



TIMMINS POLICE SERVICE



Annual Report

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Message from Chief of Police

To the Citizens of Timmins,

I am honored to present the 2023 Annual Policing Report for the Timmins Police Service. Although I wasn't here in 2023 this has given me an opportunity to review some of the great work completed by our members and staff at the Timmins Police Service. This report highlights the efforts, achievements, and challenges we faced over the past year as we worked together to make our community a safer place.

2023 was a year marked by both successes and new challenges in the landscape of public safety. We witnessed the positive impact of our community partnerships, enhanced patrol strategies, and focused crime prevention programs. Our officers have continued to demonstrate professionalism and dedication in maintaining the safety and security of our community, responding to over 27,138 calls for service throughout the year. The total 9-1-1 calls for service handled by our 911 Communications Center was 29,915.

We continue to explore initiatives with our healthcare partners aimed at providing the right resources to those in need while reducing the burden on police and health care providers. Our efforts in community outreach have been crucial in fostering trust, understanding, and cooperation between our police officers and the public with particular emphasis on our marginalized community members. These initiatives aim to provide the right resources to those in need while reducing the burden on police and health care providers.

Despite these advancements, 2023 presented challenges, including incidents of property crime and substance abuse. Our team has worked tirelessly to address these issues through targeted enforcement efforts, ongoing training, and collaborations with other regional law enforcement agencies. We recognize that there is still work to be done, particularly in addressing the root causes of crime and social disorder.

We are committed to enhancing transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to the concerns of our citizens. We will continue to seek input from the community and work collaboratively to find solutions that will benefit everyone. As we move forward, our priority remains the well-being of all who live, work, and visit Timmins. We will continue to focus on proactive policing, building partnerships, and enhancing our service delivery to meet the evolving needs of the community.

On behalf of the Timmins Police Service, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our officers, civilian staff, community partners, and most importantly, the people of Timmins for your continued support. Together, we will work toward a safer and more vibrant community in 2024. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Syd Lecky
Chief of Police, Timmins Police Service



Timmins Police Services Board

The Timmins Police Service is accountable to the Timmins Police Services Board, in keeping public's expectations of responsible oversight and attentive fiscal governance.

The Timmins Police Services Board is currently made up of two municipal council appointees, two provincial appointees and one municipal appointee and they govern municipal policing in the city.



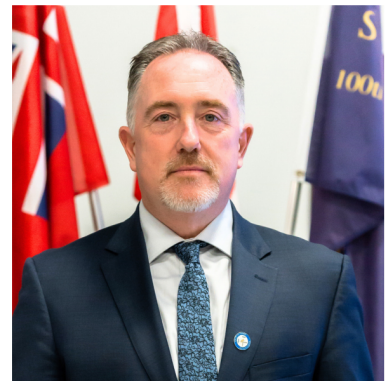
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MUNICIPAL APPOINTEE

Professional Standards

The Professional Standards Branch (PSB) 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.

The Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) is an arms-length agency of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. This ensures that its findings 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 police officers.



PUBLIC COMPLAINTS (ADMINISTERED BY THE OIPRD)

Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	6
Not in Public Interest to Proceed (OIRPD)	10
Withdrawn Complaints	0
Customer Resolution	0
Ongoing	0
TOTAL	16

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS (GENERATED BY CHIEF OF POLICE)

