



**AGENDA**  
**Community Policing Advisory Committee**

April 19, 2023

9:00 am

Municipal Operations Centre  
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the April 19, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the March 15, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

- 5.1 **Victim Witness Assistance Program**

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Julia Wright, Victim Witness Service Worker

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1 **CRIME STOPPERS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the March 2023 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

**6.3 Stratford Police Service Board Liaison Report - Coun. Edney**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Stratford Police Services Board Liaison report from Councillor Edney be received.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

\*All meetings are open to the public to attend in person and will be live streamed to the Town's YouTube channel

May 17, 2023 - 9:00 am, Municipal Operations Centre

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ am.



**MINUTES**  
**Community Policing Advisory Committee**

March 15, 2023  
9:00 am  
Municipal Operations Centre  
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Committee Members Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Jacqueline Hibbert  
Robert Zensner  
Councillor Edney  
Councillor Luna

Committee Member Regrets: Tony Winter

Stratford Police Services Present: Deputy Chief Foster  
Constable Aaron Mounfield

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jenna McCartney, Clerk  
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Edney requested an item regarding parking be added under 6.3.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the March 15, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Robert Zensner

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the February 15, 2023 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **5.1 CRIME STOPPERS REPORT**

Deputy Chief Foster presented in the February Crime Stoppers report.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Mayor Strathdee

**THAT** the February 2023 Crime Stoppers report be received.

**CARRIED**

##### **5.2 POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Deputy Chief Foster presented the February police monthly statistics.

Constable Mounfield provided an update about the policing supports provided at the local high school.

Constable Mounfield confirmed that Liam Galloway has accepted a position for park patrol this year.

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Robert Zensner

**THAT** the February 2023 Police Monthly Statistics report be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **6.1 2023 Policing Operating Budget & 5 Year Capital Plan**

Brent Kittmer provided an overview of the 2023 policing operating budget and 5-yr capital plan.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Robert Zensner

**THAT** the information regarding the 2023 Policing budget and 5-year capital plan be received; and

**THAT** the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

**THAT** Council approve the 2023 Stratford Police operating budget and 5-year capital plan.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Vaping Concern at St. Marys Skatepark - Identified by St. Marys Council**

Brent Kittmer explained that concerns have been noted regarding increased vaping at the St. Marys Skatepark.

Deputy Chief Foster stated that the park patrol team will increase patrol in the area.

**6.3 Parking Concerns**

A parking concern has been brought forward regarding St. George Street South and Jones Street East. Residents are finding it difficult to travel down the street as well as driveways being blocked.

Constable Mounfield confirmed that Stratford Police have been monitoring and enforcing the parking requirements in the area.

Staff will be reviewing the traffic by-law this year and will investigate the option of implementing no parking on one side of the street.

**7. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April 19, 2023 - 9:00 am, Municipal Operations Centre

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Robert Zensner

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** this Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:32 am.

