's Reports for 2022 Year-End and August 2023 be received for information.

Carried

6. June, July and August 2023 Parking Ticket Reports

4/6/23

Moved by: Ron Faulkner

Seconded by: Allan Alls

That the June, July and August 2023 Parking Ticket Reports be received for information.

Carried

7. August 2023 False Alarm Revenue Report

5/6/23

Moved by: Allan Alls

Seconded by: Ron Faulkner

That the August 2023 False Alarm Revenue Report be received for information.

Carried

8. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General

6/6/23

Moved by: Walter Trachsel

Seconded by: Ron Faulkner

That the correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding OPP Detachment Board Framework be received for information.

Carried

9. Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

7/6/23

Moved by: Warden Lennox

Seconded by: Allan Alls

That the correspondence from the OPP regarding Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities dated September 6, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

10. Closed Meeting

8/6/23

Moved by: Allan Alls

Seconded by: Warden Lennox

That the Police Services Board go into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering 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

11. Adjournment

At 10:18 am, the Chair adjourned the meeting until October 11, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Earl Campbell
Chair
Police Services Board



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

2022 Year End

Detachment Commander:
Inspector Steve Thomas

From the Detachment Commander

This past year proved to be a very busy and eventful one for the Wellington County OPP. As pandemic related restrictions continued to be lifted, we saw the return of in person events as well as a high volume of traffic throughout the summer months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, auxiliaries, and civilian support staff in Wellington County for their continued hard work and flexibility as we managed significant weather events, calls for service, changing restrictions and guidelines related to COVID-19 and much more.



Inspector Steve Thomas
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Speaking of hard work and dedication, the Lucas Shortreed investigation comes to mind. For almost 14 years, our detectives and officers worked tirelessly following up on tips and any new leads they could find. Their hard work paid off this past year as two individuals were charged in relation to this investigation. The death of Lucas Shortreed had a profound impact on our community, and I hope that these new developments can bring a measure of comfort for the family of Lucas and for the community.

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I would also like to commend our youth resiliency officer PC Beth Hickey who worked closely with Guelph Wellington Crime Stoppers and Victim Services on the Human Trafficking in Wellington County campaign. This was an excellent example of police collaborating with community partners to help make our communities safer. Throughout 2022 they took part in countless interviews, delivered many virtual and in-person presentations, and created two videos to help educate youth and parents about grooming and human trafficking. A highlight of the campaign was when PC Hickey and Sarah Bowers-Peters were asked to speak to the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards. Their efforts were also recently recognized internationally by Crime Stoppers International. Congratulations to Sarah, Beth, and everyone else involved and thank-you for doing such a great job.

Our Community Response Unit (CRU) and Traffic Management Unit (TMU) also rose to the challenge this past year and worked diligently to make sure that the many community events and parades could take place safely. It seemed like everyone was excited to be able to attend in-person events again after two years of scaled-down or virtual events. I would like to say a huge thank-you to CRU, TMU and the various event organizers for making sure that everything could happen safely.

As we move into 2023, the Wellington County OPP will continue to focus on marine safety and traffic safety after we saw a number of marine related and traffic related deaths last year. Our media officers have been working with the County to put together several videos which will focus on these two topics. We will continue to utilize education and enforcement to work towards making our roadways and waterways as safe as possible. These tragic deaths have a profound impact on the families involved, our communities and our officers and staff. I would like to thank our IMPACT team who followed up

with many of those impacted by these tragic events throughout this past year to provide support and resources as needed.

I would like to remind anyone in our community who may be struggling or feeling overwhelmed that you are not alone. While reaching out for help is often the hardest step, we have many resources and community partners that can help. While we are always looking out for each other, it is important that we look after ourselves as well. On behalf of the Wellington County OPP, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2023, and I look forward to working with our community partners and the police services board as we strive to make a safer and more secure community here in Wellington County.



Crime Unit

Supervisor: Acting Detective Sergeant Brad Olsen

In the year 2022 The Wellington Crime Unit led or assisted in 337 “Benchmark” occurrences including 60 Sexual Assaults, 131 Deaths. The following are notable complex investigations that were solved in 2022.

Arrest / Charges Laid in Drive-By Shooting

On February 8, 2022, at approximately 1:00 a.m. Wellington County OPP responded to a weapons call at residence on Millburn Boulevard in Fergus. Initial reports indicated that an unknown individual(s) had fired multiple gunshots at an occupied residential home. There were no injuries.

The investigation led Wellington OPP Crime Unit to issue a Canada Wide Warrant for the arrest of Ryan Jacob Robert AMARAL, 33-year-old of Elora.

With the assistance of the New Brunswick RCMP Mr. AMARAL was arrested and charged with 10 criminal code offences:

1. Occupant of Motor Vehicle knowing there was Firearm
2. Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
3. Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
4. Theft Over \$5,000 of a Motor Vehicle
5. Theft of Electricity or Gas (Under \$5000)
6. Operation While Prohibited under the Criminal Code
7. Discharge a firearm into or at a place in a reckless manner
8. Discharge a restricted firearm or a prohibited firearm with intent
9. Failure to comply with release order X 2
10. Possession of Firearm or Ammunition contrary to Prohibition Order

Mr. AMARAL is currently in custody in New Brunswick serving a 6-year sentence on an unrelated matter.

Canada Wide Warrant Executed for Load Theft Bandit in Quebec

In October 2021, OPP received a report that an unknown male, using a stolen semi-trailer from Halton Region and fake company name of T. T. Transport (QC), obtained 11 Skyjack lifts and 25 rolls of vinyl from a logistics company in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. The load, estimated at approximately \$300,000, was to be delivered to locations in the United States, however, the property never arrived.

With public assistance after an OPP Twitter media release, the Wellington Crime Unit identified Stephane PRIMEAU, 51-years-old of Saint-Constant, Quebec.

On January 29th, 2022, the Wellington County OPP Crime Unit while working with the Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal, Roussillon Intermunicipal Board of Police, Service de Police Ville de Saint-Jérôme, GardaWorld Investigations, the Insurance Bureau of Canada have laid charges against, Mr. PRIMEAU of Theft over \$5000 and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5000 in relation to this incident.

A warrant was executed at warehouse in Saint-Jerome, Quebec, where seven Skyjacks were recovered. This investigation is currently before the courts.



Two Arrested / Charged in 14-Year-Old Fatal Hit & Run

On October 10, 2008, 18-year-old Lucas SHORTREED was walking on Wellington Road 17 near Alma at approximately midnight, when he was struck and killed by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene. The initial investigation determined that this suspect vehicle was a 1995-1997 white Dodge Neon. Over 100 tips from the public were investigated over the years.

On September 21, 2022, Investigators of Wellington County OPP Crime Unit (CU), Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB), West Regional Support Team (RST), Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Forensic Identification Services (FIS) executed a criminal code search warrant at an address on Sideroad 21, Mapleton Township and arrested two people.

David Alexander HALLIBURTON, 55-years-old of Arthur Township has been charged with Fail to Stop at Scene of Accident Involving Bodily Harm or Death, Obstruct Justice, Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon and Careless Storage of a Firearm.

Anastasia Marie HALLIBURTON, 53-years-old of Arthur Township has been charged with Accessory After the Fact to Commit Indictable Offence and Obstruct Justice.

The investigation is currently before the courts.



Firearms Stolen in Harriston Break & Enter - Four Men Face Multiple Charges

On November 14, 2021, the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a Break and Enter at a residence on Sligo Road East, Mount Forest. It was reported that sometime between November 12, 2021, and November 14, 2021, unknown person(s) forced open a rear door, entered the home and stole multiple firearms.

After an extensive investigation, the Wellington County OPP Crime Unit (CU) with assistance from Wellington Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), and Community Response Unit (CRU) arrested four men in early 2022. Codie William BLOOM, Michael Anthony HONTAR, Kevin Michael DREXLER and James David FARROW are facing a combined twenty-five charges that include B&E, theft, multiple firearms charges, possession of stolen property, obstruct, fabrication of evidence. and various breaches.

This investigation is currently before the courts.

Community Street Crime Unit

Supervisor: Acting Detective Sergeant Adam McGough

2022 proved to be a productive and busy year for the Wellington County Community Street Crime Unit.

Highlights of 2022 include:

Spring

- Significant training took place in April for specific skills required in the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU).
- CSCU assisted the Child Sexual Exploitation Unit with conducting surveillance on and arresting a suspected child predator.
- CSCU were actively engaged in overdose death investigations in addition to drug trafficking investigation within the county.
- CSCU assisted the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau with the execution of 17 search warrants involving drugs and firearms. A significant quantity of controlled substances were seized.
- CSCU investigated a residential break and enter where firearms were stolen. The suspect was identified and was actively evading capture. CSCU tirelessly pursued the suspect and arrested him for serious firearm and theft offences.

Summer

- CSCU concluded a drug trafficking investigation in Centre Wellington. Cocaine, Fentanyl, Oxycodone, cash, and offence related property were seized. A male and female were charged with trafficking controlled substances.
- CSCU welcomed a Frontline member on a Temporary Assignment. CSCU further assisted neighbouring units with intelligence gathering and the execution of search warrants.

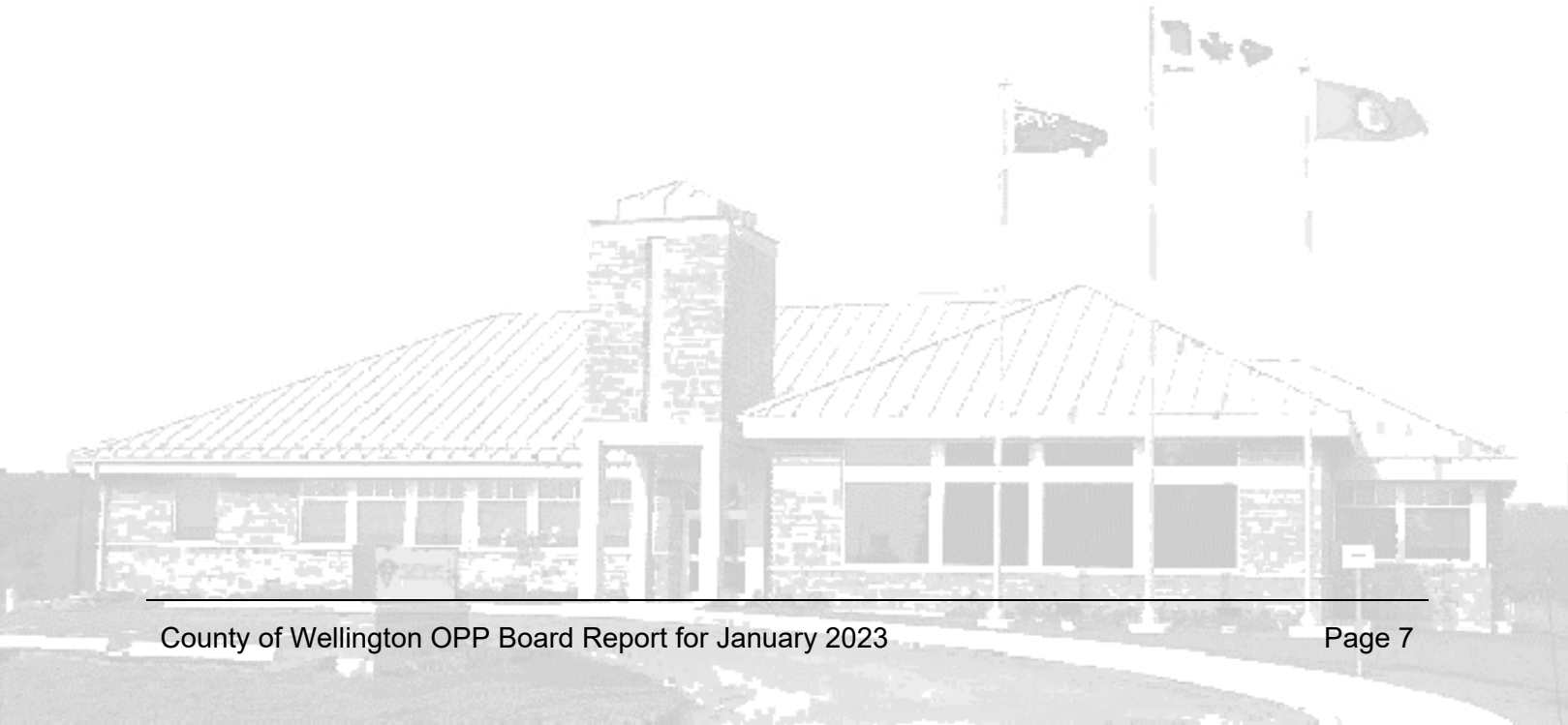
Fall

- In October 2022, Acting Detective Sergeant Vicky McGough returned to her home Detachment of Perth County. A/D/Sgt McGough led Wellington CSCU on many successful investigations. Her hard work and dedication should be commended.

