



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

**Saugeen Shores Police Service**

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# VISION MISSION VALUES

## ***Vision***

"To make Saugeen Shores the safest community in which to live, work and play"

## **Mission**

**"To Serve and Protect in partnership  
with the Community"**

## **Values and Ethics**

*In pursuit of our vision and mission we believe in:*

- *Providing quality service in a fiscally responsible manner*
- *Recognizing and communicating the value and contributions of all our members, partners and volunteers*
- *A commitment to continuous learning, training and development*
- *The importance of community policing*
- *Promoting a positive police image by the example we set*
- *Offering fair equitable service and respect for all diverse communities within Saugeen Shores*
- *Maximizing individual and collective skills within the police service*
- *Open, transparent and positive communication that encourages teamwork and public respect*
- *Being sensitive to the needs of victims of crime and other circumstances*
- *Working with the public to resolve complaints and being responsive to community input.*

# POLICE SERVICE BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE

Citizens of Saugeen Shores



It has been my honour and privilege to continue to serve as the Chairman of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board for 2021.

It almost goes without saying that the past year has been a challenging one, particularly for those who serve on the front lines, and our Police Services have not been exempt from this. I am very proud of our service and the way in which they conducted themselves under these trying and unprecedented pandemic conditions.

During 2020, we continued to transition the force, with the addition of newly and internally promoted Chief Zettel, and Inspector Mighton. Additionally, in 2020 The Police Services Board bid honourable farewell too long serving Commissioners Doug Freiburger and Deanna Buckland, and added Commissioners Greg Thede and John Woodley, joining sitting Commissioners Don Matheson, Pat O'Connor and myself. This newly constituted Board is honoured represent you the citizens of Saugeen Shores and to provide guidance and support as necessary to the Chief, the Inspector and in turn the Sergeants and Constables of the force.

***“Guidance and support”***

With this leadership team in place, our service is very well positioned to serve the rapidly growing Town of Saugeen Shores for many years to come. Additionally, in 2020 The Police Services Board, with the help of Saugeen Shores HR support, were pleased to be able to negotiate a long-term collective agreement with the Saugeen Shores Police Association that adds stability of costing, and labour relations for the foreseeable future.

As Saugeen Shores continues to grow, so does the nature of crime, traffic, and the number of incidents that are required to be responded to. To meet these challenges, we are committed to providing the Service with the tools and support they need to adapt and remain highly effective. Through cooperation agreements with the Ontario Provincial Police, the Owen Sound Police, West Grey and Hanover Police services, we are well positioned to work collaboratively, in a regional context and to make the best use of all of our shared resources, and take advantage of economies of scale wherever possible. Additionally, with the use of new tools, technology, and skill sets, in a structured framework, we are well positioned to focus on traffic control and enforcement to keep our streets and highways as safe as possible.

*“exciting future for Saugeen Shores...”*

I look forward to an exciting future for Saugeen Shores, and am confident that the Saugeen Shores Police Services is well positioned to Serve and Protect at a level unequalled anywhere in Canada.

Sincerely:

Dave Myette

Chairman of the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board

# OUR POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Police Services Boards are legislated under Part III of the Police Services Act (sec 27)

Responsibilities of boards:

***“Adequate and Effective police services”***

As per Section 31(1) of the Police Services Act, a board is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services in the municipality and shall,

- (a) appoint the members of the municipal police force;
- (b) generally determine, after consultation with the chief of police, objectives and priorities with respect to police services in the municipality;
- (c) establish policies for the effective management of the police force;
- (d) recruit and appoint the chief of police and any deputy chief of police, and annually determine their remuneration and working conditions, taking their submissions into account;
- (e) direct the chief of police and monitor his or her performance;
- (f) establish policies respecting the disclosure by chiefs of police of personal information about individuals;
- (g) receive regular reports from the chief of police on disclosures and decisions made under section 49 (secondary activities);
- (h) establish guidelines with respect to the indemnification of members of the police force for legal costs under section 50;
- (i) establish guidelines for dealing with complaints under Part V, subject to subsection (1.1);
- (j) review the chief of police’s administration of the complaints system under Part V and receive regular reports from the chief of police on his or her administration of the complaints system.

In 2020, the composition of the Police Services Board changed due to the retirement of members:

- Douglas Freiburger
- Deanna Buckland

We would like to thank Douglas and Deanna for their commitment and dedication to the Police Service and the community. Both served with integrity and fulfilled their roles proudly.

At the conclusion of 2020, the board composition was:

- Chair Person - Dave Myette (Councilor)
- Vice Chair Person - Pat O'Connor
- Don Matheson (Deputy Mayor) - Head of Municipal Council appointee
- John Woodley
- Greg Thede
- Georgina Elliot - Secretary

These members are the primary governor of the Saugeen Shores Police Service, and are instrumental in public oversight of the police.

### 2020 Highlights:

- ✚ Initiated a Policy Procedure Review
- ✚ Navigating though the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ✚ Allowing for ZOOM participation option to promote public attendance

# CHIEF OF POLICE MESSAGE



Thank you for taking the time to review the 2020 Saugeen Shores Police Service Annual Report.

I am proud to be trusted with the responsibility of leading such a great organization. Our team of dedicated officers and support staff have been carefully chosen to best represent and protect the growing community of Saugeen Shores. Our members work in partnership with the community in a manner that encourages teamwork and promotes mutual respect.

Our commitment to continuous learning, training, and development will ensure that we maintain a high level of skill that will allow us to adapt and respond to the changing needs of the community.

***“Together we will make Saugeen Shores the safest community in which to live, work, and Play.”***

Together, we will make Saugeen Shores the safest community in which to live, work and play.

