



SMITHS FALLS

# POLICE

COMMUNITY FIRST



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE



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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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# OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

## Mission

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.

## Vision

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



## Values

Our Values is respect, professionalism and community leadership

## Motto

Community First

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# MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Chair Pankow and Board Members,

Welcome to our 2024 Annual Report that highlights our collaborative effort in the support and safety of our community. Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, we strive towards our continued commitment in addressing community safety, modernizing technology, mandated training in policing and enhancing police oversight.



2024 saw a lot of changes to staffing and leadership for the Board. From the hiring of the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police to adding additional staff to deal with the shortages and increase demands on the police service.

Our calls for service continue to be complex with more oversight than ever before. Intimate Partner Violence calls for service continues to increase, as did assaults on police officers.

The Police Services Board strategic plan highlighted what was important to our community- a police presence. Our continued “boots on the ground” approach by visiting local businesses, engaging with community partners, visiting schools, conducting traffic enforcement in our residential areas for visibility, and be personally available to our public is what is most important to them. Being in close proximity to all our calls for service allows our officers to respond quickly to calls for service, particularly to emergent 911 calls. Safety and security are a priority and ensuring communication by alerting the public of high risk events or offenders that would affect the safety of our community is important, as is ensuring our High Risk Offenders are monitored.

The Deputy Chief and Chief are both very engaged with our community partners and listening to the front-line officers to better equip our staff and community with the resources they need to succeed. Accessing any grants that become available is an important key to offset the budget.

We were fortunate to have the Kinsmen Club donate the funds to purchase two brand new bikes which are well utilized through the spring, summer and fall. Our officers are able to patrol the entire town on bikes and engage with our community and schools. We also participate with the annual bike rodeo to support the Kinsmen Club.

Collaboration with our Community Partners and with our MCRT team helps support our most vulnerable youths and adults. When we noted that a lot of our most vulnerable were without warm mittens and hats, we reached out to our community who provided knitted, brand new or crochet hats and mitts to drop off to our police station. Not only were we able to personally hand out blankets, new mittens, socks, hats here at the station and to LCIH, the schools, town hall and various areas around town.

Staff Wellness is always on our minds as we navigate the challenges of our profession, sick time and ensuring our staff have the adequate time off. Overtime was unattainably high. It was well received from our staff that the Board appreciated and understood the challenges by enabling the approval of additional hires to our compliment. This had not been done in over 10 years.

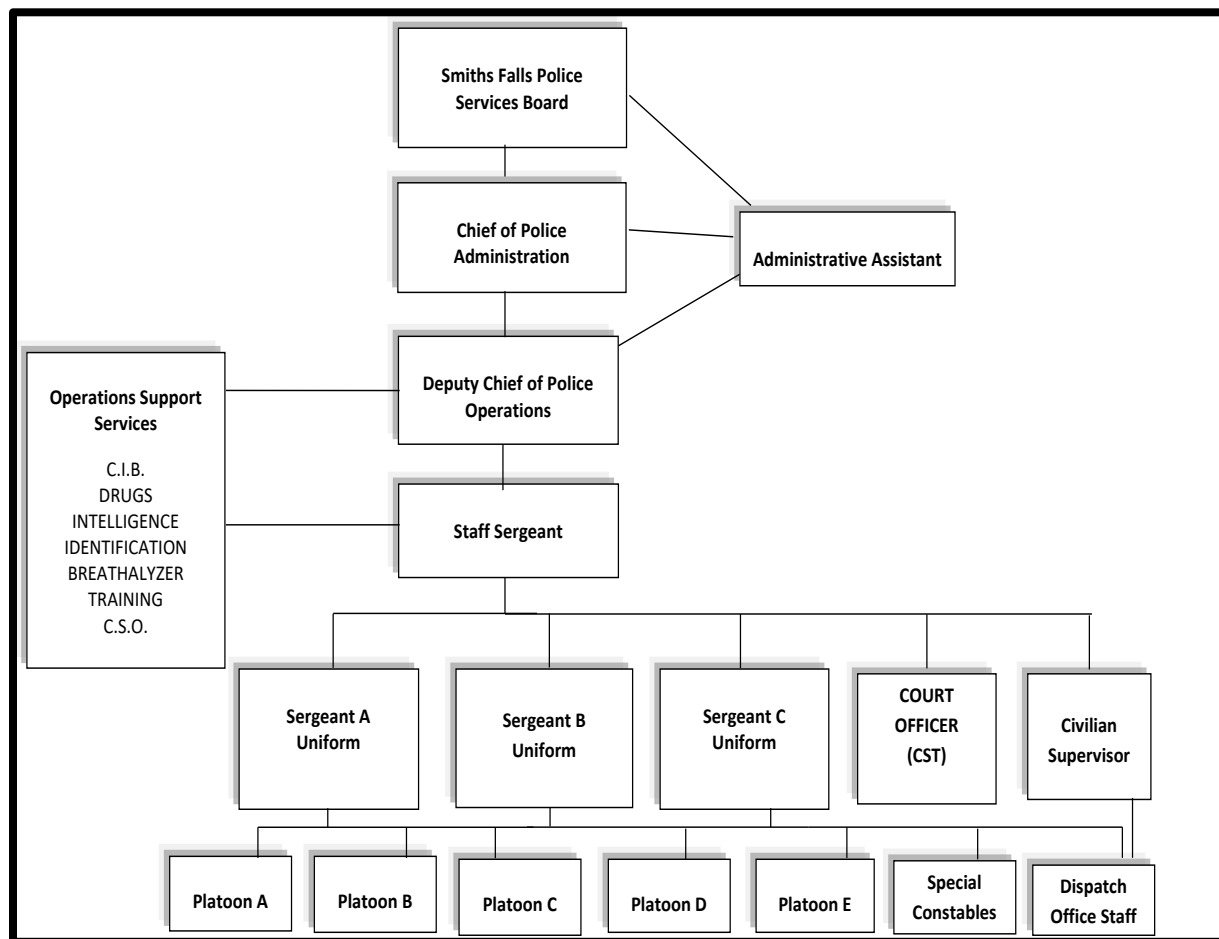
I wish to thank my staff of dedicated men and women who work 24-7 to support the needs of our community. A thank-you to our Police Services Board and Community for their support as we continue with our commitment on keeping our community a safe and beautiful place to live and work.

Sincerely.

Chief Jodi Empey

# Organization Chart

## Town of Smiths Falls – Police Service



## Police Service Staffing

As of December 2024 the Smiths Falls Police Service had a strength of 28 sworn officers, 1 part time Special Constable, 5 full time Civilian personnel, 3 part time Communicators and 1 contract IT support person. The Chief has contracted out Owen Sound IT as part of supporting the critical infrastructure to comply with the high standards of policing security. Due to long term absences (WSIB, resignations, retirements, parental/maternity leave and short term leave) the strength of the service at the end of 2024 were 23 sworn officers, 4 full time Civilian Staff and 3 part time Civilian personnel.

Statistics within our service indicate we have a compliment of 7 female and 21 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. 2024 statistics saw a hiring of 5 new officers, (1 experienced, 4 recruits), 1 part time Communicator and 1 part time Special Constable to replace members.

## 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 some of training costs.

## Patrol and Communications

The officers in uniform and civilian communicators provide 24-7 response and accessibility in our building and within our community. We value the importance of having an officer attend in person to deal with calls rather than an email response.

In 2024 our officers responded to 8,212 calls for service compared to 8,091 in 2023. However, the complexity and seriousness of the investigations have increased.

Our front-line officers provide proactive personal service to our community. Whether on foot in neighborhoods, downtown businesses or in parks. We have days, nights and afternoon shifts on our front-line patrols. Our Officers further patrol on bikes in the warmer weather and conduct traffic enforcement on the ATV and snowmobile trails.

911 emergency response comes directly to our Communications 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 between 1 minute to less than 4 minutes within town.



## Uniform Personnel – 2024

|                 |                               |                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jodi Empey      | Chief                         | Joined 11JUL94  |
| Chris Kettyle   | Deputy Chief                  | Joined 03SEPT24 |
| 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  |
| Aaron Tompkins  | Constable                     | Joined 26APR04  |
| Glenn Smith     | Constable                     | Joined 16MAY05  |
| Ashley Ricci    | Constable                     | Joined 08DEC08  |
| Bradley Walker  | Detective Constable           | Joined 06DEC10  |
|                 | Sergeant (05JUN23)            |                 |
| Brock Woods     | Constable                     | Joined 29JUL13  |
| Jason Droeske   | 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  |
| Mike Hart       | Constable                     | Joined 06MAR23  |
| Travis Robidoux | Constable                     | Joined 11APR23  |
| Karling Fraser  | Constable                     | Joined 24APR23  |
| Patrick Fagan   | Constable                     | Joined 17MAY23  |
| Clay Blanchard  | Constable                     | Joined 27MAY24  |
| Ben Keogan      | Constable                     | Joined 27MAY24  |
| Andrew Simmons  | Constable                     | Joined 28OCT24  |
| Curtis Sly      | Probationary Constable        | Joined 04DEC24  |
| Jackson Germann | Probationary Constable        | Joined 04DEC24  |

## **Civilian Personnel – 2024**

|                    |                          |                |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 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 – 2024**

|                |                  |                                      |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chloe Wilson   | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 06DEC21<br>(Resigned 28MAY24) |
| Pam Delorme    | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 15MAY23                       |
| Kayla McDowall | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 23MAY24                       |
| Ashley Cassell | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 15JUL24                       |

## **Special Constables – 2024**

|                |                   |                                      |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chloe Wilson   | Special Constable | Joined 19MAY22<br>(Resigned 28MAY24) |
| Ashley Ferrier | Special Constable | Joined 09AUG24                       |

## **IT Services – 2024**

|                 |               |                                      |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bryce Mackenzie | IT Specialist | Joined 04MAY15<br>(Resigned 05NOV24) |
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## **Smiths Falls Police Services Board – 2024**

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 Samure – Provincial Appointment (January-December)

Mrs. Stephanie McFadden – Board Secretary (January-December)

# POLICE EXPENDITURES 2024

Police Expenditures were higher than budgeted for due to unexpected high cost of Complex Maintenance such as the generator repairs, contract agreements, replacing worn equipment such as the Intoxilyzer 9000C and adding additional staffing.

## Smith Falls Police Services Police Budget to Actual Variance Summary (expenses) 31-Dec-24

|                       | Budget    | Actual    | (Over) / Under<br>Budget |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Capital               | 105,000   | 92,511    | 12,489                   |
| Operational           | 5,746,481 | 5,917,312 | (170,831)                |
| Total Police Services | 5,851,481 | 6,009,823 | (158,342)                |
| Police Services Board | 62,354    | 67,392    | (5,038)                  |
| Grand Total           | 5,913,835 | 6,077,215 | (163,380)                |

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# GRANT EXPENDITURES 2024

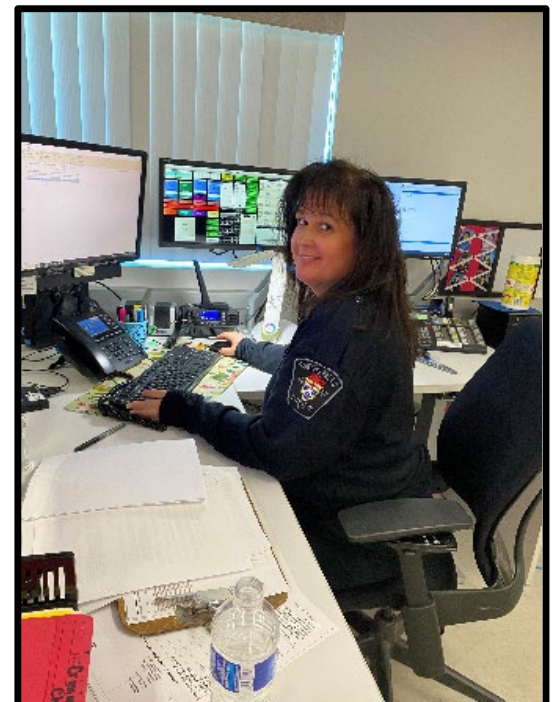
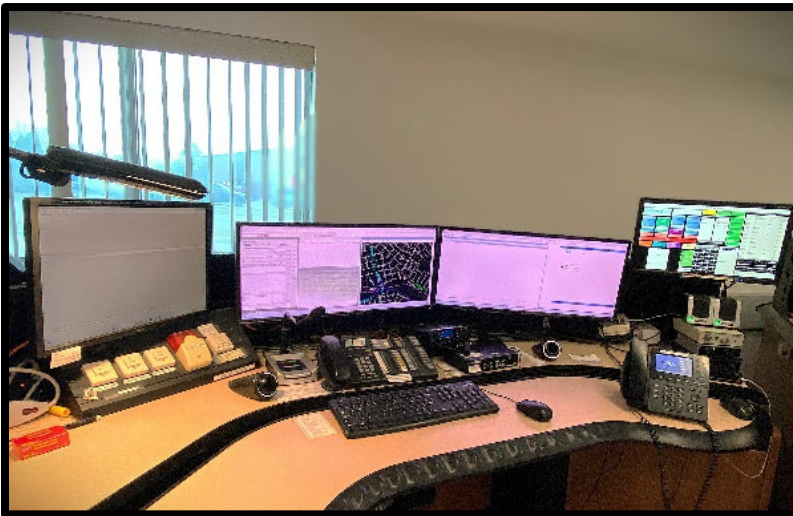
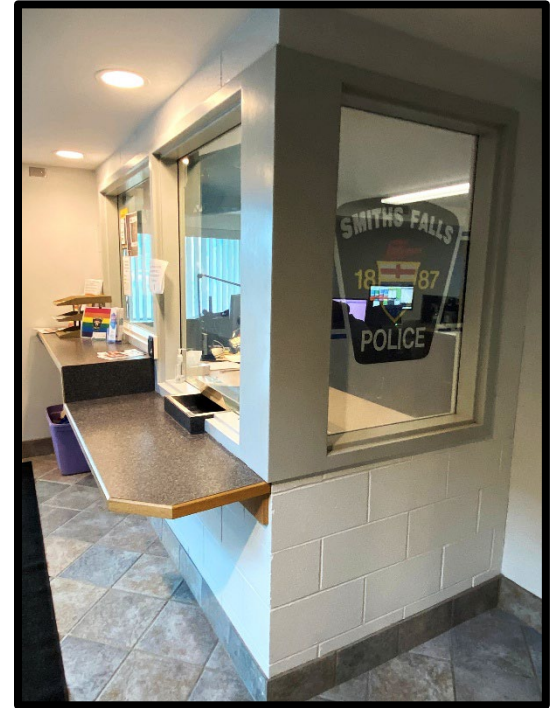
- NG 911- year three- \$254, 635- upgrading infrastructure, technology and IT training and support for next generation 911 estimated launch 2027
- MCRT Grant- one year- \$105,522 - to support the cost of staffing our Mobile Crisis Response Team- salary, vest
- Proceeds of Crime Grant- \$28,500 – to support 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 MCRT and partners in our community
- Community Safety and Policing Provincial- \$17,540.10 – To support our MCRT and community Partners in delivery of programs and assisting MCRT to calls
- CISO Grant- \$8,000- to support Intelligence lead Policing, combating crime
- Court Security Grant- \$26,946 to support prisoner care and control and security- offset the salary of our Special Constable
- Police Disclosure Protocol one time grant to support staffing hours and technology used to download for timely disclosure for court- \$76,393.96
- 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

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# 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, accessible and operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist our community.

