

AGENDA
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Central Elgin Boardroom
Elgin County Administration Building
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas, Ontario

ADDENDUM

1. Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report, Inspector Jennifer Neamtz.

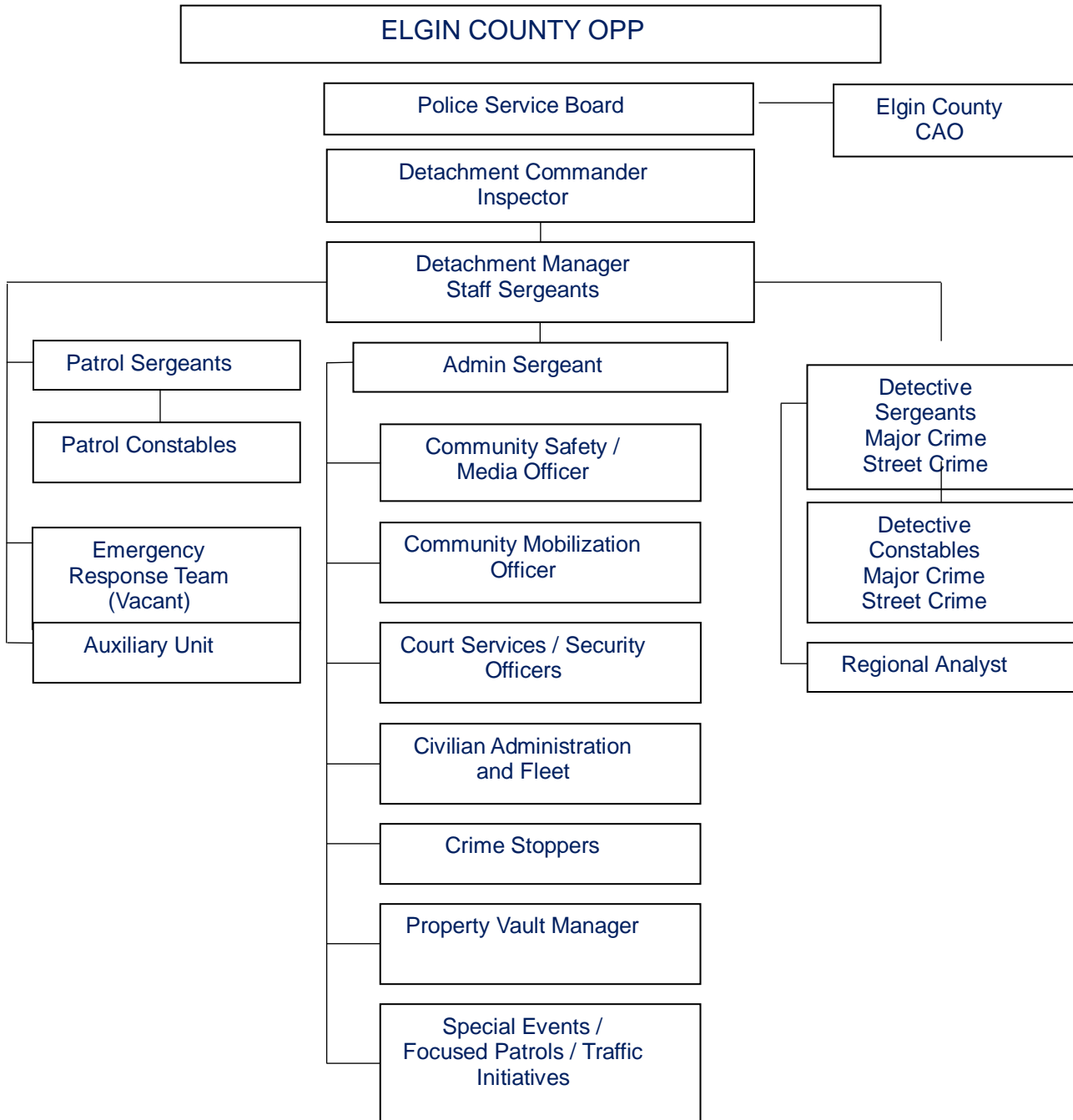
Elgin County OPP September 2023 Police Services Board Report



