

AGENDA
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
1:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order The Chair shall preside.

Adoption of Minutes from September 20, 2023 Meeting (ATTACHED)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Reports

(ATTACHED)

- 1) Billing Model for OPP Municipal Policing Services, Sergeant Rob Griffin
- 2) Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report, Staff Sergeant Ian George and Staff Sergeant Brad Cook

Correspondence (ATTACHED)

- 1) Letter from the Municipality of Bayham regarding Emergency and Utility Off-Road Vehicles
- 2) Letter from the Municipality of Bayham regarding Plank Road at Chute Line and Northern Vienna Bridge.
- 3) Meeting Notice from the OAPSB Zone 6 regarding the Zone 6 Fall Meeting.
- 4) Letter from the PSB Chair to the Thames Valley District School Board regarding the School Resource Officer Program.

Other Items

New Business

Closed Session Items

Adjournment

Next Meeting: To be determined

Draft Minutes
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD
September 20, 2023

The Elgin Group Police Services Board met in the Central Elgin Boardroom at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, with the following in attendance:

David Jenkins, Chair
Trudy Kanellis, Vice-Chair
Ida McCallum, Board Member
Dominique Giguère, Board Member
Andrew Sloan, Board Member
Inspector Jennifer Neamtz, Detachment Commander (virtual)
Sergeant Ed Sanchuk (virtual)
Sergeant Eugene Laarman
Sergeant Brad Cook
Constable Jeff Beaumaster
Constable Nathen Bearss
Carolyn Krahn, Secretary/Administrator

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by: Ida McCallum
Seconded by: Dominique Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2023 be adopted.

- Motion Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

None.

Reports:

- 1) 2023 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference – Vice Chair
Trudy Kanellis

T. Kanellis provided a summary of the 2023 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Spring Conference.

Moved by: Andrew Sloan

Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT the report from the Vice-Chair, dated June 2, 2023 be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

2) Realizing Efficiencies in Crime Detection and Resolution – Sergeant Ed Sanchuk

Sergeant Sanchuk provided an overview of the CAMSafe program. This program creates a database of private security cameras within communities that will act as a resource for police when investigating crimes. Participation is voluntary; participants can delete their account at any time; CAMSafe does not have access to footage or cameras; and only police have access to the registry information. This program was developed by Belleville Police and has been successfully implemented in several jurisdictions. Elgin County OPP will be implementing this program and will begin a communications campaign to promote the program in Elgin.

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis

Seconded by: Dominique Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

3) Project Lifesaver – Constable Jeff Beaumaster

Constable Beaumaster presented information on Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a program designed to protect and quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering. The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Individuals enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the OPP, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. The first responders will then use the client's individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual and bring them back to safety. Elgin County OPP will be implementing this program in partnership with the St. Thomas Police, Aylmer Police, and Chatham-Kent Police. The OPP is collaborating with local community partners to purchase the receivers. Caregivers are responsible to purchase the transmitter for their loved ones. The purchase price is currently around \$400; however, funds from community partners may be available to help families purchase the transmitters. It is anticipated that the program will be up and running by January 2024.

Moved by: Dominique Giguère

Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

4) OPP Tow Program – Sergeant Eugene Laarman

Sergeant Laarman delivered a comprehensive presentation on the OPP Tow Program, highlighting significant changes made by the OPP in response to system abuses in Toronto. Sergeant Laarman distinguished between two types of towing requests: consumer/owner-requested towing, where the owner/driver initiates the tow service, and police-requested towing, which occurs when the police act on behalf of a vehicle owner who is either absent or unable to authorize the tow. Police may also request towing based on legislative authority, such as vehicle impoundment in cases of impaired driving, stunt driving, or evidence collection.

Under the new rules, each tow truck company must apply to the OPP to be considered, and must be approved by a local commander. Annually, the company must provide its ownership, registration, licence, vehicle, equipment, and insurance, and submit its principals to a criminal history background check. A company can also be removed if it fails to pass the requirements. The OPP maintains information on capabilities of registered towing companies. When a tow request arises, officers select the nearest towing service that can adequately address the specific situation. Each tow request must be documented, and each officer can only use a company once per shift.

Moved by: Ida McCallum

Seconded by: Andrew Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

5) Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report – Inspector Jennifer Neamtz

Inspector Neamtz presented the Detachment Commander's quarterly update. Elgin County OPP have been actively engaged in various initiatives aimed at enhancing community safety. They have been working closely with community partners to address the specific needs of Elgin County, especially focusing on public safety through general patrols and traffic initiatives. Elgin County OPP has been actively involved in educating the community about scams and frauds, while also investigating cases and supporting victims. During the summer months, there has been a focus on boating and water safety. The Crime Unit continues its investigations into benchmark criminal offenses, while the Community Street Crime Unit focuses on drug-related investigations, both units contributing significantly to maintaining community safety. Traffic initiatives, such as the S.P.E.E.D. Campaigns and Commercial Motor Vehicle training, are also planned for this fall. In addition to their various activities, the Elgin County OPP has submitted grant applications for three provincial grant opportunities, each aimed at enhancing community safety.

Inspector Neamtz also highlighted the work of the Elgin County OPP Community Response Unit. The Unit continues to deliver programs in local Catholic and private

schools, but not in schools in the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB). The Board has been conducting a review of allowing officers in schools since Fall 2021. Since that time, there has been an increase in assaults and other crimes in schools. Inspector Neamtz has participated with the TVDSB in the review, and it is expected to be completed soon.

Moved by: Dominique Giguère
Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis

RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Police Services Board send a letter in support of returning police officers to the schools in the Thames Valley District School Board.

- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: Andrew Sloan

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Moved by: Ida McCallum
Seconded by: Dominique Giguère

RESOLVED THAT Correspondence Items #1-3 be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

Other Items:

D. Giguère asked a question regarding how residents should report speeding complaints. Inspector Neamtz responded that residents could telephone the non-emergency line to report concerns. For cases that present an immediate threat to public safety such as possible impaired drivers, residents should call 911. Residents may also go through their local councils to submit general traffic complaints with councillors forwarding the complaints to Inspector Neamtz. Sergeant Laarman added that residents should include as much detail as possible when reporting traffic complaints, including any trends related to time of day.

New Business:

None.

Closed Session Items:

None.

Next Meeting:

The Elgin Group Police Services Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 15 at 1 pm.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis

Seconded by: Ida McCallum

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn 2:30 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Carolyn Krahn,
Secretary/Administrator.

David Jenkins
Chair.



Elgin Detachment

Billing Model for OPP Municipal Policing Services

November 15th, 2023



OVERVIEW

- OPP Service Delivery Model
- OPP Billing Model
- Understanding Your Billing Statement
- CSPA and the Contract Renewal Process
- Questions



OUR VISION

Safe Communities... A Secure Ontario

Safe Communities... A Secure Ontario reflects our unique and dual policing mandate.

