# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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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.

# 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

# MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Police Services' Board Chair Chris Saumure, Board members and Smiths Falls Community.

Welcome to our 2025 Annual Report that highlights our collaborative effort in the support and safety of our community. Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, we continue our commitment to address community safety, modernizing technology, mandated training in policing and enhancing police oversight.

In 2025 we built our staffing levels to fulfill vacancies due to illness, resignations and retirements to ensure our service meets the Police Services' Boards requirements of being an adequate and effective police service under the Community Safety and Policing Act. This has positively boosted morale among the staff and in turn supports the community with our proactive initiatives. As previously addressed in our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, we listened to our front-line officers and communities' needs and focused on officer wellness, proactive traffic enforcement, community engagement, crime prevention and patrols in our higher crime areas.

Technology and upgrading equipment continue to be our internal focus to support officer and public safety and ensure compliance with Ontario Police Technology Information Cooperative- the largest police related data sharing technology in North America. We work collaboratively with the Owen Sound Police Service IT department and have an IT consultant here, which is crucial to ensure we are protected from cyber security and are prepared for New Generation 911.

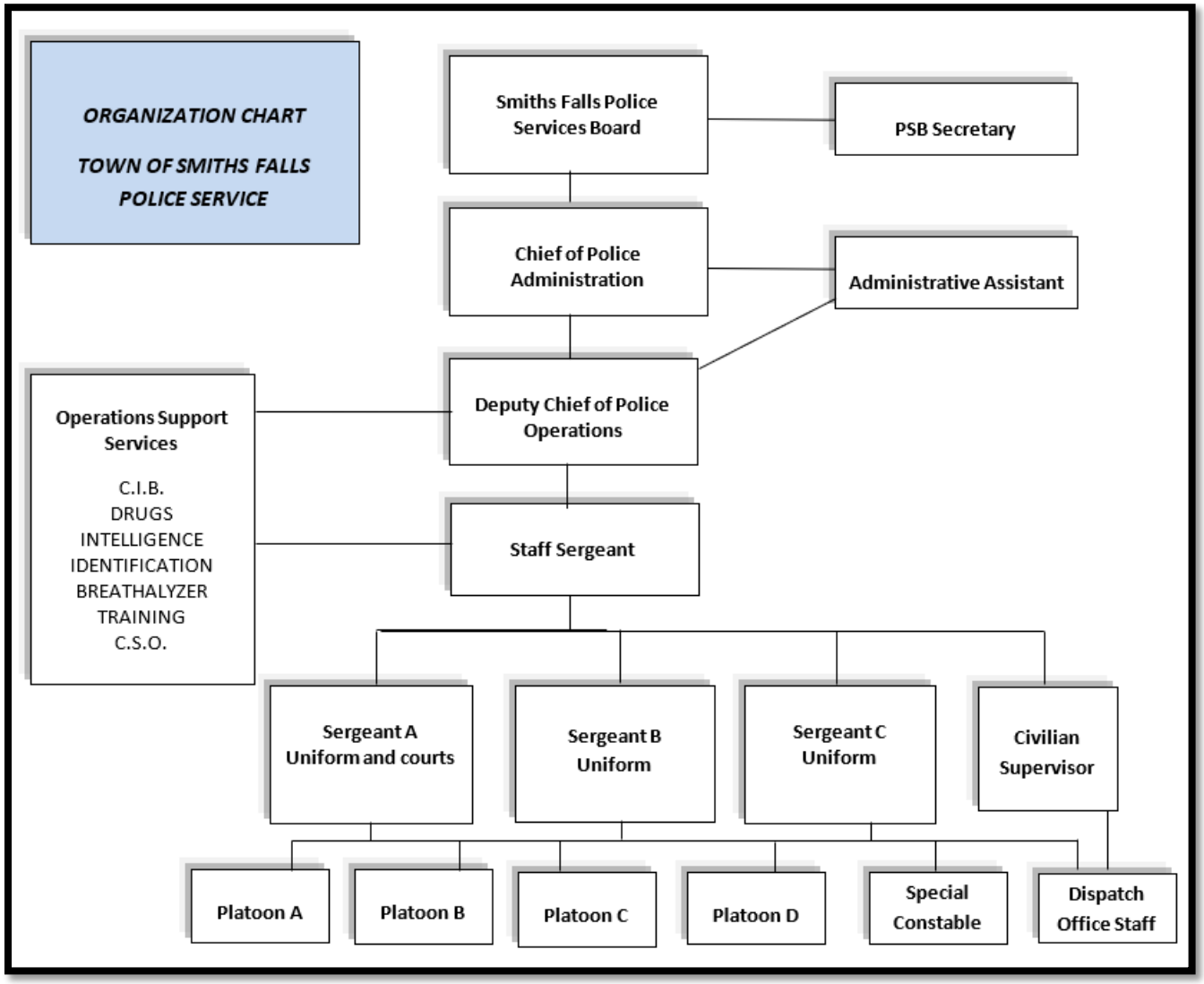
With our external priorities on public safety and prevention, we continued to support our community partners who work with victims of violence. I was pleased to have been successful with grant funding this year to support our community partners who work collaboratively with us. Big Brothers and Big Sisters, RNJ Youth Services for their engagement in our schools working with Big Brothers on Internet safety, being able to have a Victim Advocate attend in person and review our Intimate Partner cases, funds to assist victims, training for officers in Intimate Partner Violence, Trauma Informed Interviewing, Sexual Assault and Child abuse investigations as well as a mobile interviewing kit for officers to bring to a scene.

This year we implemented the Cam Safe Program, where residents and businesses can register cameras so that if there was a crime committed in that area, officers can connect with the home or business owner to view potential footage. Through grant funding we added a crime analyst to support our Criminal Intelligence projects and truly capture data for performance measures.

I continue to meet with our community partners, our front-line and with other Chiefs of Police across the Province. Now is a challenging time for small and mid-sized services but having your own police service is important for the well-being and safety of our community.
We have a great young and eager team here to support the needs of our community. We are thankful we have a community that appreciates their police service and a Police Service Board willing to work with us for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,
Jodi Empey
Chief of Police

# ORGANIZATION CHART
# TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS – POLICE SERVICE




## Police Service Staffing

As of the end of December 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service had a strength of 32 uniform officers from the Chief of Police to recruits. However, out of these numbers, 5 officers are off on WSIB (Workplace Safety Insurance Board) and 1 officer on accommodated light duties.

The service has 6 full-time civilian employees, one being the Executive Administrator to the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police. Out of the 5 full-time civilian staff, one is off on LTD, (long term disability) and the other has been moved to a Crime Analyst position which is supported by a CISO grant. There is also a full time Civilian Staff that works in a supervisor capacity that oversees the Comm Centre, looks after all the FOI requests, court support as well as provides back up support on calls for service. The

service has 1 part time Special Constable; part of salary recovery is from a Court Security Grant that will move to a full-time position in 2026.

There are 3 part-time communicators that not only provide the extra coverage to the Comms but assist in all the data downloading required for the Crown Protocol when managing digital downloading for car cameras, cell block and building videos, as well as statements. Owen Sound continued to contract IT support to comply with high standards of police related firewall and security to comply with the Ontario Police Technology Information Cooperative (OPTIC) which is the largest data sharing cooperative in Northern America.
Statistics within our service indicate we have a compliment of 7 female and 25 male officers. We have 5 female full time Civilian personnel and one male. 3 part time Civilian personnel and 1 part time Special Constable are females. Languages spoken are French and English. 4% of our staff have an Indigenous background.

2025 statistics saw a hiring of 6 new officers, to replace those off on WSIB or resignation from the service. 1 was experienced, 5 recruits. To reflect the Police Services' Board Diversity Plan, the recruiting team engaged in reaching out to colleges across the Province and conducted a female only shuttle run in order to encourage recruitment of candidates from diverse backgrounds.

## 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 a new Crown Protocol for timely deadlines for disclosure, the onus of ensuring data downloads is completed timely falls on the police service. Our Civilian staff are a crucial piece to assist officers with timely download disclosure.

Our Civilian Staff also play an integral role in the Next Generation (NG) 911 with regards to upgrading our system and training. Further there has been an upgraded NICHE database that civilian staff had to learn and train officers to use.

## Proactive Patrol and Enforcement

The officers in uniform provide 24-7 responses and accessibility in our building and within our community. We continue to value the importance of having an officer attend in person to deal with calls or a phone call, if necessary, rather than an email response. We understand that to some people, even the most minor calls can maybe be an educational piece such as scams or frauds.

In 2025 our officers responded to 7,746 calls for service compared to 8, 211 in 2024. However, the Community Safety and Policing Act management of cases, complexity and seriousness of the investigations have increased. Serious crimes of violence increased in 2025 which included Intimate partner cases up 25%.

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 and the Special Constable often conduct patrols on bikes in warmer weather and do traffic enforcement and RIDE programs on the ATV and snowmobile trails. Every month, the officers focus on some sort of traffic initiative. This year officers conducted 1081 traffic stops and laid 822 Highway Traffic Act charges to keep our roadways safe. Often its complaint driven from our residents.

# PERSONNEL – 2025

## Uniform Personnel

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jodi Empey | Chief | Joined 11JUL94 |
| Chris Kettyle | Deputy Chief | Joined 03SEPT24 |
| Nadine Wilson | Staff/Sergeant | Joined 10JUN94 |
| Daniel King | Sergeant | Joined 22NOV04 |
| Brent Pellett | Sergeant | Joined 04SEP07 |
| Derek Klawitter | Constable | Joined 16MAY99 |
| David Murphy | Constable | Joined 14JUN99 (Retired 31MAY25) |
| Chris Coon | Constable | Joined 02JUL01 |
| Aaron Tompkins | Constable | Joined 26APR04 (Resigned 17FEB25) |
| Glenn Smith | Constable | Joined 16MAY05 |
| Ashley Ricci | Constable | Joined 08DEC08 |
| Bradley Walker | Sergeant | Joined 06DEC10 |
| Brock Woods | Constable | Joined 29JUL13 |
| Jason Droeske | Detective/Constable | Joined 02MAR07 |
| 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 (Resigned 19AUG25) |
| 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 | Constable | Joined 04DEC24 |
| Jackson Germann | Constable | Joined 04DEC24 |
| Karl Mayer | Constable | Joined 06JAN25 |
| Alex Bouthillier | Constable | Joined 09JUN25 |
| Cade Townend | Constable | Joined 09JUN25 |
| Cameron Beasley | Constable | Joined 08SEPT25 |
| Robert McDowall | Constable | Joined 08SEPT25 |
| Robert Crawford | Constable | Joined 08SEPT25 |

## 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/ Crime Intelligence Analyst (SEPT25) | Joined 26JUL21 |

## Part-Time Civilian Personnel

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|---|---|---|
| Pam Delorme | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 15MAY23 |
| Kayla McDowall | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 23MAY24 |
| Ashley Cassell | Clerk/Dispatcher | Joined 15JUL24 |

## Special Constables

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|---|---|---|
| Ashley Ferrier | Special Constable | Joined 09AUG24 |

## IT Services – 2025

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|---|---|---|
| Sheldon Hatch | IT Support (Contracted) | Joined APR2023 |

## 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)
Mr. Andrew Howard– Provincial Appointment (January-December)
Mr. Christopher Saumure – Provincial Appointment (January-December)
Mrs. Stephanie McFadden – Board Secretary (January-October)
Mrs. Kerry Costello – Board Secretary (November- December)

# POLICE EXPENDITURES 2025

The Community Policing and Safety Act requirements put pressure on police services budgets across the province. A fulsome review by the Chief and the Police Services' Board Strategic Plan focused on public safety and wellness of staff. With the legislative requirements for the Police Services Board to have an adequate and effective police service, it was important to invest in staffing and upgrade technology.

| | Budget | Actual | (Over) / Under Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| Police Service | 6,484,933 | 6,156,157 | 328,776 |
| Police Service Board | 73,933 | 56,757 | 17,176 |
| Total Police Operational | 6,558,866 | 6,212,914 | 345,952 |
| Capital | 244,500 | 201,964 | 42,536 |
| Grand Total | 6,803,366 | 6,414,878 | 345,952 |

The explanation behind the surplus was the success in grant funding for the 2025-2026 reporting year. The grants are in full detail in the annual report.

In 2025 the successful applications of grant funding that supported some of our capital and operating budget assisted in decreasing our overall budget line.

| SMITHS FALLS POLICE | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| CAPITAL BUDGET | $92,511 | $162,202 |
| OPERATING BUDGET | $5,917,312 | $6,143,592 |
| POLICE SERVICES BOARD | $67,392 | $53,281 |
| TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL | $6,077,215 | $6,414,878 |
| VARIANCE | $163,380 over (reserve) | $345,952 under |

# GRANT REPORTING 2025-2026

Most of the Province's grant funding starts in April 2025 and runs through to March 2026. The only exception is the Court Security Grant which runs from January – December 2025.

Smiths Falls Police Service were successful in the following grants:

## Court Security Grant

- This grant supports the role of the Special Constable regarding detainee transports, care and control and transportation of detainees to court
- Total Funding $26,946.00

## Youth in Policing Grant

- YIPI- Youth in Policing Grant funded by the Ministry of Children, Social Service
- This grant supports 4 local youths aged 15-18 years of age by providing them with hands on experience with law enforcement and community engagement. It's designed to enhance the relationship between the police service and our community, in particular in areas of diversity. Youths work alongside police officers and civilian staff gaining valuable insight into the profession of policing.
- Total Funding $24,368.00

## NG911 Year 4

- This grant funded through the province, this extended funding will support Police Services PSAP centre once fully implemented will make it easier to provide additional details about emergency situations such as video from scene or text 911 for immediate assistance. It will also give dispatchers the ability to identify the location of a call using GPS thus resulting in a safer, faster and more informed response to the emergency call.
- Total Funding $156,894.00

## Community Safety and Policing Grants – Provincial and Local

- This grant is funding through the province. The focus on these grants is to support Provincial partners with addressing Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault, and commercial and retail thefts. This includes training for officers, providing support to victims of violence and human trafficking, workshops and presentations from our partners, Lanark County Interval House, Restorative Justice, the DBIA and Chamber of Commerce. We also focused resources on targeted areas on combatting the organized crime of theft in our local businesses.
- CSP Local- Total Funding $60,893.02
- CSP Provincial- Total Funding $299,353.48

## Proceeds of Crime Grant

- The Proceeds of Crime Grant was a three-year funding stream that went from 2024-2026. Each year the local focus has been on school safety. Police partnered with RNJ Youth Services and Big Brothers who with police went into the schools to provide educational support regarding youth safety and prevention.

- POC Year 3
- Total Funding $28,500.00 per year

## Mobile Crisis Response Team- MCRT (2025-2026)

- Our MCRT team is made up of 2 nurses, and 2 social workers. They work collaboratively on the front lines with police to respond to calls for service where it involves someone in a mental health crisis to provide support.
- Total Funding $240,000 (over 2 years)

## Victim Support Grant

- The Victim Support Grant is issued by the Province. This local focus prioritized restorative justice approach, training for officers in relation to a trauma informed victim centered approach, provides funding to support the Victim Advocate position, technology upgrades to modernizing interviews, gas cards for victims, youth conference on healthy relationships, translation services.
- VSG- Year 1- April- November 2025- Total funding $150,000
- Year 2 and 3- Total Funding $346, 362.19 (over 2 years)

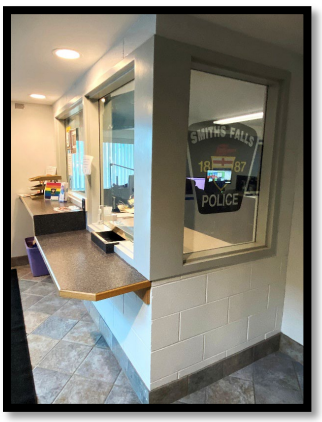
## Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere- RIDE

- The annual RIDE grant supports police services in proactively engaging with drivers to reduce and prevent impaired operation of motor vehicles/conveyance.
- Total Funding $45, 508.00 ($11,377.00 per year)

## Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario- CISO

- Smiths Falls Police is proud to partner with CISO across the Province in Intelligence lead policing. This grant supports a vehicle lease to support CISO activities and training. The service was also successful with funding for a Crime Analysist Position.
- Total Funding $8,000 for vehicle
- Total Project Funding $106,000

# COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE




Our Communication Centre proudly serves the residents of **Smiths Falls** while also redirecting 911 and non-emergency calls for service to partner agencies as required. We are the only police service in the region with a fully staffed, trained Communication Centre that is accessible and operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ensuring continuous support for our entire community and those outside our jurisdiction as well. We are a calming presence to those that come under duress in the middle of the night or in crisis.

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. Our Communication Centre and officers are quick to prioritize the response to the call for service.

In 2025, our civilian staff managed 7746 calls for service with 1105 of those calls being 911 calls. Beyond responding to calls, our Communicators play a critical operational role. They enter and manage all calls for service, complete all Criminal Record Checks, prepare Crown Briefs, process and add charges to files, and input statements and notes allowing officers to return promptly to proactive policing duties.

In addition, our civilian team oversees our Digital Evidence Management (DEMS), conducts data downloads from in-car cameras and cell block video systems for disclosure purposes, and provides comprehensive administrative and technical support we also monitor our detainees with overseeing biometrics and the camera.

Our civilian staff do far more than answer calls. Their expertise and dedication are essential to the effectiveness of our police service. Quite simply, our officers could not perform the full scope of their duties without this support. In fact, our team consistently manages a workload that, in many other police agencies, would require two to three additional civilian staff members.

# TECHNOLOGY & CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cyber Security in policing both internally and externally is a priority for our service and prevention is key.

IT support that has the technological expertise in police related firewalls and security to the systems is important. Smiths Falls Police have collaborated with Owen Sound Police Service to provide that remote expertise at a cost savings. Further, there is local IT support that is adequate, reliable and effective in ensuring preparedness to assist in the implementation of the Next Generation 911.

Our day-to-day operations utilizes Niche, OPTIC- Ontario Police Information Technology Co-operative, Records Management system, Computer Aided Dispatch, Canadian Police Information Centre – (CPIC) Ministry of Transportation, and Digital Evidence Management. Technology is also utilized for High-Risk Offender Management, Sexual Assault Registry and ViCLAS. All officers' reports and statements are captured on our records management system with the help of our civilian staff. Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, detainee care and control falls under the obligation of the Police Services Board. Biometrics was one way to ensure the safety of detainees. Heart rate, respiratory rate, and movements of the detainee is monitored by staff. Any changes, an alarm will sound prompting immediate response and medical assistance. This is due to the concern of the use of fentanyl and other opiates in prevention of in custody overdoses.

To assist in transparency and accountability on our front lines in policing, we have ALPR's (Automated Licence plate readers) and in car video cameras and microphones in our cruisers to capture police and public's interactions. Our cell block and station are video taped, and we have surveillance in and around our building.

All data is stored into the cloud and saved into our DEMS (Digital Evidence Management System). This allows for quick disclosure to the Crown Attorney and real time data collection. If dealing with a Law Enforcement related Complaint through LECA or the Special Investigations' Unit (SIU) in serious bodily harm or death cases, the data is accessible and can be downloaded quickly.

Our cruisers are equipped with GPS that allows our communication centre to track location of the vehicles for officer safety, is used for crime trends on patrol, monitors speed of the officer and seatbelt use to enhance officer and public safety.

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.

In December 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service partnered with CAMSafe.ca, a province-wide security camera registry that supports police investigations. Residents and businesses can voluntarily register the locations of their security or doorbell cameras, providing officers with a starting point when seeking video evidence. The registry contains only basic contact information and general camera locations, accessible exclusively to police. This tool enhances investigative efficiency and strengthens community collaboration in crime prevention.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Smiths Falls Police Service remains committed to the philosophy of *"Community First."* This guiding principle shapes our daily work and our ongoing efforts to build and maintain positive relationships throughout the community. Whether through school engagement, public education, patrols, or participation in local events, our members continually demonstrate their dedication to serving the residents of Smiths Falls.

With the support of a full-time Community Service Officer and part-time Special Constable, the Service maintains a consistent presence across the community through school visits, presentations, foot and bike patrols, and partnerships with local organizations. These efforts remain essential to fostering trust, enhancing public safety, and ensuring the well-being of all community members.

### Community Events and Activities – 2025 Overview

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service participated in a wide array of community activities and events, reflecting our commitment to engagement, safety, and partnership. Key areas of involvement are outlined below.

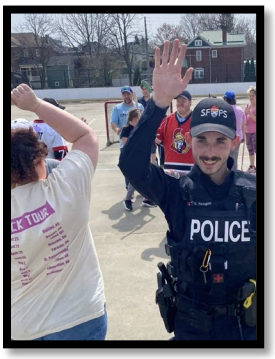
### Annual Community Events

- Turkey Trot
- Stuff a Cruiser
- Santa Claus Parade
- Halloween Pumpkin Patrol
- Zombie Walk
- Movies in the Park
- Block parties and neighbourhood events

### Educational and Safety Presentations

- Grade school safety presentations
- Senior fraud awareness presentations
- Human trafficking awareness sessions
- Safe Internet Use and digital safety presentations
- Bike Helmet Positive Ticketing initiative
- Kids Bicycle Safety & Rodeo (in partnership with the Kinsmen)
- Youth Bike Parade, judged by the Police Chief and Crime Stoppers

### Partnerships and Community Supports




- Weekly HUB community lunches at Hanley Hall (serving and assistance)
- HUB Alumni Hockey Game
- Coffee with a Cop
- Bike Nights
- Local festivals and cultural gatherings, including the Red Dress Ceremony
- Sports activities with Adult Community Living

### Special Olympics and Charitable Initiatives

- Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire Fishing Days
- Pull the Pumper
- Tim Hortons Special Olympics Donut Days
- Special Olympics Torch Run
- Polar Plunge
- Special Olympics Golf Tournament
- McHappy Day

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Pride Flag Raising
- Pride Parade and Festival

## Remembrance Day Participation

The Smiths Falls Police Service is honoured to stand alongside local veterans during the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. This event holds deep significance, offering the Service an opportunity to reflect on and recognize the sacrifices of those who have served in Canada's military. We remain committed to preserving this important tradition and showing respect for our community's veterans and their families.

## Major Events and Highlights

### Canada Day Celebrations

The 2025 Canada Day festivities at Lower Reach Park featured an elevated police presence and strong community engagement. The day commenced with the Youth Bike Parade, judged by the Police Chief and Crime Stoppers, contributing to a safe and celebratory environment.

### Large-Scale Summer Events

Two major community events made 2025 particularly memorable:

- **The Smiths Falls Powwow** – marking the return of a culturally significant and well-attended celebration.

- **Old Home Week** – a weeklong series of events that brought together residents, families, and visitors for a vibrant celebration of community heritage.

Both events reinforced the importance of local policing presence in large gatherings and further strengthened relationships with community partners.

## Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI)

The Smiths Falls Police Service were pleased to receive for the first time grant funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The funding allocated to our service allowed us to hire 4 students for an 8 week program.

The Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) is a paid program that engages youth aged 15-18 in meaningful work with police services to develop skills, foster community relationships, and explore careers in law enforcement.

YIPI provides youth with hands on working experience working alongside police officer and civilian staff in various roles, including community outreach, administrative tasks, and public safety initiatives. The program aims to build professional skills, self-confidence and leadership abilities while promoting positive relationships between youth and law enforcement. It also serves to support youth interested in pursuing careers in policing or community service.

Our 4 YIPI members participated in numerous community events including but not limited to Old Home Weeks events, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Movies under the Stars and Bike Nights. Our YIPI members also coordinated a bottle-drive fundraising initiative, with all proceeds allocated between the Smiths Falls Food Bank and Pivotal Help. Our YIPI students also were able to attend the Province wide youth conference held by Durham Regional Police Service and met Solicitor General of Ontario, Michael Kerzner.

## 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 2025. Smiths Falls Crime Stoppers has proudly been in operation for 33 years servicing the Town of Smiths Falls! Throughout the year, we saw a decrease of 66 tips from 276 in 2024 to **210** tips received and managed by the Police Coordinator in 2025. This decrease in Tips is believed to be due to Quinte Crime Stoppers area tips being directed more accurately.

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

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.

Tips and tip volume are directly affected by police activity within our community along with crime reports in press releases. An increase occurs when police agencies within our region post media releases/ press releases and that in turn increases tips into the P3 system.

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 2025**

| | |
|---|---|
| Police Coordinator | Constable Sean Keogan, Smiths Falls Police Service |
| President: | Amber MacDonald |
| Vice-President: | Doug Foley |
| Secretary: | Lyle Clancy |
| Treasurer(s): | Rick Kirkwood |
| Director: | Chuck Hudson |

Our dedicated volunteers continue their efforts to volunteer time, and commitment to the community of Smiths Falls. That success of the Smiths Falls and District Crime Stoppers falls on its members of the Board of Directors. The members are engaged in several key events throughout the year. A few key events are the Santa Clause Parade, Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, Pull a Pumper (First Place for 2025), 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.

## Special Olympics

Special Olympic Ontario is the Ontario Association of Chief of Police Charity of choice. The Smiths Falls Police Service and our officers take great pride in our involvement with Special Olympics and our local athletes. The service is involved with many fundraising and support initiatives that honor and support our local athletes. Some of the key initiates include our 3rd annual Polar Plunge, Tim Horton's Special Olympics Donut Fundraiser, Special Olympics BBQ, LETR Tolling and Touch Run, LETR Final Leg, Special Olympics Golf Tournament and the annual Christmas Party.

All funds raised through Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run events are directed into program support that directly affects all community Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) programs. Funds are then put into community programs and help pay for various expenses including games travel, accommodations, meals, staff support to the field, grants to new community programs, volunteer and athlete training, administration and information/promotional materials and development initiatives like School Programs which opens up opportunities to new athletes.

## Conclusion: A Year Defined by *"Community First"*

Throughout 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service remained deeply engaged in community focused initiatives that exemplify our motto, *"Community First."* Whether through collaborative partnerships, educational outreach, cultural events, or support for vulnerable populations, our Service continues to prioritize building trust, ensuring safety, and fostering positive connections within Smiths Falls.

# CRIME PREVENTION

The Smiths Falls Police Service remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing public safety through proactive crime prevention, community engagement, and collaborative partnerships. As we present this year's Crime Prevention Annual Report, we reflect on the progress made, the challenges faced, and the continued evolution of our prevention strategies to meet the needs of our community.

Crime prevention is most effective when it is rooted in partnership. Throughout the past year, our members have worked closely with residents, businesses, schools, social service agencies, and community organizations to address emerging trends and reduce opportunities for crime. Through education, early intervention, targeted enforcement, and community outreach initiatives, we have continued to prioritize prevention as a cornerstone of public safety.

The Smiths Falls Police Service implemented dedicated proactive patrols focused on local businesses throughout the year. Officers spoke directly with business owners and staff to identify vulnerabilities, provide Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) recommendations, and support target hardening measures. These focused patrols enhanced police visibility, strengthened relationships within the business community, and contributed to efforts aimed at preventing ongoing thefts and reducing opportunities for property-related crime.

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service established a new civilian Criminal Analyst position to strengthen our intelligence capacity and enhance evidence-based decision-making. The addition of this analytical function ensures we deliver adequate and effective policing through an intelligence-led approach that informs daily operations, identifies emerging crime trends, supports strategic deployment, and enhances our ability to prevent and respond to criminal activity within the community.

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service placed an enhanced focus on impaired driving and related offences. A notable increase in alcohol- and drug-related charges was directly attributable to a more dedicated and proactive enforcement approach, including targeted patrols, strategic RIDE initiatives, and officer-led detection efforts.

These results reflect not only increased enforcement activity, but our Service's ongoing commitment to protecting public safety. By prioritizing impaired driving enforcement, we continue to take decisive action to ensure the safety and security of all residents and visitors to our community.

Strong internal and external partnerships remain essential to our overall operational effectiveness. The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to collaborate closely with key stakeholders, including Équité Association, the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO), the Canada Border Services Agency, and other law enforcement partners.

These strong partnerships ensure that we remain connected to provincial and national intelligence networks, current investigative strategies, and emerging best practices. By sharing information, coordinating enforcement efforts, and leveraging collective expertise, we enhance our capacity to respond effectively to organized and cross-jurisdictional criminal activity while strengthening community safety at the local level.

In 2025 there were **7,746** calls for service with a total of **1,166** criminal charges resulting from **412** arrests. Some of our higher risk calls include:

- 911 Calls for Service - **1105**
- Intimate Partner Violence related occurrences - **343**
- Assault occurrences – **55**
- Bail Violation occurrences - **99**
- Theft /Theft Related incidents - Theft **144** / Shoplifting **155**
- Mischief related occurrences - **97**

We recognize that effective crime prevention extends beyond enforcement. It requires trust, transparency, and meaningful engagement. The Smiths Falls Police Service remains dedicated to building strong relationships within our community and fostering a shared responsibility for safety.

As we move forward, the Smiths Falls Police Service remains focused on innovation, accountability, and continuous improvement in our crime prevention efforts. Together, we will continue working toward a safe, resilient, and inclusive community for all, ensuring that our strategies, partnerships, and services evolve to best serve our growing community.

# CRIME

## Crime Unit

**Team Overview:** At the start of 2025, the Crime Unit was comprised of Detective Constable Tyler Brett and Detective Constable Jason Droeske. Detective Constable Lindsay Lemay joined the Crime Unit in the fall of 2025, making the Crime unit a three-person team for the first time.

MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS:

The Crime Unit undertook several major case investigations throughout the year, displaying a commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. When investigating Major Cases, the Crime Unit uses PowerCase software to effectively manage these investigations when deemed threshold.

**Drug and Firearm enforcement:** With the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Brockville Police Service, multiple drug and firearm related search warrants were executed. As a result, a large quantity of drugs, firearms, weapons, and drug trafficking equipment were seized throughout 2025.

**Challenges Faced:** Detective Constable Brett was detailed to work full-time with the OPP on a joint investigation relating to the multiple missing person's investigations in and around Smiths Falls. He is the lead investigator for the Bertrim file. This joint effort ultimately resulted in the arrest and charges of multiple accused, and the discovery of Robert Thomson's remains.

**Training and professional development**: Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, training is mandatory when investigating sexual assaults and Intimate partner violence for example. The Crime Unit receives specialized training to enhance investigative abilities and techniques. Some of the training received by Crime Unit members this year including investigating crimes against children, Introduction to intelligence officer, Sexual assault investigator and trauma informed interviewing, Homicide investigations, and Mobile Surveillance.

**Criminal Intelligence Services of Ontario (CISO):** Detective Constable Tyler Brett is the designate officer for CISO. With this role, Detective Constable Brett works with other agencies across the province to share information and police intelligence in effort to better serve the community. The partnerships formed through CISO are extremely valuable to small town policing and allow for the sharing of information and intelligence lead police initiatives.

The Smiths Falls Police Service has also had the opportunity to collaborate on CISO funded projects, further strengthening its partnership with CISO and all participating agencies.

**Crime Intelligence Analyst:** As a result of CISO funding, Smiths Falls Police Service was able to establish a new Crime Intelligence Analyst position; a first for our Service. The addition of Brett Lacey, a civilian serving in this newly created role, has introduced valuable expertise and significantly strengthened the Service's analytical capacity in support of intelligence-led investigations and operational decision-making.

In this role, the Crime Intelligence Analyst is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and interpreting information from a variety of internal and external sources to support both ongoing investigations and proactive policing initiatives. Key responsibilities include conducting strategic and tactical crime analysis, identifying trends and emerging patterns, producing intelligence reports and briefings, and assisting investigators by linking individuals, locations, and events through data-driven methods. The position also supports inter-agency information sharing, contributes to risk assessments, and enhances operational decision making by providing timely, evidence-based insights.

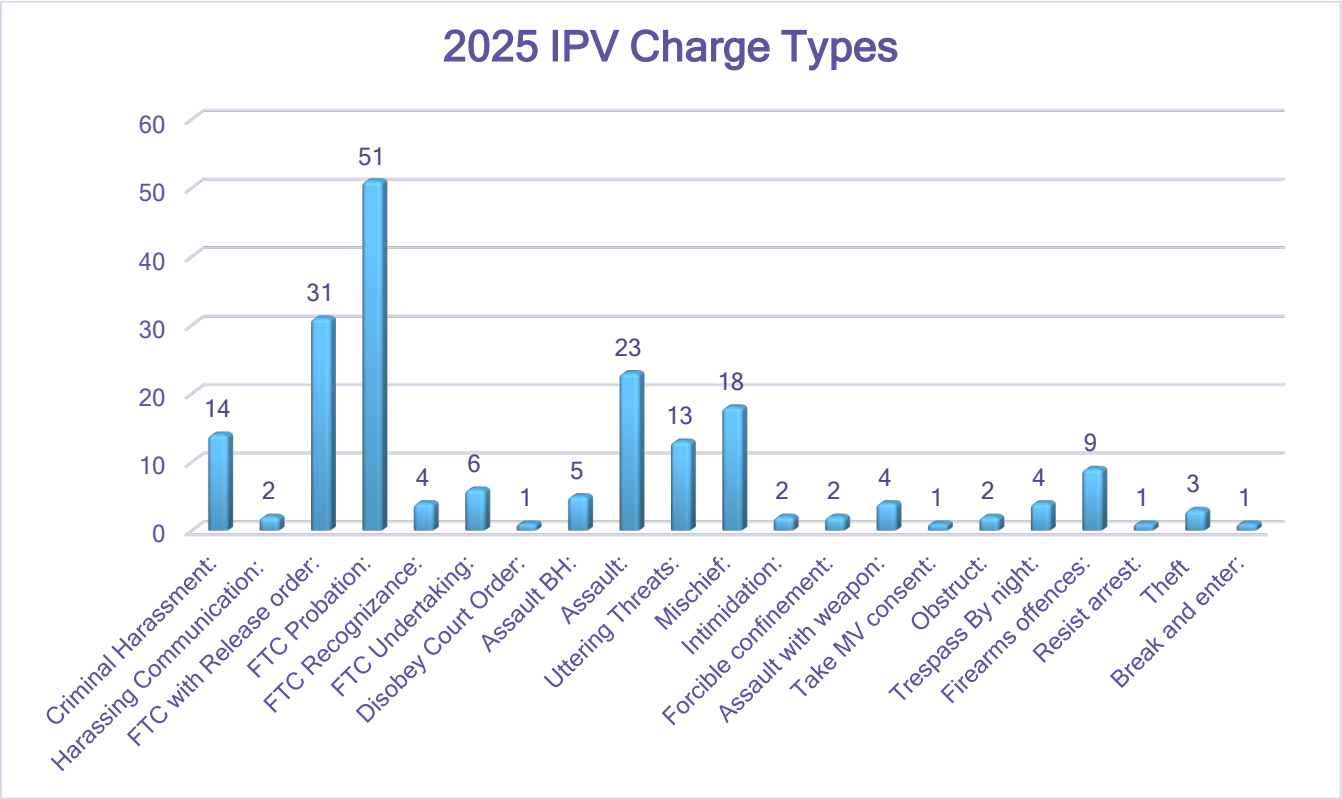
By establishing this role, the Smiths Falls Police Service has strengthened its capacity for intelligence-led policing and enhanced its ability to support frontline officers, investigative units, and partner agencies.

**Crime Unit Outlook:** Looking ahead, the inclusion of a third member is vital as case loads increase due to complexity of investigations. In addition, the establishment of the Crime Intelligence Analyst position significantly enhances the Service's ability to adopt and utilize advanced investigative technology. Grant funding has supported the acquisition of new analytical tools and software, which the Analyst is uniquely equipped to operate and integrate into daily investigations. This expanded technological capacity will improve data analysis, crime forecasting, and information-sharing, providing the Service with more efficient and modern investigative capabilities. Our Crime unit officers are also trained to investigate Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault Cases.

## Intimate Partner Violence

In 2025 Smiths Falls Police Service received 343 IPV related calls that were reviewed by IPV Coordinator Sgt Dan King. These include domestic assault, verbal arguments, child custody disputes, mischief, property exchanges and harassment calls. These also include anything the Sergeants deem to have domestic related issues.

As a result of IPV-related calls the following criminal charges were laid by SFPS.




Sgt Dan King is also a member of the High-Risk Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) team in Lanark County which meets and reviews all IPV cases which are deemed high risk. The team is made of members from Lanark County Crown Attorney's office, Victim Witness Assistances Program (VWAP), Victim Advocate, Victim Services and Probation and Parole.

Sgt King also attends regular meetings as part of the IPV Provincial Coordinators team to examine and look at current issues relating to IPV cases across the province and country.

## High Risk Offenders and Bail Reform

On December 5, 2023, the Government of Canada's amendments to the *Criminal Code*'s bail provisions to promote community safety and reinforce public confidence in the administration of justice received Royal Assent. The reforms come into force on January 4, 2024.

The amendments make targeted changes to the *Criminal Code*'s bail regime to address serious repeat violent offending with firearms, knives, bear spray and other weapons. The changes made at the bail-stage will also address the enhanced risks posed by intimate partner violence (IPV). The changes seek to improve the safety of people and communities across Canada.

Smiths Falls Police have always been proactive in ensuring compliance when a high-risk offender is released on bail with conditions, conditional sentence orders or violation of probation and/or parole. From advocacy at the bail hearings to ensure protection of victims, to working collaboratively with Victim Services and with the Victim Advocate for safety planning and prevention.

In 2025 the service conducted 55 compliance checks and responded to 92 bail violation calls for service. In those cases, 30% of charges were laid. Others were cleared with compliance or insufficient evidence to proceed.

In 2026 Smiths Falls Police will be implementing a bail dashboard. The Service has further signed an agreement with the OPP along with other services across the province to implement the bail compliance dashboard in 2026. The new bail compliance dashboard is a situational awareness and investigative tool that is managed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

The dashboard is part of the government's bail monitoring and enforcement of high-risk and repeat violent offenders, ensuring thy strictly comply with their bail conditions to protect our community. With this technological piece, we will be able to accurately monitor offenders who commit crimes in other jurisdictions but live in Smiths Falls. The offenders must comply with this.

Smiths Falls continues to work the Provincial ROPE squad when high risk parole violators are discovered in our community, sharing crime bulletins and alerts, and warning the public when needed of a high risk offender residing in the community when it's determined through the Chief of police they are a public safety risk.

## Ontario Sex Offender Trafficker Registry

*Christopher's Law* (Sex Offender Registry Act) came into force, requiring individuals convicted of designated sexual offences to register with their local police service on both the **Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR)** and the **National Sex Offender Registry**. The purpose of the registry is to support police investigations, enhance public safety, and assist in the prevention and investigation of sexual offences by maintaining accurate and up-to-date information on convicted offenders.

As part of recent legislative updates, the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR) was later renamed the **Ontario Sex Offender and Trafficker Registry (OSOTR)** under the *Ontario Sex Offender and Trafficker Registry Act*. This change expands the scope of the registry to include individuals convicted of designated human trafficking offences, strengthening law enforcement's ability to monitor offenders and support the prevention and investigation of both sexual and trafficking-related crimes. While the name and legislative framework have been updated, the core purpose of the registry remains the same: to enhance public safety by ensuring police services have timely, accurate, and reliable information on registered offenders. The Smiths Falls Police Service continues to administer and enforce registry requirements in accordance with the updated legislation.

The Smiths Falls Police Service assigns a dedicated member to manage and oversee compliance with registry requirements for all registered sex offenders and sex traffickers residing within the Town of Smiths Falls.

Registered offenders are legally required to report in person to the Smiths Falls Police Service upon release from custody and annually thereafter, as well as whenever there is a change in personal information such as address, employment, or vehicle ownership. Police officers conduct compliance checks, including attending offenders' residences, to verify adherence to the conditions and reporting obligations set out under *Christopher's Law*.

## Missing Person Act

In 2019, the Ministry of the Solicitor General introduced the *Missing Persons Act*. The Act establishes guidelines governing the use of Urgent Demands, including annual reporting requirements for police services on their use.

In accordance with the guidelines set out in O. Reg. 182/19, the Smiths Falls Police Service publishes its Annual Report on Urgent Demands under the *Missing Persons Act*.

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service made nineteen (19) urgent demands to telecommunications service providers, health records holders and banking establishments. All of which were related to missing person's investigations.

The full Urgent Demands report is available on our website at sfps.ca under the Police Services Board – Missing Person's Report section.

Ontario

Ministry of the Solicitor General

# Annual Report Template

**Form 7**

*Missing Person Act, 2018*

In accordance with O.Reg.182/19 under the *Missing Persons Act, 2018* the contents included in this report must be prepared by April 1 of each year, and made publicly available by June 1 of each year.

## Data Collection

**Period of data collection**

| Start Date (yyyy/mm/dd) | End Date (yyyy/mm/dd) |
|---|---|
| 2025/01/01 | 2025/12/31 |

Name of Police Force: Smiths Falls Police Service

**Detachment Location (if applicable)**

| Unit Number | Street Number | Street Name | PO Box |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 7 | Hershey Drive | |

| City/Town | Province | Postal Code |
|---|---|---|
| Smiths Falls | Ontario | K7A 0A8 |

| Total Number of Urgent Demands made | Number of Missing Persons Investigations in which a demand was made |
|---|---|
| 19 | 16 |

**Types of records specified in the urgent demands and total number of times that each type of record was included in the urgent demands**

| Records | Description | Total number of times demanded |
|---|---|---|
| Records containing contact information or other identifying information | | |
| Photos, videos, or other records containing visual representation | | |
| Records of telecommunications or records that contain other electronic communications information, including information about signals related to a person's location | Phone Ping | 18 |
| Records of employment information | | |
| Records of personal health information within the meaning of the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* | OHIP Records pertaining to potential hospital visits | 1 |
| Records related to services received from a service provider as defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* | | |
| Records that related to a student of an educational institution | | |
| Records containing travel and accommodation information | | |

| Records | Description | Total number of times demanded |
|---|---|---|
| Records of financial information | | |
| Other records | | |

## Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances

In 2017, the Ministry approved provincial regulations governing the collection of identifying information from individuals. This legislation provides direction to police officers on when they may request identifying information, and only in specific circumstances. Any information collected must be documented, including the reason for the interaction, the individual's age, and the officer's perceived race of the individual. These interactions are categorized as either "attempted collections" or "identifying information collected."

The regulation does not apply when a police officer is otherwise legally authorized to require an individual to identify themselves, including the following circumstances:

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

When attempting to collect identifying information under the regulation, officers are required to inform individuals of their rights.

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service did not collect identifying information from any individual outside of the circumstances authorized by law and the lawful execution of police duties.

## ViCLAS Annual Report

| **Police Service:** | **Report for the Year:** | **Number of ViCLAS Submissions Total:** |
|---|---|---|
| Smiths Falls Police Service | 2025 | |
| Homicides or attempts, solved or unsolved | | 0 |
| Sexual assaults, solved or unsolved | | 16 |
| Non-parental abductions and attempts | | 0 |
| Missing person occurrences where circumstances indicate a strong possibility of foul play and the person remains missing | | 0 |
| Found human remains/unidentified body that are known or suspected to be homicide | | 0 |
| Luring of a child or attempted luring of a child, solved or unsolved | | 0 |
| All non-criteria ViCLAS submissions | | 0 |
| **Submitted by:**<br>**Name:** | **Rank:** | **Date:** |
| B. Walker | Sgt | February 4 2025 |
| **Email Address:** | bwalker@sfps.ca | |

# MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM- MCRT

Working collaboratively with Lanark County Mental Health and the Lanark County O.P.P., this program continues to be an 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.

In 2025 the Smiths Falls Police Service were successful in their funding from the Province of Ontario in the amount of $240,000 over two years.

This funding is critical to maintain our MCRT team and share those resources with Lanark County OPP. This year, our MCRT Team consists of 2 nurses, a social worker and a case manager 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 or Deputy Chief of Police 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 can attend to assess the individual while in their own living environment and 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 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, 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 waiting times.

## Mental Health Act Calls- Quarterly Report

| Date | MHA CALLS | APPREHENSIONS | MCRT NURSE ATTENDED | WAIT TIME RANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 1 to March 31 | 61 | 10 | 32 | 5 min - 4.5 hours |
| April 1 to June 30 | 77 | 9 | 29 | 1 hour - 6 hours |
| July 1 to September 30 | 96 | 10 | 24 | 20 mins - 2 hours |
| October 1 to December | 73 | 5 | 25 | 25 min-5.5 hours |
| **2025 Total** | **307** | **34** | **110** | **Avg of range: 3 hours** |

# 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 moving forward.

## Status of LECA Investigations

For 2025 the Smiths Falls Police Service recorded a total of **14** LECA complaints / investigations:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Resolved** | Early resolution | 1 |
| | Informal resolution | 1 |
| | Screened out by LECA- not in the public interest to proceed/ frivolous | 7 |
| | Complainant not sufficiently connected to the incident being reported. | 3 |
| | Not moving ahead – matter still before criminal courts | 1 |
| **Unresolved** | Still under investigation or not yet concluded as of December 31st, 2025, | 1 |

The general classification of the complaints received between January 1st- December 31st, 2025, are detailed below.

a) Conduct related

b) Neglect of Duty

c) Conduct Undermines Public Trust

## Special Investigations Unit

The SIU - Special Investigations Unit - is a civilian law enforcement agency, independent of the police that conduct criminal investigations into circumstances involving police and civilians that have resulted in serious injury, death or allegations of sexual assault.

In 2025 the SIU was contacted by the Smiths Falls Police on 1 occasion. The SIU did not invoke their mandate as the information reported did not meet the threshold for engagement.

## 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 of Police Officers and Civilian employees.

**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

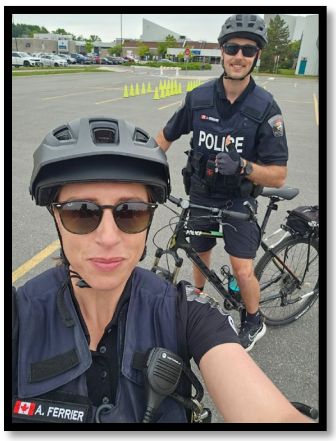
(d) in which he or she has an advantage derived from being a member of a police service.

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 2025.

| ITEM | SWORN | CIVILIAN |
|---|---|---|
| Number of 2025 secondary activity requests | 4 | 5 |
| TOTAL numbers approved | 4 | 5 |
| TOTAL numbers denied | 0 | 0 |
| Reason for denials | N/A | N/A |
| Any pending | 0 | 0 |

Overview of secondary employment relates to teaching, owning a water truck company, hockey coaching / volunteer, pharmacy assistant, volunteer at school board, crafts and baking business.

# TRAINING




## Training Courses Completed in 2025:

BRETT, Tyler - Sexual Assault Investigator (Jan 06-16, 2025 - Durham Regional Police)
KING, Dan - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Jan 13-17, 2025 - OPP/CFS Brockville)
MAYER, Karl - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Jan 13-17, 2025 - OPP/CFS Brockville)
WOODS, Brock - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Jan 13-17, 2025 - OPP/CFS Brockville)
PELLETT, Brent - DNA Collection Train the Trainer (Jan 14-15, 2025 - OPC)
LEMAY, Lindsay - Fraud Training Day (Jan 16, 2025 - Ottawa Police Service)
DROESKE, Jason - Fraud Training Day (Jan 16, 2025 - Ottawa Police Service)
DEWEY, Derek - Domestic Violence Investigator (Jan 20-29, 2025 - Waterloo)
BRETT, Tyler - CISO Confidential Informer Controller Conference (Jan 20-22nd, 2025 Blue Mountain)
DROESKE, Jason - CISO Confidential Informer Controller Conference (Jan 20-22nd, 2025 Blue Mountain)
ROBIDOUX, Travis - Lawful Justification Course (Jan 28-29, 2025 - Ottawa Police)
LACEY, Brett - First Responder Social Media Principles (Jan 30, 2025 - Zoom Link)
KEOGAN, Sean - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Feb 03-07, 2025 - Ottawa)
GAUTHIER, Karine - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Feb 03-07, 2025 - Ottawa)
BRETT, Tyler - Auto Theft Conference (Feb 10, 2025 - Cornwall Police)
SIMMONS, Andrew - Fitness Appraiser (February 24-27, 2025 - Peel Regional Police)
FRASER, Karling - Coaching Police Professionals (Feb 24-28, 2025 - Niagara Regional Police)
ROBIDOUX, Travis - Coaching Police Professionals (Feb 24-28, 2025 - Niagara Regional Police)
LEMAY, Lindsay - PAO Employment Conference (Feb 25-26, 2025 - Toronto)
WOODS, Brock - PAO Employment Conference (Feb 25-26, 2025 - Toronto)
PELLETT, Brent - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Mar 03-07, 2025 - Ottawa)
HART, Mike - I9000 Breath Tech Requal (Mar 03-07, 2025 - Ottawa)
CASSELL, Ashley - Suicide Intervention Training (Mar 20 -21, 2025 - Smiths Falls)
MCDOWALL, Kayla - Suicide Intervention Training (Mar 20 -21, 2025 - Smiths Falls)
WALKER, Brad - Incident Command 200 (Mar 24-28 - OPP ERHQ)
WOODS, Brock - Incident Command 200 (Mar 24-28 - OPP ERHQ)
MAYER, Karl - Human Trafficking Investigator (Mar 24-28, 2025 - OPC)
BLACKBURN, Micheila - Niche UA Train the Trainer (Apr 14 - 17, 2025 - Barrie Police Service)
LACEY, Brett - Niche UA Train the Trainer (Apr 14 - 17, 2025 - Barrie Police Service)
ROBIDOUX, Travis - Confidential Informant Foundation Course (Apr 22-23, 2025 - Kingston)
FRASER, Karling - Criminal Investigators Training (Apr 28 - May 09, 2025 - Cornwall)
PELLETT, Brent - Annual Forensic Conference (Apr 29 - May 02, 2025 - Niagara Falls)
LEMAY, Lindsay - Annual Forensic Conference (Apr 29 - May 02, 2025 - Niagara Falls)
DROESKE, Jason - 2025 OACP Homicide Conference (May 05-09, 2025 - Niagara Falls)
WOODS, Brock - CEW Master Re-Certification Course (May 09, 2025 - Orillia)
WOODS, Brock - Colt Armouring Course (May 13-15, 2025, Kitchener)
KEOGAN, Sean - Tall Cop Says Workshop - School Drug Trends (May 20, 2025 - Ottawa Police)
FERRIER, Ashley - Police Bicycle Patrol Operator (Jun 02-05, 2025 - Ottawa Police)
GERMANN, Jackson - Police Bicycle Patrol Operator (June 02-5, 2025 - Ottawa Police)
DELORME, Pam - Managing Investigations Using Power Case (Jun 09-13, 2025 - Kingston)
MCDOWALL, Kayla - Managing Investigations Using Power Case (Jun 09-13, 2025 - Kingston)
LEMAY, Lindsay - Forensic Entomology Workshop (Jun 09-13, 2025 - OPC)

HART, Mike – Coaching Police Professionals (Jun 23-27, 2025 – Cornwall)
WOODS. Brock – IRD Certified Trainer Course (Jul 7-11, 2025 – Ottawa)
WOODS, Brock – Mental Health Crisis Response Instructor Training (Jul 28-31, 2025 – Niagara Falls)
DROESKE, Jason – Crisis Negotiator Basic Course (Sep 08-19, 2025 – Kingston Police)
HART, Mike – Criminal Investigators Training (Sep 15-26, 2025 – Kingston)
LACEY, Brett – CPIC Queary / Narrative Course (Sep 21, 2025 – CPKN Online)
LEMAY, Lindsay – Coercive Control CACP National Workshop (Sep 21-23, 2025 – Gatineau)
LACEY, Brett – Introduction to Criminal Intelligence Course (Sep 24, 2025 – CPKN Online)
KING, Dan – OSOR Registrar Course (Sep 25, 2025 – East Region OPP)
WALKER, Brad- OSOR Registrar Course (Sep 25, 2025 – East Region OPP)
LACEY, Brett – Introduction to Criminal Intelligence Analysis (Sep 26, 2025 – CPKN Online)
SIMMONS, Andrew – Facilitating and Assessing Police Learning (Sep 29-Nov 21, 2025 – Durham)
LACEY, Brett – Analyst Notetaking Course (Sep 29, 2025 – CPKN Online)
LACEY, Brett – Analyst Report Writing Course (Sep 29, 2025 – CPKN Online)
LACEY, Brett – Overview of Intercepting Private Communications (Sep 30, 2025 – CPKN Online)
LACEY, Brett – Introduction to Disclosure Course (Sep 30, 2025 – CPKN Online)
LEMAY, Lindsay – OACP Trauma Informed Policing Conference (Oct 01-02, 2025 – Barrie)
LACEY, Brett – Analyst Courtroom Testimony Skills (Oct 02, 2025 – CPKN Online)
DELORME, Pam – CPIC Terminal Operator (Oct 06-10, 2025 – OPC)
LACEY, Brett – Advanced Analytical Methods for Microsoft Office (Oct 06 – Dec 26, 2025 – IACA)
LEMAY, Lindsay – CISO Field Intelligence Officer Training (Oct 07-08, 2025 – Ottawa PS)
HART, Mike- CISO Field Intelligence Officer Training (Oct 07-08, 2025 – Ottawa PS)
BLACKBURN, Micheila – OPTIC Annual User Group Meeting (Oct 08-09, 2025 – Toronto)
DROESKE, Jason – Firearms Investigative Workshop (Oct 14-17, 2025 – OPC)
BLACKBURN, Micheila – 2025 LEARN Conference (Oct 20-21, 2025 – Toronto)
BEATH, Kaitlynn – 2025 LEARN Conference (Oct 20-21, 2025 – Toronto)
GAUTHIER, Karine – Investigative Interviewing Techniques (Oct 20-24, 2025 – Kingston)
MAYER, Karl – Field Coordinator Training Breath Tech (Oct 15-16, 2025 – CFS Toronto)
KEOGAN, Sean – Field Coordinator Training Breath Tech (Oct 15-16, 2025 – CFS Toronto)
LACEY, Brett – Using Internet as An Intelligence Tool (Oct 27 – Dec 01, 2025 – CPC)
PELLETT, Brent – Forensic Identification Recertification Exam (Nov 10, 2025 – Online)
WOODS, Brock – Patrol Carbine Instructor Course (Nov 10-13, 2025 – Toronto Police College)
CASSELL, Ashley – CPIC Terminal Operator (Nov 24-28, 2025 – OPC)
MCDOWALL, Kayla – CPIC Terminal Operator (Nov 24-28,2025 – OPC)
LACEY, Brett - Using the Internet as an Intelligence Tool (Dec 01, 2025 – CPC)
FRASER, Karling – Domestic Violence Investigator (Dec 01-10, 2025 – OPC)
SIMMONS, Andrew – Conducted Energy Weapon Instructor (Dec 02-03, 2025 – Cornwall)
LEMAY, Lindsay – Bloodstain Pattern Recognition (Dec 08-12, 2025 – OPC)

## Use of Force & Firearms Training Requirements under the Community Safety and Policing Act

### Immediate Rapid Deployment

The Smiths Falls Police Service (SFPS) maintains its commitment to public safety through a Joint Training Cadre alongside the Brockville and Gananoque Police Services. This collaborative team includes SFPS representatives Sergeant Dan King and Constable Brock Woods.

### Use of Force

Instruction was held at the Reticle Training Centre in Brockville. All training exceeded provincial standards and aligned with the 2023 Ontario Public-Police Interaction Training Aid, which has superseded the previous Ontario Use of Force Model.

The annual requalification ensures all members demonstrate proficiency in conflict de-escalation, judgment, and the appropriate application of force options through dynamic drills. As of 2025, all officers have successfully completed their Use of Force requalification.

### Firearms Training

The SFPS continues to utilize the Glock Model 17 (9mm) and the Colt C8 Carbine (5.56mm).

- Pistol Training: Conducted at Reticle Training Centre.
- Carbine Training: Conducted at Grenville Fish and Game Club.

In compliance with Ontario Regulation 87/24 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, all patrol officers are now required to maintain "Carbine Operator" certification to respond to active attacker scenarios. All officers successfully met these annual requirements for 2025.

### Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD)

IRD training–the swift deployment of officers to life-threatening situations to prevent harm–was conducted at TR Leger School in Prescott. This training is now a mandatory biennial requirement under the *Community Safety and Policing Act.*

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

## 2025 Use of Force Statistics

### Overview

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,

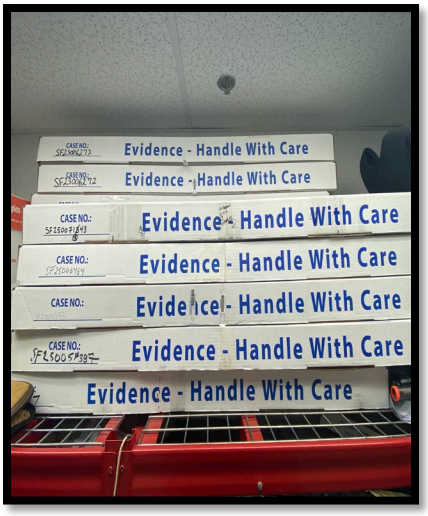
a) draws a handgun in the presence of a member of the public;
b) points a firearm at a person;
c) discharges a firearm;
d) uses a weapon on another person;
e) draws and displays a conducted energy weapon to a person with the intention of achieving compliance;
f) points a conducted energy weapon at a 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 2025 was 16, which resulted in the submission of 17 individual reports. More than one use of force option may be used during any given situation.

| Report Type | 2025 |
|---|---|
| Reports involving aerosol spray (OC) | 1 |
| Firearm displayed | 1 |
| Firearm pointed | 4 |
| Firearm discharged | 1 (dispatch animal) |
| Reports involving Asp (baton) | 3 |
| Reports involving Empty Hand Techniques | 4 |
| Reports involving Taser 7 | 11 |
| **Total Reports** | 17 |
| **Total Occurrences** | 16 |

# PROPERTY

The Smiths Falls Police Service has one Police Constable and one Special Constable assigned to manage and oversee property for the Police Service. All property is stored in a secure controlled access on-site storage room to ensure their safety. Front line road officer lodge evidence in temporary secure lockers awaiting property officers processing. Property is kept in secure storage to maintain continuity of evidence for court proceedings. Additionally, CDSA, weapons and cash are stored in a secondary vault within the evidence room. 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 **493** items logged into property as exhibits in 2025. That was an increase of 71 items seized from 2024

## Controlled Drugs and Substances

All controlled substances obtained by the Smiths Falls Police Service in 2025 have been properly processed and accounted for. With the increased dangers presented by drug composition a new drug processing station was created to ensure officer safety. A downdraft hood on a stainless-steel table under a CCTV camera was set up. 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 2025, officers processed 30 firearms during the execution of their duties. The weapons ranged from Pellet style rifles and handguns, hunting rifles and shotguns to restricted firearms. Of the 30 total firearms 21 related to criminal offenses, while 8 firearms were voluntarily surrendered to the service. One firearm was found property. All firearms are securely stored and properly accounted for, they are lodged in a secondary secure vault within the secure evidence room. 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.

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

# VEHICLE FLEET

## Fleet Services Overview

The Smiths Falls Police Service fleet currently consists of four fully marked Ford Explorer SUVs, one Crime Unit vehicle (CIB), one unmarked Ford Taurus (retained through grant funding to support training initiatives), one Dodge Charger utilized for frontline patrol and traffic enforcement, and one Dodge Durango assigned to the Crime Unit for transportation to training and specialized courses.

In 2025, the Service expanded its fleet with the purchase of a fully operational Chevrolet Tahoe, designated as an unmarked vehicle for Administrative and Supervisory staff.

## Frontline Equipment and Technology

All frontline patrol vehicles are fully equipped to support operational readiness and officer safety. Each vehicle contains:

- Emergency lighting and siren systems
- GPS and radio communications equipment
- First aid kits and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Vehicle stopping devices (stop sticks)

All six frontline vehicles are outfitted with onboard computers and in-car camera systems. These technologies enable officers to complete reports, access investigative resources, and collect and preserve digital evidence directly from the field. Each frontline unit is also configured for prisoner transport, with either single or double rear-seat containment systems.

## Traffic Enforcement Capabilities

To enhance road safety enforcement, radar speed measurement devices are deployed across the fleet:

- Two patrol vehicles are equipped with dash-mounted moving radar systems.
- Officers also have access to handheld radar units and two DragonEye LIDAR devices for targeted enforcement initiatives.

All six fully marked frontline patrol vehicles are equipped with Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology. Additionally, all cruisers utilize the AXON in-car camera system, directly integrated with the Service's Digital Evidence Management platform. This integration provides real-time alerts related to wanted persons, suspended drivers, stolen vehicles, missing persons, and vehicles associated with criminal activity, including human trafficking.

## Frontline Compliance with Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) – Active Attacker

In accordance with the new Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) regulations regarding active attacker incidents, frontline officers are required to deploy immediately and prioritize stopping the threat.

To support compliance and enhance rapid response capabilities, the Smiths Falls Police Service has:

- Installed carbine mounts in patrol vehicles to reduce deployment time
- Issued officers trauma bandages, tourniquets, and window breaching tools
- Added breaching equipment to each frontline vehicle, including bolt cutters, Halligan tools, and a cyclic battering ram

These enhancements ensure officers are equipped to respond effectively and decisively during high-risk incidents.

## Fleet Maintenance

Maintaining the reliability and safety of service vehicles remains a priority. Regular inspection, servicing, and preventative maintenance ensure both officer safety and operational readiness.
In 2025, RCL bid for the contract and was selected by the Police Services Board who reviewed all the pricing and service agreements of bidders. The Service ensures the fleet is maintained with up-to-date equipment and factory parts.

# ROAD SAFETY

The Town of Smiths Falls maintains more than 68 kilometers of roadway that are patrolled daily by the Smiths Falls Police Service. Situated between Brockville, Kingston, and Ottawa, and intersected by major highways, our community experiences steady traffic flow from both local and regional travelers. Ensuring safe roads is therefore a shared responsibility and a core policing priority.

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to creating a traffic environment where residents and visitors can travel safely and confidently. Our road safety strategy blends visible enforcement with strong public education, supported by modern technology and data-driven decision-making.

We take a proactive approach to reducing collisions, combating impaired and distracted driving, and addressing high-risk behaviors before they result in harm. Through targeted patrols, community outreach, and strategic enforcement initiatives, we aim to build a culture of responsible driving throughout the municipality.

## Strategic Goal

*"Enhance roadway safety across Smiths Falls through innovation, education, and consistent enforcement."*

## Strategic Objectives

- Conduct proactive traffic patrols in residential areas, Community Safety Zones, trails, and other high-traffic locations.
- Deliver focused enforcement through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).
- Ensure officers remain current on evolving impaired driving legislation, investigative techniques, and relevant case law.
- Participate in provincial and national traffic safety campaigns, including Operation Impact and Road Safety Week.
- Identify and monitor high-risk locations using traffic data and collision analysis.

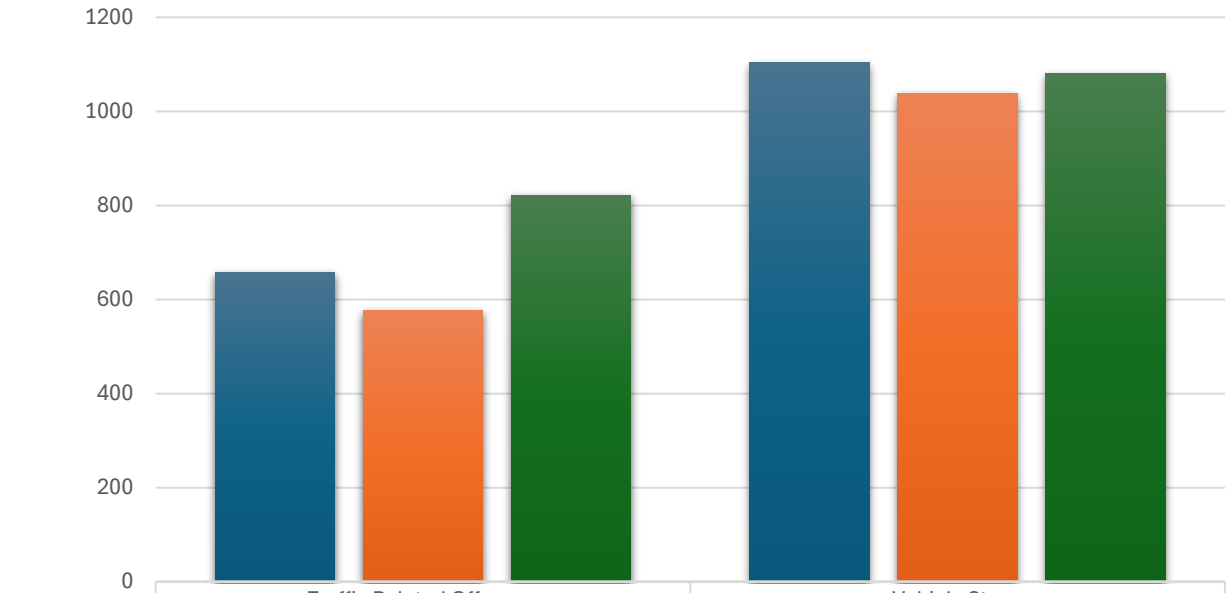
- Increase public engagement by promoting road safety messaging through digital platforms and community outreach.
- Deploy the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) to enhance enforcement efficiency and roadway security.
- Promote awareness and visibility of the R.I.D.E. program to deter impaired driving year-round.

## Key Performance Indicators

- Operate R.I.D.E. programs consistently throughout the year.
- Produce and analyze monthly traffic enforcement and trend reports.
- Expand community-based education and enforcement initiatives.
- Use collision and enforcement data to inform strategic deployment and continuous improvement efforts.

| Driving Offences Statistics 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Vehicle Stops | 1081 |
| Motor Vehicle Collisions | 236 |
| Fail to Remain Collisions | 51 |
| Suspended Driving | 77 |
| Weapons | 14 |
| Possession/Traffic Drugs | 5 |
| Traffic Control Offences | 63 |
| HTA/CAIA Charges | 822 |
| Traffic Complaints | 404 |
| Dangerous Operation | 5 |
| Prohibited Driving (Criminal) | 12 |
| Open Alcohol/Cannabis Offences | 16 |
| Other Criminal Code Offences | 113 |
| Speeding | 103 |

## Highway Traffic Offences - Comparison




| | Traffic Related Offences | Vehicle Stops |
|---|---|---|
| Sum of 2023 | 658 | 1103 |
| Sum of 2024 | 577 | 1039 |
| Sum of 2025 | 822 | 1081 |

## 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 initiatives to address impairment-related offences and promote safer roadways within our community.

In 2025, Smiths Falls Police received $11,377.00 in Provincial Grant funding to support RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) programs. These funds were allocated to several RIDE campaigns aimed at deterring impaired driving and raising public awareness. The funding covered initiatives from April through December 2025, resulting in a total of seven provincially funded RIDE operations. Additional funding will be carried forward into 2026.

As a result of these provincially funded efforts:

- 938 motor vehicles were checked
- 28 Approved Screening Device (ASD) demands were issued
- 3 Highway Traffic Act warnings were issued
- 3 charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act
- 1 individual was charged with Impaired Operation and Over 80

In addition to the provincially funded RIDE programs, Smiths Falls Police conducted several other RIDE operations as part of regularly scheduled patrol shifts. These initiatives not only provide

opportunities to educate drivers about traffic laws and safe driving practices but also help keep Smiths Falls roadways safe and free from impaired drivers.

In 2025, officers conducted an additional 16 RIDE programs independent of provincial funding. During these initiatives:

- 1,091 vehicles were checked
- 83 Approved Screening Device (ASD) demands were issued
- 20 Highway Traffic Act warnings were issued
- 2 Provincial Offences Notices were issued
- 2 three-day driver's licence suspensions were imposed after drivers registered a "Warn" on the ASD

Looking ahead, the Smiths Falls Police Service will continue to conduct RIDE programs throughout 2026, strategically aligning operations with local festivals and community events to maximize visibility, deterrence, and public safety.

## Impaired Driving program

The Smiths Falls Police Service is committed to ensuring the safety of all motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists within our community, including those who use local roadways and trail systems. This commitment is achieved through a balanced approach of education, prevention, enforcement, and the identification and prosecution of individuals impaired by drugs or alcohol.

The enforcement and detection of impaired drivers remain critical to protecting the residents of Smiths Falls. Officers conduct proactive traffic stops, respond to citizen reports received through 911, and participate in sobriety checkpoints (RIDE programs) to identify and remove impaired drivers from our roads.

Impaired driving enforcement extends beyond highways and streets. It also applies to vessels on local waterways, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiles operating on community trail systems.

All frontline officers are trained in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and in the use of Roadside Screening Devices (RSD) to detect impairment caused by alcohol or drugs. The Service currently has seven certified Qualified Breath Technicians and one officer trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). These specialized officers' complete annual recertification and proficiency testing to maintain the highest standards of professional expertise.

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

- Intoxilyzer 9000
- Drager Alcotest 6820
- Drager Alcotest 7000

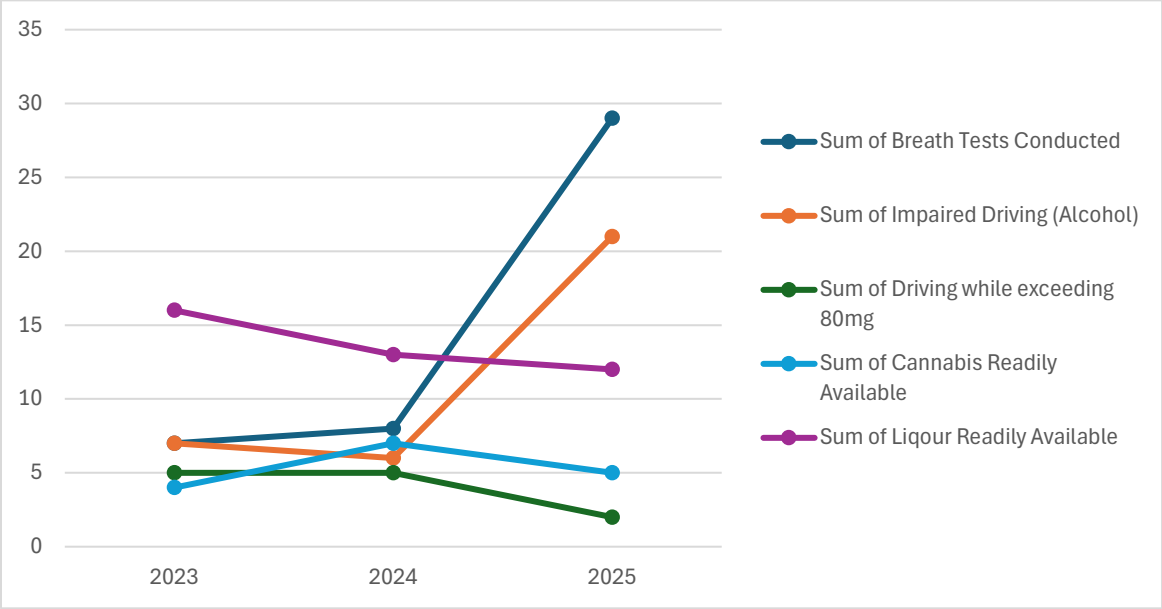
### 2025 Breath Testing

In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service conducted 29 breath tests.

### 2025 Impaired Driving Related Charges

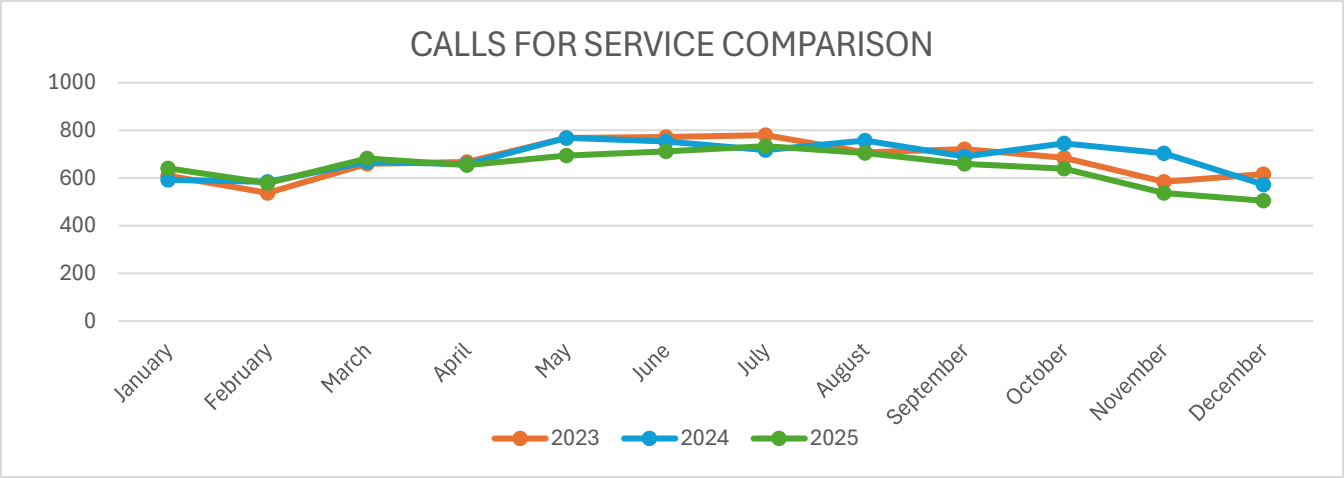
| Impaired Offences 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Impaired Driving (Alcohol) | 22 |
| Driving while exceeding 80mg | 21 |
| Refuse Breath Demand | 2 |
| Driving with cannabis readily available | 5 |
| Driving with liquor readily available | 12 |

### 2025 Impaired Driving Related Charges - Comparison



# 2025 SERVICE STATISTICS

## Calls for service – Comparison



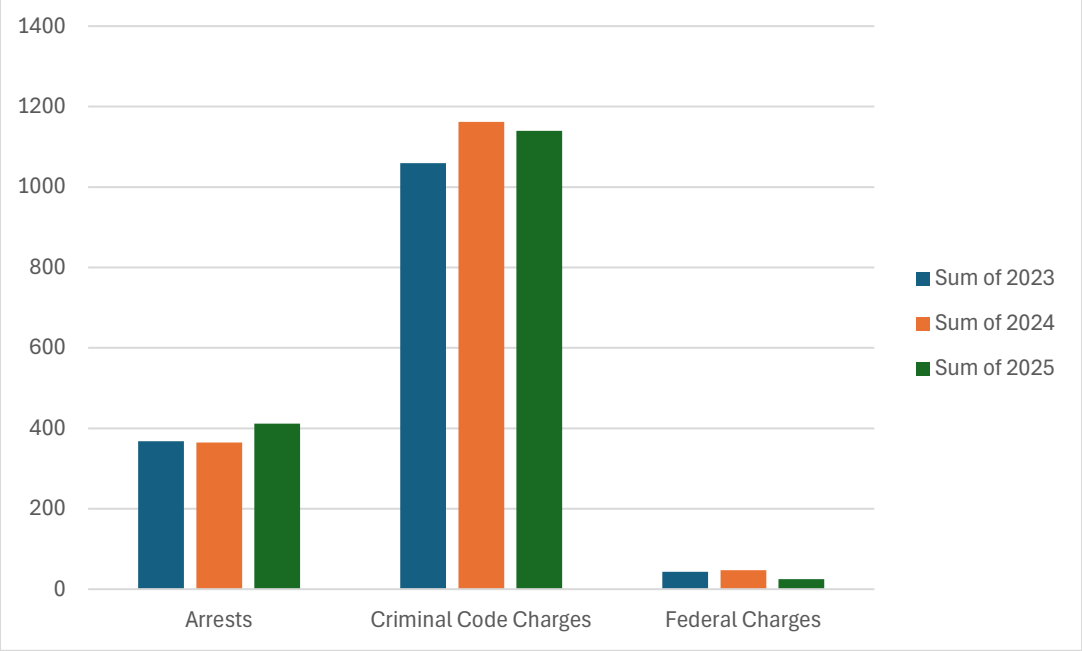

| MONTH | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 610 | 592 | 641 |
| February | 538 | 584 | 579 |
| March | 660 | 668 | 683 |
| April | 668 | 658 | 654 |
| May | 769 | 769 | 694 |
| June | 772 | 753 | 712 |
| July | 780 | 717 | 734 |
| August | 708 | 758 | 706 |
| September | 721 | 690 | 660 |
| October | 685 | 746 | 639 |
| November | 584 | 704 | 538 |
| December | 617 | 573 | 505 |
| TOTALS | 8112 | 8212 | 7746 |

## Clearance Rates Comparison

| Offence Type | 2024 Actual | 2024 Cleared | 2024 % | 2025 Actual | 2025 Cleared | 2025 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crimes of Violence | 246 | 170 | 69.1 | 257 | 180 | 70 |
| Property Crimes | 438 | 139 | 31.7 | 398 | 104 | 26.1 |
| Other Criminal Code | 266 | 184 | 69.2 | 234 | 184 | 78.6 |
| Drugs | 22 | 22 | 100 | 15 | 15 | 100 |

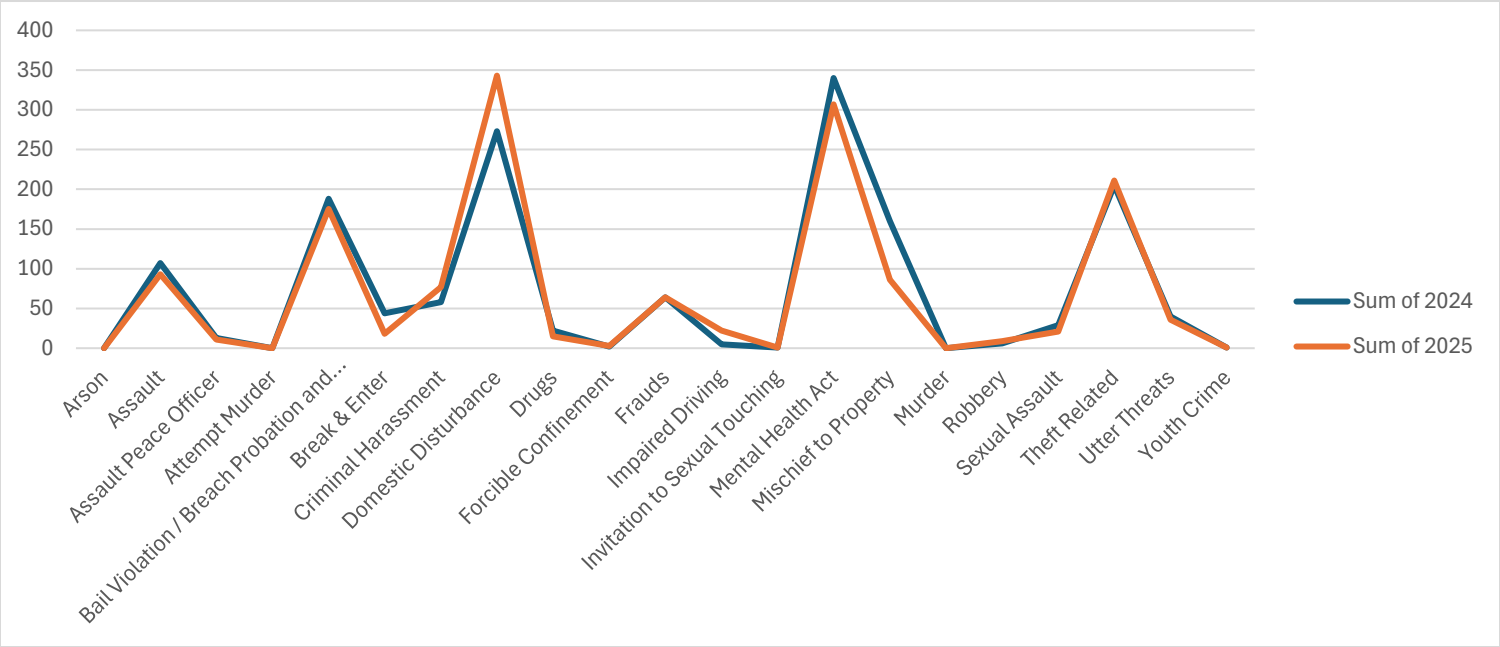
## Arrests and Charges Comparison

| Type | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arrests | 368 | 365 | 412 |
| Criminal Code Charges | 1059 | 1162 | 1140 |
| Federal Charges | 43 | 47 | 25 |



