



ANNUAL REPORT

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE BOARD



As Chair of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board (SSPSB) I am extremely proud of every member who serves as uniform frontline and investigative police officers or in a civilian position providing critical administrative and community engagement roles

During 2025, the SSPSB put a Senior Leadership team in place to inspire and ensure professionalism within the Service along with the capacity to respond quickly to legislative changes and both emerging, and immediate, safety concerns. We pursued grants and other funding/training potential to enable enhanced policing activity and member opportunities. Social media is being used, quite successfully, to inform and educate as well as celebrate the work of the Service and present creative recruitment campaigns aimed at attracting new members. The Board also supports meaningful connections and shared learning during community events, public meetings, presentations to groups and in-school programming.

I know the community is aware that mental health risks to police officers, and all first responders, are significant due to continual exposure to stress and trauma during routine activity and major/unique events. The SSPSB remains committed to creating an organizational culture that makes members' health an initiative-taking collective responsibility within our local police family.

In 2026 the Board will update our Strategic Plan to renew the current plan which focussed on relationship building within our community, initiative-taking crime prevention and member health and well-being. Evidence of success in these areas are found throughout this Annual Report. Our updated plan will build on these actions and consider provincial direction, many new tools and technology impacting policing along with community input to ensure the Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to

meet, and exceed, the legislative requirements to provide adequate and effective policing as well as public expectations and needs.

It is my hope that when you interact with any aspect of policing here that you witness and appreciate the dedication to good policing and exceptional service to the community that I see in every member of the Saugeen Shores Police Service. As a community we are fortunate to have a municipal Service that not only knows our community but is growing along with it. On behalf of the Board, I want to express how proud we are of our Saugeen Shores Police Service.

Diane Huber

Chair, Police Service Board

Saugeen Shores Police Service Board

Board Chair - Deputy Mayor Diane Huber, Council Appointee

Board Vice Chair – John Woodley, Council appointed member

Member – Councillor Rachel Stack, Council Appointee

Member – Pat O’Connor, Provincial Government appointed member

Member – Tina Blair, Provincial Government appointed member

Secretary – Tracey Guy

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE



It is my privilege to present the **2025 Annual Report for the Saugeen Shores Police Service**, reflecting on a year of dedicated service, partnership, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

On behalf of the members of the Saugeen Shores Police Service, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the residents, business owners, and visitors who make Saugeen Shores such a vibrant and welcoming community. Your trust, cooperation, and continued engagement play an essential role in effective policing and community safety. We are proud to serve a community that values partnership and shared responsibility in keeping our neighbourhoods safe.

I am especially proud of the outstanding work performed by the sworn officers and civilian members of our police service. Every day, they demonstrate professionalism, integrity, and compassion while conducting the important work of protecting our community. Whether responding to calls for service, supporting victims, conducting investigations, or ensuring the efficient operation of our organization, their dedication and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Policing is most effective when it is built on collaboration. Throughout 2025, we continued to strengthen our partnerships with community organizations, local businesses, and municipal leaders to address the evolving needs of our community. Together, we remain focused on proactive policing, community engagement, and maintaining Saugeen Shores as one of the safest places in Ontario to live, work, and visit.

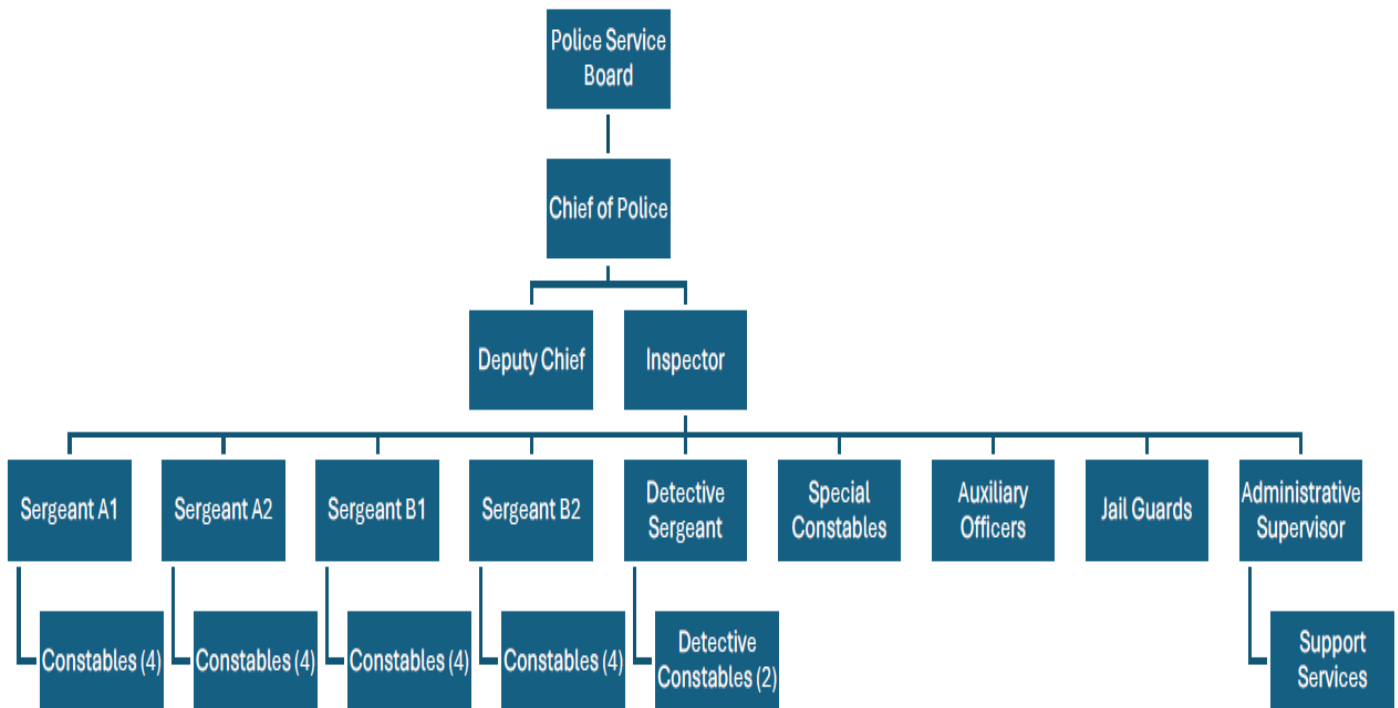
I would also like to express my appreciation to the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board for their leadership and support, and to Saugeen Shores Town Council for their continued commitment to public safety and community well-being.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to building on the strong foundation of trust and partnership that defines our community. It is an honour to serve the residents of Saugeen Shores, and we remain committed to ensuring a safe and secure future for all.

