



## Owen Sound Police Services Board

2nd Floor Meeting Room

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>J. Thomson (Chair), I. Boddy, B. O’Leary</b>
<b>Absent with Regret:</b>	<b>S. Kukreja</b>
<b>Management Present:</b>	<b>Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector J. Fluney, Inspector D. Bishop</b>
<b>Minutes:</b>	<b>K. Wardell</b>

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

#### 2. 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 Anishinabek 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 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.

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*“Prior to today’s meeting, the Board met in closed session to review and discuss matters that in their opinion fell under Section 35 (4) of the Police Services Act, R.S.O 1990 c. P.15 and Section 24 item b) of the OSPSPB General Policy- 003 – Board Governance.*

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by B. O’Leary.**

*“That the agenda dated October 8, 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.**

No presentations for the open session.

### **6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held July 2, 2024.**

**Moved by B. O’Leary, seconded by I. Boddy.**

*“That the minutes dated July 2, 2024, be approved.” CARRIED*

### **7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of the July 2, 2024. HEARING NONE**

### **8. Correspondence received**

- a) Crimes Stoppers Coordinator Report
- b) County to Share Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs

### **9. Chairman’s Report**

Chair Thomson attended the following:

- August 21, M’wikwedong hosted by OSPS
- Sept 25 Inclusion Diversity Conference sponsored by OSPS.
- Sept 26 OABSP meeting (overview from meeting included in minutes)

A Zone 5 meeting is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 in Guelph. Other Zones and their O.P.P. Detachment boards have not been able to meet due to the lack of liability insurance.

### **10. Governance**

Chair Thomson noted that on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the board received notification that the mandatory thematic training was available, and had to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All of the board members who are present have completed the training.

#### **11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop for June, July and August**

- Inspector Bishop presented the following reports
  - 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 for June, July and August**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following reports
  - 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 for June, July and August**

- Director Fluney presented the following reports

#### **14. Report from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson and Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill for June, July and August**

- Director Bell- Matheson presented the OSECC reports, and Director Hill presented the IT reports

#### **15. Financial Update from the Chief of Police**

Chief Ambrose provided an update on the financial projections for the remainder of the year. The board account is currently on budget., while the 3100 Uniform budget is well under due to staffing vacancies. The 3200 Civilian budget is significantly over, primarily due to the unbudgeted hire of an HR Director, as well as increased overtime costs to cover vacancies, included is the increase for court security. Although a surplus is projected, ongoing negotiations for bargaining may result in a break-even outcome or a slight deficit by year-end.

#### **16. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police**

- a) Chief's Activity Reports from June, July and August

### **17. Other Items and New Business**

- a) Release of Police Reported Crime in Canada 2023

M. Gloade presented the following report.

- b) 2023 Reported Crime OSPS Annual Report

M. Gloade presented the following report.

- c) Crimes Stoppers Letter to Police Partners
- d) Date of next OSPSB Meeting

The board selected November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 for the next OSPSB meeting.

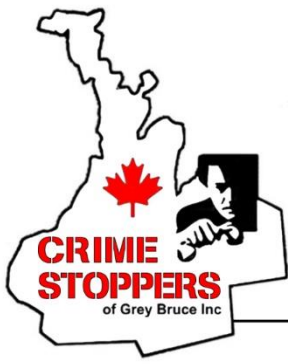
- e) Staff Appreciation Night

K. Wardell reminded staff and the board that the Staff Appreciation Night will be held at Heartwood on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **18. Termination of the Public Meeting**

As the board had dealt with all of the items on the agenda, and there being no additional business to conduct, the chair declared the open session to be terminated at 10:50 a.m.

**Next Meeting: November 21, 2024**



# Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

P.O. Box 1119, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 6K6

**1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**  
 Submit a Secure Web-Tip at [cstip.ca](http://cstip.ca) or get the P3 Tips Mobile App

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**Program Coordinator's Report**  
**APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024 – Q2**  
**Drew Kalte**

**DISTRIBUTION**

Board of Directors, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce  
 OPP GHQ Orillia  
 Grey Bruce OPP  
 South Bruce OPP  
 Blue Mountains OPP  
 Owen Sound Police Service  
 Hanover Police Service  
 Saugeen Shores Police Service  
 West Grey Police Service  
 Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police  
 Ontario MNRF

South Bruce OPP Detachment Police Services Board  
 Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Police Services Board  
 Saugeen Shores Police Services Board  
 Owen Sound Police Services Board  
 Hanover Police Services Board  
 Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Police Services Board  
 West Grey Police Services Board  
 Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table  
 Saugeen First Nation  
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 Grey Bruce Health Unit  
 County of Grey  
 County of Bruce

**TIP STATISTICS FOR APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024**

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 745
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 196

**Tips Allocated: 228 (32 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)**

- Grey Bruce OPP: 86 (37%)
- South Bruce OPP: 39 (17%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 7 (3%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 56 (23%)
- Hanover Police Service: 11 (5%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 10 (5%)
- West Grey Police Service: 8 (4%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 2 (1%)
- Ontario MNRF: 2 (1%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 1 (0.5%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)
- MTO Safety Inspection and Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 0 (0%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 0 (0%)
- Équité Association (insurance fraud): 0 (0.5%)
- Animal Welfare Authorities: 1 (0.5%)
- OMVIC Investigations & Enforcement: 0 (0%)
- Grey Bruce Health Unit: 1 (0.5%)

<b>Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987</b>	
<b>Tip Reports</b>	<b>18,985</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>Charges</b>	<b>2,568</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>2,755</b>
<b>Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$4,838,616</b>
<b>Narcotics Recovered</b>	<b>\$50,616,327</b>
<b>Rewards Approved</b>	<b>\$288,660</b>

## **Tip Totals Year to Date**

- 196 new tips have been received during the second quarter of 2024, which is behind the second quarter of 2023 by 7 tips.

## **MEDIA**

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Nevada ticket revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding eligible expenses.
- We launched our Community Donor Membership Program in November 2023, which allows the community to offer support by purchasing a tax-deductible donor membership. Donor membership levels are available at \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500.
- We received funding from the Port Elgin and Owen Sound Walmarts this quarter.
- In the second quarter of 2024 we received the Municipality of Meaford Community Bursary, and we are very grateful for Meaford's support. We continue to reach out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- We reached out for funding from our local Royal Canadian Legions, with the Kincardine, Hanover, and Chesley branches donating to our program this quarter.
- The Owen Sound Police Services Board donated to our program this quarter.
- Our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament took place on Thursday June 6, 2024 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and raised \$15,000.
- The Bruce County Classic Car Tour and Show took place on Sunday June 23, 2024 in Paisley, however attendance was down due to rainy weather.
- Emails sent asking our Police Service and Police Service Board stakeholders for commitments of financial support, (copy attached).

## **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- The Spring 2024 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in April, featuring articles and editorials focusing on regional current crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.
- We continue to participate in the Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table.
- We attended the Meaford Volunteer Recruitment Fair on April 18, 2024.
- We attended a Fraud Talk in conjunction with Guelph-Wellington Crime Stoppers in Hanover on May 14, 2024.
- We attended the Saugeen Shores Police Week event on May 16, 2024.
- We attended the Meaford 50+ Lifestyles Fair on May 22, 2024.

## **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- We currently have seven members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- We have classic car tours and shows planned for Sunday August 11, 2024 and Sunday September 29, 2024.
- We will be attending the Southampton Marine Heritage Society Fun in the Park event on Saturday July 27, 2024.
- We are invited to attend the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village road safety and human trafficking awareness event, in conjunction with the Grey Bruce Crime Prevention Action Table, on Saturday August 24, 2024.



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT / CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT – JUNE-JULY-AUGUST 2024

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

**DATE:** October 8 , 2024

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### Investigations

**Homicide** – (August 17, 2023) - On August 18, 2023, members of CIB followed up on a serious assault which occurred just after 9:00 p.m. in the 900 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound. Uniformed members had responded to the incident on the 17<sup>th</sup> and commenced the investigation. On August 24, 2023, the victim, 44-years-of-age of Owen Sound, died from his injuries. The homicide investigation is ongoing.

**Homicide** – (July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023) – Members of CIB continue to investigate the murder of a 17-year-old male at an apartment building in the City of Owen Sound. Dustin NOONAN of Owen Sound was charged with First Degree Murder and remains in custody. Twenty - five-year-old Donte’a Ryan MITCHELL, from North York, was charged with First Degree Murder in August and he remains in custody. In late November, a 17 year old Brampton resident was arrested and charged with First Degree Murder.

**Homicide** – (July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023) – Members of CIB continue to investigate the homicide of a 47-year-old male which occurred at a residence on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East in the City of Owen Sound. In July, Cody HASSARD was charged with Second Degree Murder as well as other offences and Ashley Lynn DYKSTRA was charged with Accessory After the Fact to Murder as well as other offences, both remain in custody.

**Fraud** – (June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – Members of CIB investigated a fraud resulting in an 84-year-old Owen Sound male losing \$43,000 after depositing cash into a bitcoin machine at the direction of telephone scammers convincing him that his identity and bank account were compromised. Investigation thus far has determined that the money was deposited into a bitcoin wallet in Kuwait.

**Weapons** – (June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – Members of CIB continued the investigation into a serious assault which has occurred on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in the 300 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street East. The investigation revealed that the accused, a 37-year-old Owen Sound man had attacked the victim, a 32-year-old man with a knife. The injuries sustained by the victim included three deep lacerations which required medical care. The accused was arrested on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and provided police with an inculpatory statement. The accused has been remanded into custody.

**Sudden Death / Fire** – (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024) - Just after 1:30pm on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the OSPS received multiple reports of a fire at an apartment in the 1300 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East. Upon arrival, police found a citizen performing lifesaving measures on a 58-year-old man who had left the unit, which had contained the fire and billowing smoke. The man had exited quickly through a window of the third-

floor apartment, gaining access to the roof and tragically slipped and fell. The citizen immediately called 911 and attended to aid his neighbor. The man was transported to the Brightshores Health System Owen Sound, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators from CIB, the Office of the Fire Marshall, and the Office of the Coroner investigated. As a result, it has been determined that the cause of death was from the blunt trauma from the fall from height. At this time, this incident is considered non-suspicious and is not believed to be criminal in nature.

### Uniform Assistance

**Assault / Robbery \*Update\*** – (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the investigation of an assault and robbery of a 38-year-old Meaford male by three acquaintances in a vehicle and on an east side street before fleeing the area. A concerned citizen contacted police and the victim was located a short distance away, transported to hospital and treated for minor injuries. During the investigation the victim requested the investigation to cease, and a formal Termination of Investigation form was signed by the victim. Two of the suspects have been arrested on unrelated drug, weapons and human trafficking charges by Cornwall Police and the OPP and remain in custody.

**Sudden Death** – (June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death of a 31-year-old male. The pathology report is pending, but the death is suspected to be the result of a drug overdose.

**Distribution of Intimate Images** – (June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – CIB members assisted uniform patrol with the investigation of the distribution of intimate images among Grade 7 & 8 students at local elementary schools. CIB assisted with interviews, and the investigation was concluded by uniform officers who cautioned the involved parties and educated them on the implication of their actions.

**Arrest of Wanted Party** - (June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – CIB & uniform members assisted the OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Team (ROPE) in locating and arresting a 59-year-old Owen Sound male who was in violation of his parole conditions.

### Follow Up

#### MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 2

Follow Ups = 10

Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 2

Incident Response/Support = 4

Proactive in Community Engagement (hours completed) = 3

STAR cases = 0

### Training

LEAPPS – Supporting Older Adults Conference – DC Houston



International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators Canadian Training – Waterloo – DC Martin

### Meetings

Torch Run Committee – DC Martin  
VPGC Anti-Human Trafficking Committee – DC Martin  
Situation Table Meeting – DC Martin  
Ontario Intimate Partner Violence Spring Meeting – DC Martin

### Other

DC Bridgeman & DC Martin assisted the OPP Premier Protection Unit for Premier Doug Ford's visit to three locations in the City of Owen Sound on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

DC Bridgeman, DC Houston & DC Martin assisted with three interviews of Recruit Constable candidates in the month of June.

### Drug Overdose Information

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

To date, the city has had eight (8) 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.

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## **JULY**

### Investigations

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**Sexual Assault** – (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024) – Investigation of allegation of sexual assault, originally reported in January 2023, reopened after the victim re-attended OSPS to provide additional information. Youth victim alleging that she was sexually assaulted by her biological father in December 2022. Bruce Grey Child & Family Services notified, however there are no current safety concerns for the victim. The investigation is continuing.

### Uniform Assistance

**Assault** – (July 11, 2024) – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with an assault investigation involving an 8-year-old child being spanked by her father, which was alleged to be excessive force. Investigation revealed that the act was not criminal in nature and no charges were laid. Bruce Grey Child & Family Services participated in the joint investigation with OSPS.

**Assault** – (July 16, 2024) – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with locating suspects involved in the assault of a 28-year-old Owen Sound woman. The investigation revealed that the victim had been assaulted inside a vehicle by two suspects, then had jumped out of the vehicle, while it was moving, to escape the suspects. A 24-year-old Owen Sound woman and a 33-year-old Saugeen Shores male were charged with numerous Criminal Code offences.

**Sudden Death** – (July 27, 2024) – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death investigation of a 23-year-old male. The investigation revealed that the body of the deceased male had been recovered from the waters of Georgian Bay and the death was not deemed suspicious.

**Sudden Death** – (July 28, 2024) - CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death investigation of a 36-year-old female. The investigation revealed that the death was not suspicious.

### Follow Up

### MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 3

Follow Ups = 20

Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 3

Incident Response/Support = 5

Proactive in Community Engagement (hours completed) = 4.5

STAR cases = 0

### Meetings

- Situation Table Meetings – DC Martin

- MCM/PowerCase Meeting with Serial Predator Crime Investigations Coordinator – DC Martin
- CNCC Field Intelligence Officer – DC's Houston, Hawke, Bridgeman & Martin
- Anti Human Trafficking – Short Term Rental Resource Development Subcommittee Meeting – DC's Bridgeman & Martin

### Other

DC Martin assisted with the Background Investigation of a Recruit Constable candidate  
DC Houston interviewed one Recruit Constable candidate

### Drug Overdose Information

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### Missing Persons

Active: There is one (1) outstanding missing person being investigated, however it is not suspicious in nature.

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## **AUGUST**

### Investigations

#### **Homicides**

There have been no changes to the 3 homicide investigations since the July report and all three remain under investigation.

**Fraud** – (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024) – CIB continues to investigate a fraud that was reported regarding four fraudulent cheques that were deposited into two separate financial institution. Production orders were obtained from the Ontario Court of Justice and they have been submitted to the two financial institutions. The identity of the fraudster is unknown at this time but with the documents sought from the financial institutions, it should assist police with identifying them.

**Fraud** – (July to August, 2024) – In July 2024, CIB was contacted by the Major Fraud Unit of the York Regional Police. YRP was investigating a fraud that involved a large sum of money being deposited into the bank account of an Owen Sound resident by fraudulent means. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, member of the YRP attended Owen Sound and completed a search warrant at a residence in Owen Sound. As a result of

the investigation, a 77-year-old Owen Sound man has been arrested and charged with Fraud over \$5000 and Possession of Proceeds of Crime.

