



Deep River Police Service

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message From the Chair, Tracy Russell



The Deep River Police Service Board (DRPSB) is responsible for providing oversight and governance for adequate and effective policing in accordance with the Police Service Act. The DRPSB consists of three members: Mayor, Sue D'Eon, Kelly Lapping, who is the Community member of the Board, and (myself) Tracy Russell, Provincial Appointee and Chair of the Board. We serve again together for a second term for our community. On behalf of the DRPSB, it is my pleasure to present the Deep River Police Service 2022 Annual Report.

First, it is important to acknowledge that the land on which our community is situated is the traditional, unceded and surrendered territory of the Algonquin Ashinaabe people. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nation, Metis and Inuit peoples on the land on which we serve.

This Annual Report highlights the service members and their many accomplishments throughout the last year. With gratitude, the DRPSB extends their utmost appreciation to the Deep River Police Service and the Deep River Police Association, for serving our community effectively and professionally while they respond to calls, manage crime prevention initiatives, increase public awareness and public education, and maintaining fiscal responsibility by operating according within budget.

The DRPSB looks forward to continued service delivery of adequate and effective policing according to the needs of our diverse community. Together we are committed to providing excellence in police oversight and governance as we move forward through societal changing needs and challenges.

Sincerely,

Tracy Russell

Chair, Deep River Police Service
Board



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Message from the Chief, Dean Duchrow



On behalf of the Deep River Police Service, I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the continued dedication and professionalism exhibited by both uniform and civilian members of our Police Service over the past year sharing the common goal to promote and safeguard public safety.

This document is an opportunity to recognize our Police Service's ongoing commitment to road safety, attention to educational crime prevention initiatives, and response to all calls for service. We've adopted a collaborative approach with a focus on the health and well-being of our members as well as members of our community. Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity is a shared philosophy between our Service and our stakeholders. The Police Service continues to foster existing relationships and build new ones.

Fiscal responsibility is always on the forefront and the Service has continued to operate within budget calculations.

As we enter another year of Policing the Town of Deep River, I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Deep River Police Association, The Deep River Police Services Board, Town Council, our UOV OPP neighbours, partner Emergency Service organizations, and our community partners and volunteers for the ongoing support proving that, by working together we can ensure a healthy and progressive place to live, work and play.

Dean Duchrow



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Serving Our Community

Our Police Service continued to focus on how to best protect, serve and support our members as well as members of our community. The DRPS continued its tradition of providing adequate and effective policing to the citizens and visitors of Deep River. In addition to investigating crimes, enforcing traffic, and responding to calls for service we also delivered an assortment of other services that our residents continue to expect. Examples such as foot patrol, vacant house checks and commercial property checks to name a few. Overall staffing for 2022 consisted of nine full time uniform members, a part time uniformed officers, one civilian member, and two special constables. Our Service continues to provide free criminal record checks to individuals volunteering in our community.

Our Vision: To provide the highest standards of professionalism in partnership with our community.

Mission: The Deep River Police Service strives to protect life, including public and private property under the law and with full respect for human dignity and according to the highest standards of professional skill, integrity, and accountability.

Core Values:

- Integrity and Loyalty
- Empathy and Fairness
- Impartiality and Transparency
- Respect and Civility
- Courage and Leadership
- Service that is committed to quality policing that is responsive to community needs and is fiscally responsible.



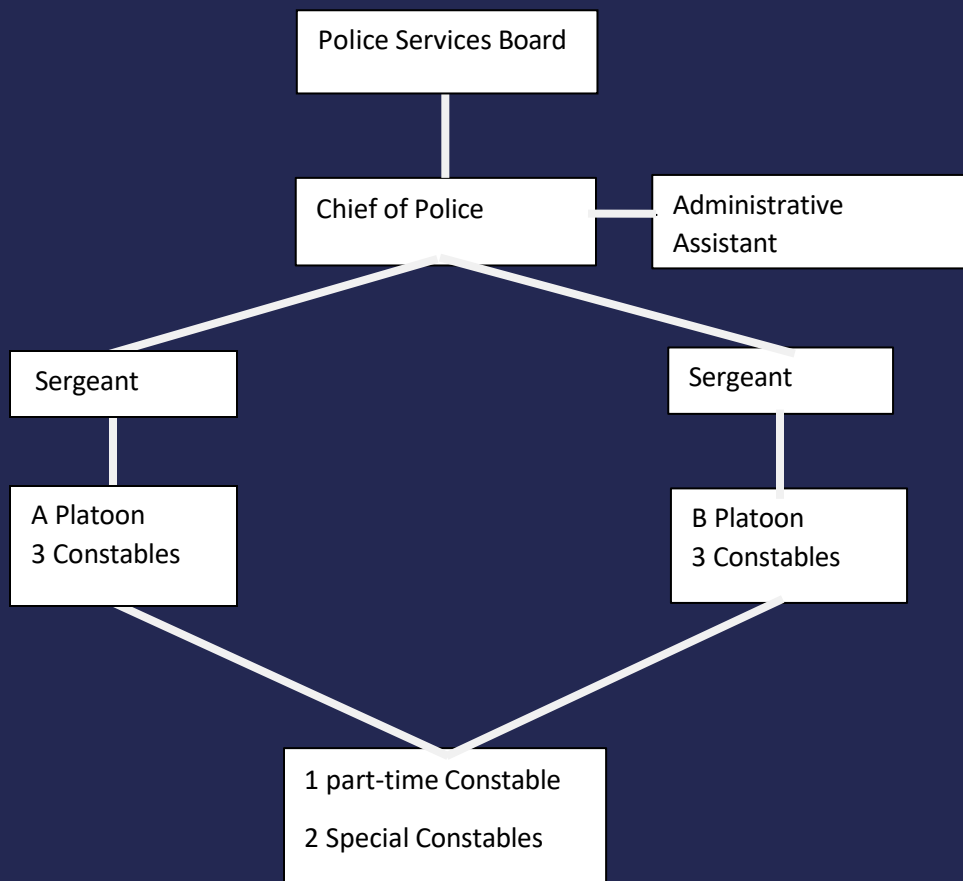
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Structure of the DRPS