Chief Kevin Zettel

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE



MUNICIPALITY SERVICE AREA

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

In 1995, the Southampton and Port Elgin Police Services amalgamated to form the first municipal police service of its kind in Ontario. In 1997, the Southampton–Port Elgin Police Service began providing policing services to Saugeen Township under contract. Following the provincially mandated municipal amalgamation of Port Elgin, Southampton, and Saugeen Township in 1999, the service was renamed the Saugeen Shores Police Service.



Saugeen Shores is located along the Lake Huron shoreline in Bruce County and is a dynamic and growing municipality that includes both urban and rural residential areas. The community features two distinct downtown cores, a range of commercial and retail developments, recreational amenities, and an extensive network of trails and cycling routes. The municipality also contains industrial lands, approximately eighteen kilometres of Great Lakes shoreline, a provincial park, and a mix of historic and active agricultural lands.

Ontario Provincial Highway 21 runs through Saugeen Shores, serving as a key transportation corridor for residents and visitors. The municipal boundaries extend south to the Bruce/Saugeen Townline, northeast to the geographic limits of Southampton, west to Lake Huron, and east to Bruce County Road 3 extending south toward the Village of Paisley.

The region has experienced sustained residential and economic growth for more than five decades, largely influenced by the expansion and increased electricity generating capacity of Bruce Power (formerly the Bruce Nuclear Power Development). The continued growth of the nuclear energy sector and related industries has positioned the region as part of Ontario's emerging clean energy corridor. As a result, Saugeen Shores has become an attractive residential community for permanent and contract employees of Bruce Power, as well as for businesses that support the nuclear energy industry.

MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

Mission

“To Serve and Protect in Partnership with the Community”

Vision

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

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

POLICE SERVICE COMPOSITION

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Communications Centre

The Saugeen Shores Police Service receives its dispatching and NG911 services through a contract with the Owen Sound Police Service who provide dispatch services for our community via dedicated communication professionals. Their response is often the first voice heard by someone when they contact the Saugeen Shores Police Service and we are proud to have these highly trained members as part of our team. They quickly route calls to the appropriate action both in emergency and non-emergency situations.



Our radio transmissions have digitally encrypted technology that ensures our confidential transmissions cannot be overheard by anyone with a scanner. Government regulations, Police Officer safety and the need for high quality and reliable communications that assure the absolute confidentiality of information are all reasons to be dispatched with digital encryption.

Criminal Investigations & Drug Unit

Our Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for investigating sexual assaults, drug offences, human trafficking, missing persons, and all major cases within our jurisdiction. In 2025, Sergeant Ken Cook supervised the unit consisting of Detective Constable Laurel Hopkins and Detective Constable Matt Cutting. In addition to being a primary investigative unit, these members provide leadership and support services to our uniform members to aid in their investigations as needed.

Administrative Support Services

Our Support Services personnel are integral to the effective operation of the Saugeen Shores Police Service. These members manage front-line customer service at the police station, including reception duties and assisting the public with requests for criminal record, reports, and information. In addition, they play a critical role in administrative and operational support, including records management, Uniform Crime Reporting, court brief preparation and compilation, digital evidence management, processing of charges, and the filing and archiving of legal and organizational documents.

As our Police Service continues to grow and expand its complement of uniformed officers, it is essential that we proportionally strengthen our Support Services capacity. This will ensure we can meet increasing operational demands, support community growth, and fully leverage advancing technologies within modern policing.

Professional Development & Continuing Education

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to the continued education of our members to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to respond to an increasingly dynamic variety of calls and demands for service. Additionally, the Service recognizes the value of training, both formal and on-the-job, to provide members with the potential for career development and advancement as new issues emerge and leadership/supervisory opportunities are available including:

- Intoxilyzer Technician
- Scenes of Crime Officer
- Use of Force Trainer
- School Resource Officer / KIDS Program Officer
- Drug Recognition Evaluator
- Sexual Assault Investigator
- Offences Against Children Investigator
- Warrant writer
- Media Officers

New members in 2025!

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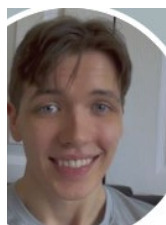
Arthur Antoine

Constable Arthur Antoine joined the Saugeen Shores Police Service as a new Police Officer in September 2025.



Matthew Nair

Matthew Nair joined the Saugeen Shores Police Service in May 2024 as an Auxiliary Officer and was hired as a Police Officer in December 2025.



