



Cobourg Police Service

MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2024

The Monthly Operational Report provides an overview of activity at the Cobourg Police Service (CPS), including calls for service, crime trends, major investigations, community outreach initiatives, and collaborative efforts with other agencies.

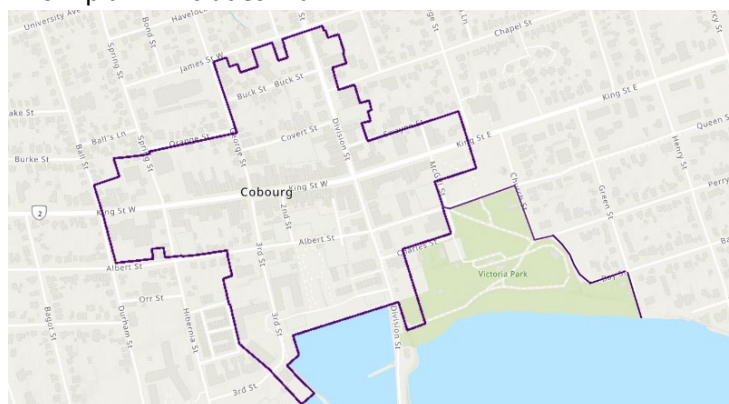
We recognize the importance of data-driven decision-making. This report delves into specific crime data trends, including:

- Incident Types: A breakdown of reported incidents by category
- Breakout of Geographic Hotspots: Identifying areas with higher call rates and/or community interest.
- Community Engagement: Share updates on community events, outreach programs, and initiatives aimed at fostering trust and collaboration.
- Resource Allocation: Provide an overview of staffing levels and activities.

Downtown Cobourg

The Cobourg Police Service has established an action plan that strategically focuses on enhancing the perception of safety in downtown Cobourg. This plan includes a

downtown foot patrol presence that will build/sustain relationships with residents, business owners and visitors. Downtown statistics are included throughout the monthly operational report.





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Calls for Service

As police, we prioritize community safety, responding to calls, and investigating crimes while maintaining compassion and supporting our partner agencies that can have a maximum impact on solutions to this crisis. The population of the Town of Cobourg is projected to continue to increase, reaching over 21,700 residents by the end of 2024. Cobourg is a growing hub for Northumberland County. Located just off the 401, with an increasing population, new homes, and a new workforce to support, we anticipate an increase in calls for service in 2024.

2022

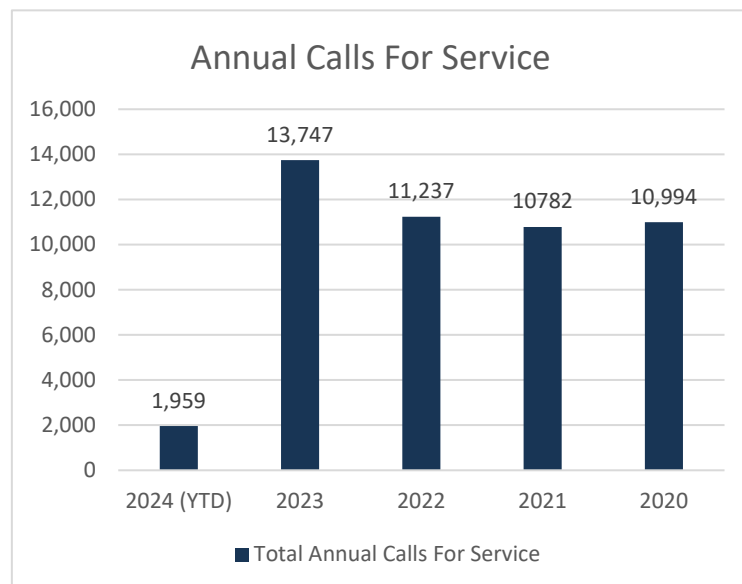
5% increase

2023

22% increase

Total calls for service 2024 YTD – 1,959 (as of Feb 29)

Total calls for service February 2024 – 990

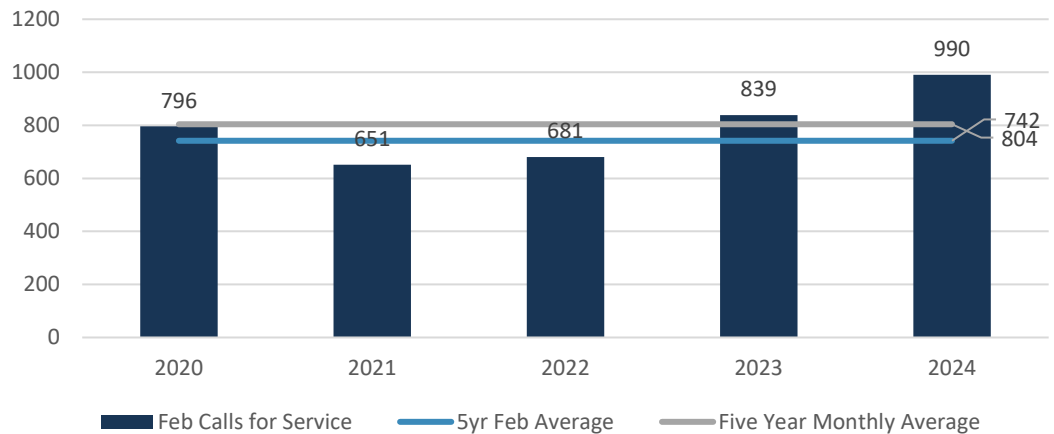




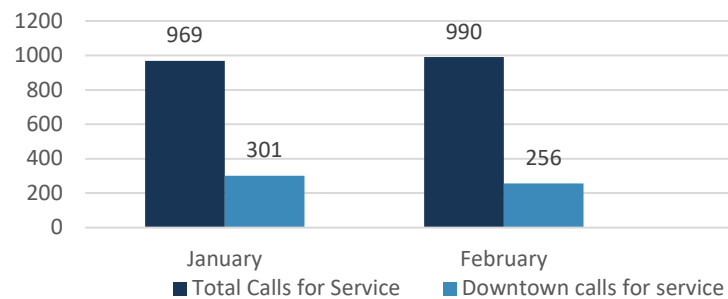
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Calls for Service



Calls for Service Cobourg vs Downtown



In January 2024, 26% of calls for service were dispatched to the Downtown area.



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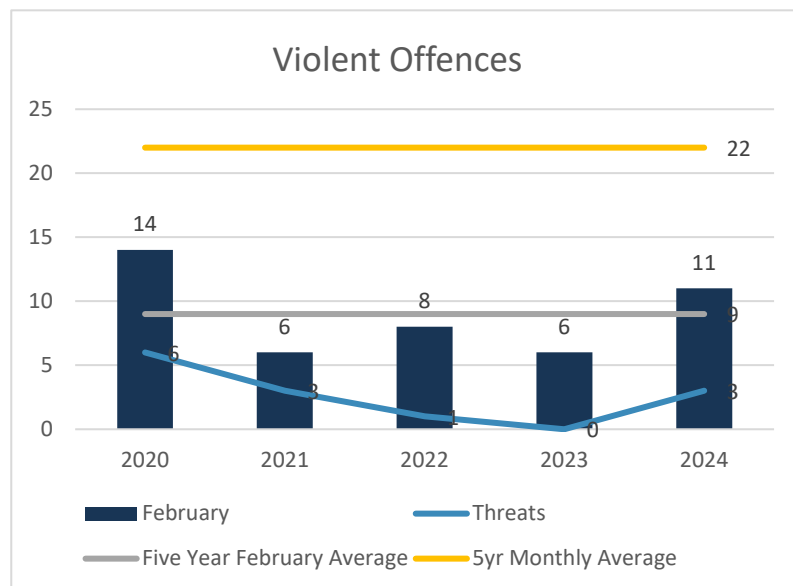
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Violent Offences

Violent crime refers to those violations in the Criminal Code of Canada, identified as any crime where physical or verbal threats of violence are made against a person. This category includes offences such as homicide, assault, robbery, sexual assault, and uttering threats.

