

Kawartha Lakes Police Service 2022 Annual Report



Kawartha Lakes Police Service

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Message from Chief of Police Mark Mitchell



On behalf of all Members of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service (KLPS), it is my pleasure to present the Service's annual report for 2022. As we emerged from the global COVID-19 pandemic, we still witnessed the impact of that prolonged event on our community, particularly in the areas of mental health and addictions. From a policing perspective, our approach to these areas has evolved significantly as we partner with health experts to deliver outreach services geared towards risk mitigation and effective treatment.

The Kawartha Lakes Police Service continues to plan for the future as Kawartha Lakes, and Lindsay in particular, is in the early stages of a significant population growth. Meeting the needs of our growing community, and ensuring the continued delivery of adequate and effective policing, remains a central focus. Guided by the dedicated members of the Police Services Board, we will ensure that KLPS has the staff, equipment and facilities needed to fulfil our vision, **Leading our Community Towards a Safer Tomorrow.**

We are making significant investments in the 911 emergency system as all 911 call centers are required to transition to the updated Next Generation or NG911 technology. Kawartha Lakes is well positioned to adopt this new emergency infrastructure that will provide enhanced location services for mobile phone users, the ability to text to 911, along with other features.

Public safety is the result of effective emergency services that are supported by the communities they serve. We are extremely grateful to our community partners and to the residents of Kawartha Lakes for your support. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the entire Kawartha Lakes Police Service team for their efforts in keeping our community safe throughout the past year.

Sincerely,

M. Mitchell

Mark Mitchell
Chief of Police - Kawartha Lakes Police Service



Message from Police
Services Board Chair
Wanda Percival



The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board, comprised of five members is responsible for overseeing how policing is provided in the community. Beginning in 1857, Board members from the community have and continue to contribute to their community's safety and well-being by ensuring that their community receives the appropriate policing it needs.

It is important for the Board at this time, to take the opportunity to recognize the dedication of Chief Mitchell and his management team, thanking them for the outstanding leadership they provide in fulfilling the mission to **provide professional policing in a manner that is fair and just to all, in partnership with our community.**

The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board (KLPSB) is very pleased to present this Annual Report outlining the activities of the service over the past year.

Sincerely,

W. Percival

Wanda Percival
Chair - City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board



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Annual Report Requirements

As required by regulation a police service's annual report should provide:

- An organizational overview of the police service that addresses a statement of purpose and direction of the police service
- A current organizational chart, a description of the organizational structure and information on uniform and civilian staffing levels.
- The actual cost of policing for the previous fiscal year, including a comparison between the actual and estimated cost of policing for that year as was projected in the business plan or approved budget.
- Information on the administration and disposition of public complaints.
- Information on results achieved during the previous fiscal year relating to:
 - a. The police service's provision of community-based crime prevention initiatives, community patrol, and criminal investigation services
 - b. Community satisfaction with police services
 - c. Emergency calls for service
 - d. Violent crime and clearance rates for violent crime
 - e. Property crime and clearance rates for property crime
 - f. Youth crime and clearance rates for youth crime
 - g. Police assistance to victims of crime and re-victimization rates
 - h. Road safety
 - i. Information technology
 - j. Police facilities and Resource planning

Vision

Leading our community towards a safer tomorrow.

Mission

To provide professional policing in a manner that is fair and just to all, in partnership with our community.

Values

We will:

- Protect human life as our highest priority;
- Be diligent in the pursuit of offenders to prevent, detect and suppress crime in our community;
- Be sensitive to the needs of victims of crime;
- Enhance quality of life through community empowerment;
- Earn our community's trust through our demonstrated integrity;
- Guide our members through improvement, innovation and continuous learning.





Kawartha Lakes Police Service Organization Chart

Police Services Board
Don Thomas (Chair), Wanda Percival (Vice), Andy Letham, Pat O'Reilly, Valmay Barkey, Chris English (Secretary)

