

Deep River Police

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the Deep River Police Service, we are proud to present our 2024 Annual Report. This report illustrates the ongoing commitment and dedication of our members to not only deliver adequate and effective policing, but to constantly improve upon it.



This year presented many challenges which included the necessity to hire 2 new officers, the implementation of the new Community Safety and Policing Act, and an ever-increasing demand for calls for service. At the same time, operating within an acceptable range of our police budget.

2024 was the first year of our new Strategic Plan and we have included the Plan's progress report to show exactly what attention we've given and means we've utilized to reach identified goals.

Ensuring public safety and delivering a service that exceeds community expectations cannot be accomplished without the support and cooperation of all our stakeholders. We would like to recognize members of our community, local organizations, other first responders, municipal leaders, the Police Services Board to name a few that regularly contribute to the success and sustainability of our Police Service.

Thank you for your interest and taking the time to read this document.

Dean Duchrow

Chief of Police

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Deep River Police Services Board, I am pleased to receive and present the Deep River Police Service 2024 Annual Report.

The role of the Police Service Board is to understand the requirements of policing for our community, set expectations and policy, provide good governance and oversee how policing is provided in the Town of Deep River. The Board's role is also to secure contracts with our Chief and the Deep River Police Association (DRPA) and to enhance the safety and well-being of our community by working with local citizens and organizations to ensure that we understand the Town's needs and ensure that Deep River receives the policing it requires. In this regard, I am proud to report that the Town and the DRPA agreed to a new five-year contract to provide effective and efficient police services to the end of 2029.

2024 also represented a major change for both Police Services and Police Boards in Ontario with the coming into force of the Community Safety and Policing Act. The changes in this Act are significant and include extensive mandatory training for all Board members, the requirement for a larger Police Service Board (soon increasing from 3 to 5), an extensive and defined, mandatory suite of Police Board and Police Service policies and numerous other operational, administrative and oversight requirements.

The workload to understand, train and incorporate these extensive requirements into how both the Board and the Service do business is substantial and while it is still a work in progress, it is likely to improve both the conduct and the oversight of policing in Deep River. However the new CSPA is written from the typical perspective of larger policing organizations and includes many mandatory requirements. As one of the smallest police services in Ontario, the CSPA will increase the operating and capital costs of both the Deep River Board and Service and the Town of Deep River must prepare for this.

I want to thank Tracy Russell and Kelly Lapping, my colleagues on the Deep River Police Service Board for their hard work and dedication to negotiations and to meeting the requirements of the CSPA. Similar thanks go to Chief Duchrow and the Deep River Police Service for their dedication to the safety of our community through continual improvement of practices, training, policies and policing. I also want to thank our Solicitor General representatives for their wise guidance and our various service providers for their support with policies etc.. Finally, I want to thank the members of our local Police Association for being engaged and for being great officers and having the best interests of our community at heart.

I am extremely proud to share this Annual Report and I want to ensure the people of Deep River continue to receive exceptional policing at very good value.

Sue D'Eon

Chair, DRPS Board (2024)





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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 2024, the DRPSB consisted of Chair, Mayor Sue D'eon, Ms. Tracy Russell and Ms. Kelly Lapping. Mr. Christian Kaiser is the Board Secretary. The Board is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services to 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.





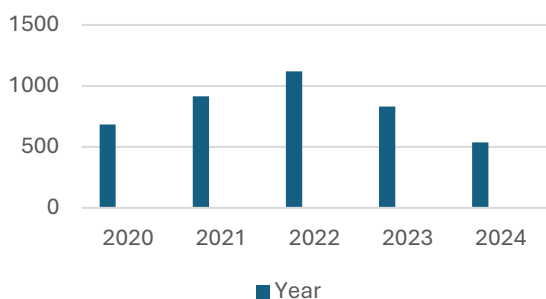
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ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

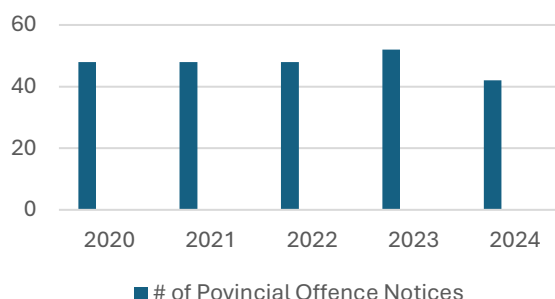
The officers of the Deep River Police are committed to keeping our community, roads and highway safe. One of the ways officers do this is through enforcement of multiple Provincial Acts; including but not limited to, the Highway Traffic Act, the Liquor Licence Control Act, Cannabis Act, Trespass to Property Act, and the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Act. The vast majority of enforcement charges laid are under the Highway Traffic Act, with speeding being the most frequent violation.

