

# Owen Sound Police Services Board

2nd Floor Meeting Room

Wednesday April 24<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, S. Kukreja, B. O’Leary</b>
<b>Management Present:</b>	<b>Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector J. Fluney, Inspector D. Bishop</b>
<b>Guests attending:</b>	<b>D. Sprague- Ministry of the Solicitor General (Via Zoom)</b>
<b>Minutes:</b>	<b>K. Wardell</b>

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson acknowledged that all board members have completed the mandatory training required under the new CSPA to attend the first regular meeting after the in-force date of the new CSPA on April 1, 2024.

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, and Section 24 item b) of the OSPSPB General Policy- 003 – Board Governance.*

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

**Moved by I. Boddy, seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*“That the agenda dated April 24, 2024, be approved with the addition of item f) Signing Authority at the bank.” 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.**

None at this time.

### **6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held February 21, 2024.**

**Moved by S. Kukreja, seconded by B. O’Leary.**

*“That the minutes dated February 21, 2024, be approved.” CARRIED*

### **7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of the February 21, 2024. HEARING NONE**

### **8. Correspondence received**

- a) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Coordinator Report – January to March 2024
- b) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Tipster- Spring 2024

### **9. Chairman’s Report**

Chair Thomson provided an update on recent events he attended recently. They included

- CSPA Summit February 27-28 in Toronto.
- March 5, 2024 attended an eventing zoom training meeting hosted by the OAPSB trainers.
- March 12, 2024 Attended a Zone 5 meeting.
- March 21, 2024, attended an OAPSB discussion group zoom mtg for questions and answers on CSPA.
- April 18, 2024 attended an additional OAPSB discussion group zoom mtg for questions and answers on CSPA.

## **10. Governance**

- a) Zone 5 Update

Updated during Chair's report.

- b) Update on New CSPA

Chair Thomson mentioned prior to today's meeting that all members have fulfilled their mandatory training requirements before the board meeting. Additional training is forthcoming, but the release date has not yet been announced.

D. Sprague updated the board on the new Deputy Inspector General Joe Maiorano from the Durham Regional Police Services effective April 2, 2024. He will be working very closely with Ryan Teschner.

## **11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop**

- 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**

- 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**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following report on behalf of Director Fluney

## **14. Report from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson and Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill**

- Inspector Fluney presented the following report on behalf of Director Bell-Matheson and Director Hill

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

- a) Financials

Chief Ambrose reported that due to the ongoing annual audit for 2023 by the city, several new grants haven't been included in the financial statements. While all expenses are listed, the income is not reflected, necessitating explanations for each line item. He emphasized that once all items are entered, he will provide the board with an update.

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

### a) Chief's Activity Report

As there were no requests for action in the above reports, which were provided for information purposes, they will be placed on file with the minutes of this meeting for future reference.

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

### a) Website update

Chief Ambrose reported that the new website has been officially launched, marking the culmination of significant collaborative efforts within the city. The OSPS transitioned from their previous website to a fresh design, meticulously crafted for user-friendliness. The website's backend significantly streamlines the updating process for users. It was also noted the significant amount of work done by K. Wardell in posting information to the new website and board members thanked her for her efforts.

### b) IP Address Issue

Chair Thomson highlighted that in the past, a warrant could be secured for an IP Address. In accordance with a Supreme Court of Canada recent ruling has mandated the necessity of obtaining a warrant for not only the IP addresses, but a subsequent warrant for the individual associated with the IP address. This requirement will have a substantial impact on policing practices. Chief Ambrose mentioned that a report addressing this matter will be presented at the May meeting.

### c) Use of Force Annual Report

Chief Ambrose remarked that due to the modifications in the CSPA pertaining to police reporting of use of force, additional information had to be incorporated into the annual report. Inspector Fluney then presented the annual use of force report to the board

### d) ViCLAS, Missing person and Major Crime Management Annual Reports

Inspector Bishop noted that the above reports have been reported to the Ministry.

### e) OAPSB Member Sponsorship Opportunities 2024

Chair Thomson explained that in the board package was an e-mail from the OAPSB seeking sponsorships for their 2024 Spring Conference and AGM. We do have an opportunity to purchase a Silver Sponsorship for \$1,000 for the 2024 Spring Conference and AGM. As a Silver sponsor the OAPSB would receive recognition as a silver sponsor and recognition on the OAPSB website.

**Moved by I. Boddy, and seconded by S. Kukreja.**

*“That the board approve a Silver Sponsorship in the amount of \$1000.00 for the OAPSB 2024 Spring Conference and AGM.” **CARRIED***

f) Signing Authority

In March 27, 2023 the board made a motion to update the signing authority. At that time the board removed the names of former board members and replace them with titles. Recent discussions with the bank revealed they need actual names of signatories.

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

*“That the signing authority at the bank be updated to include the following individuals:*

- *J. Thomson – Chair*
- *Boddy- Board Member*
- *B. O’Leary- Board Member*
- *Chief Ambrose*
- *Jeff Hawke – Financial Coordinator*
- *Jeff Fluney- Inspector*
- *Dave Bishop – Inspector*

*Any two of the authorized individuals above may sign, with one being from the board and one from the service be approved.” **CARRIED***

g) Correspondence from the OPP – Provision of Service

Chief Ambrose reported that he received confirmation from the OPP indicating that until under the CSPS a new agreement has been made the current agreement will remain in effect, and they will provide assistance as needed.

h) Vault Audit Annual Report

Inspector presented the following report to the board.

i) Court Security Plan 2023

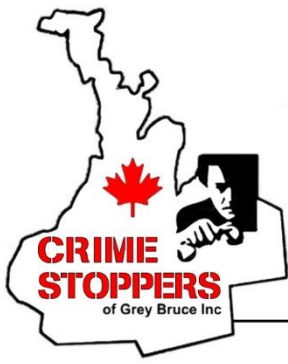
Chief Ambrose presented the Court Security Plan on behalf of Director Fluney.

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## **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 11:08 a.m.

**Next Meeting: May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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**Program Coordinator's Report**  
**JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024 – Q1**  
**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

Brockton Police Services Board  
 Northern Bruce Peninsula  
 Arran-Elderslie  
 Kincardine Police Services Board  
 Municipality of South Bruce  
 Saugeen Shores Police Services Board  
 South Bruce Peninsula Police Services Board  
 Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board  
 Owen Sound Police Services Board  
 Grey Highlands Police Services Board  
 Municipality of Meaford  
 Hanover Police Services Board  
 Blue Mountains Police Services Board  
 Chatsworth Police Services Board  
 Georgian Bluffs Police Services Board  
 Southgate 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 JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024**

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 752
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 152

**Tips Allocated: 180 (28 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)**

- Grey Bruce OPP: 54 (30%)
- South Bruce OPP: 35 (19.5%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 3 (1.5%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 44 (24.5%)
- Hanover Police Service: 11 (6%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 12 (7%)
- West Grey Police Service: 9 (5%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 5 (3%)
- Ontario MNRF: 1 (0.5%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 0 (0.0%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 0 (0%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 0 (0.0%)
- OPP Historic Crimes: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 0 (0%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 0 (0%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 0 (0.0%)
- Équité Association (insurance fraud): 1 (0.5%)
- Animal Welfare Authorities: 3 (1.5%)
- OMVIC Investigations & Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)

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

<b>Tip Reports</b>	<b>18,789</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1,789</b>
<b>Charges</b>	<b>2,557</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>2,753</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**

- 152 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2024, which is behind the first quarter of 2023 by 16 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.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and 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 applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2024, and funding has been confirmed by the Owen Sound and Port Elgin Walmarts.
- In the first quarter of 2024 the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Georgian Bluffs donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their 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 Meaford Legion Branch #32 donating to our program.
- 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.

### **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- The Winter 2024 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in January, 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, and in conjunction attended Anti-Human Trafficking awareness events on February 20, 2024 in Kincardine and February 22, 2024 in Owen Sound.

### **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- We currently have six members on our Board of Directors with one new pending applicant. 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 will be participating in the Meaford Volunteer Recruitment Fair on April 18, 2024.
- Our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament will be taking place on Thursday June 6, 2024 at Saugeen Golf Club, Port Elgin.
- We have three classic car tours and shows planned for Sunday June 23, 2024; Sunday August 11, 2024; and Sunday September 29, 2024.



# TIPSTER



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

SPRING 2024





***The Annual CSGB Golf Classic is Set to Go!***

The wheels are in motion to host the 32nd Annual Golf Classic in support of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

**OVER \$600,000.00 Raised to Date . . . Rated Among the Best!**

Our Title Sponsors Bayshore Broadcasting & Germania Mutual Insurance Company have been teamed up with Carlsberg Canada this year. We welcome Carlsberg aboard as we invite you to join us in support of this key community fundraising event. The proceeds will help fund the essential work that Crime Stoppers performs, to help make our Grey-Bruce communities safe.

**WHERE: Saugeen Golf Club will return as our host venue**

**WHEN: Thursday, June 6th, 2024**

Attached is the 32nd Annual golfer registration form, including hole sponsorship information. As designated group leader, please share details with your team.

**Chances to Win 2024 Cars + \$30,000.00 & More!**

Entry fee includes all golf related activities, all meals, Annual Souvenir & all post-play festivities, including the Grand Prize Draw.

**Mingle with Guest Celebs of the Day**

As per the norm, we anticipate the tournament will fill up again this year and request that you complete and return the registration form by April 26, 2024.

**A Good Cause with Good Fun & Good Food for Everyone**

Your past support has been part of the Tourney's success & we look forward to hosting you and your fellow golfers at Saugeen Golf Club on Thursday, June 6th, 2024, in support of ...

**Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce**

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Tourney Co-Chair

Evan Hayter  
Tourney Co-Founder

Dan Hill  
Tourney Co-Chair

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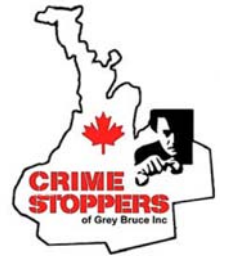


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*Community Safety and Well Being Planning helps organizations improve the things that keep us healthy, happy, and safe.*

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String of B&Es in Meaford  
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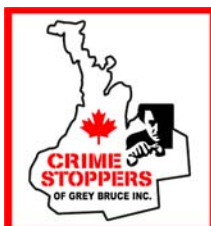
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Rented auto stolen  
Trailer and tools stolen

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Spray paint vandalism  
Dodge van stolen

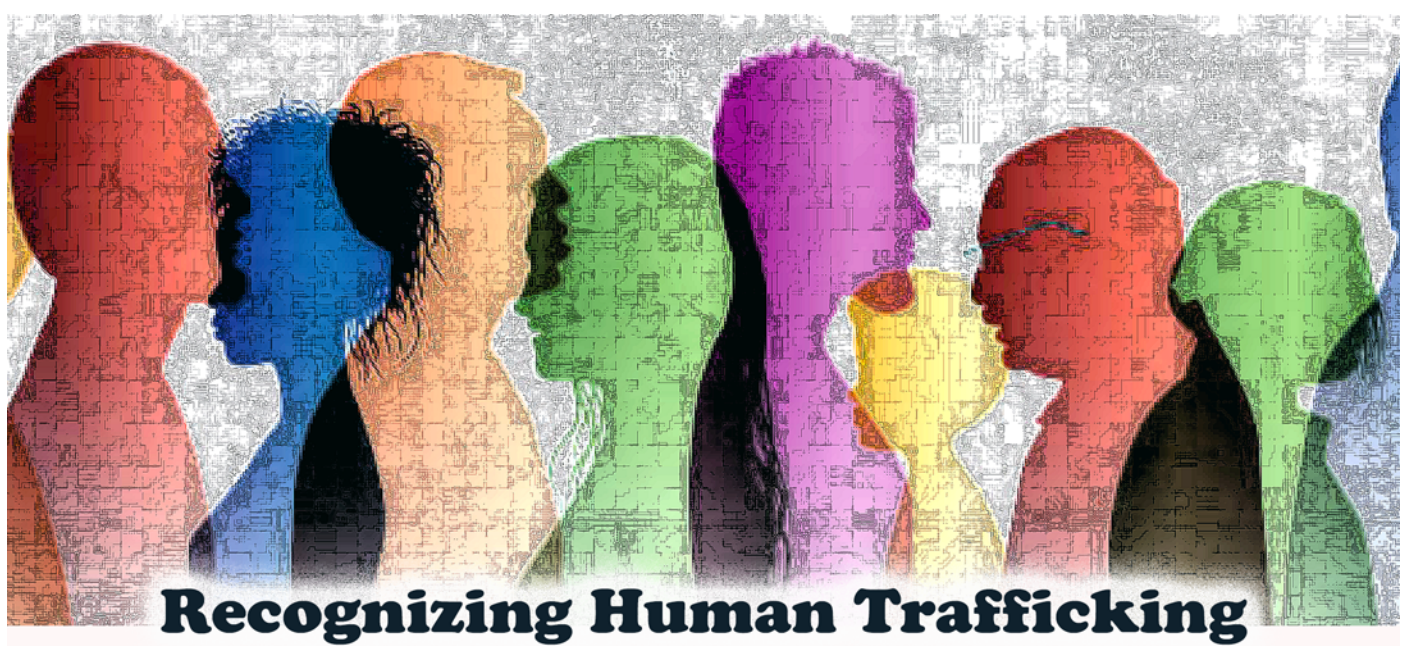
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Three thieves steal liquor  
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## Recognizing Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide. It is a serious criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada that can include recruiting, harbouring or controlling a person's movements using force, physical or psychological coercion, or deception. Traffickers often make victims do labour (for example, domestic, physical and manual labour) or perform sexual acts in exchange for monetary gain. What follows is a basic primer on the many faces of human trafficking.