As the OPP's vision statement, it captures our goal as a provider of frontline policing for the majority of Ontario's municipalities, roadways, trails and waterways in remote northern and Indigenous communities and rural and urban centres. It is our aim as leaders of a vast array of province-wide public safety programs.

Simply, it is the focus of our strategic plan.





Understanding OPP Service Delivery

Detachments operate on an **integrated service delivery model**, whereby they may provide policing services to contract and non-contract municipalities and further meet provincial policing commitments under the PSA.

The OPP accurately tracks service provided to municipalities using the **Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) system**, ensuring they do not pay for provincial resources or obligations.

Integrated Service Delivery Model Benefits for Municipalities policed by the OPP:

- Enhanced flexibility in meeting changing policing demands at a lower cost than having one detachment service one municipality;
- Provides economies of scale by allowing municipalities and the province share the cost of detachment supervisory and administrative positions and detachment infrastructure;
- Allows for coordinated policing strategies for the issues that often span multiple jurisdictions;
- Being part of a larger policing model allows communities to engage and partner with various agencies (e.g., community safety agencies) outside their municipal boundaries.



Ontario Provincial Police: Resources (2020-2021)

MUNICIPAL POLICING RESOURCES

Detachment Staff****

- Supervision
- Frontline Constable
- Civilian Administrative and Support

Support Positions and

ODOE*****

- Communication Operators
- Prisoner Guards
- Provincial Police Academy and In-Service Training
- Uniform Recruitment
- Municipal Policing Bureau
- Quality Assurance
- Forensic Identification
- IT and Telephone Support
- Regional Headquarters
- Vehicles
- Uniform and equipment
- Radios

2%
\$24M***

Indigenous Policing

Unincorporated Territories

Community Safety

Auxiliary Policing

PROVINCIAL / SPECIALIZED RESPONSIBILITIES

Traffic Safety

- Aircraft Enforcement
- Provincial Traffic Safety Program
- Snowmobile All-Terrain Vessel Enforcement
- Waterways and King's Highway

Investigations

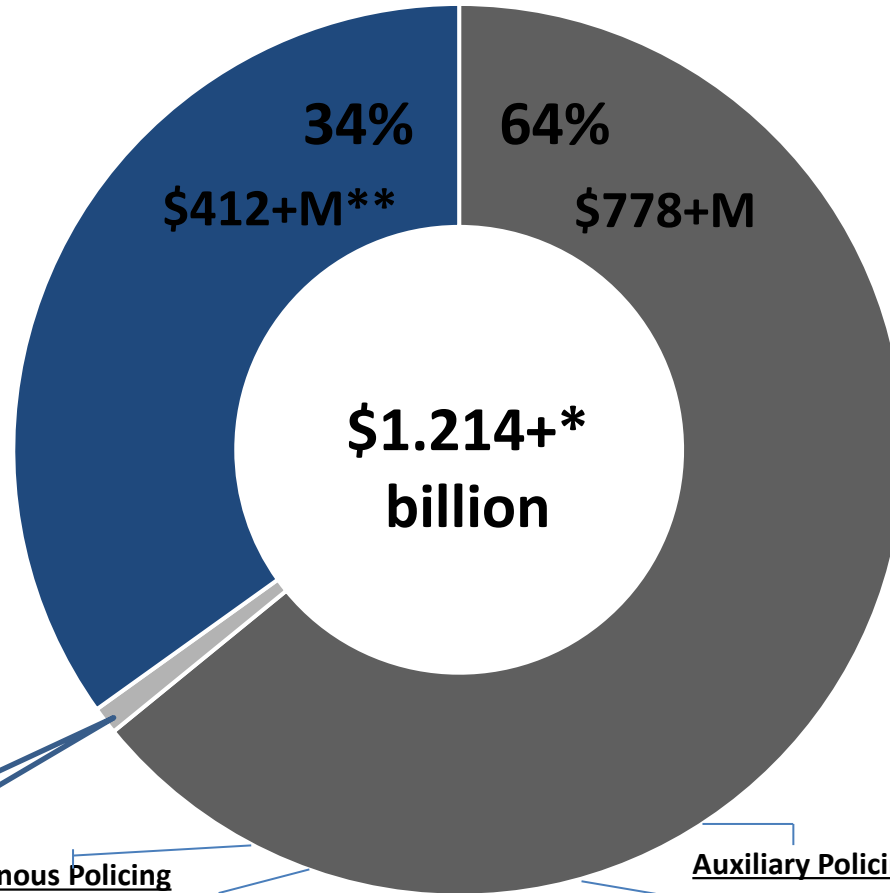
- Criminal Investigations
- Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations
- Anti-Rackets
- Organized Crime
- Investigation and Support

Intelligence

- Covert Operations
- Provincial Anti-Terrorism and Hate Crimes
- Analysis and Information
- Field Intelligence

Specialized Response Teams

- Tactical Emergency Medical Services
- Aviation Services
- Canine Unit
- Emergency Response Team
- Negotiations
- Tactics and Rescue Unit
- Underwater Search and Recovery Unit
- Urban Chemical Response Team



*OPP total cost is based on 2020-2021 operating and capital budget estimate (Source: [2020 OPP Annual Report](#))

** OPP municipal policing estimated cost for 2021 (excluding recoveries for municipalities in a 3+ years post-amalgamation transition contract)

***\$23.6M recoveries (including one-time initial cost) for OPP policing services provided to municipalities in a 3+ years post-amalgamation transition contract

****Municipalities are billed for the portion of detachment, support positions and other direct operating expenses (ODOE) required to meet their service demands



OPP Municipal Cost Recovery

- The billing model is provincially focused and divides the majority of municipal policing costs into two categories.

Base Services

Allocate among municipalities on an equal per property basis

(households, commercial and industrial properties)

- Legislated activities (crime prevention, officer availability to respond to emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, general and directed patrol, victim assistance, etc.)
- Proactive policing (RIDE, traffic safety, community policing, intelligence gathering etc.)
- Officer training and administrative duties
- All Inspector and Staff Sergeant positions

+

Calls for Service

Allocate the costs to municipalities based on their individual usage level

- Crime calls (assaults, break & enter, mischief, domestic & family disputes, drug offences, etc.)
- Provincial Statutes (Mental Health Act, Trespass to Property Act, landlord/tenant disputes, etc.)
- Motor vehicle collisions (property damage, personal injury, fatal, etc.)
- General calls for service (false alarms, lost property, missing person, etc.)
- Does not include incidents normally generated through proactive policing

Additional Other Costs

Municipalities are billed on their specific usage:

Overtime Court security Cleaning/Caretakers

Accommodations Enhancements Prisoner Transportation*

* Prisoner transportation cost is allocated to all municipalities on an equal per property basis.



