

# 2012 Annual Report

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## Mission Statement

**The Niagara Regional Police Service is dedicated to serving and protecting residents and visitors within the Regional Municipality of Niagara.**

**In partnership with the community, we shall provide quality policing services with integrity, diligence and sensitivity.**

***Members of the Niagara Regional Police Service believe...***

**In pursuing excellence in every circumstance;**

**In being fair and unbiased in the performance of duties in accordance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms;**

**In treating all victims of crime with compassion and understanding;**

**In maintaining professional standards of conduct at all times;**

**In being approachable, courteous and open to all;**

**In developing creative solutions to policing concerns, through community oriented policing;**

**In striving to be active participants and leaders in the community; and,**

**In providing a professional satisfying work environment that respects employees' rights and encourages personal and professional growth.**

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## MESSAGE FROM CHAIR HENRY D'ANGELA



### Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board

As Chair of the Niagara Police Services Board, I am pleased to introduce the 2012 Annual Report of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

I must first acknowledge the dedicated service of retiring Chief of Police Wendy Southall. She had a proud and distinguished career and served the Niagara community for over 30 years with honour and integrity. Retired Chief Southall left a remarkable legacy behind with the realization of her vision to deliver a 'purpose built' police facility model that will serve the public professionally and efficiently now and in the future.

In June, the Board welcomed Jeff McGuire as the eighth Chief of Police in the history of the Niagara Regional Police Service. With nearly 35 years of policing experience and a wealth of demonstrated successes in building relationships, trust and respect between the police and the community, Chief McGuire brought a new energy to the Niagara Regional Police Service.

During the year, Board membership changed. The Board welcomed a new member when the provincial government appointed Ken Gansel for a period of two years. The Board also welcomed the provincial re-appointment of Vaughn Stewart for an additional three years.

This Annual Report highlights only a fraction of the work we do to make Niagara Region a safe community in which to live, work and visit. When we look back at 2012, it was a year of accomplishments and challenges. I was encouraged to Chair such a committed Board, as it turned its mind to executive recruitment, service delivery, traffic safety, upgrading technology, equipment and police facilities. I am proud of our achievements to-date.

We've had a successful year. Together we will continue to develop pro-active solutions that will improve policing services, prevent crime, and enhance the safety, security and quality of life for all citizens in Niagara Region.

On behalf of the Niagara Police Services Board, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our uniformed officers and civilian staff, the entire Senior Management Team and in particular the leadership demonstrated by Chief Jeff McGuire, Deputy Chief Joe Matthews, and Acting Deputy Chief Carl Scott. I would also like to thank my fellow members of the Board who continue to strive to provide the highest level of governance and leadership to the residents of Niagara Region.



*Todd Shoalts  
Vice Chair*



*Vance Badawey  
Member*



*Gary Burroughs  
Member*



*Ken Gansel  
Member*



*Bob Marshall  
Member*



*Vaughn Stewart  
Member*



*Deb Morton  
Executive Director*



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

**Jeff McGuire, M.O.M.**

In June 2012 I was sworn in as the eighth Chief of Police in the forty-one year history of the Niagara Regional Police Service. I am incredibly proud and honoured to have the opportunity to lead the men and women of this great organization, both civilian and sworn and I am equally proud to be the Chief of Police for you the citizens and visitors of the Region. I want to thank the members of the Police Services Board for demonstrating their confidence in my ability to fill this very important role. I would also like to recognize the great Chiefs who led this proud organization before me and in particular I give my thanks to Chief Wendy Southall for her many accomplishments during her recent tenure.

In 2012 we have implemented a considerable amount of change in our organizational structure which we believe will allow us to enhance our ability to meet our mandate and attain our goals. The changes include alterations to the organizational chart to adopt a two Deputy Chief model, a reduction of one Superintendent position, the establishment of a dedicated and centralized Domestic Violence Investigation Unit, the re-establishment of a dedicated Special Enforcement Unit for traffic safety, and the realignment of reporting structures and authorities. All of these changes will contribute to our efficiency and effectiveness.

In 2012 we opened the new Fort Erie police facility as part of the ongoing facilities plan. We are continuing to move forward with the final stages of our facilities plan and will soon commence the building of our new Police Headquarters in Niagara Falls and a new 1 District police facility to serve St. Catharines and Thorold.

Along with my Senior Management Team I commit to you that we will do all that we can to ensure that the Niagara Regional Police Service delivers policing services to all citizens and visitors in a fair and equitable manner. I encourage all of my employees and all of you to *"Have a little fun every day"* as we work together to keep our Region safe for all.



**Joe Matthews**  
Deputy Chief of Police



**Carl Scott**  
Acting Deputy Chief of Police



**Robert Wright**  
Superintendent  
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Services



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Communication Technology

## 2012 North American Pipe Band Champions

The small village of Maxville, Ontario (pop. 680) has been the home to the North American Pipe Band Championships for the past 65 years. On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Niagara Regional Police Service Pipe Band competed in and won the North American Championships. The band competed against 14 other bands from across North America. The Pipe Band is musically led by Pipe Major Peter MacKenzie and lead Drummer Adam Tardiff.





# Introduction



It is with pleasure that the Niagara Regional Police Service releases its **2012 Annual Report**. This report provides an overview of the vast array of services provided to the residents of Niagara and its visitors by the men and women of the Service.

Among other things, the report provides information on:

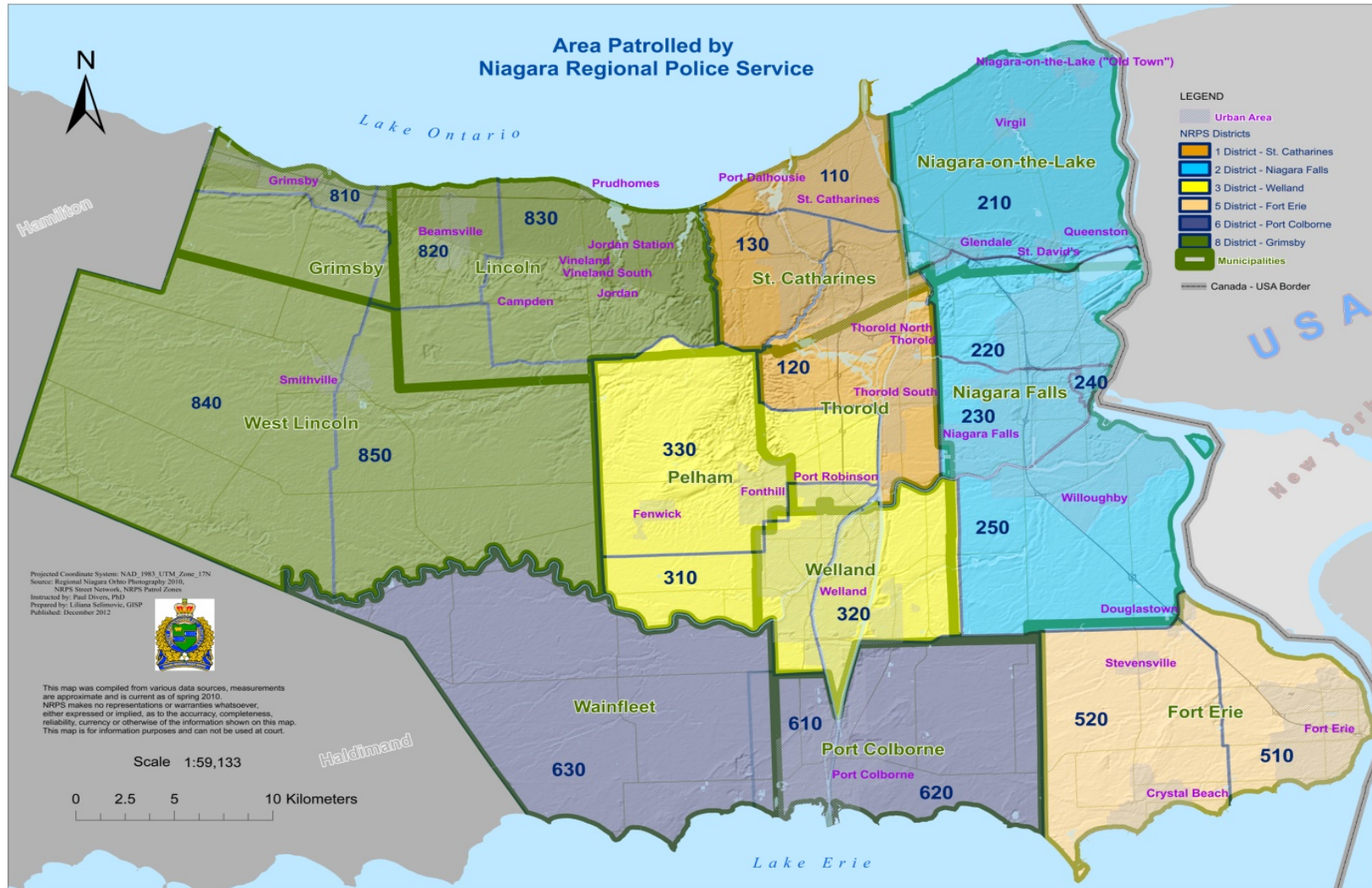
- The police service's provision of community-based crime prevention initiatives, community patrol, and criminal investigation services;
- Emergency calls for service;
- Violent crime and clearance rates for violent crime;
- Property crime and clearance rates for property crime;
- Youth crime and clearance rates for youth crime;
- Police assistance to victims of crime;
- Emergency services;
- Joint forces operations; and,
- Road safety.

In addition, the Report provides an organizational overview, documentation of the administration and disposition of public complaints, the annual cost of policing, and initiatives undertaken with respect to crime analysis and Joint Forces Operations (JFOs).

The year 2012 was a year of transition for the Service. On April 1, 2012 Chief Wendy E. Southall retired from the Niagara Regional Police Service after eight years as the Service's Chief of Police. On June 18, 2012, Jeff McGuire was sworn in as Niagara's eighth Chief of Police. Later in this Report, we proudly highlight the illustrious careers and dedicated service of both officers.



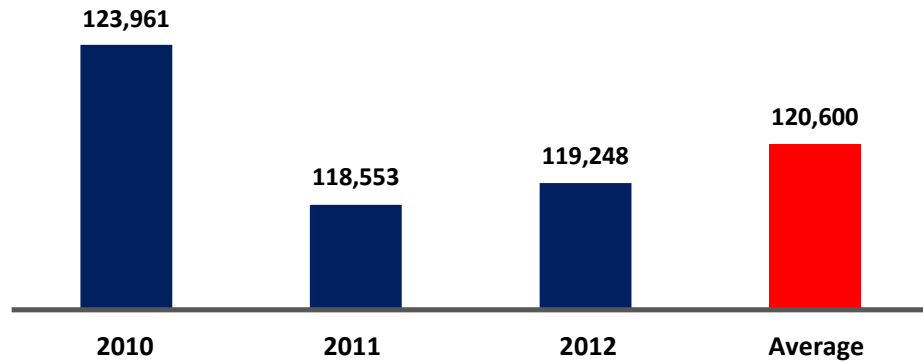
# Region of Niagara





# Calls for Police Service

Calls for Police Service reported here are based on the number of incident numbers generated, requiring a police response. These incidents can either be generated from calls received from the public and subsequently dispatched by our Communications personnel or officer generated in the course of their patrol duties. Calls for Service have been relatively stable over the last few years. While we have seen a modest drop in 2011 and 2012, the decrease is roughly 12.9 calls per day across the entire Region (or 2.1 calls per day across each policing district) when comparing to 2010. These numbers should not be confused with police workload since they do not demonstrate the length of time an officer or officers from patrol or specialty units may spend on a call since they do not reflect the seriousness and/or nature of an incident.



The average monthly Calls for Service were 9,937. These calls ranged from a low of 8,609 in February to a high of 11,910 in July.

## Calls for Service by Month in 2012

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
8,959	8,609	9,979	9,312	10,691	10,803	11,910	11,551	10,381	9,569	8,745	8,739

District 1 (St. Catharines, Thorold) is by far the busiest area in Niagara for Calls for Service, followed by District 2 (Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake).

## Calls for Service by District in 2012

	1 District (St. Catharines, Thorold)	2 District (Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake)	3 District (Welland, Pelham)	8 District (Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln)	5 District (Fort Erie)	6 District (Port Colborne, Wainfleet)
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,786</b>	<b>31,221</b>	<b>17,074</b>	<b>9,935</b>	<b>8,356</b>	<b>5,877</b>

# Problem Oriented Policing

## 1 District (St. Catharines and Thorold)

**The St. Catharines Downtown Foot Patrol Initiative** continued in its sixth year of operation as a partnership between the St. Catharines Downtown Business Improvement Association, the City of St. Catharines and the Niagara Regional Police Service to provide high visibility policing through the use of foot patrols to the Downtown core on a year round basis.

**The St. Catharines South End Noise Patrol/Downtown Entertainment District Initiative** continued in its seventh year as a partnership between Brock University, the City of St. Catharines and the Niagara Regional Police to address nuisance complaints, noisy parties and public disorder in the south end of St. Catharines, as well as in the Downtown core during the fall and winter school semesters.

**The Downtown Entertainment District Closed Circuit Television Project** is operational after a number of planning sessions over the last two years. The cameras have assisted in numerous investigations, proving to be a valuable investigative tool.

Acting Deputy Chief Carl Scott holds a Closed Circuit Television Notice posted throughout the downtown core in the City of St. Catharines.



**The Multi-Agency Task Force Initiative** targeting problems associated with designated "High Risk" licenced premises continued in its' efforts to prosecute infractions under various Provincial, Criminal and Municipal legislation within the city of St. Catharines Downtown Entertainment District.