Governance: The Deep River Police Service was formed in conjunction with town's inception in 1957. Governance of the DRPS is provided via the three-member Deep River Police Service Board. In 2022, the DRPSB consisted of Chair Ms. Tracy Russell, Mayor Sue D'eon and Ms. Kelly Lapping. Mr. Christian Kaiser is the Board Secretary. The Board is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services in the municipality.

Administration: Chief of Police Dean Duchrow has primary responsibility for the administration and operations of the Deep River Police Service. He also provides operational backup and coverage on occasion.

Administrative assistant Michelle Russell supports the Chief of Police.





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Road Safety & Enforcement

Officers on general patrol incorporate enforcement of traffic violations as part of their duties. We strive to keep our community safe on the roads in town as well as on Highway 17. Enforcement is subject to many factors including weather, volume of traffic, and officer availability. Over the course of the year, the majority of HTA charges were related to speeding violations. Seasonably, summer is the highest enforcement period, a result of better weather/driving conditions and increased volume of traffic.

Highway Traffic Act Charges

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PON's	1066	1030	782	796	724	494	308	685	916	1119

Motor Vehicle Collisions	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
#M.V.C.'s including Fail to Remain	84	65	73	83	70	65	55	48	48	48

Enforcement Non-Traffic:

Provincial Offences	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Liquor Licence	23	54	8	10	21	15	10	20	13	14
Trespass to Property Act	5	5	3	2	0	5	5	9	1	3





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Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere

During 2020, the DRPS participated in several Provincial and Federal traffic campaigns such as the Fall distracted driving campaign as well as the festive R.I.D.E (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program. Our Service was once again able to secure a Provincial grant to support the R.I.D.E. program. See below chart for results:

RIDE 2022 (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere)

Year	RIDES	Vehicles checked	ASD	3-7-90 day Suspensions	Impaired/Over 80 mgs	Impaired by drug
2019	22	868	7	1	0	0
2020	28	1042	11	1	1	0
2021	186	3234	47	6	5	0
2022	234	3916	82	7	11	0

ASD- Approved Screening Device

ADLS- Administrative Driver Licence Suspension (90-day Licence Suspension)

There were seven traffic initiatives over the year during long weekends, numerous vehicles were stopped by officers either issuing PON's or warnings. The following is a breakdown of results, of the initiatives:

107 HTA Provincial Offence Notices were issued

35 Warnings were issued for various other offences during the same stops

7 Traffic Complaints were given to the service from mainly OPP





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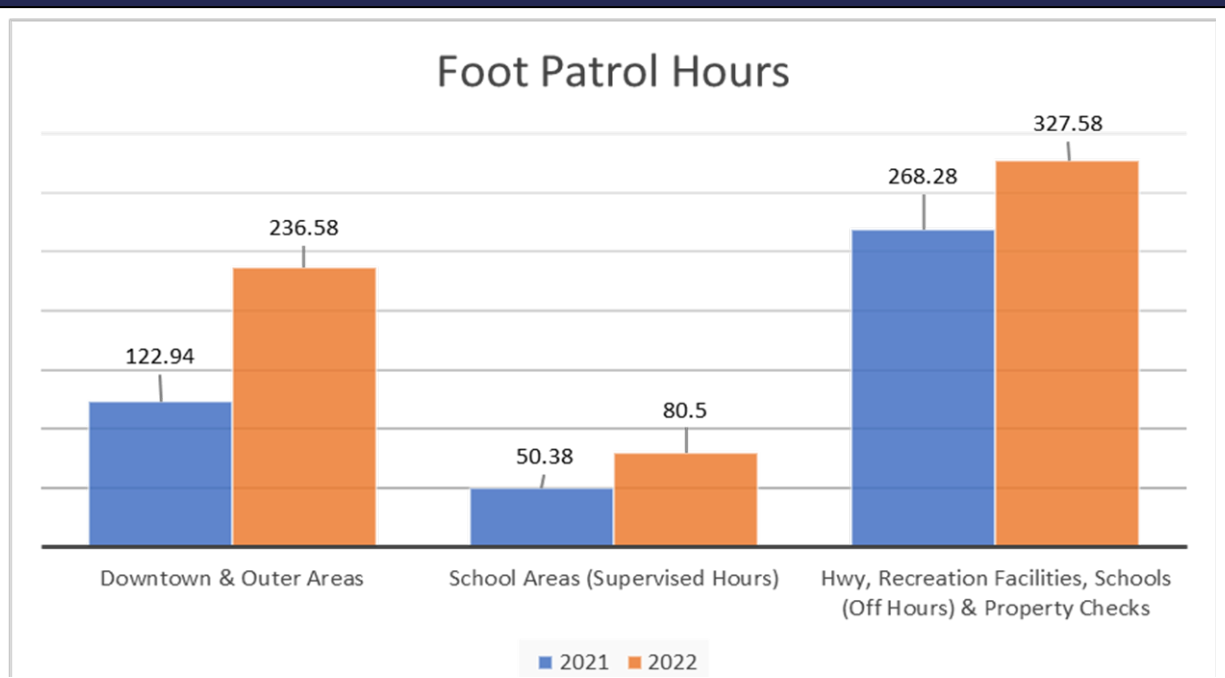
Community Patrol and Crime Prevention