Chief of Police
Mark Mitchell

**Executive Assistant/
Financial Manager**
Leah Rea

Inspector Operations
Tom Hickey

Inspector Support Services
Kirk Robertson

Director Information Services
Debbie Hemminger

Platoon A
6

Platoon B
6

Platoon C
6

Platoon D
6

Community Response Unit (CRU)
5

Community Services/Crime Stoppers
1

Auxiliary Unit
2

Court Security
8

Court Liaison
2

Prisoner Monitors
6

Chaplain
1

Criminal Investigative Branch (CIB) Sergeant
1

Office Staff
1

CIB
3
Domestic Violence Crime (DVC):
1

Drug:
1

Central East Correctional Centre (CECC)
1

Identification/Property
2

Communications
8

Office Staff
3

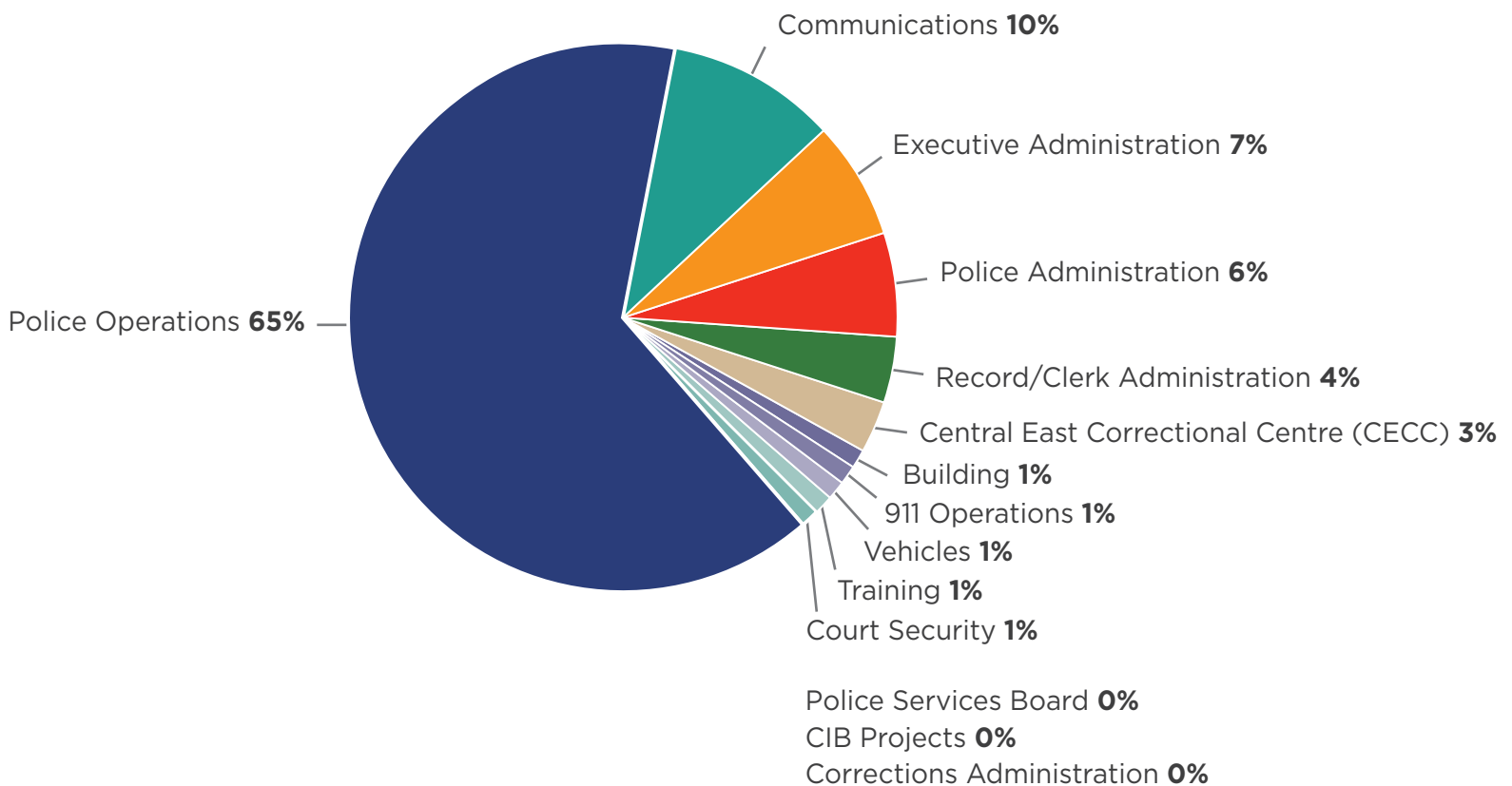
Part Time Communicators
7

Information Technology
1

Violent Crime Linkage Analysis Systems (ViCLAS) Secondment
1

2022 Cost of Policing

Budget Category	Approved	Actual	Variance
Police Grants/Fees	(149,443)	(189,671)	(40,228)
Police Administration	575,250	583,368	8,118
Executive Administration	648,909	661,832	12,923
Police Services Board	41,550	21,893	(19,657)
Police Operations	5,834,098	5,867,735	33,637
CIB Projects	28,500	6,004	(22,496)
Record/Clerk Administration	333,425	339,433	6,008
Communications	890,556	740,452	(150,104)
Training	61,175	19,840	(41,335)
Vehicles	115,400	132,409	17,009
Corrections Administration	1,000	319	(681)
Central East Correctional Centre (CECC)	283,981	295,212	11,231
Court Security	75,686	194,046	118,360
911 Operations	49,368	49,368	-
Building	145,735	151,750	6,015
Total	\$8,935,190	\$8,873,991	\$(61,199)



Public Complaints

The **Office of the Independent Police Review Director** (OIPRD) is responsible for the intake of all public complaints against the police in Ontario. Upon receipt of a public complaint, the OIPRD has the following options:

- The complaint may be “screened out” and no further action taken*
- The complaint may be referred back to the involved Police Service for investigation
- Another Police Service may be directed to conduct the investigation
- The OIPRD may conduct their own investigation