**Aggravated Assault/Weapons/Drug Offences** – (August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024) - Uniformed officers responded to an east side apartment building for the report of a male with a handgun standing over an unconscious male. Officers arrested a 46 year old Owen Sound man for numerous firearms related offences at the scene. Further investigation revealed that a 27 year old male had been the victim of an assault and was transported to hospital via ambulance. It was later learned that the victim suffered a significant head injury and was transported to a London hospital for further medical treatment. CIB attended, continued the investigation and determined that the victim had been robbed by two suspects, who fled in a motor vehicle. Uniformed officers located and seized the motor vehicle. A subsequent search warrant was obtained and executed on it, with officers locating a quantity of suspected methamphetamine and fentanyl, as well as multiple prohibited weapons. Detectives positively identified the two suspects, who were arrested separately on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. A 22 year old Owen Sound male was charged with numerous criminal offences including Aggravated Assault, Robbery, Possession of Prohibited Weapon and drug offences. A 31 year old Bruce County male was charged with Robbery and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime. The victim remains in hospital in critical but stable condition.

**Domestic (Historical)** – (August, 2024) - CIB was requested to continue a domestic violence investigation initially reported in August 2023. The victim wished to disclose further incidents of domestic abuse that were not previously reported to police. The victim provided a statement to a detective regarding the historical allegations, and as a result a 59-year-old male was arrested and charged with 14 criminal offences including firearms offences, multiple assaults and other domestic violence related offences.

**Missing Person** – (August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – CIB continued the investigation into the disappearance of a 36-year-old Meaford man, who was last seen in Owen Sound, in approximately June, 2024. The investigation has revealed that the missing male is now residing in the Ottawa Ontario area and is no longer considered to be missing.

### MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 3

Follow Ups = 11

Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 1

Incident Response/Support = 7

Proactive in Community Engagement (hours completed) = 3.5

STAR cases = 0

### Meetings

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

### Other

### Drug Overdose Information

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

To date, the city has had seven (10) deaths from suspected drug overdoses.

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#### Missing Persons

Active: There are no outstanding missing persons being investigated.



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Auxiliary Board Report – June/July/August 2024

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

**DATE:** October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### REPORT:

#### JUNE

In June 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 **263!**

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The LETR is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known honourably as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics Provincial, National, Regional and World Games.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the Pride Parade. Our members were full of excitement as they walked the streets of downtown Owen Sound in support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, members of the Unit also participated in the One World Festival. The OWF is a free, unique daytime festival that celebrates diversity of culture, ability, and spirit! The OWF works to build respectful relationships and supports inclusive communities throughout the region.



## JULY

In July 2024, the Auxiliary Unit was busy with community events and assisting the Uniform Branch with ride along hours. The volunteer hours accumulated from the Auxiliary Unit totalled **188!**

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in Canada Day Celebrations at Kelso Park. Members of the unit setup a booth with children's activities which included games, a miniature motorized police cruiser and a children's police uniform for dress up.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Hottest Yard Sale located within the River District. The community enjoyed live music, shopping, and food vendors. Our members assisted with a recruitment booth and community outreach while walking the streets.



## AUGUST

In August 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 **226!**

On August 3rd, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the 162<sup>nd</sup> Emancipation Festival. This is the longest and most continuous festival in North America!

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual M'Wikwedong End of Summer Youth Bash. This event consisted of a BBQ, games, raffle prizes and canoeing.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit participated in the Salmon Spectacular kids' day. Members had a booth set up with children's games and police vehicles on display.

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





## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit – June-July-Aug 2024

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

**DATE:** October 8, 2024

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### JUNE REPORT:

<b>FOOT PATROL (Hours)</b>	21
<b>BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)</b>	36
<b>CRIMINAL CHARGES</b>	58
<b>WARRANT ARRESTS</b>	11
<b>PROVINCIAL OFFENCES</b>	2
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	0
<b>COMPLIANCE CHECKS</b>	11

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE met with Outreach Ministries associated to a River District apartment complex to address concerns regarding unhoused persons and trespassing complaints.
- CORE attended and participated in the Law Enforcement/Special Olympics Torch Run.
- CORE attended the Owen Sound Transgender Vigil.
- CORE attended the Owen Sound Pride Parade in the River District.
- CORE attended the opening of the Brightshores Health System Withdrawal Management facility.
- CORE attended and participated in a Municipal Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic initiative with surrounding police services, MTO and Ministry of Finance. This traffic initiative resulted in a total of 56 charges being laid and 10 warnings being issued.

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community.
- CORE participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on bicycle.
- CORE attended the Sound Waterfront Festival at Kelso Beach.

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- CORE attended five Unwanted Person calls for service.
- CORE patrolled the upper east side on bicycle assisting uniform officers in locating a missing suicidal male.
- CORE attended a suicidal person call for service where a female in distress was safely apprehended under the Mental Health Act.

- CORE attended a traffic complaint where a male driver was investigated and cautioned for a highway traffic act offence.
- CORE attended a call for service involving the welfare check of two males, both of whom were located in the downtown.
- CORE attended a theft call for service at an east-side retail business.
- CORE attended a Trespass to Property Act call for service in the downtown area involving an unhoused person.
- CORE attended and investigated an overdose/medical assist call for service in the downtown area.
- CORE assisted in apprehending a male under the Mental Health Act.
- CORE attended and investigated the report of a stolen vehicle.

● **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE completed more than 42 criminal investigations which led to 58 criminal charges being laid, including Fail to Comply with Release Order/Undertaking/Probation, Theft Under \$5000, Assault, Obstruct Police, Fail to Attend Court and Fail to Attend for Fingerprints. Several of these occurrences originated in the River District and downtown area.
- CORE executed 11 arrest warrants on known offenders in Owen Sound.
- CORE completed a Surety Background Profile for the ISVCBT.
- CORE conducted 11 compliance checks on known offenders residing in Owen Sound for Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA).

● **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- A CORE member attended a Law Enforcement Torch Run meeting.
- CORE assisted Ontario Provincial Police at a search warrant at an Owen Sound residence.
- CORE completed and obtained authorization for a Feeney Warrant to enter a residence and arrested a male on four separate warrants.
- CORE attended a meeting with Owen Sound Probation and Parole for Offender Management.

**JULY REPORT:**

**REPORT:**

<b>FOOT PATROL (Hours)</b>	57
<b>BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)</b>	11
<b>CRIMINAL CHARGES</b>	42
<b>WARRANT ARRESTS</b>	3
<b>PROVINCIAL OFFENCES</b>	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	0
<b>COMPLIANCE CHECKS</b>	3

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**
  - CORE attended the Canada Day Celebrations at Kelso Beach for the Owen Sound Waterfront Festival.
  - CORE attended and participated in the “The Hottest Street Sale” in the River District.
  - CORE & YIPI students attended the Touch-a-Truck event at Heritage Place Mall.
  - CORE attend Inside Out, a program with YIPI students at Bayfield Landing.
  
- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**
  - The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community.
  - Safe n Sound overnight warming program/shelter.
  - Kelso Beach for The Sound Waterfront Festival.
  - Grey County Housing locations.
  - Non-profit housing locations.
  - YMCA.
  
- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**
  - CORE provided technical assistance in relation to an impaired driver.
  - CORE provided a local business with information regarding service dogs.
  - CORE assisted with locating and arresting a female causing a disturbance in the downtown area.
  - CORE assisted with a domestic violence investigation which was in progress; one subject was taken into custody and numerous statements were obtained.
  - CORE assisted with another domestic violence investigation which was in progress, with one subject being taken into custody.
  
- **INVESTIGATIONS**
  - CORE organized and facilitated a project which focused on offenders who commit thefts in the downtown area. During this two day initiative, there were zero (0) thefts committed in relation to this operation, however officers were able to educate community members through such things as crime prevention and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED).
  - CORE completed more than 30 criminal investigations which led to 42 criminal charges being laid, including Fail to Comply with Release Order/Undertaking/Probation, Theft Under \$5000, Assault, Obstruct Police, Fail to Attend Court and Fail to Attend for Fingerprints. Several of these occurrences originated in the downtown area.
  - CORE executed three arrest warrants on known offenders in Owen Sound.
  - CORE conducted three compliance checks on known offenders residing in Owen Sound for Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA).
  - CORE investigated concerns for persons trespassing on several local business properties.
  - CORE conducted CPTED audits with several local businesses.
  
- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**
  - CORE attended an educational meeting with a Corrections Intelligence Analyst.

- CORE attended a meeting at M'Wikwedong with the program coordinator and youth program director.
  - CORE attended a meeting with a program director regarding a youth engagement strategy focusing on mental health and physical health.
  - CORE connected with non-profit housing in Owen Sound regarding community engagement and events.
  - CORE connected with Grey County tenant services regarding community engagement and events.
  - CORE connected with Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Inspectors and scheduled a date in August 2024 for inspections in Owen Sound.
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## AUGUST REPORT

### REPORT:

<b>FOOT PATROL (Hours)</b>	100
<b>BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)</b>	14
<b>CRIMINAL CHARGES</b>	56
<b>WARRANT ARRESTS</b>	16
<b>PROVINCIAL OFFENCES</b>	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS</b>	1
<b>COMPLIANCE CHECKS</b>	15

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE attended the Emancipation Festival at Harrison Park.
- CORE attended the Community Movie night hosted by a business in the River District.
- CORE attended and assisted with the organization of the M'Wikwedong End of Summer Bash.
- CORE connected with Public Health to address concerns involving needle disposal.
- CORE attended Bayfield Landing for a community BBQ.
- CORE attended Alpha Street for a community event.
- CORE attended a YMCA youth camp with CSO Cranny & YIPI students for a Bike Rodeo.
- CORE attended City Hall to discuss the use of enclosed mobility scooters, with members of Bylaw Enforcement.
- CORE attended a business with Owen Sound Fire Prevention for an inspection.

- **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 and Non-profit housing locations
- YMCA
- Kelso Beach Park
- Harrison Park
- Heritage Place Mall
- Licensed Establishments

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**
  - CORE assisted with an incident involving a possible attempted abduction.
  - CORE assisted with a call for service involving an unwanted male and female near a business.
  - CORE assisted with the removal of an unwanted male outside of an apartment building.
  - CORE assisted with a call for service involving a male acting in a violent manner that appeared to be under the influence of a substance.
  - CORE charged 12 subjects with Failing to Attend Court and two for Failing to Comply with Release Order.
  - CORE assisted with the search for wanted subjects in residential areas.
  - CORE attended the hospital to assist with locating a mental health patient who reportedly fled the emergency department.
  - CORE located and charged a female for two counts of theft under \$5000.
  - CORE assisted with locating an adult male in need of medical attention.
  - CORE attended an address to assist with the removal of an unwanted adult female.
  - CORE assisted with the investigation of a fail to remain collision.
  
- **INVESTIGATIONS**
  - CORE completed more than 30 investigations which led to 56 criminal charges being laid, including Fail to Comply with Release Order/Undertaking/Probation, Theft Under \$5000, Criminal Harassment, Fail to Attend Court and Fail to Attend for Fingerprints. Several of these occurrences originated in the downtown area.
  - CORE executed 16 arrest warrants on known offenders in Owen Sound.
  - CORE conducted 15 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.
  
- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**
  - CORE wrote and executed a search warrant to assist the Criminal Investigations Branch with a Robbery Investigation.
  - CORE wrote a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant for access to a seized cellular phone as part of a drug trafficking investigation.
  - CORE completed six (6) interviews as part of an on-going robbery investigation.
  - CORE had a meeting with the “Team Unbreakable” Executive Director for youth engagement opportunities.

**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).

**SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop Inspector



# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT: Front Line Patrol Report and Collision Statistics – June, July, August 2024**

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

**DATE:** September 27, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

## REPORT:

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

### Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Highway Traffic Act:	273	274	74	58
Compliance Reports:	22	61	0	1
Recorded Cautions:	163	189	105	64
Liquor Licence Act:	32	27	1	1
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	438	381	19	13
Other POA/By-Law:	64	40	4	6
Foot Patrol:	255	286	53	69

### Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 56 on-duty RIDE checks in the summer months with 2150 drivers checked. The police service also participated in four joint forces RIDE initiatives in West Grey, Hanover, South Bruce and Owen Sound. These RIDE initiatives coincided with major events in each municipality.

The statistics for RIDE were:

- 158 officers
- 50 hours
- 2150 vehicle drivers checked
- 36 HTA charges/warnings and 1 licence suspension

Thirteen impaired driving charges were laid during the summer.

Collision Statistics:

	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024
<b>Total Collisions:</b>	42	32	39
Collisions - East side	20	10	19
Collisions - West side	14	8	6
Collisions - parking lots	8	14	14
Fail to Remain Collisions	5	8	7
<b>Collisions referred to CRC:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	12
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	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 Board: Community Services Office

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: September 18, 2024*

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### Summer Highlights 2024

#### Traditional Corporate and Social Media for OSPS

- Highlights- Positive Ticket Program, Partnerships at Community Festivals and Celebrations- Canada Day, Salmon Spectacular, End of Summer Bash, Hottest Street Sale. YIPI Student Work, Pride Month, Indigenous History Month, Traffic Enforcement, Seniors Month, Camp Day, REACH BBQ, New Communications Centre & the Emancipation Festival

#### Community Engagement & Committee Work

- YIPI Students hired and program commenced.
- Inside/Out Program- A proactive program to engage youth at Bayfield Landing, on topics related to safety and making positive choices. Peer to peer youth engagement, a best practice method, was the method of delivery.
- Start-Up of Positive Ticket Program- working with youth who are most at risk, local youth sports teams and areas where youth frequent
- Continued partnership with M'Wikwedong, supporting the End of Summer Bash 2024, and providing information on bike safety and motor vehicle rules of the road.
- Supported Pride group Owen Sound, attending Pride parade and festival.
- Continue to collaborate and support new comers to Owen Sound- Supported Beach Day & toured Y Settlement Services new location.
- Partnered & attended One World Festival Planning- Community Partner
- Active member of the Diversity & Inclusion Conference Planning Team



- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) Meetings
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial meeting
- Crime Prevention Action Table
- Community Safety & Wellbeing Committee

#### Took part in or partnered with the following

- Harbourfest
- Canada Day
- Hottest Street Sale
- Movie Night Under the Stars
- Salmon Spectacular
- Camp Day
- REACH community BBQ
- Teddy Bear Picnic- CMHA
- Emancipation Festival
- Bike Rodeo- Y Day Camp
- Pride Parade & Festival

#### Community Presentations

- M'Wikwedong- Bike safety for youth
- Y Day Camp- Bike and Street Safety
- Community Living- Social Media Awareness/Community Safety
- Community Safety Village- Street safety for youth
- Bayfield Landing- Inside Out Program
- Kelso Villa- Frauds & Scams 2024
- Rotary International Key Note Speaker- Community Policing

**Community Services - Summer 2024**



Pictures top-Hottest Street Sale  
New Comers Beach Day  
Pictures bottom- YIPI Provincial Conference in Peel Region



# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Lost Hours and Training – June, July and August 2024  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** September 27, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

## REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for June, July and August 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
June 2024	7	15	156	2	40	320
July 2024	9	16	174	2	46	358
August 2024	10	16	178	2	44	352

### Training:

Members attended the following courses:

- Major Case Management
- Criminal Investigations Training
- Cultural Mindfulness
- Front Line Supervisor
- Officer Reintegration
- Three Recruits on the Basic Constable Training at OPC
- Internal Communicator Training for new hires

## 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:** Records, Courts, and Bylaw Report – June-July-August 2024  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** October 8, 2024



