

WEYBURN POLICE SERVICE



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER
COMMUNITY





CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The Weyburn Police Commission is proud to present the 2023 annual report. It has been a challenging year for the Commission, the Weyburn Police Service and the community as a whole. Drugs, mental health and addiction concerns combined with human resource vacancies have contributed to the challenges. However, we have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and we are proud of the progress we have made. As we move forward, we are preparing for contract negotiations with the Weyburn Police Association, which will be a critical task in the coming months.

The Weyburn Police Service has remained committed to our mission of providing the highest level of police service to the community. We have increased our community engagement efforts to keep residents informed and involved in the work of the police service. We are committed to continuing this progress and to working collaboratively with the community to find solutions to issues such as the increasing use of drugs, lack of mental health services, and continuing to focus on solutions to combat the increased number of illicit firearms in the community.



The Weyburn Police Commission and I am proud and extremely grateful to have a number of dedicated Police Officers in the community that are eager to provide the best service to the citizens of Weyburn and the surrounding area.

As always, the Police Commission welcomes your questions and comments and would look forward to discussing your ideas to better serve the citizens of Weyburn.

RON MCCORMICK

Chair of the Police Board of Commissioners



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The primary responsibility of the Board is to ensure that it provides oversight and direction to the Weyburn Police Service, in a fashion that is consistent with all provincial legislation and its fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Weyburn.

Ron McCormick - Chairperson

Chairperson McCormick spent 43 years working in the public sector. The majority of his career occurred in the criminal justice sector with the Department of Justice, addictions, and managing child welfare programs. Chairperson McCormick's priority is promoting innovation and change, ensuring support for community policing, as well as giving back to the community.

Marcel Roy - Mayor

His worship Mayor Roy's dedication to public service has spanned over thirty-five years. Mayor Roy began his career in public safety as one of Saskatchewan's first Emergency Medical Technicians. Roy served in the armed forces as a 2nd Lieutenant until he was recruited as a police officer with the City of Weyburn. Roy's 30-year career in law enforcement ended with his retirement as Sergeant. Mayor Roy was the Chairman of the Weyburn Board of Police Commission for five years and remains a Board member to date. Roy has always believed in community policing, fairness, transparency of government, and law & order.

Mel Van Betuw - City Councilor

Councilor Van Betuw was born and raised in Weyburn. Van Betuw was elected to City Council in 2012. Van Betuw was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners during his first term and remains so. Van Betuw's goal is to ensure professional oversight of the police service; furthermore, focus on impartiality and fair value for service.

Dr. John Corrigan - City Councilor

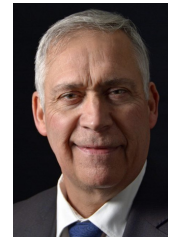
Councilor Corrigan earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University then attended the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College graduating with a doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine. Corrigan has previously served as the President and Board Chair of the Canadian Chiropractic Association, President of the Chiropractors Association of Saskatchewan, and Chair of the Canadian Chiropractic Guideline Initiative. Corrigan has also served with the Young Fellows, Weyburn Red Wings, Weyburn Gold Wings, and Weyburn Golf Club. In 2020, Corrigan was elected to City Council and appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners

Barclay Charlton - Public member

Mr. Charlton was appointed to the Weyburn Board of Police Commissioners as a community member in September of 2018. Born and raised in Weyburn, Charlton chose to stay in Weyburn to raise his family. Majority of Charlton's career experience is focused around the oil & gas sector. Charlton is currently the branch manager of DFI Weyburn. Charlton is committed to championing the vision, values, and strategic goals of the board with a primary focus on the health and well-being of all sworn and civilian members of the police service.