**CARRIED**

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Jacqueline Hibbert, Chair

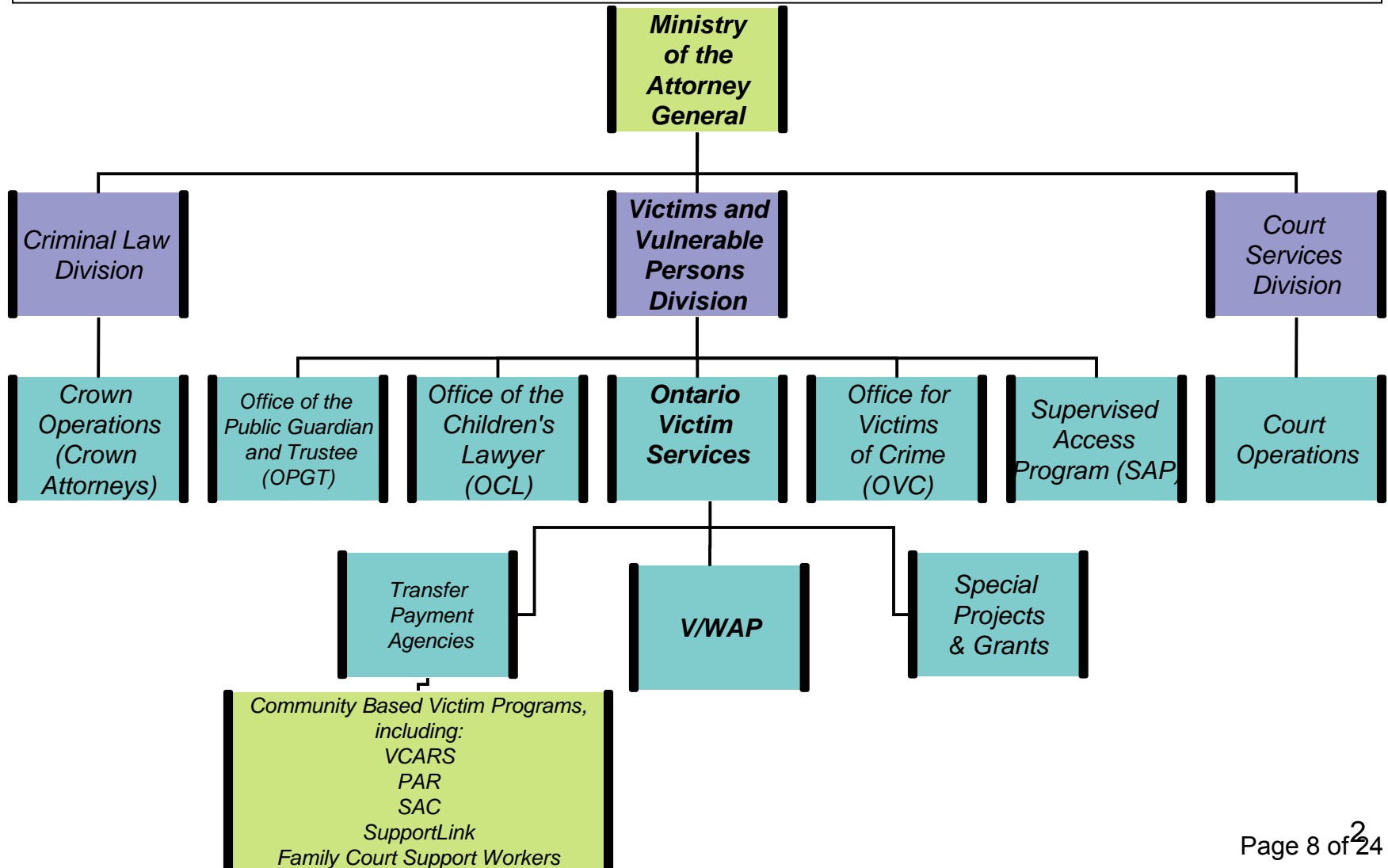
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Jenna McCartney, Clerk

Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division  
Ministry of the Attorney General

**Victim/Witness Assistance Program**

# Organizational Chart: V/WAP's Location





## Historical Overview

- 1986 – V/WAP received cabinet approval for implementation of Program sites in Crown Attorney's offices.
- 1987 – V/WAP offices established as a pilot project in eight court jurisdictions across Ontario – funded by Ontario Women's Directorate
- On June 11, 1996, Ontario proclaimed the *Victims' Bill of Rights*.
- Expansion during the late 1990's –fully funded through Victims Justice Fund
- Program has expanded to 62 sites across the province and is available in every court jurisdiction.
- *Stratford opened in 2001 and expanded to services in Goderich in 2002*

## V/WAP Mandate & Goals

### Mandate:

Provide **information**, **assistance** and **support** to victims and witnesses of crime throughout the criminal court process in order **to improve** their **understanding** of and **participation** in the criminal court process.

The primary goals of the V/WAP program are to:

- Enhance victim/witness understanding of and participation in the criminal justice system.
- Assist the victim/witness to regain a sense of well-being.
- Ensure coordination of community support structures to assist victims of crime.