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



Organization



The spring months of 2023 have been busy and exciting here in Elgin County. I am excited to be joining this team. I look forward to working with our community partners with a focus on meeting the needs of Elgin. I would like to offer a special thank you to Inspector Mark Loucas for his dedication and commitment to Elgin County, we wish him well in his new role within the OPP. Our members continue to focus on public safety through general patrols and traffic initiatives. They remain committed to working with our community partners that assist others in need all while keeping our community safe.

Like many communities, here in Elgin, we are still seeing reports of frauds and scams. Elgin OPP was engaged with the community and various stakeholders and community organizations and provided several education pieces for our community with particular attention being given to the seniors' population. It is always sad to hear about victims losing their hard-earned money to these scammers. While we work diligently to investigate these frauds and support the victims, we also encourage everyone to take some time to educate themselves and talk to friends and family members about the current scams and frauds that are happening around them.

As we enter Summer, it is important to remember boating and water safety while enjoying the wonderful lakeshore communities Elgin County has to offer. Let's all work together to keep our communities as safe as possible.

From the Detachment Commander



Inspector Jennifer NEAMTZ

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Crime

Crime Unit

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Victoria Loucks / Acting Detective Sergeant Brian WATSON

The Elgin County Crime Unit's primary role is to investigate benchmark criminal offences, including suspicious deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, and large frauds to name a few.

We have seen a busy spring throughout 2023 with several large ongoing criminal investigations while assisting Lambton OPP Crime Unit with a homicide. These investigations demand an incredible amount of time and resources from around the province.

In addition to large criminal investigations, the Major Crime Unit also manages the Ontario Sex Offender Registry for Elgin County and provides investigative support to front line uniform calls for service.

Elgin County Crime Unit also oversees the newly implemented Offender Management and Apprehension Program which is a proactive team approach to managing and enforcing bail compliance while apprehending offenders currently at large.

Crime Statistical Report

See Appendix "A"

Community Street Crime Unit

Supervisor: Detective Sergeant Derek BOWLES

Members assigned to the Community Street Crime Unit in Elgin County are selected because they show an above average desire to investigate criminal and drug related investigations. Often, these members will go beyond their normal day to day duties to better themselves for consideration to the CSCU. Once they are selected to be in the Unit, they received enhanced training and courses related to writing search warrants, conducting surveillance, executing search warrants, case management, enhanced drug investigations to name a few. Being in the CSCU takes a higher level of commitment as there are often long days and nights to bring an active investigation to a successful conclusion.

The Elgin CSCU has had some great successes conducting drug investigations in West Elgin. Over the past 2 years a number of investigations have resulted in multiple search warrants, the seizure of large amounts of drugs and the arrest and charging of several persons. This ultimately has a positive community impact by taking those drugs off the streets and hopefully disrupting or stopping the persons involved in the drug activity.

The CSCU is a fantastic unit to be apart of. The types of investigations are broad, the level of commitment is high, and the conclusions are often rewarding and positive.



Traffic Initiatives

Local

S.P.E.E.D. (Specific, Proactive, Enforcement, Education and Deterrence) Campaigns will be starting up again soon. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is committed to road safety. Each year hundreds of people are killed in traffic collisions and many more are seriously injured on Ontario roads. Elgin County is no exception to these tragic events and as a result the Elgin County OPP will be conducting S.P.E.E.D. Campaigns regularly. The idea is to take a “zero tolerance” targeted enforcement approach towards drivers who place others at risk in relation to speeding as well as any other identified concern.

Elgin County OPP and the Traffic Management Unit (TMU) will be hosting Commercial Motor Vehicle training during the upcoming fall months.

