



Retirement of Deputy Chief Labelle, Pictured with retired Chief Bill Stocker, current Chief Mark MacGillivray and retired Chief Robert (Bob) Dowdall.

# Smiths Falls Police Service 2022 Annual Report



Canada Day Celebrations



Swearing in Deputy Chief Empey



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March 2023

Shawn Pankow, Chairperson, and Members,  
Smiths Falls Police Services Board

Dear Chair Pankow and Board Members:

I am very pleased to provide you and members of the community with the Smiths Falls Police Service 2022 Annual Report. This report is a collaborative effort of hard work. Each of our members plays a role in the contents of the report and being part of the initiatives and community partnerships.

We have come through the worst of the pandemic and been able to sustain a police service providing excellence in education, enforcement and community safety. Although we still see some of the efficiencies in meeting virtually, virtual courts, virtual training, we are very pleased to be back out in the community and meeting with our public and partners in person. Our presence on patrols on foot and bike along with our road safety initiatives as well as our crime prevention continue to be a priority.

Although, we have seen some changes within the ranks with the promotions of Deputy Chief Jodi Empey, Staff Sergeant Tom Blanchard and Sergeant Brent Pellet, along with some new faces we have hired, we still provide the same "Community First" approach to public safety.

We have been working hard improving technologies such as our Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS), our Automated Licence Plate Readers (ALPR), upgrading our phones to meet our goals with Next Generation 9-1-1.

In 2022 we have had another successful budget year coming in under budget and taking advantage of many provincial grant opportunities. We continue to leverage grant funding to improve programs that are already in place and working towards new ones.

With 2022 being an election year, we saw some changes to Council and the Police Services Board while maintaining a good corporate knowledge. I want to thank our previous Chair, Karen Hallinan for her eighteen years on the Police Service Board. She provided stable leadership to the Board and sound advice to me as well. We wish her all the best.

I wish to thank the Board for their continued support and confidence in your police service and thank the men and women who work tirelessly with dedication and professionalism each and every day to make it all possible.

Respectfully,  
Mark MacGillivray, Chief of Police





## **SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

MRS. KAREN HALLINAN  
COMMUNITY MEMBER  
CHAIRPERSON  
(January – December)

MR. SHAWN PANKOW  
MAYOR  
(January - December)

MR. CHRISTOPHER MCGUIRE  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
(January - December)

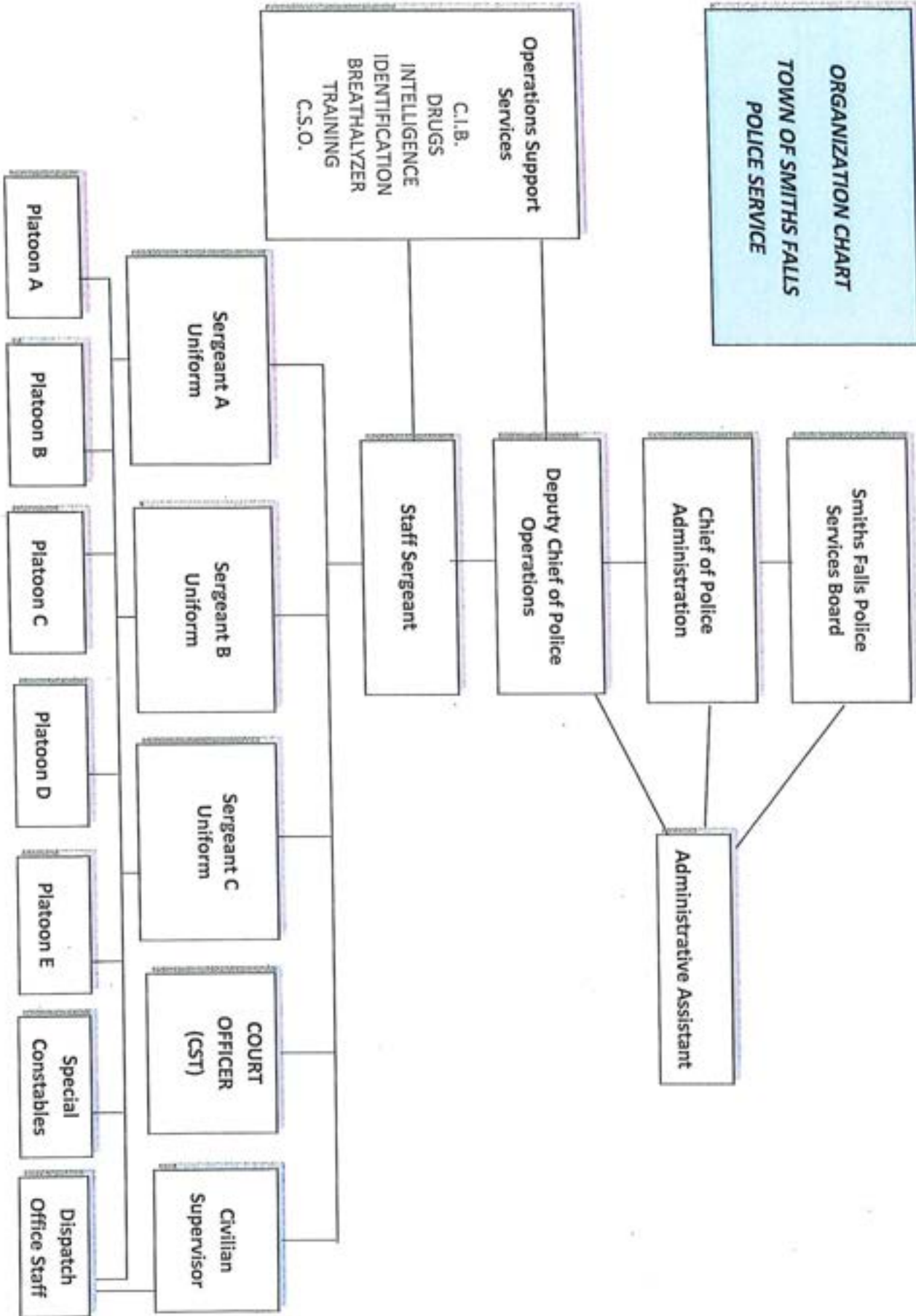
JENNIFER AUNGER-RITCHIE  
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT  
(January – December)