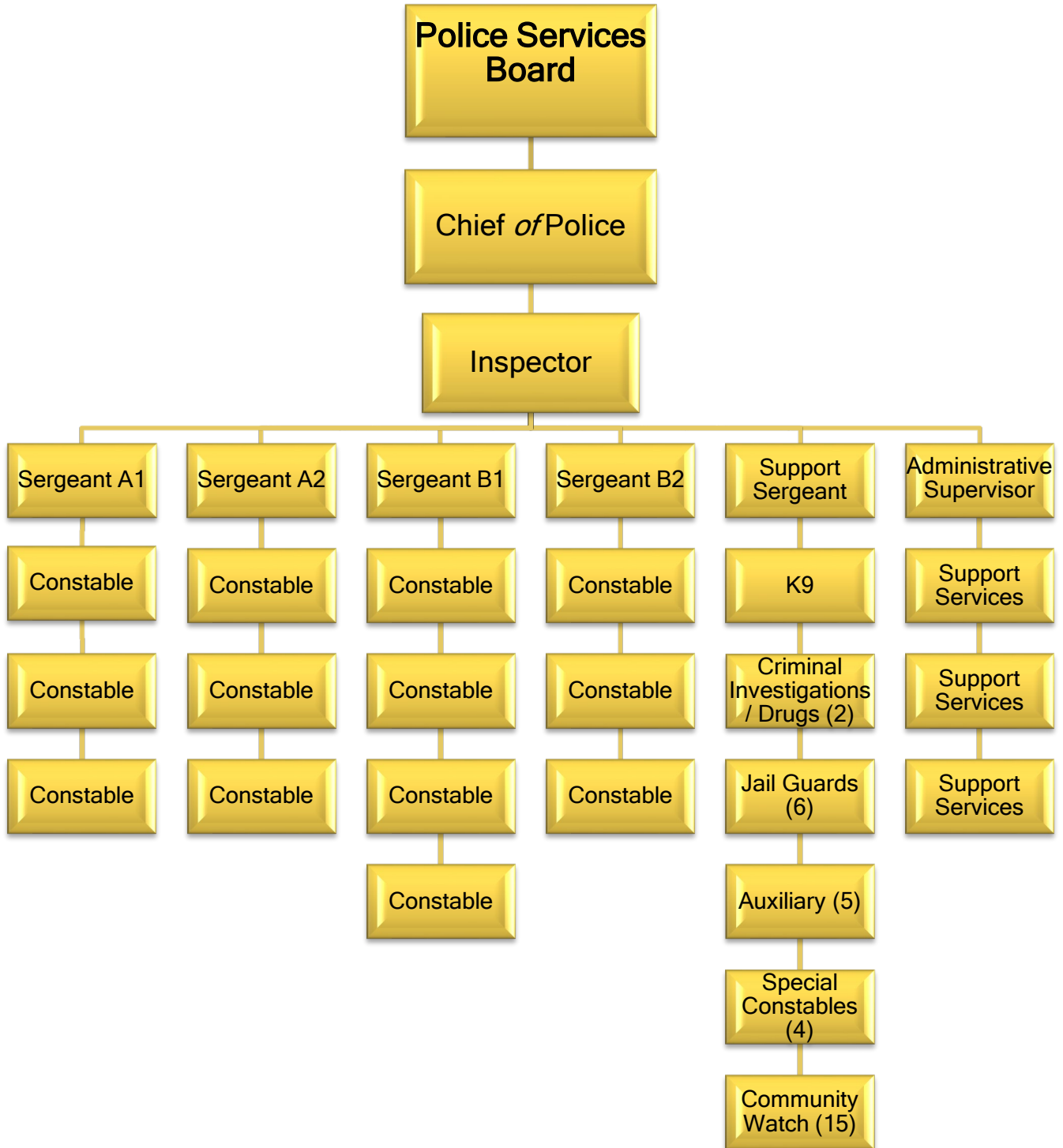
I sincerely thank everyone for their support, and look forward to working in partnership with everyone as we look towards the future.

Kevin Zettel

Chief of Police



# WHO WE ARE...



The Saugeen Shores Police Service has an authorized complement of 23 officers. The uniform complement is comprised of:

- ✚ Chief of Police
- ✚ Inspector
- ✚ 4 Sergeants
- ✚ 2 Detective Constables
- ✚ 15 Constables.

Our Civilian complement includes:

- ✚ Administrative Supervisor
- ✚ 2 Support Service Members
- ✚ 4 Special Constables
- ✚ 5 Auxiliary Officers
- ✚ 6 Jail Guards

***“Together  
everyone  
achieves  
more”***

## History

In 1995 Southampton and Port Elgin Police Services amalgamated to form the first amalgamated services of this kind in Ontario. In 1997 Southampton-Port Elgin Police Service started policing Saugeen Township under contract. Upon amalgamation to form Saugeen Shores in 1999 the Police Service became known as the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Saugeen Shores Police Service polices Southampton, Port Elgin and Saugeen Township. This area is encompassed from the Saugeen town line at North Bruce north to the north boundary of Southampton west to Lake Huron and east to Bruce County Road #3 to the bridge just north of Paisley.

**Population:** 15,000

**Area:** 170.58 square kilometers

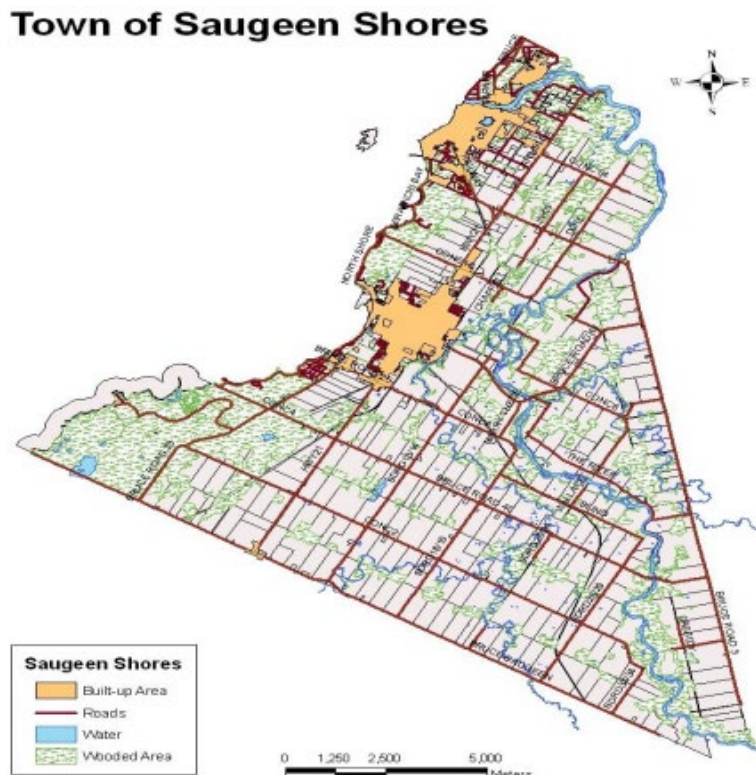
**Total kilometers of roads:** 432 kilometers, including Hwy 21 and county roads.

Saugeen Shores is on the Lake Huron coastline in Bruce County and covers 170 square kilometers. Provincial Highway 21 runs through Saugeen Shores. Saugeen Shores is the amalgamated municipalities of Port Elgin, Saugeen Township and Southampton.

Port Elgin is home to half of the municipality's population. The community of Port Elgin has a thriving commercial core and service sector industries.

Southampton accommodates a well-established cottage community. The cultural and artistic heritage of the town is highlighted in Southampton with the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, historical Chantry Island Lighthouse and Southampton Art School.

The agricultural lands of Saugeen Township and the Saugeen River all combine to showcase the community of Saugeen Shores. The Lake Huron shoreline has attracted summer residents for generations resulting in a vibrant cottage community.



# POLICE SERVICE PROFILE

## Communications:

Our communications centre is instrumental in the effectiveness and efficiencies of the Saugeen Shores Police Service. These dedicated members of the Owen Sound Police Service are often the first voice heard when someone calls in an emergency. We are proud to have these highly trained members as part of our team.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service receives its dispatching and 911 services through a contract with the Owen Sound Police Service. Our radio transmissions have digitally encrypted technology that ensures our confidential transmissions cannot be overheard by anyone with a scanner. Government regulations, officer safety, quality of communications and confidentiality of information are all reasons to be dispatched with digital encryption.

*“Training is an investment in our future...”*

## Criminal Investigations / Drug Unit:

Our Criminal Investigations is overseen by Inspector Jeremy Mighton. Detective Constable Adam Sachs, and Detective Constable Laurel Hopkins are assigned on a fulltime basis and are responsible for investigating sexual assaults, drug offences, human trafficking, missing persons, and all major cases. In addition to a primary investigative unit, these members provide support services to our uniform members to aid in their investigations as needed.

The Criminal Investigations / Drug Unit also oversees:

- Sex Offender Registry
- ViCLAS (Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System)
- Major Case Management
- PowerCase
- Informant profiles
- Warrant applications

## Support Services

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to continued education of our members to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and ability to respond to the wide variety of calls for service.

