



Cobourg Police Service

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 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.

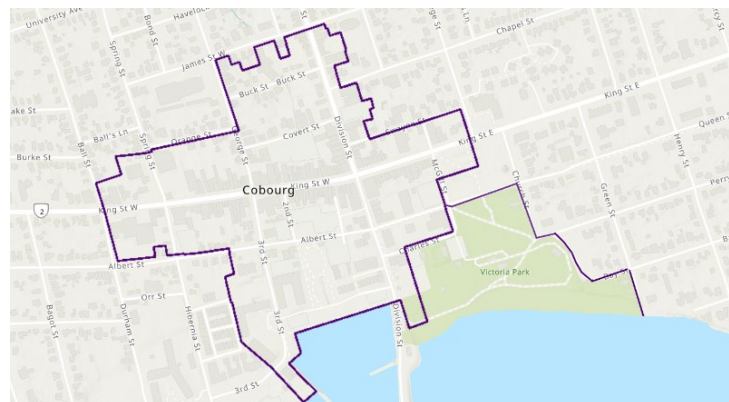
We recognize the importance of data-driven decision-making. This report delves into specific crime data trends, including:

- 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

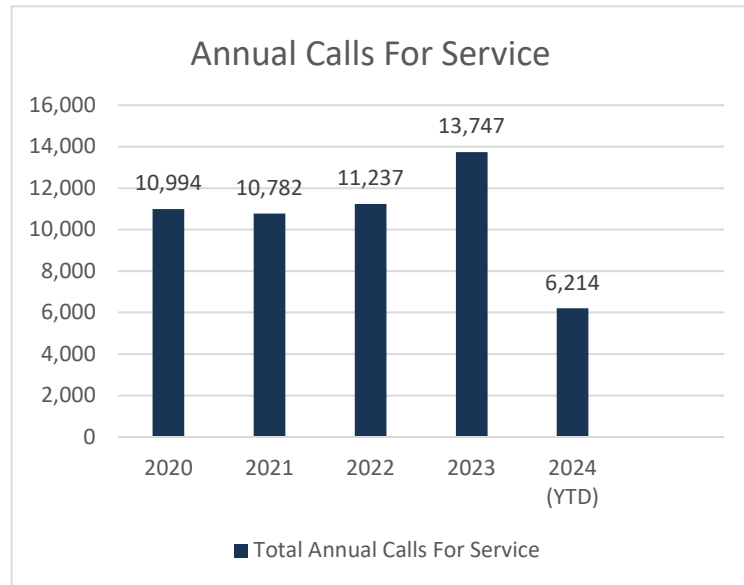
5% increase

2023

22% increase

Total calls for service 2024 YTD – 6,214 (as of May 31)

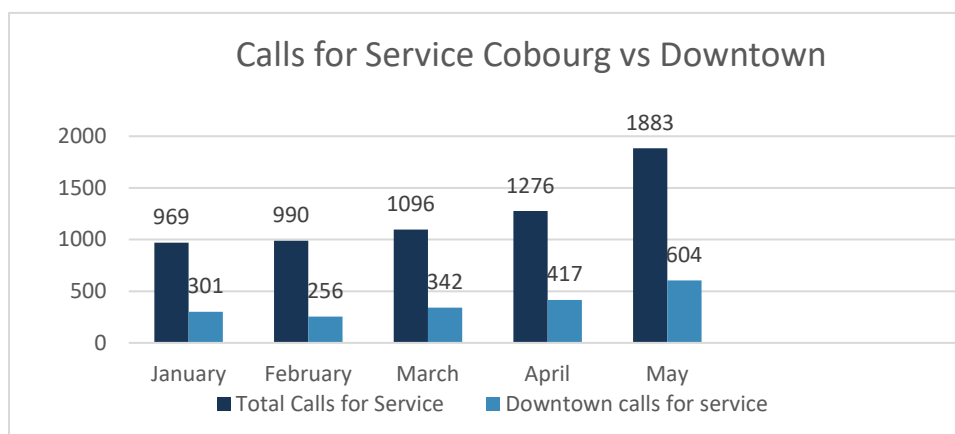
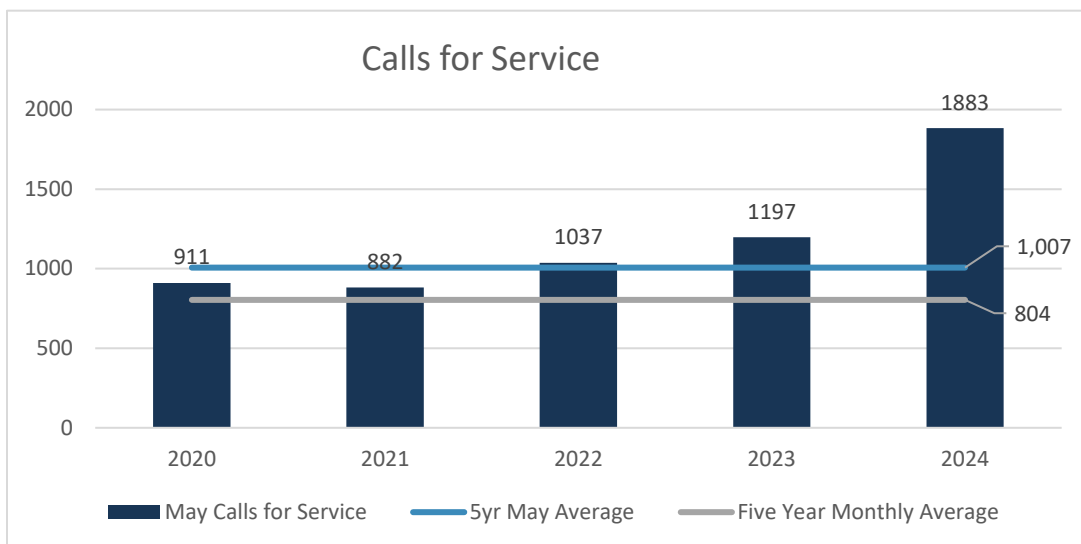
Total calls for service May 2024 – 1,883





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In May 2024, 32% of calls for service were dispatched to the Downtown area.