- The new provincial intelligence information program rolled out for CSCU members.
- CSCU participated in search warrants in a neighbouring county resulting in a large drug seizure. The warrants are a direct result of the intelligence and information from Wellington CSCU members.
- CSCU continue to investigate multi-jurisdictional property crimes in addition to those trafficking illicit substances in our community.

Winter

- The Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) with the Crime Unit entered an investigation of break and enters where firearms were stolen. As a result of this successful partnership and hard work, three males were arrested and charged with multiple offences.
- CSCU members concluded a drug trafficking investigation and executed a search warrant in South Wellington. Crack-cocaine, cash, and evidence to support the drug trafficking operation were seized.
- CSCU executed a search warrant at a residence. Fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, psilocybin, and hydromorphone were seized. This had a direct impact on community safety. A male and female were charged with multiple offences.
- CSCU assisted Frontline members with a break, enter and theft investigation. As a result of the hard work and tenacity, a search warrant was written and executed. A male party was arrested, and all the victim's stolen goods were recovered in his possession. The goods included irreplaceable heirlooms.



Traffic

Traffic Management Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Mike Ashley

Black Cat Speed Monitoring Devices

The black Cat Speed Monitoring Devices were used extensively across the County in 2022. The devices were deployed to 20 locations this year after Wellington County OPP received requests/complaints about speeds on specific roadways and highways from members of the public and the Townships within the County.

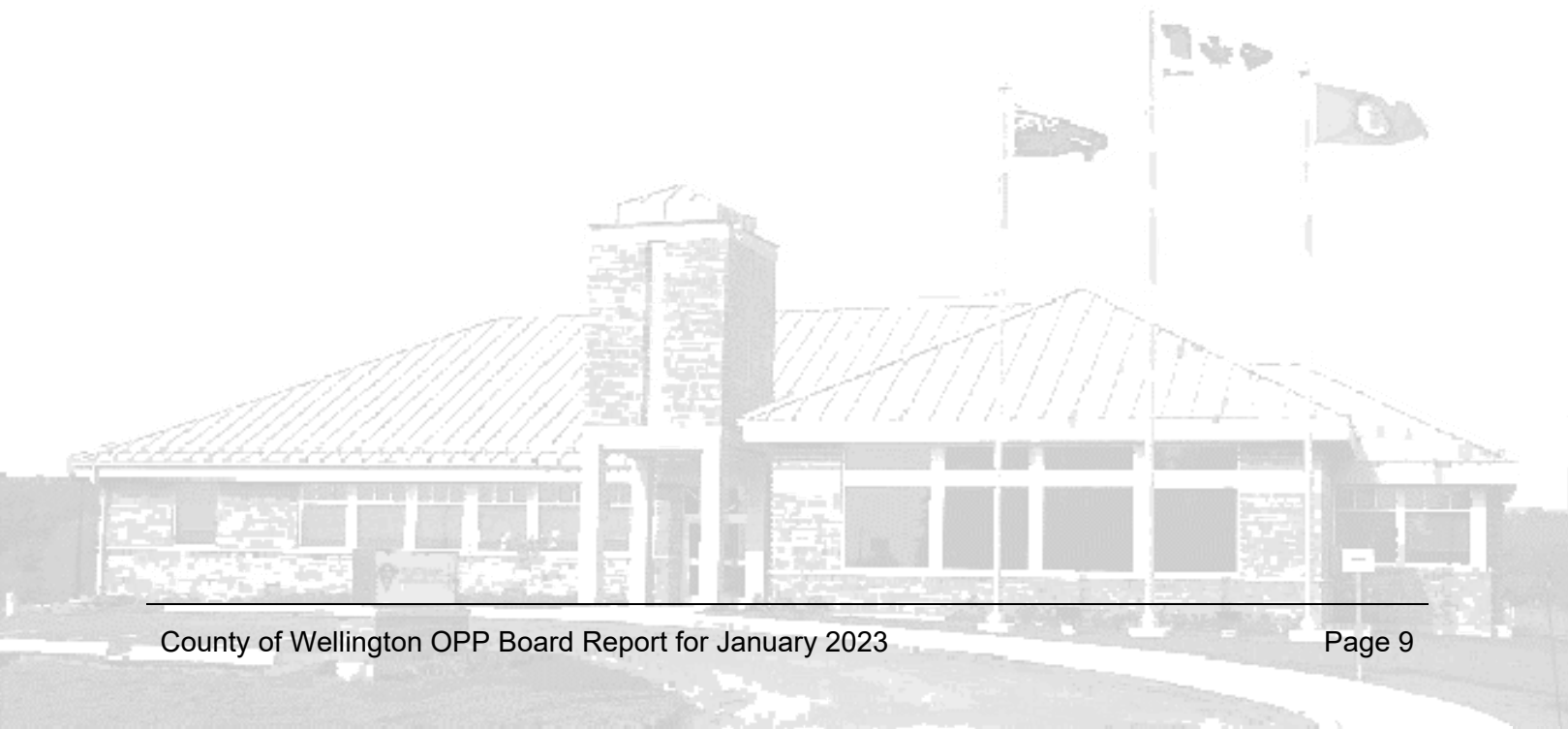
Location	Community Initiated	Study Length	Number of Vehicles	Recommended Enhanced Enforcement	Posted Speed Limit	85 th Percentile	Collision History (5 years)
Gore Road Puslinch	No	11 days	33836	Yes	60	>75	26
Brock Rd NB Puslinch	Yes	5 days	29516	Yes	50	>65	249*
Brock Rd SB Puslinch	Yes	5 days	34223	Yes	50	>65	249*
Victoria Rd S Puslinch	No	10 days	23747	Yes	60	>75	129
Hume Road Puslinch	Yes	5 days	1852	No	60	<71	1
Wellington Rd 19 Centre Wellington	Yes	7 days	32486	No	50	58	21
Hill St Fergus Centre Wellington	Yes	12 days	N/A	No	50	46	11
Geddes St Centre Wellington	Yes	20 days	28906	No	50	55	40
South River Rd Centre Wellington	No	8 days	18384	No	60	68	8
Middleton Av Centre Wellington	Yes	7 days	502	No	50	42	1
Peel St E, Alma Mapleton	No	2 days	9944	Yes	50	>65	11
Elora St S, Alma Mapleton	No	6 days	22393	Yes	50	>65	2
Wellington Rd 7 Guelph/Eramosa		7 days	38614	No	50	63	0
Elora St North Wellington North	Yes	9 days	53684	Yes	50	>65	20
Sligo Rd W Wellington North	Yes	9 days	21484	No	50	63	3
Main Street, West Minto	No	7 days	42464	No	70	75	17
Elora Street, South Minto	No	6 days	25403	Yes	50	52	67
Elora Street, North Minto	Yes	9 days	41561	Yes	50	71	43
Main Street, West Minto	No	11 days	44531	No	50	55	17
King Street Minto	No	7 days	15, 923	No	50	62	0

Beyond the Traffic Stop

Wellington TMU members have seized thousands of dollars of cocaine, methamphetamine, psilocybin, and cannabis (processed and plant form) through pro-active enforcement measures. These seizures also included sums of cash believed to be “proceeds” of these crimes. Some of these enforcement measures have been the result of citizen complaints about traffic related speeding, aggressive driving, stop sign violations, and a multitude of other Highway Traffic Act complaints. Members have been diligent in looking ‘beyond the traffic stop’ to uncover the transportation of illicit drugs through/into our County while initially making efforts to discourage poor driving behaviour linked to the complaints.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Four CMV Blitz’s hosted within Wellington County resulting in approximately 250 CMV’s Inspected and over 100 taken OUT OF SERVICE (not including the hundreds of Commercial Motor Vehicles that have had their plates removed for mechanical safety related issues seized by TMU members).



Community Response

Community Response Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Corrie Trewartha

2022 saw a very full year for Community Response Unit and support units. With the return of in person events we saw attendance of our units at Highland Games, Riverfest, Mount Forest Fireworks, and Hillside. Numerous smaller community events and farmers markets, saw our team on bikes and foot engaging with community members. Our new fat bikes were a HUGE hit – and members were often stopped by locals to chat about their work and how much they loved this idea. These bikes provide easy access to parks, and trails and allows our members to get into spots and locations you cannot access by car and provides the community with a more approachable avenue to access officers and be able to seek out information or guidance for the community member.

Requests for consultation have started in preparation of the Highland Games and other community events so over the next few months those meeting will take place. Bike Rodeos are starting to fill the calendar, as are many Fraud presentations to local community groups. We are in the months of preparation for our spring events including Emergency Preparedness Week in May and the Fergus Lions Home Show. So, while the weather outside is blustery, much planning is beginning for the upcoming seasons of events, we look forward to continued success and engagement in 2023.

IMPACT (Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team)

2022

Individuals Served	Requests for Service	Live Calls with Police	Calls Diverted from Hospital
417	647	298	90.3%

Safe Communities Wellington County

Safe Communities Wellington County has been actively creating strategies for 2023 through its Action Groups and Safe Communities Groups. We have also been compiling statistics from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, Wellington County OPP, Guelph Wellington Paramedic Services and Wellington County Social Services to determine our priorities for the coming 3 to 5 years. Preliminary statistics show falls are still our number one priority, followed by Motor Vehicle Collisions; with intentional self-harm and accidental poisoning at third and fourth. January's focus has been on sharing the road and speaking out about the importance of mental health and how food insecurity is causing several mental health issues, including eating disorders.

Auxiliary Unit

Unit Commander: Auxiliary Staff Sergeant J. SWAN

Liaison: Provincial Constable Kyle Draves

The Auxiliary Unit resumed full duties in February 2022. Over the course of the year, the unit provided just over 2,782 hours of volunteer time to the OPP. Members participated in a variety of local events

and festivals throughout the County. In addition, Auxiliaries were active with the Marine Unit as well as with general patrol duties. We also teamed up with the Centre Wellington Food Bank to run several successful, “Stuff a Cruiser” events, and teamed up with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Wellington and Mount Forest Canadian Tire for our first toy drive on a very stormy Saturday. We ended the year by providing support to the various Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the county, and then attending the numerous Santa Claus parades.

Auxiliaries undertook several Lock It or Lose It campaigns. This brought an awareness of some crimes that had occurred in local neighbourhoods and gave residents suggestions for how to protect their homes and property. One of the residents we visited took the time to contact command staff at General Headquarters to express their thanks for canvassing their neighbourhood. Our members have also been active visiting local businesses throughout the County to update keyholder and security camera information to support operations in the detachment.

In addition to support in the County, Auxiliaries from Wellington attended events in Ottawa, Sarnia, and Port Dover to assist with events in those communities. Several of our members were part of the ceremonies for officers that passed away during the course of the year. Some of these members attended the funerals, while others attended the detachments affected to provide support. We also provided members to assist around the region with the switchover to the new radio system by shuttling vehicles between detachments.

Over the past year we had two long serving members make the decision to retire from the program. We are fortunate to have added one new member late in the year, and at the time of writing this report we have six potential members in various stages of the recruiting process. Our current membership all exceeded their required hours for the past year, which is quite an accomplishment considering the unit was largely inactive due to Covid restrictions in January and February. We are extremely fortunate to have very dedicated members who are willing to give up so much of their own time to assist residents in our community. I know all our members take great pride in the role they play and their service with the OPP and with members of the public.

Media

Provincial Constable Josh Cunningham

Provincial Constable Jacob Unger

Over the past year, the Wellington County OPP Media Unit completed over 275 media releases. Provincial Constables Joshua Cunningham and Jacob Unger also attended many events that were held throughout Wellington County including the Centre Wellington Home and Leisure Show, Minto Pride in the Park, and the Fergus Highland Games just to name a few. They were also able to deliver presentations on topics such as fraud, marine safety, and bicycle safety to various community groups. Throughout 2022, the Media Unit utilized social media outlets as well as media releases to educate, to raise awareness regarding community issues, and to keep the public informed about what was happening in their community. The Media Unit was also able to utilize social media to assist officers in identifying persons of interest in their investigations and in locating stolen property. The Media Unit already has several projects and events lined up for 2023 as we work to promote road safety, marine safety, and online safety as well as other issues as they may arise.



Court

Supervisor: Acting Sergeant Shaugn ROGERS

In 2022, the Court Bureau staff saw significant changes in the responsibilities of our Special Constables. Previously the S/C's had been assigned to assist with court security and in-court monitoring of bails, trials, and assignment court. With Guelph Police Service assuming these duties, our S/C's have transitioned to Detachment duties including out of custody DNA Orders, fingerprinting, video disclosure, preparing summons and subpoenas and assisting court officers, property officers, and administrative clerks with their assigned duties.