OPP 2024 Annual Billing Statement

Elgin Group

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024

Please refer to www.opp.ca for 2024 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

		Cost per Property \$	Total Cost \$
Base Service	Property Counts		
	Household	18,714	
	Commercial and Industrial	871	
	Total Properties	<u>19,585</u>	3,243,011

Calls for Service	(see summaries)		
	Total all municipalities	183,003,471	
	Municipal portion	1.4585% → 136.28	2,669,083

Overtime	(see notes)	12.55	245,841
Court Security	(see summary)	7.37	144,341
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)	1.12	21,935
Accommodation/Cleaning Services	(per property cost)	<u>4.90</u>	<u>95,967</u>
Total 2024 Estimated Cost		<u>327.81</u>	6,420,179
2022 Year-End Adjustment	(see summary)		50,947

Grand Total Billing for 2024	<u>6,471,125</u>
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2024 Monthly Billing Amount	539,260
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**OPP 2024 Calls for Service Billing Summary****Elgin Group**

Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2024 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2024 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Four Year Average				
					A	B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	30	39	31	19	30	6.9	205	0.0113%	20,665
Drugs	11	9	10	4	9	80.6	685	0.0377%	68,967
Operational	2,383	2,641	2,514	2,381	2,480	3.8	9,423	0.5183%	948,596
Operational 2	1,509	660	585	494	812	1.5	1,218	0.0670%	122,613
Other Criminal Code Violations	151	133	118	98	125	7.3	913	0.0502%	91,859
Property Crime Violations	785	772	726	769	763	6.3	4,807	0.2644%	483,899
Statutes & Acts	401	428	455	406	423	3.5	1,479	0.0813%	148,862
Traffic	887	857	833	847	856	3.8	3,253	0.1789%	327,452
Violent Criminal Code	385	279	259	254	294	15.4	4,531	0.2493%	456,170
Municipal Totals	6,542	5,818	5,531	5,272	5,791		26,514	1.4585%	\$2,669,083

***Reference - Page 5 OPP Billing Statement**



CTSB STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT FRONTLINE EFFICIENCIES

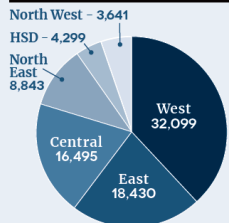
THROUGH RESPONSE, REDIRECTION, REDUCTION & AUTOMATION
YEAR 3: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

TOTAL FRONTLINE HOURS REALLOCATED

325,556

(01 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER)

9-1-1 CALL DIVERSIONS, BY REGION 2022: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31



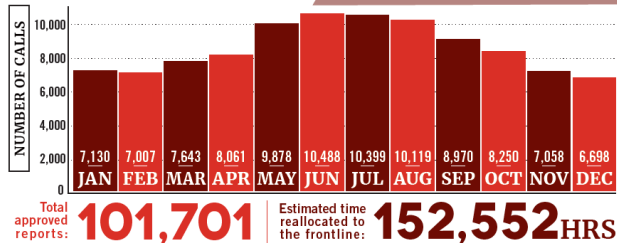
9-1-1 CALL DIVERSIONS CHANGES FOR ACCIDENTAL, UNINTENTIONAL OR UNKNOWN CALL HANDLING DIVERSION

Total 9-1-1 calls diverted: **83,807**

Estimated time reallocated to the PCs: **1,865 HRS**

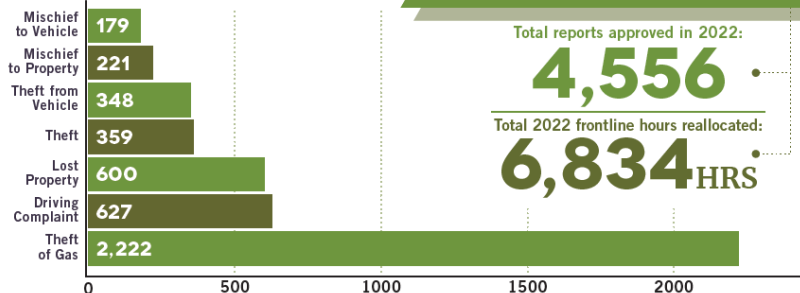
Estimated time reallocated to the frontline: **152,295*** HRS
* BASED ON A TWO-OFFICER RESPONSE

VOLUME OF CALLS REDIRECTED TO FSU 2022: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31



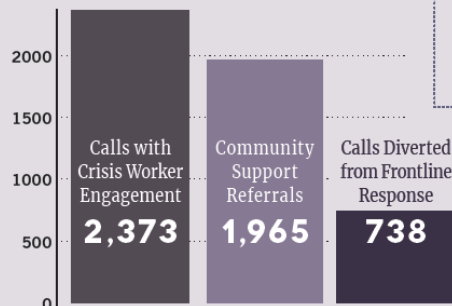
REDIRECTION OF CALLS SENT TO THE FRONTLINE SUPPORT UNIT

ONLINE REPORTING TOTALS, BY TYPE 2022: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31



NUMBER OF APPROVED REPORTS

CRISIS CALLS RECEIVED, BY RESULT 2022: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31



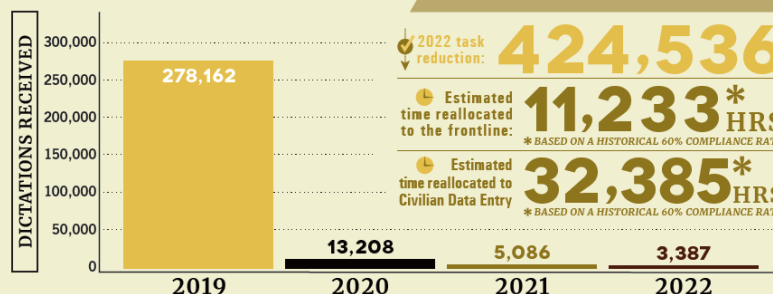
DIVERSIONS OF CALLS TO CRISIS WORKERS IN PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRES

Estimated time reallocated to the frontline in 2022*:

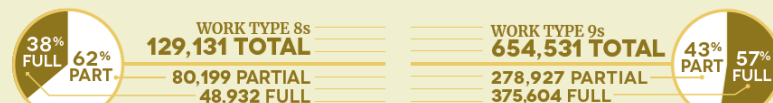
2,642 HOURS
* BASED ON A TWO-OFFICER RESPONSE

31% Call Diversion Rate

WORK TYPE 8 & 9 DICTATIONS 2022: JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31



Automation of WT8s began on August 6, 2019 / Automation of WT9s began on September 10, 2019





OPP Billing Model Policing Costs Year over Year Cost Comparison Chart

Municipality **Elgin Group**
Agreement Section 10 - Group
Detachment Elgin

Year	Cost Status	Property Count	Total Cost		Year over Year Cost Variance	Cost Per Property		OPP Average Cost per Property
			Before Cap	Capped		Before Cap	Capped	
2015	Reconciled	18,269	\$6,066,252	\$6,067,951		\$332	\$332	\$354
2016	Reconciled	18,514	\$6,121,190	\$6,121,190	0.9%	\$331	\$331	\$350
2017	Reconciled	18,579	\$6,153,324	\$6,153,324	0.5%	\$331	\$331	\$350
2018	Reconciled	18,523	\$6,249,244	\$6,249,244	1.6%	\$337	\$337	\$358
2019	Reconciled	18,658	\$6,390,962	\$6,390,962	2.3%	\$343	\$343	\$362
2020	Reconciled*	18,822	\$6,210,282		-2.8%	\$330		\$356
2021	Reconciled*	18,964	\$6,460,054		4.0%	\$341		\$358
2022	Reconciled*	19,099	\$6,448,135		-0.2%	\$338		\$357
2023	Estimate*	19,258	\$6,328,575		-1.9%	\$329		\$346
2024	Estimate*	19,585	\$6,420,179		1.4%	\$328		\$348

* 2019 was the final year of the 5 year phase-in period, no caps have been applied after 2019.

OPP MUNICIPAL POLICING COSTS OPP Billing Model Cost-Recovery⁸

To view costs for a municipality in a chart format please refer to the "Cost Comparison Chart" tab.

Chart Tab

			2024 Total Property Count - 1,230,286 2024 Estimated Total Municipal Recoveries - \$428,339,915 2024 Estimated Average per Property Cost - \$348			2023 Total Property Count - 1,202,724 2023 Estimated Total Municipal Recoveries - \$416,132,269 2023 Estimated Average per Property Cost - \$346		
			2024			2023		
			Estimated ⁸ (No Phase-in Cap for 2024)			Estimated ⁸ (No Phase-in Cap for 2023)		
Municipality ⁸	Detachment	Status as of September 30, 2023	Property Count ⁸	Total Cost	Per Property Cost	Property Count ⁸	Total Cost	Per Property Cost
Elgin Group	Elgin	Section 10 - Group	19,585	6,420,179	328	19,258	6,328,575	329
Haldimand Co	Haldimand	Section 10	22,775	8,071,706	354	22,414	7,943,539	354
Norfolk Co	Norfolk	Section 10	32,671	12,387,219	379	32,421	12,382,329	382

Resources Available on WWW.OPP.CA

Current Annual Billing Materials:

2024

- [2024 Billing Webinar Presentation](#)
- [2024 Billing Information](#)
- [2024 Estimated Front-line Constable and Support Costs](#)
- [2024 Statement Sample](#)

2023

- [2023 Billing Webinar Presentation](#)
- [2023 Estimated Front-line Constable And Support Costs](#)
- [2023 Billing Information](#)
- [2023 Statement Sample](#)

2022

- [2022 Billing Webinar Presentation](#)
- [2022 Billing Information](#)
- [2022 Estimated Front-line Constable And Support Costs](#)
- [2022 Statement Sample](#)

Current Cost-Recovery Information:

- [2019-2024 Billing Comparison](#)
- [2015-2024 Cost by Municipality](#)

General Billing Model Information:

- [Billing Model Presentation](#)
- [Property Count Definition](#)
- [List of Billable Calls for Service](#)
- [Videos](#)



OPP Contract Expiry Options

Extend existing s.10 contract for a 1 or 2 year term with an amending agreement

Renew s.10 contract for a 3, 4, 5 or 6-year term with a new contract agreement

Revert to s.5.1 Non-Contract Arrangement on January 1st, 2024

Contract will conclude on either the expiry date or when the CSPA comes into force

Arrangement will remain in effect until the CSPA comes into force or if new s.10 agreement is requested

- Municipality decides on term of agreement and advises the OPP
- OPP will draft agreement. Municipality confirms and passes by-law. Municipality seals by-law and emails copy to OPP
- OPP will draft final agreement. Municipality will sign and seal agreement, and email copy to OPP
- OPP will process final agreement with the Ministry of Solicitor General's Office

- Notification on municipal letterhead to the OPP is required



3 Things to Know about the “New Policing Act”

1. Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

The *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019, but some sections have not yet been proclaimed into force. This act creates the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#) (CPSA), which will come into force on a date to be determined. When the CPSA and its regulations come into force, it will repeal and replace the current Police Services Act (PSA).

2. OPP Detachment Boards

S. 67-71 of the CPSA provide details on the OPP Detachment Boards. When the CPSA comes into force, the PSA will be repealed and the existing s.10 boards will cease to exist. The CPSA will require there to be one or more OPP detachment boards for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or a First Nation reserve, if the regulations allow for it.

3. OPP S. 10 Contracts

Under the CPSA municipalities policed by the OPP will not have the option to enter into a contract for OPP policing services. Expiring s. 10 agreements for OPP policing services will be renewed until the CPSA and its regulations come into force. Further clarification on the transition from s.10 agreements to a “non-contract arrangement” under CPSA for the provision of OPP policing services are to be developed.



Ontario Provincial Police

QUESTIONS?

RESOURCES:

INTERNET

www.opp.ca/billingmodel

www.opp.ca/municipalpolicing

www.opp.ca/contractproposals

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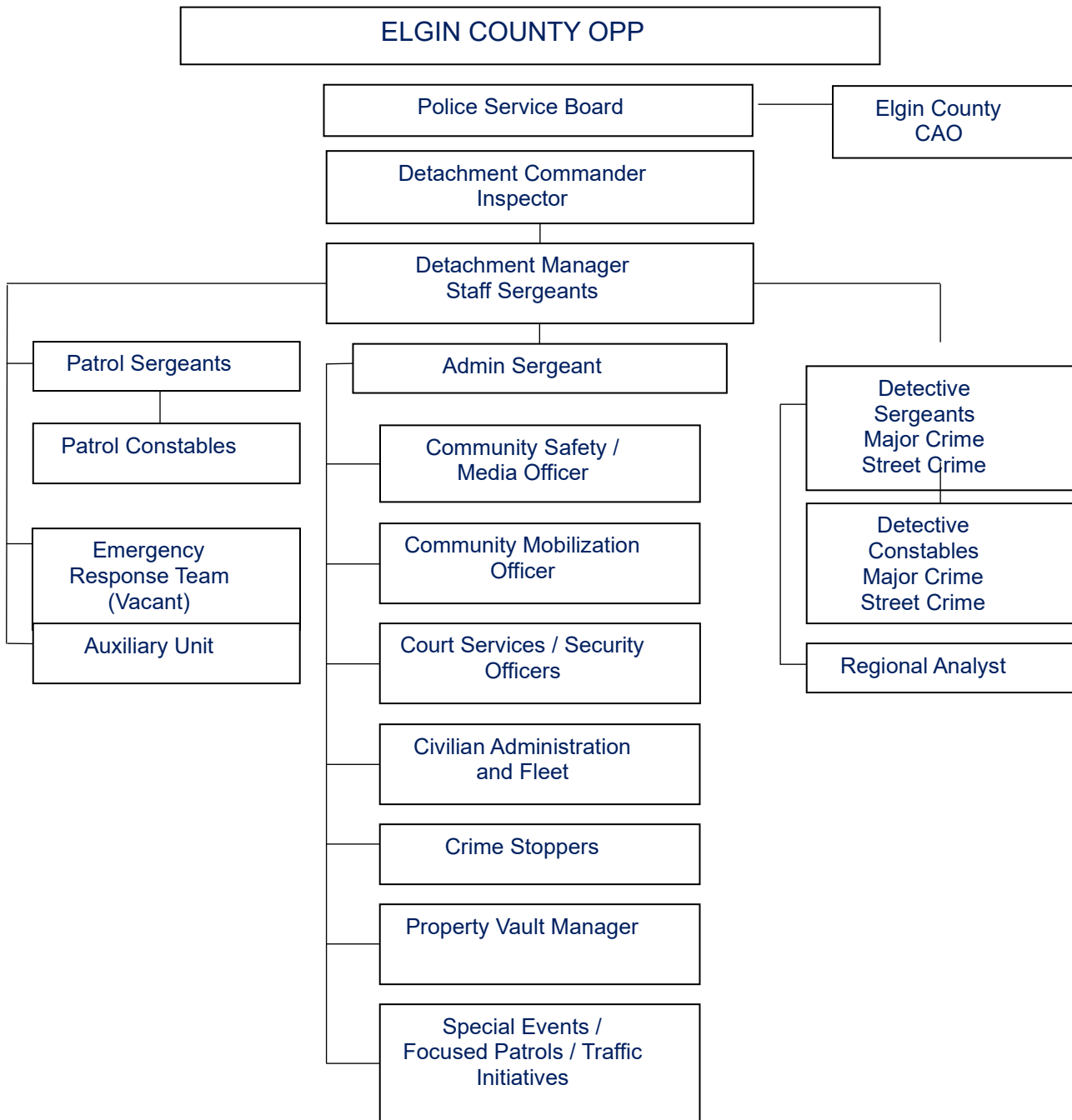
Elgin County OPP September 2023 Police Services Board Report



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



Organization



From the Detachment Commander

Elgin OPP started this summer season with a focus on safety through education! In preparation for the increase in tourism Elgin has realized over the past year since COVID, our members made patrolling our roadways, waterways and trails a priority.

Our marine unit attended 41 occurrences on our waterways while completing 1376 hours of patrol. In partnership with our community groups several water safety initiatives were held with a focus on water safety around lakes and pools.

Our members attended several community events such as C.A.L.I.P.S.O., the Shedden Fair, Early ON Children's Festival, and Canada Day Events around the county.

In recent months an increase in property crime was realized. Through the investigative skills of our crime analyst and CSCU team, in August, a male was linked to several property related offences including vehicle entries, thefts from vehicles, vehicle thefts and thefts of licence plates occurring in Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford and London PS was arrested and charged.

With the new school year upon us, please remember to slow down and keep a watchful eye on our children as they frequent our sidewalks and roadways once again! Help us continue to make safety a priority in Elgin County!



Inspector Jennifer NEAMTZ

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Crime

Crime Unit

Supervisor: 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 summer 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.

Detective Sergeant Brian Watson was recently promoted to this role and excitedly brings a wealth of experience in both criminal investigations and Elgin County as a whole.

Crime Statistical Report

See Appendix "A"

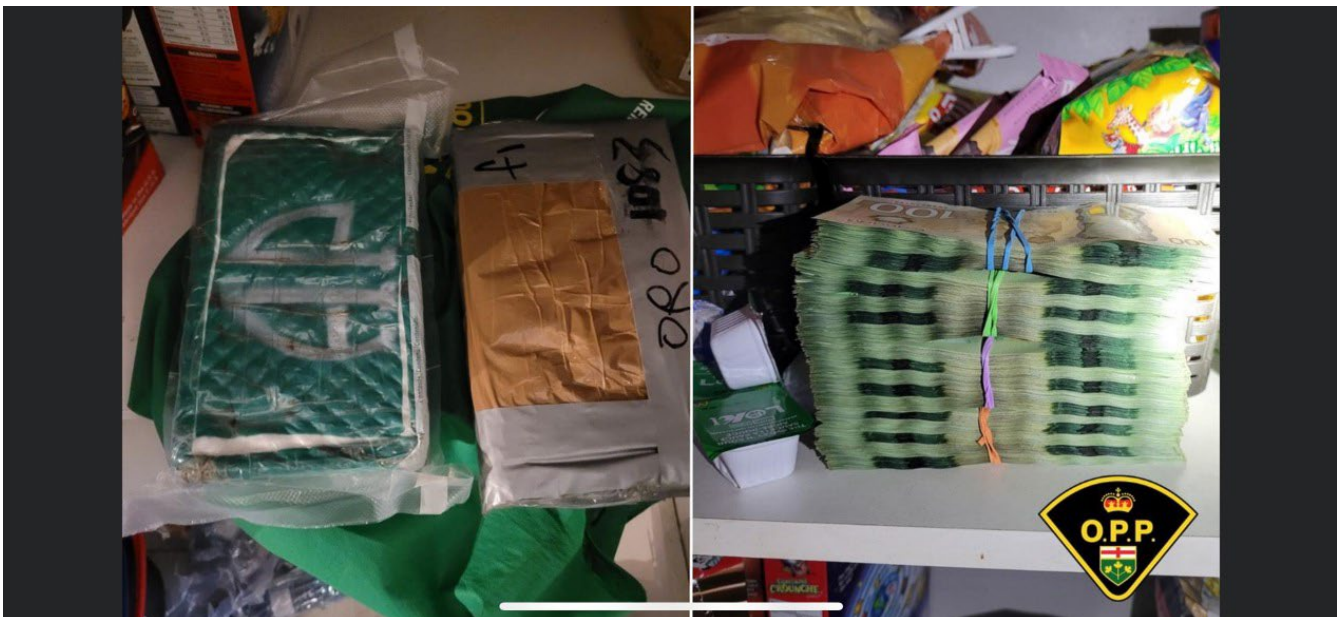
Community Street Crime Unit

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.

CSCU has been busy investigating drug offences that are happening in Elgin County. CSCU has executed numerous search warrants in West Elgin attempting to combat drug trafficking. CSCU uses many investigative techniques to move these investigations along in order to bring those responsible to justice. CSCU has also assisted the Biker Enforcement Unit that had a recent investigation involving Elgin County. One of CSCU's role is to assist neighbouring Detachment CSCU teams as well our OPP specialty units and neighbouring Municipal partners. Working collaboratively with others only strengthens those already established partnerships.

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.

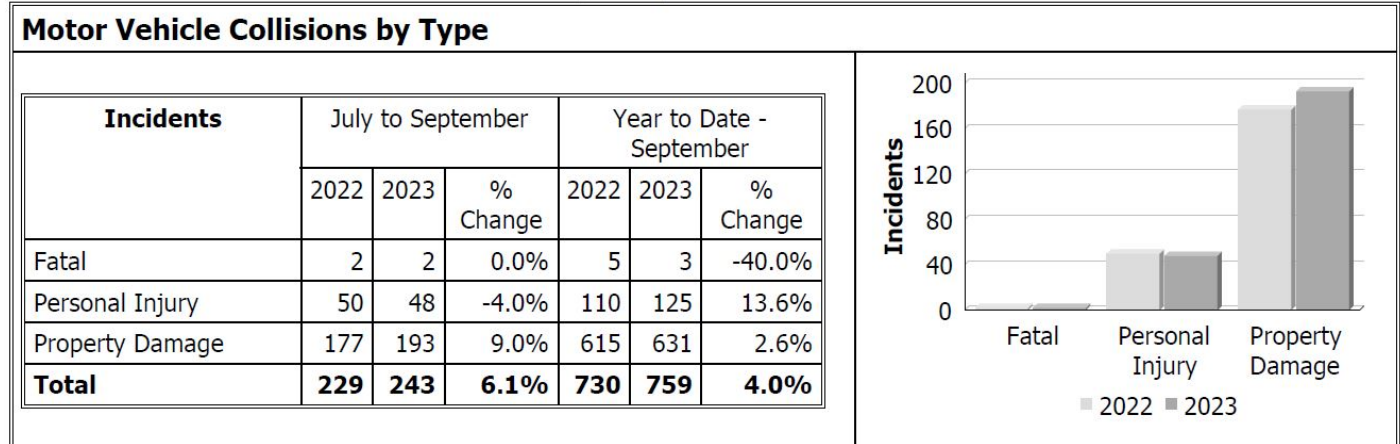
Elgin County OPP and the Traffic Management Unit (TMU) will be hosting Commercial Motor Vehicle training during the upcoming fall months.

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	30
Speeding	624
Seatbelt	43
Distracted Driving	23
Total Charges for Quarter	1154

Elgin County (6P*) Reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions

Police Services Board Report for Elgin County Police Services Board Report Collision Reporting System July to September - 2023



Data Utilized

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

Community Response



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

Provincial Constable Brett PHAIR

CRIME STOPPERS

From July through September, the St. Thomas-Elgin Crime Stoppers program has received a total of 57 Tips, 30% of the tips are allocated to Elgin County OPP with the remaining tips allocated to Aylmer and St. Thomas Police Services.

MEDIA/CSO/CMO

From July through September, the Elgin County OPP Community Response Unit (CRU) delivered one presentation, attended 14 community events, and attended 10 meetings with the community partners.

Elgin County provided 71 media releases to various outlets, contributed 69 social media posts the OPP's West Regional Social Media Platforms including the newly adopted Instagram platform and conducted 52 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 56 calls for service related to mental health from July through September 2023 and continues to rely on partnerships made with community services throughout the County of Elgin.

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.

Former Auxiliary member PC Taylor Smith was successful in becoming a constable in Oxford County.

Aux. Cst. Flick is up to speed on training, and we have welcomed Ryan Young who has had a detachment tour and cruiser orientation.

Aux. Cst. Mark Cummings has been recommended for the Aux. Sgt. Role.

Applicant Connor Schram has been interviewed and recommended for the Auxiliary Program.

Another joint initiative was covered in Shedden for their bike rodeo with positive feedback received. We are continuing to attend meetings with the Middlesex Aux. Unit and have been covering all requests the best that we can. We are looking forward to more applicants coming soon hopefully and continued rebuilding of the Unit until self sufficient. I recently have received assistance from Sgt. Elsayed and am looking to bolster numbers from the Chatham side.

We are hoping that the recruitment video that was taken on the water this summer is approved and generates some more interest from potential applicants.

The Auxiliary Program has dedicated over 140 volunteer hours throughout the quarter.

Grant Applications

Elgin County OPP has applied for three Provincial grant opportunities and are awaiting a response from the Ministry.

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.

We have had a new recruit, Daniel WOOD, join our platoon in October and is happily adjusting to life as a police officer with assistance from his coach officer, PC Mo ITANI.

Members of our platoon attended, viewed and interacted with members of the public participating in the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Port Stanley on November 5th.

PC GARNER has been conducting foot patrol in downtown Dutton on a more regular basis to better engage with the community.

B Platoon

In September, PC Wasilewski and PC Matatall were on hand at the Hockeyville event in West Lorne to provide security and got to meet retired Maple Leaf Darcy Tucker and see the Stanley cup up close.

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

On July 19th, members of C platoon volunteered a couple hours of their time to work behind the counter at Tim Horton's in support of their Camp Day initiative (Pictured below).



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.

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

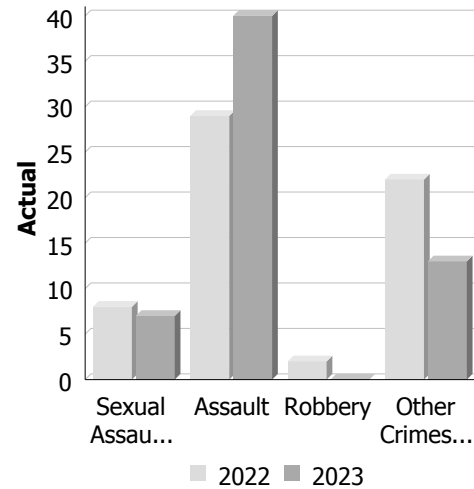
From July through September, the OPP Marine Unit responded to 41 occurrences, and spent over 1376 hours patrolling our waterways. The marine unit is responsible for approximately 450 square kilometers of Lake Erie and covers approximately 220 kms of shoreline along the north shore of the Lake. Enhanced 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.



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Records Management System
July to September - 2023

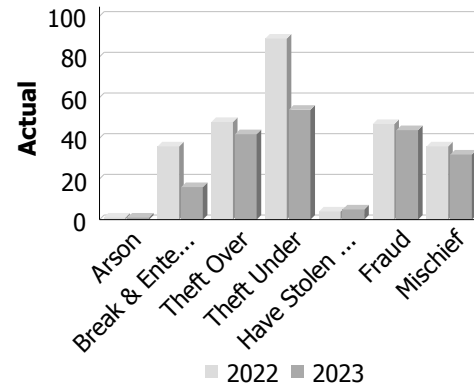
Violent Crime

Actual	July to September			Year to Date - September		
	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	7	-12.5%	23	27	17.4%
Assault	29	40	37.9%	96	109	13.5%
Abduction	0	0	--	0	2	--
Robbery	2	0	-100.0%	3	1	-66.7%
Other Crimes Against a Person	22	13	-40.9%	55	55	0.0%
Total	61	60	-1.6%	178	194	9.0%



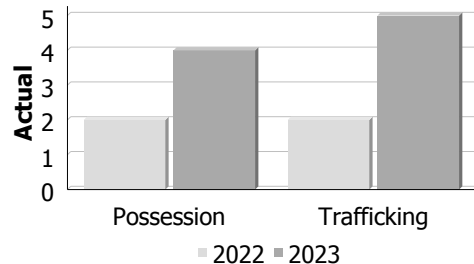
Property Crime

Actual	July to September			Year to Date - September		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Arson	1	1	0.0%	1	2	100.0%
Break & Enter	36	16	-55.6%	88	44	-50.0%
Theft Over	48	42	-12.5%	102	85	-16.7%
Theft Under	89	54	-39.3%	178	129	-27.5%
Have Stolen Goods	4	5	25.0%	13	13	0.0%
Fraud	47	44	-6.4%	144	122	-15.3%
Mischief	36	32	-11.1%	88	85	-3.4%
Total	261	194	-25.7%	614	480	-21.8%



Drug Crime

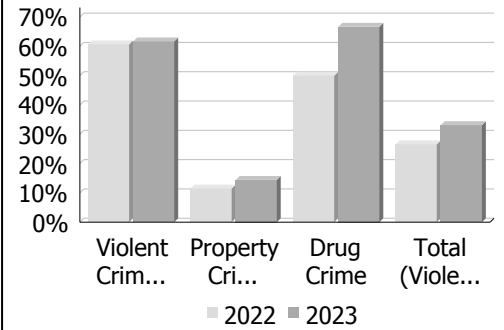
Actual	July to September			Year to Date - September		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Possession	2	4	100.0%	4	7	75.0%
Trafficking	2	5	150.0%	10	13	30.0%
Importation and Production	0	0	--	0	0	--
Total	4	9	125.0%	14	20	42.9%



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Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate	July to September			Year to Date - September		
	2022	2023	Difference	2022	2023	Difference
Violent Crime	60.7%	61.7%	1.0%	70.8%	69.1%	-1.7%
Property Crime	11.5%	14.4%	2.9%	10.1%	13.5%	3.4%
Drug Crime	50.0%	66.7%	16.7%	57.1%	55.0%	-2.1%
Total (Violent, Property & Drug)	26.6%	33.1%	6.5%	28.3%	35.7%	7.4%



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



Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report

Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Central Elgin, Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich, Municipality of West Elgin, Township of Malahide, Twp of Southwold July to September - 2023

Billing Categories (Billing categories below do not match traditional crime groupings)	2023				2022			
	July to September	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours	July to September	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours
Violent Criminal Code	60	191	15.8	3,017.8	57	178	15.8	2,812.4
Property Crime Violations	188	456	6.4	2,918.4	246	589	6.4	3,769.6
Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)	21	64	7.5	480.0	33	77	7.5	577.5
Drug Possession	5	16	7.1	113.6	6	16	7.1	113.6
Drugs	4	10	68.0	680.0	0	2	68.0	136.0
Statutes & Acts	113	288	3.4	979.2	126	311	3.4	1,057.4
Operational	599	1,705	3.8	6,479.0	729	1,834	3.8	6,969.2
Operational2	145	382	1.4	534.8	127	366	1.4	512.4
Traffic	155	504	3.7	1,864.8	180	650	3.7	2,405.0
Total	1,290	3,616		17,067.6	1,504	4,023		18,353.1

Note to Detachment Commanders:

- The content of each report is to be shared by the Detachment Commander only with the municipality for which it was generated. The municipality may treat this as a public document and distribute it as they wish.
- All data is sourced from the Niche RMS application. Included are 'reported' occurrences (actuals and unfounded occurrences) for 'billable' occurrences ONLY. Data is refreshed on a weekly basis.
- The Traffic category includes motor vehicle collision (MVC) occurrences entered into Niche (UCR code 8521). MVCs are NOT sourced from the eCRS application for this report.
- Only the primary violation is counted within an occurrence.
- Time standards displayed are for the 2023 billing period.

Note to Municipalities:

- Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continues to investigate and solve crime.
- This report is NOT to be used for crime trend analysis as not all occurrences are included.
- Data groupings within this report do not match traditional crime groupings seen in other public reports such as the OPP Police Services Board reports or Statistics Canada reporting.

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September 22, 2023

Elgin County Police Service Board

Via email: ckrahn@elgin.ca

Re: Exemption from By-law No. 2021-037 Emergency and Utility Off-Road Vehicles

The attached staff report was considered at the September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution passed:

Moved by: Councillor Froese

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Weisler

THAT Report BL-05/23 re Exemption from By-law No. 2021-037 – Emergency and Utility Off-Road Vehicles be received for information;

AND THAT the appropriate By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration;

AND THAT a copy of the appropriate By-Law be forwarded to the Elgin County's Police Service Board.

The signed amending by-law is also attached for your records.

Please contact the undersigned should you require further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meagan Elliott', is positioned above the printed name.

Meagan Elliott

Clerk

melliott@bayham.on.ca

cc. Dominique Giguere
Harry Baranik



REPORT

MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

TO: Mayor & Members of Council
FROM: Harry Baranik, Fire Chief/By-Law Enforcement Officer
DATE: September 21, 2023
REPORT: BL-05/23

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM BY-LAW NO. 2021-037 – EMERGENCY AND UTILITY OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

BACKGROUND

At its June 17, 2021 meeting, Council received Report BL-04/21 re Off Road Vehicle By-law and passed, in part, the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor Donnell
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Weisler

THAT Report BL-04/21 regarding the Update to the Off Road Vehicle By-law be received for information;

AND THAT the appropriate By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration;

By-law No. 2021-037 was received and adopted by Council at the same meeting.

The Municipality was recently contacted by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) inquiring as to any exemptions under By-law No. 2021-037 which would allow emergency services to operate on their off-road vehicles on Municipal roads in order to carry out their duties. After reviewing the By-law, it was discovered that no exemption for this matter existed.

DISCUSSION

After internal review, it is recommended that the following subsection be added to Exemption Section (Section 4) of By-law No. 2021-037:

Exemption:

"4(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this By-law, Off Road Vehicles operated on behalf of an emergency medical service, fire department, police department, public utility, and the Municipality shall have full access to all municipal highways as required to perform their duties".

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT** Report BL-05/23 re Exemption from By-law No. 2021-037 – Emergency and Utility Off-Road Vehicles be received for information;
2. **AND THAT** the appropriate By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration;
3. **AND THAT** a copy of the appropriate By-Law be forwarded to the Elgin County's Police Service Board.

Respectfully submitted:

Harry Baranik

Fire Chief/By-Law Enforcement Officer

Reviewed by:

Thomas Thayer, CMO, AOMC

Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM

BY-LAW NO. 2023-072

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2021-037 BEING A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT AND/OR OTHERWISE REGULATE OFF-ROAD VEHICLES (ORVs) ON ROADS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, (hereinafter "*Municipal Act, 2001*"), and in particular section 8 thereof, provides that the powers of a municipality under that or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confirm broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the ability of the municipality to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and in particular Section 28 thereof, a municipality has jurisdiction over, inter alia, all highways over which it had jurisdiction or joint jurisdiction on December 31, 2002, all highways established by by-law of that municipality as enacted on or after January 1, 2003, and all highways otherwise transferred to that municipality pursuant to the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8, as amended, and in particular Section 191.8 thereof, and Regulations enacted thereunder, including but not limited to O. Reg 316/03, as amended, as a Regulation relating to the operation of off-road vehicles on highways, a municipality is authorized to enact a by-law prohibiting the operation of off-road vehicles on any highway, or any part or parts thereof, within a municipality and under its jurisdiction and/or otherwise permitting and otherwise regulating operation of such off-road vehicles on such highways, or any part or parts thereof;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham exercises jurisdiction over and in respect of highways within the territorial limits of the said Municipality of Bayham, which highways are generally and collectively referred to as "Municipal Roads";

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Bayham deems it expedient to prohibit operation of off-road vehicles on Municipal Roads, subject to an exception which allows direct crossing of such Municipal Roads by operators of off-road vehicles in accordance with the said *Off Road Vehicles Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 4, as amended;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 2021-037 was passed on June 17, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to update Section 4 of By-law No. 2021-037;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYHAM ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** Section 4 of By-law No. 2021-037 be amended by adding the following;

“4(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this By-law, Off Road Vehicles operated on behalf of an emergency medical service, fire department, police department, public utility, and the Municipality shall have full access to all municipal highways as required to perform their duties”

2. **AND THAT** in all other respects, By-law No. 2021-037 is hereby confirmed and remains unchanged;
3. **AND THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon final passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.


MAYOR


CLERK

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October 23, 2023

County of Elgin
450 Sunset Drive
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Via email: jfentie@elgin.ca & ckrahn@elgin.ca

Re: Plank Road at Chute Line and Northern Vienna Bridge

The attached correspondence was considered at the Municipality of Bayham's October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with the following motion passed:

THAT the correspondence from Laura Edwards re Plank Road, Chute Line and Northern Vienna Bridge be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to submit this correspondence to Elgin County for comment and consideration;

AND THAT staff be directed to submit this correspondence to the Elgin County Police Services Board.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Meagan Elliott
Clerk
melliott@bayham.on.ca

To Mayor and Council

I request that this letter be treated as official correspondence.

Re - Plank Road / Chute Line and northernly bridge in Vienna.

On Sept 1, we had another accident whereby a 16 year old ended up landing up in someone's backyard. Previous to this was a driver who was impaired who hit the guard rail, flipping the pick up truck that slid hundreds of feet away from the point of impact. These are only two accidents but I understand it is an area that vehicle collisions often occur and high speeds around the curve are witnessed.

It is a stretch of road that is on the priority tourism route so is very busy . The area of the bridge in Vienna on Plank Road is also a destination point of many kayakers who enter/exit the Otter Creek.

Heading south, this small stretch of road just north of Chute Line and the bridge has two sharp turns. The rate of speed people of many drivers is causing many to cross the centre line into oncoming north-bound traffic at the bridge .

Heading North out of Vienna there is NO sign alerting drivers of the curve, let alone the severity of it.

Heading South - there are curve signs but nothing indicating the severity of the curves. These signs do not stand out - they seem to blend in with the landscape.

I'm wondering if there could be additional safety precautions for the southbound traffic be put in

le a flashing amber lights on the curve signs, use of a 'danger' sign especially with winter coming, bigger signage, slower cautionary speed signs.

For commuters going North, perhaps a flashing curve sign should be installed.

Furthermore, can there be a radar blitz at the location of Chute Line and Plank - it is a 50 km/hr zone but many exceed this speed to the point it is unknown if the drivers can navigate the curve.

I have never seen a ride program in Bayham in 4 years - perhaps in the vicinity of this location would be beneficial.

My request is that a resolution be passed to escalate the ongoing safety concerns regarding this stretch of Plank Road to Elgin County and the OPP in the hopes that Elgin County install better, preventative road signage and more police enforcement of this area.

Below is a post on social media from the September 1 accident and below that there is a picture of Plank Road heading south where it meets Chute Line - taken today. I see no road signage in this section alerting drivers of the impending curve that is coming.

Thank you

Laura Edwards
Vienna ON

So yet again last night as the sun sets another individual driving poorly through the village could not maneuver the bend near the bridge and plowed their pickup truck across someone's lawn and into the brush behind their house.

Until somebody dies, somebody's kid is run over down here this will continue.







Zone 6

Notice of Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 a.m.

CASO Station

750 Talbot Street, St. Thomas

Please R.S.V.P. if you are attending by Monday, November 13th

Carolyn Krahn

ckrahn@elgin.ca

519-631-1460, ext. 133

If you would like to attend, but are unable to attend in person,
please contact Carolyn Krahn at ckrahn@elgin.ca



ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Municipality of Bayham | Municipality of Central Elgin | Municipality of Dutton Dunwich

Municipality of West Elgin | Township of Malahide | Township of Southwold

September 28, 2023

Lori-Ann Pizzolato
Chair of the Board
Thames Valley District School Board
1250 Dundas Street
London, ON N5W 5P2

Dear Ms. Lori-Ann Pizzolato

On behalf of the Elgin Group Police Services Board, I am writing to express our deep concern regarding the ongoing pause of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in schools in the Thames Valley District School Board district. We would like to advocate for the return of police officers to these schools, while acknowledging the importance of building positive relationships with students and the need for adaptation to address the concerns raised during the pause.

We understand that the TVDSB paused the SRO program in fall 2021 following a survey that found some students had negative experiences. While we respect the decision to review the program and address these concerns, it is crucial to recognize that the presence of police officers in our schools serves a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff.

The SRO program was initially designed not only to educate students about important topics such as alcohol and drugs, but also to build positive relationships with our youth. This relationship-building aspect is critical in fostering trust between law enforcement and our students, as it helps students see police officers as approachable figures in the community who are there to support and protect them.

In light of the recent increase in school violence, including assaults, weapon possession, and drug-related incidents, our schools require a visible law enforcement presence. Police officers are trained to respond to emergency situations, and their immediate availability can be crucial in ensuring the safety of our school community.

I would like to emphasize that I believe the police officers in our schools are open to adapting their approach as necessary. It is essential to consider the recommendations arising from the ongoing review, such as addressing systemic racism, improving professional learning, increasing diversity among SROs, and using a trauma-informed approach. These recommendations demonstrate a commitment to better serving the diverse needs of our students.

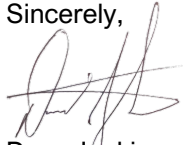
In conclusion, we urge you to consider carefully the value that the SRO program brings to TVDSB schools and the safety of our students. I believe that a collaborative effort between law enforcement, educators,

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c/o Elgin Group Police Services Board
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students, and parents can lead to a program that benefits everyone. Let us work together to ensure that our schools are safe, nurturing environments where our students can thrive.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to the well-being of our students and schools. I look forward to a constructive dialogue and a positive outcome that benefits our entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Jenkins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dave Jenkins

Chairman

Elgin Group Police Services Board

Cc: Rob Flack, MPP – Elgin-Middlesex-London
Local Municipal Partners
Elgin Group Police Services Board