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****Please note that some photos in this publication were taken prior to COVID-19 restrictions**

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE



On behalf of the staff of the Timmins Police Service, I am pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report to our community. In the following pages you will become acquainted with our officers and civilians and our steadfast, dedicated work that continued notwithstanding the challenges posed by Covid-19. As a policing agency focused on public safety and community service, we have certainly had to adjust our business practices to accommodate the new reality of the Covid-19. Despite the added obstacles posed by the pandemic, this report will highlight our continued diligence in key areas for 2020.

The Timmins Police Service continues to see success with the efforts of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) and the Outreach and Community Safety Team. Both teams have focused on addressing those persons afflicted with mental health and addiction issues in a progressive and proactive manner, in spite of social distancing and other public health guidelines. The Timmins Police Service has maintained meaningful relationships with all our community partners striking the right balance between changing restrictions and emerging technology.

COVID-19 has presented additional stressors to our front line and support staff. The Timmins Police Service made a collective effort in 2020 towards maintaining a positive and respectful workplace focused on mental wellness for all its employees with the implementation of programs focused on self-care and employee rehabilitation.

As Chief of Police, I am extremely proud of the strides made in law enforcement and crime prevention in 2020. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our first responder partners, community and public health organizations, businesses and individual members of the public for their unwavering involvement in keeping our community dynamic in its approach to community safety initiatives.

As in years past, my staff and I are grateful for the ongoing support received from our Police Services Board and municipal council, which assist us in being aware, inclusive, and culturally respectful. The policing landscape is changing and, as a modern police service, we are adapting to the needs of our community, to be effective in law enforcement while being practical and innovative with the resources available. I am confident that this document will serve its intended purpose to inform the public in a detailed and relevant fashion.

John Gauthier
Chief of Police

TIMMINS POLICE SERVICES BOARD



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MOBILE CRISIS RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (MCRRT)

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2020

820

INCREASE **25%** FROM 2019

- Referrals to Other Agencies - **172**
- MHA Apprehensions - **187**
- Admissions to MHU - **144**
- Voluntary Admission - **100**
- Diverted from Justice System - **21**
- Diverted from ER - **135**

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM



The Outreach & Community Safety Team program began in November of 2020 and the officers have already achieved a number of positive outcomes. They have successfully connected people who have substance use disorders with medical treatment for their addictions and assisted in securing housing for individuals. This program continues to work with our community partners with the goal of alleviating some of the social disorder issues that have arisen in the community.

The team has been able to assist approximately 25 clients who have been connected with many resources such as safe beds, addiction medicine, and housing. These clients have been referred to Timmins & District Victim Services, The Jubilee Centre, and other community nurses to lower their “at risk” level and get them the assistance that they need.

The Outreach and Community Safety Team is striving to bridge the gap between a client and the services that can be offered to help them prosper and thrive. The Team is working with community agencies to connect clients with food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance, employment, counselling, and meaningful treatment.

The team has been receiving praise and support from the community as they continue to be proactive dealing with the opioid crisis and homelessness challenges within our city.