By establishing a highly visible presence in the community, the Deep River Police Service strives to ensure that our residents know that local police officers are available and accessible when needed. The Deep River Police maintain the ability to respond to incidents and radio calls in a safe and timely manner.

In addition to vehicle and foot patrols, officers conduct regular checks of downtown commercial properties, vacant houses, recreational properties, schools during supervised/unsupervised hours, and highway businesses. During the 2022 cycling season, Deep River Police also conducted bicycle patrol.

As a means of crime prevention, the Deep River Police engaged in the following activities:

- Monthly Renfrew County situation table meetings
- Posted weekly North Renfrew Times articles on crime prevention
- Successfully completed violent threat risk assessment training
- Presented via zoom to the Deep River senior friendship club on frauds and scams
- Conducted Halloween safety presentation at local school
- Information shared on the Deep River Police Facebook page during the week of November 7-13th for crime prevention week
- Utilized Crime stoppers to receive and follow up on tips
- Recognized and posted on Facebook information in support of Gender based violence from November 25 to December 10 which coincides with International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and World Human Rights Day





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CSO Report

During 2022, the Deep River Police Service (DRPS) continued to provide valuable information to the public through social media and various presentations with assistance from various partner agencies. The DRPS submitted weekly NRT articles on a large range of topics. Topics included but were not limited to lock it or lose it, impaired driving laws, drug awareness information, fraud prevention tips, and bicycle safety information. The weekly NRT articles were also published on Facebook and Twitter to ensure the largest number of followers would be given the information. Through-out 2022, the DRPS generated 387 community service calls which included foot patrols, presentations, and other police-community interactions.

In the spring of 2022, the DRPS participated in meetings and training with the Deep River Fire Department. The purpose of these meetings was to share information on how each service operates specific to different calls. The sharing of this information assists each service in ensuring calls are handled appropriately and effectively.

The DRPS was also successful in obtaining grant funding for a three-year project aimed at crime prevention through education and enforcement. The grant focuses on three different areas of policing, crime prevention by education using presentation as the delivery method, enforcement specific to traffic enforcement on streets within Deep River and RIDE program to reduce impaired operation of vehicle.

The DRPS continued to conduct bicycle safety through the school Bicycle Rodeo. The program is geared at grade 1-5 students and focuses on rules of the road, such as stop signs, proper hand signals, and equipment used when riding. The program also included a practical portion that focuses on shoulder checks, stopping at stop signs, balancing, and riding in groups. The program received positive feedback from all involved.

During the summer months, the DRPS opened its doors to summer camp groups. This gave camp groups an opportunity to do a walk through of the police station, speak with officers about the job they do, and look at some of the equipment used by officers.





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CSO Report (con't)

In the fall and winter, officers continued to educate students by conducting Halloween safety presentations at the schools and began to post public service announcements on social media. These posts involved an officer recording a short video with concise information that was relevant at the time of posting.

The DRPS also conducted the annual Cram the Cruiser event held in front of Value Mart. This event is conducted in cooperation with the Deep River and Area food bank to collect food and cash donations. In 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources was pleased to assist in this event for the first time with an indication of wanting to assist in future years to come.