To begin with it may be helpful to know what is not human trafficking. Human smuggling that involves moving someone across a border is not necessarily human trafficking. Nor does the label of human trafficking mean the consensual paid sex work by individuals 18 years or older. This form of activity is consensual by all participants and falls under other long established legislation.

Sex trafficking, labour trafficking and forced marriage are the three primary types of human trafficking.

### Sex trafficking

Sex trafficking is a form of sexual exploitation that can include recruiting, harbouring, transporting, obtaining or providing a person for the purpose of sex. It refers to the forced, coercive, fraudulent or deceptive exchange of sex for something of value (for example, money, food, drugs, alcohol, transportation, shelter). In Ontario, sex trafficking is the most commonly reported form of human trafficking.

*Learn more about sex trafficking*  
[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking)

### Labour trafficking

Language like “forced labour,” “servant” and “servitude” are sometimes used when talking about labour trafficking. There have been labour trafficking cases involving construction, manufacturing, mining, hospitality, salons, agriculture, domestic work, sales and other industries.

Labour traffickers often take away passports and other documents of foreign nationals, and sometimes control where the person stays. Debt bondage is a form of labour trafficking where a person is told they must work to pay off a large, unexpected and illegal debt.

People in other countries and newcomers may be recruited by someone from their home country or from Canada who makes false promises about what a job is and how much it pays. The person may not know their rights in Ontario, may not know how to get help and may fear reporting to police.

*Learn about your rights under the*  
*Employment Standards Act*  
[www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act-0](http://www.ontario.ca/document/your-guide-employment-standards-act-0) )

### How trafficking can happen

Traffickers identify and target a person's vulnerabilities to gain trust and form a bond. They often identify and fulfill a person's needs, and then use that dependence to control and exploit them.

A person can be trafficked anywhere, including in their home community. People who are being trafficked, and the people around them, may not know that a crime is taking place.

Some people who are trafficked are controlled and monitored constantly and don't have the opportunity

or are afraid to ask for help. They may also be manipulated to believe that the trafficker is the only person who cares about them and that they are best off staying with their trafficker.

Traffickers can control and manipulate victims using:

- emotional abuse
- lies
- addiction
- threats
- violence
- isolation
- taking control of identification, documents or money

*Learn more about how traffickers can recruit someone into sex trafficking*

[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-3](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-3)

### People at risk of human trafficking

Anyone can be at risk of being trafficked, however there are some factors that can make someone more vulnerable.

People who are at higher risk of being sex trafficked are:

- women and girls (though boys, men and people who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+ are also targeted)
- homeless and/or marginalized youth
- youth who struggle with self-esteem, and/or are experiencing bullying, discrimination, poverty, abuse, isolation and other social or family issues
- Indigenous and racialized women and girls
- people with addiction, mental illness or developmental disabilities

*Learn more about other vulnerabilities that sex traffickers may target.*

[www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-2](http://www.ontario.ca/page/sex-trafficking#section-2)

People who are most at risk of labour trafficking include:

- migrant workers
- newcomers to Canada
- people with uncertain immigration status
- people who are homeless
- people who do not speak English or French

### Signs that someone may be being trafficked

Changes in behaviour, physical appearance, belongings and relationships with family and friends can be signs that someone might be a victim of human trafficking. Signs to watch for include:

#### **Behaviours and activities:**

- are repeatedly missing from home and/or have been frequently reported missing to police
- are being secretive about their activities
- begin staying out more often and later
- are absent from school or there is a decline in school performance
- use new or increased methods of transportation, such as taxis, ride-hailing or sharing applications
- are not allowed to speak for themselves and their activities are controlled by someone else
- seem fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous or paranoid (they may avoid eye contact or seem fearful around police)
- move frequently and may not know their surroundings well
- are repaying a large debt through labour or sex (including sexual imagery/filming)
- are unpaid or paid very little to work and seem to be treated poorly (long or unusual hours, not allowed breaks or forced to live in poor conditions)

#### **Relationships with family or friends:**

- are withdrawing or isolating from family and friends
- have a new boyfriend, girlfriend or friend who they won't introduce to friends and family suddenly spend time with an older person or people

#### **Physical appearance and belongings:**

- begin wearing more sexualized clothing
- have new clothing and jewellery that they can't afford to buy
- show signs of physical abuse, such as bruising, cigarette burns or fractures
- have tattooing or branding symbols, particularly names
- suddenly have a new or second cell phone with a secret number
- don't have their own belongings or money, and don't control their own passport or other documents
- seem malnourished or lack medical care.

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Canada has a dedicated, confidential, 24/7 human trafficking hotline:

**Toll-free: 1-833-900-1010**

The hotline is for victims seeking help, people with a tip to report a potential case, members of the public wanting to learn more about the subject. You can also find services across Canada including Ontario, using the hotline's National Referral Directory.

If you have information or suspect human trafficking is happening in your community and wish to remain anonymous you can call your local Crime Stoppers toll-free at:

1-800-222-8477 or use your P3 App.

( Source: [www.ontario.ca/page/recognizing-human-trafficking](http://www.ontario.ca/page/recognizing-human-trafficking) )

# That old beater in your driveway can help solve crimes



## *Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce partners with “Donate A Car Canada”*

Donate a Car Canada will now accept vehicle donations for the benefit of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. Free towing is provided in most areas across Canada, or you can drop off your vehicle to maximize your donation.

When you donate your car, truck, RV, boat, or motorcycle to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce it will either be recycled or re-sold (depending on its condition, age and location). Donate a Car Canada will look after all the details to make it easy for Crime Stoppers to benefit. You will receive a tax receipt after your donation has been processed!

They will accept most vehicles including but not limited to cars, trucks, vans, SUV's, trailers, RV's and boats. There are a few conditions, however, that must be met in order for your vehicle to qualify.

- Donation must be made by the registered owner, or their legal representative.
- Vehicles must be registered in Canada.
- Vehicle must be in 'complete' state with no major parts missing.
- Special conditions will apply to boats, trailers, and RVs
- They cannot accept vehicles with insurance claims against them.
- They cannot accept vehicles with liens or encumbrances on them.
- They are able to accept vehicles with body damage.

In most cases RVs are required to be dropped off, however they will be handled on an individual basis.

To donate your vehicle, follow the steps below.

- From the home page, select the tab 'Donate'. Here you will be asked to answer a few simple questions to qualify your vehicle.
- Fill out the donation form with your vehicle and contact information.
- Review the details you have entered, agree to the terms and conditions, and submit your vehicle for donation.

Further instructions will be provided for either drop off or towing. Check your email for a confirmation email. If you do not see the confirmation message immediately, please check your junk mail folder.

Tax receipt - There are many factors that go into determining this amount of the receipt. For more detailed information, please go to the web site for more details.

If your vehicle is being recycled, you no longer require insurance on the vehicle once it has been picked up by the towing agent. If your vehicle is going to auction, however, it is suggested that you keep insurance on your vehicle until the vehicle has sold. You will notify you by email when your vehicle has been sold.

You will be contacted by the towing agent within 48 hours after you call for removal. At that time, you can arrange the most convenient time for pick-up of your vehicle. You do not have to pay for your vehicle to be towed. If the vehicle is recycled, the towing cost



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<https://donatecar.ca/contact-us/>

is included. If your vehicle is sent to the auction, the towing cost is deducted from the sale price of your vehicle.

Dropping off your vehicle at our selling agent is beneficial for the charity because it eliminates the towing cost from the donation. Drop off instructions will be provided once your online form is complete.

You will receive a tax deductible receipt directly from the charity after the sale of your vehicle and the accounting process is complete. You will receive an email confirming your donation has been sent to the charity. You should then receive your tax receipt from the charity within approximately six weeks.

Some vehicles may not register when you enter the serial number on the form. If you have a vehicle manufactured prior to 1980, or if you are donating a boat, motorcycle, trailer, or another type of vehicle that does not meet this requirement, please add zeros to the end of your serial number to total 17 digits.

In most cases, your boat will need to be dropped off at the nearest sales agent and some unique procedures will apply. The agent will work closely with you and the auction agents to determine the best process.

Nothing is worthless if you are fighting crime.

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**Say it here!**

**CRIMES DO NOT SOLVE THEMSELVES!**



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# "PLEASE DON'T PAY THE CON ARTIST"

## *Southern Bruce County residents out \$162,000 so far this year*

by Kevin Martin

(SOUTH BRUCE COUNTY) - March is Fraud Prevention month, and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police is asking residents to be mindful of the cons and scams that are attempted every day.

The numbers (reported by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

- 2021, Canadians lost a reported \$384 million dollars to Fraud
- 2022, Canadians lost a reported \$530 million dollars to Fraud
- 2023, Canadians lost a reported \$554 million dollars to Fraud

Canadians have seen a steady increase in dollar losses to Fraud over the past three years. Considering that about 10 per cent of Fraud is reported, the actual dollar losses are considerably higher.

Between January 1, 2024, and March 20, 2024, residents of Southern Bruce County have lost \$162,150 to cons and scams. Scams reported to South Bruce OPP in the past week:

- \$3,300 of gift cards sent to a scammer trying to arrange an online purchase.
- \$13,250 sent to a scammer that set up an online investment site.
- \$35,000 sent to a scammer to convert to electronic currency.
- \$1,800 sent to a scammer in response to an online job advertisement.
- \$4,000 sent to a scammer to help out a grandchild involved in a car crash.

Experienced scammers use technology to create very convincing schemes to trick you into sending them money. They will commonly use the name of a real company, or a person's name you recognize, to gain your trust so that you will send money or personal information to them.

A quick and easy way to prevent Fraud? Verify any contact that you aren't expecting.

Police are offering the following tips to help protect you from a con artist:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is;
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place;
- If you have a concern about your computer, take it to a reputable repair shop for service. Never provide remote access to your computer to a "tech" that calls you out of the blue;
- Gift cards are a red flag. If someone contacts you and directs you to buy gift cards, you need to hang up the phone/shred the letter/delete the email, etc.

Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact made to you. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

Fraud is a multi-million-dollar enterprise that will only end when the thieves stop making money at it.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at **1 888 495 8501** or check online at [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca).

Anyone with information are encouraged to call 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at [www.cstip.ca](http://www.cstip.ca), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.



*Kevin Martin is the Communications officer with the South Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. After 33 years working in policing and public safety Kevin is retiring from police work. He has cast a long shadow over the communities of South Bruce County and will be missed. The folks at Crime Stoppers wish him and his family all the best.*

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## UTILITY TRAILER AND TOOLS STOLEN



Stock Photos

**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On January 5, 2024, Police were contacted regarding a theft of a utility trailer which was stolen from a residence on Grey Road 7 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.**

Police attended and was advised that sometime between on January 5, 2024, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended the residence and removed the light grey enclosed 10-foot utility trailer.

