

ANNUAL REPORT

2017



Message from the **CHIEF OF POLICE**



In 2017, the men and women of the Timmins Police Service continued to make me extremely proud in the way they protect and serve the people of Timmins. Through one of the most challenging years yet, our members worked together as a team to ensure the betterment of our community.

In a time when police responsibilities are ever expanding and growing, our staff is required to adjust to many changes, while remaining efficient, professional, and community-minded. This includes changes in technology, legislation, procedure, and general societal perceptions.

Budgetary limits continue to be a challenge for policing in general, and the Timmins Police Service is no exception.

We continue to allocate resources in the most efficient and proactive way possible in order to remain within prescribed budgets and promote public safety to the highest degree.

I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report as a testament to the hard work of our members over the past 12 months.

While it was a challenging year, it also contained many successes and highlights that demonstrate the Timmins Police Service's dedication to the safety and security of all of our residents.

John Gauthier
Chief of Police



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Timmins Police Services Board



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Tim Hortons & DARE

2017 *Smile Cookie* CAMPAIGN



In 2017, the Timmins Police Service once again partnered with local Tim Hortons' restaurants to raise money for D.A.R.E. programming in Northern Ontario. The campaign raised \$34,236 for local D.A.R.E. programs, surpassing the fundraising goal. One dollar from every Smile Cookie was donated directly to D.A.R.E. programming. Thank you to Tim Hortons, one of our steadfast community partners!

911 COMMUNICATIONS

2017 stats

FIRE CALLS

1,520

AMBULANCE CALLS

19,081

POLICE CALLS

25,467

TOTAL

46,068

Timmins Police Service 9-1-1 Communications Operators are unique, because they answer calls for police, fire and ambulance. The Communications Centre is the central hub for call taking in the Northeast region, with dispatchers taking fire and ambulance calls from neighbouring communities as well as the James Bay coast. Platoons of four communicators serve the area 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

TRAFFIC SERVICES



2017 *by the numbers*



	2016	2017
Fatal MVCs	1	0
Personal injury collisions	117	105
Collisions involving pedestrians	22	33
Collisions involving cyclists	7	1
Impaired Driving charges	44	26
Impaired related collisions	13	7
TOTAL Motor Vehicle Collisions	1047	960

Road safety: a top priority

In 2017, road safety remained a top priority for the Timmins Police Service and Traffic Services section.

The section participated in events such as National Road Safety Week (70 motorists charged) and Operation Impact (48 motorists charged).

On January 21, 2017, traffic officers attended an MVC involving a pedestrian at Algonquin Blvd. and Pine St. Investigation determined that both the driver and pedestrian were at fault, and charges were laid against both parties.

On February 10, traffic officers responded

to a serious collision at Westmount Blvd. and Airport Road. A young passenger suffered serious injuries. As a result of the investigation, the at-fault motorist was charged with an offence under the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

On July 7, traffic officers were called out to investigate an MVC involving a pedestrian on Fourth Ave. in Schumacher. The pedestrian suffered significant injuries as a result of the collision. Investigation revealed that the young male pedestrian was struck when he ran into the path of an oncoming vehicle. There was no evidence of driver error in relation to this collision.



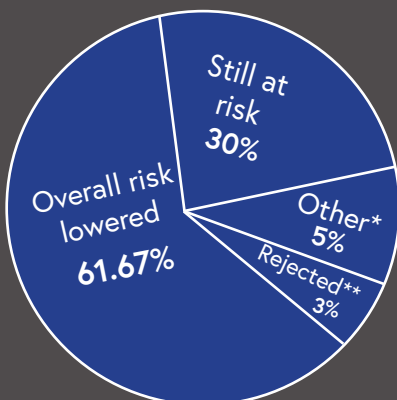
Connecting community resources

THE SITUATION TABLE

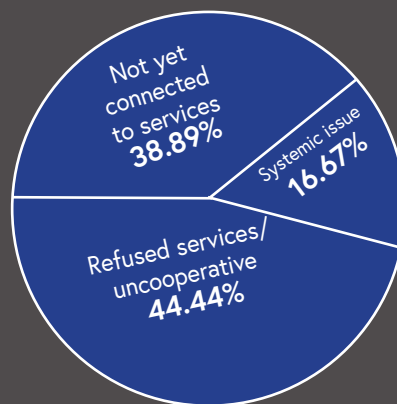


The Situation Table (or Community Mobilization Committee) is comprised of various community organizations including South Cochrane Addiction Services, CMHA, Timmins and District Hospital, Timmins Native Friendship Centre, Victim Services, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, Probation & Parole and more. The group meets weekly to identify individuals in the community at 'acute elevated risk' and takes steps to ensure that individuals are connected with appropriate services.