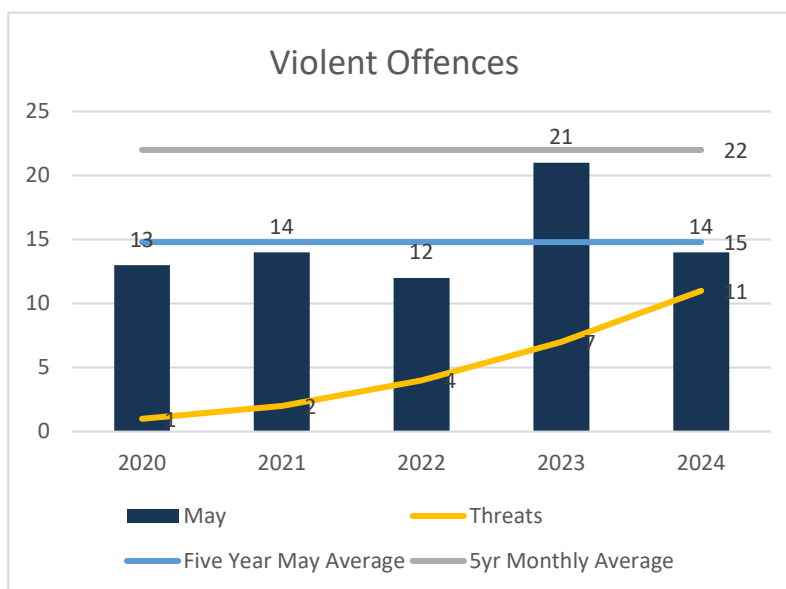


Violent Offences

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 88

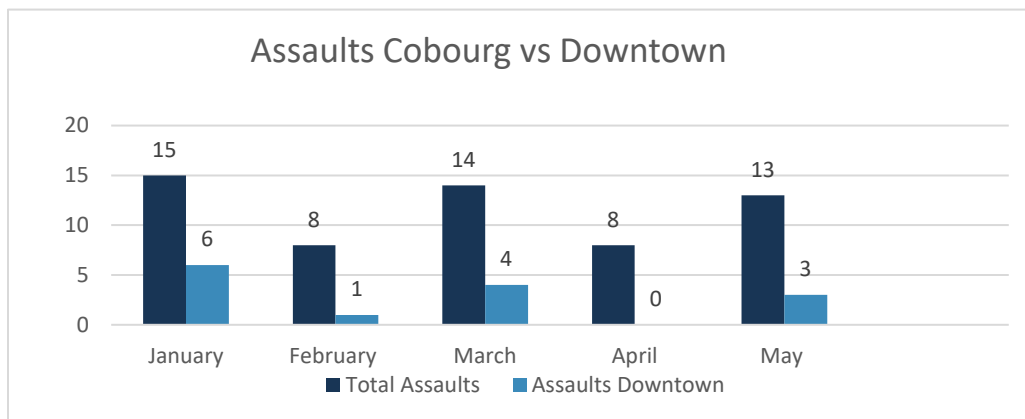
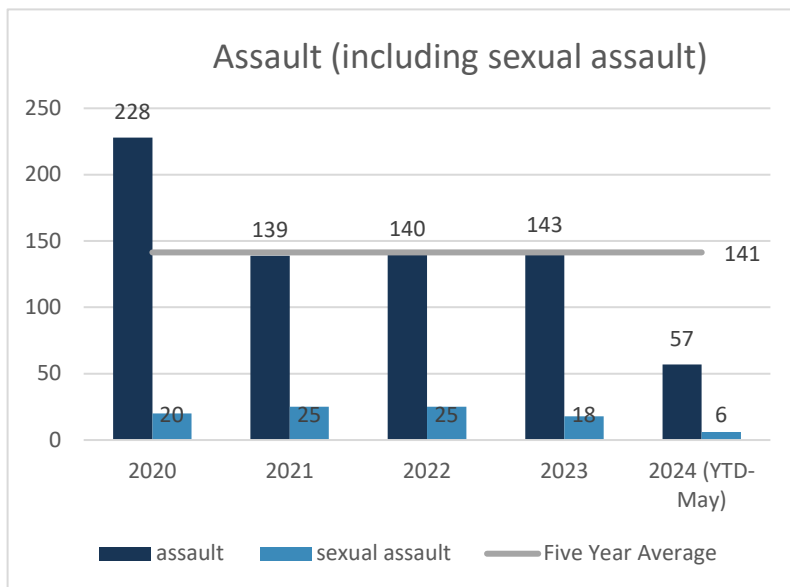
2023 Total 137





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In May 2024, 23% of assault-related incidents were in the Downtown area.



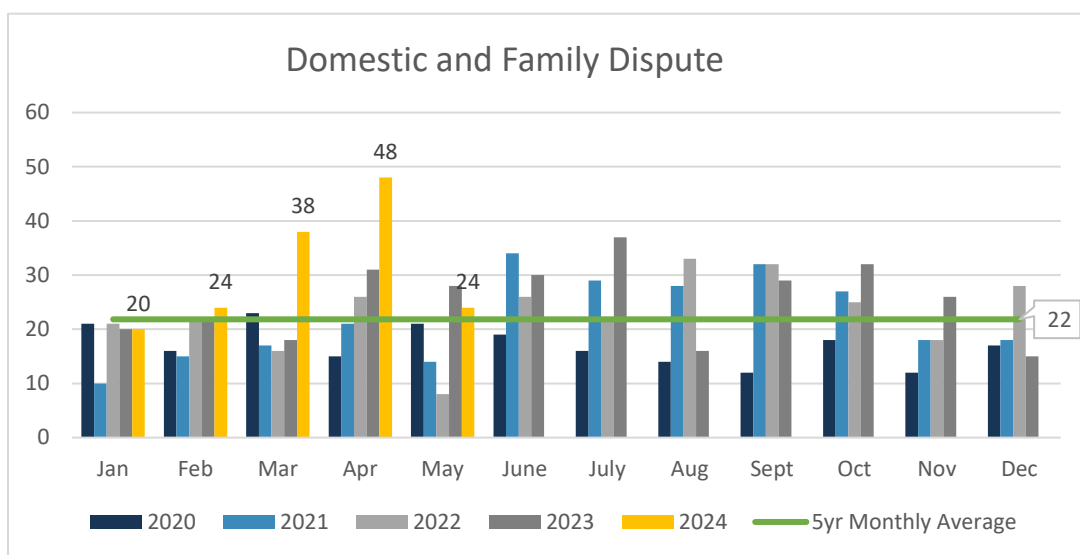


Domestic Related Incidents

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.

2024 YTD Total 73 (7 violent)

2023 Total 348 (41 violent)





Property Crime

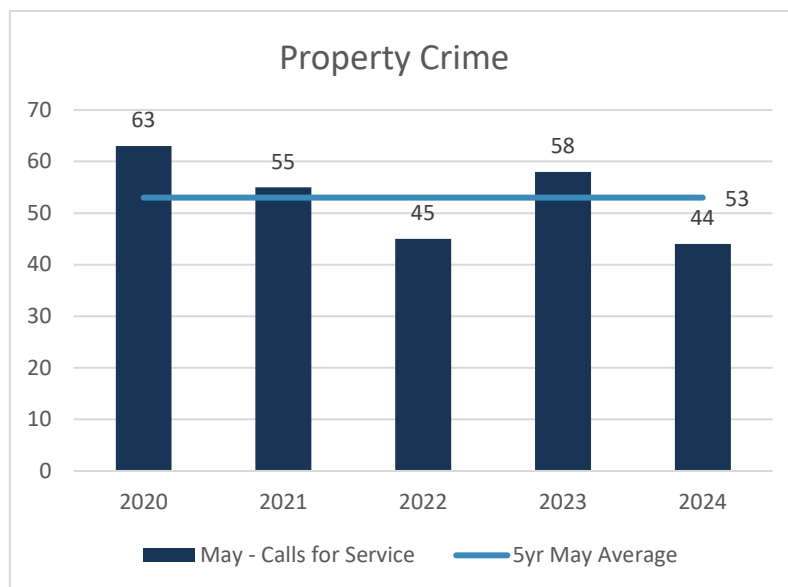
Property crime encompasses a wide range of offences related to obtaining money, property, or other benefits. Property crimes include theft, breaking and entering, auto theft, arson, and vandalism. Whether it's a stolen garden gnome or a smashed car window, property crime can disrupt the integrity of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

Through the Downtown Action Plan framework, the Community Impact and Enforcement Unit is working with local businesses and partner agencies to address community concerns and incidents of mischief and property theft. The goal is to enact a measured and partnered approach to help address current health and wellness challenges impacting our community while ensuring accountability and safety for everyone.



2023 – 321

2024 YTD Total - 165





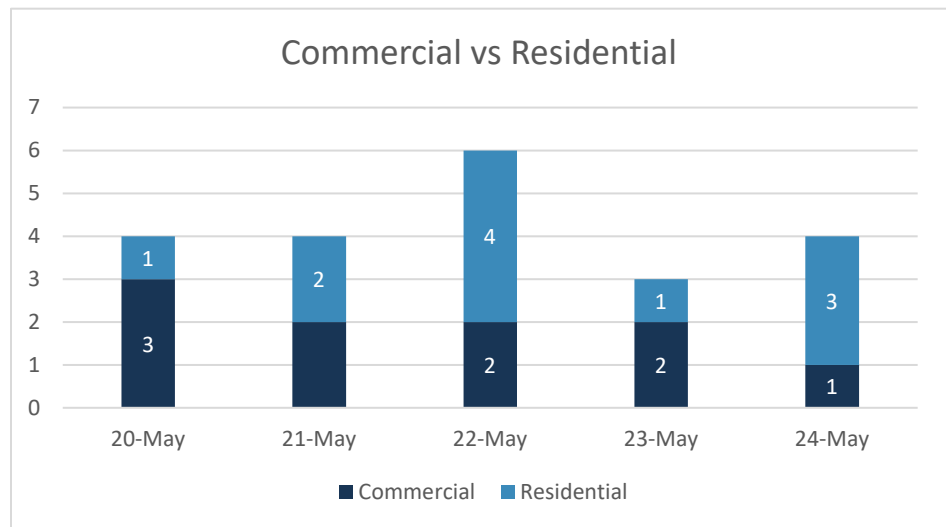
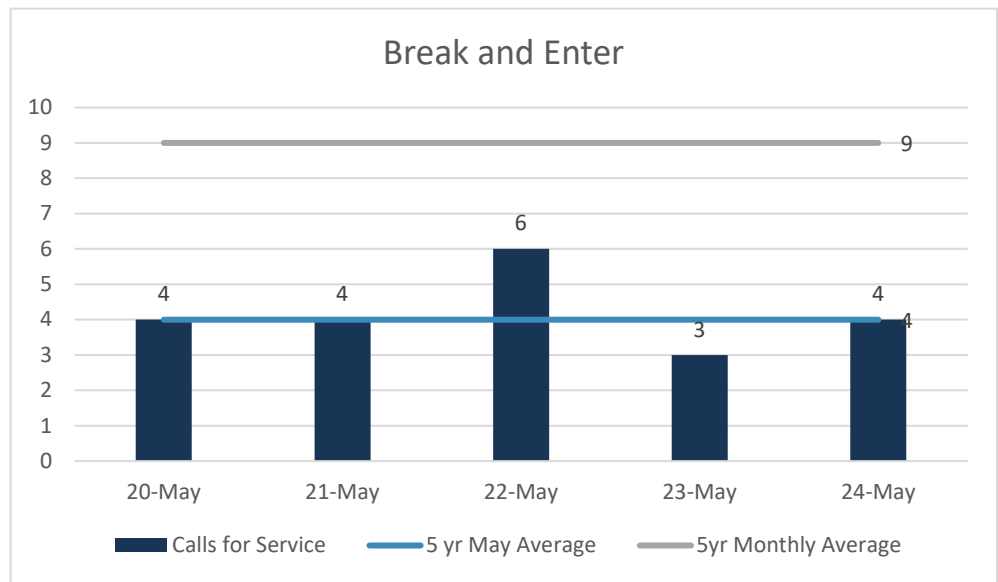
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Break and Enter