Criminal Record Checks moved to online applications in June which has taken this responsibility away from our local administrative staff and provided easier access for public applicants.

February launch of eIntake resulted in the electronic swearing and submission of Criminal Informations which resulted in a more efficient process of preparing case management briefs. POA Informations followed suit, and the local Justices of the Peace accepted Informations laid "other than in person" with a hardcopy form accompanying the Information provided by a court staff member.

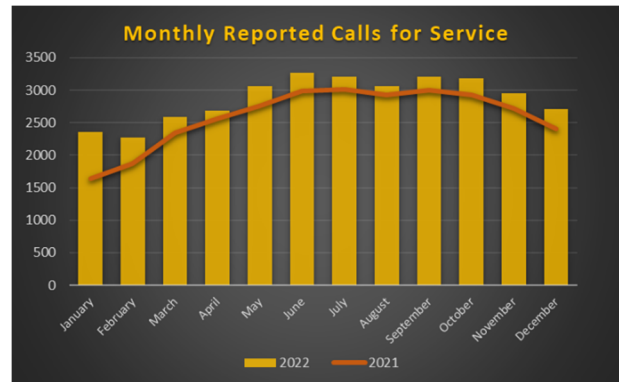
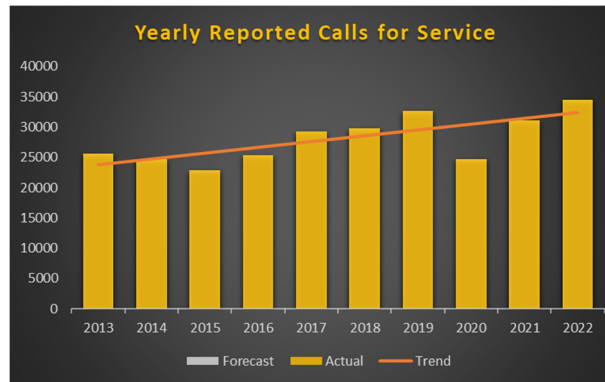
There have been several significant files that the court bureau has worked on including local criminal Ryan AMARAL. Wellington Crime Unit put out a Canada Wide Warrant for AMARAL after he did a drive by shooting in February 2022 in Fergus. Shortly after AMARAL travelled out to eastern Canada on a crime spree. He was accused and convicted of Robbery and other CC charges and received 69 months in jail. He was moved from New Brunswick to Nova Scotia to serve his custodial time. The court bureau communicated and coordinated with Guelph Court and Correctional Services in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia so AMARAL could stand trial for his outstanding Wellington OPP and Guelph Police Service charges. Criminal Charges included Discharging a restricted firearm, Theft of vehicle, Drug Trafficking x 9 and Breaching Court Orders to name a few. Another significant file still before the courts was the conclusion of an investigation and eventual apprehension of Dave and Anastacia Halliburton in the Lucas Shortreed case from 2008.

Statistics Summary

2022 Frontline Calls for Service Statistics

With the easing of restrictions and public concern regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, calls for service in 2022 increased by 11% over 2021 but remain 8% lower than calls for service in 2019.

Police Information occurrences, Community Services initiatives, and R.I.D.E. program activities conducted by officers rose by an average of 11% over 2020 returning to pre-pandemic levels.



2022 Top Calls for Service

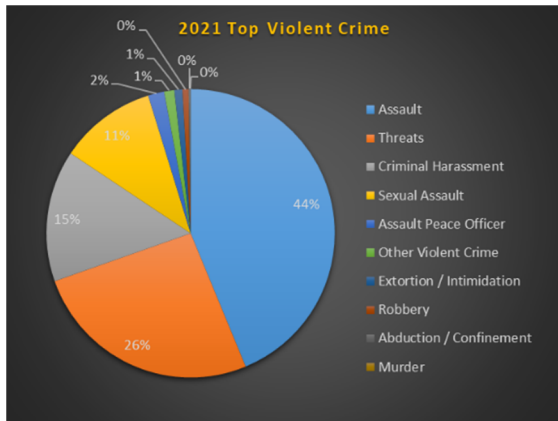
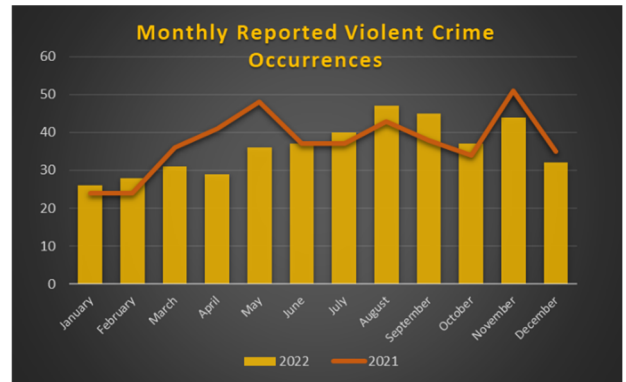
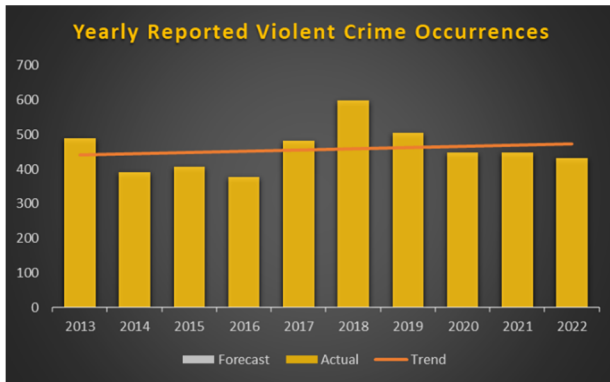
Motor Vehicle Collision	2478
Traffic Complaint	2313
Police Assistance	2300
Police Information	1075
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	884
Domestic Dispute	787
Traffic Hazard	693
Theft	664
Mental Health Occurrences	640
Alarm	499

All data is based on the "Top Level" Uniform Crime Reporting category

Although some crime categories experienced further decreases over 2021, the overall calls for service in 2022 were higher than expected trend levels. It is anticipated that calls for service and overall investigations will be higher in the coming year as we transition away from the pandemic response of 2021 / 2022.

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2022 Violent Crime Statistics



2022 Top Violent Crime Occurrences

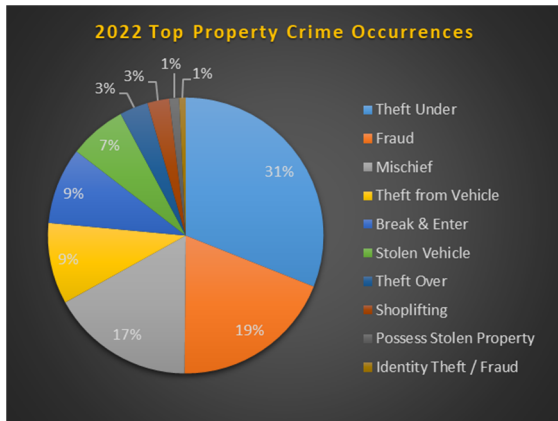
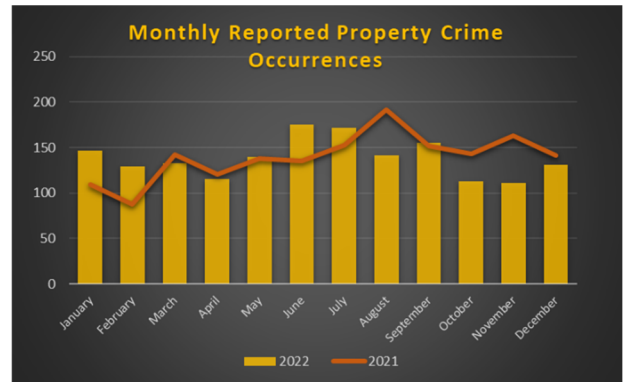
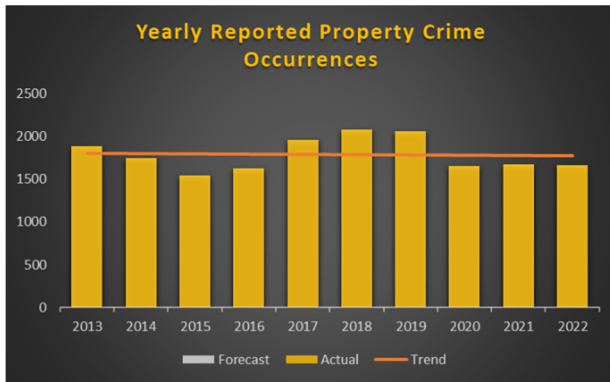
Assault	165
Threats	115
Sexual Assault	64
Criminal Harassment	52
Other Violent Crime	16
Extortion / Intimidation	7
Firearms Offence	6
Assault Peace Officer	5
Robbery	2
Abduction / Confinement	2

Violent Crime by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Assault	192	165	-14%
Threats	113	115	2%
Criminal Harassment	56	64	14%
Sexual Assault	62	52	-16%
Assault Peace Officer	6	16	167%
Other Violent Crime	4	7	75%
Extortion / Intimidation	9	6	-33%
Robbery	9	5	-44%
Abduction / Confinement	1	2	100%
Murder	4	2	-50%
Attempt Murder	0	1	0%
Firearm Involved	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking Related	0	0	0%

2022 Property Crime Statistics

All data is based on the "Top Level" Uniform Crime Reporting category



2022 Top Property Crime Occurrences

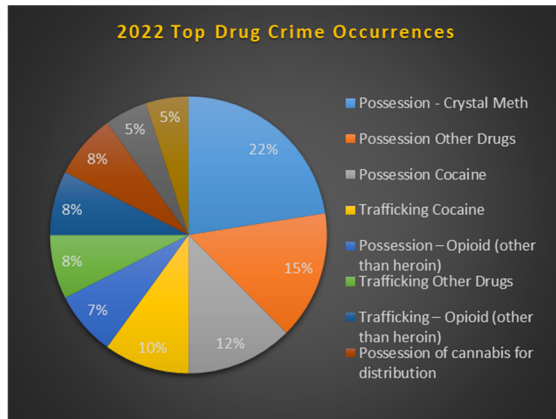
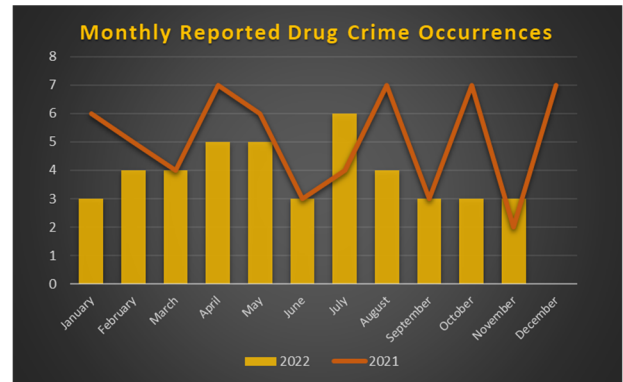
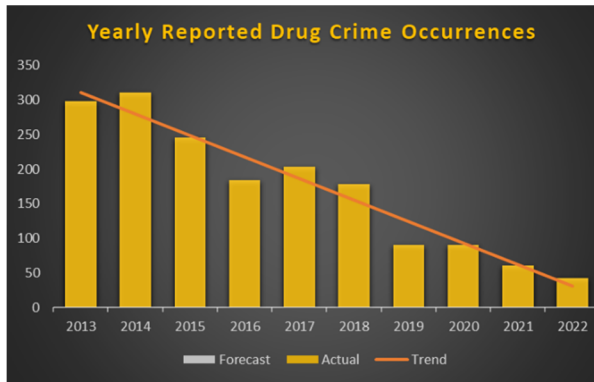
Theft Under	567
Fraud	349
Mischief	307
Theft from Vehicle	174
Break & Enter	164
Stolen Vehicle	123
Theft Over	61
Shoplifting	47
Possess Stolen Property	21
Identity Theft / Fraud	14

Property Crime by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Theft Under	596	567	-5%
Fraud	374	349	-7%
Mischief	330	307	-7%
Theft from Vehicle	139	174	25%
Break & Enter	127	164	29%
Stolen Vehicle	100	123	23%
Theft Over	68	61	-10%
Shoplifting	50	47	-6%
Possess Stolen Property	16	21	31%
Identity Theft / Fraud	9	14	56%
Arson	1	5	400%

2022 Drug Crime Statistics

All data is based on the "Top Level" Uniform Crime Reporting category



2022 Top Drug Crime Occurrences

Possession - Crystal Meth	9
Possession Other Drugs	6
Possession Cocaine	5
Trafficking Cocaine	4
Possession of cannabis for distr	3
Trafficking - Opioid (other than	3
Trafficking Other Drugs	3
Possession - Opioid (other than	3
Possession over 30g cannabis -	2
Trafficking - Crystal Meth	2

