

REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE**TO****THE CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Board Report Number: 4.1 (Regular)

Date of Report: May 3, 2023

Date of Board Meeting: May 10, 2023

Reference: New Hires, Reclassifications etc...

Recommendation: A Board resolution approving the above mentioned new hires, promotions, reclassifications and resignations.

New Hires

As a result of a hiring process, it is recommended that Jean-Sebastien Bourgeois to be hired as an Information Systems Technician, effective Monday May 01, 2023.

Reclassification

It is recommended that Third Class Constables, Sommer Phenix and Andrew Brown, be elevated to Second Class Constable effective May 12, 2023. They have successfully obtained the 2023 fitness pin and their immediate supervisors support this elevation.

It is recommended that Second Class Constable, Tyler Bergsma, be elevated to First Class Constable effective April 09, 2023. He has successfully obtained the 2023 fitness pin, passed the First-Class Constable exam, and the immediate supervisors support this elevation.

Promotions

Cadets Nathan Lavoie, Dylan Moniz, Avery Wilson, Kyle Merritt, Ashleigh LaBlance, Cole Freeman, Destinee Dagenais, John Goulet and Travis Maxwell recently graduated from the Basic Constable Training Program at OPC and it is recommended that they be promoted to the rank of Fourth Class Constables, effective April 21, 2023.

Resignations

Part-time Permanent ECO, Nikki Finlay, has tenured her resignation effective April 17, 2023.

Recommended by:



Chief of Police, Gary Conn

REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE

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TO

THE CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Board Report Number: 4.2 (Regular)

Date of Report: May 1, 2023

Date of Board Meeting: May 10, 2023

Reference: Board Auction Account – Year End Reconciliation for 2022

Recommendation: Receive the report for information.

Please find below the Reconciliation Report of the Board Auction Account for the year 2022, prepared by Executive Assistant Emily Murphy.

The report indicates a total of \$10,870.50 in funds generated from Police Auctions Canada Inc., and \$2,926.00 from cash revenue in 2022. There were disbursements of \$8,257.67, for an ending balance of \$41,833.47 when the 2021 carried-forward balance is taken into account.

In 2022 CKPS continued with the “on-line” auction conducted by Police Auctions Canada Inc. We received 4 separate payments totaling \$10,870.50. This system continues to work well and has eliminated the manpower and the expenses associated with hosting auctions.

CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICE BOARD- AUCTION ACCOUNT		
2022 Year End Reconciliation Report		
Revenue:		
Police Auction Revenue	\$	10,870.50
2022 Cash Revenue (unclaimed monies)	\$	2,926.00
Revenue Total	\$	13,796.50
Deductions:		
Wallaceburg Soccer Association	\$	400.00
Courageous K9	\$	333.35
Polar Plunge - Special Olympics 2022	\$	1,000.00
OAPSB Spring Conference	\$	1,000.00
MADD Message in Annual Yearbook	\$	190.97
Courageous K9	\$	333.35
CKPS/Salvation		
Army Toy Drive	\$	2,000.00
Chatham Goodfellows - Porch light campaign	\$	2,000.00
CHK Health Alliance Foundation - George's gift	\$	1,000.00
Deduction Total	\$	8,257.67
SUBTOTAL	\$	5,538.83
2021 BALANCE CARRIER FORWARD	\$	36,294.64
AUCTION ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF DEC 31, 2022	\$	41,833.47

Submitted by:

Chief Gary Conn

REPORT OF THE POLICE SERVICE TO THE CHATHAM-KENT POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Board Report Number: 4.3 (Regular)

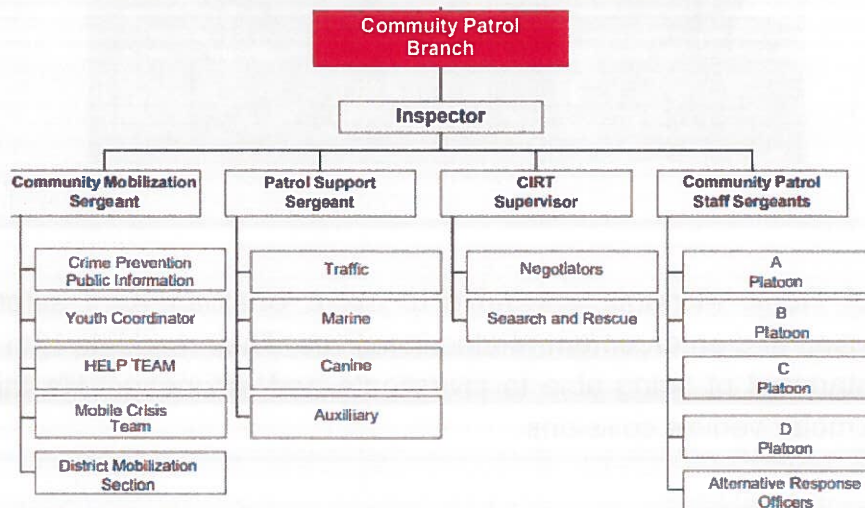
Date of Report: March 27, 2023

Date of Board Meeting: May 10, 2023

Reference: 2022 Annual Report - Community Patrol Branch

Recommendation: In compliance with O. Reg. 3/99 Section 31 of the Ontario Police Services Act, we request the Board receive the report for information purposes

The Community Patrol Branch is primarily comprised of uniform front line officers. The branch consists of four platoons, Critical Incident Response Team officers, Traffic Management, Marine, Canine, Auxiliary officers, Youth Coordinator, Mobile Crisis, Community Mobilization, Community Services, and Canine.



Patrol Support Section

The Patrol Support Section is responsible for issues relating to road and waterway safety, enforcement and education.

The section is responsible for the following specialized units:

- Traffic Management
- Marine Unit
- Unmanned Aerial System (Drone)
- Auxiliary Unit

In 2022, Sergeant Jim Lynds, reporting to Inspector Michael Pearce, supervised Patrol Support. Acting Sergeants Josh Flikweert and Jason Herder served as assisting supervisors.

Traffic Management



Mandate

Members of Traffic Management strive to make Chatham-Kent safer through traffic education and enforcement-related initiatives. Their mandate is to meet the adequacy standard of being able to investigate and reconstruct life threatening and/or fatal motor vehicle collisions.

Additionally, members of Traffic Management provide escorts for major municipal events and funerals and are responsible for training front-line officers in:

- Collision investigation
- Radar and laser operation
- *Highway Traffic Act* enforcement
- Commercial vehicle enforcement

Although Traffic officers assist with investigating many collisions, the statistics below refer to those collisions that are life threatening and/or fatal. Members of Traffic Management also assist other branches of the service in mapping crime scenes to provide scaled drawings for court purposes.

Traffic Management Collision and Investigative Statistics

Classification	2019	2020	2021	2022
Life Threatening	19	8	8	7
Fatal	12	8	10	11
Support	1	5	9	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>26</i>

The number of callouts in 2022 decreased by 4%, from 27 to 26. An analysis of each of the causational factors 12 fatal motor vehicle collisions revealed:

- Six collisions involved impairment by alcohol or drugs
- One collision resulted from driving faster than road conditions allowed

An analysis of the nineteen serious/fatal motor vehicle collision callouts revealed:

- Eight collision investigations resulted in charges being laid (10 criminal charges and 25 provincial offence charges)
- Eight collision investigations resulted in no charges being laid
- One collision investigation is still ongoing and may result in charges
- One collision investigation has been handed over to another agency

Standard Field Sobriety Testing and Drug Recognition Experts

CKPS increased the number of Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) trained officers from 41 to 45. These officers are trained to conduct a battery of roadsides tests that assist in determining impairment. The number of Drug Recognition (DRE) officers increased from one to three.

There were 26 SFST tests conducted. This is a 32% decrease from 2021. Our DRE officers were used on 13 occasions, a decrease of 72% over 2021.

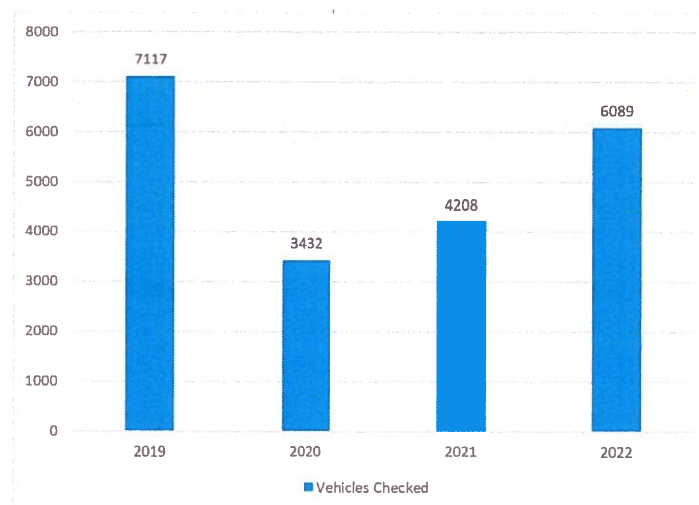
Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE)

CKPS again participated in the provincial government's sponsored RIDE program. \$23,300.00 was allocated in 2022.