In 2024 our civilian staff dealt with 8,212 calls for service higher than 2023 with 8,112. 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 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 conducts data downloads to our in-car camera videos and cell block videos for disclosure. Our Civilian Staff do so much more than answering calls for service. The officers could not do the full scope of their work without this civilian support. They do the work of 2-3 civilians in other police agencies.



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# TECHNOLOGY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Technology in the environment of policing continues to advance. To assist in transparency and accountability we have ALPR's (Automated License plate readers) and in car video cameras. Officers wear microphones while on duty. Not only has it 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. If dealing with a LECA complaint, or SIU the data can be downloaded quickly. We also have GPS installed in all the cruisers which allows our Communication Centre to track location of the vehicles for officer safety. It is also utilized for crime trends on patrol as well as monitors officers' speed and seatbelt use for officer and public safety.

Our ALPR systems in the cruisers enhances our traffic and criminal enforcement. The system relies on a "hot list" of license 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 Niche, OPTIC- (Ontario Police Information Technology Co-operative) RMS, CAD, CPIC, MTO, DEMS, for example that also is accessible in the cruisers with use of a tablet and cell phones.



NG 911 set to go live in 2027, is a continual investment and work in progress to upgrade the infrastructure here to support the system.

# SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CRIME STOPPERS

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to maintain our partnership and support of the Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers in 2024. Smiths Falls Crime Stoppers proudly in operation for 32 years' service in the Town of Smiths Falls! Throughout the year, we saw an increase of 49 tips from 227 in 2023 to **276** tips received and managed by the Police Coordinator in 2024. This is as 21.59% increase in tip volume from the previous year.



The Smiths Falls and District Crime Stoppers is effectively and efficiently run as a nonprofit organization and relies heavily on the community and police in a collaborative campaign against fighting crime in our communities.

The Smiths Falls Police Services court officer continues to work closely with the courts and plays a significant role in distributing court directed cash penalties from accused parties back to charities in the Town of Smiths Falls. Crime Stoppers continues to be one of the beneficiaries of these well-directed and useful payouts.

Anonymity is one of the driving principals behind Crime Stoppers and maintains the importance that **"All Tipsters Are Always"** kept anonymous and protected. All "Tipsters" who provide legitimate tips on crimes or suspected crimes that directly result in the prosecution of an offender are eligible to receive cash rewards up to \$2000.00.

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.



Due to these dedicated volunteers who put out of their time, effort, commitment, community pride and love the Smiths Falls & District Crime Stoppers continues to be a huge success year after year. That success most certainly falls squarely on the members of the Board of Directors. A spotlight needs to shine on the countless volunteer hours and dedication of their time and effort to the program and for that, we thank you. These members dedicate themselves to numerous events and partnerships supporting this great community. Some of the key events are the Santa Clause Parade, Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, Pull a Pumper, Canada Day and Polar Plunge to name a few. The Smiths Falls Police Service and its Police Coordinator remain committed to working with Crime Stoppers to monitor TIPS received through the P3 Program.

## **Smiths Falls and District Crime Stoppers Board Members for 2024**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>President:</b>         | Amber MacDonald                             |
| <b>Vice-President:</b>    | Lyle Clancy                                 |
| <b>Secretary:</b>         | Kelsey Jackson                              |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>         | Rick Kirkwood                               |
| <b>Director:</b>          | Jackie Coldrey                              |
| <b>Director:</b>          | Chuck Hudson                                |
| <b>Director:</b>          | Doug Folley                                 |
| <b>Director:</b>          | John Putnam                                 |
| <b>Police Coordinator</b> | Sean Keogan Cst Smiths Falls Police Service |

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Smiths Falls Police Service engages with our community on an ongoing basis. Our most honored tribute is to participate in the annual Remembrance Day ceremony and celebrate this important day in Canadian History and our Town's history by honoring all of those who have served in our Military Services.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to attend many community events throughout the year that pay tribute to our motto of "Community First" as is seen on our cruisers. To list just some events that stand out are the Santa Clause Parade, Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, Zombie Walk, Ribfest, Kids Cops & Fishing Day where we partner with Kinsmen and Crime Stoppers, as well as other festival and events in town.

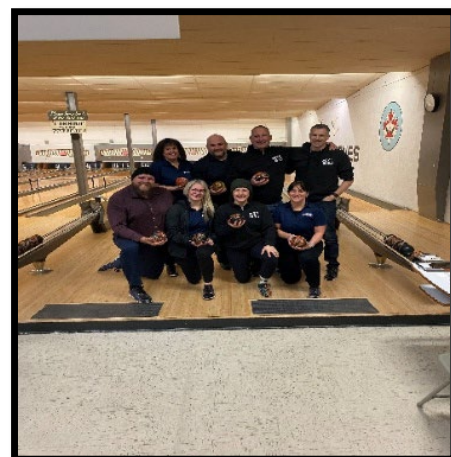


The Canada Day celebrations at Lower Reach Park showed a wonderful police presence that kicked off the day with the Youth Bike Parade that was judge by our Police Chief and President of Crime Stoppers. Everyone involved had fun. Additional 2024 events included our Partnership with the Kinsmen for the Kids Bicycle Safety and Rodeo with a new indoor venue at the Youth Arena, which saw an increased turn out from 2023. Other events we actively participate in are raising funds for Special Olympics in our annual Torch Run, Polar Plunge and Special Olympics Golf Tournament.

## Fundraising Events

Smiths Falls has several Community Partners that participate and assist with fundraising efforts and the Smiths Falls Police Service continues its proud participation and assistance. Smiths Falls Legion hosted 2024's Crime Stoppers Dance. The Police Service supported our very own Smiths Falls Fire Department in their Pull a Pumper Day hosted in the parking lot of the Youth Arena.

SFPS officers supported the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser; we again lost to a team of teachers from a local school! Officers supported the HUB All Stars VS Ottawa Senators Alumni fundraiser game. There needs to be a BIG SHOUT OUT and **thank you** again this year to all of the amazing community clubs and businesses that support our programs each and every year! The Kinsmen and Legion just to name a few.



## Community Service

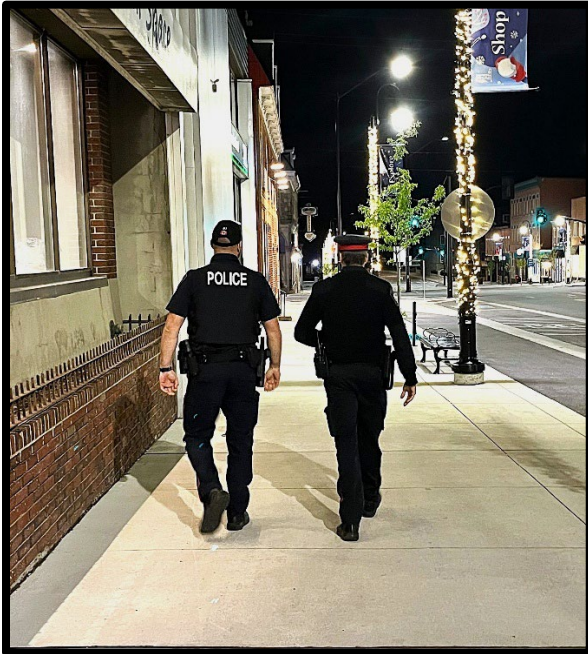
“Community First” is not a catchword to splash on our cruisers! The Smiths Falls Police Service take it very seriously and personally. Community Service is at the core of what we do on a daily basis fostering positive relationships with the police. Officers and the CSO engage in school visits, foot patrols, bike patrols and presentations within the community. It is important to strategically target all the corners of our community and community groups from our youth up to our seniors.



Some more Community Service events that we participated in include, Turkey Trot and Stuff a Cruiser, the weekly HUB community lunches, (assist in serving and clearing lunches), hosted at Hanley Hall, Coffee With A Cop and the Red Dress Ceremony, Tim Hortons Special Olympics Donut Days, Senior Home Fraud Presentations, grade School Safety Presentations, Human Trafficking awareness, Safe Internet Use presentations, Pride Flag Raising, Pride Parade, block parties, Movies in the Park, Bike Helmet Positive Ticketing and many more.



# CRIME PREVENTION



Crime prevention is a critical component of ensuring public safety, maintaining social order, and fostering a sense of security within communities. The prevention of crime encompasses a wide range of strategies and actions designed to reduce the likelihood of criminal behavior and its harmful consequences. Effective crime prevention involves the collaboration of law enforcement, community members, local governments, and various stakeholders working together to identify the root causes of crime, implement proactive measures, and address underlying social, economic, and environmental factors that contribute to criminal activity. By focusing on education, awareness, early intervention, and restorative practices, crime prevention seeks to create safer, more resilient communities where individuals can live and thrive without the fear of victimization.

As the community of Smiths Falls continues to grow so does the impact on our policing resources and support services. In an effort to demonstrate our full commitment to the safety and security of all of our residents and businesses, the Smiths Falls Police Service undertakes continuous examinations of current and trending criminal activities to ensure we are delivering the most professional and comprehensive law enforcement service possible in collaboration with our partner stakeholders.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to deliver adequate and effective policing by ensuring our frontline patrol remains visible during vehicle, foot and bicycle patrol deployments as an effective means of proactive crime prevention. In addition, strategic deployments of our officers to areas where higher crime rates are detected allows for a more robust police response to maximize our chances of identifying and holding accountable those who wish to engage in criminal activity.

Our ongoing commitment to reducing impaired driving offences is highlighted through our deployment of various R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) checks throughout the community. This strategy has proven effective to ensure our roads remain safe for all of our citizens.



The Smiths Falls Police Service also ensures that regular compliance checks are conducted on our known high-risk offenders who reside within the community. This proactive monitoring tactic allows us to remain engaged with the offender upon release and assists us in any follow up investigations that may arise, including safety planning with the victims and others.

The Smiths Falls Police Service remains vigilant in providing up to date information to social media and traditional media outlets involving incidents that involve public safety alerts and other evolving emergent situations. These updates allow our citizens to remain informed and up to date to ensure their overall awareness and safety.

In 2024 there were 8,212 calls for service with a total of 1,162 criminal charges laid. Some of our higher risk call include:

- 924 calls were 911
- 58 calls of assault
- 229 Intimate Partner Violence incidents
- 94 Bail Violations
- 301 Theft /Theft Related incidents
- 143 Mischief to property incidents

Our Service continues to expand to mirror the growth of the Town and to address the increasing demand and complexity of our calls for service. To remain modern and viable the Smiths Falls Police Service offers dedicated front line patrol, criminal investigations unit, forensic identification, scenes of crime officers, community services officer, RPAS (drone) capabilities, bicycle patrol, covert operations and sex offender registry investigators all in an effort to deliver a competent and effective law enforcement strategy to the community.



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# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

## **2024 Commitment to Preventing Intimate Partner Violence**

The Smiths Falls Police Service remains dedicated to working collaboratively with our community and policing partners across Ontario to prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Unfortunately, statistics continue to show an increase in reported IPV incidents across the province, with far too many resulting in tragic outcomes.

Domestic violence has a devastating impact on families, especially children. The effects are not just immediate but can last a lifetime, influencing emotional well-being, mental health, and even future relationships.

Government grants such as the Victim Support Grant, enables us to support key community partners, including Victim Services, Lanark County Interval House, and the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program at our local hospital. Through this funding, survivors receive essential resources such as gas cards, alarm systems, and security cameras to enhance their safety. Additionally, it provides our officers with specialized training in Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Child Exploitation, and Human Trafficking, equipping them with the skills needed to respond effectively and support survivors.

## **Advocating for Bail Reform & Survivor Safety**

In 2024 Smiths Falls Police Service laid 130 breach of release order, probation and court order chargers in relation to IPV related cases.

The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to advocate for stronger bail conditions for high-risk IPV offenders. Too often, offenders are released with minimal restrictions, leaving little time for police and victim support workers to develop effective safety plans. We continue to work closely with Crown Attorneys at the bail hearing stage to ensure that, if an offender is released, a proper risk management plan is in place.