## RECOMMENDATION(S):

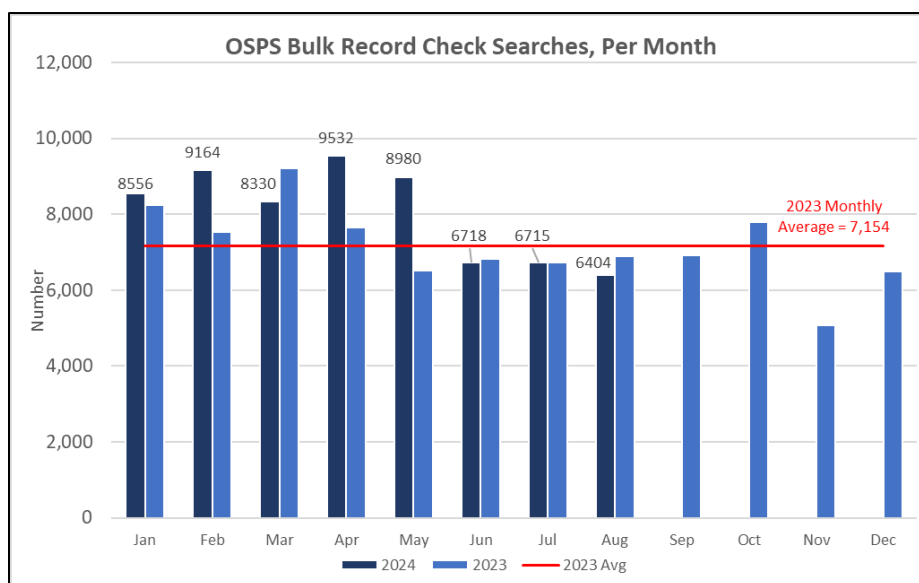
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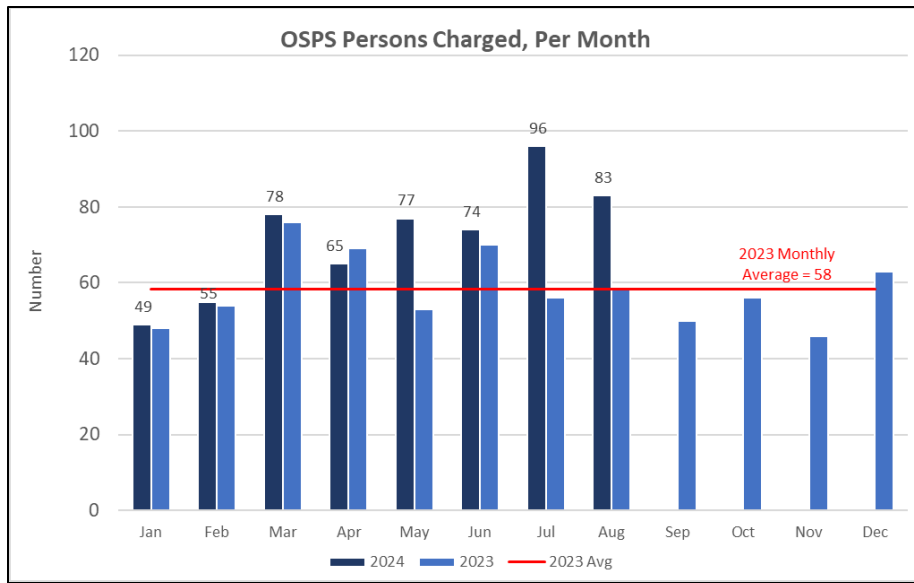
Report:

Records – June-July-August 2024:

	This Month August 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year August 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2023	YTD % Change
		July 2024	% Change				
<b>Records Services</b>							
Bulk Record Check Searches	6,404	6,715	-4.6%	6,889	64,339	59,554	8.0%
Executed Warrants	53	78	-32.1%	47	522	420	24.3%
Persons Charged*	83	96	-13.5%	59	577	485	19.0%

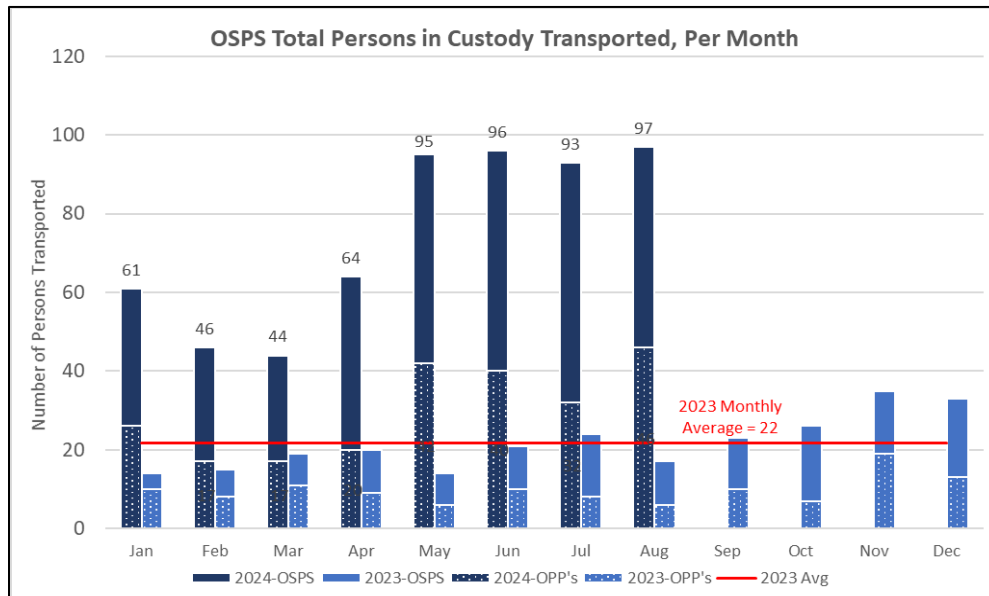
\*May be multiple charges laid on same person. Includes adults and youth. Mostly CC charges, but may include some Provincial charges if coupled with CC charges.





#### Courts – June-July-August 2024:

	This Month August 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year August 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2023	YTD % Change
		July 2024	% Change				
<b>Court Services</b>							
Total Custodies Transported	97	93	4.3%	17	596	144	313.9%
OPP	46	32	43.8%	6	240	68	252.9%
OSPS	51	61	-16.4%	11	356	76	368.4%
Video/Appearances	35	45	-22.2%	56	441	418	5.5%
Special Constable Hours	1,274	1,312	-2.9%	1,200	10,151	8,822	15.1%



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.

Criminal Court trials are being scheduled into 2025 and as a result trial dates are being scheduled during summer months when officers would normally be taking annual leave. Trials are being set with the consideration of defence counsel availability however officer annual leave has not yet been drawn for 2025 leaving a number of dates that will no longer be available for officers for annual leave selection. This will have a negative impact on member time off and wellness.

#### **Bylaw – June-July-August 2024:**

Bylaw Clerk advising that correspondence was prepared to all taxi brokers advising of new fees, new tariff cards and that all meters needed to be changed by August 29, 2024 in accordance with new by-law. All taxi companies complied with meter changes to new rates and all companies received their refund/reimbursement cheques.

#### **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) - June-July-August 2024**

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

**DATE:** October 8, 2024



## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### Report:

**Human Resources – June-July-August 2024:** Staffing statistics for the OSECC will transition into a monthly Human Resources Board report. It is worth noting however, in June and July, a 4-hour block of in-service training was conducted for all OSECC members and included a change management exercise and visit to the back-up site, along with updates on the 911 policy, evacuation policy, call type review, and administrative phone system. A new class of Communicators started July 16<sup>th</sup> and is doing very well.

**New OSECC Logo -** As part of preparations for the OSECC moving into their newly renovated Communication Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the OSPS, a new logo was designed to recognize the valuable and unique role Communicators plays in the safety of first-responders and residents in Owen Sound and many other communities across Ontario. Thanks to collaborative efforts, this new logo will now brand the OSECC Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

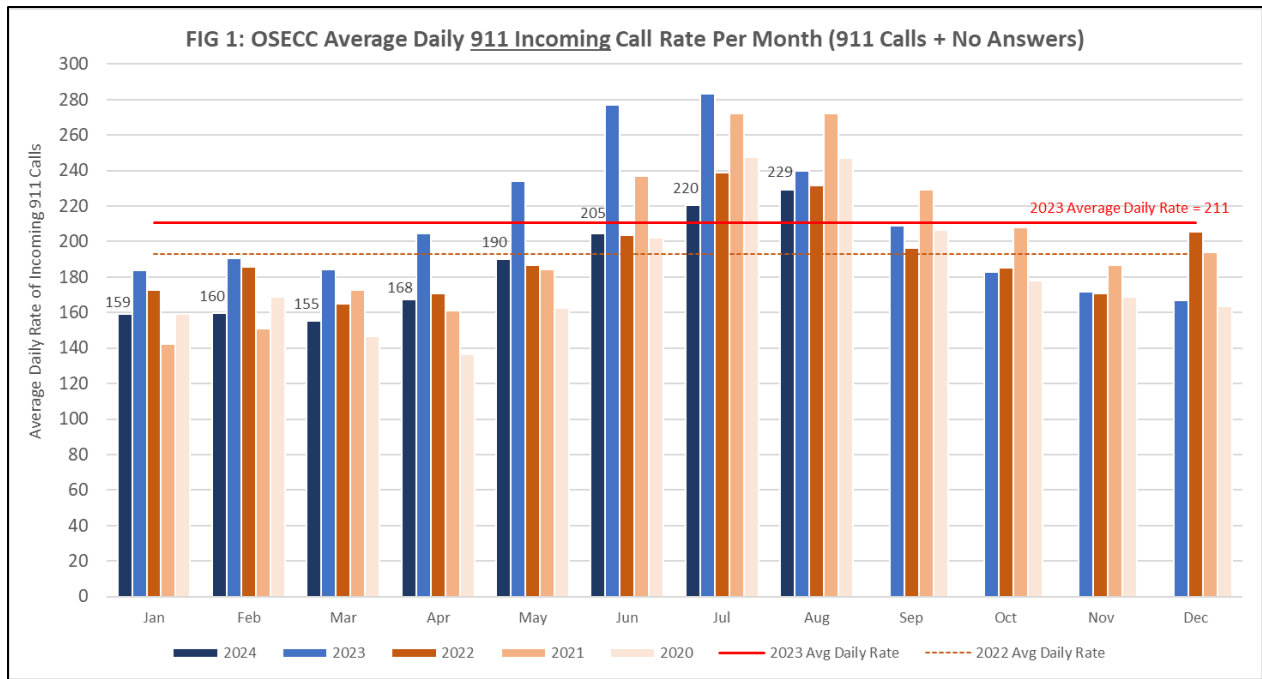


### 911 Calls – June-July-August 2024:

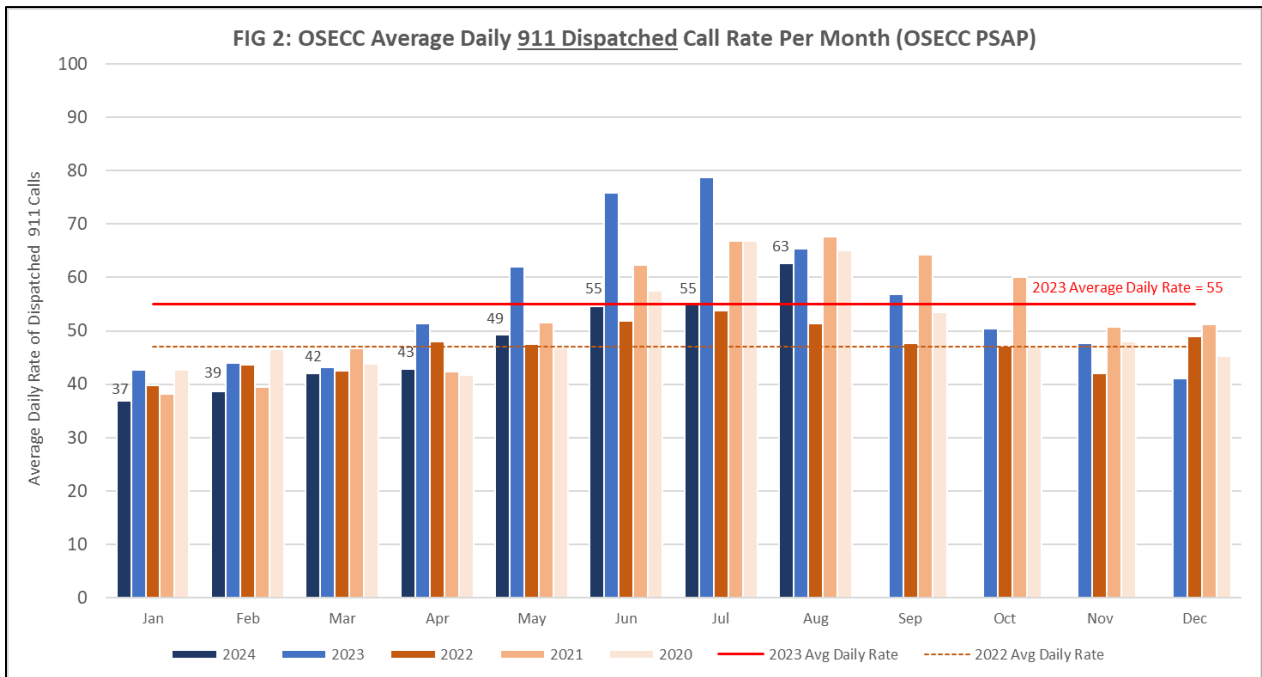
Source: Bell Flex reports	This Month August 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year August 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Aug.31, 2023	% Change
		July 2024	% Change				
<b>All Incoming 911 Calls (Number)</b>	7,110	6,834	4.0%	7,436	45,373	54,656	-17.0%
Avg Daily Rate	229.4	220.5	4.0%	239.9	186.0	224.9	-17.3%
<b>No Answer 911 Calls (Number)</b>	655	672	-2.5%	921	4,045	7,747	-47.8%
<b>Answered 911 Calls (Number)</b>	6,455	6,162	4.8%	6,515	41,328	46,909	-11.9%
Avg Daily Rate	208.2	198.8	4.7%	210.2	169.4	193.0	-12.2%
<b>Transferred to Secondary PSAP (Number)</b>	4,515	4,443	1.6%	4,489	29,652	32,810	-9.6%
<b>Dispatched by OSECC (Number)</b>	1,940	1,719	12.9%	2,026	11,676	14,099	-17.2%
Avg Daily Rate	62.6	55.5	12.8%	65.4	47.9	58.0	-17.4%

In June, July, and August 2024, the average daily number of incoming emergency 911 calls to the OSECC surpassed 200, with a steady increase each month since March. With 7110 emergency calls incoming from the 911 phone line in August, this was an average of 229 calls/day during August, compared to 220/day in July, and 205/day in June (Figure 1). Year-to-date, the total volume of incoming 911 calls are down by 17%, partly due to the high volume of non-answerable 911 calls that peaked in June and July 2023. For example, June 2023 recorded 1285 No Answer calls, compared to June 2024's 536.