* Complaints that are vexatious, made in bad faith, older than 6 months or not in the public interest may be screened out at the discretion of the OIPRD

In 2022 there was one substantiated public complaint against members of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service which was resolved informally with the involved officers. There is still one complaint under investigation that was received late in the year. There was also one complaint that was terminated as it was deemed to fall under the jurisdiction of the Special Investigations Unit. (SIU) The SIU investigated and found no wrongdoing on the part of the involved officers.

The number of complaints against officers from our Police Service are relatively low when compared to the number of interactions that officers had with members of the public last year. This is a reflection of the professionalism that members of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service exhibit every day.

Summary

In 2022, the OIPRD received a total of 14 public complaints against members of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service:

Complaint	Allegation	OIPRD Status	Conclusion
1	Unlawful Arrest	Screened out	No further action taken
2	Unlawful Arrest	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
3	Unlawful Arrest	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
4	Discreditable Conduct	Screened out	No further action taken
5	Unlawful Arrest	Screened out	No further action taken
6	Neglect of Duty	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
7	Neglect of Duty	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
8	Discreditable Conduct	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
9	Neglect of Duty	Screened out	No further action taken
10	Discreditable Conduct	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
11	Neglect of Duty	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated
12	Neglect of Duty	Screened out	No further action taken
13	Neglect of Duty	Screened out	No further action taken
14	Unlawful Arrest	Investigation ordered	Unsubstantiated