**Emergency Preparedness Day** was once again held in St. Catharines to coincide with National Emergency Preparedness Week. #1 District participated in this event held in the Downtown Market Square with other community stakeholders such as the MTO, Fire, Ambulance, Military and the Humane Society. Students from local area schools were brought in and educated on Emergency Preparedness kits.

**Project Rise and Shine** was a great success in 2012 and is continuing in 2013. This project, initiated by front line officers, targets breaches of the *Trespass to Property Act*, the *Safe Streets Act* and the *Highway Traffic Act* in the downtown Core of St. Catharines. This is a high visibility bicycle patrol initiative. Officers were successful in enforcement and as well in assisting our homeless people in the early hours of the summer days. The NRPS received positive media coverage in regards to this initiative.

**Project Light Speed.** A front line generated initiative in which officers attended high collision areas of St. Catharines and Thorold and conducted radar enforcement. This zero tolerance speed enforcement project was carried out over several dates during 2012.

**Project Off Ramp.** Officers conducted an organized initiative to focusing on seat belt laws and cellular phone use while driving offences. Zero tolerance in a consistent manner resulted in a noticeable increase in compliance in the rural areas of St. Catharines and Thorold.

**Project Bike Smart:** Officers concentrated on enforcement and education regarding bicycle moving and equipment laws. The City of St. Catharines assisted by increasing signage regarding the prohibited use of bicycles on sidewalks.



## 8 District (Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln)

**Speed Enforcement** – over 30 initiatives by 8 District members have been deployed to make our streets safer. Examples include speeding, seatbelt, handheld communication devices, RIDE, insurance checks and School Zone enforcement.

**Crime Patrol** – Supplemental undercover targeted Crime Patrols were used throughout 2012 to address specific crime sprees as they occurred. The majority centered on theft from autos and rural residential break and enters.

**Teen Disturbance** – Operation *Double Double*: Members of 8 District address concerns over youth disruptive behavior that occurred in the downtown Smithville area (centered at Tim Horton's). Liquor, Trespass and minor Criminal Offence tickets and charges laid. Project "School" addressed similar problems originating in the area of Beamsville High School.

**Liquor Compliance** – Project "Compliance", Summer/Fall of 2012. 13 Liquor establishments targeted in all three municipalities. Joint effort with an Inspector from the AGCO.

**Project Bethesda** – This project was the result of an increased call volume in 2011 and early 2012 concerning violent assaults and damage committed by patients. This project has drastically reduced the calls for service and increased staff safety at the facility.

## 2 District (Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake)

Officers continue to be committed and dedicated to the protection of community residents and visitors throughout the year. The School Resource Officer Program has been an excellent example of problem oriented policing and community policing through the integration of a serving police officer into the secondary schools of Niagara Falls. It is estimated that a significant number of calls for service have been averted from front line response due to the relationships developed by the assigned officer and the students/faculty of the Niagara Falls secondary schools. Through these relationships, intelligence was gathered that inspired frontline officers to two additional initiatives which related to drugs in the schools. These initiatives resulted in the arrest or suspension of students for trafficking and/or using narcotics. "Project Eraser" is one such initiative.

In March, officers were successful in making a presentation to Niagara Falls City Council to have two high volume traffic areas designated as "Community Safety Zones". These areas are home to three elementary schools, one high school, the Boys and Girls Club, a senior citizens residence and local parks.



"All Hands on Deck" day - First day of school traffic enforcement in school zones throughout the Region.



In April and May an initiative focusing on suspended drivers complying with conditions not to operate a motor vehicle netted eight (8) drivers charged with driving while under suspension and 24 Part III summons' were issued.

**Project Compliance** was a two month initiative which ran from May to July. This initiative focused on release condition compliance checks on offenders residing within our jurisdiction. Fourteen (14) compliance checks were conducted with six (6) arrest packages being prepared as a result of non compliance.

In preparation for the back to school "**All Hands on Deck**" region wide traffic safety initiative, Niagara Falls officers conducted a similar initiative in August. Vehicles were stopped in school zones and were issued Provincial offences notices with minimal fines. The purpose of this initiative was to educate the public about speeding in school zones and remind them that students would soon be back to school. This was understood and accepted by the majority of the motorists. There were 172 PONs issued over a four day period.





Crime prevention initiatives were also implemented in the form of the “Lock it or Lose it” program. This crime prevention strategy was conducted on three separate occasions: once in Niagara Falls and twice in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Parked vehicles were checked to ensure that they were locked, that there were no valuables in plain sight, and that keys were not left in the ignition. Vehicles owners were reminded by way of windshield cards to secure their vehicles to prevent being a victim of theft from or theft of their motor vehicle.

The **E-bike** traffic initiative was implemented in June, with officers focusing their enforcement efforts on infractions involving E-bikes and other subsidiary types of power assisted bicycles/devices. Over the course of one month, eight (8) Part III summons, and ten (10) Part I offence notices were issued along with a roadside E-bike seizure.

## Casino Unit

In 2012 the Casino Patrol Unit experienced an unprecedented year in terms of large events being hosted in the area. In June Nik Wallenda walked from the American to the Canadian side of the falls on national TV and in front of 110,000 spectators on site.



Between June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> officers assisted daily while Jay Cochrane crossed from the Embassy Suites hotel tower to the Skylon tower, necessitating the temporary closure of Murray Street and Fallsview Avenue intersection as he passed overhead.

In July there were the large crowds gathered for the annual Canada Celebrations and fireworks. Also in July a motorcycle show and trade show took place at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre.

In September a large section of Victoria Avenue was closed off for three days while the City hosted the Play On national ball hockey championships for the first time. The finals were televised live as part of national participation day.

The annual New Year’s Eve events took place including a “Concert in the Park” televised and hosted by ET Canada. The crowd was the largest assembled in recent years, as always the egress of spectators following the event resulted in significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow issues as well as an inordinate

number of calls for service. There was also a large rave party held again this year at the Niagara Falls Scotia Bank Convention Centre.

In December of 2012 Niagara Falls saw the area host the Red Bull Crashed Ice Championships as part of their international tour of events. This event was televised live and drew a crowd of approximately 30,000 spectators. One main tourist road in Niagara Falls was closed down for several weeks while the track was constructed. Area nightclubs and restaurants were granted extended hours for the week of the event creating policing concerns and necessitating a proactive response to potential incidents.



There are already plans for other new events in the area for next year making Niagara Falls a truly year round tourist destination. Many of the events require significant planning. One of the most striking things about the planning for these events is the excellent relationship 2 District and the Casino Patrol Unit enjoys with the City of Niagara Falls and the excellent collaboration between city services, the Niagara Parks Commission, the Niagara Parks Police, Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the City of Niagara Falls Fire Department.

The mandate that the Casino Unit has had since its inception in 1996 includes a responsibility to run directed patrol projects focused on issues of crime and disorder. In 2012 there were several initiatives undertaken.

**Project Breakout** – An initiative that took place between January and March, inclusive, designed to target aggressive drivers in heavy pedestrian in the tourist district. A total of 36 *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) charges were laid over that period.

**Project Clean Sweep** – Plain clothes patrols of Casino Area motel and business parking lots re: thefts from and damage to vehicles. Project took place over two weekends in March.

**Project Eviction** – Commences in April of each year as the tourist business peaks over the summer months. Platoons initiate a more comprehensive and consistent response to requests by local hotels to evict intoxicated or



problematic patrons. This was a timely in light of more recent discussion and case law decisions about the point at which a hotel room becomes a residence and *Residential Tenancies Act* applies.

**Project Prom Queen June** – Dedicated initiative to help manage the large amount of prom events that are hosted in the area hotels. Reaches out to both area school boards and works with the hotel and prom organizers to ensure that these occasions are problem free and safe for students to attend.

The Casino Patrol Unit was also created to ensure that the area has a reputation as a safe place for tourists and visitors. The success of a tourist area is strongly linked to the reputation of the area as being safe. This sense of safety is most strongly linked to police visibility. In 2012 there was a concerted effort to include foot and bicycle patrols as part patrol duties, and to target areas surrounding taverns and nightclubs that caused particular quality of life concerns for neighbouring businesses and residents.

The Casino Patrol area is a unique and vibrant part of 2 District. The officers deployed in this area serve as ambassadors for the Niagara Regional Police Service. Their concerted and diligent efforts serve to ensure that tourists, business developments and special events continue to be attracted to the area, and that they feel safe and secure while they are there.



## 5 District (Fort Erie)

**School Liaison Program** – Two High Schools are covered in the greater Fort Erie area by the School Resource Officers but are enhanced by 5 District officers who in addition to the high schools attend 14 elementary schools and the education program at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

**Project Conform** – is a continuing annual initiative which was originally initiated to check that individuals, charged with criminal offences comply with their release orders and conditions. This program has been very successful and utilizes both uniform officers and detectives.

**Project Bay Watch** – Concentrated on the mass attendance of students from several high schools for their annual Skip Day where they attend the beach instead of going to school. Since June of 2011 approximately 2000 students descended on Bay Beach in the Crystal Beach area. A zero tolerance approach by police of inappropriate behavior, trespassing, alcohol possession or consumption resulted in a positive day for both students and area residents. The success of this day was directly attributable to joint cooperation of Town of Fort Erie Parks and Recreational Staff, police and neighboring residents.

**Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre** – The general population of Fort Erie includes the addition of a large group of First Nations Peoples. The policing concerns of this group are served by a native liaison Officer, Cst. Ron Ryan who has proven to be a valuable resource for both the police and for the native peoples.

**Traffic Safety Committee** – In conjunction with the Town of Fort Erie staff and police staff attends monthly Traffic Management meetings where road use, driving complaints, parking complaints and potential road hazards are discussed, analyzed and in turn enforced by police and town by law officers.

**Traffic Enforcement** – Initiatives continue to be a primary focus of 5 District officers. Several initiatives directed towards the enforcement and education of road users in speeding, general rules of the road, seat belts, hands free driving and several others were initiated and still continue.

**Cottage Watch** – During the summer months the population of the greater Fort Erie area increases each year by approximately 15,000 temporary residents who annually return to the cottage areas along the north shore of Lake Erie. During 2012 officers assigned to 5 District performed regular patrols on foot, by patrol cars and by ATV's. This Cottage Check Patrol is deployed with the intention of crime prevention and detection of property based offences.

### **3 District (Welland)**

**Niagara College Directed Patrol** addressed spring and fall complaints associated with the return/departure of students from this institution and related complaints from residents in the neighbourhoods surrounding Niagara College.

**All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Bike Patrols** were designed to enforce liquor, excessive noise, off-road vehicle issues and enhanced community presence in the District. The program was a joint initiative between Number 3 District and Number 6 District officers.

**Welland Safe Communities Liaison Officer** – Central Region Administrative Officer attended monthly Community Policing meetings and participated in and assisted in organizing various events throughout the year, such as the annual seniors safety day held at the Safety Village.

**Pelham Community Safety Liaison Officer** – Central Region Administrative Officer attended monthly Community Policing meetings and organized Pelham's Emergency Services Community Safety Day. This was once again a very successful and well attended event which was held at Centennial Park in Fenwick.

**Welland Street Crime** – In November, 2012 project proposal 'Golden Duo' was approved by Senior Staff of the Central Region. Project 'Golden Duo' was an investigation into the network of cocaine traffickers selling out of local licensed establishments, most notably Golden Brothers Bar on Southworth Street in Welland, Ontario and the Olympia Restaurant on Lincoln Street in Welland, Ontario. The Central Region Street Crime Unit was augmented by members from the Central Region Uniform Branch and the Central Region Detective's Office. The investigation led to a Controlled Drug and Substance Act search warrant being executed. As a result of this warrant two males were arrested, over \$1,300 in cocaine, a small amount of marihuana, and over \$1,100 in Canadian currency was seized. The investigation continued into the operation. Police noted the second male increase his 'drug dealing' activity following the arrest of the first male. Surveillance was conducted and police noted two 'safe' or 'stash' houses being utilized by the male. In December, 2012 police gathered the necessary information to execute three Controlled Drug and Substance Act search warrants in conjunction with the second male's operation. As a result of the execution of the warrants 4 people were arrested on various drug related charges. Police seized over \$7,900 worth of cocaine, over \$2,300 worth of marihuana, a small amount of prescription drugs, including over \$3,400 in Canadian and American currency. In total, 6 people are facing a variety of Controlled Drug and Substance Act and Criminal Code charges.

## **6 District (Port Colborne/Wainfleet)**

**All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Patrols On Recreational Trails in Port Colborne / Wainfleet and Welland** – A joint effort in ATV patrol's and enforcement initiative by officers from Welland and Port Colborne were conducted on the trails along the Welland Canal Recreational Waterway to enforce liquor, excessive noise, off-road vehicle issues. The patrols were conducted from Port Colborne, south to Welland as a result of public concern for safety along the trails and complaints received from residents who live nearby.

**Project 'COTTAGE CHECK'** – Regular cottage checks were conducted with the use of ATV'S, regular cruiser patrols and foot patrols along the north shore of Lake Erie. Identification/Time Check cards were left on cottage doors of those premises checked. This initiative received a positive response from cottage owners. A lack of snow caused many checks to be done by foot and uniform patrol cars in addition to the regular use of ATV'S.

**Project 'WATER'S EDGE'** – This education/enforcement initiative was conducted within Sherkston Shores Park, whose summer weekend population can swell to an estimated 19,000 people. The target of this first time enforcement effort was impaired operation of golf carts within the park, unsafe driving habits on golf carts and the consumption of alcohol by minors within the park and also by



persons operating golf carts, which are the main mode of transportation within the park. These mishaps were causing serious injuries and the resources of Emergency Services First Responders such as police, fire and ambulance, were being taxed. Police worked in partnership with Park Management and Park Security throughout this project. The 2013 enforcement project is going to be expanded to include a presence of Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario staff.

