



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Mission Statement

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

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

Members of the Niagara Regional Police Service believe...

In pursuing excellence in every circumstance;
In being fair and unbiased in the performance of duties in accordance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
In treating all victims of crime with compassion and understanding;
In maintaining professional standards of conduct at all times;
In being approachable, courteous and open to all;
In developing creative solutions to policing concerns, through community oriented policing;
In striving to be active participants and leaders in the community; and,
In providing a professional satisfying work environment that respects employees' rights, while encouraging personal and professional growth.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

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

Many significant changes to the membership of our Board took place in 2018. This year marked the end of the appointed term for former Regional Councillors David Barrick and Alan Caslin and the Board welcomed new Regional Councillors Kevin Gibson, Mayor of Wainfleet, and Bill Steele, Mayor of Port Colborne. In February 2018, the Board received a new member when the provincial government appointed Tara McKendrick for a period of two-years.

The Board formally congratulated Police Chief Bryan MacCulloch for his investiture into the Order of Merit of Police Forces, which recognizes exceptional service by members of Canadian police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community. The Board thanks Chief MacCulloch for his hard work, commitment and dedication to improving police services in our community, as well as at the national level, and having been recognized with this outstanding honour.

As I reflect on the achievements of the past year, I know that the Board has met emerging issues head-on and has provided adequate and effective police services to all citizens in the Niagara Region. As civilian Board members who represent the public's interests, we remain committed to quality policing and excellence in police governance. On behalf of the Police Services Board, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the Board who have worked tirelessly in carrying out their responsibilities.

This annual report highlights only a fraction of the work we do to make Niagara Region a safe community in which to live, work and visit. Chief MacCulloch and the executive management team, along with our senior managers, have provided the leadership necessary to meet future challenges. The Board is extremely proud of all members of the Niagara Regional Police Service who continue to excel at our core policing responsibilities—responding to emergencies, enforcing laws, preventing crime, maintaining public order and assisting victims.

Bob Gale, Chair, Niagara Police Services Board



NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Niagara Police Services Board is a civilian board overseeing the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Four board members are appointed by Niagara Regional Council and three by the Province of Ontario.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



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Director

It is my pleasure to share with you the Niagara Regional Police Service's 2018 Annual Report. The report highlights the Service's accomplishments, successes and challenges in 2018.

The Annual Report is a reflection of the continued efforts of the Police Services Board, and the sworn and civilian members of the Service, that continue to work to keep Niagara a safe place to live and work. Their dedication often goes unnoticed, but I extend my appreciation for all their efforts and continued successes.

The Service continues to work in concert with our community stakeholders and members of the public to ensure that crime prevention initiatives, enforcing laws and ensuring a rapid response to the needs of victims and their families are done in an effective and cost-efficient manner.

The year 2018 drew to a conclusion our Real Time Operations Centre (R.T.O.C.) Pilot Project. The Pilot Project was deemed successful and now provides the Service with the capacity to observe CCTV coverage of our downtown core areas across our major city centres. In 2019 the Service will commence operations of a 24/7 Real Time Operations Centre to assist our frontline officers in responding to active calls in our community. The Service also expanded services provided by our Member Support Unit in 2018 to assist members coping with the stress associated with policing. Further, funding was secured for the 2019 budget year to hire a full-time psychologist to support our members health and well-being.

In 2018 the Service proudly joined forces with the Canadian Cancer Society to raise money for children with cancer. Members of our Service cycled 400km over four days to raise awareness of this devastating disease inflicted on so many children. The Service raised a total of \$175,960.00 in its inaugural ride to support cancer research initiatives.

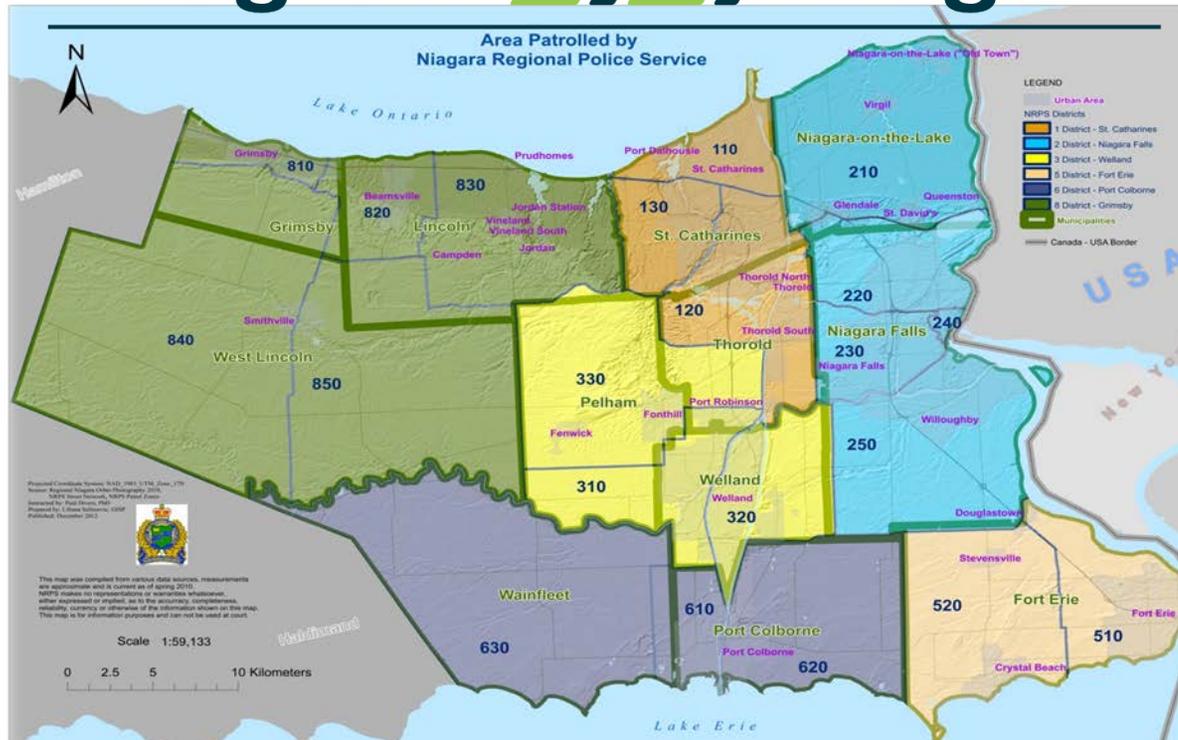
Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take the time to thank Deputies Flynn and Fordy and our Executive Leadership Team for their tireless leadership and exemplary oversight of each of their areas of command.

Chief of Police



Bryan MacCulloch, O.O.M.
Chief of Police

Niagara Region



About our Region...

12 unique municipalities

(St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Wainfleet, Grimsby, Lincoln, West Lincoln)

1,850 square kilometers of land mass

161 kilometers of shoreline

1,500 square kilometers of international waters surrounding its borders

(Lake Ontario, Niagara River & Lake Erie)

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

Police calls for service originate from a number of sources including 911 calls, calls received through the police service non-emergency number, in-person reporting or "walk-ins", as well as officer generated or officer discovered incidents. These numbers do not represent police workload as they do not portray other duties such as traffic safety and enforcement, proactive policing nor the length of time that specialty units spend on an investigation due to the seriousness and/or nature of the incident.

Calls for Service by month in 2018:

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2018
9,315	8,491	9,553	9,620	12,422	12,083	12,465	12,324	11,261	10,408	10,032	9,720	127,694

Calls for Service by District in 2018:

1 District St. Catharines, Thorold	2 District Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake	3 District Welland Pelham	5 District Fort Erie	6 District Port Colborne Wainfleet	8 District Grimsby Lincoln West Lincoln
49,930	37,684	17,617	7,213	6,043	9,163
(39.1%)	(29.5%)	(13.8%)	(5.6%)	(4.7%)	(7.8%)



Top 25 Calls for Service in 2018

Rank	Final Call Type *	Description	Total
1	WELF2	Welfare Check	7,532
2	UNWP2	Unwanted Person	6,800
3	MVCCR3	MVC – Collision Reporting Centre	6,058
4	ASSA2	Assist Ambulance	5,453
5	THFT3	Theft	5,187
6	INFO3	Information	4,782
7	DISTR2	Disturbance – Fight	4,587
8	DRIV3	Driving Complaint	4,374
9	DOMES2	Domestic Violence	4,103
10	MVCP3	MVC – Property Damage	3,506
11	IMPD2	Impaired Driver	3,070
12	NOIS3	Noise Complaint	2,933
13	FOLL3	Follow up	2,887
14	FRAU3	Fraud	2,804
15	WELF3	Welfare Check – Non Urgent	2,687
16	MHA2	Mental Health Act	2,408
17	PROF3	Property – Found	2,362
18	WARR2	Warrant	2,188
19	HAZD3	Hazard	1,761
20	U9112	Unknown 911	1,728
21	ALRNV3	Alarm – Not Verified	1,610
22	KTP3	Keep the Peace	1,587
	SUSP2	Suspicious Person	1,565
24	SUIT2	Suicide Threat	1,518
25	DOMES1	Domestic Violence	1,474

Final Call Type *

PRIORITY 1: Very Urgent – Immediate dispatch. There is a major incident or incident in progress that requires an immediate police presence, assistance or service. Involves the report of a loss of life or a need for police to prevent a loss of life i.e., homicide, robbery in progress, assault, domestic, etc. (i.e., ASSA1)

PRIORITY 2: Urgent – Dispatch as soon as possible. There is an urgent need for police presence, assistance or service. While there is no loss of life involved, the potential for escalation of violence exists, i.e., assault, vehicular collision, etc. (i.e., DOMES2)

PRIORITY 3: Routine – Dispatch as soon as reasonably possible. Reports that do not require immediate police presence, assistance or service i.e., belated break and enter, theft, shoplifting, etc. (i.e., KTP3)

Criminal Code Offences in Niagara in 2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
All Criminal Code Violations, excluding traffic	17,223	17,168	17,219	18,457	19,830
Violent Criminal Code Violations	2,714	2,538	2,436	2,725	3,178
Property-Related Criminal Code Violations	11,231	11,636	11,391	12,234	13,016
Other Criminal Code Violations	1,890	1,754	2,151	2,407	2,686

 **5.9%**
Total Criminal Code

 **15.0%**
Violent Criminal Code

 **4.8%**
Property Criminal Code

 **9.9%**
Other Criminal Code



Crime Against Persons – Selected Offences

Select Incidents	2017 Incidents	2018 Incidents	Cleared By Charge	Cleared Otherwise
Murder – 1 st Degree	2	1	1	--
Murder – 2 nd Degree	1	1	1	--
Manslaughter	--	--	--	--
Criminal Negligence Cause Death	1	1	1	--
Murder – Attempt	3	13	10	--
Sexual Assault – Aggravated	2	--	--	--
Sexual Assault – Weapons/Bodily Harm	2	3	2	--
Sexual Assault	266	355	45	24
Sexual Interference	33	65	52	4
Total Sexual Violations Against Children	63	89	65	5
Invitation To Sexual Touching	7	3	2	--
Sexual Exploitation	1	1	1	--
Lure Child Via Computer	17	16	8	1
Assault – Aggravated	30	33	29	--
Assault – Weapon or Cause Bodily Harm	373	393	299	29
Assault – Minor Harm	970	1,070	539	202
Assault – Police/Peace Officer	93	96	88	8
Criminal Negligence Cause Bodily Harm	1	1	1	--
Assault – Other	15	10	9	2
Robbery	160	179	83	2
Extortion	161	179	83	2
Criminal Harassment/Stalking	141	162	64	20
Threats – Person Death/Harm	284	517	194	94
Indecent/Harassing communications	196	142	7	26
Total Crimes Against Persons (All Incidents)	2,712	3,178	1,491	18

Notable Percent Change in Criminal Incidents

Attempt Murder	+326.9%
Sexual Assault	+31.0%
Sexual Interference	+88.4%
Sexual Violations Against Children	+39.2%
Invitation to Sexual Touching	-57.8%
Threats – Person Death/Harm	+78.7%
Criminal Harassment/Stalking	+13.2%

Percent Change 2017-2018  15 Percent

Cleared incidents may be higher than actual incidents occurring in 2018. This difference is accounted for by incidents cleared from previous years.

