



# COBOURG POLICE SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

## February 2023

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### Calls for Service

Feb	2023	841	2023 YTD	1752
Feb	2022	681		
Feb	2021	651	2022 YTD	1533
Feb	2020	796		

### Mental Health Related Occurrences

Feb	2023	25	2023 YTD	43
Feb	2022	17		
Feb	2021	10	2022 YTD	34
Feb	2020	19		

### Violent Offences

Feb	2023	5	2023 YTD	15
Feb	2022	5		
Feb	2021	6	2022 YTD	20
Feb	2020	13		

### Property Crimes

Feb	2023	18	2023 YTD	43
Feb	2022	12		
Feb	2021	17	2022 YTD	52
Feb	2020	17		

### Domestic Related

(Violent incidents in brackets)

Feb	2023	10 (1)	2023 YTD	24 (1)
Feb	2022	11 (3)		
Feb	2021	11 (0)	2022 YTD	26 (9)
Feb	2020	18 (1)		

### REPORTED BY COBOURG POLICE SERVICE

Numbers provided are for the time period of February 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> for the years 2022 and 2023

INDICATOR – REPORTED CRIME	2023	2022	DIFF
Violent Offences	15	20	-25%
Crimes Against Property	18	12	50%
Other Criminal Code Violations	47	62	-24%
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	54	35	54%
Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA)	1	5	-80%
Liquor License Act	4	2	200%
Provincial Offence Notice's	113	160	-29%
CPS Internal Codes (Assist & Information)	124	98	27%

INDICATOR – ROADWAY SAFETY	2023	2022	DIFF
Motor Vehicle Collisions	24	20	20%
Impaired Driving Charges	5	5	-

\*Numbers reflect Primary Offence Codes

## 2 Quebec men arrested for distraction theft at parking lot in Cobourg: Global News

Two Quebec residents were arrested after a distraction theft incident in Cobourg, Ont. According to the Cobourg Police Service, around 11:50 a.m. on Feb. 21, officers responded to a distraction theft in progress at a business parking lot on Division Street.

Police say the investigation led to the identity of a suspect vehicle, which was later located at a parking lot on Elgin Street West.

Two men were arrested without incident.

After sharing the identities of these men to GTA surrounding police agencies they have also been identified in several other similar offences with numerous other services.

In January, Cobourg police warned the public after investigating seven distraction thefts over a six-week period.

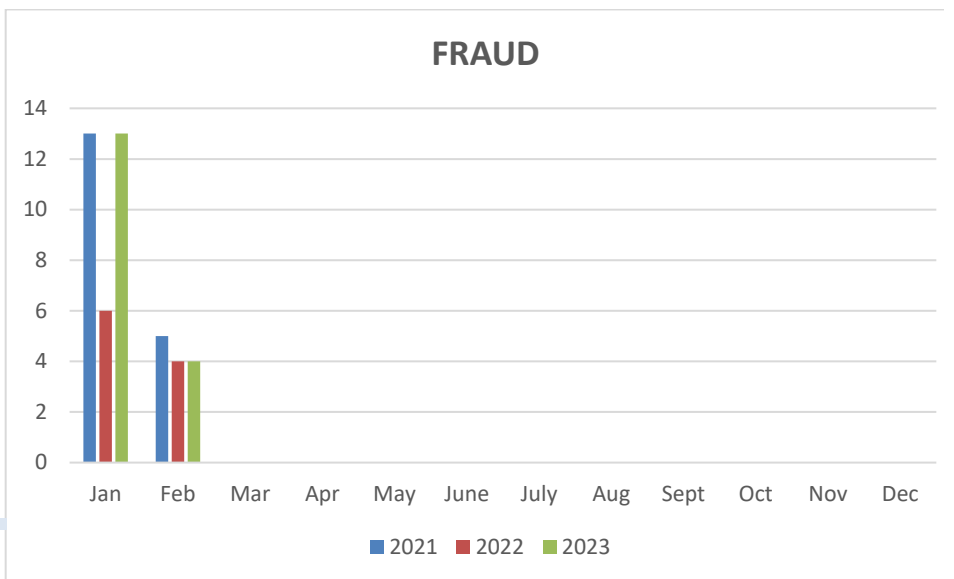


## CRIME TRENDS

### FRAUD

↘ There were four reports of frauds (including identity theft) in the month February.