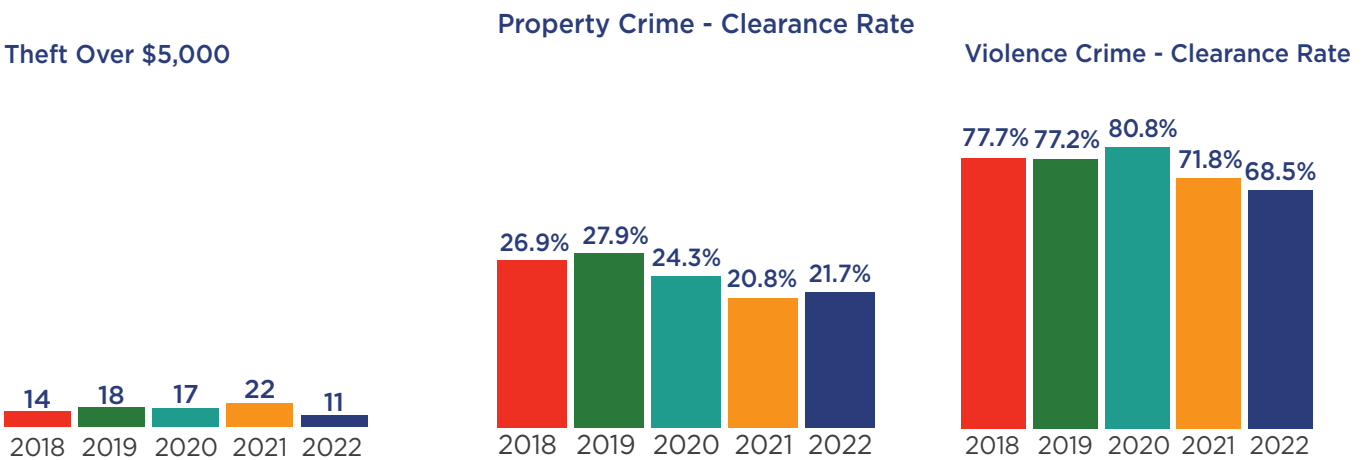
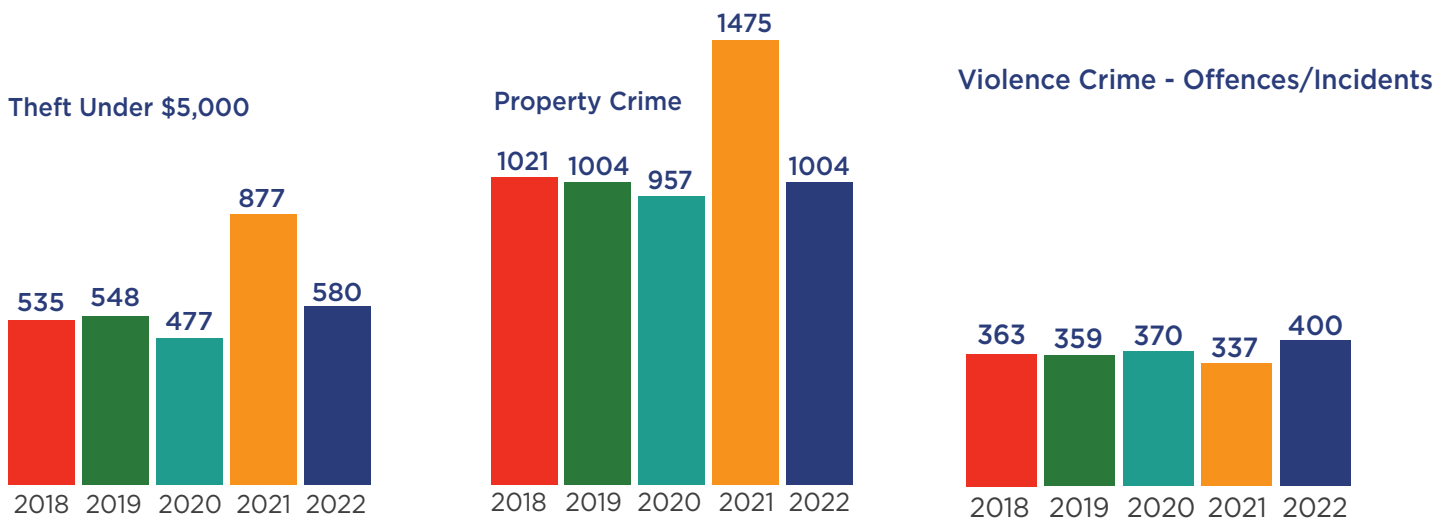
Support Services



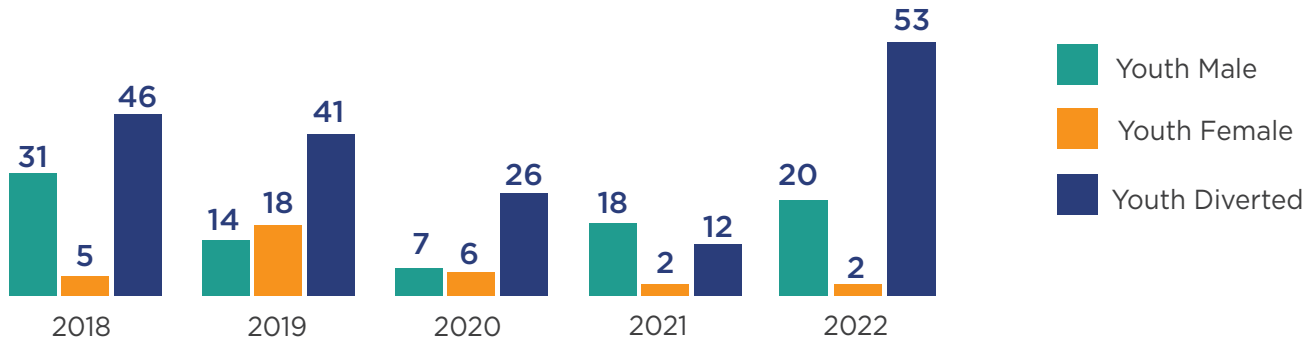
Crime Prevention

The best crime is the one that never occurs. The police have a role, not only in investigating crime, but also in **preventing** crimes before they happen as well. In addition to deterring criminal activity through proactive efforts that are focused on specific problems, KLPS officers also work collaboratively with a number of partner agencies to address some of the root causes (e.g., poverty, mental health, addictions) that can lead to crime.