Our compliance checks are among the strictest in the county. When offenders are released, uniformed officers conduct regular, in-person checks to ensure compliance with court orders and to protect survivors.

Going forward we plan to join the Bail Dashboard program in hopes that it will enhance monitoring for offenders who commit offences outside this jurisdiction but reside here.

## **Leadership & Community Engagement**

Sergeant Dan King continues to serve as our Intimate Partner Violence Coordinator, overseeing all IPV cases and collaborating with Domestic Violence Coordinators and awareness initiatives across the province.

The Chief of Police is part of the local Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Committee, Co-Chair of the Community Safety and Well-being plan for Lanark County and on the OACP Victim Assistance Committee.

### **Education & Prevention: A Community Effort**

Preventing IPV requires a community-wide effort, and education remains one of our top priorities. In partnership with the Lanark County Interval House (LCIH) Victim Advocate, Victim Services, RNJ youth services and Big Brothers, Smiths Falls Police have conducted presentations at local schools and community groups, covering topics such as:

- ✓ Healthy relationships and living, safety planning
- ✓ Human trafficking awareness
- ✓ Online harassment & sharing intimate images

By engaging with youth and the wider community, we continue to raise awareness about IPV and encourage early intervention. Everyone has a role to play in preventing intimate partner violence, and by working together, we can create a safer, more supportive community for survivors.

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## **HIGH RISK OFFENDERS**

The Smiths Falls Police Service is dedicated to ensuring the safety of the residents of Smiths Falls by actively monitoring high-risk and repeat offenders. With a focus on proactive policing, the service works diligently to identify and manage individuals who pose a high risk to public safety.

Through the deployment of specialized units such as our Crime Unit and bail compliance initiatives such as Operation Door Knock, targeted patrol, and other crime prevention strategies we aim to reduce recidivism. Intelligence sharing between police services relating to high-risk offenders ensures that our police service along with our police partners are constantly aware of the whereabouts of High Risk Offenders. For more covert operations we will at times engage the ROPE squad (Repeat Offender and Parole Enforcement). The Smiths Falls Police Service also prioritizes maintaining intelligence on Domestic High-Risk Offenders, while ensuring safety planning is done by Victim Services and requesting GPS monitoring for high-risk offenders at bail court. Our Court Officer also ensures that at bail the risk to the victims is also considered and that their input is added.

During the course of 2024, our service conducted 59 bail compliance checks and executed 117 warrants.

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## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

In 2000 Christophers Law came into effect where any person who is convicted of a sex offence shall register with their local police agency on the Ontario Sex Offender Registry and the National Sex Offender Registry. Smiths Falls Police has a dedicated member who manages the registry for any offenders residing within the boundaries of the town of Smiths Falls convicted of sex-related offences against children or adults. These offences include but are not limited to sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, incest, bestiality, parent or guardian procuring sexual activity, child pornography, luring, exposure and voyeurism. Local offenders are required to register in person upon release from custody, as well as annually. Officers do attend addresses of these offenders to verify they're in compliance.

# 2024 STATISTICS

## Calls for service - Comparison

| MONTH         | 2023        | 2024        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| January       | 610         | 592         |
| February      | 538         | 584         |
| March         | 660         | 668         |
| April         | 668         | 658         |
| May           | 769         | 769         |
| June          | 772         | 753         |
| July          | 780         | 717         |
| August        | 708         | 758         |
| September     | 721         | 690         |
| October       | 685         | 746         |
| November      | 584         | 704         |
| December      | 617         | 573         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>8112</b> | <b>8212</b> |

## Clearance rates – Incident Comparison

| Offence Type        | Actual | 2023 Cleared | %    | Actual | 2024 Cleared | %    |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|------|--------|--------------|------|
| Crimes of Violence  | 243    | 170          | 70   | 246    | 170          | 70   |
| Property Crimes     | 473    | 90           | 19   | 438    | 139          | 31.7 |
| Other Criminal Code | 224    | 145          | 64.7 | 266    | 184          | 69.2 |
| Drugs               | 15     | 15           | 100  | 22     | 22           | 100  |

## Arrests and charges - Comparison

| Type                  | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Arrests               | 368  | 365  |
| Criminal Code Charges | 1059 | 1162 |
| Federal Charges       | 43   | 47   |

## Crime incidents - Comparison

| Incident Type                                      | 2023 | 2024 | % CHANGE |
|--|------|------|----------|
| Murder   | 0    | 0    | ---      |
| Attempt Murder                                     | 2    | 0    | -100     |
| Robbery  | 6    | 4    | -33.33   |
| Assault / Forcible Confinement                     | 108  | 108  | ---      |
| Sexual Assault                                     | 28   | 29   | 3.57     |
| Criminal Harassment                                | 47   | 59   | 25.53    |
| Utter Threats                                      | 47   | 41   | -12.77   |
| Break & Enter                                      | 43   | 44   | 2.33     |
| Theft Related                                      | 242  | 207  | -14.46   |
| Mischief to Property                               | 102  | 160  | 56.86    |
| Frauds   | 103  | 64   | -37.86   |
| Bail Violation / Breach Probation and Court Orders | 168  | 188  | 11.90    |
| Arson  | 3    | 0    | 100      |
| Drugs  | 25   | 22   | -12      |
| Dangerous Operation Motor Vehicle                  | 3    | 8    | 166.66   |
| Impaired Driving                                   | 12   | 5    | -58.33   |
| Domestic Disturbance                               | 217  | 273  | 25.80    |
| Mental Health Act                                  | 352  | 340  | -3.41    |
| Youth Crime  | 1    | 1    | ---      |
| Assault Peace Officer                              | 6    | 14   | 133.33   |
| Invitation to Sexual Touching                      | 2    | 1    | 50.0     |

## Motor Vehicle Collisions - Comparison

| TYPE  | 2022<br>(Final) | 2023<br>(Final) | 2024<br>(to Dec 31st) |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| FATAL INJURY                                    | 1               | 0               | 1                     |
| NON-FATAL INJURY                                | 20              | 19              | 14                    |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY                            | 189             | 154             | 148                   |
| NON-REPORTABLE                                  | 1               | 6               | 4                     |
| OTHER   | 1               | 0               | 2                     |
| TOTAL SUBMITTED TO<br>ACCIDENT SUPPORT SERVICES | 212             | 179             | 169                   |

## Highway Traffic Offences - Comparison

| TYPE                      | 2023                          | 2024                          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENCES  | 1103/658<br>Veh stops/charges | 1039/577<br>Veh stops/charges |
| OTHER PROVINCIAL STATUTES | 74                            | 89                            |

## SFPS 2024 Business Plan – Quarterly Report

| Date                 | Vehicle Stops | Foot Patrol<br>Hours | Bike<br>Patrol<br>Hours | School<br>Hours | Other<br>Hours | Calls for<br>Service |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| January-<br>March    | 200           | 55                   | 0                       | 52              | 96             | 1812                 |
| April-June           | 267           | 60                   | 16                      | 40              | 62             | 2180                 |
| July-<br>September   | 269           | 74                   | 29                      | 27              | 31             | 2152                 |
| October-<br>December | 304           | 49                   | 0                       | 78              | 110            | 2068                 |

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# 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 Service, Police Services Board and Lanark County Mental Health continue to advocate for more permanent and sustainable funding from the province.

Our MCRT Team consists of nurses and social workers who are supported by our front line officers during active calls or called upon through police referral. The program within our service is overseen by our Staff Sergeant and data is collected by our Community Services Officer.

The MCRT Team provides an integral service in offering opportunities to close gaps between policing and mental health services. Once a scene is deemed safe, the MCRT Team is able to attend to assess the individual while in their own living environment, present a plan of action to ensure proper follow up is done based on that individual's needs and circumstances. In cases where criminality is an issue, each client case is reviewed and if criteria is 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, reduces the need for apprehension under the Mental Health Act, provides faster referrals to appropriate supporting agencies and effectively reduces the need for hospital emergency room visits. Ultimately, with the use of MCRT Team, we have seen an increase in calls for service as the community's awareness of the available support is familiar and entrenched. This cohesively led to an increase in referrals to supporting agencies and a decline in mental health apprehensions. The decline in mental health apprehensions links directly to significant reductions of hospital emergency room wait times.

In 2018, HealthIM, a clinically validated and standardized electronic brief mental health screener for front-line patrol officers was implemented with our service. In 2024, this screener was made available only through a mobile APP and continued to be our main form of contact with Lanark County Mental Health and the hospital.



# SFPS Health IM-MCRT Quarterly Report

| Date             | Call Volume | Apprehension Rate | Average Wait Time                        |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| January-March    | 113         | 4%                | 1h50m                                    |
| April-June       | 83          | 19%               | 1h30m<br>(4 calls exceeded 3hrs of wait) |
| July-September   | 96          | 28%               | 1h15m<br>(Longest wait- 7hrs)            |
| October-December | 76          | 13%               | 1h4m                                     |
| 2024 Total       | 364         | 16%               | 1h21m                                    |



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# MISSING PERSONS 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 for Police on the Use of Urgent Demand requests.

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

For 2024, Smiths Falls Police made seven (7) urgent demands on telecommunications. All of the noted demands requested were in relation to missing person's investigations. There were no urgent demand requests made in relation to documents or client records.

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

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# COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

In 2017, the Ministry approved Provincial Regulations regarding the collection of identifying information of individuals. This legislative direction guides police officers as to when they can ask individuals for identifying information ONLY in certain circumstances. The information collected needs to be documented as to the circumstance (or reason), the age of the individual and the perceived race of the individual. These interactions 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 himself or herself 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 2024 the Smiths Falls Police Service did not collect any identifying information from an individual in circumstances other than the ones established by law in and in the lawful execution of their duties.

# PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

In December 2023, the Province of Ontario announced sweeping changes to the law governing policing in Ontario with Bill 68, *Community Safety and Policing Act*, 2019 (CSPA) that included 30 proposed regulations that apply and extend to municipal police services.

The new Bill came into effect on April 1, 2024, replacing the former Police Services Act (1990) and focusses on addressing community safety, enhancing police oversight, modernizing policing, and establishing consistent mandated training requirements.

As part of this new legislation, the Law Enforcement Complaint Agency (LECA) was established and is responsible for receiving, managing and overseeing public complaints about misconduct of the following:

- 1. All municipal, regional and provincial (OPP) police officers;
- 2. Special Constables employees by the Niagara Parks Commission;
- 3. Peace Officers in the Legislative Protective Service; and
- 4. First Nations police officers if the police service opts into the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Up until April 1, 2024, The OIPRD (Office of the Independent Review Director) handled all public complaints regarding police officers conduct. With the establishment of the CSPA in April 2024 LECA has assumed carriage of all public complaints. The numbers below are combined totals from both OIPRD and LECA databases for the Smiths Falls Police Service. During January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 seven (7) complaints were received.

## Status of the investigations

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Resolved   | Unsubstantiated   | 2 |
|            | Early resolution  | 1 |
|            | Informal resolution   | 0 |
|            | Screened out by OIPRD- not in the public interest/frivolous/over 6 months     | 4 |
|            | Assigned to outside agency for investigation                                  | 0 |
| Unresolved | Under investigation or not yet concluded as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024 | 0 |

The general classification of the complaints received between January 1<sup>st</sup>- December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, are detailed below.

- a) Discreditable conduct
- b) Neglect of Duty
- c) Conduct Undermines Public Trust

**Local resolutions**

Anyone permitted to make a complaint to LECA, may first raise their concerns respecting the conduct of a police officer, to the respective police service to be addressed through a Local Response.

Local Response is a process for dealing with concerns from members of the public informally.

The process is defined under Rule 7 of the [LECA Rules of Procedure](#).

**Members in accordance with secondary activities**

Under the new Community Safety Policing Act (CSPA) Section 89 the following rules are established in relation to Secondary Employment by a Police Officer;

**Restrictions on secondary activities**

**89 (1)** A member of a police service maintained by a police service board shall not engage in any activity,

- (a) that interferes with or influences adversely the performance of his or her duties as a member of a police service, or is likely to do so;
- (b) that places him or her in a position of conflict of interest, or is likely to do so;
- (c) that would otherwise constitute full-time employment for another person; or
- (d) in which he or she has an advantage derived from being a member of a police service.

In accordance with Section 89 of the CSPA 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 2024.

| ITEM                                       | SWORN | CIVILIAN |
|--|-------|----------|
| Number of 2024 secondary activity requests | 4     | 2        |
| TOTAL numbers approved                     | 4     | 2        |
| 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, owning a Martial Arts gym and working at a golf course part time. Both were approved by the Chief of Police and the Police Services’ Board.

## Special Investigations Unit - SIU

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 2024 the SIU did not invoke their mandate regarding any incidents with the Smiths Falls Police.

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# TRAINING COURSES

The following courses were completed by staff in 2024

- CIT
- IC200
- TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING
- SEARCH WARRANT
- MAJOR CASE MANAGEMENT
- INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION COURSE
- POWERCASE
- SPIN
- RADAR/LIDAR OPERATOR'S COURSE
- USE OF FORCE TRAINING
- C8 CARBINE TRAINING
- IARD TRAINING
- ITOXILYZER ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY TESTING
- MILITARY VETERANS WELLNESS PROGRAM
- COURTROOM TESTIMONY SKILLS
- IDENT CONFERENCE \*\* counts towards ident training
- CHILD INTERVIEWING
- HOMICIDE
- COACHING POLICE PROFESSIONALS
- SEX ASSAULT
- SPECIAL CONSTABLE TRAINING
- WARRANT ENTRY REQUAL
- DRUG RECOGNITION REQUAL
- STATEMENT ADMISSIBILITY
- SEX ASASULT
- INTRODUCTION TO INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING
- CFS FIELD COORDINATOR TRAINING
- IMS200
- CEW MASTER TRAINER
- RPAS OPERATOR COURSE
- WSIB TRAINING

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# USE OF FORCE & FIREARMS TRAINING

The Smiths Falls Police Service is a part of a Joint Training Cadre with members of the Brockville Police Service and Gananoque Police Service. The Cadre is comprised of two officers from each service. Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods represent the Smiths Falls Police Service.