Continued education in 2020 was difficult due to the COVID-19 restrictions, and the temporary closure of the Ontario Police College. We are optimistic that we will continue our high level of training as the global situation improves.

### Our specialty training includes:

- Intoxilyzer technicians
- Scenes of Crimes Officers
- Use of Force Trainers
- School Resource Officers
- KIDS Program Officers
- Drug Recognition Evaluators
- Sexual Assault Investigators
- Offences Against Children Investigators
- Warrant writers
- K9 Officer
- Media Officers

***“Be Fearless***

***“Be Confident***

***“Be Positive***

***“Be Motivated***

***“Be Dedicated***

### Canine Unit



Constable Erik Luscombe and K9 “Riker” completed their initial training through the Toronto Police Service in February 2020. This initial training allowed for Riker to become operational. Ongoing specialty training is required to enhance and build on their skills as a team. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, training has been postponed until it can be completed safely.

The K9 unit was funded through generous donations from the community.

## Retirements / Resignations:

- In August 2020, Constable Terry Kerr retired from the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Terry Kerr provided over 28 years of dedicated service to the Saugeen Shores Police Service, and the community of Saugeen Shores. We thank Terry for his service, and wish him health and happiness in his retirement.
- In August 2020, Chief Mike Bellai resigned from the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Chief Bellai joined the police service in December of 2017 after retiring from the Stratford Police Service. We thank Chief Bellai for his years of service.

## New Hires

- In September 2020, Auxiliary Sergeant Paul Vitez was assigned as a part-time Special Constable for the Saugeen Shores Police Service.
- In September 2020, Cassandra Hahn was hired as a full-time Special Constable assigned to assist Support Services.
- In September 2020, Constable John Martin accepted a Police Constable position with the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Constable Martin had been previously employed by the Peel Regional Police Service for 13 years.
- In December 2020, Special Constable Cassandra Hahn was selected as the successful candidate to be hired as a Constable Cadet. Cassandra Hahn will attend the Ontario Police College for Basic Constable Training before returning to Saugeen Shores as a 4<sup>th</sup> Class Constable.

# PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

## KIDS Program

The KIDS (Knowledge, Issues, Decisions, Support) Program creates a learning environment between members of our police service and students at local schools that is safe and accepting. The program engages youth on topics that include: law, peer to peer relationships, online and social media awareness, drug awareness, and mental health awareness. Our Community Service officers are connected to 4 Elementary Schools: Ecole Port Elgin Saugeen Central School, Ecole St. Joseph's School, GC Huston Public School, and Northport Elementary School.



## MMHART

In November of 2020, The Saugeen Shores Police Service entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Mental Health Association - Grey Bruce known as the Mobile Mental Health Addiction Response Team (MMHART)

The purpose of the memorandum is to:

- Outline a process whereby the Saugeen Shores Police Service and the Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce (CMHA-GB) enters into a community-based, collaborative partnership to provide a Mobile Mental Health Addiction Response Team that shall be referred to as the MMHART to individuals and families within the Town of Saugeen Shores catchment area, who are experiencing a crisis.
- Maintain clear roles and responsibilities for both the Saugeen Shores Police Service and CMHA-GB, and their respective employees to concurrently uphold public safety

and provide efficient and effective mental health and addiction services to these communities

- Endorse the need for collaboration and partnership as a way to best support the safety and well-being of individuals and families residing in the Town of Saugeen Shores.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service and the community of Saugeen Shores are very fortunate to have this strong partnership with MMHART. At the present time, highly training MMHART workers are on site 24 hours per week, and available to us though phone contact outside of their business hours.

## *Crime Stoppers*

Crime Stoppers is a civilian, non-profit, charitable organization that brings together in a triparte relationship, the police services of a community, the media and the community in the fight against crime.



The Crime Stoppers tip line is staffed by trained personnel who receive, process, and pass on tip information to investigating officers. Callers are given a code number which is used in all subsequent calls and callers do not have to identify themselves.

A reward of up to \$2,000 is offered to anyone providing information which leads to an arrest for a crime. Rewards may also be made for information leading to the recovery of stolen property, the seizure of illegal drugs or an arrest on an outstanding warrant.

The media is a very important component of Crime Stoppers. An unsolved crime may be re-enacted and shown on television or may be publicized in a newspaper or aired on the radio.

The media also brings the program to the attention of the public

Note: If you have information about a crime, phone **1-800-222-TIPS(8477)**.



# PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

“The Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) is responsible for receiving, managing and overseeing all public complaints about municipal, regional and provincial police in Ontario. As an independent civilian oversight agency, we make sure that public complaints about police are dealt with in a manner that is transparent, effective and fair to both the public and the police” [www.oiprd.on.ca/about-us](http://www.oiprd.on.ca/about-us)

The Saugeen Shores Police Service believes in promoting a positive police image by the example we set, and in offering fair, equitable service and respect for all diverse communities within Saugeen Shores.

***“Accountability, Integrity,  
Independence, Accessibility, and  
Inclusion”***

Members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service are expected to act with honesty and integrity and not abuse the powers and authority granted to them. Anyone who has had an interaction with police in Ontario can make a complaint through the OIPRD regarding conduct, policy, or service.

In 2020, there were zero (0) complaints registered about the policies and services of the police service

In 2020, the Saugeen Shores Police Service received 12 conduct complaint notifications from the OIPRD. Of those 12 complaints:

- 3 were deemed frivolous by OIPRD and screened out prior to being sent for investigation.
- 7 were deemed by OIPRD not be in the public interest to proceed with an investigation
- 2 were withdrawn after the internal investigation began

# PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING AND CRIME ANALYSIS

## Problem Oriented Policing

Problem Oriented Policing was coined by Professor Herman Goldstein as a policing strategy that involves the identification and analysis of specific crime and disorder problems in order to develop effective response strategies.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service closely monitors crime trends, and work closely with our community partners to address the issues and find long-term solutions.

*“Identify... analyze... respond...”*

- ❖ In 2020 the Mobile Mental Health and Addiction Response Team (MMHART) was implemented as a collaborative effort between local police services and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to provide better response and care for people experiencing a mental health crisis.
- ❖ 211 Program through the United way of Bruce Grey partners with the Saugeen Shores Police Service to hand out warm socks to those in need. Each pair of socks connects individuals to the resources in the local area



- ❖ Teen Driver Safety Week. The Saugeen Shores Police Service in partnership with the Safe Communities Committee work with local schools to address driving safety in an effort to address distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving, graduated licensing, and seatbelt use.
- ❖ Grey-Bruce Police Hospital Transition Protocol 2020. This protocol is designed to enhance collaboration between hospitals and the police with the purpose of improving outcomes for individuals that have been apprehended by police officers under the Mental Health Act and subsequently accompanied to the nearest emergency department for medical clearance, mental health assessment and care
- ❖ The Saugeen Shores Police Service partnered with local businesses to give youth gift certificates for ice cream and treats if they are “caught” doing a good deed, or following safety rules.
- ❖ The Saugeen Shores Police Service is proud to offer The Vulnerable Person Registry (VPR). VPR is a service in Saugeen Shores that allows caregivers of vulnerable persons to submit vital information to a database that will be used by police and other emergency services during a crisis situation
- ❖ The Saugeen Shores Corvette Club raises funds to purchase Teddy Bears from the Turtle Crossing which are donated to the Shores Police Service. These Teddy Bears are given to children by our members to help them through difficult and scary times. Thank you to the Corvette Club for such a great initiative!