Items that were stored in the trailer and stolen are:

- 4 X safety harnesses ropes
- Brand new pump jack
- Stihl chainsaw
- 2 X Milwaukee worm drive skil saws
- 2 X Milwaukee framing nailers
- Brand new Makita air compressor
- Dewalt air compressor
- Ratchet set
- Various hand tools
- 2 X leather framing work pouch with hammers
- Honda 2800 generator
- 4 gas jerry cans
- 2 X 100-foot extension cords
- 2 X 100-foot 1/2-inch air hoses
- 1 box of 3 1/4 hand nails
- 1 box 2 1/4 hand nails
- 2 X boxes of sheeting staples
- 5 X boxes of strip nails
- Metabo worm drive cordless saw
- Metabo cordless frame nailer

- Sledgehammer
- 2 Dewalt clamps
- 3 hardhats
- 1 air pig
- 2 X 1/2-inch tow chains 10 feet
- 2 X 8 nylon tow straps
- Milwaukee cordless grinder
- Metabo joist hanger nailer

## STOLEN VEHICLE FOUND BURNED

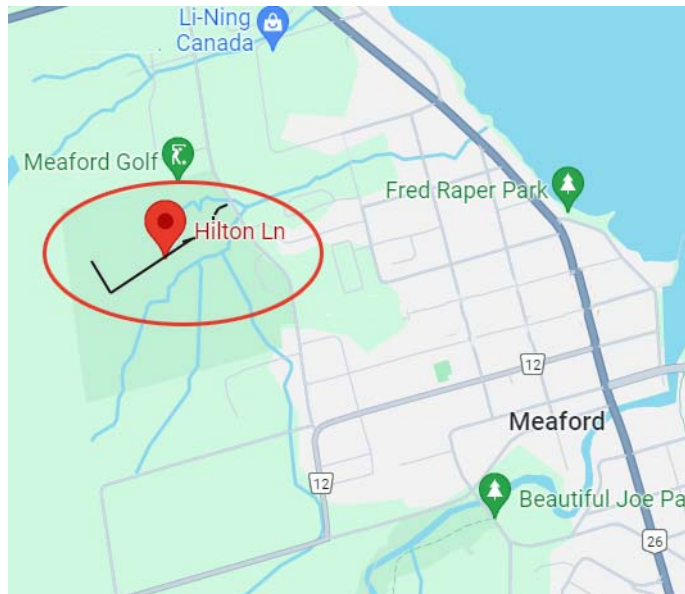


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**(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - Sometime on March 22, 2024, between 1:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m., a 2023 White Volkswagen Atlas, plate CYDP335, was stolen. On March 22, 2024, at 7:05 p.m., the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a vehicle that was on fire on Boar Farm Road in Grey Highlands. Investigation revealed that the stolen vehicle and vehicle fire were of the same.**

Police are asking the public to check their video surveillance on March 22, 2024, of a Volkswagen Atlas. If you have any information you can contact the Grey Bruce OPP or Crime Stoppers.

## STRING OF B&Es IN MEAFORD



(MEAFORD, ON) - Police are reporting a string of break and enters to a new build subdivision on Hilton Lane in Meaford.

**On October 25, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter at residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The soffit and drywall were damaged.

**On October 30, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The drywall was damaged along with evidence that the suspects had a fire in the basement.

**On November 1, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. The complainant advised that this has occurred three times that week, but this was the first time they called police. There was evidence of spray paint damage on the drywall.

**On November 27, 2023**, police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. There is damage to drywall and the electrical panel.

**On February 4, 2024**, once again police responded to a break and enter to a residence that was under construction on Hilton Lane in Meaford. There is damage to the soffit, the drywall along with spray paint on drywall inside the residence.

It is believed that the suspects are gaining access to the residences through the soffit then dropping through the drywall on the ceiling. If anyone observes any individuals in Hilton Lane during the nighttime hours, please call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

## THEFT OF A CFRO 600 ATV



(PORT ELGIN) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the Saugeen Shores Police Service are seeking the public's help in solving the theft of an ATV.

On December 30th at 5:00 a.m. a 2020 orange CFRO 600 ATV, bearing plate **2SH57**, was stolen from a residence along Bluewater Drive in the Town of Port Elgin. Police note the licence plate may have been removed and the ATV may have been altered in colour.

A photo of the stolen ATV can be viewed on the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce website and Facebook page.

## THEFT OF UTILITY TRAILER



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On January 16, 2024, police responded to a report of a stolen utility trailer from a rural property on the East Back Line in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Police spoke with the owner who advised the trailer was last observed on the property in a drive shed on December 2, 2023, and that it was discovered missing on January 16, 2024. The trailer is described as a 2022 Tow-Tek 7X14 utility trailer with plate **W4796F**.

## VEHICLE ENTERED; GAS STOLEN

(MEAFORD, ON) - On January 5, 2024, Police investigated a report of a vehicle being entered and a vehicle's gas tank drilled into, and gas removed at a

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business on Highway 26 in the Municipality of Meaford.

It was determined through video surveillance that on January 4, 2024, a vehicle attended the location between 5:40 a.m. and 5:52 a.m. The approximately value of items stolen is \$1900.

Police are reminding all residents to lock their vehicles and remove their valuables. Its very important to ensure all video surveillance has night vision quality.

## STORAGE UNITS ENTERED

**(SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, ON)** - On January 7, 2024, Police attended a storage unit for a break and enter located on Industrial Drive, Warton, South Bruce Peninsula.

Police attended and was advised that sometime between January 6, 2024, and January 7, 2024, the storage units were entered. Investigation revealed an additional 22 units had their locks removed and were entered.

There is currently one item outstanding that has been reported to police. A 1993 Kawasaki KSF All-terrain Vehicle, white and green in colour, VIN JKASFMA1XPB518874.

## BREAK, ENTER AND THEFT

**(TEESWATER, ON)** - On December 5, 2023, at 9:04 a.m., Police received a theft report from an address along Industrial Road in Teeswater. Sometime between 8:00 p.m. on December 2, 2023, and 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023, a storage locker was forcibly entered.

The list of stolen items includes:

- Table covers
- Walkie talkies

- Heat press for shirts
- Hat press
- Outdoor power cords
- Teleprompter stands
- FM transmitter
- Wireless transmitter/receiver set
- Extension ladder

The value of the stolen property is estimated to be \$35,000.

Investigators are interested in viewing any video, or dash cam video, of the area between 12:00 p.m. on December 2, 2023, and 10:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023.

*Anyone interested in information on protecting your property, including the SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Program, can visit [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca).*

## SHOP THEFT DUO IN PORT ELGIN



**(PORT ELGIN, ON)** - On Saturday March 16, 2024 two individuals entered the Shoppers Drug Mart in Port Elgin and stole a quantity of merchandise.

## TABLETS AND SMARTPHONES STOLEN



**(PORT ELGIN)** - On Tuesday March 12, 2024 three suspects entered the Port Elgin Walmart and stole a number of cellphones and tablets.

## STOLEN SIDE BY SIDE



**Serial#1M0835EAVNM050296**

(SOUTHGATE, ON) - The number of thefts from farm properties is becoming quite alarming to the Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police.

On February 16, 2024, at 8:41 a.m., police responded to a report of a stolen John Deere side by side from a property on Southgate Sideroad 13 in Southgate Township. The owner advised that an excavator on the property was moved to obtain access to the side by side along with diesel fuel was stolen from the excavator. The owner told police that a GPS on the excavator was live at 2:00 a.m. on that date.

The area was canvassed but no video footage of the incident was captured. The side by side is described as 2022 John Deere 835E Gator side-by-side **Serial#1M0835EAVNM050296**. "Martin Drainage" decal on the hood. "74-22" Equipment number on both sides of the hood. No plates were attached.

Theft from farm properties is becoming a weekly concern for the OPP. Police are asking the public to call police if they observe anything suspicious in farmers farm properties during the night hours. The police would rather attend and find out that it's the owner tending to their property rather than receive a call the next day that an item of farm machinery has been stolen.

## STOLEN CAR IN MEAFORD

(MEAFORD, ON) - Car rented through TURO application was stolen in the Municipality of Meaford.

On February 20, 2024, an individual rented a white 2014 Honda Civic with the licence plate of **CHRJ 705**. The renter stayed at an AirBnB on Sykes Street in Meaford. The renter parked the car for the night between 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. and noticed it missing February 21, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.

## STOLEN TRAILER



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - On February 8, 2024, police responded to a report of a stolen trailer on Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

On February 8th, 2024, at 8:26 a.m., the victim contacted police to report a stolen enclosed trailer from a business on Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The trailer's GPS tracker was located in the ditch on the 4th Line in Melancthon Township on February 8, 2024 at 1:35 a.m.

Video surveillance shows at 1:25 a.m., a vehicle of interest, a black Chevrolet Z71 crew cab pick-up truck with 5 spoke aluminum rims attended the property and hooked up to the stolen trailer. No licence plate was observed.

The trailer is described as, 2023 dark grey Discovery DMA enclosed trailer bearing Ontario marker **#X1397D**, with red and white "Glenvalley Construction" logo's on both sides and the rear of the trailer. The trailer contained approximately \$30,000 worth of tools.

Police are asking anyone with video surveillance in the area between Road 180 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the 4th Line in Melancthon Township to review their footage on February 8, 2024, between 1:25 a.m. - 1:35 a.m.



## Become a Sleuth

Check the serial numbers of any stolen property by going to [CSTIP.CA](http://CSTIP.CA) and click on the "Plunder Check" Button.

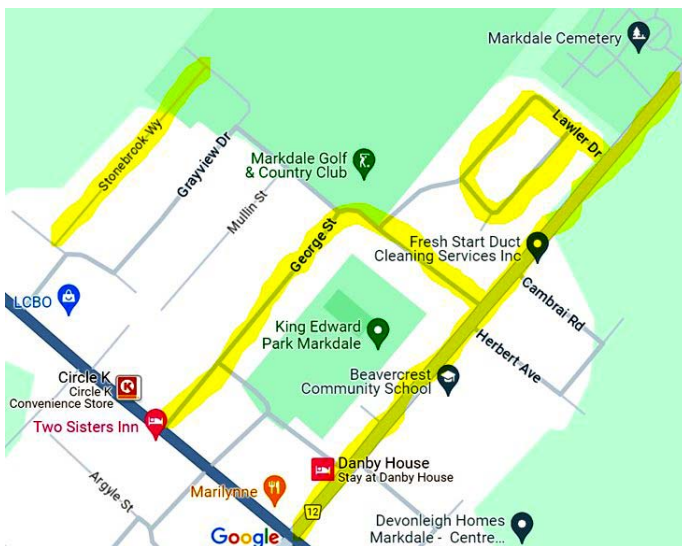
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## COINS AND MEDALS STOLEN FROM A CHATSWORTH RESIDENCE



(CHATSWORTH, ON) - On March 3, 2024 police received a report of a residential break and enter in the Township of Chatsworth. Stolen items include jewelry, silver coins, unique coins, bank bundles of one-dollar and two-dollar bills, and a significant quantity of cash in twenty, fifty, and one-hundred-dollar denominations. The victims' military medals were also stolen.

## SPRAY PAINT VANDALISM



(GREY HIGHLANDS, ON) - The Grey Bruce Ontario Provincial Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating video surveillance of a series of mischiefs that occurred in the town of Markdale.

On March 27, 2024, at 6:52 a.m., police in the Markdale community responded to a series of mischiefs. Sometime between March 26, 2024, at 10:00 p.m., and March 27, 2024, at 6:52 a.m., unknown individual(s) attended ten residences in the Town of Markdale and spray-painted vehicles, garage doors and residences. The residences were on Lawler Drive, Edith Avenue, Main Street East, Stonebrook Way and George Street, Markdale.

Police are looking for anyone who has information or video surveillance in the affected areas to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

## DODGE VAN STOLEN



(SOUTHGATE, ON) - On January 28, 2024, the Grey Bruce OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle from a property on Eco Park Way in Southgate. The vehicle is described as a 2017 black Dodge Grand Caravan with Nova Scotia plate HFV079. The vehicle was stolen between January 26, 2024, to January 28, 2024.

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## PERSONS OF INTEREST IN THEFT OF LIQUOR



(SOUTHGATE, ON) - On February 16, 2024, at approximately 5:40 p.m., police were dispatched to a shoplifting occurrence that took place at a business on Highway 10 in Dundalk.

Three individuals were in the store inquiring about the cost of a bottle of wine. All three males left the

store and the employee noticed that four bottles of Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon valued at \$ 109.95 a bottle were missing. The individuals departed Northbound on Highway 10 in a black Dodge Ram with Ontario licence plate ending in 514. If anyone can identify the individuals in the photos please contact the OPP.

## BREAK AND ENTER TO BUSINESS

(MEAFORD, ON) - Ontario Provincial Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating video surveillance of a break and enter.

On March 23, 2024, at 2:23 p.m., police responded to a break and enter from a business on Susan Street in the Municipality of Meaford. Sometime between March 18, 2024, and March 23, 2024, unknown individual(s) broke into a business and removed a Tohatsu MFS 9.8 boat motor valued at around \$3,000.



## THEFT OF TOOLS

(CHESLEY, ON) - On February 20, 2024, at 10:54 a.m., the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police received a theft report from a property along Riverside Drive in Chesley. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2024, and 8:00 a.m. on February 20, 2024, a vehicle on the property was forcibly entered.

The list of stolen items includes:

- Milwaukee battery charging station
- Milwaukee batteries (6)
- Milwaukee multi-tool
- Milwaukee hole saw with case
- Milwaukee copper cutters (3)

The value of the stolen items is estimated to be \$1,230.



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# Identifying well-being priorities in Grey and Bruce



The *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning's* (CSWBP) crime prevention action Table has hit the ground running since forming in December 2023. The action table is comprised of West Grey Police, Hanover Police, Owen Sound Police, Saugeen Shores Police, Neyaashiingmiing Police, South Bruce O.P.P, Grey Bruce O.P.P, Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce, and Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth.

