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Bailey Andison – 2021 Olympics**

SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Remembrance Day



Promotion to Sergeant – Dan King

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February 2022

Karen Hallinan, Chairperson, and Members,
Smiths Falls Police Services Board

Dear Chair Hallinan and Board Members:

I am very excited to share with you and to our community the Smiths Falls Police Service 2021 Annual Report. The contents of the report stems from many initiatives, hard work and collaboration with community partners. We strive in community safety, excellence, education and prevention.

I would not have thought I would be providing this report under another full year of working through the pandemic of Covid-19, but here we are. The difficulties of providing public safety continue. The frustrations of the pandemic are clear.

We have had to continue to work in many virtual formats. Our education programs, courts, training and networking. However, we keep an important in person presence through our patrols, foot patrols, bike patrols, road safety initiatives and crime prevention programs. We respond to calls and investigate to the fullest.

We have seen the importance of mental health and the need to invest in responding to those types of calls with our MCRT, made up of members of the Service, Lanark County OPP and our Lanark County Mental Health. This program continues to expand and provide support to the community.

Continued hard work with provincial grant programs keeps us fiscally responsible and viable. Once again coming in under our budget targets while providing excellent service.

I wish to thank the Board for their continued support and confidence in your police service and thank the men and women who make it all possible.

Respectfully,

Mark MacGillivray
Chief of Police



SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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(January - December)

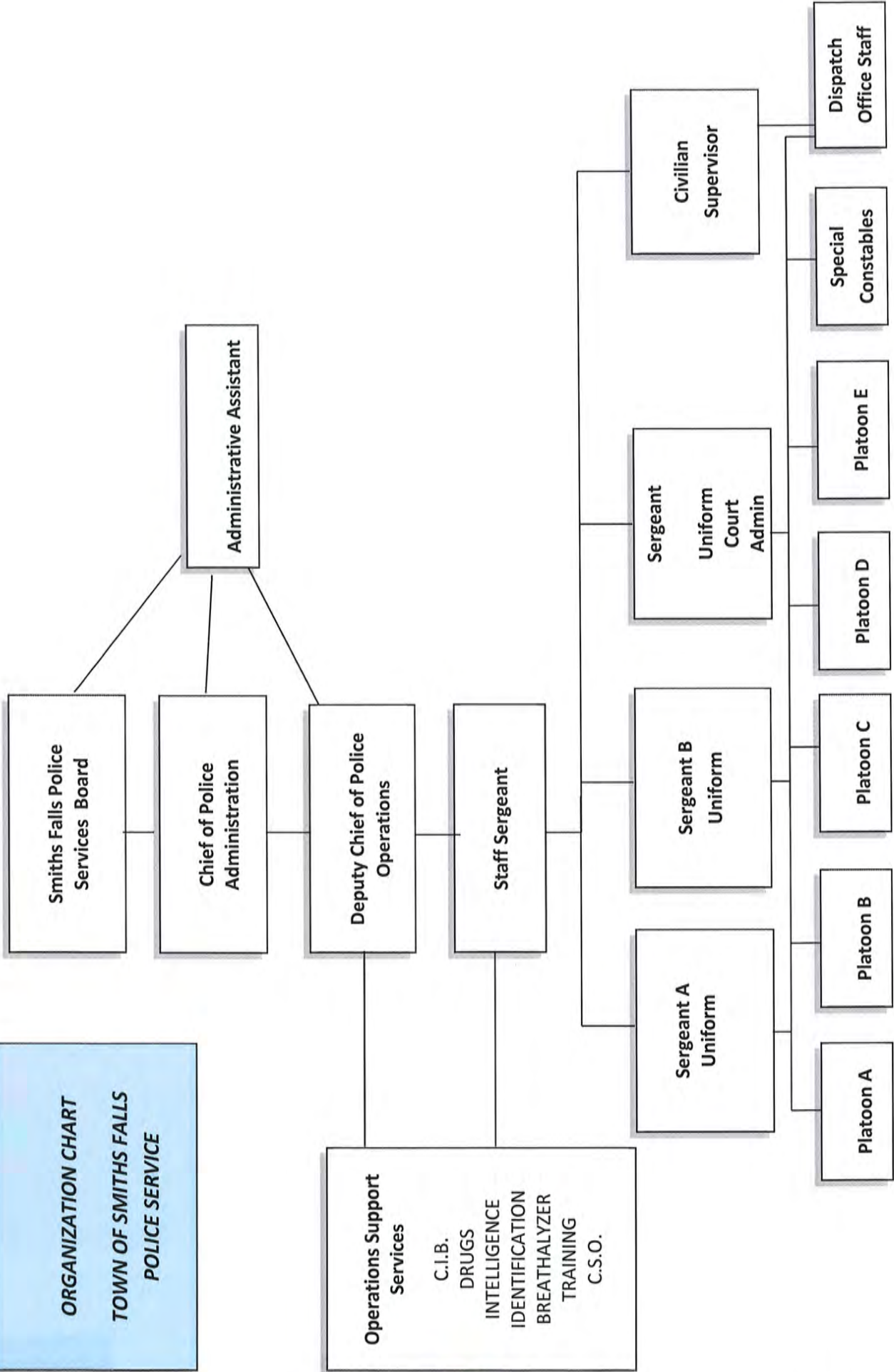
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(January - December)

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(January – December)

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PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT
(January – December)

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SECRETARY
(January – December)

