



Owen Sound Police Services Board

2nd Floor Meeting Room

Thursday November 21st, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:	J. Thomson (Chair), I. Boddy, B. Wilkins
Via Zoom:	S. Kukreja
Absent with Regrets:	K. Wardell
Management Present:	Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector J. Fluney, Inspector D. Bishop
Minutes:	J. Thomson

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Thomson read the land acknowledgment:

I would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional lands of the First Nations and has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. In particular, I acknowledge the history, spirituality, and culture of the Territory of the An-ish-inabek Nation; the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nation and further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, known collectively as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this area as well as the contributions of the Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples whose ancestors shared these lands and waters. May we live with respect for each other on this land and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

Megwitch

“Prior to today’s meeting, the Board met in closed session to review and discuss matters that in their opinion fell under Section 44 of the Community Safety and Police Act and Section 24 item b) of the OSPSB General Policy- 003 - Board Governance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Thomson requested to add a report from the Human Resources Manager to Item 14 on the agenda.

Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by B. Wilkins

“That the agenda, as amended, dated November 21, 2024 be approved.” **CARRIED**

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the Minutes and Matters Listed on the Agenda. HEARING NONE

5. Presentations, Deputations, and Public question period.

There were no presentation, Deputations or Public questions

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held October 8, 2024.

Moved by S. Kukreja, seconded by B. Wilkins

“That the minutes dated October 8, 2024 be approved.” **CARRIED**

7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of October 8, 2024. HEARING NONE

8. Correspondence received

There was no correspondence received requiring the board’s direction or review.

9. Chairman’s Report

Chair Thomson reported that and Chief Ambrose and himself would be attending the OAPSB Labour Conference in Toronto from November 25, 2024 to November 27, 2024. Chair Thomson also reported he would be attending the OAPSB board meeting on the 25th.

Chair Thomson reported he would be attending the OAPSB Zone 5 meeting on Tuesday December 10th in Guelph. The last Zone 5 meeting was held via Zoom on March 12, 2024. On April 1, 2024 the CSPA came into effect which created changes to the structure

of O.P.P. Detachment Board. As a result, there was a delay in implementing new O.P.P. Detachment Boards. New boards are now in place and they will be back to meeting quarterly.

10. Governance

Chair Thomson reported that D. Preston will attend our December meeting. He will bring with him a list of updated policies that he has been working on as a result changes related to the new CSPA coming into force.

11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop

- a) Criminal Investigations Branch and Drug Enforcement/Criminal Intelligence Unit
- b) Auxiliary Unit Report
- c) Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit

12. Reports from Inspector J. Fluney

- a) Front Line Patrol and Collision Statistics
- b) Community Services Office
- c) Lost Hours and Training

13. Reports from Director of Civilian Services K. Fluney

14. Reports from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson and Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill, Wendy Pratt, Human Resources Manager

As there were no requests for action in the above reports, they will be placed on file with these minutes for information purposes.

15. Financial Update from the Chief of Police

- Chief Ambrose reviewed the financial projections to year end from the city
 - Board costs are in with budget, and projected to be \$194 under budget
 - Officers Salaries are under budget by \$435,000 due to some unfilled vacancies

- Civilian costs are over slightly at \$205,454
- Court Security \$77,000

Current forecast is to be \$152,000 under budget. There are wage accruals of \$265,644 as we are without a contract at the present time which could result in an over budget amount of approximately \$113,000 or approximately 1.26%. However there are some transfers to be made to line 3200 – Civilian budget and it is anticipated the forecast will be pretty much even by the end of the year.

With respect court costs, the arrangement with Grey County was that they would pay the difference between the Provincial grant amount and the total court costs for the year. This payment would be received a year in arrears such that 2024 amount would not be paid until 2025.

It was suggested that while the OSPSB receives court security costs monthly the Financial Director at the County of Grey should also be receiving these costs as the year goes on.

16. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police

a) Chief's Activity Reports

Highlights of that report was:

- OPC March Past with 498 graduates and provided the Keynote Address to the graduates.
- Attended the Safety of Our Cities Conference in Peel Region – 2.5 days. The focus was on policing with homelessness and mental health. Break out sessions were relevant for our size of community. Topics included, what is the role of policing and how do we change that role and what are some of the ideas others are using.

As there were no requests for action in the above reports, they will be placed on file with these minutes for information purposes.

17. Other Items and New Business

a) OSECC Renovation Update

D. Bishop reported that the new Communications centre is up and running with a very smooth transition and lots of positive feedback. Construction has been closed off and has come in on budget and within contingency.

b) Crimes Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka

Report attached

c) Auxiliary Resignation

The following members of the Owen Sound Police Service Auxiliary Unit have submitted resignations from the Unit following their success in obtaining employment within the policing sector.

Aux. Cst. Nathaniel Dodd has submitted his resignation to be effective October 31st, 2024.

Aux. Cst. Kaitlyn Helm has submitted her resignation to be effective November 15th, 2024.

Inspector Bishop recommended that the Board move to accept the resignations as tendered and direct correspondence to both members confirming acceptance of their resignations.

Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by B. Wilkins

“That the Board accept the resignations of:

- Aux. Cst. Nathaniel Dodd has submitted his resignation to be effective October 31st, 2024.
- Aux. Cst. Kaitlyn Helm has submitted her resignation to be effective November 15th, 2024.

*And a letter be sent to them acknowledging the acceptance of their resignation. **CARRIED***

d) 2023-2026 Operations Plan Progress Update #3

Chief Ambrose provided a report on the 2023-2026 Operations Plan and Progress Update #3 - August 2024. Report attached.

e) Illicit Drug Use

Inspector Bishop provided a report on the impact of illicit drug use in the city of Owen Sound. Report Attached.

f) 2025 OSPSB Meeting Dates

A proposed list of meeting dates for the OSPSB during 2025 was part of this month's board package. Members were asked to review the dates against their personal calendars and to come back to the December meeting to confirm these dates are acceptable for final approval.

18. Termination of the Public Meeting

Having completed all of the business items listed on the agenda Chair Thomson terminated the closed meeting at 11:15a.m.

Next Meeting: December 18th, 2024



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT / CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT – SEPTEMBER 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: October 08, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

Investigations

Homicides X3 – The three homicides from the summer of 2023 continue to require work and resources although they are getting closer to completion, however the court process for these when scheduled will create additional demands on staffing and resources. A bail hearing has been scheduled in November for our first 2023 homicide, and a preliminary hearing for one of the three charged in the second 2023 homicide has also been scheduled for several days in November.

Sexual Assault – (September 11th, 2024) – Members of CIB investigated the historical allegation of sexual touching, by a father on his two biological children, that was initiated by the West Grey Police Service but believed to have occurred in Owen Sound. Secondary interviews were conducted and it was determined that some of the offences did occur in the town of Durham and the matter has been referred back to West Grey Police. For the incident that may have occurred in Owen Sound, there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a criminal offence occurred.

Identity Fraud – (September 14th & 17th, 2024) – Members of the CIB investigated two separate frauds reported within the same week regarding similar circumstances. In both cases, the bank accounts of Owen Sound residents were accessed by unknown suspects who had fraudulently obtained bank cards in the victim's names. Those unknown suspects then used the bank cards at various financial institutions in the Waterloo and Toronto areas to withdraw funds from the victim's accounts. Efforts to identify the suspects are on-going.

Domestic Assault – (September 30th, 2024) – Members of the CIB, Bail Compliance Unit and Uniform Patrol executed a Feeney warrant at a residence within the city of Owen Sound, for a 46-year-old Owen Sound man. The man was arrested without incident, charged with eleven (11) Criminal Code offences and remanded into custody. The victims in this matter were not injured.

Uniform Assistance

Sudden Death – (September 8th, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted uniform with the analysis of two cellular phones seized from the scene of a suspected drug overdose. The cell phones confirmed the deceased was a drug user, however there was no evidence of trafficking located on the devices in the

time surrounding the death. There was evidence to suggest that controlled substances may have been purchased on the dark web and delivered by mail to the deceased's residence.

Follow Up

MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 4
Follow Ups = 7
Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 2
Incident Response/Support = 10
Proactive in Community Engagement (hours completed) = 4
STAR cases = 0

Training

Major Case Management – D/Sgt. Gurney
Crisis Negotiator Course – DC Bridgeman
2024 Hate Crime Conference – York Regional Police – DC Martin

Meetings

Situation Table (STAR) Weekly Meetings – DC Bridgeman & DC Martin
Anti-Human Trafficking Monthly Meeting – DC Bridgeman & DC Martin

Other

Presentation to Women's House & Women's Center on Digital Tracking, Drugs, Social Media Awareness & Human Trafficking by DC Houston, DC Bridgeman & DC Martin

Drug Overdose Information

In September 2024 the city had (1) suspected drug related death.

To date, the city has had (11) deaths from suspected drug overdoses.

The year 2023 ended with the Owen Sound Police Service having investigated a total of eleven (11) deaths from suspected drug overdoses. The year 2022 ended with a total of six (6), a total of fourteen (14) occurred in 2021 and a total of eight (8) occurred in 2020.