Training was conducted at Reticle Training Centre in Brockville. All training exceeds the Provincial Standards and is consistent with the new 2023 Ontario Public-Police Interaction Training Aid, which replaced the old Ontario Use of Force Model.

The purpose of annual Use of Force requalification training is to ensure that all members of the Service have maintained proficiency in all levels of Use of Force. In concert with Firearms training, officers are subjected to both open and closed dynamic drills used to show competency in de-escalation of conflicts, judgment, discretion and use of all Use of Force options.

In 2024, the majority of the Smiths Falls Police Service transitioned from TASER X2 to TASER 7, which offers better accuracy and dependability.

All officers successfully completed the 2024 Use of Force requalification.

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.

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. This falls in line with new training requirements under the Community Safety and Policing Act – Ontario Regulation 87/24, which states:

**13. (1)** Every police officer who performs community patrol functions and who may be required to respond to an incident involving an active attacker shall successfully complete the course entitled “Carbine Operator”, delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course,

(a) in the case of a police officer who was appointed before the transition date, no later than the second anniversary of the transition date; and

(b) in the case of a police officer who is appointed as a police officer on or after the transition date, within 12 months after the appointment.

(2) Every police officer shall, within 12 months after successfully completing the training required under subsection (1) and within every subsequent 12 months, successfully complete the course entitled “Carbine Operator Requalification”, delivered by the College or by a certified trainer in respect of the course.

All officers successfully completed the 2024 annual Firearms requalification.

## Use of Force Statistics

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.

### 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 2024 was ten, which resulted in the submission of 10 individual reports. More than one use of force option may be used during any given situation.

| Report Type                             | 2024 |
|---|------|
| Reports involving aerosol spray (OC)    | 0    |
| Firearm displayed                       | 4    |
| Firearm pointed                         | 2    |
| Firearm discharged                      | 0    |
| Reports involving Asp (baton)           | 0    |
| Reports involving Empty Hand Techniques | 1    |
| Reports involving Taser X2              | 5    |
| Total Reports                           | 10   |
| Total Occurrences                       | 10   |

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

- Officers attended a residence for a disturbance. Once on scene, they received information that there was a male inside with a firearm. Officers drew their pistol and held containment.
- Officers were called to a residence as a witness believed they heard a firearm discharged within. Officers arrived on scene, drew their firearm and cleared the residence without issue.
- Officers attended a residence for an Intimate Partner Violence investigation. Officers began communicating with the subject, which resulted in the subject threatening to shoot officers. Officers learned the subject had a firearm in the residence. Officers drew their firearm and held containment until further resources arrived. The subject was later arrested.
- Officers attended the downtown area for a report of a subject with a possible firearm. The subject was located and detained at gunpoint. Upon further investigation, it was learned a firearm was not actually observed. The subject was released unconditionally. The subject then proceeded to cause a disturbance which forced officers to confront the subject. The subject

approached officers aggressively, forcing officers to use physical control to create distance. Officers then displayed the Taser, ultimately achieving compliance.

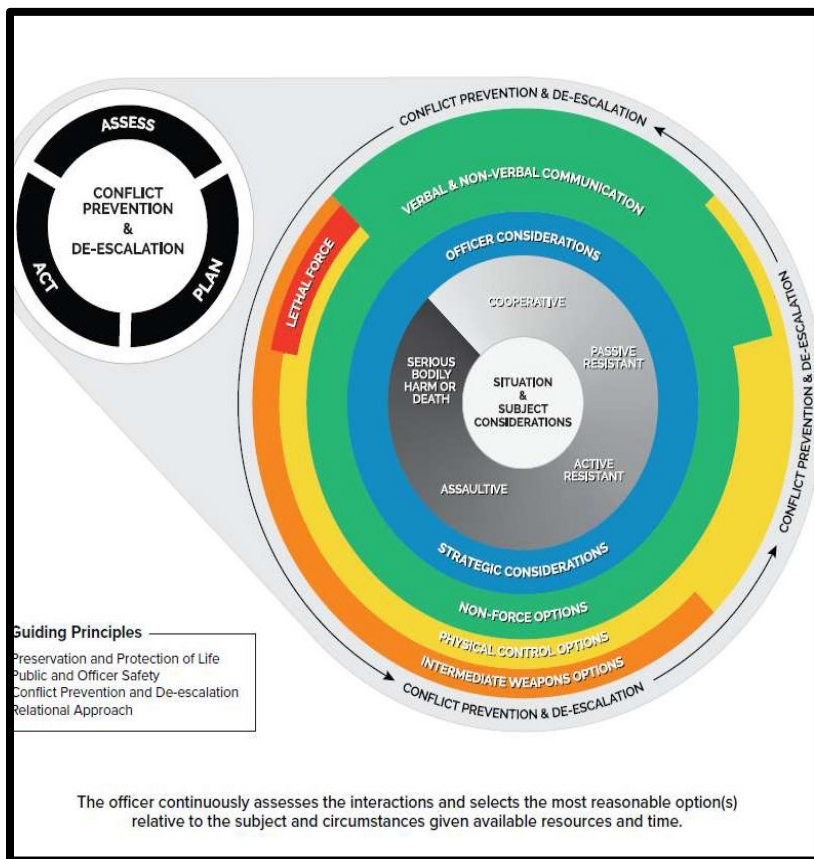
- Officers attended an address in OPP jurisdiction to provide assistance as the result of a firearms call. Once on scene, officers deployed their C8 rifles and detained two subjects without issue.
- Officers attended a neighbourhood for reports of a subject with a shotgun. Once on scene, officers observed the subject flee into a residence. Containment was set up with firearms and C8 rifles deployed. The subject came out and was arrested without issue.

**Empty Hand Techniques** – There was one incident where officers were required to use empty hand techniques to control a subject.

- Officers attended the downtown area for a report of a subject with a possible firearm. The subject was located and detained at gunpoint. Upon further investigation, it was learned a firearm was not actually observed. The subject was released unconditionally. The subject then proceeded to cause a disturbance which forced officers to confront the subject. The subject approached officers aggressively, forcing officers to use physical control to create distance. Officers then displayed the Taser, ultimately achieving compliance.

**Taser 7** – There were five incidents where officers were required to deploy and/or display the Taser to achieve compliance.

- Officers attended a residence to check the welfare of a subject after they were involved in a mental health incident. While dealing with the subject, the subject assaulted officers, which resulted in officers deploying the Taser. The subject was arrested without further incident.
- Officers attended the downtown area for a report of a subject with a possible firearm. The subject was located and detained at gunpoint. Upon further investigation, it was learned a firearm was not actually observed. The subject was released unconditionally. The subject then proceeded to cause a disturbance which forced officers to confront the subject. The subject approached officers aggressively, forcing officers to use physical control to create distance. Officers then displayed the Taser, ultimately achieving compliance.
- Officers attended a wooded area for a drug investigation. While attempting to arrest a subject, the subject would not comply with demands and was known to carry knives. Officers drew their Taser which achieved compliance.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop on a motor vehicle as one of the occupants had an outstanding warrant. While attempting to arrest the subject, they resisted and fought with officers. During the struggle, officers deployed the Taser (drive stun mode), which assisted in the arrest.
- Officers attended a residence for an Intimate Partner Violence investigation. As a result, there were grounds to arrest the subject for weapons offences against the victim. While attempting to arrest the subject, they resisted. Officers drew their Taser and issued commands to the subject which led to their successful arrest.



This is a representation of a members' use of force options, focusing on the principles of preservation and protection of life, public and officer safety, conflict prevention and de-escalation and relational approach. During the encounter, an officer is continually assessing and re-assessing the situation and may change their use of force option during this time.

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# ROAD SAFETY



The Town of Smiths Falls is home to over 68 kilometers of roadway, which is patrolled daily by the Smiths Falls Police Service. Located between Brockville, Kingston, and Ottawa, Smiths Falls is intersected by several highways.

The Smiths Falls Police Service's Road Safety initiatives are aimed at making Smiths Falls one of the safest communities to live in Ontario. Our role centers around Public Safety, incorporating both reactive and, more importantly, proactive approaches.

To reduce the incidence of distracted driving and impairment due to alcohol and drugs, we focus on educating the public and supporting the service in emphasizing the importance of road safety.

## Goal:

- Improve road safety through the use of cutting-edge technology, as well as proactive education and enforcement programs.

## Objectives:

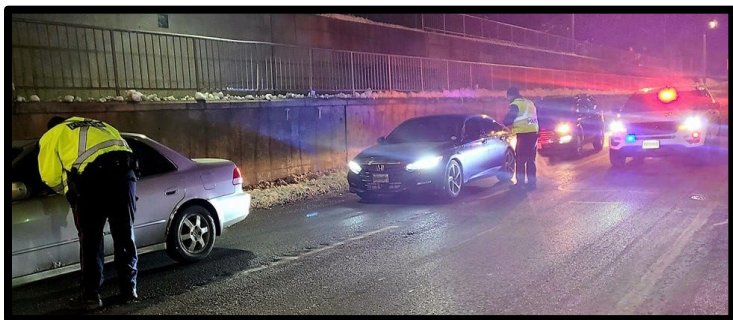
- Conduct ongoing proactive patrols, including monitoring trails and Community Safety Zones
- Continue the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
- Ensure officers stay informed on the latest techniques and developments in Impaired Driving case law
- Participate in initiatives like Operation Impact, Road Safety Week, and other provincial and national traffic programs
- Monitor high-risk areas identified through traffic studies
- Promote Road Safety Campaigns via our website and social media platforms
- Utilize the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)
- Raise public awareness about the R.I.D.E. program and its importance for road safety

## Key Performance Indicators:

- Maintain R.I.D.E. programs year-round
- Track driving behaviors through monthly traffic reports
- Increase educational and enforcement initiatives throughout the community
- Review data from collision reports

| Driving Offences 2024     |     |                                |     |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Vehicle Stops             | 821 | HTA/CAIA Charges               | 584 |
| Motor Vehicle Collisions  | 228 | Traffic Complaints             | 435 |
| Fail to Remain Collisions | 49  | Dangerous Operation            | 2   |
| Suspended Driving         | 58  | Prohibited Driving (Criminal)  | 10  |
| Weapons                   | 4   | Open Alcohol/Cannabis Offences | 20  |
| Possession/Traffic Drugs  | 13  | Other Criminal Code Offences   | 46  |
| Traffic Control Offences  | 70  | Speeding                       | 61  |

## RIDE Annual Report



The Smiths Falls Police Service remains dedicated to ensuring our roads are free from impaired drivers, whether under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers actively engage in both enforcement and educational efforts to address impairment-related offenses.

In 2024, Smiths Falls Police received \$8,800.00 in Provincial Grants to support RIDE programs.

These funds were allocated for a Festive RIDE campaign aimed at both deterring impaired driving and raising public awareness. The funding covered initiatives from November 2024 through December 2024, allowing for a total of 5 RIDE operations. Additional funding will be carried over into 2025. As a result of these provincially funded efforts, 785 motor vehicles were checked. The campaign also led to 10 Highway Traffic Act warnings, three charges under the Highway Traffic Act, and one charge for cannabis readily available. There were 3 Approved Screening Device Demands (ASD) and all subjects passed. No impaired driving charges were issued during this period.

In addition to the provincially funded RIDE programs, Smiths Falls Police conducted several other RIDE operations as part of their regularly scheduled shifts. These efforts not only allow officers to educate the public about various traffic infractions but also help keep Smiths Falls' roadways safe and free from impaired drivers.

The Smiths Falls Police Service carried out 19 additional RIDE programs independent of the provincial funding, checking 1429 vehicles. These operations resulted in 35 Highway Traffic Act warnings and 1 Provincial Offences Notices.

Looking ahead, Smiths Falls Police will continue to run RIDE programs throughout 2025, strategically timed to align with local festivals and events.

## Impaired Driving Program

The Smiths Falls Police Service is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists within our community, including those using roadways and trail systems. This commitment is achieved through education, prevention, enforcement, and the identification and prosecution of impaired drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The enforcement and detection of impaired drivers are critical to ensuring the safety of Smiths Falls residents on the roads. This can be carried out through officer-initiated traffic stops, reports from citizens via 911 calls, and sobriety checkpoints (RIDE).

Impaired driving extends beyond just vehicles on highways and roads, also encompassing vessels on waterways, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiles on the community’s trail systems.

All frontline officers are trained in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the use of Roadside Screening Devices (RSD) to help detect impairment due to alcohol or drugs. The Smiths Falls Police Service has 7 active members who are certified as Qualified Breath Technicians, and one officer is trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). These officers undergo annual recertification and proficiency testing in their areas of expertise.

The equipment used by the Smiths Falls Police Service to detect alcohol-impaired drivers includes:

- Intoxilyzer 8000C
- Drager Alcotest 6810

In 2024 our service purchased the new Intoxilyzer 9000C to conform with updated training standards and not being able to get new parts to fix the 8000C which is no longer being manufactured.