**Beach Day 2012** – a Safety Plan which was developed over the past years was fully implement again for ‘Beach Day 2012’ in Wainfleet on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This unsanctioned day of absence from school, which attracts thousands of students to the Augustine Beach area went off with minimal to no police contact required. More importantly, no injuries were reported to those in attendance.

**Port Colborne and Wainfleet Community Safety Liaison Officers** – Officers attended monthly Community Policing meetings and participated in and assisted in organizing Community Safety Days in both communities. These were once again very successful and well attended events.



# Crimes Against Persons

Offences	2011 Incidents	2012 Incidents	2012 Cleared <sup>1</sup>	2012 Cleared Other <sup>2</sup>
Murder – 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	--	1	2	--
Murder – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	2	1	1	--
Manslaughter	--	--	--	--
Criminal Negligence Cause Death	2	--	--	--
Murder – Attempt	4	4	4	--
Sexual Assault – Aggravated	2	1	1	--
Sexual Assault – Weapons/Bodily Harm	4	3	3	--
Sexual Assault	241	310	142	72
Sexual Interference	70	96	67	9
Invitation To Sexual Touching	27	54	23	6
Sexual Exploitation	8	11	7	--
Incest	--	2	2	--
Anal Intercourse	4	6	6	--
Voyeurism	3	8	6	2
Lure Child Via Computer	10	10	7	2
Assault – Aggravated	38	33	29	--
Assault – Weapon or Cause Bodily Harm	415	434	288	49
Assault	1,372	1,384	850	278
Firearm – Use During Offence	1	3	3	--
Firearm – Dangerous Pointing	7	9	4	--
Assault – Police/Peace Officer	82	87	84	4
Assault – Police/Peace Officer -Weapon	7	2	2	--
Criminal Negligence Cause Bodily Harm	2	3	3	--
Assault – Other	22	14	12	1
Forcible Confinement	35	33	32	1
Kidnapping	2	1	2	--
Abduction <14 No Parent/Guardian	--	2	2	--
Robbery – Use Firearm	26	23	6	--
Robbery – Use Other Offensive Weapon	33	57	28	2
Robbery – Other	123	126	50	8
Extortion	8	11	5	2
Intimidate Justice System	4	3	2	1
Criminal Harassment/Stalking	153	210	100	51
Threats – Person Death/Harm	462	462	281	92
Harassing Phone Calls	437	568	47	194
Arson – Disregard Human Life	2	6	4	--
Mischief – Endanger Life	2	6	1	1

<sup>1,2</sup> "Cleared" and "Cleared Other" may be higher than the number of incidents due to the fact that some incidents in previous years were cleared in 2012. Similarly, some incidents that occurred in 2012 are still under investigation in 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Percent change refers to the increase (+) or decrease (-) in criminal incidents in 2012 compared to 2011.



# Crimes Against Property and Narcotics Control Act Offenses

<b>Property Offences</b>	2011 Incidents	2012 Incidents	2012 Cleared	2012 Cleared Other
Arson	112	136	28	9
Break & Enter – Commit	1,811	1,978	235	93
Break & Enter – Other	84	137	25	12
Break & Enter – With Intent	378	338	28	23
Theft Over \$5,000	138	115	18	10
Theft from Vehicle Over \$5,000	43	38	4	1
Shoplifting Over \$5,000	5	4	1	2
Theft Under \$5,000	2,857	3,104	295	311
Theft of Motor Vehicle	695	805	57	23
Theft from Motor Vehicle Under \$5,000	2,881	3,055	72	122
Shoplifting Under \$5,000	1,154	1,103	372	499
Possession Stolen Property	229	360	301	41
Fraud – Personate	60	61	3	11
Fraud – Use/Possess Credit Card	378	258	40	25
Fraud – Other/Transportation	425	516	113	94
Fraud – Uttering	280	269	87	34
Fraud – Identity Theft	26	34	13	3
Fraud – Identity Fraud	101	108	17	43
Mischief	2,532	2,621	392	268
Mischief to Religious Property	1	1	--	--
<b>Total Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>14,413</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>1,638</b>

<b>Narcotic Control Act Offenses</b>	2011 Incidents	2012 Incidents	2012 Cleared	2012 Cleared Other
Possession – Heroin	10	14	12	2
Possession – Cocaine	86	77	65	11
Possession – Other CDSA	58	62	46	14
Possession – Cannabis	435	427	115	301
Possession – Crystal Meth.	4	5	5	--
Possession – Ecstasy	9	3	1	1
Trafficking – Heroin	8	17	17	--
Trafficking – Cocaine	90	83	81	2
Trafficking – Other CDSA	39	47	44	2
Trafficking – Cannabis	83	69	60	6
Trafficking – Crystal Meth.	1	4	4	--
Trafficking – Ecstasy	3	3	3	--
Import Produce – Heroin	1	--	--	--
Import Produce – Cocaine	2	1	1	--
Import Produce – Other CDSA	1	1	1	--
Import Produce – Cannabis	6	5	3	2
Production – Cannabis	57	71	31	23
<b>Total Narcotics Control Act Offenses</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>364</b>



# Other Criminal Code Violations

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2011 Incidents</b>	<b>2012 Incidents</b>	<b>2012 Cleared</b>	<b>2012 Cleared Other</b>
Prostitution – Bawdy House	--	1	--	--
Prostitution – <18 Years Living of the Avals	2	1	1	--
Prostitution – Procuring	1	1	--	--
Prostitution – <18 Years Procuring	--	4	4	--
Prostitution – Other	2	3	1	1
Explosives – Possess	1	--	--	--
Weapon – Trafficking/Transfer no Authority	2	4	2	--
Weapon – Possession Contrary to Order	9	11	11	--
Weapon – Possession of	146	176	127	33
Weapon – Import/Export	11	8	6	1
Firearm – Dangerous Use/Point	--	--	--	--
Weapon – Documents & Administration	1	5	2	1
Weapon – Unsafe Storage	10	14	12	2
Fail to Attend Court	255	302	297	7
Counterfeit Money	389	130	10	2
Cause Disturbance	43	51	33	16
Escape Custody	16	8	8	--
Indecent Act	69	74	23	12
Child Pornography	29	36	18	7
Obstruct Resist Peace Officer	128	119	101	16
Unlawfully at Large	15	16	16	--
Trespass at Night	53	56	21	7
Fail to Comply with Conditions	1,000	1,055	962	62
Breach of Probation – Adult Only	696	877	853	10
Breach of Long Term Order	3	--	--	--
Utter Threats – Property/Animal	24	26	17	5
Public Incitement of Hate	1	--	--	--
Public Order – Offence Against	1	1	--	--
Forcible Entry	13	19	19	--
Obstruct Justice	36	25	20	2
Public Mischief	43	32	15	15
Offence Against Administration of Justice	26	22	23	1
Threats – Person/Reputation	9	20	9	5
Libel/Bigamy/Polygamy	2	1	1	--
Bomb Threat	11	8	2	2
Possess House Break Tools	33	26	24	2
Disguise with Intent	10	11	9	--
Animal Offence (Criminal Code Only)	6	6	4	--
Attempt Conspire Accessory	15	14	14	--
Criminal Code – Other	5	11	9	--
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Violations</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>2,131</b>



# Domestic Violence

The Niagara Regional Police Service has adopted the Attorney General's directive on its Mandatory Charge Policy whereby officers shall lay charges in all incidents of "Intimate Relationship" domestic violence occurrences. Intimate Relationships include opposite-sex and same sex partners. These relationships vary in duration and legal formality, and include current and former dating, common-law and married couples. "Intimate relationship" does not necessarily have to include a sexual component within the relationship.

Criminal Code offences include, but are not limited to homicide, assault, sexual assault, forcible confinement, threatening death or bodily harm, harassment/stalking, abduction, breaches of court orders and property-related offences.

## Reported Incidents in 2012

Occurrence Summary	Occurrences
Number of occurrences where charges were laid or warrant sought	951
Number of occurrences where offence alleged but no charges laid	332
Number of occurrences where both parties were charged	11
Number of occurrences where no offence alleged	5,421

In total throughout 2012, the Niagara Regional Police responded to 6,704 incidents of domestic violence that involved intimate partner relationships. This does not include incidents of family violence.

## Type of Relationship between Victim and Accused

Relationship	Occurrences
Female Victim/Male Accused	817
Male Victim/Female Accused	132
Same Sex Male	1
Same Sex Female	1

In 2012, 86 percent of domestic violence incidents involved a female victim and a male accused, while only 13 percent involved a male victim and a female accused.

## Types of Charges Laid

(Summary-not inclusive of all criminal charges laid)

Charge	Male	Female
Assault	446	65
Assault/ Weapon or Cause Bodily Harm	61	23
Aggravated Assault	5	1
Breach of Probation/Parole	182	9
Uttering Threats	143	11
Criminal Harassment	58	6
Breach of Recognizance	110	7
Forcible Confinement	26	0
Firearms	9	0
Sexual Assault	14	0
Aggravated Sexual Assault	0	0
Mischief	90	28
Attempt Murder	0	0

In total, 1,474 domestic violence related charges were laid in 2012. 1,306 charges were laid against men and 168 charges were laid against women.

Currently there are twenty-four (24) officers of the NRPS that are ODARA trained. The trained officers are either former or current Domestic Violence Investigators

### Police Training in 2012

Domestic Violence Investigators Course includes training in:

- ✓ Domestic Terrorism
- ✓ Power and Control
- ✓ Typology/Stalking
- ✓ Enhanced Investigation-Criminal Charges, Recantations, Bail, Release, Dual Charges, Crown Briefs, Forcible Entry, Victim Management, Interview-Interrogation, Strangulation, Choking, Effects of Domestic Violence on Children, Family Law
- ✓ Cultural Competence Training/Dowry/Cultural Diversity/Honour Based Violence
- ✓ Victims Perspective
- ✓ Risk Assessment

**ODARA** – Officers have been trained in ODARA (**Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment**), an actuarial domestic violence risk assessment that calculates how a man who has assaulted his female partner ranks among similar perpetrators with respect to risk. It also calculates the likelihood that he will assault a female partner again in the future. ODARA includes domestic and non-domestic criminal history, threats and confinement, children in the relationship, substance abuse, and barriers to victim support.

### Expansion of Domestic Violence Investigative Resources – Centralized Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)

The Western Region Domestic Violence Unit evolved from a “Pilot Project” that was approved in 2009 has expanded services to include Grimsby.





In 2012, the Western Region Domestic Violence Unit investigated approximately four hundred and eighty (480) cases and laid approximately four hundred and twenty-eight (428) criminal charges. On average, the Western Region Domestic Violence Unit investigates over forty cases per month.

On December 30, 2012 the centralized Domestic Violence Unit came to fruition. There are twelve Domestic Violence Investigators available to assist and assume responsibility from front-line uniform personnel of all domestic violence incidents where there are grounds to proceed with criminal charges. There are three Domestic Violence Investigators assigned to each uniform platoon, working days 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and afternoons 3:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. The additional Domestic Violence Investigators ensure resources are available to uniform officers. This includes increased monitoring and reviewing of all reported domestic and family violence cases, as well as a closer working relationship with the Domestic Violence Crown Attorneys.

The Domestic Violence Unit will continue to work collaboratively with Family and Children Services, Nova House, Gillian's Place, Serenity House, the Coalition Ending Violence Against Women, Victim Services Niagara, the Victim Witness Assistance Program, the Partner Assault Response Program, Neighbours/Friends and Families Program, the Victim Quick Response Program, Probation and Parole, the Crown Attorney's Offices and any other appropriate Community Agency.

#### **Domestic Violence Emergency Response System – DVERS**

This is a personal alarm for individuals who are deemed at "high risk" of violence by an intimate ex-partner. The alarms are donated and monitored by ADT. Unfortunately as of December 31, 2012 this program will no longer be provided by ADT.



#### **Elder Abuse**

The Senior and Vulnerable Adult Unit changed significantly in 2012. There is no longer a senior and vulnerable adult co-ordinator. Calls for service are still investigated however four separate specialty units are now utilized. The Centralized Fraud Unit investigates the financial abuse of seniors. The

Domestic Violence Unit investigates the physical abuse of seniors. The Divisional Criminal Investigations Branch investigates missing seniors. COAST assists with the mental health and well-being of seniors through community agencies. This model, which was implemented on December 30, 2012, will prove more beneficial to complainants as Investigators have specialized training in the specific area of which the Elder Abuse is reported.



**Crisis Outreach and Support Team – COAST**

COAST will serve the community of the Niagara Region by completing Mental Status Examinations and Risk Assessments for those person with mental health concerns who are in crisis in the community. The COAST mobile team will meet with these individuals, and when appropriate with their families, to provide support, obtain information, and assess the individual’s current stressors, coping strategies, needs and risk.

The COAST unit consists of 2 full-time, plain clothes officers, 2 back fill officers and 6 Mental Health Workers (Nurses, Social Workers, and Occupational Therapists). There are 2 teams which include 1 police officer and 1 Mental Health Worker on duty from 12:00pm to 12:00am, Monday through Saturday, with coverage until 8:00pm on Sunday. A designated phone service will be available for the diversion of non-priority calls involving Mental Health issues and clients. It is the goal of COAST to assist persons with mental health concerns who are in crisis in a manner that diverts from hospitalization.

