

AGENDA
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Monday, January 30, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Elgin County Detachment Boardroom
42696 John Wise Line
St. Thomas, Ontario

Call to Order The Secretary/Administrator shall preside

Introduction of New Members – Oath of Office (ATTACHED)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Adoption of Minutes from November 28, 2022 Meeting (ATTACHED)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Reports (ATTACHED)

- 1) Secretary/Administrator – 2023 Budget
- 2) Detachment Commander's Quarterly and Year-End Report

Correspondence (ATTACHED)

- 1) Letter from OAPSB Zone 6 regarding 2023 Membership
- 2) Email from the OAPSB regarding Bail Reform

Other Items

New Business

Closed Session Items

Adjournment

Next Meeting: To be determined

Draft Minutes
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD
November 28, 2022

The Elgin Group Police Services Board met in the Community Room at the Elgin County Detachment Office, 42696 John Wise Line with the following in attendance:

Sally Martyn, Chair
Trudy Kanellis, Vice-Chair
Ida McCallum, Board Member
David Jenkins, Provincial Member
Dan Froese, Board Member
Inspector Mark Loucas, Detachment Commander
Detective Sergeant Victoria Loucks
Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk – County of Elgin
Jennifer Ford, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer – County of Elgin (report only)
Carolyn Krahn, Secretary Administrator

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by: David Jenkins
Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2022 be adopted.

- Motion Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

None.

Reports:

1) **2023 Annual Billing Statement – Director of Financial Services/Treasurer**

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the 2023 Annual Billing Statement package from the Municipal Policing Bureau and presented an analysis of the 2023 Annual Billing Statement by municipality.

Moved by: Ida McCallum
Seconded by: Dan Froese

RESOLVED THAT the report from the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

2) PSB Board Appointments – Secretary Administrator

The Secretary Administrator provided an update regarding the appointments of new municipal representatives from Eastern Elgin, Central Elgin, and Western Elgin following the 2022 municipal election.

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: David Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT the report from the Secretary Administrator, dated November 16, 2022, be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

3) Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report

The Detachment Commander, along with Detective Sergeant Victoria Loucks, provided an update on public complaints; the crime abatement strategy; patrol hours; violent, property, and drug crimes; and collisions for the period of July 2022 to September 2022.

Moved by: David Jenkins
Seconded by: Dan Froese

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1) Letter from the Municipality of Bayham regarding Rural Speed Enforcement

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT the Secretary Administrator be directed to send correspondence to the Municipality of Bayham summarizing options for increased rural speed enforcement.

- Motion Carried.

Moved by: David Jenkins
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT the Secretary Administrator be directed to send correspondence to the Ministry of the Solicitor General to advocate for increased fines for all levels of speeding; and

THAT this correspondence be sent to Elgin County's Local Municipal Partners.

- Motion Carried.

- 2) Letter from Inspector Brad Fishleigh requesting donations to support Wounded Warriors Canada – Battlefield Bike Ride Ortona 80

Moved by: Dan Froese

Seconded by Trudy Kanellis

WHEREAS the Elgin Group Police Services Board does not have a budget for donating to charitable campaigns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Police Services Board Members may at their own discretion support the Wounded Warriors fundraising campaign; and

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Inspector Brad Fishleigh.

- Motion Carried.

- 3) Letter from the Office of the Solicitor General with an update the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and OPP Detachment Boards

Moved by: David Jenkins

Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence be received and filed for information.

- Motion Carried.

- 4) Letter from the OPP with an update on the Police Services Board Survey

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis

Seconded by: Dan Froese

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence be received and filed for information.

- Motion Carried.

- 5) Letter from the Municipality of East Ferris Police Services Board regarding the "Let's Remember Adam" campaign

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence be received and filed for information.

- Motion Carried.

Other Items:

None.

New Business:

- 1) I. McCallum asked a question regarding who monitors the performance of tow trucks. After a recent accident, debris was left behind on a local field. The land owners were required to clean it up themselves before the harvest.

Inspector Loucas responded that the OPP follows up with all complaints regarding tow trucks in line with the Provincial Tow Program. The program requires tow operators to apply annually to be able to respond to tow calls for which police have legislated authority. Annual inspections are also required as part of the Program.

- 2) Moved by: David Jenkins
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT the Elgin Group Police Services Board extend their appreciation to Chair Sally Martyn in recognition of her dedicated service.

- Motion Carried.

Closed Session Items:

None.

Next Meeting:

A doodle poll be sent to PSB members in early January to set a date for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: David Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

- Motion Carried.

Carolyn Krahn,
Secretary/Administrator.

Chair.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEMBER

I, Dominique Giguère, an appointee of the Township of Malahide and the Municipality of Bayham, solemnly affirm that I will be loyal to Canada, and that I will uphold the Constitution of Canada and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge my duties as a member of the Elgin Group Police Services Board faithfully, impartially and according to the *Police Services Act*, and any regulation, rule or by-law.

Dominique Giguère

Julie Gonyou,
Commissioner for taking Affidavits
January 30, 2023

OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEMBER

I, Ida McCallum, a Community Appointee of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, Municipality of West Elgin and the Township of Southwold solemnly affirm that I will be loyal to Canada, and that I will uphold the Constitution of Canada and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge my duties as a member of the Elgin Group Police Services Board faithfully, impartially and according to the *Police Services Act*, and any regulation, rule or by-law.

Ida McCallum

Julie Gonyou,
Commissioner for taking Affidavits
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OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEMBER

I, Andrew Sloan, an appointee from the Municipality of Central Elgin, solemnly affirm that I will be loyal to Canada, and that I will uphold the Constitution of Canada and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge my duties as a member of the Elgin Group Police Services Board faithfully, impartially and according to the *Police Services Act*, and any regulation, rule or by-law.

Andrew Sloan

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Elgin Group Policing

Police Services Board Budget

	Not Final						
	Budget 2023	Budget 2022	YTD Actual 2022	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2020	Actual 2020
Recoveries	(36,235)	(35,880)	(33,156)	(36,538)	(36,997)	(35,875)	(34,959)
Total Revenue	(36,235)	(35,880)	(33,156)	(36,538)	(36,997)	(35,875)	(34,959)
Wages	9200	9200	9000	9,200	9,200	9,200	8,450
Benefits			417	0	424	0	370
Total Wages & Benefits	9,200	9,200	9,417	9,200	9,624	9,200	8,820
Mileage	2000	2000		2,000		2,000	
Travel-Other	430	430		430		430	
Development	14000	14000	396	14,000	1,045	14,000	2,141
Purchased Services (RIDE)			11329	0	13,254	0	13,539
Project Costs		0	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Miscellaneous	10605	10250	11513.63	9,908	12,074	9,245	10,459
Total Operating Costs	27,035	26,680	23,739	27,338	27,373	26,675	26,139
Net Income Total*	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0

*Balance of costs billed back to Municipal Partners at year end by % of Households

Offsetting increased revenue from Municipal Partners or RIDE program for any budget increase is required

Annually Chair receives \$2000, Board Members \$1500 x 4, \$1200 Secretary/Treasurer

to and from meetings

budgeted for 3 people to go to members conference, 5 members attending 1 seminar

OAPSB

Insurance in 2022 has gone up to \$11,458 , OAPSB Membership 1634, Office Supplies (1000)

Police Services Board Report for The Elgin Group Police Services Board
2022/Oct to 2022/Dec

Public Complaints	
Policy	0
Service	1
Conduct	1

Date information collected from Professional Standards Bureau Commander Reports: 2023-01-18

Data Source

Ontario Provincial Police, Professional Standards Bureau Commander Reports

- Includes all public policy, service and conduct complaints submitted to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD)

Secondary Employment

Intelligence Led Policing - Crime Abatement Strategy	
Number of Offenders in Program	8
Number of Offenders Charged	2
Number of Charges Laid	4
Number of Checks Performed	3

Date information was collected from Records Management System: 2023-01-18

Daily Activity Reporting Patrol Hours	
Total Hours	2022/Oct to 2022/Dec
Number of Cruiser Patrol Hours	2,756.50
Number of Motorcycle Patrol Hours	16.00
Number of Marine Patrol Hours	2.00
Number of ATV Patrol Hours	0.00
Number of Snowmobile Patrol Hours	0.00
Number of Bicycle Patrol Hours	0.00
Number of Foot Patrol Hours	34.25
Number of School Patrol Hours	1.25

Data source (Daily Activity Reporting System) date: 2023/01/13

Staffing Updates	
Transfers:	P/C Rebecca OWEN has transferred to the Elgin County Detachment from Halton Regional Police.
Promotions:	N/A
Awards:	N/A
Recognition:	Several Elgin County members were recognized locally with Regional Commander's Challenge Coins for "Serving with Pride, Professionalism, and Honour."
Other:	N/A

Detachment Initiatives

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2022/Oct to 2022/Dec

Number of Targeted Media Releases:	Several targeted media releases notifying the public of significant Elgin County OPP investigations were sent during this reporting period.
Crime and Traffic Campaigns/Initiatives:	Operation Impact (Thanksgiving) and Festive RIDE (Christmas) traffic safety initiatives were completed during this quarter.
Public Education Campaigns:	Public Education campaigns were conducted in accordance with the provincial traffic safety campaigns.
Safeguard Ontario:	N/A
Lock It or Lose It:	N/A
Other:	N/A

Detachment Emergency Planning Activities

Emergency Planning Activities	Elgin County OPP participated in the Elgin County Joint Municipal Emergency Exercise and Program Review.
Continuity Of Operations Plan Status	Completed.
Table-Top Exercises	The Elgin County Joint Municipal Emergency Exercise and Program Review.
Other:	N/A

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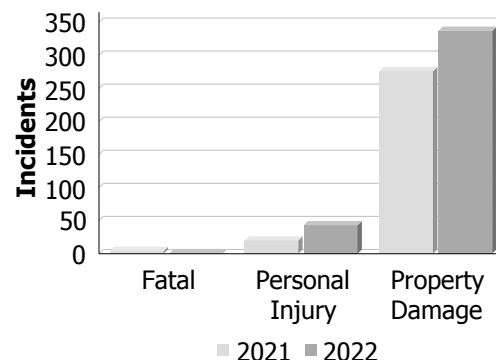
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Police Services Board Report for The Elgin Group Police Services Board
Collision Reporting System
October to December - 2022

Motor Vehicle Collisions by Type

Incidents	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Fatal	4	0	-100.0%	10	5	-50.0%
Personal Injury	20	43	115.0%	107	153	43.0%
Property Damage	276	337	22.1%	768	952	24.0%
Total	300	380	26.7%	885	1,110	25.4%



Fatalities in Detachment Area

Incidents		October to December			Year to Date - December		
		2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Motor Vehicle Collision	Fatal Incidents	4	0	-100.0%	10	5	-50.0%
	Alcohol Related	1	0	-100.0%	1	0	-100.0%
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	--	0	0	--
	Alcohol Related	0	0	--	0	0	--
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	--	0	0	--
	Alcohol Related	0	0	--	0	0	--

Persons Killed		October to December			Year to Date - December		
		2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Motor Vehicle Collision		5	0	-100.0%	11	5	-54.5%
Off-Road Vehicle		0	0	--	0	0	--
Motorized Snow Vehicle		0	0	--	0	0	--