**ORGANIZATION CHART
TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
POLICE SERVICE**



UNIFORM PERSONNEL

Mark MacGillivray	Chief of Police	Joined 09NOV87
Rick Labelle	Deputy Chief	Joined 20JUN94
Jodi Empey	Staff Sergeant	Joined 11JUL94
Thomas Blanchard	Sergeant	Joined 23AUG98
Nadine Wilson	Sergeant	Joined 10JUN94
Daniel King	Sergeant	Joined 22NOV04
Derek Klawitter	Constable	Joined 16MAY99
David Murphy	Constable	Joined 14JUN99
Chris Coon	Constable	Joined 02JUL01
David Rakobowchuk	Constable	Joined 16JUN02
Aaron Tompkins	Constable / Community Services	Joined 26APR04
Glenn Smith	Constable	Joined 16MAY05
Brent Pellett	Constable	Joined 04SEP07
David Morris	Constable	Joined 18AUG08
Ashley Ricci	Constable	Joined 08DEC08
Bradley Walker	Detective/Constable	Joined 06DEC10
Brock Woods	Constable	Joined 29JUL13
Jason Droeske	Constable	Joined 02MAR07
Tyler Brett	Detective/Constable	Joined 08SEP14
Sean Keogan	Constable	Joined 20NOV17
Karine Gauthier	Constable	Joined 22JUL19
Lindsay Lemay	Constable	Joined 14MAR11
Derek Dewey	Constable	Joined 25MAY20
Ian McCloy	Constable	Joined 29MAR21
Eric Butson	Constable	Joined 23FEB21
Paul Klassen	Constable/Part-time	Joined 27DEC20

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Janice Tomlinson	Administrative Assistant	Joined 13JUN94
Lenore Willows	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 04SEP01
Micheila Blackburn	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 03FEB03
Katheryn Commodore	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26AUG05
Kaitlynn Beath	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 16JUL12
Ronda Seed	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26JAN15

PART-TIME CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Jodi Stevenson	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 13Oct20
Brett Lacey	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26JUL21
Chloe Wilson	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 06DEC21

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Mark Bell	Special Constable	Joined 09JAN12
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IT SERVICES

Bryce Mackenzie	IT Specialist	Joined 04MAY15
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POLICE CHAPLAIN

Rev Christopher Ryan	Chaplain	Joined 01DEC17
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BACKGROUND - SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO

Population (2016 Census)	8,780
Land Area	9.66 km ²
Streets	67.99 km
Uniformed Personnel	25
Civilian	6
Civilian part time	3
Special Constables	1
Police Marked Cars - General Patrol	4
With Car Terminals	5
Police Unmarked Cars	3
Community Service Vehicle	1

POLICE EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
TOTAL POLICE CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 129,000	\$ 116,074
NET CAPITAL SURPLUS	\$ 12,926	
TOTAL POLICE OPERATIONAL BUDGET	\$ 4,968,338	\$ 4,859,376
NET OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	\$ 108,962	
TOTAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD	\$ 30,874	\$ 27,796

TRAINING COURSES

The following courses were completed by staff in 2021

Annual Intoxilyzer Refresher Training
Breathalyzer Technician Training
Health and Safety Certification Part 1 and Part 2
CFS Field Coordinator Training
Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement
Mental Health Self Awareness Training
Annual Use of Force and Firearms Training
Combat Application Tourniquet
Academic, Practical Theory and Operation X2 Taser
Covert Surveillance Training
Dynamic Warrant Entry
Standard Field Sobriety Training
Cycling Training
Incident Management
Training for Strangulation Prevention
Incorporating Communications with Sexual Assault Investigations
Leadership Training
Crisis Negotiator
Use of Force/Firearms Instructor
CEW (Taser) Instructor
Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances
Officer Authorities for Cannabis Legislation
Ontario Major Case Management

COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

The Smiths Falls Police Service provides a staffed facility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with emergency call taking and dispatching for the Police Service. Our Civilian Clerk Dispatchers are trained to deal with walk in complaints, emergency 911 calls, general information and assistance. Our staff conduct criminal records checks for employment and volunteers. They are trained to deal with persons in stressful situations, de-escalate and obtain vital information for our officers to respond.

Our Communications Centre dealt with just over 7859 calls for service in 2021. This includes answering the calls, gathering all of the pertinent information and dispatching the officers when required. Providing accurate and relevant information is crucial to officer and public safety. Our Dispatchers provide a great deal of clerical support to the officers after the calls are completed. Completing paper work and court related documents assists in ensuring the officers are able to return to their proactive patrols. Our staff assist in processing requests under the Freedom of Information for reports. These have to follow strict guidelines before being released.

TECHNOLOGY

Policing has become very technologically advanced. Information Technology Services is a very important part of policing. Assisting with downloading and preserving digital evidence from our many systems, be it the in car cameras, laptops that access information in the cars, the Automated Licence Plate Reader system or the emergency electronics. Within the building, IT is responsible for computer systems, communications equipment, radio systems, phone systems, surveillance systems as well as all of the networking systems that keep us connected with our justice partners, such as CPIC, RMS, CAD, MTO, Health IM and many more. Having up to date hardware and software are critical to our day to day operations. Maintaining cyber security, firewalls and preventing viruses keep the service from vulnerability.

We continue to invest and prepare for the Next Generation 9-1-1 answering systems that will be coming by the end of 2023.

SMITHS FALLS AND DISTRICT CRIME STOPPERS



The Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers celebrated its 29th year serving the Smiths Falls and District Community. Crime Stoppers rallies the community, news media and the police, in a collaborative campaign against fighting crime. All “Tipsters” who report crimes or suspected crimes are offered cash rewards upon an arrest and are always kept anonymous.