Crimes Against Property – Selected Incidents

Select Property Incidents	2017 Incidents	2018 Incidents	Cleared by Charge	Cleared Otherwise
Arson	82	65	8	--
Break & Enter	1,859	2,113	230	46
Theft Over \$5,000	139	180	15	4
Theft Under \$5,000	2,368	2,351	116	131
Theft of Motor Vehicle	771	842	68	10
Theft from Motor Vehicle Over \$5,000	35	46	1	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle Under \$5,000	2,008	2,132	31	21
Shoplifting Under \$5,000	1,266	1,458	57	477
Shoplifting Over \$5,000	4	3	1	1
Possession Stolen Property	116	175	129	23
Fraud	1,500	1,614	305	67
Fraud – Identity Theft	35	30	2	--
Fraud – Identity Fraud	265	220	12	4
Mischief	1,805	1,801	230	139
Total Crimes Against Property	12,216	13,016	1,516	919

Percent Change 2017-2018 ↑ 4.82 Percent



Other Criminal Code Violations – Selected Incidents



Incident	2017 Incidents	2018 Incidents	Cleared	Cleared Otherwise
Prostitution	--	--	--	--
Prostitution – Procuring	--	--	--	--
Trafficking in Persons	17	1	--	--
Explosives – Possess	--	--	--	--
Weapons – Possess	82	99	56	14
Unsafe Storage of Firearms	--	1	1	--
Fail to Comply	664	678	626	31
Counterfeit Money	35	31	24	7
Disturb the Peace	27	28	11	15
Indecent Act	88	71	14	3
Sexual Exploitation of a Person with a Disability	1	2	2	--
Child Pornography	26	32	28	--
Incest	1	6	5	--
Obstruct Resist Peace Officer	42	35	27	7
Unlawfully at Large	26	25	18	--
Breach of Probation – Adult Only	542	606	590	4
Total Other Criminal Code Violations	2,407	2,686	2,349	142

Percent Change 2017-2018 ↑ 9.9 Percent

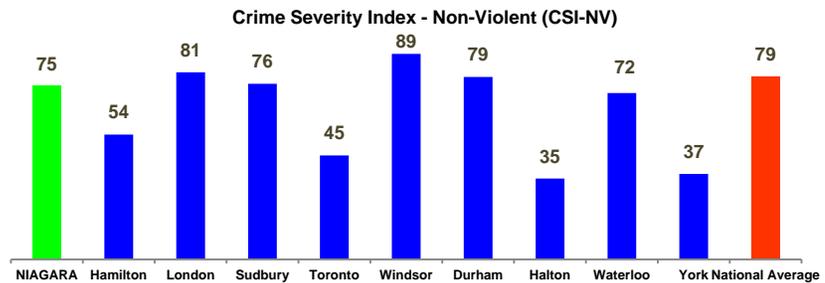
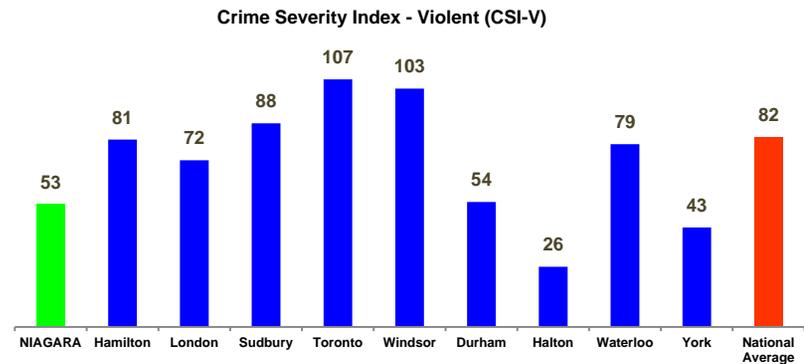
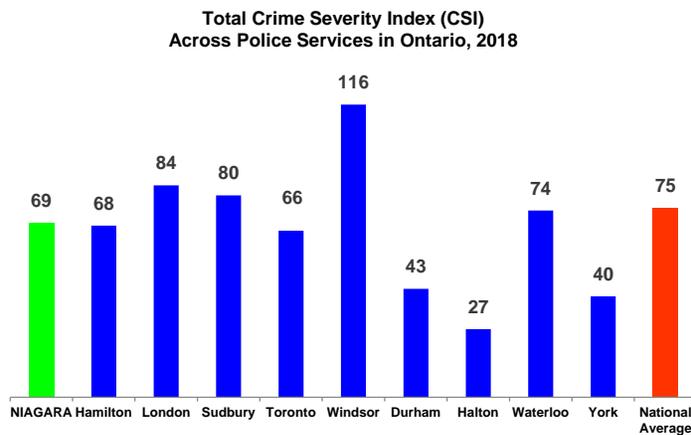


Crime Severity Index in Niagara

- 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.
- Research shows that higher levels of crime severity substantially reduce personal and community quality of life. As such, having a low CSI score is an indicator of community vitality.

Niagara is a very safe community to live and work.

Violent crime is very low compared to most other policing communities in Ontario.





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Community Patrol and Problem Oriented Policing

In 2018 there were numerous initiatives conducted by officers throughout the Region to address areas of concern reported by business, community members and visitors. These concerns ranged from traffic safety to disrupting criminal activity as well as coordinating efforts with other agencies to positively address public safety. Strategies to address community problems require flexibility, identification of the affected community, and the evaluation of initiative results in order to solve the problem. The success of these initiatives has been documented and clearly validates both the operational compliance and the effectiveness of our Community Patrol and Directed Patrols within the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Overview of Region-wide Initiatives

1 District – St. Catharines and Thorold

- **“St. Patrick’s Day 2018”** – This initiative was planned and implemented as a cost shared project between Brock University Off-Campus housing and the #1 District “Community Policing Office”. Uniformed officers identified “Student Party” houses well in advance as on the day of in the south end of St. Catharines and Thorold. Residents were visited and issued verbal warnings that inappropriate behaviour would not be tolerated. By days end, 25 PONs were issued and 3 arrests were made under the LLA. One charge was laid in the aftermath under the City of St. Catharines Nuisance By-Law for promoting and the carrying out of a “Nuisance Party”. Uniformed officers continued to conduct checks throughout the early evening hours in the Off Campus Housing areas of the south end before moving into the Downtown Core to deal with St. Patricks’ Day revelers.
- **“South End Noise Patrol”** – This initiative was planned and implemented as a cost shared project between Brock University Off-Campus housing and the #1 District “Community Policing Office”. This annual initiative coincides with the return in the fall and the spring departure of University students who live in residential neighbourhoods in south St. Catharines and Thorold. Uniformed officers respond to house parties and noise complaints where underage drinking usually takes place. The initiative sends a clear message that there will be zero tolerance to this behavior. Residents in the affected areas are very appreciative for police presence.
- **“Project Impact”** – This program encourages teenaged youths to attend St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School where they interact with officers. They enjoy sports as well as participating in lectures and demonstrations conducted by #1 District SRO and NRPS members from other Units. This partnership between the District School board of Niagara and the Niagara Regional Police Service has proven beneficial for youths at risk and shall continue into the 2019 school year.

- **"Start Me Up Niagara"** – This is community run program that has been helping the less fortunate for the last 21 years in St. Catharines. Due to an increase in aggressive behavior from clients and a perceived increased use of illicit drugs in the area, safety of its volunteers has come into question. #1 District uniform now regularly provides officer presence to "Start Me Up Niagara" on Gale Crescent. In addition members of the #1 District Community Policing Office working with volunteers of "Start Me Up Niagara" have participated in discussions with representatives/ residents of Niagara Regional Housing premises located in the immediate vicinity to address a variety of concerns.
- **"Operation Front Street Beat"** – This initiative developed by #1 District Uniform was developed as an effort to heighten police visibility on Front Street in the city of Thorold. The mission, a return to a more "pro-active" type of policing to address concerns of business owners forced to deal with an increase in public nuisance: drug activity and damage in the downtown area. **"Foot Patrol"** became the norm during the duration of this program which ran from October 2017 through August 2018 enabling merchants and residents alike to become comfortable with talking to the police. The initiative proved a success with letters positive remarks and letters sent to #1 District Administration. Also as a direct result, additional lighting was erected by the city of Thorold in the darker areas of the downtown promoting a safe environment to the community.
- **Operation Look Who's Talking"** – This initiative developed by #1 District Uniform was implemented to educate the public on the dangers of using "Hand Held Devices" while operating a motor vehicle on public roads. The end result to reduce serious motor vehicle collisions and fatalities. The project ran for a period of 2 months in early spring of 2018 at identified intersections or heavily traffic congested areas throughout the city of St. Catharines. The project produced a total of 5 Warnings and 19 PONs under the Highway Traffic Act during the project.





- **"Operation Yates Street – Break, Enter & Thefts"** – This initiative was developed as a direct result of residents' concern over the perception of an increase in Break-ins along Yates Street and adjacent streets in the City of St. Catharines. Increased officer presence using an unmarked vehicle with officers in plain clothes during night shifts was available when staffing resources permitted. Day light uniform officer presence was provided using bicycle patrols; foot patrol and in marked cruisers. The project also involved community meetings between residents; members of the NRPS and City of St. Catharines employees. The presentation of police statistics and discussions confirmed that residents should become more "security conscious" of their homes, out buildings and property. Many simple useful security tips were provided to residents at these meetings which should act as deterrents for future criminal acts.

2 District – Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake

- **Project "Bike Swipe"** – #2 District Casino Patrol officers developed this initiative due to the escalation of bicycle thefts over the past couple years. Areas within the Niagara Falls area, specifically the Casino area, showed a high number of bicycle thefts. During the summer months of 2018, Officers implemented this project which resulted in 22 individuals being charged with over 45 criminal offences. As a result of these arrests, 43 bicycles were recovered totaling approximately \$28,000.
- **Project Check In Niagara** – In response to public complaints and an increase in calls for service stemming from the closure of a key residence in Niagara Falls causing a rise in displaced individuals, this project was developed and implemented. One NRPS constable was the main contact with #2 District uniform officers aiding in the program's success. The project focused on the influx of transient individuals and incorporated businesses and residences along Lundy's Lane, Queen Street and Clifton Hill and the trails, schools and community centers within this geographic area. This led to the community coming together with police to implement neighborhood watches, increased police patrols in specific areas, removal of brush to prevent concealment and the allocation of sharps containers. The program's success is attributed to community based policing. It reduced the number of calls for service, unified the community and also altered lives of some by aiding in connecting with the respective community programs, ultimately getting some individuals off the streets. Clifton Hill Pan Handlers – In response to increased concerns about vagrants pan handling on Clifton Hill, #2 District Casino officers developed and implemented increased patrols specifically during the summer months to combat this issue. By the end of August, 69 supplementary reports were submitted under the project incident number. A visible reduction in pan handling was observed and praised by the local businesses.