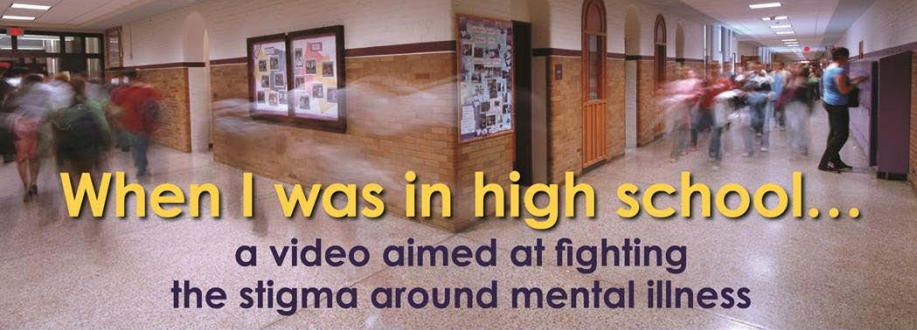
<b>Type of Client</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Occurrences</b>
Female Client	936
Male Client	907
Unknown Client	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,871</b>

COAST serves approximately the same number of male clients as female clients. Of these clients, 5 percent are under the age of 18, and 15 percent are over the age of 65. Eighty percent of COAST clients are adults between the ages of 18 and 65, mostly middle-aged individuals.

## Initial Referral Source

In 2012 44 percent of all COAST referrals were generated by police.

Referral	Occurrences
Unknown Agency	1
Lodging Home	3
Addictions Agency	1
Child Youth Agency	3
Client	481
Client's Community	217
Criminal Justice System	5
Family	306
Fire Department	2
Government Agencies	25
General Practitioner	12
Hospitals	25
Housing Connections	7
Legal Services	1
Medical (Other)	10
Mental Health Case Management	23
Police	935
Safe Bed Program	3
School	6
Shelter	13
Seniors Agency	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,107</b>



**When I was in high school...**  
a video aimed at fighting  
the stigma around mental illness

**Watch with youth clients and students to:**

- Help teens recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness in themselves and others
- Decrease the social stigma associated with mental illness
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This video was created in partnership with: students from the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine – McMaster University Niagara Regional Campus, Campus Class 2014; REACT high school students from Niagara Region Public Health; Denis Morris High School; and Patstone Mental Health.



# Child Abuse/Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.)

The **Child Abuse/Internet Child Exploitation Unit** is made up of 10 Detective Constables and 1 Detective Sergeant. Seven Detective Constables investigate Child Abuse cases, while three others investigate cases involving Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.). The mandate of the Child Abuse Unit is to investigate:

- (i) incidents of child physical abuse by a caregiver;
- (ii) incidents of child sexual abuse;
- (iii) cases of neglect where serious injuries have resulted, a life has been endangered or where there has been a failure to provide the necessities of life.
- (iv) attempted murders of a child by a person having charge, care or authority over a child; and,
- (v) child pornography and incidents of internet luring.

The Niagara Regional Police Service is a member of the **Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the internet** and conducts investigations into Internet Child Exploitation Offences in partnership with numerous Ontario Police Services. In total, detectives investigated **598** incidents in 2012.

## Cases Investigated by the Child Abuse/Internet Child Exploitation Unit in 2012

Offence Outcome	Incidents	Percent
Cleared by Charge	161	26.9
Cleared Otherwise	54	9.0
Closed - Suspended	90	15.1
Open Investigation	44	7.4
Unfounded	146	24.4
Non-CCJS (Not criminal code)	103	17.2

The **Child Advocacy Centre of Niagara (CACN)** opened its doors in the fall of 2008. From this one site a 17 member child advocacy support team, including members from Niagara Regional Police Service, Family and Children Services of Niagara, mental health and medical communities, and the Crown's Office together provide a comprehensive and timely response to allegations of child maltreatment. The goal is to treat victimized children and to investigate and prosecute their abusers through a multi-disciplinary approach. The Service and Family and Children Services (FACS) continue to work jointly to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.



# Sexual Assault



The **Sexual Assault Unit** has cleared over sixty-six percent of the calls for service where the investigation has been concluded in the 2012 calendar year. Twenty-seven percent have been cleared by charge, an increase of seven percent over 2011. This increase is dependent upon many factors but ultimately, the investigators have benefited from previous experience and the utilization of cutting edge investigative techniques designed to increase the likelihood of successfully concluding investigations.

The Unit has continued to maintain its close ties with the community partners in the Sexual Assaults Protocol. The Niagara Regional Police Service, the Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence Treatment Centre (SA/DV-TC) and the Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA), the Ministry of the Attorney General's Office, Victim Witness Assistance Program and the Niagara Crisis Victim Support Services continue to meet and work together in a collaborative approach to these investigations.

The partnership continues to work with the Making a Difference Project (MAD) Canada and is one of seven communities from across Canada involved in a National Project designed to spearhead change in the prosecution of sex offences. This project focuses on training and investigative techniques used by all of the related disciplines involved in this work. Efforts made through the project are to enhance training and provide innovative ways in which to conduct investigations and improve the likelihood of success at trial within the judicial system. The police service and CARSA continue in their roles on the National Advisory Board of MAD and meet via teleconference on a monthly basis, developing a national strategy for the project.

The Public Education resource member of CARSA and the Detective-Sergeant in charge of the Sexual Assault Unit attended local high school law classes with information on sexual assaults and drug facilitated offences. Students at Brock University and Niagara College have also taken part in these presentations.

**Total Calls for Service / Assigned and Investigated** **199**

Cases Closed as Non-CCJS incidents (non criminal in nature) 42

**Total calls deemed to be criminal in nature and investigated in 2012** **157**

Offence Outcome	Incidents	Percent
Cleared by Charge	43	27.0
Unfounded	28	17.6
Cleared Otherwise	33	20.8
Closed - Suspended	36	22.7
Open Investigation	19	11.9

**Note:** Not all charges laid by the NRPS for sexual offences are the result of Sexual Assault Unit investigations. Incidents disclosed here are based solely on Sexual Assault Unit investigations.

# Youth and Police

In the summer of 2012, a Constable Selection Process began for the expansion of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program throughout the Niagara Region. Initially servicing both the City of Niagara Falls and the City of St. Catharines, a total of 30 secondary schools would have an SRO committed to enforcement, crime prevention and more importantly, community engagement.

During the first school semester in 2012, seven School Resource Officers would be responsible for taking more than **200** calls for service, arresting and charging **49** youth for criminal offences and diverting more than **100** students through a pre-charge process known as the extrajudicial measures referral program.

The referral's are screened by Contact Niagara and then shared with the appropriate agency to identify and correct behavior. Programs such as "REWIND" at John Howard Society is a restorative justice program, designed to address harmful incidents where each participant is able to share how they were impacted by the incident, in a diplomatic and non-judgmental manner. Additional referrals are sent to Community Addiction Services, Niagara Native Centre, Pathstone Mental Health, Youth Justice Committee and Youth Resources Niagara.

Annual events such as "Race Against Drugs"," Police Week" and "Cop Shop" continue with the School Resource Officers representing the Niagara Regional Police Service in an effort to impact "at risk" youth through community engagement.



*School Resource Officer, Constable Chad Davidson, interacts with a group of students from Thorold High School.*

Acting Deputy Chief Carl Scott with more than 60 police officer's at Cop Shop.



The School Resource Officers are also responsible for the delivery of the new OACP “Ontario’s Mobilization & Engagement Model of Community Policing.” To help communities suppress crimes, the SRO’s are bicycle trained and have deployed in neighbourhood parks for youth complaints, downtown St. Catharines for the entertainment district and into residential areas where both university and college students are known to host large parties.

An initiative targeting shoplifting at area malls over the Christmas break saw a significant reduction in theft related offences. School Resource Officers partnered with mall security and the uniform presence to deter crime.

An initiative known as IMPACT (Intensive Measures: Police and Community Together) involves the School Resource Officers and Brock University students at area high schools. The program is designed to engage youth by providing team building and decision making skills.

**Youth Offences  
in Niagara**

<b>Youth Offences</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Accused</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
Male	615	582	-5.4
Female	170	141	-17.1
<b>Not Charged</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>+16.1</b>

The increase in “not charged” is directly related to the increase of extrajudicial measure referrals made to Contact Niagara in 2012.

<b>Community Addiction Services</b>	<b>25 youth referred</b>
<b>John Howard Society</b>	<b>21 youth referred</b>
<b>Niagara Native Centre</b>	<b>1 youth referred</b>
<b>Pathstone Mental Health</b>	<b>14 youth referred</b>
<b>Youth Justice Committee</b>	<b>30 youth referred</b>
<b>Youth Resources Niagara</b>	<b>9 youth referred</b>



# Special Enforcement Unit

In 2012, the Special Enforcement Unit continued its commitment to traffic and enforcement initiatives throughout the Niagara Region. The Unit is comprised of four Sergeants and 20 constables, all dedicated to developing and implementing various traffic initiatives in problem areas throughout the region, as well as leading and participating in joint forces enforcement operations. Those partner enforcement agencies include the Ministry of Transportation, Canada Border Service Agency, the Alcohol and Gaming Corporation, the various city Fire Departments, and officers from the Region of Niagara Public Health Unit. SEU conduct enforcement using marked cruisers, motorcycles, unmarked cruisers, and foot patrol.



In 2012 initiatives included radar and lidar speed enforcement, impaired driving, RIDE, seatbelts, cell phones, illegal taxis, unsafe vehicles, and support for uniform and detective directives throughout the region. Many members of SEU are specialty trained to assist other areas of Emergency Services such as ETU, Marine, and Underwater Search and Rescue. Additionally SEU officers are trained in speed management devices, a both RADAR and LIDAR operators, intoxilyzer technicians and Drug Recognition Experts.





The Special Enforcement Unit has been removing unsafe trailers on our roadways.

Training in Criminal Interdiction assisted SEU officer in recognizing criminal activity during routine traffic stops. This training led to arrests of drug couriers and registered sex offenders, persons wanted on warrants, recovery of stolen property, and the advancement of criminal investigations through the gathering of intelligence during interactions with the travelling public. SEU officers support the Service's goal of reducing serious personal injury and fatal collisions on our roadways through their initiatives and day-to-day traffic enforcement. In 2012, SEU Sergeants and Constables issued a total of 6,596 provincial offence notices.

Members of SEU were also responsible for overseeing the Service's Annual Festive RIDE program. The 2012 program began with a kickoff on November 25<sup>th</sup> involving 16 members of SEU and uniform patrol that resulted in 11 impaired driving arrests. For 2012, the RIDE campaigns saw SEU officers, supported by divisional officers, check a total of 10,700 vehicles, conduct 312 roadside screening tests, issue 62 3-day suspensions, one 7-day suspension, 37 impaired driving and ADLS suspensions, 205 provincial offence notices, 18 Liquor Licence Act offences, and 22 other criminal charges.

SEU traffic duties include the administration of the breath technician and drug recognition programs. The DRE program continued to grow and there are currently 8 officers deemed drug recognition experts and two drug recognition expert instructors. With the continued increased use of illegal and prescription drugs in our communities, there is the definite need for this type of expertise to combat impaired driving. In total the BAT and DRE officers responded to 512 alcohol-impaired arrests and 22 drug-impaired arrests across the region.



## Collision Reconstruction Unit

Detectives of the Collision Reconstruction Unit are highly technically trained and dedicated investigators, who specialize in the field of collision investigation. The Unit is comprised of 5 Detective Constables and one Detective Sergeant that are responsible for the investigation and reconstruction of vehicle collisions which results in death or life-threatening injuries. The Unit also offers assistance to all front-line officers investigating motor vehicle collisions.

Members of the Unit attend and manage the initial scene where they identify and collect evidence required for a thorough investigation. The officers are equipped with the latest in technology including the "Total Station". This instrument is used to forensically survey the scene of a collision from which the data is later downloaded into a computer program to produce a scaled diagram. This instrument and officers from the Unit are also used to assist the Forensic Services Unit with the surveying of major crime scenes.

After completing the initial collision investigation, Detectives from the Collision Reconstruction Unit become responsible for the complete investigation. This includes reconstruction of the scene through the practical application of accepted collision reconstruction principals. Officers are responsible for the preparation and case management of all files where charges are laid.

Officers from the Unit have attended numerous courses and seminars in the field of collision reconstruction. These include courses from the Canadian Police College in Ottawa, the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, as well as other courses hosted by various private and other police agencies.





In 2012, members of the Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated 21 fatal motor vehicle collisions that resulted in the death of 24 people. Over the last two years on the other hand, we have seen a marked reduction in serious life threatening injury collisions.

Members of the Collision Reconstruction Unit were also called out to assist with 9 other major investigations.

#### 5-Year Fatal and Life Threatening Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions

Type of Injury	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fatal MVC's	27 Collisions	25 Collisions	14 Collisions	16 Collisions	21 Collisions
	<b>28 Deaths</b>	<b>27 Deaths</b>	<b>14 Deaths</b>	<b>16 Deaths</b>	<b>24 Deaths</b>
Life Threatening MVC's	32 Collisions	35 Collisions	34 Collisions	24 Collisions	26 Collisions

Niagara saw 21 fatal motor vehicle collisions in 2012, resulting in 24 people losing their lives.

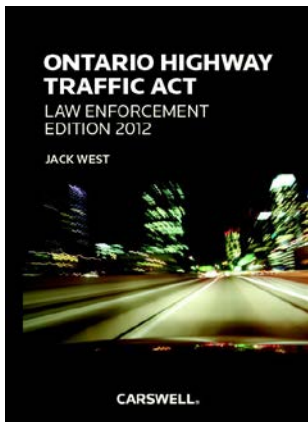
Over the last five years on average, 21.8 people each year have lost their lives on Niagara roadways.