The program is a not for profit, charity status, managed by a local board of volunteer directors and assisted by a Smiths Falls Police Service liaison officer, referred to as the Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator. The Police Coordinator manages incoming tips from tipsters for our program and temporarily for neighbouring communities such as Brockville, Gananoque and Kingston as they are currently in the process of starting up their own program.

Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers Board Members for 2021

President: Amber MacDonald

Past President: Adam Gariepy

Vice President: Sheldon Giff

Secretary: Travis Barber

Treasurer: Jackie Coldrey

Police Coordinator: Constable Aaron Tompkins (Smiths Falls Police Service)

Directors: Lyle Clancy, John Putnam, Chuck Hudson and Rick Kirkwood

Community Involvement

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions in 2021, we were not able to participate in many community events. Members did however conduct a mobile presence for Halloween using the Crime Stopper van and were invited to attend the Town of Smiths Falls Remembrance Day ceremony and provided use of our mobile sound system.



Crime Stoppers volunteers assisting with the Smiths Falls Kids Cops & Canadian Tire Fishing Day at Lower Reach Park

Fundraising events

This year due to pandemic health guideline restrictions, we were not able to host our annual Crime Stoppers Dance in January promoting Crime Stoppers Month and fundraising event. We had to come up with some creative alternative ideas for fundraising. We conducted two chocolate bar fundraisers throughout the course of the year to assist with our program costs.

The continued success of Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers can be attributed mainly to, the members of the Board of Directors who dedicate their time and effort to the program. These members volunteer countless hours promoting the program, fundraising and attending community events. The Smiths Falls Police Service who are dedicated to working with the Police Coordinator in following up on the tips provided and finally, the residents of the community of Smiths Falls who continue to provide tips and information.

Media Presence

Our program currently uses the following social media platforms to convey messaging: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We are also known to do interviews with local radio station Lake 88 and local television station YourTV to promote our program and fundraising events.

Sincerely,

Aaron Tompkins, Police Coordinator
Smiths Falls and District Crime Stoppers



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Police and Fire at Child Care Centre



Poppy Campaign



Water Rescue Demonstration

CRIME PREVENTION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Smiths Falls Police Service is dedicated to ensure that offenders who are released on conditions whether in bail court or on a police undertaking are monitored to ensure they are complying with the conditions imposed on them.

Police have the authority depending on the seriousness of the offences to release on an undertaking upon charge or have the matter brought in front of a Justice of the Peace for a bail hearing. At the hearing, it is then decided whether the person is detained or released on conditions. These are usually for more serious matters such as domestics, assaults, or repeat offenders. The conditions are to deter further criminal activity and protect victims.

Upon release, the offenders' conditions are logged and monitored by the Staff Sergeant and Sergeants. Officers are assigned to conduct regular and random compliance checks with the offenders by attending their residence to ensure they are abiding by a curfew and ensuring they are residing there.

Officers also have many opportunities to conduct compliance checks if they receive calls of suspicious persons, bike enforcement or any related calls for service where conducting a compliance check is necessary. Working in a smaller community officers are often more familiar with known offenders and therefore have many opportunities on patrol to ensure they are complying with their conditions, for example curfews, association with persons they are not supposed to, abstaining from alcohol or other substances. When such breaches occur, there is an investigation that usually leads to an arrest and charges.

In 2021 there were a total of 302 criminal charges laid with regards to non-compliance with court orders. 167 of them were in regards to breaching conditions imposed by bail releases, 58 in regards to breaching conditions imposed by an officer in charge, 67 breach of probation charges and 10 charges for other court imposed conditions.

Break and Enter incidents into homes or businesses can be quite devastating to our community. Aside from regular patrols, if break and enters start to occur in our community it usually just isn't one event. Often times if one is reported, usually others will follow. The Smiths Falls Police are quick to respond to these allowing the preservation of evidence important to the case. Officers will utilize the Smiths Falls Police Service Identification Unit and/or SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officers) to assist in these investigations. Officers increase their active patrol in the areas targeted whether on foot, bike, marked vehicle or through covert techniques. Information sharing with other enforcement agencies is crucial to investigating crimes. At times, the Smiths Falls Police Service will use the assistance of the CSCU (OPP Street Crime Unit) to assist in surveillance techniques with our officers. Officers will also assist the homeowner with crime prevention tips and will engage Victim Services.

The Smiths Falls Police Service also utilizes and works in partnership with the Provincial Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Squad. The ROPE Squad works in partnership with police services across the province to locate parole violators, repeat and wanted criminal offenders in our community. In 2021, the Smiths Falls Police Service utilized the ROPE Squad on several occasions and were successful in locating and arresting offenders who were then brought back before the courts, to make our community a safer place to live, work and enjoy.

The position of Community Services Officer (CSO) within our organization also plays a vital role in Crime Prevention. The CSO can be seen giving presentations in person or virtually to various community groups, boards and the general public on topics such as: Fraud Awareness/Prevention, Anti-Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences, Provincial and Federal laws, Harassment and Discrimination, Elder and Financial Abuse against seniors, drug prevention and many more! These presentations are often paired and co-presented with applicable community partners such as Victim Services of Lanark County, Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, CP Rail Police and many more! The CSO also provides monthly updates/crime prevention awareness by way of our local media outlets (Lake 88 Radio and YourTV Smiths Falls).

The Smiths Falls Police Service Media Relations Officer also uses the Police Service Website and Facebook page to promote Crime Prevention initiatives and awareness.