2017: Total cases - 60



Reason still at risk



In 2017,
79.7%

of all referrals to the situation table originated from the Timmins Police Service.

* Conclusion of 'Other' means unable to locate or relocated

** Conclusion of 'Rejected' means not deemed at acutely elevated risk

DRUGS & ASSET FORFEITURE 2017 *seizures*

<p>COCAINE</p> <p>303.9 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$30,390</p>	<p>CRACK-COCAINE</p> <p>16.7 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$1,670</p>	<p>CRYSTAL METH</p> <p>12.6 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$1,260</p>
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<p>FENTANYL</p> <p>0.5 patch</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$400</p>	<p>PERCOCET/OXYCODONE</p> <p>107 tablets</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$4,280</p>	<p>MORPHINE</p> <p>8 tablets</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$320</p>	<p>XANAX</p> <p>2,445 tablets</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$24,450</p>
<p>CLONAZEPAM</p> <p>455 tablets</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$4,550</p>	<p>METHAMPHETAMINE</p> <p>14,395 tablets</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$143,394</p>	<p>HEROIN</p> <p>22 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$17,600</p>	<p>CANNABIS-MARIHUANA</p> <p>860.9 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$8,609</p>
<p>CANNABIS-RESIN (Shatter)</p> <p>107 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$8,560</p>	<p>CANNABIS (Hash)</p> <p>15.2 grams</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$8,560</p>	<p>MARIHUANA PLANTS</p> <p>76 plants</p> <p>STREET VALUE: \$76,000</p>	<p>CANADIAN CURRENCY</p> <p>24,629 dollars</p>

DRUGS & ASSET FORFEITURE

Notable investigations

In February 2017, a month-long investigation came to a close, with officers from the Drug Enforcement Unit executing three separate search warrants in one day. The investigation led to the arrest of five people, as well as the seizure of 792.8 grams of marihuana, 104 methamphetamine tablets, 104 grams of shatter, 11 grams of hash, and 5 marihuana plants. Over \$3600 in cash was also seized and 40 charges were laid as a result. The drugs seized in this investigation had a street value of approximately \$15,653.

In early November, another month-long investigation concluded with the seizure of 16 grams of cocaine, 22 grams of heroin, 169 methamphetamine tablets, 107 Oxycodone tablets, and 8 morphine pills. Officers also seized \$1,430 in Canadian currency and a firearm as a result of the search warrant. Three individuals were charged with a total of 37 charges. The street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$25,240.

In mid-November, another investigation led to the arrest of two people after a search warrant was executed at a resi-

dence in the South end of the city. The execution of this drug warrant yielded the seizure of 267.3 grams of cocaine, 8785 methamphetamine tablets, and \$1,100 in Canadian currency. There were 10 charges laid as a result of this investigation. The street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$114,580.

The members of the Drug Enforcement Unit also assisted the Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement squad on a variety of investigations which led to the arrest of persons in our community who were wanted on outstanding Canada-wide warrants.

In 2017, investigators continued to target repeat offenders and those with connections to organized crime groups. The drug suppliers were also targeted as there was an increase in the arrest of people from Southern Ontario who were in the community to sell drugs. These investigations can be lengthier and more complex, but the larger seizures provide for longer sentences. This ultimately has a greater, more positive impact on community safety.

SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED

18

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED

41

CHARGES LAID

155



FIRST ANNUAL *D.A.R.E.* LEADERSHIP CAMP

Organized by Community Services Constables Rick Lemieux and Bill Field, the inaugural D.A.R.E. Leadership Camp took place June 2-4, 2017 at Camp Bickell. This was an opportunity for students from local high schools to gather and focus on leadership skills, decision-making, fitness, youth, and community involvement. In 2017, 80 students from Timmins high schools participated in the camp. In 2018, 100 students have already been registered. Thank you to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program for their partnership in D.A.R.E. Leadership Camp.