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions

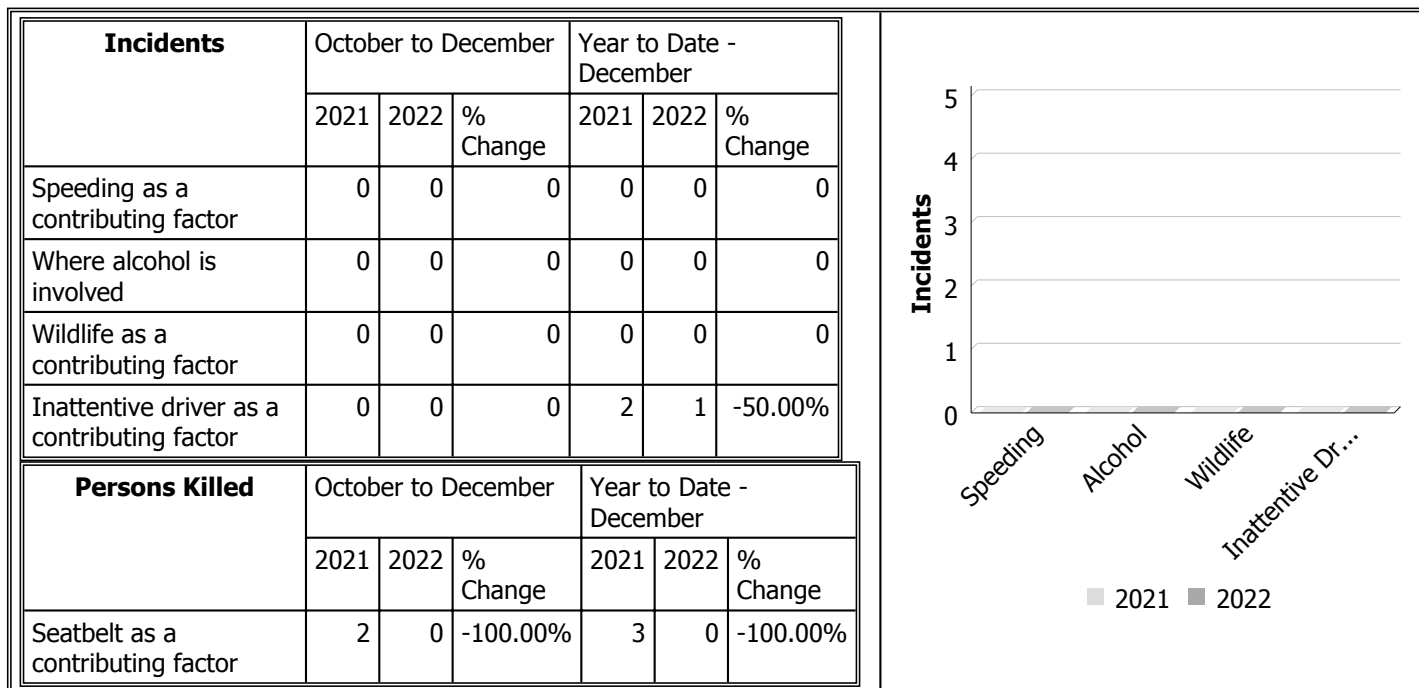
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Data Utilized

- SQL online application reporting system – OPP CRS 2.3.09
- Collision Reporting System Business Intelligence Cube

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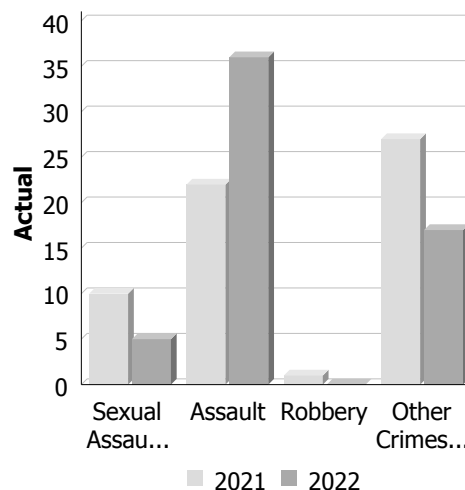
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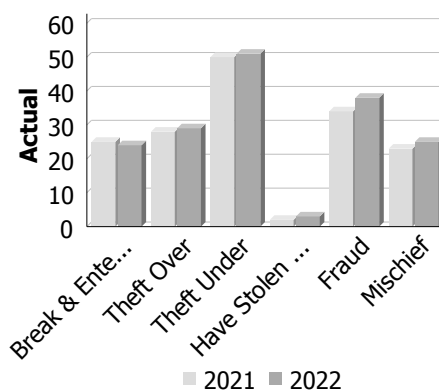
Violent Crime

Actual	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Murder	0	0	--	1	1	0.0%
Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	--	1	0	-100.0%
Attempted Murder	0	0	--	0	0	--
Sexual Assault	10	5	-50.0%	44	27	-38.6%
Assault	22	36	63.6%	137	132	-3.6%
Abduction	0	0	--	1	0	-100.0%
Robbery	1	0	-100.0%	4	3	-25.0%
Other Crimes Against a Person	27	17	-37.0%	80	71	-11.2%
Total	60	58	-3.3%	268	234	-12.7%



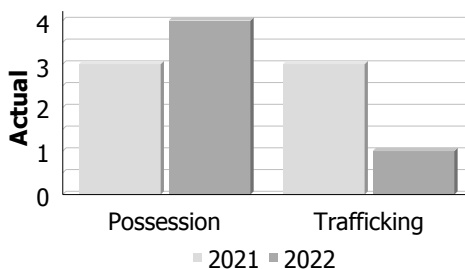
Property Crime

Actual	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Arson	0	0	--	0	1	--
Break & Enter	25	24	-4.0%	116	112	-3.4%
Theft Over	28	29	3.6%	109	130	19.3%
Theft Under	50	51	2.0%	218	229	5.0%
Have Stolen Goods	2	3	50.0%	24	15	-37.5%
Fraud	34	38	11.8%	147	179	21.8%
Mischief	23	25	8.7%	126	113	-10.3%
Total	162	170	4.9%	740	779	5.3%



Drug Crime

Actual	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Possession	3	4	33.3%	8	8	0.0%
Trafficking	3	1	-66.7%	11	11	0.0%
Importation and Production	0	0	--	0	0	--
Total	6	5	-16.7%	19	19	0.0%



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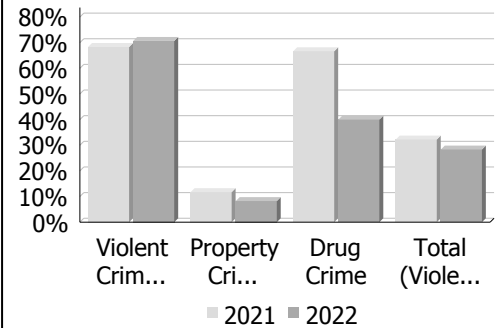
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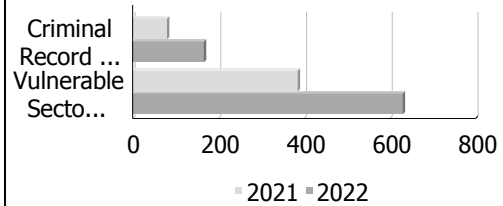
Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	Difference	2021	2022	Difference
Violent Crime	68.3%	70.7%	2.4%	65.3%	71.4%	6.1%
Property Crime	11.7%	8.2%	-3.5%	16.1%	9.2%	-6.8%
Drug Crime	66.7%	40.0%	-26.7%	73.7%	52.6%	-21.0%
Total (Violent, Property & Drug)	32.2%	28.3%	-3.9%	34.3%	28.1%	-6.2%



Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks

Actual	October to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Criminal Record Checks	80	166	107.5%	323	543	68.1%
Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks	385	630	63.6%	1,302	2,486	90.9%



Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continue to investigate and solve crime.

Data Utilized

- Major Crimes
- Niche RMS All Offence Level Business Intelligence Cube

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Elgin County OPP 2022 Annual Report



"Committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities"



Elgin Group Police Services Board

Chair: Sally Martyn
Ida McCallum
Trudy Kanellis
Dan Froese
Dave Jenkins
CAO: Julie Gonyou

Our Elgin Group Police Services Board is extremely appreciative of how responsive our members have been responding to traffic complaints and all of the diverse calls for service within Elgin County during this busy year. Chair Sally Martyn transitioned out of her role as chair of the Police Services Board at the end of 2022, and we wish to thank her for the support and dedication she demonstrated towards enhancing community safety in Elgin County.

Detachment Commander



Inspector Mark Loucas

I am very pleased to be your Detachment Commander and on behalf of each of you, the dedicated officers and staff of the Elgin County OPP Detachment, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2022 Annual Report. This report will showcase the high level of commitment that the Elgin County OPP has brought to all municipalities within Elgin County.

Elgin officers and administrative staff have worked in partnership with numerous stakeholders, partners, community groups, and services throughout the year to help us achieve our organizational commitments. Several significant, provincial protests created unique and unprecedented challenges which caused us to reflect and adjust how we conducted daily operations. Additionally, the completion of the amalgamation between the Chatham-Kent and Elgin Detachments has further strengthened our operational capacity and has significantly improved the availability of resources and equipment.

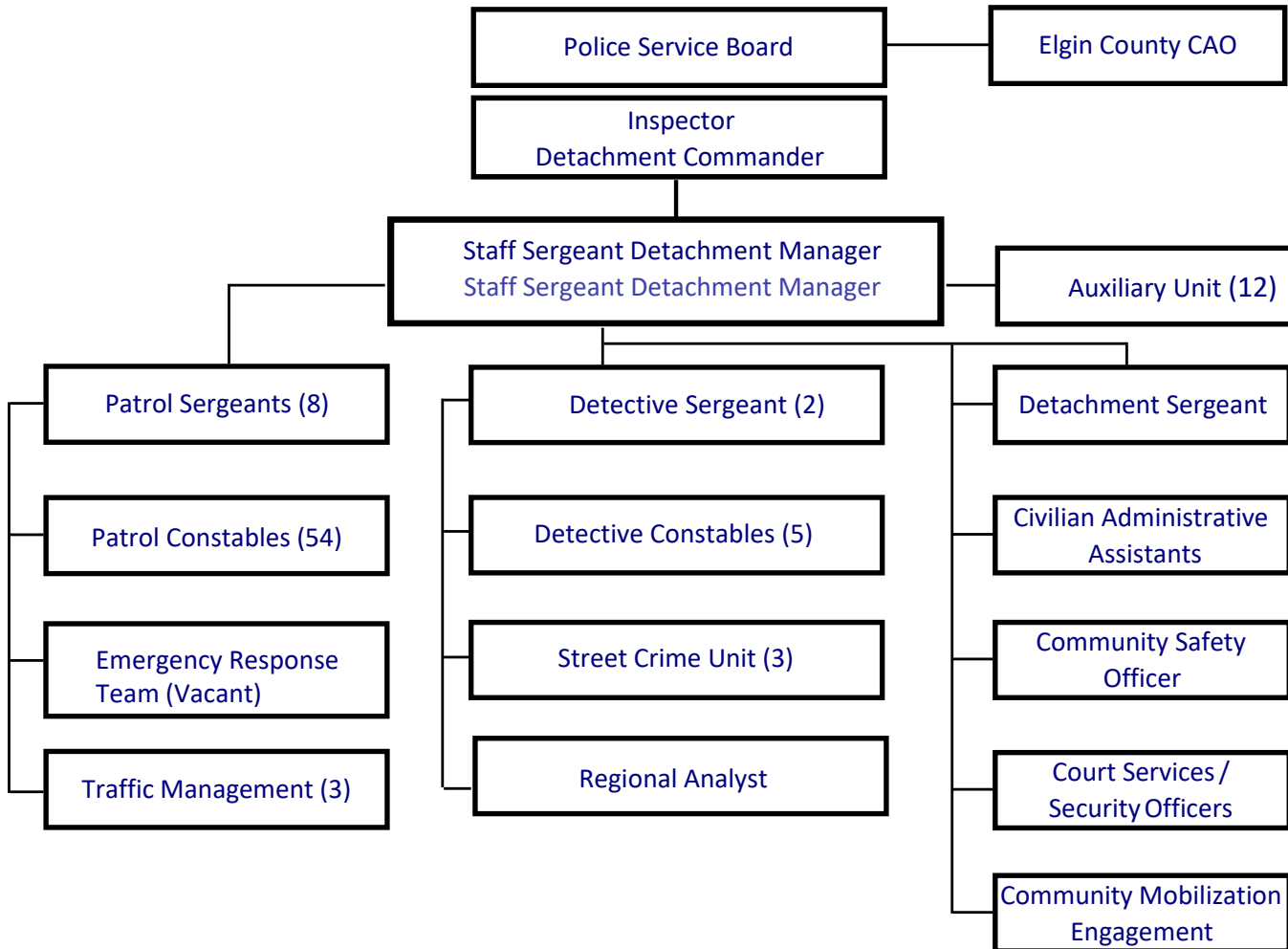
In 2022, our policing priorities were focused on achieving the key commitments from our 2020-2022 Detachment Action Plan, which included crime prevention, increased traffic and public safety on our roadways, waterways, and trails, and enhanced relationships with our municipalities, policing partners, and local community supports/resources. As we prepare our 2023 Detachment Action Plan, we will build upon our past successes while incorporating organizational commitments with local community priorities to reflect a responsive and inclusive service delivery model.



