



PORT HOPE POLICE SERVICE

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Land Acknowledgement

The Port Hope Police Service respectfully acknowledges that we are located in the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations. We acknowledge that the Williams Treaties First Nations have been stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and that today remain vigilant over their health and integrity for generations to come. We are all Treaty people.

Mission Statement

The Port Hope Police Service is committed to achieving excellence in the service of our community and in ensuring the safety and security of every citizen.

Timely response, teamwork, community engagement, full complete investigations, and assistance to victims and witnesses, will be the hallmarks of our performance.

Members shall perform their duties with full regard to our tradition of performing all duties with professionalism, dignity, respect, service, and honour.

Members will approach each task with a view to the foregoing as the touchstones by which we conduct every facet of our work. Common sense and fairness to all shall be valued.

Members shall perform their duties with full regard to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Laws of our Country, the policies of the Port Hope Police Services Board and the directives of the Port Hope Police Service.





Message from the Chair of the Police Services Board



On behalf of the Port Hope Police Services Board, I am delighted to share the Port Hope Police Service Annual Report for 2023.

The Port Hope Police Services Board is deeply committed to maintaining Community Policing. As our municipality grows, we face new challenges in policing. Due to our size and budget constraints, we cannot offer the same range of services and skill sets as larger cities. However, we are fortunate to collaborate with our neighboring communities of Cobourg, Durham, and Peterborough when needed. Additionally, we have a strong relationship with our local OPP Detachment, which provides us access to their valuable resources.

Our Board will continue to support our Chief and his capable team in maintaining a positive image within our community and providing a customer-focused approach to policing.

The board convenes on the fourth Thursday of each month, 11 months a year (with no meeting in August). Meetings take place at the police station located at 55 Fox Rd. They are open to the public, and we encourage everyone to attend.

I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow board members for their dedication to the Port Hope Police Service. Your commitment plays a vital role in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

Les Andrews,
Chair, Port Hope Police Services Board



Message from the Chief of Police



I am pleased to present to you the annual report for the Port Hope Police Service for the year 2023. Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive overview of our operations throughout the past year, highlighting our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

In 2023, our focus remained steadfast on enhancing community safety and fostering the overall well-being of the residents of Port Hope. We recognize that effective law enforcement goes beyond traditional policing measures; it requires a collaborative effort between law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and the citizens we serve.

In the past year, a key priority was strengthening our relationships with community partners. By deepening connections with local organizations, businesses, and residents, our aim was to increase collective efforts towards ensuring the ongoing safety and vibrancy of Port Hope.

Additionally, we prioritized the mental health and well-being of our members - sworn, civilian, and volunteer alike. Recognizing the challenges faced in law enforcement, we implemented measures to support the mental health needs of our team. Through training, resources, and access to support services, we are determined to ensure the welfare of our personnel as they are dedicated to serving our community.

Throughout the year, our officers worked diligently to deal with evolving challenges while upholding the core values of integrity, professionalism, and respect. Our unwavering commitment to achieving policing excellence was evident in all aspects of our endeavors.

As you review this report, I encourage you to reflect on the progress we have made together as a community. While we have achieved significant milestones, there is always more work to be done.

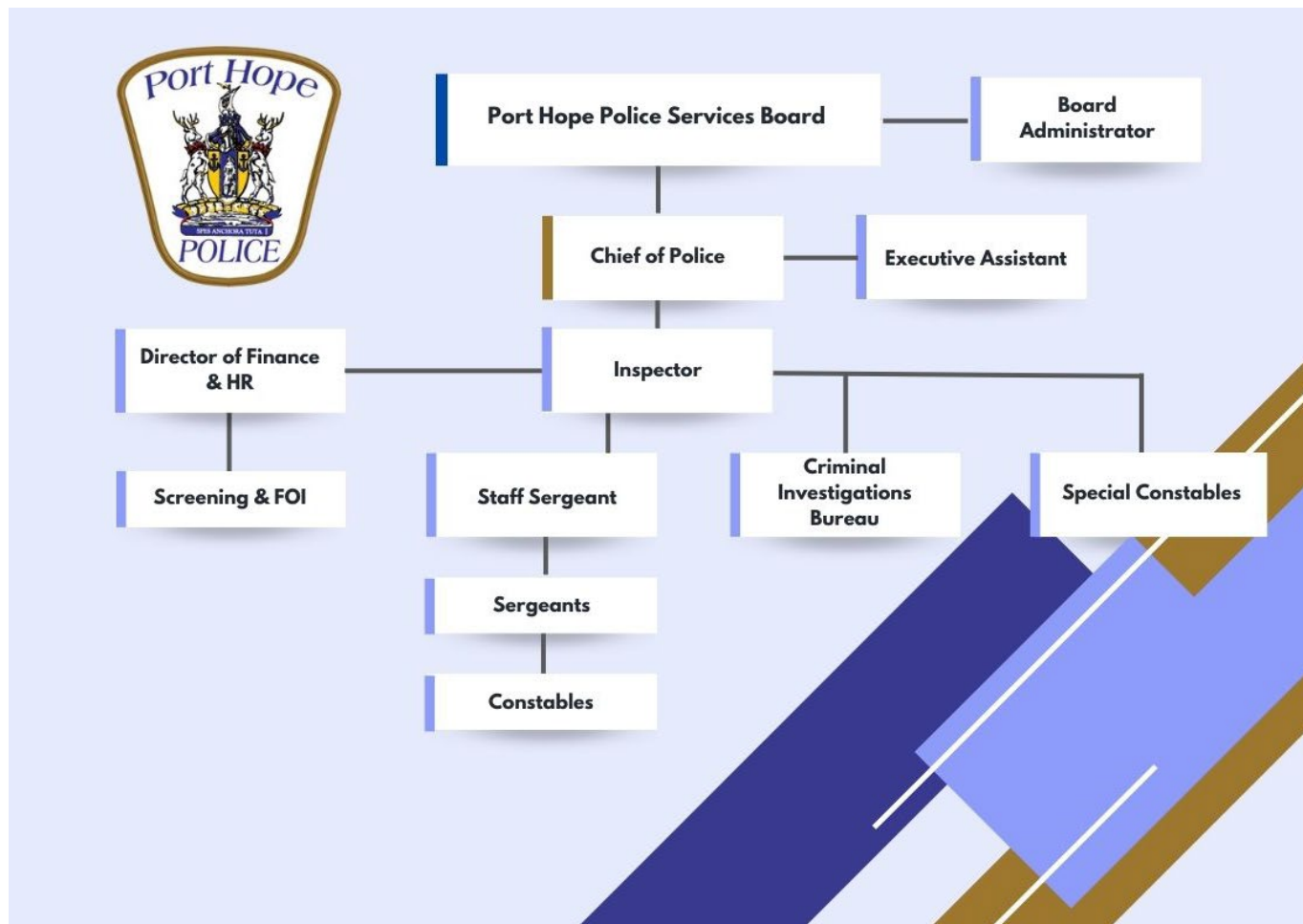
I would like to thank our Police Services Board for their continued support throughout 2023. On behalf of the Port Hope Police Service membership, I extend my gratitude to the residents, businesses, and community organizations for their ongoing support. Together, we will continue to make Port Hope a place that is safe for those who live, work and visit this great community.

Sincerely,

Tim Farquharson
Chief of Police



Organizational Structure





Police Statistics

Calls for Service

In 2023, Port Hope Police Service saw a decrease in calls for service by 3%. Foot patrol hours decreased by 25%, while vehicle patrol hours increased by 19%.

Focus	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Calls For Service	5,851	6,038	-3%
Foot Patrol (hrs)	767	1,026	-25%
Vehicle Patrol (hrs)	17,608	14,816	19%

Below is a breakdown of the 2023 Calls for Service by priority:

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total 2023
856	951	458	3,586	5,851
15%	16%	8%	61%	100%

In 2023, 15% of the calls were Priority 1 as compared to 16% in 2022.

Priority 1 – Emergent incidents where there is or the potential of serious injury or loss of life

Priority 2 – Situations where there could be property damage or minor injuries

Priority 3 – Non-serious incidents, minor property damage, compliance checks

Priority 4 – Non-serious incidents assistance to public and officer self-initiated incidents



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Court Services

Port Hope Police Service's Court Office is responsible for court case management. Below are the numbers of crown briefs generated, charges laid, and prisoners detained in 2023 compared to 2022.

Focus	Total 2023	Total 2022
Crown briefs generated	159	143
Criminal charges adult	298	269
Prisoners detained	74	65
Total	531	477

Provincial Offences and Bylaw Statistics

Port Hope Police Service had a focus on traffic enforcement in 2023, which had an increase in Highway Traffic Act charges.

Statute	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Highway Traffic Act	1,626	1,512	8%
Liquor License Act	12	17	-29%
Trespass to Property Act	10	6	67%
Dog Owner Liability	-	6	-100%
Compulsory Insurance Act	145	125	16%
Municipal By-Law (Other)	41	55	-25%
Part 3 Summons	68	81	-16%
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act	39	42	-7%
Traffic By-Law	96	192	-50%
Cannabis Act 2017	13	17	-24%
Total Charges	2,037	2,050	-1%



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Major Call Types

For every incident, the Police Service reports to Statistics Canada using uniform crime reporting codes (UCR). The data from this reporting is used for crimes analysis, resource planning and helps with program development. Annual 2023 statistics that follow are based on those reported UCR codes.

Violent Crime Statistics

Violent crime calls are traumatic for families, the community and first responders. Investigations are lengthy and complex with a wide variety of resources being expended.

Statute	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Attempted murder	-	-	
Sexual Assault	11	25	-56%
Sexual Interference	10	5	100%
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images	4	-	
Assaults	68	135	-50%
Kidnapping	1	-	
Robbery	-	2	-100%
Abduction	-	-	
Criminal Harassment	2	10	-80%
Utter threats	21	26	-19%
Luring a child via computer	-	-	
Indecent/Harassing Communications	80	90	-11%
Other violent offences	2	3	-33%
Total Charges	199	296	-33%

Property Crime Statistics

Property Crimes	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Arson	-	-	
Break & Enter	20	25	-20%
Theft	181	90	101%
Shoplifting	14	7	100%
Frauds	114	104	10%
Mischief	53	74	-28%
Total Charges	382	300	27%



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Other Criminal Code Statistics

Other Criminal Code Crimes	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Bail Violations	24	48	-50%
Disturb the Peace	27	42	-36%
Indecent acts	3	1	200%
Counterfeit Money	-	-	
Breach Probation	6	18	-67%
Fail to attend Court	5	12	-58%
Suspicious Person	226	155	46%
Domestic Disturbance	92	139	-34%
911 hang ups	225	211	7%
Total Charges	807	922	-12%

Youth Crime

Types	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Diversions in lieu of charges	19	16	19%
Youth crime cleared	32	28	14%
Total	51	44	16%

Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB)

Types	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Reported crimes investigated by CIB	123	165	-25%
Warrants/Production orders	27	30	-10%
Charges laid by unit	53	36	47%
Cybercrime investigations	12	10	20%
Cybercrime charges laid	5	1	400%
Total	220	242	-9%



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Drug Recognition

In 2023, there were 43 incidents of impaired offences of which 15 incidents resulted in charges:

- 2 – Impaired involving both alcohol and drugs
- 11 – Impaired involving alcohol only
- 2 – Impaired by drugs only

Assist Other Services

The Port Hope Police service works jointly with OPP and Cobourg Police Service in sharing resources when needed. Below are numbers for when Port Hope Police assisted other police services in 2023.

5

Intoxilyzer
Technicians
assisted

0

Drug
Recognition
Expert assist

0

Suspicious Death

Salmon Fishing Run

Every year, the Port Hope Police Service dedicates officers to patrol the river. 65 hours were dedicated in 2023.

The following charges and warnings were laid:

Types	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
Hours of dedicated river patrol	65	57	15%
Charges FWCA	10	42	-76%
Charges bylaw	4	16	-75%
Warning issues bylaw	71	91	-22%

Social Media

Social media increasingly became the method of communication. We provide updates to the community instantly.



Facebook: 4,837 followers (2022: 4,200)

Instagram: 2,196 followers (2022: 2,015)

Twitter: 3,152 followers (2022: 3,200)



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Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances

Police Services Act Ontario Regulation 58/16 - Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances.

Attempt Collection:

0 Total Number of Attempted Collections

0 Attempted Collection - Identifying information collected

Mental Health

The Port Hope Police Service continues to work successfully with MHEART (Mental Health and Engagement Response Team). This team is made up of police and mental health professionals who assist on the front lines aiding individuals that need immediate mental health assistance. A Port Hope Police Officer works with an MHEART nurse to follow up on mental health calls. As a Service, we understand the need to follow up and provide continued support to those that are willing to accept the help.

In 2023, there were 108 (2022: 95) MHEART-PHPS mental health follow-ups. These follow-ups are continued support for the individual. The individual is also given a list of community services that are available.

The incidents in 2023 concluded with 75% (2022: 69%) of the calls being successfully de-escalated. The Port Hope Police continue to work with community partners to provide help to those in need.

In 2023, the Port Hope Police Service and the MHEART team dealt with 75 individuals (2022: 95) and even though there is follow-up, some individuals do have multiple incidents.

MHEART	Total 2023	Total 2022	% inc. / (dec.)
# of Calls	109	159	-31%
Apprehensions	17	42	-60%
De-escalations	82	69	19%
Voluntary Transportation	10	48	-79%
MHEART Follow-ups	75	95	-21%



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Domestic Calls / Victim Assistance

2023 saw a decrease in the number of domestic calls by 33%. For every call PHPS will offer the community services that are available. Northumberland County has many Community agencies that support individuals in crisis situations.

Type	2023	2022	2021
Incidents where services offered	38	95	87
Safety plan developed	17	50	80
Domestic Calls & Harassment	92	139	87

Community Service

The Community Engagement Unit (C.E.U) continued engaging with the community for presentations and working closely with community partners. Below are the 2022 statistics for the C.E.U:

Community Service	2023	2022
School Presentations	24	25
# of students in attendance	940	1853
Senior Presentations	4	3
# of seniors in attendance	120	98
External Agency Liasons	135	86
Community Mobilization Meetings	81	69



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Criminal Investigation Bureau

In 2023, CIB conducted multiple CDSA investigations in conjunction with Cobourg Police Service. These investigations resulted in 10 arrests and 26 charges.



2023	Cocaine	Crystal Meth	Fentanyl	Heroin	Cash
Total Quantity	684g	153g	511g	30.5g	\$53,000
Street Value	\$68,400	\$15,000	\$204,400	\$9,150	\$53,000
Total Value of Seizures	\$349,950				



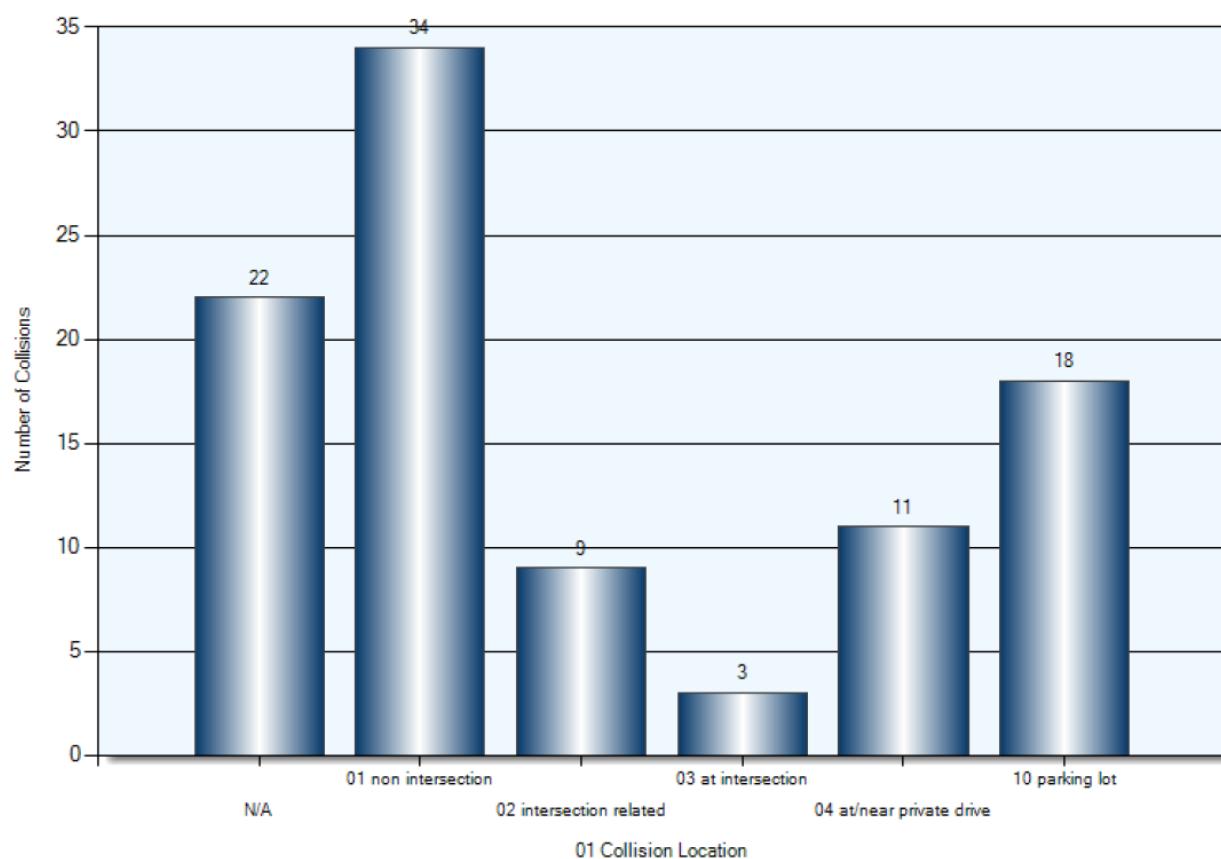


Motor Vehicle Collisions

There was a 2% increase in collisions from 2022 to 2023. There were no fatal collisions in 2023.

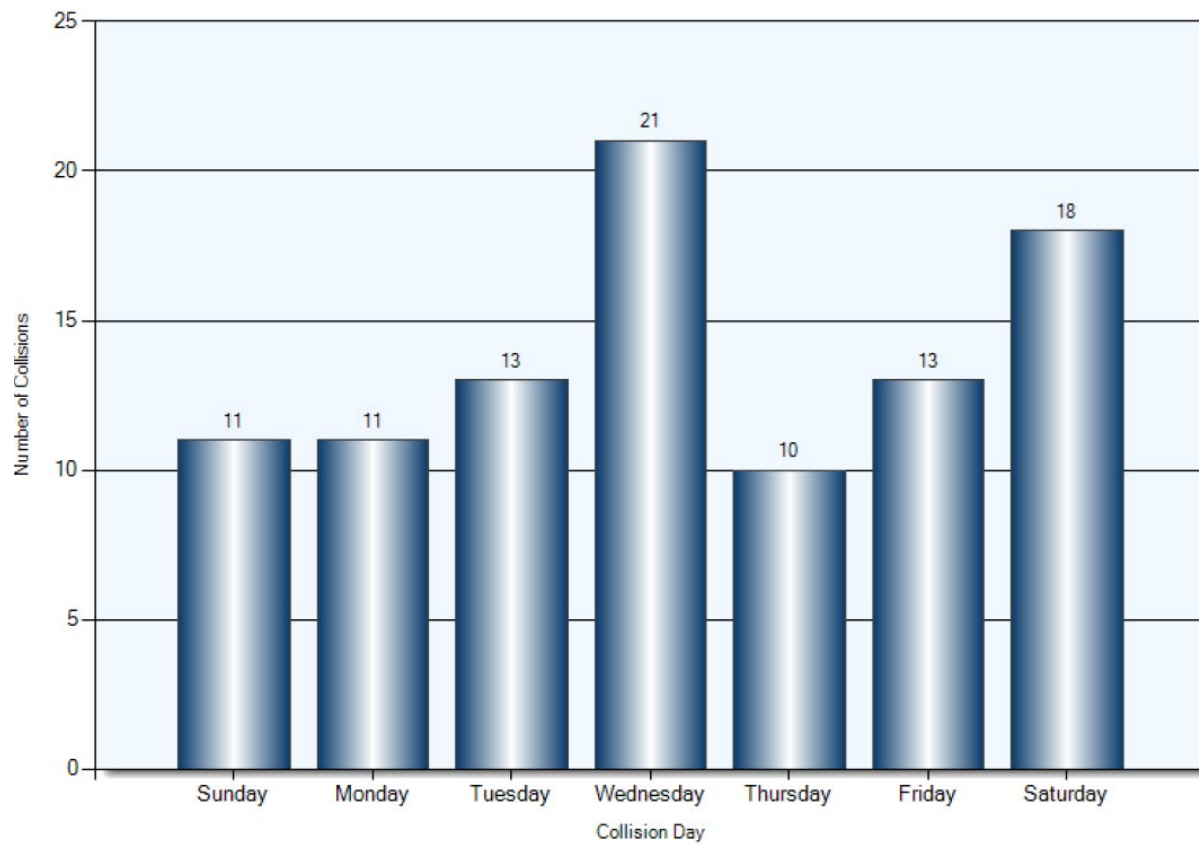
Year	Fatal Injury	Non- Fatal Injuries	Property Damage Only	Non-Reportable
2023	0	15	80	7
2022	1	14	84	1

Collision Location





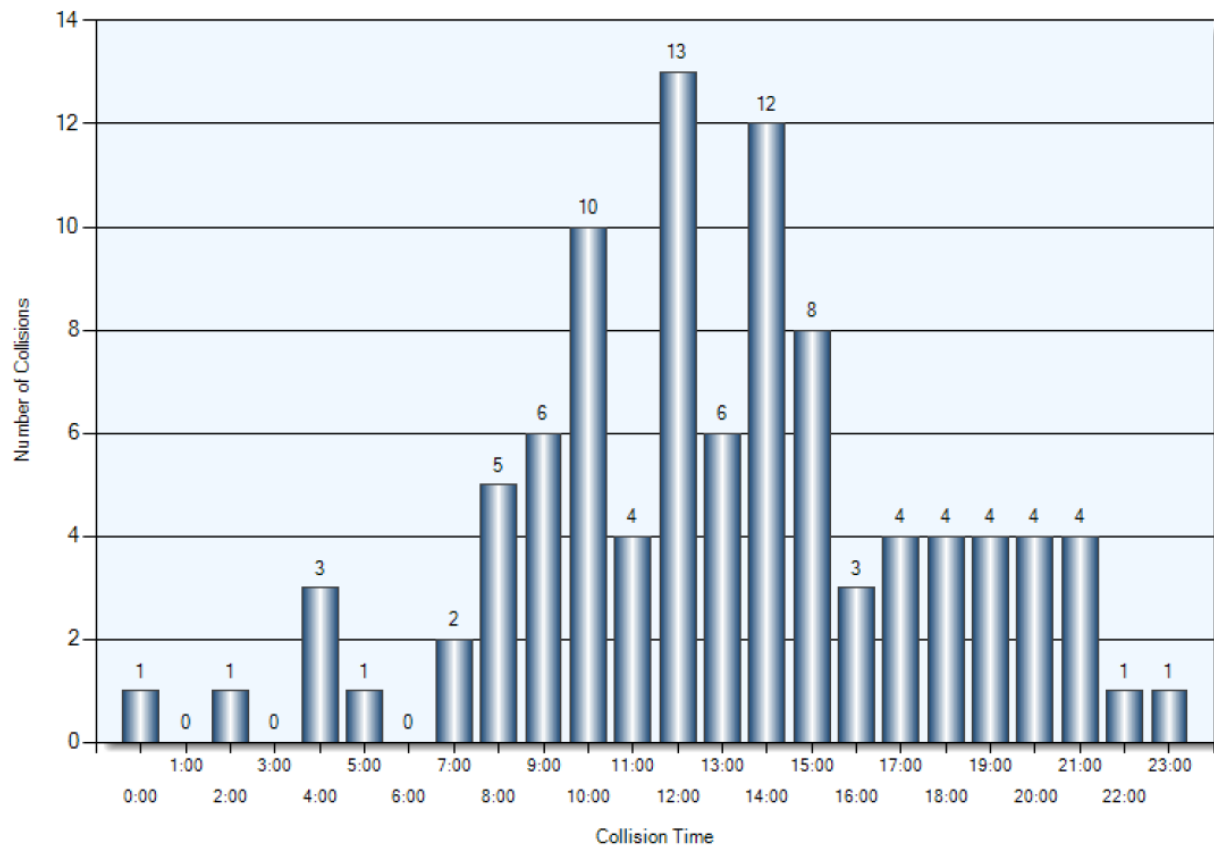
Collision Day





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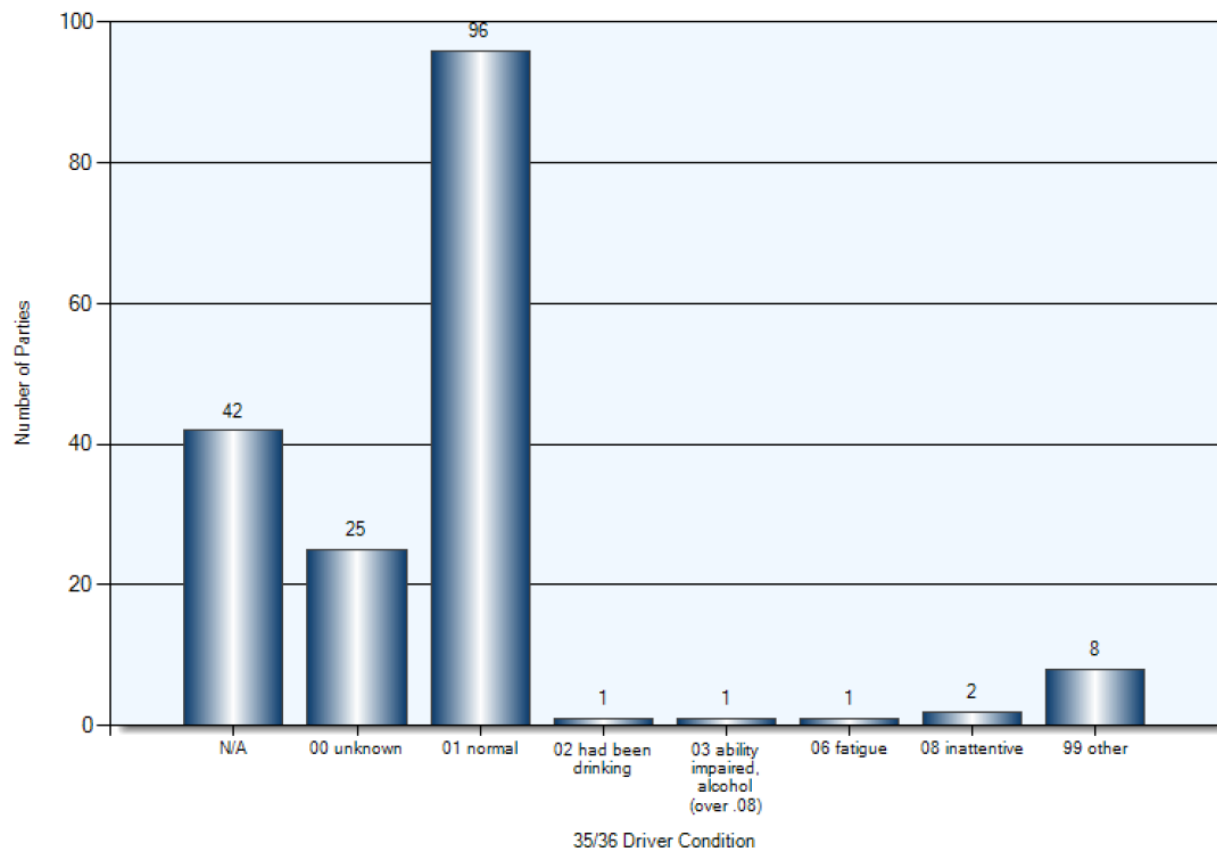
Collision Times





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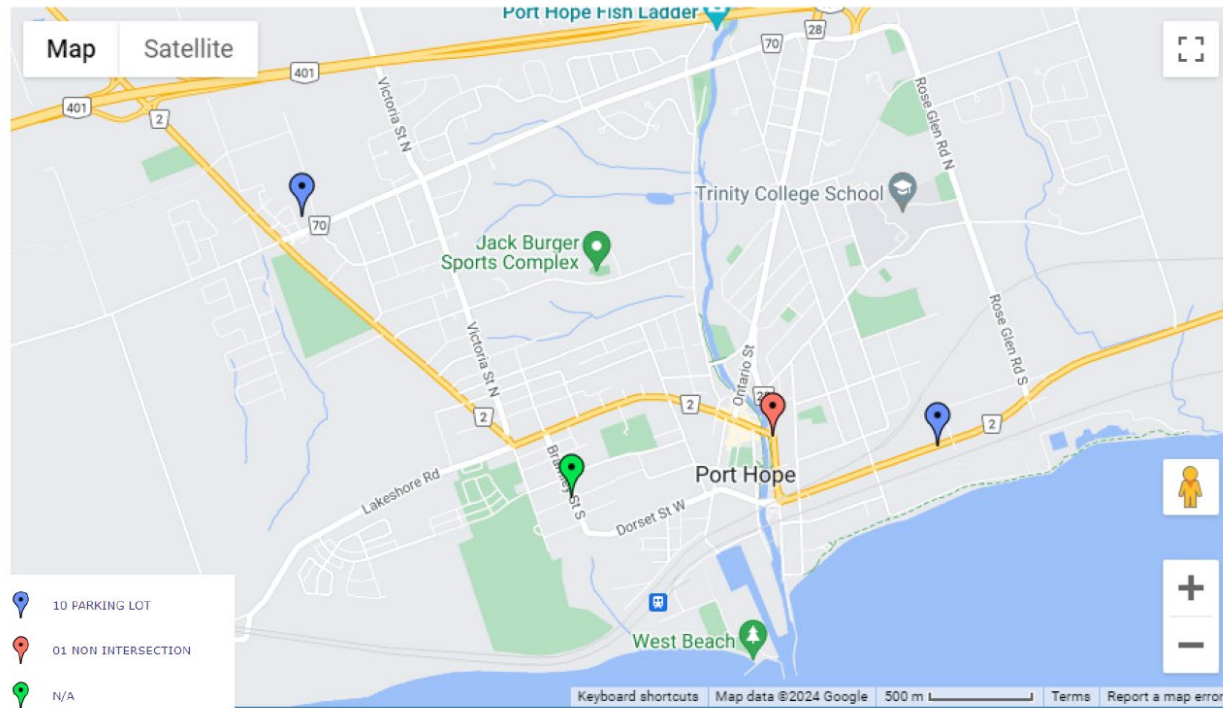
Specified Driver Conditions





Collisions Involving Pedestrians

Total Incidents: 4| Total Parties: 4

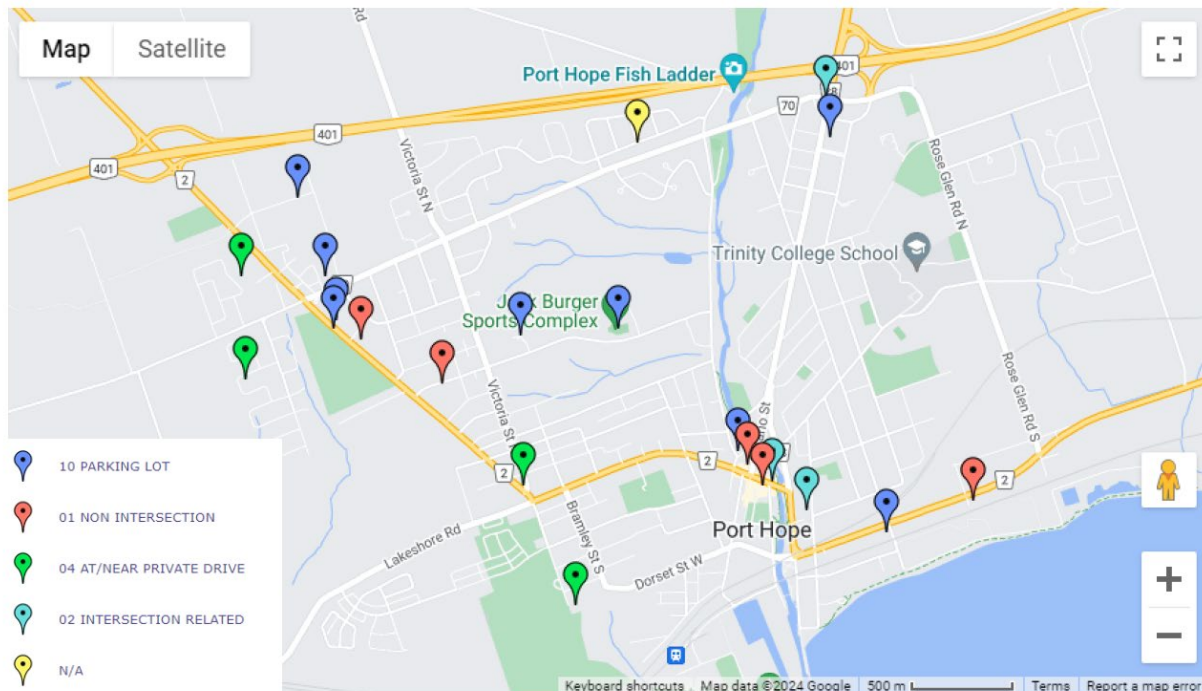




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Collisions Involving Fail to Remain

Total Incidents: 22 | Total Parties: 40





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Top Intersections

Accident Location	Incidents	Parties	Injuries	% Injuries
CAVAN ST & JOCELYN ST	5	10	1	10.00
MOLSON ST & ONTARIO ST	3	5	0	0.00
HOPE ST S & PETER ST	2	4	0	0.00
JOHN ST & WALTON ST	2	4	1	25.00
PHILLIPS RD & ROSE GLEN RD N	2	4	0	0.00
QUEEN ST & WALTON ST	2	4	1	25.00
MILL ST & PETER ST	2	3	0	0.00
MILL ST & WALTON ST	2	3	0	0.00
CROFT ST & ROSE GLEN RD N	1	3	0	0.00
10 ONTARIO ST & ONTARIO ST	1	2	0	0.00
117 WALTON ST & WALTON ST	1	2	0	0.00
121 TORONTO RD & TORONTO RD	1	2	0	0.00
128 PETER ST & PETER ST	1	2	1	50.00
155 JOCELYN ST & FREEMAN	1	2	0	0.00
2 SHERBOURNE ST & AUGUSTA	1	2	0	0.00
21 RAVINE DR & RAVINE DR	1	2	0	0.00
25 STANLEY DR & STANLEY DR	1	2	0	0.00
29 JARVIS DR & JARVIS DR	1	2	0	0.00
29 WALTON ST & QUEEN ST	1	2	0	0.00
3 & VICTORIA	1	2	0	0.00
TOTALS:	32	62	4	



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Community Pictures





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Financials

The 2023 Port Hope Police Service budget highlights are based on preliminary internal financial statements as external audited year-end financial statements were not finalized at the time of this report. Overall, the Police service was overbudget with a deficit of \$857,019 at the writing of this report. This deficit is mostly due to emergency purchases of \$694,009, therefore a net overbudget of \$163,010.

This section does not include screening revenue or expenses, see the following page for screening data.

Revenue: Actual revenue of \$191,100 was \$87,100 above the budgeted amount of \$104,000. This additional revenue is mostly due to paid duty revenue.

Expenses: Actual expenses of \$7,109,541 was \$944,119 above the budgeted amount of \$6,165,422. These additional expenses were primarily due to emergency purchases, training, radios and overtime salaries.

Capital: In 2023, the following capital projects were completed: A new vehicle replaced an older vehicle, new tasers replaced older versions, server upgrades and new suppressors.





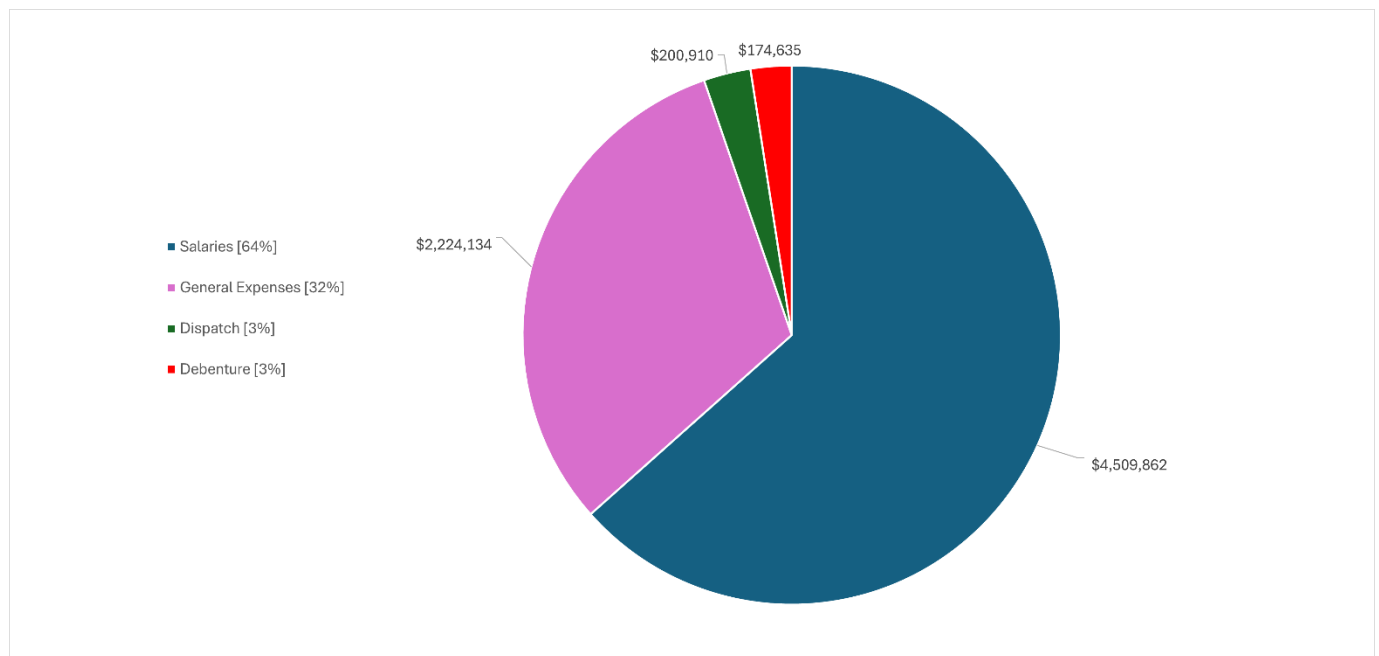
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Breakdown of Expenses

64% of the 2023 budget went to salaries. Salaries are negotiated between the Port Hope Police Board and the Port Hope Police Association.

General expenses are items such as heat, hydro, gas, vehicle expenses, building maintenance, information technology maintenance agreements and other items which made up 32% of the annual expenses.

The debenture made up 3% of the expenses in 2023 and dispatch made up 3%.



Screening

Port Hope Police Service has several clients for which third party criminal record checks are done, primarily for employment purposes.

In 2023, screening earned revenues of \$716,392 and incurred expenses of \$367,039 which resulted in a profit of \$349,353 available to transfer to the municipal policing reserve.



Monies from the municipal policing reserve are used to fund police capital items such as police cruisers, guns, body armour, speed signs and to offset operating capital as determined by the Port Hope Police Service Board.



Use of Force

Officer Training

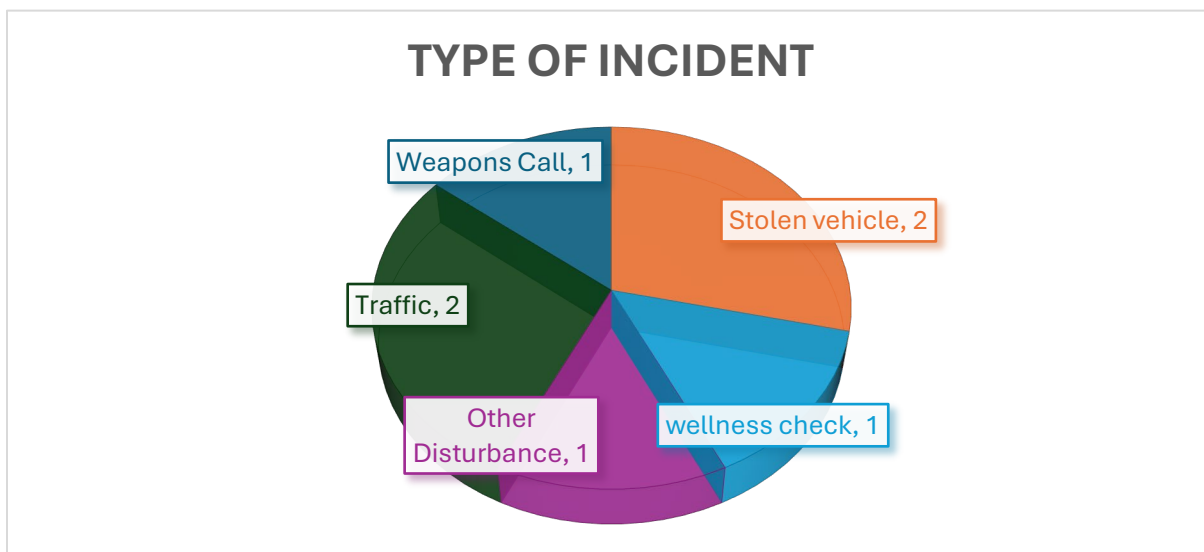
In 2023 all frontline Police Officers, Detectives, and Community Liaison Officers took part in annual handgun training, scenario training, defensive tactics, conducted energy weapon training, and Patrol Carbine training (aside from members on long term absences). All of these Officers were further trained in Immediate Action Rapid Deployment and First Aid / CPR. They used the former George Hamilton School to conduct all of the training aside from the live ammunition shooting components.

Policy and Procedure

It is suggested that the Use of Force policy be updated in 2024 to reflect the current equipment used by the Port Hope Police Service and best practices.

2023 Use of Force Statistics

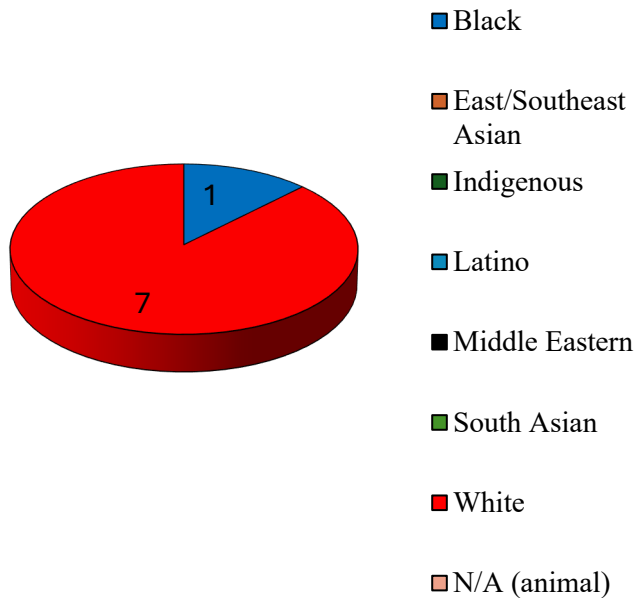
In 2023, the Port Hope Police Service had a total of 5,805 incidents listed on Niche RMS. Constable Brad Spina, the designated Training Analyst, received a total of 7 Use of Force Reports from Port Hope Police Service Officers, which is the same amount as the previous year. This information means that a Use of Force Report was submitted in 0.001% of all incidents that Police Officers at the Port Hope Police Service were involved in on Niche RMS. Within those 7 Use of Force Reports, the following statistics were highlighted:



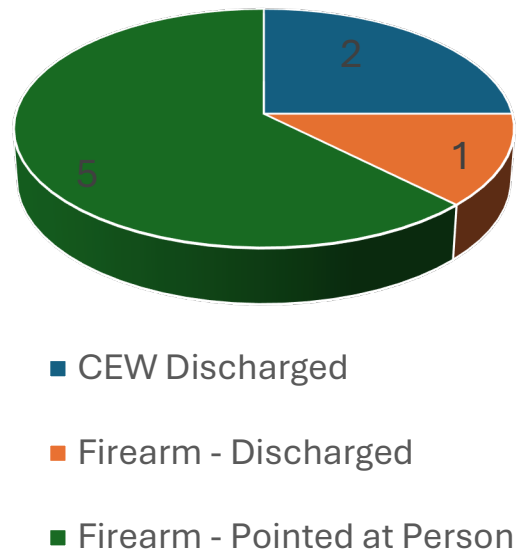


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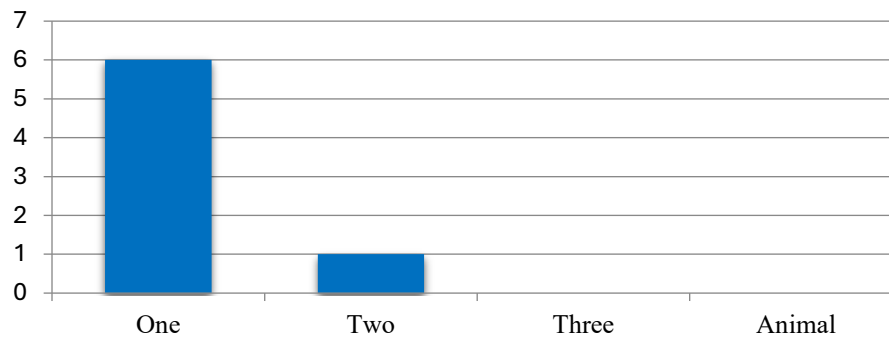
Perceived Subject Race (There can be more than one subject per incident)



Type of Force Used (More than one option can be utilized in a single incident)

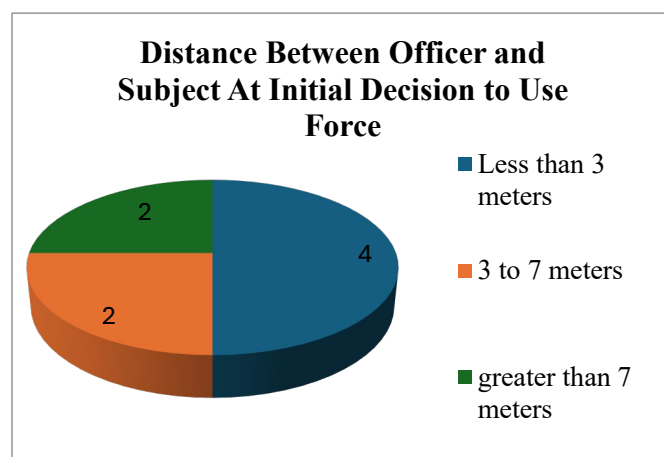
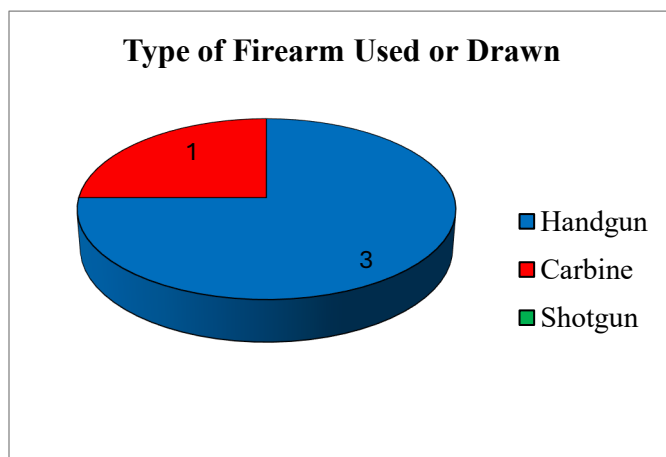
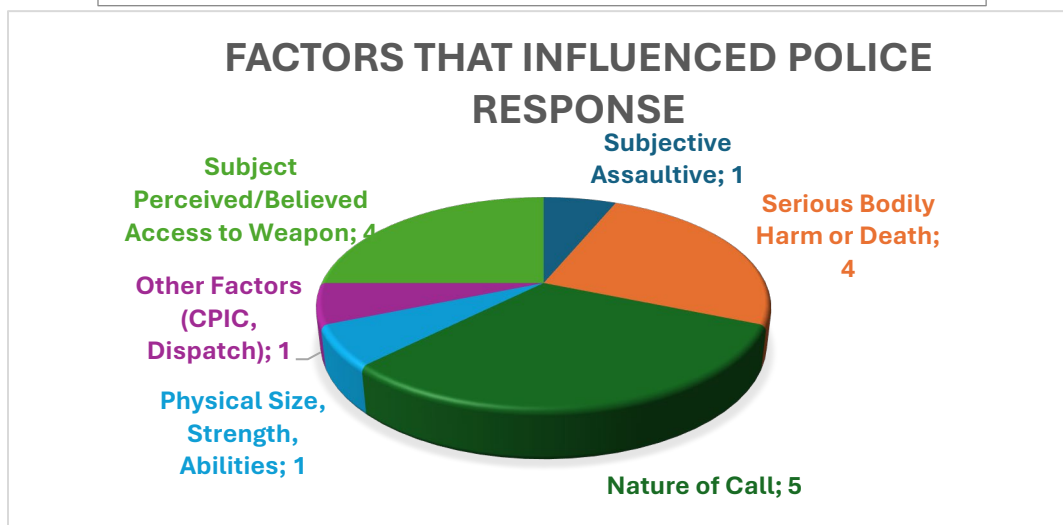
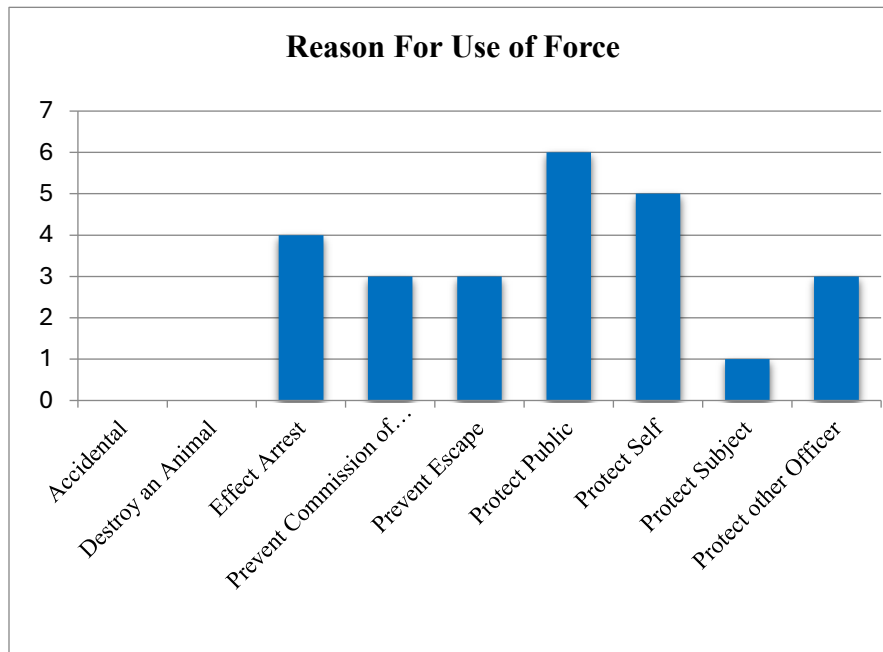


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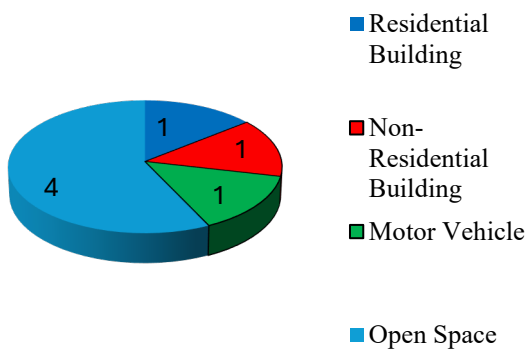
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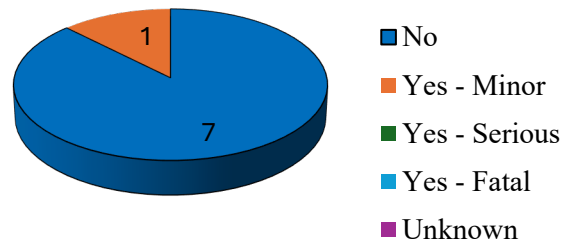


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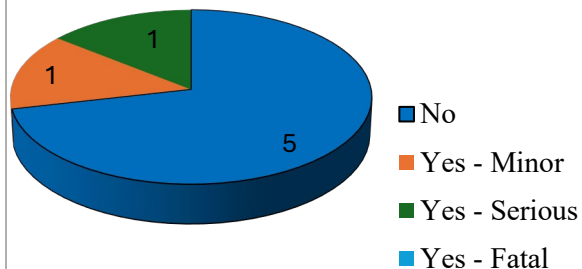
Location Type



Subject Injured



Officer Injured



Officer Responses