Jack Hodgins

Jack Hodgins joined the Saugeen Shores Police Service as an Auxiliary Officer in December 2025.

Auxiliary Constables

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is proud to have an Auxiliary Constable Program. Auxiliary Constables are volunteer members of our police service who dedicate their time to assist with community engagement, public events, and other policing activities under the supervision of a police officer. Our Auxiliary Constables enhance the community involvement and services provided by the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT – REGULATION 399/23

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

Annual report Requirement:

12 (1) On or before June 30 in each year, every chief of police, other than the Commissioner, shall prepare an annual report for the police service board relating to the activities of the police service during the previous fiscal year, including information on,

(a) implementation of the strategic plan prepared and adopted by the police service board under subsection 39 (1) of the Act;

(b) public complaints;

(c) the actual cost of policing; and

(d) any other information that is required to be in the annual report by other regulations made under the Act.

(2) The relevant police service board shall publish the annual report on the Internet.

STRATEGIC PLAN - AREAS OF FOCUS

The Saugeen Shores Police Service 2023-2025 Strategic Plan guides the development of the budget, staffing, acquisition of resources and activities of the Police Service. It is used by the Board to monitor the progress of the Police Service against both the delivery of mandated services and the identified Objectives, Priorities, and Functions of the Police Service

Community:

1. Ensure Community Patrol and visibility of Officers to the public to increase the awareness of Police Services and Community Safety.
2. Enhance communication with the public and stakeholders to increase understanding of the services and programs provided and actions taken by the Saugeen Shores Police Service.
3. Execute the county developed Community Safety and Well-Being plan to reduce crime in the community.

Members:

1. Increase job satisfaction for Police Service members with a focus on members' rights, career progression and mental health and well-being.
2. Promote continued communication between service members, leadership and the Board with the intent to enhance member participation in identifying and implementing solutions to service needs.
3. Harness and leverage technology in the delivery of services, programs and day-to-day tasks to maximize efficiencies and improve the effectiveness of service delivery.

Services:

1. Focus drug enforcement on the reduction of drug-related crime and its social impact on individuals and the community.
2. Continue to ensure a timely and appropriate response to emergency calls to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals and the community.
3. Enhance Road Safety through the development of specific initiatives to create public awareness of road safety and strategic use of traffic enforcement in response to priority areas.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Implementation

Community 1:

Ensure Community Patrol and visibility of Officers to the public to increase the public's awareness of Police Services and Community Safety.

	TASK
1	Assign a Problem Orientated Police (POP) officer as - Community Oriented Response and Engagement Officer (CORE)
2	Minimum standard of at least 1 Foot Patrol/Community engagement in officer assigned zones per shift
3	Implement Bicycle Patrol Unit
4	Update Website with current information

Community 2:

Enhance communication with the public and stakeholders to increase understanding of the services and programs provided and actions taken by the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

	TASK
1	Police Service Recruitment strategy
2	Use of Media / social media
3	Attend various public functions, recruitment drives, job fairs
4	Public education presentations to community groups

Community 3:

Execute the county developed Community Safety and Well-Being plan to reduce crime in the community.

	TASK
1	Share the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan with all members
2	Continue with STAR – Situation Table for Acute Risk
3	Continue planning for the updated Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

Members' Implementation

Members 1:

Increase job satisfaction for Police Service members with a focus on members' rights, career progression and mental health and well-being.

	TASK
1	Provide additional opportunities for members through POP initiatives
2	Peer support group presentations by speakers to highlight mental health resources available
3	Mental Health initiative introduced
4	Engage with Police Association on regular basis to collaborate on positive initiatives
5	Inclusion in the Town of Saugeen Shores recognition and appreciation events
6	Introduction of Members Health program
7	Mental Health worker proactively attends monthly, and are available 24/7 for crisis or urgent calls
8	Incorporated GPS monitoring of vehicles to promote safe driving and effective response

Members 2:

Promote continued communication between service members, leadership and the Board with the intent to enhance member participation in identifying and implementing solutions to service needs.

	TASK
2	Employee spotlight – introduce members to PSB at meetings
3	Case overview presentations to PSB to highlight the talent of our members
4	Request Bio of PSB members to provide to our members

Members 3:

Harness and leverage technology in the delivery of services, programs and day-to-day tasks to create efficiencies and improve the effectiveness of service delivery.

	TASK
1	Continued training & enhancements to VR-MHCRT Virtual Reality – Mental Health Crisis Response
2	Implement and Use CROMS for electronic Motor Vehicle Collision Reporting
4	Implement DEMS – Digital Evidence Management System to streamline storage and disclosure
5	Implement the use of ALPR systems – Automated License Plate Reader systems in vehicles
6	Successful grant applications to purchase cellphone downloading hardware / software
7	Implementation of new NICHE UA records management system to enhance workflows

Services Implementation

Services 1:

Focus drug enforcement on the reduction of drug-related crime and its social impacts on individuals

	TASK
1	Promote enhanced communication between criminal investigations unit and uniform members
2	Partner with Criminal Investigations Service Ontario for projects and funding
3	Enhance investigative strategies for overdoses through in-service training
4	Utilize specialty resources to combat the illicit supply of drugs in our community
5	Apply for grant fundings and promote information sharing
6	Continued collaboration with our surrounding police services to reduce multi-jurisdictional crime

Services 2:

Continue to ensure a timely and appropriate response to emergency calls to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals and the community.