2024 YTD Total 26

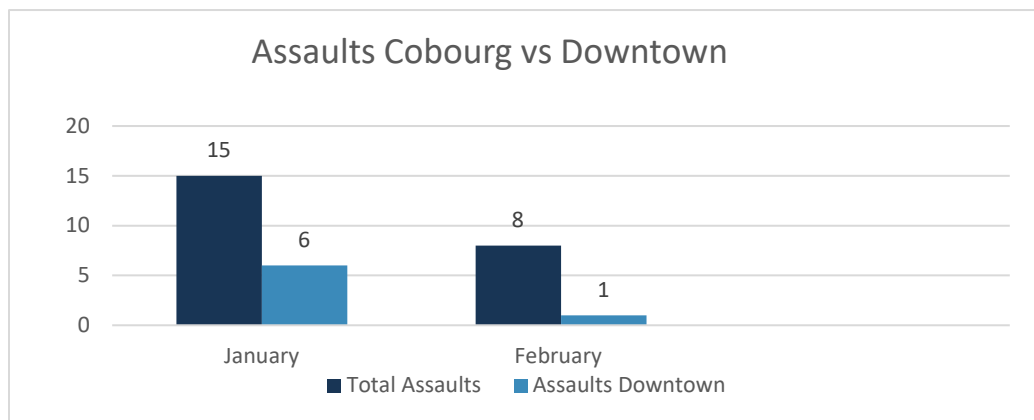
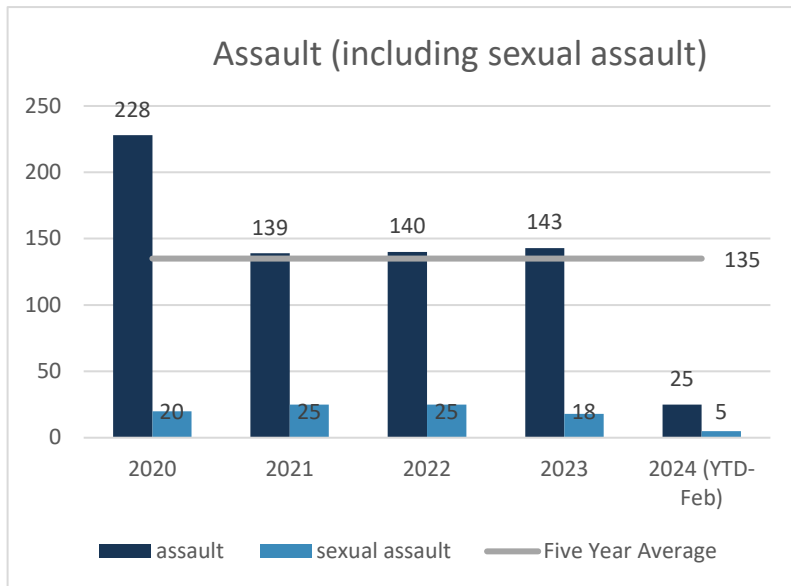
2023 Total 137





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In February 2024, 12.5% of assault-related incidents were in the Downtown area.



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Domestic Related Incidents

Domestic-related crime is a pressing issue that affects many individuals and families. It encompasses offences such as domestic violence, spousal abuse, and other harmful acts within intimate relationships.

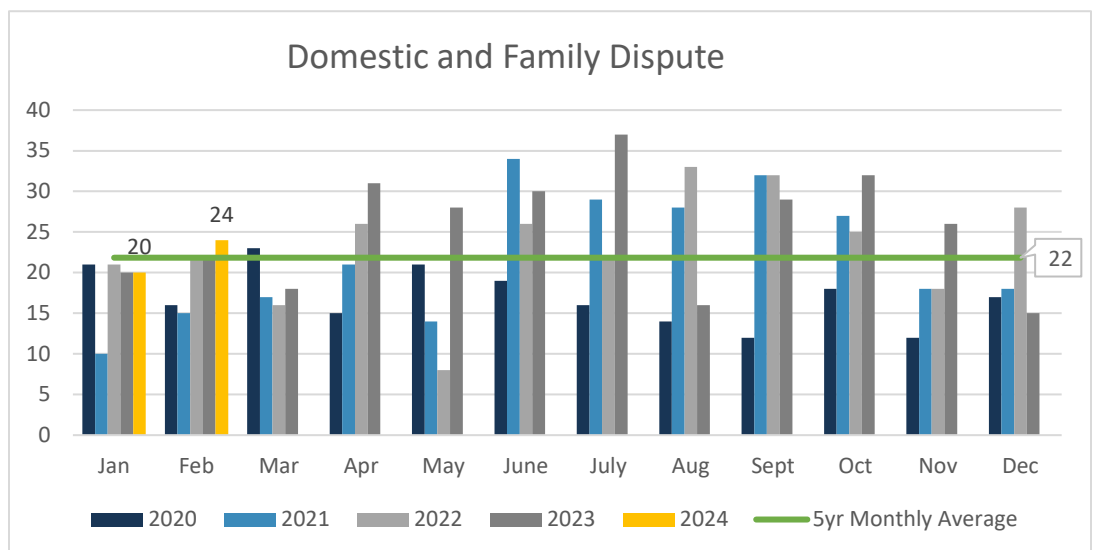
CPS takes a victim-centred approach to intimate partner and domestic violence. This approach is a way of responding to these crimes that prioritizes the safety, privacy, and well-being of the victim. This approach also respects the autonomy and agency of the victims, and does not pressure them to make decisions they are not ready or willing to make. By using a victim-centred approach, police officers can help reduce the trauma and harm that survivors experience and increase the chances of holding the abusers accountable.

The CPS and Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre's Intimate Partner Abuse Response Strategy program helps remove barriers to support for victims and provides ongoing improvement in the handling of domestic-related crime.

CPS uniform officers, special constables, and auxiliary members will be attending a conference in March 2024 on Enhancing Response to Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault.

2024 YTD Total 44 (4 violent)

2023 Total 319 (34 violent)





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Stand Up Stay Strong

In February, Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre and Cobourg Police Service partnered to offer the first three sessions of the Stand Up Stay Strong program. The program is divided into two sections: in-class and physical defence. The objective is to educate youth on societal influences that may impact their decision-making when building intimate and meaningful relationships. Over 280 high school students participated in the in-class presentation, and 150 students participated in the Physical Defense training portion. The last three sessions will be completed in March.





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Property Crime

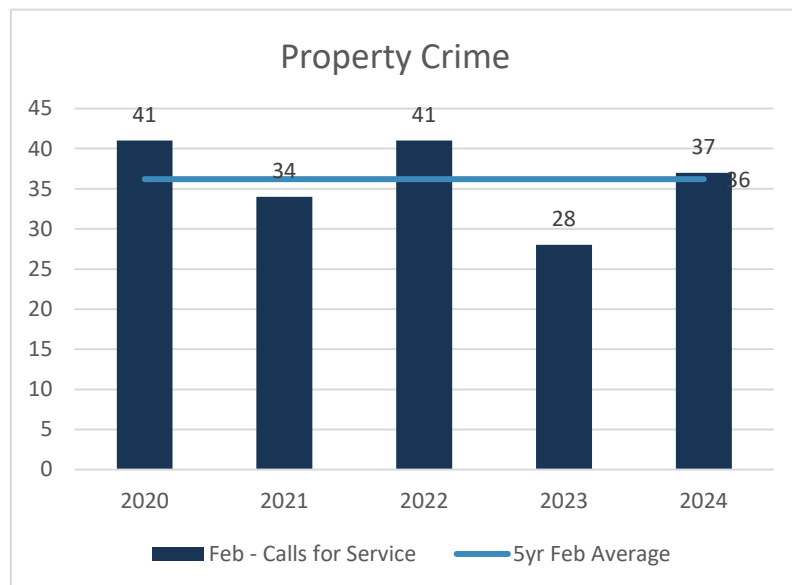
Property crime encompasses a wide range of offences related to obtaining money, property, or other benefits. Property crimes include theft, breaking and entering, auto theft, arson, and vandalism. Whether it's a stolen garden gnome or a smashed car window, property crime can disrupt the integrity of a neighbourhood and raise safety concerns for residents.

The presence of homeless encampments can have multifaceted effects on property crime and has become a concern for residents in the east end of Cobourg since a homeless encampment emerged last year.



