



SMITHS FALLS

POLICE

COMMUNITY FIRST



2023 Annual Report

Community First

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We acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution in the making of the Rideau Canal which runs thru Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship being mindful of generations to come.

OUR MISSION VISION AND VALUES

Our Mission in partnership with our community, is to ensure the safety and security of all persons and property within the town of Smiths Falls.

Our Vision is to continue to create a positive environment within our community by inspiring public confidence, accountable policing and providing safety and security for all

Our Values is respect, professionalism and community leadership

OUR MOTTO

Community First



**Shawn Pankow, Chairperson and
Members of the Smiths Falls Police Services' Board**

Dear: Chair Pankow and Board Members:

Welcome to our 2023 Smiths Falls Police Annual Report. This overview is a collaborative effort of all of our team's hard work and dedication to this community throughout the year 24-7.

First, I wish to acknowledge the well -deserved retirement of Chief Mark MacGillivray after 36 years of policing this community at the end of 2023 as well as the retirement of Staff Sergeant Tom Blanchard. We wish them all the best to enjoy this time with their families.



2023 year has been a busy one as we continue to move with the fast pace of policing a small town in the Province that is undergoing change. The new Community Safety and Policing Act set to role out in April 2024 will be reflective in how we change to conform to the new regulations.

Our calls of service have not decreased and our ways of dealing with cases such as Intimate Partner Violence, Youth Exploitation, Drug Trafficking have become more complex. Our commitment to Victims of Crime continue to be our priority in crime prevention by collaborating with our community partners in ensuring a safe community. Proactive Policing with officers engaged on patrol in their vehicles, on foot or bikes conducting traffic enforcement, community engagement and visits to schools and community events are very important in maintaining positive relationships.

Staff wellness is an important piece of ensuring our officers and front line staff our well supported in doing this difficult job. Recruitment and hiring has been challenging across the province. We need to ensure we continue to support our officers and our community together while working.

Technology within our service continues to grow and expand with our in car cameras, DEMS, our Automated Licence Plate Readers, as well as equipment to support our Crime Unit for surveillance support. We continue to work on preparing for the upgrade to the NG911 system.

In 2023 our budget remained balanced from the estimated cost. We are mindful of the budgetary restraints and the increase of pricing across the Province. We take every grant opportunity we



can to ensure we off -set costs of training officers, equipment and support as well as providing our Community Partners who work collaboratively with us the funding needed to engage and educate our youth and Community.

We recognize we are not everything to everyone. Our collaboration with our Community Partners and Stakeholders are crucial in the success of Crime Prevention in our town. Having a MCRT (mental health crisis response team) assist us in a number of our mental health calls to assess people on scene, alleviates the often a substantial amount of wait time in the hospitals.

I wish to welcome our newer Police Service Board member who was appointed in 2023, Chris Samure to who is a well -known supporter to the growth of the Smiths Falls Community.

I wish to thank the Board Members for their continued support to our Police Service and to our members- the men and women who are dedicated professionals both civilian and officers who work a very challenging job in our community.

A/Chief Jodi Empey

UNIFORM PERSONNEL

Mark MacGillivray	Chief of Police	Joined 09NOV87	Retired 31DEC23
Jodi Empey	Deputy Chief	Joined 11JUL94	
Nadine Wilson	Sergeant	Joined 10JUN94	
	Staff Sergeant	(05JUN23)	
Daniel King	Sergeant	Joined 22NOV04	
Brent Pellett	Constable	Joined 04SEP07	
	Sergeant	(01DEC22)	
Derek Klawitter	Constable	Joined 16MAY99	
David Murphy	Constable	Joined 14JUN99	
Chris Coon	Constable	Joined 02JUL01	
David Rakobowchuk	Constable	Joined 16JUN02	(Resigned 21JAN23)
Aaron Tompkins	Constable	Joined 26APR04	
Glenn Smith	Constable	Joined 16MAY05	
David Morris	Constable	Joined 18AUG08	(Resigned 31AUG23)
Ashley Ricci	Constable	Joined 08DEC08	
Bradley Walker	Detective Constable	Joined 06DEC10	
	Sergeant	(05JUN23)	
Brock Woods	Constable	Joined 29JUL13	
Jason Droske	Constable	Joined 02MAR07	
	Detective/Constable	(13NOV23)	
Tyler Brett	Detective/Constable	Joined 08SEP14	
Sean Keogan	Constable/CSO	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	(Resigned 30MAY23)
Mike Hart	Constable	Joined 06MAR23	



Travis Robidoux	Cadet- Constable	Joined 11APR23
Karling Fraser	Cadet- Constable	Joined 24APR23
Patrick Fagan	Constable	Joined 17MAY23

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Stephanie McFadden	Administrative Assistant	Joined 12DEC22
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

PART-TIME CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Tammy Hardy	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 21JUN22	Resigned 20OCT23
Chloe Wilson	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 06DEC21	
Pam Delorme	Clerk/Dispatcher	Joined 15MAY23	

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Chloe Wilson	Special Constable	Joined 19MAY22
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IT SERVICES

Bryce Mackenzie	IT Specialist	Joined 04MAY15
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POLICE CHAPLAIN

Rev Christopher Ryan	Chaplain	Joined 01DEC17
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SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MR. SHAWN PANKOW
CHAIRPERSON
(January - December)

MR. ROB DOPSON
VICE CHAIRPERSON
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT
(January-December)