	TASK
1	Utilize full functionality of CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch to ensure calls to not wait in que
2	Ensure that Zones are assigned on each shift for adequate and effective coverage
3	Monitor report and office time of members to ensure effective deployment in the community
4	Utilize GPS monitoring to ensure closest patrol car is dispatched to emergent calls

Services 3:

Enhance Road Safety through the development of specific initiatives to create public awareness of road safety and strategic use of traffic enforcement in response to priority areas.

	TASK
1	Promote traffic campaigns using media and social media
2	Assigning Problem Oriented Policing (POPs) for Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Commercial Motor Vehicle and traffic enforcement
3	RIDE Programs – ensure each platoon is completing RIDE duties as assigned
4	Assign a dedicated traffic enforcement car when staffing allows
5	Participate in town surveys and provide information on traffic flow concerns
6	Promote public access to Crime Plot to share call data

PARTNERSHIPS

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

We value the partnerships that we have with our surrounding police services including:

- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police Service
- Hanover Police Service
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Owen Sound Police Service
- West Grey Police Service

We support each other and assist in times of need. Crime and disorder do not recognize borders; the valuable sharing of information allows us to work together to solve crime and prevent offences. The police leaders from these services meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss current trends and identify training needs



Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a civilian, non-profit, charitable organization that unites the police services of a community, the media, and individual members of a 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.

Positive Ticketing Campaign

The Positive Ticketing Campaign was implemented through the actions of Constable Stacey Gordon. Constable Gordon approached local business to help with providing rewards of various kinds that could be given to youth observed following safety and rules requirements while cycling or doing good deeds in the community.

This engaging, and successful, program helps to promote local business while providing our officers with the opportunity to engage with youth in a positive manner. This program has grown in awareness and the volume of rewards available since implementation and is an excellent way for our members to promote positive interactions within the community.

Contingency / Benevolence Fund

The Saugeen Shores Police Benevolence / Contingency Fund is a community-supported fund used by the Saugeen Shores Police Service to provide immediate assistance to people in need when officers encounter them during calls for service.

The fund allows officers to quickly help individuals or families who are experiencing hardship and may not have immediate access to social services. It is typically used for small, short-term supports such as:

- Emergency motel accommodations
- Food, coffee, or grocery gift cards
- clothing or essential items
- Backpacks with hygiene supplies and necessities
- Small items for youth or vulnerable persons who come into the police station during difficult situations

KIDS Program

The KIDS (Knowledge, Issues, Decisions, Support) Program creates a safe and responsive learning environment between police service members and students within local schools. The program is an appropriate age engagement with youth on topics that include laws and law enforcement, peer to peer relationships, online and social media awareness, drug awareness, and mental health awareness. Our Community Service officers have connections with all four of the elementary schools in Saugeen Shores: École Port Elgin Saugeen Central School, École St. Joseph's School, GC Huston Public School and Northport Elementary School.

Our KIDS program is facilitated by Constable Ian Clark and Constable Matt Tutin.

Vulnerable Person Registry

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is proud to offer The Vulnerable Person Registry (VPR). VPR is a service 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.

Grey-Bruce Police Hospital Transition Protocol

The Grey-Bruce Police Hospital Transition Protocol is designed to enhance collaboration between hospitals and the police. The Protocol was initiated for the purpose of improving outcomes for individuals apprehended under the Mental Health Act and transported to the nearest Hospital emergency department for medical care and/or mental health assessment.

Mobile Mental Health Addiction Response Team

The Saugeen Shores Police Service partners with the Grey-Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Service to have the Mobile Mental Health and Addiction Response Team (MMHART) embedded within the police service.

Through MMHART, CMHA workers and police work as a team to:

- Assess, de-escalate on scene, and provide resources to individuals in a mental health or addictions-related crisis

- Divert individuals, when appropriate, from unnecessary hospital emergency department visits and involvement with the justice system
- Determine appropriate links to community services
- Improve individual and caregiver experiences
- Decrease stigma of individuals living with mental health and/or addictions issues
- Build and maintain effective partnerships between police services and health care agencies

Special Olympics

The Saugeen Shores Police Service proudly supports Special Olympics Ontario and supports local athletes and their leadership within Saugeen Shores. The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest public awareness fundraiser for Special Olympics. LETR for Special Olympics engages law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities, starting first with their own communities. Constable Kaley Tienhaara is the Saugeen Shores Police Service representative.

211 Program

The 211 Program is a free 24/7 hotline that helps people connect to community, social, health, and government services within the community. The 211 programs have connected many people to the resources that they need to help them through difficult times

Victim Services

Victim Services of Bruce Grey partners with emergency services including the Saugeen Shores Police Service, community agencies and the community to provide direct assistance to victims of crime and tragic circumstance and to develop partnerships designed to enhance support to victim and educate and promote awareness regarding victimization.

Victim Services Bruce Grey focuses on three core pillars:

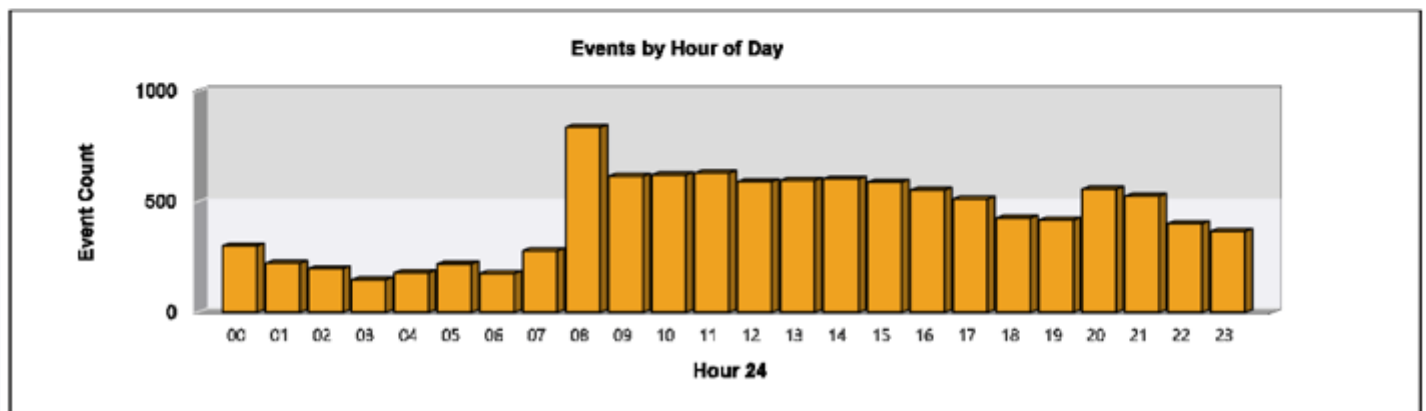
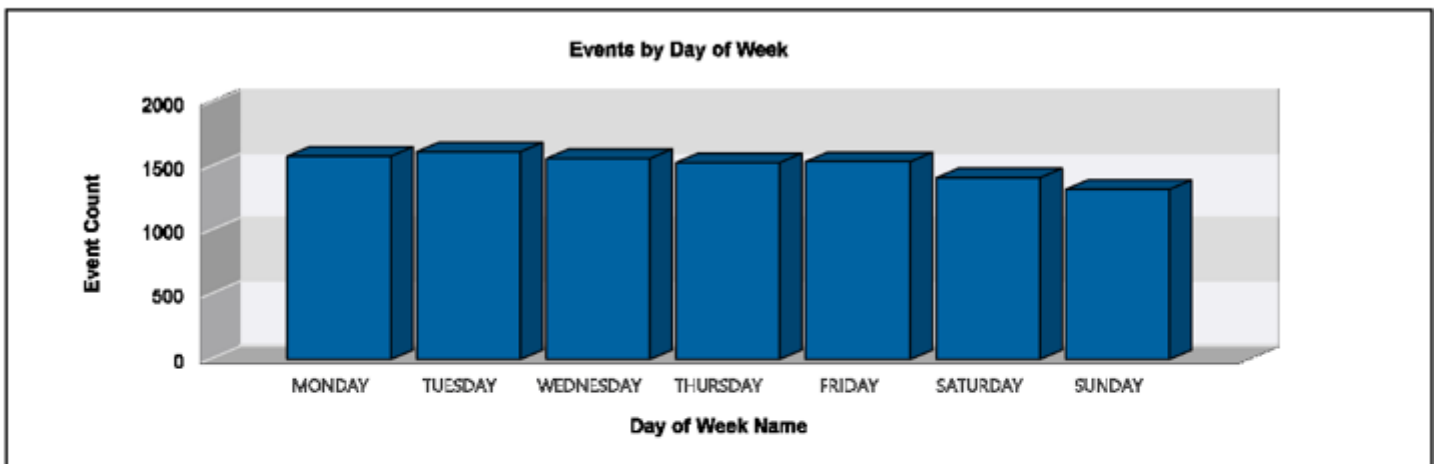
1. Assistance to Victims: Offering immediate and practical support to victims of crime and tragedy, ensuring they have access to the resources and guidance needed to rebuild their lives.

- 2. Collaborative Partnerships:** By fostering strong relationships with emergency services and community organizations. Victim Services enhances the network of support available to victims, creating a more coordinated and effective response.
- 3. Education and Awareness:** educating the community about victimization and promoting awareness to reduce stigma, prevent harm, and empower individuals to seek help
www.victim-services.com

CALLS FOR SERVICE

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

Year	Month	Day	Week	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Total:
			Hour 24								
2025				1323	1582	1617	1564	1531	1539	1414	10570
Total:				1323	1582	1617	1564	1531	1539	1414	10570



CRIME ANALYSIS

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service takes a proactive, intelligence-led approach to community safety. By systematically analyzing crime trends, traffic collision data, public complaints, and community feedback, the Service is able to identify patterns, pinpoint high-risk locations, and recognize emerging issues before they escalate. This data-driven strategy supports informed decision-making and allows for the efficient allocation of personnel and resources, ensuring that officers are present where and when they are needed most.

Through targeted enforcement initiatives and focused patrols, officers can address specific concerns such as repeat calls for service, traffic safety issues, or areas experiencing increased criminal activity. This deliberate deployment not only enhances visibility but also increases the likelihood of deterring crime, reducing disorder, and improving overall public safety outcomes.

In addition, the Service places a strong emphasis on community engagement and public education. Media officers play a key role in this effort by actively communicating with residents through social media, press releases, and other outreach channels. By sharing timely information about crime trends, prevention strategies, and safety tips, they help keep the public informed and empowered. This ongoing dialogue strengthens community partnerships and encourages residents to play an active role in maintaining safe and vibrant neighbourhoods

VIOLENT CRIME & CLEARANCE RATES

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our community.

Violent crime—including assaults, robberies, and related offences—has a significant impact on victims and the community as a whole. Our officers continue to take a proactive approach through targeted enforcement, increased patrols in higher-risk areas, and ongoing investigations.