Officers patrolled our streets conducting traffic stops and R.I.D.E. programs. Bicycle patrols allowed officers to patrol trails, back lanes, and other areas inaccessible to motor vehicles. Several traffic campaigns, usually over long weekends focused on aggressive driving, distracted driving, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and seatbelt use.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT CHARGES



MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS



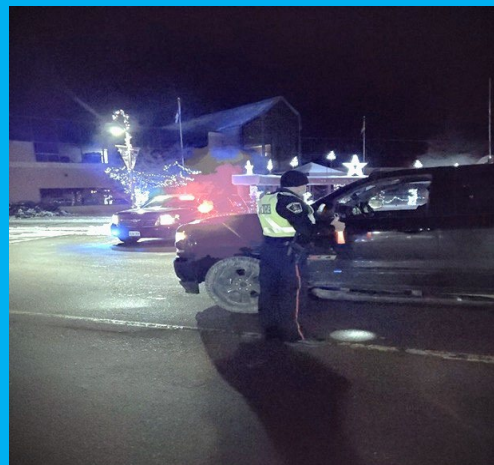
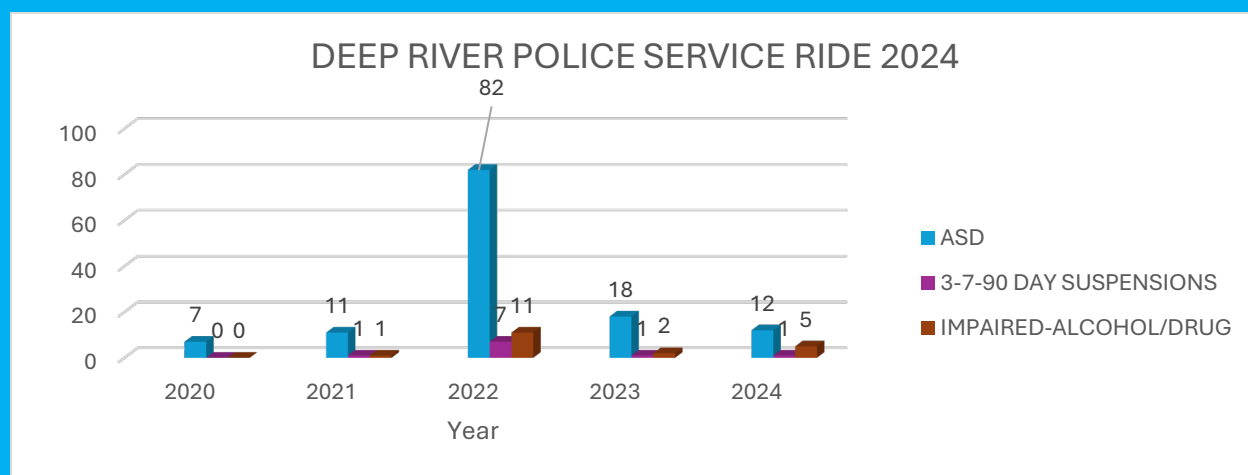


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RIDE 2024 (REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING EVERYWHERE)

During 2024, 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.

In 2024, officers conducted 93 R.I.D.E programs, resulting in 297 vehicles being checked. (note: ASD = alcohol screening device)





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COMMUNITY PATROL & CRIME PREVENTION

Community Patrol

Deep River Police officers maintain a highly visible presence in our neighborhoods.

Officers regularly conduct vehicle and foot patrols in the downtown core, highway commercial properties, residential streets, vacant homes, recreational properties, and schools. Officers also perform foot patrol and bicycle patrol on pathways, trails and in parks that have no vehicle access.