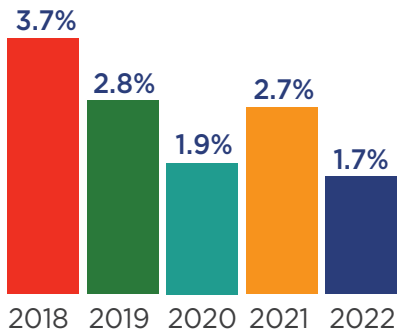
As technology evolves, it has a corresponding influence on many crimes. Fraudulent offences in particular make use of computers and other electronics to deceive and confuse victims. Our Community Services Officer and media relation Members work hard with seniors' and other vulnerable groups to protect them against these sophisticated schemes.



Youth Crime



Youth Charges as a Percent of Total Charges



Charged Assessment Table

(all officers combined)

Offence and Clearance Rates - 2021 and 2022 (Central East Correctional Centre excluded)

Offence Type	2021 Offences	Percent Cleared	2022 Offences	Percent Cleared	Variances in Clearances
Violent Crimes	337	71.8%	400	68.5%	-2.6%
Homicide	0	0%	0	0%	0%
Attempt Murder	1	0%	2	100%	0%
Abductions/confinements	2	100%	2	50%	-50%
Sexual Offences	38	41.6%	35	17.1%	8.1%
Assaults	190	89.2%	230	84.9%	-0.1%
Robbery	14	42.9%	12	16.7%	-61.1%
Property Crimes	1475	20.8%	1004	21.7%	3.9%
Break and Enters	105	29.5%	53	26.4%	-10.5%
Thefts - Motor Vehicles	33	27.3%	35	28.6%	-2.9%
Thefts Over \$5000	22	22.7%	11	11.1%	-20%
Thefts Under \$5000	877	18%	580	18.6%	2.8%
Possess Stolen Property	21	71.4%	8	75%	0%
Fraud	243	20.6%	159	23.4%	3.7%
Other Criminal Code	769	84.7%	678	81.9%	-3.8%
Weapons Offences	22	54.5%	23	52.2%	-4.3%
Criminal Traffic Offences	66	95.5%	64	93.8%	-1.7%
Drugs	38	92.1%	14	92.9%	3.5%
Other Federal Statutes	0	0%	1	100%	0%
Total	2686	48.4%	2163	51.9%	6.6%

Intimate Partner Violence

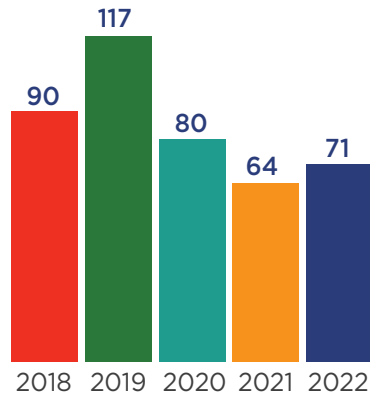
The Intimate Partner Violence Coordinator (IPVC) is part of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) at the Kawartha Lakes Police Service. The IPVC is responsible for several areas, which include:

Domestic Disputes:

The IPVC monitors the Kawartha Lakes Police Service's response to intimate partner violence occurrences by reviewing, and assisting officers with intimate partner violence investigations, as well as conducting follow-up and safety planning with victims. The IPV coordinator works closely with community partners, such as Women's Resources and Victim Services.

In 2022 the Kawartha Lakes Police Service responded to over 461 Intimate Partner Violence-related calls for service and 71 of these occurrences resulted in criminal charges.

Intimate Partner Violence Occurrences with Charges



Sex Offender Registry:

In 1988, 11-year-old Christopher Stephenson was brutally murdered at the hands of a convicted pedophile on statutory release. As a result of the coroner's inquest, the jury recommended creating a national registry for convicted sex offenders.