Ride Programs and Alcohol Suspensions (Including Patrol)

RIDE	2019	2020	2021	2022
RIDE Programs	68	28	35	30
Vehicles Stopped	7,117	3,432	4,208	6,089
Roadside Tests	36	25	40	38
3-Day Suspensions	7	2	6	13
7-Day Suspensions	0	0	1	0
Impaired/80+	1	1	1	1
PONs	35	5	13	32
Criminal Charges	16	1	1	1

Vehicles Checked in RIDE



POA Statistics

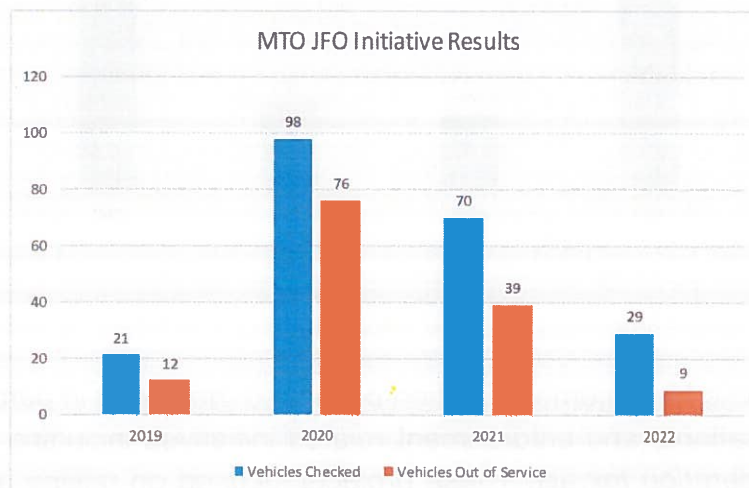
CKPS laid 3447 provincial offence charges (Part 1 tickets). The Traffic Unit was responsible for 1557 of these charges, which represented 45% of the charges laid.

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	534	792	333	426
February	451	818	302	230
March	1015	476	690	367
April	885	248	418	346
May	695	419	221	200
June	359	634	253	281
July	760	468	301	273
August	749	377	291	436
September	668	358	240	202
October	673	719	365	268
November	349	494	150	230
December	326	231	212	188
Total	7464	6034	3674	3447

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Enforcement

Traffic Management continued its partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and conducted two vehicle safety blitzes in the Municipality. These initiatives took nine commercial motor vehicles out of service with 33 charges issued.

CVSA Joint Forces Results: Chatham-Kent Police and MTO



Training & Events

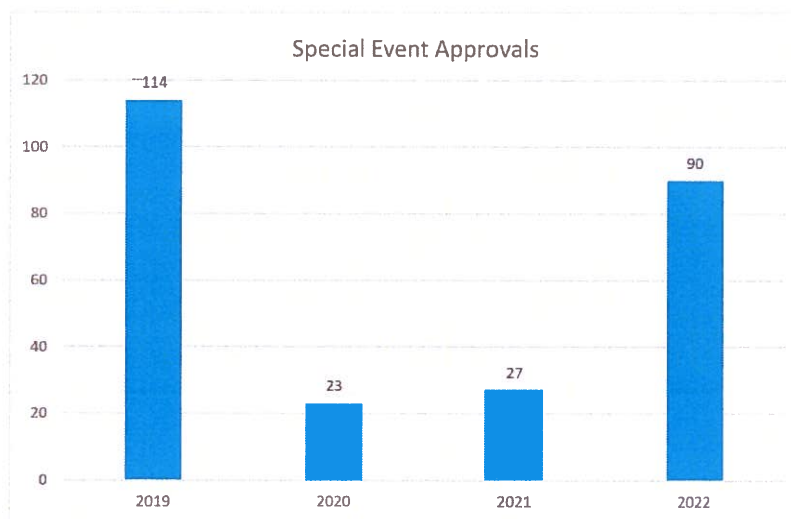
As the pandemic restrictions eased in 2022, officers were able to continue training and learning through distance and online education. This commitment provides growth both personally and professionally and ultimately benefits the community.

The following is a list of courses and events attended in 2022:

- Speed Enforcement Instructor Course
- Collision Investigation – At Scene – Level 2
- IACP Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety International Conference
- Collision Reconstruction- Pedestrian Collision Investigations
- Traffic Reconstructionist Symposium
- Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor Course
- Intoxilyzer 8000C Field Coordinator Course
- Canadian Emergency Responders Robotics Association Canada

Special Events

2022 saw a 233% increase of special events due to the easing of pandemic restrictions.



Projects

In 2022, the Traffic Management Section continued their work in participating in a number of educational and enforcement related initiatives including, *Give Buses a Brake* and *Operation Impact*. These projects focused on raising awareness of

the risks associated with school bus safety and overall adherence to roadway safety targeting distracted, impaired and aggressive driving behaviours. These projects were a success, both educationally through social media and statistically through enforcement numbers.

In the spring, CKPS purchased a Black Cat speed monitoring device. This device logs speed data of vehicles travelling past it in both directions. It does not capture any identifying information, nor does it take photos. This technology is exceptionally useful in assessing speeding complaints. Officers can mount the device to a pole and leave it there for a week. The report it generates provides information about compliance rates and times of day and days of week where enforcement would be most beneficial.

We deployed the Black Cat at 15 locations for a week at a time and monitored in excess of 244,000 vehicles during that time. It has been so useful; a second device will be purchased in 2023.

Conclusion

Through continued education and enforcement, as well as a focus to our stated goals and objectives, CKPS maintained its commitment to road safety.

Goals for 2023

In 2023, the Traffic Unit will continue to adapt to new personnel resulting from job transfers. We will continue our focus on reducing overall collisions through ongoing enforcement and education of the public through social media and additional educational opportunities within the community.

The Traffic Unit will continue to be creative in their initiatives and attempts at improving roadway safety. This will be achieved through both enforcement and educational initiatives.

Marine Unit



Mandate

The Marine Unit provides coverage and patrol within the inland waters and marinas of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. These patrols focus on vessel inspections related to appropriate equipment and detection of alcohol, drugs and impairment while boating.

Operation Time

Due to staffing shortages, the opportunities for marine deployment remained low in 2022. The Marine Unit normally deploys with one officer and one auxiliary member. With the auxiliary unit being temporarily shutdown during the pandemic, normal marine patrols were not possible.

During the marine season of 2022, officers operated both Marine 1 and Marine 2 for training and responding to calls for service. They participated in events such as WAMBO, a fishing derby and the Wallaceburg dragon boat races. Officers were on the water for approximately 68 hours throughout 2022. There was one enforcement initiative conducted related to speed enforcement on the Thames River. No charges resulted.

Calls for Service

There were approximately 21 calls for service in 2022. These calls included concerns regarding speeding vessels, abandoned vessels, recovery efforts and general assistance. Additionally, any self-generated incidents, including training

and those resulting from joint force operations with neighboring police services, were included in this total.

Noted calls for service included assistance to locate a missing person and the associated recovery operation.

Joint Forces Operations

Throughout the season, the marine officers worked with Chatham-Kent & London OPP, and participated in the Ford Fireworks Festival on the Detroit River. Relationships have been maintained with the Canadian Coast Guard, International Border Enforcement (IBET), Ministry of Natural Resources and the RCMP. Our assistance with neighbouring police services has continued to remain reciprocal.

Goals for 2023

The Marine Unit will continue its goal towards increased training and patrol hours on the water. With the re-activation of the Auxiliary Unit, additional opportunities to interact and educate the public on waterway safety will be a primary focus.

Further research will be conducted on the acquisition of a new vessel as our current fleet, although operable, is at maturity. The Marine Unit will also explore costs associated with the refurbishment of Marine 1.

Unmanned Aerial System (Drone)



Mandate

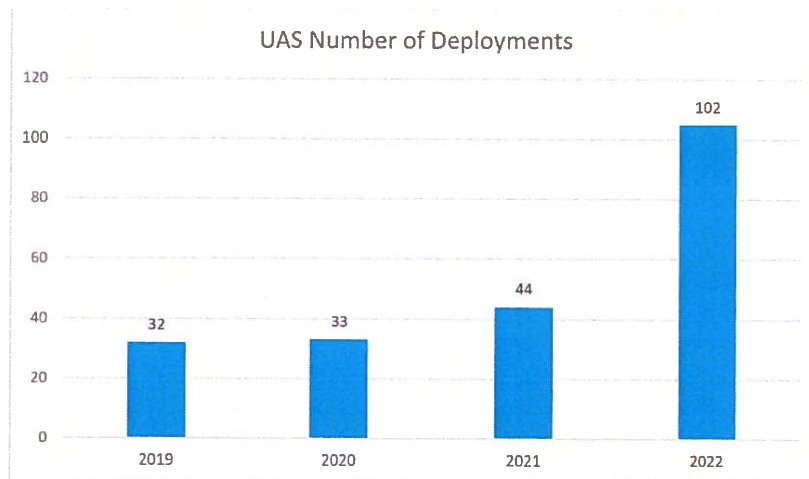
The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) effectively and efficiently enhances police response through the use of technology and increased observational capabilities.

The UAS Unit was established in 2017. At that time, it consisted of four operators, an Administrative Supervisor and an Operations Manager. That configuration has evolved to seven operators and a single supervisor. In 2022, the unit underwent a deployment realignment with the purchase of four next-generation drones. A rapid-response strategy was developed allowing a drone to be deployed in a short period.

Deployment / Training

In 2022, the UAS Unit was deployed operationally 102 times. This is an increase in deployments of 121% over 2021. A breakdown of the operational use of the UAS unit includes:

Occurrence Type	2021	2022
Criminal Investigations	20	50
Motor Vehicle Collisions	9	20
Police Assistance	8	16
Missing Persons	5	16
CK Fire – Assistance	4	0
TOTAL	46	102



The UAS Unit was also deployed on multiple training days focusing on integration with the command post and missing person search strategies. The Chatham-Kent Police Service and the community continue to benefit from the redesigned deployment model featuring a rapid deployment structure.

Of the 102 drone deployments, the UAS Unit conducted 372 total flights logging over 71 hours of flight time. This is an increase of over 108% from 2021.

Conclusion

Through development and collaboration with front-line officers, supervisors and other supporting units, the UAS Unit is continuing to expand its role and functionality as an additional tool to enhance and assist police investigations. The UAS Unit has now logged over 247 hours of flight since its inception.