Crime Prevention

Several methods of preventing crime are utilized by the Deep River Police. They include but are not limited to the following activities:

- Information sharing on the Deep River Police Facebook and X social media accounts.
- Utilizing Crime Stoppers to receive and follow up on tips. 9 Tips were received from Crime Stoppers in 2024.
- Weekly North Renfrew Times newspaper articles on crime prevention.
- The installation of two closed circuit security cameras that capture the downtown area and are continuously recording. All officers have access to the video feed and can access what the cameras recorded for evidence and court purposes.
- Deep River officers also conducted various presentations to the public on topics such as Internet safety, drugs, driving safety, frauds and scams, and sharing information on social media. Audiences included the general public, seniors and youth.
- A local Situation Table was established to encourage and foster the participation of several agencies to participate and work cooperatively toward common goals to reduce victimization and improve the quality of life for those in need.



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COMMUNITY PATROL & CRIME PREVENTION (con't)



Bicycle Patrol



Lock it or lose it

Renfrew County
CRIME 
STOPPERS
www.valleytips.ca
1-800-222-TIPS

Crimestoppers



Seniors Presentation



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

During 2024, 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 local newspaper 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 articles were also posted on Facebook and X to ensure the largest number of residents would have access to the information. Throughout 2024, the DRPS generated 160 community service calls which included foot patrols, presentations, bicycle patrols and other police-community interactions.

Police were in contact with many other agencies in Renfrew County to begin the implementation of a North Renfrew County Situation Table. The purpose of this initiative is to focus on services and resources that are available to residents in north Renfrew that may not normally be available because of location. The initial phases included reaching out to agencies to encourage participation and providing a training link through Wilfred Laurier University. By the end of 2024, the first meeting was a success with many agencies participating. The different agencies included North Renfrew Family Services, Family and Children Services, Victim Services of Renfrew County, Mental Health and Addictions, Paramedic Services, Housing, etc... Other agencies were contacted after the initial meeting to show the benefits of the program and include them in future meetings.

The Deep River Police, in cooperation with the Deep River Police Association hosted a poster contest. The contest required elementary students to create a poster showing what it means to them to be a police officer. The contest ran in conjunction with police week and the best poster winner from each school won a Canadian Tire gift card provided by the DRPA. Some of the posters are displayed in the police station.

Police continued to present bicycle safety talks and bike rodeos at our schools, during Canada Day celebrations and for summer camp groups. There were also bicycle safety sessions for seniors that included rules of the road, safety equipment, and electric bike information. Following the information sessions, police rode around Deep River with seniors, and they were able to try an electric bicycle provided by the town of Deep River.

Police conducted 13 presentations to the community throughout 2024. These presentations were done on various topics, including drugs, Halloween safety, internet safety/scams and bullying. The topics were presented to youth, students, and seniors.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE (con't)





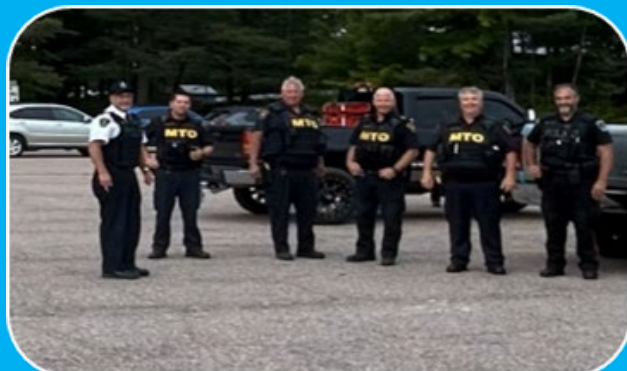
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COMMUNITY SERVICE (con't)

Police participated in the annual Cram the Cruiser event to collect food donations for the Deep River and Area Food Bank. The event is held every year in front of Valu Mart alongside the Deep River and Area Food Bank. There are volunteers from the food bank who collect the cash and food donations and transport them to the food bank right away. This event also gives police an opportunity to interact with many residents in a positive manner. This year \$2603.90 cash was collected and 28.5 banana boxes, 39 large bags and 22 small bags of food were also collected.