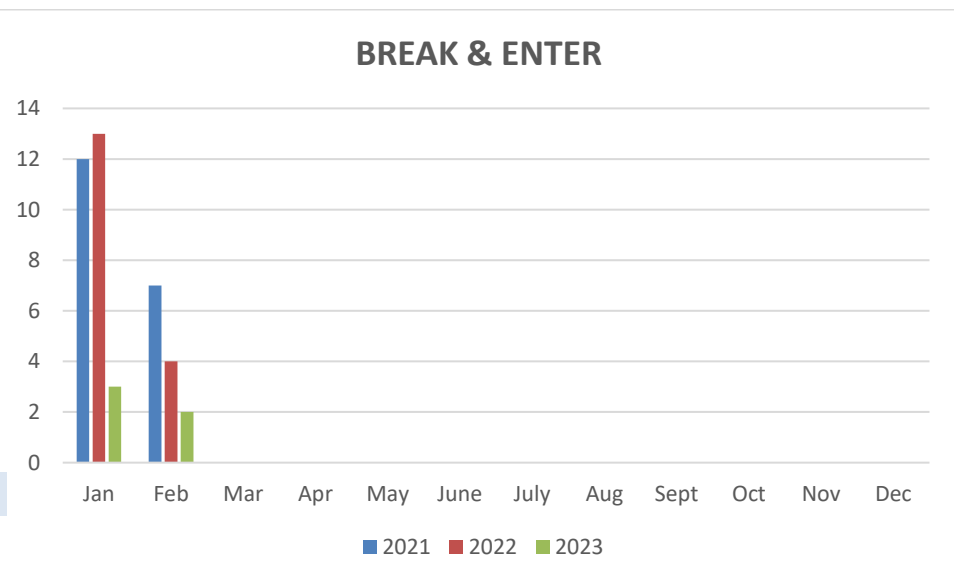
→ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022 the number of incidents has remained the same.



### BREAK & ENTER

↘ There were two reported break and enters in the month of February.

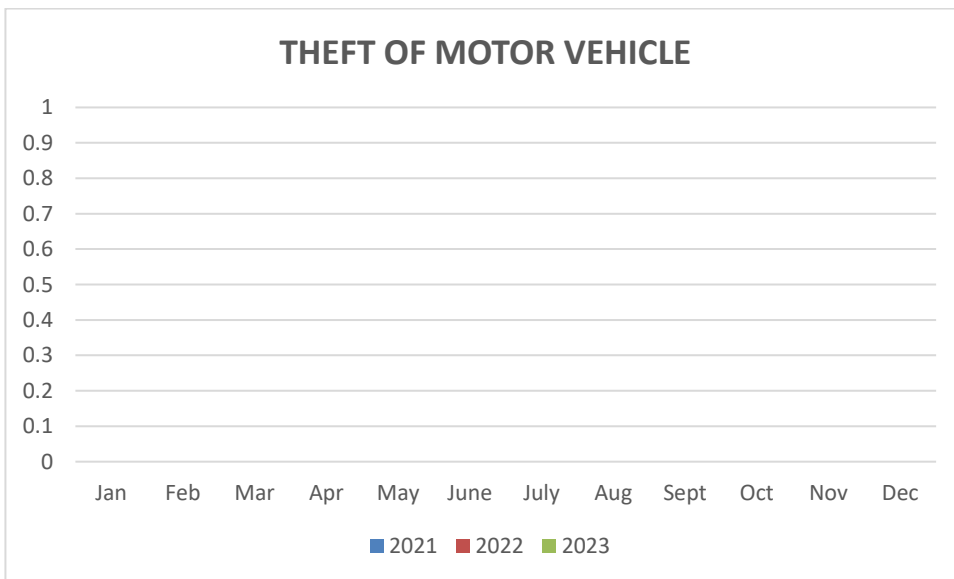
↘ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022 the number of incidents has decreased by two incidents or - 50%