3 District – Welland and Pelham

- **"Mischief and Graffiti Eradication Initiative"** – In the first quarter of 2018, Welland officers made a concerted effort to investigate and apprehend the persons responsible for committing mischief in the form of spray painting specific tags on vehicles and property in a concentrated geographic location within Welland. Through the outstanding efforts and perseverance of our officers, two arrests were made and 27 charges were laid.
- **"Moving Violations Initiatives"** – Platoons continued to set initiative goals to address unsafe traffic problems identified in various ways to the District. These problems were addressed by targeted, firm and regular enforcement which included components of education by officers to the drivers. Quarterly traffic reports were submitted by each platoon. Over the course of the second quarter of 2018, a total of 478 PONS and 110 warnings were issued.

- **"Niagara College Directed Patrol"** – This initiative was jointly funded by the partnership with the City of Welland and 3 District. Uniformed officers performed directed problem oriented policing and crime prevention patrols in the neighbourhoods surrounding Niagara College's Welland Campus at the beginning (September) and end (April) of the school year. Highly visible uniform officers' presence demonstrated our commitment to zero tolerance for problematic and criminal behavior. No arrests were made, however, several noisy parties were quelled and students were educated regarding Welland's noise and other bylaws.



- **"Tim Horton's Kids Camp Day"** – Members from 3 District partnered with our local Tim Horton's, volunteering their time on June 6 to participate in the Annual Tim Horton's Kids Camp Day. Officers served up coffee with a smile to patrons and donations were collected to send deserving children to camp.

- **"Salvation Army Adopt a Family for Christmas Program"** – The Salvation Army Adopt a Family for Christmas program

designed specifically to give families with children in our community who are in need, a wonderful Christmas. Families are required to register and are screened by the Salvation Army and only those truly in-need are selected. Again in 2018 our 3 District members joined together as a team to participate in this program. Through the generous donations and kindness of 3 District members, we adopted one family and ensured that all items on the children's wish lists were not only met but exceeded. In addition, funds donated ensure the each family is provided with groceries for Christmas breakfast items and dinner items. In the past few years we have expanded our donations to not only support our selected families but also provide additional toys to other children within our community.

5 District – Fort Erie

- **"Project Beach Day 2018"** – this initiative involved organized plans by high school students to skip school on Friday June 1, 2018 and gather at local beaches. Traditionally referred to as "hush hush" day students would attend various beach locations around the Niagara Region. Crystal Beach in Fort Erie has traditionally been a popular gathering spot on Beach Day potentially attracting thousands of students. A zero tolerance approach by officers of inappropriate behavior,

alcohol consumption or possession and trespassing resulted in a positive day for both students and area residents. Joint cooperation with the Town of Fort Erie Parks and Recreational Staff attributed to the success of this day.

- **"ATV Enforcement Initiative"** – uniform officers from 5 District conducted an initiative in the month of August 2018 that focused on Highway Traffic Act violations and Off Road Vehicles Act relating to All Terrain Vehicles. Operators when found in violation of legislation under the H.T.A., or the ORVA were investigated and charged during this initiative.

6 District – Port Colborne and Wainfleet

- **"Cottage Check"/ATV Patrols** – Several areas exist within 6 District which contain seasonal cottages that are routinely closed for the winter season by their owners. In order to provide proactive measures to combat thefts and break and enters in these areas, Uniform police officers from 6 District utilize ATV's to access these areas, providing a visible police presence in areas where traditional cruiser patrol is not possible. These patrols continue to be well received by the residents and seem play a role in proactively and reactively addressing criminal activity. Uniform police officers utilize ATV's to access various trails and parkland within 6 District in response to citizen complaints of illegal ATV use. Officers provided proactive and targeted enforcement patrols of the numerous public walking trails, railway properties, and City of Port Colborne and St. Lawrence Seaway owned properties in order to enforce the provisions of the Trespass to Property Act, Off-Road Vehicles Act and Highway Traffic Act.



- **Beach Patrols** – In a joint initiative with 5 District officers & School Resource Officers, Uniform Patrol Officers from 6 District conducted foot patrols of area beaches during "Beach Day"-an event, unsanctioned by school boards, which sees a large number of students attending at area beaches while on unapproved school absence. Attendance was minimal on 6 District beaches and the event was largely without incident. Over the course of the summer, as operational exigencies allowed, officers

conducted impromptu foot patrols at various beaches in Port Colborne and Wainfleet in order to reduce and discourage illicit activities. This activity was greatly supported and appreciated by citizens residing in the area.

8 District – Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln

- **"8DistrictNRPS@8Nrps"** – is a twitter social media account which was initiated in 2018 dedicated to providing the residents of West Niagara (Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln) with information relating to District activities, community events, traffic education, crime prevention education and initiatives. The site has reached 294 followers and has been embraced by local mayors and council members who utilize the site to inform their constituents of community police activities being conducted in their communities.
- **"Clean Sweep"** – In the summer of 2018 8 District officers conducted a proactive crime prevention initiative attending various parks in Lincoln, West Lincoln and Grimsby. Officers conducted foot patrol, bicycle patrol and vehicle patrols to heighten public safety, interact with our community in a positive environment and investigate offences related to bylaws and other provincial statutes.



- **"Lock It or Lose It"** – The "Lock It or Lose It" crime prevention initiative was conducted in Fall of 2018. 8 District officers attended various neighborhoods conducting foot patrol, bicycle patrol and vehicle patrol to deter thefts from unlocked vehicles. Officers distributed "Lock it or Lose It" cards and identified various insecure vehicles and residences. These activities were reinforced through the 8 District twitter account (8District@8Nrps).

Community Engagement with Youth

School Resource Officers

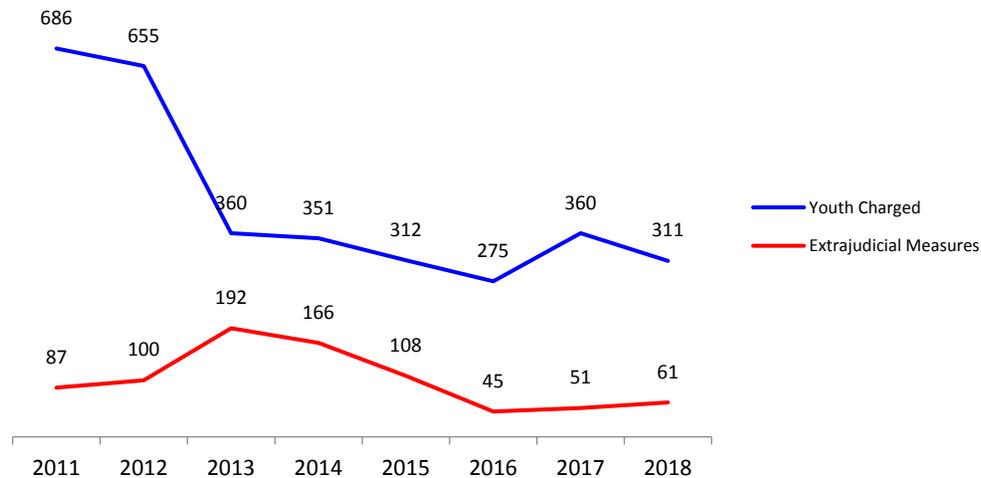
The Niagara Regional Police Service has developed a strong relationship with the District School Board of Niagara, Niagara Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud and Conseil scolaire Viamonde. This relationship has six School Resource Officers (SROs) working within the school environment. The SROs work closely with staff and administrators in the development of proactive and reactive programs within the school for youth, provide a professional and positive role model and act as a resource in conflict situations.

During the summer of 2018, the School Resource Officers were re-deployed to the Marine Unit to conduct general patrol duties in parts of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, the Niagara River and other water sanctuaries within or bordering the Niagara Region. Working with the Marine Unit the SROs provided enforcement of the marine and navigation laws as well Criminal Code, Controlled Drug and Substances Act and Liquor License Act offences.

The following is a summary of the School Resource Officers (SROs) activities for the 2018 calendar year:

- Occurrences 394
- Follow-ups 231
- Provincial Offence Notices 115
- Computer Assisted Dispatch Calls 679
- Arrests 22
- Criminal Charges 13
- PBOM's (youth) 80

Youth Involved Criminal Incidents



Extrajudicial Measures Program (EJM)

In 2018 School Resource Officers (SROs) patrolled all the high schools in the Niagara Region. The positive impact of police officers being fully involved in the local high school communities has led to a decrease in the number of criminal charges laid against young persons. SROs and school administrators are proactive in engaging students to identify and address issues before they become criminal offences. The effective and positive relationships established between the Niagara Regional Police Service, the school boards and partner agencies continue to yield positive results.

The Niagara Regional Police Service relies upon the services of community partners such as Contact Niagara, John Howard Society, Family and Children Services, Port Cares, Pathstone, Youth Probation and Parole and Youth Resources Niagara to provide not only extra judicial programs but also for assistance regarding all youth related concerns. Our partnerships allow for extra judicial measures that not only provide accountability for criminal acts but also provide support for the youth involved.

Summary of 2018 EJM (61 total)

- John Howard Society 15
- Pathstone Mental Health 15
- Youth Justice Committee 22
- Youth Resources Niagara 9

These continued relationships help build on community safety through information sharing. The establishment of these community partnerships has benefited the Niagara Regional Police Service's efforts to increase police visibility and crime prevention throughout the Niagara Region. The development of monthly meetings with the Youth Probation and Parole officers has proven to be profitable for information sharing.

Community Partners

The Niagara Regional Police Service endeavors to optimize relationships with community partners to improve service delivery to youth, victims, vulnerable persons and at-risk persons. Working with our community partners and stakeholders NRPS is better able to address the needs of youth in the Niagara Region. Our community partners include the following: Contact Niagara, Port Cares Youth Justice Committee, Family and Children Services (FACS), Pathstone Mental Health, Ministry of Children

& Youth Services – Youth Justice Services, Youth Resources Niagara, TAPP – C (The Arson Prevention Program for children) and the John Howard Society.

ProAction Cops & Kids Niagara Chapter

The Niagara Chapter council remains committed to supporting programs that establish a positive relationship between police and at-risk youth in the Niagara Region. The following are programs that were completed in Niagara 2018:



Camp Medeba: Camp Medeba is a comfortable setting for police and youth to make connections and build bridges of trust and understanding. This not-for-profit camp is located in Haliburton County specializing in using adventure activities to facilitate learning and growth in personal development, leadership, communication and cooperation. One female and one male student from each high school are selected to attend this leadership camp with police. From May 7 to 9, 2018 forty eight students were engaged in rope climbing events, team building exercises, zip lining and enjoying camp fires.