Organization



ELGIN COUNTY OPP



Elgin County OPP Detachment staffing numbers increased in 2022 as a result of an amalgamation with the Chatham-Kent OPP Detachment. Further, the anticipated results from the Provincial Service Delivery Model are extremely positive and will result in increased staffing for our detachment. The final results will be shared once they are officially released.



Elgin County Auxiliary Unit 2022 Year in Review

The Elgin Auxiliary Unit has an operational capacity of 14 members. Since March 16, 2020, the majority of members within the OPP Auxiliary Program were stood down from active duty, while the organization addressed COVID-19 restrictions. On June 8, 2020, the Auxiliary program began implementing a three-phased approach for its members to begin returning to active duty. Due to the resurgence of COVID 19 member's attendance and assistance was limited. Several members were successful in achieving full-time status and others departed the program for personal reasons. A plan to actively recruit members to the unit commenced in late December and will continue into the new year.



PC Alexandria CULLEN was presented with the Keirstead Award for Outstanding contributions to the OPP Auxiliary Program. (Pictured with Insp LOUCAS and PC WIEBE)



Business Planning



2020 - 2022 Action Plan

Our Annual Business Plan has been changed to a three-year Action Plan to coincide with the new OPP three-year Strategic Plan. Our 2020 - 2022 Action Plan priorities as identified with community and Police Service Board consultation are:

1. Crime

- To prevent and investigate property crime.
- Continued support and engagement in the intelligence-led policing-crime abatement strategy. (ILP-CAS).
- Work in collaboration with local community resources/groups to facilitate a trusted and victim-centered approach in our processes, policies, and programs.

2. Traffic

- Concentrating on “The Big Four” causal factors of fatal, personal injury, and property damage collisions which include: impaired driving, speeding/aggressive driving, inattentive/distracted driving, and seat belt use.
- To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the causal factors of motorized vehicle collisions on our roadways, waterways, and trails.

3. Other

- Streamline collision reporting through the implementation of a Detachment Collision Reporting Centre (CRC).
- Identify and implement co-response options such as our Mental Crisis Response Team (MCRT) for non-police-related demands for service.
- Develop and finalize a transfer of care protocol with the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH).

Crime Management Plan

Elgin County Detachment has a comprehensive Crime Management Plan that is administered through the leadership of Regional Detective Sergeant Victoria Loucks. The Crime Unit includes five detectives assigned to major case investigations and three detectives assigned to the Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU). The CSCU is responsible for investigating property crimes and drug investigations. The Domestic Violence Investigator position was vacated in 2022 and a process is being established to replace this member.

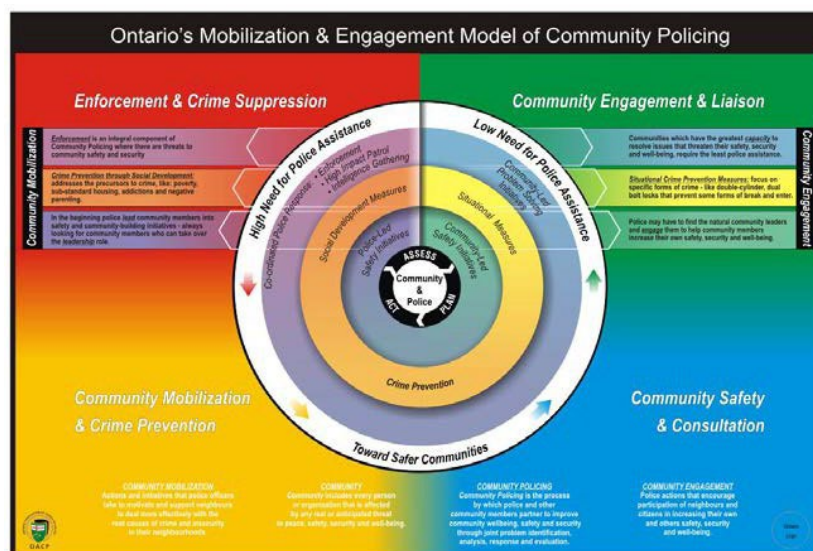
The Crime Unit is responsible for oversight and investigation of all serious crimes that occur in our detachment area. The foundation of the plan supports the OPP Results Driven Policing methodology and focuses on public safety through crime prevention and investigative excellence.

Traffic Management Strategy

Elgin County Detachment has developed a Traffic Management Strategy with a goal of reducing motor vehicle collisions, specifically those that result in injury and death. Our focus in 2022 continued to be enforcement and education around aggressive driving, impaired driving, seat belt use, and distracted driving. These four driving habits are within complete control of the driver and together can have the largest impact on road safety. Elgin County Detachment continues to employ a Traffic Management Unit (TMU) responsible for enhanced traffic enforcement within Elgin County. Our TMU is dedicated to responding to community-identified traffic issues as well as issues identified through analysis by our Regional Analyst and the Focused Patrol Program. The unit continues to utilize speed measuring devices to capture data and coordinate responses to traffic concerns.

Community Policing Committees

Elgin County OPP is very fortunate to have a strong, well-established network of Community Policing Committees to represent the municipalities we serve. We work in partnership with our committees to identify and resolve issues of crime and traffic concerns that are identified by the community. Additionally, our committee members volunteer countless hours of their time to support many community initiatives; particularly those that assist children, the elderly, and vulnerable groups. Elgin County has Community Policing Committees located in West Elgin, Southwold, Dutton- Dunwich, Port Stanley, Belmont, Malahide, and Bayham. Elgin County OPP is very appreciative of the hard work all of our committees do to support their community and the OPP. Although hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to liaise with our committees using the Ontario Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing. Additionally, all of our committees are now using the model as a guide to assist them in setting priorities and objectives.



Community Mobilization and Engagement

What is Community Mobilization and Engagement?

Elgin County OPP follows Ontario's Community Mobilization and Engagement Model of Community Policing. Prevention and early intervention by collaboratively working with community partners have proven effective in providing the greatest impact and lasting solutions for crime reduction and preventing victimization. Building strong relationships with community residents and stakeholders remains an effective and efficient method of preventing crime and increasing the quality of life for the residents of Elgin County.

This approach allows for more flexibility in addressing policing needs and priorities at the local level, by involving community residents in efforts to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. Community mobilization and engagement also allows for a fundamental shift in police work from the traditional response to calls for service towards a more holistic approach that builds upon localized community capacity to address the risk factors associated with crime and victimization. The goal of engaging the community is to move from police-led initiatives to community-led initiatives that contribute to the safety of all.

The following Community Mobilization Projects remain a priority for Elgin County OPP:

- Elgin Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy Development
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Mental Health and Crisis Response Team
- Police and Hospital Transition Framework
- Senior Frauds/Scams
- Rapid Response Working Group – Alzheimer's Society

Elgin County Drug and Alcohol Strategy

Based on community concerns, in 2018 the Elgin Situation Table identified a need for a comprehensive drug and alcohol strategy within our community. A dedicated workgroup/task force was formed with the primary focus of developing a collaborative plan based on a “Four Pillars” approach of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and justice. **The mission:** Create, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive drug and alcohol strategy that meets the needs of our community based on the pillars of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and justice. **The vision:** A safe and healthy Community in Elgin County without the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol.

The workgroup has worked hard to continue to develop a community-based Drug and Alcohol Strategy, while navigating the challenges of the pandemic.



Community Safety Officer / Media Officer

Constable Brett PHAIR was identified as our Community Safety Officer (CSO) and media officer in 2022 and has continued to achieve successes with strengthening connections with community stakeholders, schools, and media partners.



MEDIA

P/C PHAIR continued to work with our media partners within the County and surrounding area which has facilitated greater messaging for our communities regarding public safety, crime trends, and traffic issues.

P/C PHAIR often provides reporting on regional issues for mainstream media at the request of West Region Headquarters.

Social media continues to be a priority for P/C PHAIR which enables our communities to be instantly connected to investigations and police activities within their specific communities.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

ATV Patrols



Marine Patrols



Enhanced visibility on our roadways, waterways, and trails remains a priority for Elgin County OPP members.

ATV Patrols

In recent years, Elgin County has experienced growth in rural trail usage with the establishment of the Talbot Trail ATV Club (TTAC). The TTAC have worked with several private property owners to establish over 100 kms of well-maintained ATV trails within Elgin County. As a result, ATV patrols along our county trails in response to community concerns has resulted in positive, community feedback regarding the enhanced OPP visibility and enforcement along our county trails. In 2022, Elgin County OPP received support in the acquisition of 2 ATV's dedicated to patrol the trails and be utilized during community events.

Marine Unit

Elgin County OPP marine members recorded over 156 hours of patrol during the 2022 season while responding to 65 calls for service. The marine unit is responsible for approximately 450 square kilometers of Lake Erie and covers approximately 220 kms of shoreline along the north shore of the Lake. Enhanced visibility along Lake Erie remains a priority for our marine operators to ensure the safety of community residents, swimmers, and boaters who enjoy our popular beaches including Port Glasgow, Port Stanley, Port Bruce, and Port Burwell along with Rondeau and Erieanu.

Through amalgamation, Elgin County OPP further conducts patrols and responds to calls for service along the shore of Lake Erie through to Essex County as well as Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.



Community Street Crimes Unit

The Elgin/Middlesex Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU) have been extremely successful in 2022. The CSCU investigated 146 occurrences, executed 133 judicial warrants, charged 104 persons, and laid 675 charges. CSCU investigations required countless hours of investigative expertise from our members to maintain the safety and security of our community residents and business owners.

Possess Stolen Property, Weapons – Number of charges: 16

Seized Items:

- 2022 GMC Sierra Denali pickup
- Polaris side by side
- 5 Assorted Milwaukee hand tools (impact driver, reciprocating saw, angle grinder, circular saw, work light)
- 2 Stolen licence plates
- 12ga pump action shotgun
- 4 Windows from an unknown job site
- 2 Apple iPhones

Oxford CSCU began investigating a suspect for the theft of multiple high end motor vehicles valued at over half a million dollars. On April 19, 2022, a pickup truck, that was later determined to be stolen, attended a gas station, filled up and drove off. The Elgin/Middlesex CSCU located the vehicle and the suspect was positively identified. After multiple attempts, the suspect was located and arrested. A subsequent search of the stolen vehicle yielded a black 12ga pump action shotgun as well as the keys to the stolen Polaris side-by-side and the tools stolen from the Oxford B&E (total value \$93,900).