The following table show the results of Elgin County OPP’s dedicated enforcement of the Big 4, Impaired driving, Speed, Seatbelts and Distracted Driving.

Offence	Total Charges
Impaired	31
Speeding	973
Seatbelt	11
Distracted Driving	13
Total Charges for Quarter	1884

Elgin County (6P*) Reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions

<i>Collision Type</i>	<i>April 01, 2022 – June 30, 2022</i>	<i>April 01, 2023 – June 30, 2023,</i>
Fatal	3	0
Personal Injury	38	37
Property Damage	211	195
Total	252	232

Data was sourced from e-CRS with the following parameters:

Detachment Code: 6P*

Report Period: April 01, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Community Response Unit



Media / Community Safety Officer (CSO) / Community Mobilization Officer (CMO)

Provincial Constable Brett PHAIR

CRIME STOPPERS

From April to June, the St. Thomas-Elgin Crime Stoppers program has received a total of 49 Tips, 35% of the tips are allocated to Elgin County Opp with the remaining tips allocated to Aylmer and St. Thomas Police Services.

In this period, the St. Thomas-Elgin Crime Stoppers program has approved \$250 for reward collection, two arrests have been made and two cases cleared with use of Tips received.

MEDIA/CSO/CMO

From April to June, the Elgin County OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) delivered six presentations, attended nine community events, visited two school and several meetings with the community partners.

The focus of the presentations was predominantly Fraud Prevention, but we did have two groups attend the detachment for a tour of the facilities and policing equipment.

Elgin County provided 91 media releases to various outlets, contributed 59 social media posts the OPP's West Regional Social Media Platforms including the newly adopted Instagram platform and conducted 30 interviews with various media outlets.

MCRT (Mobile Crisis Response Team)

At the beginning of September 2023, our MCRT worker resigned from her position to pursue other career goals within her field. Elgin County OPP has been working with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to select a new candidate for this position to continue the excellent work done by Nadine Ivankovic.

Elgin County OPP has responded to 60 calls for service related to mental health from April through June 2023 and continues to rely on partnerships made with community services throughout the County of Elgin. The MCRT program allows for individuals in crisis to be connected with more appropriate resources in the community through safe interaction with both police and mental health workers.

Auxiliary Unit

Liaison Officer: Provincial Constable Scott Elsdon

The Elgin County Auxiliary Unit has an operational capacity of 14 members. In March 2020, the majority of the members with the OPP Auxiliary Program were stood down from active duty, while the organization addressed COVID-19 restrictions. Since that time, several members were successful in achieving full-time status within the OPP while others left the program for personal reasons. The Elgin County Auxiliary Unit currently has three active members, and there is an active plan to recruit members into the unit which has been ongoing since the new year.

Grant Applications

Elgin County OPP has applied for three Provincial grant opportunities.

Elgin County Community Connect: Empowering Communities, Inspiring Change

Elgin County aims to commence a Community Connect initiative while developing a Community Response Unit (CRU) aimed to support and empower the citizens of Elgin County. The CRU will arrange a multitude of youth-focused education and awareness events concentrating on hate crimes, organized crime, school safety and human trafficking.

Elgin County Preventing Auto Thefts

Elgin County OPP aims to establish an Auto Theft Unit (ATU) to effectively investigate vehicle theft occurrences using both overt and covert police tactics while also focusing on prevention and public awareness campaigns hosted by the CRU.

Elgin County Bail Compliance Warrant Apprehension

Elgin County OPP aims to establish a Bail Compliance Team (BCT) which will work with community partners such as CMHA, Probation and Parole, and Victim Services to ensure bail compliance of released offenders while ensuring victim safety concerns are addressed. With the implementation of a BCT, Elgin County OPP will be better able to apprehend offenders currently at large within our communities, contributing to an increase in public safety.

