



# Deep River Police

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Deep River Police Service 2023 Annual Report

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



On behalf of the Deep River Police Service, I am pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report.

Since the introduction of its own Police Service in 1957, the level of commitment and compassion by members of our service, along with the support of our community is unwavering. There were several challenges presented during this past year, and I'm very proud to report that the DRPS was able to exceed adequate and effective policing while operating within fiscal responsibilities.

The development of a new Strategic Plan has identified priorities moving forward and will give us direction into the next three years. We will continue to face challenges and I am confident that we will successfully mitigate practical solutions safeguarding an independent police service.

Building and fostering relationships has been vital to ensure the sustainability of our Service. Working collaboratively with our stakeholders and embracing Ontario's Community Mobilization and Engagement model has proven that together much can be accomplished!

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 Upper Ottawa Valley OPP neighbours, partner Emergency Service organizations, and our community and volunteers for the ongoing support proving that, by working together we can ensure a safe, healthy and progressive place to live, work and play.

*Dean Duchnow*



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The mandate of the Deep River Police Service Board (DRPSB) is to provide 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. In my last year as Chair of the Board, and on behalf of the DRPSB, it is my pleasure to present the Deep River Police Service 2023 Annual Report.



Before I begin, it is always 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 ongoing change in societal needs and challenges.

Sincerely,

Tracy Russell

*T. Russell*

Chair, Deep River Police Service Board.



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# VISION, MISSION, VALUES

## 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

“A Police Service that is committed to quality policing, responsive to community needs, sustainable, and fiscally responsible.”





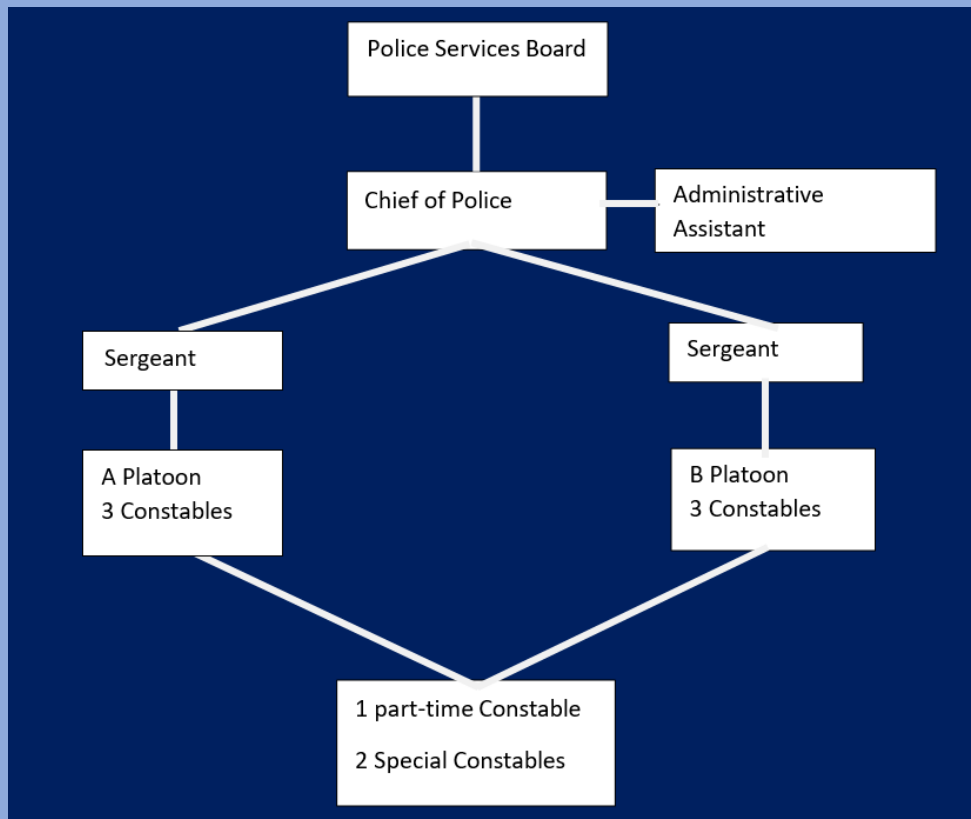
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# STRUCTURE OF THE DRPS