As a result of great efforts from Christopher's parents, in 2001 Christopher's Law came into effect and this provincial legislation requires sex offenders to register with the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (OSOR).

On December 15, 2004, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act (SOIRA) came into force mandating offenders in receipt of a court order to register with the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR).

This database is an important tool that aids in the investigation of sex-related crimes and helps to monitor and locate sex offenders within the community. The IPVC, with the assistance of other CIB members, ensures that sex offenders within the City of Kawartha Lakes are following this legislation.

Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViCLAS)

The ViCLAS unit was created in 1991 to help police identify serial crimes and criminals by focusing on the linkages that exist among crimes committed by the same offender in different policing jurisdictions. The IPVC reviews all ViCLAS reportable calls and is the liaison with the Ontario ViCLAS center. The Kawartha Lakes Police Service also has one member who is seconded to the Provincial ViCLAS unit full-time.

Forensic Identification



The Forensic Identification Unit (FIU) is responsible for attending crime and death scenes, documenting scenes through photos and video, collecting evidence, analyzing evidence, identifying unknown suspects, attending autopsies and investigating cases from a forensic standpoint. The goal of a forensic identification officer is to find the truth through an unbiased investigation.

Some of the examples of cases that were investigated in 2022 by the FIU include an attempted murder, shootings, stabbings, arson, crimes involving physical violence, and property crimes such as break & enter or mischief. In 2022, the Forensic Identification Unit was directly involved in a total of 65 cases, 17 of which involved attendance at crime scenes.

Forensic Identification Unit in 2022



Identification of unknown suspect fingerprints



Warrants executed by FIU



Autopsies attended by FIU



Investigations requiring Forensic laboratory work



Investigations requiring fingerprint examinations



Crime scenes attended by FIU



5

Photo lineups created by FIU

Exhibits submitted to Centre of Forensic Science (CFS)

37 Biology

14 Toxicology

4 Firearms

3 Chemistry



The Forensic Identification Unit works closely with the Centre of Forensic Science (CFS) in the analysis of evidence. In 2022, 26 cases from KLPS were examined by CFS including 58 total pieces of evidence. 37 Pieces of evidence were submitted for DNA analysis, 14 pieces of evidence for toxicology analysis, three pieces of evidence for chemistry analysis, and four pieces of evidence for firearms analysis.

The results of these analysis were the identification of an unknown suspect in 11 cases and the linking of an unknown suspect to another unsolved crime in 13 cases.



Property & Evidence:

The Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for the intake of approximately 2000 pieces of physical evidence each year. Evidence is secured in the Kawartha Lakes Police Service Evidence Room during investigations and preserved through the court process.

In addition, the unit is responsible for all digital disclosure of evidence including photographs, audio statements, video statements, and telephone recordings. The unit will categorize, store, and disclose this evidence throughout the court process. **In 2022, the Property & Evidence Unit handled over 13,000 pieces of digital evidence.**

Court Security

The Kawartha Lakes Police Service is responsible for the safety and security of the Lindsay Courthouse, including members of the judiciary, persons in custody and individuals participating in or attending proceedings. To enhance security at the Lindsay Courthouse, a new security station was installed at the front entrance. Court operations moved to a virtual environment during the COVID-19 pandemic and many services have remained online. **In 2022, the Court Security Unit handled 203 individuals in custody and welcomed over 8,000 visitors to the court building.**



2022 KLPS calls to CECC Submissions



The Kawartha Lakes Police Service and the Central East Correctional Center, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General, have developed a reporting protocol for police response to incidents that occur within the correctional facility. **In 2022, KLPS responded to 253 calls for service to the CECC, resulting in 39 criminal code charges.** Criminal Investigations Branch officers also conducted 3 sudden death investigations for individuals who died while in custody at the CECC.

In May and November, Kawartha Lakes Police also provided assistance to the Office of the Chief Coroner for two combined inquests, related to death investigations at the CECC from previous years.

Drug Enforcement/Street Crime Unit

The Drug Enforcement Officer and Street Crime Officer work within the Criminal Investigations Branch. Drug enforcement efforts are primarily focused on opioid trafficking as these substances have a devastating impact on Ontario communities.