Goals for 2023

In 2023, the UAS Unit will continue develop its working relationship with community patrol members to expand its use and assistance to the front line officers.

The addition of new qualified pilots is a goal for 2023. The decommissioning of the former R60 Skyranger and acquisition of the DJI drone fleet has provided the opportunity to expand to one operator per platoon in the Community Patrol Branch.

Further training of missing person searches in consultation with the Critical Incident Response Team and missing person/ground search manager will provide a stronger knowledge base and increased skill set of UAS operators.

Auxiliary Unit



Mandate

April 2022, saw the reactivation of the Auxiliary Unit following the pandemic. Auxiliaries assisted with numerous special events accounting for in 1347.5 hours of service. In the fall, five members received training to operate police bicycles who are now able to ride along with our sworn bicycle officers. We also trained five new Auxiliary members in 2022.

Conclusion

The Auxiliary Unit is comprised of dedicated volunteers. Their assistance helps our municipality by alleviating additional costs for security and traffic control at numerous events throughout the year. They are an important part of CKPS and we thank them for their dedication and commitment to Chatham-Kent.

Collision Reporting Centre

The Collision Reporting Centre (CRC) is located in the lobby of CKPS Headquarters and offers a customer service oriented approach to collision reporting. It also provides a more efficient use of police resources, freeing up frontline officers to attend more urgent calls. Based on the statistics, initiatives such as active patrols, targeted enforcement and RIDE programs can be implemented.

CKPS also uses social media to deliver messaging on road safety, providing statistical information, and bringing attention to the peak times and locations of motor vehicle collisions.

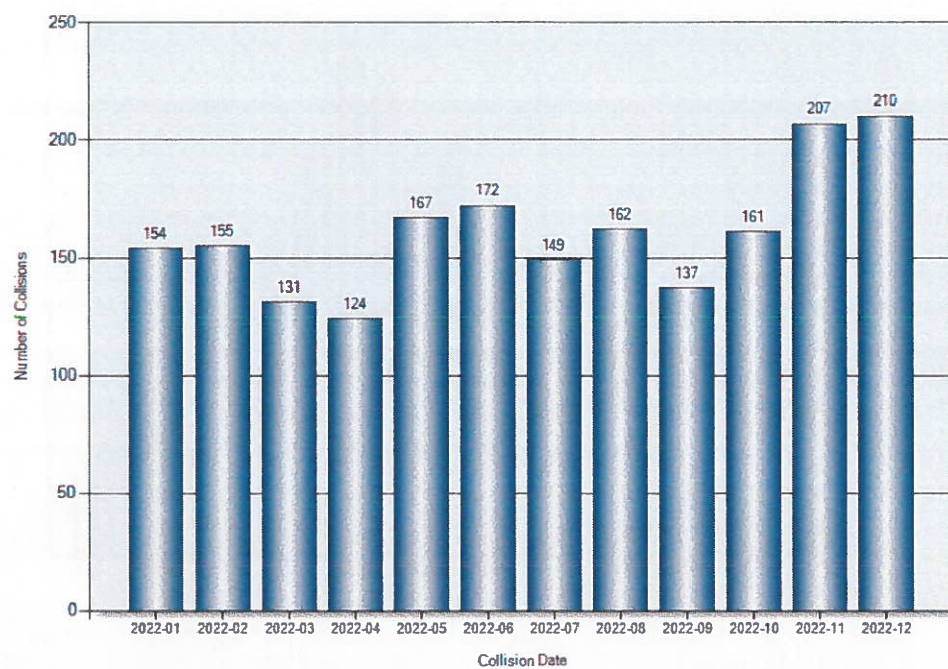
2021 Collision Statistics

Type	2021	2022	Plus/Minus
CRC Reported	493	710	+217
Officer Reported	1,192	1,217	+25
Total Collisions	1,685	1,927	+242

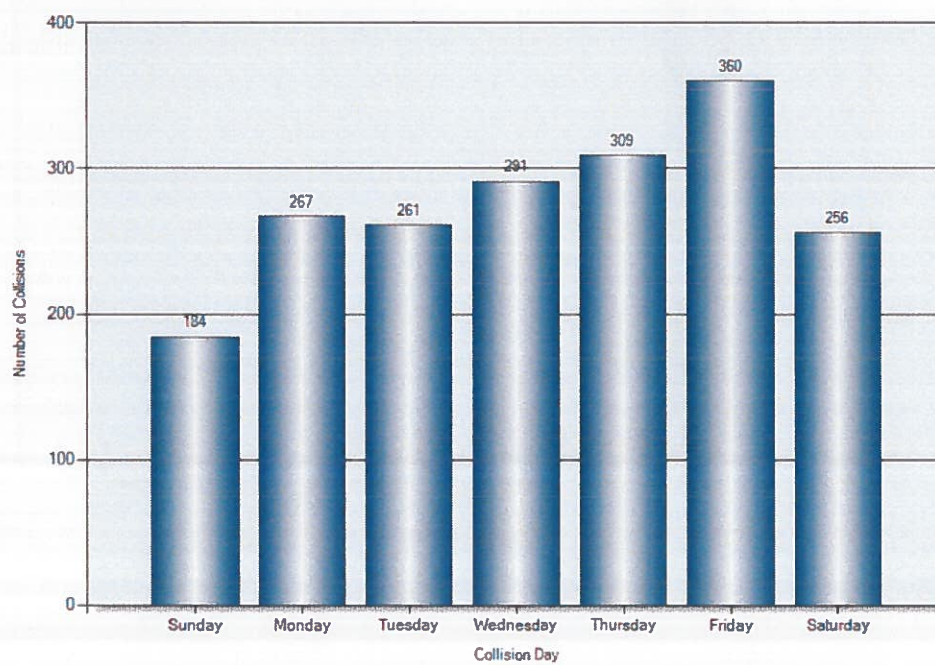
Classification of Collisions

Type	2021	2022	Plus/Minus
Fatal Injury	10	11	+1
Non-Fatal Injury	214	208	-6
Property Damage	900	933	+33
Non-Reportable	63	63	0