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Confidence is the root of all leadership skills. You need to be able to put yourself out there and know when to speak up, when to sit down and be willing to talk to people you wouldn't normally talk to.”

– D.A.R.E. Leadership Camp participant



CRIMINAL

Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Section is responsible for investigating more serious crimes such as:
HOMICIDES - ATTEMPTED MURDERS - SERIOUS ASSAULTS - FRAUDS - OTHER SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENCES

The Criminal Investigation Section consists of an:
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT - FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION UNIT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/BAIL SAFETY OFFICER - BAIL OFFICER - E-CRIME UNIT - CRIME STOPPERS/ABORIGINAL LIAISON COORDINATOR

Comprised of:
ONE STAFF SERGEANT - ONE SERGEANT - 12 CONSTABLES - ONE CIVILIAN

2017: NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

In February, officers from the Section investigated a robbery that took place at a variety store in Schumacher. A male suspect wearing a disguise made off with merchandise and an undisclosed amount of cash. A short time later, a second robbery was committed in the same manner at another variety store in Porcupine.

Based on a comprehensive investigation, a Timmins man was arrested and charged with multiple robbery related charges.

After an investigation that began in February, a Timmins man faced multiple child pornography related charged. The investigation began after police received information from partner agencies. In April, a Timmins man was charged with numerous child pornography-related offences.

In March, police received information regarding a possible assault on a four year-old child by his father. Upon further investigation into the suspicious fracture, the victim's father, a 25 year-old Timmins man, was charged with Assault causing bodily harm.

In July, officers from the Criminal Investigation Section, Forensic Identification, and patrol attended a

residence for a home invasion. Reports indicated that three individuals had allegedly attended at a home, assaulting the residents inside and leaving the residence with several items. The victims sustained non life-threatening injuries. As a result, three individuals were arrested and charged accordingly.

In September, police responded to a break & enter and theft which occurred in an office in the downtown area. Investigation revealed that the building had been accessed twice, with multiple valuables taken including numerous laptops, ipads, a television and Canadian currency. As a result of the investigation, two individuals were charged with Break, Enter and Commit Theft over \$5000, and Trafficking in stolen property under \$5000.

Officers from the Criminal Investigation Section received information from the Canadian Border Services Agency in October of 2017 regarding a suspicious package. Following an investigation, it was determined that the package contained 'stun guns' disguised as flashlights. A female resident was charged with various offences related to importing prohibited weapons.



2017

REPORTS COMPLETED

2614

(18% INCREASE FROM 2216 IN 2016)

SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS

98

(9% DECREASE FROM 108 IN 2016)

CHARGES LAID BY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

SECTION

490

(3% DECREASE FROM 504 IN 2016)



FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

Officers from the Forensic Identification Section attend a large variety of calls for service, including break and enters, fires, recovery of found remains, recovered stolen vehicles, assaults, sexual assaults, fatal motor vehicle collisions, and sudden deaths. Their responsibilities include taking photos, and employing all available methods to collect and analyze any 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. In 2017, three Constables were assigned to the Forensic Identification Unit.

Many crimes are solved due in large part to Forensic Identification officers!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ BAIL SAFETY UNIT

The Domestic Violence Coordinator is a Constable 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.

The Unit connects with victims of domestic violence through various stages, including a pre-bail interview to address any safety concerns and ensure that appropriate bail conditions are imposed. After the bail hearing, the Bail Safety Officer contacts the victims to notify them of the outcome.

DV STATS

YEAR	2016	2017
TOTAL INCIDENTS	1119	1112
INCIDENTS WITH CHARGES	209	224
MALES CHARGED	155	184
FEMALES CHARGED	54	40



E-CRIME UNIT

*Ever-changing,
rebuilding, evolving*

The Internet has led to a large increase in E-Crimes such as frauds, threats, and harassment. E-Crime continues to be a growing concern for all police services, as it has provided accessibility to sexual offences such as 'sexting', the fabrication and distribution of child pornography, and luring offences. Many of the suspects involved are located around the world, which makes these types of investigations very difficult.

THE UNIT

The E-Crime Unit is comprised of one Constable. The E-Crime officer's duties include obtaining warrants for computer 'IP addresses' and information from social media sites, as well as examining many electronic devices including cell phones, storage devices, and computers.