Other community event initiatives included Tim's Smile cookie day and Camp Day, "Safety Lane" (safe vehicle checks), Organ Donation month, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Deep River officers enjoy creating new interactions with the residents of Deep River and area. We are continuously trying to engage the public in different ways and provide a service that is not comparable to any other police service. For that reason, we will continue to serve the community that supports its police service.





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CALLS FOR SERVICE

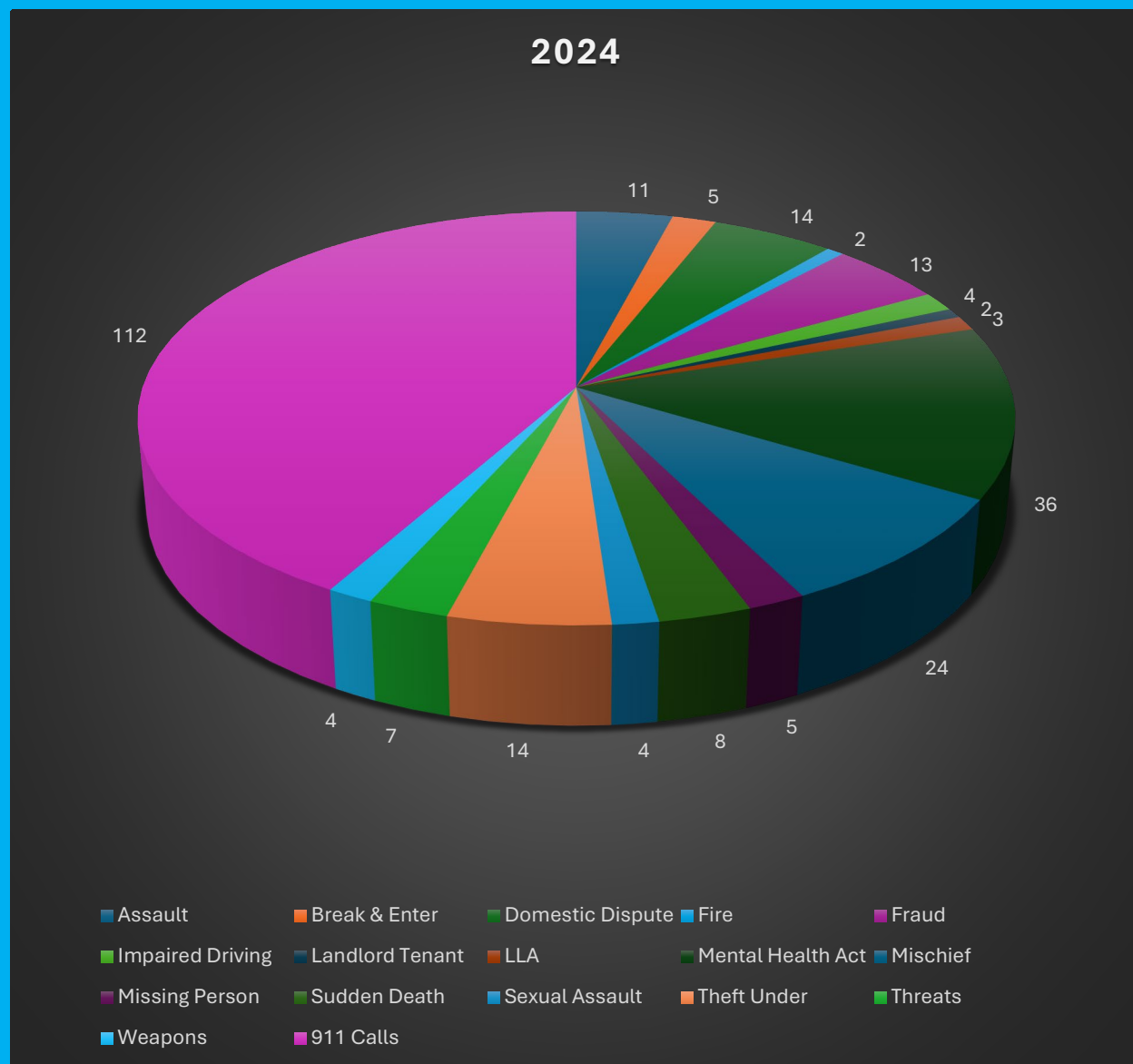
CALLS FOR SERVICE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
OCCURRENCES DISPATCHED (DE)	766	944	964	1,042	1,360
OFFICER GENERATED (RM)	2,430	3,081	3,701	3,525	2,436
TOTAL	3,196	4,025	4,665	4,573	3,796