2024 YTD Total - 15

2023 Total - 43





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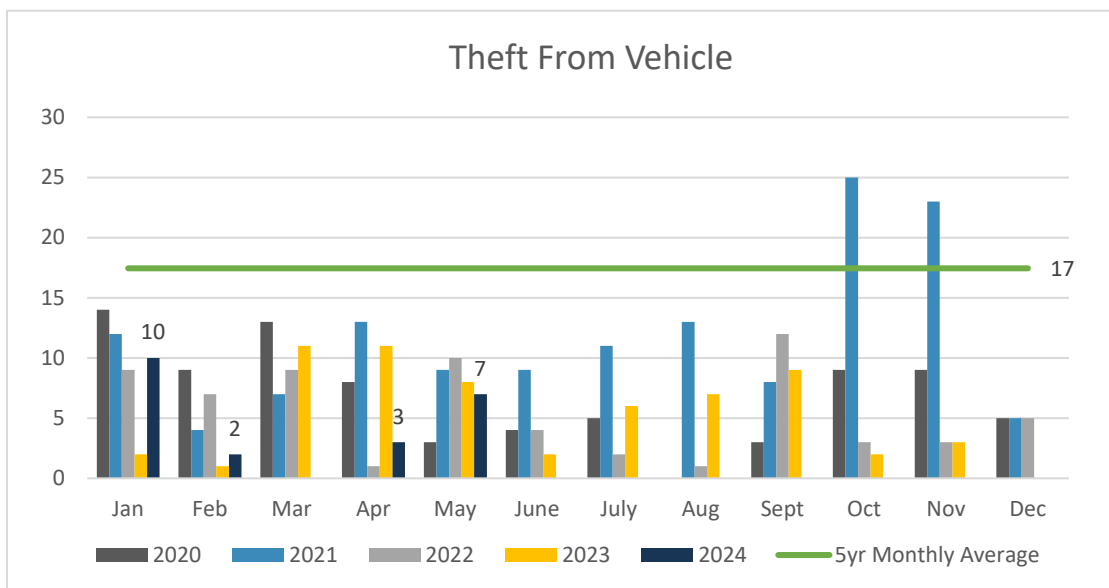
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Theft from Vehicles

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.

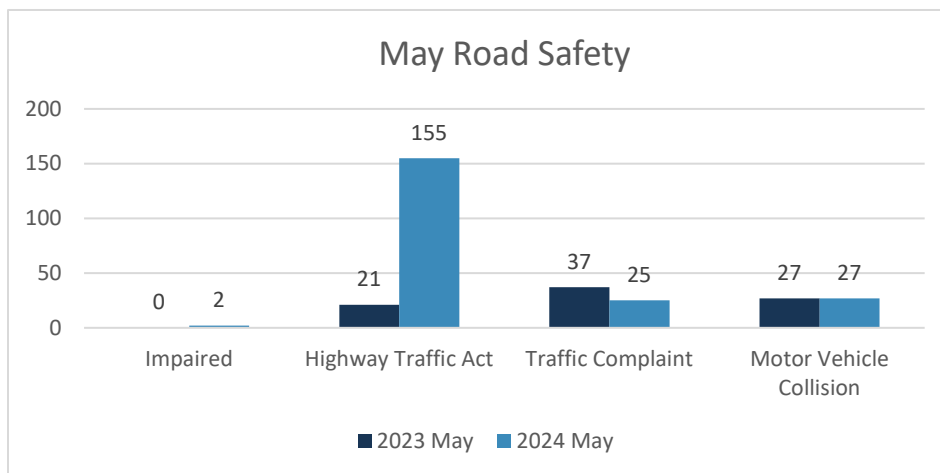
We continue to work to leverage the CPS CCTV Camera Network and Community Camera Registry to provide further investigative assistance in these hard-to-solve crimes.





Road Safety

In May, there were 25 traffic complaints for a range of themes, including driving recklessly, possible impaired drivers, youth stunt/racing in parking lot areas and road rage incidents.





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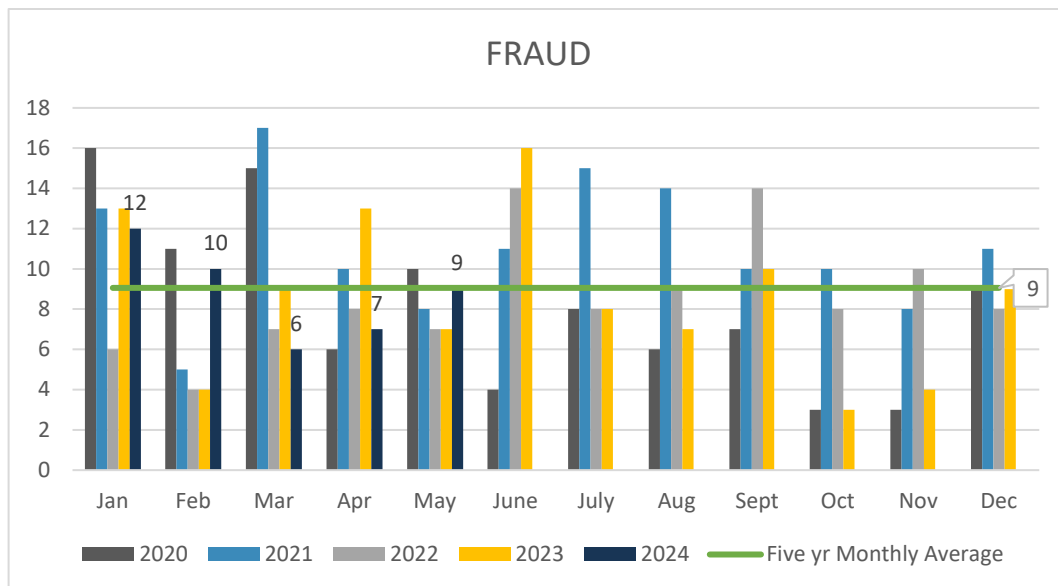
Fraud

In May, there were nine (9) fraud reports, including one report of construction fraud, in which the victim paid over \$70,000 for renovations that were not completed. The investigation is ongoing.

CPS continues to share information on ongoing scams and engage residents through in-person presentations and through sharing crime prevention tips online and delivered two presentations on common frauds and scams at a local retirement residence and for a community group.

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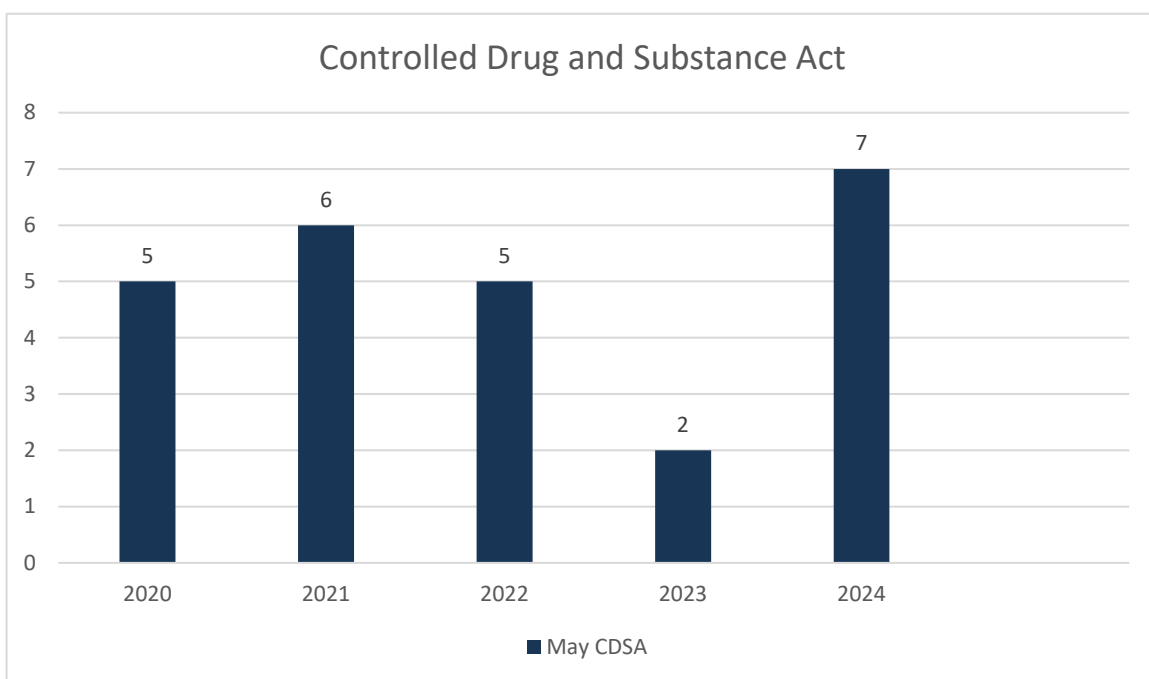
FRAUD INCIDENTS REPORTED IN MAY