An important measure of policing effectiveness is the clearance rate, which reflects the percentage of reported crimes that are solved through charges being laid or by other investigative means. The Saugeen Shores Police Service is focused on improving clearance rates by:

Strengthening investigative resources

Utilizing forensic and analytical tools

Enhancing collaboration with partner agencies

Encouraging community members to report crime and provide information

Every case that is cleared represents progress toward justice for victims and enhances the safety of our community. However, solving violent crime often depends on timely and accurate information from the public

2025 Incidents		
Violent Crimes	2025 incidents	clearance rate
Sexual Assault with a Weapon	1	100.00%
Sexual Assault	16	81.25%
Sexual Interference	1	100.00%
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images	1	100.00%
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	26	100.00%
Assault - Level 1	82	87.65%
Assault Peace Officer	11	100.00%
Forcible Confinement	8	100.00%
Other Assaults / Admin Noxious thing	1	100.00%
Criminal Harassment	40	80.00%
Indecent/Harassing Communications	43	71.43%
Utter Threats	40	75.00%
Other criminal code against public order	2	100.00%

PROPERTY CRIME & CLEARANCE RATES

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service recognizes that property crime has a direct impact on residents' sense of safety and well-being. Incidents such as theft, break and enters, and mischief not only create financial loss, but also affect community trust and quality of life. Addressing property crime remains an important priority for the Service.

The Service responds to property crime through a combination of investigation, targeted enforcement, and crime prevention strategies. Officers work diligently to identify suspects, recover stolen property, and hold offenders accountable. Clearance rates are an important indicator of investigative effectiveness and reflect the commitment of officers to follow up on reports and pursue viable leads.

While not all property crime investigations result in charges, the Service employs evidence-based and intelligence-led approaches to improve outcomes. This includes analyzing crime trends, identifying repeat offenders, and focusing resources in areas experiencing increased activity. Collaboration with nearby police services and information sharing further support investigative efforts.

Public cooperation plays a vital role in improving clearance rates. Timely reporting, detailed information, and the use of measures such as surveillance footage contribute significantly to successful investigations. The Saugeen Shores Police Service encourages residents to report suspicious activity and to take proactive steps to reduce opportunities for property crime. In addition to enforcement, the Service emphasizes crime prevention and education, working with community partners and residents to promote secure property practices. Prevention efforts are a key component of reducing victimization and strengthening overall community safety.

Through ongoing analysis, proactive policing, and community collaboration, the Saugeen Shores Police Service remains committed to addressing property crime effectively and continually improving investigative outcomes for the benefit of the community.

Property Crimes	2025 incidents	clearance rate
Break and Enter	43	28.75%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	14	46.15%
Theft Under \$5,000	129	13.28%
Theft from Motor Vehicle Under \$5,000	21	4.76%
Theft Under \$5,000 - shoplifting	39	48.72%
Possession of Stolen Property under \$5,000	2	100.00%
Fraud	41	30.77%
Identity Fraud	1	0.00%
Mischief	110	21.82%

YOUTH CRIME & CLEARANCE RATES

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service recognizes that youth crime presents unique challenges and requires a balanced approach focused on accountability, prevention, and long-term community safety. While youth-related offences represent a portion of overall crime, they often reflect broader social, educational, and family factors that extend beyond enforcement alone.

Investigations involving youth are conducted with care and in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act, which emphasizes rehabilitation, accountability appropriate to age, and meaningful interventions. Clearance rates related to youth crime reflect the Service's commitment to thoroughly investigating incidents while prioritizing outcomes that support positive behavioural change and reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

Where appropriate, the Service makes use of diversion, warnings, and referrals rather than formal charges. These approaches are designed to address underlying issues, encourage responsibility, and minimize negative long-term impacts on young people, while still holding them accountable for their actions. Formal charges are pursued when required to protect victims and maintain public safety.

Clearance of youth-related offences is supported through timely reporting, cooperation from victims and witnesses, and collaboration with parents, schools, community agencies, and youth support services. These partnerships are essential in achieving resolutions that are both effective and constructive.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service also places strong emphasis on prevention and early intervention through education, community engagement, and youth-focused initiatives. By building positive relationships with young people and providing support before issues escalate, the Service works to reduce youth involvement in criminal activity and strengthen overall community well-being.

Through continued investigative diligence, prevention-focused strategies, and community collaboration, the Saugeen Shores Police Service remains committed to addressing youth crime responsibly while striving to improve clearance outcomes and support safer futures for young people and the broader community. investigative efforts.

Youth Crime	2025 charged	2025 - not charged	TOTAL
Crimes of Violence	3	16	19
Property Crimes	3	5	8
Drugs	0	1	1
Other Federal Statutes	1	4	5
Criminal Code Traffic	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	26	33

INTERACTIONS

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to engaging with the public in a manner that is professional, respectful, and grounded in fairness and accountability. Every interaction, whether during calls for service, traffic stops, community outreach, or enforcement activities, is guided by the principles of public safety, dignity, and lawful authority.

Officers are trained to use effective communication, procedural fairness, and de-escalation techniques to manage interactions safely and respectfully. Emphasis is placed on listening, clearly explaining police actions, and ensuring individuals understand their rights and responsibilities. These practices support positive outcomes and help build trust between the Service and the community.

The Service prioritizes proportional and appropriate responses, recognizing that not all situations require enforcement action. When suitable, officers use discretion, warnings, referrals, and problem-solving approaches to resolve situations while maintaining public confidence and safety.

Transparency and accountability are central to public interactions. The Saugeen Shores Police Service encourages feedback and provides pathways for the public to ask questions, voice concerns, or submit complaints. This open approach supports learning, continuous improvement, and public trust.

Community engagement also plays an important role in strengthening positive interactions. Through visibility at community events, schools, and public forums, officers foster approachability and collaboration, helping residents view police as accessible and supportive partners in community safety.