Shoplifting: Number of charges: 11

Seized Items:•75 grams Cocaine

- 3 vials Hydromorphone (2 microgram injection vials)
- Remington 12ga pump action shotgun (barrel cut down)
- x4 12ga shotgun shells from above gun (loaded in magazine tube)
- .762 rifle round
- 1 pill Dilaudid – 8mg
- Guns parts (sawed off barrel, stock, handle)
- x6 Spent/used 12ga shotgun shells
- Drug packaging material

On September 23, 2022, Huron OPP responded to a shoplifting/theft call. A male, later identified, stole a .22 cal Savage magazine from the store. Prior to the theft, the male had a conversation with store staff and made comments about having an SKS rifle and a large amount of ammunition. Huron OPP investigated and subsequently put out an officer safety BOLO. On September 26, 2022, the male returned to the store and staff contacted the OPP. The male was arrested and charged. Elgin/Middlesex CSCU and Huron/Perth CSCU became involved and authored a Section 487.1 Telewarrant to Search. On September 26, 2022, members of the Elgin/Middlesex CSCU and Huron/Perth CSCU executed the search warrant. Police located a loaded, sawed off 12ga shotgun, with four shells in the magazine tube and serial number obliterated. Spent shells, other gun parts were also located. Police seized 75gms of cocaine along with other indicia of drug trafficking (total value \$8,764).



Possess Stolen Property: Number of charges: 4

Seized Items:

- 2019 Hyundai Tucson
- 28 Vicodin (Hydrocodone)
- 6gms Fentanyl
- 5.6gms Methamphetamine
- Makita 2 Tool Driver Set
- Milwaukee ½" Drill
- Segway Ninebot (battery powered scooters)
- Ryobi 18V Battery
- Milwaukee Shockwave Bit Set
- Dewalt 20V Battery/Charger
- Nike Air Jordan Shoes
- Break and Enter Tools

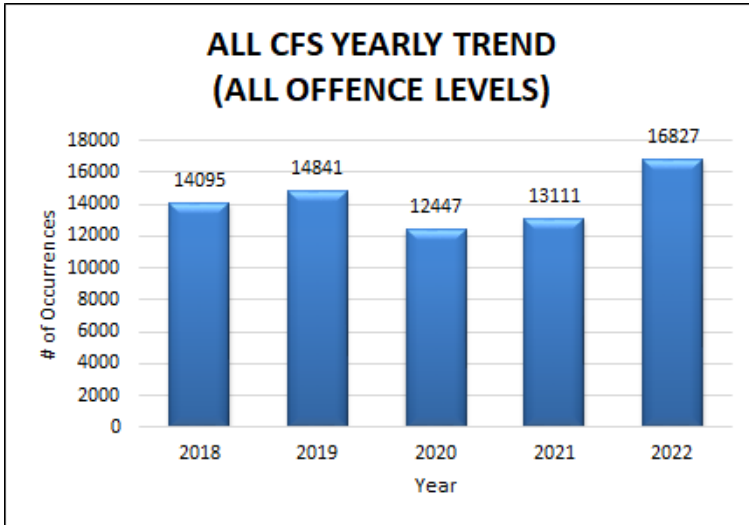
Elgin and Middlesex Counties experienced a surge in Break and Enters to car dealerships and auto service stations in 2022. On August 30, 2022, CSCU members located a stolen vehicle that was involved in previous break and enters. The suspect and another male were observed leaving the property and walking towards the stolen vehicle. CSCU intercepted both males and arrested them. The second male turned out to be the individual who was the subject of a previous search warrant executed by CSCU. Quantities of fentanyl and methamphetamine were located on the suspect along with the keys to the stolen vehicle. Members of Elgin/Middlesex CSCU and Oxford CSCU executed the search warrant resulting in police locating stolen property that assisted in solving thefts and break and enters in the area (approx. value \$33,195).



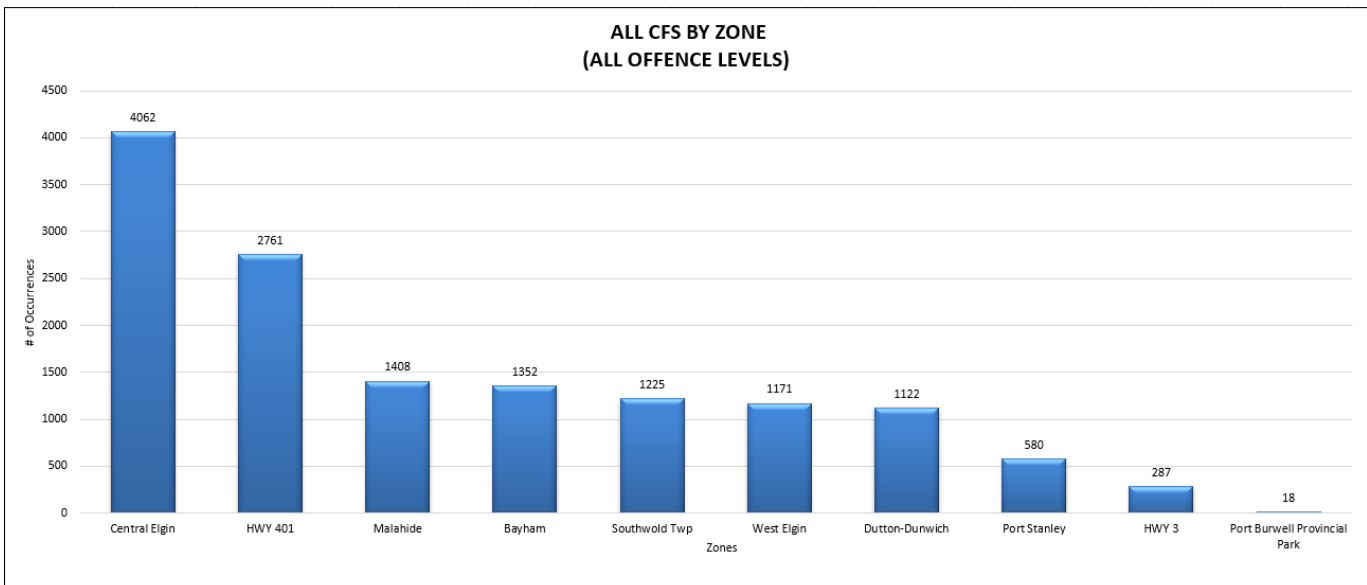
Detachment Statistics



All Calls for Service 2018-2022



All Calls for Service by Zone - 2022



Traffic Safety



The safety of motorists on Elgin County roads has always remained a priority for Elgin Detachment. Our Traffic Management Team (TMU) is dedicated to enforcement and response to traffic complaints within the County.

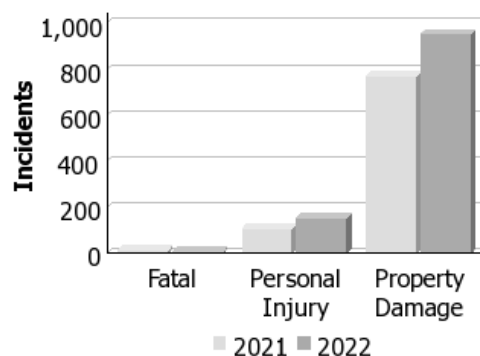
Elgin County OPP Officers conducted 690 static RIDE checks in 2022, including RIDE initiatives performed and funded through our RIDE Grant Funding Stream. For 2022, Elgin County was awarded \$14,900 for RIDE checks, with all of the funds used to support RIDE checks throughout Elgin County.

We have seen a significant increase in motor vehicle collisions in Elgin County in 2022 with a total of 1111. In 2021, our total collisions amounted to 887 for the year. The single largest causal factor increase during 2022 was animal related. Another factor for the increase was the implementation of a Collision Reporting Centre which permits drivers from out of jurisdiction to report collisions to the Elgin County Detachment. We will continue to use statistical analysis and focus on targeted enforcement of Impaired Driving, Aggressive Driving, Seat Belt Use, and Distracted Driving to attempt to bring the total crashes down.

These four factors can often be the difference between a minor crash with no injuries and a major crash resulting in injuries or death. Below are the comparison tables outlining collision statistics in Elgin County between 2021 – 2022.

Motor Vehicle Collisions by Type

Incidents	January to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Fatal	10	5	-50.0%	10	5	-50.0%
Personal Injury	107	153	43.0%	107	153	43.0%
Property Damage	768	953	24.1%	768	953	24.1%
Total	885	1,111	25.5%	885	1,111	25.5%



Fatalities in Detachment Area:

Fatalities in Detachment Area							
Incidents		January to December			Year to Date - December		
		2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Motor Vehicle Collision	Fatal Incidents	10	5	-50.0%	10	5	-50.0%
	Alcohol Related	1	0	-100.0%	1	0	-100.0%
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	--	0	0	--
	Alcohol Related	0	0	--	0	0	--
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	--	0	0	--
	Alcohol Related	0	0	--	0	0	--
Persons Killed		January to December			Year to Date - December		
		2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Motor Vehicle Collision		11	5	-54.5%	11	5	-54.5%
Off-Road Vehicle		0	0	--	0	0	--
Motorized Snow Vehicle		0	0	--	0	0	--

