



2016 Annual Report



Message from the Chief of Police

Throughout 2016, the dedicated men and women of the Timmins Police Service, both uniform and civilian, have applied their experience and personal resolve to complete a year that has been equally daunting, and gratifying.

Regardless of rank, position, or area of specialty, these professionals gave of themselves tirelessly to the betterment of their community. They did so as a cohesive team, relying on each other to complete a wide variety of investigative tasks with sensitivity and dedication.

I am particularly proud of the Timmins Police Service's 2016 Annual Report and its content. This report serves as an exhibit that speaks to the level of commitment our officers and civilians bring to their workplace every day to serve the needs of our community, its citizens, businesses and visitors.

The area of responsibility for all modern police forces is expanding on an annual basis. The Timmins Police Service is not immune to this and is constantly adjusting and adhering to new legislative requirements and investigative and administrative pre-requisites imposed upon it.

The Timmins Police Service applies itself in a proactive manner to make the most efficient and beneficial use of its resources. This allows us meet the longstanding and expected demands on our workforce as well as newly acquired police responsibilities. This applies to the proficient use of human resources in terms of skill and experience as well as the practical usage of capital material items that serve to promote safety and deter criminal behaviors.

The Timmins Police Service prides itself on remaining up to date with the most current trends in crime as they apply to property crime, sophisticated fraud, new drug trafficking techniques, impaired driving case law, and elaborate e-crime schemes.

The Timmins Police uses this knowledge on a daily basis so that its responding officers and follow up investigative personnel are on the cutting edge and as well acquainted with crime trends as possible.

The contents on this report will expand on the successes enjoyed, and the challenges confronted by the Timmins Police Service in 2016.

Chief John Gauthier



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In our COMMUNITY

TPS *and students score big for charity*



On May 27, 2016, the Timmins Police Service (with help from Ontario Provincial Police partners), took part in a charity volleyball tournament at École Publique Renaissance. The tournament rose close to \$3000, which was then donated to Timmins Porcupine Search & Rescue and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.



The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign is an annual event where funds are raised for D.A.R.E. educational programming in Timmins and surrounding area. In 2016, the campaign realized its most successful year ever, with \$27,000 being raised.

TIMELINE *of a* 911 CALL



Your call is received by a 9-1-1 call-taker, who will ask if you need “police, fire, or ambulance.”



Officers are dispatched to your location while the call-taker continues to collect information from you. They continue to ask questions so that officers will have as much information as possible when they arrive on scene.



Officers arrive on scene and an investigation into your call begins.

911 Comms Operators

THE FIRST TO KNOW

There is nothing ‘standard’ or ‘ordinary’ about the position of a 9-1-1 Communications Operator or the nature of calls they receive. Attention to detail and the ability to retrieve information from frantic, frightened, or even hostile persons is a skill that the Timmins Police values at a very high premium.

Perceptions about police are often the result of the competence, patience and perseverance, of these dedicated individuals who not only collect the vital details for dispatch purposes, but also coordinate resources and orchestrate responses to incidents whose outcome depends on the proficiency at the primary stages of notification.

2016 STATISTICS

FIRE CALLS

————— 1,493

AMBULANCE CALLS

————— 22,521

POLICE CALLS

————— 25,939

Traffic

Services



In 2016, the Traffic Services Section, comprised of two constables, a Sergeant and a civilian Records Clerk, participated in various traffic initiatives to better educate the public about safe driving practices. Focused patrol in a specific area has proven to effectively reduce the number of violations.

Areas of concern in 2016 included pedestrian collisions, bicycle safety, and commercial motor vehicle traffic. Officers also concentrated on radar enforcement, as speed is commonly identified as the primary cause or contributing factor in motor vehicle collisions.

Additionally, officers continued to participate in a province-wide initiative targeting the “Big Four” high-risk driving behaviours, which are aggressive driving, impaired driving, distracted driving, and improper seatbelt usage.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS (MVC)		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	1079	1111
MVC FATALITIES		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	1	1
PERSONAL INJURY COLLISIONS		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	117	117
PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	22	22
COLLISIONS INVOLVING CYCLISTS		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	6	16
IMPAIRED RELATED COLLISIONS		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	13	8
IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES		
	2016	2015
TOTAL	44	36

Notable collisions ————— 2016

In May 2016, traffic officers attended a single motor vehicle collision which occurred at the intersection of Aura Lake Road and Lions Crest in Schumacher. The suspect vehicle was travelling northbound at a high rate of speed when it impacted with a metal guard rail. The guard rail was sheared off due to the extreme impact force. The momentum of the vehicle caused it to travel forward where it impacted with a wire fence. The fence prevented the vehicle from vaulting onto Schumacher Drive. This could have been catastrophic had the guard rail fence given way. The driver was charged with a number of offences including Dangerous Operation and Fail to Remain.