Through ongoing training, policy guidance, and community engagement, the Saugeen Shores Police Service remains committed to managing all public interactions with professionalism, integrity, and respect.

Interactions - Mental Health

The Saugeen Shores Police Service recognizes that mental health plays a significant role in community safety and overall, well-being. Officers regularly respond to incidents involving individuals experiencing mental health challenges and are committed to handling these interactions with professionalism, compassion, and respect.

Police members receive training to recognize signs of mental health distress and to use de-escalation and communication strategies aimed at reducing harm and stabilizing situations safely. Whenever possible, officers prioritize calm, supportive approaches to connect individuals with appropriate assistance rather than relying solely on enforcement measures.

The Service works collaboratively with local mental health agencies, health care providers, social services, and emergency response partners to ensure individuals in crisis receive timely and appropriate support. This coordinated response helps divert individuals from the criminal justice system when appropriate and promotes access to mental health resources in the community.

In addition to responding to crisis situations, the Saugeen Shores Police Service supports preventative and awareness-based efforts by working with community partners to address mental health concerns before they escalate. Officers may refer individuals and families to community services and supports to encourage long-term stability and recovery.

Through ongoing training, partnerships, and a focus on empathy and safety, the Saugeen Shores Police Service remains committed to supporting community mental health while ensuring the safety of individuals, officers, and the public.

Interactions - Youth

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to building positive, respectful relationships with youth and supporting their safety, well-being, and healthy development within the community. Through a combination of education, outreach, enforcement, and early intervention, the Service works to engage young people in a proactive and supportive manner.

Officers regularly participate in school-based initiatives, community presentations, and youth-focused events to promote safety, lawful behaviour, and personal responsibility. These interactions provide opportunities for education on topics such as internet safety, substance use, bullying, traffic safety, and decision-making, while also allowing youth to view police officers as approachable and supportive resources.

When interacting with youth, officers emphasize diversion, problem-solving, and prevention whenever appropriate. The Service supports alternatives to formal charges, including warnings, referrals, and restorative approaches, recognizing the importance of helping young people learn from mistakes while minimizing negative long-term impacts.

The Service also collaborates with parents, schools, community organizations, and social service partners to address issues affecting youth, including mental health, conflict resolution, and public safety concerns. This coordinated approach helps ensure that youth receive appropriate support and access to resources both during and after police involvement.

By fostering trust, encouraging open communication, and maintaining a visible and positive presence, the Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to play an active role in supporting youth and contributing to a safer and more inclusive community for future generations.

Interactions - Racialized Communities

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to providing fair, impartial, and respectful policing to all members of our community. We recognize that residents come from diverse cultural, racial, and social backgrounds, and that lived experiences with policing may vary. Our responsibility is to ensure that every individual is treated with dignity, professionalism, and respect.

We understand the importance of building and maintaining trust with racialized communities. Officers are expected to act without bias and to uphold the principles of equity, inclusion, and accountability in every interaction. Through ongoing training, self-reflection, and community engagement, the Service continues to strengthen its approach to policing in a manner that is responsive to the needs and concerns of diverse populations.

The Service values open dialogue and collaboration. We collaborate with community members, leaders, and partner organizations to better understand perspectives, improve communication, and address concerns in a transparent and constructive manner. These relationships are essential to fostering mutual understanding and enhancing public safety for everyone.

We remain dedicated to continuous learning and improvement and acknowledge that trust is built through consistent actions over time. By listening, engaging respectfully, and holding ourselves accountable, the Saugeen Shores Police Service strives to serve all members of the community with fairness, compassion, and integrity.

Interactions - First Nations, Inuit, & Métis Peoples

The Saugeen Shores Police Service acknowledges the unique histories, cultures, and rights of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples and recognizes the importance of respectful, relationship-based policing. We are committed to providing equitable, culturally informed service while fostering trust, understanding, and cooperation with Indigenous community members.

We recognize the lasting impacts of colonialism, and the role policing has played in the experiences of Indigenous Peoples. As a Service, we remain committed to learning from the past, listening to Indigenous voices, and continuously improving how we engage and serve. Officers are expected to approach all interactions with professionalism, humility, and respect for cultural differences and lived experiences.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service works collaboratively with Indigenous communities, leaders, and partner organizations to support community safety, well-being, and mutual understanding. Through dialogue, relationship-building, and partnership, we aim to address concerns, enhance communication, and promote culturally informed responses to policing matters.

Ongoing training and awareness are essential to this work. The Service continues to strengthen its understanding of Indigenous histories, perspectives, and contemporary issues to better support respectful, fair, and effective policing.

We are committed to accountability, transparency, and continued engagement as we work alongside First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples to build safer communities based on trust, respect, and shared responsibility.

ROAD SAFETY

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The Saugeen Shores Police Service is committed to enhancing road safety and reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities within the community. Through a combination of targeted enforcement, education, and proactive initiatives, the Service works to promote safe driving behaviours and improve overall roadway safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Officers conduct regular traffic enforcement focused on high-risk behaviours such as impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving, and seatbelt violations. These efforts are supported by selective traffic enforcement programs that target identified collision areas and times of increased risk, particularly during seasonal population increases and major community events.

The Service actively participates in provincial traffic safety campaigns, including Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE), distracted driving initiatives, and holiday enforcement programs. These campaigns combine high-visibility enforcement with public awareness to deter unsafe driving and encourage compliance with traffic laws.

Education and prevention are key components of the Service's road safety strategy. Officers engage with community members through public messaging, school initiatives, and community events to raise awareness about traffic safety, responsible driving, and shared road use.