# A Victim is....

*...a person to whom harm was done or who suffered physical or emotional loss as a result of the commission of the offence.*

Section 722(4) Criminal Code of Canada

## **Primary Victim:**

- Actual Victim – the survivor or deceased

## **Secondary Victims:**

- Family members
  - Spouse/partner
  - Parents
  - Children
- Friends, Colleagues, Neighbour and/or Community

## Core Client Cases

The program helps the most vulnerable victims and witnesses of crime, including:

- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault – including historical sexual assault and human trafficking
- Intimate partner abuse/domestic violence
- Families of Homicide victims
- Families of motor vehicle fatalities
- Victims with disabilities
- Elderly victims
- Victims of Hate Crimes

## When Does V/WAP Get Involved

- After a criminal charge is laid
- Services continue until case disposition
- Referrals to the program can be made at any stage of the Criminal Court Process
- VWAP services are offered and accepted on a voluntary basis

# Impacts/Stressors for Clients

- Crisis
- Lack of control
- Lack of consent or informed consent
- Giving a statement
- Child and Family Services involvement
- Financial pressures
- Family pressures
- Mistrust of the system and/or justice stakeholders
- Anxiety related to the criminal justice process
- Fear of repercussions
- Safety concerns
- Barriers – language and/or cultural

# Core Services

V/WAP offers the following core client services to victims and witnesses:

- Information about the criminal justice process
- Case specific information
- Emotional support, including crisis intervention, advocacy & debriefing
- Needs assessment and appropriate referrals to community services
- Discussions of safety issues and referrals for comprehensive safety planning
- Communication with Crown Attorneys and Police regarding the victim's needs and input
- Court preparation and orientation
- Safe waiting area prior to testifying
- Information about Victim Impact Statements, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and other support services available to victims of crime (e.g. Victim Support Line, Parole Board of Canada)
- Court accompaniment for vulnerable clients where no other suitable support person or service is available
- Coordination of community services

## Important Things To Note

In addition to the core services provided, V/WAP participates in the community through:

- Public education and training
- Community coordination
- Liaison and communication with justice and community stakeholders

V/WAP staff cannot:

- Discuss evidence with clients
- Provide childcare services
- Provide or pay for transportation
- Provide legal advice to clients



## Benefits of V/WAP Services

V/WAP services benefit clients by:

- Addressing client fears
- Reducing anxiety
- Facilitating trust
- Reducing long-term effects of trauma
- Addressing safety issues early
- Identifying the need and advocating for testimonial aids
- Providing timely access to case specific information and community referrals
- Enhancing victims and witnesses understanding of and participation in the criminal court process
- Ensuring that clients receive coordinated services

## Referrals to V/WAP

Victims and witnesses are referred to V/WAP through various sources, including:

- Crown attorney's office
- Police
- Victim Services/Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Services
- Shelters
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Protection Services (i.e. Children's Aid)
- Health professionals
- Private therapists
- Other community agencies
- Self-referral