# Provincial Offence Notices and Related Traffic Charges Laid

## 2012 Non-HTA, HTA and Total Provincial Offence Notices

District	Non-HTA PONS	HTA PONS	Total PONS
District 1 – St. Catharines, Thorold	3,076	8,719	11,795
District 2 – Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the Lake	1,541	7,938	9,479
District 3 – Welland, Pelham	954	3,926	4,880
District 5 – Fort Erie	420	2,493	2,913
District 6 – Port Colborne, Wainfleet	542	2,908	3,450
District 8 – Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln	370	3,366	3,736
Special Enforcement Unit – Region wide	1,059	6,596	7,167
Casino Unit	597	1,695	2,292
Other Units	274	447	721
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,833</b>	<b>38,091</b>	<b>46,433</b>

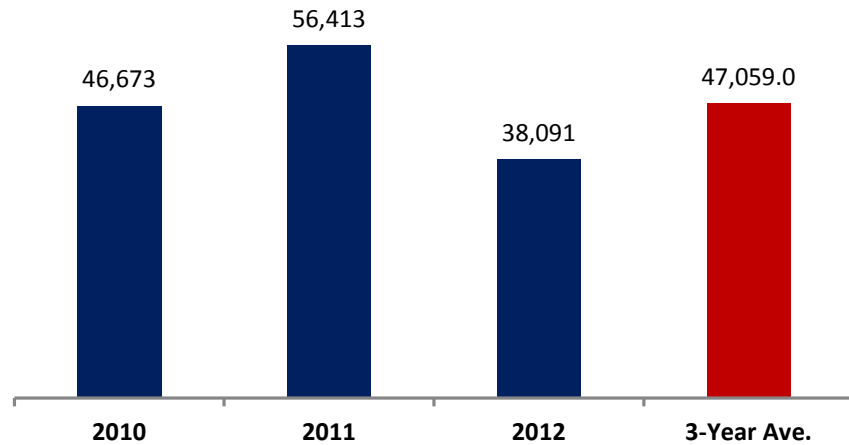


### What are Provincial Offences?

Non-criminal offences including (but not limited to):

- **Highway Traffic Act offences** - Speeding; careless driving; or not wearing your seat belt (HTA Offences)
- **Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act offences** - Failing to surrender your insurance card or possessing a false, invalid insurance card, or no insurance (Non-HTA Offences)
- **Liquor Licence Act offences** - Being intoxicated in a public place or selling alcohol to a minor (Non-HTA Offences)
- **Trespass to Property Act offences** - Entering prohibited premises or failing to leave premises (Non-HTA Offences)
- **Municipal by-law offences** - Noise, animal care, trees, etc. (Non-HTA Offences)

### Region-wide HTA Pons Only



### Other Traffic Related Enforcement Charges Laid (H.T.A. and C.C.C.) <sup>1</sup>

Offences	2011 Incidents	2012 Incidents	2012 Cleared	2012 Cleared Other
Dangerous Operation – Cause Bodily Harm	3	7	7	--
Dangerous Operation	68	57	50	3
Flight from Police	27	31	27	--
Impaired Driving Cause Death	1	--	1	--
Impaired Operation Alcohol – Cause Death	1	8	8	--
Impaired Driving Over .08	529	497	465	27
Operate Over 80mg – Drug	1	1	1	--
Fail/Refuse Breath Sample Alcohol	45	40	41	--
Fail/Refuse Breath Sample Drug	--	1	1	--
Fail/Refuse Blood Sample Alcohol	4	3	3	--
Fail/Refuse Blood Sample Drug	--	--	--	--
Fail to Stop Cause Death	--	1	1	--
Fail to Stop – Cause Bodily Harm	--	3	2	--
Fail to Stop or Remain	644	631	50	5
Driving While Prohibited (CC)	90	103	100	3
Driving – Other Criminal Code	5	7	5	--
Driving – Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Fail to Remain	785	658	332	5
Driving – Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Careless Driving	3,242	3,126	3,118	4
Driving – Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Suspension	2,349	1,947	1,933	7
Driving Complaint	228	282	73	6
3 Day Suspension (Bill 126)	210	177	80	12
7 Day Suspension (Bill 126)	36	28	20	1
30 Day Suspension (Bill 126)	1	1	1	--
Motor Vehicle Collision - Departmental	78	80	16	1
Motor Vehicle Collision – Hit & Run	1,040	911	99	10
Motor Vehicle Collision – Non-Reportable	160	147	12	2
Motor Vehicle Collision – Personal Injury	997	971	618	10
Property Damage Only	4,954	4,962	2,349	63

<sup>1</sup> H.T.A. – Highway Traffic Act; C.C.C. – Criminal Code of Canada.

# Intelligence and Joint Forces Operations

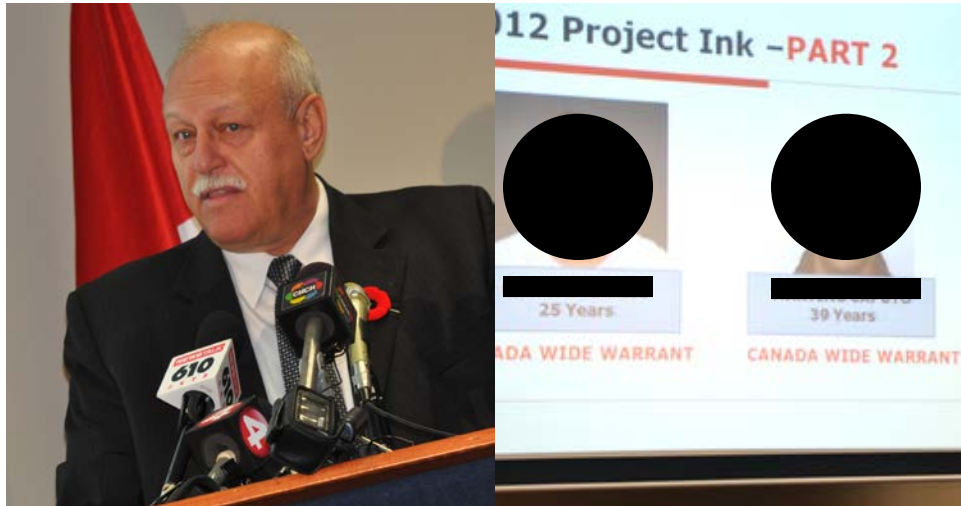
The Niagara Regional Police Special Investigative Services unit is a multi faceted unit that deploys 35 sworn officers, 1 drug control officer, 2 civilian analysts and 1 civilian clerk. The unit is comprised of a Morality Unit, Guns Gang and Grows unit, Provincial Anti- Violence investigation team (P.A.V.I.S.), Mobile Surveillance and the General Intelligence team. Several officers are deployed to Joint Forces Operations including, Biker Enforcement (O.P.P.), Integrated Proceeds of Crime (R.C.M.P.), Provincial Weapons Enforcement (O.P.P.), Provincial Anti-Terrorism Investigations (O.P.P., R.C.M.P.) and the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (Canadian and American Authorities). One officer is also assigned to the Prescription Unit. Several high profile drug investigations took place in 2012.

## Morality

The Morality Unit is responsible for mid to high level drug investigations within the Niagara Region and elsewhere in Ontario. 2012 was one of the most successful years that the Morality Unit and its predecessors have had in the Region's history.

**Project Ink 1** began in early 2012 and initially culminated in the seizure of 110 kilograms of cocaine from a warehouse on Davidson Street in St. Catharines. The value of this seizure was estimated at 30 million dollars. Two Niagara Falls brothers were charged in February of 2012 with possession of that cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.





Staff Sergeant Joe Maggiolo, Officer-in-Charge, Intelligence, releases details of Project Ink 2 at a News Conference on Friday, November 9, 2012 at Niagara Regional Police Service Headquarters, St. Catharines.

The investigation continued with the assistance of several Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia Police partners along with American based police agencies. In May of 2012 three more persons were arrested in relation to the conspiracy to traffic the 110 kilograms of cocaine. They included the key figure, a long time Niagara area drug trafficker. Search warrants were executed in Niagara and Toronto on the day of this arrest. As a result of those search warrants police seized the homes themselves, cash, cars and jewelry. The total of all these items is estimated at \$4.2 million.

Further investigation into this matter, dubbed **Project Ink 2**, revealed that the same Niagara Falls drug trafficker and the others arrested were involved in an international drug trafficking ring that included additional high profile suspects from, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Vancouver. Evidence was also uncovered that suggested the Niagara drug cell was directly involved with cocaine producers and processors in Mexico.

In November 2012 several more members of this drug trafficking network were arrested and charged. These were men from Vancouver, Niagara Falls, Montreal and Toronto.

Chief McGuire responds to questions from the media.





## Guns, Gangs and Grows

In 2012 the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit continued with consistent enforcement of marihuana grow operations within the Region of Niagara. The unit executed a total of 49 search warrants that resulted in the seizure of marihuana plants, weapons and various other narcotics.

The unit conducted 108 separate investigations into the production of marihuana that resulted in 69 suspect arrests and the laying of 158 CDSA and criminal charges.

### Grows Unit Investigations by Year

Year	Grow Investigations	Plant Seizures
2007	54	17,675
2008	47	21,810
2009	62	15,506
2010	59	16,530
2011	51	10,215
2012	108	17,385
<b>Total</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>99,121</b>

Consistent with their mandate the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit seized 17,385 marihuana plants in various stages of grow worth an estimated 17 million dollars. Also seized during these investigations was 170,000 worth of dried, ready for sale marihuana.

During these investigations various other illegal drugs worth an estimated \$48,000 along with \$19,000 cash suspected of being proceeds of crime. Nine (9) firearms were also seized by this unit during their many investigations.

In May of 2012, the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit commenced an investigation into possible marihuana growing operation on Highland Avenue in Niagara Falls. As a result of the investigation the unit executed a search warrant at the residence on June 12, 2012.

The unit discovered an elaborate marihuana growing operation within the residence. Police seized 754 marihuana plants in various stages of growth (see picture at the top of page 35). Two men were arrested and charged with marihuana production as a result of this investigation.



In June of 2012 the Guns, Gangs and Grows Unit began an investigation into the activities at a residence and greenhouse located on Highway 3 in Wainfleet (see picture below). After an intensive investigation the unit sought and obtained a search warrant to enter the property and search for evidence of marihuana production. The warrant was executed on July 25, 2012. In the greenhouse on the property detectives discovered one of the largest marihuana growing operations in Niagara history. Over 11,000 marihuana plants in various stages of growth were seized along with the related growing equipment. Three men from the Greater Toronto area were arrested and charged.



### **Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy - P.A.V.I.S.**

PAVIS (Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy) is a multi agency police initiative funded by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The Niagara Regional Police Service has been a part of this initiative since 2007.



The goal of this initiative is to take a more aggressive approach to the issues that arise locally and result of the proliferation of street gangs. One of the Unit's main goals is to curtail the activities of local street gangs through enforcement of criminal and drug laws and education of the public regarding downfalls of gang membership and activity.

Efforts to achieve these goals include programs to educate the community, particularly school aged youth with regards to street gang activity. The Niagara PAVIS Unit has formed partnerships with Community interest groups, school boards, the Canadian Border Security Agency, the Crown Attorney's office along with the local Probation offices.

The Niagara PAVIS Unit's focused mandate will include reducing illegal drug and weapons activities by street gang in the Region through intervention, prevention, enforcement and community mobilization and partnership.



#### 2012 PAVIS Enforcement Statistics

PAVIS	Number
Investigations	96
Criminal Arrest	85
Charges Laid	201
Search Warrants Executed	28
Gang Members Identified	98
Drug Seizures (Total value)	\$74,570
<b>Weapons Seized</b>	
Handguns	2
Rifles/Shotguns	22
Edged Weapons	5
Aerosol Weapons	1
Ammunition Seized	505 rounds

## **Criminal Intelligence Unit**

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is comprised of members of the Niagara Regional Police Service who develop and collect information regarding organized criminal activity in the Niagara Region. These members work with other Criminal Intelligence Units with other law enforcement agencies to ensure that this process is timely and effective.

## **Prescription Unit**

The Niagara Regional Police Service has established a Prescription Unit whose specific mandate is to enforce the escalating problems that have been found to be associated to Oxycodone and other synthetic opiates. The Unit concentrates on the misuse of prescriptions, double doctoring, prescription forgery and unlawful drug trafficking of what are commonly known as prescription pain medication.



## **Asset Forfeiture Unit - AFU**

The primary mandate of AFU is to identify, investigate and seize the proceeds of crime and/or offence related property as defined within both the Criminal Code of Canada and the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act. Asset forfeiture is a powerful tool allowing police services to restrain and forfeit the illicit gains of criminal activity.



## Joint Forces Operations

### Biker Enforcement Unit - BEU



The Biker Enforcement Unit is an O.P.P. led Joint Forces Operation comprised of 17 law enforcement agencies including the Niagara Regional Police Service.

The BEU is committed to investigating and disrupting the organized criminal activities of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs through shared policing expertise throughout the Province of Ontario. The main objective of this unit is to monitor the activities and movements of outlaw motorcycle gang members within the Niagara Region and to enforce applicable laws when necessary in regards to any illegal activity of gang members and associates.

There currently is no Niagara chapter of the Hells Angels as a result of the arrests made during Project Tandem (2007) and other successful prosecutions involving area gang members in the past 5 years.

### Provincial Anti-Terrorism Section - PATS



PATS is an O.P.P. led Joint Forces Operation that has active participation from all the major police services in Ontario including the Niagara Regional Police Service. The Unit works very closely with members of the U.S. Intelligence community in addressing threats of terrorism.

The section was established in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001, in the recognition of the fact that additional resources were needed to combat the threat of terrorism in Ontario. Investigators within PATS investigate criminal extremism throughout the province.

The primary objective of this Unit is to conduct investigations on individuals and organized crime groups involved in terrorism-related activities.

### Provincial Weapons Enforcement - PWEU



PWEU is an O.P.P. led Joint Forces Operation made up of 14 law enforcement agencies including the Niagara Regional Police Service.

The mandate of the Unit is to identify persons involved in the illegal movement of firearms and to take enforcement action. This includes the offences of smuggling, trafficking and possession of “crime guns”. Many “crime guns” found or used in the commission of offences have their origins in the United States and PWEU has established a strong working relationship with their American counterparts.

## Niagara Integrated Proceeds of Crime - IPOC

IPOC is a RCMP led Joint Forces Operation consisting of members from the RCMP and the Niagara Regional Police Service.