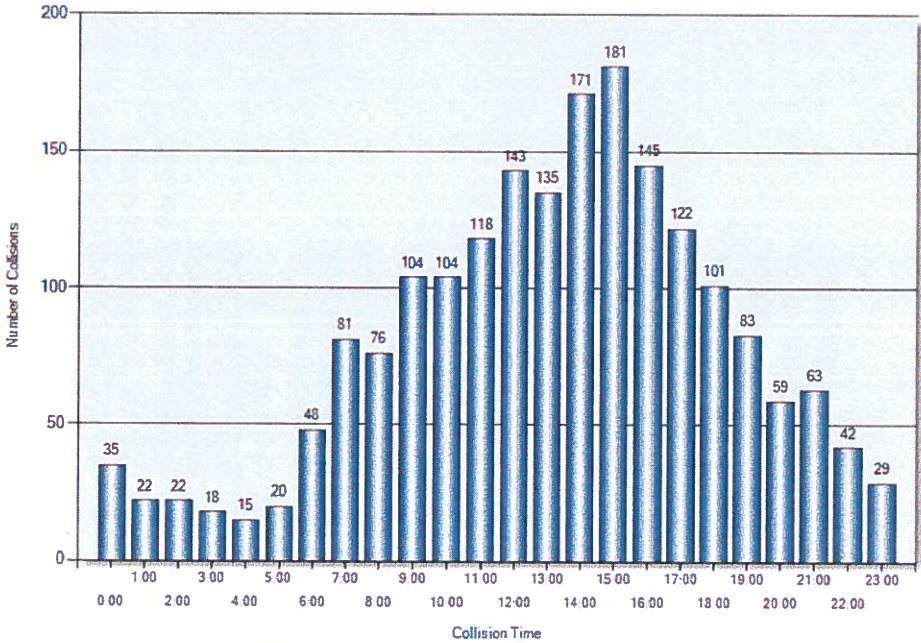
Collisions by Month



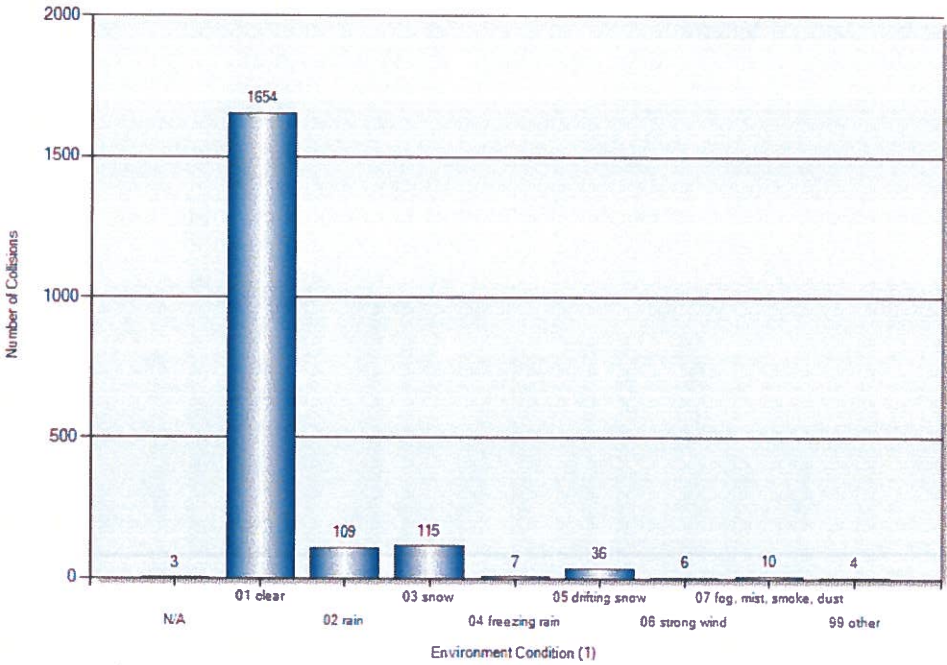
Collision by Day of Week



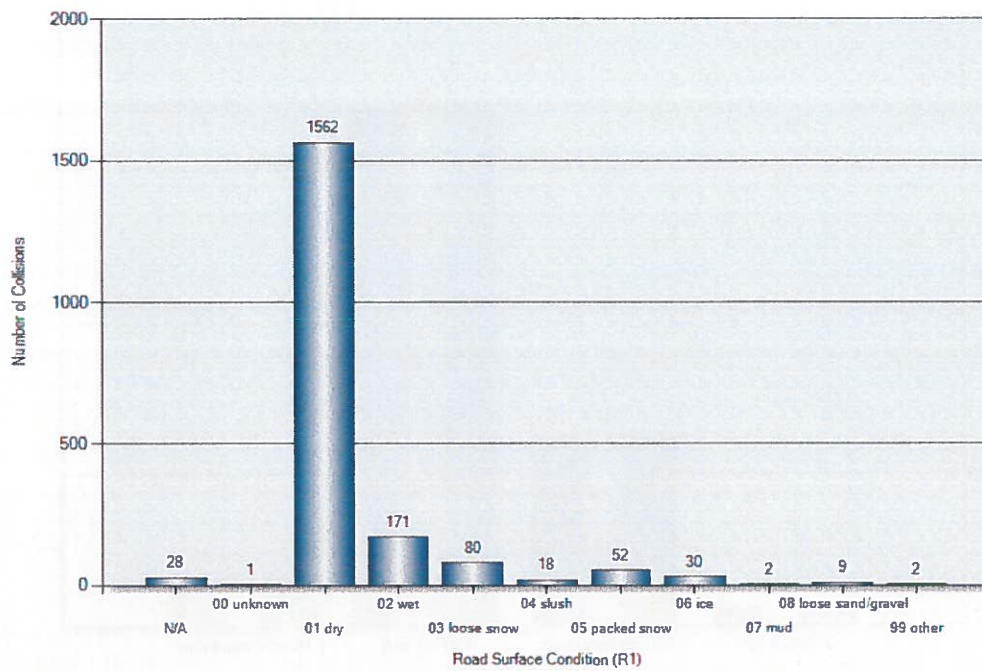
Collisions by Time of Day



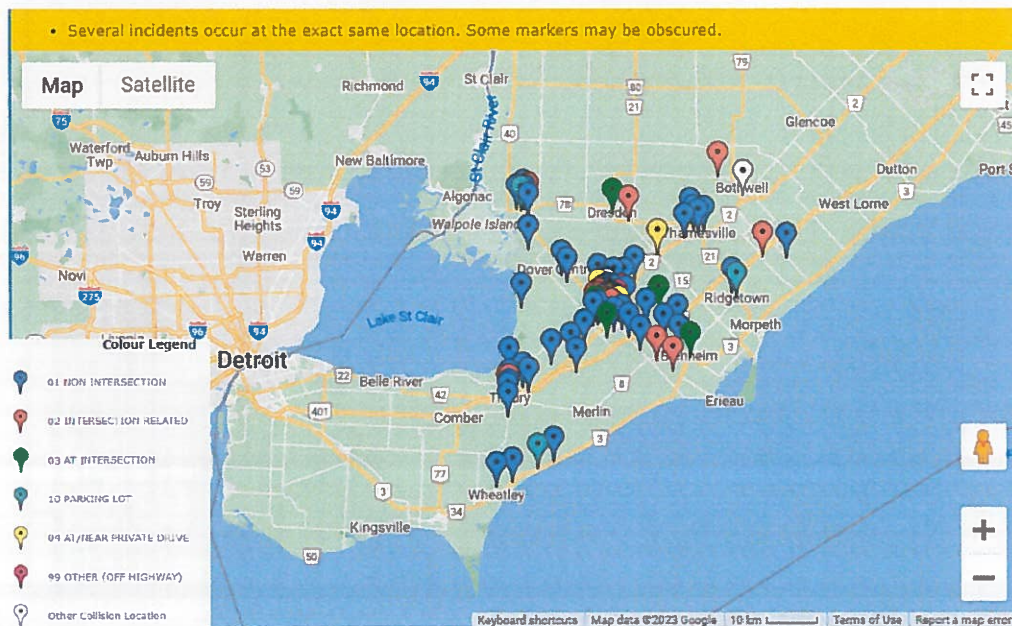
Environmental Conditions



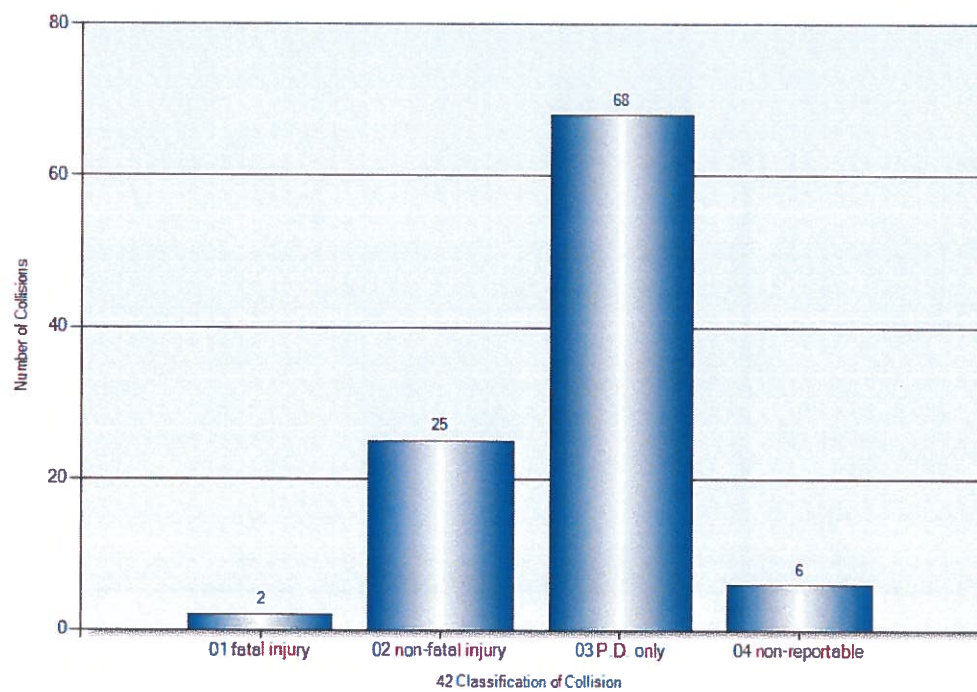
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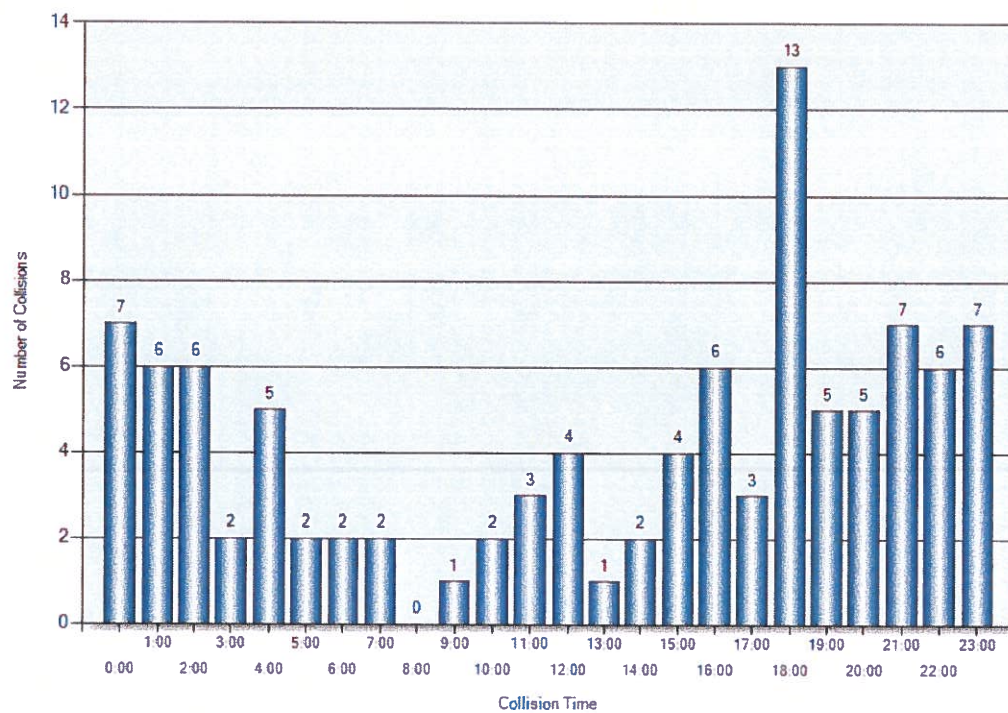
Collisions Locations Involving Alcohol/Drugs