IN 2017,

the fully-trained E-Crimes officer left the Timmins Police Service. A new E-Crimes officer was identified and moved into the position in the Fall of 2017. Training for the new officer is well underway, and he is expected to be fully trained over the next year. It is expected that this section will continue to grow, and it is hoped that a second officer may be added to the unit in the future.



IN AUGUST 2017,

in partnership with the Porcupine Health Unit, the Timmins Police Service hosted the annual Prescription Drug Drop Off event. The event serves as an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired prescription medication.

During this year's event,

+50 LBS

of prescription medication was collected and safely disposed of.

RECRUITMENT

In 2017, the Timmins Police Service interviewed 18 individuals for the position of Police Constable, and added six new officers. Six Auxiliary officers were also added to the Auxiliary Unit.



CST. KEVIN MITCHELL



CST. MICHAEL SPARKS
(DIRECT HIRE)



CST. AARON FISET



CST. BRENDEN BUJOLD



CST. JOHN RUBINO



CST. MILFERD BURNETT



New Auxiliary officers from L-R: Aux. Cst. Jordan Guenette, Aux. Cst. Tanya Johnston, Aux. Cst. Robert Ferri, Aux. Cst. Jessica Spence, (Chief John Gauthier), Aux. Cst. Logan Ferrington, Aux. Cst. Lacey Rigg, and S/Sgt. Tim Chalmers (Auxiliary Unit coordinator).

Professional STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Bureau is comprised of one Sergeant, who is responsible for investigating all public complaints made regarding the conduct of police officers and the policies and services delivered by the Timmins Police Service. The Bureau also investigates all internal investigation initiated by the Chief of Police.

2017

		PUBLIC COMPLAINTS	
		Substantiated	1
		Unsubstantiated	8
		Not to proceed (time limit lapse)	1
		Not in public interest to proceed	2
		Complaint withdrawn	1
		Customer service resolutions	3
		TOTAL	16
CHIEF'S COMPLAINTS (Internal)			
Substantiated	11		
Unsubstantiated	2		
Continuing	0		
Stayed	0		
TOTAL	13		

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

IN TIMMINS, ROUGHLY 17% OF THE POPULATION IDENTIFIES AS INDIGENOUS. THE TIMMINS POLICE SERVICE'S ABORIGINAL LIAISON COORDINATOR WHO MANAGES INDIGENOUS RELATIONS. THE COMMITTEE MEETS QUARTERLY TO ADDRESS ANY AREAS OF CONCERN, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING WORTHY INITIATIVES AND CAUSES.

National Aboriginal Day

Participation in planning committee as well as taking an active role in any cultural awareness activities linked to this event on an annual basis.

Northern College Powwow

Active part of the annual Powwow.

NCDSB Integration Committee

Contributing agency to Committee (North-Eastern Catholic School Board) with the goal of enhancing the educational experience for Indigenous students (typically from First Nations communities) completing their secondary education.

Orange T-Shirt Day

Integral role in National Orange T-shirt Day, along with Timmins Native Friendship Centre, in recognition of Residential School Survivors. Participated in annual march and route safety planning, as well as in the efforts to raise awareness.

Walking the Path

Active mentoring role in cultural education program at both primary and intermediate school levels.

Evacuee assistance

Offer culturally sensitive service delivery to evacuees from coastal First Nations communities in collaboration with Emergency Management Ontario and Indigenous Services Canada.

Human Trafficking Campaign

Received funds for campaign which clearly identifies Indigenous female youth as an "at risk" demographic relating to Human Trafficking. Significant part of public education campaign focused on addressing this particular segment of the Indigenous population in Timmins in an effort to enhance public safety.

REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING EVERYWHERE

The Timmins Police Service, along with the Ontario Provincial Police and local MADD chapter once again participated in the Festive RIDE program. The program takes place over the holiday season and sees police focus heavily on impaired driving. This year, **four** impaired drivers were charged on Timmins roads throughout the Festive RIDE season.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

THE TIMMINS POLICE SERVICE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM IS COMPRISED OF 14 MEMBERS, WITH THE MANDATE OF AUGMENTING THE PATROL FORCE FOR CRITICAL INCIDENTS THAT REQUIRE THE DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIALIZED RESOURCES TO ENSURE THE SAFE RESOLUTION OF THESE INCIDENTS. THE ERT ALSO WORKS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS SUCH AS TIMMINS PORCUPINE SEARCH AND RESCUE, EMS SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICS, AND THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE. THE TEAM ASSISTS LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES WITH LOCKDOWN DRILLS AND TRAINING AS REQUIRED.