In June, officers were called out to investigate a pedestrian and commercial motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Algonquin Blvd. W. and Mountjoy St. A 36 year-old male pedestrian was attempting to cross the roadway when he was struck by a west bound tractor trailer carrying an excavator. The pedestrian suffered significant injuries. This thorough investigation determined that the pedestrian was at fault.

In October 2016, traffic officers were called out to investigate a fatal ATV collision which occurred in a remote area of of Pine St. S. The investigation determined that the ATV driver lost control of his vehicle while in close proximity to the edge of a steep embankment, causing the ATV to plunge into a ravine.

In November, traffic officers were called to assist in the investigation of a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Schumacher Drive at McIntyre Road. Investigation determined that an eastbound passenger vehicle rear ended an eastbound pick-up truck. A speed workup was conducted and the vehicle speed pre-impact was determined to be in excess of 130 km/hr. The operator of the passenger vehicle was charged with Impaired Driving by Drug and Dangerous Driving.

National Road Safety Week



During National Road Safety Week, officers conducted targeted enforcement for impaired operation by alcohol or drug, improper or no use of seatbelts, distracted and aggressive driving.

TOTAL CHARGES LAID

Impaired driving	3
Aggressive driving	50



In July 2016, Traffic Services took possession of a Decatur radar speed trailer. This came as a result of generous donations from both Accident Support Services and the City of Timmins Engineering department. This portable speed trailer has been used extensively as a traffic calming device.

DRUGS AND ASSET FORFEITURE

2016 SEIZURES

CANADIAN CURRENCY

\$15,500



HEROIN

9.8 grams (value \$980)

FENTANYL PATCHES

40 (value \$20,000)



CANNABIS RESIN (Shatter)

14.6 g (value \$219)

MARIHUANA PLANTS

11

FIREARMS

3 

METHAMPHETAMINE

2500 tablets (value \$25,000)

COCAINE

224.3 g (value \$22,4300)

CANNABIS-MARIHUANA

3950.9 g (value \$39,509)

PERCOCET/OXYCODONE

637 tablets (value \$3,235)

CDSA CHARGES 54

PROCEEDS OF CRIME CHARGES 43

PROJECT COAST

In 2016, officers from the Drug Enforcement / Asset Forfeiture Section joined Project Coast, after the investigation developed ties to Northern Ontario.

Resulted in the following drug seizures:

Cocaine	641.1 g (value \$64,110)
Fentanyl	77 patches (value \$38,500)
Percocet/Oxycodone	1,734 tablets (value \$23,600)
Methamphetamine	58,134 tablets (value \$581,340)
Cannabis-Marihuana	365.2 g (value \$3,652)

CHARGES LAID

121

PERSONS ARRESTED

14

CANADIAN CURRENCY SEIZED \$195,268

Partner agencies:



Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigates all homicides, attempted murders, serious assaults, frauds, and other serious criminal offences within the jurisdiction of the City of Timmins. The unit is comprised of an investigative team, forensic identification team, domestic violence/bail safety officer, bail officer, and a Crime Stoppers/Aboriginal Liaison officer.



In 2016, members of the Criminal Investigations Unit travelled to Rouyn-Noranda, QC, to arrest a former Timmins resident for child pornography offences. As a result of a comprehensive investigation, which involved the Sault Ste. Marie Police and the Surété de Québec, officers executed several warrants which led officers to Rouyn Noranda. With the assistance of the Surété de Québec, TPS officers arrested a 33 year-old male without incident. He faces several child pornography charges which include possession and distribution.