Missing Persons

Active: There are no outstanding missing persons being investigated.

SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop, Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT / CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT – OCTOBER 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: November 21st, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

Investigations

Homicides X3 – The three homicides from the summer of 2023 continue to require work and resources although they are getting closer to completion, however the court process for these when scheduled will create additional demands on staffing and resources. A bail hearing has been scheduled in November for our first 2023 homicide, and a preliminary hearing for one of the three charged in the second 2023 homicide has also been scheduled for several days in November.

Fraud – (October 9th, 2024) – Members of CIB were assigned to continue the investigation into a suspected fraud reported by an Owen Sound business. The investigation revealed that on approximately September 10th, 2024, a vehicle owned by the business was entered by a culprit and a debit card was stolen. The stolen debit card was then utilized by the culprit to make numerous purchases and cash withdrawals across Grey County, between September 10th, 2024 and October 3rd, 2024, that exceeded \$27,000.00. Video surveillance footage from one of the purchase sites has been obtained and a suspect has been identified. Production Orders for the financial institutions where the cash withdrawals were made were obtained from the Ontario Court of Justice. Those authorized Production Orders have been submitted to the financial institutions, in attempt to also obtain their video surveillance footage. This matter is still under investigation.

Sexual Assault – (October 21st, 2024) – Members of CIB received a third-party report of a sexual assault that may have occurred in the summer or early fall in the City of Owen Sound involving a 12-year-old female and possibly two or three males. Victim not ready to provide statement to police at this time, however the investigation is continuing with potential witnesses, with the assistance of the victim's school.

Uniform Assistance

Recovery of Stolen Property – (October 1st, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted property managers of a large apartment building within the city of Owen Sound with the recovery of a set of master keys that had been stolen from the maintenance room. A review of video surveillance footage determined that the culprit of the theft, had discarded the key in a hallway and they were picked up by another residence. The keys were recovered from the resident without incident and the property managers did not wish to

proceed with criminal charges. The property manager estimated a cost between approximately \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00 if the keys had not been recovered, as they would have needed to re-key the entire building.

Sudden Death – (October 3rd, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted uniform patrol with the locating a next of kin for a 64-year-old, Owen Sound male who is believed to have died of natural causes.

Missing Youth – (October 17th, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted in the search of a missing 9-year-old youth who had left the family home after an argument with his mother. The youth was located without incident and returned to the care of his family.

Sudden Death – (October 28th, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted uniform patrol with the sudden death investigation of a 43-year-old Owen Sound woman who was found without vital signs. The investigation revealed that the woman is believed to have died as a result of a drug related over dose.

Assault – (October 28th, 2024) – Members of CIB assisted Platoon 4 with interviews of four children, who alleged assault by their step father. Investigation determined that the incidents occurred while in North York and Uxbridge at dance competitions. Contact to be made with Toronto Police Service and Durham Regional Police Service to investigate the allegations occurring within their jurisdictions.

MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 5

Follow Ups = 13

Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 3

Incident Response/Support = 14

Proactive in Community Engagement (hours completed) = 6

STAR cases = 0

Training

Search Warrant - OPC - D/Sgt. Gurney

Hate Crime Investigation – Ottawa Police Service – DC Martin

Meetings

Situation Table (STAR) Weekly Meetings – DC Bridgeman & DC Martin

CIMS Onboarding – D/Sgt Gurney & DC Bridgeman

Efficiency Committee Meeting – DC Martin

Other

Members of CIB met with representatives from the Ontario Major Case Management Unit from the Ministry of the Solicitor General

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Missing Persons

Active: There are no outstanding missing persons being investigated.

SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop, Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Auxiliary Board Report – September 2024
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 21, 2024

REPORT:

In September 2024, the Auxiliary Unit was busy with community events and assisting the Uniform Branch with ride along hours. The volunteer hours accumulated by the Auxiliary Unit totalled 224.

On September 16th, members of the unit assisted the OSPS Training Branch with providing scenario based training to new uniform patrol recruits.

On September 25th, members of the unit participated in the Ontario Police Fitness Award Pin Program that was housed at the Owen Sound Georgian College campus. The program is to motivate Ontario police officers and police civilian employees to remain physically fit throughout their entire careers

The unit is currently in the preliminary planning stages of the annual food drive in support of the Owen Sound branch of the Salvation Army.

The unit looks forward to participating in upcoming community events during the month of October.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector D. Bishop



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Auxiliary Board Report – October 2024
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 21st, 2024

REPORT:

In October 2024, the Auxiliary Unit was busy with community events and assisting the Uniform Branch with ride-along hours. The volunteer hours accumulated by the Auxiliary Unit totalled 213!

On October 29th, several members of the unit attended the Owen Sound Police Service appreciation night hosted by the senior management team and the Police Service Board.

On October 30th, members of the unit took to the streets for “Devil’s Night” to assist with proactive policing measures.

The unit has several upcoming events in November which include: Remembrance Day parade, Santa Claus parade and several local food drives.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector D. Bishop



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit – September 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: October 08, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	36.5
BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)	15
CRIMINAL CHARGES	67
WARRANT ARRESTS	6
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	5 warns
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	1
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	13

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE attended a community meeting with residents from two housing properties in Owen Sound.
- CORE attended a Community Information Fair at Georgian College.
- CORE attended a seminar on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community.
- Safe n Sound overnight warming program/shelter.
- Grey County Housing locations.
- School locations across the city.

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- CORE attended and assisted with restraining a violent and combative offender.
- CORE investigated and charged a female with assault with a weapon and several breaches of her court order.
- CORE worked 6 12-hour shifts to accommodate for patrol resources.
- CORE attended a local business in relation to an unwanted party.
- CORE assisted at an MVC scene involving a power-assisted bicycle and a vehicle.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE completed more than 30 investigations which led to 67 criminal charges being laid such as Fail to Comply with Release Order/Undertaking/Probation, Theft Under \$5000, Assault with a Weapon, Uttering Threats, Mischief Under \$5000, Assault Peace Officer, Causing a Disturbance, Trespass at Night, Criminal Harassment, Fail to Attend Court and Fingerprints, etc. Several of these occurrences originated in the River District.
- CORE executed six arrest warrants on known offenders in Owen Sound.
- CORE conducted 13 compliance checks on known offenders residing in Owen Sound for Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA).
- CORE designated two offenders to the Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Team.
- CORE wrote and executed a Feeney warrant to enter a dwelling and arrest a known male offender in Owen Sound.

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- CORE attended a meeting in relation to the CORE and BCWA grant(s).
- CORE attended a training meeting for NICHE database.
- CORE assisted with CEW training for the recruits.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

N/A

OPERATIONS PLAN:

CORE focused on proactive and high-visibility foot patrol relating to goal CS2 in the River District during impactful times to increase public safety.

CORE also attended community events to improve visibility and address concerns identified in the community pertaining to goal CS2(c).

CORE also engaged in Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension duties.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit – October 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: November 21st, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	68
BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)	0
CRIMINAL CHARGES	0
WARRANT ARRESTS	1
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	1 charge / 9 warns
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	0
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	2

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE has organized and is currently running a 4 week youth engagement program, *Team Unbreakable*, at Bayfield Landing Community Centre located at 2150 9th Ave E in Owen Sound. *Team Unbreakable* is a free program for youth with a focus on mental health, wellness and physical activity. This program offers an easy to follow physical activity plan which teaches running and self-management to youth. At the end of the 4 week program the team completes a run together and a certificate is given to each participant. More information on the program can be accessed at www.teamunbreakable.ca
- CORE contacted CMHA and Public Health to discuss options for safe drug disposal.
- CORE partnered with City Bylaw to remove tents/camps from a hazard area near the river and discuss solutions to identify that camping is prohibited in that area.
- CORE attended G.R.A.C.E. riding program to connect with youth from Owen Sound with physical, mental or emotional challenges.
- CORE organized and conducted a traffic blitz in partnership with MTO and Tobacco Enforcement with a focus on vehicle safety, equipment and taxi inspections.
- CORE attended Heritage Place Mall for a Halloween event.
- CORE participated in a Halloween community engagement initiative involving the Youth in Policing (YIPI) students.
- CORE conducted proactive patrols in licensed establishments.

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community
- Safe n Sound overnight warming program/shelter
- Grey County Housing locations
- Non-Profit Housing locations
- Various School locations
- 1400 block of 2nd Avenue West
- Owen Sound Transit Terminal
- Church properties and parking lots
- Encampments
- Licensed Establishments
- Heritage Place Mall

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- CORE attended a person welfare check radio call.
- CORE assisted patrol with searching for an adult male wanted on an outstanding warrant.
- CORE assisted on a wellbeing check for a 34-year-old male.
- CORE assisted with an unwanted adult female in the River District.
- CORE assisted with a family dispute involving a 17-year-old female.
- CORE assisted in locating a missing suicidal female.
- CORE assisted with several unwanted parties loitering in front of a business.
- CORE assisted with a standby/keep the peace call for service at a residence.
- CORE assisted on a call for service involving a possible break and enter in progress.
- CORE assisted with the search for a missing and despondent adult female.
- CORE assisted with a call for service involving unwanted parties inside a bank vestibule.
- CORE assisted with a report of parties engaged in suspected drug activity.
- CORE assisted with a call for service involving an adult female being trespassed from a business location.
- CORE assisted in attempting to locate an adult female involved in a shoplifting incident.
- CORE assisted on a wellbeing check for an adult male.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE conducted several compliance checks on known offenders residing in Owen Sound.
- CORE addressed numerous municipal issues including parking, prohibited camping, nuisance and noise bylaws.
- CORE located and arrested a known offender wanted on reasonable grounds.
- CORE charged one male offender under the Trespass to Property Act.
- CORE conducted several traffic stops and educated the drivers involved, several verbal warnings were issued.