Our frontline patrol officers also play a vital role in Crime Prevention when dealing with members of the public. Officers provide advice on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to deter crimes against property including, private residences, personal property and our local businesses. Frontline patrol officers also take part in initiatives such as the annual “Lock It or Lose It” Crime Prevention program.



Crime Prevention comes in many forms within our police service. Our goal is to make our residents and community partners as informed as possible and provide strong collaborative relationships within our community.



CRIME PREVENTATION

***Community Services including pro-active police initiatives
and ongoing public education***



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Smiths Falls Police have an Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) coordinator that oversees all the intimate partner related calls for service. IPV calls are treated very seriously and how we investigate them is governed by legislation and policy. All the calls are dealt with in person and not investigated over the phone. During every interaction regarding a domestic related call, officers will take the opportunity to ask those involved intimate partner related questions and will investigate further should there be a disclosure of violence. Officers will also do referrals for victims of violence with Victim Services or The Victim Advocate with the Lanark County Interval House, to engage with safety planning, emergency housing and a wealth of other resources. Officers also engage with the family and will do referrals for children through Victim Services, Victim Advocate or Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth. There are also supports offered through our Mental Health Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) team for mental health and addictions.

If offenders are released on conditions in bail court, officers conduct regular compliance checks to ensure they are in compliance along with reaching out to victims to ensure they have an adequate safety plan. Training and conferences are attended by officers on a regular basis relating to Intimate Partner Violence on topics such as strangulation, death reviews, and human trafficking.

Police also provide presentations with partner agencies on IPV, targeting the high school aged demographic. Topics include consent, how to report an IPV incident (to police or community partner), available community supports and criminal laws around IPV.

In 2021, the Smiths Falls Police Service received 120 calls for service regarding IPV, unfortunately this is not always a reflection of IPV in our community, as often it will go unreported. The Smiths Falls Co-ordinator is involved with the High Risk Intimate Partners Co-ordinators of Ontario, attending regular meetings and conferences across Ontario and is a member of the local Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Committee and on the Victim Services board.

MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Working collaboratively with Lanark County Mental Health and the Lanark County O.P.P., this program continues to be a proven and effective model in our community. The MCRT Team consists of two nurses and one social worker and serves the Smiths Falls and surrounding communities in Lanark County. Since it's inception in 2019 by way of provincial grants, we are pleased to say that the program receives ministry funding along with grant funding for sustainability.

In 2020, our Chief of Police, Mark MacGillivray, Lanark County O.P.P. Inspector Karuna Padiachi and O.P.P. Inspector Derek Needham attended Queens Park alongside the former Executive Director of Lanark County Mental Health, Rebecca Fromowitz advocating for provincial funding to support and continue our local MCRT program, as well as promote the MCRT model on a province wide model. We continue to advocate for permanent funding for this program.

The Community Services Officer acts as a liaison officer to the MCRT Team and provides the opportunity to close the gaps between policing and mental health services. The MCRT Team has the ability to attend a scene once deemed safe and can assess the individual (in crisis or not) in their own living environment, come up with and make a game plan to ensure the proper follow up is done based on that client's individual needs and circumstances. Should the client be faced with any criminality, each case is reviewed and if the criteria are met, a referral to the Mental Health Diversion Court is made through our Court Services. The use of MCRT better serves the person in crisis, it reduces the requirement for persons to be apprehended under the Mental Health Act, provides better and quicker referrals to mental health services and reduces the need to persons in crisis to be in our hospital emergency rooms. Through this service, we have seen an increase in calls for service, a huge increase in referrals and a huge decline in our apprehensions and hospital wait times in emergency rooms.

As of 2018, the Smiths Falls Police Service implemented HealthIM, a clinically validated standardized electronic brief mental health screener for frontline patrol officers. This was as a result of another successful provincial grant application by our Police Service.

The HealthIM has four components built into it:

- 1) **Pre-response Safety Briefing:** Prior to establishing contact with a person in crisis, responders review a brief synopsis of critical safety factors including de-escalation techniques, any known triggers and contextual information compiled from previous contact

- 2) **Mental Health Risk Screener:** Responders complete a digitized version of the interRAI Brief Mental Health Screener (BMHS). The BMHS provides rapid on-scene evaluation of risk and uses clinically validated algorithms to assist in evaluating risk of harm and determining appropriate outcomes
- 3) **Inter-Agency Communication:** Secure community networks facilitate wireless transmission of on scene observations to hospital, community mental health and other partner agencies. Advanced notification prior to hospital transport facilitates improved transfer of care
- 4) **Reporting and Analytics:** Real-time access to de-identified aggregate response data via a secure analytics portal and automated reporting. This provides timely access to key metrics and insights for agency leadership, supervisors and community partners such as our Hospital and Mental Health Services

Frontline officers are able to use the HealthIM tool prior to establishing contact with a person in crisis. First responders are presented with the Pre-Response Safety Briefing summarizing care considerations, any known de-escalation tactics and other safety factors compiled from previous BMHS being completed. In situations where an individual requires transportation to the hospital, a summary of on-scene observations is automatically generated and securely transmitted to the hospital prior to officer arrival. Should the patient not need an apprehension under the Mental Health Act, a referral can be sent immediately to Mental Health Services and followed up by the MCRT Team until entrenched in available services.