The Unit is mandated to investigate money laundering and currency smuggling activities and gather evidence to support the identification of these monies as proceeds of crime. This unit was involved in several high profile investigations in 2012 including Project Ink. This case is still before the courts. Seizures during this Project have been previously described herein. Investigation into this project from a Proceeds of Crime point of view will aim at identifying the items as proceeds of crime or offence related property, and to seize and restrain these items for eventual forfeiture to the Crown.

## Border Enforcement Security Task Force - BEST

The Niagara Regional Police Service is a partner with the Border Customs Enforcement and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The **Border Enforcement Security Task Force** has been involved in numerous cross border investigations resulting in the seizure of illegal firearms, illegal drugs, and money, which has resulted from great working relationships and partnerships. The Niagara Regional Police Service is in its fourth year term with Border Enforcement Security Task Force.





# Emergency Services

## Emergency Tactical Unit



The Emergency Task Unit (ETU) is a fully operational Hostage Rescue Unit, capable of all functions from Perimeter Control and Containment to Hostage Response tactics. As an accredited Hostage Rescue Team, the ETU is a small group of specialized officers. The Policing Services Division of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services conferred this designation in 2006. The ETU are supported by other Emergency Services Units that come together to form the Tactical Support Group. These members provide the “Force Multipliers” that permit the ETU to be capable of completing its mission.

The ETU is a support unit with a broad mandate that assists and augments all operational areas within the Niagara Regional Police Service. The ETU also assists and collaborates with other tactical units and investigative bodies to provide its services to provincial and national projects to stem such activities as organized crime, “biker” gangs, and “Guns & Gangs” enforcement initiatives. The ETU was involved in Project ‘Ink’ and ‘Ink 2’ in various capacities. During 2012, the ETU responded to 112 calls for service in which they offered tactical support and assistance to various NRPS Units.

### Calls for Tactical Service

V.I.P.	Warrants	Armed or Barricaded Persons	Searches	Court Security & Escorts	High Risk Arrests	High Risk K9 Track	Others
2	28	10	18	14	16	2	20

In 2012, the Emergency Task Unit maintained a rigorous training program that included certifying two members as Hostage Rescue Team members. In addition, the Unit provides V.I.P. security to the many internationally protected persons that visit the Niagara Region and Witness

Protection services. Due to the E.T.U.'s training and expertise in search and rescue operations, they are often called to coordinate and assist in the search for missing or lost persons. The Unit continues to evolve and develop best practices in order to provide high-risk support and services to units within the Niagara Regional Police Service and the citizens of Niagara.

### Explosives Disposal Unit

The **Explosives Disposal Unit** (EDU) is trained and equipped to render safe improvised chemical, biological, radiological and explosive devices (CBRNE) and military ordnance, and to provide technical support to the Emergency Task Unit. Additionally, the EDU provides specialized investigative support to other Service Units. In 2012 the EDU responded to 18 incidents and participated in 8 community functions.

Explosive Disposal Unit Calls for Service							
Chemical Biological	Improvised Explosive Device	Suspicious Package	Post Blast	Found Explosives	Hoax/ Threats	Military Ordnance Fireworks	Other
1	0	2	0	2	2	8	3

To ensure a high level of readiness, the unit is an active member of domestic and international associations, where information and training on the latest trends, threats and techniques is shared and learned. Strong working relationships with other Niagara stakeholders (Fire, Ambulance), as well as regular training and exchanges with neighbouring EDU's in Canada and the USA adds to the units high level of preparedness.

The Unit consists of five part-time members who are certified in bomb disposal, electronics, explosive forced entry and post blast investigation by the Canadian Police College. Members participate in monthly local training and attend out of service courses and workshops for advanced and recertification training. In 2011 each Explosives Technician participated in an average of 25 days of training, practicing and building their individual and the unit's skill sets toward the effective, efficient and timely resolution of incidents.





## Marine Unit

The Niagara Regional Police **Marine Unit** continues to provide an effective police presence and response on the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the Service. Mandated by the *Police Services Act* of Ontario, the Marine Unit is responsible for policing 1,500 square kilometers of water, including Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and the Niagara River which border the Region on three sides. The eight officer unit is trained and equipped to meet the needs of the service and the public in four diverse areas: marine enforcement; tactical support; underwater search and recovery; and front-line uniform patrol.

The Marine Unit strives to educate the public in safe boating practices and effectively patrol and enforce the statutes applicable to the waters of Niagara. With such a large area of responsibility, the Unit relied on strategic alliances and partnerships to ensure public safety and timely response. The team partnered with the Canadian Coast Guard Port Weller who provided secure docking facilities and assisted with routine vessel maintenance.



The Unit participated in joint interdiction efforts on Lake Ontario with federal, provincial and municipal policing agencies from around the Golden Horseshoe and United States. Marine patrols were greatly enhanced with the acquisition of a new Lake Erie patrol vessel that permitted officers to respond to assistance calls during adverse weather conditions that are common on Lake Erie.

Throughout the year, Marine Unit officers took part in 14 community events and attended local public service clubs to educate the public on boating and water safety. During routine marine enforcement patrols, 305 Provincial Offences Notices were issued primarily for failing to comply with safety legislation found within the Canada Shipping Act, Liquor License Act and Highway Traffic Act. The Unit was dispatched to 580 calls for service resulting in 19 search and rescue responses and 21 arrests. Accidental drownings and

water-related deaths by misadventure were up from three in 2011 to seven in 2012.

Two officers participated in national maritime security initiatives as contracted or seconded members. One officer supported the RCMP Marine Security Emergency Response Team (MSERT) as a Tactical Rescue Diver on a 24/7 callout basis and a second officer was seconded to the full-time RCMP Marine Security Enforcement Team operating from the Upper Niagara River to as far east as Windsor.

A unique and highly specialized service provided by the Marine Unit in support of the Emergency Task Unit is called the **Tactical Support Group (TSG)**. Marine members provide perimeter containment and a variety of specialized tactical functions including breaching, sniper element, explosives disposal, and rappelling at high-risk incidents such as barricaded gunman calls or drug warrants. Marine members supported 19 tactical operations calls and 7 explosives disposal calls in 2012.

Marine Unit members provide underwater search and recovery services throughout the Region of Niagara and under contract with the Waterloo Regional Police Service. When not engaged in marine patrol, a diving operation or high-risk warrant, the team supports the Uniform Patrol function from mid October to mid April.

### **Underwater Search & Rescue Unit**



The NRPS **Underwater Search and Recovery Unit** provides the Niagara Region with a highly trained service capable of extending almost all aspects of the police function underwater on a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year basis. Duties of the USRU include assisting police investigators with the recovery of vehicles, vessels, aircraft, weapons, bodies and a variety of evidence that has found its way underwater by criminal or accidental means. The Unit supports the Explosive Disposal Unit with the recovery and render safe of underwater ordnance, marine markers and explosive devices. In an effort to protect the public and the many critical infrastructures within the Region, USRU members are certified in confined space entry, harbour searching, ship hull inspection, and explosives' recognition. Unit members actively participated with advisory committees and working groups to establish a collaborative mechanism to ensure public safety and security specific to the marine environment.

The USRU was required to perform 40 dive operations during the 2012 calendar year. The team conducted 36 separate dives over a 10 day period while supporting the Niagara Regional Police and Waterloo Regional Police Major Crime and Homicide Units. These 2012 results included:

- 12 body recoveries;**
- 5 vehicles located;**
- 1 vessel investigation; and,**
- 9 evidence searches.**

# Canine – K-9

In 2012, the Canine Unit continued to maintain their longstanding tradition of providing night-shift coverage every night of the year. The Unit is comprised of seven general purpose police dogs, five of which are cross trained in narcotics detection and one cross trained in explosives detection. The Unit also has one dedicated explosives detection dog.

## 2012 Year End Statistics

Calls for Police Service Dogs	1,163
Number of Times Canines Used	809
Non-K-9 Calls	1,117
Public Relations Demonstrations	25
K9 Successes	132
Arrests	98
Support Apprehensions	91

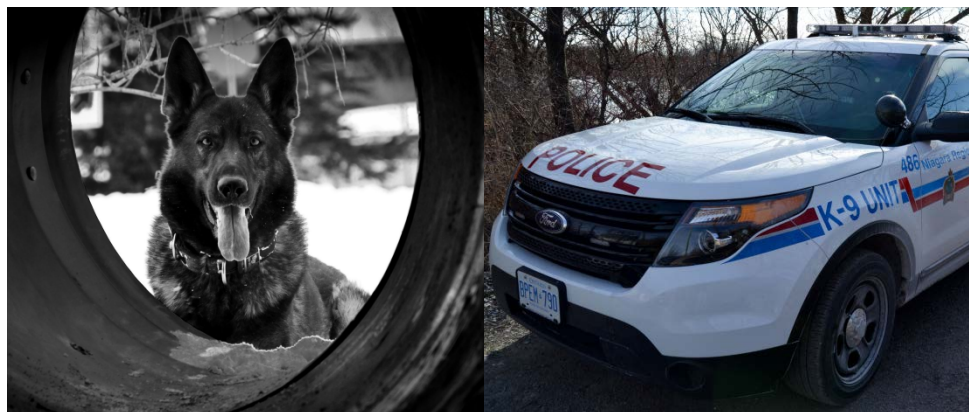
## Breakdown of Calls for Police Dog Services

Calls for Patrol Dogs	1,051
Calls for Narcotics Detection	110
Calls for Explosives Detection	2

## Breakdown of Patrol Dog Calls

Tracks	536
Open Searches	44
Building Searches	85
Evidence Searches	32

The Canine Unit conducted a basic canine course during the fall of 2012, training three canine teams: Peterborough Community Police Service, the Buffalo Police Department and the Niagara Regional Police Service. Spring and Fall recertification was also conducted with 22 teams from Canada and the U.S. attending both courses.



## In Memory of Police Service Dog Marshal



Police Service Dog Marshal and handler Constable Jake Grant were teamed up in March 2005. Following their graduation from canine training they went straight to work on the road. In the first week of being on patrol Marshal caught two fleeing suspects. Over the course of 8 years together they had many more successes.

Marshal was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer in 2012. He was subsequently prescribed medication and given injections to shrink his tumors. He returned to work for several weeks, but it quickly became apparent that it was best that he should retire from active duty. Marshal enjoyed a few weeks of retirement on Jake's farm, but succumbed to his illness on November 19, 2012.

Jake continues to handle explosive detection dog Elsie.

### Did you know...

Official use of police dogs was recognized as being of value as early as 1859, with the Belgium Police in Ghent using dogs to officially patrol with the night shift.

Most police agencies in Canada and the United States use dogs as a means of law enforcement. Police dogs (canines/K-9s) are most commonly used for suspect apprehension and both explosives and narcotics detection. Individual dogs usually serve individual purposes, in which each particular animal is specialized, and teams (K-9 and human police handler) usually serve scheduled shifts.



# Court Services



Court Services is a diversified and multi-faceted Unit responsible for Courthouse Security, for both Criminal and Provincial Offences courts throughout the region, court related Prisoner Escort, encompassing the transport of prisoners to and from court and their management at the courthouses, Document Service

throughout the region and File Management, which entails the generation, preparation and disclosure of court related documents and briefs. The Unit has a personnel compliment of sixty-nine full time members and 6 part time members consisting of Police Officers, Special Constables and Civilian administrative staff. The Court Services Unit works with a variety of stakeholders including the two local Crown Attorney's offices, members of the Judiciary, local Bar associations, Ministry of the Attorney General staff and Victim Service organizations to provide quality service and a safe environment for all participants accessing or involved in the Justice system.

In 2012, Prisoner Escort managed over 11,000 in custody court appearances, and the Court Services Unit processed over 141,000 criminal cases/charges through the court system.

**Note:** All bail hearings take place at the St. Catharines Courthouse with the exception of the video remand, whereby remanded individuals appear in court from the Detention Centre by way of video.

## Cases Processed in 2012

Month	St. Catharines/Niagara Falls				Welland		Fort Erie	
	Adult	Bail	YOA	Video	Adult	YOA	Adult	YOA
Jan.	4,617	2,388	394	2,284	1,020	114	267	33
Feb.	4,828	2,248	362	2,289	1,021	94	212	15
Mar.	5,195	2,683	359	2,283	1,021	127	315	19
Apr.	4,649	2,702	294	2,682	990	123	250	19
May	5,286	2,954	385	3,065	1,493	183	356	46
June	5,872	3,078	340	2,698	1,021	101	280	78
July	5,048	2,660	270	2,407	1,163	124	304	61
Aug.	4,744	2,654	333	1,450	1,189	106	440	39
Sept.	3,942	2,088	327	2,463	1,054	124	231	41
Oct.	5,764	2,551	362	2,341	1,154	90	237	45
Nov.	4,779	2,882	409	2,656	1,285	159	272	70
Dec.	4,566	1,987	317	2,166	803	206	347	85
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>59,290</b>	<b>30,875</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>13,224</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>551</b>

### Total Cases Handled by Type and Month

Month	Adult	Bail	YOA	Video
Jan.	5,904	2,388	541	2,284
Feb.	6,061	2,248	471	2,289
Mar.	6,531	2,683	505	2,283
Apr.	5,889	2,702	436	2,682
May	7,135	2,954	614	3,065
June	7,113	3,078	519	2,698
July	6,525	2,660	455	2,407
Aug.	6,373	2,654	478	1,450
Sept.	5,227	2,088	492	2,463
Oct.	7,155	2,551	497	2,341
Nov.	6,336	2,882	638	2,656
Dec.	5,716	1,987	608	2,166
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>76,025</b>	<b>30,875</b>	<b>6,254</b>	<b>28,784</b>

In total,  
141,938 cases were processed  
in Niagara in 2012.