The section investigated a complaint from a family member who reported a possible fraud involving a senior citizen. The victim was a senior who was staying at a senior's residence with his finances being managed by his daughter. The investigation revealed close to \$20,000 in funds misappropriated from the senior citizen which occurred over a period of 10 months. Investigators discovered that the daughter used her father's finances to pay for personal items which included credit card bills, groceries, and make personal cash withdrawals. The 43 year-old daughter was charged with Fraud over \$5000, Misappropriate money held under direction, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

The Timmins Police Service responded to a call for service regarding the attempted abduction of a 3 year-old child on June 13. The child was attending an event at a local charitable center when she was allegedly grabbed by the suspect, but managed to eventually break free of the suspect's grasp without injury. Timmins Police officers responded to the scene and began their investigation with the assistance of the Criminal Investigation Section. As a result of the investigation, a 49 year-old female non-resident of the area was charged with Attempted Abduction and Assault. Officials from Immigration Canada assisted with the investigation. Ultimately, the accused was not released from custody until she was deported back to China.



The Criminal Investigation Section assisted with a Cherry St. residential fire which occurred on the evening of July 3rd. Based on the investigation undertaken by criminal investigators, a 26 year-old Timmins man was charged with one count of Arson, disregard for human life. The residence, valued at approximately \$170,000 was occupied at the time of the fire. It was completely destroyed in the fire, which was deemed to have been deliberately set.

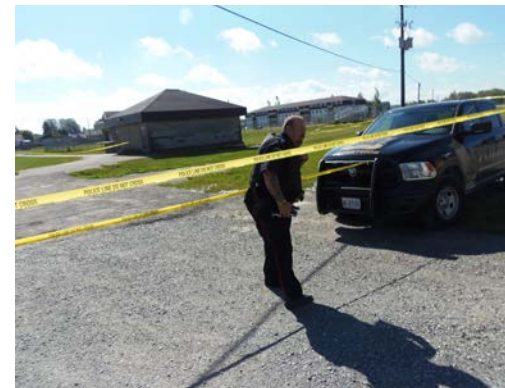
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A First-Degree Murder charge was laid against a 19 year-old Timmins resident. The charge stemmed from the investigation into the death of a 19 year-old Timmins resident, whose deceased body was located in the area of Bozzer Park on the morning of July 13th. A criminal investigation involving Timmins Police front-line officers, Forensic Identification, and the Criminal Investigations Major Case Team led officers to the arrest of the accused that evening. As of this time, the accused remains in custody.

Timmins Police officers responded to a call for service on Sunday, August 7th in reference to an incident at a local mine in the west end of Timmins. The call involved the misuse of mine explosives and related equipment. The mine temporarily suspended operations while a comprehensive investigation was conducted engaging the services of the Timmins Police Forensic Identification Unit, and Criminal Investigations Unit. As a result of the comprehensive police investigation, a 20 year-old mine employee was charged with a variety of offences including Place Explosive Substance with Intent to Destroy or Damage Property, Make or Possess Explosives or an Unlawful Purpose, and Mischief. Mine officials reported that if the explosives had been detonated, the mine could have collapsed.

Criminal Investigation officers were called to assist with a serious assault with a weapon in the early morning hours of September 28. The assault occurred in the area of Elm St. N. and Algonquin Blvd. Police learned that the knife attack was unprovoked. As a result of the investigation, a 36 year-old Timmins woman was initially charged with Aggravated Assault, several weapons offences and Breach of Recognizance. As further witnesses were interviewed, it became obvious to police that the more serious charge of Attempted Murder could be laid. The charge was laid accordingly by police. The male victim of the assault received serious injuries but fortunately is expected to recover.

On December 11, officers from the Timmins Police Service attended the hospital for a report of suspicious injuries to a 4 month-old baby. An investigation was initiated, and the baby was transported to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). On December 14, 2016, the infant succumbed to his injuries and passed away. A comprehensive investigation was undertaken by the Criminal Investigation Section with the assistance of the Forensic Identification Unit. As a result of the investigation, a 23 year-old man and a 19 year-old woman were charged with Failing to Provide the Necessities of Life and Criminal Negligence Causing Death.



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E-Crime: a growing concern

The Internet has led to a large increase in e-crimes such as frauds, threats and harassment. The Internet has increased the accessibility to sexual offences such as 'sexting,' the fabrication and distribution of child pornography, and luring offences. Because of the Internet, many suspects are located in various locations around the world, which hampers the investigations. With the use of the Internet, investigators are obtaining warrants on a regular basis for computer 'ip addresses' and information from social media sites such as Facebook. Obtaining information with warrants is time-consuming and labour-intensive.

In 2012, the Timmins Police Service created the position of E-Crime officer, due to the increasing number of these types of crimes. The E-Crime officer has examined many electronic devices which include cell phones, storage devices, and computers. The Timmins Police Service joined the Provincial Child Exploitation Investigations Unit (ICE) in 2014. The provincial government provided funds in 2015 to offset some of the costs, which was used for training and licensing of programs.