**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 2023, 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.



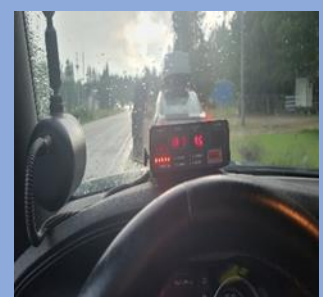
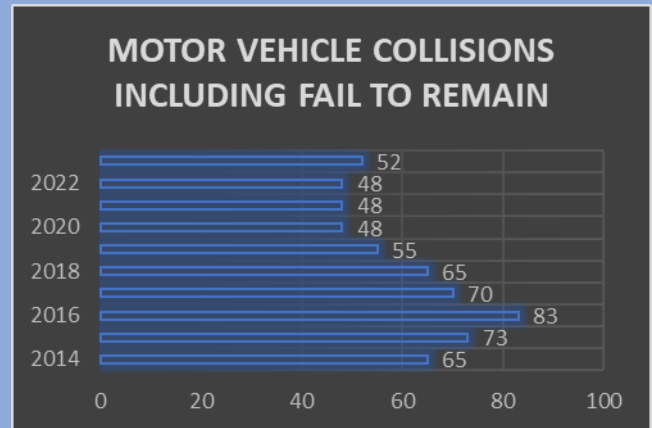
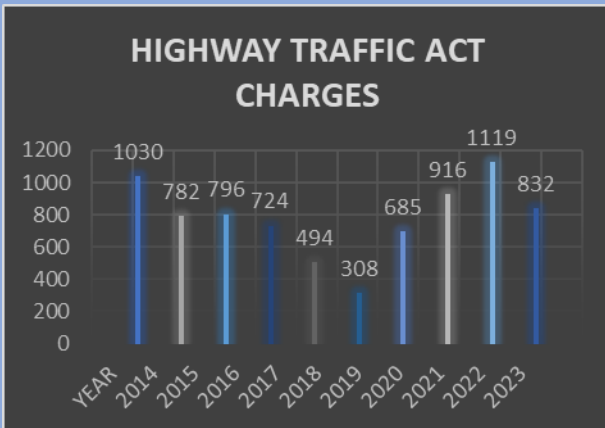


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# ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Deep River Police Service is committed to ensuring the safety of our community, roads and highways. The enforcement of numerous provincial laws, including but not restricted to the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Licence Control Act, Trespass to Property Act, Cannabis Act, and the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Act are ways in which law enforcement officers achieve this objective. The Highway Traffic Act covers most of the enforcement charges, with speeding being the most common infringement.

During the summer, officers patrolled the roads and trails of Deep River on bicycles, routine traffic stops, and R.I.D.E. programs. 2023 marked the second year of CSP grants which focuses on assistance through prevention. The purpose of the CSP grant is to prevent crime through deterrence and education. Traffic Management and R.I.D.E. programs assist in preventing drivers from committing traffic violations and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Bicycle patrols allow officers to patrol trails, back lanes, and other areas inaccessible to vehicles.