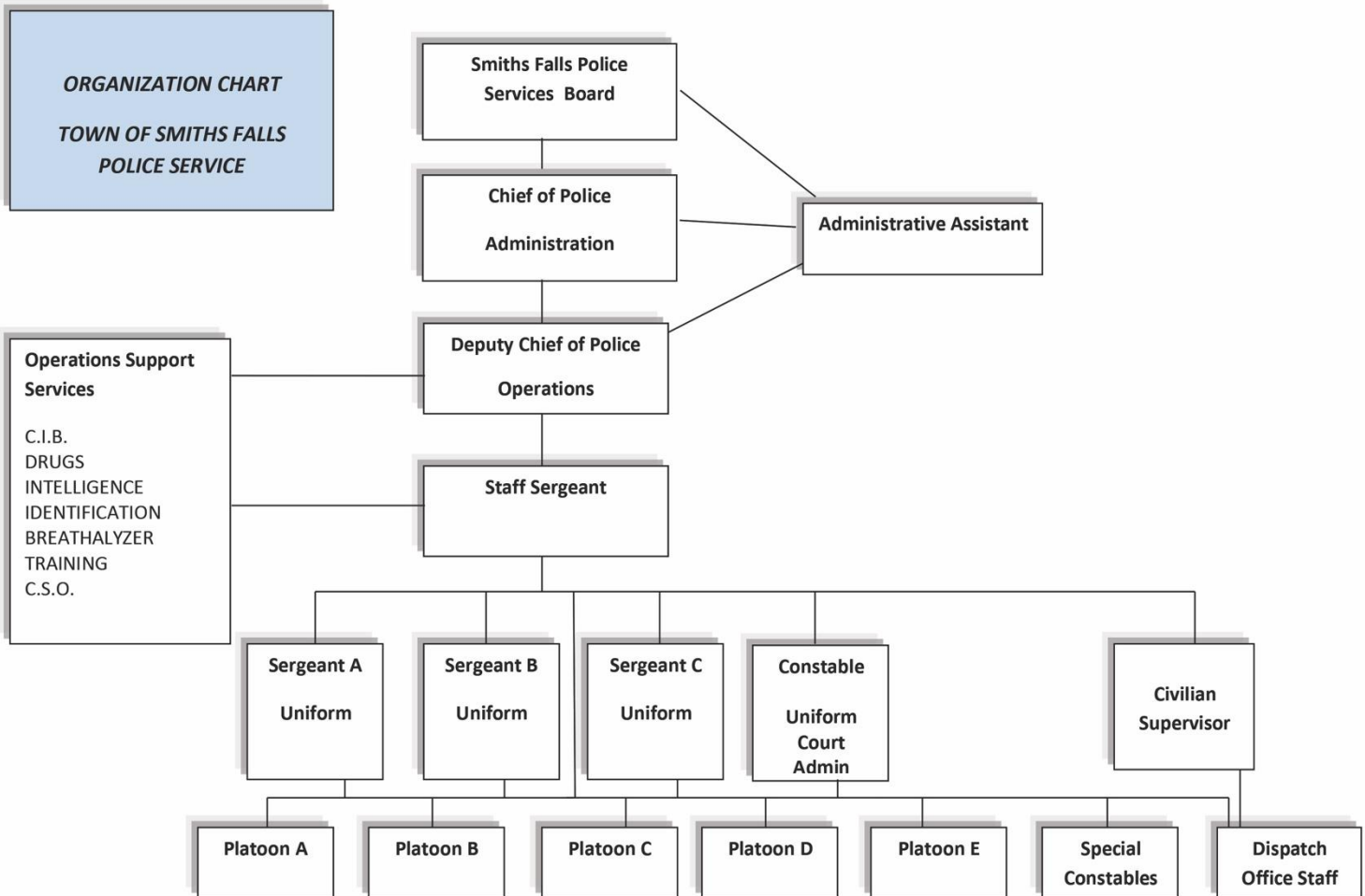
MR. CHRISTOPHER MCGUIRE
COUNCIL MEMBER
(January - December)

MRS. JENNIFER AUNGER-RITCHIE
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT
(January – December)

MR. CHRISTOPHER BABCOCK
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT
(January – August)

MR. CHRISTOPHER SAUMURE
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT
(October- December)

MRS. STEPHANIE MCFADDEN
BOARD SECRETARY
(January- December)



STAFFING

As of December 2023 the Smiths Falls Police Service had a strength of 25 sworn officers, 6 full time Civilian personnel and 3 part time Civilian personnel. Due to long term absences (WSIB, resignations, retirements, parental/maternity leave and short term leave) the strength of the service at the end of 2023 was 20 sworn officers, 5 full time Civilian Staff and 2 part time Civilian personnel.

Statistics within our service indicate we have a compliment of 6 female and 19 male officers. We have 5 female full time Civilian personnel and one male. 3 part time Civilian personnel are females. Languages spoken are French and English. 2% of staff have an Indigenous background.

2023 statistics saw a hiring of 4 new officers, 2 experienced, 2 recruits, and 1 part time Communicator to replace members who had resigned/retired.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Technology continues to be an important component of our court system today. Evidence collection through digital evidence management has increased 100% from 2022. With tight timelines recently in place in the court system, it has increased staff time in managing the downloading of evidence from cruisers, and cell block. Our Civilian staff are a crucial piece to assist officers with timely download disclosure.

There has been a rapid increase of training through grant funding in support to allow officers the expertise and knowledge, skills and abilities to be effective in their community. This funding has allowed off-set of training costs.



PATROL AND COMMUNICATIONS

The officers in uniform and civilian communicators provide 24-7 response within our community.

We value the importance of having an officer attend in person to deal with calls as much as possible.

In 2023, our officers responded to 8112 calls for service compared to 8052 calls in 2022.

The complexity and timely disclosure to the courts have increased. Intimate Partner Violence calls have increased from 170 calls in 2022 to 212 in 2023.

Our front line officers provide proactive personal service to our community, whether on foot or bike or in a cruiser, officers patrol all neighbourhoods, businesses and parks within the municipality of Smiths Falls.

We have day, afternoon and nightshifts for our front line patrols. They work 12 hour or 10 hour shifts.

911 emergency response comes directly to our Communication Centre. On every 911 call including hang up calls or misdials, our officers provide an immediate response. On average our response times to emergency calls is anywhere from 1 minute to less than 3 minute response.