MR. CHRISTOPHER BABCOCK  
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT  
(January – December)

MS. JANICE TOMLINSON  
SECRETARY  
(January – July)  
MRS LENORE WILLOWS  
(July – December)  
MRS STEPHANIE MCFADDEN  
(December)



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





## **UNIFORM PERSONNEL**

Mark MacGillivray	Chief of Police	Joined 09NOV87
Rick Labelle	Deputy Chief	Joined 20JUN94 Retired 30JUN22
Jodi Empey	Staff Sergeant Deputy Chief (01JUL22)	Joined 11JUL94
Thomas Blanchard	Sergeant Staff Sergeant (01SEP22)	Joined 23AUG98
Nadine Wilson	Sergeant	Joined 10JUN94
Daniel King	Sergeant	Joined 22NOV04
Brent Pellett	Constable Sergeant (01DEC22)	Joined 04SEP07
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
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



## ***CIVILIAN PERSONNEL***

Janice Tomlinson	Administrative Assistant	Joined 13JUN94 Retired 31AUG22
Stephanie McFadden	Administrative Assistant	Joined 12DEC22
Lenore Willows	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 04SEP01 Retired 31MAY22
	Administrative Assistant	01JUN22 – 26JAN23
Micheila Blackburn	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 03FEB03
Katheryn Commodore	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26AUG05
Kaitlynn Beath	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 16JUL12
Ronda Seed	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26JAN15
Brett Lacey	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 26JUL21 Full Time 01JUN22

## ***PART-TIME CIVILIAN PERSONNEL***

Jodi Stevenson	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 13Oct20 Resigned 13FEB22
Tammy Hardy	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 21JUN22
Chloe Wilson	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 06DEC21
Kim Fawaz	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 08AUG22 Resigned 26OCT22

## ***SPECIAL CONSTABLES***

Mark Bell	Special Constable	Joined 09JAN12
Chloe Wilson	Special Constable	Joined 19MAY22

## ***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 (2021 Census)	9,254
Land Area	9.66 km <sup>2</sup>
Streets	67.99 km
Private Dwellings	4,523
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**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
TOTAL POLICE CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 108,000	\$ 101,888
<b>NET CAPITAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 6,112</b>	
TOTAL POLICE OPERATIONAL BUDGET	\$ 5,075,524	\$ 5,033,184
<b>NET OPERATIONAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 42,340</b>	
TOTAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD	\$ 32,369	\$30,602
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$1,767</b>	

## **TRAINING COURSES**

***The following courses were completed by staff in 2022***

Incident Command 100  
Modernized Use of Force Report  
Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances (2022)  
IMS 100  
Missing Persons Act Disclaimer  
Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act  
Officer Authorities and the New Cannabis Legislation  
CPIC terminal operators Training  
Evidence Based Policing  
Strangulation (domestic)  
Crisis negotiator  
Health and Safety recertification  
Firearms and Use of Force recertification  
Major Case Management  
Mobile Surveillance  
Forensic Ident Recertification  
Trauma Informed Training  
SOCO (Scenes of Crime officer)  
Facilitating and Assessing Police Learning  
Scribe course  
Breathe Technicians Course (2 people)  
Mental Health/First aid training  
CPKN course  
Traffic course (CPKN) 2 people  
IDENT Conference  
Cyber Security Seminar  
Front Line Supervisor Course  
Mental Health & First Aid Training



## **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 8051 calls for service in 2022. This includes answering the calls, gathering all of the pertinent information and dispatching the officers when required. Providing accurate and relevant information in a timely manner 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. Much of the work they do involves a great deal of technology with our radio systems, records management systems, computer automated dispatch systems (CAD), CPIC, digital evidence management systems (DEMS), and much more.