Total Collisions by Month

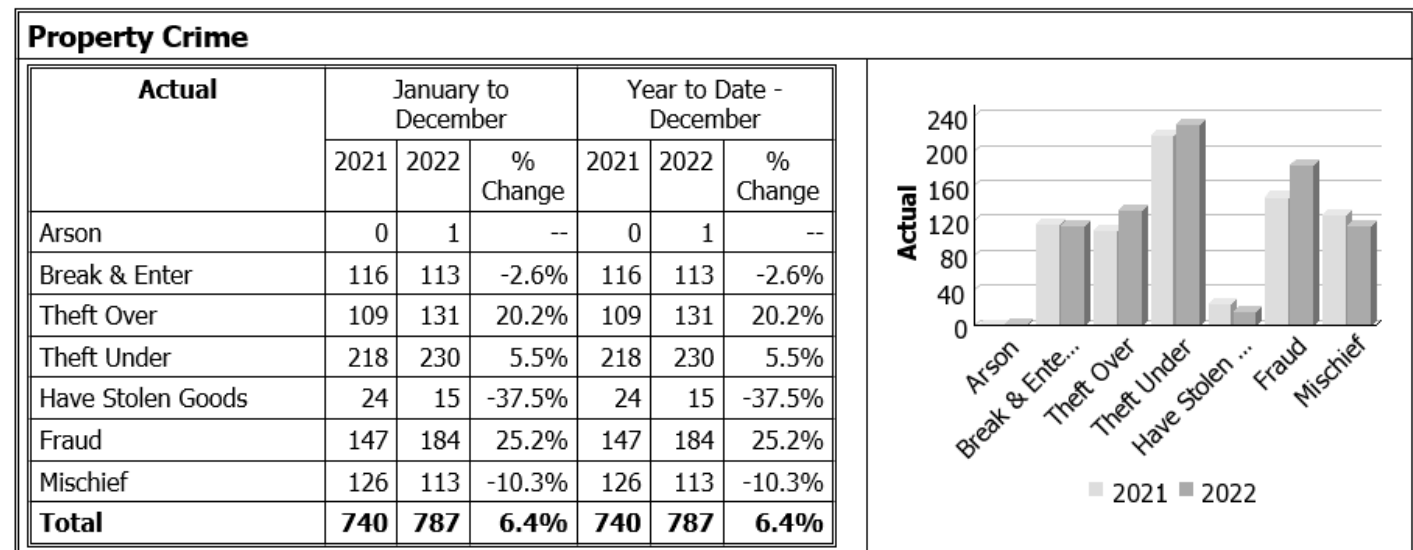
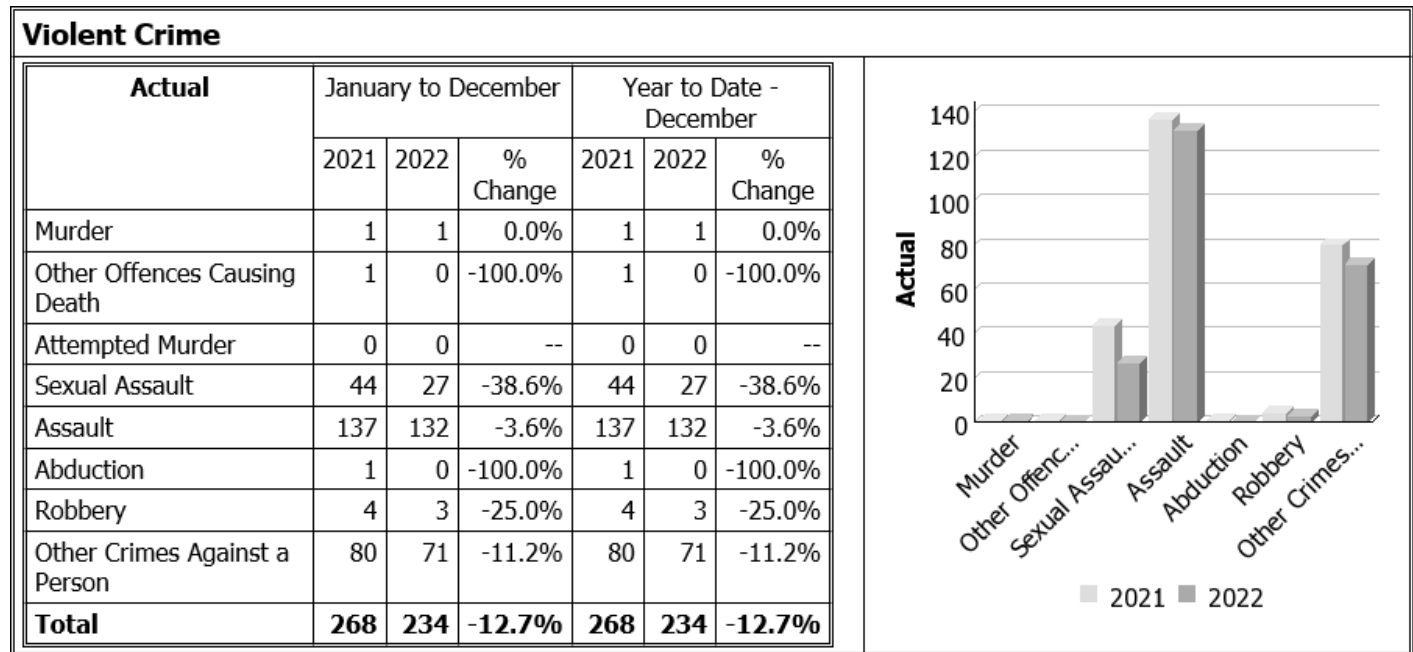
2022 Total Collisions by Month													
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	All Months	
86	90	73	65	82	105	85	66	78	128	135	118	1,111	

Total Collisions by Primary Cause

2022 Total Collisions by Primary Cause																							
Speed-excessive	Speed-Too Fast for conditions	Speed-too slow	Following too closely	Ability Impaired- Alcohol	Ability Impaired-Drugs	Pedestrian	Animal- Wild or domestic	Driver fatigue	Inattentive driver	Medical/Physical Disability for Driver	Disobeyed traffic control	Failed to yield right of way	Imp over turn	Imp over passing	Imp over lane change	Fall to share	Lost control	Debris on roadway	Mechanical failure	Other	All Incident Contributing Factors		
8	67	3	47	22	2	2	472	20	147	7	12	79	22	11	9	10	90	18	17	46	1,111		

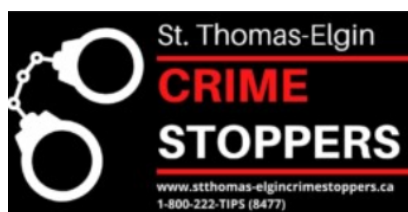
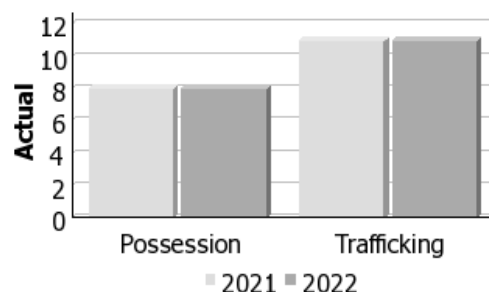
Crime Prevention

Throughout 2022, Elgin County Detachment continued our commitment to crime prevention. A large component of this goal is the pro-active education provided through media outlets, increased officer visibility, and adherence to the principles of Intelligence Led Policing. Using analytics from the Regional Analyst we identify areas of concern and assign officers to specific focused patrols related to crime and traffic trends. The creation of our Community Street Crimes Unit in conjunction with the expertise provided by our Crime Unit has increased the effectiveness of our investigations and provided targeted enforcement.



Drug Crime

Actual	January to December			Year to Date - December		
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Possession	8	8	0.0%	8	8	0.0%
Trafficking	11	11	0.0%	11	11	0.0%
Importation and Production	0	0	--	0	0	--
Total	19	19	0.0%	19	19	0.0%



St. Thomas-Elgin Crime Stoppers

Elgin County OPP continues to support the London-Elgin-Middlesex Crime Stoppers Program.



Financial Reports



Elgin Group Annual Billing Report

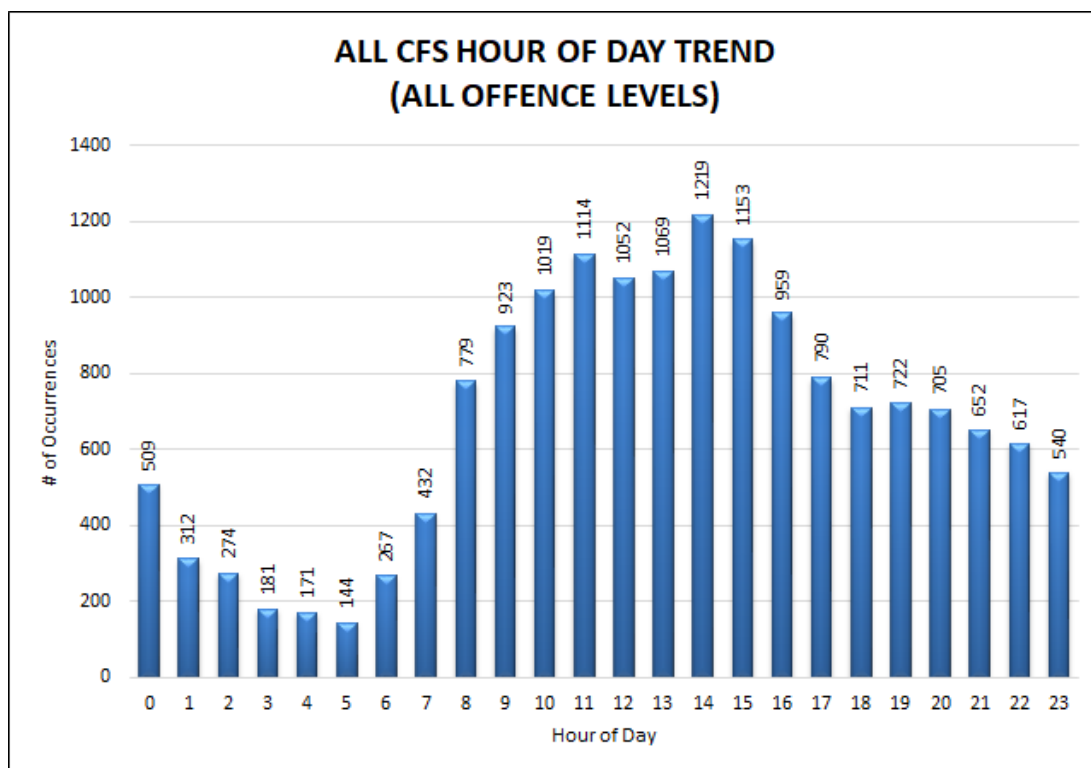
The average 2022 municipal policing cost per property (for municipalities billed applying the OPP Billing Model) across the province (including the cost of all contract enhancements) is \$354.80, a decrease of \$0.26. The total estimated cost recovery is up by \$5.9M or 1.4%.

The 2022 Estimate of Base Services cost per property is a record low at \$172.07. The trend of year over year increased Calls for Service workload allocation continues. The 2022 Base Services vs. Calls for Service workload allocation split is 51.3% : 48.7% (2021 - 53.1% : 46.9%).

The total 2020 reconciled costs recovered under the billing model were slightly lower than estimated, a 0.2% reduction, while the total 2020 reconciled Base and Calls for Service costs were slightly higher than estimated, up 0.8% due to cost increases in benefits (WSIB, pensions, and termination pay). Overall, overtime cost increased slightly compared to estimated, up 0.6%. Court security and prisoner transportation costs were less than estimated by 20% and 37% respectively. Contract enhancements were 13% less than estimated.

Elgin County OPP remain committed to the efficient implementation of cost effective policing and have implemented a number of strategies to reduce the use of overtime, including the creation of overlap shifts from 2:00 pm to 2:00 am, and noon to midnight shifts to match peak time frames for calls for service. In addition, there are target staffing policies that govern when officers are called in to work on overtime.

All Calls for Service by Hour of Day - 2022



Elgin Group Revenue Report - Criminal Record Checks

In 2022, Criminal Record Check completion transitioned to an online application and are no longer completed at the local detachment level.

R.I.D.E. Grant

Each year, Elgin County OPP completes an application for a RIDE Grant through Mothers Against Drinking and Driving. In 2022, Elgin OPP received \$14,800 to fund police officers at RIDE checks throughout the County, with the bulk of those checks occurring during the Festive RIDE Season. We are very proud and appreciative to be partners with Mothers Against Drinking and Driving in the fight to keep impaired drivers off our roadways.



*Elgin County OPP Supports our Members and the Communities We
Police*



2022 Childhood Flag Raising Ceremony



Operation Freeze 2022





January 13, 2023

Dear Elgin Group Police Services Board,

As the Secretary Treasurer of OAPSB Zone 6, I look forward to working with you and the Zone 6 Executive in 2023. The current members of the Zone 6 Executive are:

Chair Darlene Smith, Chatham Kent
Vice Chair Jim Maudsley, Thames Centre

Please be advised that I have included two important items for your consideration and distribution:

1. 2023 Membership Directory Form and Membership Dues Form

Please return a copy of both forms (cheque made payable to "OAPSB Zone 6") to:

Julie Gonyou, OAPSB Zone 6 Secretary-Treasurer
c/o Elgin Group Police Services Board
450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas ON N5R 5V1

2. Minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2022. Please note that the next Zone 6 Meeting is scheduled for Spring 2023. Meeting details and the meeting agenda will be sent via email in advance of the meeting.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions – my contact information is listed below.

Yours Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Gonyou".