BACKGROUND SMITHS FALLS ONT

Population (2023 Statistics Canada 9,517 (estimate) (there has been a 5.6% increase in population growth from 2016-2023) and growing

Land area- 9.66 Km (estimate)

Streets- 67.99 KM (estimate)

Private Dwellings- 4,523

Police Service

Uniformed Personnel – 24

Police Marked Vehicles - 4

Civilian – 6

Car terminals - 5

Civilian Part time – 3

Police unmarked vehicle – 2 (3rd one is decommissioned)

Special Constables – 1

Community Service Vehicle - 1





POLICE EXPENDITURES 2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Police Capital Budget-	\$65,000	\$55,518
Net Capital Surplus-	\$9,482	
Total Police Operational Budget	\$5,226,780	\$5,138,279
Operational Surplus	\$74,309.00	
Total Police Services Board	\$33,270.00	\$26,532.00
Net Surplus Board	\$6,738	

GRANT EXPENDITURES 2023

NG 911- year two- \$328,716.00- upgrading infrastructure and technology to support the next generation of 911

MCRT Grant- one year- \$122,853.00- to support the cost of staffing our Mobile Crisis Response Team

Proceeds of Crime Grant- \$28,500 – to support Big Brothers and RNJ to educate youths at schools regarding child exploitation

Community Safety and Policing local- \$15,223.26- To support Community Service Officer with implementing programs/working with partners in our community

Community Safety and Policing Provincial- \$17,540.10 – To support our community Partners in delivery of programs in our community as well as training for officers

CISO Grant- \$8,000- to support Intelligence lead Policing, combating crime

CISO Investigative Grant- \$4,749.00 - to support equipment for intelligence purposes

Court Security Grant- \$34,475.00 to support prisoner care and control and security

Victim Support Grant- \$94,514.00- funding supported Victim Services, Lanark County Interval House, SADV at the hospital, and training for officers relating to IPV, Major Case, Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault

RIDE Grant- \$8800 – support Impaired Driving Initiative

**Proceeds of Crime Grant
partnership with Big Brothers/
Big Sisters and RNJ**



TRAINING COURSES

The following courses were completed by staff in 2023

First Aid Training
Taser Training
Use of Force
Ident Conference
CIT Courses
C8 Training
CSS OACP Training
Coach Officer Training
Investigation of Offences Against Children
Radar/Lidar Training
Standard Field Sobriety Testing
Forensic Ident Course
IPV Investigator
IARD
Field Intelligence Officer
Investigative Interviewing
SAIAO Conference
Sexual Assault Investigation
CISO Conferences
Police Response to Hate Crime Training
Firearms Identification for Public Agents 2.0
Domestic Violence Investigator Course
Major Case Management
Intro to Intelligence (CISO)
Field Investigative Officer

COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

Our Communication Centre services the population of Smiths Falls as well as reallocating 911 and non-emergency calls for service to various other agencies. We are the only Police Agency in this Region that has a Communication Centre staffed and operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a personalized approach to assisting our Community. Our Staff handles calls for service in person and walk in's as well as conducting criminal record checks for employment or volunteer, trained to deal with persons in crisis, de-escalation in person or on the phone while also providing officers with the proper information to attend the calls. Our Communicators provide officers with

In 2023 our staff dealt with 8,112 calls for service slightly higher than 2022. On top of assisting our community who calls into the Centre, our Communicators also assist officers with all the inputting for calls for service, putting together the Crown Briefs, adding all the charges and amending the person to the files and inputting all the statements and notes to allow our officers to return to their proactive policing duties.

Communicators further look after our DEMS (Digital Evidence Management) and downloads to our videos.

Our Officers could not do the full scope of their work without the critical piece of our Civilian Staff.



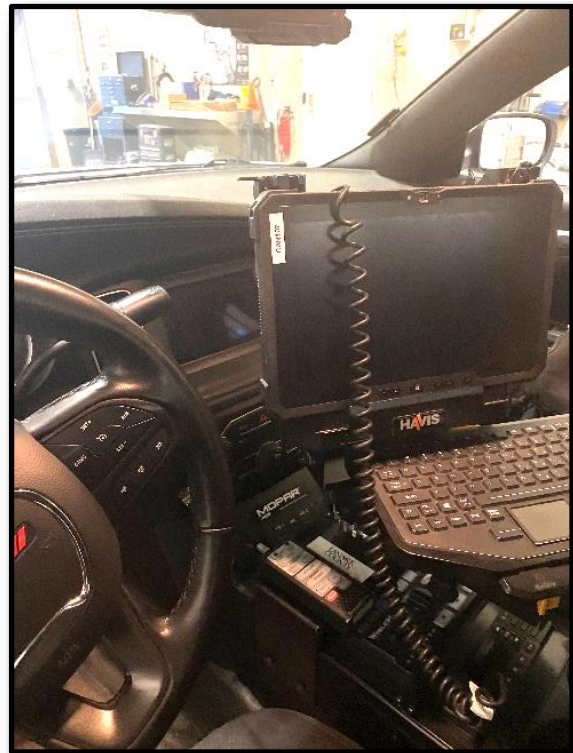
TECHNOLOGY

Technology in the environment of policing continues to advance. To assist in transparency and accountability we have the in-car cameras. Not only have they been beneficial for evidence collection and statements, but also in the event a complaint is made regarding officer conduct. All the data stored is into a cloud and saved into our DEMS (Digital Evidence Management System). If charges are laid in an offence, that information is further disclosed for court purposes.

Our ALPR systems in the cruisers enhances our traffic and criminal enforcement. The system relies on a “hot list” of licence plates entered by police officers and also updated by the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). This allows our officers a wider scope of wanted individuals, stolen vehicles, offenders or victims relating to Human Trafficking as well as prohibited or unlicensed drivers or unregistered vehicles.

Within our building we have IT support that continually works on upgrading our firewall systems to prevent any vulnerability to our systems, provides IT support with our Communication Centre as well as officer support and for virtual court that is used during the weekend. Our day to day operations is all dependent on IT support such as RMS, CAD, CPIC, MTO, DEMS, Health IM, for example that also is accessible in the cruisers with use of a tablet and cell phones.

NG 911 set to go live in 2025, is a continual investment and work in progress to upgrade the infrastructure here to support the system.



SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CRIME STOPPERS

ANNUAL REPORT - 2023



The Smiths Falls Police Service is proud to continue its partnership with the Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers in 2023. Last year marked the celebration 30 years of service in the Town of Smiths Falls! Throughout 2023 **227** tips were received and managed by the Police Coordinator. This is a 44.5% increase in tip volume from the previous year.