MCRT Liaison Officer Constable Aaron Tompkins, MCRT Crisis Worker John Giannitsopoulos and MCRT Police Supervisor S/SGT Jodi Empey

2021 MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS – SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE

Date	Call Volume	Apprehension Rate	Average Wait Time
January 1 to March 31	146	6 %	1 Hrs 10 Mins
April 1 to June 30	121	6 %	1 Hrs 2 Mins
July 1 to September 30	105	10 %	1 Hrs 12 Mins
October 1 to December 31	97	8 %	1 Hr 58 Mins
2021 Total / Average	469	7 %	1 Hrs 20 Mins

Aaron Tompkins
Community Services Officer



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE

In 2021, the Smiths Falls Police Crime Unit was staffed by Detective Constable Brad Walker and Detective Constable Tyler Brett.

The Crime Unit is assigned with major crime investigations in addition to drug enforcement and intelligence gathering. During the course of 2021, the Crime Unit investigated an array of criminal offences including serious violent crime, large-scale frauds, and drug and weapons offences.

On December 26th 2021, the Crime Unit commenced an investigation into a tragic homicide, which took place at a residence in Smiths Falls. As a result of the investigation, an individual has been taken into custody and the matter is currently before the courts.

In 2021, the Crime Unit investigated multiple Controlled Drugs and Substance Act investigations. These investigations included the execution of three Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Search Warrants, multiple interdiction related traffic stops and drug seizures by other means. As a result of these investigations, quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl and other drugs were seized. In addition, proceeds of crime such as cash and stolen property were also seized.

The Crime Unit also worked alongside, and will continue to work alongside the OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and the OPP Repeat Offender and Parolee Enforcement Unit (ROPE). In 2021, the Crime Unit, with the assistance of ROPE, located numerous wanted violent offenders in the Town of Smiths Falls.

The Smiths Falls Police Service is a contributing member of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO). As part of our membership duties, the Smiths Falls Police Service assigns a member of the Crime Unit to attend conferences and training held by CISO. The Smiths Falls Police has sought the assist of CISO in the past including utilizing their FATE program. This program collects intelligence and conducts forensic analysis on firearms used in criminal offences. The Smiths Falls Police Service understands the importance of intelligence led policing and intelligence sharing with our police partners. Criminal activity is not restricted by geographical boundaries and by maintaining relationships with other police agencies, we can effectively address the root causes of many types of crime.

Brad Walker
Detective Constable



IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAM

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to the enforcement, prevention, apprehension and prosecution of Impaired Drivers. This includes drivers impaired by alcohol and or drugs.

Impaired drivers are detected a number of ways which include sobriety checkpoints (RIDE Programs), or during routine traffic stops where police have reasonable suspicion that the driver may be impaired. Impaired Driving is not limited to vehicles on highways and streets, it includes vessels, off road vehicles and snowmobiles. Our police service works with other agencies to ensure not only our highways are safe but so are our trails and waterways in Smiths Falls. Increasingly, citizens are also helping police to identify potentially dangerous drivers by calling 911 to report suspected impaired drivers.

Smiths Falls Police Service currently has six (6) active members trained as Qualified Breathalyzer Technicians in the operation of the Intoxilyzer 8000C instrument. All front line officers are trained in the use of the Drager Alcotest 6810 approved roadside screening device. By the end of 2022 all front-line officers will also have been trained as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) officers. Our Service had two (2) members trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in 2021. In 2022 the Service will be replacing one DRE lost through attrition. Some members are also trained in the use of the Drager Drug Test 5000 used to assist in the detection of drivers under the influence of drugs.

All officers trained in the use of impaired detection equipment receive yearly recertification training and proficiency testing on these devices. Since 2020 and the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic a more thorough decontamination of the equipment and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been undertaken to ensure the safety of our members and the public.



Billboard Highway 15

2021 Breath Testing and DRE test

Number of Breath Tests by SFPS: 14
Number of Drug Recognition tests by SFPS: 5 (2 tests conducted for outside agencies)

2021 Charges

Impaired Driving (Alcohol):	8	Impaired Driving (Drug):	3
Drive Exceed 80mg (Alcohol):	9	Drive Cannabis Readily Available:	10
Refusal: Breath Sample:	5	Drive Liquor Readily Available:	5

Daniel King, Sergeant
Field Coordinator Impaired Driving Program



Conducting the RIDE Program

ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Smiths Falls Police Service is dedicated to making the roadways in our community safer for all drivers, passengers and pedestrians. Officers aim to reduce unsafe drivers and unsafe vehicles on our roadways through deterrence, education and enforcement. Members of the Smiths Falls Police Service are responsible for enforcing provincial and municipal traffic laws within the town limits.

Smiths Falls Police utilize the **Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)** as part of our ongoing commitment to improve road safety.

STEP works by having our officers focus enforcement on different areas of concern each month regarding drivers, vehicles and traffic. The subject of enforcement is based on problems identified through collisions, officer observations and citizen concerns. The ultimate goal of STEP is to make our roads safer for everyone in our community.

Throughout the year our members have taken part in a number of Traffic initiatives including:

Canada Road Safety Week in May of each year. It is a national campaign to make Canada's roads the safest in the world. The Smiths Falls Police Service endorses and actively participates in this great initiative.

Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Blitz. Our members team up with MTO officers conducting safety inspections on Commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles.

RIDE Programs: Throughout the year officers conduct RIDE spot checks in various locations throughout the town on our roadways, waterways and trails. Smiths Falls Police Service encourages anyone suspecting an impaired driver to report it to police.

Equipment Used in Road Safety Initiatives

In-Car Computers: All Smiths Falls Police Service frontline service vehicles are equipped with on board computers which allows officers to remotely and quickly access a number of police related databases including MTO (Ministry of Transportation), CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) and RMS (Record Management System). This allows officers to work remotely and more efficiently therefore spending more time patrolling the community.