## **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 in 2024. We have replaced our phone systems and working towards our CAD refresh later in 2023.



## Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers

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In 2022, the Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers celebrated 30 years of servicing the Town of Smiths Falls! Throughout the year, 157 tips were received and managed by the Police Coordinator.

Crime Stoppers relies on the community and police in a collaborative campaign against fighting crime in our communities. All "Tipsters" who provide tips on crimes or suspected crimes are offered cash rewards up to \$2000.00, upon an arrest and are always kept anonymous.

The Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers organization is a not for profit charitable organization managed by a volunteer board of directors and assisted by the Smiths Falls Police Service Police Coordinator.

#### Smiths Falls and District Crime Stoppers Board Members for 2022

**President:** Amber MacDonald

**Past President:** N/A

**Vice President:** Lyle Clancy

**Secretary:** Kelsey Jackson

**Treasurer:** Sheldon Giff

**Directors:** Chuck Hudson, Jackie Coldrey, John Putnam and Rick Kirkwood

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



Pictured: Smiths Falls & District Board Members: John Putnam, Rick Kirkwood, Jackie Coldrey and Lyle Clancy

**Community Involvement:**

Our board of directors are very active in an array of community events in Smiths Falls and surrounding communities. We believe that strong community partnerships are crucial and often assist or invite community partners to join alongside us. Some of the community events we participated in 2022 were:

Santa Claus Parade, Remembrance Day ceremony, Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, Zombie Walk, Kids Cops & Fishing Day, Canada Day celebrations, Community cruise nights and Bicycle Safety and Rodeo.



**Fundraising events:**

Normally each January, as part of the National Crime Stoppers awareness month we host a fundraising dance at the Smiths Falls Legion. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we could not this January. Once the restrictions lifted, we were able to have our fundraiser dance in September. We also conducted two chocolate bar campaigns in where a portion of the proceeds went back into our program. We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the amazing

community clubs and businesses that support our Crime Stoppers program each and every year!

The continued success of Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers can be attributed mainly too, 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.

Sincerely,  
Constable Aaron Tompkins  
Smiths Falls & District Crime  
Stoppers  
Police Coordinator

## CRIME PREVENTION

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the community, their properties, the businesses in our town and visitors to our community.

Smiths Falls Police frontline patrol officers play a continued and crucial role in Crime Prevention. Officers play a crucial role in proactive policing with random RIDE spot checks, school visits, foot patrols and targeted patrols and enforcement.

Officers provide advice and assistance to private residences, personal property and our local businesses with a service of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), this service is designed to deter crimes against properties.

The Smiths Falls Police Service and frontline patrol officers continue to take part in Crime Prevention initiatives such as the annual "Lock It or Lose It" Crime Prevention program along with Frauds and Scams education and awareness through Social Media.



# FRAUD ALERT!

Crime Prevention continues to evolve and take on many forms within our police service and community. We strive to provide resources to educate and make our residents and community partners more aware as informed as possible. The use of social media, print campaigns and radio are ways to spread the information and education. Our goal is to foster strong collaborative relationships within our community.

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to protecting victims from being re-victimized by monitoring and keeping up to date offenders who are released on bail conditions or on a police undertaking and monitor activates to ensure they are complying with their release condition.

Upon being release, an offenders' release conditions are logged and continuously monitored by the Staff Sergeant and Sergeants. Based on this information officers are assigned to conduct regular and random compliance checks with the offenders by attending their residence to ensure they are abiding by conditions such a curfew,

ensuring they are residing at the approved residence and following a variety of other release conditions.

Front line Officers with the Smiths Falls Police Service utilize a variety of tools and technology to keep the community safe. Officers are often seen on bike patrol and foot patrol around town building relationships in with the community. Marked and unmarked police cruiser are equipped with in car camera systems for evidentiary purposes, police radars and 1 cruiser utilizes an ALPR which is an automated license plate reader. In the near future all police cruisers will have in car cameras that will be ALPR capable. Officers have the choice of using a hand held radar unit or a compact police Lidar. Front line officers are often found patrolling the community safety zones around schools and retirement homes to ensure the safety and security of our community's youth and aging population.



In 2022, there were a total of 8051 calls for service that the Smiths Falls Police Service attended. 406 of those were 911 calls. 313 were for a variety of criminal code charges that include but not limited to threats, assaults and domestic related calls for service. 214 occurrences related to non-compliance with court orders. 450 occurrences related to thefts, shoplifting and break and enters and 416 occurrences that were traffic related.