## Crime Analysis

The Saugeen Shores Police Service analyzes crime trends and deploys resources to address problem areas and situations:

- ❖ Our media officers work diligently to promote safety, and continually send out safety messages to address crime patterns.
- ❖ Traffic Initiatives focus on local concerns and complaint areas
- ❖ Supervisors deploy resources to address high crime or problem areas
- ❖ Members monitor school zones prior to and after school to help ensure the safe arrival and departure of students.
- ❖ The implementation of various groups and organizations to assist in delivery options for community-based crime prevention initiatives.

## Community Watch

The Community Watch program in Saugeen Shores was created in 2002. This program provides the police with extra eyes and ears on the streets. Local volunteers assist the Saugeen Shores Police Service in the deterrence of unlawful activity within the community.



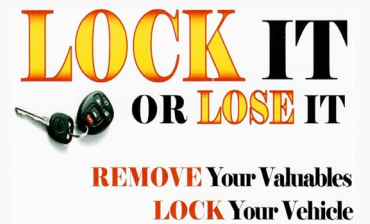
Community Watch members supplement police patrols and help reduce acts of vandalism and crime by keeping a watch over their communities. We are constantly looking to recruit volunteers for this valuable partnership with the community.

Constable Stacey Gordon has been assigned as our Community Watch Liaison Officer and works with the program coordinator Joe Sholtes to recruit, train and schedule volunteers.

The program was put on hold in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and safety issues surrounding our volunteers. We are optimistic that this very worthwhile program will be rejuvenated in 2021!

## Lock it or Lose it

The “Lock it or Lose it” campaign was initiated to address the rising number of preventable thefts from motor vehicles in the area over the years. The campaign involves members of our police service placing pamphlets on vehicles in parking lots reminding them to remove their valuables and lock their vehicles. These incidents are very preventable, and education is the key.



## RIDE - Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere



The Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program is partially funded by a grant program. The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to actively patrolling the area to combat impaired driving, and have all of our patrol officers training in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST). In addition to our SFST trained officers, we have 2 officers trained as Drug Recognition Evaluators (DRE) who perform advance testing on impaired drivers

## Joint Forces Operations / Internal Task Forces

2020 was a year of change. We had to adapt our service delivery to ensure the safety of our members and the public. We value the partnerships that we have with our surrounding police services including:

- Hanover Police Service
- Ontario Provincial Police (South Bruce & Grey Bruce)
- Owen Sound Police Service
- West Grey Police Service

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders from all of our local police services began meeting on a weekly basis to discuss strategies and resources to ensure that we continue to provide adequate and effective policing services, even in a time of a global pandemic. We continue to work closely with our policing partners to ensure that we accomplish united goals.

***“It is amazing what we can accomplish if we don’t care who gets the credit”***

### Saugeen Shores Fire Department

The Saugeen Shores Fire Department and the Saugeen Shores Police continued to foster a strong friendship and working relationship in 2020. The Fire Department continues to share resources, knowledge, equipment, and support to help accomplish shared goals. We work closely with the Fire Department and their dedicated volunteers to provide support at collision scenes, fire scenes, and missing person incidents. The Fire Department has also been instrumental in 2020 with helping us equip our first responders with the necessary personal protective equipment and helping us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Human Trafficking - Joint Forces Operation

In August of 2020, the Saugeen Shores Police Service, Owen Sound Police Service, Hanover Police Service, West Grey Police Service, and Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police Service in partnership with the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit and Victim Services received funding through the Solicitor General - Proceeds of Crime - Front Line Policing Grant to combat Human Trafficking

This Joint Forces Operation is fully funded through the grant, and will be used to provide enhanced community awareness and education, specialized police training for human trafficking investigators, investigative equipment, and to fund a crime analyst to assist with the investigations.

Police services will work together on projects and initiatives to combat Human Trafficking.

# COST OF POLICING

The overall 2020 budget for policing services in Saugeen Shores for 2020 was:

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual
Revenue	\$ 634,565	\$604,160
Expenses	\$ 4,634,084	\$ 4,484,299
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,999,519</b>	<b>\$ 3,880,139</b>



## EXPENSES: Actual Costs:

	Actual Cost	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,441,224	76.74%
Dispatch and Contract Services	\$ 210,625	4.69%
Licenses and Leases	\$ 40,221	0.89%
Materials and Supplies	\$ 185,040	4.14%
Utilities and Insurance	\$ 51,313	1.15%
Principal and Interest total	\$420,807	9.38%
Fuel and Licenses	\$ 42,754	0.95%
Transfers	\$ 92,315	2.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,484,299</b>	<b>100%</b>



# PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES, INDICATORS, AND RESULTS

The Police Services Act and its Regulations makes it a requirement that the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board, at least every three years, prepares a business plan that speaks to its core business functions and addresses how it will provide adequate and effective police services to the community it serves. As legislated, the business plan must provide quantitative and qualitative performance objectives and indicators relating to:

1. Community Based Crime Prevention Initiatives
2. Community Patrol & Criminal Investigation Services
3. Community Satisfaction
4. Emergency Calls for Service
5. Violent Crime
6. Property Crime
7. Youth Crime
8. Assistance to Victims of Crime
9. Road Safety

This 2020 Annual Report will provide the results achieved during the 2020 fiscal year.

## Community Based Crime Prevention Initiatives (1)

2020-2022 business plan goal:

*“Develop initiatives that will increase the Saugeen Shores Police Service’s involvement with citizens, community groups, social agencies and neighborhood organizations in the development of crime prevention strategies and solutions”*

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ Mental Health Protocol / **collaboration between police and mental health providers.**

This has been achieved during 2020. MMHART (Mobile Mental Health Addictions Response Team) was formalized and implemented in September 2020. Mental Health workers have an office at our station and assist with aftercare of those in need. The program at this time is 24 hours per week.

- ❖ Problem-solve issues through continued partnerships with social agencies and the community following the new Community Policing Model / **record the number of meetings / hours committed to multi-group partnerships**

This is a continuing effort and a yearly commitment for the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Due to the pandemic, in-person meetings were cancelled, however many social agencies adapted to the new world of Zoom and Teams meetings. This venue allowed for continued communications and collaboration even during a very difficult time. Social agencies that we collaborated with include:

- ✓ FASD - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- ✓ Violence Prevention Grey Bruce
- ✓ Safer Communities Committee
- ✓ Grey / Bruce Alcohol working group
- ✓ Special Olympics

- ❖ Maintain Relationship with Victim Services and provide space at our facility / **record the number of referrals**

Victim Services continues to be a strong partner with Saugeen Shores Police Service.

Throughout the year, Victim Services assist our police service tend to the needs of victims in our area. The COVID-19 and subsequent lockdowns changed the delivery model of Victim Services in 2020, and in person attendance to calls was limited, however they remained a strong partner. We look forward to the continued relationship in 2021.

Victim Services Usage by Saugeen Shores Police Service in 2020.