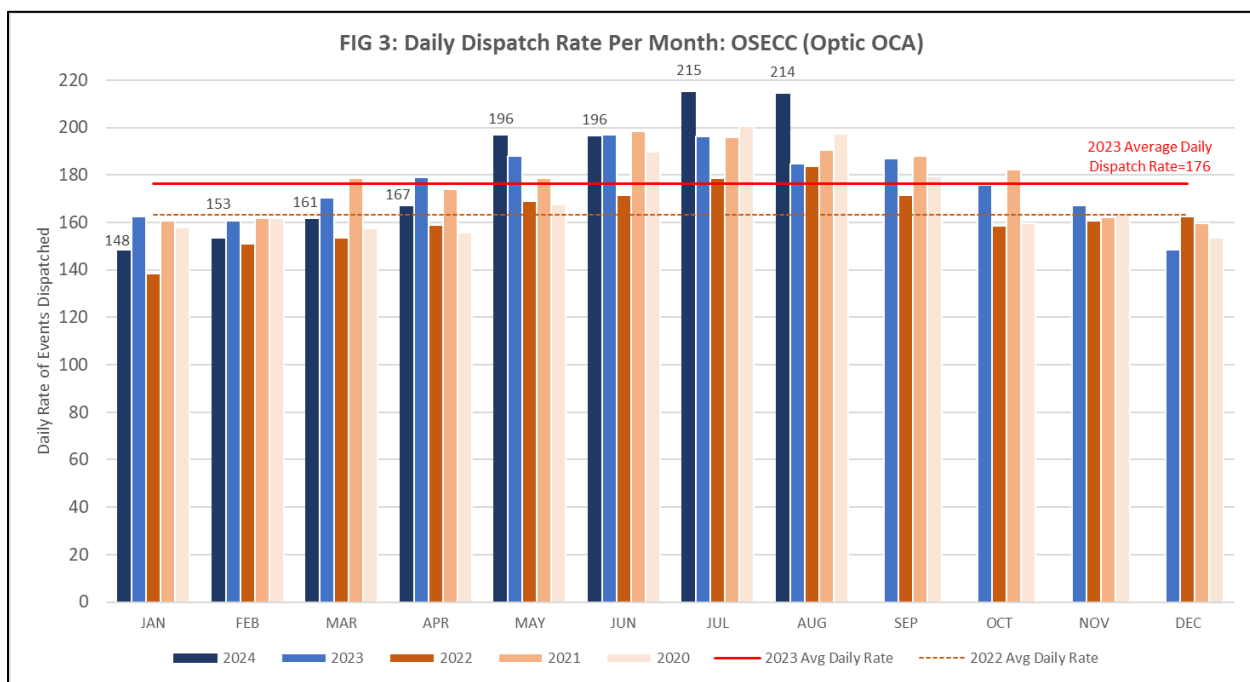
The OSECC operates as both a primary and secondary PSAP. Approximately 70% of 911 calls are transferred to another PSAP, while Communicators in the OESCC dispatch about 30% of 911 calls to OSPS, five other police agencies, more than 50 fire stations, and Grey County Transportation. In August 2024, there was a daily average of 63 calls from the 911 emergency line dispatched by the OSECC, representing the highest daily average per month so far in 2024 (Figure 2). Year-to-date, however, the overall volume of 911 calls transferred and dispatched are down from this same time last year.



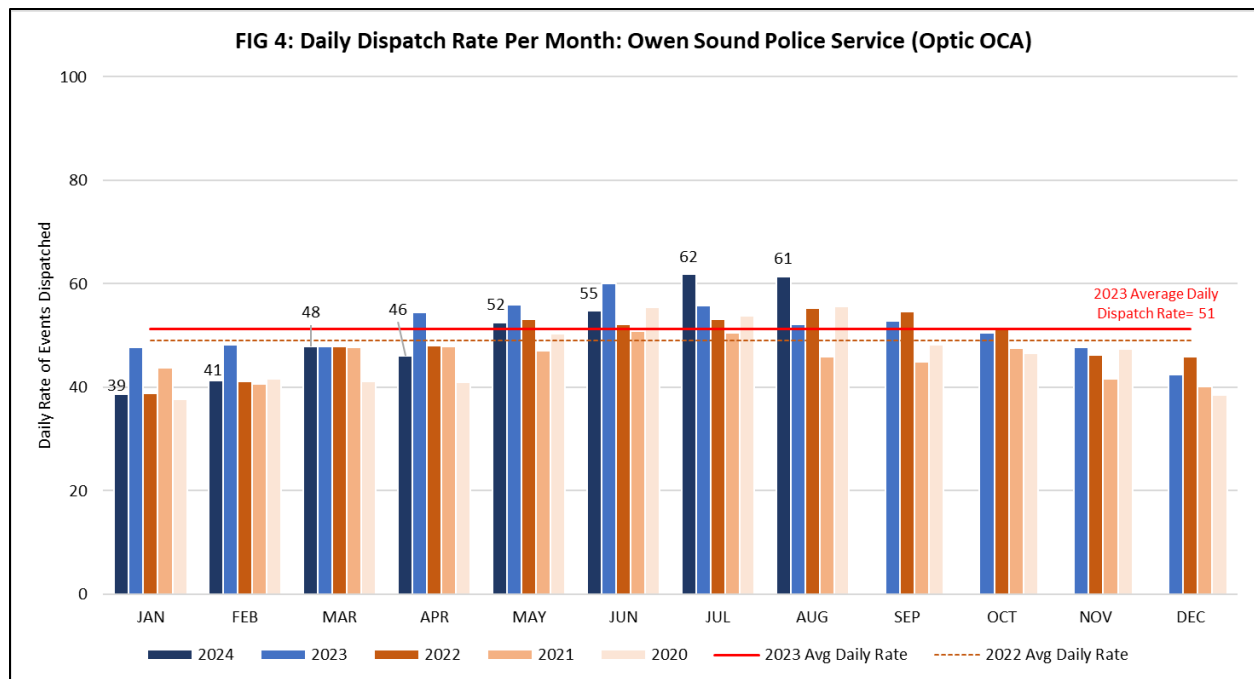
## Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events – June-July-August 2024:

Source: OPTIC's OnCallAnalytics	This Month August 2024	Previous Month		Same Month	2024	2023	% Change
		July 2024	% Change	Previous Year	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	
				August 2023	Jan.1-Aug.31, 2024	Jan.1-Aug.31, 2023	
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Number)</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>6,659</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>44,323</b>	<b>43,731</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	6,054	6,039	0.2%	5,168	39,692	39,139	1.4%
All Fire	579	606	-4.5%	540	3,939	3,728	5.7%
Grey County Transport	7	14	-50.0%	17	692	864	-19.9%
OSPS	1,903	1,916	-0.7%	1,619	12,354	12,839	-3.8%
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Avg Daily Rate)</b>	<b>214.2</b>	<b>214.8</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>181.7</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	195.3	194.8	0.3%	166.7	162.7	161.1	1.0%
All Fire	18.7	19.5	-4.1%	17.4	16.1	15.3	5.2%
Grey County Transport	0.2	0.5	-60.0%	0.5	2.8	3.6	-22.2%
OSPS	61.4	61.8	-0.6%	52.2	50.6	52.8	-4.2%

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. July and August 2024 experienced record high volumes of dispatched calls. In July there were 6659 calls dispatched; in August there were 6640 – representing a daily dispatch rate per month of 215 calls in July and 214 calls in August (as shown in Figure 3). Year-to-date increases are attributable to both police and fire agencies dispatched by OSECC.



The daily dispatch rate for OSPS also reached record highs in July and August (Figure 4), with monthly dispatch call volumes surpassing 1900, and the average daily rate per month surpassed 60 per day. So far year-to-date however, balanced by the winter months, the overall volume of dispatched calls for OSPS is down 4%.



#### Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure – June-July-August 2024:

Over the summer months, the IT team was engaged in the final design and procurement of new communications centre equipment for the OSECC renovation, including networking, infrastructure and console configurations. This also included necessary maintenance to the building-wide Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and generator systems.

Computer Aided Dispatch is slated for refresh in November with IT staff coordinating hardware and software procurements and installations leading up to this rollout involving 14 desks plus supporting servers.

Ongoing work on NG911 continues, with documentation and numerous meetings for coordination of services/installs with vendors (Bell, Netagen, Komutel) and hosted clients. Bell Canada delays in network infrastructure deployment is a challenge, however, OSPS is scheduled to complete its backup and main site certifications before the end of the year.

In addition, IT has finalized a security audit for the Saugeen Shores Police Service and are now working on West Grey Police Service’s audit.

#### 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 Glode, Strategic Analyst



## Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities June 2024

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Friday June 27, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 1 days
- Grant Completion/Application – 4 hours
- Community Drug & Alcohol Strategic Planning – 1 day
- OAPSB Conference Session – 1 day
- OACP Zone 5 – 2 hours
- Court Security Superior Court Trial Issues – 2 hours
- Brightshores Addiction Treatment Centre Opening – 3 hours
- HR Processes – 8.5 hours
- OACP Annual Conference & AGM – 3.5 days
- Grey Bruce Law Enforcement Torch Run – 1 day
- OPC March Past Cst. Kenneth Jones – 1 day
- Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre Presentation on Hate – 1 day
- Indigenous Speakers Series Kendal Netmaker – 1 hour
- GBCRS Annual Meeting – 2.5 hours
- National Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Ceremony at Kelso Beach Reconciliation Garden – 2.5 hours
- Meeting Grey Bruce Women's House – 1.5 hours
- Visit by Solicitor General Michael Kerzner – 1 hour

- Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth AGM – 1 hour
- OSPS Station Clean-up – 1 day
- OSECC Dispatch Business & Police Partners Meeting – 4 hours
- Rural Response to Renfrew Inquest Recommendations Intimate Partner Violence Related – 5 hours
- Swearing in Ceremony Kyler Jones – 1.5 hours



## Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities July 2024

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 3.5 days
- OACP Meetings – 2.5 hours
- Grant Submissions – 1 hour
- Dispatch Business – 8 hours
- City Hall Meetings – 7 hours
- New Zealand Police Deputy Inspector Meeting & Tour – 2 hours
- Board Assisting Bargaining – 24 hours
- REACH Centre Charity BBQ – 1.5 hours
- Grey Bruce Police Leaders Call – 1 hour
- Carleton University Research Project – 1 hour
- Interviews – 2 hours
- Budget Preparation – 18 hours



## Report to the Board: Chief 's Activities August 2024

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 8 days
- HR Interviews – 6.5 hours
- Community Advisory Committee for Urgent & Emergent Public Health – 1 hour
- Carleton University Research Project – 3 hours
- City Hall Meetings – 5.5 hours
- Grant Submissions – 6 hours
- CACP AGM & Conference Committee Meetings Halifax – 4 days
- Budget Preparation – 9 hours
- Grey Bruce Police Leaders Call – 1 hour
- Dispatch Business (OSECC Meetings) – 6 hours
- M'Wikwedong Youth Summer Event – 2 hours



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** POLICE-REPORTED CRIME IN CANADA AND OWEN SOUND, 2023

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

**DATE:** October 8, 2023

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### Police-reported Crime in Canada, 2023

Statistics Canada released the 2023 police-reported crime statistics on July 25, 2024, with key trends across Canada presented in the attached Infographic. This annual publication draws from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey, a census of all crime known to police services. The UCR statistics reflect police response to criminal incidents and laying of appropriate charges after investigating, and conforms to a nationally approved set of common crime categories and definitions.

The Crime Severity Index (CSI) measures changes in crime by tracking both the volume and the seriousness of the crimes committed. Police-reported crime in Canada, as measured by the Total CSI, increased for the third consecutive year, up by 2% in 2023, continuing an upward trend that began in 2015. According to *The Daily* (July 25, 2024), relatively large shifts in certain types of crime led to an increase in the Non-violent CSI (such as increased reporting of child pornography, fraud, shoplifting, motor vehicle theft), while the Violent CSI remained virtually unchanged.

Police-reported crime statistics can be influenced by different police priorities and targeted police enforcement, as well as the community's level of trust and confidence reporting crimes to police. It is important to note that Criminal Code violations generally account for less than a third of all police calls for service, which may be influenced by other community-wide safety and wellbeing issues such as homelessness, mental health, and addictions.

#### Police-reported Crime in Owen Sound, 2023

For context, most figures attached to this report include information for Owen Sound Police Service, alongside 27 other Ontario municipal police agencies serving under 120,000 people (ordered by highest to lowest population) and the 2023 average of these 28 police services. Ontario and Canada are also included in the graphs when applicable.

Total CSI includes both Violent and Non-Violent offences. Similar to the national trends, Owen Sound's Total CSI increased in 2023. Based on crime-reported to OSPS, the Total CSI rose by 18%, to 123 in 2023 from 105 in 2022. As shown in **Figure 1**, compared to the 28 municipal police services in Ontario serving <120,000 people, Owen Sound recorded the second highest Total CSI (behind Timmins) in 2023. Similar percentage increases in Total CSI were also seen in Kawartha Lakes and Smiths Falls.



Unlike the national Violent CSI which remained relatively unchanged, the Violent CSI in Owen Sound rose by 67% to 200 in 2023 from 120 in 2022 (**Figure 2**). Of the 28 police services included, Owen Sound was the highest Violent CSI in 2023 influenced significantly by 4 violations causing death in 2023.

The Non-violent CSI includes both Property Crimes and Other Criminal Code (CC) offences. While the national Non-violent CSI rose by 3%, the Non-violent CSI in Owen Sound declined by 6%, to 94 in 2023 from 99 in 2022 (**Figure 3**). Of the 28 municipal police services serving under 120,000 people in Ontario, Owen Sound's Total, Violent, and Non-violent CIS are well above their collective 2023 average.

Owen Sound's historical CSIs back to 2013 are shown in **Figure 4**. Similar to the national trends, the Total CSI was on an upward trend prior to the pandemic, with consecutive increases from 2014 to a high of 110 in 2020. Since a drop in 2021, the Total CSI is again increasing and reached a new peak of 123 in 2023. Owen Sound's Violent CSI surpassed and has remained above the Total CSI and Non-Violent CSI since 2017, with a notable increase in 2023. The Non-violent CSI in Owen Sound has remained below the Total CSI since 2017 and has followed similar fluctuations as the Total CSI since 2017 with the exception of a decline in 2023.

Clearance rates represent the portion of criminal incidents cleared by charge or cleared otherwise by police. Like the CSI, the Total Weighted Clearance Rate takes into account both Violent and Non-violent offences and weights by severity. As shown in **Figure 5**, in 2023 Owen Sound's Total Weighted Clearance rose to 58% from 47% in 2022. OSPS' clearance rate is above the average of the 28 police services included in the graph and significantly higher than Ontario and Canada.

**Figure 6** highlight's OSPS' historical Total, Violent, and Non-Violent weighted clearance rates back to 2013. As shown in the graph, the Total Weighted Clearance Rate of 58% is at the highest rate ever over the past 10 years. All three weighted clearance rates rose in 2023, after experiencing declines the previous year.

In terms of actual counts of crime, based on the most serious violation within the incident, there were 2,566 Criminal Code violations (excluding traffic) reported to OSPS in 2023. This was a 5.6% increase in volume from 2022 (**Figure 7**) and a 10-year peak. Total increases were driven mainly by a 15% increase in Violent Crime and a 5% increase in Property Crime, while Other Criminal Code offences remained relatively stable in volume.

Actual incidents of Violent Crime reported to OSPS in 2023 are captured in **Figure 8**. In 2023 there was a total of 619 reported violent crimes or crimes against persons in Owen Sound, compared to 540 in 2022.

Most numerous violent offence types:

- Level one assaults (186),
- Uttering threats (125), and
- Criminal Harassment (89).

Notable violent offence increases reported in:

- Violations causing death (4 in 2023, compared to 0 in 2022),
- Sexual assault with weapon, level two (3 in 2023 compared to 0 in 2022),
- Sexual assault, level one (58 in 2023 compared to 45 in 2022, +29%),
- Sexual violations against children (20 in 2023 compared to 14 in 2022, +43%),
- Assault, aggravated, level three (6 in 2023 compared to 2 in 2022, +200%),

- Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing (4 in 2023 compared to 0 in 2022),
- Forceable confinement or kidnapping (6 in 2023 compared to 2 in 2022, +200%), and
- Indecent/harassing communications (40 in 2023 compared to 16 in 2022, +138%).

Notable violent offence decreases reported in:

- Robbery (4 in 2023, down 56% from 9 in 2022), and
- Non-consensual distribution of intimate image (0 in 2023, down from 5 in 2022)

Actual incidents of Non-violent crimes reported to OSPS in 2023 are shown in **Figure 9**. In 2023 there were 1236 property crimes and 711 other Criminal Code offences.