2017 *by the numbers*

TRAINING HOURS **1400**
(INCLUDES QUALIFICATION IN FIREARMS, LESS LETHAL MEASURES, CONDUCTIVE ENERGY WEAPONS, TEAM TACTICS & TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE.)

MISSING OR LOST PERSONS	7
WARRANT EXECUTIONS	1
HIGH RISK VEHICLE STOPS	1
TOTAL CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSES	9

INCREASING OFFICER & *community safety:* NALOXONE



In August 2017, the Timmins Police Service equipped all front-line officers with Naloxone kits, in the form of Narcan nasal spray. With the increase in opioid overdoses and deaths not only in Timmins, but across the country, the implementation of the kits was seen as a proactive measure to increase both community safety and officer safety.

The Timmins Police Service was one of the first police services in the province to equip all officers with Naloxone. Less than a month after the roll-out, officers used the spray on an individual suffering from a drug overdose and successfully saved the life of a resident.



COMMUNITY PATROL

COMMUNITY PATROL OFFICERS PROVIDE FIRST RESPONSE TO ALMOST EVERY INCIDENT REPORTED TO POLICE. WHEN YOU CALL 911, IT WILL LIKELY BE A COMMUNITY PATROL OFFICER WHO AT-TENDS TO ASSIST YOU.

PLATOON STRUCTURE

4 PLATOONS
1 STAFF SERGEANT
 PER PLATOON
1 SERGEANT PER
 PLATOON
+~10 CONSTABLES PER
 PLATOON

2017 PATROL STATS

3516 PROVINCIAL OFFENCE
 NOTICES
2936 CRIMINAL & DRUG
 CHARGES
38,861 TASKS
 ASSIGNED
21,921 REPORTS
 COMPLETED

CONTINUOUS LEARNING:

the key to success



THE TRAINING SECTION IS COMPRISED OF A SERGEANT AND A CONSTABLE TO FACILITATE IN-SERVICE AND OFF-SITE TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE SECTION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR QUARTERMASTER EQUIPMENT STORES, AS WELL AS THE CARE AND MAINTANANCE OF POLICE SERVICE FIREARMS AND CONDUCTIVE ENERGY WEAPONS.

2017 TRAINING TOPICS:

- RADAR REFRESHER
- USE OF FORCE/OFFICER SAFETY
- ERT TRAINING
- FIREARMS REQUALIFICATION
- CEW CERTIFICATION
- COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
- INTELLIGENCE GATHERING
- STANDARD FIRST AID TRAINING
- FENTANYL SAFETY
- CPIC/NICHE ORIENTATION
- AUXILIARY CST. ORIENTATION
- SPECIAL CST. ORIENTATION
- OPC RECRUIT ORIENTATION
- INTOXILYZER TRAINING

IN 2017, THE TRAINING SECTION FACILITATED OVER 9,400 HOURS OF TRAINING FOR TIMMINS POLICE MEMBERS.

Records Section: ensuring a smooth operation

Records staff must process each and every charge laid and ticket handed out by officers. This includes entering dictated reports, preparing traffic and criminal files for all types of court, and updating records management systems such as Niche and CPIC.

Records clerks are an integral part of the Timmins Police Service team. In 2017, TPS Clerk-Stenos entered:

**341 WASH COURT FILES
1027 BAIL COURT FILES
989 CRIMINAL FILES; AND
428 TRAFFIC FILES**



SPOTLIGHT

What is a Special Constable?

SPECIAL CONSTABLES WITH THE TIMMINS POLICE SERVICES WORK IN THE COURT SERVICES SECTION. THEIR DUTIES INCLUDE TRANSPORTING PRISONERS TO COURT, COURT SECURITY, AND SERVING COURT DOCUMENTS TO RESIDENTS.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE AND SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE.



CURRENT COMPLEMENT:

7

PART-TIME SPECIAL
CONSTABLES

3

FULL-TIME SPECIAL
CONSTABLES



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