2020 Referrals to VSBGP from SSPS Incident Crime Type		Saugeen Shores Police Services		Clients Served	
1.	Abduction and Kidnapping		0%		0%
2.	Assault (not DV-related)	10	13%	11	11%
3.	Break & Enter		0%		0%
4.	Criminal Harassment (incl. Stalking)	7	18%	11	26%
5.	Domestic Violence	26	11%	34	12%
6.	Elder Abuse		0%		0%
7.	Hate Crime		0%		0%
8.	Homicide		0%		0%
9.	Human Trafficking		0%	1	9%
10.	Motor Vehicle Collisions (Crime-Related)	1	5%	1	3%
11.	Robbery	1	20%	1	20%
12.	Sexual Assault	9	9%	11	7%
13.	Theft/Fraud	1	8%		0%
14.	Vandalism	1	20%	1	25%
15.	Other Crime-Related Occurrence		0%		0%
16.	Tragic Circumstance	11	7%	29	9%
	Accommodation Crisis		0%		0%
	Disaster		0%		0%
	Family Occurrence	2	13%	2	12%
	Fire	1	14%	1	4%
	Medical Crisis	1	14%	2	33%
	Missing Person		0%		0%
	Personal Crisis		0%		0%
	Sudden Death	6	7%	19	9%
	Suicide	1	8%	5	15%
	Threatened Suicide		0%		0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		67	10%	100	9%
<b>Total Crime-Related</b>		56	10%	71	9%

- ❖ Move Situation Table (S.T.A.R. - Situation Table for Acute Risk) from a Pilot Project to a formalized service delivery model in Grey Bruce / **record the number of at risk persons and families that have been assisted**

STAR has been implemented in Saugeen Shores, however greatly under-utilized. Efforts have been made to rejuvenate this worthwhile program and enhance the program through weekly meetings with a representative from the Saugeen Shores Police Service, partnering police services, and the local social services.

Saugeen Shores will assign this role to the Support Services Constable in 2021.

Continued training is planned for additional officers to be trained through Wilfred Laurier University.

- ❖ Maintain RIDE Grant and on duty RIDE programs / **record grant RIDES and on duty RIDE programs devise and maintain standard**

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has granted the Town of Saugeen Shores allocations under the 2021-2021-22 R.I.D.E Grant Program \$8,715 in the fiscal year 2020-2021 to offset the costs for sworn officer's overtime and paid duties to conduct R.I.D.E. programs in Saugeen Shores.

In addition, the Saugeen Shores Police Service promotes proactive "on-duty" R.I.D.E. programs at all hours of the day and night - 7 days a week.

- ❖ web based cloud access to security cameras / **record usage to solve crimes and alert public**

This is not a Police Initiative, however is being addressed by the Town of Saugeen Shores council through a by-law. Security cameras will be the sole responsibility of the Town, and any evidence obtained showing the commission of a criminal offence will be shared with the Saugeen Shores Police Service to help further the investigation and support charges where warranted.

- ❖ High School Resource Officers / Continue to assign liaison HRO at SDSS to help Students and teaching staff monitor and collect hours spent

The COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in the suspension of attendance at local schools. The Saugeen Shores Police Service remains committed to our continued relationship with local schools when it is safe to do so.

- ❖ In depth review of deployment model for Uniform Patrol / Measure crime peaks and most common times for calls for service

The Saugeen Shores Police Service conducts daily briefings and analysis of past calls to effectively deploy our members to areas of concern. Officers are deployed to zones within Saugeen Shores to address the concerns. These concerns are dynamic, requiring constant analysis of trending patterns.

- ❖ Foot patrols of core areas in Southampton and Port Elgin / Record and review hours spent

Members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service are expected to complete foot patrols as part of their daily duties. In 2020, our members logged **1548 foot patrols**. These foot patrols allow our officers the opportunity to interact with community members and address community concerns.

## Community Patrol & Criminal Investigation Services (2)

*2020-2022 business plan goal*

***“Continue to strive toward creating a safer community by providing a more visible uniform police presence and by ensuring our general and directed patrols are both effective and efficient”***

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ review and if necessary adjust our deployment strategy to provide a more visible and responsive police service while maintaining officer safety & implement a Positive ticketing programs with community partners / **continue to monitor the growth of the Town and identify potential pressure points, conduct a review of current uniform deployment, and a determination of adjustments that are required**

The Saugeen Shores Police continues to evolve and respond to crime trends by adapting our deployment strategies. In 2020, the pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic required us to change and modify our delivery method to safely maintain a police presence and adapt to the concerns of the community. Deployment was changed to ensure safety during very uncertain times.

- ❖ Ensure that general and directed patrols are reflective of community input and identified issues. Realignment of patrol zones to ensure appropriate coverage & to develop directed patrol initiatives that are responsive to community needs while falling within our core policing obligations. / **Ongoing communication to general patrols of pertinent community concerns, monitor responses to specific community concerns that were addressed via directed patrol, monitor the levels of impaired driving and drug enforcement conducted by uniform patrol members  
monitor enforcement statistics**

Our service delivery continues to evolve to address areas of concern within Saugeen Shores. Our directed patrols are determined through continuous assessment of our calls for service, and citizen requests. This proactive approach allows us to concentrate our efforts to areas of concern to address crime, traffic complaints, and other disorder.

❖ Continue community Watch Program / **Record Volunteer hours for Community Watch**

The Community Watch program in Saugeen Shores supplements police patrols and helps to reduce acts of vandalism and crime by keeping a watch over our community. We are constantly looking to recruit volunteers for this valuable partnership with the community.

During the 2020 season, the Community Watch Program was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and safety issues surrounding our volunteers. We are optimistic that this very worthwhile program will be rejuvenated in 2021!

2020-2022 business plan goal

## *“Continually promote and ensure excellence in criminal investigation services”*

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ Consistently strive to produce the highest quality cases for presentation in court and add investigative capability relating to Internet Child Exploitation, Technological-Cyber-crime, crime analysis. Enter into a formal protocol with the Crown Attorney / **all investigations are reviewed by qualified supervisors for quality control. Illicit feedback for improvement from the Crown Attorney. Establishment of a formal protocol with the Crown Attorney**

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to ensuring the highest level of investigations are completed by our members. Criminal and Provincial charges are submitted by the investigating officer and reviewed in detail before being sent to the Crown Attorney for prosecution. Frequent meetings with the Crown Attorney helps to identify current issues and changing caselaw / procedures to ensure that members are kept up to date and providing accurate and fulsome information to the Crown.

- ❖ Ensure a high standard of criminal investigations by accessing quality training and arrange for the training Sgt. to provide Search Warrant training to platoon members / **Newly appointed members to CID and its related units have or receive the necessary core competency training within 12 months or as soon as practicable. Members of investigative units are afforded relevant professional development training opportunities**

Our Criminal Investigations Unit receives advanced levels of training through the Ontario Police College and Canadian Police College to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and resources to conduct major case investigations. 2020 saw the cancellation of many Police College courses due to the Pandemic, however these courses resumed or transitioned to an online learning format later in the year.



- ❖ Ensure that human resources within CID and its related units are adequate and optimally deployed / **case-loads of members within investigative units are monitored and assessed. That vacancies within CID and related units are filled as soon as practicable**

In 2020, Detective Constable Laurel Hopkins was seconded to the Criminal Investigations Unit. Inspector Jeremy Mighton is the Inspector in charge of Operations, and ensures that resources are adequate and optimally deployed. Monthly reports are prepared and presented to the Police Services Board to show workload and training.