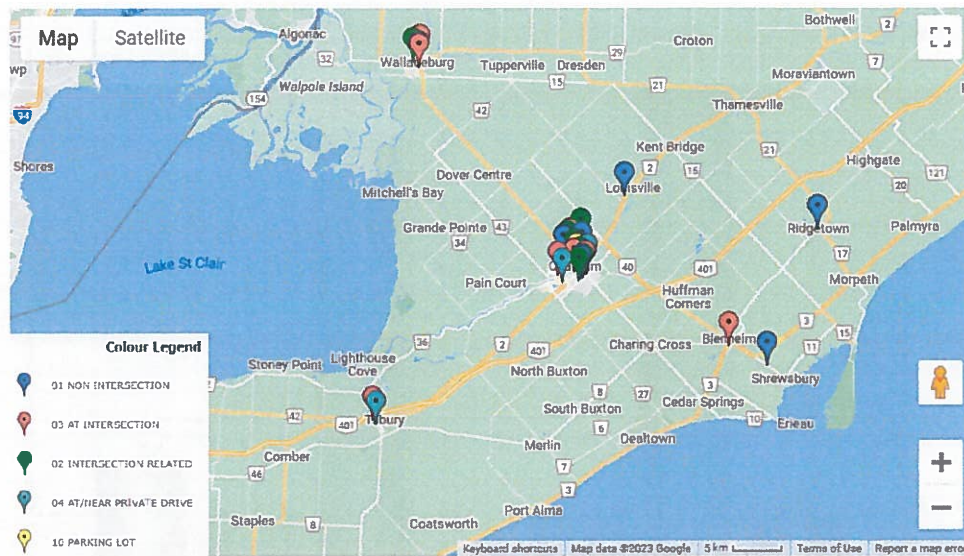
Collision Types Involving Alcohol/Drugs



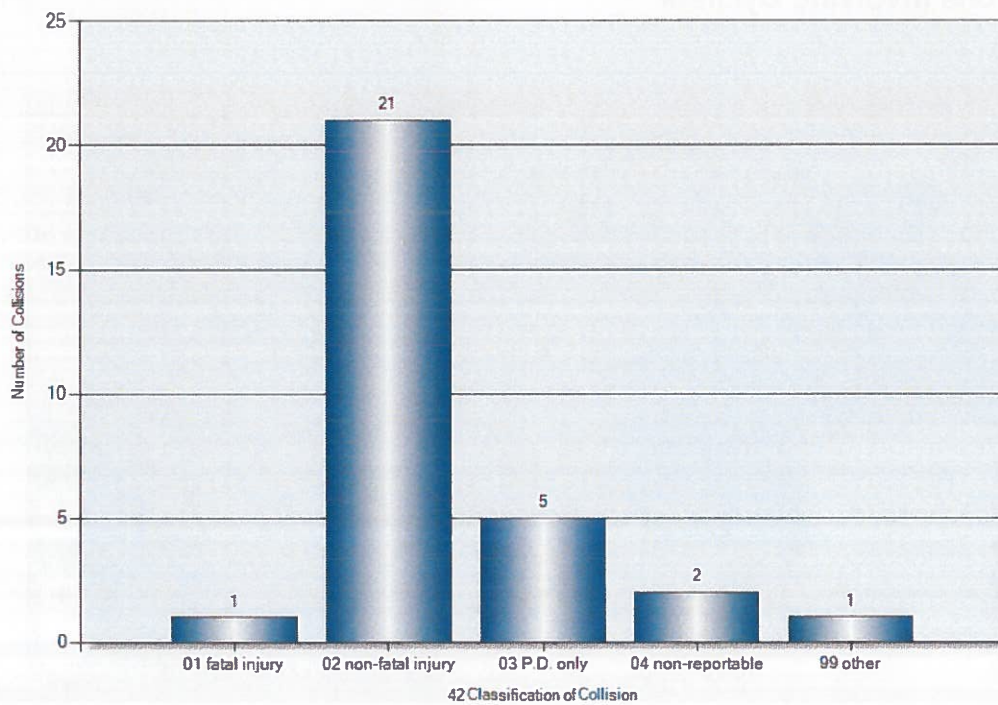
Time of Collisions Involving Alcohol/Drugs