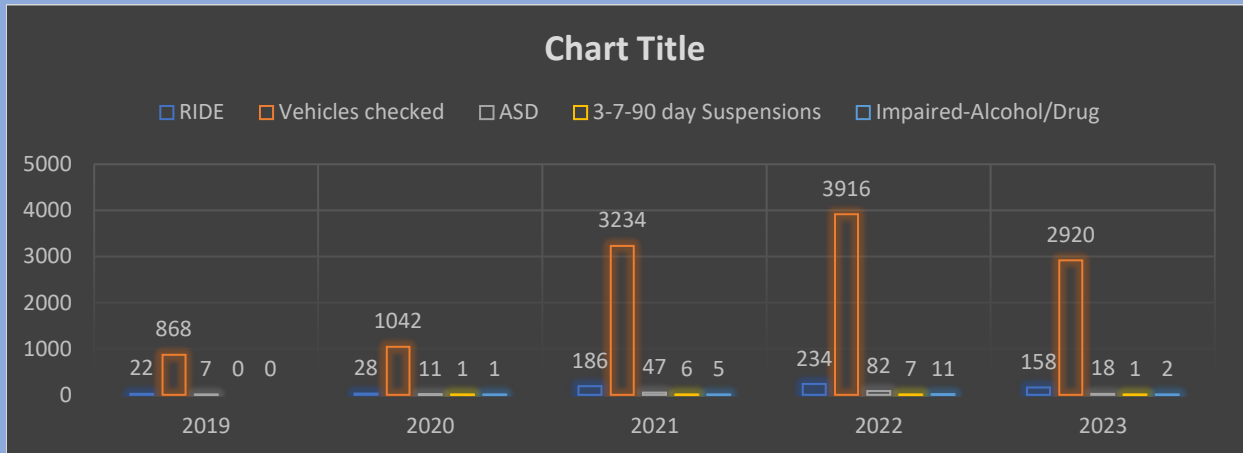




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# RIDE 2023 (REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING EVERYWHERE)

During 2023, the Deep River Police Service 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 chart below for results:



ASD- Approved Screening Device, ADLS- Administrative Driver License Suspension (90-day License Suspension)



**122 HTA** Provincial Offence Notices were issued.

**43 Warnings** were issued for various other offences during these RIDE programs .

**131 Traffic** complaints were responded to by the DRPS.



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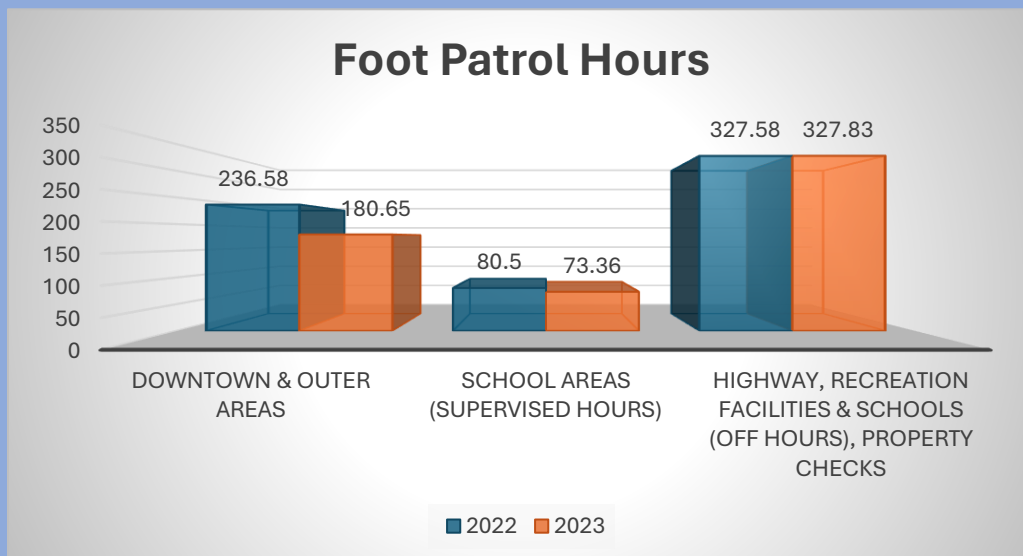
# Community Patrol and Crime Prevention

By establishing a highly visible presence in the community, the Deep River Police Service strive 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 2023 cycling season, Deep River Police also conducted bicycle patrol.