In-Car Video Cameras: In addition, all Smiths Falls Police Service frontline vehicles are also equipped with an onboard video camera system to capture and collect evidence of traffic infractions, aggressive/impaired drivers and interactions with members of the public. The camera system also assists our members in Criminal Investigations allowing officers to work remotely at scenes. The system provides accountability and transparency.

In 2021 Smiths Falls Police Service launched a new state of the art **Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)** which was purchased through Civil Remedies Grant applied for in 2019-20. The ALPR is a mobile computer system that is connected to a secure Provincial Database. Cameras mounted on one of the police vehicles capture images of licence plates which is then analyzed and compared against the Provincial Database. The ALPR then alerts officers to any hits on the Provincial database. This can include vehicles that are linked to wanted persons, suspended drivers, stolen vehicles, missing persons and vehicles associated with criminal activities such as Human Trafficking. The system reads hundreds of vehicles per hour.

Radar/Lidar Speed Measuring Devices: Radar mounted on the front and rear of the patrol cars enables officers to capture speeds while moving in traffic. In fact, this versatile unit can record the speeds of vehicles approaching or traveling in the same direction of the patrol car from either ahead or behind.

The service has also invested in hand-held Radar and Laser devices to allow officers to conduct stationary monitoring of speed, particularly in areas of concern such as school zones, busy streets and quiet residential areas.

Speed Trailer: The speed trailer is set up and moved to areas of concern or high traffic areas to assist in the education of drivers on the roadway. The trailer is equipped with a radar unit which then displays the drivers speed on a display board. If the driver is speeding they are alerted by red and blue flashing lights on the display unit. The trailer also compiles data such as the number of vehicles and the speeds of those vehicles. This information can then be downloaded and analyzed to assist in pinpointing areas of concern.

Driving Offences Statistics 2021

Vehicle Stops:	1577
Total HTA/CAIA charges:	1244
Motor Vehicle Collisions:	177
Traffic Complainants:	235

A large part of our traffic enforcement deals with offences relating to speeding, stop sign and red light violations, suspended drivers, seat belt offences, dangerous and careless driving as well as distracted driving.

We continue to make road safety a priority for our community.

Respectfully,

Daniel King, Sergeant
Traffic Services



Snowmobile Trail Safety



Festive RIDE



Railway Safety Week

*Road Safety Lidar
Constable Dewey*



RIDE ANNUAL REPORT

Provincial Grant funding allows for the police service to enhance its capacity to conduct enforcement of alcohol and drug related driving offences. This funding is used to staff RIDE spot checks on local streets and is typically done in the approach of the Christmas holiday season. These dedicated RIDE spot checks are conducted in addition to other routine spot checks and regular uniform traffic patrol by the Smiths Falls Police Service in its ongoing efforts to combat driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The police service received \$8698.00 in grant funding for 2021-22, which allowed for 9 dedicated RIDE spot check dates. Sergeant Dan King was responsible for scheduling and staffing the spot checks.

In all 2451 vehicles were checked. No impaired by alcohol or drug related driving offences were detected. However, one charge was laid under the Cannabis Control Act for having cannabis available to the driver, and another under the Highway Traffic Act for driving while suspended.

Richard Labelle, Deputy Chief
RIDE Program Coordinator



FIREARMS TRAINING

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to use the Glock Model 17 – 9mm semi-automatic pistol as well as the Colt C8 Carbine Rifle.

The Smiths Falls Police Service is a part of a joint training cadre with members of the Brockville Police Service and Gananoque Police Service. This year's training brought two new members to the cadre, Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods.

Pistol requalification training was conducted at Reticle Training Centre in Brockville, while the Carbine requalification training was conducted at the Brockville District Fish and Game. All training exceeds the Provincial Policing Standards and is consistent with the Ontario Use of Force Model.

In 2020, all firearms In-Service training was deferred by Provincial Order due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This training resumed in 2021 with much emphasis put on the health and safety of everyone involved.

All officers successfully completed the 2021 Smiths Falls Police Service pistol requalification.

The Smiths Falls Police Service would like to thank Sergeant Paul Klassen (Retired) and Constable Dave Murphy for their work as Use of Force and Firearms Instructors for the past many years. Their dedication and wealth of knowledge has been an asset to all members of the Smiths Falls Police Service.

Respectfully,

Brock Woods, Constable
Use of Force / Firearms/ CEW Instructor

USE OF FORCE TRAINING

The purpose of annual Use of Force requalification training is to ensure that all members of the Service have maintained proficiency in all levels of Police Use of Force. In concert with the Firearms training, officers are subjected to individual drills used to show competency in de-escalation of conflicts, judgment, discretion and use of all Use of Force options, including reality based scenarios to assist in evaluating officer's ability to correctly assess and respond to a wide ranging cross section of events.

As with Firearms training, the Smiths Falls Police Service is a part of a joint training cadre with members of the Brockville Police Service and Gananoque Police Service. This year's training brought two new members to the cadre, Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods. Training was conducted at the Reticle Training Centre in Brockville. All training exceeds the Provincial Policing Standards and is consistent with the Ontario Use of Force Model.

In 2020, all Use of Force In-Service training was deferred by Provincial Order due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This training resumed in 2021 with much emphasis put on the health and safety of everyone involved.

All officers successfully completed the 2021 Smiths Falls Police Service Use of Force requalification.

Respectfully,

Brock Woods, Constable
Use of Force / Firearms / CEW Instructor

USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

Overview

Officers are required to successfully complete mandatory Firearms and Use of Force training on an annual basis. Use of Force reports are completed whenever an officer needs to employ a physical method to ensure the safety of all involved. The type of force used is at the discretion of the officer based on the constant evaluation of the circumstances presented. The following information was gathered through the reports submitted by the involved officers.