Break and Enter incidents into homes or businesses can have lasting impact on the victims of these crimes and the community. Officers regularly patrol areas that may be targets of these crimes. If break and enters begin in our community it usually just is not a one off or random event. Most often times if one B&E is reported to police, others usually will follow. The Smiths Falls Police are quick to respond to these calls to allow for the preservation of what could be crucial evidence that may prove important to a case. The Smiths Falls Police Service will utilize our Identification Unit and/or SOCO

(Scenes of Crime Officers) to assist in these investigations. Officers will increase their active patrols in the areas targeted for B&E's whether on foot, bike, marked vehicle or through covert techniques. Information sharing with other enforcement agencies is crucial to investigating crimes. Officers will also assist the homeowner or victim of the crime with support services such as Victim Services for safety planning and offer crime prevention tips.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to maintain partnerships with the OPP's Provincial Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad, commonly referred to as the ROPE Squad. The ROPE Squad works in partnership with police services across the province to locate parole violators and repeat offenders. Specifically they assist with wanted criminal offenders in our community. In 2022, 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.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE



Constable Brett, Deputy Chief Empey, Chief MacGillivray and Constable Tompkins attended the Trinity United Church Service to honour Orange Shirt day and Police Memorial



Special Constable Chloe Wilson and Communicator Tammy Hardy dress up for the annual "Turkey Trot and Stuff a Cruiser" Campaign in support of the food bank at St. Francis School



Constable Sean Keogan interacts with the Community in the downtown core



Max had a visit with Chief MacGillivray at their Coffee with a Cop- hosted by Starbucks



Sergeant Wilson helping out at the Annual Torch Run BBQ to support our local Special Olympic Athletes and families





## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Smiths Falls Police Service Community Services Officer (CSO) plays a vital role in Crime Prevention. The CSO is a link to the community and is often seen giving presentations to schools, various community groups, boards and the general public on various topics. These relationships are important to maintain and grow in order to learn what the community finds important. Requests from the schools and community groups on presentations cover a wide range of 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! A collaborative approach is often used for the presentation of these topics. These partnerships allow us to pair and co-present with applicable community partners. Some of these valuable community partners are 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).

With the continued growth of social media and access to information The Smiths Falls Police Service Media Relations Officer continues to use the Police Service Website and Facebook page to promote Crime Prevention initiatives, education and awareness, often with links to other community partners to for ease of access more information



## **Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Community Safety and Well-being**

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to work collaboratively with our Community and Police Partners across Ontario in an effort to prevent Intimate Partner Violence. Sadly, statistics in 2022 showed a continued high rate of intimate partner violence in Ontario resulting in homicides.

Our local statistics show a rise in reported Intimate Partner Violence calls- 170 calls for service in 2022 compared to 120 in 2021. It is not a true reflection on what goes on in our Community, as we know Gender Based Violence is under reported, but with education and awareness, our community is learning how to help those in abusive situations and offer those the support who are currently in an abusive situation. Bail Violation offences are not included in these statistics but they also on many occasions relate to outstanding Intimate Partner Violence related charges

In 2022 we received a Community Safety and Policing Grant to support victims of violence. With our funding, we utilized a portion for mobile support. Officers are now equipped with Cell phones, lap tops, a new camera- all to support Victims of Violence on any scene. We recognized through hearing from survivors that it could be very traumatic to attend a police station to provide police with an interview. Being in the comforts of their own personal surroundings whenever possible helps the process of photographing injuries or taking video statements. Having that mobile response on scene capturing evidence, in real time, assists in successful prosecutions in court processes and helps in making it a little less traumatic for the survivor.

The interviews are downloaded to DEMS (Digital evidence Management) which lessens times for civilian staff and Crown Attorneys to transcribe the statements.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continue to advocate for Victims of Violence in Bail Reform. The OACP certainly have raised this issue after the senseless murder of OPP Constable Pierzchala who was killed by a male out on release of bail with very little conditions to abide by. Far too frequently, this happens within our own court system at the bail stage where high risk domestic violent offenders are released soon after assaulting their partner, with little time for police and Victim Service advocates to prepare a proper safety plan. We continue to work with our Crown Attorney's at the bail hearing stage to ensure there is an adequate safety plan in place if offender is released by a Justice of the Peace.

Our Compliance checks are one of the strictest ones in the County. If offenders are released from custody, uniformed officers attend their home on a regular basis to ensure compliance and protect the survivor. If there is a warrant on a high-risk domestic offender, we use all our resources including social media, canvassing friends and neighbours to locate them or utilize the assistance of the Provincial ROPE squad. When located, we communicate with the victims as to the bail hearing date. Their warrant is entered onto CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) to ensure that other police agencies are aware if they are in contact with that person.



There is an Intimate Partner Violence Co-ordinator with the Service and Deputy Chief Empey continues to oversee the most serious IPV Violence cases and engage in committees such as the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Committee and continues to sit on the Victim Services Board and the Community Safety and Well-being. We are proud to say that the CSWB plan includes Intimate Partner Violence.