**2024 Breath Testing**

In 2024, the Smiths Falls Police Service conducted 8 breath tests.

| Impaired Offences 2024                  |    |
|---|----|
| Impaired Driving (Alcohol)              | 6  |
| Driving while exceeding 80mg            | 5  |
| Driving with cannabis readily available | 7  |
| Driving with liquor readily available   | 13 |

# Smiths Falls Police Service

January 1 – December 31, 2024  
Q4 Collision Statistics



**Accident**  
Support Services International Ltd.

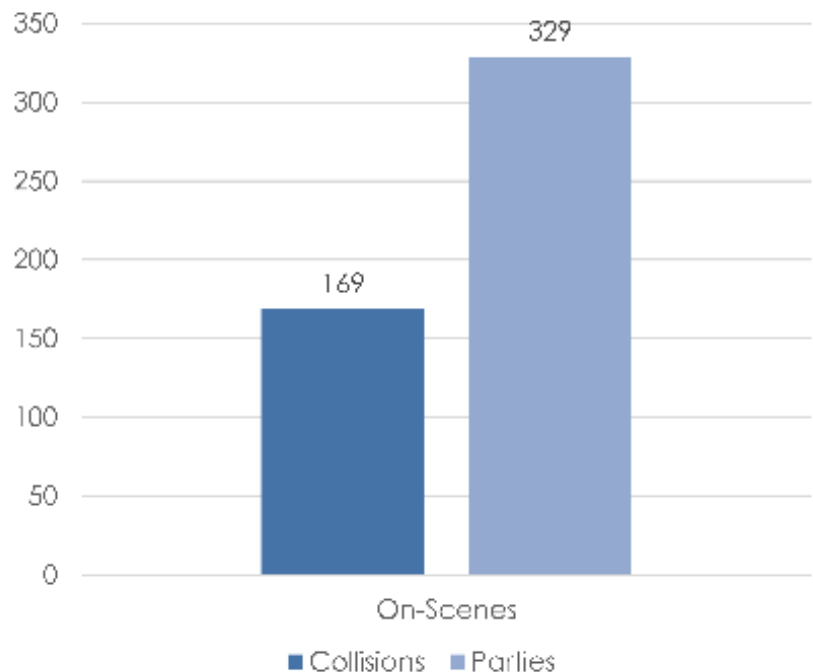
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## Collision Statistics Breakdown

| Collision Type      | Total Collisions |
|---------------------|------------------|
| On-Scene Collisions | 169              |

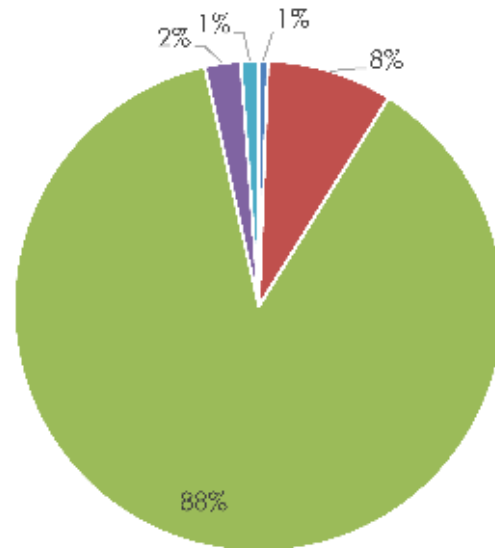
| Collision Type   | Total Parties (Vehicles Reported) |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| On-Scene Parties | 329                               |



# Classification of Collisions

On-Scenes Only

| Classification of Collision | Number of Collisions |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Fatal Injury                | 1                    |
| Non-Fatal Injury            | 14                   |
| P.D Only                    | 148                  |
| Non-Reportable              | 4                    |
| N/A                         | 2                    |



■ Fatal Injury ■ Non-Fatal Injury ■ P.D Only ■ Non-Reportable ■ Other

## Sequence of Events

| Sequence of Events    | Total Parties |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Other Motor Vehicle   | 148           |
| Unattended Vehicle    | 113           |
| Pedestrian            | 3             |
| Cyclist               | 2             |
| Ran Off Road          | 3             |
| Rollover              | 1             |
| Crossed Median        | 1             |
| Evasive Action        | 1             |
| Pole (utility, tower) | 1             |
| Bridge Support        | 1             |

## Sequence of Events

| Sequence of Events   | Total Parties |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Building / Wall      | 2             |
| Other (other events) | 2             |
| Other (fixed object) | 5             |
|                      |               |
|                      |               |
|                      |               |
|                      |               |

On-Scenes

### ALL COLLISION DATA

**Drivers with improper licences:** Total Incidents: 7

**Drivers with suspended licences:** Total Incidents: 6

**Collisions reported on roads that were under repair or construction:** Total Incidents: 0

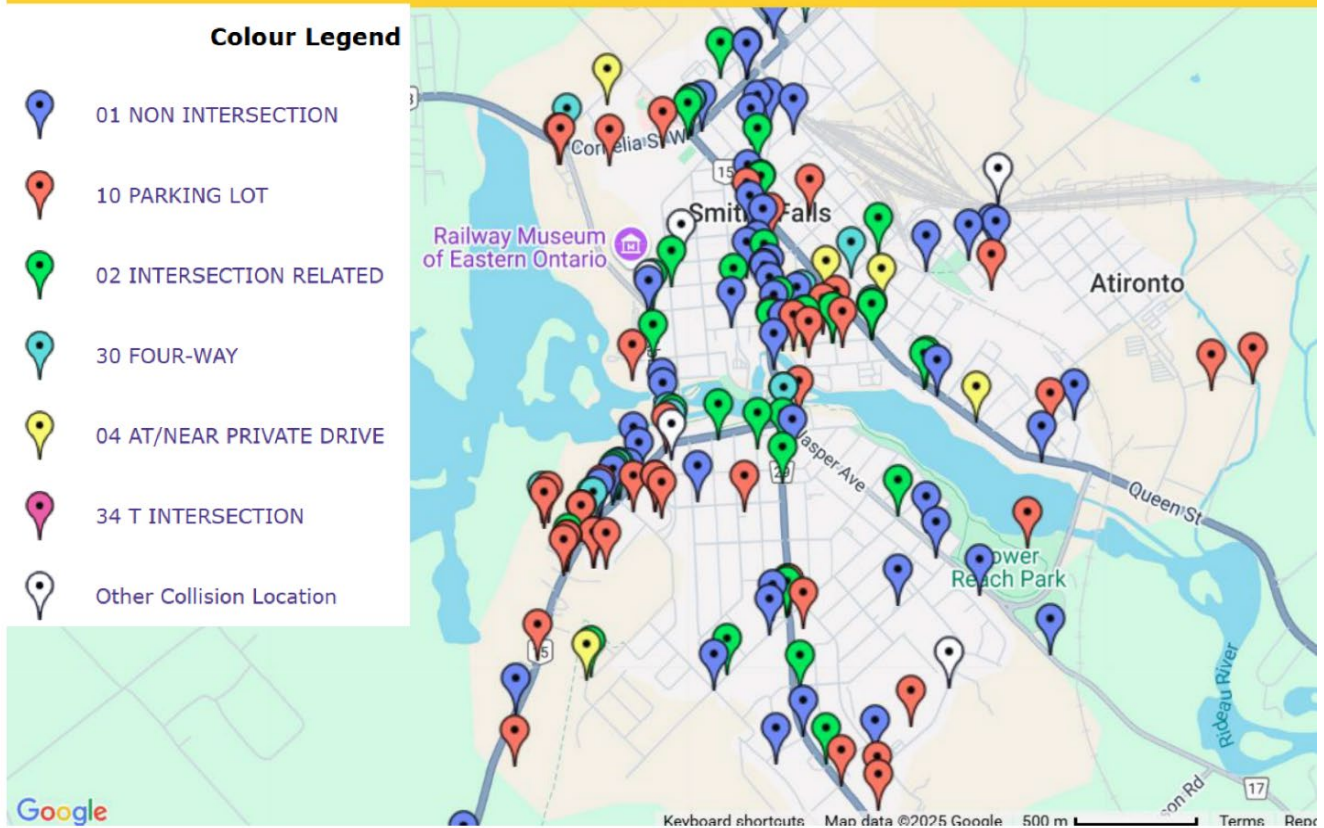
**Breathalyzers Administered:** Total Incidents: 4



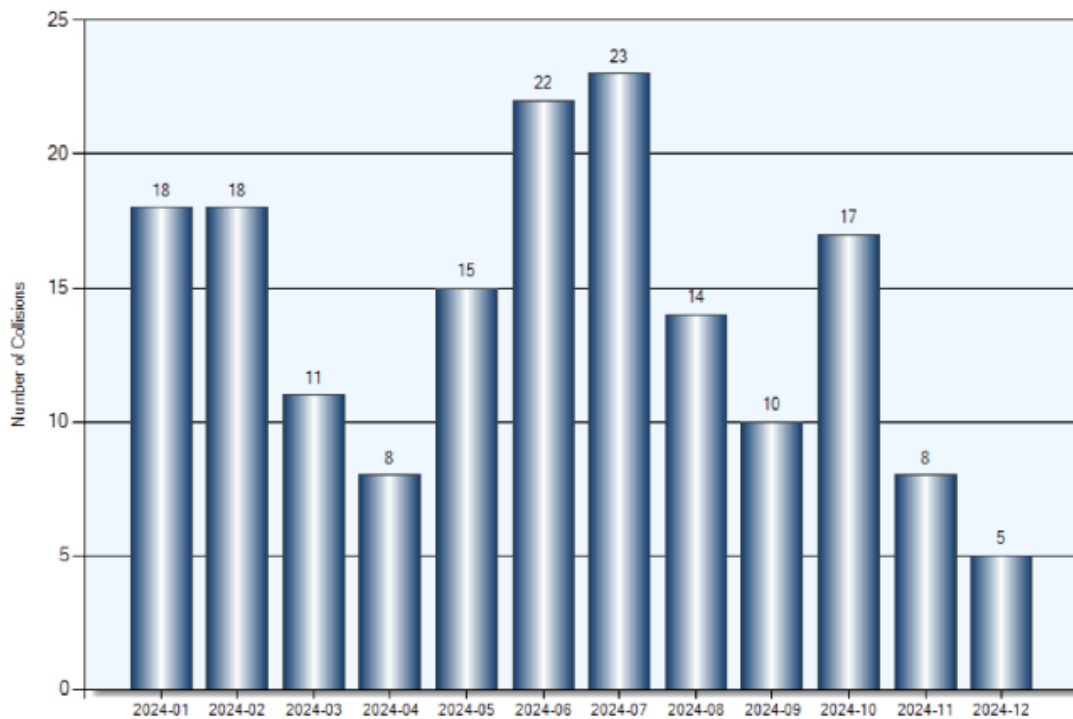
# Collision Locations

Total Incidents: 169 | Total Parties: 329

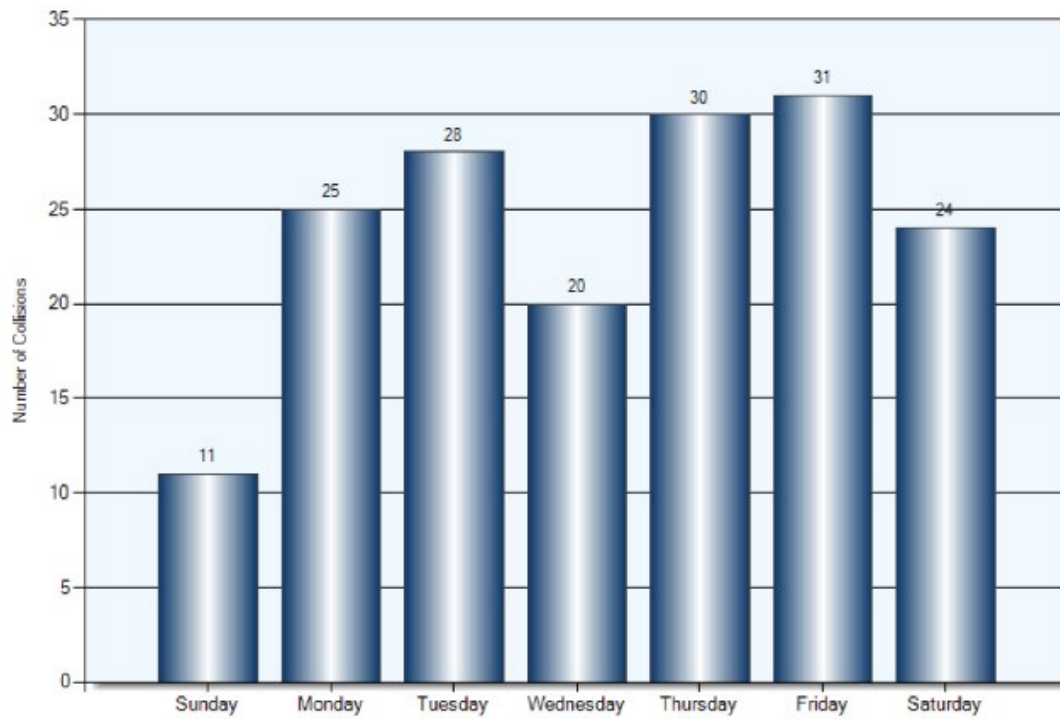
- Several incidents occur at the exact same location. Some markers may be obscured.