CALL TYPE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assault	16	10	14	27	11
Break & Enter	3	4	4	9	5
Domestic Dispute	15	12	18	25	14
Fire	9	4	7	5	2
Fraud	10	21	12	23	13
Impaired Driving	3	4	5	2	4
Landlord Tenant	15	7	10	8	2
LLA	20	13	24	11	3
Mental Health Act	28	34	28	36	36
Mischief	16	14	17	19	24
Missing Person	7	9	5	7	5
Sudden Death	10	0	6	2	8
Sexual Assault	1	10	4	9	4
Theft Under	5	13	15	17	14
Threats	4	7	5	11	7
Weapons	1	1	0	3	4
911 Calls	87	73	62	95	112



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CALLS FOR SERVICE (con't)





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CRIME REPORT

Five Year Comparison – Violent Crime

Year	Violent Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2020	25	92.0%
2021	29	79.3%
2022	24	87.5%
2023	48	97.9%
2024	34	91.2%

Incidents involving violent crime:

OFFENCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	2	10	4	9	4
Assaults	18	10	14	27	22
Firearm Related Offences	1	1	0	1	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1
Other Offences Involving/Threat of Violence	4	7	5	11	7
Total:	25	29	24	48	34

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 (con't)

5 Year Comparison – Property Crime

Year	Property Crime Events	Clearance Rate
2020	38	39.5%
2021	52	21.1%
2022	51	49.0%
2023	68	19.1%
2024	66	34.8%

Incidents involving property crime:

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	3	4	4	9	8
Theft over/under \$5000	8	13	16	17	15
Possession of Stolen Goods	1	1	2	0	0
Fraud over/under \$5000	10	21	12	23	16
Mischief	16	14	17	19	27
Total:	38	52	51	68	66



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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.



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ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS (con't)