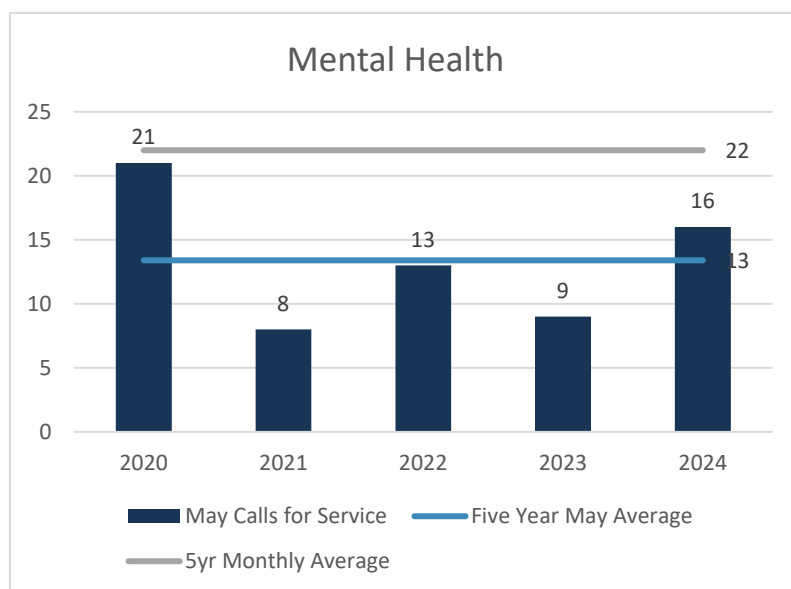
Controlled Drug and Substances Act

Investigations and enforcement targeting illegal drug activity in our community continue to be a strategic priority and a focus for CPS.





Mental Health



2023 Total 246

2024 YTD Total 89

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 (211).

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

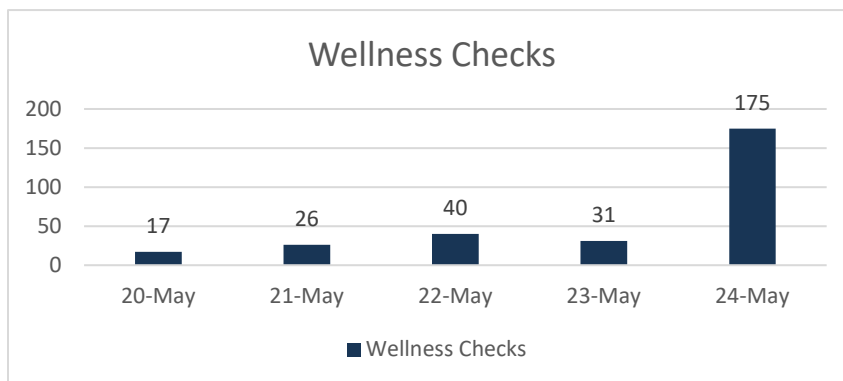
health resources. The strain on police resources is evident, as officers spend extended periods managing mental health crises, diverting their attention from other urgent matters. Repeated interactions between police and the same individuals create a cycle that strains call response. To address this, 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)

M-HEART continues to be vital to police operations and helps lessen the gap between residents and the services and supports.

In May, M-HEART responded to 194 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 May M-HEART activities:

- Twelve new M-HEART referrals
- Attended Ontario First Responders' Mental Health Conference
- Attended first responder mental health seminar at Venture13
- Completed Military Veterans Mental Health CPKN training course



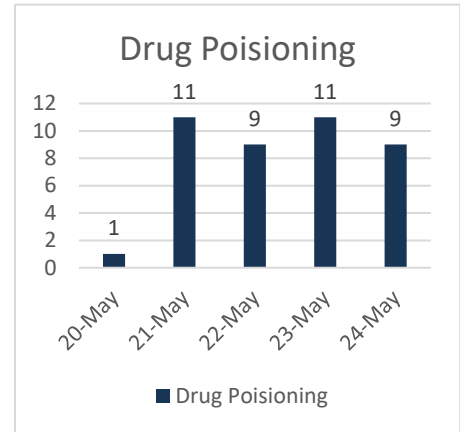


Drug Poisoning

In May 2024, CPS responded to nine (9) calls for suspected drug poisoning..

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

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 addition to attending 78 calls for service in May, HARP completed 20 foot patrols, made six arrests, and led a shopping cart retrieval initiative, working with PARN to notify residents of the collection and provide alternative solutions for transporting personal property.

One client completed the Canadian Centre for Addictions treatment program through the Community Bed partnership. A second client anticipated to complete the program at the end of June.

HARP completed outreach with the NHH Homelessness Case Manager and Northumberland County Outreach Team and reconnected two people with their home communities.

Other Activities:

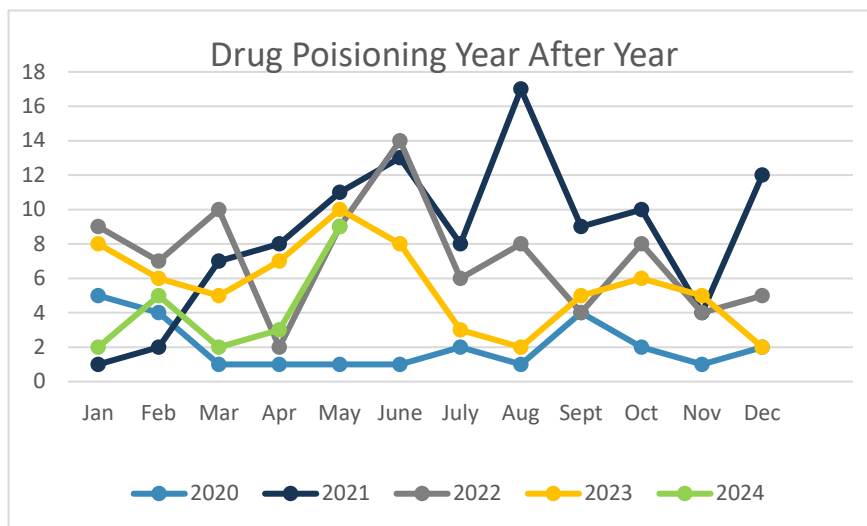
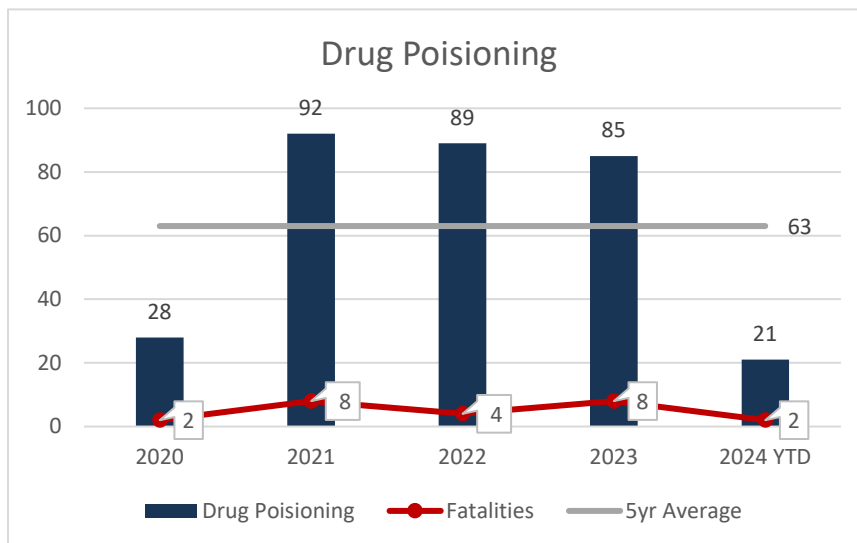
- Pitch to the Chief Youth edition judge for student pitch projects.
- Assisted Cobourg Fire with safety inspection at the east-end encampment.
- Met with Welcoming Streets in Belleville and Kelowna





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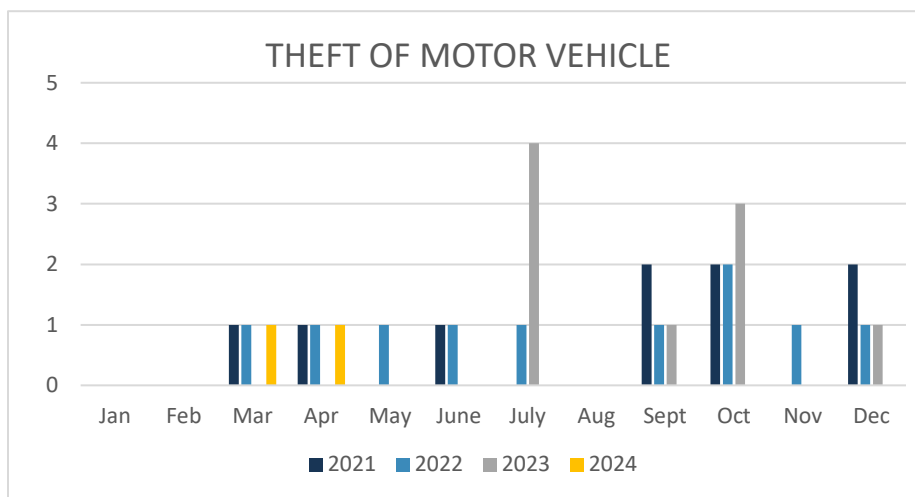