Crime Stoppers is run as a nonprofit and relies heavily on the community and police in a collaborative campaign against fighting crime in our communities. Our court officer has a hand in redirecting court-directed cash penalties from accused parties back to charities in Smiths Falls. Crime Stoppers is one of the beneficiaries of these payouts.

It is important to note that all "Tipsters" are always kept anonymous. All who provide tips on crimes or suspected crimes are offered cash rewards up to \$2000.00, upon an arrest.

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 2023

President:	Amber MacDonald
Vice-President:	Lyle Clancy
Secretary:	Kelsey Jackson
Treasurer:	Sheldon Giff
Director:	Jackie Coldrey
Director:	Rick Kirkwood
Director:	Chuck Hudson
Director:	John Putnam
Police Coordinator	Sean Keogan, Cst Smiths Falls Police Service

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It is with pride I say our board of directors continue to maintain a very active presence in the community and at a wide array of community events hosted in Smiths Falls and the surrounding communities. We continue to promote and nurture community partnerships as they are critical in delivering successful community events and engagements. Some of the community events we participated in 2023 were:

The year kicked off with the annual Santa Claus Parade, always proud to be present and part of the Remembrance Day ceremony. The Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, Zombie Walk and of course the Kids Cops & Fishing Day. For Canada Day celebrations a great presence for the events at Lower Reach Park, Bicycle Safety and Rodeo and of course the weekly presence at the Community cruise nights. (Cruise nights continue to be a proud sponsor of Crime Stoppers). Other events that need praise include a Community BBQ in the Sussex St/ Empress Ave community, Community Partner Appreciation BBQ hosted at the Station as well as the Torch Run and Polar Plunge.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

November and December 2023 had planning in place for a January 2024 fundraiser. As part of the National Crime Stoppers awareness month the RETURN of a fundraising dance hosted at the Smiths Falls Legion will take place (look for next years report on that success). We also conducted Nevada Ticket lotto sales as an ongoing campaign in where a portion of the proceeds went back into our program. As always we need to give a BIG SHOUT OUT and **thank you** to all of the amazing community clubs and businesses that support our Crime Stoppers program each and every year! Kinsmen and Legion just to name a few.

The ongoing and continued success of Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers falls squarely on the the members of the Board of Directors. The countless volunteer hours and dedication of their time and effort to the program needs to be commended. These members dedicate themselves to numerous volunteer hours directed at promotion of the program, ongoing fundraising and attending numerous community events. The Smiths Falls Police Service, and its Police Coordinator remain committed to working with Crime Stoppers to monitor TIPS received through the P3 Program. Timely follow up on those tips, and dedicated work with the residents of the community of Smiths Falls who continue to provide tips and information all while maintaining and protecting their anonymity.

Sincerely,

Constable Sean Keogan Community Service Officer

Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers

Police Coordinator

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Smiths Falls Police Service employs a full time uniformed Community Services Officer (CSO) maintaining crucial relationships as the key person to link the community to the Police Service. The CSO role is crucial to building and maintaining strong and positive relationships with our community partners, schools, businesses, support groups and retirement living residences. The community often see the CSO officer giving presentations to schools or participating with the schools in collaborated presentations and community engagements. There are often presentations given to various community groups, boards and the general public on topic sensitive and important to the community.



These relationships are important to maintain and grow in order to learn what the community, schools, business and support groups find



important. Each unique setting will have their own needs and ideas as to what's important to them specifically. The CSO receives requests from the schools and community groups on presentations cover a wide range of topics. Some of the key and repetitive topics of discussion are Fraud Awareness/Prevention, Anti-Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences, Provincial and Federal laws, Harassment and Discrimination, Elder and Financial Abuse against seniors, drug prevention and many more! These topics stay prevalent in the community due to the education pieces becoming effective requires criminals to adapt, as a result we need to stay vigilant and up to date on topics and delivery.

Due to the evolution of technology, grant supports and specialized training and education of officers and community partners a collaborative approach is often used for the presentation of

these topics. Some of these valuable community partners are The Situation Table, Victim Services of Lanark County, Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, CP Rail Police, our local Banks, Big Brothers Big Sisters, RNJ Youth Services and many more! The CSO also provides monthly updates on community events and crime prevention awareness by way of our local media outlets Lake 88 Radio hosted by Bob Perreault and YourTV Smiths Falls hosted by Kathy Botham and Robbie Hull.



The Smiths Falls Police Service and the CSO organized and hosted our own Polar Plunge in Smiths Falls for Special Olympics. This year we raised over \$9400 to support their sports and programs within our community. This event will continue to be an annual event to help bring the community together in partnership to support the Special Olympics. Another new event was the Big Brothers Big Sister partnership with Canadian Tire for a Kick Start Program for girls in sport initiative where we attend and participate. We also did “Coffee with a Cop” supported by Starbucks for opportunities to engage with the public, as well as serving lunch at Hanley Hall on Mondays with the Table. Our service collaborated with OPP and Perth Fire Fighters with organizing a female first responder camp that was very successful. Our front line officers regular attend our schools during shift as well as attend several public events that are held by the DBIA and other organizations, such as Remembrance Day, Christmas Parade, Spirit of the Drum Pow wow, Rib Fests, night markets, Hallowe’en Parade and many more!

COMMUNITY SERVICE







CRIME PREVENTION

Our Service is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the community and visitors including their properties and businesses.

Our frontline officer response plays a continual and vital role to the prevention of crimes within our community. Our officers regular conduct foot patrol in our parks, around the downtown core or target areas where they are seeing an increase in property crimes such as thefts or break and enters. Bike patrol are utilized in the spring/summer months as well.

Our Officers conduct RIDE spot checks through various times of the year, during the day or night, looking for impaired or prohibitive drivers to keep our roads safe.

Regular Compliance checks on our high-risk offenders and alerts when an offender is released from custody, conducting safety plans to victims and being proactive in our warrant apprehensions are ways of protecting victims from being re-victimized.

Communicating with the public over incidents that involve public safety alerts, social media updates, campaigns and radio are ways we spread pertinent and scam related information to the public.