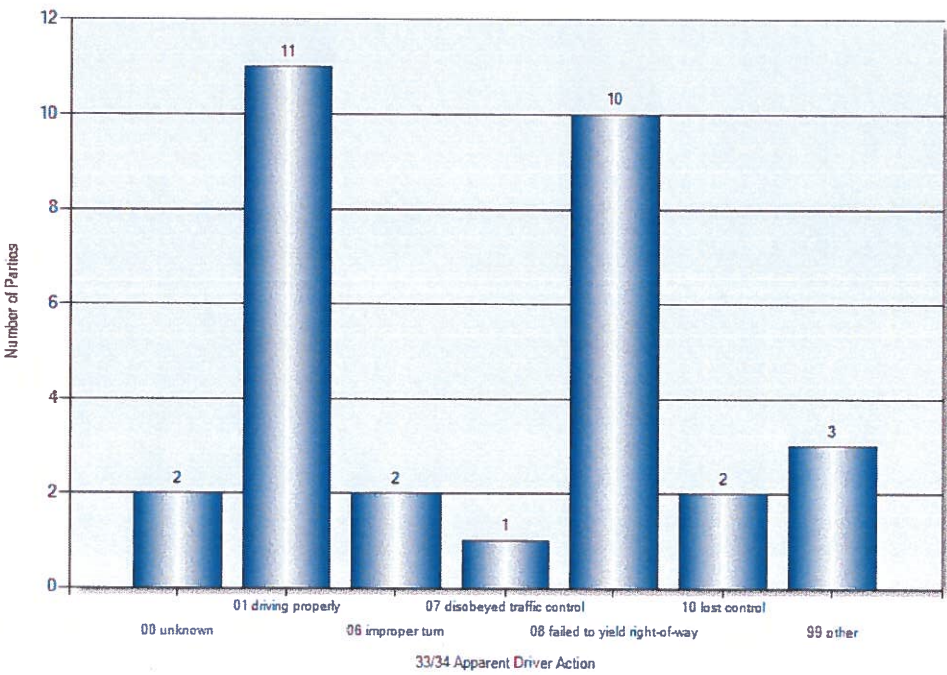
Collisions Involving Pedestrians



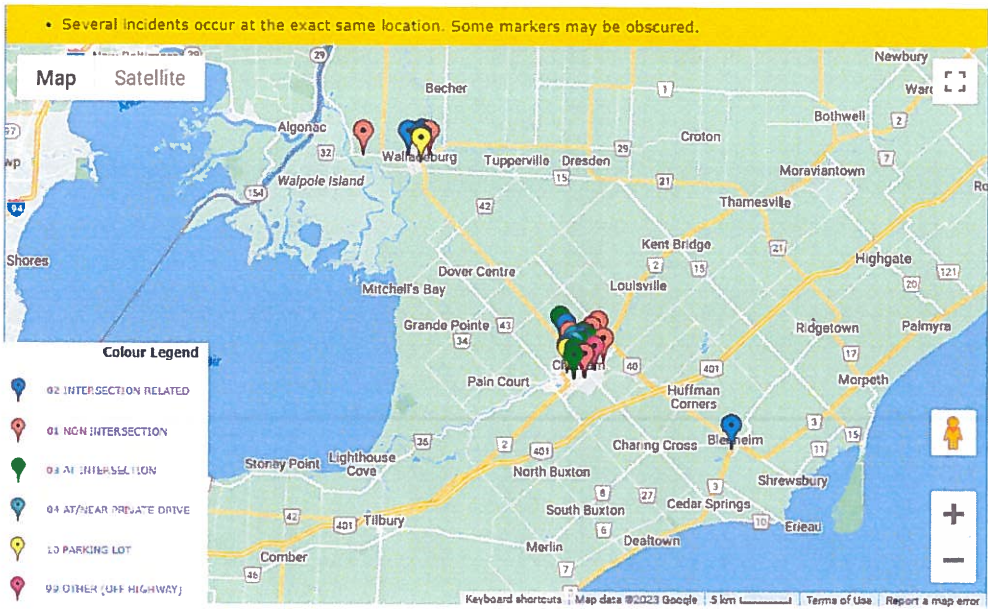
Classification of Pedestrian Collisions



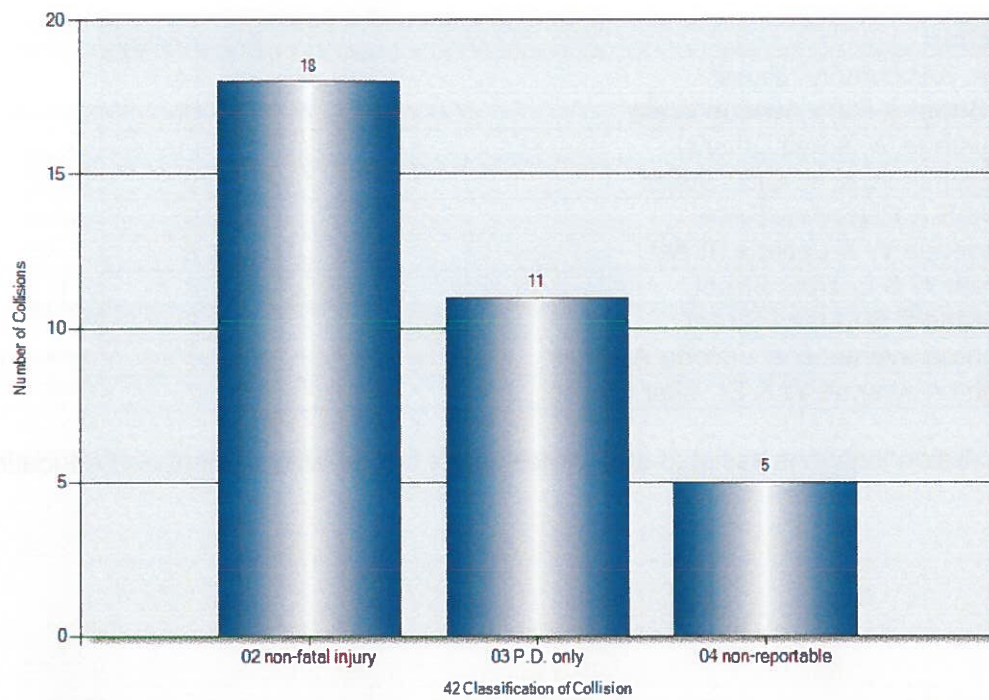
Driver Actions



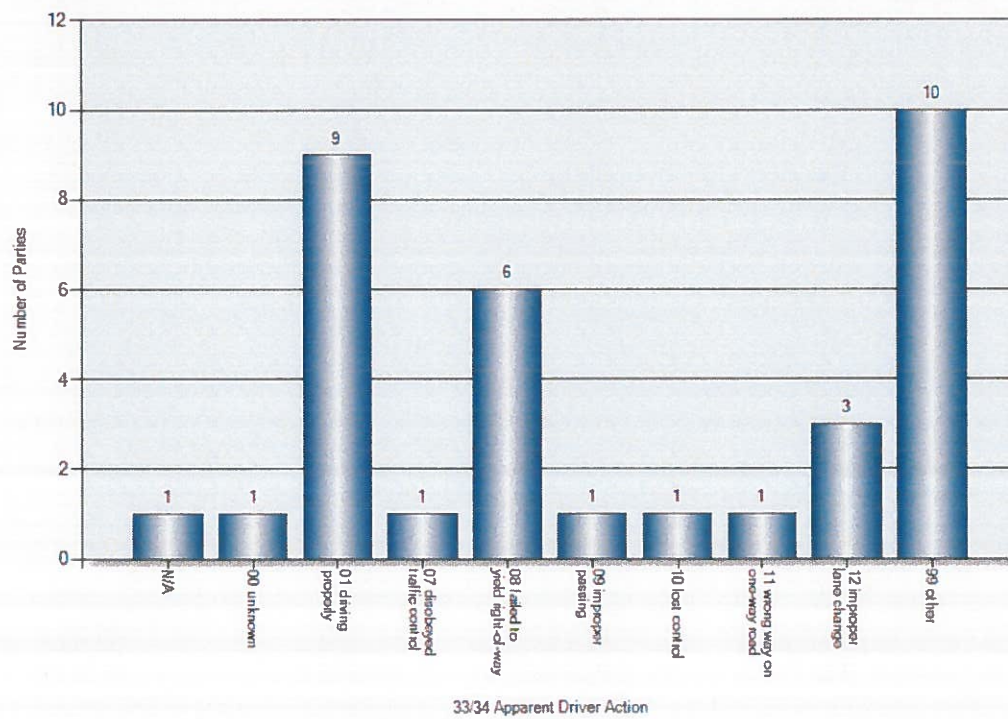
Collisions Involving Cyclists



Classification of Cyclist Collisions



Driver Actions



Top Intersections Involving Collisions

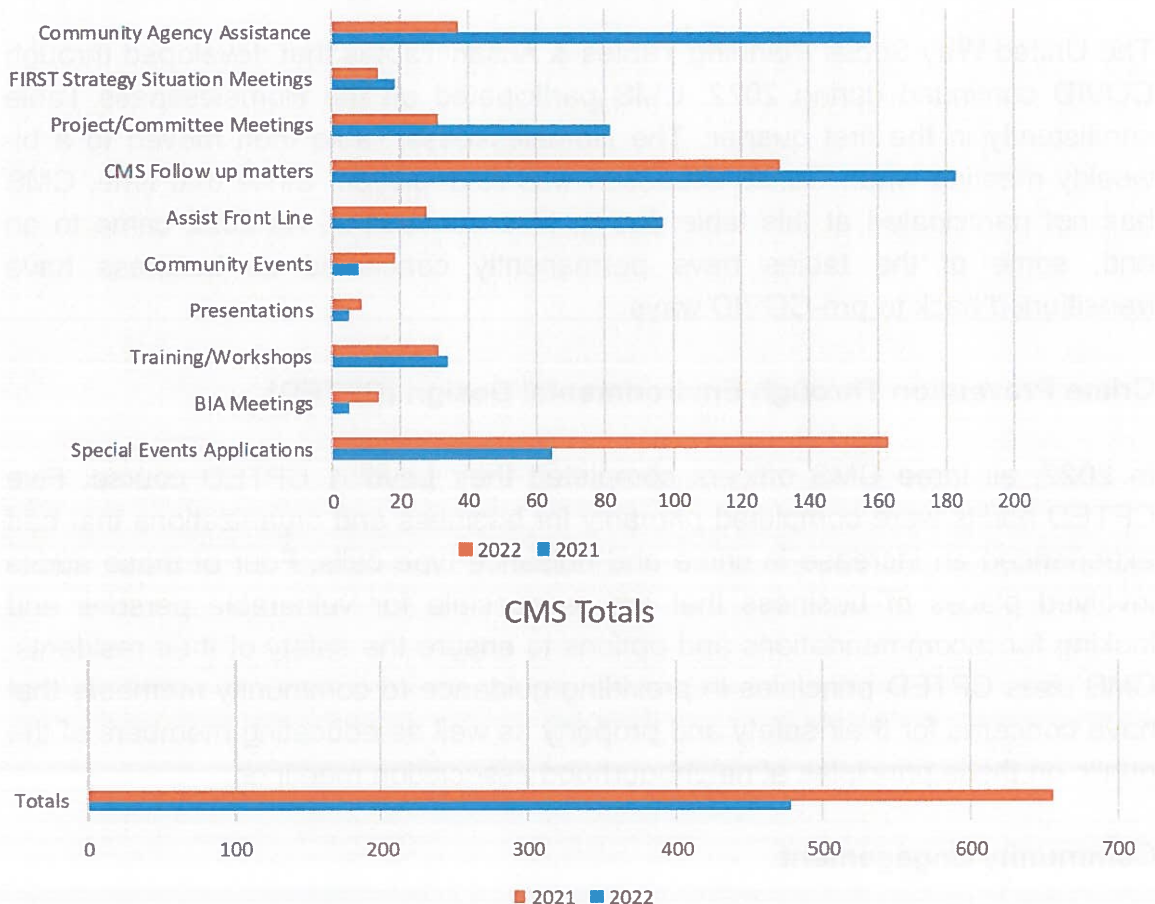
Intersection	Frequency
Keil Drive & Richmond Street	14
Lacroix Street & Park Avenue West	11
Grand Avenue W & Keil Drive N	11
Grand Avenue W & St. Clair Street	9
Keil Drive S & Riverview Drive	9
Grand Avenue W & Lacroix Street	8
King Street W & Lacroix Street	8
Park Avenue E & Queen Street	8
McNaughton avenue E & Victoria Avenue	7
McNaughton Avenue W & St. Clair Street	7

These collision locations assist to apply intelligence based enforcement and education.

Community Mobilization Section

In 2022, the Community Mobilization Section (CMS) expanded from two to three Constables after receiving funding through a successful grant application to the Solicitor General. The funding was received in November 2022. The goal of CMS is to enhance and further develop community-based relationships, encourage citizens to engage in the improvement and development of their neighbourhoods in an effort to increase the overall safety, health, and well-being of Chatham-Kent. Sgt. Doug Cowell supervised Constables Jennifer Jacobson, and Kevin Brown, with Constable Marlene MacLennan joining in January 2023.

CMS continues the upstream proactive work of building relationships with citizens along with our community partners and local agencies. This has proven to be successful, flexible, and adaptive to the changing needs of our community.



As depicted in the above graphs, CMS saw a significant decrease in community agency assistance, assistance to frontline and reduced ability to participate on various committees and projects. This was due to redeployment of CMS officers, not a lack of need within the community.

CMS did see an increase in our attendance to BIA meetings as they began to return to pre-COVID practices of in person meetings. Sgt. Cowell managed a significant increase in our special events applications (163 applications) from the previous years which were affected by on and off lockdown periods restricting community events. CMS also doubled their involvement in community events and delivered more presentations to the community than in 2021.

Fast Intervention Risk Specific Team (FIRST) Strategy

In 2022, CMS was involved in 20 FIRST Strategy situations. These required collaboration amongst community agencies and CKPS played a role in every situation.

United Way Social Planning & Action Tables

The United Way Social Planning Tables & Action Tables that developed through COVID continued during 2022. CMS participated on the Homelessness Table consistently in the first quarter. The Homelessness Table then moved to a bi-weekly meeting when Const. Jacobson was re-deployed. Since that time, CMS has not participated at this table due to time constraints. As 2022 came to an end, some of the tables have permanently concluded as business have transitioned back to pre-COVID ways.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

In 2022, all three CMS officers completed their Level 1 CPTED course. Five CPTED audits were completed primarily for business and organizations that had experienced an increase in crime and nuisance type calls. Four of those audits involved places of business that are responsible for vulnerable persons and looking for recommendations and options to ensure the safety of their residents. CMS uses CPTED principles in providing guidance to community members that have concerns for their safety and property as well as educating members of the public on these principles at neighbourhood association meetings.

Community Engagement

In 2022, the Bike Patrol Unit (BPU) was active in patrolling the Downtown Chatham Core, to assist in crime reduction as well as education. This was well received by community members, in that positive feedback was given to the officers. The BPU actively patrolled park areas and areas of encampments. The bikes were an efficient way to cover a large area and pinpoint encampment

locations. CMS engaged with those residing in the encampments to provide contacts, services, and deal with any criminal matters. The BPU took part in community events such as RetroFest and CrowFest, which allowed officers to effectively and efficiently cover parks and closed roads, all the while engaging with the public.