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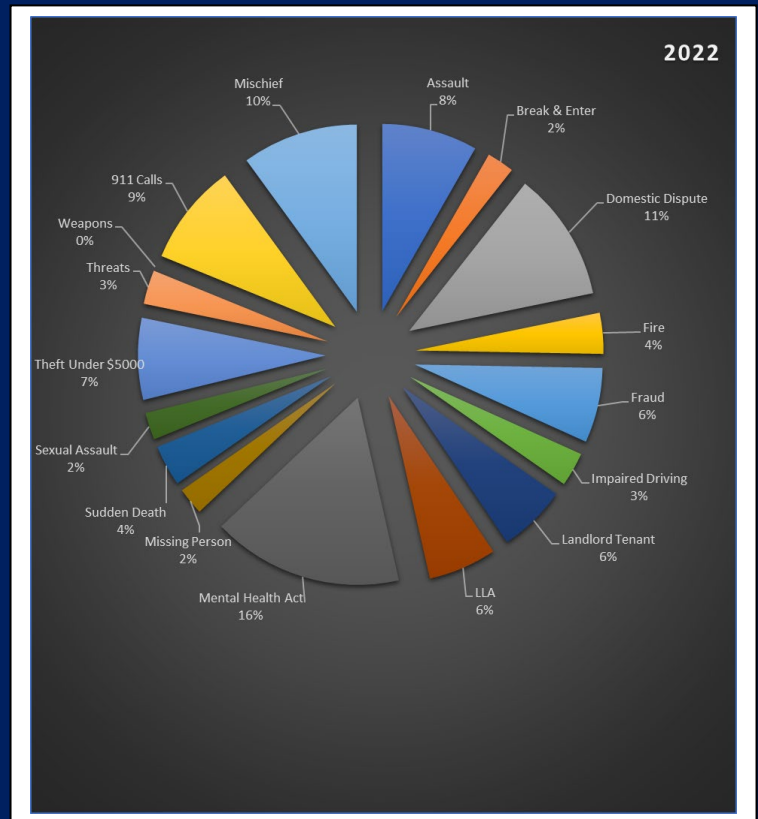
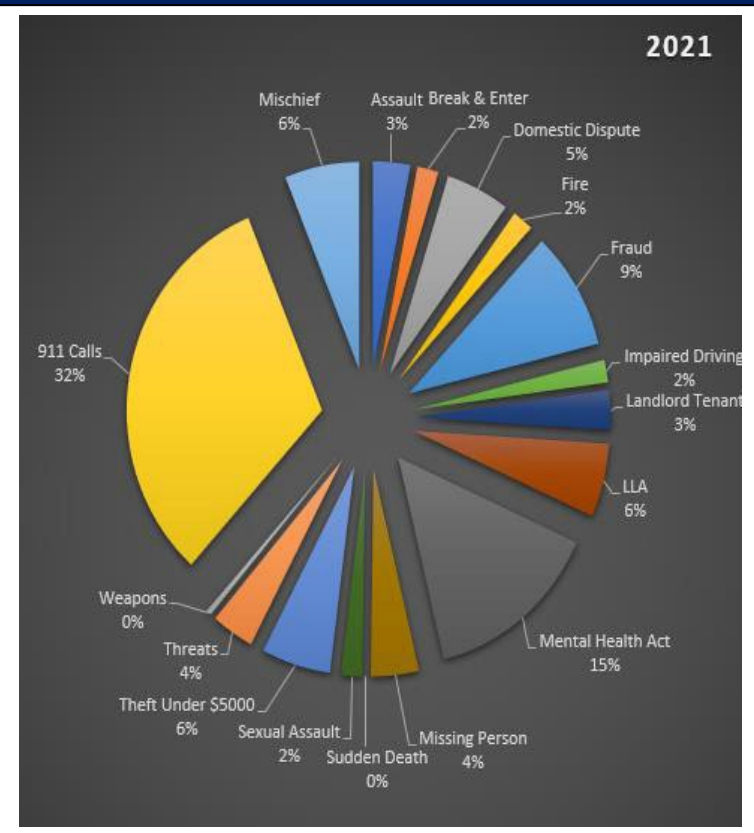
Number Calls for Service (highlighting significant Investigations)

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2020	2021	2022
OCCURRENCES DISPATCHED (DE)	766	944	964
OFFICER GENERATED (RM)	2430	3081	3701
TOTAL	3196	4025	4665
Assault	16	7	14
Break & Enter	3	4	4
Domestic Dispute	15	12	19
Fire	9	4	6
Fraud	10	21	11
Impaired Driving	3	5	5
Landlord Tenant	15	7	10
LLA	20	13	10
Mental Health Act	28	33	28
Mischief	16	14	17
Missing Person	7	9	4
Sudden Death	10	0	6
Sexual Assault	1	4	3
Theft Under	5	13	12
Threats	4	8	5
Weapons	1	1	0
911 Calls	87	73	15



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Occurrences



Public Complaints

From January 1st – December 31st, 2022, there were 3 public complaints (OIPRD). One complaint was investigated, and the allegation was unsubstantiated. The remaining two were determined not to be in the best of public interest to proceed.



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Crime Report

5 Year Comparison – Violent Crime Reporting (UCR) data

Review: Statistics provided by Statistics Canada Uniform Crim

Year	Violent Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2018	28	100 %
2019	29	91.3 %
2020	28	80 %
2021	31	77.4 %
2022	24	95.8 %

Incidents involving violent crime:

Offence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1
Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	5	10	4	14	4
Assaults	14	10	18	7	14
Firearm Related Offences	0	2	1	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0
Other Offences Involving Violence/Threat Of Violence	9	7	5	7	6
Total:	28	29	28	31	24

Violent Crime: In 2022 there were 24 incidents of violent crime with a clearance rate of 95.8 % compared to 2021 with 31 incidents of violent crime with a clearance rate of 77.4 %.