In 2023 there was a total of 8,112 calls for service. Of note with some of our higher risk calls for service:

- 652 calls were 911
- 57 calls of assault
- 212 Intimate Partner Violence
- 74 Bail Violations
- 278 Theft
- 105 Threat related calls

Serious crimes affect our community as do property crimes. Our officers have a quick response to 911 calls for service averaging less than two minutes to get to a serious call in town. The Smiths Falls Police will utilize specialty services such as SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officers) and Ident officers at scenes of serious cases.

Target hardening is utilized if there is an area in town that is showing increase in activity – whether break and enters, thefts or drug activity for example. Our officer will increase their proactive patrol and covert operations to target offenders in the area

Our Community Service Officer provides supports to the municipality and the public in CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design), lock it or lose it campaigns, fraud prevention with seniors, protecting our youth from online crimes, and a number of educational pieces within our schools to engage with youth in a proactive and positive manner, as well as community groups.



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to work collaboratively with our Community and Police Partners across Ontario to prevent Intimate Partner Violence. Sadly, statistics in 2023 continues to show an increase rate of reported intimate partner violence in Ontario resulting in homicides.

In 2023 our Service was again successful in obtaining the Victim Support Grant to help our Community Partners such as Victim Services, Lanark County Interval House- Victim Advocate, and the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program at the hospital. This funding provided support towards protection to Victims of Violence such as gas cards, alarm systems, camera surveillance as well as supported training for officers such as Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continue to advocate for Victims of Violence in bail reform. High risk intimate partner offenders are released on conditions far too often, 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 plan in place if released by a Justice of the Peace. One suggestion has been having the high risk offenders wear a monitoring device when considering release that is an allowable bail condition.

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.

Sergeant Dan King is our Services' Intimate Partner Violence Co-ordinator that oversees all our Intimate Partner Violence cases and engage in conferences with other Domestic Violence Co-ordinators across the Province. A/Chief Empey remains a member of the SADV committee and participates in regular survivor forums, Take Back the Night marches and conferences relating to Intimate Partner Violence as well as is Co-Chair of the community safety and well- being plan that implemented Intimate Partner Violence in the plan long before other Counties and Municipalities. Our Officers regular participate and support December 6th National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Domestic Violence and the Red Dress campaign and were instrumental in working with LCIH in having a mosaic built at town hall to remember victims of violence here in Smiths Falls. 2023 was the first year we had a December 6th Vigil at Town Hall.

Smiths Falls Police in partnership with Victim Service participated in presentations to area schools and church groups speaking of topics relating to Intimate Partner Violence, healthy relationships, human trafficking and sharing intimate images. The messaging is so important within our youth and also to our community in getting the messaging out regarding harassment and abuse whether online or in person or what is disclosed to you. Its' a Community issue and we need to work together to prevent Intimate Partner Violence.



HIGH RISK OFFENDERS

The safety and security of the citizens of the Town of Smiths Falls is the Smiths Falls Police Service's mandate and primary concern. High risk offenders pose a high risk of reoffending and causing serious physical or psychological harm to members of our community. As a result, monitoring high risk offenders is given top priority by the Smiths Falls Police Service.

The Smiths Falls Police Service achieves this objective in various ways. Firstly, by directly engaging with the courts during a High Risk Offender's bail phase following their arrest. Secondly, by assigning front line officers to conduct compliance checks on High Risk Offenders in our community to ensure they are in compliance with their bail conditions. The Police Service will also engage with the OPP Repeat Offender Parolee Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) in cases of high risk offenders who pose a significant risk to the community and are required to be more covert operation is utilized to catch the offender.

In 2023 we executed 114 warrants, dealt with 74 bail violation calls for service and conducted 136 compliance checks on our local offenders.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The register is for those offenders who have been convicted of a sexual related offences including but not limited to invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, sexual offences against children, incest, bestiality, child pornography, parent or guardian procuring sexual activity, exposure and sexual assault. Our Service has a dedicated member that updates the register and ensure the local offenders are in compliance of their mandatory reporting as well as regular visits to their residences.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

MONTH	2022	2023
January	658	610
February	555	538
March	619	660
April	692	668
May	676	769
June	890	772
July	715	780
August	717	708
September	684	721
October	642	685
November	552	584
December	652	617
TOTAL	8052	8112



SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE BUSINESS PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT - 2 0 2 3

Date	Vehicle Stops	Foot Patrol Hours	Bike Patrol Hours	School Hours	Other Hours	Calls for Service
January – March	255	64	0	36	36	1808
April – June	216	66	24	33	73	2209
July – September	344	112	84	15	73	2209
October – December	288	83	0	42	55	1886

2023 SMITHS FALLS POLICE ASSISTED OTHER OUTSIDE AGENCIES ON CALLS

MONTH	OPP	OTHER AGENCIES
JANUARY	12	3
FEBRUARY	19	1
MARCH	13	5
APRIL	13	3
MAY	17	7
JUNE	30	4
JULY	34	3
AUGUST	23	4
SEPTEMBER	13	4
OCTOBER	20	3
NOVEMBER	18	2
DECEMBER	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTALS	230	40

CLEARANCE CRIME RATES AND SEVERITY

Offence Type	2022			2023		
	Actual	Cleared	%	Actual	Cleared	%
Crimes of Violence	180	144	80	243	170	70
Property Crimes	518	15	22.2	473	90	19
Other Criminal Code	216	160	74.1	224	145	64.7
Drugs	19	19	100.0	15	15	100

ARRESTS AND CHARGES

	2022	2023
Arrests	357	368
Criminal Code Charges	981	1059
Federal Charges	75	43

Our crimes of violence were down from 2022 as was our property crimes. Other crimes such as bail violations, breaches of court orders were up. Proactive policing on our offenders for compliance is important. The severity of our crimes were down but sexual assault related offences were up. Our arrests and criminal code charges were higher in 2023 than 2022. Federal charges related to drug offences.

MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (MCRT)

Working collaboratively with Lanark County Mental Health and the Lanark County O.P.P., this program continues to be a proven and effective model in our community. Since its inception in 2019, the MCRT team is supported by police lead grant funding through the Province of Ontario on an annual basis. The Police Services, Police Services Board and Lanark County Mental Health, continue to advocate the Provincial Government for more permanent sustainable funding.

Our front line officers act as a regular support for our MCRT team with our Staff Sergeant overseeing the program within our service. Our Community Services' Officer collects the data for statistical purposes as well as a regular contact with MCRT.