Eighty-two percent of all cases were heard at  
the Robert S. K. Welch Courthouse in the  
City of St. Catharines.



# Recruiting

The **Recruiting Unit** is comprised of one Sergeant, two Constables and a shared civilian member with Career Development. In 2012 the Niagara Regional Police continued to utilize the Constable Selection System to assist in best practices for hiring, as well as their own Local Focus Interview to satisfy local needs. The Unit has a new filter review process which includes a Staff Sergeant reviewing all files for recommendation. The Recruiting Unit no longer completes background investigations as they are sourced out to officers working in Detective Offices. This assists in the efficiency and transparency of the Unit.

In 2012 the Recruiting Unit received 670 applications for the position of Police Constable. The Unit continues to find new methods to mentor applicants and attempt to attract the best candidates. Members continue to attend career fairs at Colleges and Universities across the province. Most of the hosting institutions have an affiliated policing program. The Unit continues to develop community partners in providing information sessions at local services such as Port Cares and the Job Gym. In 2012 the Unit also started a program with Brock University Career Services that enabled recruiting officers to visit on a monthly basis and speak to smaller groups about careers in policing. The Recruiting Unit also started to hold frequent information sessions at Police Headquarters to support the local interest. Members attended the Folk Arts Festival and a Pride event to show inclusivity in the diverse cultures of Niagara. Niagara Regional Police Service was again a part of the Women in Policing Symposium held in Peel. This year's event was attended by 120 women who are interested in a career in policing. Police Services that attended included; RCMP, OPP, Halton, Hamilton, Peel as well as NRPS. This will now be an annual event as its success is evident in applications from participants.

The Recruiting Unit has received a new vehicle which was "wrapped" with police recruiting material. It is one more initiative to promote that the NRPS is hiring. We revamped our posters and distributed them to Colleges and Universities as well as having them installed in our own facilities. The implementation of our Corporate Communications Unit and School Resource Officers (SRO's) has provided more opportunities for the Recruiting Unit to communicate and educate future applicants. Some of our SRO's have attended our information sessions to enable them with the knowledge to pass on information to high school students looking to pursue a career in policing. We have also engaged in Facebook and twitter as a way to communicate to our potential applicants and keep them informed.

In 2012 the Recruiting Unit hired 11 new officers who attended the Ontario Police College (OPC). Some of these officers were provided the opportunity to develop through the Special Constable position prior to attending OPC as the Cadet program was eliminated. Three of these officers were Niagara Regional Police Auxiliary officers, with one officer previously employed with the Michigan Police Department. The Unit also hired four currently serving officers that had served with other police services, including the Niagara Parks Police. Six of the 2012 hires were female achieving our goals of increasing the percentage of female officers within the Service. In addition to

Police Constable Hiring the Recruiting Unit was instrumental in interviewing and assessing students for the Niagara College Ride a Long program. The Unit also plays an instrumental role in the hiring of Auxiliary Officers, as well as currently serving Special Constables.

The Niagara Regional Police Service Recruiting Unit continues to find ways to hire the best candidates.

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# Public Complaints

The **Professional Standards Unit** serves to protect both the integrity of the Niagara Regional Police Service and the reputation of the Office of the Chief of Police by conducting thorough and objective investigations into complaints originating from the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD). Complaints forwarded from the OIPRD can pertain to organizational policies, the services provided, and alleged member misconduct. In addition, the Professional Standards Unit, which is comprised of an Inspector, a Staff Sergeant, four Detective Sergeants, and an Administrative Assistant, is responsible for the investigation of internal complaints of workplace harassment and violence.

<b>Public Complaint Summary</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Unsubstantiated	35	34
Frivolous, Vexatious or Bad Faith	10	6
Over Six Months of Age	7	15
Withdrawn	11	8
Abandoned by Complainant	1	0
Other – No investigation (auth: OIPRD)	20	36
No Further Action Taken	1	0
Request for Review	10	7
Informal Resolution	4	1
Disposition Without Hearings Failing Informal Resolution	0	1
Pending Investigations	10	16
<b>Total Number of Public Complaints</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Complaint to Officer Ratio</b>	<b>1:6.6</b>	<b>1:6.0</b>

The Professional Standards Unit is also the liaison office for incidents that require the involvement of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). The SIU is a civilian oversight office of the provincial government which is mandated to investigate incidents where members of the public have suffered serious injury or death, or experienced sexual assault, in their interactions with police officers. Consistent with these investigations, the Professional Standards Unit's conduct a parallel investigation into the actions of the police officers and determine whether they were aligned with the Service's policies, directives, and expectations of appropriate police conduct. Upon the completion of the SIU investigation, and a report being forwarded to the attention of the Attorney General, the findings are formally reported to the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (PSB).

# Budget Overview

## Actual vs. Budgeted Expenditures

Expenditure	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel Costs	120,224,768	122,724,716
Administrative Expenses	1,734,538	1,365,374
Materials, Supplies and Utilities	4,890,309	4,899,456
Repairs and Maintenance	2,194,682	1,630,756
Other Operating Expenses	3,349,291	2,796,318
Financial Expenditures	3,829,000	4,304,848
Capital Equipment and Renovations	547,090	405,117
Inter-functional Transfers	4,417,051	4,506,220
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>\$141,186,729</b>	<b>\$142,632,805</b>

## Budgeted vs. Actual Recoveries and Revenue

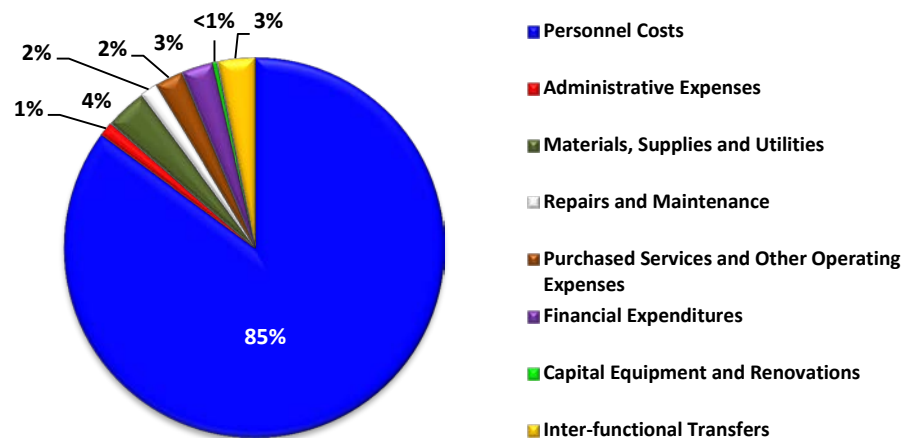
Recovery or Revenue Description	Budgeted	Actual
Recoveries	1,209,888	1,220,219
Ontario/Canada Specific Grants	4,576,293	5,041,037
Fees and Service Charges	6,675,425	7,166,110
Other Revenue	1,495,865	1,993,257
Transfers from Other Funds	320,000	320,000
<b>Total Recoveries and Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,277,471</b>	<b>\$15,740,623</b>

## Budgeted and Actual Cost of Policing

Budgeted	Actual Cost
<b>\$126,909,258</b>	<b>\$126,892,182</b>

## Budget Expenditure Breakdown in Percent

(May not add to 100% due to whole number rounding)





**Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board**

**Superintendent**  
Executive Services  
Professional Standards  
Courts  
Training Unit  
Video Unit  
Policy & Risk Management  
Corporate Communication and Community Engagement  
Licencing  
CrimeStoppers

**Office of the Chief of Police**

**Executive Officer to Chief of Police**  
Inspector  
Corporate Analyst

**A/ Deputy Chief of Police**

Executive Officer

**Deputy Chief of Police**

Executive Officer

**Superintendent Western Region**

**Superintendent Eastern Region**

**Superintendent Central Region**

**Director Business Services**

**Superintendent Emergency & Investigative Support**

**Director Information & Communications Technology**

**Labour Relations Inspector**

**District 1 Inspector**

**District 2 Inspector**

**District 3 Inspector**

**Duty Office Inspectors**

**Corporate Records**  
Freedom of Information

**Emergency Services Inspector**

**Investigative Support Inspector**

**Client Services**

**Facilities Fleet**

**Career Development Recruiting**

**District 8 Staff Sergeant**

**District 5 Staff Sergeant**

**District 6 Staff Sergeant**

**Finance Supply**

**Administration**  
Canine  
Marine.USRU  
Emergency Task Negotiators  
VIP Operations  
Traffic Administration  
Traffic Reconstruction  
Special Enforcement Unit

**Central Fraud**  
Child Abuse  
Family Violence/Senior Support  
Firearms  
Forensic Services  
Intelligence  
Investigative Analysis  
Major Crime/Cold Case  
Offender Management  
Polygraph  
Sexual Assault./DNA Unit  
Technological Crime

**Infrastructure & Telecommunications**

**Communications**

**Alternate Response**

**Casino Patrol Unit Staff Sergeant**

**Field Audit**

**Human Resources**

**Central Records**

**Operations Systems & Applications**

**Business Systems & Applications**

**Alternate Response**

**Alternate Response**

**Auxiliary Chaplains**

Authority: Chief of Police  
Interim Organizational Chart  
Niagara Regional Police Service  
October 15, 2012

# Human Resources Unit

The **Human Resources Unit** continues to support the mission, values and beliefs of the Niagara Regional Police Service by providing effective administrative services in the areas of staffing, career development, benefits, labour and employee relations, employee information systems, health and safety, wellness, disability management, and job classification. In 2012, the Service added an Occupational Health Nurse to the Human Resources Unit complement.

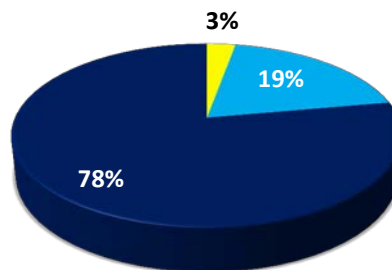
## Authorized Personnel:

- 1 Manager
- 1 Human Resource Coordinator
- 1 Benefits Specialist
- 1 Disability Management Specialist
- 1 Employee Information Systems Specialist
- 1 Human Resource Administrator
- 1 Occupational Health Nurse
- 3 Human Resource Assistants

2012 Authorized Staffing Levels <sup>1</sup>			
Uniform	Strength	Civilian	Strength
Chief of Police	1	<i>Civilian Senior Officers:</i>	
Deputy Chief of Police	1	Chief Administrative Officer	1
Superintendent	5	Director	2
Inspector	13	Manager	9
Staff Sergeant	27	Executive Assistant	5
Sergeant	109		
Constable	548	Civilian Personnel (includes all Special Constables, subject matter specialists, technical, and clerical positions).	302
<b>Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>

<sup>1</sup> In 2012 the Chief Administrative Officer position remained vacant. The Service had one Acting Deputy Chief of Police assume the responsibilities of that position including additional police functions (see Organizational Chart).

## Percent Sworn by Rank



■ Senior Officer   ■ Supervisory   ■ Frontline





# Exemplary Service Awards

## Command Staff

**Chief Jeff McGuire, M.O.M.**  
*Shelley Jesik, Executive Assistant*

**Deputy Chief Joe Matthews**  
*Maria Izzo, Executive Assistant*

**A/Deputy Chief Carl Scott**  
*Evelyn Barkley, Executive Assistant*

## Senior Sworn Officers

### Superintendents

**Superintendent Bryan McCulloch**  
**Superintendent Clifford Sexton**  
**Superintendent Geoffrey Skafffeld**  
**Superintendent Robert Wright**

### Inspectors

**Inspector George Bench**  
**Inspector Desmond Carter**  
**Inspector Christopher Cincio**  
**Inspector Richard Coulis**  
**Inspector Daniel D'Amico**  
**Inspector Brett Flynn**  
**Inspector Joseph Garvey**  
**Inspector Lorne Lillo**  
**Inspector James McCaffery**  
**Inspector Scott McLean**  
**Inspector Mark McMullen**

### Directors

**Akram Askoul**  
**Monika George**

## Senior Civilian Personnel

**Carol Berry**  
**Jo-Ann Cox**  
**Lisa Didonato-Dechellis**  
**Paul Divers**  
**Chris Fisher**  
**Fran Garvey**  
**Anne Hepplewhite**  
**Linda Jerome**  
**Cathy Tucker**

### Executive Assistant

**Sandy Croft**

## Police Services Board Award of Excellence

Staff Sergeant David Hunter

## Police Services Board Commendations

Raymond Garrigan  
Michael Haskins  
Alexander MacPherson

Mike Madden  
Raymond Poitras

Superintendent Clifford Sexton  
Sergeant Steven Bickell  
Sergeant Budd Rung  
Sergeant Jacqueline Moore

## Chief of Police Award: "Project Ink"

Staff Sergeant Joseph Maggiolo (Ret'd)  
Sergeant Michael Adamczyk  
Sergeant Todd Stevenson  
Sergeant Steven Bickell  
Constable Jay Bassi  
Constable Shawn Cunningham  
Constable Patricia DiSimoni

Constable Matthew Hodges  
Constable Jay Howe  
Constable George Knisley  
Constable Paul Koscinski  
Constable Pat McCready  
Constable Crystal Malachowsky  
Constable Joe Nardilli

Constable Patrick Sandel  
Constable David Santo  
Constable William Stockhill  
Constable Joe Typer (Ret'd)  
Constable Jake Virage  
Special Constable Jennifer Savage  
Special Constable Terry Smith  
Officer Mike Wilkinson – C.B.S.A.