Students Rock: Students Rock partners students, police and the community where police mentors support and act as a life coach to local high school kids in the Niagara Region. Students learn to play in a safe environment and, at the end of the initiative, they showcase their talents in a stage performance with a local rock band. 2018 was the 5th year of the competition and 12 students from across the Niagara Region worked with their police mentors for the guitar competition which was held on April 18th at the Scotia Bank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls.

Cops & Basketball: The 2018 Cops & Basketball program provided students the opportunity to develop their basketball skills in a positive environment. Police partnered with No Limit Performance, a high caliber basketball training program led by a former police officer. Niagara Regional Police Service officers attended with the 16 teens for 10 weeks and cooperatively developed their skills and love for the game of basketball.

Special Victims

The Special Victims Unit is a combined investigative office focusing on providing services to victims of violent crime, and it includes the following units: Domestic Violence Unit, Child Abuse Unit, Sexual Assault Unit, Internet Child Exploitation, Cybercrime Unit and Technological Crimes Unit. The office is supported by Violent Crime Analysts responsible for daily review and tracking of relevant incidents, submissions to the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System, and Ontario Major Case Management System data entry. The office works collaboratively with a number of community partners, including service providers that form the Coalition to End Violence Against Women (CEVAW), and the Niagara Region Human Trafficking Emergency Response Protocol.

Domestic Violence

The centralized Domestic Violence Unit has been operating as part of Special Victims since 2012. The unit consists of 12 Domestic Violence Investigators and a supervisor, and is responsible for conducting criminal investigations involving persons connected through past or present intimate partnerships.

Having a specially trained unit of Domestic Violence Investigators allows the Service to free up front-line resources for incident response, provide increased monitoring of cases with elevated risk for domestic violence, and to have consistent representation during engagement with community partners.



The Domestic Violence Unit works collaboratively with Family and Children's Services Niagara, Victim Services Niagara, Victim Witness Assistance Program, Probation and Parole, the Crown Attorney's Office, and shelters for abused women and children, including Gillian's Place, and Women's Place of South Niagara.

Domestic Violence Investigations in 2018:*

CLASSIFICATION	2018
Domestic Violence – Investigations	1,397
Domestic Violence – Criminal Charges	683
Domestic Violence – No Charges	714

** Domestic Violence means any use or attempted use of physical force, sexual force, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, or threatening/harassing behaviour that is directed toward a past or present intimate partner by a past or present intimate partner.*

Note: Both men and women can be victims of domestic violence.

Child Abuse

Formed in 1992, the Child Abuse Unit is a centralized investigative unit with a mandate to investigate all incidents of child sexual abuse, child physical abuse and neglect where serious injuries have resulted, a life has been endangered or where there has been a failure to provide the necessities of life. Members of the Child Abuse Unit also provide assistance during investigations involving children, or requiring child interviews.

Child Abuse investigators are specially trained in sexual assault and offences against children investigations, investigative interviewing and major case management. These investigators work closely with community partners to deliver on a shared commitment to a comprehensive and coordinated response to allegations of child abuse. This collaboration is guided by the Child Abuse Protocol for the Niagara Region, involving the Niagara Regional Police Service, Family and Children's Services Niagara, Ministry of Attorney General – Crown Attorney, and Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and the Ontario Office of the Chief Coroner.



Joint child abuse investigations are conducted in partnership with Family and Children's Services (FACS) Niagara and benefit from the strong support of the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara (KFCACN). The Centre, formally opened on September 16, 2008 offers a safe, child friendly environment where the child and their family can be formally interviewed. In 2018 the KFCACN celebrated its 10th year anniversary of serving Niagara children and their families. Together with its community partners the Service supported a number of initiatives organized by the KFCACN, including the Playhouse Build and Auction and the Amazing Race Niagara.

Child Abuse investigations also benefit from the expertise of physicians and staff at the McMaster University Children's Hospital – Child Advocacy and Assessment Program, and in addition are reviewed and tracked by the Child Abuse Review Team (CART), in accordance with adequacy standards set out in the Ontario Policing Standards Manual.

Child Abuse Investigations in 2018:

CLASSIFICATION	2018
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations – Total	302
Cleared by Charge	46
Cleared Unfounded*	32
Investigation Suspended**	56
Cleared Otherwise	33
Investigation Ongoing	23
Non-CCJS***	112

* The category of "Unfounded" describes incidents in which it has been determined through police investigation that the offence reported did not occur, nor was it attempted.

** The category of "Investigation Suspended" describes incidents that may be still under investigation or there is insufficient evidence to proceed. Subject to the discovery of new evidence or the conclusion of an investigation, these incidents may be reclassified in the future.

*** The category of "Non CCJS" describes incidents that are determined – based on the content of the complaint – either not to be a criminal offence, or having occurred outside of the Niagara Region. An example of this includes an "Information" or "Out of Town Occurrence" report.

Sexual Assault

Formed in 1996, the Sexual Assault Unit (SAU) is a centralized investigative unit responsible for the coordination and response to reports of sexual assault in the Niagara Region, involving victims over 16 years of age and reports of historical sexual abuse of child victims.

The detectives in this unit are specially trained in areas of sexual assault investigation, investigative interviewing, and major case management. The Sexual Assault Unit, in collaboration with its community partners, is committed to meet the needs of sexual assault victims and appropriately respond to public safety concerns. Our dedicated team of investigators manages cases from initial reporting to the conclusion of an investigation. They provide support to victims and witnesses through the court process, and action referrals to Victim Services Niagara and the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Sexual Assault Unit Investigations in 2018:

CLASSIFICATION	2018
Sexual Assault Investigations – Total	321
Cleared by Charge	35
Cleared Unfounded	27
Investigation Suspended	216
Cleared Otherwise	7
Non-CCJS	35

The Sexual Assault Unit works collaboratively with our community partners through the Sexual Assault Response Protocol. Amended over time, this protocol includes: the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Treatment Program at the Niagara Health System, the Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre, the Victim Witness Assistance Program, Victim Services Niagara and the Crown Attorney-Ministry of Attorney General.

Electronic Crimes

The Electronic Crimes or E-Crimes Unit was formed to bring together under one umbrella units that investigate crimes that occur on the World Wide Web or are aided by the use of technology and digital devices. This investigative office is comprised of the Technological Crimes Unit, which supports criminal investigations through forensic examinations of digital devices to extract evidence of a variety of offences; the Computer Cyber Crime Unit, which supports criminal investigations by extracting evidence from online sources and providing technical support to investigators conducting online investigations; and the Internet Child Exploitation Unit, which investigates offences committed against children on the Internet or through the use of digital devices.

Internet Child Exploitation

The Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has established a local police response to crimes against children perpetrated via the Internet. In addition to a reactive response to public complaints, investigators proactively initiate investigations of identified targets, authoring search warrants that are judicially authorized and executed locally. This leads to the identification and arrest of offenders possessing, distributing and making child pornography, and persons who utilize the Internet to lure children into



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING

What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

Young people under the age of 18 who are encouraged, trapped, forced or coerced into a sexual relationship or situation by an adult.

It often involves the young person being offered something in return for performing sexual acts, such as alcohol, cigarettes, gifts, money, drugs and affection.

Child Sexual Exploitation has become an issue which is affecting our community and could be happening around us, including where you work.

In the past few years, public awareness of child sexual exploitation has increased but too many children and young people are still victims. We have been working to raise awareness of the issue but we need the help of local businesses to protect children at risk of being exploited or help those who are already victims.

National and local evidence shows that CSE takes place in hotels, pubs, internet cafes and places licensed to sell alcohol and that taxis are used to transport young people who are then exploited. Therefore it is your responsibility to help protect children and stop the sexual exploitation of children from happening.

Although child sexual exploitation isn't always easy to spot there are signs to look out for which could indicate that it is taking place where you work. If you come across a situation that looks or feels suspicious, talk to your supervisor and contact the police.

The important thing is not to ignore suspicious behaviour and to report anything that doesn't seem right.

Protecting children is everyone's responsibility. Remember, your observations and phone call can make all the difference to a sexually exploited child.

DON'T IGNORE YOUR GUT FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT.

SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING

sexual activity.

The ICE Unit continues full-time membership in the Ontario Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet, which the Niagara Regional Police Service joined in 2007. This initiative has led to a high level of interagency co-operation and successful joint investigations of Internet Child Exploitation throughout the province, as well as nationally and internationally.

In November 2018 the ICE Unit participated in an Ontario Provincial Police led initiative to capture a one-month snapshot of child exploitation investigations across Ontario. This initiative resulted in 122 people being charged with a combined 551 child-pornography related offences in Ontario, during the month of November.

Internet Child Exploitation Unit Investigations in 2018:

Year	Reported Incidents	Arrests	Criminal Charges
2018	107	28	104

Members of the public can report suspicious internet activities relating to child exploitation to the Niagara Regional Police, or online at www.cybertip.ca. Internet safety tips for parents, children and Internet users are also available on the cybertip website.

Traffic Enforcement Unit



In 2018 the Traffic Enforcement Unit (T.E.U.) had an authorized strength of four Sergeants and 15 Constables. In addition to the enforcement officers, the unit has an Administrative Sergeant and is supervised by a Staff Sergeant. Each of these officers are dedicated to developing and implementing various traffic initiatives in problem areas throughout the region as well as leading and participating in joint forces enforcement operations.

In 2018 the Traffic Enforcement Unit once again continued its commitment to traffic and enforcement initiatives throughout the Niagara Region. In 2018 officers from this unit were responsible for issuing 5953 Provincial Offence Notices and Summonses, comprising of approximately 17% of the Service's total enforcement efforts. In addition, members also arrested several drivers for driving while disqualified, impaired driving and other criminal offences.

This year the Traffic Enforcement Unit looked more closely into statistics regarding speed management. In previous studies, police have recognized that drivers are more likely to speed again if they receive a reduction on their speeding tickets.

As the primary focus of the Traffic Enforcement Unit is road safety, there is a serious concern that drivers are continuing to speed and there is a greater likelihood that they will be involved in a collision that could result in serious injuries or death. In 2018 members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit continued to not reduce any speeding tickets to 10 or 15 kilometers over the speed limit to continue reducing serious personal injury and fatal collisions. In total the Traffic Enforcement Unit issued 1324 speeding tickets and brought the percentage of reduced speeding tickets down to 44 percent.



During the week of May 15th to 21st, the T.E.U. participated in the Annual Canada Road Safety Week which covers the Victoria Day long weekend. This year it also included the national enforcement day for impaired driving on May 19th. This enforcement-driven initiative is designed to increase public compliance with awareness of safe driving measures and, ultimately, save lives. This year the campaign targeted impaired drivers, distracted driving, seat belt compliance, speeding as well as aggressive driving.

In addition to the annual Canada Road Safety week, officers conducted several targeted enforcement events throughout the year, such as the distracted driving and seatbelt enforcement blitzes. Traffic Enforcement

officers again attended a neighborhood in Thorold where university students repeatedly speed and fail to obey the stop signs. The strong enforcement presence was well received by the local residents.