The action table developed four priority areas to address crime across Grey and Bruce using community feedback, local data and stakeholder engagement. The four priority areas are: Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking, Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence, and Road Safety. The action table in collaboration with key community partners have begun to deliver initiatives to Grey and Bruce communities.

The community can look forward to seeing the work of the action table in various ways such as community education, resource development, trainings, and collaboration with citizens. They, along with the other action Tables of CSWBP, is designed to not only identify and work on issues we are experiencing as a community but to look forward to how we can prevent these concerns from occurring in the future.

“This Table is a clear testament to the strong collaboration we have across Grey and Bruce and the dedication of our services and organizations to creating a safer and inclusive community for Grey and Bruce residents and visitors,” says Chief Robert Martin of West Grey Police and the chair of the Crime Prevention Action Table.

Make sure to keep your eye out for education events in the community, social media campaigns and trainings which have begun to roll-out and will continue throughout 2024.

## What is the CSWBP?

*Community Safety and Well Being Planning* helps organizations improve the things that keep us healthy, happy, and safe. Together, we use research to create solutions focused on education, health care, food, housing, income, crime, and belonging. It is important that we create a welcoming community where

problems are solved before they happen and where different professionals and community members come together to help people now and in the future.

The ongoing work of CSWBP is supported by an advisory committee representing over 74 partners from across Bruce and Grey who are working together to address crime prevention by investing in social development, prevention, and risk interventions. This upstream preventative model focuses on creating protective factors that make individuals less vulnerable to crime and victimization.

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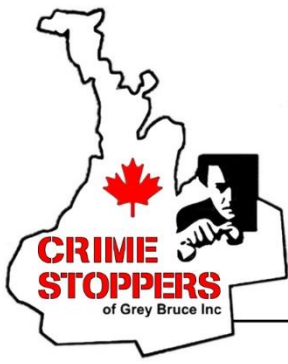
<b>Bruce County</b> Paisley Palace Park June 23, 2024	<b>Bruce Peninsula</b> Warton Keppel Airport August 11, 2024	<b>Fall Colours</b> Warton Keppel Airport September 29, 2024
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## Program Report JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024

### TIP STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 752
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 152

<b>Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987</b>	
Tip Reports	18,789
Arrests	1,789
Charges	2,557
Cases Cleared	2,753
Property Recovered	\$4,838,616
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,616,327
Rewards Approved	\$288,660

### Tip Totals Year to Date

- 152 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2024, which is behind the first quarter of 2023 by 16 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.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and 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 applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2024, and funding has been confirmed by the Owen Sound and Port Elgin Walmarts.
- In the first quarter of 2024 the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Georgian Bluffs donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their 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 Meaford Legion Branch #32 donating to our program.
- 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.



## **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- The Winter 2024 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in January, 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, and in conjunction attended Anti-Human Trafficking awareness events on February 20, 2024 in Kincardine and February 22, 2024 in Owen Sound.

## **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- We currently have six members on our Board of Directors with one new pending applicant. 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 will be participating in the Meaford Volunteer Recruitment Fair on April 18, 2024.
- Our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament will be taking place on Thursday June 6, 2024 at Saugeen Golf Club, Port Elgin.
- We have three classic car tours and shows planned for Sunday June 23, 2024; Sunday August 11, 2024; and Sunday September 29, 2024.



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## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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

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

**DATE:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### Investigations

**OW24002070 – Drug Trafficking** – The Drug Enforcement Unit with the assistance of CIB members concluded a drug trafficking investigation that resulted in the arrest of a 27-year-old male from Owen Sound. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, officers arrested the male at Alexandra Park in Owen Sound. He was found in possession of Fentanyl, Cocaine and Methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking as well as \$1,200 in cash. The male was charged and remains in custody at this time.

**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.

#### Uniform Assistance

**OW23017907 – Sexual Assault** – UPDATE - CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with a sexual assault allegation made in December by two former employees of a local business against the general manager. To date, twelve victims have been identified, numerous interviews have been conducted and the matter remains under investigation. A 58-year-old male was arrested in February and charged with twenty-five

criminal offences, mostly against youths, in relation to Sexual Assault, Sexual Interference and Sexual Exploitation. The male was held, however was released by the courts with a future court appearance.

**OW24001436 – Sudden Death** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death of a 45-year-old male. The pathology report is pending, but preliminary autopsy results indicate no anatomical cause of death, and the death is suspected to be the result of a drug overdose. CIB authored a search warrant to analyze the cellular phone; results from that phone are pending.

**OW24001463 – Sudden Death** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death of a 21-year-old male. The pathology report is pending, but preliminary autopsy results indicate no anatomical cause of death, and the death is believed to be the result of a drug overdose. CIB authored a search warrant to analyze the cellular phone; results from that phone are pending.

#### Follow Up

**OW23018404** – CIB continues to investigate an assault in consultation with Bruce Grey Child & Family Services and further interviews were completed.

**OW23003945** – CIB continues to investigate a Sudden Death connected to drug trafficking from last year. A Production Order for historical records was submitted; results pending.

#### MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 3

Follow Up's = 1

Community Support Consultations = 0

Community Support Referrals = 0

Incident Response/Support = 14 (9 of 14 incidents involved in-custody outreach)

STAR cases = 0

#### Training

DC Martin attended the Violence Prevention Grey Bruce Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Event as a member of the Community Panel, and presented about Online and Social Media Awareness.

DC Hawke & DC Martin attended the Building a Case Against Hate one-day Conference virtually.

#### Meetings

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

Bruce Grey Child & Family Services – Child Abuse Review Team Meeting – DS Rawn

CISO District Meeting – 6 February 2024 – DC HAWKE

#### Other

DC Houston and DC Martin assisted in conducting five interviews for Recruit Police Constable.

### Drug Overdose Information

In February 2024 the city had two (2) suspected drug related deaths.

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 – MARCH 2024

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

**DATE:** April 24, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### Investigations

**Domestic Assault / Sexual Assault** – A complaint was received through the OSPS general info email address, of historical domestic assault and sexual assault incidents that occurred between 2009 and 2011 when the victim lived in Owen Sound with the suspect. The victim now resides in Guelph, and arrangements have been made to interview her in April regarding the alleged offences.

**Trafficking Fentanyl / Manslaughter** – On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Uniform Patrol and CIB members investigated the sudden death of a 37-year-old, Owen Sound man that occurred at an apartment building in Owen Sound. It is believed that the male died as a result of a fentanyl overdose and through investigation, it was determined that a 27-year-old man, had sold/supplied the fentanyl that the deceased had taken. As a result, the male was charged with trafficking fentanyl and manslaughter. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

**Robbery** - On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, Uniform patrol and CIB responded to a robbery at a pharmacy located in Owen Sound. CIB continued the investigation and conducted witness/victim statements and a video canvass in efforts to identify and locate the suspect.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, Uniform patrol responded to a robbery at another pharmacy in Owen Sound. Patrol officers located and arrested the accused a short distance away from the scene and CIB continued the investigation. As a result, a 35- year old male from Northern Ontario was charged with a total of 12 criminal offences pertaining to the two incidents.

**Sexual Assault** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with a sexual assault investigation in which the victim required medical treatment at Brightshores Health System, to treat injuries sustained as a result of the assault. CIB obtained a search warrant for the scene, resulting in the seizure of the video surveillance system which captured the entire incident. A 32-year-old male was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault Causing Bodily Harm. The male was held for bail, however was released by the courts with a future court date.

**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.

### Uniform Assistance

**Sudden Death** – On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Uniform Patrol, CIB and the Chief Coroner’s Office investigated the sudden death of a 56-year-old female at an apartment building in Owen Sound. The investigation determined that the female had died of natural causes.

**Sudden Death** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death of a 43-year-old male. The pathology report is pending, but preliminary autopsy results indicate no anatomical cause of death, and the death is believed to be the result of a drug overdose. Investigation ongoing.

**Sexual Assault** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with a historical sexual assault allegation by a 13-year-old female. An interview was conducted, however very limited and vague information was known by the victim resulting in insufficient evidence to proceed with charges.

**Sudden Death** – CIB assisted members of uniform patrol with the sudden death of a 59-year-old male. The Coroner attended the scene and deemed the death not suspicious. A pathology report confirmed the male died as a result of a pre-existing medical issue.

### Follow Up

**OW23018404** – CIB continues to investigate an assault in cooperation with Bruce Grey Child & Family Services and further interviews were completed.

**OW23003945** – CIB continues to investigate a Sudden Death connected to drug trafficking from last year. A Production Order for historical records was submitted; results pending.

### MMHART Statistics

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 3

Follow Up’s = 3

Community Support Consultations = 1

Community Support Referrals = 0

Incident Response/Support = 2  
STAR cases = 0

### Training

Members of CIB attended “Social Media 101”, presented by Constable Laurie McCann of the Toronto Police Service.

A member of CIB attended the Hate Crime Course offered by the Ontario Police College.

Sergeant’s Training – Two members of CIB attended the OSPS training session.

### Meetings

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

Domestic Violence Court Advisory Council Meeting (Quarterly) – DC Martin

High Risk & Repeat Offender Meeting (Monthly) – DC Martin

Violence Prevention Grey Bruce Anti-Human Trafficking Meeting (Monthly) – DC Martin

### Other

#### Drug Overdose Information

In March 2024 the city had two (2) suspected drug related deaths.

To date, the city has had four (4) 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:** Auxiliary Board Report – February 2024

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

**DATE:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### REPORT:

In February 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 193!

On February 17<sup>th</sup> members of the Auxiliary Unit attended the West Grey Police Service and participated in the Polar Plunge raising money for Special Olympics.



Members also attended the Coldest Night of the Year event on February 24<sup>th</sup>. This unit raised funds to assist individuals experiencing homelessness.

On February 26th members of the Auxiliary Unit completed their annual Use of Force Training. The training was delivered by Constable Obillos and Sergeant Gurney.

The unit looks forward to several upcoming community events in March.

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

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Insp. D. Bishop



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Auxiliary Board Report – March 2024  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### REPORT:

In March 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 228!

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit assisted with an Internet Safety Seminar hosted by the Owen Sound Police Service. The free event focused on how to keep your family safe online. This event was a great success drawing in numerous residents of Owen Sound.

On the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the Auxiliary Unit partook in additional training provided by the Ontario Police Video Training Alliance in regards to “Head to Toe – Search of Persons”. The training was delivered by Sergeant Josh Gurney.

The unit looks forward to upcoming community events in April.

### FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

N/A

### SUBMITTED BY:

Insp. D. Bishop



# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit – February 2024

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

**DATE:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

## REPORT:

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	40
BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)	2
CRIMINAL CHARGES	0
WARRANT ARRESTS	5
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	0
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	15

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE attended the Special Olympics ‘Donut Day’ at Tim Hortons to raise funds for Special Olympics.
- CORE attended St. Mary’s High School to engage with staff members.
- CORE attended the Grey County Job Fair at the Bayshore Community Centre with the Community Services Officer.
- CORE participated in the Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise money for people experiencing hurt, hunger, and being unhoused.
- CORE connected with the Lutheran Outreach Ministries to assist with ongoing issues involving temporary housing in partnership with Grey County and CMHA.
- CORE attended Notre Dame Catholic School to engage with staff members.

- **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.
- Greystone office in response to complaints of individuals trespassing and loitering in hallways and stairwells.

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- CORE located and apprehended a male party under the strength of a Form 2 under the Mental Health Act.
- CORE attended several locations to collect CCTV video for an arson investigation.
- CORE attended a Break and Enter in progress and located suspects in the area who were charged with trespassing.
- CORE located and arrested a male wanted for Assault with a Weapon.
- CORE assisted with a search for a female in the River District with an outstanding Form 1 under the Mental Health Act.
- CORE assisted with the arrest and release of a male youth wanted on two counts of Mischief Under \$5000.
- CORE assisted with the report of a number of people believed to be involved in drug use, gathering in the River District.
- CORE assisted with a search for an adult male making suicidal utterances.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE completed a Surety Background Profile for an upcoming Bail Hearing involving a High-Risk Offender.
- CORE completed an enhanced bail package and presented a candidate for the ISVCBT.
- CORE located and arrested three persons who were wanted by police for several criminal code offences including theft, possession of drugs, and breaches of release conditions.
- CORE attempted to locate four persons currently wanted on outstanding warrants with a last known address within the City of Owen Sound.
- CORE located and arrested one person with an outstanding endorsed Bench Warrant.
- CORE assisted patrol officers with completing an enhanced bail package for a youth involved in weapons charges. (ISVCBT - Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Team)

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- CORE attended the High-Risk Offender meeting involving OPP, Crown prosecutors, and CIB.
- A CORE member attended the Search Warrant course at the Ontario Police College.
- CORE attended the Committee of Youth Officers Ontario Conference in Niagara.
- A CORE member attended the Drug Investigations course at the Ontario Police College.
- CORE completed the CPIC Query Narrative Course.
- A CORE member completed a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) course.
- CORE completed a Drug Stigma Awareness for Law Enforcement Course.
- CORE completed several SOR (Sex Offender Registry) checks on persons within the city.
- CORE attended a Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension meeting.
- CORE attended the 2024 Committee of Youth Officers - Ontario conference.