Social disorder issues such as neighbour disputes, chronic noise complaints in multi-unit buildings, *Landlord Tenant Act* matters, and issues related to homelessness continued to dominate the work that CMS officers do, and they attempted to mediate and resolve disputes before they escalate to criminal matters. This continues to be challenging, as involved parties must be willing to work together. The importance of established strong and trusted relationships with community partners is necessary to make referrals to proper agencies and get people connected to services that can serve them. For example, the CK Legal clinic is a community partner that assists regarding landlord/tenant matters.

CMS continues to work with Neighbourhood Associations on challenges they feel prevalent in their neighbourhood by providing advice, suggestions, and statistics and connect them with appropriate community resources.

Housing and homelessness continues to be a social issue as it is across the province. CMS remains committed in their effort to engage with members of the community to connect them with the appropriate services. The Canadian Human Rights Commission reports that the punitive approach to encampments is failing and made five key recommendations; the number one recommendation is to 'stop the use of policing and law enforcement as a response to encampments.'

https://www.housingchrc.ca/en/homeless-encampments-in-canada-a-human-rights-crisis?utm_source=Email_marketing&utm_campaign=Nov_17_2022&cmp=1&utm_medium=HTMLEmail

CMS participated with the planning committee to help bring the St. James Drop-In Center in Wallaceburg to fruition for those in need. This type of action helps to build bridges between people in need, outreach groups and the police.

In 2022, CMS participated in the removal of an encampment on private property. Prior to the removal, CMS reached out to community partners for support of the residents. CMS has been a member of the municipal taskforce on encampments and continues to monitor these issues.

CMS participated in various community bike rodeos, parades, car shows and events. CMS will continue to engage the community through its input and

participation on various committees, such as the Chatham-Kent Drug Awareness Committee, Housing & Homelessness Committee, Encampment Discussion, BIAs, and neighbourhood associations.

Moving Forward

Moving forward into 2023, CMS will have a full complement of officers, thus enhancing our efforts to remain engaged in strategies focused on social development, crime, and crisis prevention along with risk intervention while continuing to build community trust and relationships across the municipality. CMS will continue to address any risks to safety and well-being of our community while remaining committed to our mission of making Chatham-Kent the safest community in Ontario.

Youth Crime

In 2022, CKPS responded to 1487 incidents involving our youth; this represents a 12.5% decrease in comparison to 2021. Statistics being collected on youth related incidents include many categories and can help assist in understanding our community needs. The majority of calls were non-criminal and can be generally defined as police-to-youth interactions that do not end in criminal charges, but are significant in many ways. An example of a non-criminal incident includes the apprehension of a youth under the Mental Health Act, which can include handcuffing if required. This is a significant police-to-youth citizen interaction with sometimes lasting impressions. Non-criminal incidents also include provincial offences without a criminal consideration, domestic disputes, family disputes and various other categorized dispatch types including the broad category of 'trouble with youth'. CKPS tracks missing person(s) as its' own category, which saw 124 occurrences in 2022 compared similarly to 125 occurrences in 2021. It is important to recognize that youth habitual runaways quite commonly are reported missing several times a month, which attributes to this number.

In 2022, assistance for youth officer interactions with community partners increased from 10 to 31.

In 2022, Chatham-Kent made the transition into full time in-person learning for our youth, which lead to a large demand for services that took into consideration the residual social effects from those imposed restrictions. Community Wrap Around Meetings (CWAM), Violence Threats and Risk Assessments and Community Conferences help to define our community involvement. The aim of community assistance quite often includes a combination of proactive and recuperative efforts. The end goal is to keep our youth out of the criminal justice system, provide them the tools needed to be productive, and most importantly happy contributing members of our community.

The mental health of our youth is vitally important to CKPS. When working with community partners it has been recognized that now more than ever, police and these partners are adopting an educational and supportive role with community youth; fully recognizing the social impact on our youth post-pandemic.

In 2022, police saw a decrease in the number of charged youth and the number of charges laid compared to 2021 (roughly half), which is reflective of supportive and recuperative punitive approaches. Specifically, there were 155 criminal type incidents involving Chatham-Kent youth, which lead to 35 youths being charged with 77 criminal charges. In 2021, there were 162 criminal type incidents, which is very close to 2022 with the attributing difference being frontline and youth officer approach to resolution coupled with resources and call volume. 2022 saw 18 diverted or community base referrals with a 27 % increase in diverted, warned and cautioned youth. A part of this increase can be accredited to multi-partnered approaches to punitive action and progressive discipline when dealing with youth in the community. Police can use in-house social workers at the school level to support in restorative measures and provide troubled youth with a longer lasting curative action.

The average age of youth involvements in the criminal consideration category has lowered from 15.2-years-old to 14.9-years-old from 2021 to 2022. This lowering of age represents the trend observed by frontline police officers that a younger demographic is engaging in criminal activity. Male youth criminal interactions with police (68.4%) are still more prevalent than female youth criminal interactions (31.6%).

The top incident types involving youth in 2022 resulting in charges in descending order are; Assault, Sexual Assault, Mischief, Sexual Interference and Threats. Notably, a 17-year-old youth was charged with 2nd degree murder.

Additional Highlights:

Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent continues to strive with a 95% success rate when given a Chatham-Kent Police Service referral.

CKPS still continues to assist the schools with lockdown drills and with assistance from the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) Supervisor, have recently began to bring an active CIRT member to help in assessment and feedback to every lockdown. We want to ensure that we are doing everything in our capacity to ensure the schools are safe in the case of an emergency. School Police Emergency Action Response (SPEAR) continues to be an ongoing endeavour in terms of school documentation for these potential emergency situations.

CKPS remains optimistic and driven to guide our youth into so they can transition into responsible, healthy adults.



HELP Team & Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)

HELP Team

The Chatham-Kent Police Service currently has 52 members with specialized training regarding persons with mental health issues. This training is developed and facilitated by the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) in cooperation with community partners. The 3-day course is comprised of information regarding various mental health illnesses, community supports available, and skills to deal with persons in crisis.

Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)

The MCT is a partnership formed between the Chatham-Kent Police Service and the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, pairing a HELP Team Constable with a psychiatric crisis nurse. Constable Ed Rota and psychiatric nurse Nathan Malott are assigned to the MCT.

Sgt. Doug Cowell is the HELP Team coordinator. The MCT primarily works to Friday responding to or following up mental health related incidents. Constable Rota wears plain-clothes attire and drives an unmarked vehicle. The MCT can provide psychiatric assessments for appropriate individuals at the scene of the incident allowing front line officers to clear eliminating the need to transport individuals to hospital emergency departments. In the past, CKPS front line officers have spent an average of 3-5 hours in hospital emergency departments waiting for an assessment for persons apprehended under the Mental Health Act. The MCT is a secondary response unit that provides support to front line members, builds relationships with community partners while maintaining a trust between police and persons afflicted with mental health issues.

In 2022, there were **1180** Mental Health Act related incidents reported to police.

Mobile Crisis Team Statistics

The MCT reviewed, initiated, or followed up on all mental health related incidents reported to police in 2022.

53	Persons apprehended under the Mental Health Act
104	Community mental health assessments
9	Assessments conducted within the CKPS cellblock
171	Workload hours removed from frontline officers by taking over calls
8	First Strategy Sessions
16	Community services incidents including visits, presentations or participating on committees in the local area initiated by MCT

As part of their training, new physicians, and medical students complete job shadowing with the MCT, participating and witnessing psychiatric assessments in the community.

Mental Health Act Forms

In 2022, the MCT executed **19** Mental Health Act forms issued by Psychiatrists, Doctors, or Justices of the Peace:

Form 1	7
Form 2	6
Form 9	2
Form 47	4

Assistance to Other Police Services

The MCT has assisted other police and hospital services including the London Police Service, Windsor Police Service, Sarnia Police Service and Owen Sound Police Service as they develop and implement mental health crisis response teams.

Other Notable Incidents

Long time MCT RN Christine Cogghe returned to hospital duties. Thank you Christine! RN Nathan Malott assumed fulltime MCT duties.

Peer Support

Constable Rota is a team member of the CKPS Peer Support Unit as well as the CKPS Wellness Committee.

Continuing Education

Constable Rota completed the following courses in 2022:

- OPCVA – Incident Command 100
- CPKN – Recognition of emotionally disturbed persons
- Mental Health and Addictions Program – why gender matters: creating trauma informed addictions services

Crime Prevention and Community Safety Section

This section provides crime prevention and public safety education to community groups, elementary schools, secondary schools and participates in community events. They also organize and participate in 'Take Your Kids to Work' Day.

In 2022, there were two Special Constables with the Sergeant of Community Mobilization, Doug Cowell as their supervisor.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a program aimed at reducing crime. It involves getting to know neighbours and introducing them to the concept of working together and looking out for one another's interests.

Special Constables attend meetings to share recent crime trends and crime prevention information through reports and educational presentations.

Bike Rodeos

The Kent County 4-H Bike Club, Wallaceburg Bike Rodeo Committee, Bothwell Optimist, Blenheim Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch/Blenheim Optimist and Thamesville Neighbourhood Watch Sertoma/ LaSertoma hosted bike rodeos in 2022. 206 children had their bike helmets fitted and participated in the course to evaluate their cycling skills.

In July and August, CKPS partnered with the Wallaceburg Bike Rodeo Committee. Children in Wallaceburg found to be wearing their bike helmet while riding their bicycle, scooter, skateboard or while roller blading were give a coupon for an ice cream cone and French fries. Children not wearing their helmet were provided with education regarding bike safety and the Highway Traffic Act.

Thamesville Bike Rodeo



Bothwell Bike Rodeo



Blenheim Bike Rodeo



Wallaceburg Bike Rodeo



Values, Influences and Peers (VIP):

The Values, Influences and Peers Program (VIP) for Grade 5 students remains a core program as it provides a continuing relationship with the students on a more individual basis. Each session includes a presentation followed with an activity or exercise that reinforces the topic. The program is delivered in 37 elementary schools with six visits per class.