Krista Hubic - Public Member

Ms. Hubic is a Certified Professional Accountant where she has practiced in the accounting and financial industry for over twenty-years. Hubic is currently employed with the Weyburn Credit Union as the Chief Financial Officer. Hubic believes in ensuring a safe and healthy community by supporting the same values for the police service.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE



In respectful collaboration with the Weyburn Police Board of Commissioners, I am honored to present the 2023 Annual Report to the community. The year marked the continuation of our five-year Business Plan, which was initiated in 2020/2021. This comprehensive plan outlines strategic measures aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of the valued citizens of Weyburn.

Throughout the year, we have diligently worked towards the realization of our goals outlined in the Business Plan. Our unwavering commitment to fostering a secure and thriving community has been at the forefront of our efforts. Through proactive partnerships and collaborative initiatives, we have strived to create an environment where all residents can grow and feel safe.

One of our key accomplishments in 2023 was the establishment of strong partnerships with external agencies. Working closely with organizations such as SGI and the provincial government with Combined Traffic Services of Saskatchewan program, we have made significant strides in our traffic safety endeavors. These partnerships have allowed us to implement impactful traffic education initiatives and execute successful Check-Stop programs. Together, we have been able to prioritize the safety of our roads and ensure the well-being of all community members.



In terms of our operational achievements, we are proud to report a decrease in overall calls for service in 2023. This positive trend reflects the effectiveness of our strategies and the dedication of our officers. Crimes against persons saw a notable decrease (20.7%), indicating our commitment to protecting the well-being of individuals within our community. Crimes against property experienced a slight increase from the 234 nine-year average to 270 for 2023. This increase was due to a number of property crimes committed by a group of individuals in the early summer months of 2023. Those responsible were arrested and have been sentenced to time in jail, showcasing our efforts to safeguard residents' belongings and maintain a secure environment.

As we move forward into the new year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the community of Weyburn. We will continue to prioritize public safety, strengthen partnerships, and implement proactive strategies to ensure a healthy and secure environment for all. We are grateful for the trust and support of the community, and we look forward to another year of progress and collaboration.

JAMIE BLUNDEN

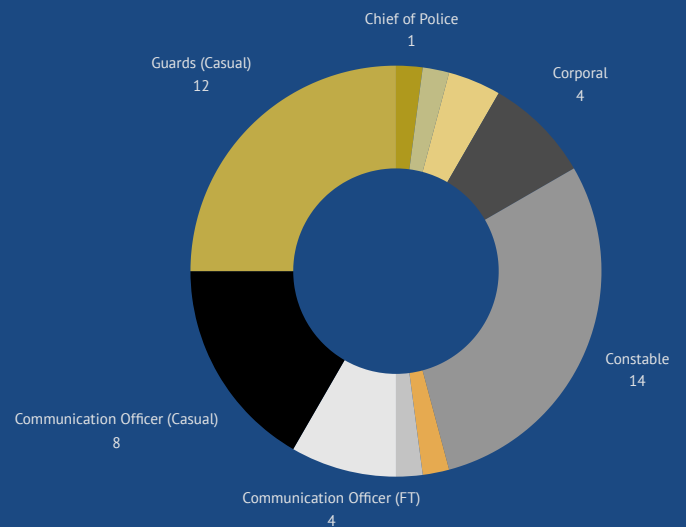
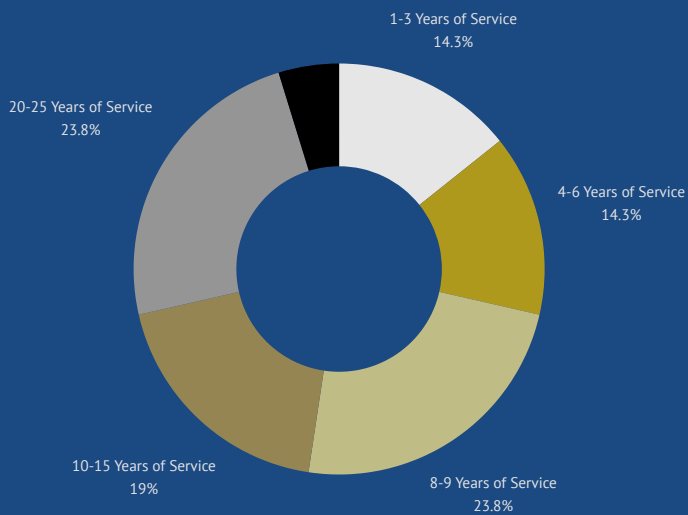
Chief of Weyburn Police Service