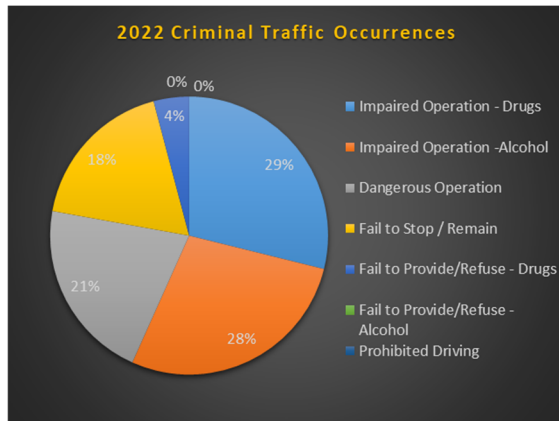
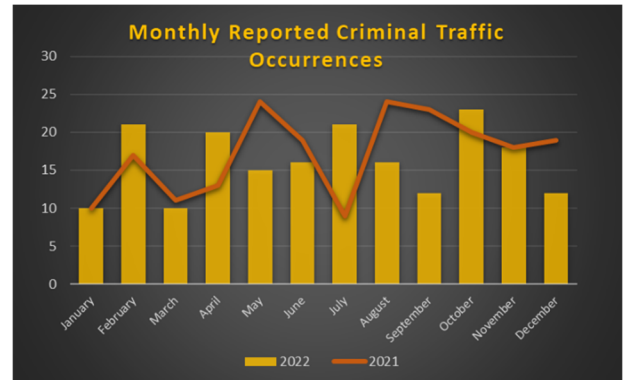
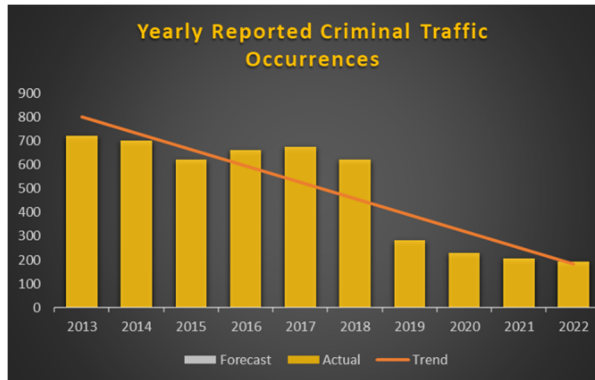
Drug Crime by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Possession - Crystal Meth	12	9	-25%
Possession Other Drugs	8	6	-25%
Possession Cocaine	8	5	-38%
Trafficking Cocaine	7	4	-43%
Possession - Opioid (other than heroin)	5	3	-40%
Trafficking Other Drugs	5	3	-40%
Trafficking - Opioid (other than heroin)	0	3	0%
Possession of cannabis for distribution	1	3	200%
Trafficking - Crystal Meth	5	2	-60%
Possession over 30g cannabis - adult	1	2	100%
Possession Heroin	1	1	0%

Traffic

2022 Criminal Traffic Statistics

All data is based on the "Top Level" Uniform Crime Reporting category



2022 Top Criminal Traffic Occurrences

Impaired Operation - Drugs	56
Impaired Operation -Alcohol	54
Dangerous Operation	41
Fail to Stop / Remain	35
Fail to Provide/Refuse - Drugs	8
Prohibited Driving	
Fail to Provide/Refuse - Alcoho	

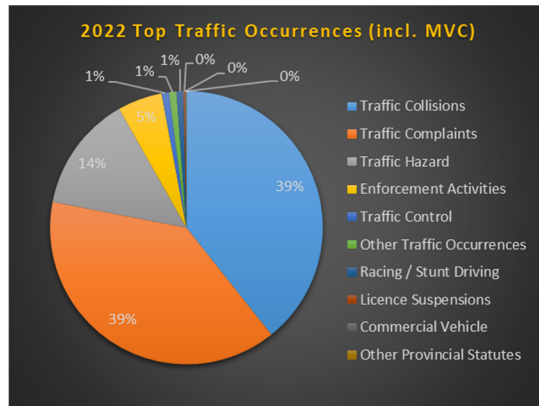
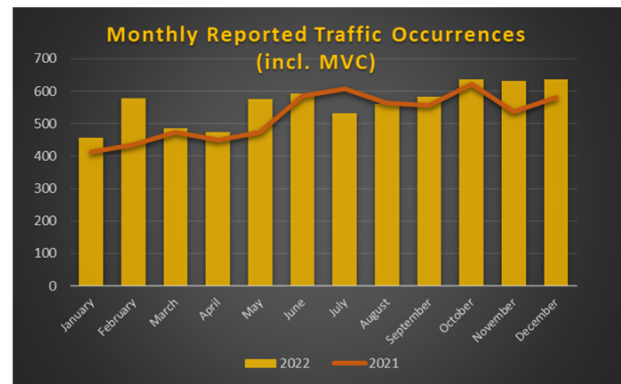
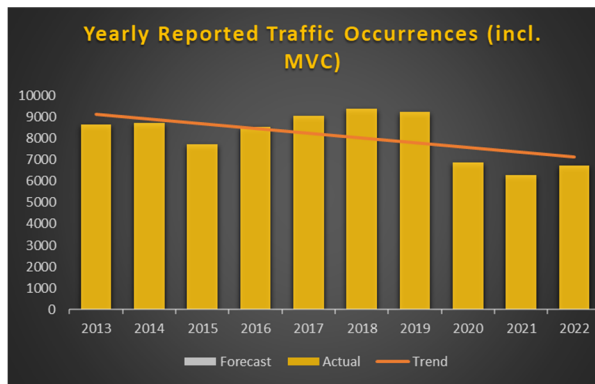
Criminal Traffic by Category

Impaired Operation - Drugs
Impaired Operation -Alcohol
Dangerous Operation
Fail to Stop / Remain
Fail to Provide/Refuse - Drugs
Fail to Provide/Refuse - Alcohol
Prohibited Driving

2021	2022	+/-
33	56	70%
91	54	-41%
51	41	-20%
26	35	35%
6	8	33%
0	0	0%
0	0	0%

2022 Traffic Statistics (incl. MVC)

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2022 Top Traffic Occurrences (incl. MVC)

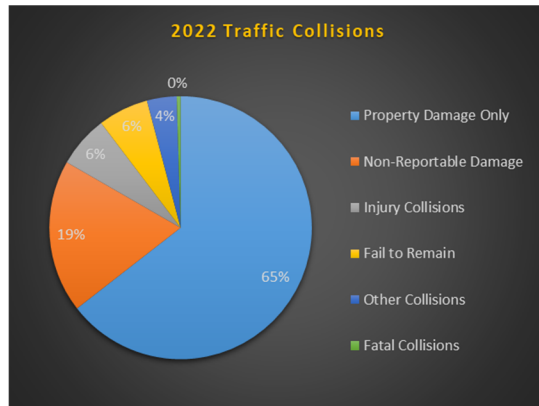
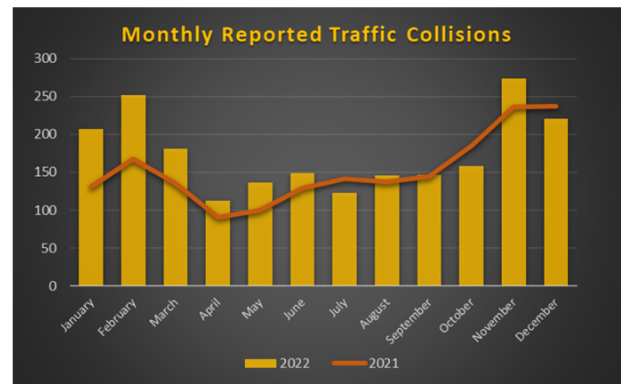
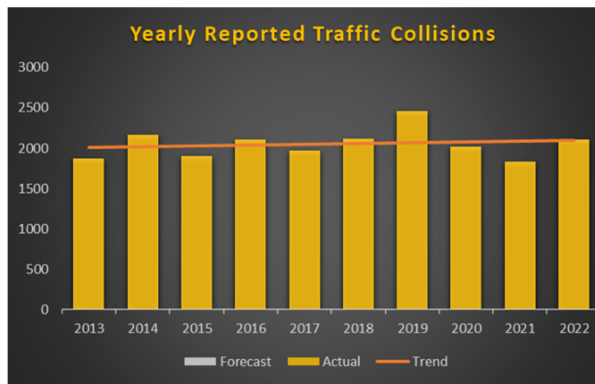
Traffic Collisions	2106
Traffic Complaints	2076
Traffic Hazard	737
Enforcement Activities	283
Other Traffic Occurrences	47
Traffic Control	47
Racing / Stunt Driving	44
Licence Suspensions	10
Commercial Vehicle	5
Other Provincial Statutes	4

Traffic Occurrences by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Traffic Collisions	1836	2106	15%
Traffic Complaints	2327	2076	-11%
Traffic Hazard	530	737	39%
Enforcement Activities	221	283	28%
Traffic Control	47	47	0%
Other Traffic Occurrences	47	47	0%
Racing / Stunt Driving	52	44	-15%
Licence Suspensions	5	10	100%
Commercial Vehicle	3	5	67%
Other Provincial Statutes	7	4	-43%
Distracted Driving	0	3	0%
Road Rage	1	3	200%
Licence Offences	0	0	0%

2022 Traffic Collisions (MVC)

All data is based on the "Top Level" Uniform Crime Reporting category



2022 Top Traffic Collisions

Property Damage Only	1358
Non-Reportable Damage	396
Injury Collisions	134
Fail to Remain	131
Other Collisions	77
Fatal Collisions	10

Traffic Collisions by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Property Damage Only	1042	1358	30%
Non-Reportable Damage	481	396	-18%
Injury Collisions	174	134	-23%
Fail to Remain	96	131	36%
Other Collisions	36	77	114%
Fatal Collisions	7	10	43%

Wellington County OPP Collision Reporting Centre (CRC)

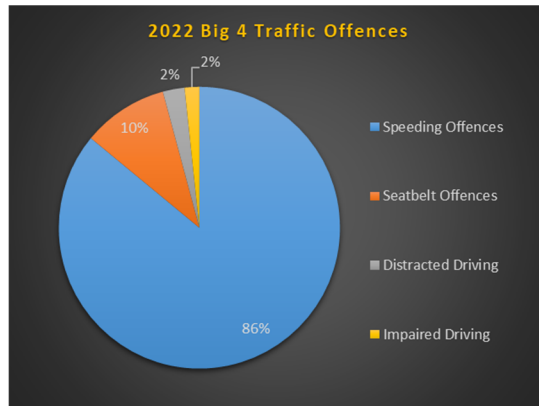
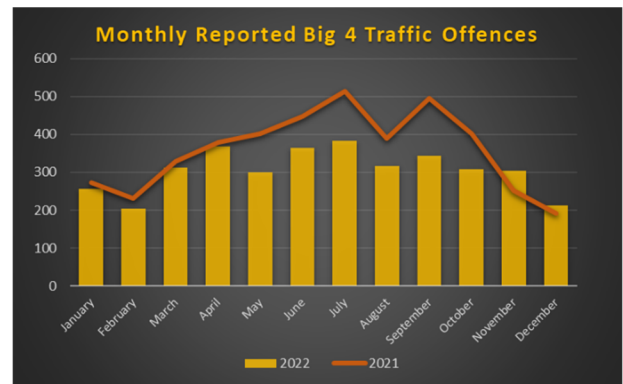
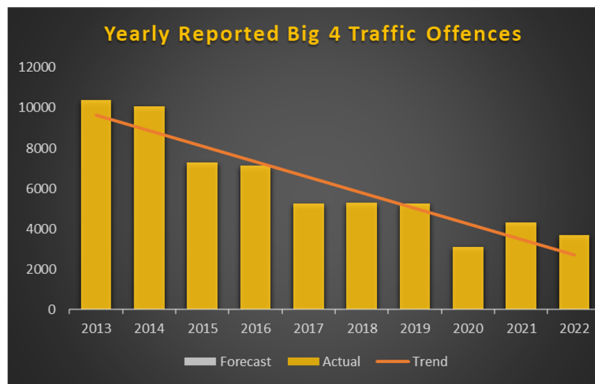
The Wellington County OPP Collision reporting Centre opened on October 4th, 2021 at the Centre Wellington Operations Centre and is staffed by an officer during the regular hours.

Since opening the Collision Reporting Centre has investigated on average of 21% of the property damage collisions within the detachment area. It is anticipated that the number of collisions handled by the CRC providing relief for frontline resources during busy periods.