The cost of equipment, which includes servers for storage, continues to be a challenge for this unit. It is expected that the E-Crime unit will continue to grow. It is hoped that a second officer may be added to the unit in the future.



Cybertip.ca is operated by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, with a mandate of protecting children from online sexual exploitation. Cybertip receives and processes tips from the public about potentially illegal material, as well as activities regarding the online sexual exploitation of children, and refers any relevant leads to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or child welfare agency. The organization also provides the public with information and other resources, as well as support and referral services, to help Canadians keep themselves and their families safe while using the Internet.

Forensic Identification



Duties of an Ident Officer

Forensic Identification officers attend a large variety of calls for service. Those calls include break and enters, fires, recovery of found remains, recovered stolen vehicles, assaults, sexual assaults, fatal motor vehicle collisions, and sudden death scenes. Involvement in these calls can include taking photos of injuries, to employing all available methods to collect evidence.

Ident officers are specially trained, and use advanced techniques and equipment in order to process and analyze scenes. Other duties include DNA order and warrant collection as well as fingerprinting accused persons and residents for non-criminal purposes.

Ident officers are a crucial part of the TPS team!



2016 BY THE NUMBERS

In 2016, the Forensic Identification Unit:

Completed approximately **1100** criminal fingerprints

Completed approximately **250** civilian fingerprints

Completed **10** DNA warrants

Completed **140** DNA orders

Attended **348** calls requiring assistance from Forensic Ident unit

Completed **35** Sudden Death investigations

Domestic Violence/Bail Safety unit

Protecting victims of domestic violence

When the police have completed a domestic violence investigation involving criminal charges, a referral is made to the Bail Safety office. The victim is provided a domestic violence pamphlet asking her/him to attend the Bail Safety office the following morning for a pre-bail interview.

The pre-bail interview is conducted by the Timmins Police Bail Safety Officer/Domestic Violence coordinator and a VWAP (Victim Witness Assistance Program) worker. During the interview, the victim is asked to describe the relationship, discuss any prior incidents, and address any safety concerns to ensure appropriate bail conditions are imposed.

After the interview, the Bail Safety team reviews and compiles results and then provides the Bail Crown with a copy of the interview checklist, a background check of the accused, and all proposed sureties.

Once the bail hearing is complete, the Bail Court Officer or the Bail Safety Officer contacts the victim to notify him/her whether the accused has been released, whether the accused plead guilty, the conditions imposed, or if the case was remanded to another date.

The Domestic Violence Coordinator is responsible for reviewing all domestic violence reports, providing mandated domestic violence training to all sworn officers, making the appropriate referrals to justice partners and community agencies in the Timmins area and complying with the Service's Standard Operating Procedures.

NUMBERS	
TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
1086	1119
INCIDENTS WITH CHARGES	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
177	209
MALES CHARGED	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
145	155
FEMALES CHARGED	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
32	54
REFERRALS TO VWAP	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
177	177
REFERRALS TO VICTIM SERVICES	
	<u>2016</u>
	1119



In Timmins, members of multi-disciplinary agencies meet every Wednesday morning to review situations of acutely elevated risk. The Situation Table allows our community to identify present risks, mobilize the proper resources, and proactively and collaboratively make our communities safer. When a situation is deemed 'at risk,' specific agency members who are able to offer much-needed services meet, and develop an intervention plan which may result in a door knock within 24-48 hours.

Timmins Police officers are often the first responders in situations where individuals and families are in a state of crisis. Officers will make referrals to the situation table when other efforts have failed to mitigate the risks. Any agency or citizen can make a referral to the Situation Table.