The Service also works in collaboration with municipal partners, road authorities, and community stakeholders to identify traffic safety concerns, assess road conditions, and support coordinated solutions aimed at reducing collisions and improving roadway design and signage where necessary.

Through continued enforcement, education, data-driven deployment, and community partnership, the Saugeen Shores Police Service remains dedicated to maintaining safe and accessible roadways and enhancing quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

In 2025, the Saugeen Shores Police Service issued 1,485 Provincial Offence Notices for violations of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

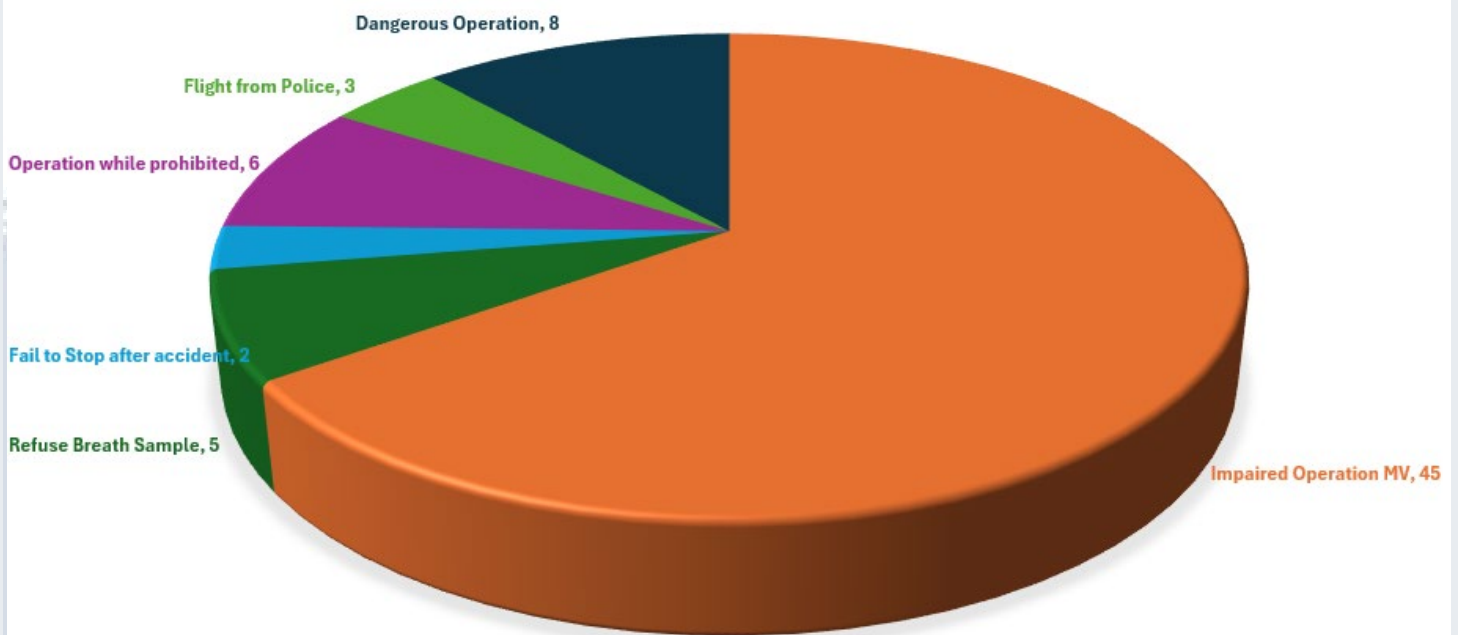
Further, the Saugeen Shores Police Service issued 166 Provincial Offence Notices for violations of the *Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act*, 50 Provincial Offence Notices for Violations of the *Liquor License Control Act*, and 34 Provincial Offence Notices for violations of the *Trespass to Property Act*.

2025 Criminal Charges include (69):

- Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle = 8
- Operation While Impaired (alcohol / drugs) =45
- Failure or refusal to comply with demand = 5
- Failure to stop after accident = 2
- Flight from Police Officer = 3
- Operation While Prohibited = 6

Criminal Charges

CHARGES



PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

On April 1st 2024, the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* replaced the *Police Services Act*. The legislation has made several changes to the way that complaints are handled.

Law Enforcement Complaint Agency (LECA)

Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) – formerly known as the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) – is responsible for receiving, managing and overseeing public complaints about misconduct of police officers. LECA accepts complaints about the conduct of the following:

- All municipal, regional, and provincial (OPP) police officers;
- Special Constables employed by the Niagara Parks Commission;
- Peace Officers in the Legislative Protective Service; and
- First Nations police officers if the police service opts into the CSPA.

Source: www.leca.ca/about-us/

Inspectorate of Policing (IOP) The Inspectorate of Policing ensures compliance with Ontario's *Community Safety and Policing Act* and its regulations through inspections, investigations, and advisory services. The IOP investigates:

- Inadequate or ineffective policing
- Police service board member misconduct

For further information, please visit the Saugeen Shores Statistics Dashboard:

[LECA complaints agency link](#)

COST OF POLICING

SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE

The overall 2025 budget for policing services in Saugeen Shores:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual
Revenue	\$574,915	\$757,363
Expenses	\$6,115,030	\$5,931,749
Total	\$5,540,115	\$5,174,386

EXPENSES: Actual Costs:

	Actual Cost	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,954,301	83.52%
Dispatch & Contract Services	\$599,605	10.1%
Materials and Supplies	\$372,608	6.28%
Rent and Financial	\$5,235	.001%
Total	\$5,931,749	99.9%

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