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

- Bi-weekly Renfrew County Community Risk Watch meetings
- Posted weekly North Renfrew Times articles on crime prevention
- Successfully completed violent threat risk assessment training
- Presented in person to the Deep River senior friendship club on road safety during winter driving
- Information shared on the Deep River Police Facebook page during the week of November 5-11<sup>th</sup> for crime prevention week
- Utilized Crime Stoppers to receive and follow up on tips







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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

During 2023, the Deep River Police continued to make community service a priority knowing that community mobilization is a useful tactic to aid in crime prevention. Throughout 2023, Deep River Police created 278 occurrences for Community Service which included foot patrols, presentations, and other police-community interactions. The Deep River Police also continued to provide valuable information to the public through social media and various presentations to partner agencies and the public. The current social media that the Deep River Police use are Facebook and X (formerly Twitter). Deep River Police also submit weekly NRT articles on topics such as winter driving, drug awareness, fraud prevention, bicycle, and vehicle safety, and lock it or lose it.



Sgt Pitre presenting Winter Safety Driving to the Senior Friendship Club



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### COMMUNITY SERVICE (cont.)



In the spring of 2023, Cst Brela and Slattery completed the annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo for elementary students. The program is provided to grade 1-4/5 students to ensure they are familiar with road safety, equipment, and bicycle specific laws. The program is designed to encourage participation by having students attend with their own bicycles and go through an obstacle course mimicking an intersection, obstructions on the road, and riding in groups.

Officers conducted an anti-bullying presentation at both Mackenzie and St Mary's school to continue efforts to eliminate bullying with children at schools.





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### COMMUNITY SERVICE (cont.)

During the spring of 2023, officers worked closely with the Deep River hospital to engage in a training exercise for code white. Code white is an emergency response for a violent person who is threatening their own safety, the safety of others, or destruction of property.



Deep River officers also participated in community events such as St Mary's fun day, Pride Flag raising at town hall, Organ donation month and Canada Day festivities.





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### COMMUNITY SERVICE (cont.)

2023 was the second year of the Community Safety in Policing grant (CSP) which focused on Assistance Through Prevention. The focus of the CSP grant is to prevent crime through deterrence and education. Traffic Enforcement and R.I.D.E. programs deter motorists from committing traffic infractions and impaired driving by alcohol and or drug. Bicycle patrols give officers an opportunity to patrol trails, back lanes, and other areas that vehicles do not have access to.



Deep River Police participating in a panel discuss on Human Trafficking

Another component of the CSP grant is education. It is believed that education is a key component in ensuring residents do not become a victim by recognizing criminal offences. In 2023, officers delivered numerous presentations on fraud prevention, mental health, human trafficking, and impaired driving. Through the grant the police service also began the process of getting two cameras installed to monitor the downtown core on Champlain Street. This is another way that the police service is preventing crime by deterrence.



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### COMMUNITY SERVICE (cont.)



Officers play an active role in promoting bicycle safety at the two schools in Deep River, where they educate students on fundamental cycling skills and emphasize the significance of road safety. This happens annually towards the conclusion of the academic year.



In May and November officers enthusiastically participated in the Smile Cookie campaign alongside Tim Hortons. The funds raised were allocated to North Renfrew Family Services and the Deep River & District Health Foundation.



Every December, the Deep River Police organize a "Cram the Cruiser" event at a local grocery store. Officers park their cruiser and collect both cash donations and non-perishable food items for our local food bank.

This year, the Deep River Police collected a total of \$2310.00 in monetary contributions along with 72 boxes full of food. We extend our gratitude to the Deep River community for their kind and generous support.



Deep River officers paid a visit to Mackenzie Community School and provided support to grade 5 students in tidying up the school's front garden.



In August, the Deep River Police actively took part in the Storytime program held at the Deep River Library by reading books to children and engaging in craft activities with them afterwards.