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- CORE attended a meeting with program leaders for the Team Unbreakable initiative at Bayfield Landing.
- CORE assisted the Training Unit with forcible entry techniques off site.
- CORE attended a meeting for the November 30x30 fitness challenge.
- CORE attended annual in-service block training.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

CORE focused on proactive and high-visibility foot patrol relating to goal CS2 in the River District during impactful times to increase public safety.

CORE also attended community events to improve visibility and address concerns identified in the community pertaining to goal CS2(c).

CORE also engaged in Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension duties.

SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Unit – October 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: November 21st, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	6
BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)	5
CRIMINAL CHARGES	52
WARRANT ARRESTS	21
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	0
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	16

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- BCWA attended Bayfield Landing once per week to assist CORE with Team Unbreakable, a youth engagement program, with other community partners and Youth in Policing (YIPI) students.

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community
- Safe n Sound overnight warming program/shelter
- Grey County Housing locations
- Non-Profit Housing locations
- Owen Sound Transit Terminal
- Encampments

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- BCWA worked three shifts on patrol to accommodate for resources, attending several calls for service.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- BCWA completed more than 40 investigations which led to 52 criminal charges being laid such as Fail to Comply with Release Order/Undertaking/Probation/Recognizance, Theft Under \$5000, Assault with a Weapon, Assault, Uttering Threats, Mischief Under \$5000, Assault Peace Officer, Utter Forged Document, Identity Fraud, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Fail to Attend Court and Fingerprints, etc. Several of these occurrences originated in the River District.
- BCWA executed 21 warrants on known offenders in Owen Sound.
- BCWA conducted 16 compliance checks on known offenders residing in Owen Sound.

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- BCWA assisted the Training Unit with forcible entry techniques off site.
- BCWA attended a meeting at M'Wikwedong for their new Bail program.
- BCWA attended and participated in annual in-service block training.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

N/A

OPERATIONS PLAN:

BCWA focused on proactive and high-visibility foot patrol relating to goal CS2 in the River District during impactful times to increase public safety.

BCWA also attended community events to improve visibility and address concerns identified in the community pertaining to goal CS2(c).

BCWA engaged in over 40 investigations which led to 52 Criminal Charges being laid, and 21 warrants executed on offenders in Owen Sound.

SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Front Line Patrol Report and Collision Statistics – September 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: October 30, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS Front Line Patrol, the RIDE program, and Collision Statistics for September 2024.

Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	September 2024	September 2023	September 2024	September 2023
Highway Traffic Act:	94	95	29	28
Compliance Reports:	5	28		2
Recorded Cautions:	43	65	71	37
Liquor Licence Act:	14	9		1
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	97	112	2	
Other POA/By-Law:	26	14	4	4
Foot Patrol:	68	138	26	30

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 12 on-duty RIDE checks in the month of September with 244 drivers checked.

The total statistics for RIDE were:

- 29 officers
- 11 hours
- 244 drivers checked

Four impaired driving charges were laid during the month.

Collision Statistics:

Sept 2024 August 2024 Sept 2023

Total Collisions:	46	39	50
Collisions - East side	16	19	28
Collisions - West side	13	6	5
Collisions - parking lots	17	14	17
Fail to Remain Collisions	10	7	8
Collisions referred to CRC:	22	12	23
Collisions investigated by OSPS:	24	27	27

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

OPERATIONS PLAN:

“Community Safety” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goals: to address safety concerns identified by the community; to improve police visibility in the River District and at other priority areas; to address controlled substances, firearms, and violent crime; and, to promote road safety.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Front Line Patrol Report and Collision Statistics – October 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: November 13, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS Front Line Patrol, the RIDE program, and Collision Statistics for October 2024.

Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	October 2024	October 2023	October 2024	October 2023
Highway Traffic Act:	75	94	32	18
Compliance Reports:	3	23		3
Recorded Cautions:	53	45	34	42
Liquor Licence Act:	8	4		
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	109	126		
Other POA/By-Law:	27	8	3	1
Foot Patrol:	76	109	35	24

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 25 on-duty RIDE checks in the month of October with 829 drivers checked.

The total statistics for RIDE were:

- 75 officers
- 21 hours
- 829 drivers checked
- 28 HTA Charges or Warnings issued

Three impaired driving charges were laid during the month.

Collision Statistics:

Oct 2024 Sept 2024 Oct 2023

Total Collisions:	49	46	42
Collisions - East side	27	16	17
Collisions - West side	9	13	8
Collisions - parking lots	13	17	17
Fail to Remain Collisions	4	10	5
Collisions referred to CRC:	23	22	24
Collisions investigated by OSPS:	26	24	18

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

OPERATIONS PLAN:

“Community Safety” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goals: to address safety concerns identified by the community; to improve police visibility in the River District and at other priority areas; to address controlled substances, firearms, and violent crime; and, to promote road safety.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Lost Hours and Training – September 2024
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: October 31, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for September 2024, including lost hours due to leave from sick time, short term disability (STD), and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), as well as training opportunities.

Lost Hours:

Month/Year	SICK/STD			WSIB		
	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours	Number of Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours
September 2024	15	50	545	2	42	336
August 2024	10	16	174	2	44	352
September 2023	13	18	185	2	42	336

Training:

Members attended the following courses:

- Coaching Police Professionals course
- Crisis Negotiator course
- Hate Crime Conference
- National Emergency Number Association (NENA) conference
- Safety of our Cities conference
- Diversity and Belongingness conference
- three recruits started their Basic Constable Training at OPC

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

The loss of scheduled work hours is a potential financial risk and is monitored to ensure a balance with members' physical and mental wellbeing. Financial resources are required to provide ongoing member training which is an essential to updating qualifications, knowledge, and ultimately organizational risk mitigation.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

"Our Members" is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan's goals: to promote members' mental and physical wellbeing; and, to promote professional development and training opportunities for all members.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Lost Hours and Training – October 2024
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 5, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for October 2024, including lost hours due to leave from sick time, short term disability (STD), and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), as well as training opportunities.

Lost Hours:

Month/Year	SICK/STD			WSIB		
	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours	Number of Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours
October 2024	16	45	484	2	46	368
September 2024	15	50	545	2	42	336
October 2023	13	22	241	3	44	288

Training:

Members attended the following courses:

- Hate Crime Investigation
- Criminal Investigation Techniques
- Search Warrant
- All staff had block training which included Mental Health and Resilience training with the OSPS contracted counsellors
- three recruits continue their Basic Constable Training at OPC

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

The loss of scheduled work hours is a potential financial risk and is monitored to ensure a balance with members' physical and mental wellbeing. Financial resources are required to provide ongoing member training which is an essential to updating qualifications, knowledge, and ultimately organizational risk mitigation.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

"Our Members" is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Information in this Board report supports the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan's goals: to promote members' mental and physical wellbeing; and, to promote professional development and training opportunities for all members.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



Report to the Board: Community Services

From: Inspector Jeff Fluney

Date: October 11, 2024

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In September 2024, the Community Services Officer engaged in the following;

Traditional Corporate and Social Media for OSPS

- Highlights- Back to School, World Suicide Prevention Day, September 11th, Calling 911, Traffic, National Police Woman Day, Safety of Our Cities Conference, Welcoming Newest Constables, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Diversity and Belonging Conference

Community Engagement & Committee Work

- YIPI student program relaunched for school year.
- Crime Prevention Action Table
- Community Safety & Wellbeing Advisory Committee
- Diversity & Belonging Conference Steering Committee
- School Board- Community/School Officer Committee
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) Prov committee
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial meetings
- Safe Schools Committee member- East Ridge/Hillcrest/Alexandra School