2021 Collision Reporting Centre Reports	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Total PD Collisions										128	176	157
Collisions Investigated by CRC										21	41	39
Percentage of Collisions Investigated by CRC										16%	23%	25%

2021 Big 4 Traffic Offences

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2022 Top Big 4 Traffic Offences

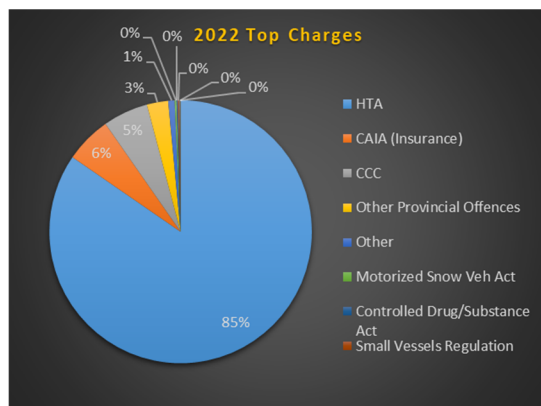
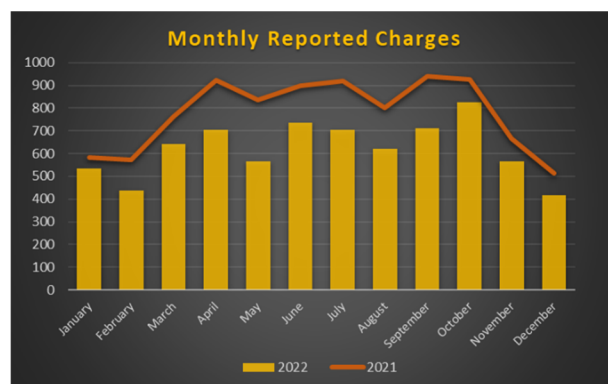
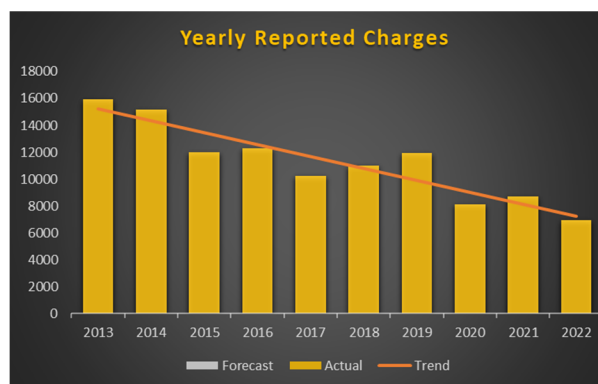
Speeding Offences	3159
Seatbelt Offences	362
Distracted Driving	92
Impaired Driving	62

Big 4 Traffic Charges by Category

	2021	2022	+/-
Speeding Offences	3638	3159	-13%
Seatbelt Offences	360	362	1%
Distracted Driving	92	92	0%
Impaired Driving	216	62	-71%

Charges

This data is based on the ICON charge data from the OPP Business Intelligence System



2022 Top Charges

HTA	6250
CAIA (Insurance)	422
CCC	411
Other Provincial Offences	194
Other	58
Motorized Snow Veh Act	17
Small Vessels Regulation	12
Controlled Drug/Substance Act	12
Off Road Vehicle Act	11
Other Federal Offences	2

Charges	2021	2022	+/-
HTA	6792	6250	-8%
CAIA (Insurance)	427	422	-1%
CCC	1442	411	-71%
Other Provincial Offences	239	194	-19%
Other	101	58	-43%
Motorized Snow Vehicle Act	48	17	-65%
Controlled Drug/Substance Act	31	12	-61%
Small Vessels Regulation	31	12	-61%
Off Road Vehicle Act	11	11	0%
Liquor Licence Act	89	2	-98%
Other Federal Offences	3	2	-33%
Canada Shipping Act	6	1	-83%
Boating Restriction Regulation	0	0	0%
By-Laws (Other – Not Parking)	9	0	-100%

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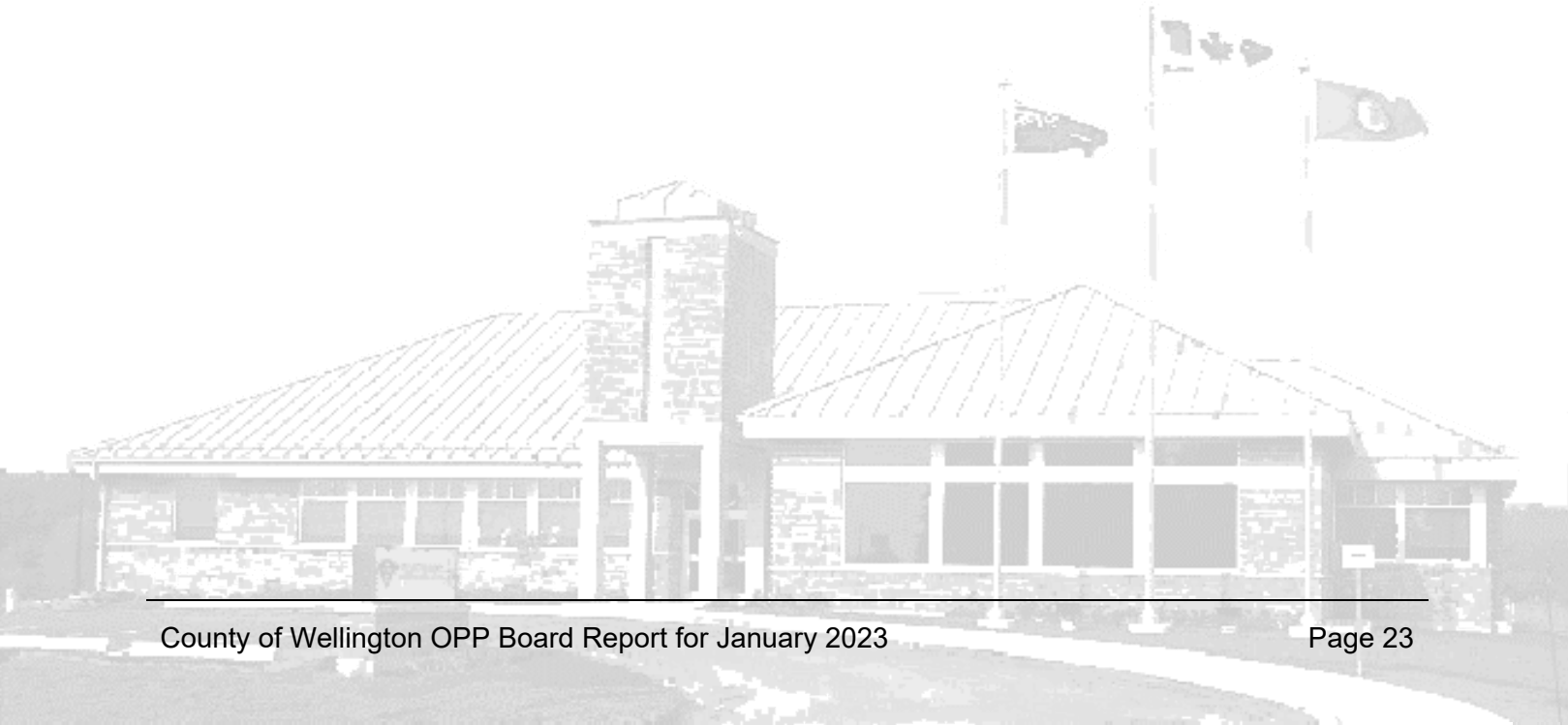
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Report Summary

With 2022 at an end, we reflect and look at the busy and somewhat unprecedented year that it was. With the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions still in full swing for the first six months of the year, Wellington County OPP officers being inundated with court changes and court dates due to the lockdown and then an influx of community events across the County once the lockdown ended, we were still able to provide top notch policing services due to the professionalism and drive of all the detachment members. Thank you to everyone for their hard work, determination, and their passion to provide community safety despite the long hours and sometimes under appreciated sacrifices that you make every day.

2022 also brought many new faces to the detachment through lateral transfers, direct hires, and new recruits. It also saw the retirement of a few dedicated and long serving Wellington County OPP employees. We wish to welcome those new members to the detachment and give a heart felt goodbye and happy retirement to those members starting a new chapter in their life. Your dedication and service to the Province of Ontario and to the County of Wellington are greatly appreciated. We hope to see you all at the Veteran's Day event for many years to come.

As we reflect back on our calls for service this past year, we can see a return to pre pandemic levels in most categories. Despite these increase, despite staffing pressures and the ever evolving policing world both technologically and legislatively Wellington County OPP is up for the challenge. We anticipate 2023 will result in a higher number of calls for service, but we are prepared, and we will maintain our high standards for professionalism and community policing.



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

Summer 2023 (June, July & August)

Detachment Commander:
Inspector Steve Thomas

From the Detachment Commander

Wellington County OPP started the summer season with an educational approach to remind members of the community to enjoy all their summer activities, but to keep safety in mind. Officers took to the waterways, trails, and parks to interact with members of the public handing out boating and boarding safety pamphlets and entering into general conversations about safety. We take this proactive approach to hopefully avoid the tragedies that can occur when summer activities kick into high gear.

Further to this, a substantial amount of time was spent safety planning for the multitude of community events taking place this summer. Events such as Riverfest, Hillside, Mount Forest Fireworks and the Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games take a significant amount of police resources to ensure that everyone in attendance can enjoy these events safely and without worry. On top of these large events officers and auxiliaries also attended and provided safety, public order, and presentations to many small community events across the County. Thankfully, all the events across the County went off without a hitch, members of the public were able to enjoy these events and interact directly with officers and auxiliaries.

With the summer of 2023 almost at a close, I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of hot weather and I remind everyone that with the end of summer comes the beginning of the new school year. Keep in mind that our streets, sidewalks, and roadways will be filled once again with children, parents, crossing guards and school buses. Please slow down, keep your eyes on the road and stop for school buses. Your safety is our number one priority, your actions can save lives!



Inspector Steve Thomas
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Crime

Crime Unit

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Jennifer Foley

Provincial Constable Jezzika Smith began a specialty role with Wellington County OPP as the Intimate Partner Violence/Human Trafficking/Hate Crime officer. PC Smith has received advanced training in investigating these crimes which can affect vulnerable members of the community. PC Smith reviews all occurrences of Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking and Hate Crime and provides community education, referral to support agencies and offers investigative guidance in support of detachment personnel. PC Smith works in partnership with community groups and support agencies in Wellington County and liaises with specialty units within the OPP, including the Hate Crime / Extremism Unit, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Victim Response Support Unit. PC Smith has become a valuable resource to support vulnerable victims in Wellington County.

In June, members of the Wellington County Crime Unit began investigating several suspicious fires occurring in Wellington North Township. These included a large structure fire, a vehicle fire and yard waste bags set on fire. In July 2023 members of the OPP responded to a weapons call and located several trailers set on fire resulting in the arrest of a 21-year-old county resident who was charged with six counts of Arson – Damage to Property and one count of Arson – Disregard for Human Life. These charges were in relation to fires at seven different locations in Mount Forest between February and July 2023. The accused was also charged with several weapons offences for possessing a prohibited weapon (taser). The accused was held for a bail hearing and remains in custody.

On June 28, 2023, D/Cst Roman Walizad, was invited to attend a community event hosted by Toronto Police Service and Afghan Nobel TV celebrating Eid. The event was an opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of the Afghan community of Ontario while promoting careers in policing. D/Cst Walizad attended as a representative of the OPP and received recognition for his role in collecting contributions to donations for refugees who arrived in Ontario following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.



Community Street Crime Unit

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Jeff Dudley

In July 2023 we welcomed a new Detective Sergeant. This member has worked in Community Street Crime Unit, Drug Enforcement Unit and West Region Intelligence Unit. They have a strong background in investigations and have spent the last 10 years combating illicit drugs and property crime throughout West Region. They look forward to supporting the Wellington County members and the continued success of the Wellington Street Crime Unit.

In July 2023 Wellington County CSCU assisted Frontline with a stolen vehicle. The investigation lead officers to a storage unit just outside the City of Guelph. Wellington CSCU authored a search warrant which led to the recovery of two vehicles valued at \$110,00.00.

In July 2023 Wellington County CSCU executed a search warrant in the Town of Fergus. Cocaine, Oxycodone and Psilocybin (magic mushrooms) were seized. Canadian currency and drug trafficking paraphernalia were also seized. As a result, two people from Centre Wellington were arrested and charged with several offences.

In July 2023 Wellington County CSCU conducted a traffic stop of a party from Waterloo Region. A loaded handgun, Canadian currency and cocaine were seized. As a result of the seized property two people from Waterloo Region have been arrested and charged with several offences.