Platoons

Platoons

Elgin County OPP is responsible for policing a rural population of 50,069 spread over 1,1881 square kilometers bordering the cities of St Thomas and London. Elgin County OPP is also responsible for policing 150 kms of provincial highways that act as a corridor for criminals with links to Windsor, London and beyond.

We are excited to welcome experienced police officer, PC Brittany Gardner to the Detachment. PC Gardner comes to us from Sioux Lookout OPP.

Elgin members continue to be recognized locally for their outstanding commitment to duty and professionalism and currently have no active public complaints.

A Platoon

On behalf of A Platoon this report outlines local trends and ongoing issues, including highlights and accomplishments, that have been happening with our members on A Platoon. A Platoon considers member well-being in serving the citizens as a centre of focus to our detachments.

This quarter, A platoon has welcomed newly appointed Sergeant Jason Firth to the command team. Sergeant Firth was a member of Elgin County detachment and was awarded A Platoon Community Team Leader position as part of a promotional process. Sergeant FIRTH has served his community as a constable and now he's able to lead A Platoon from the St. Thomas detachment.

Let us take time to reflect on the success of two other police constables on their promotions to Sergeant.

PC Taylor BRAUN was the successful candidate to represent the London Communication Centre at a rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Braun had started his policing career in Parry Sound and transferred to the Chatham Kent OPP detachment, following in the footsteps of his father, before getting promoted to the Communication Centre in London.

PC Scott ELSDON is a community member of Elgin County and has served in several different detachments. PC Scott ELSDON was fortunate enough to have been awarded two acting Sergeant positions located in West Region, including as a frontline Team Leader in St Thomas. PC Scott ELSDON had participated in the West Region talent pool for promotion to Sergeant. Elsdon was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he will remain within the Elgin County cluster, accepting a position out of the Chatham Detachment.

PC KYIE(Kevin) BOACHIE-DANQUAH a community team member on A Platoon observed an active youth group within his community. PC Boachie-Danquah purchased 150 or so freezes to provide the local kids who attended the youth group with his own money and spent time with the children present. It is this kind of community engagement and positive influence that can make the difference in our community especially to our children.

PC Van WYK continues represent Elgin County through the Golden Helmets program. This member engages in community events and continues to represent Elgin OPP in a positive way through performances and community engagement.

A Platoon officers responded to several vehicle thefts, vehicle entries and a break and enter reported in Central Elgin and Malahide. Officers conducted patrols, a thorough ground search and eventually located a male who matched the description. It was because of a thorough investigation officers successfully apprehended the suspect and charged him accordingly. In the aftermath, an outstanding team effort was conducted by all members involved including members of SOCO, CSCU, Court Services, OTU and GLE.

B Platoon

The following are highlights of the great work B Platoon has been accomplishing in Elgin County in 2023.

Police responded to a hate motivated mischief at Christ Anglican Church in Port Stanley, ON. Suspects manipulated the words of a sign in a derogatory way. Major Crime and Forensics were utilized in attempts to identify the perpetrators, but police were unsuccessful. However, a strong working relationship was built between the church congregants, police, and surrounding residents.

Police worked with INTERPOL in response to relatives of an Elgin County family held for ransom in Mexico by the Cartel. The captives escaped without harm, and valuable investigative experience and police networks were obtained.

A man suffering from mental health issues and intoxication walked throughout the downtown core of West Lorne, ON, wielding a replica long rifle. Police responded and successfully arrested the man and secured the community. Simultaneously, Chatham-Kent OPP Officers responded to a weapons complaint regarding a motorist pointing a handgun at another driver. This male was located and arrested.

A suspect in recent break and enters was operating a stolen vehicle while impaired by drugs in West Elgin, ON, when he collided with another motorist. He fled on foot however, he was located and arrested a short time later.

PC's Mitch Lombardi, Michael Duic, and Luke Allin successfully completed their probationary period. PC Duic has since obtained Marine Officer training and spent the summer patrolling Elgin County waterways. PC Allin has been identified as a potential French Language Officer for Chatham-Kent.