On July 11, 2018, members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted project 'Ultimate Exotics'. This enforcement action was a part of an ongoing effort to reduce dangerous driving in the region after numerous complaints were received from concerned residents. Members of T.E.U. stopped six exotic cars participating in a 5-hour tour of the Niagara Region from Stoney Creek to Niagara Falls. After recording several vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of 50km/hr, the six vehicles were stopped. As a result, all six drivers were charged with various offences, including four of them who had their licences suspended and vehicles towed and seized for seven days for stunting.

In 2018, the Traffic Enforcement Unit now has the use of a second Automated Licence Plate Recognition camera system. These two vehicles generated 2567 tickets in 2018. The vehicles are a fantastic tool for the T.E.U. The camera system obtains photos of licence plates which then compares' the plate to a "hot list", which is composed of information that is updated by MTO and CPIC each morning. If a captured plate is recognized as being on this list, an alert is given, notifying the officer of the potential infraction. This system allows the officer to focus on driving while the cameras check the plates.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit receive additional training in the area of breath analysis, drug recognition, level II collision investigation, as well as Radar and Lidar speed detection equipment. In 2018, three officers successfully completed the Intoxilyzer course and another officer became a Drug Recognition Expert. Throughout the year,

Traffic Enforcement Officers were responsible for conducting 431 alcohol impaired tests and 33 drug impaired investigations across the region.

Once again, the Niagara Regional Police received grant funding for 2018/2019 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services as part of the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E) program. A total of 16 scheduled R.I.D.E. spot checks were conducted throughout the year with a significant amount of the dates scheduled during the holiday season. This year, approximately 7320 vehicles were stopped and checked, 162 roadside tests were conducted, 8 people had their licences suspended for 3 days or more, 10 people were charged criminally with impaired driving and 92 Provincial Act charges were issued.

On December 18, 2018, new impaired driving laws came into effect. These new laws provided law enforcement with new authorities to assist with reducing impaired driving. The Traffic Enforcement Unit undertook the responsibility of educating themselves, as well as educating our frontline officers on the new laws. In addition to the education aspect, the T.E.U. also thoroughly completed the changeover of all in-house forms and templates so the N.R.P.S. could continue enforcing the law and ultimately making the Niagara roadways safer.

The Traffic Enforcement Unit continues "tweeting" from our Twitter account "NRPS Road Safety". Officers take photos of interesting and unique traffic stops and increase public awareness by providing them with updates in legislation, safe responsible driving tips and notification of current events and projects. As of this year, the Traffic Enforcement Unit's Twitter handle has 1288 followers.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, the Niagara Regional Police Service conducted its 18th annual back to school traffic safety and awareness day. The project coincides with the return to school for the majority of the children in the Niagara Region. In addition to the usual speed and distracted driving enforcement, members of the Niagara Regional Police also focused on school bus and crossing guard compliance. In feedback from officers participating in this project, many reported that the majority of the motorists were driving appropriately in the school zones. However there were still approximately 110 drivers that were stopped and charged or issued warnings for various offences. In total 83 tickets were issued and 55 warnings were given. Of the tickets issued, 46 were for speeding, 3 were for distracted driving, 5 for not wearing a seatbelt and 29 for other various Provincial offences.



In addition to education, enforcement, and administrative duties, members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit are also called upon to assist with other matters and projects throughout the region. In 2018, several occasions arose where regional minimums could not be met and enforcement officers were called upon to be redeployed to assist with meeting this minimum. Officers also participated in collision investigations, parade escorts, labour disputes, as well as crowd and traffic control when warrants were executed.

In 2018, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted several additional Radar and Lidar training courses. An instructor course was held in December and 6 people were successful in completing the course and will now be able to assist each of their districts by conducting requalification courses.

On October 17th 2018, the new cannabis laws took effect. The Traffic Enforcement Unit had members attend training symposiums in addition to the in service training provided. Members of T.E.U. are well versed on the new laws and issued Provincial offence notices in 2018.

The Traffic Enforcement Unit will continue to focus on qualifying and certifying officers, as well as continual enforcement and education. Several projects are planned in the following year, which will continue to address the importance of road safety and safe driver behavior. One project which is already underway is the streamlining of Radar and Lidar recertifications. The Traffic Enforcement Unit has taken the lead in creating an easy to use online training course. This will allow for better scheduling and less man hours spent away from Districts and patrol hours.

Collision Reconstruction Unit

Section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires that a police services board have a policy on traffic management, traffic law enforcement and road safety. In addition, section 5 (1) (d) requires that police services have technical collision investigation and collision reconstruction investigative supports.

The Niagara Regional Police Service is in compliance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation and has a dedicated Collision Reconstruction Unit. The Collision Reconstruction Unit is comprised of 6 Detective Constables and 1 Detective Sergeant and is mandated to investigate all fatal and serious life threatening motor vehicle collisions that occur within the Region.



Officers assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Unit are technically trained and dedicated investigators, who specialize in the field of collision investigation. Members assigned to the Unit are initially required to complete a minimum of 10 weeks of extensive collision investigation training at either the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario or the Canadian Police College in Ottawa. Beyond their initial training, our collision investigators receive ongoing training to maintain and increase their skill set and expertise.

The six members assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Unit are divided into two teams and are available to respond to incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to investigating collisions, members of the Collision Reconstruction Unit also provide support to our Forensic Services Unit and Major Crime Unit by providing forensic mapping and UAV services during high profile criminal investigations.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated 15 fatal motor vehicle collisions that resulted in the death of 15 people and attended 16 life-threatening injury collisions in 2018.

In 2018, the Collision Reconstruction Unit took on the additional responsibilities of managing the Niagara Regional Police Service's remotely piloted vehicles (drones). The unit oversees all flight operations within the NRPS as well as maintenance and flight logs. The Reconstruction Unit has assisted with aerial support for training, armed persons, warrants, building and ground searches with their remotely piloted vehicles. In 2019, the Collision Reconstruction Unit will be updating their equipment as well as the software they utilize for completing their investigations. These updates will see the Niagara Regional Police Service's Reconstruction Unit as a leader in technology and methods used in their area of expertise.

Collision Related Fatal and Life Threatening Injuries in Niagara

Collision Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fatal Collisions	22	18	17	20	18	15
MTO Reportable Deaths	19	18	15	17	16	13
Non-Reportable Deaths	3	2	2	4	2	2
Life Threatening Injuries	26	26	24	21	24	16

Emergency Task Unit (E.T.U.)



The Emergency Task Unit (ETU) is a fully operational Hostage Rescue Unit, capable of all functions from Perimeter Control and Containment to Hostage Rescue tactics. As an accredited Hostage Rescue Team, the ETU is comprised of two Sergeants and twelve Constables. The ETU is supported by other Emergency Services Units that come together to form the Tactical Support Group (TSG). These members provide the “Force Multipliers” that permit the ETU to be capable of completing its mission.

The ETU responds to hostage takings, armed/barricaded persons, high-risk warrant service, building and area searches, high risk canine tracks, emotionally disturbed person calls, dignitary security, witness protection, high-risk court security, search and rescue of missing / vulnerable persons, and other duties as assigned. A highly trained and disciplined team is required to provide this specialized support. To provide a greater support for front line officers, ETU members will perform patrol duties when not engaged in tactical support operations, training, or special assignments.

The ETU is a specialized support unit with a broad mandate that assists and augments all operational areas within the Niagara Regional Police Service.

In 2018 the ETU continued to provide significant support directly to the front line on its night shift rotation through redeployment. When required the unit also assists the Training Unit by providing firearms and use of force instructors. The Emergency Task Unit responded to 137 requests for its services throughout 2018. This total includes non-tactical type operations for which the ETU is responsible; such as VIP security, high risk escorts, community outreach, and missing persons - search & rescue operations. In addition, ETU members responded to containment or tactical calls for service as an Immediate Response Team (IRT) in circumstances that did not necessarily require a full team response.

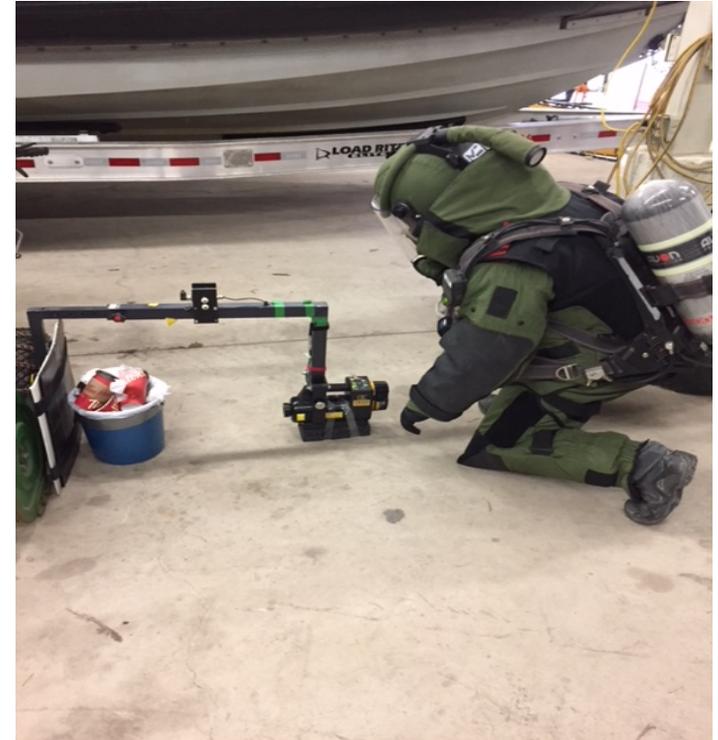
VIP	Warrants	Armed/ Barricaded Persons	Searches Missing Persons / Evidence	High Risk Arrests	Other	Mental Health Crisis
16	14	15	19	35	14	16

Explosives Disposal

The Explosive Disposal Unit is trained and equipped to render safe improvised chemical, biological, radiological and explosive devices, (CBRNE) military ordnance and provide technical support to the Emergency Task Unit. Additionally, the Explosive Disposal Unit provides specialized investigative support to other Service units, and educates Service and Community Organizations in matters relating to explosives and bomb threat procedures. In 2018 the Explosive Disposal Unit responded to 25 calls for service, and participated in 3 community functions.

The unit consists of 6 part-time members who are certified in bomb disposal, electronics, explosive forced entry and post blast investigations by the Canadian Police College. Members participate in monthly training and attend out of service courses and workshops for advanced and recertification training. In 2018 each Explosives Technician participated in an average of 25 days of training, practicing and building their individual and the Unit skill set toward the effective, efficient and timely resolution of incidents.

To ensure a high level of readiness, the unit holds active membership in a number of domestic and international associations, where information and training on the latest trends, threats and techniques are shared and learned. Strong working relationships with other Niagara stakeholders (Fire, Ambulance), as well as regular training and exchanges with other police Explosive Disposal Units in Ontario, Canada and the USA adds to the units high level of preparedness. Members represent the Service within CBRNE Niagara and play an important role in the response team.



Explosive Disposal Unit Call for Service

Chemical / Biological	4
Improvised Explosive Device (IED)	1
Suspicious Package	6
Post Blast	0
Found Explosives	4
Hoax / Threats	1
Military Explosives	4
Other	5

Canine Unit

In 2018, the Canine Unit continued its commitment to support Uniform Patrol and Specialty Units with a full complement of six Constables and one Sergeant. The Unit maintained seven general purpose dogs, all cross trained in narcotics detection and two dedicated explosive detection dogs.