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Crime Report

5 Year Comparison – Property Crime

Year	Property Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2018	40	22.5 %
2019	37	16.2 %
2020	36	27.8 %
2021	53	18.9 %
2022	50	64 %

Incidents involving property crime:

Offence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	4	0	3	4	4
Theft over/under \$5000	17	9	7	14	16
Possession of Stolen Goods	2	0	1	0	2
Fraud over/under \$5000	8	17	10	21	11
Mischief	14	13	16	14	17
Total:	45	39	37	53	50

Property Crime: In 2022 there were 50 incidents of property crime with a clearance rate of 65 % compared to 2021 with 53 incidents of property crime and a clearance rate of 18.9 %.



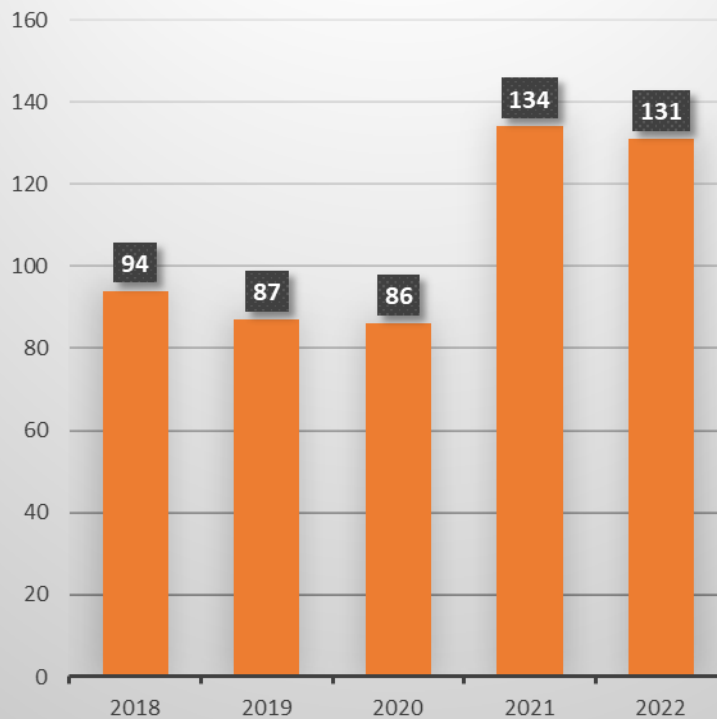
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Total Crime Events

Year	Total Crime Events	Clearance Rate	Percentage of Change
2018	94	67 %	9 %
2019	87	49.4 %	-17.6 %
2020	86	53.5 %	4.1 %
2021	134	53 %	-0.5 %
2022	131	72.5%	19 %

Total Crime Events





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Assistance to Victims

Assistance to Victims

A priority of the Deep River Police Service is to ensure support for those who've been victimized as a result of a crime or tragic event. A vital means of providing support is through a referral system to address their needs and reduce the potential of re-victimization.

As a result of Police interaction, individuals and families are directed with appropriate community-based referrals through collaboration with Victim Services of Renfrew County, Victim/Witness Assistance Program, the Mental Health Crisis Team and Family and Children Services.

Through education and awareness, the DRPS provides victims with information pertaining to safety planning to effectively reduce the risk of being re-victimized.

DRPS provides the community with tips on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) by providing strategies to reduce the risk of residents falling victim to criminal behavior. Suggestions include unobstructed views around their home or businesses, better lighting, and removing any articles that could benefit the perpetrator in committing a crime.

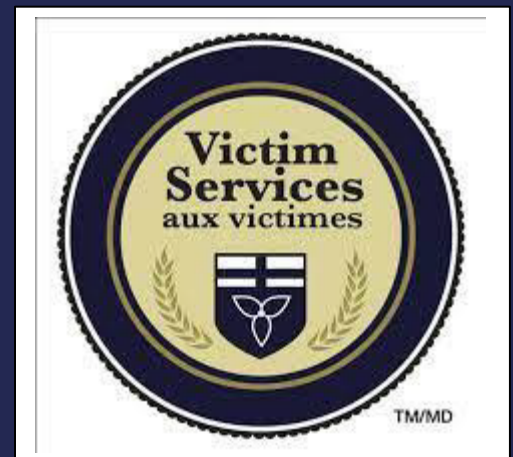
The DRPS is an active member of the Domestic Violence Community Coordinating Committee as well as the Renfrew County Domestic Violence Advisory Committee.

Victim Services of Renfrew County
www.victimservicesrenfrewcounty.ca
Phone: 877-568-5730

Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Phone: 613-732-2035

Family and Children Services
<https://www.fcsrenfrew.on.ca>
Phone: 613-735-6866

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line
www.pemreghos.org
Phone: 866-996-0991