Most numerous non-violent offence types:

- Total Thefts under \$5000 (708),
- Total Administration of justice violations (531), including fail to comply with order (255), fail to appear (138), and breach of probation (136).
- Fraud (230), and
- Mischief (186).

Notable non-violent offence increases reported in:

- Shoplifting \$5000 or under (233 in 2023, up 73.9% from 134 in 2022)
- Disturb the peace (116 in 2023, up 28.9% from 90 in 2022).
- Arson (5 in 2023, up 150% from 2 in 2022).

Notable non-violent decreases reported in:

- Total Administration of Justice violations (531 in 2023, down 6.7% from 569 in 2022).
- Breaking and entering (59 in 2023, down 14.5% from 69 in 2022)
- Theft of motor vehicle (22 in 2023, down 31.3% from 32 in 2022)
- Total theft over \$5000 (9 in 2023, down 50% from 18 in 2022).

The Total Crime Rate is another way of looking comparatively at crime. A crime rate is measured by the actual count of crime divided by population per 100,000. This measure considers only the volume of crime. **Figure 10** includes the Total Crime Rate for the 28 municipal police services in Ontario serving under 120,000 people. In 2023, Owen Sound recorded the highest Total Crime Rate of these other police services, well above their average as well as the provincial and national rates.

Dividing the actual count of criminal code violations (excluding traffic) by the total authorized sworn officers in a police service is an indicator of the volume of criminal workload per officer. As shown in **Figure 11**, on average, police officers at OSPS handled 63 criminal offences each during 2023, compared to 25 in Ontario or 31 in Canada. This 2023 OSPS workload indicator is up from 59 in 2022, and 49 in 2021, and the highest in 2023 of the other 27 police services in Ontario serving under 120,000 people. It is also important to emphasize that this does not include the many non-criminal matters that place demands on police such as mental health calls, check wellbeing, disputes, missing persons, or sudden deaths, and does not include any community policing or proactive activities.

OSPS continue to work with community partners and are committed to community policing efforts that will address long term solutions to issues influencing the safety and wellbeing of Owen Sound.

**FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):**

There may be financial and risk implications as a result of increased volume, severity, and complexity of crime in terms of the demands on police resources required to investigate and lay charges.

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

Measuring and monitoring police-reported crime in Owen Sound helps to better understand the community safety challenges in the community. Addressing safety concerns identified by the community, and addressing controlled substances, firearms, and violent crimes are two goals within the strategic priority of Community Safety.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Police-Reported Crime in Canada, 2023, Infographic. July 25, 2024. Statistics Canada.
- Owen Sound Police Service, Police-Reported Crime, 2023, Figures 1 - 11.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst

# County to Share Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs with the City Beginning in 2025

July 29, 2024

- [General City News](#)

Grey County will begin sharing court security and prisoner transportation costs at the Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice with the City of Owen Sound in 2025. Currently in Ontario, these court expenses are the sole responsibility of the local municipality.

In 2024, Owen Sound anticipates a \$229,440 court security and prisoner transportation program shortfall. Because the courts in Owen Sound serve the entire region and because these costs are rising and putting an unfair burden on the City of Owen Sound ratepayers, Grey County Council voted to create a cost-sharing agreement with the City.

As part of the [2023 Service Review](#), Council had approved 49 initiatives under six broad themes. Service Review action 3B5, under the theme of negotiating cost-sharing opportunities, was to “Build a business case that can be shared with the Province to review critical funding needs for Court Security.”

The City of Owen Sound and the Owen Sound Police Service have worked to find service efficiencies. They have taken the initiative to lead numerous delegations and submit correspondence to the Province requesting that costs associated with court security and prisoner transportation be fully transferred to the Province or that the Province re-evaluate the provincial transfer payment program to better accommodate the financial needs of municipal police services that fulfill these mandated services. Grey County and the City will continue to collaborate on future advocacy to the province to change this funding system, which is unique to Ontario.

For more information, please contact Tim Simmonds, City Manager at 519-376-4440 ext. 1210 or email [tsimmonds@owensound.ca](mailto:tsimmonds@owensound.ca)

## Quotes:

“Being collaborative and working together on issues that face us all is valuable to the establishment and longevity of important services. Combining costs and efforts with our neighbours benefits us all, and the City continues to prioritize such partnerships and

agreements.”

- *Owen Sound Mayor, Ian Boddy*

**Quick Facts:**

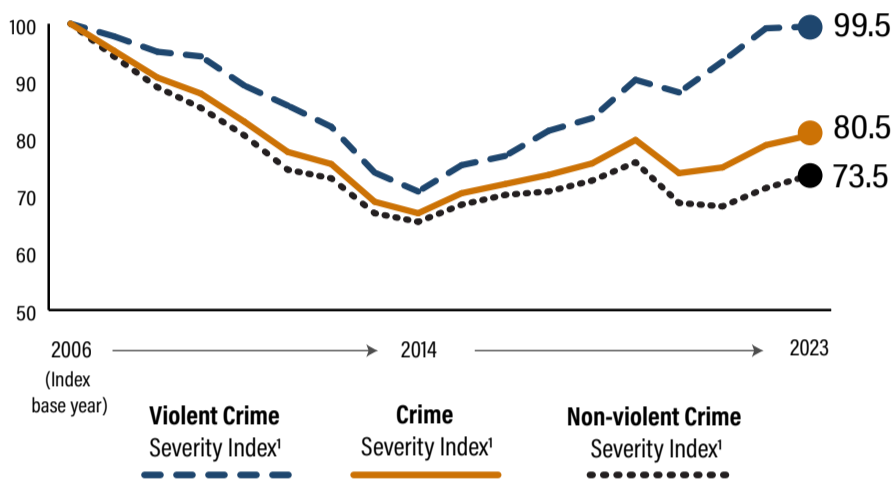
- The Community Safety and Policing Act states that police services are responsible for the security of courthouses within their jurisdiction.
- The Owen Sound courthouse is a consolidated courthouse housing both the Ontario Court of Justice and the Superior Court of Justice, which provides Court Services for a wider region.
- In 2023, the Owen Sound taxpayer was responsible for the \$236,233 shortfall between costs related to court security and prisoner transportation and the provincial transfer amounts.
- In 2023 the Provincial transfer covered 60% of the City costs.

# POLICE-REPORTED CRIME

IN CANADA, 2023

The volume and severity of crime, as measured by the Crime Severity Index (CSI),<sup>1</sup> increased for the third consecutive year, up 2% in 2023.

Relatively large shifts in certain types of crime led to an increase in the Non-violent CSI, while the Violent CSI remained virtually unchanged. Annual changes in the crime rate, or the volume of crime, have been similar to the CSI over time.



In 2023, the change in the CSI varied across the provinces and territories compared with 2022

	CSI value, 2023	Percentage change in CSI, 2022 to 2023
Newfoundland and Labrador	86.3	↑ +5%
Prince Edward Island	72.4	↑ +17%
Nova Scotia	73.8	↓ -1%
New Brunswick	86.1	↓ -1%
Quebec	62.2	↑ +3%
Ontario	60.9	↑ +4%
Manitoba	145.5	↓ -1%
Saskatchewan	160.2	↑ +2%
Alberta	103.0	↓ -2%
British Columbia	104.1	↑ +4%
Yukon	218.8	↑ +2%
Northwest Territories	473.7	↑ +5%
Nunavut	429.1	↑ +12%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>↑ +2%</b>

The CSI should always be considered within a broader community context. See the infosheet *Understanding and using the Crime Severity Index* for more information.

Five largest increases and decreases in the CSI, by census metropolitan area



- +24% Chilliwack, B.C.
- +23% Abbotsford–Mission, B.C.
- +13% Drummondville, Que.
- +12% Québec, Que.
- +11% Toronto, Ont.



- 14% London, Ont.
- 11% Red Deer, Alta.
- 8% Greater Sudbury, Ont.
- 8% Calgary, Alta.
- 7% Guelph, Ont.

Important shifts in certain violent and non-violent crimes impacted the CSI across Canada

Rate	Violent offences	Rate	Non-violent offences
-14%	Homicide	+52%	Child pornography <sup>2</sup>
+35%	Extortion	+12%	Fraud
+4%	Robbery	+18%	Shoplifting \$5,000 or under
+7%	Assault (level 2)	+5%	Motor vehicle theft
		-5%	Breaking and entering

In 2023, there were 778 victims of homicide, 104 fewer than in 2022.

Gang-related homicides continued to account for about **one-quarter** (22%) of all homicides; **78%** of these were committed with a firearm, most often a handgun.



The proportion of women who were killed by their spouse or intimate partner was approximately **5 times higher** than the proportion of men (31% versus 6%).<sup>3</sup>

**4,777**

HATE CRIME INCIDENTS

The number of police-reported hate crimes rose **32%**. Hate crimes targeting a religion or a sexual orientation accounted for most of the increase.

**Notes:**

1. While the crime rate measures the volume of crime, the CSI measures the volume and severity of crime. To determine severity, all crimes are assigned a weight based on sentences handed down by Canadian courts. More serious crimes are assigned higher weights, while less serious crimes are assigned lower weights. As a result, more serious offences have a greater impact on changes in the index. The CSI is an area-based measure that summarizes police-reported crime as an index value. The CSI is not an indicator of overall safety and should be interpreted in a broader community context. See the infosheet *Understanding and using the Crime Severity Index* for more information.

2. Like all types of crime, the number of police-reported incidents of child pornography can vary because of several factors, including changes in the actual occurrence of crimes, as well as public awareness and policing practices. In 2023, more cases—current and historical—were forwarded to

local police services as a result of continued partnerships and coordination with specialized provincial Internet child exploitation police units and the National Child Exploitation Crime Centre. These additional cases contributed in part to increased reporting of child pornography.

3. Excludes homicides where the accused was not identified (35% of homicides).  
**Sources:** Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2023.

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**Police-reported Crime Statistics to Owen Sound Police Service, 2023**

Statistics Canada’s Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics will be releasing their annual police-reported crime statistics for 2023 on July 25, 2024. National and provincial trends, and statistics for municipal police services will be highlighted in their Daily news and data tables will be available publicly.

**2023 Crime Severity Index – Owen Sound**

Statistics Canada’s Crime Severity Index (CSI) takes into account both the volume and the seriousness of crime. The index is calculated with weight assigned to each offence that are derived from average sentences handed down by criminal courts. The more serious the average sentence, the higher the weight for that offence. As a result, more serious offences have greater impact on changes in the index. All criminal code offences are included in this index. The clearance rate refers to the number of criminal incidents solved by police. The weighted clearance rate is based on the same principles as the CSI whereby more serious offences are assigned a higher “weight” than less serious offences.

**Total Crime Severity Index**

- Total Crime Severity Index (CSI) is 123.4 in 2023, an increase of **+18.1%** from the 2022 index of 104.5.
- Total Weighted Clearance Rate rose in 2023 to 58% from 47% in 2022.

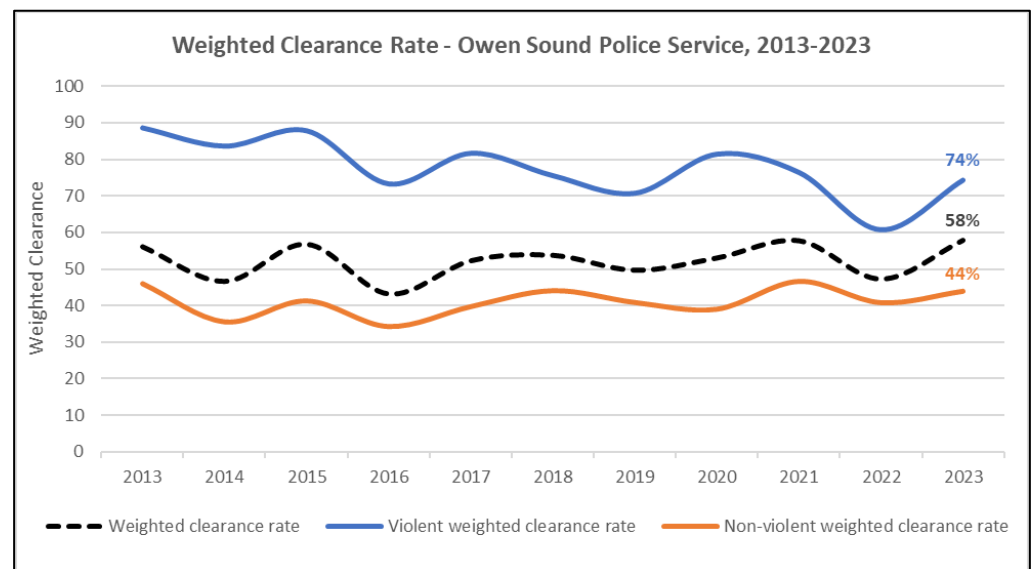
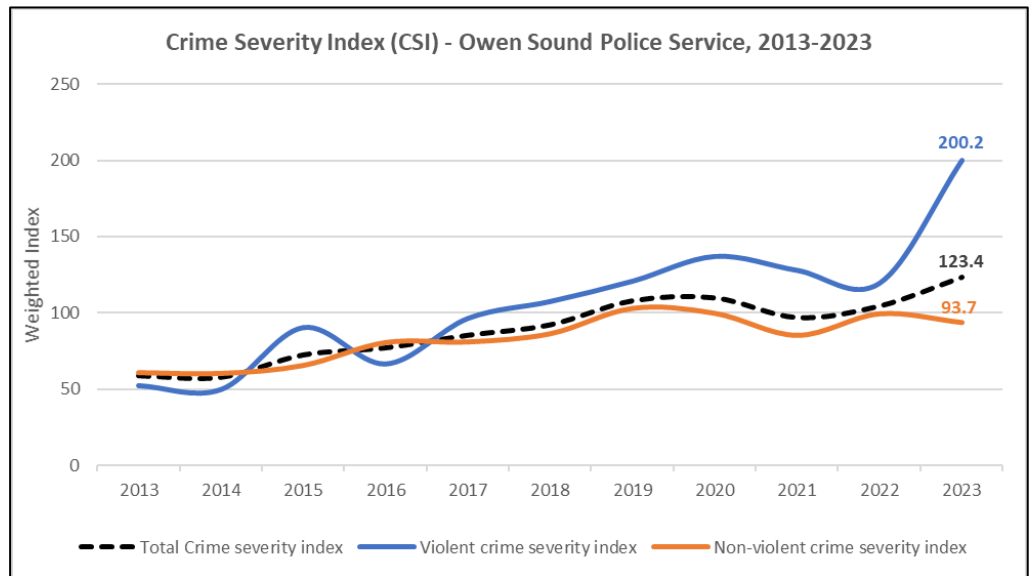
**Violent Crime Severity Index**

- Violent CSI is 200.2 in 2023, an increase of **+67.4%** from the 2022 index of 119.6.
- The Violent Weighted Clearance rate rose to 74% in 2023, from 61% in 2022.

**Non-Violent Crime Severity**

**Index** (includes Property Crimes and Other Criminal Code Violations)

- Non-Violent CSI is 93.7 in 2023, a decrease of **-5.7%** from the 2022 index of 99.4
- The Non-Violent Weighted Clearance rate also rose to 44% in 2023, from 41% in 2022.