Julie Gonyou
Chief Administrative Officer | County Clerk
OAPSB Zone 6 Secretary-Treasurer
cao@elgin.ca
519-631-1460 x156



2023 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FORM

(January 1 – December 31, 2023)

We want to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information for your Board. Please complete this form and send it with your 2023 Membership Dues to:

*Ms. Julie Gonyou, OAPSB Zone 6 Secretary-Treasurer
c/o Elgin Group Police Services Board
450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON N5R 5V1*

BOARD INFORMATION:

Board Name:	
Address:	
Contact (Staff person):	
Phone:	
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MEMBER INFORMATION:[illegible]



2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

(January 1 – December 31, 2023)

Annual Dues, as determined by the Zone 6 Board of Directors, are based on the size of the local police services boards. The annual fee structure is listed below. Please check the appropriate box.

- ☐ 3 Member Board.....\$30.00
- ☐ 5 Member Board.....\$55.00
- ☐ 7 Member Board.....\$75.00

NAME OF POLICE SERVICES BOARD:

Please indicate if the police services board is a municipal (Section 31) OPP (Section 10) or First Nations police governance body:

- ☐ OPP (Section 10) ☐ Municipal (Section 31) ☐ First Nations

2023 Annual Membership Dues Enclosed:

\$

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Thank you for your support of the OAPSB Zone 6!



OAPSB ZONE 6 MINUTES

Meeting Date: Friday, October 14, 2022

Meeting Location: Caradoc Sands Golf Club (Strathroy, ON)

Attendees:

Attendance	Police Services Board
	Aylmer Police Services Board
X	Chatham-Kent Police Services Board
X	Elgin Group Police Services Board
	Essex Police Services Board
	Kingsville Police Services Board
X	Lakeshore Police Services Board
	Lambton Group Police Services Board
	LaSalle Police Services Board
	Leamington Police Services Board
X	London Police Services Board
	Point Edward Police Services Board
X	Sarnia Police Services Board
X	Strathroy-Caradoc Police Services Board
X	Tecumseh Police Services Board
	Thames Centre Police Services Board
	Town of Spanish Police Services Board
X	Windsor Police Services Board

Regrets:

Chair Darlene Smith, Chatham-Kent Police Services Board
Vice Chair Jim Maudsley, Thames Centre Police Services Board

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Chair Patrick Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Jennifer Foster, London Police Services Board
Seconded by: Paul Wiersma, Sarnia Police Services Board

THAT the agenda of the October 14, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Ida McCallum, Elgin Group Police Services Board
Seconded by: Chris Hales, Tecumseh Police Services Board

THAT minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations

- a. Lisa Darling, Executive Director – Ontario Association of Police Services Boards

L. Darling provided an update on the OAPSB's activities this year. L. Darling joined the OAPSB as Executive Director in May of 2022, and it marked the first time that the OAPSB hired a permanent Executive Director.

Since May 2022, the OAPSB has worked together with the Ministry of the Solicitor General to discuss supports for the local implementation of the Community Safety and Policing Act. The OAPSB has begun reviewing all current policies to ensure that they are in line with the OAPSB's strategic direction, and they are also building relationships with key partners to identify issues and areas of mutual interest.

In addition to this work, the OAPSB has begun work on a strategic plan for 2023-2025. The final strategy will be presented to the board for approval on November 8, 2022.

- b. Ron LeClair, Police Services Advisory – Zone 6, Ministry of the Solicitor General

R. LeClair provided an update on the Ministry's activities. R. LeClair replaced D. Tilley as the Zone 6 Advisor this summer. R. LeClair has reached out to each PSB for an update on the status of their provincial appointees, and he is working closely with the Ministry to get vacancies filled and to reappoint members whose appointments are set to expire. R. LeClair also provided an update on the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Moved by: Tom Bain, Lakeshore Police Services Board
Seconded by: Denise Ghanim, Windsor Police Services Board

THAT the presentations from L. Darling and R. LeClair be received.

Carried.

5. Reports

a. Secretary-Treasurer – Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2022

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a report detailing the financial position of the OAPSB Zone 6. As of September 30, 2022, the financial statement reflects a balance of \$2,317.98 inclusive of the 2021 balance forward and 2022 membership fees paid by Zone 6 Police Services Boards, and an expenditure of \$500 to sponsor the OAPSB Spring Conference.

Moved by: Paul Sweet, Tecumseh Police Services Board
Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis, Elgin Group Police Services Board

THAT the report titled “Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2022” presented by the Zone 6 Secretary-Treasurer, dated September 30, 2022 be received and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence

a. Email from the OAPSB regarding the 2022 OAPSB Labour Conference

The Meeting Chair provided an update on the conference. The content of the conference will be most relevant to Section 31 boards.

7. New or Other Business

- a) P. Sweet asked a question regarding policies, adequacy standards and the Community Safety and Policing Act. L. Darling responded that the OAPSB policy work will be shared across the zones to support the development of required policies.

8. Next Meeting

The Executive will schedule the next meeting date to take place before the 2023 Spring Conference and AGM and will try to hold it on the same day as the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP).

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Sally Martyn, Elgin Group Police Services Board

THAT the Meeting of the OAPSB Zone 6 adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary J. Gonyou

Chair M. Darlene Smith

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Association of
Police Services
Boards

Update

Zone 6

October 14 2022

Executive Director

- First time the OAPSB has hired a permanent Executive Director
- An important and necessary decision to strengthen the OAPSB's position and provide the supports necessary to all of you through transitional years and beyond.
- Honoured to lead the OAPSB through this time of organizational change – aligned with recognition of changes within policing and the importance of Police Governance to effect this change.
- Brief history on who I am.
 - 27 years of policing, leadership positions, Strategic Planning, Action Planning, Communications, Front-line Operations and Project Management. Passionate about transformational change - creating cultures where everyone thrives.

Work happening since Spring Conference

- Community Safety Policing Act
 - Election and introduction of new Solicitor General His Honourable Michael Kerzner
 - Very positive discussions with a focus on working together – Ministry and all partners
 - Work on regulations to commence again soon – Targeted Engagement
 - Proclamation expected first half of 2023 – in force late 2023 to early 2024
- Several discussions regarding what is needed to support the successful transition to the new act for boards and police services
 - Recognition that time will be required after the regulations are complete and proclamation of the act occurs for Boards and services to be compliant. (8 to 12 months recommended)
 - Policies
 - Training
 - Supports through Structural Changes – especially section 10 PSBs collapsing to Detachment Boards, and FN PSBs

- Provincial Appointees

- Expect that shorter term renewals will happen for positions that are currently filled (for members who's terms are up during the transition)
- Vacant positions will remain vacant –
- For situations where boards are significantly challenged due to these vacancies, request consideration to fill – I will forward to the Ministry appointments for consideration to fill vacant position
- Once proclamation of the act occurs the Ministry will work at filling the provincial appointees under the new structure of the boards. It is looking like these members will be identified prior to municipal and community representatives

- Training

- Partnering with the Ministry in the development, delivery of mandatory training
- Will be selecting members from boards to participate in the testing and review of the modules
- Mandatory training requirements – set time to complete. Some prior to assuming position – other training may provide a timeline for completion
- OAPSB will be assisting with the compliance of board members completing mandatory training by supporting boards with any challenges or issues.
- This is only one aspect of training – will be outlined in Strategic Plan ~ Fall 2022

Work in 2022-early 2023

- Reviewing all current policies to ensure up to date and aligned with our strategic direction
- Building relationships with partners to improve communications and identify issues and areas of mutual interest
- Key pieces of work this year:
- Clarifying relationship between the OAPSB and the Zones – will become even more important
- Becoming more engaged – provide information and in the future training and educational opportunities at zone meetings
- Build our brand as the OAPSB – working with the zones
- Updating our policy manual – acknowledging the existence of the zones and defining the relationship to the OAPSB
 - Policies to be shared across all zones to assist with consistency between zones and align with the OAPSB. Eg Financials

- Participating in the targeted engagement and work with partners – finalize regulations
- Update current Website
 - Create the ability for 2 way communication between boards, zones and with the OAPSB that allows for more timely feedback and information. Technical solution being explored.

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Strategic Plan for 2023-2025

- Strategic Direction for the OAPSB
- Framework to keep our daily work aligned with our mission – moving towards our vision
- Strategic Planning Session 4th and 5th of July
 - Draft completed – One pager and Full Plan
 - Action plan currently being finalized - roadmap – key activities to get us to our goal.
- Reviewed at BOD meeting September 22nd 2022
- To be finalized and approved November 8th meeting
 - Posted on website

Areas of focus

- Creation and delivery of complementary training
 - scenario and case study based to support practical application of learning –Zone meetings
 - Issue based training – information shared and scenarios discussed at zone meetings
- Access to supplementary training
 - Competency based training – assist you in your governance role
- Support Policy Development
 - Draft Templates
 - List of required policies for boards
 - List of required policies your Police Services
 - Evaluations of Board members and Police Leaders (great work being completed in Halton)
- Build a repository
 - templates and information sharing between boards and training and content from relevant external sources
- Partnering for more effective Advocacy
 - Identifying issues/topics of mutual interest with partners

Ministry of the Solicitor General

ZONE UPDATE

August 2022

1. THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT, 2019 (CSPA)

- The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019 as part of the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*.
- When the CSPA comes into force it will replace the current *Police Services Act, 1990* (PSA). Until then, the PSA remains in force.
- The Ministry has been working closely with policing, justice, community, municipal and First Nation partners on the regulatory work in support of the CSPA. These valuable insights and perspective have been instrumental in the progress made to get this right.
- The ministry is currently working to complete the regulatory and other activities required to bring the CSPA into force.
- All of the feedback and input received to date through engagements and posting of regulations on the Ontario Regulatory Registry is being carefully reviewed and will inform this work to modernize policing.
- The ministry will continue to engage targeted stakeholders and partners on the development of specific regulations.
- With respect to the detachment board process, the ministry thanks all municipalities and First Nations that have submitted proposals. The ministry will provide updates on the process as they become available and, as with all areas of the CSPA, will work to ensure there is a fair window for municipalities and First Nations to prepare for implementation.
- The ministry will provide updates on the timelines for the CSPA as they become available and will give partners as much time as possible before the in-force date so police services and municipalities have time to prepare.

2. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING (CSWB)

- Legislative requirements related to CSWB planning came into force on January 1, 2019, as an amendment to the current Police Services Act (PSA), which mandates all municipalities in Ontario to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan, working in partnership with police services/boards and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services through the establishment of an advisory committee.
 - Municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop CSWB plans either individually or jointly with other municipalities or First Nations.

- The deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan was July 1, 2021. This was a new deadline that was prescribed under the PSA in response to the COVID-19 emergency and provided municipalities with a six month extension from the original deadline of January 1, 2021.
- Ministry staff continue to be available to provide direct support to communities in navigating the legislation related to CSWB planning through interactive presentations and webinars. For questions and requests related to CSWB, please contact [Shamitha Devakandan](mailto:Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca), Community Safety Analyst, at Shamitha.Devakandan@ontario.ca and/or [Chris Herapath](mailto:Chris.Herapath@ontario.ca), Community Safety Analyst, at Chris.Herapath@ontario.ca.