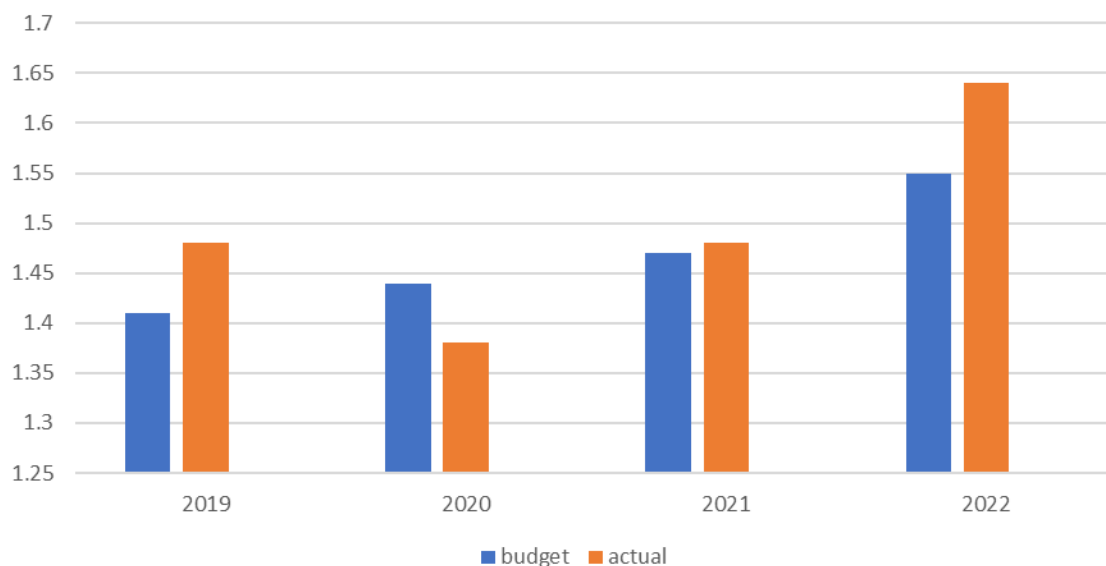


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Cost of Policing

Our organization is a cost-effective service, directly accountable at a local level. As a partner in the town's financial strategy, we participate in the town's budgeting process, and are aware of the need to be fiscally responsible to the residents of Deep River. See below graph for budget comparison. Revenue for the service is acquired through grants and miscellaneous revenues such as criminal record checks. Revenues in 2022 included a grant of \$28 104 for community policing through the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, a grant of \$7 078 to enhance regular Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E) programs and approximately \$108 000 in revenue from the criminal record checks. This amount can vary significantly depending on demand. The Deep River Police continue to provide free criminal record checks for volunteers in Deep River. The established operating budget for 2022 was \$1 551 362. The year end result showed an actual expenditure of \$1 640 426. A difference of \$89 064 or 5%. Given the significant rise in costs related to most consumer products including fuel etc, a 5% overage was well below the CPI index for the year. Our budgeting for 2022 remained realistic, accountable, and provided the means for adequate staffing and resources.

POLICE BUDGET COMPARISON (IN MILLIONS)





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Revenue from Criminal Record Checks/Fingerprints

Monthly Totals 2020					Monthly Totals 2021					Monthly Totals 2022				
Month	Bruce Power	Total CRC	CNL	Total CRC	Month	Bruce Power	Total CRC	CNL	Total CRC	Month	Bruce Power	Total CRC	CNL	Total CRC
Jan	\$10,621.00	559	\$171.00	9	Jan	\$12,179.00	641	\$494.00	26	Jan	\$9,025.00	475	\$532.00	28
Feb	\$10,260.00	540	\$209.00	11	Feb	\$13,604.00	716	\$418.00	22	Feb	\$11,305.00	595	\$475.00	25
March	\$13,338.00	702	\$323.00	17	March	\$11,590.00	610	\$646.00	34	March	\$12,274.00	646	\$608.00	32
April	\$3,764.00	356	\$1,577.00	83	April	\$14,839.00	781	\$513.00	27	April	\$8,113.00	427	\$646.00	34
May	\$9,101.00	479	\$1,273.00	67	May	\$11,590.00	610	\$513.00	27	May	\$7,106.00	374	\$532.00	28
June	\$7,524.00	396	\$779.00	38	June	\$11,153.00	587	\$361.00	19	June	\$7,752.00	408	\$247.00	13
July	\$8,626.00	454	\$798.00	42	July	\$8,588.00	452	\$285.00	15	July	\$7,087.00	373	\$532.00	28
Aug	\$9,177.00	483	\$494.00	26	Aug	\$8,360.00	440	\$361.00	19	Aug	\$7,182.00	378	\$551.00	29
Sept	\$11,723.00	617	\$684.00	36	Sept	\$7,790.00	410	\$798.00	42	Sept	\$6,840.00	360	\$342.00	18
Oct	\$12,008.00	632	\$437.00	23	Oct	\$7,581.00	399	\$475.00	25	Oct	\$6,536.00	344	\$285.00	15
Nov	\$10,982.00	578	\$582.46	28	Nov	\$8,360.00	440	\$285.00	15	Nov	\$7,486.00	394	\$133.00	7
Dec	\$9,595.00	505	\$456.00	24	Dec	\$6,498.00	342	\$323.00	17	Dec	\$5,738.00	302	\$247.00	13
TOTAL	\$116,719.00	6301	\$7,783.46	404	TOTAL	\$122,132.00	6428	\$5,472.00	288	TOTAL	\$96,444.00	5076	\$5,130.00	270
Total Revenue		\$124,502.46			Total Revenue		\$127,604.00			Total Revenue		\$101,574.00		