The Canine Unit assisted outside agencies in their handler selection process and was responsible for running a spring and a fall basic handler course. Police services who attended here in 2018 for developing their canine teams were as follows: Buffalo Police Department x 3, Peterborough Community Police Service x 2, Tonawanda Police Department and the Amherst Police Department. The training of outside agencies is instrumental in allowing the current members of the N.R.P.S. Canine Unit to increase their knowledge base of canine behavior therefore strengthening their problem solving ability.

Year		End	Types of Calls		Patrol Dog Calls	
Statistics						
Calls for Police Service Dogs	1,218	Calls for Patrol Dogs	636	Tracks	358	
Number of Times Canine Used	684	Calls for Narcotics Detection	37	Open Searches	18	
Non-K-9 Calls	566	Calls for Explosives Detection	11	Building Searches	32	
K-9 Successes	103			Article Searches	45	
Arrests	76					
Support Apprehensions	73					



Underwater Search and Recovery Unit

The members of the Niagara Regional Police Service's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit extend the function of the police investigator into the aquatic environment. Through the highly trained members of the USRU, NRPS investigators are able to recover a variety of evidence including vehicles, vessels, aircraft, weapons, and deceased persons. As Police Divers the members of the USRU are required to be qualified as commercial divers under standards set by the Canadian Safety Association and the Ontario Health and Safety Act - Diving Regulations. The members of the USRU are able to utilize a variety of resources and equipment including SCUBA, Surface Supply Air, Remotely Operation Vehicle, and Sonar technology to perform their duties. The members undergo further training in the areas of hull inspection, harbour searching, explosives' recognition, rappelling, and CBRNE. The USRU provides further support to the Explosives Disposal Unit with members trained as a Police Explosives Technician. In 2018 qualified members of the USRU responded to four explosive disposal incidents.

In 2018 the USRU undertook 28 dive operations in the Niagara Region along with providing support to partner agencies requiring police divers.

18 Body Recoveries
2 Dives for partner agencies
4 Explosive Disposal Calls
4 Vehicle Recoveries





Marine Unit

The *Police Services Act of Ontario* and Provincial Adequacy Standards mandate the Niagara Regional Police Service to provide an effective police presence and response on the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the service. This mandate is accomplished through the work of the Marine Unit. The Marine Unit is responsible for conducting proactive marine enforcement patrols and responding to water-related search and rescue calls. With 1,500 square kilometres within the response area of the Niagara Regional Police Service, the Marine Unit has responsibility for one of the largest waterways in Canada. The areas covered include large portions of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and both the Upper and Lower Niagara River which collectively boarder the Region on three sides. Vast networks of inland lakes, rivers and hydro canals fall within the Marine Unit's response area along with the Welland Shipping Canal, a critical component to commerce in both Canada and the United States.

The Marine Unit is comprised of seven full time officers. The unit members are trained to respond to six diverse disciplines: marine enforcement; tactical support; underwater search and recovery; CBRNE; explosive disposal; and front-line uniform patrol. The ability of the members to respond to this broad scope of incidents makes the Marine Unit one of the most highly trained in Canada.

The Marine Unit provides water borne response to both sanctioned events such as Canal Days in Port Colborne and unsanctioned events which are typically year end school parties. The Marine Unit promotes public safety on and around the water through both education and enforcement of several Provincial and Federal Acts. In addition to conducting education initiatives on the water the Marine Unit took part in seven community events along with attending public service clubs to present topics on boating and water safety.

In 2018, 385 Provincial Offence Notices were issued for primarily offences under the Canada Shipping Act, Liquor License Act, and Highway Traffic Act along with 13 arrests. The Unit responded to 551 calls for service which included 57 search and rescue incidents and 2 swift water/surface ice rescue calls.

Three officers participated in national maritime security initiatives as contracted or seconded members. One officer supported the RCMP Marine Security Emergency Response Team (MSERT) as a Tactical Rescue Diver on a 24/7 callout basis and a second officer was seconded to the full-time RCMP Marine Security Enforcement Team operating from the Upper Niagara River to as far east as Windsor. The third member was assigned to support both Canadian and United States federal agencies through the joint services program known as Shiprider.



Special Investigative Services

Overview.

The Niagara Regional Police - Special Investigative Services (S.I.S.) unit deploys 31 sworn officers, 1 civilian analyst and 1 civilian clerk. This investigative unit is also assisted by an embedded officer from the Canada Border Services Agency. The unit is responsible for high level drug and organized crime investigations along with extremism, Human Trafficking and cross border issues. All unit members have a high level of training experience in criminal investigations and many have specialized training and experience in search and seizure, technical investigations, undercover techniques, organized crime investigations and large scale drug investigations. The Special Investigative Services unit is dedicated to the goals of the Police Service.

The unit is comprised of the Guns Gangs and Grows unit which also include two officers seconded to the Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team (PJFCET). This unit also deploys two officer assigned to Opioid education and Enforcement. Special Investigative Services also includes the Intelligence unit, the Mobile Surveillance unit and the Morality unit. Several officers are deployed to Joint Forces Operations including, Biker Enforcement (O.P.P.), Provincial Weapons Enforcement (O.P.P.), Provincial Anti-Terrorism Investigations (O.P.P., R.C.M.P.), the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit (O.P.P.) and the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (Canadian and American Authorities). Another officer is the Covert Asset Manager.

Several successful investigations took place in 2018. These included investigations that resulted in the seizure of large amounts of narcotics including fentanyl, cocaine and marihuana along with Human Trafficking investigations and extremism. The Special Investigative Services unit is also a support to all other units of the Service providing expertise, technical support and surveillance to various investigations. The Unit was also responsible for several internal investigations throughout the year.

Intelligence Unit

The Intelligence unit is responsible for a variety of tasks which includes the monitoring of protests within the Region. The unit also houses the Hate Crime officer who is part of the Provincial Hate crime team. He monitors Hate Crime type incidents within the Niagara Region.

This unit is responsible for the monitoring and investigation of various ethnic based organized crime groups and extremism groups. The unit works hand in hand with law enforcement agencies across Ontario and New York State and is responsible for information sharing on criminal matters not only locally but nationally and internationally.

This unit is responsible for the technical aspect of Intelligence and Investigational operations including the use of interception of private communications under Part VI of the Criminal Code of Canada. This unit is also responsible for

administering the Witness Protection program. The officer in charge of the Covert Asset management system for the Region is also attached to the Criminal Intelligence unit.

There is a criminal analyst attached to this unit, who among other duties is responsible for the collection, collation and distribution of information regarding crime trends and patterns in the Niagara Region.

Guns, Gangs and Grows unit/Opioid Education and Enforcement

In 2018 the Guns, Gangs and Grow unit (GGG) is staffed with eight detectives. Two of those officers are seconded to the recently formed Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team (PJFCET). That PJFCET is managed by the Ontario Provincial Police. The GGG unit also has officers assigned to Opioid Education and Enforcement. Although the core members of the unit still investigate the illegal production and trafficking of marihuana, they have dedicated more time in 2018 to combating the distribution of Fentanyl and other narcotics mixed with Fentanyl. They have seen several successes in 2018 and the trend towards the disruption of fentanyl traffickers will continue into 2019. The unit executed a total of 39 search warrants that resulted in the seizure of processed marihuana, marihuana plants, weapons, cash and various other narcotics.

The unit conducted 35 separate investigations into the production and trafficking of marihuana and other narcotics that resulted in 47 suspect arrests and the laying of multiple Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and criminal charges. Consistent with their mandate the Guns Gangs and Grow unit seized 6,506 marihuana plants in various stages of growth worth an estimated 7.3 million dollars. Also seized during these investigations was 1.6 Million dollar worth of dried, ready for sale marihuana and marihuana products. During these investigations various other illegal drugs worth an estimated \$73,000 were seized. This included seizures of cannabis resin, cocaine and fentanyl. Below are examples of investigations conducted by this unit in 2018.

Welland

Investigation into a licenced marihuana grow operation located at 1260 Cataract Road, Welland. Investigation revealed that licences were obtained for personal production to which the licence holders were not tending to their crops. In total 2693 marihuana plants were seized along with 287.5 pounds of processed marihuana.



Grimsby. Illegal Marihuana Dispensary

Investigation into an illicit marihuana dispensary operating at 5 Main Street W, Grimsby. Investigation identified a "runner" who was supplying this location along with several other dispensaries in the Hamilton area. Cannabis along with marihuana derivatives were seized from a vehicle registered to the accused along with the seizure of a number of cannabis related items and currency that were present within the dispensary upon execution of a search warrant. Seized as a result of the investigation was \$45,250 marihuana, \$4080.00 in shatter, \$10,000.00 in high quality marihuana "moon rocks", \$3625.00 hashish, \$13,600.00 in THC oils and \$569.00 in Canadian currency.



Niagara Falls

A drug related investigation commenced after a male was shot at a personal marihuana grow operation. Investigation revealed that marihuana plants were being grown in contravention of the issued licenses. Upon execution of a search warrant, 889 marihuana plants were seized.



Year	Grow Investigations	Plants Seized
2018	109	6,506
2017	56	17,516
2016	42	6,359
2015	55	5,876
2014	35	3,726

Opioid Education and Enforcement

Investigations - 41
Drug Charges - 61
Criminal Code Charges - 54
Firearm seizures - 3
Heroin seizures - 6 grams
Fentanyl seizures - 249 grams, 38 patches
Community outreach seminars delivered - 16



Mobile Surveillance Unit

The Niagara Regional Police Service's Mobile Surveillance Unit is a six officer team that is a support service for all investigations conducted within Special Investigation Services. The unit also is a support unit for the other units within Investigations Services and Divisional Detective Services units.

The unit is responsible for supporting major projects from Homicide investigations to organized crime probes. On a regular basis the Mobile Surveillance unit assists with Divisional investigations in each area of Niagara. Members of this unit are also responsible for instruction of surveillance techniques to officers in Niagara and are part of the surveillance training team at the Ontario Police College.

In 2018 the unit was involved in high profile arrests of suspects ranging from robberies and Homicide to Narcotics trafficking suspects.

Morality Unit

The Morality Unit is responsible for mid to high level drug investigations within the Niagara Region and elsewhere in Ontario. Each officer is highly trained in search and seizure law, technical investigations and undercover work. They work hand in

hand with Divisional detectives on a number of investigations and also assist and work with other drug squads around the province. Members of this unit are also responsible for the investigation of Human Trafficking incidents within Niagara and are part of the Ontario Anti Human Trafficking network. Multiple Human trafficking investigations were conducted by the unit in 2017 that resulted in the rescuing of many survivors of Human Trafficking and the prosecutions of several offenders for this crime.

Each officer is highly skilled in narcotics investigations and specifically skilled in the drafting of judicial authorizations in support of investigations. They also offer community outreach programs that included presentations on drug abuse and human trafficking. Below are examples of investigations conducted by the unit in 2018.

Niagara Falls. October 25th, 2018

In October of 2018 Morality unit members conducted an investigation into the drug trafficking activities of a 23 year old Niagara Falls male. The investigation culminated in a search warrant being granted for the male's Ascot Circle residence. As a result of the search, eight ounces of cocaine along with a quantity of prescription pills were seized. Also seized was a 22 caliber semi-automatic Ruger rifle with over capacity magazines. Also seized was \$16,000 cash. The accused male faces multiple weapons and drug charges.