PC Mailloux returned to the Chatham-Kent OPP Detachment from maternity leave.

PC Vankesteren was successful in being promoted to the West Region OPP Sergeant Pool.

Sgt Nash continues to assist West Region OPP as a valued Crisis Negotiator.

B Platoon welcomed Miah Parenteau of the Delaware of the Thames First Nation Community for eight weeks this summer as part of the Police Ethnic and Cultural Exchange (PEACE) Program.



C Platoon

401 Hwy, Southwold - Members of Elgin OPP conducted LIDAR enforcement on 401 Hwy laying multiple charges.

A suspect was arrested after failing to stop for police while in a stolen vehicle. The suspect avoided a spike belt and later lost control of the vehicle near Windsor. After a successful canine track, the suspect was apprehended.

After a vehicle crashed into a ravine, police located a male party who was found to be impaired. The male suspect was arrested for Operation while impaired and received a driver's licence suspension while his vehicle was impounded.

Elgin OPP C-Platoon conducted numerous patrols near the Pier Side Pub in Port Stanley, which historically generated many calls for service throughout the summer months. This drastically reduced the amount of LLA infractions and calls for service from the area.

A 50-year-old male experienced a heart attack while heading to St. Thomas. Luckily, an off-duty nurse performed CPR, potentially saving the man's life. The Police, Fire, and EMS arrived at the scene, and EMS promptly transported the individual to the hospital for further medical care.

Elgin OPP conducted LIDAR enforcement on Highway 401 laying over 25 charges for traffic violations.

PC's Beaton, Azar, and Daou have successfully completed their probationary period.

PC's Beaton and Azar attended local Festival this summer. This picture was taken with a proud future member of the OPP.



D Platoon

D Platoon has the honour of having a member of the coveted Golden Helmets on their platoon. PC Jeffrey Beaumaster has been on the team for several years and is a valuable asset. He can also be observed patrolling the roads of Elgin County on a regular basis during the nice weather months.

D Platoon has had a huge impact in the reduction of impaired drivers through RIDE programs. The contribute by facilitating significant amounts of RIDE programs throughout Elgin County.

There are 4 excellent marine operators on D platoon who have regularly scheduled shifts on the water ways of Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. The operators have spent a significant amount of time on the water conducting education, enforcing the laws and keep the public safe.

PC Kodi Hansen, PC Alexandria Cullen, and PC Tyler Fletcher each successfully completed their Month 10 Evaluation and recommended for permanency.

Elderly male with dementia left property. Police were called for an elderly male with dementia who had left the property. After an exhaustive search, the male was located safe in St. Thomas.

D Platoon has conducted multiple focused patrols on Highway #3 By-pass, including foot patrol performed in area in response to homeless encampments in the area.

D Platoon investigated a shoplifting occurrence that was originally reported as a robbery. Suspects fled in a vehicle which struck another vehicle causing extensive damage. The suspects then fled from the vehicle and were located, arrested, and processed at Elgin OPP Detach.

There have been numerous Stunt driving and suspended drivers who have been charged with in Elgin County and the 401.

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.



Marine Patrols

From April throughout June 2023, Elgin County OPP marine members have checked over 800 vessels during over 445 hours of patrol hours. 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.



Appendix "A"

Police Services Board Report for Elgin County Police Service Board Report Records Management System April to June - 2023

Violent Crime						
Actual	April to June			Year to Date - June		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Murder	0	0	--	1	0	-100.0%
Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	--	0	0	--
Attempted Murder	0	0	--	0	0	--
Sexual Assault	8	12	50.0%	15	21	40.0%
Assault	37	40	8.1%	67	70	4.5%
Abduction	0	1	--	0	2	--
Robbery	0	1	--	1	1	0.0%
Other Crimes Against a Person	17	22	29.4%	33	42	27.3%
Total	62	76	22.6%	117	136	16.2%