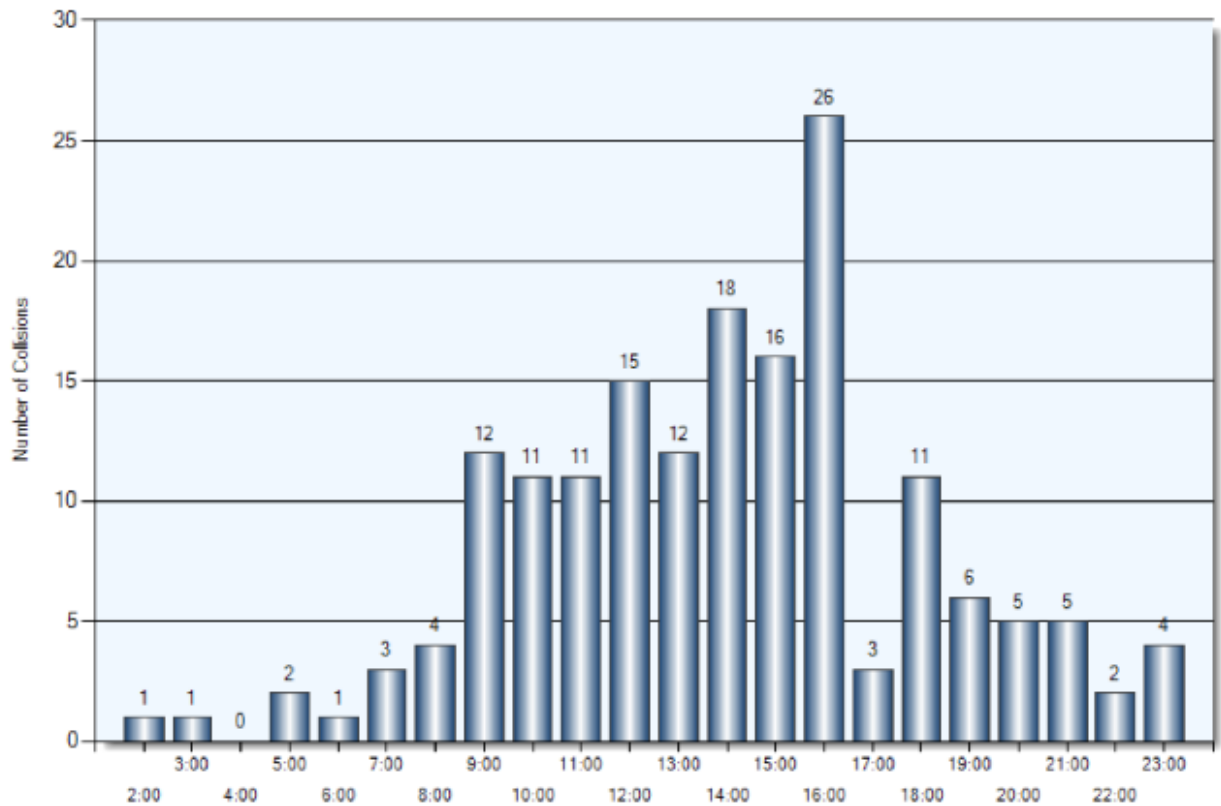
## Collision Date



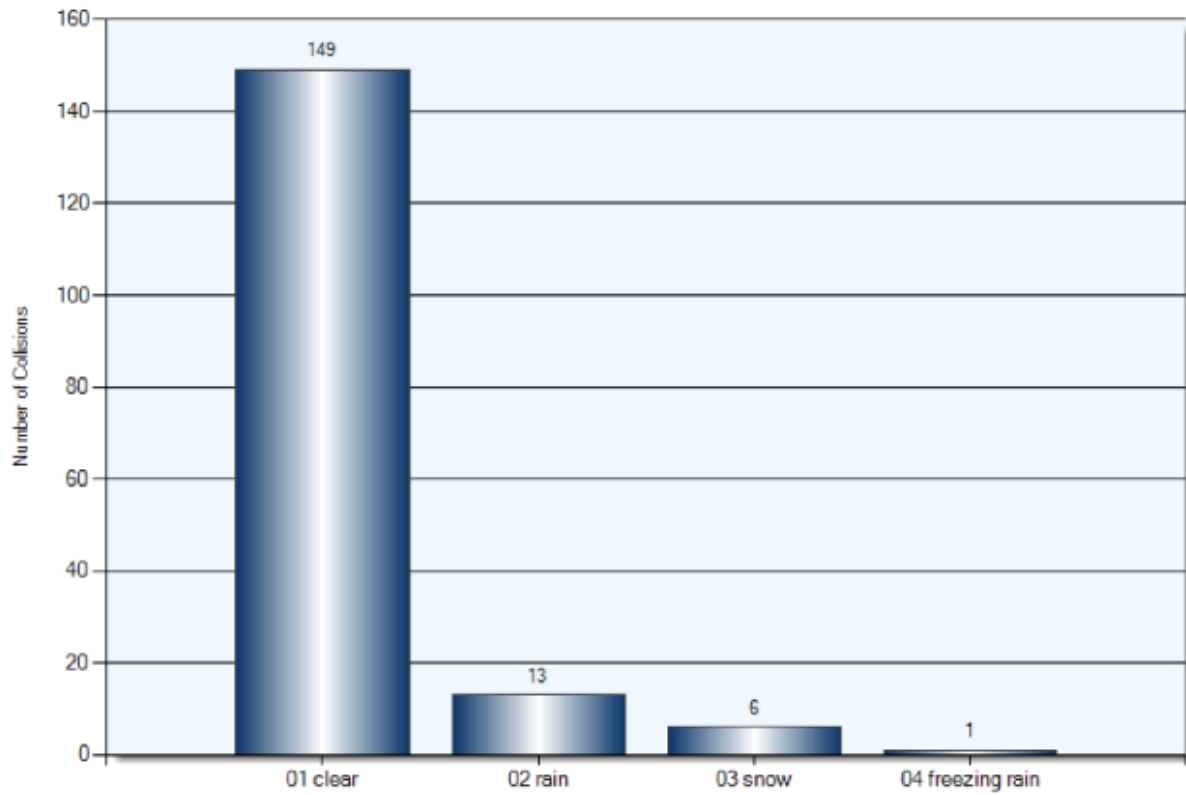
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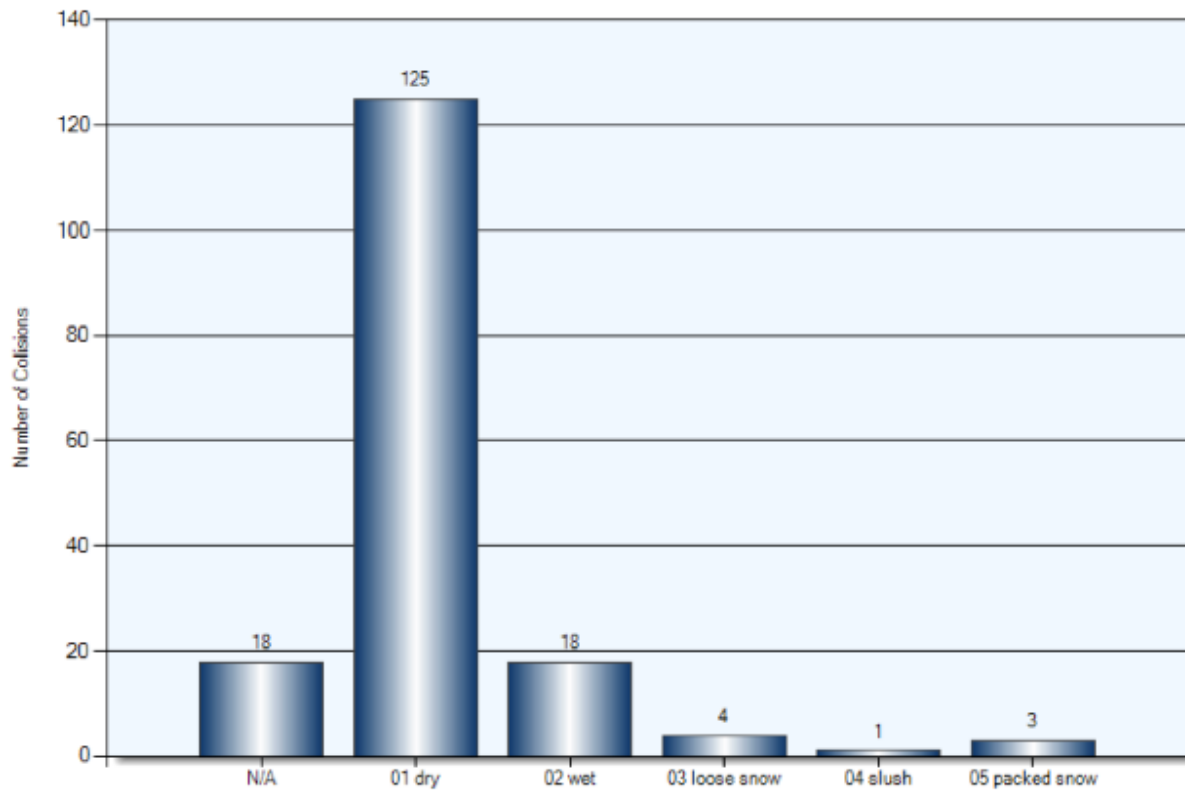
## Collision Times



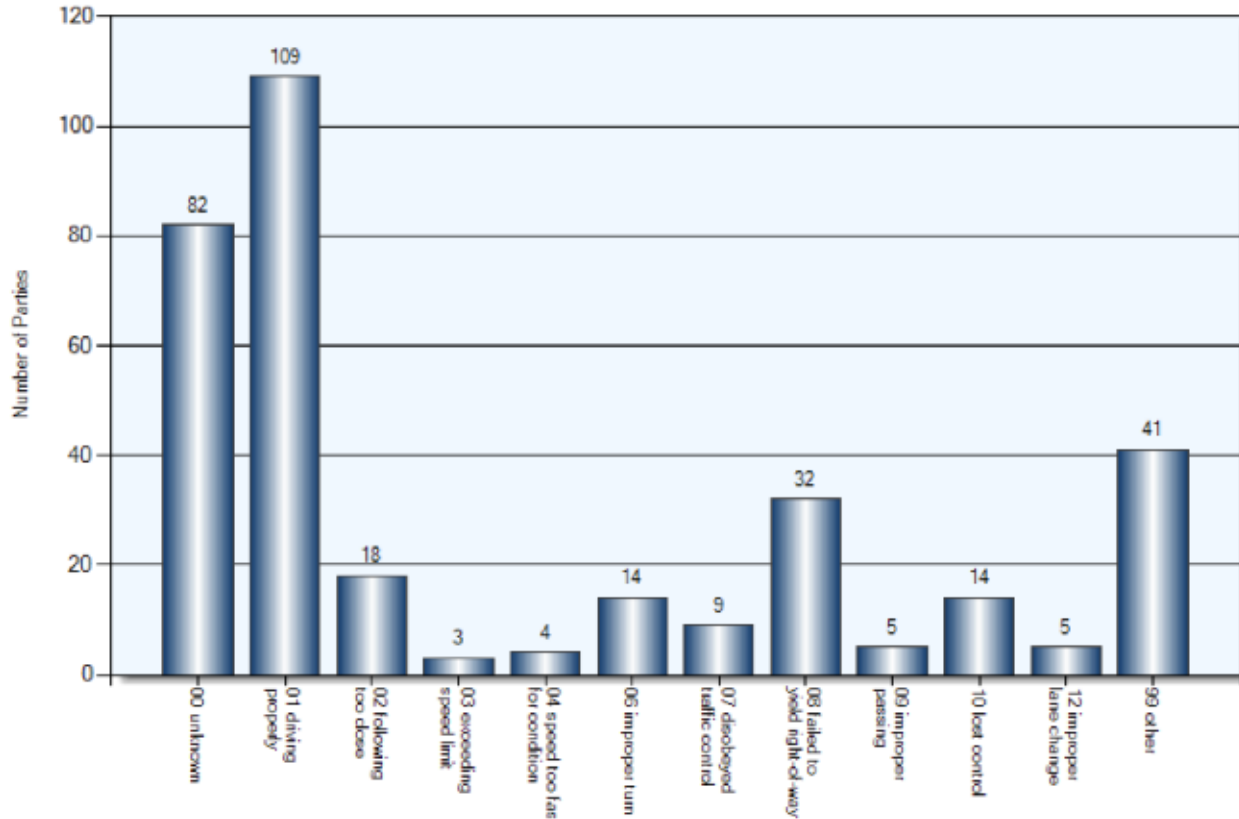
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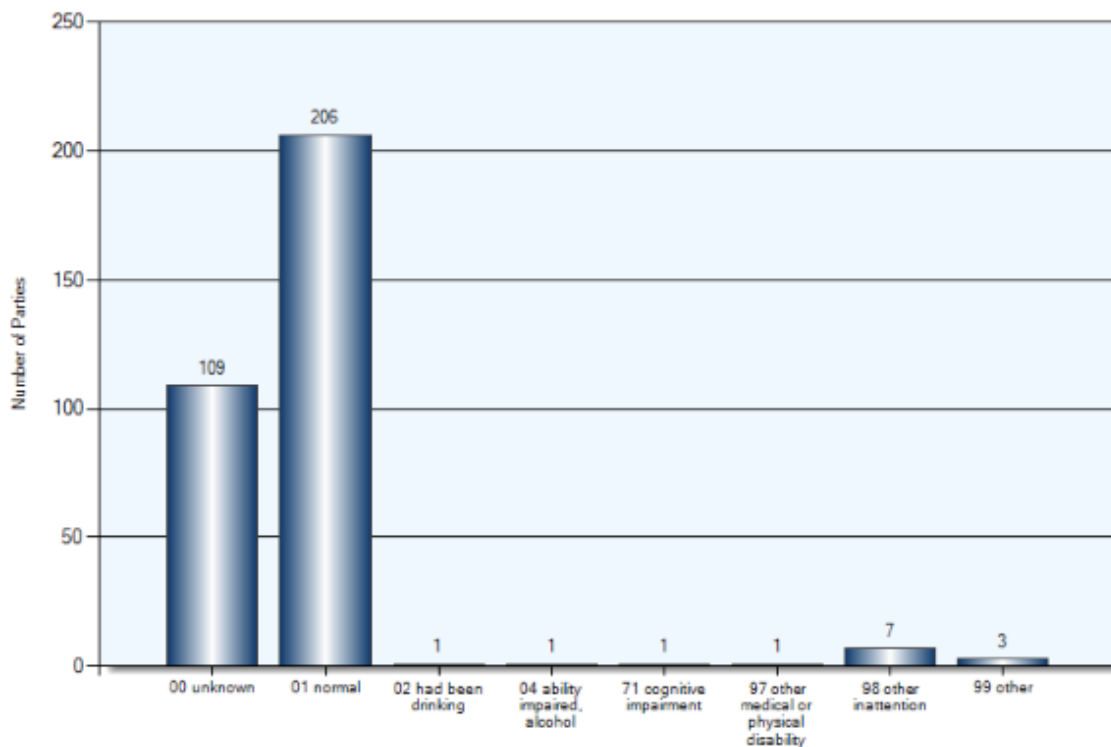
## Road Surface Conditions