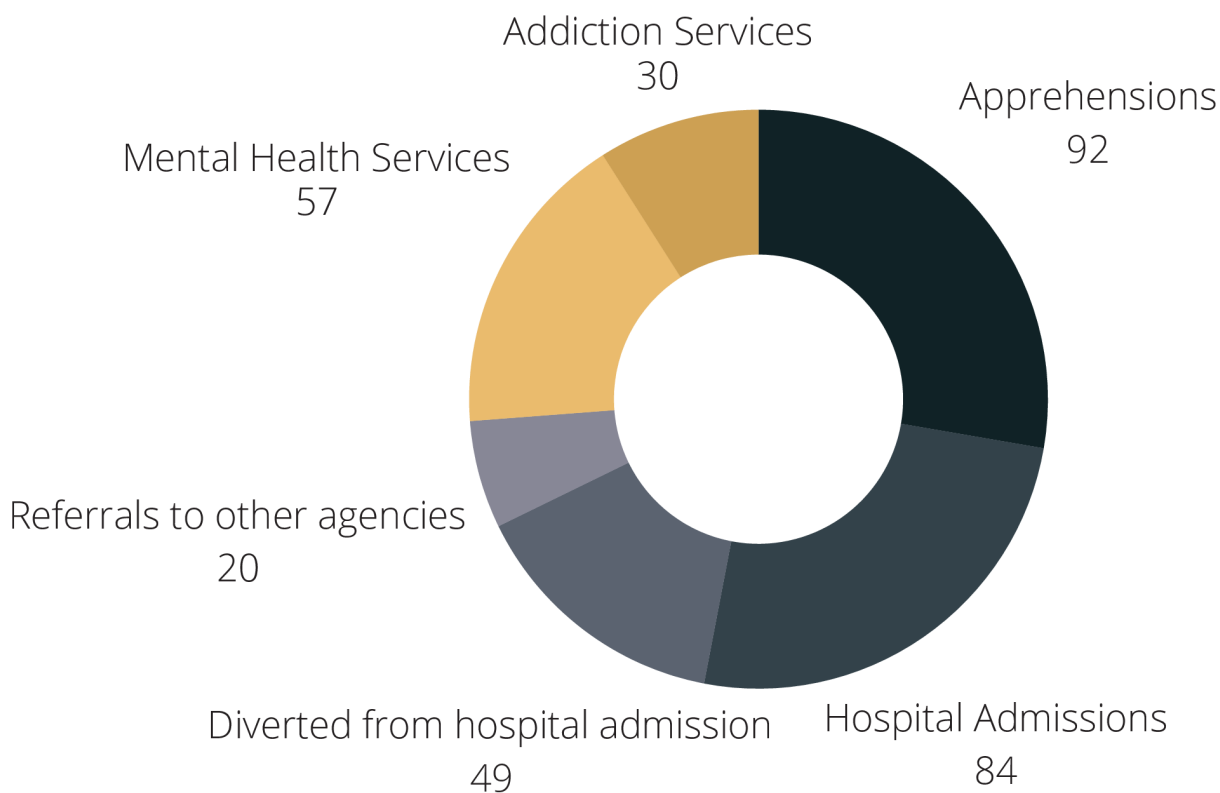
Substantiated	4
Unsubstantiated	1
TOTAL	5

SECTION 2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MOBILIZATION



Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT)

The Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) completed its third full year as a mental health support program within the community. This highly specialized team liaises with local services, community, and health organizations, and other community stakeholders. MCRRT also performs follow-up with clients to provide encouragement and assess the need for additional community resources.



Note: 2023 saw a change in call response involving EMS. Due to client privacy and confidentiality, Police/MCRRT were removed from EMS calls for service unless requested by paramedics (e.g. overdose). As a result, MCRRT saw a decline in community agency referrals. Additionally, many clients involved in MCRRT calls for service have some form of connection with services in the community.

Outreach & Community Safety Team

Outreach is the activity of providing services to any population that might not otherwise have access to those services.

The Timmins Police Service has been active in the outreach community by being out in the community and engaging with a wide range of people. It has received positive feedback from the community as they work to improve a sense of community safety. Our Outreach activities have developed several positive relationships with clients and have assisted in obtaining medical aid, securing food, and housing, connecting to communities, providing a sense of belonging, and engaging people in our community.

The success of our outreach efforts is strongly due to the partnerships created with organizations such as outreach services offered by the Living Space, the Porcupine Health Unit, and the Mushkegowuk Fire Keepers. The Cochrane District Paramedic Service has also been integral in the immediate response to opiate poisonings, while the Timmins and District Hospital's Community Withdrawal Management Team (CWMT) have been able to provide direct and timely access to medical treatment paths. These partnerships have been vital in our response to the addiction crisis to encourage long-term treatment.



Indigenous Advisory Committee



Over the past year, it continues to be the goal of Timmins Police to build on the positive relationships being created while continuing to collaborate with the many Indigenous organizations in the city and surrounding area. These relationships have led to ongoing educational opportunities related to culture, residential school experiences and resources available to our Indigenous population with the goal of improving experiences with the police. NAN Legal attended training days to enhance officer knowledge surrounding the Bail Supervision program and how we can contribute to collaborative efforts in responding to Indigenous issues.