3. PROVINCIAL TOWING TASK FORCE

- On June 29, 2020, the province announced the establishment of the Towing Task Force (Task Force), in response to growing violence in the towing industry.
- The mandate of the Task Force is to develop a comprehensive provincial regulatory regime for Ontario's towing industry with a focus on increasing safety and enforcement, clarifying protections for consumers and businesses, improving industry standards, and considering tougher penalties for violators.
- The Task Force is co-led by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN), and consists of representatives from the following ministries and police organizations:
 - Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD, Formerly Government and Consumer Services);
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH);
 - Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD);
 - Ministry of Finance (MOF);
 - Ontario Provincial Police (OPP); and
 - Municipal police organizations.
- In 2020, the Task Force conducted consultations with stakeholders in the towing, consumer protection, automobile insurance, municipal and law enforcement sectors, resulting in a strong recommendation from all stakeholder groups that a new provincial oversight regime is required for the towing industry.
- In addition, stakeholder and public surveys about towing were also conducted.
- MTO also established the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), with representation from municipalities, policing, towing, consumer and insurance sectors to provide further advice regarding the towing sector.
- In March 2021, the government released the task force's recommendations, which will establish a comprehensive oversight model for all aspects of the towing industry while ensuring customer protection and enforcement to help increase safety on our roadways
- On April 26, 2021, the Minister of MTO introduced Bill 282 - the Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021 (MOMS). The Bill received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021. It made numerous amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) intended to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities on our roads and highways including measures to combat street

rating. The following legislative and regulatory amendments took effect on September 12, 2021¹:

- Amendment to Section 172 of the HTA increases the length of the roadside driver's licence suspension for street racing from the current seven days to 30 days.
 - Amendment to Ontario Regulation 455/07 (Races, Contests and Stunts) specifies the off-road places where section 172 of the HTA applies.
- In addition, the MOMS Act will improve truck safety and strengthen the province's oversight of the towing sector by creating the *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021* (schedule 3). This Act:
 - would require tow operators, tow truck drivers and vehicle storage operators to be certified, and set new standards for customer protection and roadside behaviours, including penalties for non-compliance;
 - provide for the designation of highways or parts of highways as restricted towing zones, in which only authorized certificate holders may provide towing services. The Act also provides that one or more dispatch services may be designated by the regulations for the purpose of governing the dispatching of tow trucks, and that specified persons would be required to use any such dispatch service; and
 - provides for a Director of Towing and Vehicle Storage Standards, with specified powers and duties, to be appointed for the purposes of the Act. The Director may in turn appoint inspectors for enforcement purposes.
- The *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* (CPA) applies to transactions involving consumers. In August 2021,² the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services confirmed that individuals acting for personal, family or household purposes, who become involved in a collision or other motor vehicle accident, would not be precluded from seeking a remedy under the CPA due to the involvement of an insurance company providing coverage for damage to the vehicles. The scope of CPA does not extend to criminal activity.
- MTO also launched the Tow Zone Pilot Project which introduced restricted towing zones on sections of provincial highways. The pilot project is helping to clear incidents such as collisions or vehicle breakdowns on our highways more safely and quickly
- The first phase of the Pilot introduced restricted towing zones on defined sections of 400 series highways in the Greater Toronto. The locations of the pilot are:
 - Restricted Towing Zone 1: Highway 401 from Highway 400 east to Morningside Avenue
 - Restricted Towing Zone 2:
 - Highway 401 from Highway 400 west to Regional Road 25
 - Highway 427 from QEW to Highway 409
 - Highway 409 from Highway 427 to Highway 401
 - Restricted Towing Zone 3: Highway 400 from Highway 401 to Highway 9
 - Restricted Towing Zone 4: QEW from Highway 427 to Brant Street

¹ All Chiefs Memorandum 21-0099 – MOMS Act, HTA and Reg Amendments – Races, Contents, Stunts. issued on September 8, 2021

² All Chiefs Memorandum 21-0101 – The Towing Sector and the Consumer Protection Act, 2002, issued on September 10, 2021

4. GRANTS

Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant

- The CSP Grant supports eligible police services/boards in combatting crime and provides flexibility to implement initiatives that address policing and community needs related to safety and well-being.
- The CSP Grant offers two funding streams – one focused on addressing local priorities and the other focused on addressing provincial priorities.
 - Projects funded under the local priorities funding stream must address local risks that are most prevalent in communities.
 - Projects funded under the provincial priorities funding stream must focus on addressing priorities of provincial interest which include gun and gang related violence, sexual violence and harassment, human trafficking, mental health and addictions, and/or hate-motivated crime (priorities may differ for each grant cycle).
- On November 10, 2021, the ministry issued a new Call for Applications for the three-year grant cycle (2022-23 – 2024-25) under both funding streams of the CSP Grant to all eligible police services boards. The new grant cycle includes some enhancements such as additional investments, new provincial priorities and expanded eligibility to First Nations police services under the provincial priorities funding stream.
 - For the 2022-23 – 2024-25 CSP grant cycle, the ministry has allocated more than \$267 million over three years.
- The applications were due January 14, 2022, and all submitted applications have been reviewed/recommended/approved for funding. All successful applicants under the 2022-23 – 2024-25 grant cycle and a summary of their associated projects are available on the Ministry's website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/current-community-safety-project-grant-recipients#section-2> For more information about the CSP Grant, please contact James Lee, Community Safety Analyst at James.Y.Lee@ontario.ca or Poonam Sharma, Community Safety Analyst, at Poonam.Sharma@Ontario.ca.

Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program

- The 2022 CSPT Program provides a maximum total of \$125M to assist municipalities in offsetting their CSPT costs.
- The ministry uses an expenditure-based model to allocate funding to municipalities under the CSPT Program, therefore every year allocations will vary for transfer payment recipients.
 - Under this model, funding is allocated based on each municipality's relative share of the total provincial CSPT cost. For example, if a municipality's CSPT cost represents one per cent of the total provincial CSPT cost, then it will be allocated one per cent of the available funding.
 - While the total available funding has remained consistent since 2018 when the grant reached maturity at \$125M, it is important to note that if a municipality's relative share of the total provincial cost increased from the previous funding term, then its allocation would also increase. If a municipality's relative share of the total provincial cost decreased from the previous funding term, then its allocation would also decrease.
- The current CSPT Program agreements cover the period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, with payments issued quarterly as per the payment schedule in the agreement.

CSPT Review (if asked)

- *As part of the ongoing work to build a more responsive and resilient justice system, the ministry retained an independent third-party consultant to provide an independent review of the court security and prisoner transportation in Ontario, including the design of the CSPT Transfer Payment Program.*
- *This review is part of the ministry's ongoing work to reduce court delays, leverage technology, and improve public safety to build a more responsive and efficient justice system.*
- *Municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners were engaged during the review process.*
- *The review is complete and on January 21, 2022, a letter was sent to review participants, including policing stakeholders and municipal partners, sharing an update on the review as well as a high-level summary and full report. As noted in the letter, the ministry is continuing the CSPT TP Program with no changes to the overall funding envelope, subject to the regular fiscal process.*

Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant

- In 2018, the province introduced Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy (GGVRS) to address the increase in gun violence and gang-related activity in Ontario. The GGVRS is being implemented in a phased approach that balances the government's policy objective to deliver a comprehensive and effective solution to the gun and gang crisis, with the government's fiscal priorities and commitments.
- As part of the GGVRS, on August 10, 2020, the Ministry launched the new Ontario CCTV Grant Program. The new Grant will expand CCTV systems in more municipalities as part of the Ontario GGVRS and will further support police services and the communities they serve to increase public safety.
- The Ontario CCTV Grant is available to Municipal and First Nations police services and OPP contract locations. OPP non-contract locations are eligible to apply for one application per region (Central Region, East Region, North East Region, North West Region, and West Region) and must submit applications through OPP headquarters (i.e., a total of 5 applications max). Police services that apply for the grant are required to pay for 50 per cent of the project costs up to a maximum of \$200,000.
- The Ontario CCTV Grant currently involves a three-year investment of \$6 million. Every grant cycle will be for the duration of one year (i.e., \$2 million per fiscal year).
 - As part of the 2020-2021 grant cycle, a total of 18 projects were funded over one fiscal year from April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021.
 - As part of the 2021-2022 grant cycle, a total of nine projects were funded in the amount of approximately \$1.09M over one fiscal year from April 1st, 2021 to March 31, 2022.
 - The 2022-2023 Call for Applications was issued through an All Chiefs/Chairs Memorandum on April 21, 2022. Applications were due back to the ministry on May 16, 2022 and have been reviewed and recommendation have been made through the Ontario CCTV Review Committee. The recommendation package is currently going through the approvals process. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified via e-mail shortly.
- For any inquiries relating to the Ontario CCTV, police services may contact Ramanan.Thanabalasingam@Ontario.ca or Silvana.Burke@Ontario.ca.

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant

- The R.I.D.E. Grant provides funding to police services to enhance local enforcement capabilities and ensure a year-round provincial program to conduct spot checks aimed at deterring and detecting impaired drivers. The R.I.D.E. Grant has an annualized budget of \$2.4M and is intended to cover only sworn officers' overtime and paid duty R.I.D.E. activities. All municipal and First Nations police services and OPP municipal contract locations are eligible to apply for funding.
- The next call for applications is anticipated to be issued in Fall 2022. Eligible police services/boards must formally request funding through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON).
 - Police services are encouraged to work with their police services boards in advance to register for TPON, if they do not currently have access.
- For more information on TPON or to register, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-funding-ontario-government>

Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant

- The government has allocated up to \$2.5 million over two years (2020-2022) through the SVC Grant to help communities combat hate-motivated crime. The funding will help 25 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Councils, in collaboration with their police partners, implement local projects that tackle discrimination, foster greater inclusiveness and address the increase of police-reported hate crime. To learn more about the projects, including the full list of successful applicants, please visit the ministry's website.: <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/Policing/ProgramDevelopmentandGrants/GrantsandInitiatives/PSDPolicingGrantsRecipients.html>
- As part of the upcoming grant cycle, the government will be allocating up to \$1.7 million over two years (2022-2024) to community-based, not-for-profit, incorporated organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Councils.
- The theme for the 2022/23 – 2023/24 SVC Grant is “Preventing Cybercrime through Community Collaboration” – with priority areas in Hate Crimes, Human Trafficking, and Fraud. Currently the applications are being reviewed by review committee.
- The ministry is currently in the process of reviewing the applications.

Victim Support Grant (VSG) Program

- VSG is a new grant that will operate on a two-year cycle (2021-22 to 2022-23) and provide funding to police services to collaborate with local organizations and/or Indigenous communities to enhance capacity to support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence and human trafficking.
- The new grant is available to municipal and First Nations police services, as well as the OPP. However, for police services to be eligible, they are required to collaborate with a minimum of one other local agency, community organization or Indigenous community to identify and co-develop initiatives with community impact in mind.
- The first call-for-applications was issued on June 10, 2021 with a submission deadline of July 19, 2021.
- Police Services were notified of the status of their application in December 2021.
- In total, \$5.9 million has been allocation over two years in support of 37 police services.

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Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant

- The Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant supports the on-going need for more mental health assistance on calls involving individuals experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, as well as to better leverage local mental health expertise.
- It is a new grant available to municipal and First Nations police services, as well as OPP detachments, who have an existing MCRT to support an increase mental health and addiction workers on their teams.
- The MCRT Enhancement Grant operates on a two-year cycle (2021-22 to 2022-23) with an investment of \$3 million per fiscal year.
- [The first call-for-applications was issued on August 30, 2021 with a submission deadline of October 13, 2021.](#)
- Police services were notified of the status of their application in January 2022.
- In total, \$4 million has been allocation over two years in support of 28 police services.
 - Province-wide NR was released March 11, 2022: [Ontario Expanding Mobile Crisis Response Teams | Ontario Newsroom](#)

First Nations Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Grant

- The Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant requirement that police services have an existing MCRT, which excluded First Nation police services who do not have existing teams, creating a gap in available funding.
- In recognition of this gap and the unique complexities First Nation police services experience in responding to mental health and/or addiction crises, the ministry is investing \$5.04 million over three years (2022-2025) in First Nation police services to hire mental health and addiction workers.
- This funding supports the on-going need for more mental health assistance on calls for service, better leverage local mental health expertise, and alleviate the long-term occupational stress effects for officers that may occur due to interactions with individuals in crisis.
- Application packages were provided to First Nation police services in December 2021 and successful applicants have been notified.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Fund

- The MMIWG Fund for First Nations Policing is part of a coordinated and multi-year response to the National Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and work with Indigenous partners to end violence against Indigenous women and girls and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals today and into the future.
- The ministry is investing \$15M over three years (2021-22 to 2024-25) to First Nations police services for:
 - Specialized Abuse Issues Investigative Supports to address gaps in abuse issues investigations provided by First Nations police services (including domestic violence and human trafficking).