Officers were involved in bringing happiness to the Deep River arena by using radar to measure the speed of slap shots for the U9 Rep team of Deep River Area and Minor Hockey Association.



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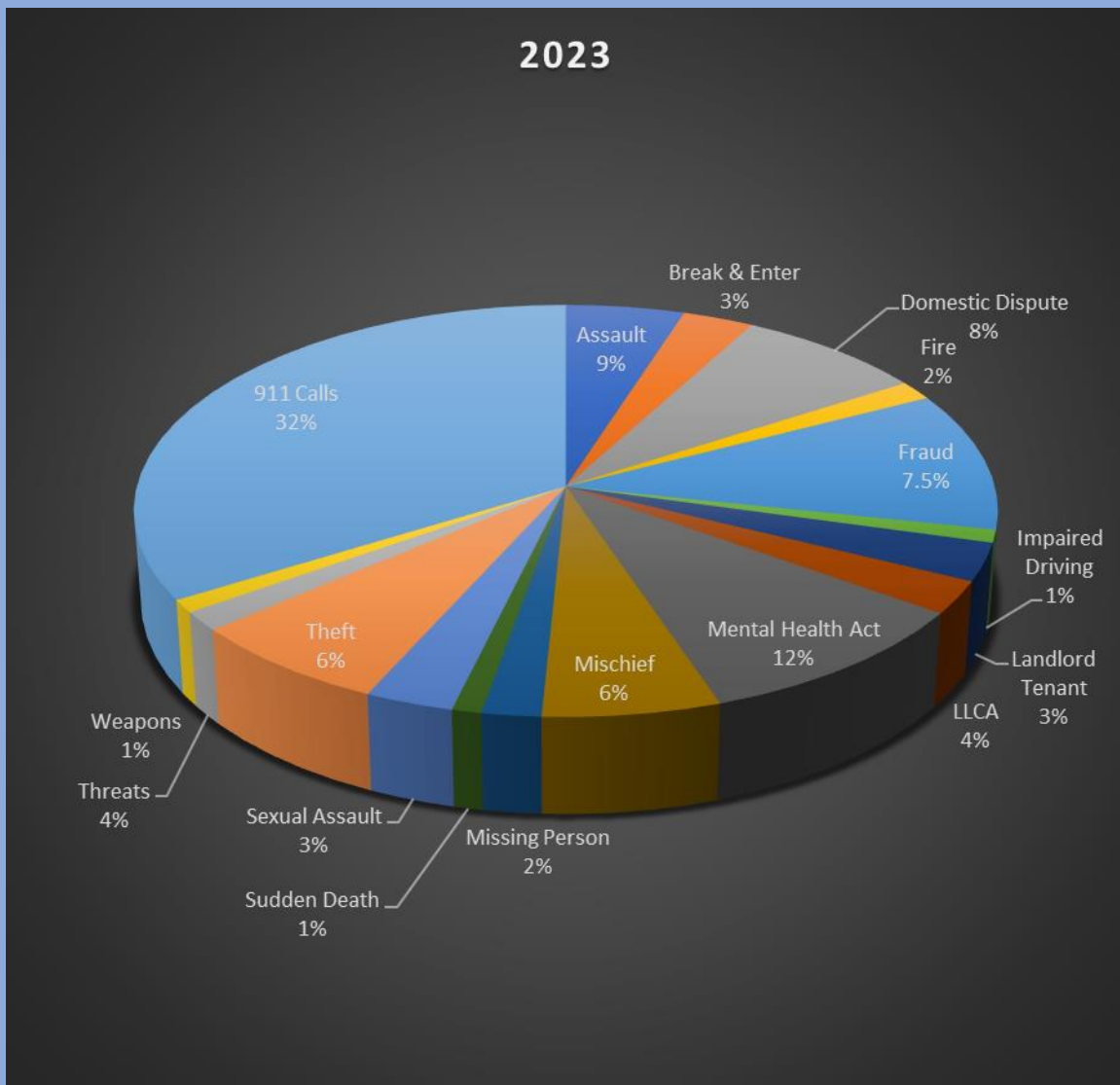
### CALLS FOR SERVICE (highlighting significant investigations)