Emerging Trends

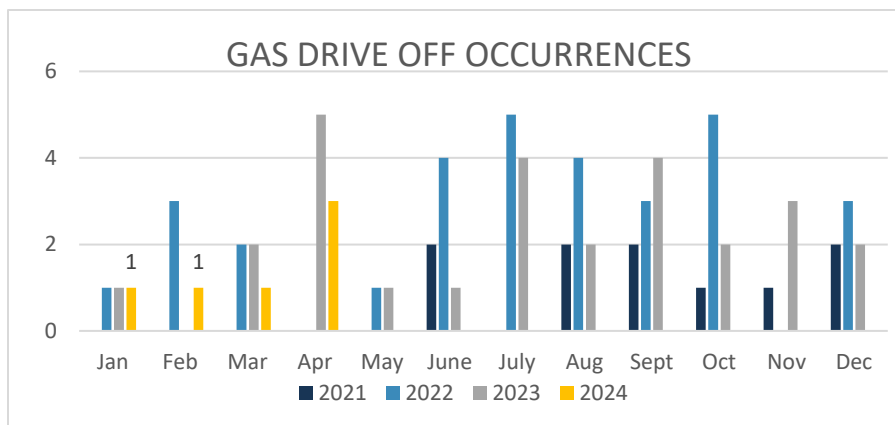
Auto Theft in Ontario

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. We continue to monitor trends and patterns in Cobourg.





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Dynamic Patrol is one element of the Spring 2024 CPS Downtown Community Safety Action Plan. It was deployed in the downtown area and surrounding neighbourhoods and parks at the beginning of May and will continue throughout the spring and summer. This initiative focuses on increasing police presence, engagement opportunities, bail enforcement, warrant execution, and probation condition compliance in the Town of Cobourg.

From May 1st to May 20th, police conducted 102 foot patrols, responded to nine (9) suspected drug poisoning calls, and conducted 46 property checks within the downtown core, Victoria Park and east end towards the encampment. Twenty-seven (27) arrests were made directly related to Dynamic Patrol.

During this time, officers issued:

- 10 Liquor License tickets and/or cautions
- 16 Trespass to Property tickets
- 22 Highway Traffic Act charges





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Cart Retrieval Initiative

As part of ongoing proactive engagement and enforcement efforts during the week of May 13th, culminating on May 18th, CPS focused on retrieving stolen shopping carts.

Led by the Community Impact and Engagement Unit (CIEU), the initiative engaged uniform, special constables, the auxiliary team, Town of Cobourg Staff and local businesses.

- 83 shopping carts were recovered.
- 53 carts were recovered within the encampment.
- All shopping carts were returned to the rightful store.

The value of these shopping carts is between \$600.00 to \$2000.00 each.

A conservative estimate is that approximately \$50,000.00 in stolen property was recovered. HARP worked with PARN to notify residents of the cart collection and to provide alternative options and solutions through engagement and education.

During this initiative, no charges were laid for theft or possession of stolen property. Since then, charges have been laid in three incidents of stolen shopping carts.

Bail Compliance Effort

The Criminal Investigative Bureau led a bail compliance enforcement initiative with the CIEU and uniform patrol. This initiative focused on ensuring bail compliance and outstanding warrant execution.

Of the 28 arrests made between May 1st and May 26th related to Dynamic Patrol, 21 were through the efforts of the bail compliance initiative.

Seven (7) individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants held by police services in other jurisdictions. Six (6) were returned to the jurisdiction of the warrant.

Dynamic Patrol efforts will continue through the summer as we welcome tourists and visitors to Cobourg, and we will deploy resources as necessary.





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Training

In May, members of the CPS Use of Force Training Unit, Constable Salisbury and Constable Rashotte, attended the FBINAA New York State Eastern Canada event in Oshawa. They networked with partnering police service colleagues and executives to learn about and share best practices and firearm options in the policing field. Other police services in attendance included the Toronto Police Service, Durham Regional Police Service, Kingston Police Service, Cheektowaga Police, and FBI Special Agents.



Auxiliary Graduation

After months of training and hard work, we welcomed three more members to the auxiliary team at a joint ceremony with the Port Hope Police Service at Venture 13. In 2023, 6,037 volunteer hours were dedicated by our amazing auxiliary team, and we look forward to the impact our three new auxiliary members will have in the community.





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Community and Crime Prevention



Cram-A-Cruiser

On May 11, CPS Auxiliary members joined Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank to run the Cram-A-Cruiser food drive at Metro in Cobourg. Community members donated 2,235 pounds of food and \$2,644 in cash and gift cards.

Community Events

Members of the Cobourg Police Service participated in a number of community events in May including the Smile Cookie Campaign and McHappy Day to support Five Counties, the Cameco Run for Mental Health, and Kilometers for Kids in support of Rebound Child and Youth Services.

Police Week

Police Week, which took place from May 12 to 18, was an opportunity to host and collaborate on community events. This year, police week involved connecting with residents, bolstering our crime prevention efforts through sharing resources and information about the role of policing, and answering safety questions.

Empowering residents to take an active role in their own safety and connecting with community members through these events help foster positive relationships between police and the community.

Our members were in classrooms, baking cookies, reading books at the library, and presenting to community groups. We also hosted a facility tour, coffee with a cop at Lalies and the Dutch, and our annual paper shred event.



STATISTICS WILL FLUCTUATE BASED ON UCR COMPLETION.





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PITCH TO THE CHIEF™



Local High School Students to Collaborate with Cobourg Police Service

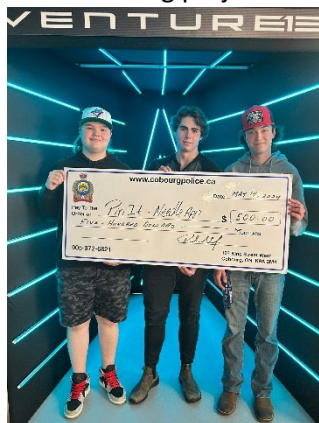
On May 14, 2024, Venture13 welcomed student teams from Cobourg Collegiate Institute (CCI) and St. Mary Catholic Secondary School (SMCSS) to take part in Pitch to the Chief™ – Youth Edition.

Hosted by the V13 Policetech Accelerator, a strategic joint initiative of NCFDC and the Cobourg Police Service (CPS), Pitch to the Chief™ – Youth Edition challenges high school students to develop solutions for crime prevention and community innovation for collaboration with the CPS.

Developed over a semester in business studies classes taught by Molly Klintworth (CCI) and Ryan Goodall (SMCSS), the students’ passion and creativity were on full display as they presented their innovations to Chief Paul VandeGraaf and his panel of judges, which included, Deputy Chief Jeff Haskins, Rene Hamman, Entrepreneurship Program Coordinator at the Business and Entrepreneurship Centre Northumberland, and Eunice Kirkpatrick, CEO of the YMCA Northumberland.

The solutions developed by the students ran the spectrum from a youth skills development initiative to homelessness to cybersecurity for seniors, from bike safety to an app to digitally transform reports for victims of domestic abuse.

The winning team (securing a \$500 grand prize and a project space at Venture13) was PinIt, an application that assists in safe needle disposal from public spaces. The runner-up, team Restorical, re-imagined the derelict Sidbrook Hospital site as a social housing project and centre for youth advancement in the skilled trades.





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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.

77% of day shifts operated above minimum complement.

Night Shift – a total of 31 shifts

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

39% of night shifts operated with minimum complement.

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



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

May Highlights:

Day Shift - a total of 31 shifts

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

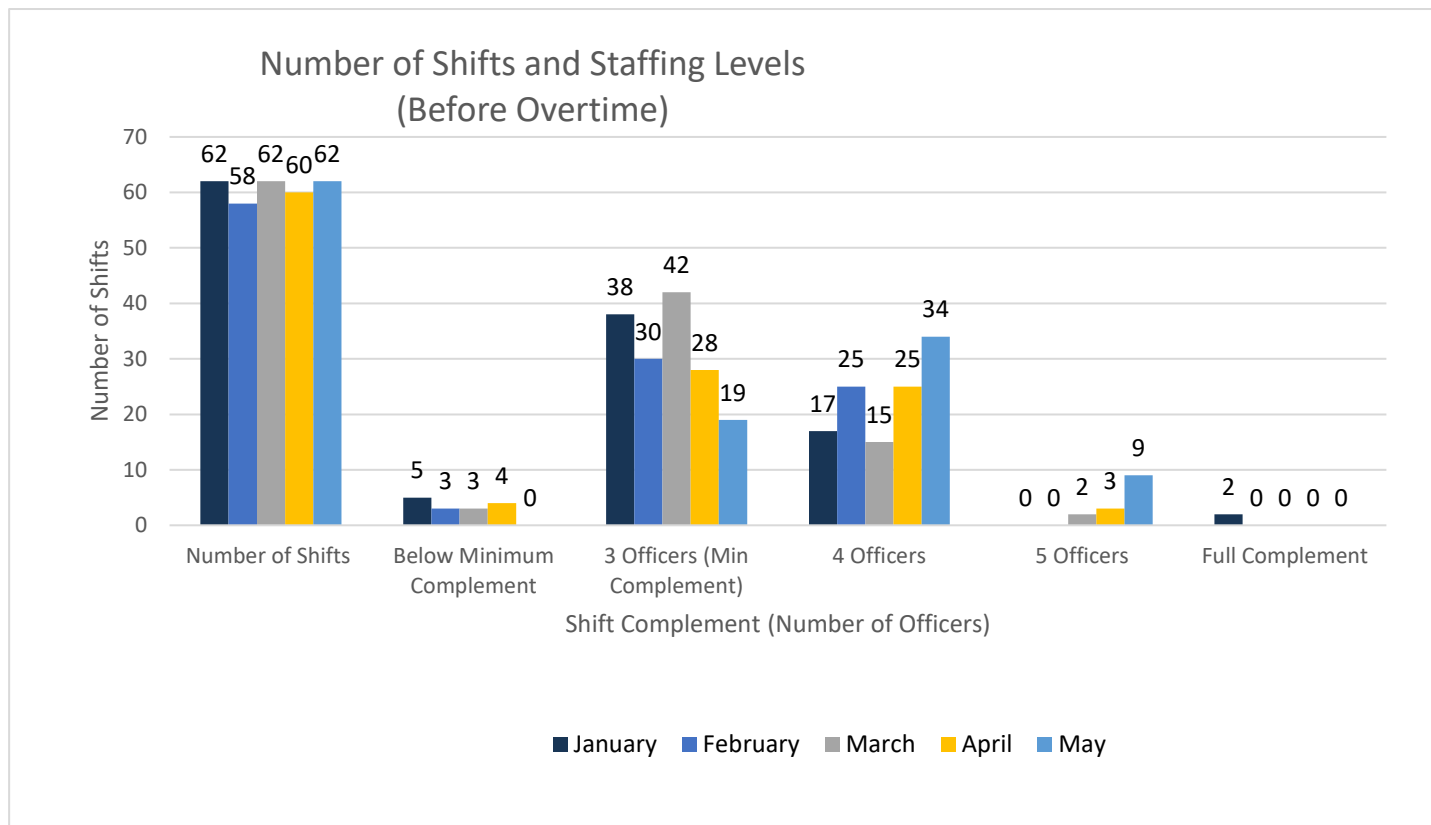
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Significant Occurrences:

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

May 1, 2024: Cobourg Police Service Dynamic Patrol - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) is announcing the Spring 2024 CPS Downtown Community Safety Action Plan, including the Dynamic Patrol initiative. As an evolution of the CPS Downtown Action Plan and in response to community concerns, Dynamic Patrol will be deployed in the downtown area and surrounding neighbourhoods starting today. It will focus on increasing police presence, increasing engagement opportunities, and enhancing bail compliance efforts in the Town of Cobourg. “As we reintroduce Dynamic Patrol this spring, we’re committed to listening to our community to find more efficient ways to ensure people feel safe. We will be increasing our efforts within the boundaries of our role as police, focusing on bail enforcement, warrant execution, and probation condition compliance. Furthermore, we will be ensuring that the small percentage of people who have a disproportionate number of interactions with our Service are held accountable effectively and appropriately.” – Chief Paul VandeGraaf, Cobourg Police Service Since the soft launch of dynamic patrol began on April 16th, officers have conducted foot patrols, arrested five individuals on outstanding warrants or bail violations, arrested one individual for assault with a weapon, and conducted six property checks. In addition, collaborative initiatives with partner agencies and Municipal Law Enforcement are underway. Patrols will concentrate on areas within Cobourg that are identified through crime analytics, community partners, and resident feedback. Areas include but are not limited to, the downtown core, neighbourhoods and parks close to downtown, and areas adjacent to Lake Ontario, including Victoria Park. Dynamic Patrol is an ongoing initiative intended to enhance police service delivery in the Town of Cobourg through proactive patrols, increased visibility, and community engagement efforts. Officers will be deployed as necessary in the community. **Report Crime and Suspicious Activity** We encourage community members to report suspicious activity and crime, whether big or small. Reports help us identify crime patterns and trends, which allows us to better serve our community by redeploying resources where they are needed. Reports are reviewed and assigned for follow-up. Report non-emergency crimes such as theft, traffic complaints, damage to property, damage to vehicle, and lost property online. Learn more or file a report at cobourgpolicesservice.com/online-reporting. If you are in an emergency or witness a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

May 1, 2024: Assault with a Weapon - A 62-year-old Cobourg man has been arrested and charged with assault with a weapon following an interaction Tuesday evening. On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at approximately 8:30 pm, police responded to a call for an assault in the area of King Street East and Cottesmore Avenue in Cobourg. It was reported that a man struck a victim with a 2x4 piece of wood before retrieving a compound bow and making threats. The man surrendered the bow to bystanders on the scene. The victim received minor injuries. Police recovered both weapons. As a result of the police investigation, Jim Wayner (62) of Cobourg was arrested and charged with two counts of assault with a weapon. The accused is held for a show cause hearing later today.



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May 1, 2024: Police Week 2024 - The Cobourg Police Service is proud to announce our participation in Police Week in Ontario from May 12 to 18, 2024. Throughout the week, the Cobourg Police Service will host various activities and events to foster community relationships and showcase the diverse aspects of policing. The week provides an opportunity to celebrate the important role our police officers and personnel play in community safety and our vital relationships and partnerships with communities. We invite the citizens of Cobourg and local business owners to join us in celebrating Police Week. Together, we can keep Ontario safe. Since 1970, Police Week has taken place in May to coincide with Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is internationally recognized on May 15. Here in Cobourg, this date holds a special place as the day to reflect and remember Constable Chris Garrett #221, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on May 15, 2004, while protecting the citizens of the Town of Cobourg, Ontario. The annual Police Week in Ontario is sponsored by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General. It is part of the National Police Week led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. Police Week activities:

- Facility Tour – Tuesday, May 14
- Constable Chris Garrett Memorial 20th Anniversary – May 15th
- Family Storytime at the Cobourg Police Library – Thursday, May 16th
- Document Shred – Thursday, May 16th
- Coffee with a Cop - Saturday, May 18th

May 7, 2024: 2024 Cobourg / Port Hope Polar Plunge Raises \$27,066 for Special Olympics Ontario - The chilly waters of Lake Ontario witnessed an incredible display of courage and community spirit during the 2024 Cobourg / Port Hope Polar Plunge. On March 28th, 2024, **93 daring plungers** took the icy leap to support Special Olympics Ontario. For the second year in a row, the local event hosted in partnership between Cobourg Police Service (CPS), Port Hope Police Service (PHPS), and Community Living & Respite Northumberland (CL) raised over \$27,000 (\$27,066). Every dollar raised will directly benefit [Special Olympics Ontario](#) programs, which provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for athletes. Police services across Ontario have a strong relationship with Special Olympics, participating in events through the [Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run®](#) (LETR) since 1987. The LETR has evolved to encompass a variety of fundraising platforms. The Polar Plunge is the largest annual fundraising event for the LETR. The funds raised locally helped the LETR surpass its 2024 goal, raising over one million dollars. The 2024 Cobourg / Port Hope Polar Plunge was made possible by the efforts and generous support of participating individuals and organizations, local businesses, community members, and donors. Thank you to all the participants, including members from CPS, PHPS, CL and local Special Olympic Athletes, Town of Cobourg Staff, Cobourg Fire Department and Durham College Fire placement students, Northumberland Paramedics, Five Counties Children's Centre, and the Ice Ice Ladies team. A special thank you to our major donors: Giant Tiger, Metro, Cramahe Firefighters Association, Chadwick's Towing & Repairs Inc., Cobourg Mazda, Spencer Transport Inc.

2024 Special Olympics Torch Run Coin

CPS and PHPS have created the 2024 Special Olympics Torch Run coin.



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The coins are available for purchase at the Cobourg Police Service (107 King Street East, Cobourg) and the Port Hope Police Service (55 Fox Road, Port Hope) for \$20 each. All proceeds from the coins will go to support Special Olympics Ontario. These coins are a limited edition and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supply lasts.

May 13, 2024: Police Service Announces Community Initiative to Clear Abandoned Shopping Carts -

Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. The Cobourg Police Service are announcing a new community initiative aimed at addressing the issue of abandoned shopping carts throughout the Town of Cobourg. In collaboration with local businesses and apartment complexes, we are taking action to ensure that our streets, parks, and properties remain clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. **The Initiative:** The “Cart Reclaim Project” will see the collection and return of shopping carts that have been left on properties other than retail locations they belong to. This initiative not only helps to beautify our community but also prevents potential hazards these carts can cause when left unattended. **Community Involvement:** We encourage all residents to participate by reporting any abandoned shopping carts they encounter. Your vigilance and cooperation are vital to the success of this project. **Report Abandoned Carts:** If you spot an abandoned shopping cart, please call the Cobourg Police Service at 905-372-6821 or email Sgt. Janice MacDonald at Janice.macdonald@cobourgpolic.com Your timely reporting will assist us in promptly addressing the issue. **Pick-Up Date:** The scheduled pick-up date for the abandoned shopping carts is set to commence on **18th day of May 2024 at 08:00hrs**. We ask property owners to ensure that any carts on their premises are ready for collection on this date. The Cobourg Police Service would like to thank the community for their continued support and cooperation. Together, through collaboration we can maintain the beauty and safety of our beloved city.