## Community Satisfaction (3)

*2020-2022 business plan goal*

***“Enhance community satisfaction with the performance & competency of the Saugeen Shores Police Service & linking the Services’ goals & objectives to those identified”***

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ ongoing participation and interaction with community organizations and stakeholders / **synthesizing of the community and the Service goals & objectives**

The Saugeen Shores Police Services continues to engage the public and community organizations to ensure optimal interaction to align with the services goals and objectives. The interactions take place during our daily foot patrols, as well as calls for service.

- ❖ information sharing with Town Council / **semi-annual Board & Service presentations to Town Council & sharing of annual reports and business plan**

As the Chief of Police, I prepare monthly reports to the Police Services Board members reporting on the activities, personnel, initiatives, and the work completed and planned to ensure the delivery of adequate and effective policing services for the Town of Saugeen Shores. Our monthly meetings allow board members the opportunity to ask questions and direct activities through their policies.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service participates with the Town of Saugeen Shores leaders in preparing a major-initiatives report that is presented to Town Council on a quarterly basis. This updates Council on the endeavors and allows them to better understand the projects that are taking place.

- ❖ Citizens Police Academy / **better understanding of services police provide to community**

This was not completed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program will allow members of the community to gain an “inside look” on policing, and learn about the laws and daily operations of the Saugeen Shores Police Service. This program will be initiated when it is safe to do so.

- ❖ facilitating member participation on Boards and Committees in the community / **monthly reports to the Board on member activity on Boards and Committees**

Members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service are involved in many extra-curricular activities and boards within the community. Many of our members volunteer their off-duty time to give back to the community through minor sports, service clubs, and charity groups.

- ❖ Using the community survey results which identified specific concerns and reporting on activities to address those concerns / **monthly reports to the Board on activities, undertakings and crime statistics**

Monthly reports to the Police Services Board members are prepared, reporting on the activities, personnel, initiatives, and the work completed and planned, to ensure the delivery of adequate and effective policing services for the Town of Saugeen Shores. Our monthly meetings allow board members the opportunity to ask questions and direct activities through their policies.

## Emergency Calls for Service (4)

2020-2022 business plan goal

*“To manage emergency calls for service in a timely, effective and efficient manner”*

### Performance Objectives / Measurement:

- ❖ Implementation of High-Risk Entry Team with consideration for Containment Team in the future, and to ensure that the service has an adequate number of trained crisis negotiators / **new members of HRE receive provincially mandated training & participation in inter-agency training**

This objective was not met during the 2020 reporting period. The concept of a High-Risk Entry Team was originally planned as a Joint-Services Initiative, whereas surrounding police services would identify members of their service to train together to form a high-risk entry team. Due to the pandemic restrictions, training in 2020 was limited to essential training only. The concept will be re-visited at a future date when training is safer to plan.

On duty members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service are designated as initial containment personnel and will work in conjunction with partnering agencies who will provide Crisis Negotiators under the direction of the Major Incident Commander on scene. A recognized Containment Team refers to a group of officers who are specially trained and equipped to intervene in high risk situations. Their primary function is to contain suspect(s) while efforts are made to safely resolve a volatile incident through crisis negotiation. The Saugeen Shores Police Service will utilize the provincial resources for Major Incident Command, Tactical Teams, hostage rescue, etc.

- ❖ Ensure that members performing the dispatch/communicator function possess the necessary core competencies / **providing any necessary training for communicators to ensure they have the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities & increase in the number of staff members as required**

The responsibility for training of dispatch/communicators is the responsibility of the Owen Sound Police Service. The Owen Sound Police Service members receive training to the provincial standards and continue to provide high quality service on a contract basis to the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

- ❖ Participate in multi-agency training exercises with other Saugeen Shores and area emergency service providers / **track the number of multi-agency training exercises in which service members participate**

The Saugeen Shores Police Service continued to participate in shared training services with the Hanover Police Service, Owen Sound Police Service, and West Grey Police Service. Bi-annual Use of Force training allows our officers to train with our policing partners, and facilitates working relationships that improve our joint-forces operations. In 2020, members from both services participated in spring and fall use of force training.

- ❖ Train and maintain a canine unit / **establish a training regime & participation in training opportunities**

In 2020, the Saugeen Shores Police Service welcomed canine “Riker” to strengthen our service delivery. Constable Erik Luscombe and “Riker” have completed their basic training program in Toronto under the direction and supervision of the Toronto Police Service. This certifies the team as a general purpose K9 response. Further training is required for specialties including drug detection, and this will be completed at a future date. All off-site training has been delayed due to the Pandemic, and will resume when it is safe to do so.

Supporting Statistics:

	<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>Total Charges</b>
<b>2018</b>	7,956	2,478
<b>2019</b>	10,229	2,888
<b>2020</b>	11,114	2,975

## Violent Crime (5)

2020-2022 business plan goal

*“To continue working toward our Vision of Success”*

### Performance Objectives / Measurement:

- ❖ work to ensure that Saugeen Shores violent crime statistics are below the provincial and national averages / **monitor violent crime statistics on a monthly basis & respond to any negative trends that the Service can influence.**

The Crime Severity Index (CSI) monitors the severity level of police-reported crime. The CSI measures the overall seriousness of crime from one year to the next by tracking both the prevalence of crime within a community, and the seriousness of the crimes committed. This provides a better understanding of the impact that crime has on individual community members, their families, and the community as a whole.

In October of 2020, all police services received information from Statistics Canada regarding the 2019 Police-reported Crime Statistics.

The following is the Crime Severity Index (CSI) for the past 4 years for Saugeen Shores. The higher the rating, the better. Areas with low ranking have a higher reported level of crime.

year	Population	Overall CSI ranking	Violent Crime CSI ranking	Non-violent CSI ranking
2016	13,265	175/305	187/305	164/305
2017	13,327	187/307	206/307	169/307
2018	14,852	213/321	217/321	205/321
2019	15,125	180/324	164/324	181/324

A notable and important measurement is also the clearance rates. Saugeen Shores Police Service had the busiest year in the history of the police service, yet our clearance rate has also increased. In 2018 our weighted clearance rate was 62.9%, whereas in 2019 it was 65.1%.

- ❖ participate in community task forces and educational programs / continued liaison with Children's Aid Society, between Domestic Violence Coordinator, community partners, courts. Also continued participation in Violence Prevention Grey Bruce and continue with High School Resource Officer program

The Saugeen Shores Police Service has continued active participation in community task forces and educational programs. Of great significance in 2020, the Saugeen Shores Police participated and provided input throughout the year on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

The goal of Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is to achieve sustainable communities where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging and opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families can meet their needs for education, healthcare, food, housing, income and social and cultural expression to ultimately lead to a reduction in crime across the region.

I am currently on the CSWBO Advisory Committee as a partner in the creation and implementation of Bruce Grey Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Further, our members are actively involved with numerous government and social agencies to assist us in working toward our vision of success. We feel that it is very important to involve the community in solutions, and we will continue to work closely with all agencies to improve the quality of life for citizen in Saugeen Shores and the surrounding communities.

- ❖ ongoing training for members regarding violent crime investigation and deterrence / ensure service members who investigate violent crime occurrences have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities which includes - Ongoing Domestic Violence Training - continued interaction with Victim Services - continued liaison with the Victim/Witness Assistance Program - On-going communication with community partners and service providers

Ongoing and continuous training is essential for both our uniform members, and members of our Criminal Investigations Unit. Our investigations are conducted in a methodical manner, adhering to our procedures derived from Provincial Adequacy Standards.