If you have any questions please call VWAP 1-519- or



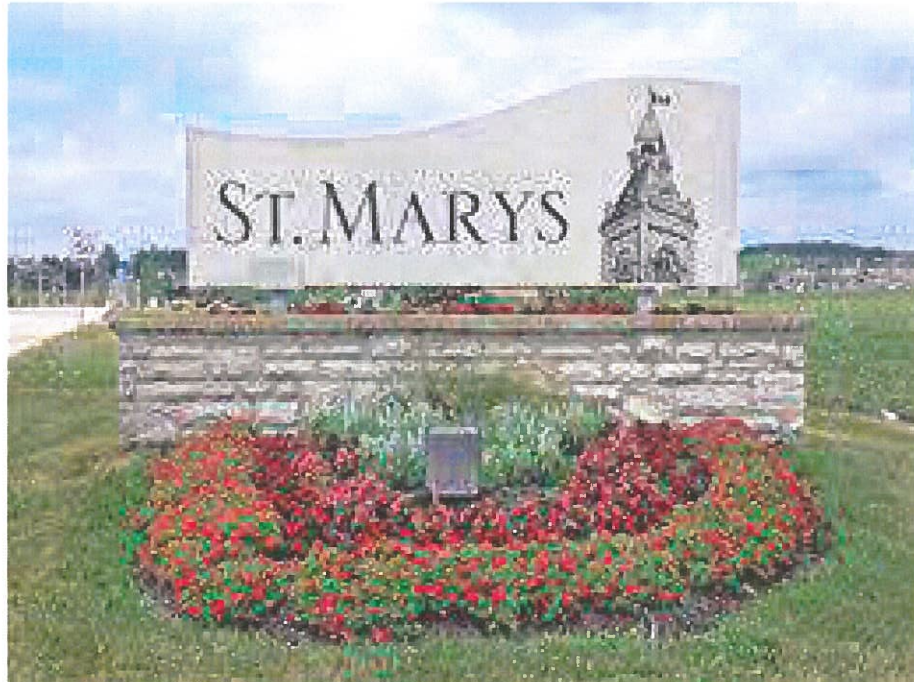
# Stratford Police Service



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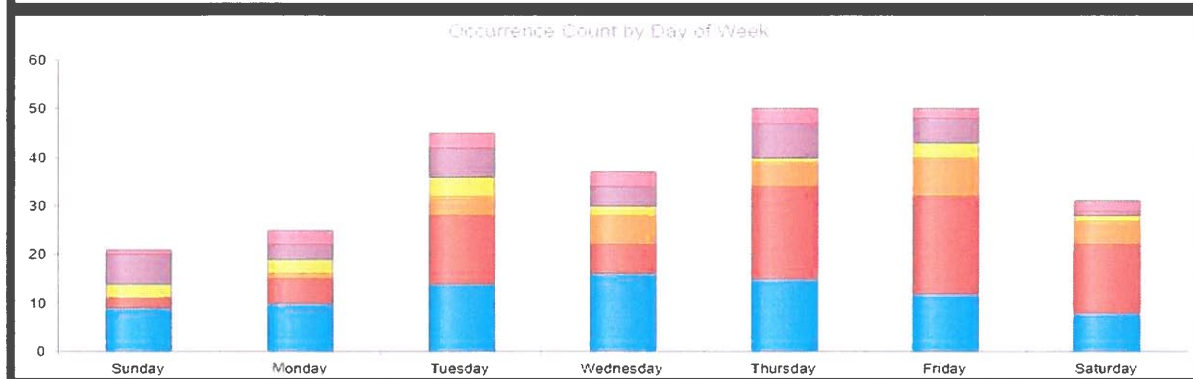
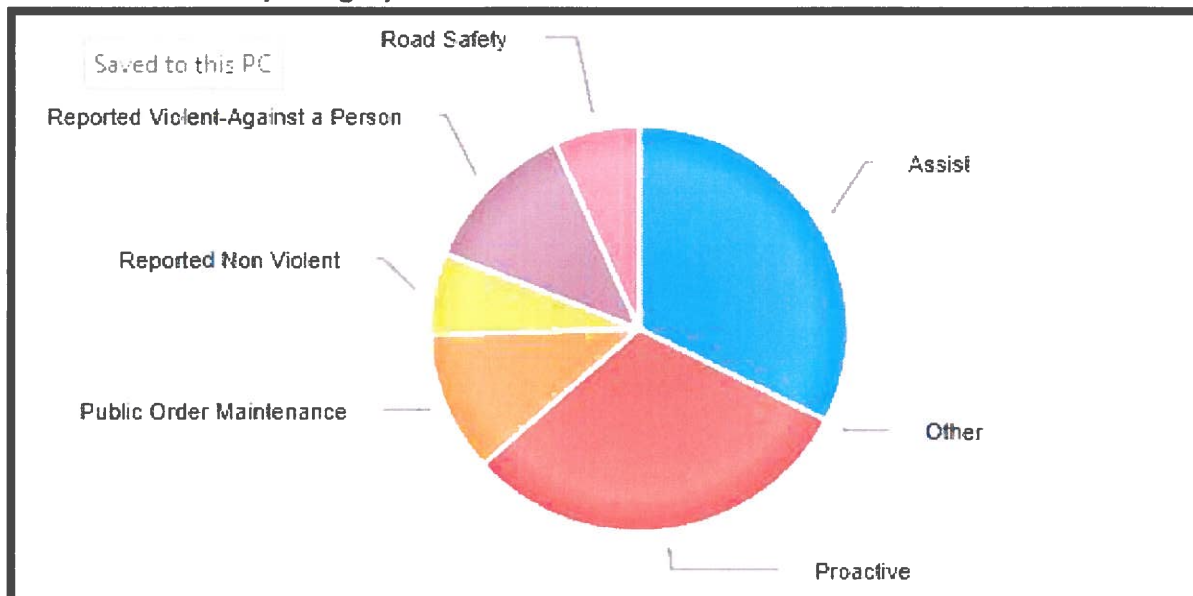
## **BOARD MONTHLY STATS**