The Street Crime Officer is integrated with drug enforcement efforts due to the connection between drug offences and other types of crime. Investigations ranged from trafficking, possession of narcotics, theft, break and enter, possession of stolen property over, attempted murder, sexual assault, robbery, and firearms related offences.

Members laid 109 criminal charges across several investigations and executed a number of search warrants. These investigations resulted in the seizure of fentanyl, cocaine, four crime firearms, and the recovery of two stolen vehicles.

Over the course of several months, officers undertook a lengthy investigation into a residential arson. The investigation culminated with the arrest and conviction of an individual for Arson - Disregard For Human Life.



Throughout 2022, members of the Drug Enforcement Unit/Street Crime Unit (DEU/SCU) investigated a shooting which occurred in a City of Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation apartment complex in January; two individuals were subsequently identified and arrested for Attempt to Commit Murder. Further, this investigation led to the Drug Enforcement and Street Crime officers participating in a multi-jurisdictional homicide investigation with members of the Durham Regional Police Service.

Police Operations



Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances

Ontario Regulation 58/16 deals with the Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances (CIICC), commonly referred to as Street Checks. The regulation requires police agencies to annually report on their data concerning street checks.

The Administrative Sergeant and the Inspector of Support Services are responsible for collecting and reporting on street check data performed or attempted by members of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service.

In 2022, there were no completed or attempted street checks as defined in the legislation. There were also no public complaints or Municipal Freedom of Information requests related to street checks.

Missing Persons Investigations

In 2018, the Ontario government introduced the Missing Persons Act which provided new authorities to police officers investigating missing person cases. In urgent circumstances, police investigators can require a person or business to provide information that may assist in locating a missing person. **In 2022, the Kawartha Lakes Police had 77 missing person cases reported.** Investigators made a total of 11 “urgent demands” in nine of those cases. There were 9 requests to a telecommunications provider for location information and two requests for financial information.

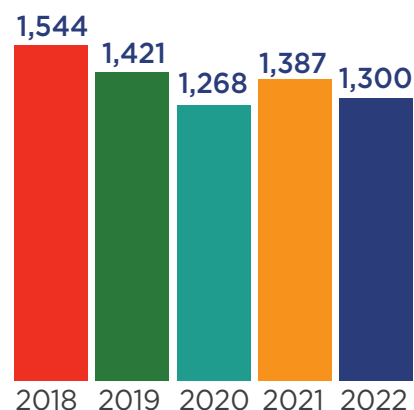
Road Safety

In 2022, traffic volumes began to return to pre-pandemic levels. More vehicles on the roads led to an increase in motor vehicle accidents, with 20% more collisions than the previous year. Fortunately, the number of serious collisions, involving injuries, remained stable and there were no fatal motor vehicle collisions in 2022. Kawartha Lakes Police officers proactively respond to identified areas to address speeding and other behaviours that pose a risk to public safety.

Our Collision Reporting Center, operated by Accident Support Services International, provides an alternative reporting option for minor accidents. To see an analysis of motor vehicle collision data for 2022, you can access the report [here](#).



Traffic Tickets



Auxiliary Unit



2022 marked the second year since the creation of the Auxiliary Unit at Kawartha Lakes Police Service. Throughout this past year, the Auxiliary Unit has continued to demonstrate its invaluable contribution to the community.

The Auxiliary members supported the efforts of the Community Services Officer and the Community Response unit, collaborating on a wide range of events that aimed to foster positive community engagement. Auxiliary members also consistently demonstrated their readiness to assist uniformed officers with regular patrol shifts and special events. Additionally, members played a vital role in providing additional assistance at a handful of significant calls throughout the year.



In Our Community



Community Response Unit

The Kawartha Lakes Police Community Response Unit responds to mental health and addiction related calls for service. In partnership with Ross Memorial Hospital and FourCast, our Community Response Unit enhances the services we can provide to our most vulnerable populations; including those experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis. The Community Response Unit outreach team consists of: two police officers, one mental health registered nurse employed by Ross Memorial, one addiction counsellor employed by FourCAST. The unit provides two full days of mental health support and two full days of addiction support in the community, supporting uniform patrol officers at crisis calls, providing brief crisis-response, crisis-stabilization and follow-up with those involved to reduce the risk of escalation of the symptoms and behaviours.

The work of the Community Response Unit aims to divert individuals from unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice system, decrease stigma towards individuals living with mental health and/or addiction issues. They build and maintain effective partnerships between the police service, health care providers and addiction support providers. This important work is done by meeting people where they're at and breaking down barriers that they may be facing.