We continue to work with Lanark County Interval House and with their Victim Advocate. We also were part of a discussion and full review of the Inquest relating to the murders in Renfrew County. The Deputy Chief has implemented in the Service's policy all police related recommendations mentioned in this inquest. We are proud of the hard work Lanark County Interval House and their representatives have done to have Lanark County deem Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic. Lanark County also is one of the only areas in the Province that has Intimate Partner Violence implemented in their Community Safety and Wellbeing plan. Smiths Falls Police in partnership with Victim Service participated in presentations to area schools and church groups speaking of topics and prevention tips relating to Intimate Partner Violence. Its' important to get the message across to friends, family and people in our community to report any signs of Intimate Partner violence that they may hear or see- which also includes, harassment both online and in person, abuse of animals, control, obsession, jealousy.



Deputy Chief Empey working with Lanark County Interval House on the Mosaic project that is set to be installed at Smiths Falls Town Hall in the Spring of 2023. This mosaic will represent Community Action against Gender Based Violence and provide those with a peaceful place to sit and reflect.

## ***MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (MCRT)***

Working collaboratively with Lanark County Mental Health and the Lanark County O.P.P., the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) continues to be a proven and effective model in our community. MCRT staff, alongside members of our police service, provide a live response support to individuals and their families who are experiencing acute emotional distress through assessment, stabilization, brief counselling and linkages to community resources.

The MCRT Team consists of two nurses and two social workers trained in mental health and serve the Smiths Falls and surrounding communities in Lanark County.

Our 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. The use of the MCRT Team, better serves the person in crisis, reduces the amount of persons apprehended under the Mental Health Act, provides better and quicker referrals to mental health services and reduces the need for persons in crisis to be in our hospital emergency rooms.

Should the client be faced with any criminality, each case is reviewed and if the criteria is met, a referral to the Mental Health Diversion Court is made through our Court Services.

In 2022, members of our MCRT and Liaison Officer conducted presentations to our local high school students on the topics of conflict resolution and substance dependency. Another presentation was to the Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Foster Parents on the topic of substance dependency and training on how and when to administer Naloxone.

The continued success of this community agency partnership is very evident and appreciated by clients that have experienced calls for service with our team of MCRT professionals.

### **HealthIM**

In 2022, members of the Smiths Falls Police Service had continued success in using the HealthIM program, a clinically validated standardized electronic brief mental health screener for frontline patrol officers.



**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 in situations where an individual requires transportation to the hospital, have the ability to complete the HealthIM screener and electronically transmit a summary of on-scene observations and risk score rankings to the Smiths Falls Hospital prior to officer arrival. Should the patient not need an apprehension under the Mental Health Act, a referral can also be sent immediately and

electronically to Lanark County Mental Health or Open Doors for Lanark Children & Youth. Members of the MCRT Team will keep engaged with these clients until entrenched in available services.

### **2022 MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS – SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE**

The Smiths Falls Police Service responded to **476** mental health calls throughout 2022, with an average apprehension rate of 8% and average wait time at the hospital of 1 hr 44 min.

Constable Aaron Tompkins  
Community Services Officer/MCRT Liaison Officer

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE**

In 2022, 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 case investigations in addition to illegal drug enforcement and intelligence gathering. During the course of 2022, the Crime Unit investigated an array of criminal offences including serious violent crime, large-scale frauds, and drug and weapons offences.

Members of the Crime Unit regularly work in conjunction with the OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and the OPP Repeat Offender and Parolee Enforcement Unit (ROPE). This year saw numerous joint investigation between the Crime Unit, ROPE and CSCU. As a result, multiple wanted violent offenders were arrested and numerous Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Search Warrants were executed. The Smiths Falls Police Service understands that criminal activity is not restricted by geographical boundaries and by maintaining partnerships with outside police agencies, we can be more effective at tackling crime in our community.

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 Service also values and has used investigative tools within CISO including the FATE program. This program collects intelligence and conducts forensic analysis on firearms seized by police. The Smiths Falls Police Service understands the importance of intelligence led policing and intelligence sharing with our police partners.

Brad Walker #49  
Detective Constable



## Impaired Driving Program

Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to ensuring safety for all vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic on the highways and trail systems within our community. This takes place in a through education, prevention, enforcement and the apprehension and prosecution of drivers impaired by alcohol and or drugs. Enforcement and detection of impaired drivers takes place in a number of different ways such as routine traffic stops and R.I.D.E – sobriety checkpoints. Traffic complainants called in by citizens through 911 are also helping police to identify potentially dangerous drivers.

Impaired driving is not limited to vehicles on highways or streets but also includes vessels on our waterways, off road vehicles and snowmobiles on the trails systems that run through our community.

All of our frontline officers are certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and in the use of roadside screening devices (RSD), which assists in the detection of drivers impaired, by alcohol and or drugs.

In addition, Smiths Falls Police Service currently has eight (8) active members trained as Qualified Breath Technicians and one (1) member trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). These officers receive yearly recertification and proficiency testing in their field.