2020 In-House CRC and Volunteer Checks						2021 In-House CRC and Volunteer Checks						2022 In-House CRC and Volunteer Checks					
Month	Fee	CRC/EMP	Volunteer	Prints	Total F/P	Month	Fee	CRC/EMP	Volunteer	Prints	Total F/P	Month	Fee	CRC/EMP	Volunteer	Prints	Sun
Jan	\$112.00	4	14	\$232.00	4	Jan	\$84.00	3	1	\$232.00	0	Jan	\$520.00	13	5	\$232.00	4
Feb	\$224.00	8	6	\$232.00	4	Feb	\$224.00	10	5	\$232.00	4	Feb	\$520.00	13	3	\$232.00	4
Mar	\$140.00	5	5	\$174.00	3	Mar	\$168.00	8	3	\$348.00	6	Mar	\$280.00	7	10	\$174.00	4
Apr	\$56.00	2	2	\$0.00	0	Apr	\$112.00	5	2	\$232.00	4	Apr	\$280.00	7	18	\$232.00	5
May	\$56.00	2	2	\$0.00	0	May	\$252.00	10	4	\$0.00	0	May	\$320.00	10	17	\$290.00	5
Jun	\$56.00	2	0	\$0.00	0	Jun	\$196.00	7	10	\$290.00	5	Jun	\$360.00	9	25	\$232.00	4
Jul	\$140.00	5	0	\$0.00	0	Jul	\$140.00	5	0	\$116.00	2	Jul	\$240.00	6	9	\$116.00	2
Aug	\$392.00	14	1	\$174.00	3	Aug	\$168.00	6	2	\$290.00	5	Aug	\$280.00	7	14	\$116.00	2
Sept	\$588.00	21	0	\$116.00	2	Sept	\$140.00	6	15	\$58.00	1	Sept	\$280.00	7	23	\$174.00	3
Oct	\$140.00	6	8	\$0.00	0	Oct	\$84.00	3	11	\$0.00	0	Oct	\$360.00	9	32	\$58.00	1
Nov	\$140.00	4	5	\$0.00	0	Nov	\$252.00	9	10	\$232.00	4	Nov	\$320.00	8	31	\$406.00	7
Dec	\$84.00	3	6	\$348.00	6	Dec	\$168.00	6	4	\$348.00	6	Dec	\$160.00	4	10	\$174.00	3
TOTAL	\$2,128.00	76	49	\$2,253.00	22	TOTAL	\$1,988.00	78	67	\$2,133.00	37	TOTAL	\$3,920.00	100	197	\$2,436.00	44
Total Revenue		\$4,381.00				Total Revenue		\$4,121.00				Total Revenue		\$6,356.00			



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Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO)

The Deep River Police Service currently has two Ontario Police College accredited Scenes of Crime Officers (SOCO). The officers have been successful in obtaining fingerprints from non-porous surfaces and successful in casting footwear impressions at scenes to help identify and eliminate possible suspects.

The primary duty of a SOCO is to support investigations by inspecting, gathering, and recording tangible evidence discovered at crime scenes which include:

- Photographing and videotaping various scenes and victims
- Macro photography for fine detailed fingerprints
- Collecting fingerprint and palm print impressions from crime scenes as well as other forensic evidence such as footwear and DNA
- Comparing footwear impressions to those of potential suspects
- Submitting evidence to Centre of Forensic Sciences from benchmark investigations (CFS)
- Assisting investigators in the collection and preservation of evidence
- Collecting elimination fingerprint(s) from anyone with legitimate access to the scene, to compare the fingerprint(s) collected.

A SOCO forwards fingerprints/palm prints to The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) after retrieving them from a crime scene. The fingerprints are then compared to those from unsolved investigations and those from suspects with comparable fingerprints.

Unidentified crime scene fingerprints are saved in the database and automatically compared to each new set of fingerprints that are added to the system.





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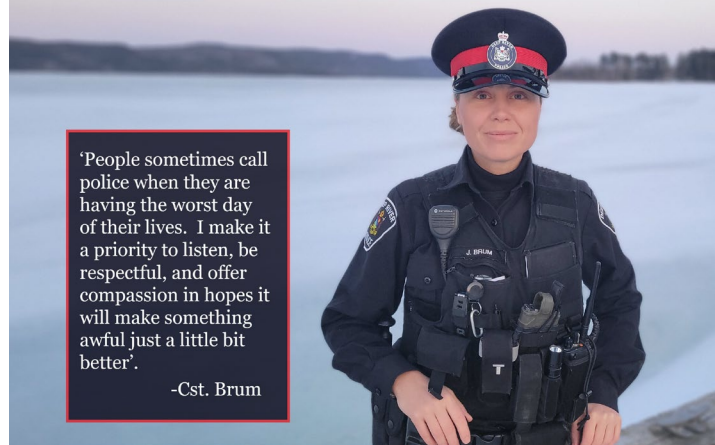
'As a Sergeant with the Deep River Police Service, not only do I have the pleasure of supporting the Chief of Police with administration and operations, but as well as all members who serve our community on a daily basis.'

- Sgt. Barker



'People sometimes call police when they are having the worst day of their lives. I make it a priority to listen, be respectful, and offer compassion in hopes it will make something awful just a little bit better'.