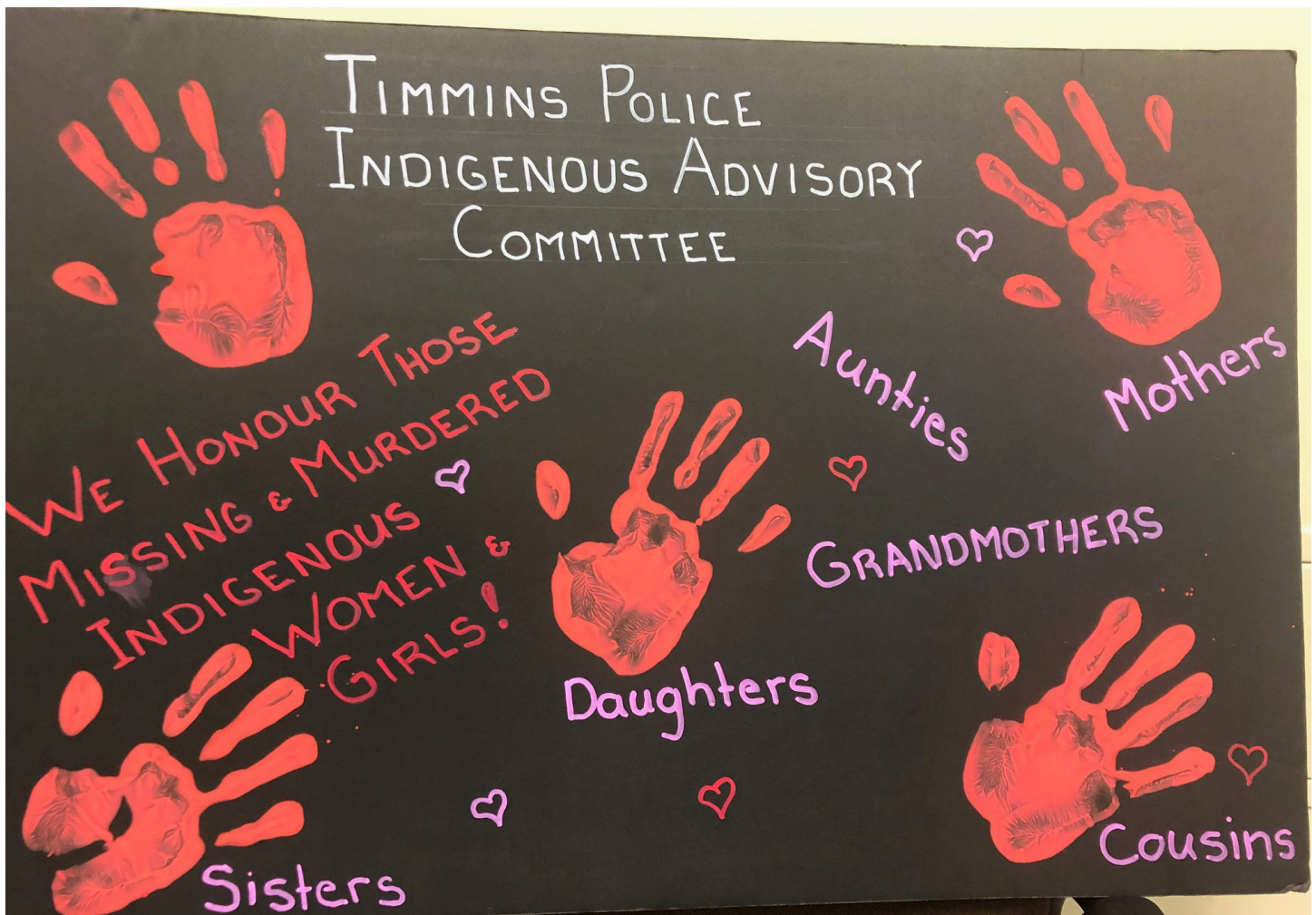


INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Timmins rests within the traditional territory of the Mattagami First Nation. A land that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit People. The members of the Timmins Police Service are grateful to have the opportunity to live here and work together with the Indigenous people and other community partners to preserve peace and establish healthy relationships.

This past year has proven to be challenging with the Covid-19 Pandemic preventing in-person meetings and events. That being said, the Timmins Police Service Indigenous Advisory Committee adapted and continued to meet via a virtual platform. We continue to discuss opportunities where we can affect change to improve positive relationships with our Indigenous partners and community members. Making adjustments to how we use social media is one of these opportunities where we strive to create a more positive atmosphere.





Discussions surrounding training opportunities with a goal of improving officer knowledge, understanding and sensitivity have resulted in connections with Nishnawbe Aski Nation Legal. All uniform members will receive training in the Gladue process in March 2021 and opportunities to participate in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise have begun to open up for February.

The Timmins Police Community Liaison Coordinator, Brenda Beaven, was able to participate in a few virtual and socially distanced events and did her best to include other Timmins Police Service members. Examples are Orange Shirt Day where staff wore orange shirts or ribbons to show awareness of the negative effects of the residential school system on so many Indigenous people. A red dress and message were painted on the station windows in October in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Our committee provided messaging and support for the Timmins Native Friendship Centre as they remembered and honored MMIWG.