Equipment used in the detection of impaired drivers by alcohol and Drugs:

- **Intoxilyzer 8000C**
- **Drager Alcotest 6810**
- **Drager Drug Test 5000**

### 2022 Breath Testing

Number of Breath Test by SFPS: 14

### 2022 Charges

Impaired Driving (Alcohol):	8	Impaired Driving (Drug):	3
Drive Exceed 80:	8	Refusal:	3
Drive Cannabis Readily Available:	3	Drive Liquor Readily Available:	6
Drive without interlock Device:	2		

**Sergeant Daniel King #40**  
**Field Coordinator Impaired Driving Program**



## Road Safety Initiatives

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to making our roadways a safer place in our community for all drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists. This is undertaken by targeted programs focused on improving driver habits through education and enforcement.

Over the past two years, the Town of Smiths Falls has undertaken and successfully redesigned Beckwith St replacing ageing infrastructure above and below ground. Through a well-constructed and maintained roadway, designated bike lanes and new signage has transformed our community's downtown core into a safer place for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Officers on general patrol incorporate traffic enforcement into their daily duties and deployment. We strive to keep our communities roadways, sidewalks, bike paths and trails a safe place for all to enjoy.

### Targeted Programs:

**Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)** – focuses traffic enforcement on different areas of concern each month. Example- School zones, intersections safety, seat belts and child seats, speed zones.

**Canada Road Safety Week** – Is a national campaign to improve Canada's roads into the safest in the world. This takes place for a week in May of each year.

**Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Blitz** – Officers team up with MTO officers to conduct safety inspections on Commercial Motor vehicles and passenger vehicles.

**R.I.D.E Programs**- take place as a regular enforcement practice by our members and take place all year in different streets, waterways and trails in our community.

**Speed trailer** – our mobile speed trailer can be moved to different locations around our community to assist in the education of drivers. The trailer is equipped with a radar, which displays the vehicles speed and depending on the speed will flash warning lights.

### Advancement in Technology

As the world around us becomes more high-tech. Smiths Falls Police Service strives to stay updated on all advanced technologies to assist in keeping our community a safer place to work, live and play. The implantation of technology into an officer's patrol car assists in keeping the officer patrolling the streets for a longer period. This also allows officers to conduct investigations in real-time by having vital information readily available and reducing investigative hours. This technology also allows our officers to capture, collect and analyze evidence roadside. Smiths Falls



Police Service utilizes and maintains lots of new and old technology in all of our frontline vehicles.

**Radar/Lidar Speed Measuring Devices** – Smiths Falls Police Service uses both dash mounted and handheld radar Devices in our frontline patrol vehicles. We also have one (1) Lidar Speed Measuring device, which is a handheld unit. We also have one officer designated as a Radar and Lidar trainer who ensures all frontline officers are certified and proficient in the use of both devices.

**In- Car computers** – allow officers too securely, remotely and in real time access a number of police databases. These computers allow the officer to have access to pertinent information while on scene of investigations or traffic stops.

**In-Car Video Cameras** – With the assistance of our in- car camera system our officers are able to provide accountability and transparency in our daily interaction with members of the public. The system allows the secure collection and preservation of evidence in both traffic enforcement and criminal investigations.

**Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)** – Since 2021, Smiths Falls Police Service has had one (1) frontline patrol vehicle equipped with an ALPR system. This consists of cameras mounted to the patrol vehicle, which scans license plates and compares the plate to a secure Provincial database. Officers will then be alerted to a number of offences, which include wanted persons, suspended drivers, stolen vehicles, missing persons and vehicles associated with criminal activities such as Human Trafficking.

In 2023 through Provincial funding Smiths Falls Police Service will be equipping three (3) more frontline vehicles with ALPR technology.

#### Driving Offences Statistics 2022

<b>Vehicles Stops:</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>Motor vehicle collisions:</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>HTA/CAIA charges:</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>Traffic Complaints:</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>Dangerous Driving:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Fail to Stop/remain:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Suspended Driving:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>Stop Sign:</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Prohibited Driving Criminal:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Street Racing:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Weapons:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Flight from police:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Possession/Traffic Drugs:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Speeding:</b>	<b>293</b>

Smiths Falls Police Service will continue to work hard to improve the safety of 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 continues to allow our Police Service to enhance our enforcement and prevention regarding alcohol and drug impairment to keep our roadways safe.

This year our grant money given was \$8,800 allowing our Officers to conduct 8 RIDE programs leading up to the holiday season through the months of November, December and into January 2023. Sgt. Dan King oversaw the program.

Aside from the allocated RIDE programs, our officers also conducted 29 RIDE spot checks during their regular shifts.

Our Officers went to various areas and different times of the day through town to conduct RIDE spot checks ensuring drivers were not impaired by alcohol, drugs or both. Many times, it's an opportunity to also enforce the Highway Traffic Act, by catching suspended or unlicensed drivers, or persons who have outstanding Criminal Warrants, or giving friendly advice on replacing headlights.

In all total our Service checked 2002 vehicles during their patrol RIDE spot checks and 2195 vehicles during the allocated RIDE times.