## 2023 Actual Counts of Criminal Violations – Owen Sound

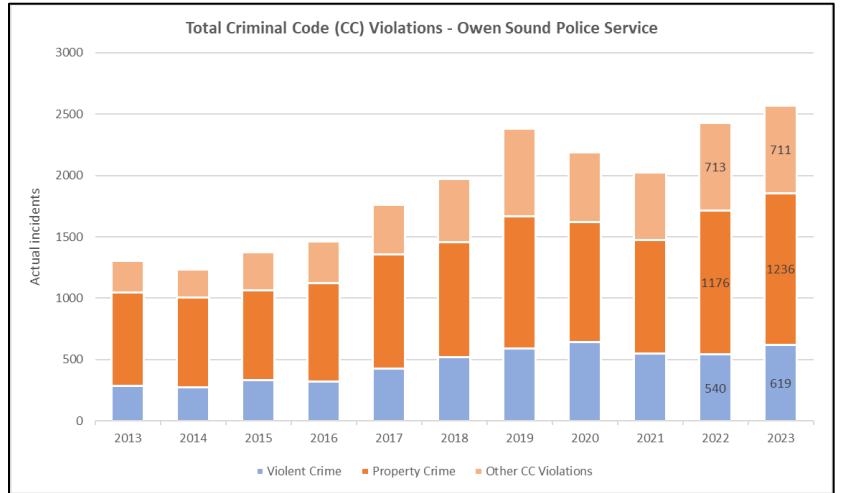
The actual count of police-report crime is based on the most serious violation within the incident.

### Total Police-Reported Crime to Owen Sound Police Service

- In Owen Sound, there were 2,566 Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), increasing 5.6% in volume compared to 2022.

### Violent Crime or Crimes Against Persons

- There were 619 reported violent crimes in Owen Sound in 2023, which is up by 14.6%.
  - Most numerous violent offence types: Level one assaults (186), Uttering threats (125), and Criminal Harassment (89).
  - Notable increases reported in:
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### Other Criminal Code Violations

- There were 711 other Criminal Code violations in 2023, a decrease of -0.3%.
  - Most numerous other Criminal Code violations: Total Administration of justice violations (531), including fail to comply with order (255), fail to appear (138), and breach of probation (136).
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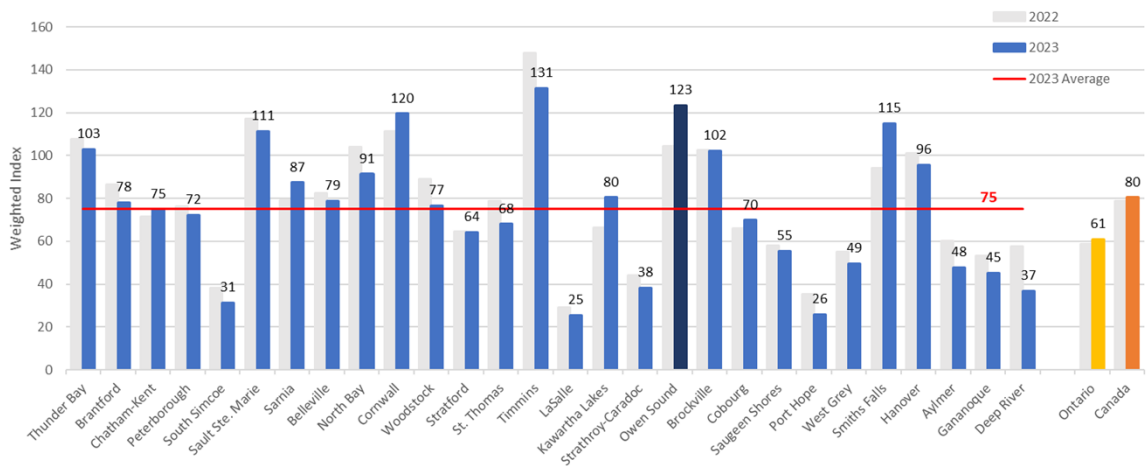


# Owen Sound Police Service Police-Reported Crime, 2023

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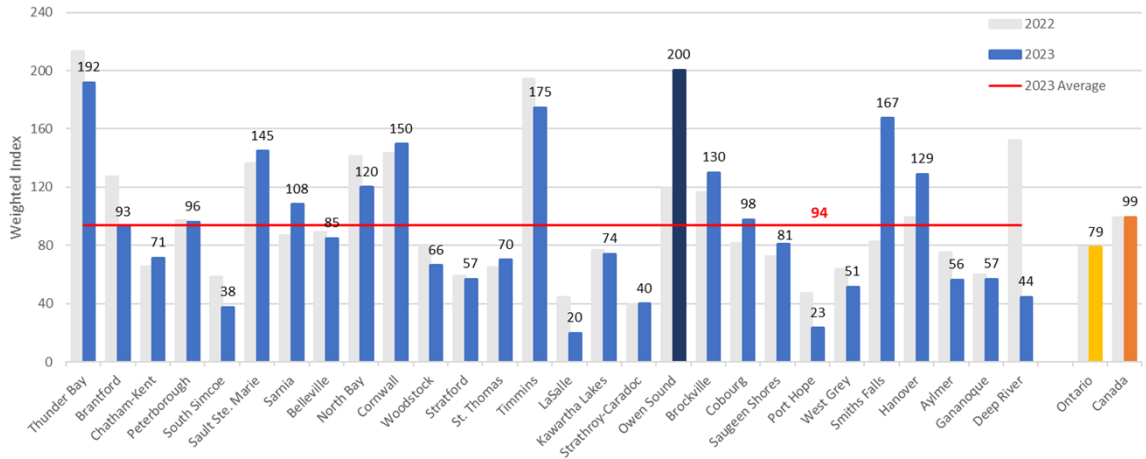


FIG 1: Total Crime Severity Index (2022-2023) - Ontario Municipal Police Services Serving Populations <120,000



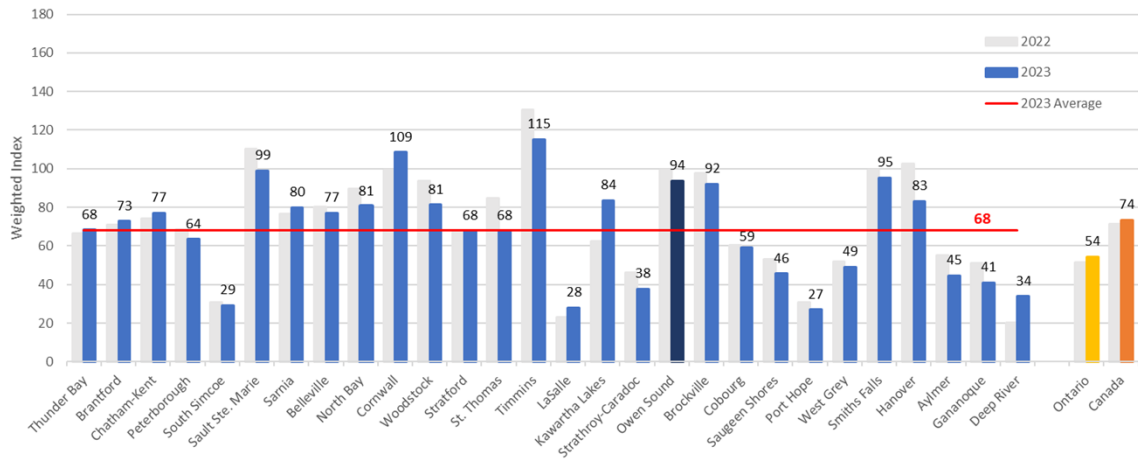
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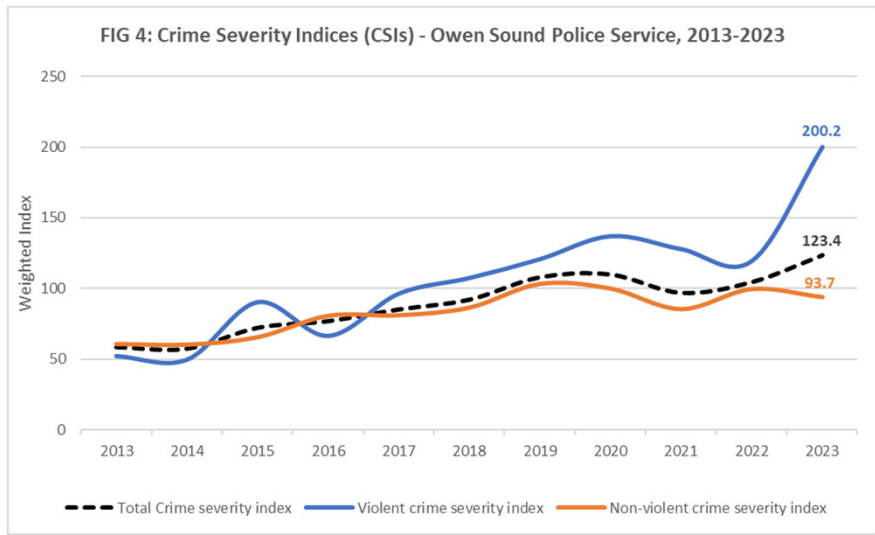


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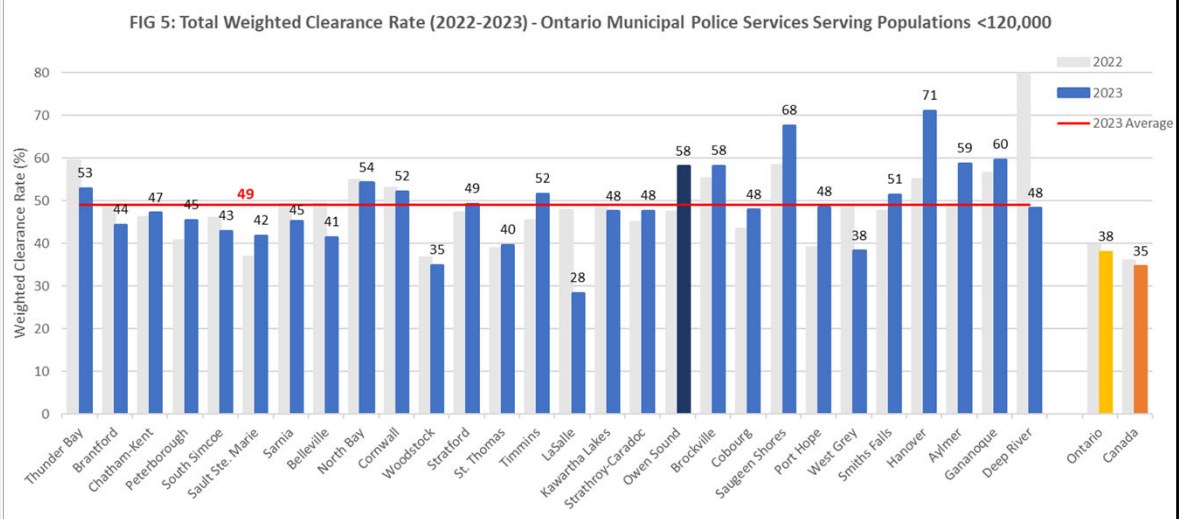
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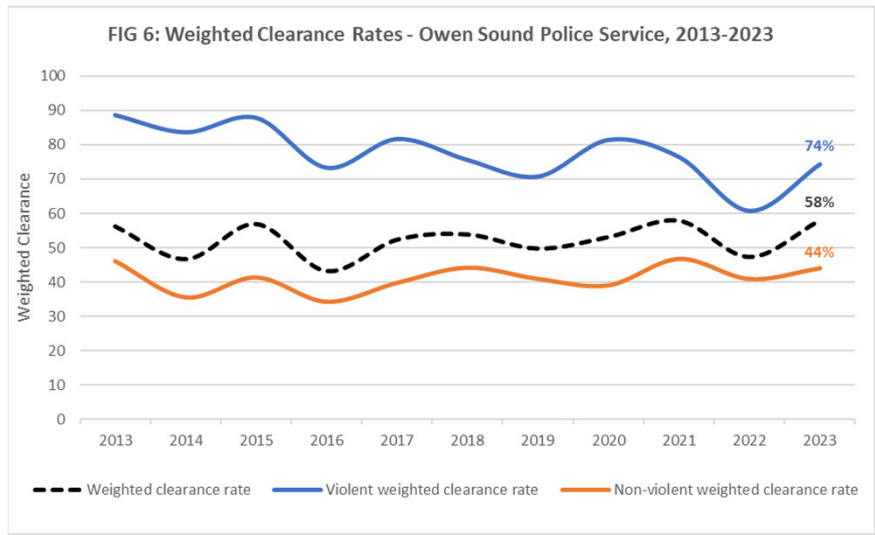
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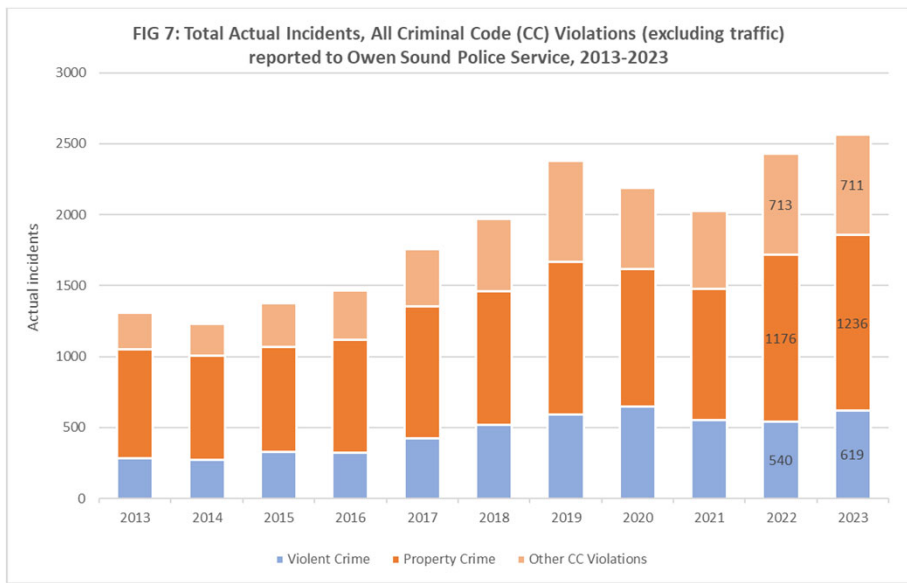
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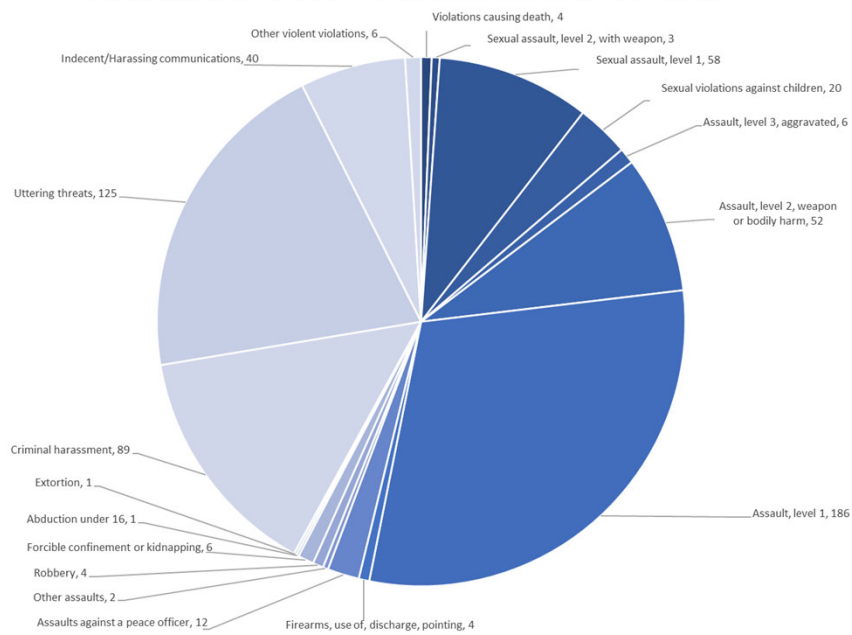