The Timmins Police Service Indigenous Advisory Committee will continue to work diligently towards guiding Timmins Police Service members in fostering positive relationships with Indigenous community partners and members moving into 2021.

RECRUITMENT

In 2020, the Timmins Police Service bolstered its ranks sending four cadets-in-training to the Ontario Police College. These cadets completed the demanding training and acquired the skills needed to protect the community they are sworn to serve. In addition, the Timmins Police Service welcomed back a seasoned veteran officer, Constable Sean Lee. Each brings a diverse background of experiences as well as professionalism and compassion that will greatly assist with fostering community connections and serving the citizens of our city.



There was also tremendous success with recruitment of new civilian hires with the addition of three new clerk/stenos to the Records Department and two new part-time 911 Communicators. The Timmins Police Service values the talents of everyone on our team, especially new hires and have no doubt their skills will be a great addition to the team.

It is anticipated that Constable and Special Constable recruitment will remain active as we move into 2021 with a continued recruitment partnership with the City of Timmins and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Timmins Police Service's mission is to deliver police services with excellence. Proper levels of oversight as well as holding our service and members accountable, allows us to maintain public trust, ensuring our citizens feel safe and secure. We are committed to providing our residents with the highest quality police service possible. When someone raises a concern, Timmins Police Service takes the feedback seriously. Each allegation is reviewed and thoroughly investigated by our Professional Standards Branch (PSB), guided by the standards and procedures set out by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), an arms-length agency of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Both the Timmins Police Service and the OIPRD follow the same guidelines and course of action maintaining consistency throughout the province ensuring complaints against police are dealt with in a manner that is transparent, and in accordance with provincial legislation.



PUBLIC COMPLAINTS - 9
Substantiated 0
Unsubstantiated 2
Not in Public Interest to Proceed (OIPRD) 6
Complaint Withdrawn 1
Customer Resolution 0
INTERNAL COMPLAINTS - 5
Substantiated 2
Unsubstantiated 3

911 COMMUNICATIONS

Timmins Police Service 9-1-1 Communications Centre is the principal hub for emergency call taking and dispatching in the Northeast region. In addition to servicing the City of Timmins and the surrounding 29 townships for police calls, our 911 Communications Operators take and dispatch ambulance and fire calls from Timmins and the surrounding communities such as Hearst, Kapuskasing, New Liskeard and the James Bay Coast. Our communicators serve these areas 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2020

47,855

- POLICE - 26,321
- AMBULANCE - 19,741
- FIRE - 1,793

DECREASE 4.6% FROM 2019

In addition to these calls for service, in 2020, the Communications Centre logged 1,285 calls for alarm companies testing fire alarms and burn permits. Fire Departments do not respond to these calls.





In 2020, the Communication Centre
answered:
18,253 - 911 calls
Approximately 50 calls/day

**These numbers do not include emergency calls received on the Ambulance emergency lines, non-emergency and internal calls relating to Police, Fire or Ambulance incidents.

The Records Department was no exception to being affected by pandemic restrictions. Walk-in services were limited in 2020 as Timmins Police Service had to follow lockdown protocols in serving the public. There was also a shut-down of Provincial Offences Court (POA) affecting the number of files coming through the Records Department. In November 2020, Records staff received training on e-Intake, an application which allows for criminal informations to be uploaded electronically and sworn to remotely by a Justice of the Peace. The new process was implemented in early December 2020.

TOTAL FILES PROCESSED 2020

1748

- BAIL FILES - 350
- CRIMINAL FILES - 1586
- POA - 162

DECREASE 15% FROM 2019

*Believed to be attributable to COVID shutdown of POA Courts

E-CRIMES UNIT

The range of electronic devices used in the commission of a crime can vary widely and the Timmins Police Service is focused on this ever-changing area of criminal behaviour. We are working closely with our partners within the Provincial Strategy with regard to on-line child exploitation crimes. Our E-Crimes officer provides investigative assistance in terms of data and origin analysis not only in online child exploitation but providing support to other units within the Timmins Police Service.

FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

82

45% RELATED TO CHILD
EXPLOITATION

21 % RELATED TO DRUG
INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Timmins Police Criminal Investigations Divisions continued to be busy in 2020. The unit investigated 91 Major Case incidents. One of the Major Case incidents that was investigated involved an overdose due to opioid and a person was charged for manslaughter in relation to that death. The aforementioned case is still before the court. Investigators continue to spend countless hours investigating violent crimes such as; robberies, assaults and sexual assaults.

Two investigators within the unit were identified and trained to investigate and to address rising concerns of Human Trafficking within the City of Timmins. In 2020, 6 incidents of suspected human trafficking were reported to the Timmins Police Service. Investigators met with the possible victims and provided resources options for them to decide on.

The Special Services Unit, which investigates sexual assaults, received a total of 83 reported sexual assault. Of the total reported, 23 led to charges being laid; however, several of the sexual assault complaints are still open and under investigation. The total of reported sexual assaults to police in 2020 was far below the number of reported incidents from 2019.

IN 2020:
CHARGES LAID
785
REPORTS COMPLETED
3317
SEXUAL ASSAULT
INVESTIGATIONS
83

DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Methamphetamine Tablets	1458	\$7000
Cocaine (g)	579	\$58,000
Fentanyl (Purp, Carfentanyl) (g)	506.9	\$305,000
Crystal Methamphetamine (g)	167.7	\$17,000
Psilocybin (g)	17.5	\$350
Heroin (g)	9.1	\$400
Oxycodone Tablets	11	\$1,100