In August 2023 Wellington CSCU assisted with an impaired by drug driver. The driver was found passed out behind the wheel of a motor vehicle with it left in motion and their foot on the brake. The driver was arrested, and a substantial amount of fentanyl and cocaine was located in the vehicle. The driver, from Halton Region, was charged with several offences.

In July 2023 Wellington CSCU assisted with a Biker Enforcement Project called Deraillleur. This project involved the Outlaw motorcycle gang. Wellington CSCU assisted in the execution of a search warrant. As a result of the project, several firearms, large quantities of opioids and cocaine were seized.

In August 2023 Wellington CSCU assisted the crime unit with a search warrant execution in relation to a domestic investigation in Centre Wellington. CSCU assisted with a search warrant execution for firearms. A person from Centre Wellington is facing charges in relation to the investigation.

In August 2023 Wellington CSCU assisted the crime unit with a sexual assault investigation. CSCU assisted with the search of a residence and processing of items believed to be drug related. As a result, two subjects have been charged with several offences.

Wellington CSCU assisted neighbouring CSCU teams with warrant executions in the past few months as part of the ongoing teamwork and collaboration within the CSCU program.

Traffic

Traffic Management Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Adam McGough

Black Cat Speed Monitoring Devices

	Study Length	Number of Vehicles	Recommended Enhanced Enforcement	Posted Speed Limit	85 th Percentile	Collision History (5 years)
Location	Concession 4, Puslinch <i>Between Sideroad 20 & Wellington Road 35</i>					
	8 days	4244	Yes	50	83	5
Location	Concession 7, Puslinch <i>Between Concession 2 & Wellington Road 34</i>					
	7 days	30,828	Yes	60	84	13
Location	Wellington Road 49, Guelph/Eramosa <i>South of Wellington Road 124, in Everton</i>					
	8 days	4577	No	50	67	0
Location	Blind Line, Minto <i>Between Highway 89 & 8th Line</i>					
	8 days	5276	No	80	97	8
Location	Black Street, Fergus <i>Between Cook St & Perry St</i>					
	8 days	21,023	No	50	50	5
Location	Wellington Road 21, Centre Wellington <i>Between Eighth Ln & Sixth Ln</i>					
	7 days	27,343	No	80	87	28
Location	Wellington Road 29, Guelph/Eramosa <i>Between Wellington Road 124 & Sideroad 20</i>					
	7 days	31,042	Yes	80	96	16
Location	Wellington Road 34, Puslinch <i>Between Wellington Road 46 & Firehall</i>					
	7 days	43,144	Yes	50	81	3
Location	Wellington Road 35, Puslinch <i>Between Concession 4 & Wellington Road 34</i>					
	7 days	11,831	No	80	94	12
Location	Wellington Road 36, Puslinch <i>Between Curries Drive & Oches Street</i>					
	7 days	18,644	Yes	50	76	2
Location	Wellington Rd 38, Guelph/Eramosa <i>Between Marden Road & Jessica Street</i>					
	7 days	18,644	Yes	50	76	11
Location	Wellington Rd 39, Guelph/Eramosa <i>Between Wellington Road 51 & Wellington Road 30</i>					
	6 days	27,238	No	80	86	18
Location	Wellington Rd 42, Erin <i>Between Wellington Road 24 & 8th Line</i>					
	7 days	22,501	Yes	50	74	3

Location	Wellington Rd 49, Guelph/Eramosa Between Olipant Street & Scout Camp					
	7 days	3,191	Yes	50	73	0
Location	Wellington Rd 50, Erin Between 3rd & 4th Line					
	7 days	10,221	Yes	70	110	6
Location	Wellington Rd 51, Guelph/Eramosa Between Highway 6 & Wellington Road 7					
	7 days	35,685	Yes	50	86	6

Two portable overt speed signs have been deployed and are being moved throughout the roadways in Wellington County to curb excessive speeds and address concerns identified by community members, stakeholders, and police. The speed signs were deployed in each Detachment area at locations of concern, including construction detours which saw a large increase in traffic pressures.

Traffic Management Unit members continue to conduct RIDE checks throughout the county.

During the summer months, Wellington County OPP members were active in participating in Provincial Traffic Campaigns during long-weekends.

Community concerns have been received on various locations throughout the County. Many are addressed through Black Cat studies while others simply require an increased police presence through patrols. Traffic Management Unit members do their best to address these concerns on a continual basis.

Community Engagement

TMU members were engaged in community patrols on foot and a boat during the Hillside Festival on July 28th - July 30th, 2023.

August 2nd, 2023, members of the TMU participated in "Police Academy Summer Camp", hosted by Perth County and Perth County OPP showcasing Wellington County TMU special service vehicles, including ATVs and the OPP boat. Children aged 7-12 years old were given the opportunity to explore the vehicles and learn about recreational vehicle and marine safety.

During marine duties on August 5th, 2023, members engaged with boaters to promote safe boating practices. Local partners provided free "throw bags" for boaters to equip themselves with, should an emergency arise in the future.

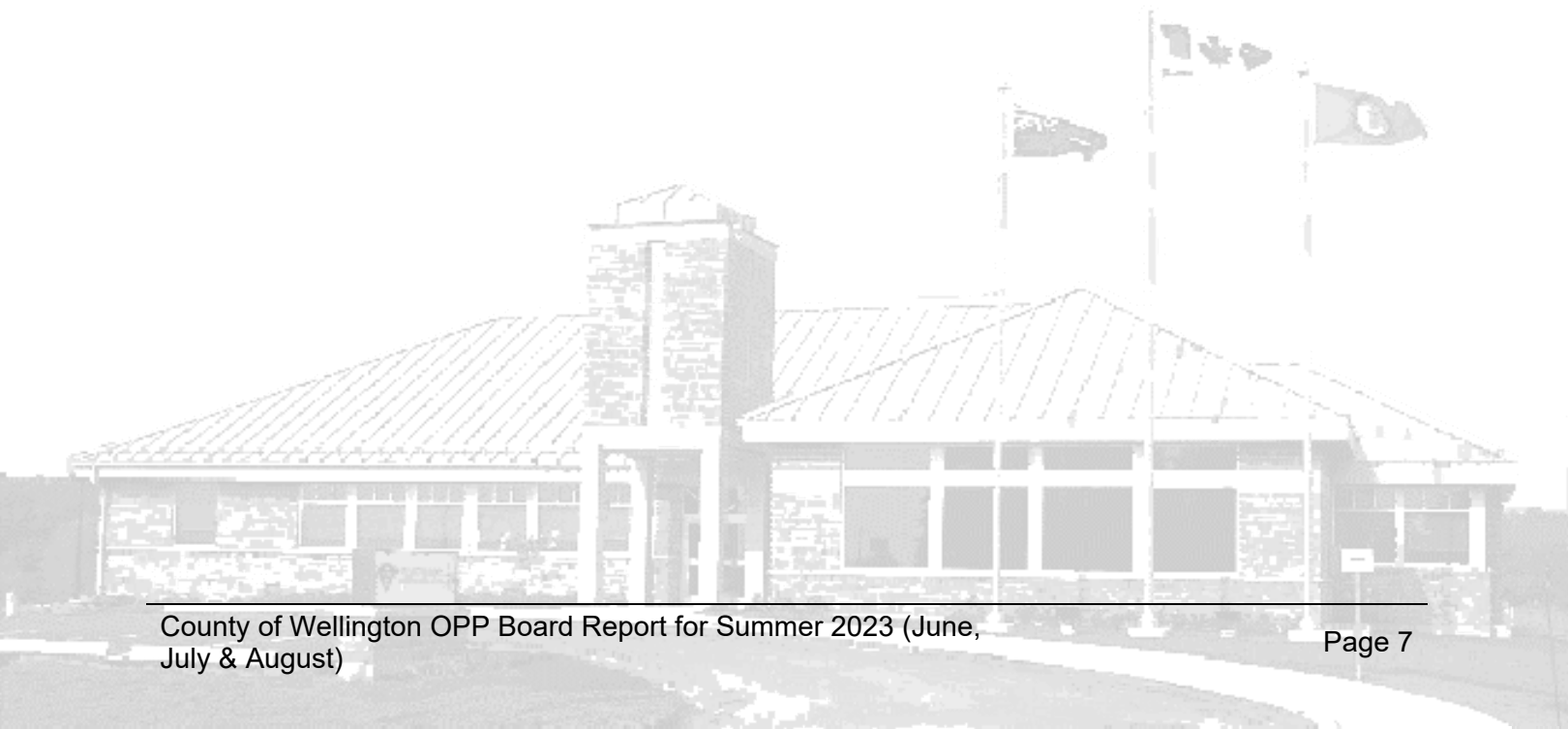
On August 20th, 2023, TMU worked with partners in the Highway Safety Division to engage motorcycle riders at the OnRoute in Puslinch. The event was used to remind motorcycle operators about motorcycle safety and answer questions from those drivers.

Marine Patrol

TMU and other Wellington County marine operators had a busy marine season. Paddle boarders have been provided reading material relating to marine safety and required equipment. Compliance appears to be improving, with fewer safety infractions observed.

The OPP vessel was highly compliant with provincial guidelines for deployments.

As of August 28th, 2023, there have been no local marine related fatalities on the waterways of Wellington County.



Community Response

Community Response Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant James Mackenzie

Community response had a great summer busy with community events and engaging with our local citizens and those choosing to visit our wonderful County.

Community Response was present at every major festival, Meadows Fest, Mount Forest Fireworks, Medieval Fare, Hillside Festival, Scottish Festival and Riverfest. Together with event organizers and our community partners, all events were a great success with minimal incidents. Our CRU/Auxiliary team even fetched an award from our classic car entry at the Mount Forest Fireworks, "Longest distance travelled". Cruiser 7-500 which is a 1989 Chevy Caprice made its way from the OPP Museum in Orillia and put on display in Mount Forest.

Many more connections were made over the summer with our youth, CRU attended multiple summer camps throughout the County, Fish with a Cop- Conestogo Lake, Ground Water Festival in Guelph and Safe Kids Day. Other community events and partnerships included Tim Hortons Camp Day, Vets Day, representation with Torch Runs in Guelph, Waterloo, Kingston, and Healing Circles at the new Indigenous Gathering Circle in Centre Wellington. CRU and Auxiliary also teamed up with the Reitzel Family at Conestogo Lake in both July and August. We assisted with the distribution of throw ropes to every cottager on the lake to promote boating safety.

Presentations continued over the summer. A Fraud presentation was provided to the staff of Royal Canin in Puslinch for their Employee Safety Day. CRU was able to squeeze in some training of its own members. One member trained for Marine patrol and two other members that are part of our Peer Support Team attended a suicide intervention course.

Our new Intimate Partner Violence/Human Trafficking/Hate Crime officer hit the ground running offering her support to frontline and community groups. This officer partnered with a front-line member and investigated a report that was determined to be a human trafficking incident. The victim was provided great care and attention which lead to her full co-operation. A male was identified and charged with multiple offences of and related to human trafficking. Phenomenal Police work by our Officers, these cases are very complex and difficult to solve.

Our CRU unit also completed many hours of Bicycle, ATV and Marine patrols. Our members also took turns filling in on frontline platoons when coverage was required.

We look forward to the months ahead, Fall Fairs and Parades.

IMPACT (Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team)

May 2023

Individuals Served	Requests for Service	Live Calls with Police	Calls Diverted from Hospital
42	45	18	72.2%

June 2023

Individuals Served	Requests for Service	Live Calls with Police	Calls Diverted from Hospital
53	63	29	89.7%

July 2023

Individuals Served	Requests for Service	Live Calls with Police	Calls Diverted from Hospital
50	56	28	96.4%

Auxiliary Unit

Unit Commander: Auxiliary Staff Sergeant J. SWAN

Liaison: Provincial Constable Kyle Draves

The Auxiliary Unit had a busy summer season. Members attended events throughout the county, including the Meadows Music Festival, Dominion Day in Elora, the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival, Hillside Festival, the Fergus Scottish Festival, and Riverfest Elora. In addition, the unit participated in several smaller events - bike rodeos, car shows, and a fish derby to name a few. Members assisted with a Marine Safety initiative on Conestogo Lake distributing boat throw ropes donated by a local business. Auxiliary Sergeant JAMIESON manages our events schedule for the unit, and he has done a great job coordinating requests and getting as many shifts filled as we could.

In addition to these events, Auxiliary members put in many hours of patrol both on the road and on waterways throughout Wellington County.

The unit welcomed three new members over the course of the summer. They have all started into their duties and have been quite active in the short time since they finished their recruit classes. We are fortunate to have a number of both Regular and Auxiliary officers who have volunteered to help coach these new recruits. This brings our current complement up to 16 officers. In addition, we interviewed two more potential recruits over the course of the summer. Auxiliary Sergeant MONIZ and A/Sgt DRAVES have done an excellent job welcoming our new members and coordinating coaches for all of them.