As a result of their RIDE checks for 2022, there were 43 Highway Traffic Act warnings, 3 Provincial Offences Act charges, 1 Cannabis readily available in vehicle, one suspend driver, one arrest warrant, and 3 Approved Screening Device (ASD) roadside issued with 2 drivers that passed and one driver was issued an alert which resulted in a 3 day suspension.

No impaired driving charges were laid because of the RIDE Program.

In 2023 the RIDE spot checks will branch out to various months to coincide with festivals in the area.



## ***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 223 caliber 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. The cadre is comprised of two officers from each service. Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods represent the Smiths Falls Police Service.

Pistol requalification training was conducted at Reticle Training Centre in Brockville, while the Carbine requalification training was conducted at the Grenville Fish and Game Club. Every member from the Smiths Falls Police Service is qualified to carry the C8 Carbine and deploys them while on patrol.

All training exceeds the Provincial Policing Standards and is consistent with the Ontario Use of Force Model.

All officers successfully completed the 2022 annual Firearms requalification.

Respectfully,

Constable Brock Woods  
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. The cadre is comprised of two officers from each service. Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods represent the Smiths Falls Police Service. Training was conducted at Reticle Training Centre in Brockville. All training exceeds the Provincial Policing Standards and is consistent with the Ontario Use of Force Model.

In 2022, the cadre invested in a Hook-And-Loop (HALT) training suit that works in conjunction with TASER cartridges. This suit allows officers to deploy special TASER cartridges during scenario-based training exercises to mimic real-world dynamic situations.

All officers successfully completed the 2022 Smiths Falls Police Service Use of Force requalification.

Respectfully,

Constable Brock Woods  
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 deploy 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 2022 was nine, which resulted in the submission of 17 individual reports. More than one use of force option may be used during any given situation.

Report Type	2022
Reports involving firearms	14
Reports involving Capsicum Spray (OC)	0
Reports involving Asp (baton)	0
Reports involving Empty Hand Techniques	2
Reports involving Taser X2	3
Total Reports	17
Total Occurrences	9



In January 2023 the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario will be implementing a new in depth Use of Force Reporting system under the Police Services Act. This is to be able to have a more in-depth evaluation of the circumstances surrounding the Use of Force by an officer in each particular incident.

Brock Woods  
Firearms and Use of Force Instructor

## VEHICLE FLEET



The Smiths Falls Police Service currently has eight (8) vehicles in our fleet that are used in a variety of roles from frontline patrol, community services, criminal Investigative branch and administration. Of these vehicles five (5) are fully marked patrol vehicles and three (3) are unmarked vehicles.

All of the vehicles are equipped with emergency lighting, radio equipment, first aid kits, feeling vehicle stopping sticks and defibrillators. All six (6) of the frontline vehicles have onboard computers and in-car cameras system which allows officers to conduct much of their investigations while on patrol and assists in the collection and preservation of evidence. Of these five (5) are able to be used for prisoner transport in the rear seat.

The use of Radar Speed Measuring Devices assist officers in the education and enforcement of keeping our roadways safe. Three (3) of our frontline vehicles outfitted with dash mounted moving radar. Officers also have the option to use a handheld Radar or Lidar from inside any of our vehicles while stationary.

One (1) of our fully marked frontline patrol vehicles is equipped with Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR). This ensures officers will be alerted number of offences, which include wanted persons, suspended drivers, stolen vehicles, missing persons and vehicles associated with criminal activities such as Human Trafficking.

The upkeep and maintenance of our service vehicles is a priority in keeping our community and officers safe. Smiths Falls Nissan currently holds the maintenance contract for the Smiths Falls Police Service fleet.

**Current Fleet as of December 2022:**

Vehicle 101	2020 Dodge Durango	26,200KM	Admin CIB
Vehicle 102	2017 Ford Police U/T	138,800KM	General Patrol
Vehicle 103	2017 Ford Police U/T	154,500KM	Community Services
Vehicle 104	2012 Ford Taurus	145,650KM	CIB
Vehicle 105	2015 Ford Taurus	49,700KM	General Patrol/Traffic
Vehicle 106	2018 Ford Police U/T	83,900KM	General Patrol/ALPR
Vehicle 107	2021 Dodge Charger	16,775KM	General Patrol
Vehicle 108	2022 Ford Police U/T	200km	General Patrol

**Dan King, Sergeant**

**Fleet Manager**



## ***PROPERTY***

The Smiths Falls Police Service has three officers to oversee and manage property items. Property items are retained in a dedicated, secure on-site property vault. Examples of what is entered and stored in our property vault are 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. All items entered into property are logged in our internal Records Management System (RMS). Any property items that the owner cannot be identified or located are retained for a minimum of 30 days.

### ***Controlled Drugs and Substances***

All controlled substances that have come into the possession of the Police Service in 2022, have been properly tracked and accounted for. Any of the exhibits that require analysis for court purposes, conducted by Health Canada. The dedicated drug property officer provides a monthly tracking report to Health Canada, showing all of the controlled substances entered into our property vault.