2016 SITUATION TABLE SUCCESSES

TOTAL REFERRALS:

_____ **65**

REFERRALS FROM TPS OFFICERS:

_____ **22**

INTERVENTIONS WITH WHICH TPS OFFICERS

ASSISTED:

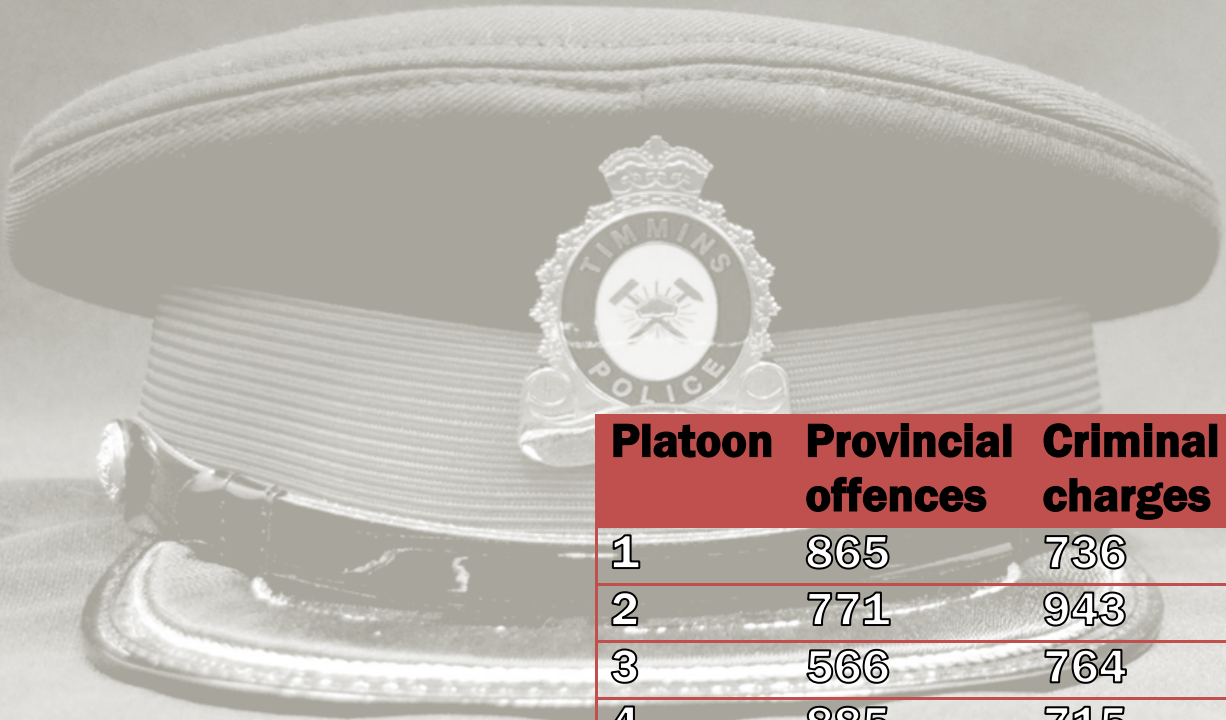
_____ **34**

COMMUNITY PATROL

Community Patrol officers provide **first response** for almost every incident reported to police.

TPS PATROL

4 Staff Sergeants +
4 Sergeants +
42 patrol officers +
4 platoons



Platoon	Provincial offences	Criminal charges	Task assignments	Reports submitted
1	865	736	7310	3835
2	771	943	8537	4920
3	566	764	8236	4494
4	885	715	8248	3990
TOTAL	3087	3158	32,331	17,239

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



The mandate of the Emergency Response Team is to augment the patrol force for critical incidents that require the deployment of specialized resources to ensure the safe resolution of these incidents.

The high-risk nature of ERT deployments require that the team maintain a constant state of operational readiness. The Timmins Police ERT completed 1920 hours of required maintenance training. The training includes firearms qualification, less lethal measures, Conducted Energy Weapons and team tactics. Additional training also included a two-week orientation for two new members.

2016 **CRITICAL** INCIDENT RESPONSES

Missing or lost person	5
Warrant execution	1
High Risk Incident	1
Evidence Search	1



TRAINING *equipping our members with the skills to succeed*



The Training Branch is staffed by two training officers who facilitate the in service training programs. The section is also responsible for the Quartermaster stores, as well as the care and maintenance of police service firearms and conducted energy weapons. The Training Section also facilitated the Co-operative education program with local high school students and the Youth in Policing Initiative. In 2016, the Training Branch was responsible for facilitating over 5689 man hours of professional development and training.