Auxiliary Sergeant UNWIN was able to arrange for swim testing for several of our members wishing to participate in Marine duties. With the addition of these members, we have 10 officers available to assist with Marine duties in the county. Both Auxiliary Sergeant UNWIN and Auxiliary Sergeant ELLIS have been busy throughout the summer coordinating Marine shifts.

A big thank-you goes out to everyone in the unit for assisting at events and putting in patrol hours throughout the summer. This is a great group of volunteers to work with and they put in a lot of their personal time to their duties in the Auxiliary program.

Safe Communities Wellington County

June brought a lot of activity including Parachute Safe Kids Week, Minto Safe Kids Day, the Final Drop the Labels Presentations at the Grove Hubs and Safe Communities Wellington County's Priority Setting at the end of the month. The Drop the Labels presentations brought a 300% increase in participation over 2022. Our Priority Setting reinforced the need for the messaging Safe Communities has been promoting over the last few years, keeping Motor Vehicle Collisions, Falls, Intentional Self Harm, Accidental Poisonings, and Pedestrians and Cyclists as the top 5 priorities.

National Injury Prevention Day on July 5 was a success! We launched our campaign with a Take 10 Wellington video on National Injury Prevention Day, and three of our municipalities proclaimed July 5 as National Injury prevention day. Mapleton Safe Communities led the charge in promoting it by shining a green light on municipal buildings across Mapleton and giving a free ice cream to kids who were wearing a green shirt to A la Mode.

August was filled with behind the scenes planning, including networking with other municipalities, and discussing the Community Safety and Well Being Plan, as well as moving forward on the “actionables” taken from the Priority Setting Exercise. One area that we are very excited about is the Active Transportation Master Plan and how Safe Communities Wellington County can utilize the maps and data from this plan to help residents of Wellington County determine safer routes while walking and biking in their respective municipalities.

Crime Stoppers

Sarah Bowers-Peter, Program Coordinator CSGW

June started with a bang as Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) hosted the first Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers Conference and Training session since 2019.

With 100 participants attending from across Ontario, the June 2nd event was a tremendous success. Along with getting individuals together for an in-person experience, the goal was to generate momentum for other programs to take on the conference in subsequent years. Both goals were achieved.

Held at the Guelph Delta Hotel & Conference Centre, the conference included an awards presentation during the noon luncheon. CSGW was called to the stage to receive trophies for:

- Best Print Feature (100,001-299,999 population) – for the HTinWC billboard on Highway 6 south of Mount Forest/Township of Wellington North. The bright blue billboard was an eye-catching reminder that human trafficking happens in rural communities. The three partner agencies, Wellington County OPP, Victim Services Wellington and CSGW received funding from the

Ministry of the Solicitor General to increase awareness of this crime throughout the County of Wellington and this billboard was one element of the campaign.

- Best Video Feature (100,001-299,999 population) – For #HTinWC – Her Story, in partnership with Tivoli Films of Elora. This video was developed by drawing upon victim experience and illustrated how a victim of human trafficking could be targeted. It also demonstrated how police and Crime Stoppers could be utilized to stop this crime and highlighted the various supports available through Victim Services. The video can be viewed and shared on the CSGW YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/Y9PQW6OR1Yk>
- Best Radio Feature (100,001-299,999 population) – in partnership with The Grand at 101 for Swap Talk. The February 2022 episode was submitted and featured the stats from Crime Stoppers month in January 2022, as well as the Cornerstone Award winner and thanking supporters within the community. It also highlighted the various presentations CSGW offers and tied Safer Internet Day with the opportunity to conduct a “Screen Check” on youth cell phones and other devices.
- Special Project (100,001-299,999 population) – The #HTinWC – Her Story animated video was submitted in the Special Project category for its ability to engage the community. The video was made possible through funding from the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Grant partners included Wellington County OPP, Victim Services Wellington and CSGW.
- Online Excellence (Open Class) – this award is open to programs of all sizes throughout Ontario. It recognizes excellence in communication on digital channels such as social media and website. CSGW has active engagement on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. The CSGW website www.csgw.tips is also the hub of information about the program and is frequently referenced when asking for Tips from the community.
- Marla Moon Memorial Award of Excellence (100,001-299,999) - This is the eighth year in a row that CSGW has taken this prestigious honour. This award goes to the program that demonstrates active engagement in all areas of Crime Stoppers, specifically media, police, community. It looks at volunteer hours, community engagement with information and Tip taking as well as initiatives the program develops. No other program has won this award eight years straight.
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This aspect of the conference was even more special with Chief Gord Cobey and Chief Superintendent Dwight Thib (West Region) in the audience. They also brought greetings on behalf of Guelph Police Service and OPP/Wellington County OPP respectively.

This event was a tremendous success and a huge undertaking for a smaller program. OACS expressed appreciation for CSGW resuming the in-person conference model and offering a “Back to Basics” message.

Fraud Talk presentations were executed in partnership with Victim Services Wellington and continues to be a much sought-after message. The hate crime portion of the Ministry of the Solicitor General grant will be activated in the fall, following summer planning and development.

CSGW has two board members on leave presently, leaving our membership low. Anyone interested in applying the CSGW Board of Directors is asked to complete the application form available at www.csgw.tips

Media

Provincial Constable Josh Cunningham

Provincial Constable Jacob Unger

The Wellington County Media Unit had a busy summer. The unit continued to perform their media duties while supporting frontline platoons over the summer. Thank you to both Jacob and Josh for taking on these extra duties.

Total media releases this summer amounted to 19 in June, 31 in July and 4 in August.

Both officers also attended multiple events throughout the summer months including,

- Meadows Fest
- Pride Flag Raising Wellington County Museum
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Quarterly Media Training
- OPPA Vets Day
- Sirens for Life Blood Donation Campaign
- Tim Hortons Camp Day
- Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games
- River Fest



OPP West Region @OPP.WR · Jul 22

Summer is in full swing! #WellingtonOPP are at several community events this weekend to show their support and to promote community safety. ^ju



County of Wellington and 2 others



OPP West Region @OPP.WR · Jul 19

The #WellingtonOPP are at @TimHortons locations throughout @wellingtoncounty helping to raise money for #campday. Be sure to stop by! Every donation and coffee purchase helps! Have an impact on youth's lives in your community! ^JU



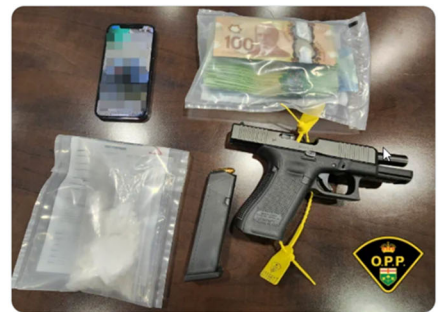
OPP West Region @OPP.WR · Jun 30

The #WellingtonOPP joined @GuelphPolice and @GuelphFire today for the "Sirens for Life" blood donation drive with @CanadasLifeline. It's in you to give! ^JU



OPP West Region @OPP.WR · Jul 21

On July 20'23 the #WellingtonOPP Community Street Crime Unit conducted a traffic stop in @CentrWellington. A firearm and a quantity of drugs and cash valued at appr \$11,500 was seized. Two 22 yr old's from Waterloo facing multiple weapons and drug trafficking related charges. ^JU



Photos of Wellington

Court

Supervisor: A/Sergeant Mike DeBoer

The Court Bureau is continuing to implement changes to operations to accommodate the disclosure processes in preparation for the full deployment of Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Cameras. These resources will be increasingly used by the OPP for their evidentiary value. The changes are being monitored for workload and any technology issues / improvements that can be implemented as the project moves forward.

The Special Constables have begun a pilot project with the County Prosecutor in an effort to monitor Provincial Offences Courts to coordinate officer appearances on traffic court days. It is anticipated that this will assist the prosecutor and the officers allowing them to concentrate on their court appearances and tasks.

Statistics	June	July	August	YTD
Number of bails at Detachment	7	13	11	97
# Arrest Warrants Issued YTD	40	36	35	238
# Processes Issued	116	111	76	780
# Processes Served	55	49	5	382

Special Constables Nicole Rog and Danielle Ellis participated in the detachment Sirens for Life blood donation initiative.

Special Constables Danielle Ellis and Michelle Ladouceur participated in the annual Tim Horton's Restaurants Camp Day on July 19th serving customers and promoting the program along-side employees.



Statistics Summary

Calls for Service

Year to date calls for service have increased 10% over the same period last year with May showing a 15% increase, June showing no change over the previous year, July with a 9% decrease and August currently showing a 23% decrease.

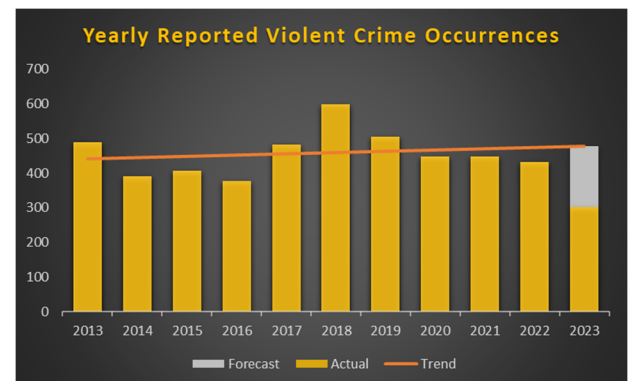
At this time, it is still projected that annual calls for service may decrease slightly over 2022.



Violent Crime

Violent Crime appears that it may again trend lower since 2018, however a projected increase in violent crime for over last year is anticipated.

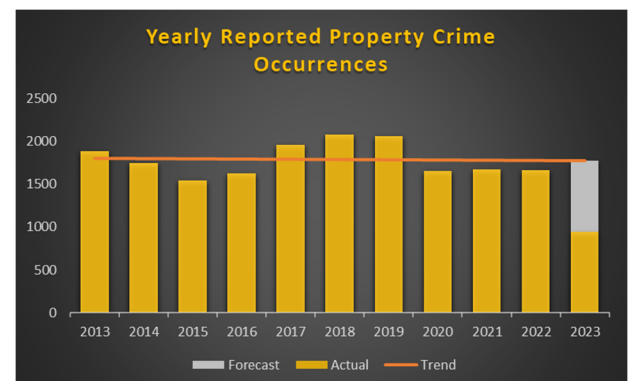
Year to date violent crime has increased 10% over the same period last year with May showing a 19% increase, June showing a 35% increase, July with an 8% decrease and August currently showing a 55% decrease.



Property Crime

Property Crime appears that it may again trend lower since 2018, however a projected increase continues to be anticipated over last year.

Year to date property crime has decreased 18% over the same period last year with May showing a 10% decrease, June showing an 18% decrease, July with an 38% decrease and August currently showing a 44% decrease.

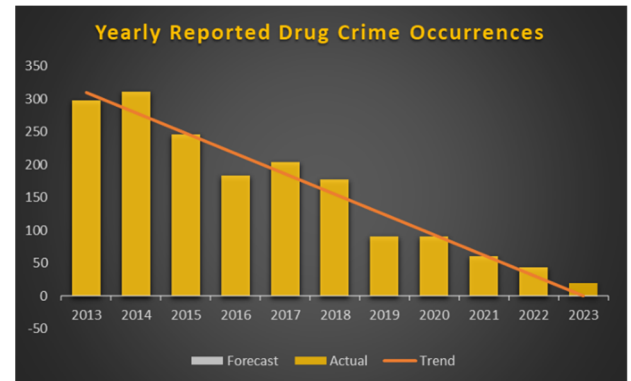


Drug Crime*

Drug Crime continues to trend lower than previous years. The current trend continues to follow 2022 with a decrease in 2023 over 2022 anticipated.

Year to date drug occurrences have decreased by 56% over the same period last year with May showing a 40% decrease, June showing an 67% decrease, July with an 33% decrease and August currently showing a 75% decrease.

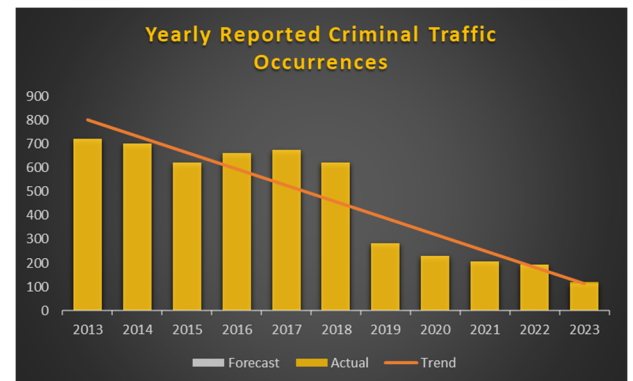
* Note: Recreational use of cannabis was decriminalized on October 17th, 2018



Criminal Traffic Offences

Criminal Traffic occurrences continue to trend lower. The current trend appears to follow the 2022 results and a decrease over 2022 is anticipated.