2023 – 321

2024 YTD Total - 79





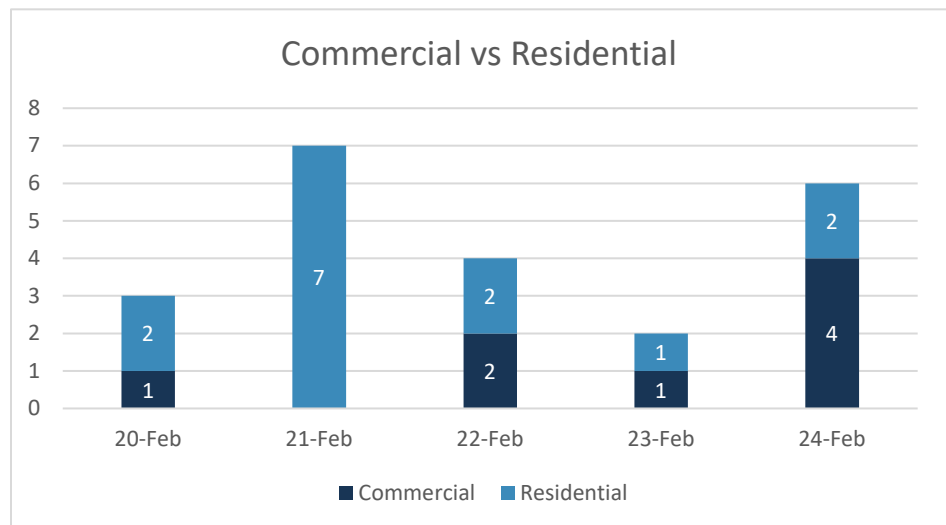
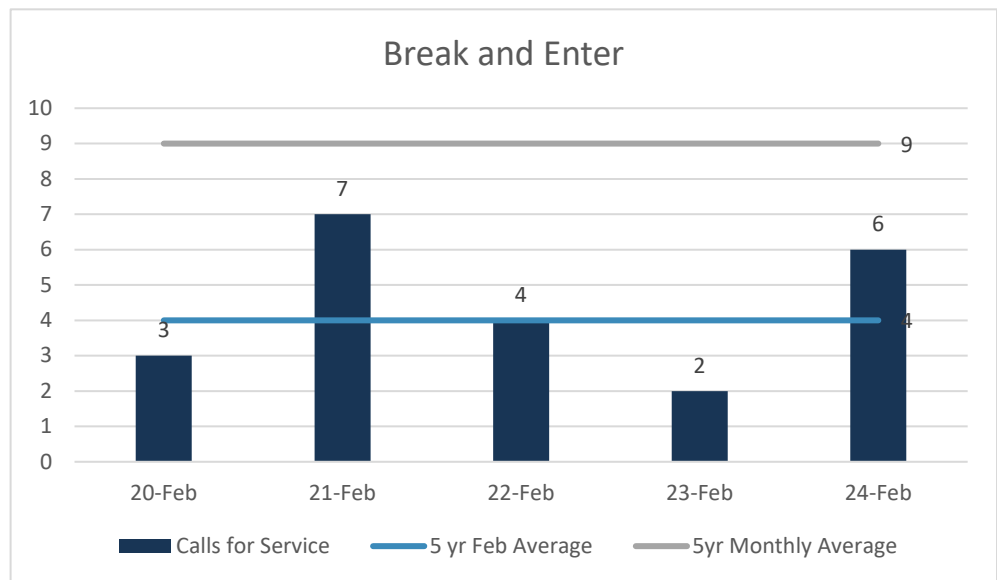
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Break and Enter

2024 YTD Total - 7

2023 Total – 43





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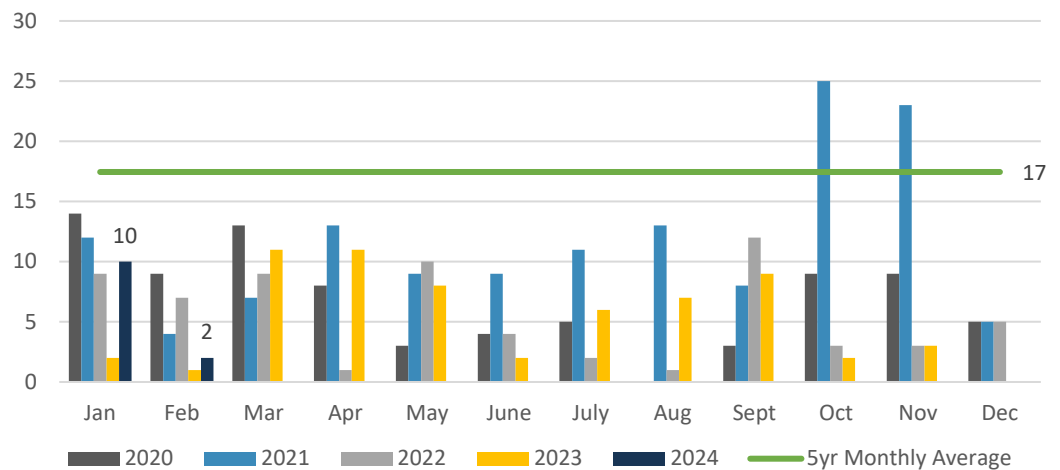
Theft from Vehicles

For the large part, theft from vehicles is a crime of opportunity, taking place in the dark, in residential neighbourhoods.

The mobilization of the CPS tiered policing model provides opportunities for community engagement and crime prevention through the Lock It or Lose It initiative.

We continue to work to leverage the CPS CCTV Camera Network and Community Camera Registry to provide further investigative assistance in these hard-to-solve crimes.

Theft From Vehicle



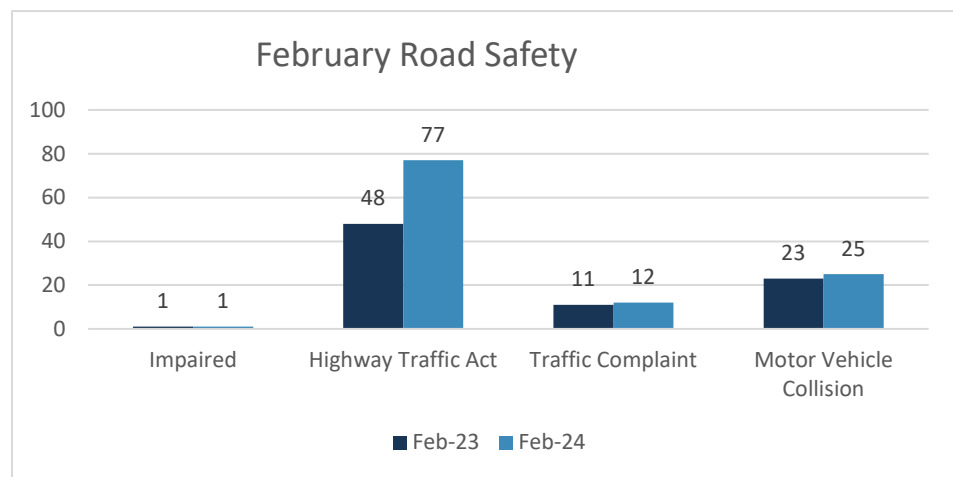


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Road Safety

In February, we received 12 traffic complaints for a range of themes, including speeding in residential areas, speeding in a school zone, possible impaired, driving with a handheld device, driving while under suspension, driving without lights on at night, and a vehicle driving into oncoming traffic.



Speeding

At the end of February, auxiliary members deployed the speed spy radar program in a community school zone. The data collected will allow officers to identify speed hot spots and deploy speed enforcement duties accordingly.