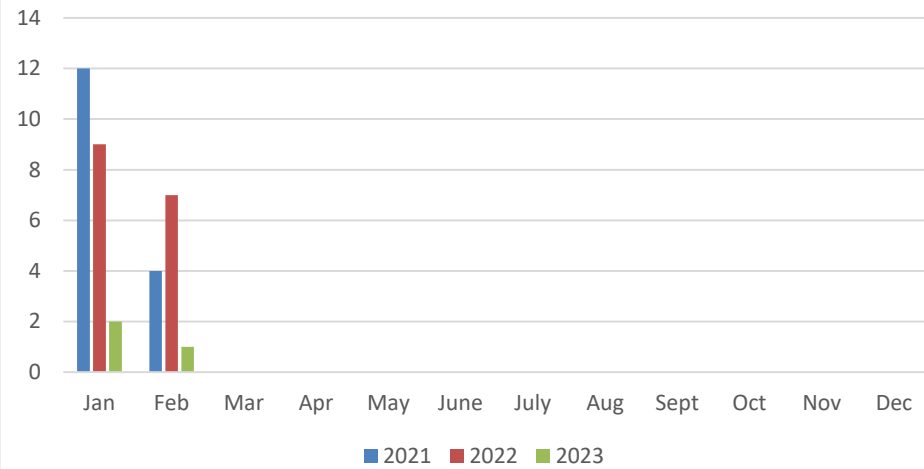
### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE

→ There was no reported theft of motor vehicles in the month of February.

→ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022 the frequency of theft of motor vehicle reports has remained the same.



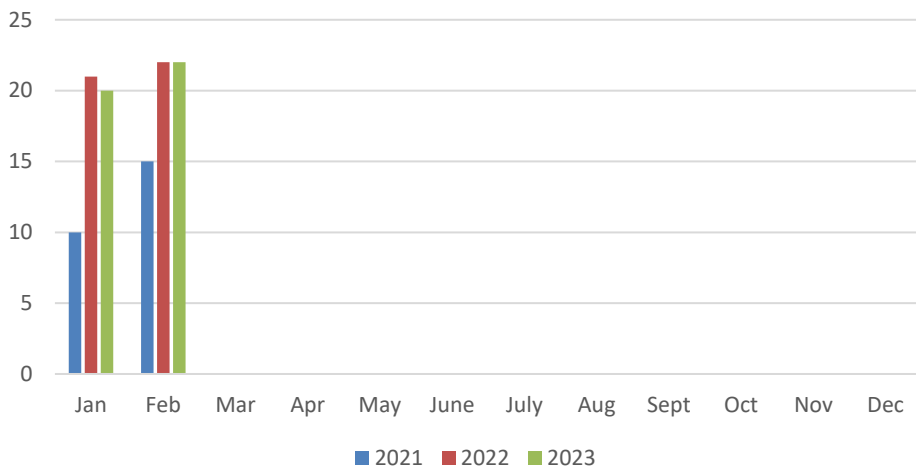
### THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE



↘ There was one reported theft from motor vehicle occurrence in the month of February; this has decreased by one incident from January.

↘ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022 the frequency of theft from motor vehicle reports have decreased by **-86%**

### DOMESTIC & FAMILY DISPUTES



↗ There were 22 domestic and family dispute incidents reported in the month of February; this is an increase of two incidents from January.

→ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022 the frequency of domestic and family dispute reports has remained the same.

### ASSAULTS (INCLUDING SEX ASSAULT)



↘ There were three assaults including sexual assaults in the month of February, this is a decrease of seven incidents from January.

↘ When comparing year-over-year 2023 to 2022, the frequency of assaults has decreased by **-57%**.