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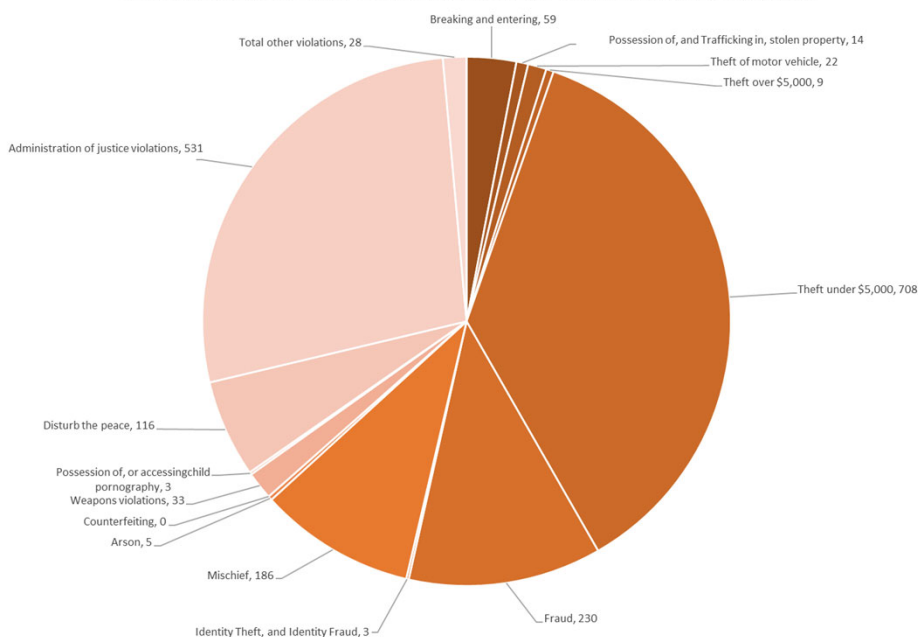
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**FIG 8: Actual Incidents of Violent Crime reported to Owen Sound Police Service, 2023**

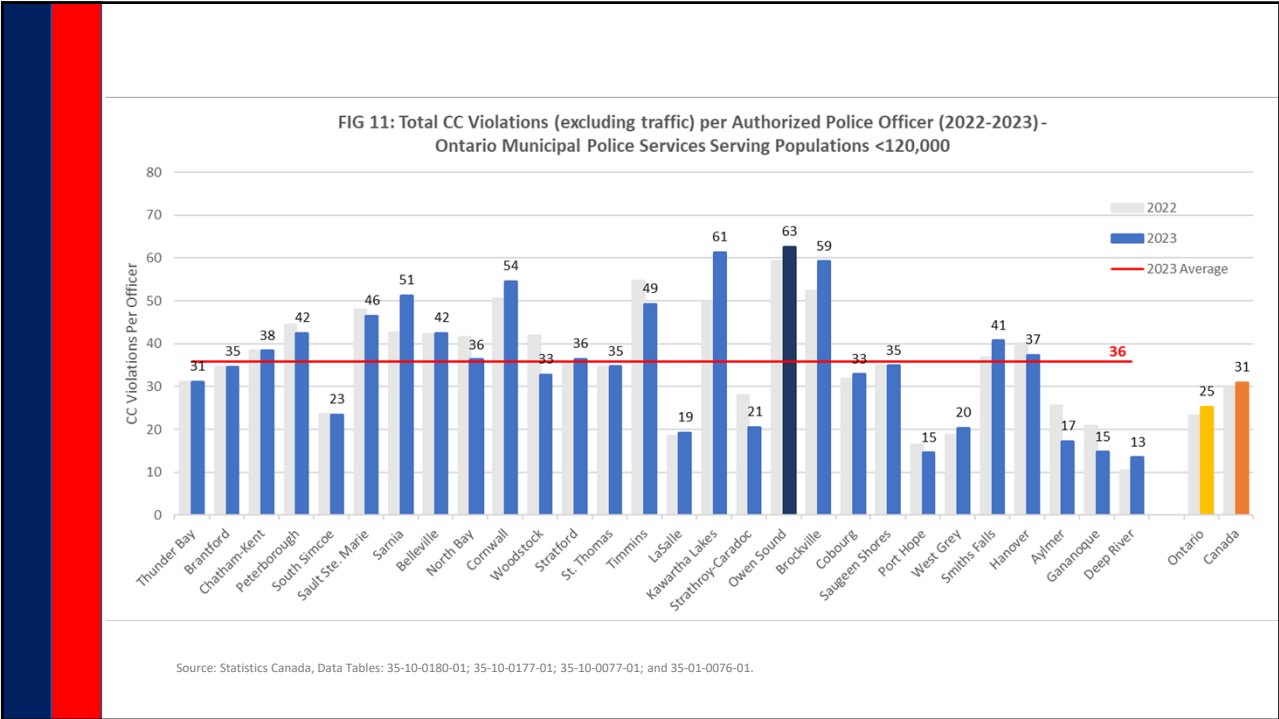
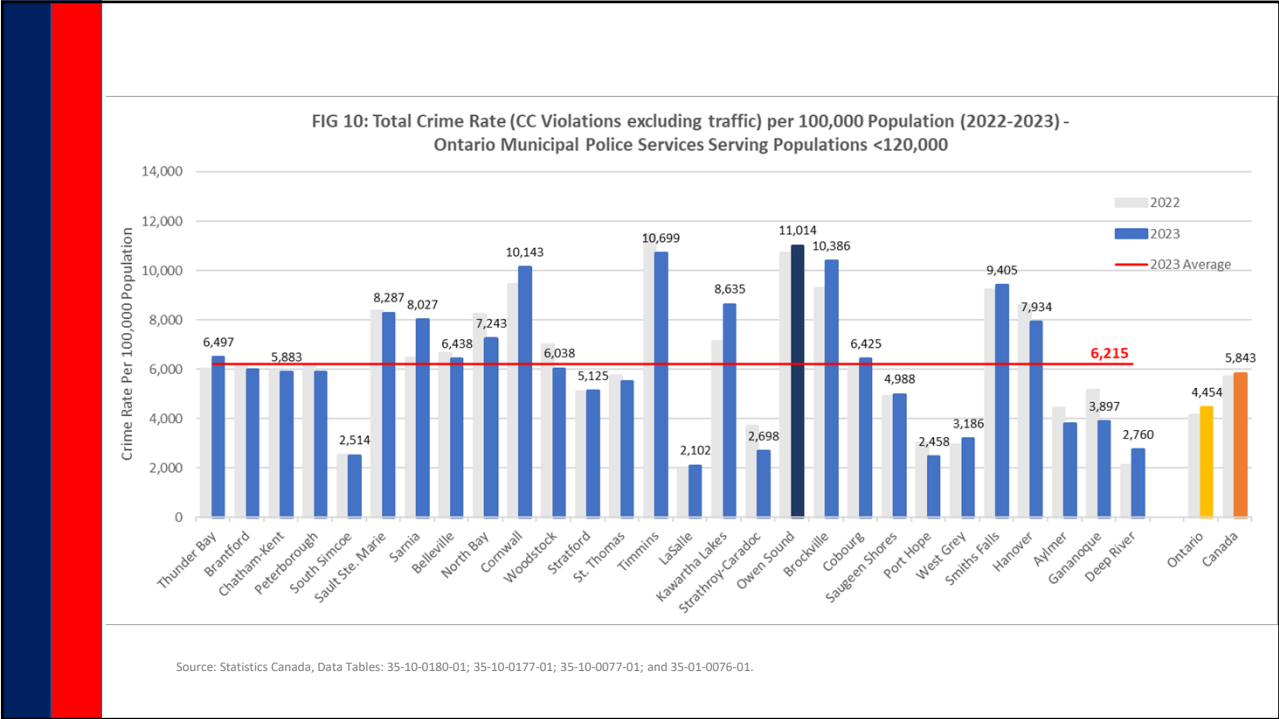


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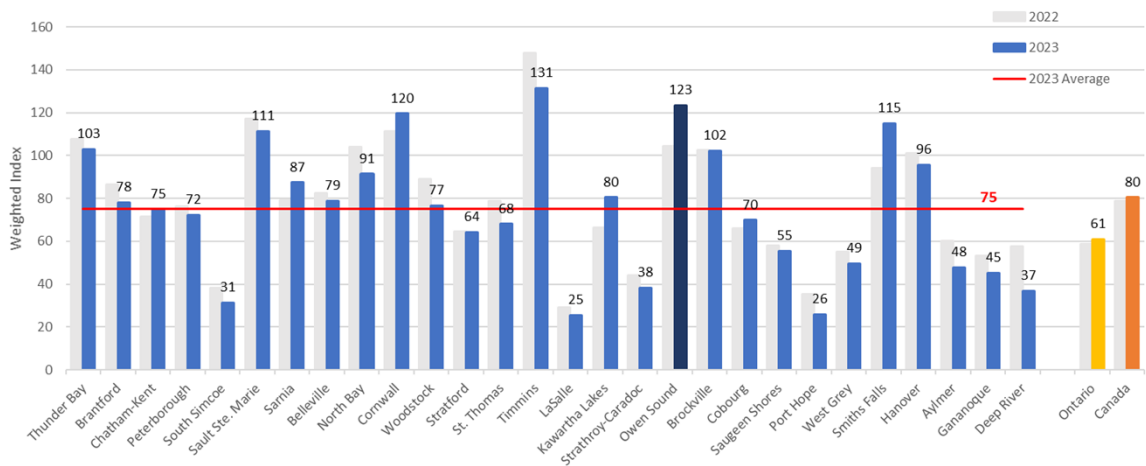


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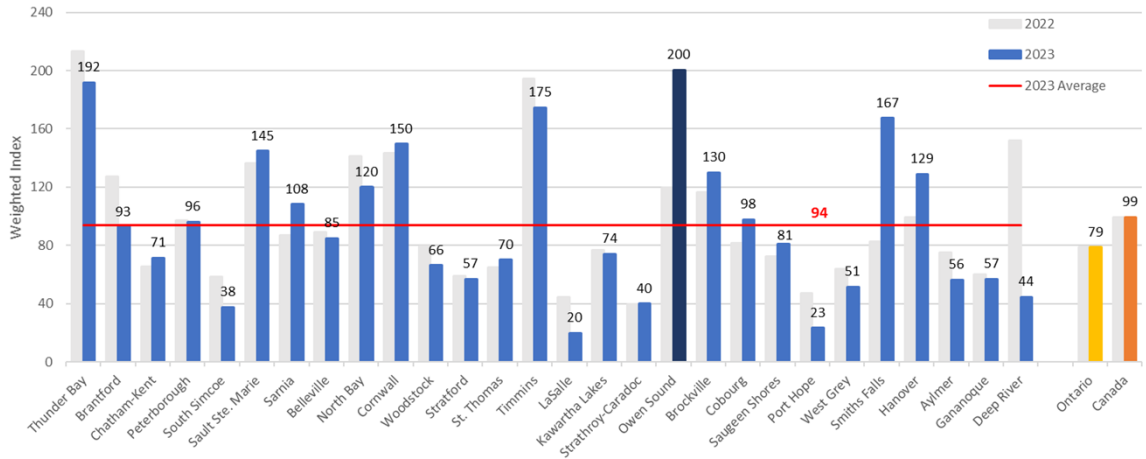


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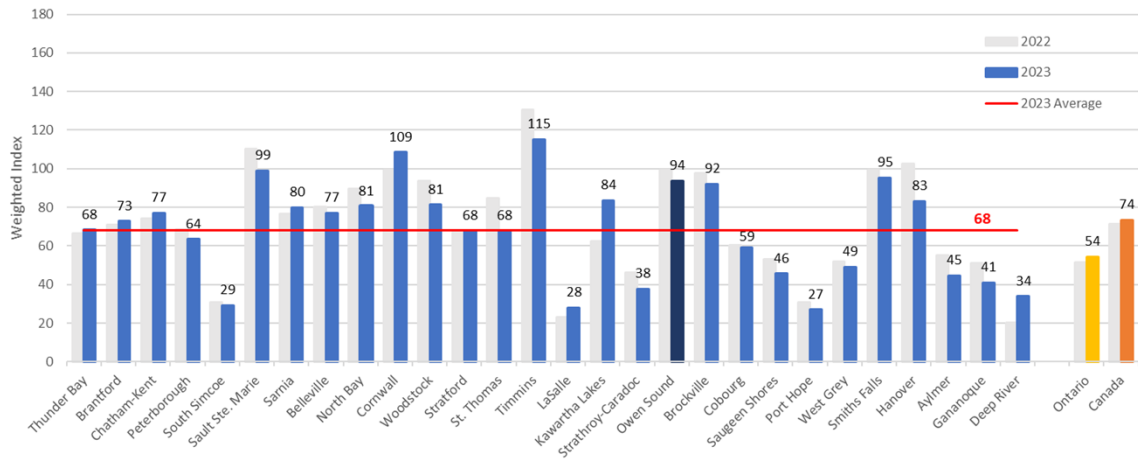
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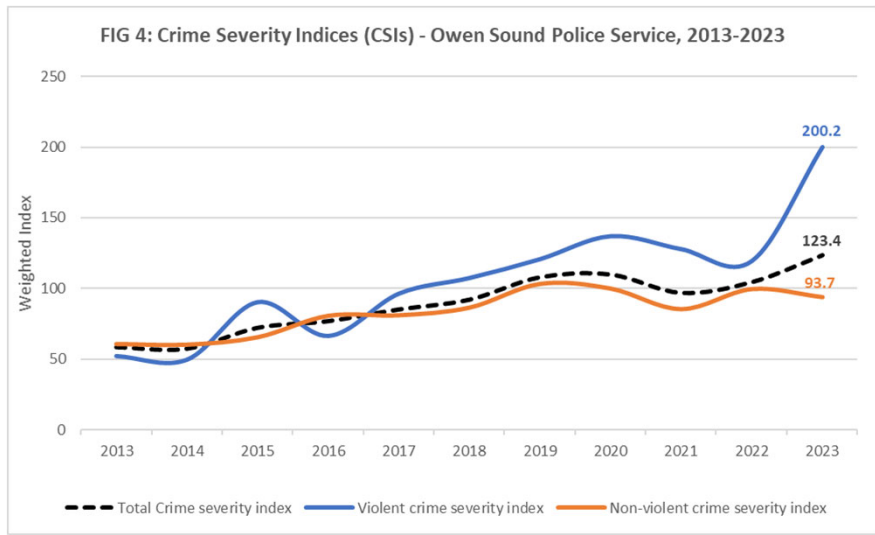
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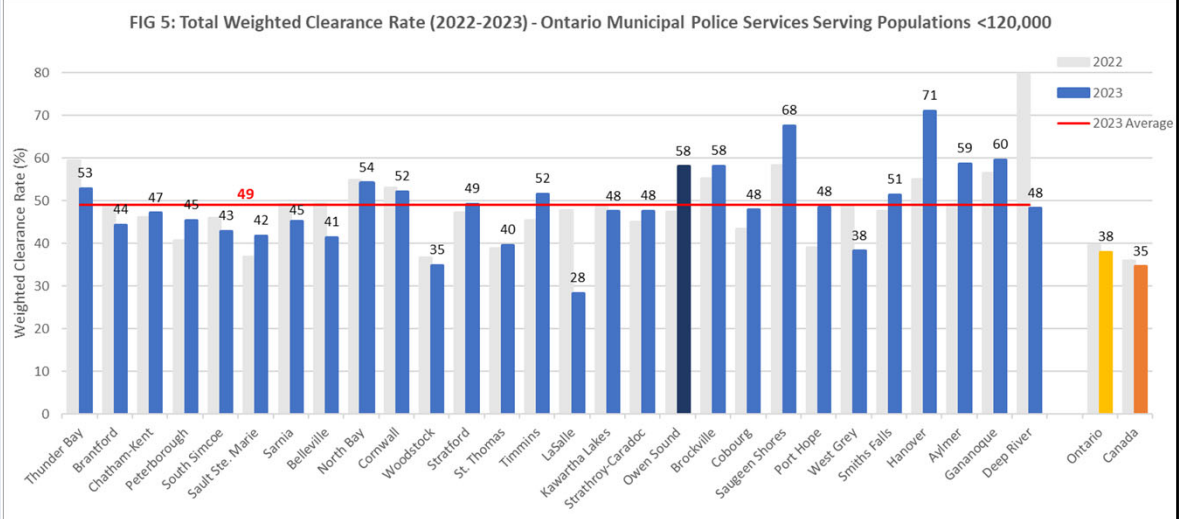