**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.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

D. Bishop Inspector



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit – March 2024

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

**DATE:** April 24, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	50
BICYCLE PATROL (Hours)	2
CRIMINAL CHARGES	38
WARRANT ARRESTS	10
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	0
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	1
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	21

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

- CORE addressed concerns from citizens regarding a bus stop in the River District.
- CORE assisted with facilitating a social media/internet safety workshop for River District business owners.
- CORE discussed the concepts of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to River District business owners.
- CORE addressed concerns from a River District business owner regarding parties trespassing in the stairwell of a premise.
- CORE addressed community concerns with staff at Safe n Sound regarding issues involving loitering and drug use.

- **FOOT & BIKE PATROL LOCATIONS**

- The River District – including a focus on specific concerns identified by the community.
- Safe n Sound overnight warming program/shelter.
- West side Grey County Housing Complexes.
- Harrison Park Bicycle/walking trails.

- **ASSIST UNIFORM PLATOONS**

- CORE worked a shift on general patrol to cover resources.
- CORE completed a breath test on a male who was charged with Impaired Operation and fail to remain at the scene of an accident.

- CORE assisted with the search for a missing youth in the River District.
- CORE searched for and located a knife used in a robbery at a downtown business.
- CORE assisted with the search for a suspect involved in causing damage to a fire truck.
- CORE escorted a male with current unendorsed warrants in Toronto and met with Toronto Police Service officers to transfer custody.

- **INVESTIGATIONS**

- CORE located and arrested ten wanted persons who were wanted by police for several criminal code offences including uttering threats, assault, Impaired driving, assault peace officer, false alarm of fire, breach of probation, and weapons offences.
- CORE assisted with securing a crime scene pending judicial authorization to enter and seize evidence relating to a sexual assault.
- CORE investigated mischief to a downtown business and arrested/charged the offender.
- CORE investigated a theft in which a female was charged with theft and fail to comply with probation order.
- CORE investigated a domestic occurrence where a male was charged with uttering threats to cause death, criminal harassment, fail to comply with release order and disobey court order.
- CORE investigated a domestic occurrence where a female was arrested and charged with criminal harassment, harassing phone calls, and five counts of failure to comply with probation order.
- CORE investigated a domestic related bail violation occurrence where a male was charged with obstructing justice, criminal harassment, harassing phone calls, and six counts of fail to comply with probation order.
- CORE investigated a theft occurrence at a River District business where a male was arrested and charged with theft under \$5000 and fail to comply with release order.
- CORE investigated a domestic related bail violation occurrence where a male offender was arrested and charged with two counts of failure to comply with release order.
- CORE completed several compliance checks on known offenders on bail release conditions.
- CORE arrested a male for theft under \$5000 and possession of property obtained by crime stemming from an investigation at a River District retail store.
- CORE charged three separate offenders with failing to attend court.
- CORE arrested & charged a male for two counts of failure to comply with release order.
- CORE arrested and charged a male with mischief under \$5000.

- **TRAINING / MEETINGS / OTHER DETAILS**

- A CORE member attended the Drug Investigations course at the Ontario Police College.
- CORE presented at the Owen Sound Police Service Citizens Police Academy.
- A CORE member attended the Investigative Interviewing course.
- CORE attended a meeting with Owen Sound Probation and Parole.
- A CORE member attended the Sex Offender Registry Conference at Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters in Orillia, Ontario.
- A CORE member participated in Search Coordinator training.



**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 in order to increase public safety.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Inspector D. Bishop



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Front Line Patrol Report and Collision Statistics – February 2024

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

**DATE:** March 8, 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 February 2024.

#### Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	February 2024	February 2023	February 2024	February 2023
Highway Traffic Act:	100	156	14	31
Compliance Reports:	38	29		
Recorded Cautions:	45	68	5	35
Liquor Licence Act:	6	3	1	
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	165	125	1	1
Other POA/By-Law:	30	42	1	2
Foot Patrol:	86	117	16	23

#### Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 16 on-duty RIDE checks in the month of February with 373 drivers checked. In addition, there were 3 grant funded RIDE programs with 1479 drivers checked.

The total statistics for RIDE were:

- 49 officers
- 20 hours
- 1852 drivers checked
- 22 HTA charges/warnings

Three impaired driving charges were laid during the month.

Collision Statistics:

	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>February 2023</b>
<b>Total Collisions:</b>	44	43
Collisions - East side	17	14
Collisions - West side	9	9
Collisions - parking lots	18	10
Fail to Remain Collisions	9	5
<b>Collisions referred to CRC:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

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 – March 2024

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

**DATE:** April 12, 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 March 2024.

#### Front Line Patrol Report:

	Platoon #1-4		Traffic/Part Time Officers	
	March 2024	March 2023	March 2024	March 2023
Highway Traffic Act:	103	119	5	32
Compliance Reports:	30	16		1
Recorded Cautions:	43	50	2	35
Liquor Licence Act:	10	5		
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	173	166	3	3
Other POA/By-Law:	30	26	1	6
Foot Patrol:	84	88	12	21

#### Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

There was a total of 17 on-duty RIDE checks in the month of March with 668 drivers checked. In addition, there were 6 grant funded RIDE programs with 1797 drivers checked.

The total statistics for RIDE were:

- 63 officers
- 31 hours
- 2465 drivers checked
- 30 HTA charges/warnings

Three impaired driving charges and two refusal to provide a breath sample charges were laid during the month.

Collision Statistics:

	<b>March 2024</b>	<b>March 2023</b>
<b>Total Collisions:</b>	26	29
Collisions - East side	10	14
Collisions - West side	4	8
Collisions - parking lots	12	7
Fail to Remain Collisions	5	3
<b>Collisions referred to CRC:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Collisions investigated by OSPS:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

OPERATIONS PLAN:

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SUBMITTED BY:

Inspector Jeff Fluney



## Report to the Board: Community Services

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: March 8, 2024*

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In February 2024, the Community Services Officer engaged in the following highlights:

Continued with traditional corporate and social media for OSPS;

Black History Month, Choose to Include #Special Olympics, Roving Radar, CORE Team-Bike, Frauds & Scams, Regional Job Fair, Polar Plunge, Alexandra School, Pink Shirt Day, Police Academy

Community Partnership/Provincial Collaboration & Internal Committee work

- Citizens Police Academy Organizing Team
- One World Festival Planning- Community Partner
- Diversity & Inclusion Conference Planning Committee Member
- Safe Schools Community Meetings
- Wheel & Ride Event 2024 Planning Team
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) meeting
- Torch Run Planning- Special Olympics Provincial
- Internal website design committee
- Alpha Street Resource Centre- Community Partners meeting
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial meeting
- Internal Communications Committee meeting

## Community & School Presentations;

- Saint Dominique Savio Grade 5/6 Respect/Protect- Inside Out
- Alexandra- Grade 6/7 Social Media Awareness-Internet Safety
- East Ridge- Grade 7/8- Understanding being safe /smart online- hate speech- acceptance. Inclusion
- OSDSS- Leadership Class- Hate speech online- the law- inclusion, acceptance.
- Meridian Frauds and Scams
- Read-A-Thon- Keppel Sarawak School

## Events

- Regional Job Fair- Country of Grey
- Polar Plunge
- Coldest Night of the Year
- Choose to Include `
- Pink Shirt-Anti Bullying Day

## Training/Workshops

- Committee of Youth Officers for Ontario Conference
- Hate Crime in Canada conference – Simon Wiesenthal Centre



Choose to Include Campaign



## Report to the Board: Community Services

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: April 8, 2024*

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In March, 2024, the Community Services Officer engaged in the following highlights:

Continued with traditional corporate and social media for OSPS; Frauds & Scams, Last Week of Citizens Police Academy, International Women's Day, #WeAreHiring Posts, #20yearsServiceAward-Garth Pierce, Owen Sound Attack Game-EDI, International Day-Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Social Media-Internet Safety Workshops, Reminder of NEW Police Act Roll Out.

Community Partnership/Provincial Collaboration & Internal Committee work

- Internal Grant Roll Out- Proceeds of Crime
- One World Festival Planning- Community Partner
- Diversity & Inclusion Conference Planning Committee Member
- Safe Schools Community Meetings
- Wheel & Ride Event 2024 Planning Team
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors) Prov. Mtg.
- Torch Run Planning- Special Olympics Provincial
  - Torch Run Organizing Committee
- Internal website design committee
  - Communications
  - Community Service
- Alpha Street Resource Centre- Community Partners meeting
- Youth in Policing Initiative-Provincial meeting



## Community & School Presentations;

- Saint Dominique Savio Grade 6- Grant Roll Out- Introductory Session
- Alexandra- Grade 6/7- Grant Roll Out- Introductory Session
- Alexandra- Grade 2- Career Day- Police
- Hillcrest- Grade 7- Grant Roll Out- Introductory Session
- OSDSS- Leadership Class- Wheel & Ride
- OSDSS- DL Class- Torch Run
- East Ridge grade 6- Inside Out
- East Ridge grade 7- Grant- Inclusion/Acceptance/Hate Speech/Diversity
- Owen Sound Attack OHL- Careers in Policing

## Events

- Social Media-Internet Safety (Proceeds of Crime- Hate Speech)
  - Officers/Civilians- March 27<sup>th</sup> Daytime (Best Western)
  - Parents/Community Members- March 27<sup>th</sup> Evening (Joe Tomatoes/Galaxy)
  - Small Business/Organizations- March 28<sup>th</sup> Daytime (GB Arts Café)



Pictures from L-R (Social Media/Internet Safety- parents session, GB Arts Pres.- small business, OS Attack Game-EDI)



# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Lost Hours and Training – February 2024  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** March 8, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

## REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for February 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
February 2024	8	25	273	2	42	288
January 2024	17	32	317	3	50	354
February 2023	14	23	208	3	40	320

### Training:

Members attended the following courses:

- One member attended the Search Warrant course at OPC
- One member attended the Drug Investigation course at OPC
- One member attended the Criminal Investigation Techniques course in South Simcoe
- Three members attended the Committee of Youth Officers conference in Niagara
- One member attended Advanced Forensic Collection and Recovery of Human Remains course
- One member attended the Multi Disciplinary Toxic and Opioid Symposium in Toronto

## 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 – March 2024  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** April 10, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for March 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
March 2024	14	51	425	2	46	300
February 2024	8	25	273	2	42	288
March 2023	15	23	231	3	46	368

#### Training:

Members attended the following courses:

- Three members attended the Investigative Interviewing course at Saugeen Shores
- Two members attended the Domestic Violence Investigation course at OPC
- One member attended the Hate Crime Investigation course in York
- Several members attended a training session on Social Media in Policing by a member of the Toronto Police Service
- One recruit 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:**

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

Inspector Jeff Fluney

# REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Records, Courts, and Bylaw Report – February and March 2024

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

**DATE:** April 24, 2024



## RECOMMENDATION(S):

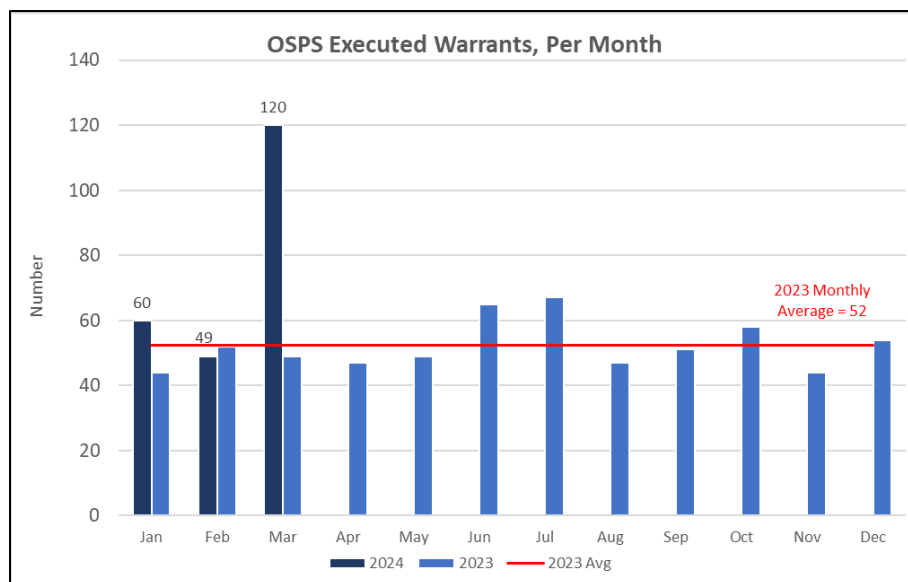
For Information

Report:

Records – February and March 2024:

Records Operational Statistics						
	This Month March 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year March 2023	2024	2023
		February 2024	% Change		Year-to-Date Jan.1-Mar.31, 2024	Year-to-Date Jan.1-Mar.31, 2023
<b>Records Services</b>						
Bulk Record Check Searches	8,330	9,164	-9.1%	9,209	26,050	24,961 4.4%
Executed Warrants	120	49	144.9%	49	229	145 57.9%
Persons Charged*	78	55	41.8%	76	182	178 2.2%

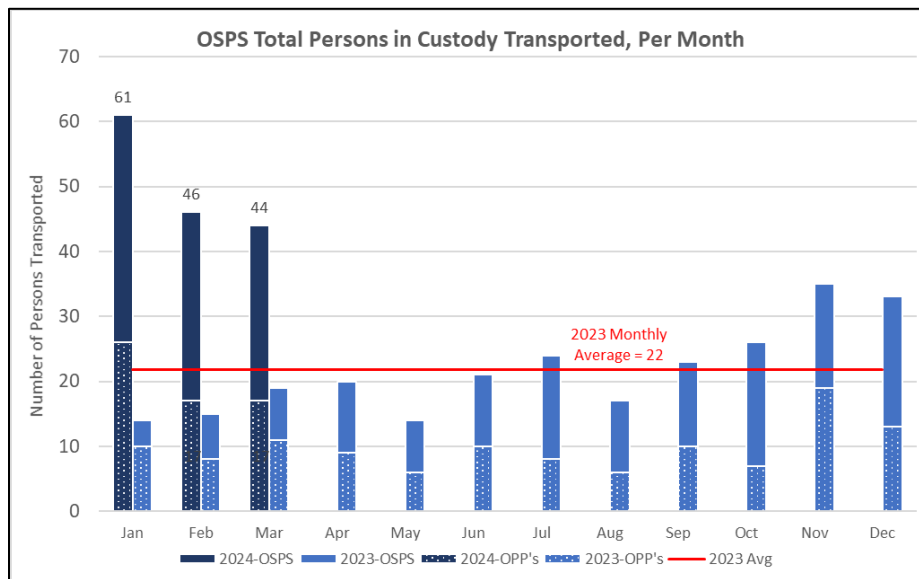
\*May be multiple charges laid on same person. Includes adults and youth. Mostly CC charges, but may include some Provincial charges if coupled with CC charges.



The Owen Sound Police Service has undertaken a Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) project with provincial grant funding. The increase in executed warrants and persons charged in March 2024 is a result of this project with a focus on outstanding warrant arrests and checking for release condition compliance on charged persons.

Courts – February and March 2024:

Courts Operational Statistics							
	This Month	Previous Month		Same Month	2024	2023	
	March 2024	February 2024	% Change	March 2023	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD
					Jan.1-Mar.31, 2024	Jan.1-Mar.31, 2023	% Change
<b>Court Services</b>							
Total Custodies Transported	44	46	-4.3%	19	151	48	214.6%
OPP	17	17	0.0%	11	60	29	106.9%
OSPS	27	29	-6.9%	8	91	19	378.9%
Video/Appearances	78	70	11.4%	52	212	149	42.3%
Special Constable Hours	1,163	1,104	5.4%	1,141	3,577	3,235	10.6%



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 either from the police service or correctional facility however the number of in-person custody court appearances is increasing in 2024. Many of these in-person custody appearances are to facilitate timely bail hearings and resolutions. This results in additional Special Constable hours required to cover those court appearances.

Bylaw – February and March 2024:

Phone calls from two taxi companies regarding the amended taxi bylaw and concerns regarding the new proposed rates. Both taxi companies were advised to indicate their concerns in writing addressed to the Owen Sound Police Services Board.

**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. OSPS strives to maintain a balance of staffing that best aligns with the changing workload demands, member wellness, and contracted client expectations.

**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) -  
March 2024**

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

**DATE: April 24, 2024**



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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### Report:

**Human Resources – February and March 2024:** During February and March, staffing in the OSECC remained relatively stable, with one departure in March. Mandatory overtime was required to offset some leave and accommodated hours. The Fall 2023 class is nearing the completion of their mentorship in dispatch, and will be on their own later in April. The Winter 2024 class is progressing well and will be transitioning into mentorship as the Fall class graduates. The ongoing training evaluation surveys continue and have resulted in valuable feedback that is leading to training updates and modifications for ongoing improvement.

**911 Calls – February and March 2024:** There were 4,815 emergency calls incoming from the 911 phone line to the OSECC in March, representing an average of 155 calls/day over this past month. This is down from the average rate of 160 calls/day in February, and down 14% in total 911 call volume year-to-date compared to 2023. The number and rate of 911 calls dispatched by the OSECC in March increased compared to February this year, although so far, the year-to-date volumes from the 911 line are down in all categories. The most significant reduction is the No Answer Calls which are down by 51%.

**Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events – February and March 2024:** 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. In March there were a total of 5,003 calls dispatched through CAD by the OSECC, or an average of 161 calls/day. This is up from an average daily rate of 153 calls/day in February and 148 in January. Dispatched calls specifically for the Owen Sound Police Service have similarly increased each month: from an average of 39/day in January, 41 in February, and 48 in March. So far year-to-date however, the volume of dispatched calls is down compared to this same time last year. As shown on the graphs, winter months are generally lower in volume and below the annual average rates which are offset by busier summer months.

### Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure – February and March 2024:

In February, the IT team performed upgrades on approx. 10 locations in Huron County for fire communications. Similar upgrades at 2 locations in Bruce County were completed in February/March.

One IT member was involved in the new Police Website through its launch in April.

In February, 2 IT members attended Eastern Ontario for our NG911 hosted solution to install equipment at 3 different locations over 3 days including travel.

During March, Director Hill was heavily involved in completion of Year 2 grant funding for OSPS NG911 as well as assisting a number of other agencies (hosted by OSPS) with completion of grant paperwork. Provided quotes and consultations and engineering of solutions to comply with requirements of the Service and the grant. This took approximately 1-2 weeks of labour for the month.

The IT department has been assisting the West Grey Police Service in its implementation of a digital notebook solution for records of their officers. Work is completed on Service issued smartphones/devices instead of paper notebooks. Currently awaiting trial results and implementation feedback from OPP's trial before continuing.

OSPS has had its internal cabling completed for NG911 (sidewalk into building at data centre) for geo-diversity of data circuits. Bell Canada continuing its install portion which is estimated at 20km distance.

#### **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.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- OSECC Monthly Report – March 2024

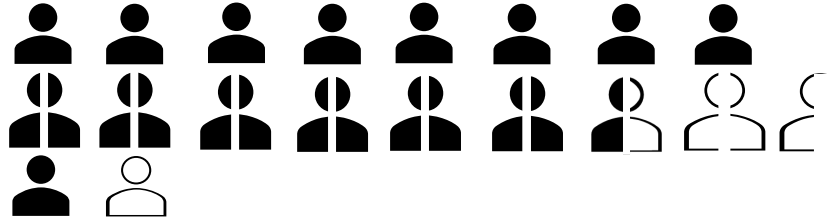
#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

Suzanne Bell-Matheson, Director, Corporate Services  
Chris Hill, Director, Information Technology  
Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst

# OSECC MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2024

## HUMAN RESOURCES

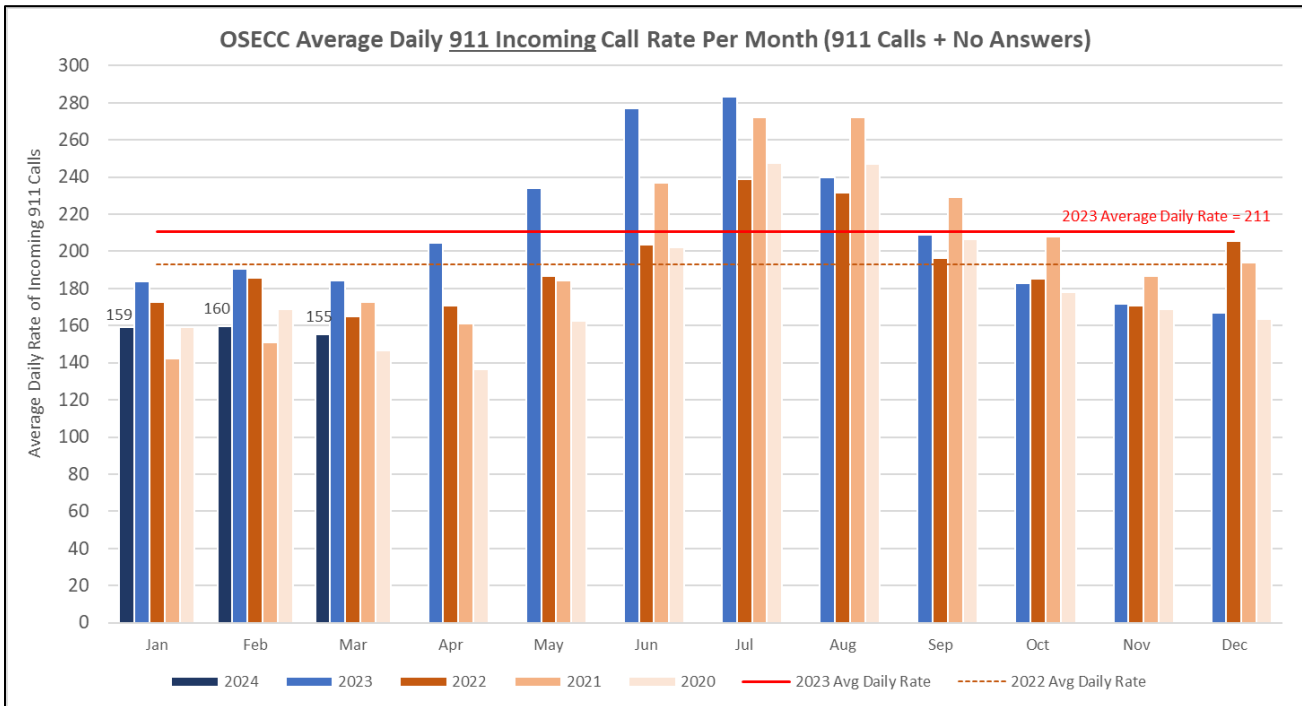
FT Communicator:  
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OSECC Human Resources												
2024	Authorized Positions		Actual People		Hires		Departures (Resignation, Retirement, Discontinued)		Vacancies		Mandatory OT (Hours)	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT		
Jan-24	8	17	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	426	
Feb-24	8	17	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	290	
Mar-24	8	17	8	13	0	0	0	1	0	4	360	
<b>2024 Year-to-Date:</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>1076</b>	