In 2020, all supervisors participated in ODARA training (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment). ODARA is an actuarial tool for estimating the risk that a domestic violence offender will assault a partner again. It was created by the Ontario Provincial Police Behavioral Sciences and Analysis Section and researchers at Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care. This risk assessment tool allows our supervisors to score victim responses to assess the risk for re-offense.

All members receive ongoing training in violent crime investigation and deterrence both through internal training and training at outside training centers including the Ontario Police College.

*Attachment: 2020 Violent Crime Statistics with Clearance rates:*

2020 Violent Crimes	2020 incidents	clearance rate
Sexual Assault With a Weapon	2	100%
Sexual Assault	21	85.70%
Sexual Interference	2	100%
Invitation to Sexual Touching	2	100%
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images	1	100%
Aggravated Assault - Level 3	1	100%
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	23	100%
Assault - Level 1	77	89.60%
Assault Peace Officer	10	90%
Assault Peace Officer with weapon OR cause bodily harm	1	100%
Other Assaults / Admin Noxious thing	1	100%
Forcible confinement	2	100%
Robbery-Master code	4	75%
Extortion	2	0%
Criminal Harassment	30	90%
Indecent/Harassing Communications	38	81.60%
Utter Threats-Master code	34	79.40%
Arson - Disregard for Human Life	1	100%
Other Criminal Code * against public order"	4	100%



## Property Crime (6)

*2020-2022 business plan goal*

***“To develop internal and external programs and measures to address property crime issues”***

### Performance Objectives / Measurement:

- ❖ collaboratively facilitate a decrease in property crime rates while improving upon clearance rates / **comparison of local property crime & clearance rates to those of provincial and national statistics**

Through our proactive targeted patrols and community initiative, the Saugeen Shores Police Service works with community members to collaboratively facilitate a decrease in property crime rates and improve clearance rates.

### 2020 Property Crime Statistics and Clearance Rates:

2020 Property Crimes	2020 incidents	clearance rate
Arson - Master Code	2	100%
Break & Enter	64	32.80%
Theft Over - Master Code	3	67%
Theft FROM Motor Vehicles Over \$5,000	1	100%
Theft Over \$5,000 SHOPLIFTING	1	100%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	80%
Theft Under \$5,000 - Master Code	138	23%
Theft FROM Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	29	6.90%
Theft Under \$5,000 SHOPLIFTING	35	60%
Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5,000	4	75%
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	3	100%
Fraud - Master Code	43	23%
Identity Fraud	6	33%
Mischief	114	31%

- ❖ provide the community with Crime Prevention tips through the media and public to reduce property crime / **monitor the number of public information notices issued along with public meeting attended by the Community Relations officer and Media Relations officer**

During 2020, our media presence expanded to have Constable Stacey Gordon join Media Sergeant - Andy Evans. Together, they have done an amazing job at keeping the public informed and up-to-date on events and current issues. With the global pandemic, laws were changing at a rapid pace. These officers continually shared messages of safety, and explained the restrictions to allow our service to educate and explain to the citizens. Over the year, we developed a very strong presence on social media through our twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts, and our posts and messaging are very well received in the community.

As crime trends are identified, or seasonal issues became prevalent, our media officers share safety tips and educate citizens on the laws, and ways to protect themselves.



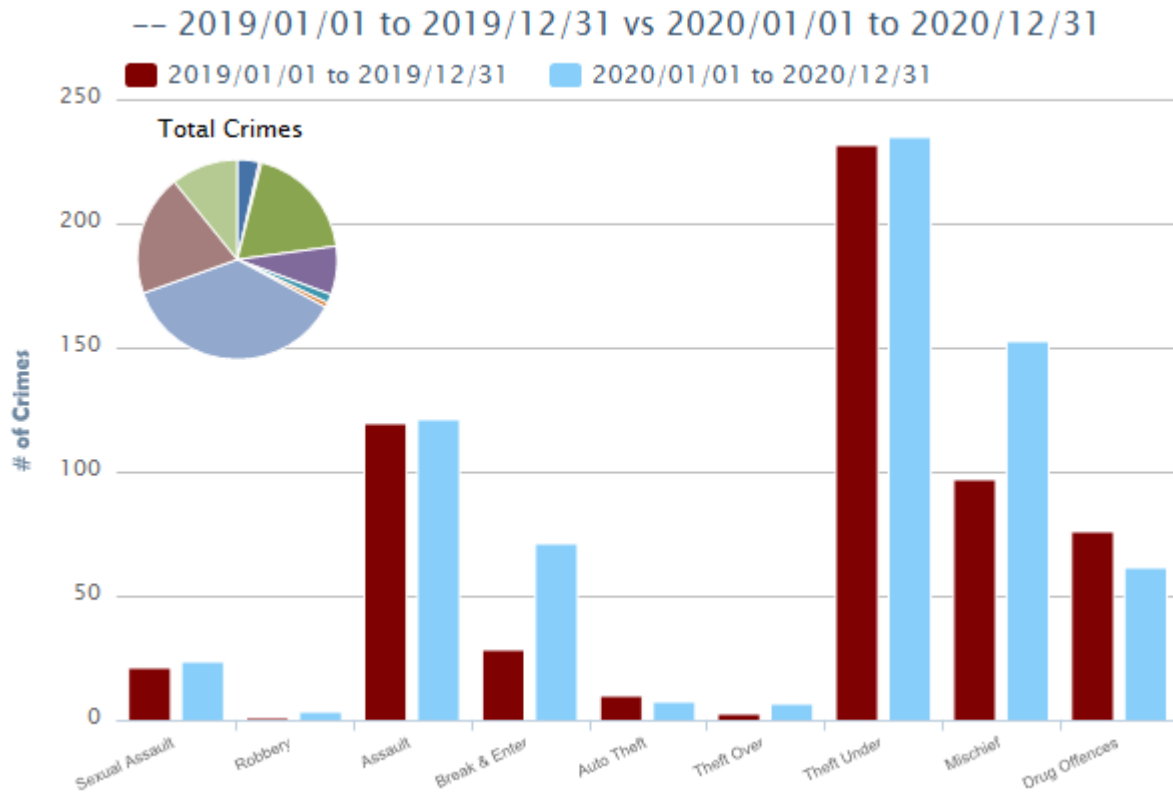
- ❖ participate in and assist in the development of provincial and local crime prevention initiatives. “Lock it or Lose it Program” / **Recording and reporting to the Board on the Service’s crime prevention programs and initiatives**

Crime prevention initiatives include sharing messages on our media and social media platforms, as well as in-person presentations to area groups. We promote fraud awareness, lock it or lose it, internet safety, and any other requested topics of concern through our safety seminars and presentations.

Monthly reports to our Police Service Board detail the events from the previous month.

Due to the global pandemic, in-person seminars and presentations have been suspended until such time as it is safe to resume.

2019 - 2020 Comparison



Offence	2019/01/01 to 2019/12/31	2020/01/01 to 2020/12/31	% Change	Average
Theft Under	232	235	1.29	233.5
Mischief	97	153	57.73	125
Assault	120	121	0.83	120.5
Drug Offences	76	62	-18.42	69
Break & Enter	29	71	144.83	50
Sexual Assault	21	24	14.29	22.5
Auto Theft	10	8	-20	9
Theft Over	3	7	133.33	5
Robbery	1	4	300	2.5
<b>Total UCR Violations</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>11.54</b>	<b>1100</b>

## Youth Crime (7)

*2020-2022 business plan goal*

*“To be an active partner in providing educational opportunities and on-going support programs to assist young people in making positive life-style choices”*

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ deliver and participate in educational programs targeting young people / **continue to offer KIDS program at our local schools. Monitor activities of Community Services Officer and High School Resource Officers via monthly reports.**

The KIDS (Knowledge, Issues, Decisions, Support) Program creates a learning environment between members of our police service and students at local schools that is safe and accepting. Due to the numerous school closures and provincial lockdowns in 2020, the program was suspended. We look forward to resuming this very worthwhile program in 2021.