Category	2022	2023
Sexual Assault	8	12
Assault	37	40
Abduction	0	1
Robbery	0	1
Other Crimes Against a Person	17	22

Property Crime						
Actual	April to June			Year to Date - June		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Arson	0	1	--	0	1	--
Break & Enter	35	15	-57.1%	52	29	-44.2%
Theft Over	24	28	16.7%	54	43	-20.4%
Theft Under	50	48	-4.0%	89	76	-14.6%
Have Stolen Goods	7	3	-57.1%	9	8	-11.1%
Fraud	45	36	-20.0%	97	77	-20.6%
Mischief	33	33	0.0%	52	53	1.9%
Total	194	164	-15.5%	353	287	-18.7%

Category	2022	2023
Arson	0	1
Break & Enter	35	15
Theft Over	24	28
Theft Under	50	48
Have Stolen Goods	7	3
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Mischief	33	33

Drug Crime						
Actual	April to June			Year to Date - June		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Possession	2	0	-100.0%	2	3	50.0%
Trafficking	2	7	250.0%	8	8	0.0%
Importation and Production	0	0	--	0	0	--
Total	4	7	75.0%	10	11	10.0%

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Trafficking	8	8

Clearance Rate

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Property Crime	9.8%	12.8%	3.0%	9.1%	13.2%	4.2%
Drug Crime	50.0%	85.7%	35.7%	60.0%	54.6%	-5.4%
Total (Violent, Property & Drug)	29.3%	36.8%	7.6%	29.5%	37.6%	8.0%

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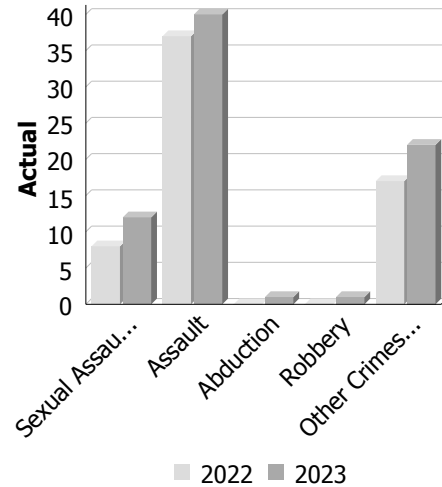
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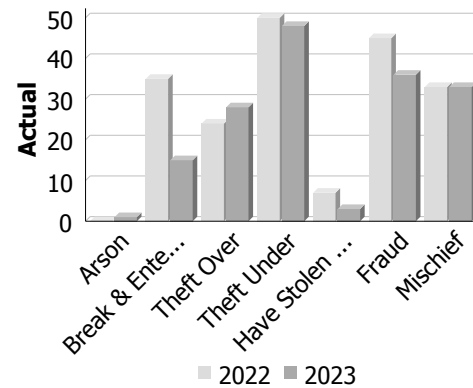
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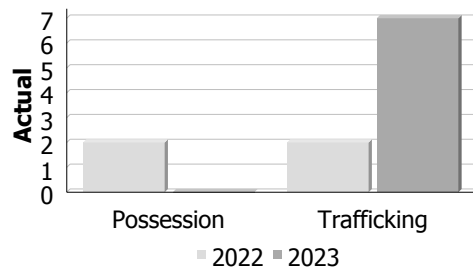
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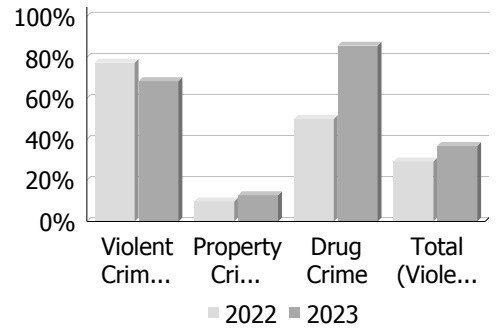
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