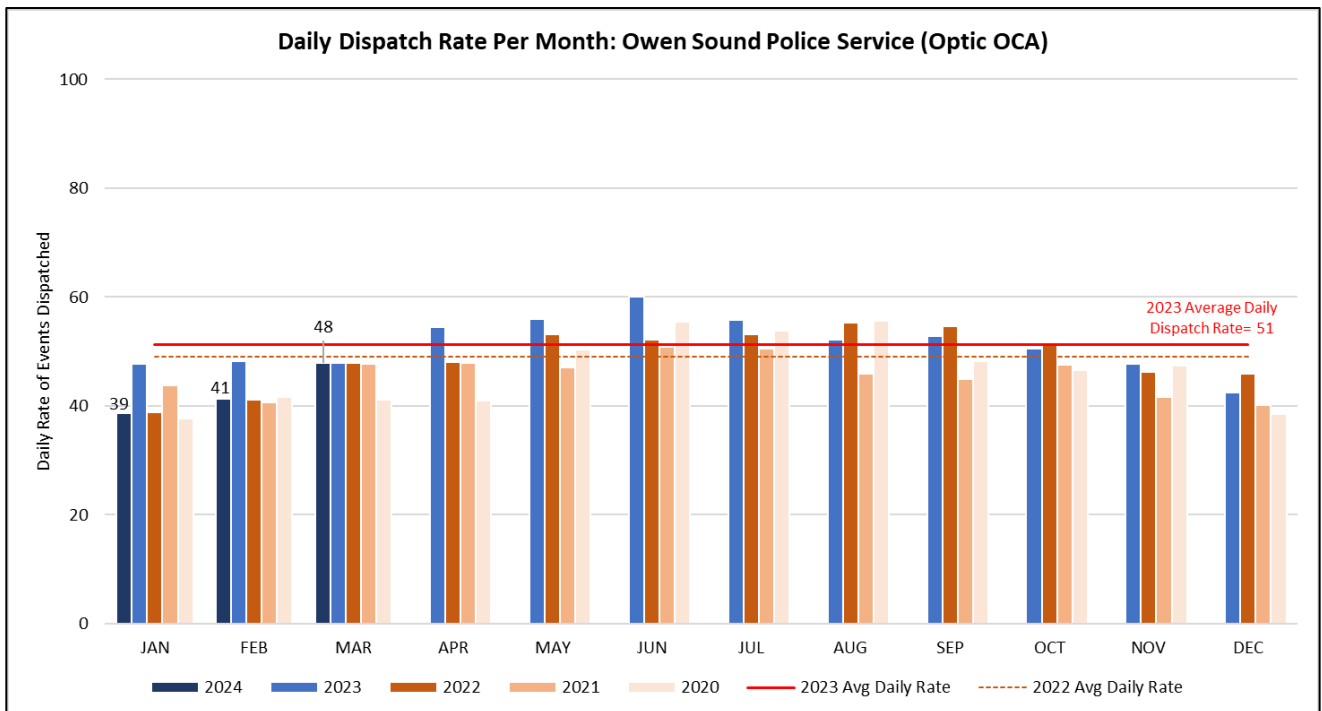
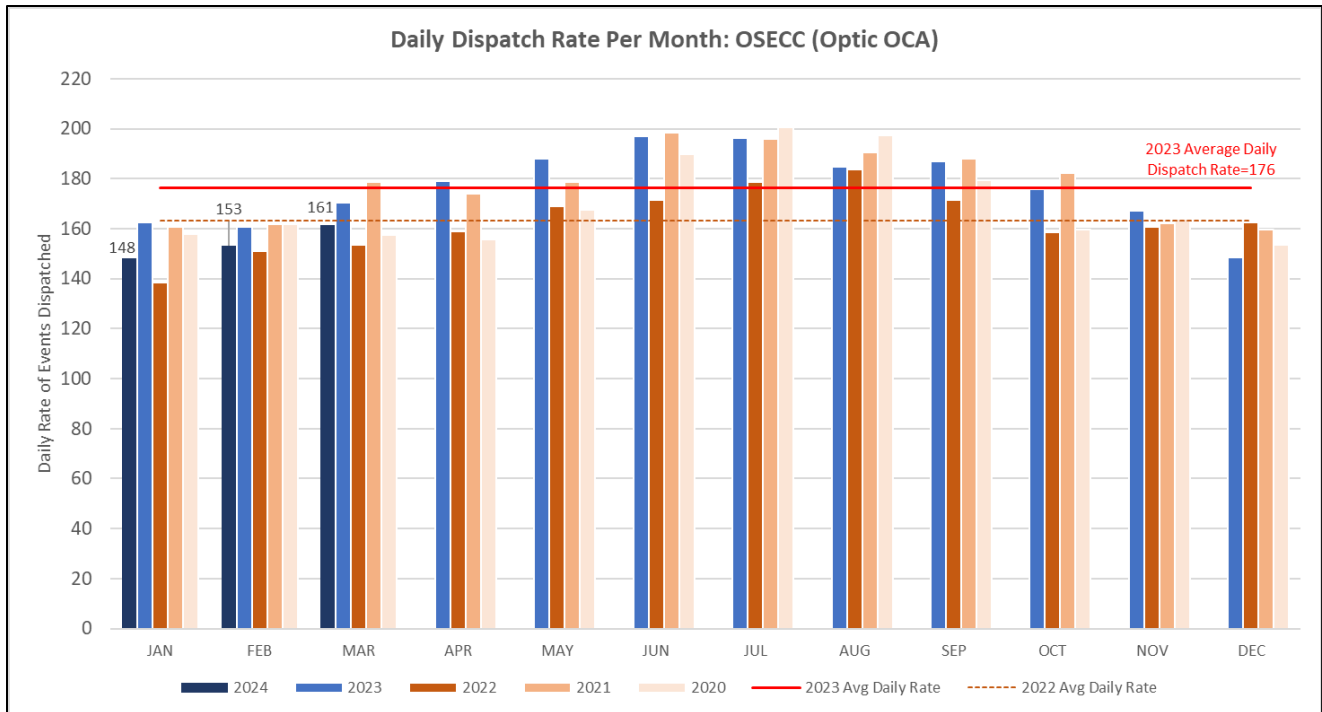
## 911 CALLS TO OSECC

Source: Bell Flex reports	This Month March 2024	Previous Month		Same Month Previous Year March 2023	2024 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Mar.31, 2024	2023 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Mar.31, 2023	% Change
		February 2024	% Change				
<b>All Incoming 911 Calls (Number)</b>	4,815	4,629	4.0%	5,717	14,373	16,746	-14.2%
Avg Daily Rate	155.3	159.6	-2.7%	184.4	158.0	186.1	-15.1%
<b>No Answer 911 Calls (Number)</b>	391	420	-6.9%	768	1,191	2,404	-50.5%
<b>Answered 911 Calls (Number)</b>	4,424	4,209	5.1%	4,949	13,182	14,342	-8.1%
Avg Daily Rate	142.7	145.1	-1.7%	159.6	144.9	159.4	-9.1%
<b>Transferred to Secondary PSAP (Number)</b>	3,120	3,090	1.0%	3,611	9,617	10,449	-8.0%
<b>Dispatched by OSECC (Number)</b>	1,304	1,119	16.5%	1,338	3,565	3,893	-8.4%
Avg Daily Rate	42.1	38.6	9.1%	43.2	39.2	43.3	-9.5%



# DISPATCHED CAD EVENTS IN OSECC

Source: OPTIC's OnCallAnalytics	This Month March 2024	Previous Month		Same Month	2024		2023	
		February 2024	% Change	Previous Year	Year-to-Date		Year-to-Date	
				March 2023	Jan.1-Mar.31, 2024	Jan.1-Mar.31, 2023	% Change	
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Number)</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>4,441</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>5,280</b>	<b>14,041</b>	<b>14,816</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	4,429	3,868	14.5%	4,636	12,153	12,971	-6.3%	
All Fire	411	395	4.1%	427	1,282	1,112	15.3%	
Grey County Transport	163	178	-8.4%	217	606	733	-17.3%	
OSPS	1,486	1,198	24.0%	1,485	3,883	4,316	-10.0%	
<b>All CAD Events in OSECC (Avg Daily Rate)</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>153.1</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>170.3</b>	<b>154.3</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	142.9	133.4	7.1%	149.5	133.5	144.1	-7.4%	
All Fire	13.3	13.6	-2.2%	13.8	14.1	12.4	13.7%	
Grey County Transport	5.3	6.1	-13.1%	7.0	6.7	8.1	-17.3%	
OSPS	47.9	41.3	16.0%	47.9	42.7	48.0	-11.0%	





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

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Monday April 22, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 2 days
- Grey Bruce Police Leaders Call – 2 hours
- HR Interviews – 7 hours
- Rotary Club Owen Sound Presentation – 2 hours
- Bail Enforcement Team Meeting – 1 hour
- OPTIC Data Implementation Meeting – 1 hour
- OACP CSPA Implementation Meeting – 2 hours
- OSPS Website Design/Implementation – 1 hour
- Citizens Police Academy – 9 hours
- OSECC Meetings – 9 hours
- Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy Meeting – 1.5 hours
- City Council Meeting with Community Safety & Wellbeing – 1.5 hours
- Grey County Job Fair at Bayshore – 3 hours
- OACP Community Safety & Crime Prevention Meeting – 6 hours
- Human Trafficking Forum Bayshore – 3 hours
- Grey County Housing Meeting& Tour New 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Facility – 1.5 hours
- CACP Information, Communication and Technology Conference & Meetings – 5 days



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

From: Chief C. Ambrose

Date: Monday April 22, 2024

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 1 days
- Grey Bruce Police Leaders Call – 3 hours
- OSECC - 15 hours
- River District Camera Project Meeting – 1 hour
- OSPS Website Design/Update – 4 hours
- City Council Volunteer Recognition Garth Pierce – 1.5 hours
- OACP Zone 5 Meeting – 2.5 hours
- Citizens Police Academy – 3 hours
- Owen Sound Criminal Court Management Meeting
- OACP Chiefs Researcher Interviews – 1.5 hour
- OACP Small and Mid-Sized Chiefs Meeting – 2 days
- GB Police Hospital Partnership Meeting – 1.5 hours
- OACP Board of Directors Meetings & Blue Line Trade Show – 2 days
- OACP CEO Day – 1 day



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Use of Force Annual Report

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

**DATE:** April 24, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

### REPORT:

#### Reporting Use of Force

As a requirement under Ontario Regulation 926 of the Police Services Act (PSA), a Use of Force report must be submitted when a member of a police service:

- draws a handgun in the presence of a member of the public;
- points a firearm at a person;
- discharges a firearm;
- uses a weapon on another person;
- draws and displays a conducted energy weapon (CEW) to a person with the intention of achieving compliance;
- points a CEW at a person;
- discharges a CEW; or
- uses force on another person that results in an injury requiring medical attention.

A modernized Use of Force report was implemented on January 1, 2023, based on amendments to use of force reporting requirement in Regulation 926 made in November 2022. Amendments include submission requirements related to CEWs; annual review of use of force procedures and training; and publication of annual reports to the police services board analyzing the data from the reports and identifying any trends.

Information about a use of force event that is captured in the standardized provincial report includes data on citizen race, gender, and age as perceived by the officer at the time of use of force, the type of force used, any weapons involved, injuries sustained, etc. Reporting and analysis can be used to assess individual and group training needs, policy and procedure requirements, and racial disproportionalities and disparities.

#### Race and Identity-Based Data Collection

Ontario's Anti-Racism Act (ARA), 2017, establishes transparent and sustainable mechanisms to identify and eliminate systemic racism and advance racial equity in Ontario. As a requirement of the ARA, police services collect race-based data on the Use of Force report in a manner compliant with the Anti-Racism Data Standards (ARDS), which outline how organizations must collect, manage, analyze and report on

information collected under the authority of the ARA. This oversight and accountability is in place to monitor for impacts and trends to: advance racial equity; improve policy and service delivery; and increase transparency and trust.

In recent years, there have been increasing demands from community groups and the public for police to collect data stemming from citizen-police interactions, and directions on the collection of race/ethnicity data to police agencies from civilian oversight organizations, commissions and agencies, as well as provincial governments. In July 2020, Statistics Canada and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) released a joint statement announcing their commitment to working on the collection of data on the Indigenous and racialized identity of all victims and accused persons as it pertains to criminal incidents through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey.

In October 2023, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) approved a provincial Race and Identity-Based Data (RIBD) Framework, as a starting point for all Ontario police services to address issues related to RIBD. It includes foundational practices in data collection, data analysis, policy development, reporting and leadership strategies to equip police services with the knowledge, skills and capacity to improve outcomes for all Ontarians. The OACP's multi-stakeholder approach is drawing on expertise from academia, police governance, Ontario Human Rights Commission, Ontario Anti-Racism Directorate, and others including an Expert Working Group from Peel Regional Police, Toronto Police, Ontario Provincial Police, and the RCMP. Next steps include continuation and facilitation of future iterations of this work, exploration of an Indigenous Data strategy, and creation of a centre of excellence.

### 2023 Use of Force Annual Report

As noted, a modernized Use of Force report was introduced in 2023 and not all categories are comparable or available for previous years. Numbers in the report are not always a 1:1 ratio, for example, multiple officers may each submit a report on one or more types of force used during the same incident on the same individual, or one officer may submit a report on one or more types of force used on multiple individuals in the same incident. Each officer using reportable force must submit a report and include their perception of race, age, and gender of each subject and the type(s) of force.

- There were 22 Use of Force reports submitted in 2023, involving 19 unique incidents, 24 unique persons, and one animal. This is relatively consistent with 2022, with 21 unique persons that required officers to use reportable force.
- With 18,738 occurrences dispatched for OSPS in 2023, the use of force reported in 19 incidents represents 0.1% of all events. Officers are trained in various types of force, and de-escalation techniques such as communication, containment, teamwork, repositioning, and distance.
- In 2023, there were three unique incidents where 2 officers each submitted a report on the same individual; two unique incidents where an officer submitted a report on multiple persons; and 1 team report submitted on three individuals.
- Officers' perception of the person's race involved in the use of force events was recorded as White 19 times, Black 4 times, and Indigenous 3 times in 2023.
- Of the 24 individuals described in use-of-force reports in 2023, these subjects were perceived as being male 23 times and female 4 times.



- Physical control (e.g. escort technique, grounding, pinning) was used and reported 5 times in 2023, similar to the previous year. Incidents involving physical control are not required to be reported, unless the subject requires medical care or a report is triggered by a greater level of force used in the same incident.
- In 2023, a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) was drawn, displayed, pointed, and/or discharged 14 times. The reporting for CEW use was modernized in the new report, and not easily compared to the 22 times CEW was recorded in 2022.
- A firearm was reported drawn, pointed, and/or discharged 14 times in 2023, compared to 3 in 2022. Similar to the CEW reporting, the 2023 reporting is not exactly comparable to 2022. In 2023, a firearm was drawn, pointed or discharged in:
  - 1 animal complaint incident discharged on an animal only;
  - 4 incidents each with one officer and 1 subject (a Violent Crime, Property Crime, and two Weapons calls);
  - 1 Intimate Partner Violent/Dispute incident with two officers reporting use of their firearm on the same subject who was perceived to have a concealed handgun;
  - 1 Violent Crime incident with one officer reporting on 4 involved subjects perceived to have concealed knife(s)/edged weapon(s); and
  - 1 Weapons incident with one officer reporting on 3 involved subjects perceived to have an accessible long gun(s).