Constable Ian Clark and Constable Matt Tutin are our School Resource Officers who attend our local junior schools to deliver the KIDS program. With a special thank you to our community partners, the Saugeen Shores Police Service is able to purchase the materials and supplies to deliver the KIDS program to students. The relationships built during these interactive teaching sessions builds a strong and lasting relationship between the police and the students.

- ❖ continue to work with community partners to refer young offenders to diversion programs. Continue to access young persons who are at risk and engage the “Situation Table” model to provide the proper care before they enter the criminal judicial system / **assign of officers to Situation Table duties & measure outcomes from referrals**

Through the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), officers make all efforts to divert, rehabilitate, and reintegrate youth involved in non-violent criminal offences through social programs offered in our community and the surrounding areas.

Our members make efforts to work with the youth to find long-term solutions to issues, and help them understand the impact that their actions have on the victims and greater community.

The Cannabis Control Act, 2017 allows for police to refer youth to the youth cannabis diversion program if they are found in contravention of Section 10 of the act (possess, consume, distribute, purchase, attempt to purchase, grow or offer to grow cannabis).

The Youth Cannabis Diversion Program (YCDP), delivered by Springboard Services, received Attorney General approval as a prevention and education program pursuant to Section 27 of the CCA. The program was launched in February 2019. The program is designed to educate youth (aged 12-18 years) about the risks of cannabis use and provide them with information to enhance their understanding of Ontario laws related to cannabis. It also promotes confidence and self-awareness for youth to assess the impacts of cannabis use to make positive choices. This program is facilitated

### 2020 / 2019 Youth Crime Comparison

YOUTH CRIME	2020*		2019*	
	Youth Charged	Youth Not Charged	Youth Charged	Youth Not Charged
Crimes of Violence	8	15	6	18
Property Crimes	3	20	2	10
Other Crimes	4	6	1	2
Drugs	1	0	0	0
Other Federal Statutes	0	0	4	0
Criminal Code Traffic	1	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>

- ❖ liaise with community partners involved with young people and delivery of social media awareness and security / **monitor the participation of Service members with our community partners to address youth crime**

Thought seminars and school involvement, our members take the opportunity to educate young people on laws, peer pressure, and social issues.

## Assistance to Victims of Crime (8)

2020-2022 business plan goal

*“Provide adequate and effective assistance to victims of crime”*

### Performance Objectives / Measurement:

- ❖ Continue to have representation on the local Victim Services Board of Directors / **representative on the Board**

Although we do not have a police service member currently active on the Board of Directors, we remain in continued communication with Victim Services, and support their initiatives and purpose. Saugeen Shores Police Service donates office space to allow Victim Services to operate out of the station as needed. This also allows our members quick access to Victim Services members as well as access to educational material and literature to support the public.

- ❖ Continue to promote and endorse the programs provided by Victim Services and other community partners to assist victims of crime / **Representation on the Board. Input into development of Victim Services programs & procedures. Continued liaison with other community partners**

The Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to collaborate with Victim Services and other community partners to assist victims of crime. In 2020, Victim Services had to adapt their approach to ensure safety during the pandemic, however continued to maintain access to victims in alternative formats.

- ❖ Promote and increase the number of referrals made to Victim Services by our members / **In-service Victim Services training. Monitor the number of referrals made to Victim Services**

Through policy and procedure, the Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to make referrals to Victim Services Bruce, Grey, Perth in an ongoing effort to assist victims of crime

and other tragic circumstances. The Saugeen Shores Police Services promotes the use of Victim Services, and also provides a link to Victim Services on the police services website: <https://saugeenshorespolice.com/services/victims/>

- ❖ Promote an ongoing working relationship between the Service's Domestic Violence Coordinator and Victim Services / **monitor the interaction between the Domestic Violence Coordinator and Victim Services**

The Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to maintain a working relationship between the police service's domestic violence coordinator and victim services. All supervisors have received training in the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) which allows them to accurately screen cases for referral.

## Road Safety (9)

*2020-2022 business plan goal*

***“Maintain our commitment to road safety through accountability, enforcement and public education”***

### Performance Objectives / **Measurement:**

- ❖ increase traffic enforcement/collision data . Distracted driving education and enforcement. Awareness through social media / **acquisition and use of new data collection software & gather statistics to measure compliance**

Through social media outlets, the Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to promote traffic safety and participates in local, regional, and provincial traffic enforcement initiatives. Traffic enforcement is a high priority for the public, and our members are assigned to proactive patrols in areas of concern to help ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians in the area.

- ❖ Seek to maintain, if not increase, RIDE program funding. Training of additional Drug Recognition Expert officers. Maintain involvement with Provincial and Regional Traffic Safety initiatives / **through effective reporting and tracking, request current funding levels be maintained or increased**

At the beginning of 2020, we adapted our deployment strategy to noticeably increase our RIDE program activities. This involved assigning patrol members to conduct RIDE programs as a part of the daily duties... anywhere at any time.

This quickly changed in March of 2020 when the fear and uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to pause the program to ensure the safety of our members. At the onset of COVID-19, we were uncertain on the method of transmission, and what measures were needed to protect the safety of our officers and members of the public. As we learned more about the pandemic, and personal protective equipment became available, we slowly resumed the RIDE programs. RIDE programs have now continued as a part of our daily duties as well as extra duties sponsored through the Provincial RIDE grant program. In 2019, SSPS completed 47 RIDE programs, and increased to 59 in 2020. With proper safety protocols in place, we are expecting 2021 to surpass the 2020 events.



- ❖ Reinforce bicycle safety, motorcycle safety / **enforcement of Town by-laws regarding bicycle usage & youth education**

Youth bicycle safety and education remains a priority for the Saugeen Shores Police Service. Unfortunately bicycle rodeos aimed at educating youth in 2020 were postponed due to COVID-19 safety concerns and gathering restrictions imposed by the government to address the pandemic.

Despite the cancellation of the organized events, our members continued to promote bicycle safety by rewarding youth with a coupon for treat from a local business through our positive ticketing campaign. This program was very well received, and it is anticipated that the popularity and implementation of this program will continue to grow with support from our local business community and service clubs.

- ❖ Training of officers for truck inspections / **tracking of safety lane initiatives and statistics**

This was not implemented in 2020, however we will work toward fulfilling this goal in 2021.

- ❖ Maintain Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR)system / **Track statistics using ALPR software**

The Saugeen Shores Police Service has 1 patrol vehicle equipped with an Automated Licence Plate Reader. This vehicle is utilized whenever possible to proactively patrol for suspended and unlicensed drivers as well as expired licence plates.

#### Enforcement:

Traffic Enforcement	2018	2019	2020
Speeding	493	548	757
Seatbelts	60	57	15
distracted driving	34	36	56
moving violations	929	1022	1124
total Highway Traffic Act	1411	1540	1497

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