VIP topics include:

Introduction by the V.I.P. Officer
Authority & Authority Figures

Victims/Vandals and Shoplifting is Theft
 Bullying and the Law
 Bicycle/Helmet Safety
 Making Good Choices (Drugs)
 V.I.P. Graduation.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety Section Statistics

Elementary Schools

Grades JK-1: Community Helper	1
Grade 5: VIP In Person	245
Grade 5: VIP Virtual	10
Grade 6: Drugs	1
Other: Internet Safety	4

Community Events/Presentations

Bicycle Safety/Rodeos	3
Internet Safety	1
Fingerprinting	1
Farm Safety	1
Summer Camps	10

Community Events/Meetings

Community Committees	2
Neighbourhood Watch	6

Critical Incident Response Team



The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) consists of 13 members: 1 sergeant, 2 team leaders and 10 operators. All members receive certification through the Basic Tactical Officers Course. In 2022, two new operators, Constables Corey Aitken and Scott Nevills were added to the team.

In 2022, CIRT members conducted training in split teams due the pandemic. Although this was challenging, CIRT completed ten days of training regarding weapons deployment, warrant entry, less lethal response, chemical munitions, search and rescue, hostage rescue and negotiation, tubular assaults, high-risk vehicle assaults, and containment exercises. CIRT also held four range days, focusing on firearms related training. Each operator accumulated at least 144 hours of job-specific training to maintain efficiency and effectiveness.

CIRT officers were deployed 218 times in 2022. This was an increase from 144 incidents in 2021. CIRT executed 14 high-risk warrants in Chatham-Kent in collaboration with the CKPS Intelligence Unit and Criminal Investigations Division. CIRT also assisted in executing a warrant at a residence in London as part of Project Monarch in which 3.5kgs of cocaine was seized from that residence. These warrants resulted in numerous arrests, along with the seizure of a significant amount of drugs, weapons and stolen property.

CIRT was called out for a full team response on six occasions: three missing persons and three weapons incidents. These ended with the successful location of all three missing persons and successful arrest from all weapons incidents.

In February 2022, CIRT assisted with the Ambassador Bridge Convoy Protest in Windsor, assisting with crowd management.

Types of Calls 2022

Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Warrants	13	15	21	19	15
K9 Tracks	16	9	3	12	11
Search and Rescue	12	12	22	10	19
Weapons Related	60	72	107	61	119
Taser Use	3	2	4	2	0
Team Page Out (Weapons)	2	0	2	5	3
Team Page Out (SAR)	1	2	3	0	3
Miscellaneous	29	31	21	35	22
Mental Health					26
TOTAL	136	143	183	144	218

Note: Miscellaneous calls include presentations, VIP security, assisting with unarmed violent persons, animal complaints, meetings and all other tasks where CIRT members are requested but not specified in one of the above categories.

Training

In May, Constable Andrew Craven successfully completed the Mechanical Breaching Course. CIRT also maintains a healthy relationship with our neighboring Emergency Response Units, as it assists our external jurisdictions in executing multiple search warrants. These relationships are reciprocal and CIRT continues to train, develop and deploy in unison with these developed partnerships.

Equipment

The team acquired new ballistic helmets and new ballistic body plates due to wear/tear and end of life cycle on previous ballistics. The team transitioned from the T2 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) to the T7 CEW as well as from the 40-caliber handgun to the 9mm handgun.

2023 Future Focus

- Replacement of the Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV)

- Training of new team operators
- Training of new Crisis Negotiators
- Replacement of communication headsets due to end of life cycle
- Training of new sniper
- Explosives Recognition Training

Canine Unit



The Canine Unit conducts tracking for missing or wanted people, open searches, building searches, searches for property or evidence, apprehension of armed or fleeing suspects, high-risk arrests and vehicle stops, searching for firearms, narcotics or ammunition and community relation events and demonstrations.

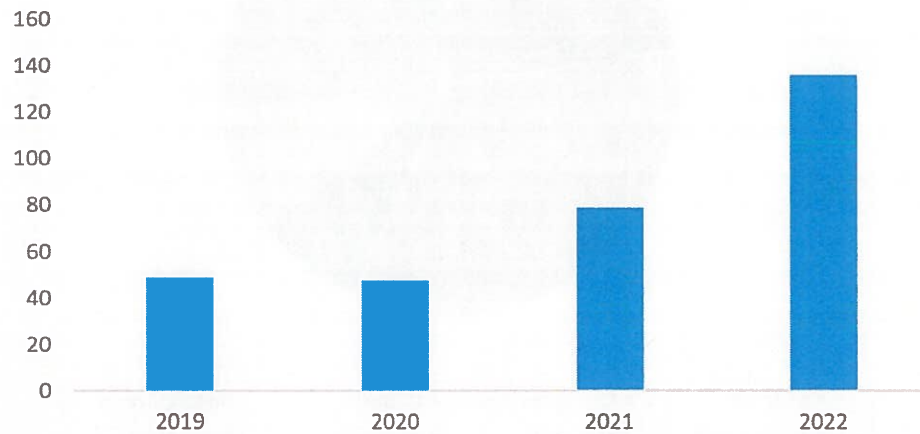
The Canine Unit operates under the Patrol Support Section. Cst. Mike Van Kesteren is our canine handler. Helix is a dual-purpose trained dog who is qualified to track and apprehend suspects, and search for drugs and firearms.

Mandate

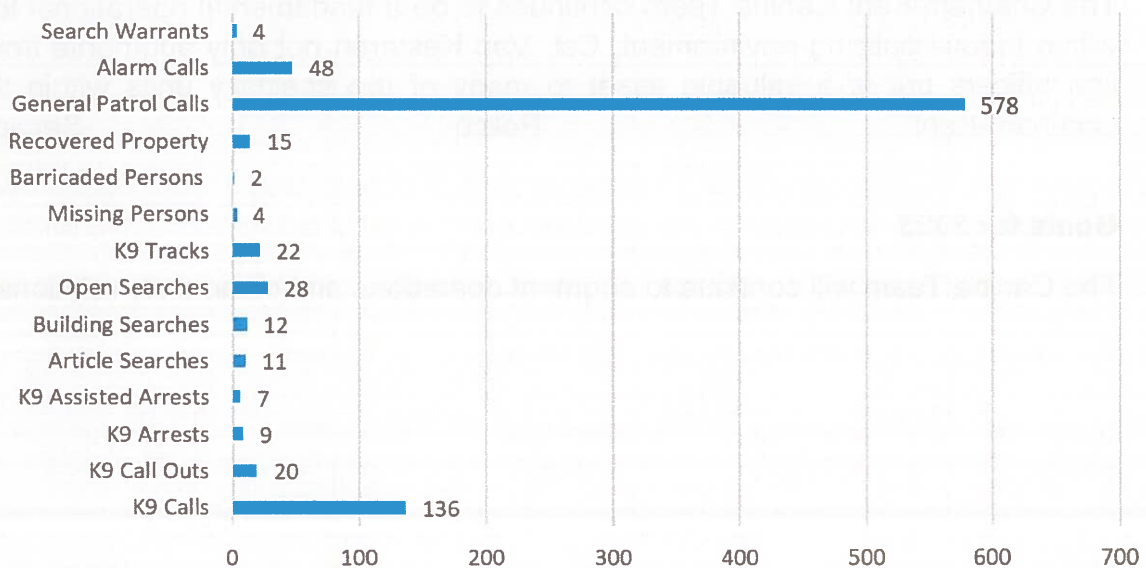
The mandate is to meet the Adequacy Standards set out by the province to provide police canine capabilities for the community. The benefits of having this unit within the Chatham-Kent Police Service include, faster response times, local

control, and higher success rate, along with assisting in public relations events. Our officer and canine live in the community of Chatham-Kent.

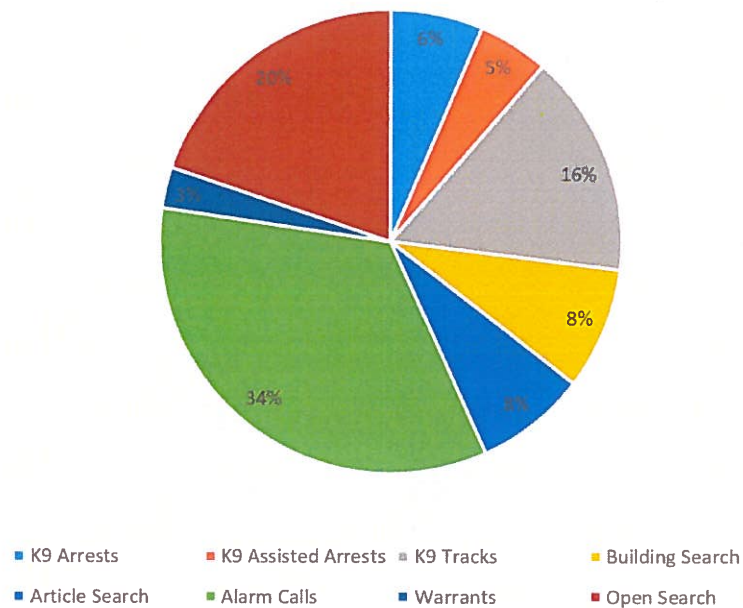
Canine Related calls for service
2019 - 2022



2022 K9 Call Break Down



K9 Usage 2022



Conclusion

The Chatham-Kent Canine Team continues to be a fundamental operational tool within today's policing environment. Cst. Van Kesteren not only augments front-line officers but is a valuable asset to many of the specialty units within the Chatham-Kent Police Service.

Goals for 2023

The Canine Team will continue to augment operations and community relations.

Recommendation:

Receive the report for information purposes.

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