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

In 2018, the Smiths Falls Police Service implemented HealthIM, a clinically validated standardized electronic brief mental health screener for frontline patrol officers. This was as a result of another successful provincial grant application by our Police Service. It continues to be our main form of contact with LCMH and the hospital. Constable Aaron Tompkins continues to train police services across Canada who are also looking at implementing Health IM.

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



SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE HEALTH IM QUARTERLY REPORT 2023

Date	Call Volume	Apprehension Rate	Average Wait Time
January 1 to March 31	126	9%	55 MINS
April 1 to June 30	123	5%	43MINS
July 1 to September 30	114	8%	1hr 21 mins (4hr, 6hr and 2hr wait time)
October 1 to December 31	84	6%	1HR 53 MINS
2023 Total / Average	446	7%	1HR 13 MINS

MISSING PERSON'S ACT

In 2019 the Ministry of Solicitor General introduced the Missing Persons Act. Within that Act, there are guidelines on the use of Urgent Demands. Within those guidelines are annual reporting requirements on the Use of Urgent Demands.

In accordance with the guidelines the Smiths Falls Police make their Annual Report public in accordance with O.Reg.182/19 under the Missing Persons Act.

For 2023 Smiths Falls Police made 3 urgent demands on telecommunications, 3 for medical records and 2 for banking information to locate a missing person.

The full report for our Urgent Demands are located on our Website at [sfps.ca/Police Services Board Missing Persons Report](https://sfps.ca/Police%20Services%20Board%20Missing%20Persons%20Report).

COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

In 2017, the Ministry brought in Provincial Regulations regarding the collection of identifying information of individuals. This legislative guideline guides police officers as to when they can 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 such as:

- If the individual is under arrest or being lawfully detained
- The officer is engaged in a covert operation
- If the officer is executing a warrant pursuant to a court order

The officer must inform the individual of certain rights when attempting to collect identifying information.

In 2023 the Smiths Falls Police Service did not collect any identifying information in circumstances other than the ones established by law.

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 to the chief of police whenever the member,

- a) draws a handgun in the presence of a member of the public;
- b) points a firearm at a person;
- c) discharges a firearm;
- d) uses a weapon on another person;
- e) draws and displays a conducted energy weapon to a person with the intention of achieving compliance;
- f) points a conducted energy weapon at a person;
- g) discharges a conducted energy weapon; or
- h) uses force on another person, including through the use of a horse or a dog, that results in an injury requiring the services of a physician, nurse or paramedic and the member is aware that the injury required such services before the member goes off-duty (*revised s. 14.5 (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 2023 was eight, which resulted in the submission of 11 individual reports. More than one use of force option may be used during any given situation.

Report Type	2023
Reports involving aerosol spray (OC)	0
Firearm displayed	5
Firearm pointed	5
Firearm discharged	0
Reports involving Asp (baton)	0
Reports involving Empty Hand Techniques	3
Reports involving Taser X2	4
Total Reports	11
Total Occurrences	8

Notes-

Firearm Displayed/Pointed – There were three incidents where officers were required to draw their firearm or rifle.

- Three officers attended what was believed to be an active shooter incident, however, it was later determined that the information provided was false.
- Officers attempted to arrest a subject but they resisted and pulled away. Officers observed a knife concealed in the subjects waistband and drew their firearm. The subject was eventually arrested without further incident.
- A subject was involved in an intimate partner violence incident where a knife may have been used. This turned into a police pursuit, which was eventually stopped, and a high-risk vehicle takedown conducted.

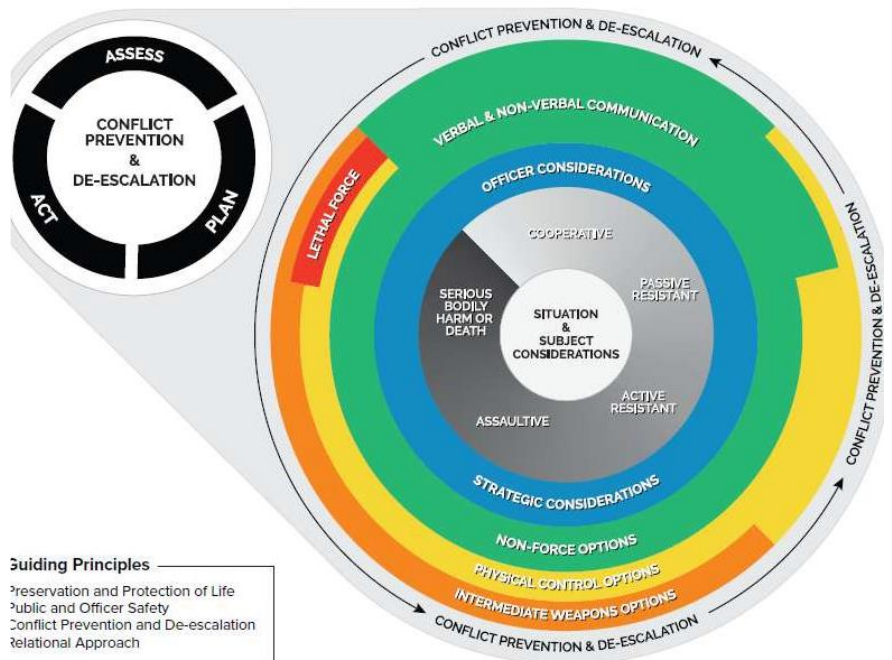
Empty Hand Techniques – There were three incidents where officers were required to use empty hand techniques to control a subject.

- Several officers were required to take physical control of a subject who had cut himself in an attempt to take his own life.
- While attempting to arrest a subject, officers took physical control, which led to the subject resisting arrest. After using a display of force (spark) with the Taser, the subject complied.

- Officers attempted to arrest a subject during a traffic stop, however they resisted, forcing officers to take physical control of the subject.

Taser X2 – There were four incidents where officers were required to deploy and/or display the Taser.