- Social Navigators to address challenges identified by Indigenous partners with lack of access/awareness and capacity to navigate the social services and justice sector. This civilian coordinator position works closely with service agencies and communities to develop partnerships to identify areas of concern (e.g., mental health, addictions, homelessness, etc.).

Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Technology Grant

- As of March 13, 2022, licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to have a licence plate sticker for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds have been eliminated.
- To provide police with the tools needed to continue to do their jobs, improve public safety and strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts, the ministry is investing \$42M for municipal police services to purchase Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology.
- ALPRs are an effective tool to mitigate enforcement concerns around Ontario's elimination of validation stickers.
- The ALPR Technology Grant is a time-limited one-year grant (2022-23) to support municipal police services to acquire critical ALPR technology to help mitigate road safety risks associated with the elimination of licence plate stickers.
 - Applications are currently under review and once approved, a Transfer Payment Agreement will follow.
 - Note: For OPP, the ministry has an open competitive procurement process underway for the acquisition of In-Car Cameras (ICCs) with integrated ALPR technology.
 - Police services have the flexibility to leverage the centralized, OPP-led procurement for the purchase of integrated ALPR and ICC technology or use their own vendor or procurement process.

First Nation Policing Modernization Initiative (FNPMI)

- The Ontario government is providing close to \$6 million in funding for First Nations police services to acquire new technology to support the delivery of sustainable, equitable, and culturally responsive policing. The First Nations Policing Modernization Initiative (FNPMI) provides access to funding for police services in First Nations communities to obtain the tools and resources needed to improve their ability to work effectively with other jurisdictions and keep their communities safe.
- Self-administered First Nations police services, or communities with policing administered by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) under the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP), are eligible for this funding.
- First Nations police services can choose to invest in several key technologies, including body-worn and in-car cameras, automated license plate readers, mobile workstations, forward-looking infrared technology or electronic fingerprint scanners.
- Nine First Nations police services and 18 First Nation communities with policing administered by the OPP have been identified as eligible to apply for funding. Funding will be provided in two streams, starting later in 2022.

5. VIRTUAL REALITY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING (VR-MHCRT)

- The Virtual Reality Mental Health Crisis Response Training (VR-MHCRT) is an evidence-informed, scenario-based curriculum designed to enhance de-escalation and communication strategies, mental health awareness, and cultural safety competencies among police officers responding to citizens in mental health crisis.
- VR-MHCRT demonstrates the ministry and the policing sector's continued commitment to addressing recommendations from the Ontario Ombudsman and related Coroner's inquests including the need for an enhanced, standardized, de-escalation and mental health crisis response training for Ontario police officers. This training is led by Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).
- VR-MHCRT is currently available to all interested municipal and First Nation police services. The training is scenario-based and delivered on a VR platform to enhance training delivery and capacity and promote standardized learning. The VR also increases scalability and portability of training across Ontario, including remote locations and those with fewer training resources.
- This curriculum was developed as a made-in-Ontario solution that has been tested, scientifically validated, and supported by key justice, health, and community partners. It was designed to be used by police officers of varying levels of experience, from new recruits to more experienced officers.
- The first call-for-registration was issued on December 7, 2021, inviting all municipal and First Nation police services to experience the VR educational technology and equipment to deliver the VR-MHCRT. Registration to participate in the VR-MHCRT is ongoing; for information on the MHCRT curriculum, VR training methods, equipment, deployment and trainer onboarding, police services can contact Lumeto at vr-mhcrt@lumeto.com

6. PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

- Appointments and potential candidates are being reviewed and processed by the Office of the Solicitor General. Please be aware that reappointments are not automatic or guaranteed, regardless of the number of years served.
- If you have questions about your appointment, or a vacancy on your board, please let your Advisor know and we would be happy to follow up.

Carolyn Krahn

From: Holly Doty
Sent: January 21, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Lisa Darling; Holly Doty; Jennifer Williams
Subject: Response Request from all OAPSB Boards - Bail Reform (response requested no later than February 23, 2023)
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Bail Reform: Share Your Thoughts



As most of you are aware, the 13 Premiers of the Provinces and Territories in Canada sent a letter to the Prime Minister requesting bail reform. We have included a news release, a letter sent from the OAPSB, and a letter sent from the Toronto Police Services for your awareness

(attached). As your association, we are asking you to please provide comment on the issue of bail reform. We have created a survey where you can indicate whether you support this request and provide any comments that you wish to make on this issue.

Due to the current discussions taking place, this request is **very time sensitive**. We are asking that you submit your comments to us **as soon as possible** to assist with our participation as your representative on this topic.

However, we understand that some people may need more time to provide us with your thoughts. We will leave the survey open until **February 23rd, 2023** for additional comments.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Lisa Darling
Executive Director

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Bail Reform Survey

* 1. Your Name

* 2. Your Police Services Board

* 3. Board Type

- ☐ OPP Board- Section 10
- ☐ Big 12 Municipal Boards
- ☐ Municipal Police Services Board - Section 31
- ☐ First Nations Board
- ☐ Other

* 4. Does your board support the request for bail reform?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. General Comments:

Done

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June 7, 2022,

The Honourable David Lametti
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The Honourable Marco Mendicino
Minister of Public Safety
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Dear Minister Lametti and Minister Mendicino:

RE: SUPPORT FOR REQUESTS BY TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD RELATED TO FEDERAL BAIL REFORM

“The need for evidence-based bail reform”

Please accept this letter as formal endorsement by the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, for the legislative proposals for bail reform advanced to you by the Toronto Police Services Board on May 25, 2022.

The requested legislative changes communicated to you by Toronto Police Services Board Chair Jim Hart and Executive Director Ryan Teschner are both thoughtful and measured. The comprehensive report provided to them by Chief of Police, James Ramer, outlined the significant collaborative initiatives within the city designed to prevent gun violence through proactive interventions and improved investigative outcomes. It also acknowledged the small portion of the population where proactive and early intervention strategies have proven to be unsuccessful in deterring their engagement in violent gun crimes. It is in response to this high-risk segment of the population that the Toronto Police Services Board seeks changes to federal legislation that would;

- Require that Bail Hearings for the most serious firearm offences be heard by a judge of the Ontario Court or Superior Court, clearly conveying Parliament’s view of the seriousness of these offences (and their impact on the public) as well as reflecting the views and concerns of the public about these incidents
- Add an additional route to First Degree Murder under Section 231 of the *Criminal Code*, by including death resulting from the discharge of a firearm in a congregate setting; this would act as a strong deterrent, clearly express society’s disapprobation of such conduct and help

- maintain public confidence in the justice system; and
- Increase parole ineligibility to 2/3 of an individual's custodial sentence, for any offence where the court finds that the offender discharged a firearm in a congregate setting (including those who are found to be parties to such offences).

We recognize that the complexities of the issues impacting community safety and wellbeing require a collaborative multi-sector commitment to be successful. This is no exception. Emergency services, community services, health services, local councils, provincial governments and the federal government need to recognize the crucial role each plays in the collective effort to make each of our communities safe.

Toronto Police Services Board is asking for this reform, because the tools currently available to the police and their partner agencies have been in-effective at preventing tragic events within the city. We applaud the Toronto Police Services Board and the Toronto Police Service for their leadership on this issue. This issue is not isolated to the City of Toronto, it impacts all communities.

As the leading voice for police governance in Ontario, we encourage you to prioritize the Toronto Police Services Boards proposed legislated changes related to Federal Bail Reform.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Weaver'.

Patrick Weaver
Chair, OAPSB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Darling'.

Lisa Darling
Executive Director, OAPSB

cc:

Deputy Minister Di Tommaso

Jamie McGarvey, President Association Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

Chief Nishan Duraipppah, President Ontario Association Chiefs of Police (OACP)

Jim Hart, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Ryan Teschner, Executive Director and Chief of Staff, Toronto Police Services Board

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October 18, 2022

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

The Honourable David Lametti
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Dear Minister Lametti:

I am writing as a follow-up to correspondence we sent to you and Minister Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety for Canada, in May of this year, regarding a number of bail reform proposals approved by the Toronto Police Services Board ("the Board"), and requesting your cooperation with respect to a number of related legislative proposals as outlined in the letter. We attach the original correspondence below.

As we noted in that letter, at its meeting of May 2, 2022, the Board approved a report from Toronto Chief of Police James Ramer entitled "Opportunities for Bail and Related Reforms to Enhance Community Safety." This comprehensive report provided the Board with a background of the current bail process, current and new Toronto Police Service ("the Service") initiatives to address gun violence, and provided information to raise the Board's awareness of opportunities to advance bail reform and other legislative change in an effort to enhance community safety in the City of Toronto – and, in fact, across Canada.

As you know, we have received a response from Minister Mendicino, outlining a number of measures the Government of Canada is taking in relation to gun violence, and welcoming “continued collaboration and engagement with the municipalities, Provinces and Territories on how we can collectively work together to reduce gun violence in our communities, including tackling the root causes.” The complete letter is attached for your information. Minister Mendicino’s response also notes that your Ministry is seized with some of the legislative reform issues identified by the Board. As we have not yet received your response, we are following up on an issue that we are sure you agree is of significant importance and considerable urgency.

As you know, Toronto, along with cities and communities across Ontario and the country, continue to deal with a concerning number of incidents of gun and gang violence, often involving individuals who are out on bail when they commit these crimes. In addition, the number of recent incidents involving officers tragically killed in the line of duty is of tremendous concern, both to the policing community, and to communities generally. It is incumbent upon all of us to take all possible steps to reduce the gun violence we are currently seeing. This requires a proactive, immediate, comprehensive and collaborative approach.

We note that our proposals for legislative reform have received significant support from both the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB). We attach each of these organization’s letters of endorsement for you.

Chief Duraiappah, Chief of Police, Peel Regional Police and the President, OACP, stated that the OACP “supports the legislative proposals for bail reform advocated” by our Board. He further noted that “[a]s Ontario’s police leaders, our members are committed to ensuring a fair and effective justice system. We are committed to working with our government and justice partners to address issues that impact the safety and well-being of all Ontarians, and we appreciate the important role played by government decision-makers at all levels in accomplishing this important goal.”

Additionally, on behalf of the OAPSB, Patrick Weaver, Chair, and Lisa Darling, Executive Director, formally endorsed the legislative proposals for bail reform advanced to you by our Board, calling them “thoughtful and measured.”

With the endorsement of both the OACP and OAPSB, our Board’s proposals for bail reform have now received the support of Ontario’s police chiefs and the organization representing all police services boards in Ontario.

At this time, we are, once again, requesting that you review the three proposals for legislative reform contained in the report of Chief Ramer, appended to our original letter, and engage with us to explore the Government of Canada's ability to move these proposals forward. We are eager to hear from you as to what the next steps may be. We know that Chief Ramer, along with his Office, is also ready to assist in any way required to advance these proposals.

We look forward to collaborating with you with respect to these important initiatives, geared toward enhancing safety in our communities.

Sincerely,



Jim Hart
Chair



Ryan Teschner
Executive Director and Chief of Staff

cc: Chief Nishan Duraippah, President, Ontario Association Chiefs of Police
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