**St Marys  
2023 March**

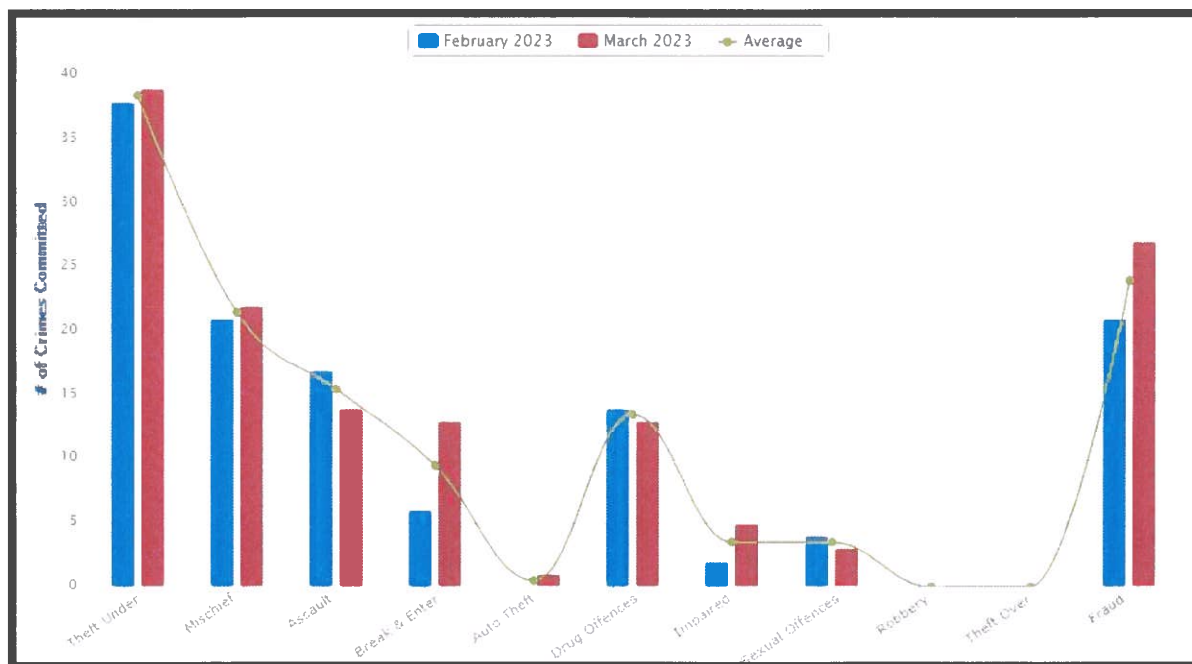


OCCURRENCE STATISTICS					
	Same Month Last Year	Current Month	Current Month	Previous Year	Current Year
OCCURRENCES	2022 Mar	2023 Feb	2023 Mar	Total 2022	Total 2023
CALLS FOR SERVICE	230	208	226	2764	656
E-TICKETS included in total	37	18	23	301	80
PON WARNINGS included in total	12	17	11	149	50
PART III SUMMONS charges	8	5	6	26	12
CHARGES LAID	75	43	51	584	163
YOUTH CHARGED	3	0	0	13	2
YOUTH DIVERTED	1	2	0	8	3
FALSE ALARMS	3	2	2	78	5
HATE / BIAS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED - RPT	2	11	6	54	20
SUICIDES (includes attempted)	0	2	0	4	2
OVERDOSES	0	0	0	2	0
DOMESTIC RELATED OCC'S	5	8	8	71	20
OCC'S WITH DOMESTIC CHARGES	1	2	2	9	4