- Several officers were required to take physical control of a subject who had cut himself in an attempt to take his own life. The subject was bleeding profusely and in order to gain control, officers deployed the Taser, allowing other officers to restrain the subject and get him to hospital.
- An intoxicated subject threatened to burn his neighbour’s house down and when officers attempted to intervene, the subject charged at them. A display of force (spark) was used and the subject complied.
- While attempting to arrest a subject, the subject resisted/assaulted officers and then fled on foot. Officers pursued into a marsh where the subject continued to resist. The Taser was deployed resulting in the subjects’ arrest.
- Officers attended an assault call and were required to arrest a subject. After informing the subject that he was under arrest, the subject squared off his body and began clenching his fists, exhibiting signs of the Taser, resulting in the subjects’ arrest.



The officer continuously assesses the interactions and selects the most reasonable option(s) relative to the subject and circumstances given available resources and time.

ROAD SAFETY

The Town of Smiths Falls has over 68KM of roadway patrolled by The Smiths Falls Police Service daily. Smiths Falls is situated between Brockville, Kingston and Ottawa with all the highways running through town.

Smiths Falls Police Road Safety initiatives will assist in making Smiths Falls the safest place to live in Ontario. Our role focuses on Public Safety and includes a reactive component, but more importantly a proactive component.

In order to limit the number of violations of distracted driving and impairment by alcohol and drugs, we must educate and support the service on the importance of road safety.



Goal:

- Enhance road safety by utilizing state of the art technology, and proactive education and enforcement initiatives.

Objectives:

- Maintain proactive patrols including trails and Community Safety Zones
- Continue with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
- Ensure Officers are educated on the latest techniques and most recent Impaired Driving Case Law
- Involvement with Operation Impact, Road Safety Week and other Provincial and National traffic initiatives
- Monitor problem areas identified through traffic studies
- Advertisement of Road Safety Campaigns through our website and social media

- Use of the Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR) and speed trailer for deterrence and data collection
- Increase public awareness of R.I.D.E. programs and their value to road safety

Key Performance Measures:

- Review Data from speed tracking trailer
- Maintain R.I.D.E. programs throughout the year
- Tracking driving behaviors through monthly traffic reports
- Increased Education and enforcement initiatives on the road throughout the Town
- Review data from collision reports

Driving Offences Statistics 2023

Vehicle Stops:	984	HTA/CAIA Charges:	661
Motor Vehicle Collisions:	243	Traffic Complaints:	397
Fail to Remain Collisions:	42	Dangerous Operation:	2
Suspended Driving:	60	Prohibited Driving Criminal:	11
Weapons:	13	Open Alcohol/Cannabis Offences:	20
Possession/Traffic Drugs	8	Other Criminal Code:	47
Traffic Control Offences:	68	Speeding:	112



RIDE ANNUAL REPORT

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to keeping our roadways free of drivers Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs. Officers take opportunities to increase enforcement and education surrounding Impairment offences.

In 2023 Smiths Falls Police received \$8200 in Provincial Grants supporting RIDE Programs. The funding was utilized for a Festive RIDE campaign in order to deter and educate the public. The funding was used from



September 2022 to January 2024 for a total of 8 RIDE initiatives. As a result of the Provincially Funded RIDE programs there were 1980 motor vehicle checked and 44 Snowmobiles checked. During the funded RIDE Programs there were 53 Highway Traffic Act warnings, one Provincial Offences Notice for Open Liquor, one under the Highway Traffic Act and one charge for Cannabis Readily Available. There were no Impaired Driving Charges laid.

Throughout the year Smiths Falls Police Service conducted several RIDE Programs during regularly scheduled shifts. This provides the opportunity for Officers to educate the public with various HTA infractions as well as ensuring the roadways in the Town of Smiths Falls are kept safe and free of Impaired Drivers.

Officers conducted 25 RIDE Programs separate from the Provincial Grant resulting in 2065 vehicles checked. As a result there were 17 Highway Traffic Act warnings, 3 Provincial Offences Notices for Cannabis readily available, 1 Approved Screening Device Demand (ASD) resulting in a pass and 1 person arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Smiths Falls Police will continue to conduct RIDE programs in 2024 throughout various months to coincide with festivals in the area.

IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAM

Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to ensuring all safety for all vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic on the roads and trail systems within our community. This occurs through education, prevention, enforcement and the apprehension and prosecution of Impaired Drivers by drug or alcohol.

Enforcement and detection of Impaired Drivers is paramount in ensuring the citizens of Smiths Falls are safe to travel the roads. Enforcement and detection can occur through Officer initiated traffic stops, traffic complaints called in by citizens through 911 and sobriety check points (RIDE).

Impaired Drivers is not limited to vehicles on highways or roads but also includes vessels on our waterways and off road vehicles and snowmobiles on the trail systems that run throughout the community.

All our frontline Officers are certified in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and in the use of Roadside Screening Devices (RSD), which assists in the detection of drivers impaired by alcohol and drugs. The Smiths Falls Police Service has 8 active members currently trained as Qualified Breath Technicians. And one member trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). These officers receive yearly recertification and proficiency testing in their respective fields.

Equipment used by the Smiths Falls Police Service in the detection of Drivers impaired by alcohol include:

- **Intoxilyzer 8000C**
- **Drager Alcotest 6810**

2023 Breath Testing

Smiths Falls Police Service conducted 7 tests in 2023

2023 Charges

Impaired Driving (Alcohol):	7	Impaired Driving (Drug):	1
Drive Exceed 80:	5	Refusal:	2
Drive Cannabis Readily Available:	4	Drive Liquor Readily Available:	16



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 C8 Carbine requalification training was conducted at the Grenville Fish and Game Club. The Smiths Falls Police Service trains all members to carry the C8 Carbine for deployment while on patrol.

All training exceeds the Provincial Policing Standards and is consistent with the new 2023 Ontario Public-Police Interaction Model, which replaced the old Ontario Use of Force Model.

All officers successfully completed the 2023 annual Firearms requalification.