Thorold and Jordan. December 6th.

After a two month long investigation members of the Morality unit were granted search warrants for a residence in Thorold and a hotel room in Jordan, Ontario. Over \$66,000 worth of narcotics were seized. They included a Heroin fentanyl mix,

methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin and Cocaine. Also seized was a 9 millimeter pistol and \$50,000 cash. Three persons were charged with a variety of drug and weapons offences.



Joint Forces Operations

Provincial Anti-terrorism Section - PATS

PATS is an O.P.P. led Joint Forces Operation that has active participation from all the major police services in Ontario including the Niagara Regional Police Service. The Unit works very closely with members of the U.S. Intelligence community in addressing threats of terrorism. The section was established in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001, in the recognition of the fact that additional resources were needed to combat the threat of terrorism in Ontario. Investigators within PATS investigate criminal extremism throughout the province. As a border community, Niagara is a strategic site for human smuggling and transport of terrorist-related contraband to and from the United States. The primary objective of this Unit is to conduct investigations on individuals and organized crime groups involved in terrorism-related activities.

The Niagara officer seconded to PATS is one of the longest serving, most experienced members of PATS. The Niagara officer seconded to PATS conducts several local programs during the year with various Niagara cultural groups and officials responsible for local infrastructure. The seconded Niagara member was involved in many local initiatives along with major investigative projects in 2018.

Provincial Weapons Enforcement unit - PWEU

PWEU is an O.P.P. led Joint Forces Operation made up of 11 law enforcement agencies including the Niagara Regional Police Service. The mandate of the Unit is to identify persons involved in the illegal movement of firearms and to take enforcement action. This includes the offences of smuggling, trafficking and possession of “crime guns”. Many “crime guns” found or used in the commission of offences have their origins in the United States and PWEU has established a strong working relationship with their American counterparts.

The unit conducted several large scale investigations throughout the year in Ontario and in conjunction with their American counterparts in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Homeland Security. Of particular note was Project Renner, an initiative that stopped the illegal manufacture and distribution of handguns in the Greater Toronto area.

Corporate Communications

Corporate Communications provides direction and framework on how to deliver internal and external information in a strategic and consistent manner. In 2018, the Unit continued to build upon success within the realm of crisis and strategic communication by further engaging the community and our community partners. Several high profile events led to the engagement of the Unit to ensure the public and our media partners were informed and engaged to ensure public safety. The Unit continues to work with media partners with innovative and strategic approaches to communicate public safety messages and Service initiatives.

Corporate Communications is responsible for the Niagara Regional Police Service social media accounts including: Facebook, Twitter accounts, Instagram, YouTube account and the Niagara Regional Police website. These accounts have become the primary and most reliable sources of police information in Niagara by media outlets and members of the public. The Service's Facebook page finished 2018 with 32,245 followers while Twitter account had 23500 followers and Instagram had 6,600 followers. The Niagara Regional Police Service website www.niagarapolice.ca takes the online presence of the Service beyond social media platforms that can sometimes have limitations. Our AODA website is the cornerstone of the Service's online presence and a useful community resource for in-depth information on community policing and crime prevention.

Promoting and endorsing Community Events is another commitment Corporate Communications has undertaken. These events are promoted through our social media including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Community awareness is often leveraged by the use of media partners in the areas of print, radio and television. Using our media partnerships allows us to share positive stories of community involvement and engagement. The CCCE Unit supports many positive events including: Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run, Motorcycle Ride for Dad, Police Week, Cop Shop, Chief's Christmas Breakfast, Ice Dog Teddy Bear Toss, Coffee with a Cop, Pride in the Park, Niagara River Lions – Hero Game, Pearl Gloves – MS, the Great Holiday Food Drive, and various other community events. The end result is a Service that has strong and accessible lines of communication with our community.

On December 5, 2018 the 11th Annual Cop Shop event in partnership with the Pen Centre in St Catharines was held where 46 students, ranging in age from six to 12 years old from every grade school from St. Catharines and Thorold participate. Each student received a \$200 gift card from the Pen Centre to go shopping with their police officer shopping partners. This event created high police visibility while encouraging local students to build valued relationships with members of the Niagara Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Niagara Parks Police, CN Police and RCMP.



Public Complaints

	2017	2018
Conduct Complaints	93	76
Service Complains	3	4
Total Public Complaints	96	80
Complaint Conclusions		
Other – No investigation conducted as per the decision of the OIPRD – Not in the public interest, complaint more than 6 months old, frivolous /vexatious, no PSA breach, insufficient information provided use another forum (i.e., Court).	29	30
Withdrawn	13	5
Customer Service Resolution (Before investigation)	4	6
Informal Resolution (During investigation)	1	2
Unsubstantiated Complaints (Following investigation)	38	34
Substantiated Complaints (Following investigation)	4	4
Pending / Open Investigations	4	--
Substantiated Complaint Resolutions	4	4
No Further Action	--	--
Action Taken	2	--
Informal Resolution	--	3
Disposition Without A Hearing	--	--
Awaiting Disposition	--	--
Disciplinary Hearing	1	1

The Service saw a 16.7% decrease in the number of public complaints in 2018.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Unit continues to support the Service in providing quality policing services to the residents and visitors of the Niagara Region. In 2018, the Unit focused on the implementation of an advanced scheduling module. This included decommissioning manual processes, legacy systems and other tracking applications and centralizing all scheduling information into one application. This has enhanced the services ability to proactively schedule and forecast the needs of our human resource requirements for our frontline operational units.

In the fall of 2018, in partnership with our Technology Unit, an employee portal was developed and launched providing members with self-service access from home to many of their applications. This transition has enhanced our member's ability to remain engaged within the workplace during periods of absence, vacation or days off.

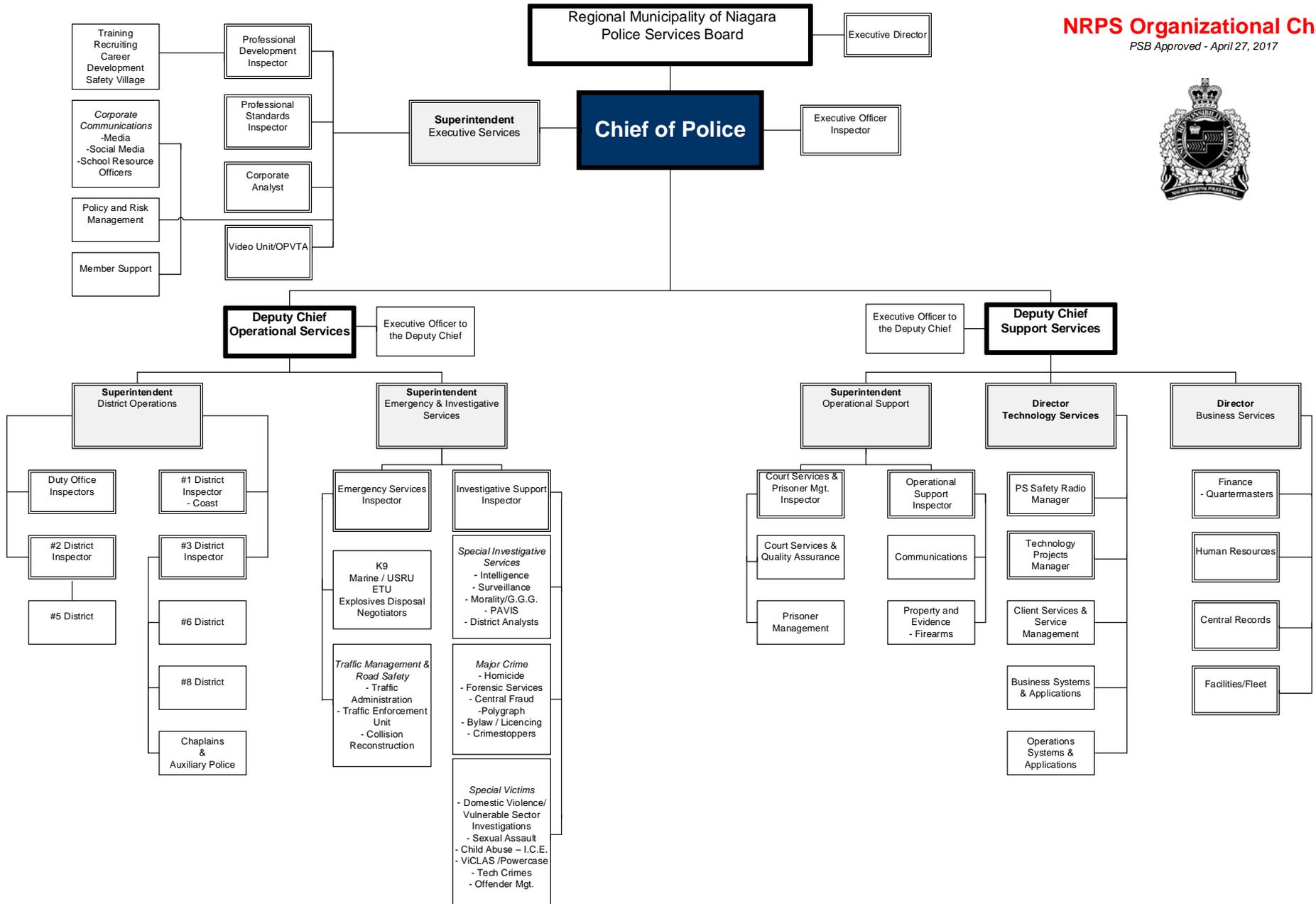
2018 Authorized Strength	
Uniform	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	2
Superintendent	4
Inspector	14
Staff Sergeant	29
Sergeant	113
Constable	545
Total Uniform	708
Civilian	
Director	2
Managers	9
Civilian Personnel	296
Total Civilian	307
All Personnel	1,015

2018 Total Hires	
Uniform	41
Civilian	18
Total	59

2018 Retirements and Resignations			
Inspector	2	Senior Civilian	1
Staff Sergeant	1	Civilian	10
Sergeant	3		
Constable	14		
Total	20	Total	11

NRPS Organizational Chart

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AWARDS AND MILESTONES

Annually the Service pays tribute to the men and women, both sworn and civilian, for their exemplary work, dedication and successes. In addition, the organization recognizes members of our community for their selfless acts of courage. Highlighted here are the recipients of our awards and recognized achievements.

Police Services Board Commendation

Recipients – Citizens Ms. Eldina Sylva, Mr. Ermal Sylva, Mr. Derek Boutin

Police Services Board Award of Excellence

Recipients – Constable George Knisley, Constable Phil Sheldon

Police Services Board Medal of Merit

Recipient – Constable Reuben Jarvis

Chief of Police Award

The Chief of Police Award is presented by the Chief of Police to current or retired members and others who have shown special achievement or community involvement, which falls outside the criteria of other Service Awards.

Recipient – Staff Sergeant Gord Nash

Chief of Police Commendations

A Commendation may be granted to a member of the Service who has demonstrated an act of self-sacrifice, bravery, and/or outstanding performance over and above the highest expectations of the Service.

Commendations may also be granted to citizens by the Police Services Board or the Chief of Police for acts of self-sacrifice, bravery, or actions that assist the police service, which far exceed those expected of a citizen.