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2021	2022	2023
OCCURENCES DISPATCHED (DE)	944	964	1,042
OFFICER GENERATED (RM)	3081	3701	3,525
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4025</b>	<b>4665</b>	<b>4,573</b>
Assault	10	14	27
Break & Enter	4	4	9
Domestic Dispute	12	18	25
Fire	4	7	5
Fraud	21	12	23
Impaired Driving	4	5	2
Landlord Tenant	7	10	8
Liquor Control Act	13	24	11
Mental Health Act	34	28	36
Mischief	14	17	19
Missing Person	9	5	7
Sudden Death	0	6	2
Sexual Assault	10	4	9
Theft	13	15	17
Threats	7	5	11
Weapons	1	0	3
911 Calls	73	62	95



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### CALLS FOR SERVICE (highlighting significant investigations)



Occurrences: Percentages are rounded and based on the specific above calls not all calls for service.



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# CRIME REPORT

### 5 Year Comparison – Violent Crime

Year	Violent Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2019	24	91.6%
2020	25	92.0%
2021	29	79.3%
2022	24	87.5%
2023	48	97.9%

#### Incidents involving violent crime:

OFFENCE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0
Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	5	2	10	4	9
Assaults	11	18	10	14	27
Firearm Related Offences	2	1	1	0	1
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0
Other Offences Involving/Threat of Violence	6	4	7	5	11
Total:	24	25	29	24	48

Assault statistics include assault, assault with a weapon, or cause bodily harm, aggravated assault, assault Peace Officer, and other assaults/administer noxious thing Sexual Assault statistics include sexual assault, sexual assault with a weapon, aggravated sexual assault, sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, sexually explicit material to child with intent.





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# CRIME REPORT (cont.)

### 5 Year Comparison – Property Crime

Year	Property Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2019	39	28.2%
2020	38	39.5%
2021	52	21.1%
2022	51	49.0%
2023	68	19.1%

### Incidents involving property crime:

Offence	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	0	3	4	4	9
Theft over/under \$5000	9	8	13	16	17
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1	0	2	0
Fraud over/under \$5000	17	10	21	12	23
Mischief	13	16	14	17	19
Total:	39	38	52	51	68



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# 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](http://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](http://www.pemreghos.org)  
Phone: 866-996-0991