## Chief of Police Commendation

Staff Sergeant Shawn Clarkson  
Staff Sergeant James Prinsen

Constable Todd Clayton  
Constable Kelly Dolynski

Constable Tracey Rinaldo  
Constable Brian Perreault

Staff Sergeant James Leigh  
Staff Sergeant Patrick McCauley  
Sergeant Paul Blakely  
Sergeant Robert Moore  
Sergeant Debbie Smart  
Sergeant Paul Thibert  
Sergeant Shawn Briggs

Constable Colin Hoare  
Constable George Knisley  
Constable Mike Langlais  
Constable Amber Gauthier  
Constable Shannon Valenti  
Constable Karen Hoare  
Constable Craig Moore

Constable Thomas Plato  
Constable Cathy Uskin  
Civilian Jayne Aitken  
Civilian Jayne McChesney  
Civilian Heather Shea  
Constable Shawn Black, N.P.P.

## Forty Year Exemplary Service Bar

Inspector Richard Coulis

Constable Joseph Arsenaault

Constable David Swan

## Thirty Year Exemplary Service Bar

Staff Sergeant Paul Rogers  
Sergeant Paul Bradford  
Sergeant Michael McAllister

Constable Graham Abbott  
Constable David Harrison

## Twenty Year Exemplary Medal

Staff Sergeant Marjory Smith  
Sergeant Michael Adamczyk  
Sergeant Dale Braune  
Sergeant Christopher Healey  
Sergeant Cameron Hollingshead  
Sergeant Scott Krauser  
Sergeant Chris Lemaich  
Sergeant Danny Savoie

Constable David Brown  
Constable James Davies  
Constable Deanne Evans  
Constable Glen Hamilton  
Constable Sarah Houser

Constable Lisa Isherwood  
Constable Tracy McCabe  
Constable Tammy McGrath  
Constable Heather McInnis  
Constable Michael Reece



## Civilian Personnel Pins/Bars

### 30-Year Civilian Charm

Starlet Kemp

### 20-Year Service Pin

Ricky-Lynn Clark  
Charlotte Healey  
Geoffrey Holmes

Linda McMillan  
Sherry Napper

### Auxiliary Officer 30 Year Bar

Auxiliary Constable Les Jackson

Auxiliary Constable Dario Umer

## Police Services Board and Staff

Henry D'Angela, Chair  
Todd Shoalts, Vice-Chair

### Board Members

Vance Badawey  
Gary Burroughs  
Ken Gansel  
Robert Marshall  
Vaughn Stewart

### Board Staff

Deb Morton  
Executive Director

and

Dawn Cichocki  
Executive Assistant

## Retirees

Chief of Police	Inspector	Staff Sergeant
Wendy Southall	George Ravenek	Mark Lightfoot Joseph Maggiolo George McCabe Brian Nesbitt
Sergeant	Constable	Constable (cont'd)
Larry Chartier Mark DiRisio Paul Granton Thomas MacLean James Moody Peter Racine Reginald Smith Richard Storm Daniel Tibbs	Donald Bickell Barry Brown Thomas Daley Mary Lou Davidson Dean Elliot Riccardo Guglielmi Joseph Payk Edward Pittman Craig Rudling	James Robinson Joseph Typer
Civilian Members		
Victoria Boston Ellen Tessmer	Christopher Grace Della Trojan	Anne Legge

## Police Officers of the Year Award

1 District Constable Andrew McMeekin

Executive Services

Sergeant Chris Stewart

2 District Constable Jacob Smits

Investigative Support

Sergeant Paul Thibert

3 District Constable Zachary Decker

Emergency Services

Constable Christopher Lucy

5 District Constable Vito Lamascese

Court Services

Special Constable Eric Hobbs

6 District Constable Claude Labrie

Auxiliary Unit

Auxiliary Constable Brett Emerson

8 District Constable Dwayne Haughie

Information &  
Communication Technology

Staff Sergeant Paul Rogers

Casino Constable Richard Feor

Traffic Safety Leadership Award

Constable Dave Sinclair

Constable Kyle Weggelin

## Niagara Regional Police Service Chaplains

Father Brian Bevan  
Reverend Clive Page  
Reverend Jennifer Anderson  
Reverend Gerard Power  
Reverend Gary Page

## Related Awards

James A. Gayder Award

Teresa Hamilton

Media Award

Erica Bajer, St. Catharines Standard

# Facilities Up-date



Members of our Forensic Services Unit attend a User Group Session with the architects during the design phase.

In the spring of 2012 the combined architectural team of Rebanks, Pepper, Littlewood Inc. and McLaren, Wilson, Lawrie Inc. were selected to assist the Service in the creation and design of the new Headquarters/2 District and the new 1 District police facilities. Combined, these projects carry a budget of \$83,076,100. Both projects are being overseen by a Design Team led by Deputy Chief Joe Matthews.

The Headquarters/2 District project will see significant organizational change along with the realignment and streamlining of several processes within the Service. These changes will be seen particularly in the following key areas: Prisoner Management, Courts, Investigative Support, Property and Evidence, Front Desk/Reception.

The Headquarters/2 District facility is a 195,000 sq. ft. facility that will house several centralized operational units and administration to support policing in all of Niagara. Also housed in the facility will be a patrol station for the City of Niagara Falls and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The new 1 District facility project will see the cities of St. Catharines and Thorold served by a new 25,000 sq. ft. patrol station that will house uniform patrol, detectives, and some administration.

Key concepts behind planning these facilities include the philosophy of ensuring that *“Community dollars are being spent wisely on the best policing facilities for now and the future”*. Additionally the Design Team continues to be guided by a series of ‘Critical Success Factors’ that serve as an objective measure against which every decision is compared to ensure that the project stays on course.

Encouraging full participation of the frontline users in designing facilities that meet their functional needs has also been a key driver for the Design Team. ‘User Group Sessions’ have seen every Unit in the Service walk through a ‘day in the life’ process and workflow examination that explores how the facilities can be best designed to meet the functional future needs of the end user. Each Unit in the Service has formally been through this process at least four times, and detailed floor plans for Headquarters/2 District have been completed. Construction of Headquarters/2 District is anticipated to begin in the late summer of 2013, and occupancy is scheduled for November 2015. The site for 1 District is being finalized.

# Facilities Project Critical Success Factors

“Community dollars are being spent wisely on the best policing facilities for now and the future”

## 1. Cost Parameters

- a. Conformance to overall project budget
- b. Conformance to individual project budget subcategories
- c. Accurate, sufficient documented cost estimates
- d. Preserve contingency set aside

## 3. Security Planning

- a. Site security perimeter and access control
- b. Audio and video surveillance
- c. Building envelope and security perimeter
- d. Building security and access control
- e. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles (CPTED)

## 5. Sustainable Design

- a. Building orientation
- b. Sustainable design strategy for site and building

## 7. Planning for the Future

- a. Accommodate staff growth
- b. Respond to the need for organizational flexibility and change
- c. Building expansion  
Future buildings on site

## 9. Member Safety Pre-eminence

- a. Ensure that our members work in a safe and healthy work environment.

## 11. Functional Site Planning

- a. Effective and efficient site utilization
- b. Well organized staff entry
  - Controlled access
  - Visual screening
  - Vantage point of view over staff parking areas
  - Common entry for all staff
- c. Efficient and logical circulation
- d. Well thought out blocking and stacking
- e. Efficient use of land area

## 2. Civic Presence

- a. Identify consistent image
- b. Prominence through massing and scale
- c. Site/neighbourhood/community/region scales
- d. Intuitive public entry
- e. Response to precedent projects

## 4. Building Zoning

- a. Separation of staff, public, detainees
- b. Separation of undercover staff and operations
- c. Separation of informants
- d. Importance of officer efficiency

## 6. Regulatory Requirements

- a. Storm water management
- b. By-Law compliance  
Transit access

## 8. Efficient Building Adjacencies & Flow

- a. Prisoner Holding and Transfer
- b. Property and Evidence
- c. Investigations
- d. Administrative Staff  
District Operations

## 10. Professional Work Environment

- a. Conducive to staff work duties



## Thank You to Chief Wendy E. Southall, o.o.m. (Ret'd)



Chief Southall began her policing career in 1970 with the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service. She served in a number of areas, including Uniform Patrol, Morality Bureau, Mobile Support Unit and the Youth Crime Division. She joined the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board in 1982, and served as an Enforcement Officer in charge of the Licensing Department. In 1989, she was promoted to Administrator of the Police Services Board and worked under the direction of eight different Police Board Chairpersons.

Chief Southall was appointed to the Niagara Regional Police Service in February 2000 and was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer in January 2001. She has been directly responsible for the operations of the Finance Unit, Fleet and Facilities Management and Human Resources including Recruiting, Training, Career Development, Information Services and Police Records.

On January 1, 2005 Wendy Southall was named the seventh Chief of Police for the Niagara Regional Police Service. She led the Service through a time of transition, including a complete facilities and technological renovation.

She selflessly and with intense determination made road safety a joint focus of the Service and community through education, engineering and enforcement. Chief Southall was instrumental in forming the Niagara Regional Road Safety Committee, which developed a five-year strategic plan to reduce fatal and serious motor vehicle collisions in Niagara. Part of the overall strategy included the development of a social marketing campaign called "Think and Drive" which won the 2008 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Traffic Safety Initiative of the Year.

Chief Southall was also a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) as a member of the CACP National Firearms Policing Strategy committee which worked to develop national standards in addressing firearms related incidents in the interest of community and officer road safety.

Chief Southall completed the Police Executive Leadership Program from the University of Toronto, Rotman School of Business in 2002. In 2006, she received her Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario.

On May 16, 2011, the Governor General of Canada appointed Chief Southall received a badge of the Order of Merit of Police Forces at the higher status - Officer Level. The Officer Order of Merit (O.O.M.) recognizes outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibility over an extended period, usually at the regional or provincial level.

Chief Southall retired on April 1, 2012 as Niagara's longest serving Chief of Police.

*On May 16, 2011,  
the Governor  
General of Canada  
appointed Chief  
Wendy Southall to  
the Order of Merit  
of Police Forces -  
Officer Level.*



## About Chief Jeff McGuire, M.O.M.



On June 18, 2012, Jeffrey McGuire was appointed the eighth Chief of Police in the history of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Chief McGuire served as Acting Deputy Chief of the Toronto Police Service, overseeing the operations of 19 specialized units with over 2,300 employees and a \$232 million budget. He was a member of the Toronto Police Service for 35 years having joined as a cadet in 1977. During his policing career, he has been assigned to various positions and ranks in Traffic Services, Divisional Policing, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, the Homicide Squad, and also held the Unit Commander position at both the Homicide Squad and 51 Division. He has held a variety of senior management positions including Staff Superintendent in-charge of Operational Services, Area Field Command and Detective Services.

He has served as Co-Chair of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Toronto Police Service LGBT Community Consultative Committee, and the Business Plan and Service Priorities Working Group. He is also a member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Corporate Security Liaison Committee, was the Project Lead on the CCTV Public Space Cameras Pilot Project and is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of St. Catharines and Thorold.

In 2011, he was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada. Chief McGuire has also been awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal and Bar by the Governor General of Canada, and in 2012, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

In addition to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice Studies from the University of Guelph, Chief McGuire has completed Law Enforcement Administration at the University of Toronto, the Canadian Security Studies Program at the Canadian Forces College, the Senior Management Institute in Policing Program of the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, the Police Leadership Executive Program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, where he was elected class valedictorian, and is a graduate from the FBI National Academy where he was also elected class valedictorian. Chief McGuire recently completed Leadership in Counter-Terrorism, an international training and development course for leaders in policing matters relating to international and domestic terrorism.

He currently serves as a member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI National Academy Associates and the Police Executive Research Forum, and he holds the designation of Certified Municipal Manager III.

*In 2011, Chief Jeff McGuire was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada.*





# *In Memory of* **Constable Dale Racine** Badge #9079

(June 1, 1971 – September 11, 2012)



On September 11, 2012, Constable Dale Racine passed away at the young age of 41 after a brave and bold battle with cancer.

Dale had a natural gift for policing and, prior to joining the NRPS in January 2001, had worked for Canada Customs, Toronto Police and Hamilton Police. While working for the NRPS, Dale worked at 1 District, the Marine Unit, Underwater Search and Recovery Unit and Tactical Support Group. Fluent in both French and English, he quickly became a subject matter expert in marine law and a highly skilled boat operator. He was seconded to the RCMP Marine Security Enforcement Team in 2005 and quickly impressed his colleagues there with his knowledge, skill and expertise. In 2010 Dale was awarded with the Emergency Services Officer of the Year Award.

Dale had a unique sense of humour and a zest for life despite experiencing many personal tragedies throughout his life. He leaves behind many family members, friends and colleagues. Our sympathies in particular are extended to his wife, Lisa, a Detective Constable in our Forensic Services Unit and his daughter, Alexandra.

The 1st Annual **Constable Dale Racine Movember Cancer Fundraiser** was held in November 2012 to remember and honour Dale and to raise money for various Niagara cancer support groups that assisted Dale during his illness.





# New in 2012

## Social Media



**Constable Richard Gadreau  
Social Media Officer**

In July 2012, the Niagara Regional Police Service unveiled its presence on social media with new Service entities on Facebook and Twitter. The purpose of the Service's presence on social media is to provide another means of community engagement with the citizens and visitors of the Niagara Region as well as to promote the good work of the men and women of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

A Twitter Ride Along was held on August 17, 2012 where information on calls for service during that Friday night we're 'tweeted' out for followers. This event was covered by local media and for a couple hours of the night was one of the top ten trending topics on Twitter in Canada. Social media has also been used to assist in criminal investigations, intelligence gathering and addressing other policing issues.

The social media channels of the Niagara Regional Police Service have been very well received by the community both locally and at large. The Service has received recognition for their work on social media in news media in Canada and the United States.

With the steady growth of the Service's social media channels and positive feedback from our community, the Niagara Regional Police Service is poised for continued success in social media.

### **Niagara Regional Police Service**

@NiagRegPolice

### **NRPS Traffic Updates**

@NiagaraTraffic

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**Chief Jeff McGuire**

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