Armed Person

Constable Chad Crasto, Constable Michelle Head, Constable Ryan Pepperal

Impaired Driver

Detective Constable Karina Kadwell

Water Rescue

Citizen Michael Russiani

Missing Child

Detective Sergeant Richard Gauthier, Detective Constable Valerie Hall, Detective Constable Sara Mummery

Medical Distress Call

Constable David Sinclair

Water Rescue

Constable Hayley Walker

Water Rescue

Citizen Scott Crain

Armed Person

Constable Michael Waters

Attempt Suicide

Citizen Patricia Brown

Armed Person

Constable Brent Sathmary, Police Dog Zoey

30 Year Bar

A Police Officer who is a recipient of the Police Exemplary Service Medal is eligible to be awarded a bar for each ten year period of full service with a recognized Canadian Police Service, provided the Exemplary Service standard is maintained for each 10 year period. The Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations maintains an official register containing the names of each officer

who has been awarded both the 30 year and 40 year service periods.

Recipients

Superintendent Brian Ash, Inspector Shawn Dowd, Inspector James Leigh, Inspector James Mackay, Inspector David Masotti, Staff Sergeant Shawn Clarkson, Staff Sergeant John Vujasic, Sergeant Michael Barkway, Sergeant Paul Lewis, Sergeant Daniel Marr, Sergeant Eric Pierce, Sergeant Leslie Vuyk, Constable Larry Cavasin, Constable Ronald Derksen, Constable Mark Dougan, Constable Catherine Gage, Constable Karen Hoare, Constable Daniel Johnson, Constable Kevin Michener, Constable Cathy Uskin

20 Year Medal

The Police Exemplary Service Medal is awarded to Police Officers who have completed a minimum of twenty years of full time service with one or more recognized Canadian Police Services, provided his or her service records meets an exemplary standard to qualify for receipt of the award.

All medal recipients are awarded a personalized engraved medal, together with an official certificate, recognizing their exemplary service. The Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations maintains a register containing the name of each officer who has been awarded this prestigious designation.

Recipients

Staff Sergeant Luigi Greco, Sergeant Jason Bassi, Sergeant Brian Bleich, Sergeant Adam Carter, Sergeant Simon Gichard, Sergeant Habib Rangi, Sergeant David Sawyer, Sergeant Michael Spera, Sergeant Michael Tripp, Constable Steve De Angelis, Constable Patrick Diver, Constable Arthur Glenn Eastland, Constable Philip Gavin, Constable Scott McGill, Constable Philippe Morin, Constable Enzo Muraca, Constable Todd Priddle, Constable Tricia Rancourt

Constable Joseph Rotella, Constable Michael Ticknovich
Constable Jennifer Tourond

Peace Officer 20 Year Medal

Recipient – Special Constable John Balenovich

40 Year Civilian Service Recognition

Recipient – Brenda Nicholson

30 Year Civilian Service Recognition

Recipients

Dana Cincio, Tracey Gervais, Stephanie Latham, Kathy Nixon,
Mary Palumbo, Maureen Phelan, Catherine Portolesi, William
Race, Nancy Thompson-Perkins

20 Year Civilian Service Recognition

Recipients

John Balenovich, Betty Deakin, Donna French, Jeni Hamilton,
Tara Harmsworth, Karin Keir, Jon Ohlman, Roberta Parry,
Shawn Sexton, Christopher Williams

Auxiliary Medal

Recipient - 40 Years – Auxiliary Superintendent Bruce Dressel

Recipient - 25 Years – Auxiliary Inspector George Morris

Retirees

Police Officers

Inspector Christopher Cincio, Inspector James Prinsen,
Staff Sergeant Tim Carter, Sergeant Paul Lewis,
Sergeant Eric Pierce, Sergeant Steven Scriven,
Constable Patricia Di Simoni, Constable Kevin Froats,
Constable Karen Hoare, Constable Kenneth Kadwell,
Constable Shannon McCurdy, Constable Stuart Murray,
Constable Malcolm Scott, Constable David Swan,
Constable Timothy Vince

Civilians

Elizabeth Fabiano, James Saunders, Patricia Thompson,
Connie DeRoche, Timothy Shafley, Marjorie deVries,
Diana Gerardi-Jackson, William Race, Lori Shafley

District Officer of the Year Award

Recipients

Executive Services – Constable Sandy Mackay
Auxiliary Unit – Auxiliary Constable Zachary Rusk
Investigative Services – Constable Brandon Southcott
Emergency Services – Constable Jeffrey Inch
Court Services – Special Constable Curtis Gilmer
1 District, St. Catharines – Constable Sam Jackson
2 District, Niagara Falls – Constable Hwan Kim
3 District, Welland – Constable Shawn Cuke
5 District, Fort Erie – Constable Duk Kim
6 District, Port Colborne – Constable Timothy Welychka
8 District, Grimsby – Constable Vince St. Pierre
Casino Patrol Unit – Constable Karl Krieger

Jeff Paolozzi Memorial Award

The Jeff Paolozzi Memorial Award is presented each year by the Niagara Region Police Association to a uniform member who exemplifies the core values of the Association and who has promoted the mutual interests of the membership and the law enforcement profession. The Award is named in memory of Constable Jeff Paolozzi who tragically died on duty during a training exercise.

Recipient – Sergeant Scott Kraushar

Peter Gallant Memorial Award

The Peter Gallant Memorial Award is presented each year by the Niagara Region Police Association to a civilian member who exemplifies the core values of the Niagara Region Police Association and who has promoted the mutual interests of the membership and the law enforcement profession. The Award is named in memory of Peter Gallant who was a long serving Communicator and mentored many civilian members over his long career.

Recipient – Nancy Speck

Chief James A. Gayder Memorial Award

The award is administered by the Senior Officers' Association and is presented to a civilian member of the Police Service who has made a significant contribution to the community and/or the Police Service.

Recipient – Steven Locksley

Civilian Member of the Year Award

The Civilian Member of the Year Award is presented to two civilian members who have consistently demonstrated reliability, professionalism, competence, and a commitment to the goals of the Service and served as positive role models to their supervisors, co-workers, and community.

Operational Services Recipient – Roberta Parry

Support Services Recipient – Cheryl Pathe

Traffic Safety Leadership Award

The Traffic Safety Leadership Award is presented to a sworn member of the Service, or a team comprised of sworn or civilian Service members whose actions have exemplified the traffic related goals and objectives of the Service's Strategic Plan and the Traffic Management Plan.

Recipient – Constable Adam Russ

Tele-Communicator of the Year Award

The Tele-Communicator of the Year Award is presented to a Communications Unit member who has through personal action and initiative made significant contributions to public safety and to furthering the mission, values, and beliefs of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Recipient – Andrew McChesney

Sergeant Major Brian Davidson Memorial Award

This award is presented to a sworn, civilian, or retired member of the Service who best exemplifies the goals of the Chief's Ceremonial Guard and the Niagara Regional Police Service. This member of the Chief's Ceremonial Guard exemplifies drill and decorum for the Service and serves as a positive role model for the Service and the community.

Recipient – Special Constable Mike Robinson

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award is presented to a sworn member of the Service or a team comprised of sworn and civilian members that have: established and maintained meaningful working relationships with a diverse community, contributed and exhibited efforts towards furthering diversity related initiatives, displayed leadership, professionalism, and inclusivity, or implemented an initiative that goes well beyond in a particular community and is highly impactful on policing in Niagara.

Recipient – Sergeant Aaron Gross

Community Policing Officer of the Year Award

The Community Policing Officer of Year Award is presented to a sworn member of the Service, a team comprised of sworn and civilian Service members who has best demonstrated and exemplified a commitment to Community Policing.

Recipient – Constable David Thiessen

Media Award

The Media Award is presented to a local media personality who delivers to the community, newsworthy material received from and relating to the Niagara Regional Police Service in a manner that satisfies the public's right to know, while at the same time respecting the obligations of the Service.

Recipient – Tim Denis

Monika George Memorial Educational Bursary

Monika George became a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service in 2001 and ultimately became the Director of Business Services. Monika was a leader who lived her life with utmost integrity and compassion for others. She represented the best of the Niagara Regional Police and the Niagara Region. Her commitment to the Niagara Region is rewarded through this Bursary.

Recipients

Parloma Bounmany, Denis Morris High School
Hannah Traynor, Lakeshore Catholic High School

IN MEMORIAM

In 2018, the Niagara Regional Police Service lost three members of our police family.

We would be remiss if we did not take this time to remember the following officers...

Constable William "Sandy" Harrison

Constable Andrew Long

Constable Nicholas Zarafonitis

Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day...
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts, you're always there.

Budget Overview

Budgeted vs. Actual Expenditures

Expenditure	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel Costs	143,624,715	144,037,406
Administrative Expenses	3,824,074	3,764,731
Operational & Supply	2,255,470	2,388,453
Occupancy & Infrastructure	327,105	191,461
Equipment, Vehicles, Technology	6,038,339	5,727,385
Financial Expenditures & Regional Chargebacks	(1,372,577)	(1,371,975)
Net Transfers to Reserves	6,723,092	6,723,092
Total Gross Expenditure	161,420,218	161,460,553

Personnel related costs accounted for approximately 90% of the Service's gross expenditure.

Budget vs. Actual Recoveries and Revenue

Revenue Description	Budgeted	Actual
Fees & Service Charges	6,392,500	6,261,747
Ontario/Canada Grants	10,007,795	10,037,218
Other Revenue	1,528,659	1,992,437
Total Revenues	17,928,954	18,291,403
Budgeted vs. Actual Costs	143,491,264	143,169,150

Member Support Unit

Let's Talk

NIAGARA
REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE
Member Support & Training
Units Present...

BEATING THE ODDS
PASSION & PERSISTENCE ON THE FRONT LINE
w/ OPP Cst. Pete Tucker and his wife, Michelle

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OPP officer lost leg in motorcycle crash in 2014

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COMMUNITY ROOM

Open to NRPS, OPP, NPP personnel and their family
Advanced Registration Requested
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Light Refreshments Provided

2018 was the first full year of the Member Support Unit's operation. In the early part of the year the selection, training and implementation of the Peer Support program was completed. This team is available for all members of the NRPS to utilize. 22 members were selected from all areas of the service. These members have different personal and professional experiences and all volunteer their time to talk to other members who are seeking assistance on a Peer level. Although in its infancy, the Peer team has over 100 documented contacts in its first year of existence, with another 90 coming through the office. It is hopeful that this will continue to grow as the program gains exposure.

Later in the year the Member Support Unit created a Family Peer Support team. This team consists of nine people who are volunteer family members of current NRPS personnel. They all have some basic training in crisis response and speaking with others.

The CIRT (Critical Incident Response Team) was involved in 28 call outs in 2018. The increased police response to suicides, overdoses, deaths, fatalities and child related incidents lead to increase call outs. The team was also involved in services for fallen members. CIRT members recognize the impact of trauma calls and have ensured response to responding officers as well communicators and any other members that are impacted. CIRT attempts to normalize the abnormal experiences by talking with members, discussing coping mechanisms and following up in case of need for professional referral.

The safeguarding program, designed for units that experience a higher rate of exposure to trauma, was reviewed and improved to assist members' awareness of work related stress.



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