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



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

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

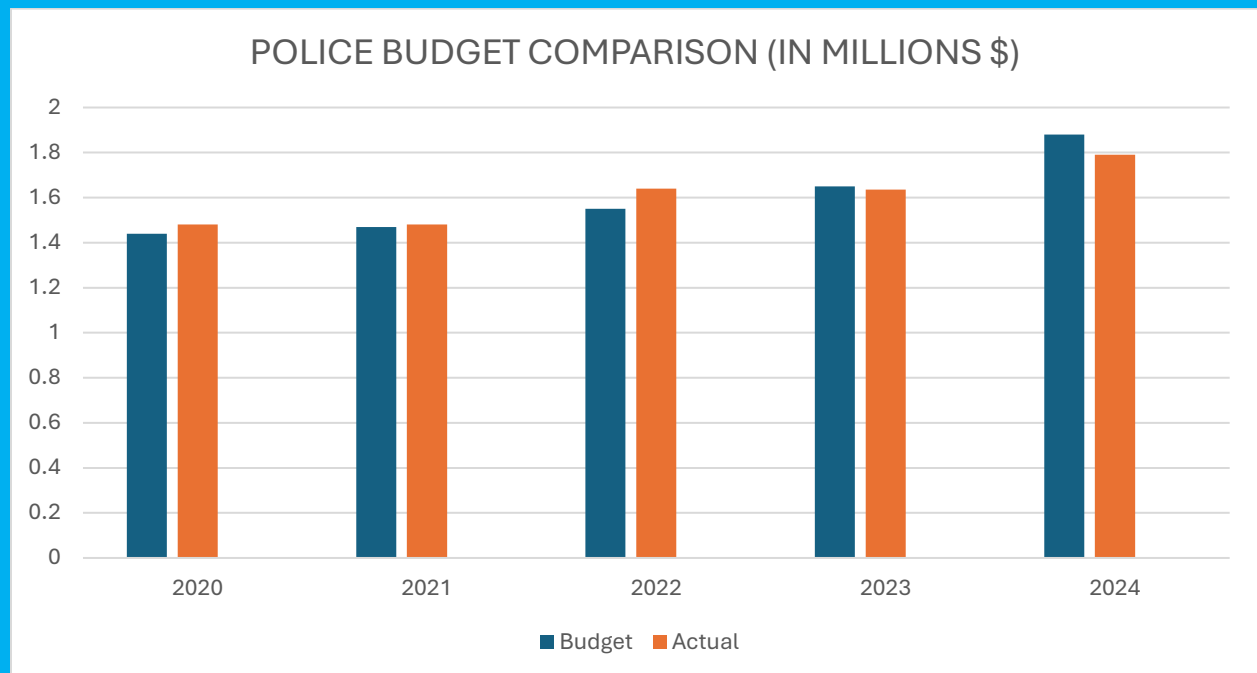




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COST OF POLICING

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 2024 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 \$122 454 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 2024 was \$1 876 060. The year end result showed an actual expenditure of \$1 793 739. A difference of \$82 321 or 4% under budget. Our budgeting for 2024 remained realistic, accountable, and provided the means for adequate staffing and resources.