Use of Force Reports by Type

A member of a police force shall submit a report whenever the member:

(a) draws a handgun in the presence of a member of the public, excluding a member of the police force who is on duty, points a firearm at a person or discharges a firearm;

(b) uses a weapon other than a firearm on another person; or

(c) uses physical force on another person that results in an injury requiring medical attention. O. Reg. 552/92, s. 9; O. Reg. 283/08, s. 4 (1); O. Reg. 264/10, s. 9 (1).

This may result in more than one report for the occurrence based on the number of officers that were required to use force. The total number of occurrences requiring a Use of Force Report in 2021 was 13 which resulted in the submission of 20 individual reports.

Report Type	2021
Reports involving firearms	5
Reports involving Capsicum Spray (OC)	1
Reports involving Asp (baton)	0
Reports involving Empty Hand Techniques	2
Reports involving Taser X2	12
Total Reports	20
Total Occurrences	13

VEHICLE FLEET



There are currently 8 vehicles in the fleet of the Smiths Falls Police Service. Four of these vehicles are fully marked general patrol vehicles, one is an unmarked clean roof traffic enforcement vehicle, one is a criminal investigation vehicle and one is a criminal investigation/administration vehicle. The majority of the fleet is a mixture of Ford Police Utilities, with two Ford Taurus, a Dodge Charger and a Dodge Durango.

All front line vehicles are equipped with onboard computer and camera systems. The cameras have been invaluable in both criminal court as well as Provincial Offences court. They are regularly downloaded to enhance the evidence provided by police to the crown attorney's office.

All vehicles are also equipped with complete first aid kits, fleeing vehicle stopping sticks and portable medical defibrillators.

Vehicle 106 has a fully functional Automatic Licence Plate Recognition System. This system is very beneficial in both traffic enforcement and criminal investigations. It automatically detects stolen vehicles, suspended drivers etc. In addition to this it can detect any licence plate that is manually entered such as for amber alerts and human trafficking suspects.

The Service has just awarded its three-year maintenance contract and this was given to Nissan through a tender process. We continue to monitor and review the maintenance to the fleet to ensure we have vehicles that are safe a ready to respond to emergency calls for service.

The plan for 2022 is to purchase a new SUV fully marked and move vehicle 103 to community services as the current CSO vehicle is 12 years old and although it has low mileage it does have high maintenance and body work costs. The vehicles are listed as follows as of December 2021:

Vehicle 101 -	2020 Durango	11,000KM	Admin/CIB
Vehicle 102 -	2017 Police Utility	115,000KM	General Patrol
Vehicle 103 -	2017 Police Utility	135,000KM	General Patrol
Vehicle 104 -	2012 Ford Taurus	132,000KM	CIB
Vehicle 105 -	2015 Ford Taurus	34,000KM	Traffic
Vehicle 106 -	2018 Police Utility	61,000KM	Patrol/ALPR
Vehicle 107 -	2021 Dodge Charger	3,000KM	General Patrol
Vehicle 110 -	2010 Dodge Caravan	74,000KM	Community Service

Tom Blanchard, Sergeant
Fleet Manager



PROPERTY

The Smiths Falls Police Service has three officers to oversee and manage property items. The items are retained in a dedicated, secure and on site property vault.

These property items include but are not limited to: Exhibits that have been seized for evidence purposes, found items or items surrendered. The property officers ensure all property items are managed in a way to provide continuity for court purposes and any items that can be returned to their rightful owners is done. Any property items that the owner cannot be identified or located are retained for a minimum of 30 days.

In 2021, the following activities were overseen by the officers who manage the property and evidence of the Smiths Falls Police Service:

Police Auction

On September 23, 2021, we held a public auction to sell a decommissioned 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor cruiser from our fleet along with an additional 80 other items from our property vault. The auction was conducted by the Joynt Auction Company LTD. The total proceeds from the auction was \$5832.05.



Controlled Drugs and Substances

On January 19, 2021 members of the property room disposed of controlled substances that were not required for evidence or court purposes. All controlled substances that have come into the possession of the Police Service have been properly tracked and accounted for. Any of these exhibits that require analysis for

court purposes, is done by Health Canada. Health Canada provides a report for the investigating officer.

Firearms Log

All firearms that were seized, surrendered or stored for public safety in 2021, have been tracked and accounted for. An annual report is submitted to the appropriate Ministry for all firearms we have received or seized in that year. All firearms that meet the specified criteria are destroyed properly and reported on.

There were **622** items logged into property as exhibits in 2021. At this time, all property, drugs and firearms in the possession of the Smiths Falls Police Service are up to current ministry standards for seizure and retention.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Tompkins, Constable

CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISONS

MONTH	2020	2021
January	640	534
February	542	627
March	572	532
April	551	636
May	708	789
June	1008	659
July	705	782
August	777	694
September	655	747
October	629	688
November	613	553
December	695	618
TOTALS	8095	7859