The Tree of Hope project started in Thunder Bay continues here in Timmins with a tree being lit in front of the Timmins Police Service building. The Timmins Police Indigenous Advisory Committee has maintained this initiative to ensure our Tree of Hope remains lit 365 days of the year as a beacon of hope and to honour the many missing, murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2 spirit people in Canada. This year a plaque has been placed near the base of the tree as a means to educate the public of its importance.

The Indigenous Liason also continues to engage in the planning and participation in many events organized by the different Indigenous partners regarding culturally significant events and ensuring participation by other Timmins Police Service members.



SECTION 3: OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Recruitment

Cadets

- **Joelle Bedard**
- **Ishan Bhullar**
- **Meghan Boileau**
- **Keegan Boissonneault**
- **Roch Dubuc**
- **James Hunter**
- **Payton Lauzon**
- **Andrew Lawrence**
- **Ben Loreto**
- **Brandon Petit**
- **Nicholas Vachon-Quehe**

Experienced Officers

- **Kyle Fountain**
- **Travis Hollands**
- **Justin Miller**

Civilian Staff

- **Allyson Ethier** (911 Communication Operator)
- **Alyssa-Charlie Ethier** (911 Communication Operator)
- **Joelle Meloche** (Clerk Steno & Court Clerk)
- **Michelle St Louis** (Clerk Steno & Court Clerk)
- **Liza Laverdure** (Clerk Steno & Court Clerk)
- **Debra MacDougall-Pultz** (Special Constable - Part-Time)
- **Mahan Singh** (Special Constable - Part-Time)

Records



387
Bail Files



1429
Criminal Files



75
POA Files



587
Other Criminal
Statute Files



2114
Total Files
Completed

Criminal Record Checks Completed

2020

2381

2021

2613

2022

3205

2023

4090

911 Communications

**In 2023, the Communication Centre answered:
29,915 9-1-1 calls (Approximately 81.9 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.