Respectfully,

Constable Brock Woods

Use of Force / Firearms/ CEW 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 Six (6) are fully marked patrol vehicles (one used for community services) and three (3) are unmarked vehicles. One new vehicle is in process of being entered into the fleet to replace a life cycled vehicle (104)

All of the vehicles are equipped with emergency lighting, radio equipment, first aid kits, vehicle stopping sticks (for fleeing offenders) and defibrillators. Five (5) of the six (6) 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. Five (5) of the six (6) have the capability of being used for prisoner transport in the rear seat. (single or double cages)

The use of Radar Speed Measuring Devices assist officers in the education and enforcement of keeping our roadways safe. Four (4) of our frontline vehicles are outfitted with dash mounted moving radar. Officers also have the option to use a handheld Radar (1) or the use of a Dragon Eye Lidar (2) from stationary positions.

Four (4) of our fully marked frontline patrol vehicles are equipped with Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR). Three of these cruisers have the AXON system directly linked to Digital Evidence Management. 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 2023:

Vehicle 101	2020 Dodge Durango	38,111KM	Admin CIB
Vehicle 102	2017 Ford Police U/T	157,345KM	Patrol/Traffic Radar, Watchguard camera
Vehicle 103	2017 Ford Police U/T	158,460KM	Community Services
Vehicle 104	2012 Ford Taurus	156,477KM	CIB being life cycled out
Vehicle 104	2023 Dodge Charger	1753KM	replacement for CIB
Vehicle 105	2015 Ford Taurus	68,660KM	Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR
Vehicle 106	2018 Ford Police U/T	100,842KM	Patrol/ALPR, Watchguard camera
Vehicle 107	2021 Dodge Charger	37,276KM	Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR
Vehicle 108	2022 Ford Police U/T	14,502KM	Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR

Sean KEOGAN, Cst

PROPERTY

The Smiths Falls Police Service has 3 dedicated officers overseeing and managing the property for the service. Property items are retained in a secured on site storage room. The property is secured and stored for continuity purposes for court. All items entered are logged in our Internal Records Management System (RMS.) Any property that is no longer required can be returned to the rightful owner or disposed of after 30 days if unclaimed.

CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES

All controlled substances that come into possession of the Police Service in 2023 have been properly processed and accounted for. Officers have to utilize caution with PPE and protective equipment when handling harmful drugs such as fentanyl. Any of the exhibits that require analysis for Court purposes are handled by Health Canada. The dedicated drug property officer provides a monthly tracking report to Health Canada showing all the controlled drugs that have entered into property.

FIREARMS LOG

In 2023 officers seized 12 firearms from criminal related offences and 7 were surrendered to the service. All firearms are stored and accounted for. The property firearms officer submits an annual report to the RCMP. All firearms that meet the specified criteria are disposed by an approved third party agency.

A total of **589** items logged into property as exhibits in 2023. That was an increase of 130 items seized from 2022.

At this time all property, drugs and firearms in the possession of the Smiths Falls Police are up to current ministry standards for seizure and retention.

An annual auction takes place to sell off unclaimed property.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The OIPRD (Office of the Independent Review Director) handles all public complaints regarding police officers conduct. During January 1st – December 31st 2023 the OIPRD received 5 complaints. This number represented a decrease from 14 complaints received in 2022.

STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS

Resolved	Unsubstantiated	2
	Early resolution	1
	Informal resolution	1
	screened out by OIPRD- not in the public interest/frivolous/over 6 months	2
	assigned to outside agency for investigation	0
Unresolved	under investigation or not yet concluded as of December 31 st 2023	1

The general classification of the complaints received between January 1st- December 31st 2023, is detailed below.

- a) Discreditable conduct
- b) Unlawful or Necessary Exercise of Authority
- c) Deceit/Breach of Confidence
- d) Neglect of duty/Insubordination – 2
- e) Corrupt Practice
- f) No conduct offence or service issue identified - 3
- g) Service

LOCAL RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to O.Reg.263/09, local inquiries must be reported to the OIPRD. A local inquiry report is filed when a complainant requests a local resolution but does not wish to complete or sign an OIPRD Local Complaint Form.

MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Section 49 of the Police Service’s Act and annual reporting of disclosures and decisions on secondary activities for members of the Smiths Falls Police Service the following are disclosures and decisions on secondary activities for the calendar year of 2023.

ITEM	SWORN	CIVILIAN
Number of 2023 secondary activity requests	3	3
TOTAL numbers approved	3	3
TOTAL numbers denied	0	0
Reason for denials	N/A	N/A
Any pending	0	0

Overview of secondary employment relates to teaching, serving at a restaurant, owning a water truck company and working at a golf course part time.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

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 2023 the SIU had 0 reported incidents regarding the Smiths Falls Police.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

TYPE	2022	2023
TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENCES	1403/931 Veh stops/charges	1103/658 Veh stops/charges
OTHER PROVINCIAL STATUTES	59	74

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT STATISTICS

TYPE	2021 (Final)	2022 (Final)	2023 (to Dec 31st)
FATAL INJURY	0	1	0
NON-FATAL INJURY	16	20	19
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	156	189	154
NON-REPORTABLE	6	1	6
OTHER	1	1	0
TOTAL SUBMITTED TO ACCIDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	179	212	179

CRIME STATISTICS – INCIDENTS

	2022	2023	% CHANGE
Murder	0	0	---
Attempt Murder	0	2	200
Robbery	1	6	500
Assault / Forcible Confinement	102	108	5.88
Sexual Assault	14	28	100.00
Criminal Harassment	35	47	34.29
Utter Threats	29	47	62.07
Break & Enter	44	43	-2.27
Theft Related	262	242	-7.63
Mischief to Property	114	102	-10.53
Frauds	102	103	0.98
Bail Violation / Breach Probation and Court Orders	159	168	5.66
Arson	3	3	---
Drugs	19	25	31.58
Dangerous Operation Motor Vehicle	13	3	-76.92
Impaired Driving	11	12	9.09
Domestic Disturbance (Non-Criminal)	154	217	40.90
Mental Health Act	476	352	-26.05
Youth Crime	0	1	100
Assault Peace Officer	5	6	20
Invitation to Sexual Touching	0	2	200

Thank you!

Thank-you to our staff for their continuous hard work with this ever- changing challenging career in law enforcement. A big thank-you to our administrative assistant Stephanie.

Thank-you to our Police Services Board and Town Council for supporting our Police Service.

Thank-you to our Community for supporting your local police service.

Community First!

Sincerely;

A/Chief Jodi Empey and Retired Chief MacGillivray