May 20, 2024 - Shopping Cart Retrieval Project. - Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. As part of ongoing proactive engagement and enforcement efforts during the week of May 13th culminating on May 18th members of Cobourg Police Service focused on the retrieval of stolen shopping carts. Over the course of the week, 83 shopping carts were recovered. 53 carts were recovered within the encampment. All shopping carts were returned to the rightful store. The value of these shopping carts is between \$600.00 to \$2000.00 each. A conservative estimate is that approximately \$50,000.00 in stolen property was recovered. During this initiative, there were no charges laid for theft or possession of stolen property. Moving forward charges may be laid in these instances.

May 20, 2024 - Cobourg Police Service seeking the assistance of the public to locate stolen property.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 14, 2024, unknown suspects cut through fencing and entered onto private property near Cobourg Creek and King Street West in the Town of Cobourg. An Oregon RFID tag reader was stolen from the property, belonging to a group of university students in the area studying



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aquatic life and fish habitats through the Fisheries Department. The Cobourg Police Service is asking for anyone with information to contact us at 905-372-6821 or anonymously via Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.stopcrimehere.ca.

May 20, 2024: Dynamic patrol leads to possession of stolen property arrest. - Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. As part of ongoing proactive engagement and enforcement efforts members of Uniform Patrol on May 19th, 2024, observed a female in the downtown in possession of a Winners shopping cart. The individual was stopped, and the stolen property was seized to be returned to rightful owner.

As result of this investigation, a 32 years of Cobourg woman was arrested and released to a future court date. She is charged with: 1) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime contrary to section 355(b) of the Criminal Code

May 21, 2024: Domestic Assault - On May 15th, 2024 at approximately 11:40 pm, uniform officers from the Cobourg Police Service were dispatched and attended the Encampment in Cobourg regarding a domestic dispute. As a result of the police investigation, a 41-year-old Cobourg man was arrested for domestic assault and held for a show cause hearing and remanded until May 22nd, 2024. Further the man was found to be in violation of conditions of a probation order.

Police have charged a Cobourg man with: Assault (spousal) and Fail to comply with probation order. The name of the accused is being withheld to protect the identity of the victim.

May 21, 2024: Dynamic patrol leads to bail compliance arrest of Adult Male from Toronto.

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- 1) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime contrary to section 354(1)(a)
- 2) Tampering with Vehicle Identification Number contrary to section 353.1
- 3) Possession of a Loaded Restricted Firearm contrary to section 95(1) x2
- 4) Possession of a Restricted Firearm Knowing the Person is not the Licence x2
- 5) Possession of a prohibited device knowing its possession is unauthorized contrary to section 92(2) x2
- 6) Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle contrary to section 94(1) x2
- 7) Possession of a Firearm contrary to Order contrary to section 117.01(1) x2

As part of this Release Order, the man was bound by a condition to remain in his residence in Toronto at all times. As a result, the man was arrested and charged with the following: 1) Fail to comply with Judicial Release Order contrary to section 145(5)(a) of the Criminal Code. The accused was held in custody.



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May 21, 2024: Dynamic patrol leads to investigation of Two Adult Males and one Adult Female from Cobourg for drug possession and possession of property obtained by crime. - Since May 1st, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. As part of ongoing engagement and enforcement efforts members of Uniform Patrol and the Criminal Investigations Branch at 7:25 PM on May 16th, 2024, conducted an investigation of two adult males and an adult female in the area of Victoria Park in the Town of Cobourg. Investigation revealed the open consumption of a small quantity of a controlled substance believed to be crack cocaine which was seized. Further items of property were seized pending further investigation. This incident remains under investigation to determine the rightful owner of the property. Both adult males and the adult female were identified and released pending further police investigation. The Cobourg Police Service is asking for anyone with information to contact us at 905-372-6821 or anonymously via Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.stopcrimehere.ca .

May 21, 2024: Dynamic patrol leads to theft, possession of property and breach of probation arrest. - Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. On May 18th, 2024, members of the Cobourg Police Service were called to a store in the downtown in relation to a theft in progress. Members attend and located the party responsible for the theft. Some of the property was recovered at the time of the arrest. As result of this investigation, the 40 year-year-old Cobourg woman was arrested and held for a Show Cause Hearing May 19th, 2024. She is charged with: 1) Theft Under \$5000 -Shoplifting Contrary to Section 334(b) of the Criminal Code 2) Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Contrary to Section 355(b) of the Criminal Code 3) Fail to Comply with Probation S. 733.1 (1) of the Criminal Code x 2 Counts

May 22, 2024: Theft and Possession of Property - A 50-year-old Port Hope woman faces charges after police responded to a theft at a Cobourg business. On Sunday, January 28, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m., police received a report of theft at a business in the area of Elgin Street and Strathy Road. It was reported that an individual entered the store and obtained items, leaving the premises without attempting to pay. Through investigation, a suspect was identified, and a warrant was obtained for arrest. On May 18, 2024, the 50-year-old Port Hope woman was arrested and charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. She was released with an undertaking and a future court date of June 26, 2024.

May 22, 2024: Theft and Possession of Property - A 50-year-old Port Hope woman faces charges after police responded to a theft at a Cobourg business. On Sunday, January 28, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m., police received a report of theft at a business in the area of Elgin Street and Strathy Road. It was reported that an individual entered the store and obtained items, leaving the premises without attempting to pay. Through investigation, a suspect was identified, and a warrant was obtained for arrest. On May 18,



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2024, the 50-year-old Port Hope woman was arrested and charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. She was released with an undertaking and a future court date of June 26, 2024.

May 22, 2024: Two youths have been charged with assault following a police investigation. - On Friday, May 3, 2024, Cobourg Police Service responded to a call for an assault in the north end of Cobourg. It was reported that two youths confronted and assaulted a group of three young people. The victims sustained minor injuries. On Sunday, May 20, 2024, following an investigation into the incident, two youths, ages 15 and 16, were arrested and charged with assault. The identities of the youths are protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The accused were released on an undertaking with a future court date.

May 22, 2024: Adult female arrested for Possession of Property and Drug Possession - *Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. As part of ongoing proactive engagement and enforcement efforts during the week of May 13 and May 18, members of Cobourg Police Service focused on the retrieval of stolen shopping carts. Over the course of the week, 83 shopping carts were recovered. 53 carts were recovered within the encampment. All shopping carts were returned to the rightful store. The value of these shopping carts is between \$600.00 to \$2000.00 each. A conservative estimate is that approximately \$50,000.00 in stolen property was recovered. During this initiative, there were no charges laid for theft or possession of stolen property. Moving forward charges may be laid in these instances.* On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2:30 pm, police on general patrol in the downtown area observed an individual riding a bicycle pulling a blue shopping cart. Police arrested a 40-year-old female from Cobourg, for possessing a shopping cart. During a search incident to arrest, the accused was found in possession of a small quantity of fentanyl. As a result of the investigation, the accused was charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Possession of a Schedule 1 substance – fentanyl. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court in June 2024.

May 22, 2024: Male Arrested for Possession of Stolen Property - *Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals. As part of ongoing proactive engagement and enforcement efforts during the week of May 13 and May 18, members of Cobourg Police Service focused on the retrieval of stolen shopping carts. Over the course of the week, 83 shopping carts were recovered. 53 carts were recovered within the encampment. All shopping carts were returned to the rightful store. The value of these shopping carts is between \$600.00 to \$2000.00 each. A conservative estimate is that approximately \$50,000.00 in stolen property was recovered. During this initiative, there were no charges laid for theft or possession of stolen property. Moving forward charges may be laid in these instances.* On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:37 am, police were dispatched to the area of William St. and Heath Street in relation to a personal welfare check. Police attended and located the male in



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possession of a shopping cart full of copper wire and power tools. A 37-year-old male from Cobourg, was arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime. The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court in June 2024. Police continued their investigation and determined that some of the property was stolen from a break and enter overnight at a construction site in the north end of Cobourg. The investigation is ongoing, and further charges are anticipated.

May 22, 2024: Male arrested for Assault and Uttering Threats - *Since May 1, 2024, the 2024 Downtown Action Plan comprises a series of proactive crime prevention measures alongside ongoing harm reduction programs. Enforcement of laws and regulations will be a critical focus, particularly in interactions requiring direct intervention due to specific actions or behaviours of individuals.* A 55-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges after police are called to a disturbance downtown. On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 11:52 a.m., police were dispatched to the downtown area of Cobourg near Division Street and King Street in relation to a male being threatened. Police determined that the accused had threatened and assaulted two individuals who were not known to him. The victims did not require medical attention. As a result of the police investigation, a 55-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with Assault, Uttering Threats, Cause Disturbance, Breach of Probation, and being Intoxicated in a public place (Liquor License Control Act 2019). The accused was released on conditions with a future court date in June 2024.