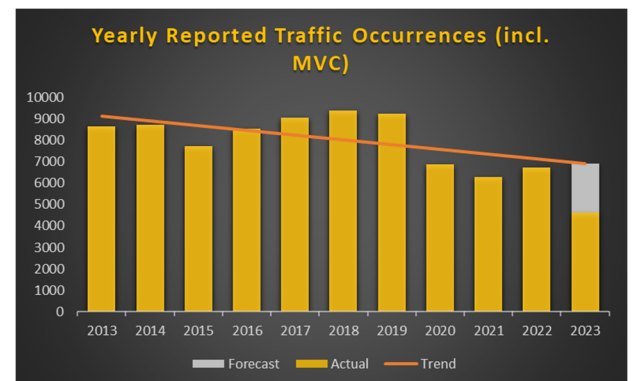
Year to date criminal traffic occurrences have decreased by 8% over the same period last year May showing a 13% decrease, June showing an 31% increase, July with an 5% decrease and August currently showing a 31% decrease.



Traffic Related Occurrences

Although reductions were observed in traffic occurrences in previous years an increase in 2022 was realized. An increase is again forecast in 2023.

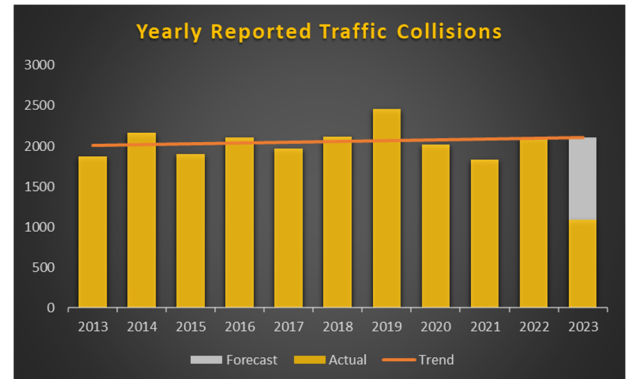
Year to date traffic occurrences have increased 9% over the same period last year with May showing a 16% increase, June showing an 21% increase, July with an 11% increase and August currently showing a 14% decrease.



Motor Vehicle Collisions

Reductions in vehicle collisions were enjoyed during 2020 and 2021 however an increase in 2022 was observed. It is forecast that collisions will remain at 2022 levels in 2023.

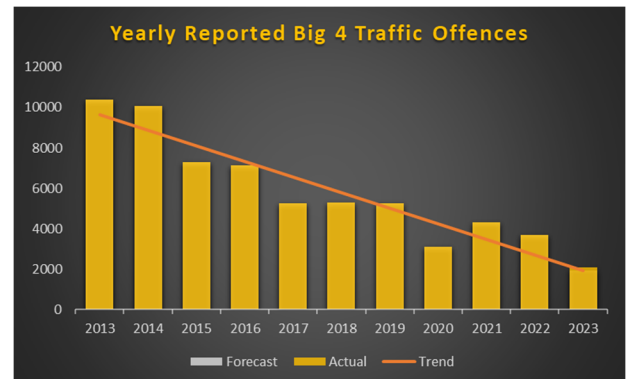
Year to date collisions have decreased 29% over the same period last year with May showing a 2% increase, June showing an 2% increase, July with an 8% decrease and August currently showing a 29% decrease.



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

Statistically, a decrease in Big 4 Traffic Offences is anticipated.

Year to date Big 4 offences have decreased 4% over the same period last year with May showing a 1% decrease, June showing a 33% decrease, and July with a 60% decrease. Data for August 2023 was unavailable at the time of this report.



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Report Summary

With summer now coming to an end we can reflect on all the hard work and planning that went into making this summer safe and enjoyable for everyone. Meticulous planning, proactive public safety talks and excellent coordination between community stakeholders, event organizers and the Wellington County OPP, allowed everyone to attend and partake in numerous community events safely without any major incidents or tragedies.

Our officers and auxiliaries took to the waterways, highways, trails, and parks to educate the public on summer safety tips. Our main goal being to provide the public with the tools and knowledge to avoid dangerous or life-threatening situations and to negate the need for police involvement and the laying of charges due to unsafe and unlawful behaviour. Hopefully our proactive take on safety saved someone within the County from serious injury or worse.

Finally, as stated before, with the end of summer looming back to school is fast approaching. Please, please remember to keep your eyes on the road, slow down in school zones and watch out for the numerous children, parents and crossing guards that will suddenly flood the streets again at this time of year. Remember to stop for school buses, our actions save lives.

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Anywhere in Ontario, 24-hour toll free

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Ticket Activity		Number				Value							
Tickets - Entered													
ALPHADIGITAL Ticket		567				\$37,990.00							
Manually Entered Ticket		10				\$260.00							
Skeletal Ticket		0				\$0.00							
Subtotal Tickets Entered		577				\$38,250.00							
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		26				\$2,125.00							
Dismissed		0				\$0.00							
Waived		0				\$0.00							
Skeletal Ticket Matches		0				\$0.00							
Subtotal Ticket Removed		26				\$2,125.00							
Total Ticket Activity		551				\$36,125.00							
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				\$36,125.00							
Payment Activity		Number		Fine		Late Fee		NSF Fee		Service Fee		Total \$	
Ticket - Payments													
Fully Paid		360		\$14,715.00		\$1,725.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$16,440.00	
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		360		\$14,715.00		\$1,725.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$16,440.00	
Outside Payments		360		\$14,715.00		\$1,725.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$16,440.00	
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		360		\$14,715.00		\$1,725.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$16,440.00	
Total Fees Paid								\$0		\$0.00			
Gross Revenue(Total Payments - Total Fees Paid)												\$16,440.00	
Adjustments		Uncollectable Fines and Fees						0		\$0.00			
Net Database Change(Total Change from Activity and Added Fees - Total Payments - Adjustments)												\$19,685.00	

Data Type: **Parking**

Transaction dates of 01/07/2023 through 31/07/2023

Agency: All

Ticket Activity		Number				Value
Tickets - Entered						
ALPHADIGITAL Ticket		734				\$39,765.00
Manually Entered Ticket		19				\$490.00
Skeletal Ticket		0				\$0.00
Subtotal Tickets Entered		753				\$40,255.00
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		22				\$2,390.00
Dismissed		0				\$0.00
Waived		0				\$0.00
Skeletal Ticket Matches		0				\$0.00
Subtotal Ticket Removed		22				\$2,390.00
Total Ticket Activity		731				\$37,865.00
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		1				\$10.00
NSF Fees Removed		0				\$0.00
Other Fees Removed		0				\$0.00
Total Fines and Fees Removed		1				\$10.00
Total Change from		Ticket Activity and Added Fees				\$37,855.00
Payment Activity	Number	Fine	Late Fee	NSF Fee	Service Fee	Total \$
Ticket - Payments						
Fully Paid	483	\$17,400.00	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,325.00
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	483	\$17,400.00	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,325.00
Outside Payments	483	\$17,400.00	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,325.00
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	483	\$17,400.00	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,325.00
Total Fees Paid				\$0		\$0.00
Gross Revenue(Total Payments - Total Fees Paid)						\$20,325.00
Adjustments	Uncollectable Fines and Fees			0		\$0.00
Net Database Change(Total Change from Activity and Added Fees - Total Payments - Adjustments)						\$17,530.00

Ticket Activity		Number				Value
Tickets - Entered						
ALPHADIGITAL Ticket		788				\$44,200.00
Manually Entered Ticket		8				\$230.00
Skeletal Ticket		0				\$0.00
Subtotal Tickets Entered		796				\$44,430.00
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		24				\$890.00
Dismissed		0				\$0.00
Waived		0				\$0.00
Skeletal Ticket Matches		0				\$0.00
Subtotal Ticket Removed		24				\$890.00
Total Ticket Activity		772				\$43,540.00
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				\$43,540.00
Payment Activity	Number	Fine	Late Fee	NSF Fee	Service Fee	Total \$
Ticket - Payments						
Fully Paid	523	\$18,580.00	\$1,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,125.00
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	523	\$18,580.00	\$1,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,125.00
Outside Payments	523	\$18,580.00	\$1,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,125.00
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	523	\$18,580.00	\$1,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,125.00
Total Fees Paid				\$0		\$0.00
Gross Revenue(Total Payments - Total Fees Paid)						\$20,125.00
Adjustments	Uncollectable Fines and Fees			0		\$0.00
Net Database Change(Total Change from Activity and Added Fees - Total Payments - Adjustments)						\$23,415.00



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Police Services Board
From: Kelly-Ann Wingate, Purchasing and Risk Analyst
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Subject: False Alarm Revenue Report

Background:

False Alarm revenue collected for 2023.

Month	False Alarms sent to the County for invoicing	Amount invoiced to customers	Amount collected to date
January	30	\$11,550	\$9,625
February	8	\$3,080	\$6,980
March	16	\$6,160	\$11,550
April	23	\$8,855	\$6,545
May	21	\$8,085	\$10,010
June	31	\$11,935	\$6,545
July	14	\$5,390	\$10,780
August	32	\$12,320	\$7,700
September			
October			
November			
December			
2023 YTD	175	\$67,375	\$69,735
2022 Totals	302	\$108,190	\$78,360

Recommendation:

That the August Alarm Revenue Report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly-Ann Wingate
Purchasing and Risk Analyst

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Scott Wilson
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July 19, 2023

Greetings Scott Wilson,

Thank you for submitting your proposal for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework. Your patience has been greatly appreciated while all proposals went through a thorough review process.

At this time, I am pleased to confirm that the Wellington OPP detachment board proposal has been approved by the Solicitor General to the next step in finalizing the board compositions, which is posting the composition on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR). The ministry is currently working on drafting the regulation, which is expected to be available on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public comment in the summer or fall. Posting of the regulation is one of the last steps before the regulation can be finalized in advance of bringing the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) into force in early 2024.

The following board composition(s) have been approved for posting.

Board	Communities Serviced	Council Seats	Community Representative Seat(s)	Provincial Appointment Seat(s)	Total Seat(s)
1	Centre Wellington Township, Town of Erin, Guelph/Eramosa Township, Mapleton Township, Town of Minto, Puslinch Township, Wellington North Township	3	1	1	5

On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I would like to express my appreciation to all the communities involved in the proposal development process. I acknowledge and value the significant efforts undertaken to create a proposal for a detachment board that addresses the unique needs of each community that receives OPP policing services in your detachment. As the proposal lead, I kindly request that you disseminate this correspondence to all communities serviced by the proposed detachment board.

The ministry is planning to share more guidance as soon as possible on next steps, with the understanding that municipalities and First Nations require time to plan for the implementation of OPP detachment boards before the CSPA comes into force.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Devendra Sukhdeo, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Safety and Policing Policy Unit (PSPPU), Strategic Policy Division, at Devendra.Sukhdeo@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Sarah Caldwell
Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Division
Ministry of the Solicitor General

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612-10

September 6, 2023

To All OPP-policed Municipalities

Re: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

In June 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) centralized the police record check process by transferring the responsibility for the process from detachment staff to an Online Police Record Check Unit (OPRCU). The centralization of the police record check process eliminates the need for detachment staff to perform duties associated with the police record checks, with the exception of fingerprinting. This OPRCU has been staffed by reinvesting numerous administrative detachment positions from across the province. The change in staffing at OPP detachment locations will be captured in the overall municipal policing cost-recovery in accordance with the terms set out in *Police Services Act*, Ontario Regulation 267/14.

Historically, the revenue generated from detachment staff completing record checks for municipal residents has been credited back to the applicable municipalities. With the reassignment of the police record check workload to the OPRCU, there will be a gradual reduction of the revenue provided to municipalities, except for the revenue for fingerprinting. Fingerprinting remains a detachment responsibility and, therefore, the revenue for conducting fingerprint services at the detachments will continue to be allocated to municipalities. The gradual reduction of police record check revenue (not related to fingerprinting) will be accompanied by the introduction of some cost savings for municipalities resulting from the impact of reinvesting some detachment positions into the OPRCU. This will provide municipalities with an extended period of time to make appropriate adjustments to any impacted financial plans.

OPP-policed municipalities will continue to receive police record check revenue in 2023 and 2024. Commencing in 2025, the revenue will be reduced by 25% per year. In 2028, OPP-policed municipalities will cease to receive police record check revenue associated with police record checks processed by the OPRCU. Municipalities will continue to receive revenue for fingerprinting services provided at the detachment.

The OPP will continue to deliver adequate and effective policing services while focusing on meeting the municipalities' unique policing needs.

Should you have any questions, please email the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau Financial Services Unit at OPP.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Whitton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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