## OPIOID OVERDOSE AND COMMUNITY RELATED

Last year (2022) the Cobourg Police Service responded to over 80 drug poisoning occurrences with five of those being fatal. As of March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023, officers have responded to 12 occurrences which is a slight decrease from 16 of the same time period in the previous year of 2022.



In the summer of 2021, the Cobourg Police Service launched the pilot of a new initiative aimed at increasing access to services for community members while decreasing repeat calls for police response. Sergeant Janice MacDonald headed up the Homeless Addiction Resource Project (HARP) to address concerns facing our community.

*“We want to protect not just the safety and well-being of concerned citizens, but also those who are dealing with addictions, homelessness, mental health issues, and the stigma associated. A lot of the time these struggles are intertwined and we need to work collaboratively to get to the root of the issue, as only then will we be able to truly see a difference”. – Sergeant Janice MacDonald, Cobourg Police Service*

Year to date, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023, the HARP unit has initiated 7% of the total calls for service. These calls can range from assisting the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) team in transporting clients to and from the hospital. Assisting MHEART (Mental Health Engagement & Response Team) with specific challenges related to calls for service; suspicious person calls reported by the public as well checking in with community partners around the Town of Cobourg.

For the month of February, there was a slight decrease of 4% in total calls for service related to Mental Health, addictions and homelessness from January 2023.

## INVESTIGATIVE OCCURRENCES

**Break & Enter:** The Police were dispatched to a gym located on Ontario Street for a report of a front door entry alarm. The security company advised a male subject who answered the company phone and identified himself had gained entry into the facility but provided the incorrect passcode. The Police arrived on scene and conducted an extensive perimeter check which revealed all doors and windows to be secured with no signs of damage or forced entry. While on scene police called the business phone line where the accused – a known homeless person - answered the phone and identified himself. After negotiating with the suspect to surrender himself over to the Police, staff arrived on scene and granted Police access into the facility where the suspect was subsequently placed under arrest.

**Fraud:** An 87-year-old complainant contacted the police regarding a suspected grandparent scam. The complainant reportedly received a call from an unknown male who identified as her son. The male stated he was currently in jail, and she was required to speak to an officer to facilitate his release. The complainant then spoke to another unknown male who identified as a police officer. At this time, she was advised that she was required to pay \$10,000.00 in cash to have her son released from custody and additional \$7,000.00 in "bail money". The complainant disclosed her residential address and was advised someone would be attending to collect the funds owing. The complainant was given a code word and told that would be required to facilitate the exchange. Later one lone male attended the residence and the funds were provided. The suspect was described as male, Caucasian, approximately 5', who was noted to have a beard and mustache and was wearing a hat. Two days later, the complainant sent the sum of \$7,000.00 via "cash express" to a male named "Mike MCLOUD" to an address in Quebec. This investigation is ongoing.

**Theft:** Sometime over the weekend of Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> there was a theft from a new build construction site in the area of Rollings Street. The complainant reported the following items stolen: 250 pounds of bare copper with an estimated value of \$1,125.00, ten litres of fuel and a 18 volt Milwaukee grease gun.

**Distraction Theft:** The Police were dispatched to a grocery store on Division Street regarding a distraction theft in progress. Police attended and through investigation obtained suspect vehicle information. With the assistance of CIB (Criminal Investigative Branch), the involved vehicle was located at the Elgin Street mall parking lot. Police entered the premise and located the two suspect males who were arrested without incident. Initially, Police were unable to confirm the identify of the involved parties, but with the assistance of Special Constables they were able to obtain through fingerprints. As a result, the males were positively identified, as residents of Quebec.

**Property Damage/Theft:** Police attended an address near Duncan Court for a vehicle that was observed in the driveway with a smashed passenger side window. Police attended and observed a grey vehicle parked in the driveway. Police made contact with the registered owner who was visiting the residence. The owner attended and reported that her wallet containing ID and a Debit card was missing from the vehicle. Police conducted a canvass of the neighbourhood and observed multiple residences with video surveillance. This investigation is ongoing.