Annual Use of Force Report - 2023			2023	2022
<b>Number of Reports Submitted</b>			22	43
	Individual		21	43
	Team		1	-
<b>Number of unique incidents</b>			19	38
<b>Number of unique Subjects</b>				
	Persons		24	21
	No Interaction with Subject		1	-
	None (Animal Only)		1	18
<b>Subject's Perceived Race</b>				
	Black		4	-
	East/Southeast Asian		-	-
	Indigenous		3	3
	Latino		-	-
	Middle Eastern		1	-
	South Asian		-	-
	White		19	23
<b>Subject's Perceived Age</b>				
	<12		-	n/a
	12-17		-	n/a
	18-24		1	n/a
	25-34		9	n/a
	35-44		6	n/a
	45-54		5	n/a
	55-64		5	n/a
	>65		1	n/a
<b>Subject's Perceived Gender</b>				
	Male		23	n/a
	Female		4	n/a
	Trans/Non-binary/Other		-	n/a
<b>Type of Force Used</b>				
	Physical Control		5	5
	Intermediate Weapon:			
	Baton		-	1
	OC Spray		-	-
	<b>CEW:</b>		14	22
	Drawn and Displayed		9	n/a
	Pointed		9	n/a
	Discharged		4	n/a
	Less Lethal Firearm		-	-
	Other		-	-
	<b>Firearm:</b>		14	3
	Handgun	Handgun-Drawn	12	2
		Handgun-Pointed	11	1
		Handgun-Discharged	-	-
	Rifle	Rifle-Pointed	1	n/a
		Rifle-Discharged	-	n/a
	Shotgun	Shotgun-Pointed	-	n/a
		Shotgun-Discharged	-	n/a

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

Although exceedingly rare, few calls for service result in a provincially reportable use of force event; however, an event can have large impacts/risk on citizens, police, and communities.

**OPERATIONS PLAN:**

Valuing “Integrity” by serving with respect, honesty, accountability, and transparency is reflected in this annual reporting of the Service’s use of force.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Nil

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Inspector Jeff Fluney  
Constable Carlo Obillos, Training Officer  
Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst



## REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**SUBJECT:** MINISTRY REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORTS  
**TO:** Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board  
**DATE:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### RECOMMENDATION(S):

For information only.

### REPORT:

The Service is required to submit administrative reports to the Ministry annually with respect to;

- **Violent Crime Linkage and Analysis System (ViCLAS)**
- **Major Case Management**
- **Missing Persons Act**

All required reports have been submitted and are attached to this report.

In the case of the report related to the usage of the provisions of the Missing Persons Act, there is a requirement that the completed report be published to the Service's webpage, which has been done.

### SUBMITTED BY:

D. Bishop, Inspector

# ViCLAS Annual Report

In accordance with the *Police Services Act*, ViCLAS Regulation (*Ontario Regulation 550/96*), every Chief of Police shall prepare and submit to the Ministry an annual report setting out the number of ViCLAS reports and any other information as requested.

**Identify the number of cases in the appropriate categories and submit to the undersigned on or before February 28, 2024.**

Police Service:	Report for the Year:	Number of ViCLAS Submissions Total:
Owen Sound Police Service	2023	
Homicides or attempts, solved or unsolved		3
Sexual assaults, solved or unsolved		52
Non-parental abductions and attempts		1
Missing person occurrences where circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play and the person remains missing		0
Found human remains/unidentified body that are known or suspected to be homicide		0
Luring of a child or attempted luring of a child, solved or unsolved		1
All non-criteria ViCLAS submissions		4
<b>Submitted by:</b>		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Patrick Rawn	D/Sgt	23February2024
<b>Email Address:</b>	prawn@owensoundpolice.com	

**EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:**

**[OPP.GHQ.VICLAS@OPP.CA](mailto:OPP.GHQ.VICLAS@OPP.CA)**

If you have any questions with regard to completing this report, please contact the Provincial ViCLAS Centre at (705) 329-6588

In accordance with O.Reg.182/19 under the *Missing Persons Act, 2018* the contents included in this report must be prepared by April 1 of each year, and made publicly available by June 1 of each year.

**Data Collection**

**Period of data collection**

Start Date (yyyy/mm/dd) 2023/01/01	End Date (yyyy/mm/dd) 2023/12/31
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Name of Police Force Owen Sound Police Service
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**Detachment Location (if applicable)**

Unit Number	Street Number 922	Street Name 2nd Avenue West	PO Box
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City/Town Owen Sound	Province Ontario	Postal Code N4K 4M7
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Total Number of Urgent Demands made 2	Number of Missing Persons Investigations in which a demand was made 1
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**Types of records specified in the urgent demands and total number of times that each type of record was included in the urgent demands**

Records	Description	Total number of times demanded
Records containing contact information or other identifying information		
Photos, videos, or other records containing visual representation		
Records of telecommunications or records that contain other electronic communications information, including information about signals related to a person's location	Production Order of Records (Form 4, Missing Persons Act) to "TextNow" for the person's phone number. Requested records included Subscriber Data, Message Logs, Call Logs, IP Logs, and Media. "Rogers" - Emergency Disclosure of Account information, including name, address, and location for the IP Address	1
Records of employment information		
Records of personal health information within the meaning of the <i>Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004</i>		
Records related to services received from a service provider as defined in subsection 2(1) of the <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017</i>		

Records	Description	Total number of times demanded
Records that related to a student of an educational institution		
Records containing travel and accommodation information		
Records of financial information		
Other records		

# Major Case Management Annual Report



In accordance with the *Police Services Act*, Major Case Management Regulation (*Ontario Regulation 354/04*), every Chief of Police shall prepare and submit to the ministry an annual report.

The Annual Report **reflects the investigations that were reported to police within the calendar year**, not when the investigations were entered into the RMS or PowerCase.

Including both RMS and PowerCase numbers provide police services with the **opportunity to reconcile differences** and report those variances to the ministry through the Serial Predator Crime Investigations Coordinator (SPCIC) via email.

Please **identify the number of cases** in the appropriate categories and submit to the SPCIC, Ontario Major Case Management, at [SPCIC@ontario.ca](mailto:SPCIC@ontario.ca) on or before **February 28<sup>th</sup>** of each year.

Police Service/OPP Regional HQ: Owen Sound			Calendar Year: 2023	
Major Cases	Threshold	Non-Threshold	RMS	PowerCase
Abductions and attempts (non-familial):	1	N/A	1	1
Criminal harassment where the harasser is not known to the victim:	N/A	0	n/a	n/a
Found human remains/unknown body that are known or suspected to be homicide:	0	0	n/a	n/a
Homicides or attempts, solved or unsolved:	3	N/A	3	3
Missing person occurrences where circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play:	0	0	n/a	n/a
Missing person occurrences where the person has been missing and unaccounted for more than 30 days:	0	3	3	1
Sexual assaults and attempts, solved or unsolved, including sexual interference, sexual exploitation, and invitation to sexual touching:	0	62	62	62
Trafficking in persons cases as defined in section 279.01, 279.011 or 279.04 Criminal Code, and attempts:	N/A	0	0	0

Discretionary Offences entered into PowerCase:	0
Investigations where permission to use PowerCase was obtained:	0
Provincial MCM Bulletins requested:	6
Do you have a process in place to notify the SPCIC within seven days when there are linked cases?	No
Do you have a system in place to track the submitted SPCIC Notifications?	No
Multi-jurisdictional Major Case Management Cases:	
Multi-jurisdictional Major Case Management Cases:	0
Please specify the name(s) of police service(s) involved and project name(s)/incident or occurrence number(s), and the name of the Multi-jurisdictional Major Case Manager assigned from the Provincial Pool, if applicable:	

**SUBMITTED BY**

**Rank/Name:**

D/Sgt Patrick Rawn

**Unit:**

Criminal Investigations Branch

**Email Address:**

prawn@owensoundpolice.com

**Date:**

28-Feb-2024

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Owen Sound Police Service Chief / Police Services Board Chair  
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Dear partners:

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence dated October 27, 2023, and as the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and some of its regulations came into force on April 1, 2024, please be advised the OPP and Ministry of the Solicitor General continue to develop the CSPA Section 14 agreement template (Alternative provision – Provision by other police service board or the Commissioner). The OPP is developing a process to address all requests for Section 14 agreements. Once the Section 14 agreement template is developed and the process finalized, the OPP will contact you with further instructions.

Until the Section 14 agreement template and process are developed, the OPP will continue to provide your police service board with policing functions specified in *O.Reg. 398/23 Alternative provision of policing functions* under CSPA.

Please continue to follow the regular process of either contacting the OPP Commissioner for non-urgent assistance requests or, the OPP Provincial Operations Centre for immediate/urgent assistance. All requests, including requests for Public Order Unit assistance made by any municipality or Police Service, will be assessed for operational capacity and supported when deemed exigent or the complexity meets the threshold of expertise.

Please contact OPP Municipal Policing Bureau S/Sgt. Ken Kee at [Kenneth.Kee@opp.ca](mailto:Kenneth.Kee@opp.ca) or the general email [OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca](mailto:OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca) with questions related to this ongoing process development.

The OPP appreciates the cooperative relationship shared with our municipal policing partners in ensuring the safety and well-being of Ontarians.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Whitton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Whitton  
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Owen Sound Police Service Chief / Police Services Board Chair  
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Dear partners:

Under its unique mandate, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) embraces its leading and supporting role as a partner in the delivery of essential policing services that ensure safety and security in the Province of Ontario. As part of this commitment and in anticipation of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and its regulations coming into force, the OPP and the Ministry of the Solicitor General will soon commence the development of the CSPA section 14 agreements (Alternative provision – Provision by other police service board or the Commissioner). CSPA section 14 agreements will replace *Police Services Act* section 7 agreements.

This is to inform you that until the CSPA comes into force and section 14 agreements are developed; the OPP will, as described below, continue to provide your police service board with assistance with policing services required by O. Reg. 3/99: Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services under the *Police Services Act*.

Please continue to follow the regular process of either contacting the OPP Commissioner for non-urgent assistance requests or the OPP Provincial Operations Centre (POC) for immediate/urgent assistance. All requests, including requests for Public Order Unit (POU) assistance, made by any municipality or Police Service will be assessed for operational capacity and supported when deemed exigent or the complexity meets the threshold of expertise.

Should you have any questions, please contact the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau at [OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca](mailto:OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca) or at 705-345-5320.



## **Report to the Board: Vault Audit**

*From: Inspector J. Fluney*

*Date: March 13, 2024*

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An annual vault/property audit was completed.

The condition of the vault is clean and orderly. There are separate sections of the vault to secure firearms, controlled substances, valuables, alcohol, general property as well as a large property storage garage. Random sampling was conducted on all of these areas and checks were completed to cross reference the entry of the property onto the Records Management System. There were minor issues involving the tagging of property and purging that were identified and were addressed.



## **Report to Board: 2023 Court Security Plan**

*From: Krista Fluney – Director of Civilian Services*

*Date: April 24, 2024*

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During 2023 the Ontario Court of Justice as well as Superior Court of Justice had an increase of in-person court appearances. Many first appearance and case management court appearances remained virtual however in-person appearances were encouraged by the judiciary especially for individuals that reside locally or have technological issues. New arrest bail appearances continued to be conducted by video from the police station however there was an increase of bail prisoners transported for in-person appearances at the courthouse. All prisoners were transported from the correctional facility to the courthouse for trials and by the end of 2023 there was an increase in prisoners transported from the correctional facility for in-person bail hearings and to resolve matters.

Throughout 2023, Special Constables continued to provide security in the courthouse, the provincial offences court as well as the police service to guard prisoners and assist with the virtual bail hearings. There were no prisoner escapes or attempted prisoner escapes in 2023.

Director Fluney chairs the Owen Sound Court Security Committee which meets quarterly to review and develop internal emergency procedures to ensure they are consistent with the Court Security Plan for the Owen Sound Police Service.

Director Fluney is also a member of the Local Justice Committee which meets quarterly. This committee consists of stakeholders including members of the Judiciary, Crown Attorney's Office, Defence Bar, Victim Witness, Legal Aid, Courts Administration, Police Services and the OPP Offender Transport Unit. This committee reviews issues or concerns relating to court operations and court security.

Director Fluney also attends the monthly Bail Committee and Grey Bruce Huddle Committee meetings which are in place to keep all stakeholders informed of any new changes in

procedures and to manage any issues within the courthouses in Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties.