



**SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD
AGENDA
TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2026
8:00 A.M.
TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/smithsfallspolice>

YouTube Live: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFFXhpElk-x8oDEMxY8MzQ/live>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On March 10, 2026, 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.

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

THAT the March 10, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION

A) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including Members of the Police Service or any other Employees of the Board (Chief)

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Smiths Falls Police Services Board move In Camera at XXX in accordance with Sec 44(2)(b) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

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THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at XXX p.m.

Rise and Report:



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Rise and Report:

- C) Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Board (Chief)

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Smiths Falls Police Services Board move In Camera at XXX in accordance with Sec 44(2)(e) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at XXX p.m.
Rise and Report:

- D) Education/Training Members of the Board (Police Services Advisor)

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Smiths Falls Police Services Board move In Camera at XXX in accordance with Sec 44(6) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at XXX p.m.
Rise and Report:

- E) Information Supplied in Confidence to the Board (Chief)

Recommended Motion:

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Recommended Motion:

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Rise and Report:



6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) February 17, 2026, Resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls
Re: Financial Relief for Municipal-Policed Communities
Supporting Town of LaSalle Resolution.
- b) Letter to Premier and Minister of Transportation
Re: Province-wide Regulatory Framework for Rideshare Programs
- c) February 19, 2026, Email from Kelley Denham
Re: Disclosure of Policies, Bylaws, Directives or Governance Documents of the
Board

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Motion: THAT the February 10, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Lanark County Interval House/ Victim Advocate Role: Partnership with Police Services and Community in Prevention of IPV (Erin Lee)
- b) Town's IT Strategy (C McGuire)
- c) Budget 2026 and Budget 2026 (J Empey)

10. OPERATIONAL REPORT

- a) Operational & Training Update (C Kettyle)

11. DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Police Services Board adjourn its proceedings XXXX p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.



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RISE AT THE FALLS

February 17, 2026

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General of Ontario
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6
michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Re: Financial Relief for Municipally-Policed Communities

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their February 17, 2026 Council meeting:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls support the Town of LaSalle, and request that the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

- 1. Acknowledge the inequity created by the 2024 and 2025 OPP funding interventions;*
- 2. Provide equivalent financial relief to municipally-policed communities facing similar budget pressures;*
- 3. Work with municipalities and police boards to develop a fair, transparent, and sustainable provincial funding framework that applies equally to all police services in Ontario*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Town of LaSalle
Smiths Falls Police Service Board



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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Legislative Building, Room 281
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1
Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
5th Flr, 777 Bay St Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
minister.mto@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria:

I am writing to request that the Ontario Government consider adopting a province-wide regulatory framework for rideshare programs.

Municipalities across Ontario have been advocating for a provincial licensing framework for rideshare companies that would align Ontario with Quebec and British Columbia. Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across Ontario, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services. In many parts of the province, ridesharing is unregulated or regulated in a 'patchwork' manner. Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing. These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee/payment schedules.

Smiths Falls recently identified the need to develop a rideshare by-law to expand on our existing taxi by-law. However, we realized creating our own would contribute to the patchwork approach that currently exists. A more holistic and standard approach across the province is the best long-term solution.

The benefits of an Ontario-wide regulatory framework for rideshare companies include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as electronic vehicle (EV) manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible job opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some individuals to choose to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide people with a safe ride option.



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- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** – Properly regulated rideshare services can play an important role in developing custom transit solutions, particularly in small urban and rural communities. Conventional transit service is neither practical nor affordable in rural Ontario with lower population densities. Rideshare services can be a practical solution to enable improved mobility and therefore job opportunities in smaller communities.

We thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mayor Shawn Pankow
Town of Smiths Falls

CC: John Jordan, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

From: Kelley Denham <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 11:18 AM

To: Inquiries <inquiries@sfps.ca>

Subject: FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT POLICE SERVICES BOARD AGENDA

Please confirm receipt. I respectfully request that this correspondence be formally logged and forwarded to the Police Services Board Secretary/Administrator and all Board Members for consideration as an agenda item.

To the Members of the Smiths Falls Police Services Board,

At the February 10 meeting, the Chair suggested there may have been uncertainty as to whether my earlier request concerned Board policy or Police Service policy. For clarity: I am now requesting disclosure of any policies, bylaws, directives, or governance documents that the Board is able to release publicly without requiring a formal Freedom of Information request. This includes foundational Board governance documents, as well as any policies that outline oversight responsibilities or standards relevant to public safety. I am aware that certain documents, such as the Strategic Plan and other published materials, are already publicly available. This request relates to any additional policies the Board is willing to disclose.

If any clarification is needed regarding this request prior to the meeting, please reply to this email.

Given the public interest and the Board's civilian oversight role, we request that this be addressed as a matter for public discussion at the next meeting. Residents should be able to understand what expectations the Board has set, if any, for the treatment of restrained individuals, and how the Board oversees compliance with those expectations. The public cannot meaningfully evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of policing in Smiths Falls through a process it cannot see and standards it does not know. We are seeking this clarity so the community can engage constructively and support continued improvement. We believe this presents an opportunity for the Board to demonstrate leadership in modernizing and strengthening standards.

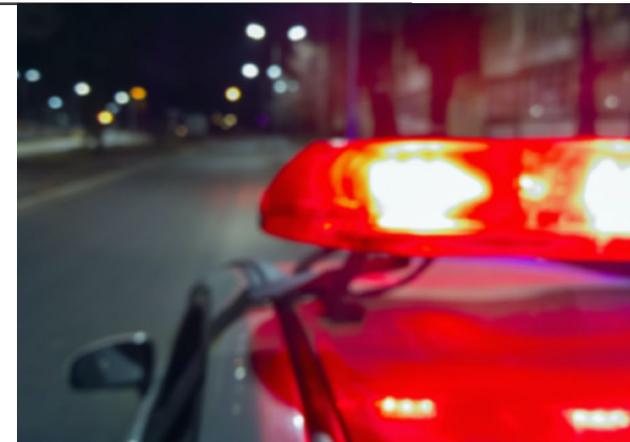
Sincerely,
Kelley Denham, on behalf of Smiths Falls Together!



Police Services and LCIHCS Working to serve.

PRESENTED BY:

ERIN LEE, ED, LCIHCS



"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

- HENRY FORD

LCIHCS program & Services

- 15 bed emergency shelter
- 24-hour crisis line
- Specialized safety planning
- Systems navigation support
- Basic needs support
- Transitional Housing Support Program
- Children's Program (Shelter)
- Family Court Support Program
- Child and Youth Program
- Sexual Assault Support Program
- Women's Program
- Public Education, Training, & Advocacy
- Volunteer & Fundraising Programs
- Victim Advocate Program
- Second Stage Housing

In the last 6 years:

- Beyond Second Stage Housing
- Housing Advocate role
- Perseverance Pantry Program
- AGAN Store & Suit Yourself Program Coordinator role
- Victim Advocate



Small steps make big change

- Cases created a path to working closer together
- Community response created a greater need to work closer
- Relationship building with a focus on victim support and outcomes
- Common goals; IPV, SA, HT

Working path:

- Starts with leadership
- Priority connections in strategic planning
- Community needs and consulting
- Murders (CKW, inquests, local femicides)
- Local political engagement/leadership
- International delegations
- Events (TBTN, DEC 6th, Violet Femmes etc.)
- Campaigns
- Program development; **Victim Advocate**



Let's talk collaboration: The Victim advocate

An initiative of the OPP, including SFPS, LCIHCS, VS, SADV Hospital Program, and VWAP

A victim centered approach to DV, SA and HT

Rooted in victim's experiences via survivor forums

Goal to increase victim experience toward more positive outcomes

Received the OPP accolade for community program in 2021

How do referrals happen?

What is a survivor forum?

How do we integrate survivors in training for members?

What's the impact? Feedback from victims?



I don't think that our County Council knew that a big move by a small community would create such momentum and impact province wide.

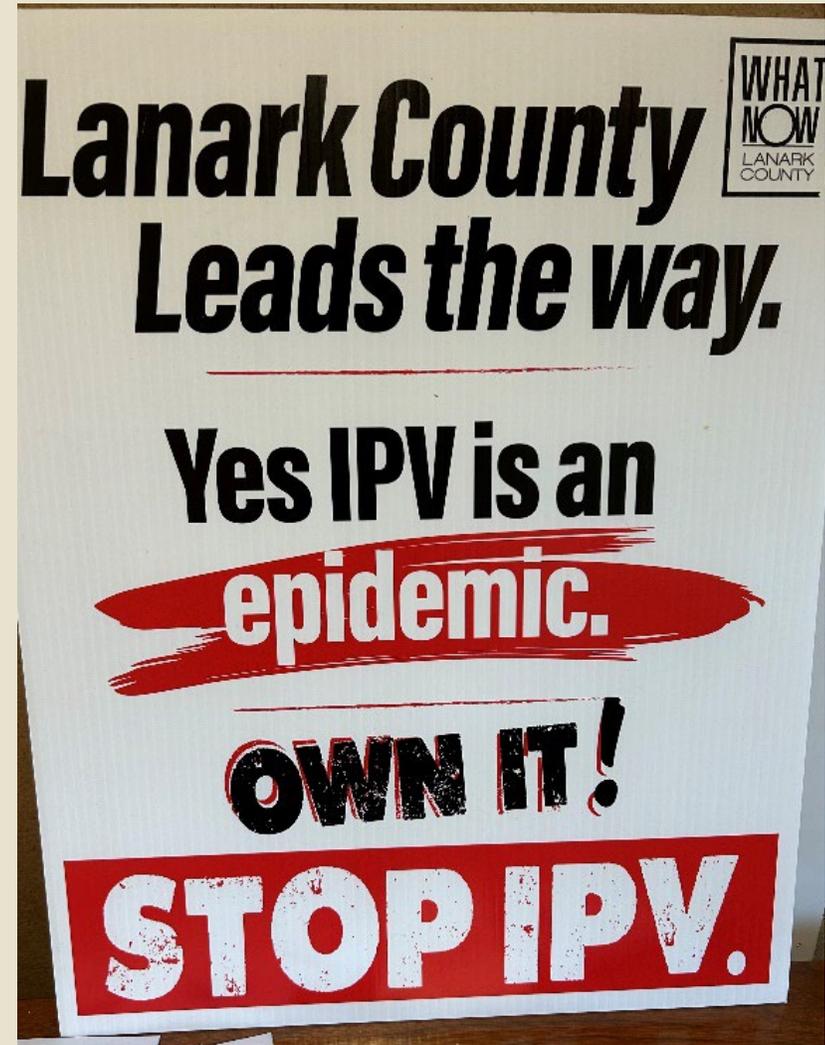
Today, 99 municipalities across the province of Ontario, in addition to AMO, have passed the declaration, declaring IPV an epidemic in Ontario.

Lanark County Council continues to discuss how to move forward the rest of the inquest recommendations to continue to affect change in our community and beyond.

Never underestimate the power of a small community using their voice to speak out for meaningful change.

We will continue to use our small voices loudly in the name of ending violence against women, girls, and gender diverse people.

Investing in relationships demonstrates the best return. We are grateful for our relationship and our community and the local leadership that believes in change starting local.



SEE IT, NAME IT, CHANGE IT!

Originally stemming from a series of femicides in Rural Eastern Ontario in 2015, the SINICI concept is as simple as stop, drop, and roll. It is a multi-media campaign to start a conversation, offer help and resources, provide education about violence in relationships, and encourage healthy alternatives for all community members. It was re-launched in September 2022 in response to more recent local violence.



It is only through meaningful investment that change will happen.

You only have to see it in community to know that it is working.

We must continue to work alongside and keep victims at the center of our work.





DEPUTY CHIEF'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE – FEBRUARY 2026

For the month of
February, Police
registered **526**
occurrences

Down from **563**
occurrences in
January 2026

OVERALL CHARGES AND ARRESTS –FEBRUARY 2026

60 criminal
charges laid
in February

30 arrests
made in
February

BREACH
RELATED
CHARGES –
FEBRUARY
2026

Fail to Comply- Condition on Undertaking x 4

Fail to Comply with Release Order x 12

Fail to Comply with Probation Order x 10

Breach of Recognizance x 3

Total breach related charges – **29**

Total criminal charges for January – **60**

Percentage of total charges – **48%**

NOTEWORTHY CALLS FOR SERVICE – FEBRUARY 2026

IPV CASES- 26 (Up from 20 in Jan. 2026)

ASSAULTS- 5 (Down from 7 in Jan. 2026)

FAMILY DISPUTES- 4 (Up from 3 in Jan. 2026)

BAIL VIOLATIONS- 10 (Up from 5 in Jan. 2026)

BREAK AND ENTER- 2 (Same as Jan. 2026)

MISCHIEF- 3 (Up from 1 in Jan. 2026)

HARASSMENT – 6 (Down from 11 in Jan. 2026)

MENTAL HEALTH ACT INCIDENTS – FEBRUARY 2026

37 calls for service (Up from 29 in January 2026)

6 Apprehensions – 2 x arrest...4 x voluntary

Hospital Wait Time Range: 15 minutes – 5 ½ hours

Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Nurse attended at 10 calls

PROACTIVE POLICING- FEBRUARY 2026

Foot Patrol- 12 hours

School Visits- 30 hours

Community Service – 45 hours

Bike Patrol – 0 hours

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINTS

FEBRUARY 2026

Collisions – **24 total**
6 -Private Property
11 - Highway
7 - Fail To Remain

Charges issued related
to collision investigations
HTA- **5**
CC- 0 / Other -0

Traffic related
matters – **126**
Vehicle Stops - **98**

Vehicle Stops
Resulting in
Charges– **46**
Charges issued - **79**

Charges issued relating to
speeding, stop signs, traffic
light infractions, failing to
yield, drive under suspension,
careless driving, fail to
surrender permit, ETC.

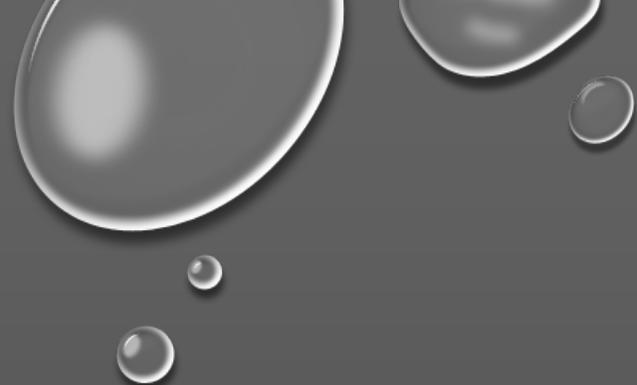
11 charges under
the Compulsory
Automobile
Insurance Act issued

CRIMINAL/
ALCOHOL/
DRUG
CHARGES VIA
PROACTIVE
TRAFFIC STOPS
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- **7 CRIMINAL / ALCOHOL / DRUG CHARGES LAID RELATED TO PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS**
- **OPERATION WHILE IMPAIRED / EXCEED 80 MG OF ALCOHOL IN BLOOD (X 1 EACH)**
- **FLIGHT FROM POLICE (X1)**
- **DANGEROUS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (X1)**
- **OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE PROHIBITED (X3)**

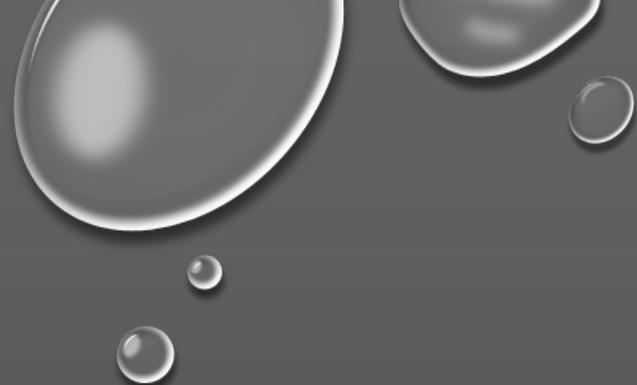
STRATEGIC
ENFORCEMENT
TRAFFIC
PRIORITY
(S.T.E.P.) –
FEBRUARY
2026

- S.T.E.P. INITIATIVE FOR FEBRUARY 2026 WAS WINTER DRIVING SAFETY (SPEEDING/FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY/OBSTRUCTED VIEW)
- **21** CHARGES WERE ISSUED RELATED TO THE S.T.E.P INITIATIVE
- IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE A PROACTIVE FOCUS – **7** BREATH TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN 2026 – RESULTING IN **6** PERSONS BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.
- THE S.T.E.P. TARGET FOR MARCH 2026 WILL BE INTERSECTION SAFETY – STOP SIGNS / IMPROPER TURN/TRAFFIC LIGHT INFRACTIONS/FAIL TO YIELD)
- TOP TRAFFIC ENFORCERS IN FEBRUARY WERE CONSTABLES SLY / ROBIDOUX / B. KEOGAN



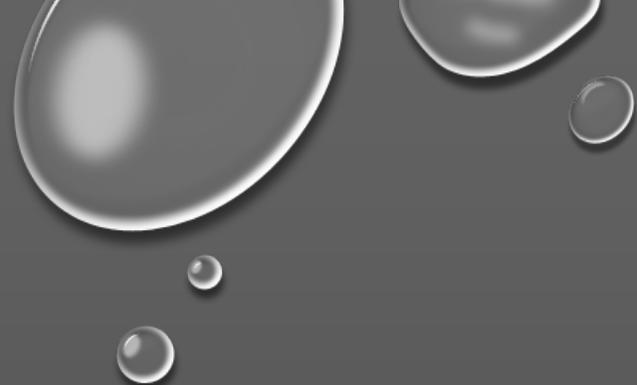
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH/CISO - FEBRUARY

- LEAD INVESTIGATOR ON MISSING PERSON FILE (BERTRIM) – ASSISTING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH (O.P.P.)
- SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION INVOLVING A CHILD
- IDENTITY FRAUD INVESTIGATION REGARDING VEHICLE LOANS
- HISTORICAL IPV RELATED INVESTIGATION – CHARGES EXPECTED
- 2 X PRODUCTION ORDERS AUTHORED RELATING TO SIGNIFICANT FRAUD FILE
- CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH CHEO AND CAS AGENCIES
- ASSISTED GANANOQUE POLICE WITH FRIDAY THE 13TH OMG EVENT
- COVERT OPERATIONS HANDLERS COURSE TAKEN
- PRODUCTIONS ORDERS FOR GOOGLE AND BELL DRAFTED AND SERVED IN REGARD TO A SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE
- ONGOING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER- FEBRUARY 2026

- NUMEROUS SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT MONTH
- PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILLS CONDUCTED AT CHIMO, DUNCAN J AND SFDC
- JOB FAIR PRESENTATION AT ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL -PERTH
- ATTENDED VAN HORNE MANOR NURSING HOME TO PROVIDE PROJECT LIFESAVER INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS AND STAFF
- CRIMESTOPPERS ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION MEETING
- 2 X SITUATION TABLE, 3 X FILTER 4 MEETINGS, 2X POLAR PLUNGE PLANNING MEETING, EQUITY FOR ALL X1
- MEDIA RELATIONS – 4 X INTERVIEWS WITH LAKE 88 RADIO / 1 X YOUR TV APPEARANCE
- HANLEY HALL COMMUNITY LUNCH APPEARANCE
- TRAINING – PROVIDED INSTRUCTION ON LIDAR / RADAR OPERATIONS TO 10 OF OUR NEWER OFFICERS – ALL ARE CERTIFIED NOW
- ATTENDED THE COMMITTEE OF YOUTH OFFICERS (C.O.Y.O.) CONFERENCE IN NIAGARA FALLS



COURSES
AND
WORKSHOPS
– FEBRUARY
2026

- GAUTHIER, KARINE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATOR (FEB 04-13, 2026 – OPC)
- BRETT, TYLER – COVERT OPERATIONS HANDLER COURSE (FEB 09-13, 2026 – CISO OPC)
- KEOGAN, SEAN – YOUTH OFFICERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (FEB 18-20, 2026 – NIAGARA FALLS)

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS

2026 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS							
MONTH	VS VOLUNTEER	VS EMPLOYMENT	NON-VS VOLUNTEER	NON-VS EMPLOYMENT	TRITON	WALKIN	BROAD RECORD
1-Jan	21	27	3	22	36	37	
1-Feb	24	21	1	14	19	41	2
1-Mar							
1-Apr							
1-May							
1-Jun							
1-Jul							
1-Aug							
1-Sep							
1-Oct							
1-Nov							
1-Dec							
TOTALS	45	48	4	36	55	78	2

Alzheimer Society

LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE



Project Lifesaver

The premier search and rescue program operating internationally and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering.

WHAT IS IT?

Project Lifesaver is a tracking device worn by vulnerable people who have a tendency to wander. It is a watch-sized bracelet that emits a unique FM radio frequency signal every second. Police use a satellite receiver, and when someone goes missing, it's tuned to pick up their frequency. It uses an FM frequency, not GPS, so it works even when a person is in a building or tunnel.

With Project Lifesaver, the average rescue time to locate a missing person is 30 minutes - this timely response reduces potential for injury and may save a life.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All participants are added to their local Police Service's Vulnerable Person's Registry.

When caregivers notify 911 that their loved one is missing, a specialized law enforcement Search and Rescue Team responds to the area where the participant was last seen and utilizes the mobile-location tracking system to assist in search efforts.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The program is suitable for vulnerable people of any age. Examples of vulnerable people include those with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Acquired Brain Injury, or a mental health condition.

Project Lifesaver

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNSnAs7kVy8>

CAMSAFE PROGRAM



- COMMUNITY-POLICE VOLUNTARY SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRY
- PROGRAM CREATED BY BELLEVILLE POLICE -HAS QUICKLY SPREAD TO MANY COMMUNITIES
- PROVINCE WIDE ENGAGEMENT ALLOWING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO REGISTER ONLINE
- PRIVACY BASED – ONLY REGISTER BASIC CONTACT INFORMATION AND CAMERA LOCATIONS / ANGLES
- PROVEN RESULTS - SUPPORTS MORE TIMELY AND FOCUSED INVESTIGATIONS
- NO COST TO PUBLIC OR POLICE – NOT FOR PROFIT PROGRAM THAT SIMPLY PROVIDES A COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR POLICE AND PUBLIC TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENHANCE OVERALL COMMUNITY SAFETY

SMITHS FALLS POLICE COMMUNITY FIRST

POLICE

COMMUNITY FIRST

CAMSAFE

CAMSafe is a CCTV and security video registry aimed at keeping our community safe and assisting police solve crime.



REGISTER



ADD



PROTECT

-  Volunteer registry of security cameras, CCTV systems & doorbell camera
-  Delete your information or account at any time
-  CAMSafe does not have access to footage or cameras
-  Only basic contact information & address required to sign up
-  Only police have access to the registry information

CAMSAFE

Your participation helps to provide a stronger defence against

**THEFT
ARSON
VANDALISM
FRAUD
STALKING
KIDNAPPING**



OR VISIT CAMSAFE.CA