
Police

2024 Accomplishments:

- **MCRT Unit:** The MCRT nurse has strengthened engagement with high-frequency patients experiencing recurrent crises and ongoing apprehensions. This proactive support is bridging the gap between the patient and necessary mental health resources, resulting in a substantial reduction in police involvement and alleviating the demand on hospital emergency staff while decreasing wait times.
 - Once again CCH, CCPS and the OPP presented a joint business case to Health East. As another act of good faith, and to recognize the incredible programs we have in Cornwall and SD&G, Health East injected a one-time funding boost of \$110, 000.00 to be split between the CCPS and OPP programs
 - The next cycle of the MCRT enhancement grant has been applied for by CCH, OPP and the UCSD&G. We are extremely optimistic that our enhancement grant funding will soon begin and we will be able to extend our services back to 7 days a week, 12 hours a day.
- **K-9 Unit:** The SD&G Detachment is once again home to a full time K-9 handler. As of January of this year, PC Brad Looyen and his K-9 partner “Odin” have been on patrol and assisting with incidents involving missing persons, tracking fugitives and other critical incidents. PC Looyen is also active within the community promoting the enhanced level of service provided by him and his partner.
- **Emergency Response Team (ERT):** In June of 2024, the SD&G Detachment welcomed two new ERT team members. PC Jon Anderson and PC Danyk Arnaud completed the gruelling basic training and now report out of the Long Sault Detachment. When not performing ERT related duties and training these officers are on patrol within the Counties.
- **Public Safety Radio Network:** All of the active members of the SD&G detachment have been trained in the use of the Land Mobile Radio Network (LMRN). This is the new radio system that will become fully operational provincially within the next year and a half. The fleet of cruisers within SDG will have the new radio systems installed prior to the completion of 2024.
- **Community engagement:** 2024 saw the Detachment’s uniform members and auxiliary unit engaged not only in proactive patrols, but also numerous community activities. The SD&G Auxiliary Unit continues to be a tremendous asset to the Detachment.
 - Members of the SD&G Detachment continue to be active throughout the counties. Every frontline platoon has doubled their efforts to be engaged

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- with the community by directly assigning members to participate in daily community activities.
- The SD&G Police Services board engaged with the detachment commander in transitioning into the Detachment Board as stipulated by the new Community Safety and Policing Act. The new Act came into effect in the spring of 2024.
 - Members of the SD&G Detachment continue to engage in activities specifically related to Reconciliation with our Indigenous Communities. Specifically, this will be the third year where the Detachment has been invited to participate in activities on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The OPP are the only police service in SD&G receiving this invitation.
 - Members of the SD&G Detachment continue to support and make positive inroads with our 2SLGBTQ+ communities. Our presence in the 2024 pride parade was very well received by the community. SD&G members are active provincially in promoting and championing diversity and inclusion within our communities and policing alike.
 - The OPP celebrated 50 years of women in uniform this year with numerous events highlighting this significant milestone in the OPP's history.
- **Traffic, trail, and marine safety:** To date, the SD&G Detachment laid 6323 traffic related charges and issued 3251 warnings. The officers have issued 1261 Part III summons. This is a 21% increase from last year.
 - The detachment has continued to be a leader within East Region when it comes to traffic enforcement particularly during traffic campaigns.
 - Officers conducted 778 RIDE's which was a 17% increase.
 - The Marine unit continued to be highly visible and pro-active upon the St. Lawrence River throughout the entire summer. The marine unit was involved in 42 calls for service. Furthermore, they conducted 244 vessel checks, 112 cottage checks and conducted approximately 780 hours of patrol. The availability of the OPP marine unit provides a profound level of service to the residents of SD&G as well as the thousands of visitors who travel to the area annually.
 - Highway 138 will always be a focal point for our proactive traffic enforcement. Officers are assigned to daily patrols on the 138 and the OPP continues to utilize numerous specialized services including its Aviation Services and the Highway Safety Division to ensure that we are doing our part in correcting driver behaviour. A member of the detachment also sits on the Highway 138 safety improvement committee which is working with the Government of Ontario to address meaningful, long lasting highway improvements that will increase its overall safety.
 - Detachment members and leadership have also met with representatives of the SD&G Counties Roads department to work towards improved traffic safety within our communities.

- The detachment is very proud to report that their proactive activities on the trails and waterways have once again yielded numerous positive interactions and enhanced public safety.
- **Victim Services Grant:** In September of 2024, funding for the Victim Services Grant ran out. Before changes in legislation, the former SD&G Police Services Board, provided the Clerk, CAO and Detachment Commander with direction on how OPP seized funds could be distributed to support community programs and/or victims of crime. One option they provided was to provide funds for the Victim Advocate program until the next grant application and cycle. Those funds have been used to keep the Victim Advocate position funded at the SD&G OPP Detachment. The Victim Advocate is a direct and continuing resource that victims of crime can access for supports and services. Their work has been instrumental in improving the victim experience when dealing with the Police and/or navigating the judicial system.
 - In November of 2024 the SD&G Detachment collaborated with VSSDGA to apply for the latest victim services grant. The Detachment has yet to find out if it was successful with this application. This grant's focus is to improve the overall victim experience with regards to intimate partner violence, sexual assault, cyber sex crimes and human trafficking. The full-time victim advocate, who has been working directly in the SD&G Detachment, has successfully integrated into the Detachment and has proven to be a most valuable resource.
- **Accolades/Recognition:** During the course of 2024, several members have been promoted within SD&G Detachment. Numerous members of the SD&G Detachment also received commendations and awards this year.

Promotions:

Staff Sergeant:

- Staff/Sergeant Alicia Burtch
- Staff/Sergeant Normand Lamontagne

Sergeant:

- Sergeant Scott MacWhirter
- Sergeant Ryan Cruickshank
- Sergeant Sebastien Picard

Retirements:

- Sergeant Matt Eamer
- Sergeant Charlene Davidson
- Sergeant Dan Loney
- PC Daniel Morin

Awards:

- Sergeant Gloria Yu – Bravery
- PC Youri Tremblay Falardeau – Bravery x 2
- PC Roxanne Benoit – Bravery x 2
- PC Matt Deschene – Bravery
- PC Neil MacTavish – Bravery
- PC Lianne Morneault

2025 Budget Impact:

- The 2025 OPP Billing Statement has increased by \$1,403,128 (14.2%). Costs are based on a combination of fixed costs plus calls for service. Significant increases in OPP costs have been noted province-wide.
- In addition, there is also a year-end adjustment for 2023 in the amount of \$719,316, reflected in the billing statement, that will be paid for in 2024 and will be a variance to the 2024 budget.
- The Ontario Association of Police Boards annual membership has increased by \$3,150. The association has expanded its services and staff as a result of the implementation of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.
- Board audit fees have increased, as per the Counties' new audit contract.
- A \$5,000 amount has been included in the budget for board insurance. Board insurance is a new requirement under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

2025 Budget Options:

- There are limited options for this budget as most costs are driven by the annual OPP Billing Statement.