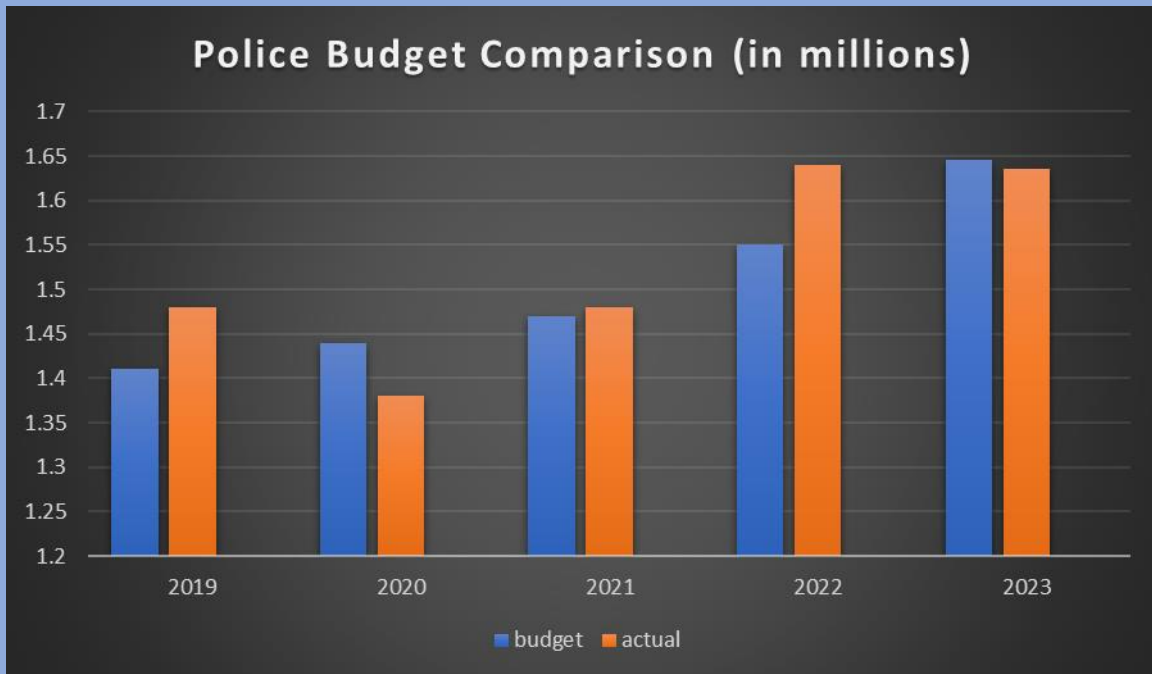


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# COST OF POLICING

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 2023 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 \$109 638 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 2023 was \$1 645 594. The year end result showed an actual expenditure of \$1 635 357. A difference of \$10 237 . Given the significant rise in costs related to most consumer products including fuel etc., coming in under budget is a credit to our fiscal awareness . Our budgeting for 2023 remained realistic, accountable, and provided the means for adequate staffing and resources.



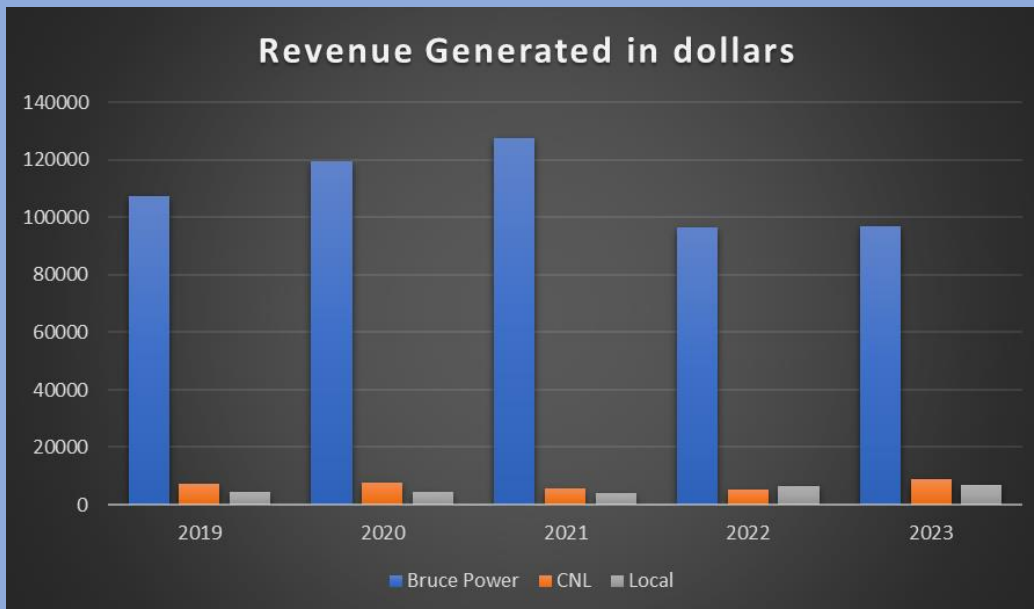
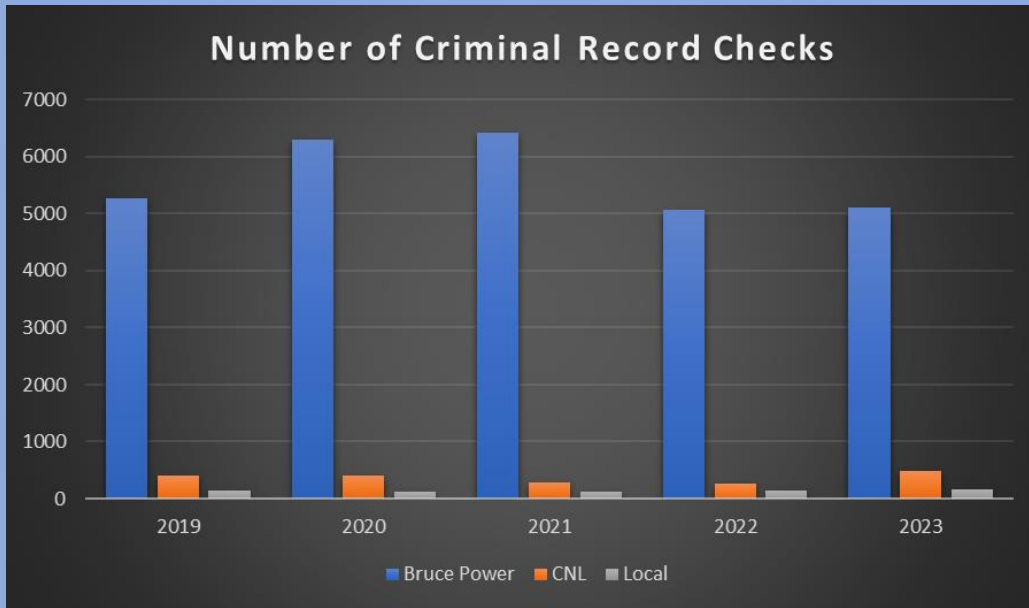
# Public Complaints