-Cst. Brum



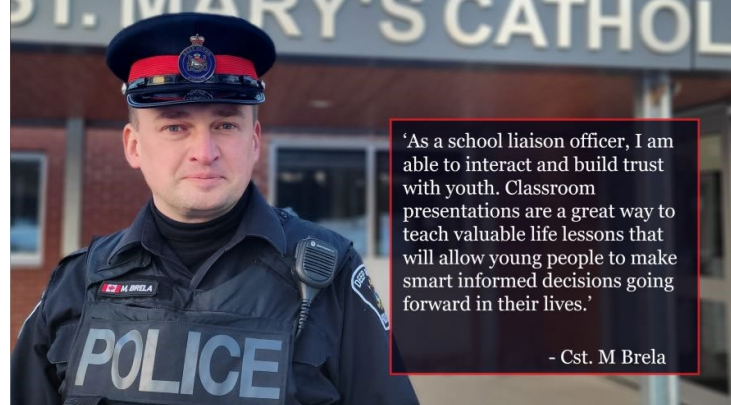
'The most rewarding part of being a police officer to me is the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives.'

- A/Sgt Pitre



'As a school liaison officer, I am able to interact and build trust with youth. Classroom presentations are a great way to teach valuable life lessons that will allow young people to make smart informed decisions going forward in their lives.'

- Cst. M Brella



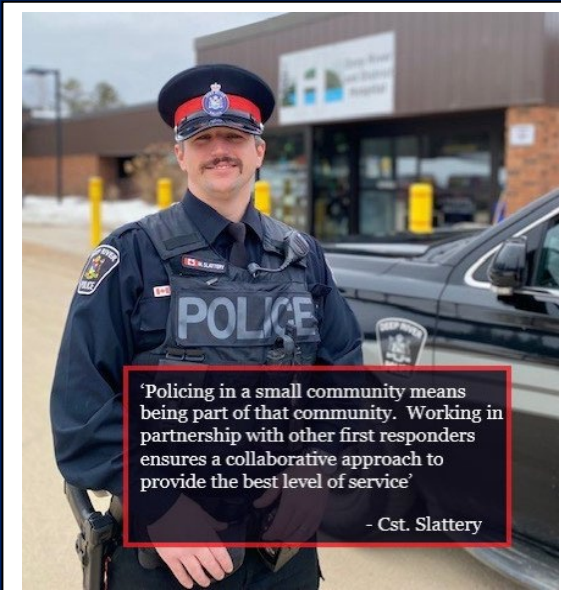
'Completing criminal record checks and vulnerable sector searches for our residents is one of the services I love to provide because it gives me a chance to meet some of our awesome community members'

- Michelle Russell



'Policing in a small community means being part of that community. Working in partnership with other first responders ensures a collaborative approach to provide the best level of service'

- Cst. Slattery





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Courses and Training

In 2022, officers attended and successfully completed the following courses:

Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – February 2022
Major Case Management (MCM) – May 2022
Radar Instructor – September 2022
Professional Standards Investigator – October 2022
Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – October 2022
Breath Technician – November 2022
Breath Technician Requalification – December 2022

All officers of the Deep River Police Service completed the following in-service training courses:

Standing Orders – Covid-19
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) - Resilience
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Covid-19 Vaccine Hesitance
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances
Revocation to Standing Order – Covid-19
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Mitigating Traffic Stop Danger
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Tandem Stops
Ontario Police College Virtual Academy – Missing Persons Act
Ontario AMBER Alert Program
Canadian Police Knowledge Network – CPIC Query Narrative Course
Record Management System (RMS) – Criminal E-Intake
Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – De-escalation



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Courses and Training con't

Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) – Mental Health Apprehension
Liquor Licence and Control Act – Revocation of Designation
Liquor Licence and Control Act – Part III Liquor Control
Regina vs. PASCAL – Disclosure Requirements
Regina vs. KIRKPATRICK, 2022 SCC 33
Prosper Warning Refresher
Criminal E-Intake and Allegation Formatting
Use of Force and Firearms Re-qualification
Mobile and Stationary Radar Re-qualification
Ontario Police College Virtual Academy – Modernized Use of Force Report





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The Deep River Police Service are proud partners with the Deep River District Hospital (DRDH). This partnership sees Constable Slattery as our hospital Liaison Officer strengthening the relationship between the police and hospital. In 2022, Constable Slattery alongside members of the DRDH took part in green shirt day which raises awareness for organ donation. The continued effort in maintaining this partnership further sees Constable Slattery meeting with the Vice President Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive, to discuss safety and local police response to dynamic and evolving situations that could arise at the hospital. During 2022, a panic button drill at the hospital was conducted which ensured a timely police response and confirmed that emergency equipment was operational if the hospital required assistance. The relationship between DRPS and the DRDH is one that is evolving and strengthening the community.

Constable Slattery is also the DRPS Mental Health Officer who provides the members of the DRPS with mental health support if required. Our members of the DRPS respond to calls for service in the community that not only have a physical component but also a mental health impact. This role of Mental Health Officer provides members the opportunity to speak with an officer who can also provide peer support. As policing evolves and higher levels of pressures are placed on officers to respond to increasingly dangerous situations, the DRPS has acknowledged that a peer support officer is paramount to ensure the wellbeing of its members.





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