### Occurrence Count by Category



OCCURRENCE CRIME REPORT					
	Same Month Last Year	Current Month	Current Month	Previous Year	Current Year
OCCURRENCES	2022 Mar	2023 Feb	2023 Mar	Total 2022	Total 2023
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>					
ASSAULT	1	2	0	17	2
ROBBERY	0	0	0	1	0
SEXUAL OFFENCES	0	1	0	6	2
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>					
AUTO THEFT	1	0	0	12	1
BREAK & ENTER	3	1	0	19	3
FRAUDS	3	8	7	41	18
MISCHIEF	5	3	2	51	7
SHOPLIFTING	1	1	1	7	2
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2	0	0	28	0
THEFT OVER - OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT UNDER - OTHER	4	4	2	54	9
<b>DRUG/ALCOHOL CRIME</b>					
DRUG OFFENCES	0	0	1	2	1
IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL	0	0	0	4	0
IMPAIRED BY DRUG	0	0	0	0	0



\* Above chart includes Stratford and Perth South.

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS					
	Same Month Last Year	Current Month	Current Month	Previous Year	Current Year
OCCURRENCES	2022 Mar	2023 Feb	2023 Mar	Total 2022	Total 2023
MVC Total*	4	5	9	98	21
MVC Personal Injury	0	0	0	9	0
MVC PD Only	3	4	7	76	17
MVC Hit & Run	1	1	2	13	4
MVC Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
TOP 5 E-TICKETS ISSUED	29	17	20	249	75
Speeding	24	5	6	178	32
Driving While Under Suspension	2	2	1	10	3
No Currently Validated Permit	1	8	12	41	37
Careless Driving	1	1	1	13	2
Driver Fail to Surrender Licence	1	1	0	7	1

### Road Safety



TRAFFIC STATISTICS			
OCCURRENCES	2023 Mar	Vehicles Stopped	Charges Laid
RIDE PROGRAMS	1	120	0
VEHICLE PURSUITS / FAIL TO STOP	0	0	0



### MEMBER DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

Number of Attending	Type of Course/Workshop	Location	Duration
6	In Service Training	SPS	3 Days *cont from Feb
15	In Service Training	SPS	5 Days
1	Investigative Interviewing	Brantford PS	3 Days
1	CPIC Validation	SPS	1 Day
2	HT Conference	Toronto	2 Days
1	Sexual Assault Course	Hamilton	4 Days
1	JHSC Refresher Course	SPS	1 Day
1	CIT	WRPS	5 Days
2	Intoxilyzer	WRPS	5 Days

### MEMBER COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Member Name	Reported By	Type of Occurrence

### RECRUITMENT

Competition	Competition Status	Number of Applicants	Standing
Auxiliary	Closed	15	Interviews
Emergency Response Unit Member	Closed	8	Final - J. Benjamin
Police Constable (Internal & External)	Ongoing	30	Internal - N. Feltz/ External - Interviews
FT Clerk Communicator	Ongoing	2	Final - S. Winslow
FT Special Constable	Closed	1	Final - A. Parsons

### POLICE CHECKS - ST. MARYS

Type	Walk-in	On-Line	Money Collected
Criminal Records Check - Volunteer	0	2	\$30
Criminal Records Check - Employment	1	1	\$50
Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check - Volunteer	1	1	\$30
Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check - Employment	0	1	\$25
Police Vulnerable Sector Check - Volunteer	0	10	\$250
Police Vulnerable Sector Check - Employment	2	12	\$700
Insurance Request	0	2	\$90
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$1,175</b>

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE/YOUTH OFFICER REPORT - ST. MARYS

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	Cards with cops x 2
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY EVENTS:</b>	St. Marys Food Drive
<b>OTHER INITIATIVES:</b>	Co-op Student ride along Community member case conference x2 SPS Wellness event

### MEDIA RELEASES - ST. MARYS

DATE	DESCRIPTION
01-Mar	Fraud Prevention Month
13-Mar	Investment Scams Prevention
16-Mar	23-4289 - Suspect Wanted in Assault
16-Mar	23-4582 - Publisher's Clearing House Scam
23-Mar	23-4843 - Publisher's Clearing House Scam
24-Mar	23-4987 - Foodland Staff Prevents Fraud