January 1st – December 31st, 2023, there was only 1 public complaint (OIPRD). The result of which is still pending internal investigation.



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# CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS



**\*\*In 2023, the Deep River Police Service completed 210 criminal record checks for volunteers in our Municipality.**



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# COURSES AND TRAINING

**In 2023, officers attended and successfully completed the following courses:**

Leadership in Police Organization (IACP) January, February, March 2023  
Understanding Trauma and Its Impact – February 2023  
Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking – February 2023  
VICLAS – OPP Orillia – March 2023  
Criminal Investigators Training (CIT) – April 2023  
Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – May 2023  
Ontario Major Case Management (MCM) – June 2023  
Facilitating and Assessing Police Learning (FAPL) – October 2023  
Freedom of Information – October 2023

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

CPKN – Mental Health Self-Awareness for First Responders  
OPVTA – Ontario Police Video Training Alliance) #188 Use Of Force Report 2023  
CROMS – Mobile Training Manual  
VICLAS Submission Training  
Ontario Public - Police Interactions Training Aid Framework  
PAWS ACT – (OPVTA) #186 Provincial Animal Welfare Services  
EHUB - EIntake Email Module  
Annual Use of Force, CEW Qualification  
Annual Firearms Qualification  
DEMS/AXON  
Practice Direction - Changes in the Ontario Court of Justice Renfrew County



*Use of Force and CEW requalification December 2023*



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# DRPS APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION GALA

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Deep River Police hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Police Appreciation Gala. Highlights of the evening included Constable Robert Medeiros being awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal for his dedication to the Deep River Police since 2001.

Constable Michael Slattery and Constable Jessica Brum received a Chief's Commendation for their exemplary police work in July which resulted in an arrest and numerous charges on two individuals.

Guests in attendance included members of the Police Services Board, the Mayor and CAO of the Town of Deep River, Members of Council, officers, and their guests.



Chief Dean Duchrow and Constable Robert Medeiros



Chief Dean Duchrow, Constable Michael Slattery and Constable Jessica Brum



Members



Event Details