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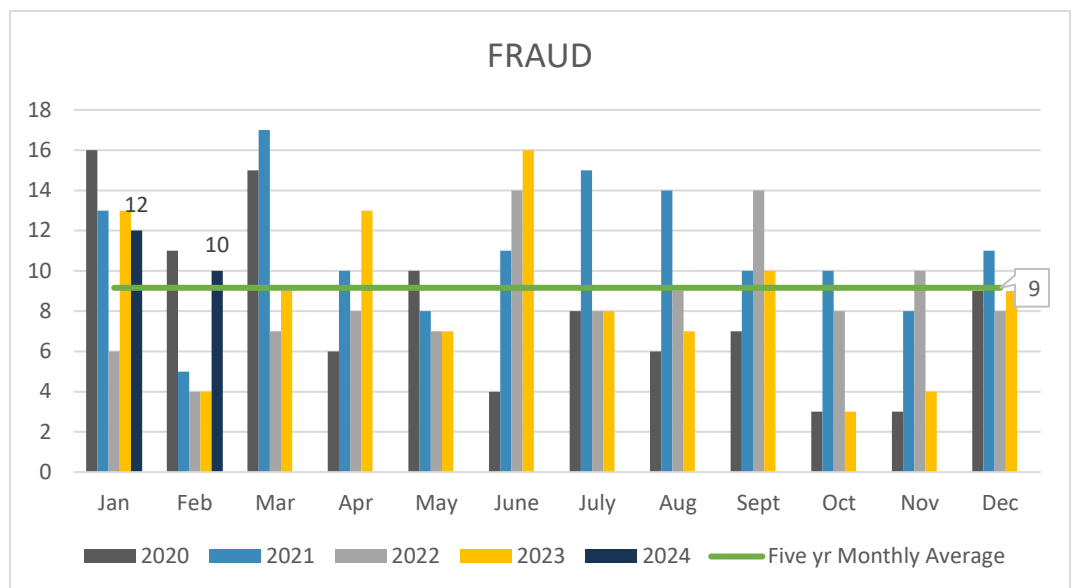
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Fraud

Recent reports of fraud highlight how criminals have adapted their tactics using technology. Fraudsters may offer cryptocurrency buy-ins promising a high rate of return or pose as an official saying your bank accounts have been compromised and instruct you to take money out of your account and deposit it into a cryptocurrency ATM. In February, CPS responded to two reports of investment fraud involving cryptocurrency transfers. In one report, the complainant invested \$ 10,000 in cryptocurrency after using a website called fairwealth.org. The complaint then received a phone call from an individual claiming to be from the fairwealth.org office in New York. During the conversation, the complainant invested another \$1,000. In the second investment scam, the complainant lost over \$12,000 after being tricked into depositing it into a cryptocurrency ATM.

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FRAUD INCIDENTS
REPORTED IN
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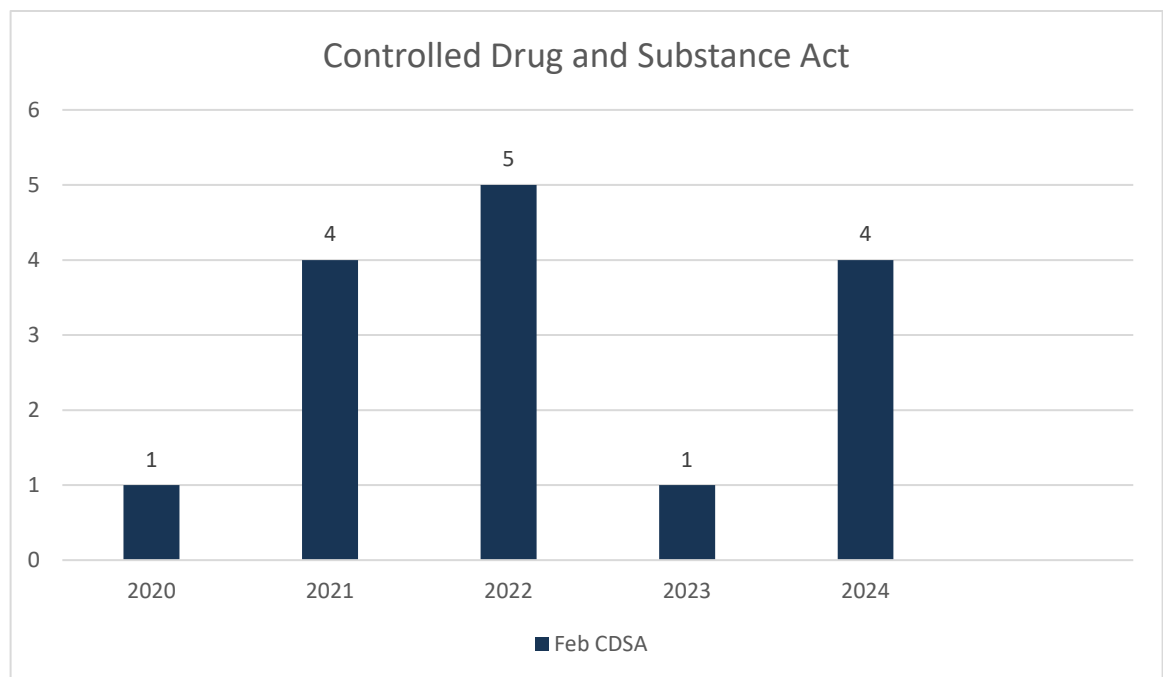
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Controlled Drug and Substances Act

As the community continues to grapple with addiction and how to increase impact when agencies are experiencing strained resources, investigations and enforcement targeting illegal drug activity such as trafficking, production, and import/export of illicit drugs in our community continue to be a strategic priority and a focus for CPS.

Drug activity affects neighbourhoods through increased crime rates, violence, and health risks.

Canada's approach to drug possession has evolved. Rather than arresting individuals solely for possession, there is a growing emphasis on evidence-based diversion measures.

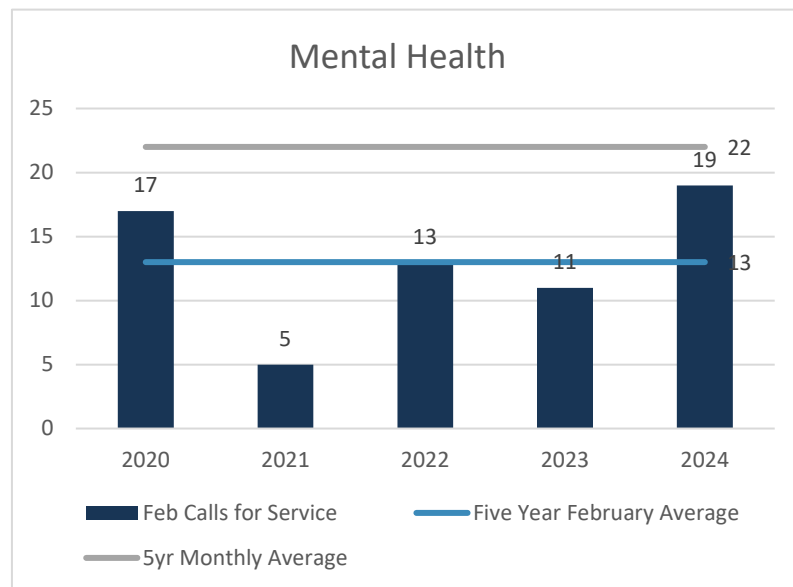




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Mental Health



2023 Total 246

2024 YTD Total 38



Mental health calls significantly impact police operations, posing unique challenges for law enforcement agencies. In 2023, officers responded to 246 mental health related calls, a 22% increase from 2022 (201).

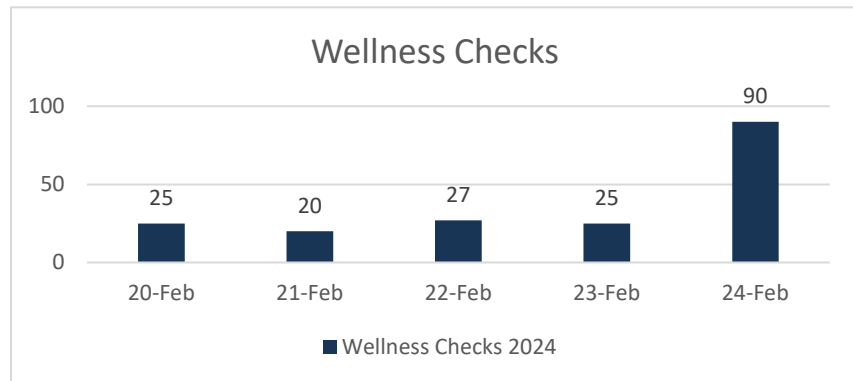
They encounter individuals experiencing emotional distress, psychiatric crises, or suicidal thoughts. These situations require a specialized approach to de-escalate tensions, ensure safety, and connect individuals with appropriate mental health resources. The strain on police

resources is evident, as officers spend extended periods managing mental health crises, diverting their attention from other urgent matters. Repeated interactions between police and the same individuals create a cycle that strains call response. To address this, collaborative efforts between police, mental health professionals, and community organizations are essential to provide effective and compassionate responses while minimizing the burden on officers.