May 23, 2024: Dynamic Patrol Update - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) Dynamic Patrol is one element of the Spring 2024 CPS Downtown Community Safety Action Plan. It was deployed in the downtown area and surrounding neighbourhoods and parks at the beginning of May and will continue throughout the spring and summer. This initiative focuses on increasing police presence, engagement opportunities, bail enforcement, warrant execution, and probation condition compliance in the Town of Cobourg. From May 1st to May 20th, police conducted 102 foot patrols, responded to nine (9) suspected drug poisoning calls, and conducted 46 property checks within the downtown core, Victoria Park and east end towards the encampment. Twenty-seven arrests were made directly related to Dynamic Patrol. Further details on the arrests for outstanding warrants or bail violations will be released next week. During this time, officers issued:

- 10 Liquor License tickets and/or cautions
- 16 Trespass to Property tickets
- 22 Highway Traffic Act charges

Dynamic Patrol is an ongoing initiative, and officers will be deployed as necessary in various areas of the community. In addition to enhancing police-related responses to ensure people feel safe, CPS continues to work with partners and community agencies to support all residents. The Homelessness Addiction Response Program (HARP) and Mental Health Engagement and Response Team (M-HEART) continue to connect with residents and conduct daily patrols throughout the Town of Cobourg.

Report Crime and Suspicious Activity

We encourage community members to report suspicious activity and crime, whether big or small. Reports help us identify crime patterns and trends, which allows us to better serve our community by redeploying resources where they are needed. Reports are reviewed and assigned for follow-up.

How to Report



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Report non-emergency crimes such as theft, traffic complaints, damage to property, damage to vehicle and lost property online or by phone. Visit cobourgpolicesservice.com/online-reporting or phone 905-372-6821. Note that reports cannot be taken over social media or via email. Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous way for residents to report crime or information about criminal activities. Tips received through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward. To leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers, call 1-800-222-TIPS or visit stopcrimehere.ca. If you are in an emergency or witness a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

May 24, 2024: Cobourg Police Service Encourages Community Members to Report Crime - Online Reporting and Crime Stoppers Help Police Address Safety Concerns

Cobourg Police Service (CPS) is reinforcing the importance of community involvement in crime prevention and resolution, encouraging residents to report non-emergency crime online, by phone, or anonymously through Peterborough & Northumberland Crime Stoppers (Crime Stoppers). We encourage community members to report suspicious activity and crime, whether big or small. To ensure that reports are addressed promptly and appropriately, we ask that residents not report over social media or email but access the established channels for reporting crime. “Everyone has a role to play in creating a safer community. We always appreciate residents' time and effort to report crime and information about criminal activity to the police,” says Detective Randall Curr. “Ensuring you report through the proper channels allows us to collect the appropriate information for follow-up and investigations. Crime Stoppers provides a confidential way for individuals to report information about crimes, which is crucial for keeping our neighbourhoods safe.”

How to Report Non-Emergency Crime or Information Please do not report over social media or email. Report non-emergency crimes to CPS online or by phone.

- Visit cobourgpolicesservice.com/online-reporting to complete an online report.
- Phone: 905-372-6821.

Crime Stoppers is dedicated to assisting law enforcement agencies in solving crimes through anonymous tips. Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous way for residents to report crime or information about criminal activities. Tips received through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

How to Report to Crime Stoppers:

- **Call: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or (705) 745-9000.** Calls are never recorded or traced.
- **Online:** Submit a tip securely and discreetly through the official website at www.stopcrimehere.ca.
- **App:** Download the “P3” crime reporting app for iOS and Android smartphones for an easy and accessible reporting option.

If you are in an emergency or witness a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

May 24, 2024: Cobourg Police Kicks Off Pride Month with Community Barbeque – The Cobourg Police Service will kick off Pride Month by raising the Pride flag and hosting a community barbeque. Please join us on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the police station (107 King Street) for the flag-raising, followed by a barbecue. Everyone is welcome. This event is free. Donations to support the local [PFLAG Chapter](#) are welcome.

May 25, 2024: Assault with a Weapon and Uttering Threats - A 35-year-old Cobourg woman has been arrested and charged with assault with a weapon following an interaction early Friday morning. On Friday,



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May 24th, 2024, at approximately 2:50 a.m., police responded to a call for an assault at the encampment in Cobourg. It was reported that a verbal altercation between two individuals escalated, and one individual was held down and threatened with a knife. No injuries were sustained during the incident. Police recovered the knife. As a result of the investigation, a 35-year-old Cobourg woman, was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon, utter threats to cause death, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. The accused was released with strict conditions, with a future court date in July 2024.

May 28, 2024: Dynamic Patrol Update - Bail Compliance Initiative - The Cobourg Police Service (CPS) Dynamic Patrol is one element of the Spring 2024 CPS Downtown Community Safety Action Plan. It was deployed in the downtown area and surrounding neighbourhoods and parks at the beginning of May and will continue throughout the spring and summer. This initiative focuses on increasing police presence, engagement opportunities, bail enforcement, warrant execution, and probation condition compliance in the Town of Cobourg. As part of the Dynamic Patrol efforts, the CPS Criminal Investigative Bureau led a bail compliance enforcement initiative with the Community Impact and Enforcement Unit (CIEU) and uniform patrol. This initiative focused on ensuring bail compliance and outstanding warrant execution. Of the 28 arrests made between May 1st and May 26th directly related to Dynamic Patrol, 21 were through the efforts of the bail compliance initiative. ***A list of accused individuals and charges was provided in the initial release.*** Seven individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants held by police services in other jurisdictions. Six were returned to the jurisdiction of the warrant. Information on how to report crime listed.

May 29, 2024: Fraud: A 33-year-old Oshawa man is facing charges after being arrested on warrants. On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Durham Regional Police located and arrested an individual wanted by the Cobourg Police Service on several outstanding warrants. As a result, a 33-year-old Oshawa man was arrested and charged with Fraud Under \$5,000, Breach of Recognizance, three counts of Breach of Release Order, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, and Possession of a Schedule 1 substance (cocaine). The accused was released on an undertaking with a future court date.

May 30, 2024: Possession of Property/ Fraudulent Use of Credit Card Arrest - A 23-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges after police responded to a theft from a vehicle Wednesday morning. On Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 08:50 a.m., police were dispatched to an address near James Street and Division Street for a report of theft from a vehicle. The victim advised that their wallet had been stolen from their car and that their credit card had been fraudulently used multiple times in Cobourg. Police identified a suspect. While on dynamic patrol, police located the individual in the downtown area of Cobourg. As a result of the police investigation, A 23-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with the following offences:

1. Theft Under \$5,000 – Contrary to Section 334(b) of the Criminal Code
2. Possession of Property Obtained by Crime – Contrary to Section 355(b) of the Criminal Code
3. Two counts of Possession of Credit Card – Contrary to Section 342(1)(c) of the Criminal Code
4. Three counts of Use of Credit Card – Contrary to Section 342(1)(c) of the Criminal Code
5. Three counts of Use of Credit Card Data – Contrary to Section 342(3) of the Criminal Code
6. Three counts of Fraud Under \$5,000 – Contrary to Section 381(b) of the Criminal Code



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7. Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose – Contrary to Section 88 of the Criminal Code
8. Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance (Fentanyl) Contrary to Section 4(1) of the CDSA

The accused was held for bail court on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

May 30, 2024: Police Presence (8:30 a.m.)- The Cobourg Police Service and Cobourg Fire Department are currently on-site at the old Sidbrook building on King Street East, addressing the situation involving trespassers. Police and Fire Services will remain on scene until the building is cleared and secured. Police remind residents of the significant risks associated with entering abandoned structures:

- **Structural Instability:** These buildings may have compromised structural integrity, making them unsafe.
- **Hazardous Materials:** There is a potential presence of asbestos, lead, or other harmful substances.
- **Lack of Emergency Services:** In case of an emergency, it may be difficult for rescue services to access the building quickly.

An update will be provided when the scene is cleared.

May 30, 2024: Scene Cleared- (11:05 a.m.) – The Cobourg Police Service and Cobourg Fire Department have cleared the scene at the old Sidbrook building on King Street East. No one was located inside the building. Town of Cobourg staff are on scene to secure the building.

May 31, 2024: Shoplifting Arrest - A 32-year-old Cobourg man is facing charges after police responded to a theft in progress Thursday morning. On Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:19 a.m., police were dispatched to a business in the northwest part of Cobourg for the report of a theft in progress. Staff advised police that a man left the store with an unpaid case of beer and was currently walking south, consuming one of the beers. Police located a suspect matching the description provided. As a result of the investigation, a 32-year-old Cobourg man was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$5,000, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Having Liquor in an Open Container in an Unauthorized Place (Liquor Licence Control Act), and Breach of Probation. The accused was held for bail court on Friday, May 31, 2024