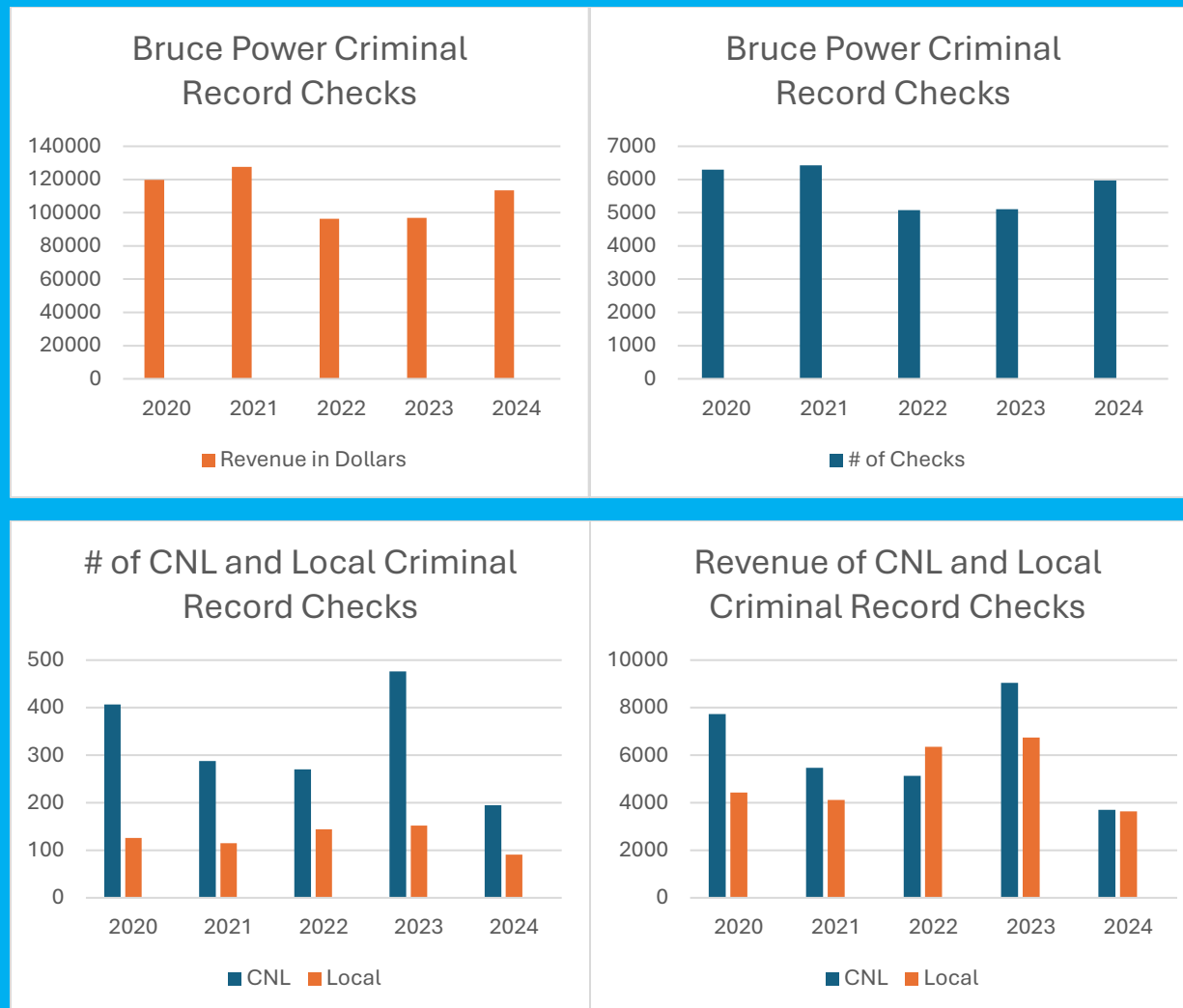




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CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

A revenue generating service that the DRPS provides is through criminal record checks. Below is the 5-year comparison for Bruce Power Corp., Canadian National Laboratories and Local employment checks. In 2024 we also conducted 183 record checks for members of our Town that required them for voluntary positions. There is no fee charged for volunteering in our community.





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COURSES AND TRAINING

In 2024, members attended and successfully completed the following courses:

Major Case Management , Ottawa – February 2024

Freedom of Information, Orillia – September 2024

Centre of Forensic Sciences Field Coordinator – October 2024

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

Seized Property Disposal at the Conclusion of Criminal Proceedings

Missing Persons - Ontario Police College Virtual Academy (OPCVA)

Phased Implementation of the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act

Emergency Response, Opioid Overdose Response – Naloxone (CPKN)

Ontario Public Interactions & Pursuit Prevention and Termination Tactics (OPTVA)

Niche/E-Intake – 810 Peace Bond Process & Updated E-Intake Module Training

Hybrid & EV Safety for Police & Conditional Sentence Orders (OPTVA)

ViClas procedures under new Community Safety Policing Act O. Reg. 395/23

Ontario Public/Police Interactions Training (New Use of Force Model) (OPTVA)

Navigating the Complexities of Hate - Ontario Police College Virtual Academy (OPCVA)

Annual Use of Force, CEW Requalification

Annual Firearms Requalification

CPR & First Aid training



Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) requalification November 2024



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USE OF FORCE

6 use of force reports were generated in 2024

Type of Incident (6)



- Animal Dispatched - Firearm drawn and fired with effective result (1 report)
- High Risk Arrest - Subject barricaded, CEW drawn and pointed. Compliant apprehension effected (1 report)
- High Risk Call - Break and Enter, person with a firearm, firearm drawn, not pointed X2. Compliant arrests effected (2 reports)
- High Risk Arrest - Active Resistant, CEW drawn and pointed. Compliant arrest effected. (1 report)
- High Risk Arrest - Active Resistant, CEW drawn and displayed. Compliant arrest effected. (1 report)

F.O.I & Public Complaints

There were 6 Freedom of Information requests processed in 2024.

There was 1 public complaint received in 2024, which was determined not to be in the best of public interest to proceed.

CIICC

In January 2017, Ontario Regulation 58/16 came into effect. The Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances replaced former “street checks”. The Deep River Police Service did not conduct any CIICC occurrences in 2024.



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DRPS POLICE APPRECIATION GALA

Highlights of the evening included PC Dave Newell being awarded the 20-year Exemplary Service Medal for his dedication as a police officer. Constable Rob Medeiros retired after 23 years of service with the Deep River Police Service. Sergeant Anne Pitre made history by becoming Deep River's first female police sergeant since the inception of the service 67 years ago. Anne has 19 years of policing experience, beginning her career with Toronto Police and joining Deep River Police in 2014. 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.





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NEW MEMBERS

The Deep River Police Service welcomed two new members, AJ Smith and Adam Head.

Constable Smith began his policing career with the West Grey Police Service and brought 10 years of experience to the Deep River Police Family when he joined in September 2024.

Constable Head, who had been employed by the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS) for the previous two years, joined the Deep River Police Service in December 2024.

We are pleased to have both officers join our team and know that the Deep River Police Service will greatly benefit from their knowledge, abilities, and experience.



Chief Duchrow, PC Smith, Board member Tracy Russel

Board Chair Sue D'eon, PC Head, Chief Duchrow