### ***Firearms Log***

All firearms seized, surrendered or stored for public safety in 2022, have been tracked and accounted for. The dedicated firearms property officer submits an annual report to the RCMP, for all firearms that the Smiths Falls Police have received or seized in that year. All firearms that meet the specified criteria are disposed by an approved third party agency.

A total of **459** items logged into property as exhibits in 2022, a reduction of 163 items from 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.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISONS

MONTH	2021	2022
January	534	658
February	627	555
March	532	619
April	636	691
May	789	676
June	659	890
July	782	714
August	694	717
September	747	685
October	688	642
November	553	552
December	618	652
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7859</b>	<b>8051</b>

**CRIME STATISTICS – INCIDENTS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
Murder	1	0	-100
Robbery	1	1	0.0
Assault / Forcible Confinement	103	102	-0.9
Sexual Assault	37	14	-62
Criminal Harassment	42	35	-16.6
Utter Threats	65	29	-55.3
Break & Enter	31	44	41.9
Theft Related	187	262	40.1
Mischief to Property	101	114	12.8
Frauds	68	102	50.0
Bail Violation / Breach Probation and Court Orders	164	159	3.0
Arson	0	3	---
Drugs	19	19	0.0
Dangerous Operation Motor Vehicle	12	13	8.3
Impaired Driving - Alcohol	11	8	-27.2
Impaired Driving – Drugs	3	3	0.0
Domestic Disturbance (Non-Criminal)	153	154	0.6
Mental Health Act	469	476	1.4



### CLEARANCE RATES - INCIDENTS

Offence Type	2021			2022		
	Actual	Cleared	%	Actual	Cleared	%
Crimes of Violence	274	162	59.1	180	144	80
Property Crimes	384	83	21.6	518	115	22.2
Other Criminal Code	211	153	72.5	216	160	74.1
Drugs	19	19	100.0	19	19	100.0

### ARRESTS AND CHARGES

	2021	2022
Arrests	343	357
Criminal Code Charges	948	981
Federal Charges	73	75



## **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT STATISTICS**

TYPE	2020 (Final)	2021 (Final)	2022 (to Dec 31st)
FATAL INJURY	1	0	1
NON-FATAL INJURY	18	16	20
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	169	156	189
NON-REPORTABLE	3	6	1
OTHER	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED TO ACCIDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>212</b>

## **TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

TYPE	2021	2022
TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENCES	1577/1162 Veh stops/charges	1403/931 Veh stops/charges
OTHER PROVINCIAL STATUTES	82	59



## **MISSING PERSONS ACT**

In 2019, the Ministry of the Solicitor General introduced the Missing Persons Act. Within the act, is O Reg 182/19 with guidelines on the use of "Urgent Demands". These include investigative techniques to obtain private information in emergency situations in order to assist in locating an individual. 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 and accountability 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 2022, the Smiths Falls Police Service used the Urgent Demand protocol on seven occasions. This includes such things as dental records, banking records, cell phone pings and surveillance videos.

## **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 2022, the Smiths Falls Police Service did not collect any identifying information in circumstances other than ones established by law.

## ***PUBLIC COMPLAINTS***

Public Complaints- OIPRD – Office of the Independent Police Review Director

During 2021 there were 14 OIPRD complaints with 8 that were carried over from 2021. The Police Service attempts to resolve minor complaints informally, or assists the public with filling out the complaint to the OIPRD online or fax. 7 were investigated in 2022. The remainder was screened out by OIPRD.

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>- The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct on the part of the named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of failing to provide service. The same complainant filed 4 similar OIPRD complaints in 2021 and 3 in 2022.

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>- Complainant filed a complaint alongside first complaint alleging misconduct on the part of the named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of failing to provide service.

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.

May 18<sup>th</sup>- The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct against two named officers. The complaint related to an allegation of a driving complaint.

The Director of the OIPRD referred the matter to the police service to investigate. The investigation was conducted and was resolved through an informal resolution.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – The complainant filed a complaint with the OIPRD alleging misconduct against a named officer. The complaint related to an allegation of excessive use of force.

The Director of the OIPRD opted not to proceed with the complaint as there are criminal charges before the courts for complainant.

There were no outstanding OIPRD complaints that were carried over into 2023.



## ***SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT***

### **SIU Investigations**

The SIU- Special Investigations Unit, is a civilian law enforcement agency, independent of the police, that conducts criminal investigations into circumstances involving police and civilians that have resulted in serious injury, death or allegations of sexual assault. In the course of its investigations, the Unit gathers and assesses evidence, and the Director of the SIU decides whether or not the evidence leads to the reasonable belief that a criminal offence has been committed. If the Director forms such a belief, she or he shall lay a criminal charge against the officer(s), and that charge will then be prosecuted by the Crown Attorney. If the Director does not form such a belief, she or he cannot lay a criminal charge against the officer(s).

In 2021 the SIU had 0 reported incidents regarding the Smiths Falls Police Service.

Jodi Empey  
Deputy Chief