CRIME STATISTICS - INCIDENTS

	2020	2021	% CHANGE
Murder	0	1	---
Robbery	2	1	- 50.0
Assault / Forcible Confinement	120	103	- 14.1
Sexual Assault	18	37	105.5
Criminal Harassment	51	42	- 17.6
Utter Threats	69	65	- 5.8
Break & Enter	50	31	- 38.0
Theft Related	192	187	- 2.6
Mischief to Property	94	101	7.4
Frauds	57	68	19.3
Bail Violation / Breach Probation and Court Orders	152	164	7.8
Arson	2	0	- 100.0
Drugs	11	19	72.7
Dangerous Operation Motor Vehicle	9	12	33.3
Impaired Driving - Alcohol	11	11	0.0
Impaired Driving – Drugs	3	3	0.0
Domestic Disturbance (Non-Criminal)	139	153	10.0
Mental Health Act	427	469	9.8

CLEARANCE RATES - INCIDENTS

Offence Type	2020			2021		
	Actual	Cleared	%	Actual	Cleared	%
Crimes of Violence	232	165	71.1	274	162	59.1
Property Crimes	392	85	21.7	384	83	21.6
Other Criminal Code	224	142	63.4	211	153	72.5
Drugs	11	10	90.9	19	19	100.0

ARRESTS AND CHARGES

	2020	2021
Arrests	325	343
Criminal Code Charges	896	948
Federal Charges	37	73

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT STATISTICS

TYPE	2019 (Final)	2020 (Final)	2021 (to Dec 31st)
FATAL INJURY	0	1	0
NON-FATAL INJURY	21	18	16
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	222	169	154
NON-REPORTABLE	3	3	6
OTHER	0	1	1
TOTAL SUBMITTED TO ACCIDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	246	192	177

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

TYPE	2020	2021
TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENCES	1300/854 Veh stops/charges	1577/1162 Veh stops/charges
OTHER PROVINCIAL STATUTES	62	82

MISSING PERSONS ACT

In 2019, the Ministry of the Solicitor General introduced the Missing Persons Act. Within the act, there are guidelines on the use of “Urgent Demands”, also more commonly known as “Amber Alerts”. Within those guidelines are annual reporting requirements on the use of the Urgent Demands. This assists the Ministry with statistical data and ensuring proper use of the protocol and any need to update.

The Chief of Police reports annually to the Police Service Board and this information is to be made available to the public. It is for this reason this is included in this annual report.

In 2021, the Smiths Falls Police Service did not have occasion to use the Urgent Demands protocol under the Missing Person Act protocol.

COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

In 2017, the Ministry brought in provincial regulation regarding the collection of identifying information of individuals. The legislation guides police officers as to when they ask individuals for identifying information ONLY in certain circumstances, it needs to be documented as to the circumstance (or reason), the age of the individual and the perceived race of the individual. These are classified as “attempted collections” or “identifying information collected”.

The Regulation does not apply with respect to a police officer attempting to collect identifying information from an individual if there are other legislated requirements for the individual to identify themselves, the individual is under arrest or being lawfully detained, the officer is engaged in a covert operation or the officer is executing a warrant pursuant to a court order. There are specific instances when a police officer shall not attempt to collect identifying information about individuals. The Regulation also provides that police officers in certain circumstances must inform the individual of certain rights when attempting to collect identifying information.

The Chief of Police reports annually to the Police Service Board and this information is to be made available to the public. It is for this reason this is included in this annual report.

In 2021, the Smiths Falls Police Service did not collect any identifying information in circumstances other than ones established by law.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

During 2021 there were 10 OIPRD (Office of the Independent Police Review Director) complaints.

Jan 20 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of a named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of neglect of duty.

The Director of the OIPRD referred the matter to the police service to investigate. The investigation was conducted and the complainant's allegations were found to be unsubstantiated.

Jan 25 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of named officers. The complaint related to an allegation of excessive use of force.

The Director of the OIPRD referred the matter to the police service to investigate. The investigation was conducted and the complainant's allegations were found to be unsubstantiated.

Feb 2 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.

The Director of the OIPRD initially referred the matter to the police service for Early Resolution. Attempts at early resolution were unsuccessful.

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Feb 17 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of a named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.

The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as it was determined that the matter could be dealt with under another Act or law.

- Apr 19 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of an unnamed officer. The complaint related to an allegation of discreditable conduct.
- The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as it was determined to not be in the public interest to do so.
- Jul 23 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of an unnamed officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unnecessary exercise of authority.
- The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as it was determined to not be in the public interest to do so.
- Oct 5 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.
- The Director of the OIPRD initially referred the matter to the police service for Early Resolution. The matter was subsequently resolved by means of an Informal Resolution Agreement.
- Nov 29 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.
- The Director of the OIPRD initially referred the matter to the police service for Early Resolution. Attempts at early resolution were unsuccessful.
Ongoing. (a)
- Dec 31 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of two named officers. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.
- The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as it was determined to not be in the public interest to do so. (a)
- Dec 31 The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of an unnamed officer. The complaint related to an allegation of unlawful exercise of authority.

The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as it was determined to not be in the public interest to do so. (a)

Notes: a) One individual filed four separate complaints.

Richard Labelle
Deputy Chief

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

During 2021 there was one new SIU related investigation involving members of the police service.

Apr. 27 SIU Case # 21-OCI-135

This incident relates to an individual who was arrested and held in custody overnight at the police facility. The following morning, he complained of an injury to his hand and attributed it to arrest the previous night. He was taken to hospital and diagnosed with a broken bone in his right hand. The SIU was notified and invoked their mandate.

One member of the Smiths Falls Police Service was identified as a 'subject officer', while three members were designated as 'witness officers'. Certain reports and information were requested by the SIU.

The SIU concluded its investigation on June 21, 2021 and determined there were no grounds to reasonably believe that a member of the Smiths Falls Police Service committed a criminal offence in relation to injuries sustained by the complainant in this matter.

Richard Labelle
Deputy Chief