Community Presentations

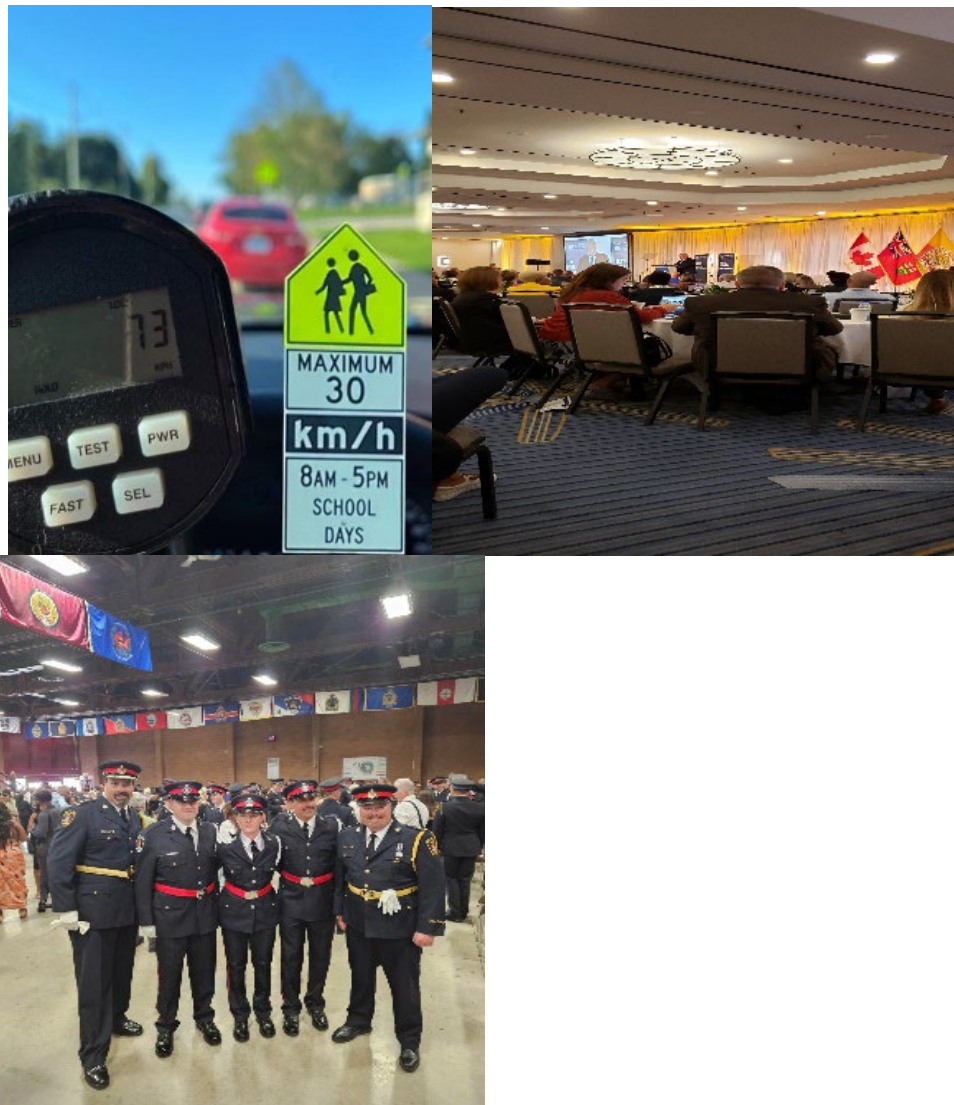
- Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board- PD Day all staff presentation- social media awareness, internet safety
- Ontario Women's Retired Teachers- Frauds & Scams
- Georgian College EA Program- Personal and online safety
- Bus Patrol Safety- East Ridge

Workshops/Conferences attended

- Safety of our Cities Conference
- Diversity & Belonging Conference

Earned Media

- Bayshore Broadcasting- Common frauds- scams



(Pictures L-R- Speed zone schools, Safety of Our Cities Conference, New Constables)



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Community Services
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 13, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key engagements of the Community Services Officer in October 2024

Traditional Corporate and Social Media for OSPS (Community Outreach Education/Celebrations/Awareness/Media Releases)

- #WhenCalling911, Recruiting-Conestoga College, World Mental Health Day, Happy Thanksgiving, Get Cyber Safe, Officers- Community Oriented Response, Bike & Foot patrol in Owen Sound, Canadian Youth Road Safety, Dress Purple Day, Opening of new Communications Centre, Citizens Police Academy, Halloween Safety

Community Engagement & Committee Work

- YIPI student program at Bayfield Landing.
- Crime Prevention Action Table
 - Annual in-person meeting (Aurora)
- Community Safety & Wellbeing Advisory Committee
- Diversity & Belonging Conference Steering Committee
 - Evaluation from conference & planning for year 2
- School Board- Community/School Officer Committee
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) Prov committee
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial meetings

- Safe Schools Committee member- East Ridge/Hillcrest/Alexandra School
 - East Ridge & Hillcrest meetings
- Community outreach- safety of staff at M'Wikwedong. Meeting with community partners
- Citizens Police Academy- meeting to discuss 2025 recruitment and promotion.

Community & School Presentations/Training

- East Ridge Blue Locker Project
- Bus Patrol Training- East Ridge & Hillcrest
- Saint Dom- Safe Schools
- Alzheimer's Workshop- missing persons
- Central Place Presentation- common frauds

Workshops/Conferences attended

- FASD Symposium- Grey Bruce-Huron- Perth
- Conestoga College- Job Fair- Promoting OSPS



OPERATIONS PLAN:

“Community Wellbeing” is one of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. The work of the Community Services Officer is instrumental in progressing the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan’s goal to build and foster relationships with community groups, specifically the following actions: by educating OSPS members and the community on OSPS partnerships; by focusing on preventative youth programming in cooperation with school board and community groups; and, by fostering and building relationships with diverse groups within the community.

Financial/Risk Implication(s): Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Cranny
Community Service Officer
Owen Sound Police Service

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Records, Courts, and Bylaw Report – September and October 2024
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 21, 2024



RECOMMENDATION(S):

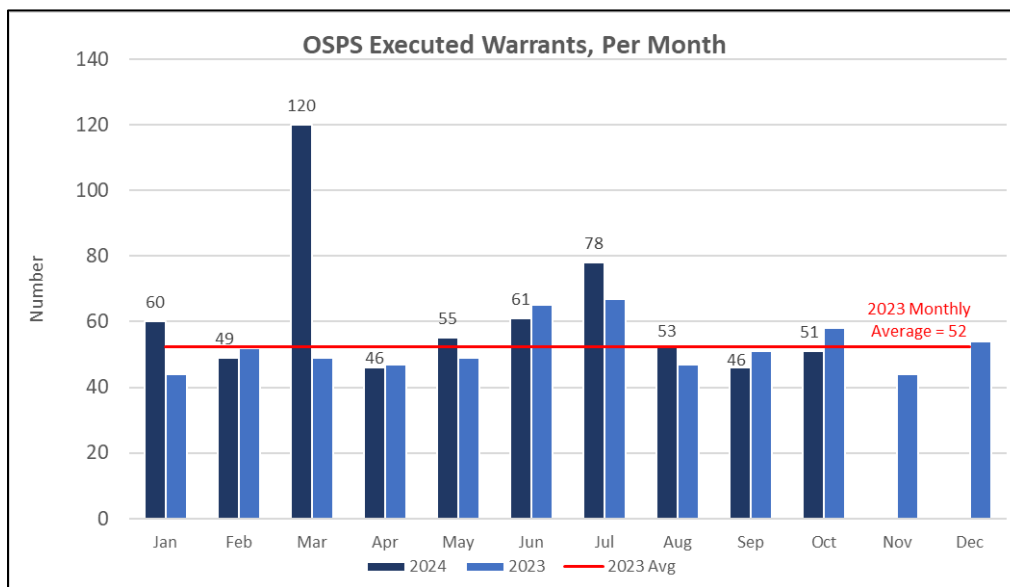
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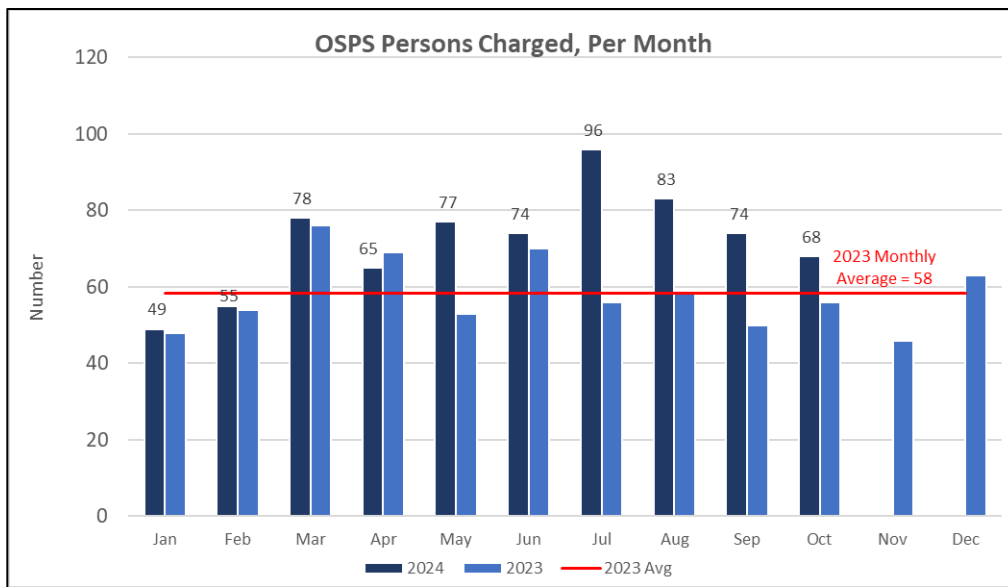
Report:

Records – September-October 2024:

	This Month October 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year October 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2023	YTD % Change
		September 2024	% Change				
Records Services							
Bulk Record Check Searches	7,237	6,473	11.8%	7,796	78,166	74,267	5.2%
Executed Warrants	51	46	10.9%	58	563	529	6.4%
Persons Charged*	68	74	-8.1%	56	719	591	21.7%

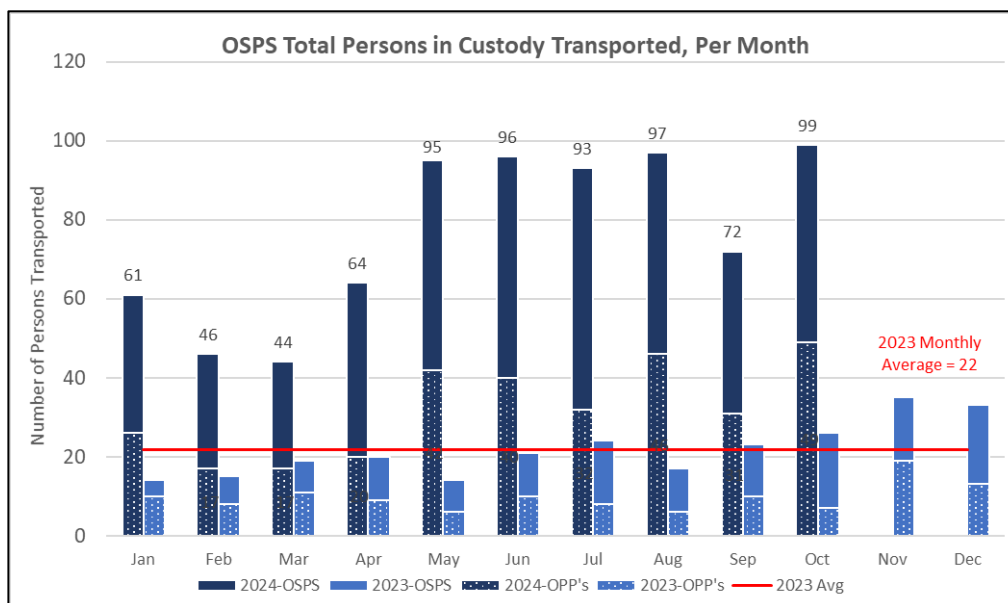
*May be multiple charges laid on same person. Includes adults and youth. Mostly CC charges, but may include some Provincial charges if coupled with CC charges.

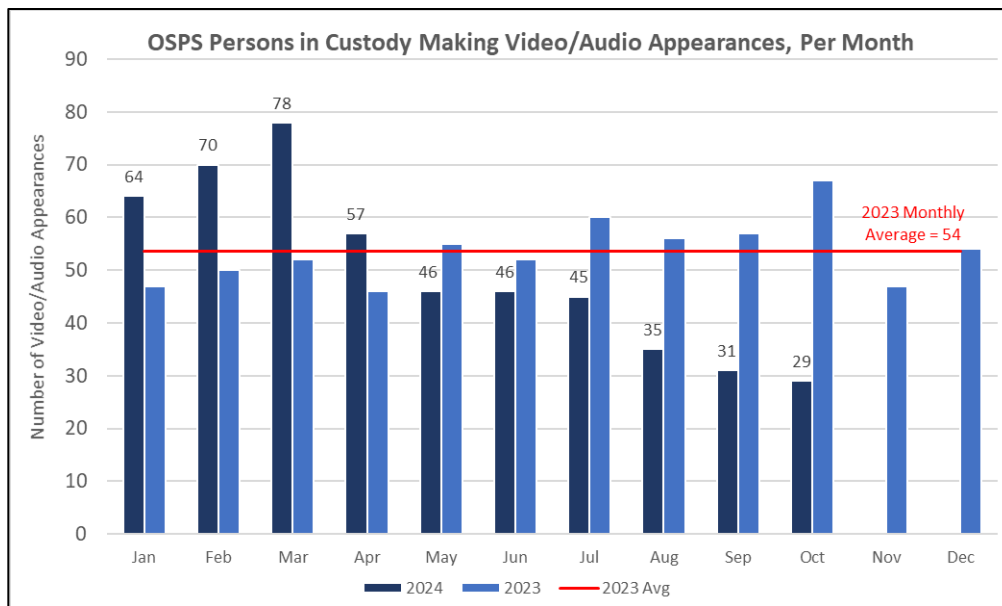




Courts – September-October 2024:

	This Month October 2024	Previous Month September 2024	% Change	Same Month Previous Year October 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2023	YTD % Change
Court Services							
Total Custodies Transported	99	72	37.5%	26	767	193	297.4%
OPP	49	31	58.1%	7	320	85	276.5%
OSPS	50	41	22.0%	19	447	108	313.9%
Video/Appearances	29	31	-6.5%	67	501	542	-7.6%
Special Constable Hours	1,272	1,051	21.1%	1,129	12,474	10,980	13.6%





All Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice for the Owen Sound Courthouse remain as hybrid courts. The majority of custody court appearances still remain virtually from the correctional facility however all new bail arrests by the police services (OPP and Owen Sound Police) are appearing in-person at the courthouse. This results in additional Special Constable hours required to cover those court appearances.

There were four new part time Special Constable’s hired in month of October with training to commence in November. There was also one part time Special Constable resignation in November.

Bylaw – September-October 2024:

Owen Sound Police Services teamed up with the Ministry of Transportation & Tobacco Enforcement and Education in October to conduct a traffic safety blitz. 11 taxi vehicles were inspected with no charges laid.

Financial/Risk Implication(s):

Providing court security and transporting persons in custody comes with inherent risk, while the efficient and accurate processing of judicial documentation is foundational to community safety. The Owen Sound Courthouse serves all of Grey County, however court security is the responsibility of the Owen Sound Police Service. In July 2024 Grey County council voted on the sharing of court security costs between the municipalities and the City of Owen Sound commencing in 2025.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

The administrative services within Records, Courts, and Bylaw are essential components of the OSPS Mission to deliver high quality policing services that strengthen public safety and community wellbeing. Community Safety and Sustainability are two of the four strategic priorities of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. As part of the Operational Plan, Court security costs will be assessed and reviewed annually to advocate for a sustainable police funding model.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Krista Fluney, Director, Civilian Services

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (OSECC) -
September-October 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: November 21, 2024

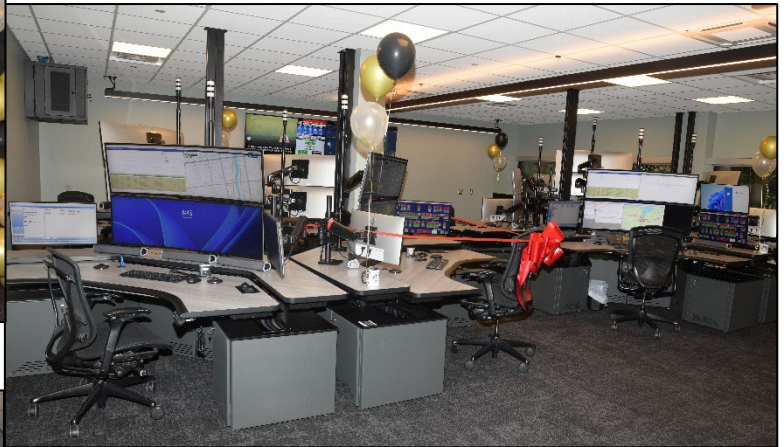


RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

Report:

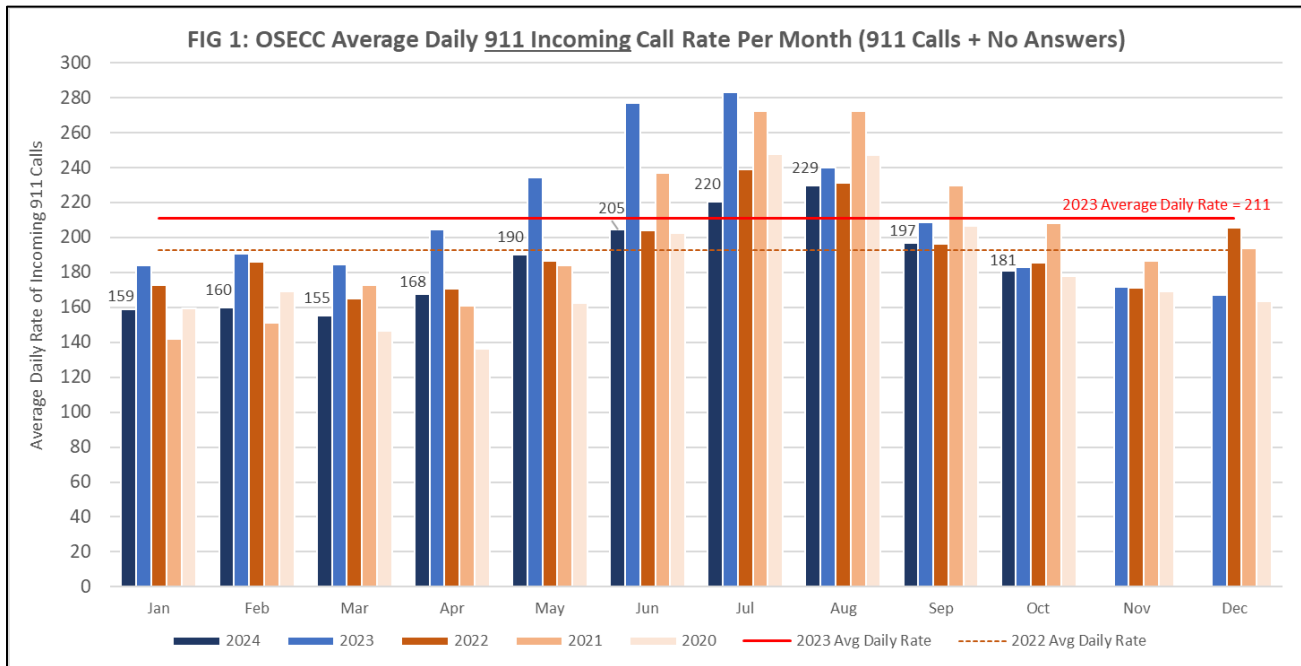
The OSECC achieved a significant milestone this past month with the grant opening of the newly renovated centre celebrated on October 25th. Following a detailed plan, the centre transitioned to full operations in the new location on October 29, 2025.



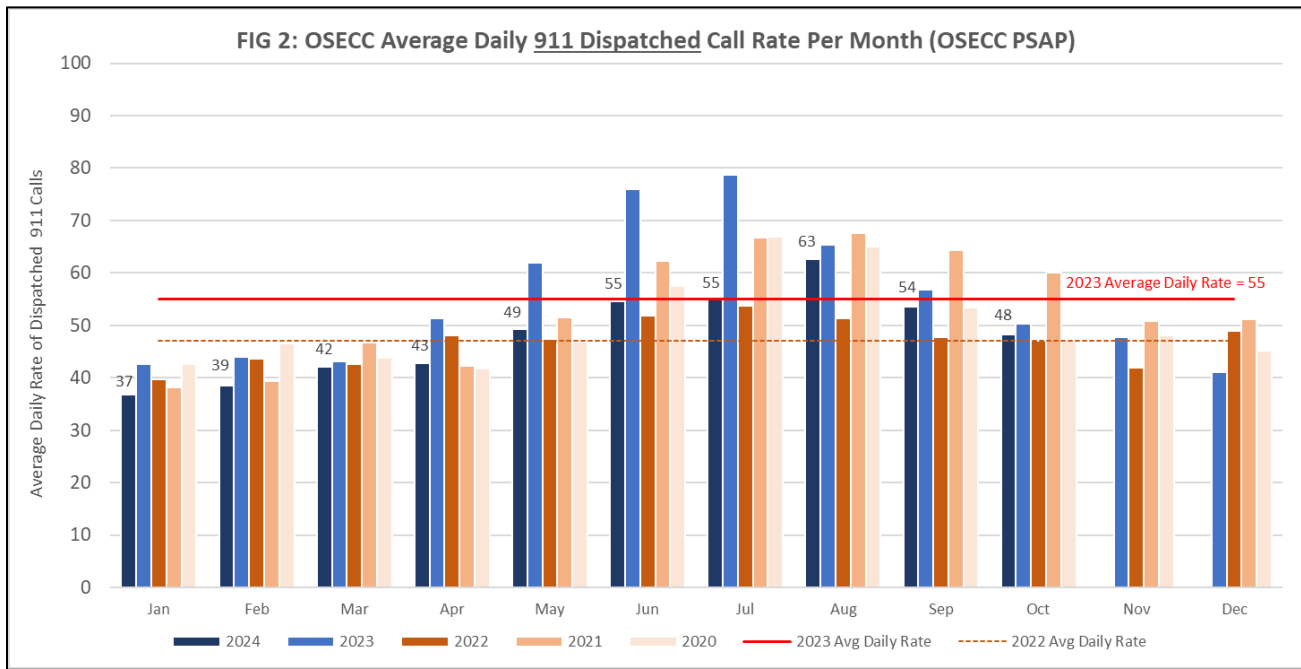
911 Calls – September-October 2024:

Source: Bell Flex reports	This Month October 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year October 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2023	
		September 2024	% Change			Jan.1-Oct.31, 2023	% Change
All Incoming 911 Calls (Number)	5,601	5,906	-5.2%	5,664	56,880	66,582	-14.6%
Avg Daily Rate	180.7	196.9	-8.2%	182.7	186.5	219.0	-14.8%
No Answer 911 Calls (Number)	509	505	0.8%	494	5,059	8,915	-43.3%
Answered 911 Calls (Number)	5,092	5,401	-5.7%	5,170	51,821	57,667	-10.1%
Avg Daily Rate	164.3	180.0	-8.7%	166.8	169.9	189.7	-10.4%
Transferred to Secondary PSAP (Number)	3,598	3,796	-5.2%	3,608	37,046	40,303	-8.1%
Dispatched by OSECC (Number)	1,494	1,605	-6.9%	1,562	14,775	17,364	-14.9%
Avg Daily Rate	48.2	53.3	-9.6%	50.4	48.4	57.1	-15.2%

In September and October 2024, the average daily number of incoming emergency 911 calls to the OSECC dropped below 200, after their summer peak rates. With 5601 emergency calls incoming from the 911 phone line (including answerable and non-answerable) in October, this was an average of 181 emergency calls/day during October, compared to 197/day last month and 183/day last October (Figure 1). Year-to-date, the total volume of incoming 911 calls are down by 15%, partly due to the high volume of non-answerable 911 calls in 2023. For example, year-to-date in 2024, there have been 5,059 non-answerable 9-1-1 calls, compared to 8,915 at the same time in 2023 (-43%).



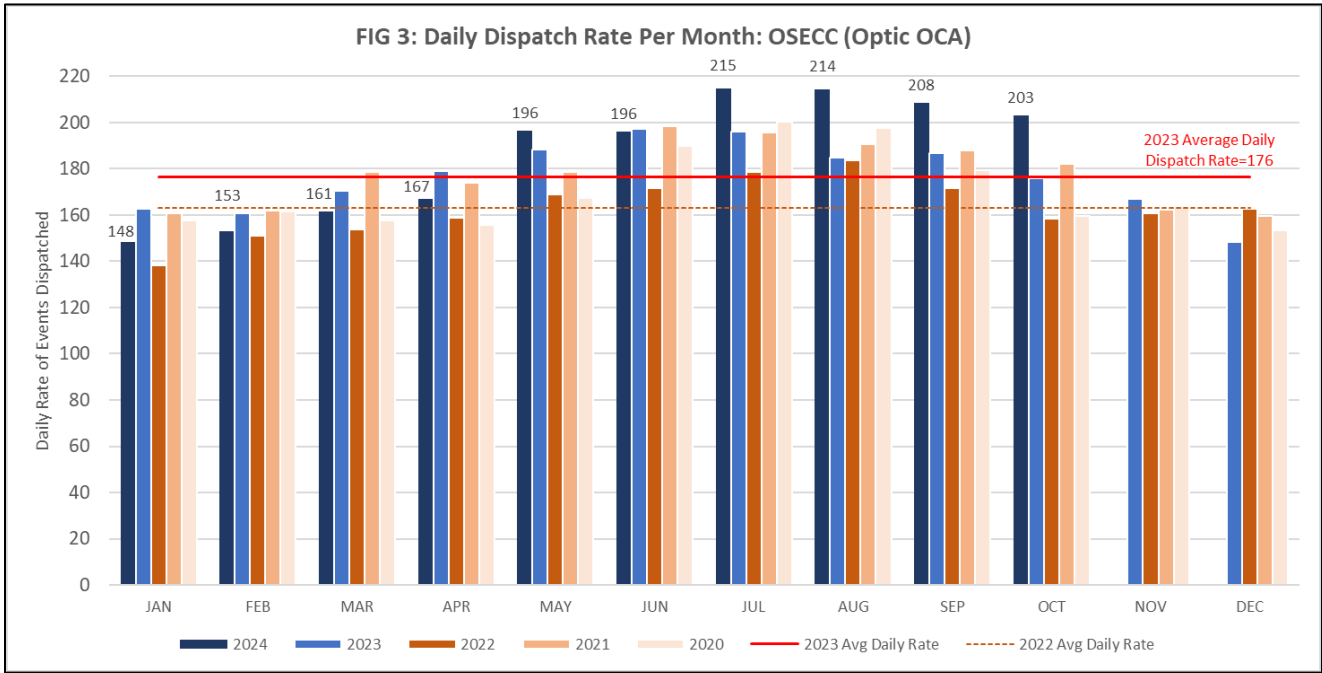
The OSECC operates as both a primary and secondary PSAP. Approximately 70% of answered 911 calls are transferred to another PSAP, while Communicators in the OSECC dispatch about 30% of 911 calls to OSPs, five other police agencies, more than 50 fire stations, and Grey County Transportation. In September 2024, there was a daily average of 53 calls from the 911 emergency line dispatched by the OSECC, and in October 2024 a daily average of 48 emergency calls dispatched in October 2024 (Figure 2). Year-to-date, the overall volume of 911 calls transferred and dispatched are down in volume compared to last year.



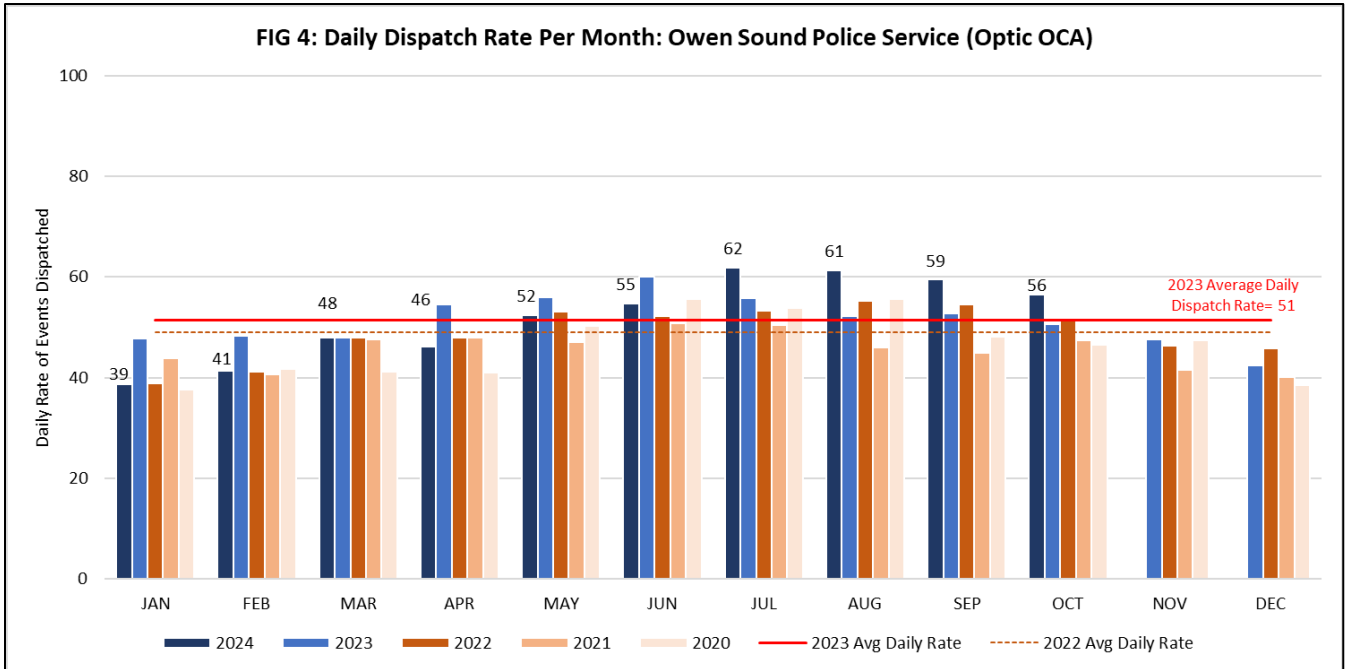
Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events – September-October 2024:

Source: OPTIC's OnCallAnalytics	This Month October 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year October 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Oct.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date	
		September 2024	% Change			Jan.1-Oct.31, 2023	% Change
All CAD Events in OSECC (Number)	6,289	6,254	0.6%	5,450	56,866	54,784	3.8%
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	5,651	5,717	-1.2%	4,984	51,060	49,219	3.7%
All Fire	628	526	19.4%	455	5,093	4,677	8.9%
Grey County Transport	10	11	-9.1%	11	713	888	-19.7%
OSPS	1,751	1,784	-1.8%	1,567	15,889	15,990	-0.6%
All CAD Events in OSECC (Avg Daily Rate)	202.9	208.5	-2.7%	174.8	186.4	180.2	3.4%
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	182.3	190.6	-4.4%	160.8	167.4	161.9	3.4%
All Fire	20.3	17.5	16.0%	14.7	16.7	15.4	8.4%
Grey County Transport	0.3	0.4	-25.0%	0.4	2.3	2.9	-20.7%
OSPS	56.5	59.5	-5.0%	50.5	52.1	52.6	-1.0%

Calls that are dispatched through CAD come from a variety of sources such as the non-emergency phone line, walk-ins, officer generated, as well as the 911 phone line. Although down from the record high volumes of dispatched calls in July and August, September and October remained busy. There were over 6000 calls dispatched in both September and October – representing average daily dispatch rates of 208 calls in September and 203 calls in October (as shown in Figure 3). The year-to-date increase of about 3% so far is attributable to both police and fire agencies dispatched by OSECC.



The average daily dispatch rate for Owen Sound Police Service in September and October, although in decline, continued to remain near peak summer volumes. With monthly dispatch call volumes surpassing 1700 in the past two months, the average daily dispatch rate per month for OSPS was 59 per day in September and 56 per day in October. Year-to-date, balanced by the winter months, the overall volume of dispatched calls for OSPS is down 1%.



Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure – September-October 2024:

For the months of September and October, the IT department was heavily involved in the completion of the new OSECC dispatch centre. This required the installation of approximately 40+ computers to eight (soon to be ten) desks as well as wall displays including custom wiring for telephony. This room went live on October 29th.

Further, IT participated in demonstrations of the new Records Management System that all users will be moving to in 2025 as well as a Tow Truck/Insurance portal to simplify dispatching and records management.

Director Hill processed substantial NG911 requirements for both our own systems as well as those of our hosted partners. This required site visits in Eastern Ontario, fibre cable design and network programming and documentation for approximately 12 locations and 40 devices. This project is progressing albeit with delays with Bell Canada and other vendors. Our final install to begin certification testing/onboarding is slated for immediately after our CAD upgrade at the end of this month (November). Our remote partners will follow immediately after our certification has completed.

OSPS IT attended the Grey County Emergency Resource Workshop and lead a team consisting of OPP, County, and municipal representatives in an ice storm situation involving prolonged outages and degradations of service.

Discussion between Director Hill, Chief Ambrose, and another OPTIC police agency have led to that agency subscribing to our IT services for second level support (security, project management and design, supervision of work) while a local contractor performs routine tasks. This began in November for actual work with substantial work being done over the next 6 months as a modernization project and then on-going maintenance.

Lastly, IT have been preparing for our Computer Aided Dispatch which is scheduled for the end of November and affects both ourselves and all of our dispatched partners in delivering the latest version of software and functionality and requires replacement of 14 terminals and related servers and programming.

Financial/Risk Implication(s):

Risk management and contingency planning are integral to the day-to-day operations of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). While the OSECC continues to grow and evolve, OSPS strives to maintain a balance of staffing that best aligns with workload demands, member wellness, emergency response standards, and contracted client expectations.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

Within the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan, six unique actions have been identified as important to reach towards the goal of fostering a sustainable emergency communication centre. In addition, monitoring and publishing emergency response times to priority calls is part of the goal to address safety concerns identified by the community.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Bell-Matheson, Director, Corporate Services

Chris Hill, Director, Information Technology

Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst



Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities September 2024

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Tuesday November 18th, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 6 days
- Niche RMS Meeting and Demo with OPTIC – 2 hours
- Dispatch/OSECC Meetings – 5 hours
- Assist OSPSB with Collective Bargaining – 24 hours
- Community Strategy & Wellbeing Planning – 1.5 hours
- OPC March Past, Keynote Address – 1 day
- CFOS Open Line – 1 hour
- OACP/Mag Disclosure Protocol Meeting – 2 hours
- Meetings City of Owen Sound – 1 hour
- Safety of Our Cities Conference, Peel Region – 2.5 days
- Mental Health Provider Meetings – 3 hours
- Violence Prevention Grey Bruce Meeting – 2 hours
- Diversity & Belonging Conference Bayshore OSPS/Local Immigration Partnership
– 1 day



Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities October 2024

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Tuesday November 18th, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 5 days
- OACP Small & Mid-Sized Chief of Police, Kingston – 2 days
- Dispatch/OSECC Meetings – 18 hours
- 2025 Budget Preparation – 7 hours
- SLT Retreat Discussion Day – 1 day
- Assist OSPSB Contract Negotiations – 12 hours
- Police Hospital Protocol Lunch and Learn – 1 hour
- Meeting with SSPS/HPS/WPS at SSPS Re: Mental Health Program – 6 hours
- Meeting at WGPS regarding City Council Resolution – 2 hours
- Brightshores ER/Police Meeting – 1 hour
- OSPS Staff Appreciation Heartwood – 5 hours
- Owen Sound City Emergency Management Training – 3.5 hours
- Strategic Planning meeting Owen Sound Vision 2050 – 1.5 hours

Crime Stoppers

Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka

is in need of URGENT financial help

The Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka program was started in 1987 and since inception has produced some incredible stats. Our program works with the community, the media and the Police to help in the fight against crime. We are a non-profit, civilian organization that relies on donations and fundraising to operate. Since covid, our volunteer base has diminished to only a few and we have a very small board of directors (4 people) for a huge demographic area.

The **REALITY** is, we have less than a year of funds left before we have to **close our program**. This means that the communities in Simcoe, Dufferin and Muskoka will no longer have an anonymous reporting option and the Police in those areas will no longer receive tips.

Our stats since inception (1987) are as follows:

Tips received: 74,589

Arrests: 5,305

Cases cleared: 7,388

Property Recovered: \$13,524,813

Drugs Seized: \$81,852,233

Rewards approved: \$446,797

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REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Auxiliary Resignations
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 21, 2024

REPORT:

Two members of the Owen Sound Police Service Auxiliary Unit have submitted resignations from the Unit following their success in obtaining employment within the policing sector.

Aux. Cst. Nathaniel Dodd has submitted his resignation to be effective October 31st, 2024.

Aux. Cst. Kaitlyn Helm has submitted her resignation to be effective November 15th, 2024.

It is recommended that the Board move to accept the resignations as tendered and direct correspondence to both members confirming acceptance of their resignations.

SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector D. Bishop



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: 2023-2026 Operations Plan – Progress Update #3 August 2024

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: October 8, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

In March 2023 the Owen Sound Police Services Board approved the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan. The Plan includes 14 goals and 50 specific actions within the Board's priorities of:

- Community Safety (CS);
- Community Wellbeing (CW);
- Our Members (OM); and
- Sustainability (S).

As part of our commitment to achieving these goals, each action has a designated Position and Person Accountable who has been selected to lead, coordinate, and take ownership of moving the action forward. Each Person Accountable is responsible for identifying and updating timelines and measurements of success in the working copy of the Operations Plan, as well as providing brief progress updates every six months. These progress reports are important to ensure goals and actions stay on track, and to discuss/assist with any challenges or roadblocks.

Attached is the third six-month progress update for the goals and actions of the OSPS 2023-2026 Operations Plan. At this point in time, as shown in the attachment, two actions have been completed; two actions are to be initiated later this year; and the other 46 actions are all in progress.

Most, or 92%, of the actions are in progress as of the mid-point of the Plan's second year. As shown in the attachment, there are tremendous efforts and initiatives ongoing across the Service. In some cases, significant steps have been completed while additional actions continue; and in other cases, the efforts in the first year and a half are part of ongoing efforts to solidify the actions into long term, standard business practice.

A few highlights:

- In January 2024, OSPS was awarded a 3-year Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension grant from the Ministry to assist in the investigation and compliance of bail terms and enforcement. Support from this grant has helped focus efforts on repeat offenders of violent and property crime (CS3b), including a new flag system in RMS, and dedicated staff to locate and arrest wanted subjects and undertake compliance checks.

- OSPS reached out to a team of Carleton University researchers and initiated a study to address identified service gaps in community (CW2c) with the purpose to better understand gaps in service, obstacles obtaining services, and issues related to consent. Field work was conducted during the summer 2024.
- OSPS was awarded a 3-year grant from the Ministry for “Raising Cultural Awareness and Eliminating Hate in Owen Sound”. Funds from this grant are supporting work by the Community Services Officer building and fostering relationships with community groups (CW3a,b,c,d) including the Simon Wiesenthal workshops offered to members, and the social media awareness training (internet safety and hate speech) available to members, parents, and local business owners.
- A new Human Resources (HR) Manager position was created and filled in June 2024. The HR Manager brings specialized HR credentials and is now leading several key goals and actions in this Plan including: development of a long-term staffing recruitment and retention plan (S1a); developing robust recruitment and retention plan specific to the OSECC (S2b); promoting members’ wellbeing (OM1); and promoting professional development and training for all members (OM2).
- A new external OSPS website went live in March 2024. This modernized communication tool now provides: ability for Sergeants to post Media Releases 24/7 with public safety in mind (CS1a); increased opportunity to promote road safety information (CS4b); ability for multiple internal positions to update and maintain specific information (OM3b); and option for community members to subscribe to notifications and calendar events (S3c).
- Along with renovations for a new, modernized workspace for the OSECC (S2f), many other activities are underway to foster a sustainable emergency communication centre (S2), such as updating new Communicator training, improving retention rate of new Communicators, reviewing contingency plans and SOP software, and improved management of contracts.
- Grey County has committed to reviewing the costs of court security, which is currently covered by the City of Owen Sound due to efforts advocating for a more sustainable funding model (S4c).

There have been some challenges in moving these actions forward. For example, the ongoing major investigations in CIB continue to consume resources and have delayed focus on some initiatives. Waiting on grant funding availability and ongoing staff vacancies also create challenges when allotting the necessary time, budget, and staff needed within the daily workload demands and immediate priorities.

OSPS is pleased with progress so far and looks forward to continuing work on the goals and actions of the Operations Plan, with the ongoing cooperation and support from the Board.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Financial and human resources may be required to significantly move some Actions forward over the four-year cycle of this Operations Plan.

OPERATIONS PLAN:

Monitoring progress on the goals and actions of the OSPS 2023-2026 Operations Plan will help maintain focus on priorities and initiatives set by the Board, and raise awareness of any issues or challenges that may arise and prevent success.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- OSPS 2023-2026 Operations Plan – Progress Report #3 - August 2024

SUBMITTED BY:

Margaret Gloade, Strategic Analyst



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: THE IMPACT OF ILLICIT DRUG USE IN OWEN SOUND
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board
DATE: November 21st, 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The use of illicit substances in Owen Sound and its impact on our community remains a significant concern.

The Owen Sound Police Service unofficially tracks the number of persons within Owen Sound who have lost their lives to suspected drug poisoning based on the sudden death calls attended by the police in which evidence at the scene suggests the cause of death to be drug poisoning. The cause of death in these cases is often not confirmed for some time pending toxicology results. The number of deaths is potentially underreported as these totals would not include a death where the police were not involved, for example, a person who is experiencing drug poisoning symptoms is dropped at the hospital by friends and subsequently passes away at the hospital.

Our unofficial tracking suggests that over the last five years, the number of deaths due to suspected drug poisoning in Owen Sound is as follows;

2020	8
2021	14
2022	6
2023	11
2024	13 to date (early November)

This represents a total of 52 persons within the city limits of Owen Sound who have lost their lives to drug poisoning within the last five years. 2024 is unfortunately on track to meet or exceed our peak year of 2021.

To put these numbers in perspective, current statistics indicate that 22 Canadians per day lose their lives to drug poisoning, and of that 22, 7 are in Ontario. Based on current population levels, that means that your overall chances of dying from drug poisoning in Canada is 1 in 4981, and it decreases to 1 in 5636 in Ontario. In Owen Sound in 2024, your statistical chance of dying of drug poisoning increases to approximately *1 in 1500*, or just under four times more likely than the provincial average.

In the summer of 2023, Owen Sound was rocked by three homicides within an approximate six week period. These homicides are extremely resource consuming from a policing perspective, and are also very costly for a community to absorb. Two of our three homicides are considered to be related to the illicit

drug trade. The substantial workload brought on by these homicides requires the redeployment of officers and investigators, which through the second half of 2023 and much of 2024 meant that our proactive capabilities, including for drug investigations, has been reduced.

Despite these challenges, the availability of social services in support of persons experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance disorders in the area are exemplary. The Supportive Outreach Services (SOS) program combines health care and social services workers and includes a mobile outreach team providing support services in the community. The SOS program recently won the 2024 Ontario Health System Quality and Innovation Award for its success in improving health outcomes for marginalized people in the region.

Also in 2024, Grey County EMS was successful in an application to be one of only 12 locations across Canada to receive funding to implement a drug checking service which provides for a local ion scanner known as a SCATR device which provides for instant, non-destructive testing of drug samples which can assist users in knowing what is in their drug supply as well as allowing for health workers to analyze samples in order to provide for timely public health alerts when the drug supply becomes contaminated.

On November 8th, 2024, one of our officers attended a non-fatal overdose in which an unusual four doses of Naloxone were required to save the person's life. The officer seized the suspected Fentanyl at the scene, which was later analyzed using the SCATR device. The SCATR device was able to determine that the sample contained, in addition to Fentanyl, an unusually large concentration of Xylazine, which is a known veterinary tranquilizer. Although reports have surfaced of this additional drug being found in Fentanyl samples in the US, this was the first time that Xylazine had been detected in a sample in Owen Sound. This is significant as Xylazine is not an opiate and is therefore not reversible with Naloxone, which makes the risk of fatal overdose much higher. Xylazine also carries significant additional health risks such as infection and tissue necrosis at the injection site which can lead to significant health risks including risk of amputation. The results of this testing and the presence of Xylazine have been shared by public health in a public alert.

SUBMITTED BY:

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2025 Draft OSPSB Meeting Dates

January 22th

February 26th

March 26th

April 30th

May 28th

June 25th

September 24th

October 29th

November 26th

December 17th