Registered Nurse Carron and Sgt. Hagarty

During 2022, CRU **Mental Health Support Team** (pictured left) reviewed 465 calls for service. Follow-up support was provided for 281 individuals and/or their support network.

CRU **Addiction Support Team** (pictured right) made direct contact with 260 individuals providing addiction support referrals, homelessness support and distributed Naloxone kits and training.



Counsellor Crawford and Constable Ashwood

Community Services Officer

The new school season, in September 2022, brought a return to in-person classes for the Community Services Officer. The BRAVO program was delivered to hundreds of local Grade 6 students who benefited from the values they learned during the classes. Our driving simulator helped to educate local youth about the risk of driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The Community Services Officer was also involved in numerous fundraising events in support of many of our great community partners.



Kawartha Lakes Police Community Services Officer Kevin Walden at community events.

Community Satisfaction

Our most recent public consultation and community survey was conducted in 2021. The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board, partnered with Forum Research to conduct the survey and a series of focus group sessions with strategic partners. The survey results revealed that 79% of residents feel safe or very safe in their community and 72% were satisfied or very satisfied with the service provided by Kawartha Lakes Police. Results also provided strong support for KLPS to continue investing in areas like education programs, as well as addictions and mental health outreach. We are extremely grateful for the demonstrated support that we receive from our community.

You can review the entire public consultation report [here](#).

Communications and Staff

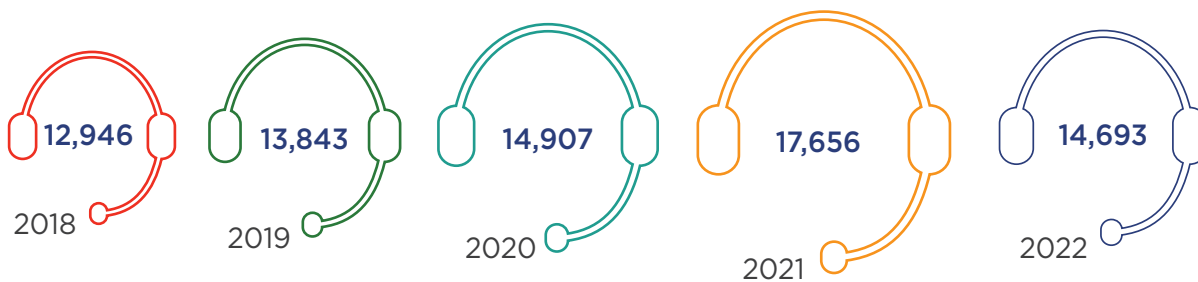


Communications and Records

The Kawartha Lakes Police Service is a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the City of Kawartha Lakes. A PSAP is responsible for answering calls to an emergency telephone number (9-1-1) for police, firefighting, and ambulance services. The Kawartha Lakes Police also dispatch for both Kawartha Lakes Police and Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue. The dedicated staff must show the highest level of professionalism while assisting the community we serve.

In 2022 our calls for service were down considerably from 2021. In 2022 there were 14,101 calls for service which is down 3,555 calls for service from the previous year.

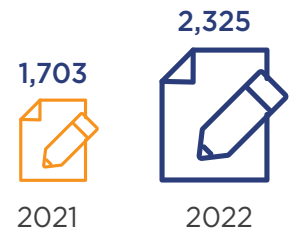
Calls for Service



Records:

Records staff are an integral part of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service. Records prepare files for court, conduct statistical analytics, and conduct police record checks among a variety of other duties. Charge files are down 13.2% from 2021 while Police Criminal Record Checks are up 18.9 % with a total number of record checks performed being 2325 during the calendar year 2022.

Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Applications



Police Facilities



Situated at 6 Victoria Avenue North in Lindsay, the Kawartha Lakes Police Station was built 30 years ago. The building is in good condition with regular upgrades ongoing. In 2022 a major renovation was undertaken to modernize the evidence storage area and install a new forensic identification lab. The Police Service, in partnership with the City, is planning further renovations to the current building in order to maximize the use of existing spaces.

To meet the needs of a growing community, an expansion of the existing structure will be needed in the coming years. The Police Services Board has identified the adjacent property, at 4 Victoria Avenue North, as the most suitable location for future expansion.



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