In 2016, In-Service training included:

- **Radar Refresher**
- **Use of Force and Officer Safety Requalification**
- **Emergency Response Team Training**
- **Firearms Requalification**
- **CEW Certification**
- **Collection of Identifying Information**
- **Road to Mental Readiness**
- **Firearms Workshop**
- **Conditional Discharge Orders update**
- **DNA Database collection**
- **CPIC/NICHE orientation**
- **Intoxilyzer Technician Certification**



Constable Nick Osborne is the designated Aboriginal Liaison officer for the Timmins Police Service. The ALO was established to improve and enhance communication between the Aboriginal community – including local and regional Aboriginal organizations – and the Timmins Police Service.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

WALKING THE PATH

REGIONAL POWWOW

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

METIS NATION AWARENESS DAY

NORTHERN COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Bureau is responsible for investigating all public complaints made with respect to the conduct of police officers and the policies and/or services delivered by the organization. In addition, PSB conducts all internal investigations authorized by the Chief of Police. As of October 19, 2009, the PSB works closely with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) to make sure complaints against police are dealt with in a manner that is transparent, fair, efficient and effective. The Bureau consists of one Sergeant who reports to the Inspector of Field Operations and Community Patrol.

		OIPRD (Public complaints)	2016
		Substantiated	1
		Unsubstantiated	3
Chief's complaints (internal) 2016		Not to Proceed (time limit lapse)	1
Substantiated	2	Not in public interest to proceed	3
Unsubstantiated	1	Local resolutions	1
Continuing	5	Frivolous	1
Stayed	0	Customer service resolutions	1
Total	8	Continuing	1
		Total	12

The Timmins Police Service is committed to upholding high standards of public accountability and professional integrity.



The OIPRD is an arms-length agency of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General staffed entirely by civilians. This ensures that decisions are independent and separate from the government, the police, and the community. The OIPRD provides an objective, impartial office to accept process and oversee the investigation of public complaints against Ontario's police. In some cases, OIPRD will also investigate a complaint.

The OIPRD sets standards and procedures for the way public complaints are handled. Both the Timmins Police Service and the OIPRD follow the same standards and procedures to sure there is a consistent public complaints process throughout Ontario.

NEW FACES | *Recruitment* BRANCH



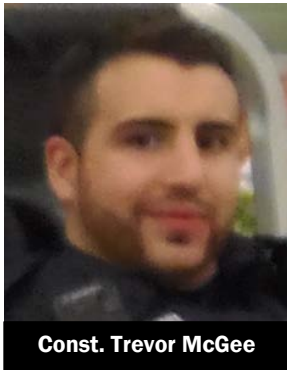
Const. Alex Levis



Const. Cora-Lee Morin



Const. Brett Columbus



Const. Trevor McGee



Const. Dale MacDonald



Const. Chris Gauthier

In 2016, the Recruitment Branch interviewed 12 persons for the position of Police Constable, with six new recruits being hired. The new officers are now fully trained and are out and about, protecting and serving in the community.

The Recruitment Branch is responsible for actively recruiting interested and qualified persons for all positions of our team – Police Officers, Special Constables, Dispatchers, Clerical staff and volunteer Auxiliary officers who proudly contribute to the safety and well-being of our community each and every day.

The Timmins Police Service endeavours to hire the finest members for every position. Candidates must be well qualified, enthusiastic, interested, and committed to a career in law enforcement. The Timmins Police Service continually strives to ensure that it represents the diverse community that it serves.

We believe our employees are the most valuable resource. Our empowering work environment encourages innovation, participation, open community and respect for the opinion of each staff member. We focus on developing our skills, processes and programs to provide our people with the appropriate resources and training.



RECORDS Section | *Ensuring a smooth operation*



In 2016, the Timmins Police Service's Records Section processed:

1510 CRIMINAL COURT BRIEFS

361 TRAFFIC COURT BRIEFS

764 BAIL FILES

193 WASH COURT FILES

**3078 EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER
BACKGROUND CHECKS**

66 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

350 INCIDENT REQUESTS

Aside from criminal files, Records Clerks perform the data entry of all motor vehicle collision reports, Liquor License Act infractions, provincial offences, and the laying of informations for Part III summons. In addition, staff members respond to requests from insurance companies and members of the public for copies of police incident reports.

2016

Crime Stats



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Homicide/Manslaughter	2	0	1	2	2
Theft over \$5000	23	25	16	21	17
Theft under \$5000	1004	752	802	977	944
Robbery	43	17	21	12	16
Theft of motor vehicle	58	48	44	26	34
Sexual offences	111	82	97	72	95
Drug offences	189	235	182	288	206
Break & Enter	295	240	193	222	199
Mischief	392	363	318	341	384
Assault	608	559	434	481	599
Impaired driving	34	50	39	36	54



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