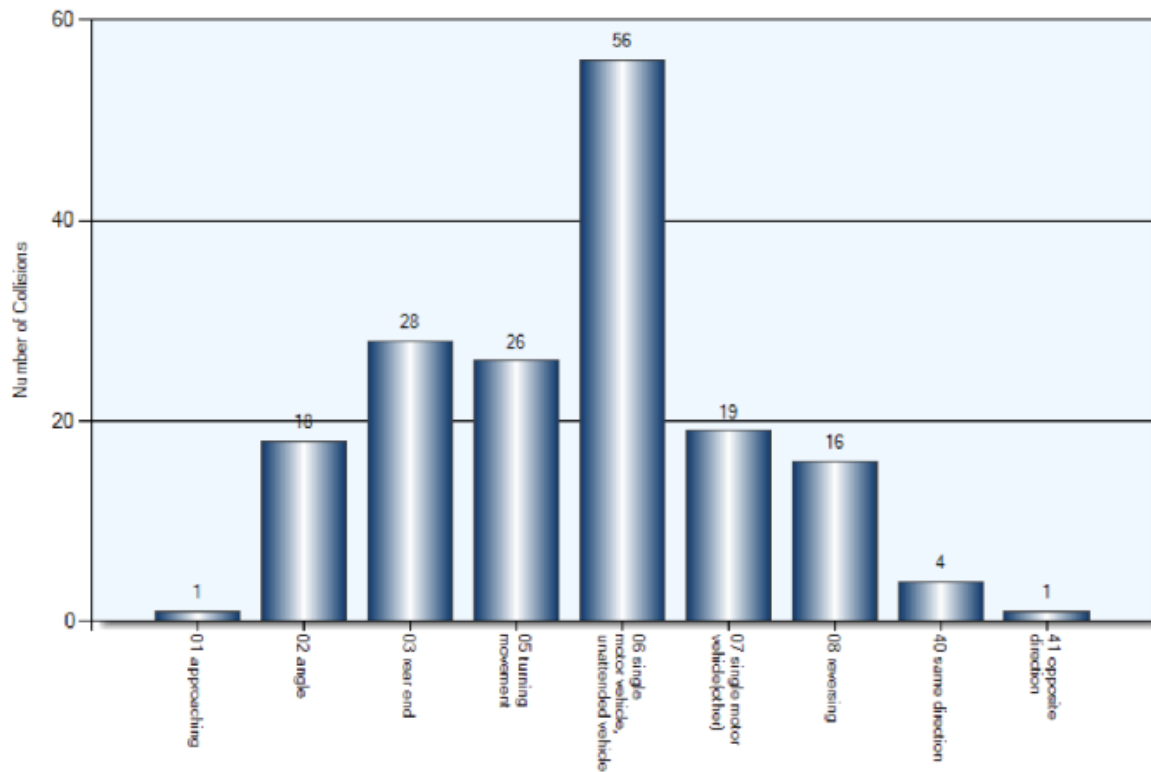
## Specified Driver Actions



## Specified Driver Conditions

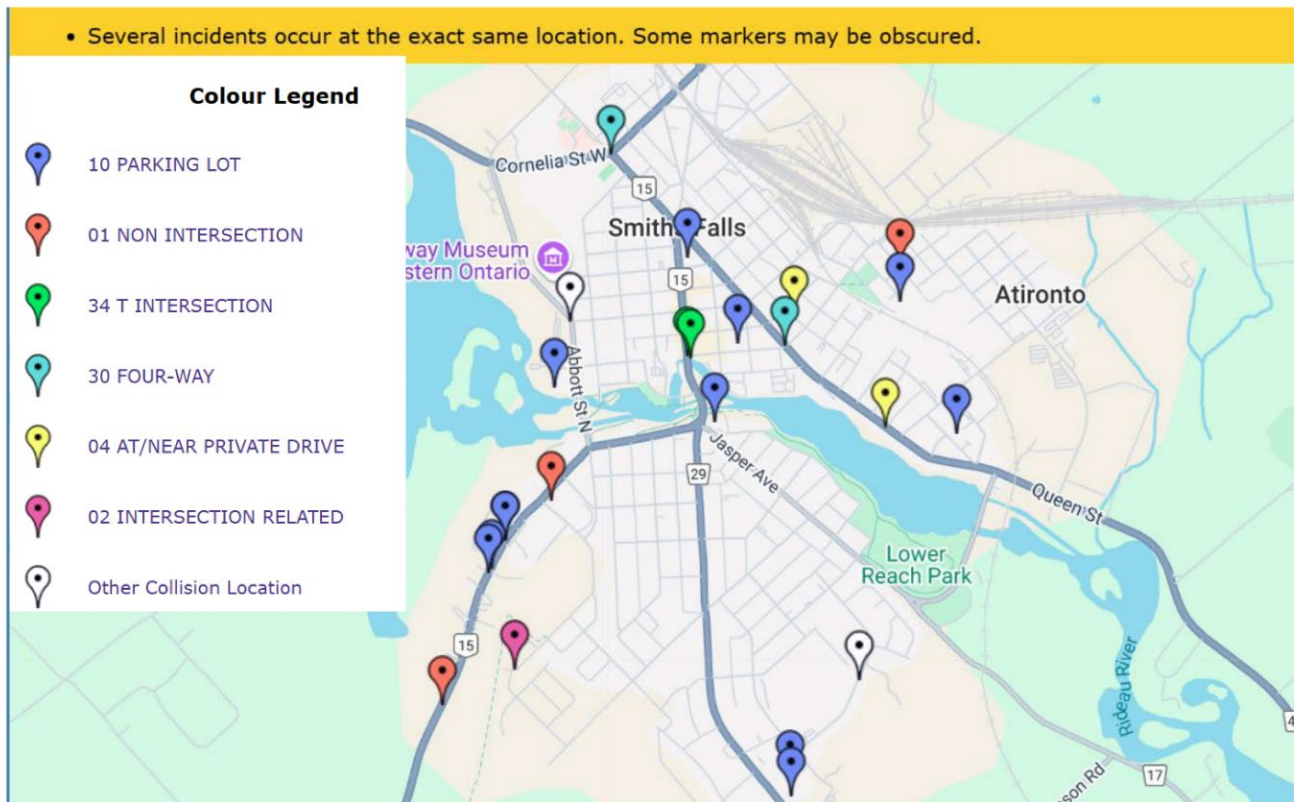


## Initial Impact Type



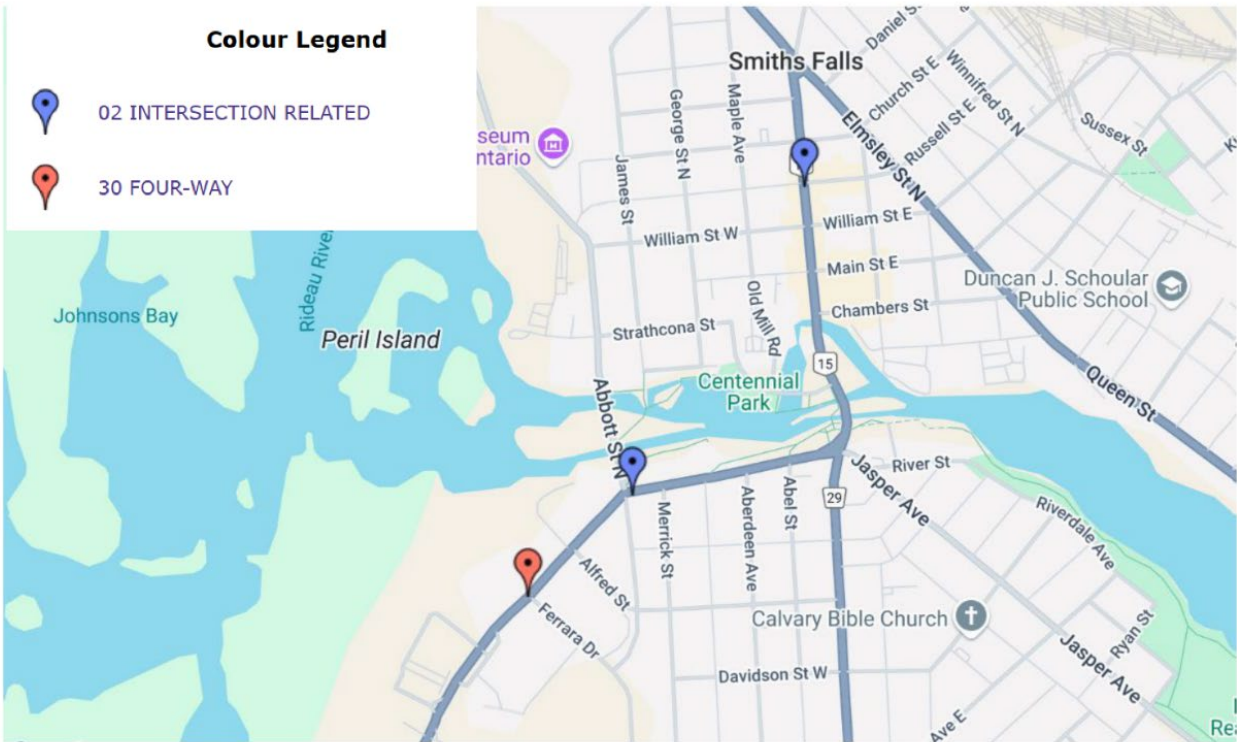
## Collisions Involving FTR

Total Incidents: 24 | Total Parties: 47



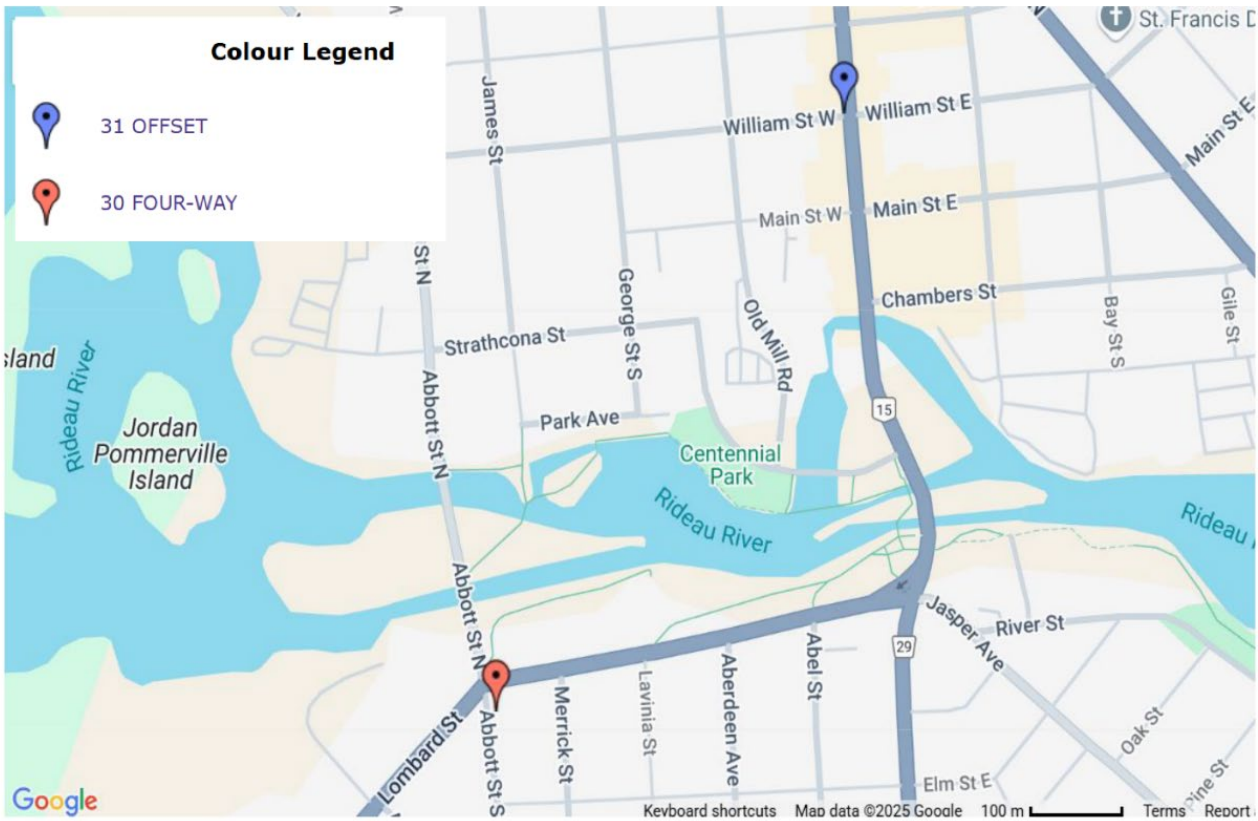
# Collisions Involving Pedestrians

Total Incidents: 3 | Total Parties: 3



# Collisions Involving Cyclists

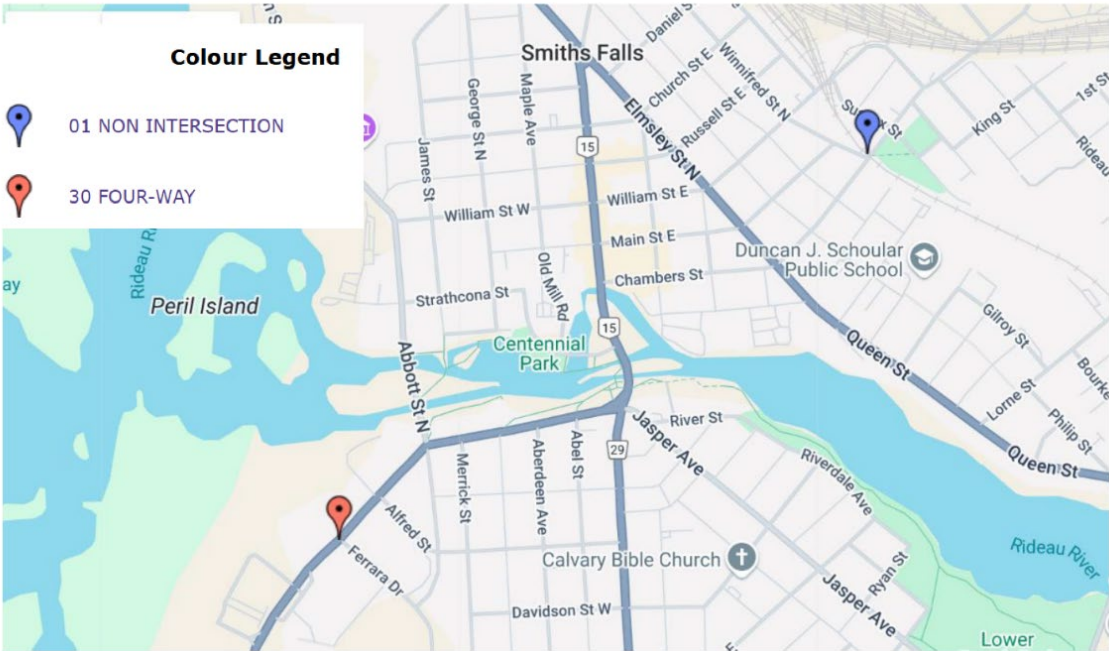
Total Incidents: 2 | Total Parties: 2



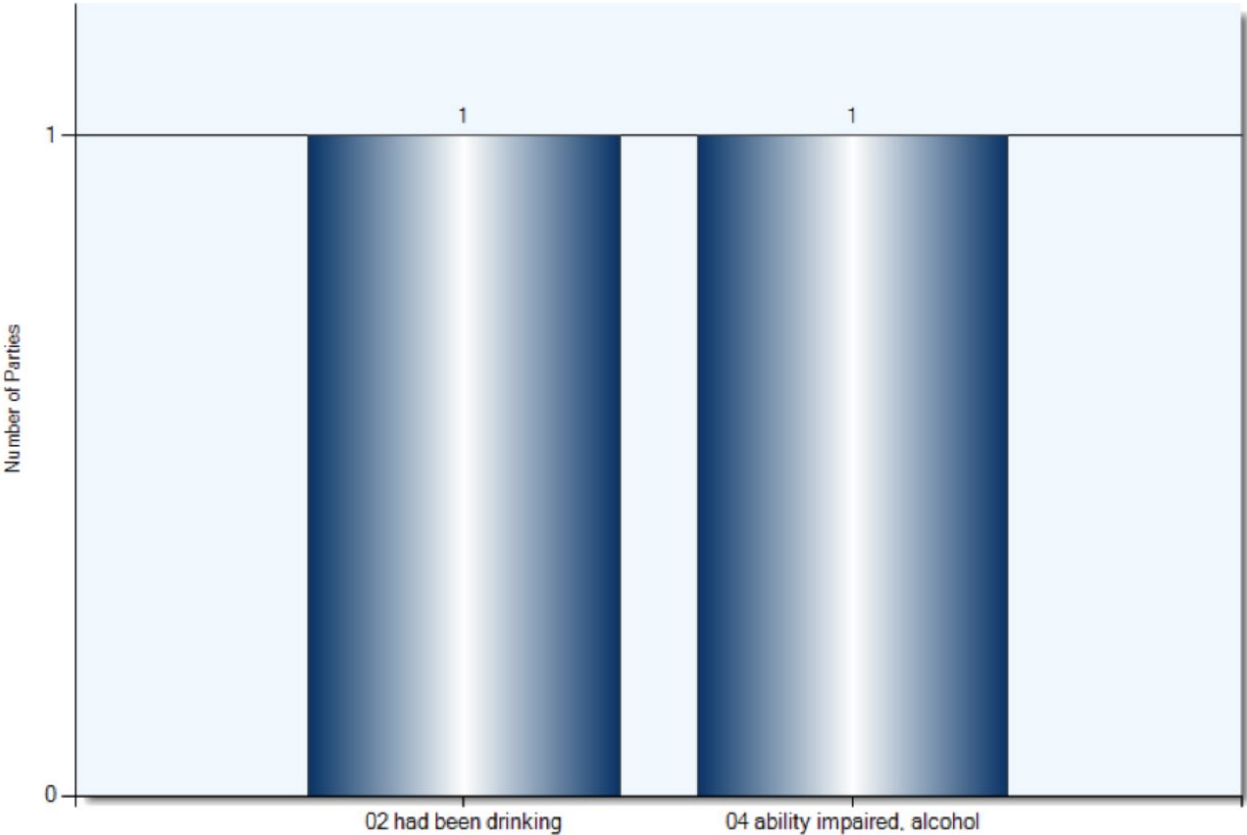
# Collisions Involving Alcohol or Drugs

Where driver condition is one of: 02 had been drinking, 03 ability impaired, alcohol (over .08) 04 ability impaired, alcohol or 05 ability impaired, drugs, 50 Cannabis, or 96 other drugs.

Total Incidents: 2 | Total Parties: 2



## Collisions Involving Alcohol or Drugs Driver Condition



## Top Intersections Q4 January 1 – December 31, 2024

| Accident Location               | Incidents | Parties   | Injuries | % Injuries | Damage Estimate |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| CORNELIA ST & ELMSLEY ST        | 2         | 6         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ABBOTT ST & LOMBARD ST          | 2         | 4         | 2        | 50.00      | \$0.00          |
| ABBOTT ST N & WILLIAM ST W      | 2         | 4         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| BECKWITH ST & CHAMBERS ST       | 2         | 4         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| CHAMBERS ST & ELMSLEY ST N      | 2         | 4         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| FERRERA DR & LOMBARD ST         | 2         | 4         | 1        | 25.00      | \$0.00          |
| BECKWITH ST S & JASPER AVE      | 2         | 3         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| CORNELIA ST W & ELMSLEY ST N    | 2         | 3         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| FERRARA DR & LOMBARD ST         | 2         | 3         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| BROCKVILLE ST & ORCHARD ST      | 1         | 3         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| CHAMBERS ST & ELMSLEY ST        | 1         | 3         | 3        | 100.00     | \$0.00          |
| 114 LOMBARD ST & LOMBARD        | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| 22 BECKWITH ST N & WILLIAM ST W | 1         | 2         | 1        | 50.00      | \$0.00          |
| ABBOTT ST N & STRATHCONA ST     | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ABBOTT ST S & LOMBARD ST        | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ABEL ST & DAVIDSON ST           | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ANDERSON & QUEEN ST             | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ANDERSON ST & QUEEN ST          | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| ANDREWS AVE & BROADVIEW AVE W   | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| BAY ST & CHAMBERS ST            | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0.00       | \$0.00          |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>                  | <b>29</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>7</b> |            | <b>\$0.00</b>   |

## Top Intersections With Driver Profile Q4 January 1 – December 31, 2024

| Incident Location               | Incident Count | Party Count | Under \$1000 | Est. 1001 -1500 | Est. 1501 -2500 | Est. 2501 -5000 | Est. 5001 -10000 | Est. 10001 -15000 | Est. 15001 -25000 | Est. over 25000 | Age 16 -21 | Age 22 -29 | Age 30 -39 | Age 40 -50 | Age 51 -65 | Age 66 -70 | Age 71 -75 | Age 76 -80 | Age over 80 | Male      | Female    | Out Of Province |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| CORNELIA ST & ELMSLEY ST        | 2              | 6           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 3         | 1         | 0               |
| ABBOTT ST & LOMBARD ST          | 2              | 4           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 3         | 1         | 0               |
| ABBOTT ST N & WILLIAM ST W      | 2              | 4           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 2         | 1         | 0               |
| BECKWITH ST & CHAMBERS ST       | 2              | 4           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 1          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 2         | 0               |
| CHAMBERS ST & ELMSLEY ST N      | 2              | 4           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1           | 1         | 2         | 0               |
| FERRERA DR & LOMBARD ST         | 2              | 4           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 1          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1           | 3         | 1         | 0               |
| BECKWITH ST S & JASPER AVE      | 2              | 3           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0           | 2         | 1         | 0               |
| CORNELIA ST W & ELMSLEY ST N    | 2              | 3           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 3         | 0         | 0               |
| FERRARA DR & LOMBARD ST         | 2              | 3           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 2         | 1         | 0               |
| BROCKVILLE ST & ORCHARD ST      | 1              | 3           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 3         | 0         | 0               |
| CHAMBERS ST & ELMSLEY ST        | 1              | 3           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 2         | 0               |