CASH SEIZED
\$138,250

WEAPONS SEIZED
11

ARRESTS
42

CHARGES
233

TRAFFIC SERVICES

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS 2020

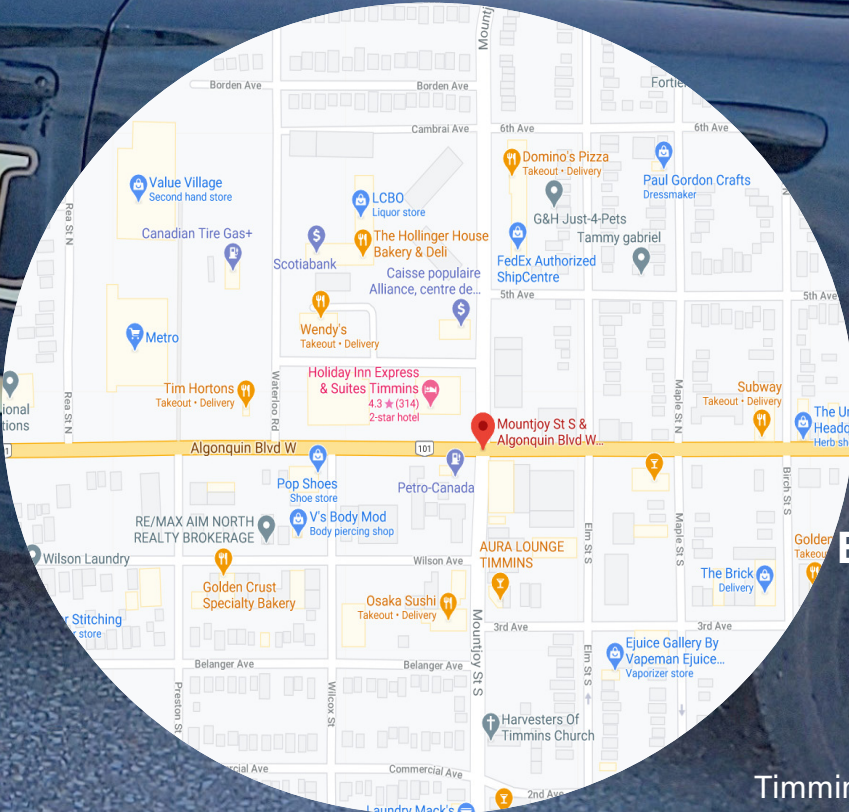
839

- FATAL MVC - 2
- PERSONAL INJURY - 77
- WITH PEDESTRIANS - 17
- WITH CYCLISTS - 9

OVERALL DECREASE 26.3%
FROM 2019

In 2020, the Timmins Police Service investigated 839 Motor Vehicle Collisions. In 2019 there were 1098 Motor Vehicle Collisions, a decrease of 26.3 % from the previous year. Of note, there was a significant reduction in the number of collisions particularly in the months of January, February, March, April, November and December of 2020. The reduction in the amount of vehicular traffic on area roadways is believed to be as a result of the pandemic.

Overall our policing resources should be focused on conducting targeted enforcement initiatives by our patrol/ traffic officers, monitoring problematic intersections coupled with public education campaigns. The number of collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists should continue to be monitored as these collisions have the potential to lead to significant injury.



**TOP COLLISION
INTERSECTION FOR 2020
WAS THE INTERSECTION
OF ALGONQUIN
BOULEVARD AT MOUNTJOY
STREET SOUTH WITH
17 MOTOR VEHICLE
COLLISIONS.**

COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (CIICC)



Reporting Requirements		Number of Interactions
Number of attempted collections		2
Number of attempted collections – Identifying information collected		1
Number of individuals from whom identifying information was collected		2
Number of times the individual was not informed he/she was not required to provide identifying information to the officer, because informing the individual:	Might compromise the safety of an individual	0
Number of times the individual was not informed of the reason for the attempted collection because informing the individual:	Might compromise the safety of an individual	0
	Would likely compromise an ongoing investigation	0
	Might allow a confidential informant to be identified	0
	Might disclose the identity of a person contrary to law	0
Number of times an individual was not given a document because the individual did not indicate they wanted it		1
The number of times a police officer chose not to give an individual a Receipt and the reason(s) for making the choice;		0
The number of times the individual was not offered/ given a document, because to do so:	Might compromise the safety of an individual	0
	Might delay the officer from responding another matter requiring immediate response	0
A statement as to whether the collections were attempted disproportionately from individuals within a group, based on the sex, age, racialized group, or a combination of groups:		The data collected was in compliance with regulatory requirements. There was no indication that data was collected disproportionately from any groups.
Number of Determinations made by the Chief entries of identifying information entered into the database	Did not comply with section 5	0
	Did not comply with clause 9(4)(a)	0
	Complied with section 5 and clause 9(4)(a)	2
The number of determination made by the Chief (upon detailed review of a random sampling of entries of identifying information entered into the database) that:	Section 5 was not complied with	0
	Section 6 was not complied with	0
	Section 7 was not complied with	0
The number of times members of the police service were permitted under section 9(10) to access identifying information to which access must be restricted.		0
The number of complaints resulting from or related to Regulated Interactions		0

NUMBER OF ATTEMPTED COLLECTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS PERCEIVED BY THE OFFICER TO BE:



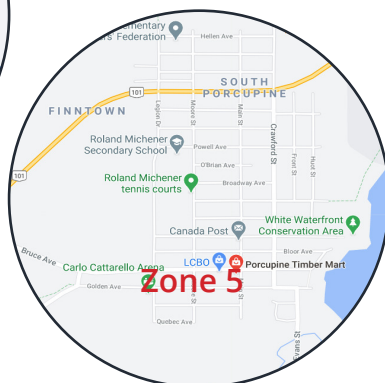
Male - 2
Female - 0



0-9 - 0
10-19 - 0
20-29 - 0
30-39 - 1
40-49 - 0
50-59 - 0
60-69 - 1
70-79 - 0
80 or over - 0



Aboriginal - 0
Black - 0
Chinese - 0
Filipino - 1
Latin American - 0
Asian - 0
White - 1



INTERACTION BY ZONE

- Zone 1 - 1
- Zone 2 - 0
- Zone 3 - 0
- Zone 4 - 0
- Zone 5 - 1

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