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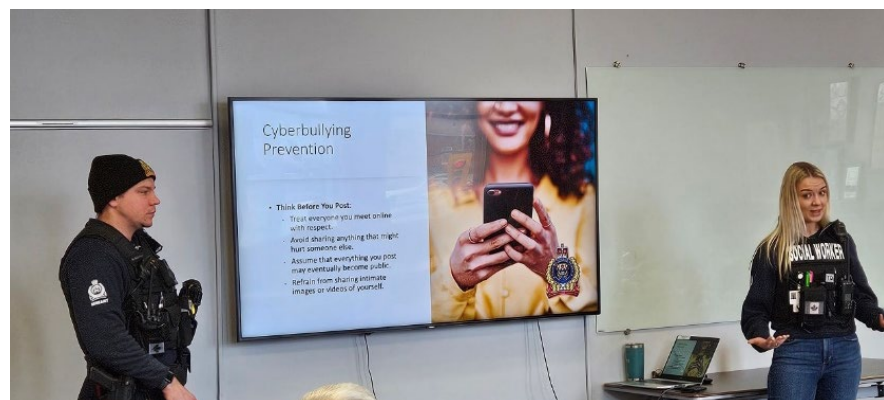


The Mental Health Engagement and Response Team (M-HEART) continues to be vital to police operations and helps lessen the gap between residents and the services and supports.

In February, the new M-HEART officer's training was completed. M-HEART responded to an incredible 132 calls for service, including mental health-related calls, wellness checks, unwanted or suspicious person calls, disturbances, and secondary unit response on existing calls for service when required.

Other M-HEART activities:

- Supported one individual in the treatment centre.
- Met with staff at a local school to provide proactive support in a worrisome behaviour case conference.
- Enhanced community engagement through street safety and cyberbullying presentations, community foot patrols, and informal coffee meetups.





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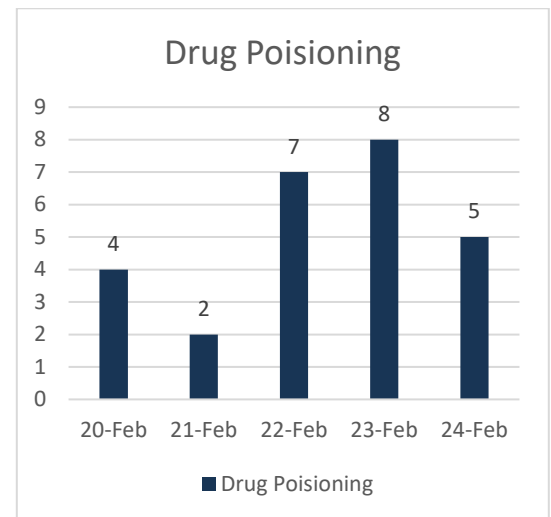
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Drug Poisoning

In February 2024, CPS responded to five calls for suspected drug poisoning.

Addiction is a public health issue and requires a coordinated and collaborative approach.

In a recent surge of drug poisoning in the City of Belleville, 23 suspected drug poisonings occurred within three days. The suspected cause is a batch of fentanyl-laced drugs circulating in the area. The situation in Belleville put a strain on the local health system and emergency services, including paramedics, fire, and police. CPS continues to monitor the actions taken in Belleville and consult with partners locally to ensure that should Cobourg face a similar health crisis, CPS can ensure the capacity to support healthcare partners and at-risk community members, ensuring safety for everyone.



We continue to connect with community partners, including Northumberland Hills Hospital, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge, District Health Unit, and Peterborough AIDS Resource Network (PARN), sharing educational information on substance abuse and work to connect individuals to appropriate services when requested through the Homelessness, Addiction Response Program (HARP).

HARP

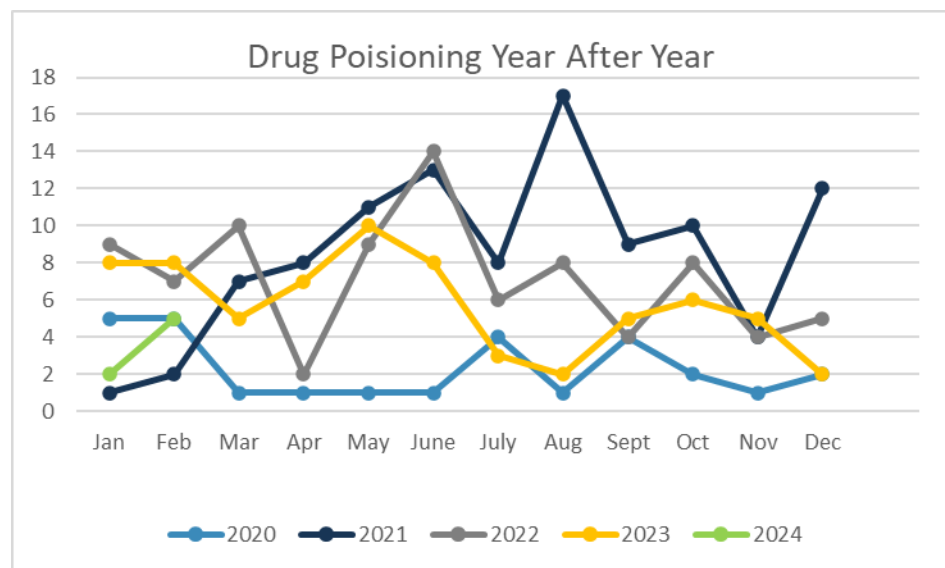
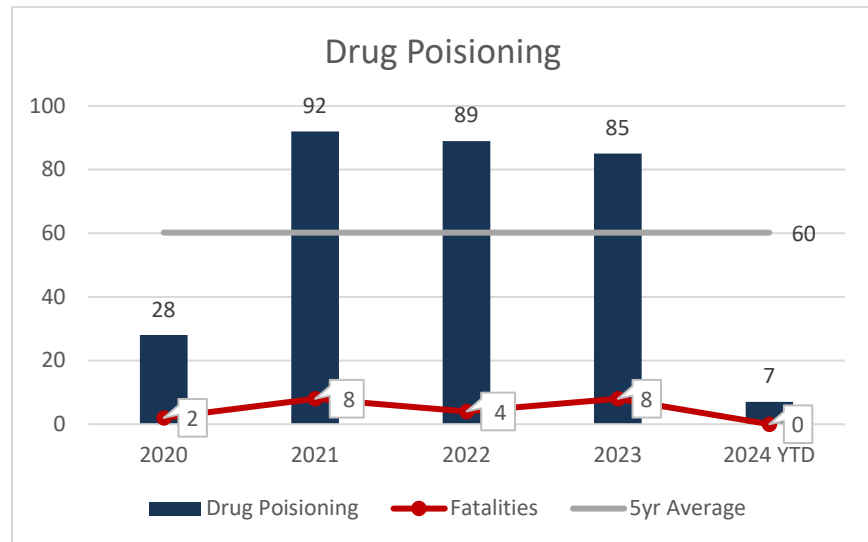
In February, HARP continued outreach in downtown neighbourhoods, increasing police presence focus on members of the community with the highest acuity who were struggling with homelessness, addiction, and mental health. Additionally, HARP participated in Stand Up Stay Strong and engaged with older adult community members at a YMCA event. Of the 16 shifts worked by the HARP officer in February, six shifted to provide coverage for the road.





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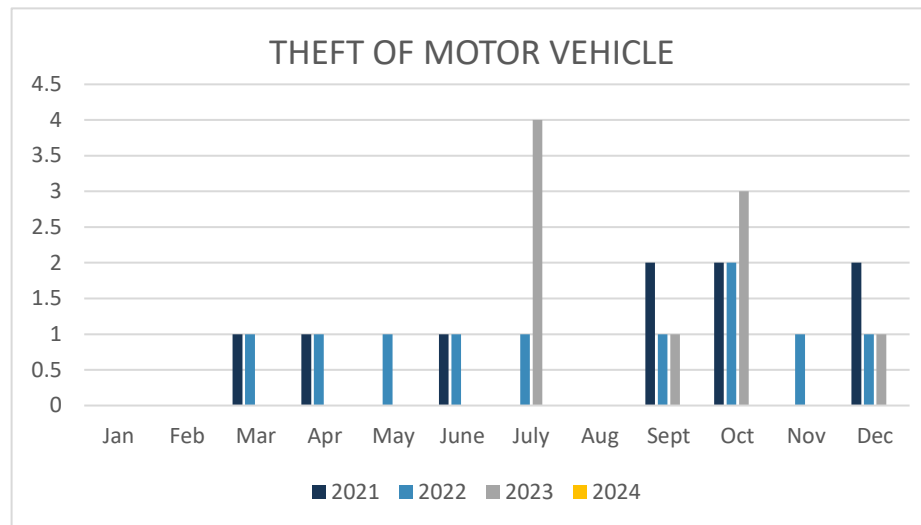
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Emerging Trends

Auto Theft in Ontario

The Domestic and Transnational Stolen Vehicle Trade has become a growing concern in Ontario. From 2014 to 2021, there was a 72% increase in auto theft across the province and a 14% increase last year alone. A report from the Canadian Financing and Leasing Association says auto theft has been escalating since before the COVID-19 pandemic and costs the country a billion dollars every year.

Although criminal networks have focused on the GTA, regions outside the GTA are not immune to the rising trend. As the government and law enforcement agencies collaborate in combatting auto theft, we continue to monitor trends and patterns in auto theft in Cobourg.



Gas Drive Offs

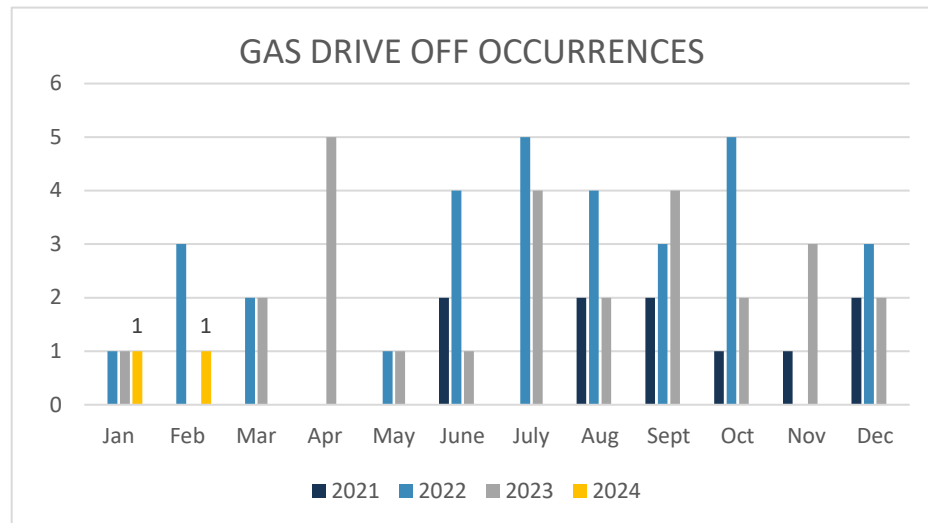
Gas drive-offs, commonly known as “gas and dash” incidents, occur when individuals fill their vehicles with fuel and leave without paying. These thefts pose risks to gas station attendants. In 2022, fuel theft losses at service stations across the province reached \$3.75 million, triple the amount from 2020.



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Mandatory prepayment in British Columbia and Alberta has eliminated incidents and calls for service to the police relating to gas-and-dash thefts by enacting supportive legislation. Ontario's police leaders are urging the Government of Ontario to do the same. The Protecting Ontarians by Enhancing Gas Station Safety to Prevent Gas and Dash Act would make prepayment mandatory, increasing safety for attendants, reducing the chance of gas theft and better use of police resources. (www.oacp.ca)





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Community Camera Registry

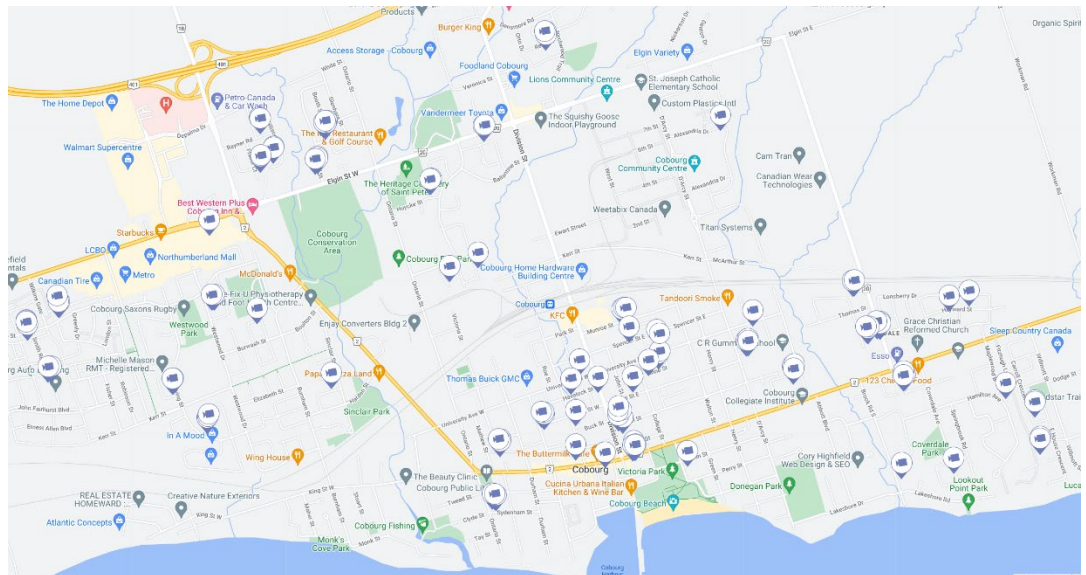
In December 2023, CPS launched the community-wide camera registry as part of the CCTV strategy. The registry was created through Rubicon, a V13 Policetech Accelerator Partner, allowing residents and companies to register their cameras. In the event of an incident, officers can request footage from participants in this program. Knowing the locations of existing security and doorbell

cameras will further expedite post-event footage access, leading to faster response times and more efficient clearance rates.

- 50 Residential Properties Registered
- Seven (7) Commercial Properties Registered



119
Registered
Cameras





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Community and Crime Prevention



Dynamic Patrol

Auxiliary officers continue to attend the downtown core weekly to assist patrons attending activities in the area.

Community Engagement and Events

CPS had representation at the 2024 Torch Run Ontario kickoff Conference & Guardians Games hosted by Peel Police. The Conference kicks off fundraising efforts across the province in support of Special Olympics Ontario. The event was followed by the Tim Hortons Special Olympics Donut campaign supporting Special Olympics, and fundraising events continue across the province. CPS, in partnership with Port Hope Police Service, is planning the Polar Plunge on March 28th and Torch Run in June.

CPS auxiliary members attended the first YMCA Youth Dance on February 9.

HARP officer and a special constable attended YMCA Northumberland Break Bread Supper on February 10. The event provided an opportunity to build connections with senior attendees.

Family Day events were held across Cobourg. CPS auxiliary members attended events at the Lions Community Centre and the FBC Church. As part of the Family Day Festival at FBC Church, the auxiliary unit led Toboggan with a Cop.

In February, M-HEART delivered two presentations to Community Living and Respite Care Northumberland groups on the topic of street safety and cyberbullying. Members of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) delivered a presentation on fraud, scams, and personal safety to residents at a local retirement residence.

On February 29, CPS had a booth at YMCA Northumberland's Seniors Active Living Fair. A member of CPS CIB was joined by a special constable and an auxiliary member engaged with community members, fostering relationships with community members. Throughout the Fair, they shared crime prevention and community safety information and resources related to older adults and answered questions about safety and crime in our communities.





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Community Safety Advisory Committee

The February Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting was postponed due to weather concerns impacting road conditions. The meetings resume in March.

Cram-A-Cruiser

On February 25, CPS Auxiliary members joined Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank to run the Cram-A-Cruiser food drive at No Frills in Cobourg. Community members donated 2,110 pounds of food and \$2,688 in cash and gift cards. The next Cram-A-Cruise will be held at Walmart on March 24, 2024.





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Staffing

Staffing Levels

As a commitment to the safety and well-being of our members and the community, we continue to track staffing levels.

Operating at minimal staffing levels poses significant challenges in maintaining public safety and responding effectively to emergencies. When staffing is stretched thin, several critical issues may arise, including emergency response delays, fatigue and burnout, reduced community engagement, and proactive crime prevention efforts, such as patrols and visibility, decline. Working at a minimum complement with minimal backup poses risks to officer safety. In dangerous situations, having sufficient backup is crucial for everyone's well-being.

In Cobourg, a full complement is six (6) officers, and the minimum complement is three (3) officers.

February Highlights:

Day Shift - a total of 29 shifts

- Zero (0) shifts at Full Complement
- 18 shifts at minimum complement

- Two (2) shifts required overtime to meet minimum complement

69% of day shifts operated with minimum complement.

31% of shifts operated with one above minimum complement.

Night Shift – a total of 29 shifts

- 13 shifts at minimum complement
- One (1) shift required overtime to meet the minimum complement.

0% OF ALL FEBRUARY SHIFTS (DAY AND NIGHT) OPERATED WITH FULL COMPLEMENT.

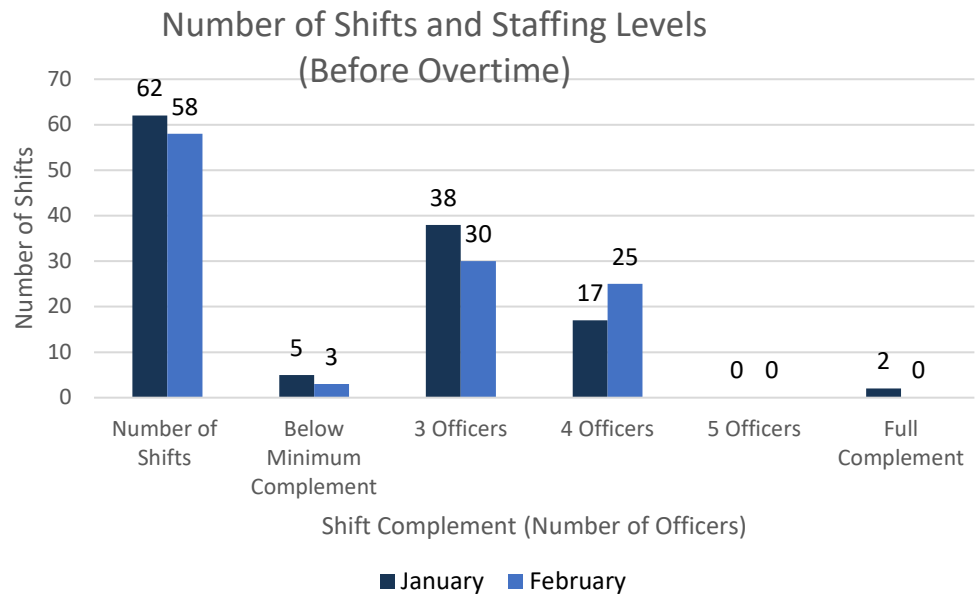
* Coverage by other units - The HARP officer was pulled from unit duties to cover six (6) shifts on the road.





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Significant Occurrences:

For the most up-to-date information on Cobourg Police Service activity, please visit cobourgpolicesservice.com/media/.

February 1, 2024: Mischief - A 39-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges after an investigation into a report of property damage. On January 3, 2024, police received a report of damage to property landscaping (trees and shrubbery) at a residence in the area of James Street and John Street that took place on December 26, 2023. A person of interest was identified with the assistance of CCTV camera footage. As a result of the police investigation, on January 31, 2024, the 39-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with mischief and failure to comply with a probation order. The man is being held in custody for a bail hearing.

February 2, 2024: Mischief Investigation - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) wants the public to be aware of recent mischief reports involving residential doors being kicked in causing damage, in the Town of Cobourg. CPS is investigating and asking residents to contact the police with any information. CPS has received three calls about these types of incidents. The most recent incidents occurred in the same area of Cobourg.

- February 01 at 5:10 p.m. on Curtis Crescent
- February 01 at 4:40 p.m. on Carlisle Street
- January 30 – January 31 (sometime overnight) Westwood Crescent

Reports describe two youths kicking the front doors open on the targeted homes and running away. In each instance, there has been property damage. Police believe the incidents may be linked to a “kick door challenge” on TikTok, where youth record and post breaking down a home door with their hands or feet and running away. Police remind residents that this activity is aggressive and distressing for unsuspecting homeowners, often causes property damage and may lead to charges. In other municipalities, this challenge has led to dangerous situations. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-372-6821 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS or visiting stopcrimehere.ca. Tips received through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward. Report suspicious activity to police.

February 2, 2024: Ongoing Investigation - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) is looking to identify two individuals involved in a distraction theft in the Town of Cobourg. On Thursday, February 1, 2024, police received a report of theft. It was reported that a purse and its contents were taken from a shopping cart while the victim was browsing the shelf at a business in the area of Strathy Road and DePalma Drive. Police have obtained CCTV footage from the business and are looking to identify the individuals in the photos. It is believed that the individuals may be involved in distraction thefts in neighbouring communities. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-372-6821 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS or visiting stopcrimehere.ca. Tips received



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through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward. Report suspicious activity to police. CPS reminds residents to always be aware of their surroundings and always keep handbags, purses, or wallets secured and with them.

February 2, 2024: Theft - Two Colbourne residents are facing charges after police investigate thefts from a local business. Police opened a theft investigation after receiving a report of two incidents of theft from a business in the area of Strathy Road and DePalma Drive. On December 4, 2023, and January 21, 2024, a man entered the business, removing items from the store without paying. On February 1, 2024, police received a report from staff that the man returned to the business, again taking merchandise from the store without paying. The man was located a short distance away, in the company of an adult female with the stolen merchandise. As a result of the police investigation, a 40-year-old woman from Colbourne was arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime. She was released on an Undertaking with a future court date. The 41-year-old man from Colbourne was arrested and charged with two counts of theft under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime, and four failure to comply with probation. He was held in custody for a bail hearing.

February 2, 2024: Fraud - A 31-year-old Cobourg man faces theft and fraud charges after police received a report of a stolen credit card. On January 12, 2024, police commenced a theft investigation after a credit card was reported stolen from a vehicle and used to make an unauthorized purchase. CCTV camera footage was used to identify a suspect. As a result of the investigation, on February 1, 2024, a 31-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of property obtained by crime, unauthorized use of a credit card and fraud under \$5,000. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court date.

February 5, 2024: Bi-Weekly Update - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) bi-weekly update provides an overview of break and enters, theft from motor vehicles, mischief, and other crime trends in the Town of Cobourg over two weeks. For more information, an operational report is provided to the Cobourg Police Services Board (CPSB) every month. The operational report offers a breakdown of calls for service, year to year comparable on crime trends, and highlights calls of interest. CPS operational reports can be found in the CPSB meeting minutes online through eScribe, the Town of Cobourg public meeting website. Community members can access information about police activity in Cobourg through the crime mapping tool available at cobourgpolicesservice.com. From January 15 to January 28, 2024, CPS responded to 439 calls for service.

- Break and enter: Two (2) Division Street, King Street West (attempt only)
- Theft from vehicles: Five (5) Perry Street, Third Street, Covert Street, Chapel Street, Darcy Street
- Distraction Thefts: None this timeframe
- Mischief: One (1) University Avenue East
- Fraud: Two (2) stolen credit card used
- Other trends: Three (3) Stolen licence plates Division Street, Strathy Road, King Street West



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February 5, 2024 – Break and Enter Investigation - Cobourg Police Service is investigating two break and enters that occurred over the weekend. On Saturday, February 3, 2024, at approximately 5:15 a.m., police were called to a business in the area of Division Street and Park Street for an alarm. Upon arrival, police observed damage to the front door. On Saturday, February 3, 2024, at approximately 10:35 a.m., police attended a business in the area of Division Street and Densmore Road in Cobourg for a report of a break and enter that occurred sometime overnight. These investigations are ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-372-6821 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS or visiting stopcrimehere.ca. Tips received through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

February 8, 2024 – Warrant / Assault Peace Officer - A 37-year-old Cobourg woman arrested on the strength of outstanding warrants is facing assault peace officer charges after being combative during an arrest. On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 8:50 a.m., police in the area of Burke Street and Mathew Street in Cobourg observed an individual known to be wanted on several outstanding warrants with the police service. When police engaged with the individual, they became agitated and combative, uttering threats toward the officers. The individual clawed at an officer's face and spat on two others during the arrest. As a result, the 37-year-old Cobourg woman was arrested on the strength of the warrant and charged with Uttering Threats- Cause Death or Bodily Harm, assault with intent to resist arrest, four counts of assault a Peace Officer, fail to attend, and failing to comply with an undertaking. The accused was held for a bail hearing and subsequently remanded into custody.

February 8, 2024: Disturbance - A 39-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges of obstructing a peace officer. On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 12:45 p.m., police conducting a theft investigation at a business in the area of Spring Street and King Street in Cobourg engaged with an individual who began causing a disturbance by swearing, yelling, and threatening police. As a result, a 39-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with causing a disturbance, two counts of uttering threats and obstructing a Peace Officer. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court date.

February 8, 2024: Theft from a local business - Three Toronto residents face charges after an investigation into reported thefts in Port Hope and Cobourg. On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 12:45 p.m., police responded to a theft in progress at a business in the area of Spring Street and King Street in Cobourg. Attending officers were advised of three involved individuals believed to have committed a theft from a business in Port Hope before attending the Cobourg business. Two suspects left the Cobourg store on foot, and one left in a vehicle. The suspect vehicle was located on University Avenue, and a vehicle stop was made. Police discovered multiple stolen items in the vehicle. As a result of a joint investigation between the Cobourg Police and Port Hope Police Service, the 28-year-old Toronto woman was arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000. The two other involved individuals were located a short distance from the business. The 20-year-old man and 19-year-old woman from Toronto were arrested and charged with Theft under \$5,000. All three were held for a show cause hearing.



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February 13, 2024: Assault - A 44-year-old Ottawa woman faces charges after police are called to a business Friday afternoon. On Friday, February 9th, 2024, at 4:00 pm, police were dispatched to a business in the area of Albert Street and Third Street for a report of assault. It was reported that a female suspect pulled the victim into a room and then assaulted them. A bystander intervened. The victim sustained minor injuries. Police investigation revealed that the suspect had stolen two cell phones. As a result, a 44-year-old Ottawa woman was arrested and charged with assault, forcible confinement, theft under \$5,000, and possession of stolen property obtained by crime under \$5,000. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court date.

February 13, 2024: Cram-A-Cruiser - *Cram-A-Cruiser food drive on February 25 in support of Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank.* Cobourg Police Service (CPS) will host a Cram-A-Cruiser food drive to support [Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank](#) (Fare Share). The February Cram-A-Cruiser is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2024, [at David's No Frills](#) in Cobourg. The January Cram-A-Cruiser food drive collected 2,171 pounds of food and \$2,715 in cash and gift card donations to support Fare Share. Donations received during the February Cram-A-Cruiser will go directly to Fare Share, which distributes the food to those in need across Northumberland County.

February 15, 2024: Arrest for Assault - A 55-year-old Cobourg man faces charges after a police investigation into a domestic assault. On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at approximately 8:15 p.m., officers were called to attend an address in the east end of Cobourg for a report of a domestic assault. The victim sustained minor injuries. As a result of police investigation, a 55-year-old male resident of Cobourg was arrested and charged with (spousal) Assault and three counts of fail to comply with probation. The accused was held for a bail hearing.

February 15, 2024: Update Mischief Investigation – With the assistance of CCTV cameras and residential doorbell cameras, the Cobourg Police Service (CPS) has identified two involved youths in a [mischief investigation linked to a TikTok challenge](#). The two 13-year-old youths are subject to extrajudicial measures and sanctions in lieu of criminal charges. To correct misinformation currently circulating, we are providing the following information on the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). Under the YCJA, youth who commit offences should be dealt with outside the courts utilizing extrajudicial measures. This diversionary program is an opportunity for youth to take responsibility for their actions and repair the harm they have caused the victim and community. Extrajudicial measures play a crucial role in our approach to youth justice. In any incident involving youth, police must consider extrajudicial measures. Examples of extrajudicial measures may include volunteer work, compensating victims, or participating in specialized programs. These alternatives aim to promote learning and rehabilitation, reintegration into the community, and prevention of further offences by the youth. Failure to adhere to extrajudicial sanctions would reengage youth in the normal court process. "As Chief, I expect all our investigations to be victim centred. I am proud of all our frontline staff who did great work identifying the responsible youths and ensuring they are accountable within the principles and conditions of the YCJA. I am confident that the extrajudicial



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measures, managed by Rebound Child and Youth Services, will be successful.” – Chief Paul VandeGraaf, Cobourg Police Service

Online Challenges: Online challenges often target youth and can pose serious risks. Some challenges encourage harmful and sometimes criminal behaviours. Kids and teens may unknowingly put themselves in dangerous or illegal situations driven by the desire for online recognition. CPS encourages everyone to learn about the risks associated with online challenges, stay informed and talk to children about safe choices. For age-appropriate resources for staying safe online, visit the Canadian Centre for Child Protection online at www.protectchildren.ca/en/resources-research/online-safety/.

Community Camera Registry: CPS encourages residents to register with the Community Camera Registry Program. The Community Camera Registry Program is a volunteer registry of CCTV cameras and doorbell cams in the Town of Cobourg that helps police quickly locate security cameras that may have captured footage related to an incident. To learn more and register your camera, visit cobourgpolicesservice.com/community-camera-registry-program/.

February 16, 2024: Threats and Assault with a weapon arrest - A 74-year-old Cobourg female faces charges after a police investigation into uttering threats. On Thursday, February 15th, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Police commenced an investigation into a dispute between two individuals which escalated to the suspect holding an object to the victim's neck while uttering a death threat. As a result of Police investigation, a 74-year-old female resident of Cobourg was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon, uttering threats to cause death, and unlawfully in a dwelling. The accused was held for a bail hearing later today.

February 16, 2024: Bi-Weekly Update – The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) bi-weekly update provides an overview of break and enters, theft from motor vehicles, mischief, and other crime trends in the Town of Cobourg over two weeks. For more information, an operational report is provided to the Cobourg Police Services Board (CPSB) every month. The operational report offers a breakdown of calls for service, year to year comparable on crime trends, and highlights calls of interest. CPS operational reports can be found in the CPSB meeting minutes online through eScribe, the Town of Cobourg public meeting website. Community members can access information about police activity in Cobourg through the crime mapping tool available at cobourgpolicesservice.com. From January 29 to February 11, 2024, CPS responded To 502 calls for service.

Break and enter: 3: Two business on Division, 1 residence on Third St.

Theft from vehicles: 3 - Spring St, James St, Kent St

Distraction Thefts: 1 – Strathy Rd,

Mischief: 7: Spring St, Burke St, Westwood Cr, Carlisle St, William St, Sutherland Cr, Coronation Cr,

Fraud: 6: Impersonation X2, bank account hacked online, Kijiji fraud, purchases on stolen credit card, Insurance Fraud

**Crime prevention tips on lock it or lose it and theft from vehicles included in media release*



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February 20, 2024: Fraud - A 43-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges after committing credit card fraud at businesses throughout the Town of Cobourg. On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, the Cobourg Police Service received a report of a stolen credit card. Shortly after losing a wallet containing a credit and debit card, the bank alerted the complainant of several fraudulent transactions made with their credit card at businesses in Cobourg. Police identified five stores where purchases were made and identified the suspect. As a result of the investigation, on Saturday, February 17, 2024, a 43-year-old Cobourg man was located and arrested after a brief foot pursuit. Upon arrest, police found a knife in the man's possession. The man was subsequently charged with Possession of a Credit Card, five counts of Use of a Credit Card, five counts of use of credit card data, five counts of fraud under \$5,000, five counts of possession of property obtained by crime, resist peace officer, and weapons possession for dangerous purpose. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court date.

February 29, 2024: Bi-Weekly Update – The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) bi-weekly update provides an overview of break and enters, theft from motor vehicles, mischief, and other crime trends in the Town of Cobourg over two weeks. For more information, an operational report is provided to the Cobourg Police Services Board (CPSB) every month. The operational report offers an overview of activity at CPS, including calls for service, crime trends, investigations, community outreach, and collaborative efforts. CPS operational reports can be found in the CPSB meeting minutes online through [eScribe](#), the Town of Cobourg public meeting website. Community members can access information about police activity in Cobourg through the crime mapping tool available at cobourgpolicesservice.com.

From February 12 to 25, 2024, CPS responded to 453 calls for service.

Break and enter: One (1) - Ontario Street

Theft from vehicles: None this timeframe

Distraction Thefts: None this timeframe

Mischief: Five (5) – Curtis Crescent, Daintry Crescent, Bond Street, James Street East, Queen Street

Fraud: Four (4) reports, including stolen bank cards used, fraudulent calls from a “claims” department, and Bitcoin scheme

Other Trends: - One (1) Gas Drive Off

**Crime prevention tips on Cryptocurrency/Bitcoin Scams included in release*