27,138
Police



18,432
Ambulance



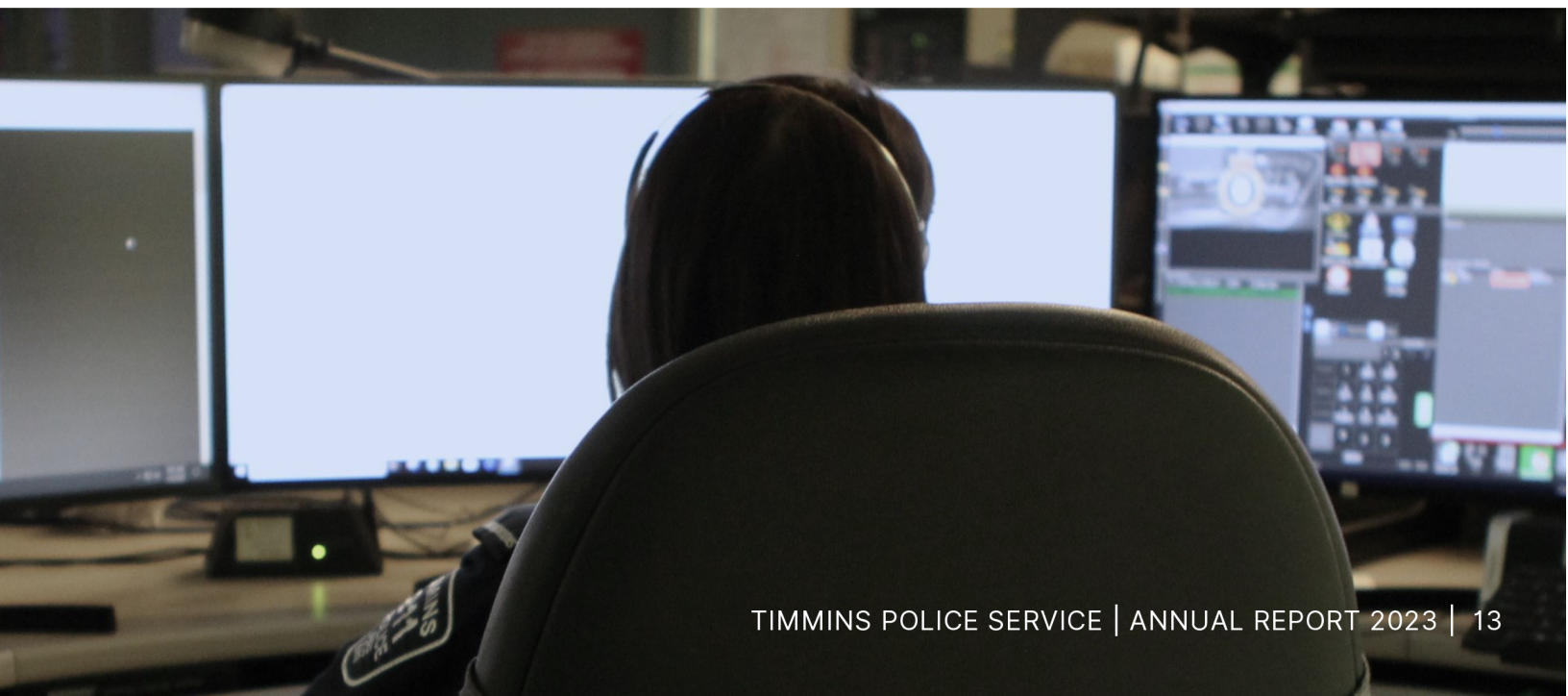
1,777
Fire

AREA COVERAGE:

Police: City of Timmins and surrounding 29 Townships

Ambulance: Hearst, Calstock, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson, Timmins, Foleyet, Gogama, Moonsonnee, Moose Factory, Attawapiskat, Fort Albany, Kashechewan

Fire: Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Cobalt, Coleman, Dymond, Haileybury, Harley, Hilliard, Hudson, Iroquois Falls, Kearns, Latchford, New Liskeard, Opatatika, Thornloe, Timmins, Val Rita



Criminal Investigations Division

In 2023, the Timmins Police Service Criminal Investigations Division made significant strides in maintaining public safety and delivering justice.

Our investigators managed numerous high-profile cases throughout the year, showcasing their expertise and dedication to complex investigations. Over the year, 408 charges were laid, reflecting the division's commitment to thorough and effective law enforcement. Our investigators completed an impressive 5,285 reports, ensuring meticulous documentation and follow-through on each case. Among these, there were 94 sexual assault investigations, highlighting our ongoing efforts to support victims and pursue offenders in these serious crimes. An additional noteworthy case included a critical human trafficking investigation, emphasizing our dedication to tackling this challenging issue to protect vulnerable individuals.

IN 2023:



**408
CHARGES LAID**



**5285
REPORTS COMPLETED**



**94
SEXUAL ASSAULT
INVESTIGATIONS**

Drug Enforcement Unit

Our Drug Enforcement Unit at Timmins Police Service remains steadfast in safeguarding our community from drug-related crime. With a commitment to integrity and safety, we continue to uphold our mission of protecting Timmins with diligence and dedication. As we reflect on the past year, the impact of the Drug Enforcement Unit's efforts is undeniable. Through their strategic enforcement they have focused their efforts on the most serious drug trafficking offences such as opioid trafficking, gun possession, and gang related activities.



**VALUE OF
DRUGS SEIZED**
\$322,927.00



CHARGES LAID
15



FIREARMS SEIZED
6

DRUGS SEIZED:

- Fentanyl 521.6g
- Cocaine 220.4g
- Methamphetamine tablets: 12 410
- Crystal Methamphetamine: 125.15g
- Oxycodone tablets: 566
- Psilocybin 30.7g

ENFORCEMENT:

- 4 accused for a total of 15 charges

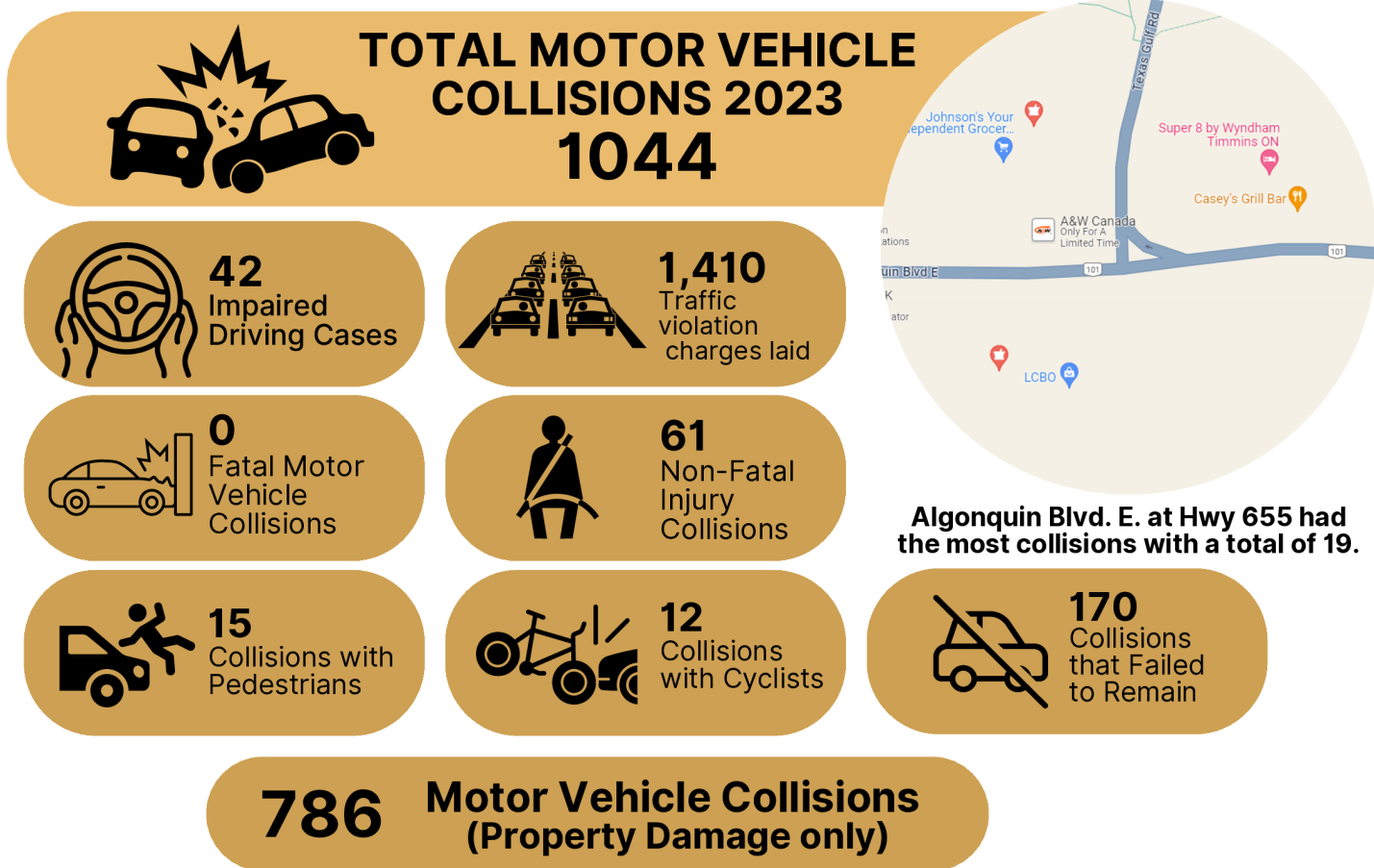


Traffic Services

The mandate of Traffic Services is to maintain and ensure public safety for all vehicular, pedestrian, and cycling traffic on the highways and trail systems within the City of Timmins.

The Traffic Section targets the Big-Four high-risk driving behaviours, which are the primary factors involved in most serious or fatal collisions: aggressive driving, impaired driving, distracted driving, and seatbelt safety.

Traffic Services also supports the City of Timmins with traffic management issues and initiatives.