| 114 LOMBARD ST & LOMBARD        | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| 22 BECKWITH ST N & WILLIAM ST W | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| ABBOTT ST N & STRATHCONA ST     | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| ABBOTT ST S & LOMBARD ST        | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0           | 0         | 1         | 0               |
| ABEL ST & DAVIDSON ST           | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| ANDERSON & QUEEN ST             | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 2         | 0         | 0               |
| ANDERSON ST & QUEEN ST          | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 2         | 0         | 0               |
| ANDREWS AVE & BROADVIEW AVE W   | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| BAY ST & CHAMBERS ST            | 1              | 2           | 0            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | 0               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0               |
| <b>Grand Totals:</b>            | <b>29</b>      | <b>59</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>        | <b>5</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>3</b>    | <b>34</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>0</b>        |

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# PROPERTY

The Smiths Falls Police Service has two officers specifically assigned to manage and oversee property for the Police Service. All items are stored in a secured on-site storage room to ensure their safety. Property is kept in secure storage to maintain continuity for court proceedings. Each item is logged into our Internal Records Management System (RMS). If property is no longer needed, it will be returned to its rightful owner or disposed of after 30 days if unclaimed.

A total of **422** items logged into property as exhibits in 2024. That was a decrease of 167 items seized from 2023

In 2024 we did a full inventory of the seized proceeds of crime that had been dealt with before the courts. Under section 258 and 259 of the Community Safety and Policing Act the Board is able to utilize unclaimed property and money seized in proceeds of crime to support the community safety and well-being. This year the Police Services Board allocated- \$5,000 to support Indigenous youths in the annual Pow wow, \$4,000 to RNJ to support high risk youths, \$4,000 for Big Brothers WAK program and \$3,000 for the local Special Olympics. \$4,000 to continue our efforts in combating drug trafficking and crime prevention initiatives.

## Controlled Drugs & Property

All controlled substances obtained by the Smiths Falls Police Service in 2024 have been properly processed and accounted for. Officers must exercise caution and use personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling dangerous drugs, such as fentanyl. Any exhibits that require analysis for court purposes are managed by Health Canada. The designated drug property officer submits a monthly tracking report to Health Canada, detailing all controlled substances that have been entered into property.

## Firearms Log

In 2024, officers seized 11 firearms related to criminal offenses, while 12 firearms were voluntarily surrendered to the service. All firearms are securely stored and properly accounted for. The property firearms officer prepares an annual report for the RCMP, and any firearms that meet the specified criteria are disposed of through an approved third-party agency. Two of the guns were submitted to the Firearms Analysis and Tracing Enforcement (FATE) to trace the origin of these crime guns.

Currently, all property, drugs, and firearms held by the Smiths Falls Police are in compliance with the latest ministry standards for seizure and retention.

An annual auction is held to sell off unclaimed property.

# 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, GPS, 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 March 30 2025: |                      |            |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|---|
| Vehicle 101                        | 2020 Dodge Durango   | 49909KM    | Admin CIB                               |
| Vehicle 102                        | 2017 Ford Police U/T | 165,023KM  | Patrol/Traffic Radar, Watchguard camera |
| Vehicle 103                        | 2025 Ford Police U/T | 4922KM     |   |
| Vehicle 104                        | 2012 Ford Taurus     | 156,477KM  | CIB being life cycled out               |
| Vehicle 104                        | 2023 Dodge Charger   | 12510KM    | replacement for CIB                     |
| Vehicle 105                        | 2015 Ford Taurus     | 84,529.6KM | Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR    |
| Vehicle 106                        | 2018 Ford Police U/T | 109,937KM  | Patrol/ALPR, Watchguard camera          |
| Vehicle 107                        | 2021 Dodge Charger   | 66,210KM   | Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR    |
| Vehicle 108                        | 2022 Ford Police U/T | 44,780KM   | Patrol/Traffic Radar, AXON/DEMS ALPR    |

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# THANK YOU!

I have to thank our staff for their continuous hard work. We are ever changing here for the betterment of our community in challenging times.

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

Thank-you to our Community and our Community Partners for supporting our service and working collaboratively for our community to be safe and inclusive.

Community First!

Sincerely.

Chief Jodi Empey