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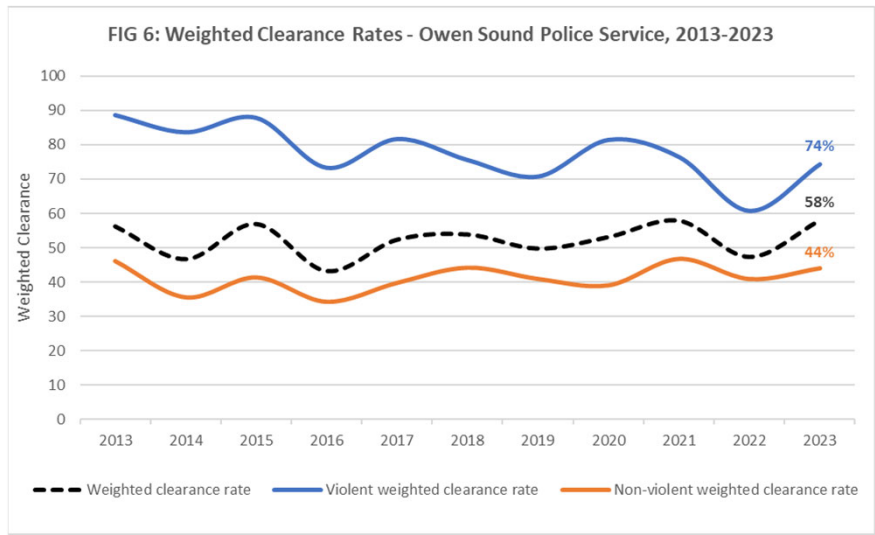




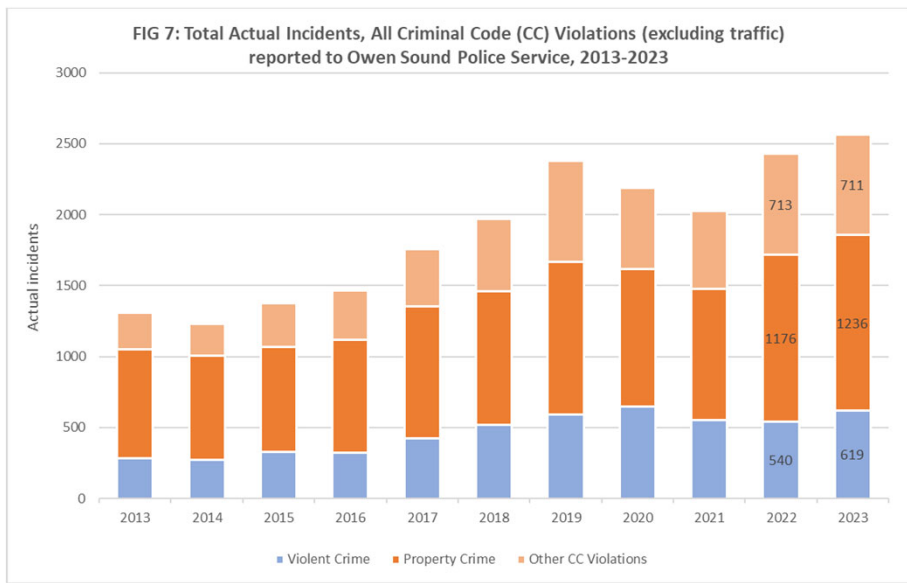
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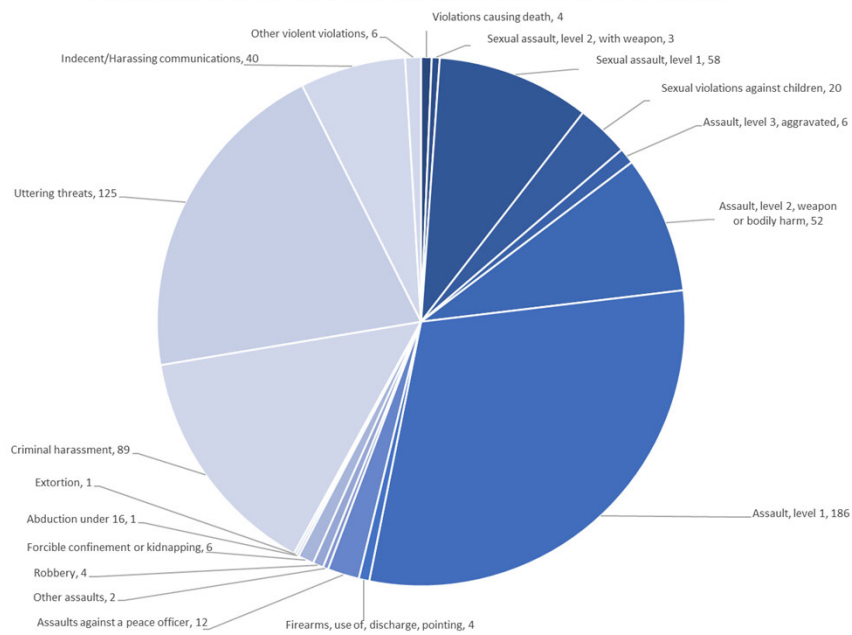


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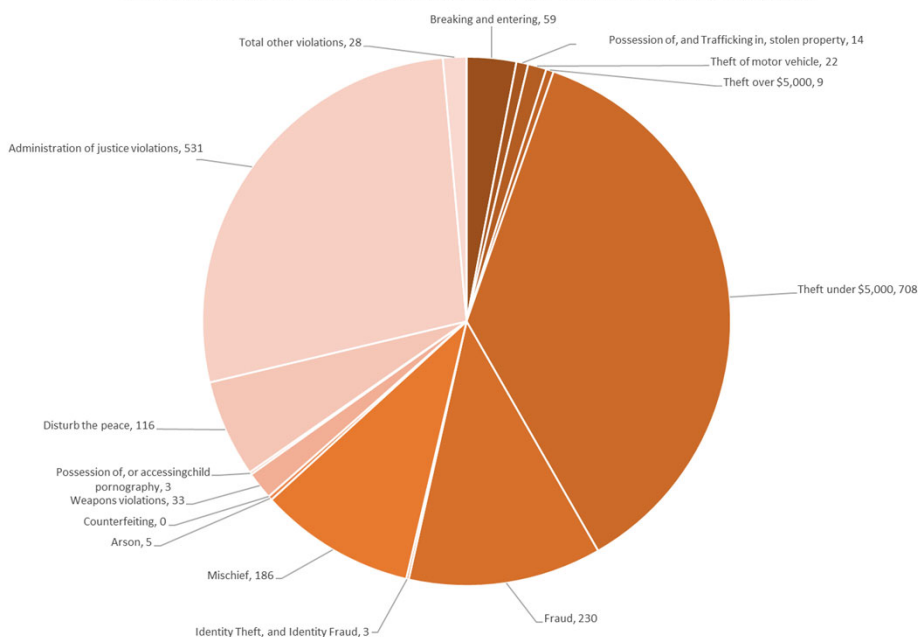
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**FIG 8: Actual Incidents of Violent Crime reported to Owen Sound Police Service, 2023**

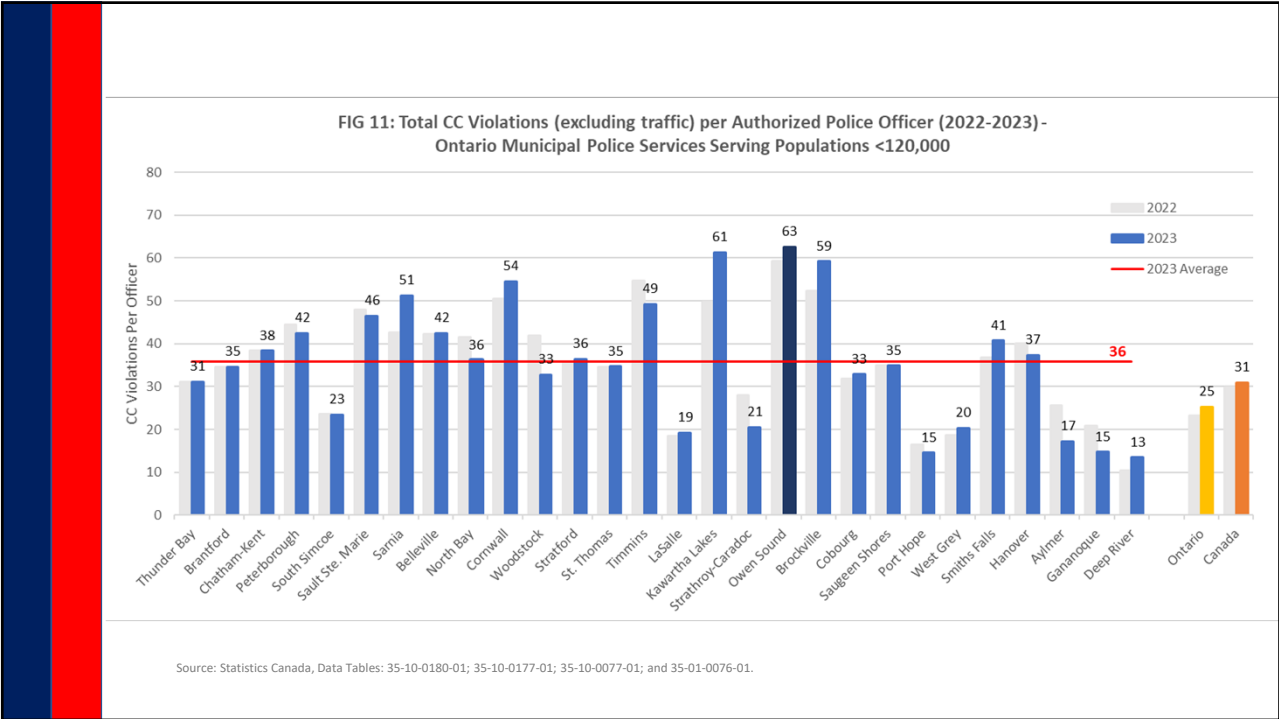
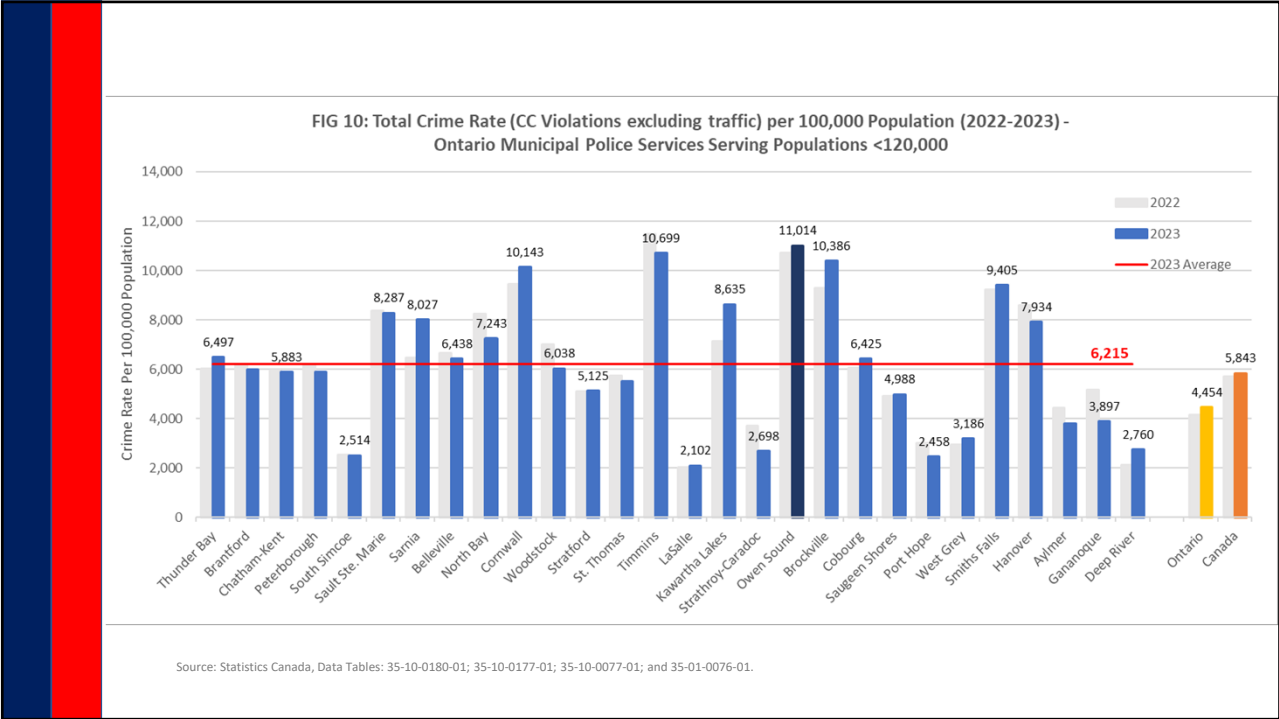


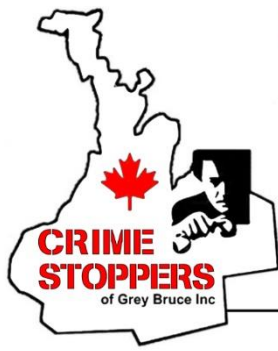
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**FIG 9: Actual Incidents of Non-Violent Crime reported to Owen Sound Police Service, 2023**



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## To Our Police Partners and Police Services Boards Stakeholders

July 10, 2024

The Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce finds it necessary to reach out to our Police Services, and Police Services Boards in Grey and Bruce counties to advise of our program’s current situation.

Despite our best efforts, for the last few years our program has been struggling to attract new and active Board members. This, along with ongoing challenges in fundraising due to the local demand for charitable dollars has left our program in desperate need of funds to continue.

Aside from one full-time Civilian Program Coordinator, our program is entirely operated by volunteers.

Since its inception in 1987, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce has served the citizens of our two counties by providing an anonymous service to receive tips about unsolved crimes which are securely passed along to law enforcement. Rewards are paid out for successful tips. Our statistics to date show the value of the information provided by the citizens of Grey and Bruce through our program:

### **Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987**

<b>Tip Reports</b>	<b>18,985</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>2,755</b>
<b>Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$4,838,616</b>
<b>Narcotics Recovered</b>	<b>\$50,616,327</b>
<b>Rewards Approved</b>	<b>\$288,660</b>

### **Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

<b>Tip Reports</b>	<b>781</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$80,785</b>
<b>Narcotics Recovered</b>	<b>\$356,292</b>
<b>Rewards Approved</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>

Without a new source of funding sufficient to take us through the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will be unable to continue to operate after our current fiscal year ends on March 31, 2025, at which point we will be required to close our program. We are asking our Police Partners and Police Services Boards stakeholders for an ongoing commitment of financial support.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with our partners to discuss what is required to keep the program viable.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will be holding its AGM on September 9, 2024, and at that time if there is not a suitable secure funding plan going forward, the membership will be voting on the fate of our program.

Sincerely,

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