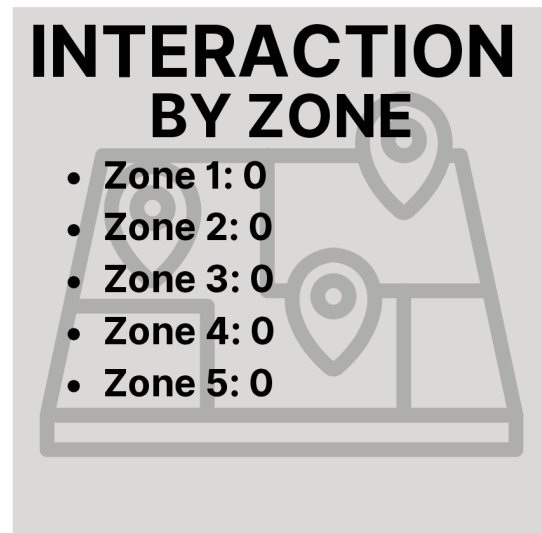
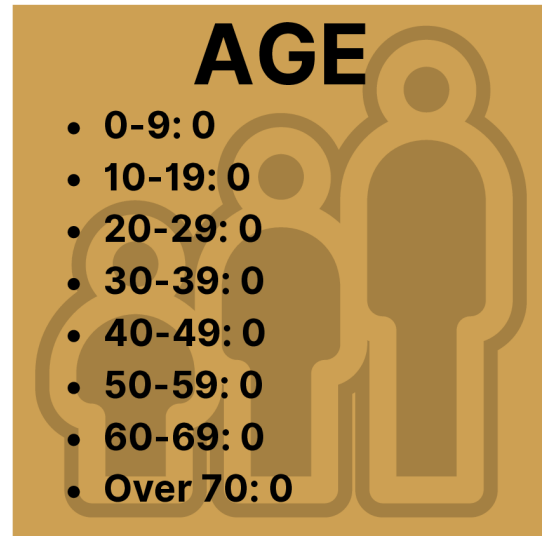
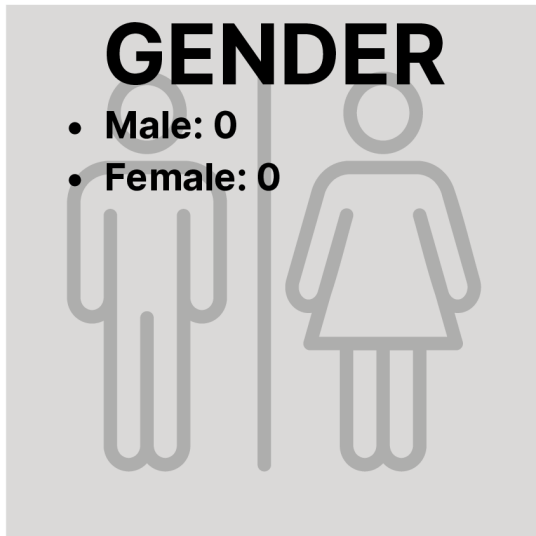
COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (CIICC)

*** As a statutory requirement, the Timmins Police is compelled to publish the following data in regards to the Collection of Information in Certain Circumstances as outlined below.

Reporting Requirements		Number of Interactions
Number of attempted collections		0
Number of attempted collections – Identifying information collected		0
Number of individuals from whom identifying information was collected		0
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 the individual was not given a document because the individual did not indicate they wanted it		0
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 date 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)	0
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

COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (CIICC)

The number of attempted collections from individuals perceived by the officer to be:



** Ethnicities are defined by the Government of Canada's National Household Survey. It should be noted that Indigenous people is the preferred terminology used in Timmins that is captured under this definition of Aboriginal.

Peer Support

Policing can be a very rewarding career however, it also comes with the need to respond to a lot of very difficult situations, initially as a Dispatch-911 operator then the officers who attend the scene, followed by our staff in Records who then have to read all the information pertaining to those difficult calls. Some of these calls can leave lasting effects on the mental well-being of our members. With good coping skills, most of these incidents can be processed mentally and emotionally on their own. Our six-person Peer Support team is available to assist all members develop these good coping skills and to listen when folks need to express their feelings.

Our team has been active in providing one on one support to members throughout the year as well as providing, defusing, and debriefing support following a particularly difficult call for service.

The addition of monthly visits by the St John's Therapy dogs has been a positive influence on the members in the organization. Simply petting a dog has been proven to reduce stress and even blood pressure. All members appreciate these visits with our new furry friends. Thank you to all the St. John's folks who bring their pups to our members for visits.

Plans continue for further education of the team in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) through the Canadian Mental Health Association in 2024.



OUR VISION

Partnership with our diverse community to ensure a safe and secure Timmins.

OUR MISSION

Guided by the public trust and the principles of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, The Timmins Police Service, in partnership with the community, commits to the continuous pursuit of excellence in the delivery of policing services.

OUR VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

We are committed to upholding high standards of public accountability and professional integrity.

SERVICE

We are committed to achieving the highest standards of police service delivery.

INNOVATION

We are committed to innovation and continuous learning.

EMPOWERMENT

We value our police service members as our most important resource. We encourage the contribution of all in a climate of openness, trust, and mutual respect.

PARTNERSHIP

We pursue our mission through strategic interaction with the community we serve.







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