## Crime incidents Comparison

| Incident Type | 2024 | 2025 | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempt Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault | 107 | 93 | -13.08 |
| Robbery | 6 | 9 | 50 |
| Forcible Confinement | 2 | 3 | 50 |
| Sexual Assault | 29 | 21 | -27.59 |
| Criminal Harassment | 58 | 77 | 32.8 |
| Utter Threats | 40 | 36 | -10 |
| Break & Enter | 44 | 18 | -59.1 |
| Theft Related | 205 | 211 | 2.93 |
| Mischief to Property | 160 | 86 | -46.3 |
| Frauds | 64 | 64 | 0 |
| Bail Violation / Breach Probation and Court Orders | 188 | 175 | -6.9 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drugs | 22 | 15 | -31.8 |
| Impaired Driving | 5 | 22 | 340 |
| Domestic Disturbance | 273 | 343 | 25.64 |
| Mental Health Act | 340 | 307 | -9.71 |
| Youth Crime | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Assault Peace Officer | 13 | 11 | -15.4 |
| Invitation to Sexual Touching | 1 | 1 | 0 |



## Assist Calls – Comparison

| Month | 2023 | | 2024 | | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OPP | Other Police | OPP | Other Police | OPP | Other Police |
| JAN | 12 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 22 | 6 |
| FEB | 19 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| MAR | 13 | 5 | 21 | 2 | 20 | 2 |
| APR | 13 | 3 | 28 | 6 | 20 | 1 |
| MAY | 17 | 7 | 24 | 2 | 30 | 4 |
| JUN | 30 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 16 | 4 |
| JUL | 34 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 23 | 2 |
| AUG | 23 | 4 | 32 | 2 | 18 | 3 |
| SEP | 13 | 4 | 28 | 3 | 19 | 1 |
| OCT | 20 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 18 | 4 |
| NOV | 18 | 2 | 23 | 4 | 18 | 1 |
| DEC | 18 | 1 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 230 | 40 | 269 | 44 | 227 | 38 |

## Motor Vehicle Collisions – Comparison

| TYPE | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| FATAL INJURY | 1 | 0 |
| PERSONAL INJURY | 6 | 12 |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE NON-REPORTABLE | 32 | 58 |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTABLE | 169 | 172 |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE FAIL TO REMAIN | 26 | 31 |
| PERSONAL INJURY FAIL TO REMAIN | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 236 | 273 |

## SFPS 2025 Business Plan Report

| | PROVINCIAL STATUTES | | | CHARGES | | | COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MONTH | HTA | STOPS | OTHER | ARRESTS | CCC | FED | FOOT | BIKE | SCHOOLS | OTHER HOURS | TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE |
| JANUARY | 75 | 114 | 6 | 29 | 72 | 0 | 38.5 | 0 | 25.32 | 25.4 | 641 |
| FEBRUARY | 69 | 103 | 12 | 30 | 75 | 1 | 19.5 | 0 | 19.67 | 24.9 | 579 |
| MARCH | 85 | 141 | 8 | 51 | 123 | 8 | 29.17 | 0 | 15.08 | 37.5 | 683 |
| APRIL | 66 | 99 | 11 | 38 | 96 | 3 | 13.25 | 11.77 | 24.4 | 26.9 | 654 |
| MAY | 78 | 101 | 14 | 45 | 182 | 0 | 23.23 | 21 | 28.33 | 64.78 | 694 |
| JUNE | 57 | 97 | 13 | 48 | 114 | 3 | 24.67 | 12 | 21.28 | 55.75 | 712 |
| JULY | 100 | 150 | 10 | 36 | 80 | 2 | 39.67 | 21.25 | 0 | 62.73 | 734 |
| AUGUST | 89 | 124 | 13 | 34 | 87 | 4 | 18.57 | 40 | 0 | 38.08 | 706 |
| SEPTEMBER | 60 | 103 | 14 | 21 | 77 | 2 | 17.88 | 0 | 35.93 | 43.02 | 660 |
| OCTOBER | 71 | 106 | 4 | 23 | 72 | 0 | 21.38 | 0 | 37.32 | 31.63 | 639 |
| NOVEMBER | 45 | 69 | 4 | 26 | 53 | 1 | 16.38 | 0 | 3.85 | 1.45 | 538 |
| DECEMBER | 62 | 87 | 10 | 31 | 109 | 1 | 5.77 | 0 | 3.97 | 4.2 | 505 |
| **Total** | **857** | **1294** | **119** | **412** | **1140** | **25** | **267.97** | **106.02** | **215.15** | **416.34** | **7745** |

# Smiths Falls Police Service

## January 1st – December 31st 2025 Q4 Collision Statistics

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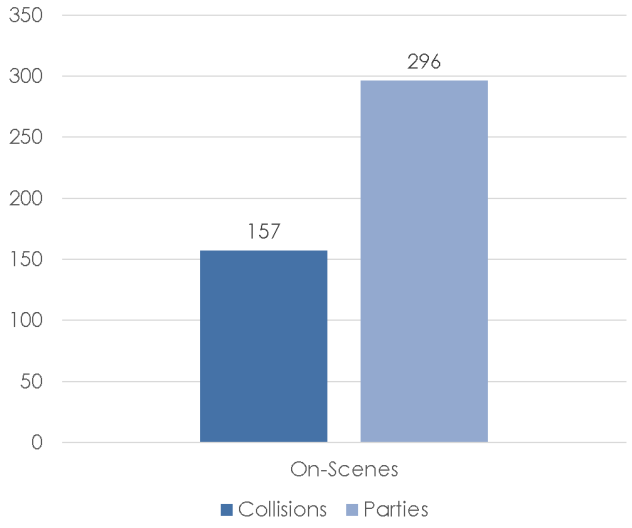
# Collision Statistics Breakdown

| Collision Type | Total Collisions |
|---|---|
| On-Scene Collisions | 157 |

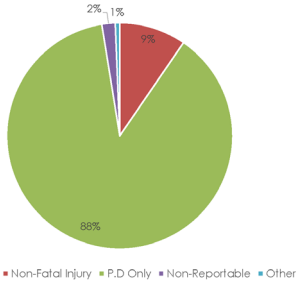
| Collision Type | Total Parties (Vehicles Reported) |
|---|---|
| On-Scene Parties | 296 |



## Classification of Collisions

On-Scenes Only

| Classification of Collision | Number of Collisions |
|---|---|
| Fatal Injury | 0 |
| Non-Fatal Injury | 15 |
| P.D Only | 138 |
| Non-Reportable | 3 |
| Other | 1 |




*Breakdown of 401 Classification type is determined by Box 42; blanks not included in total

## Sequence of Events

| Sequence of Events | Total Parties |
|---|---|
| Other Motor Vehicle | 182 |
| Unattended Vehicle | 84 |
| Pedestrian | 9 |
| Cyclist | 1 |
| Ran off Road | 3 |
| Skidding/Sliding | 1 |
| Submersion | 1 |
| Pole (Utility, Tower) | 5 |
| Pole (Sign/Parking Meter) | 2 |
| Fence/Noise Barrier | 1 |
| Bridge Support | 1 |
| Building/Wall | 2 |
| Other Fixed Object | 2 |

Please note: there may be a slight discrepancy in totals for collisions as this is a per vehicle field.

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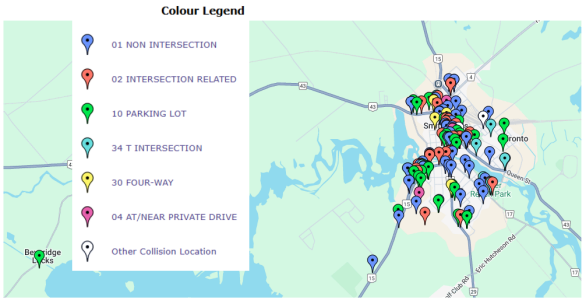
On-Scenes

## ALL COLLISION DATA

**Drivers with improper licences:** Total Incidents: 9
**Drivers with suspended licences:** Total Incidents: 6
**Collisions reported on roads that were under repair or construction:** Total Incidents: 0
**Breathalyzers Administered:** Total Incidents: 12

## Collision Locations

Total Incidents: 157 | Total Parties: 296

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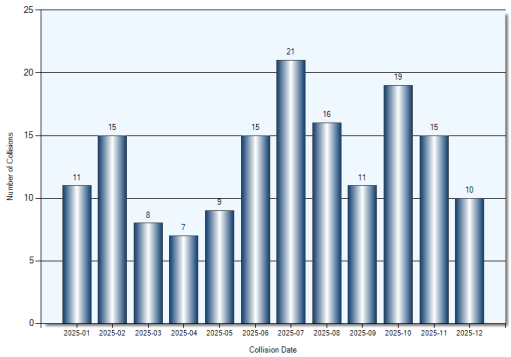


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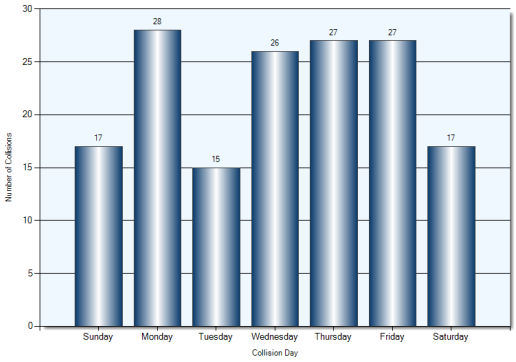


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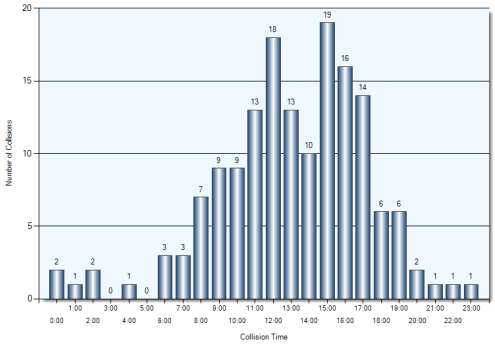


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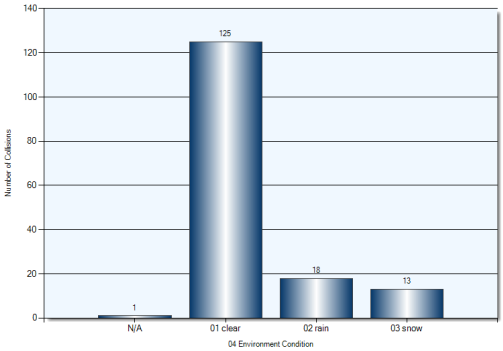


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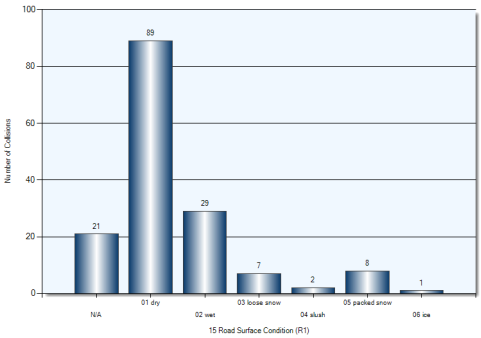


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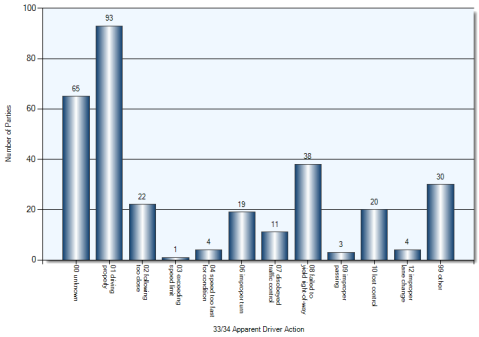
## Specified Driver Actions

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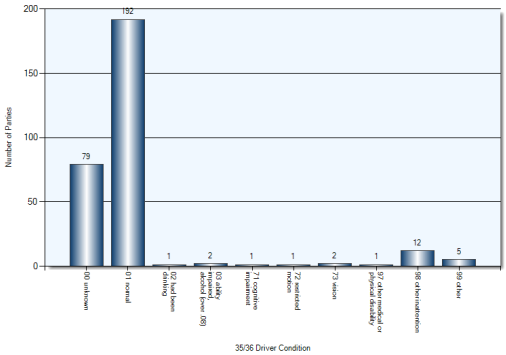
## Specified Driver Conditions




*Note: driver condition is unspecified for Parked Vehicles

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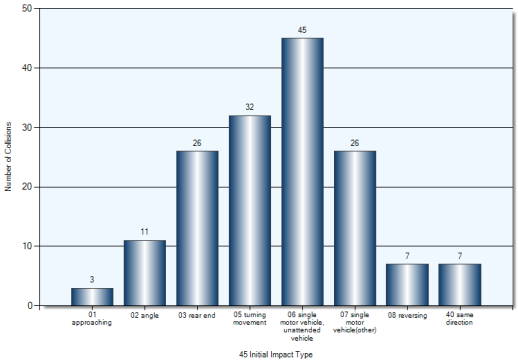


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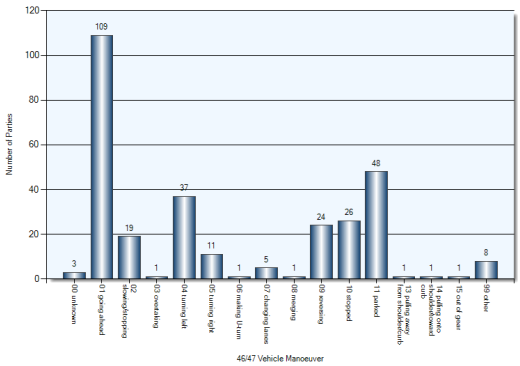


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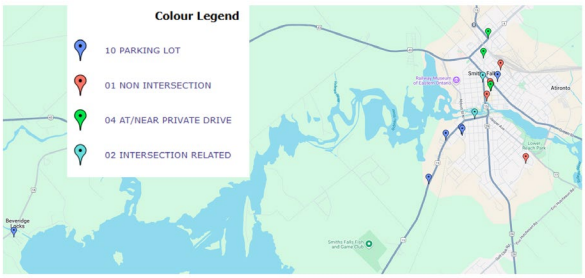
## Collisions Involving FTR

Total Incidents: 16 | Total Parties: 30

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## Collisions Involving Pedestrians

Total Incidents: 9 | Total Parties: 9

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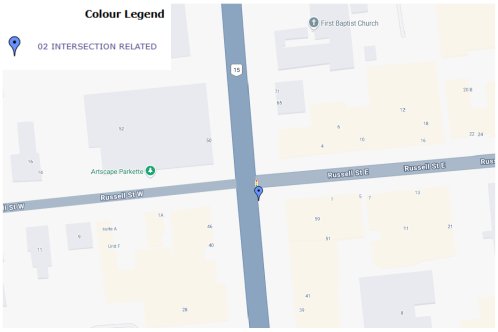
## Collisions Involving Cyclists

Total Incidents: 1 | Total Parties: 1

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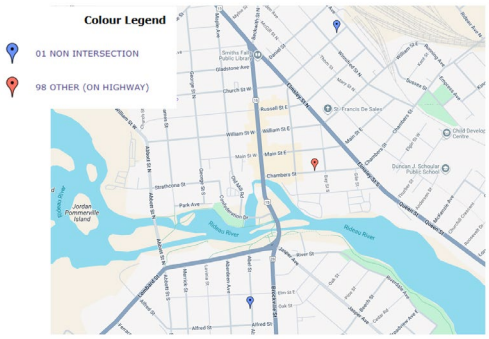
## Collisions Involving Alcohol or Drugs

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: 3 | Total Parties: 3

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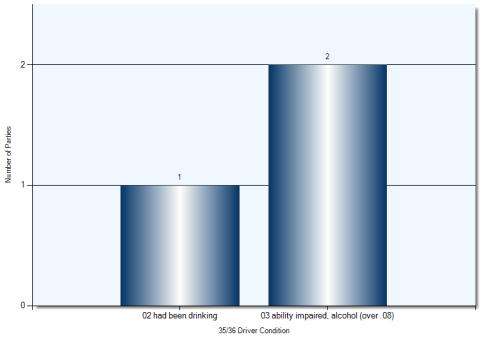
## Collisions Involving Alcohol or Drugs

**Driver Condition**

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## Top Intersections
## Q4 January 1 – December 31, 2025

| Accident Location | Incidents | Parties | Injuries |
|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTT ST & LOMBARD ST | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| CORNELIA ST E & UNION ST | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| JASPER AVE & OLD SLYS RD | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| BECKWITH ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| FERRARA DR & LOMBARD ST | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| OLD SLYS RD & QUEEN ST | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| FERRARA & LOMBARD | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 107 LOMBARD ST SMITHS FALLS & ENTRANCE | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 139 ELMSLEY ST N & LANSDOWNE ST E | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 201 BROCKVILLE ST & BROADVIEW AVE E | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 26 MCGILL ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 60 CORNELIA ST W & ELMSLEY ST N | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| ABBOTT ST S & LOMBARD ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| ABEL ST & LOMBARD ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| ANDERSON ST & QUEEN ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| ARMSTRONG DR & BROCKVILLE ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| BAY ST & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| BAY ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| BECKWITH & CHAMBERS | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| BECKWITH ST & JASPER AVE | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **TOTALS:** | **32** | **63** | **2** |

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## Top Intersections With Driver Profile
## Q4 January 1 – December 31, 2025

| 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABBOTT ST & LOMBARD ST | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| CORNELIA ST E & UNION ST | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| JASPER AVE & OLD SLYS RD | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| BECKWITH ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| FERRARA DR & LOMBARD ST | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| OLD SLYS RD & QUEEN ST | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| FERRARA & LOMBARD | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 107 LOMBARD ST SMITHS FALLS & ENTRANCE | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 139 ELMSLEY ST N & LANSDOWNE ST E | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 201 BROCKVILLE ST & BROADVIEW AVE E | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 26 MCGILL ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 60 CORNELIA ST W & ELMSLEY ST N | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| ABBOTT ST S & LOMBARD ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ABEL ST & LOMBARD ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ANDERSON ST & QUEEN ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ARMSTRONG DR & BROCKVILLE ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| BAY ST & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| BAY ST S & CHAMBERS ST | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| BECKWITH & CHAMBERS | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| BECKWITH ST & JASPER AVE | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Grand Totals:** | **32** | **63** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **2** | **15** | **13** | **13** | **5** | **3** | **4** | **2** | **29** | **33** | **0** |

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# SECTION 14 AND 19 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

## Section 14 Agreements

Allows Police Services Boards to enter into agreements with other police service boards or the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to provide police functions. These agreements enable the delivery of public order maintenance and other police services when necessary. As of 2025 there are currently no new CSPA section 14 agreements with the Smiths Falls Police Services Board.

## Section 19 Agreements

This section of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) outlines the framework for police services to provide temporary assistance to each other. Section 19 provides options for police functions with members of a different police service, ensuring that adequate and effective policing is maintained across Ontario.

In 2025, the Chief requested assistance from the OPP with Section 19 urgent requests regarding:

- 2 incidents requesting canine support
- 2 urgent requests from Child Exploitation unit regarding digital support

Other agencies:

- 1 request from Brockville Police Service to assist in a warrant entry

Section 14 Assistance to other services:

- Smiths Falls Police assisted Kingston Police on two occasions with their FOCO and HOCO events
- Smiths Falls Police assisted Gananoque Police Service with their Friday the 13 events.
- Smiths Falls Police assisted the OPP 220 times. Of those 85 were calls for service to attend just outside the jurisdiction where OPP were not available. 135 were traffic related complaints of vehicles on the highway towards Smiths Falls. 4 calls were formal requests for a breathalyzer technician.

# OPERATIONAL YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year marked a transformative period for the Smiths Falls Police Service as we undertook a comprehensive rebrand strategy designed to ensure adequate and effective policing for the residents of Smiths Falls. This initiative was more than a visual or messaging update—it represented a renewed commitment to service excellence, community safety, and organizational growth.
Central to this transformation was a necessary and strategic investment in our most valuable asset: our people. Policing continues to evolve in response to rapid technological advancements, increasingly complex investigations, and the proliferation of organized crime networks. At the same time, Smiths Falls continues to grow, placing new demands on frontline response and community engagement.

To ensure we are properly aligned with these realities, we bolstered our complement of sworn officers. This modest but impactful increase has strengthened our operational readiness and positioned the Service to respond more effectively to both emergent calls for service and long-term investigative demands.

Through careful analysis of feedback from the previous Strategic Plan, including results from an internal membership satisfaction survey, it became clear that a renewed vision for the Service was not only appropriate but necessary. Our members expressed the need for enhanced support, improved scheduling, and a clearer strategic direction.

In response, we implemented a robust organizational plan that included:

- A modest increase in staffing levels to reflect the continuing growth of the community
- A comprehensive shift schedule change designed to maximize officer coverage
- A renewed emphasis on work/life balance and employee wellness

The shift restructuring was developed to ensure peak coverage during high-demand periods while also providing our officers with a healthier and more sustainable work schedule. This investment in employee wellness has resulted in a workforce that is more engaged, resilient, and committed—shift in and shift out—to delivering exceptional policing services to our community.

Our commitment to our members extended beyond staffing and scheduling. We continued to prioritize learning and development to ensure our officers remain equipped to address emerging crime trends and investigative complexities.

In 2025, the Service secured 45 registrations for investigative and police-focused courses in addition to mandatory annual training requirements. These learning opportunities strengthened our capacity in areas such as technological crime, mental health awareness, intimate partner violence investigations, organized criminal activity, and evolving investigative methodologies. By remaining relevant with trends in criminal subculture and the current socioeconomic climate, our officers are better prepared to respond decisively and effectively to community needs.
As a direct result of increased staffing, improved scheduling, and enhanced training, our proactive patrol presence increased significantly in 2025. This heightened visibility has enabled the Service to shift collective efforts toward strategic crime prevention initiatives, yielding tangible and measurable outcomes.

A stronger proactive presence not only deters criminal activity but also strengthens relationships with residents and businesses. By investing in our people and aligning our operations with community growth, we have positioned the Smiths Falls Police Service to meet today's challenges while preparing for tomorrow's realities.
In 2025, the Smiths Falls Police Service further modernized its operational framework through the creation of a dedicated Criminal Intelligence Analyst position. This strategic investment has significantly enhanced our day-to-day deployment decisions and strengthened our overall service delivery model.

By carefully assessing occurrence data, call patterns, crime trends, and community-based information, our analytics have enabled a more focused and deliberate approach to resource allocation. Through an intelligence-led policing model, we are now better positioned to deploy officers where and when they are most needed, ensuring both efficiency and effectiveness in our response.
This data-driven approach has improved our ability to:

- Identify emerging crime patterns and repeat offenders
- Anticipate peak demand periods and allocate staffing accordingly
- Support complex investigations with actionable intelligence
- Enhance proactive patrol strategies in high-visibility areas

The integration of analytical oversight into frontline operations has resulted in measurable and encouraging trends. Early indicators show that our renewed vision—grounded in strategic growth, proactive enforcement, and evidence-based decision-making—is producing positive outcomes.

We recognize that sustainable progress requires both innovation and accountability. The annual statistics that follow demonstrate that our modernized approach is not only aligned with best practices in contemporary policing, but that it is also trending in the right direction to support the overall safety and wellbeing of the residents of Smiths Falls.

| YEAR | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| # of Calls for Service | 8143 | 7745 |
| # of Arrests | 365 | 412 |
| # of Traffic Stops | 821 | 1081 |
| # of Traffic Related Charges | 584 | 822 |
| # of Breath Tests – Impaired | 8 | 29 |
| # of Foot Patrol Hours | 230 | 281 |
| # of Bike Patrol Hours | 45 | 106 |
| # of School Visit Hours | 91 | 242 |

The evidence is clear: A measurable reduction in calls for service, combined with an increase in arrests, charges laid, and meaningful proactive community patrol engagement, demonstrates that the Smiths Falls Police Service is better positioned today than ever before to effectively address those who prey upon our hardworking residents, local businesses, and vulnerable populations.
Our enhanced proactive presence, supported by intelligence-led deployment and strengthened staffing levels, has allowed us to intervene earlier, disrupt criminal activity more efficiently, and maintain a visible and reassuring presence throughout Smiths Falls. These results are not incidental; they are the direct outcome of deliberate planning, strategic investment, and an unwavering commitment to professional excellence.

We remain fully dedicated to making Smiths Falls a safer place to live, work, and raising a family in an idyllic destination of choice for those seeking to establish roots in a thriving and supportive community. We are proud of the progress achieved this year. More importantly, we are proud to serve as the police service of choice for those who call Smiths Falls home.

# THANK YOU!

A thank-you first to our staff – both civilian and officers, who continue to prioritize our community first.

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

Thank-you to our community, the Upper Canada and Catholic School boards, and our many Community Partners for supporting our service and working collaboratively for the betterment of Smiths Falls.

Sincerely;
Chief Jodi Empey