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



OUR SERVICE

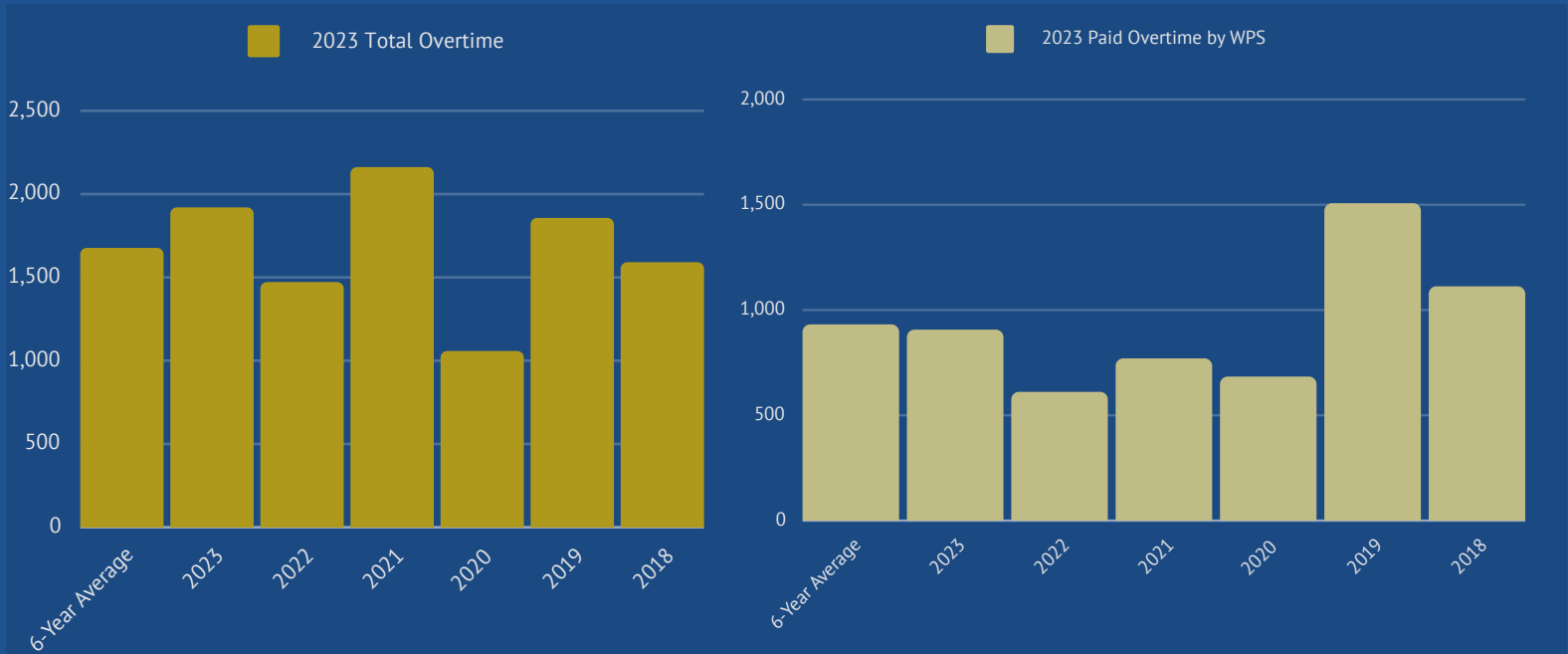
Weyburn Police Service Team





OVERTIME

Total Overtime Hours 2023

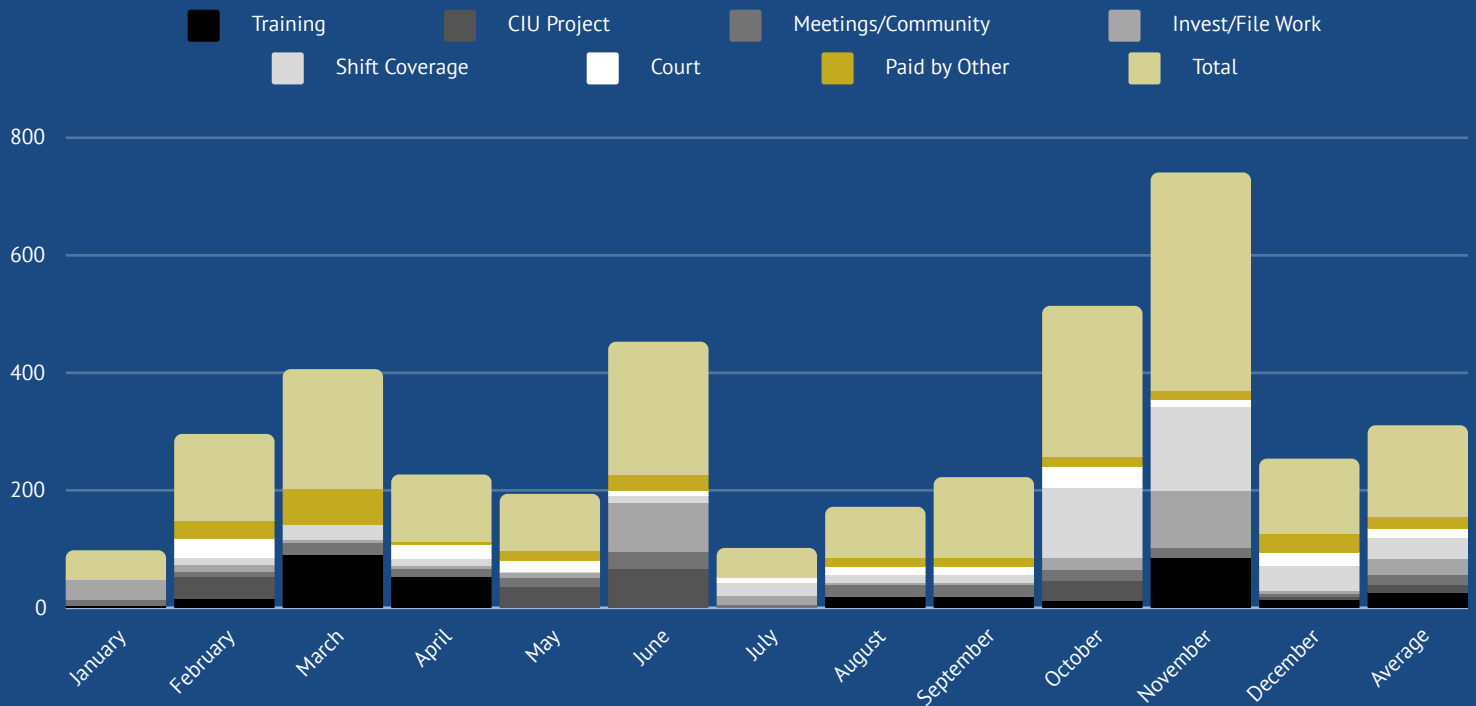


Total overtime in 2023 was 1920 hours. The Weyburn Police Service was financially responsible for 907 hours of the 1920 hours of overtime, a decrease from the 6-year average of 932 hours which equates to a decrease of 2.7%.





Overtime Details 2023





STRATEGIC GOALS

Three strategies were developed to achieve the long-term goals identified in the Business Plan. The strategies were developed and implemented with the underlying goals: ensuring a safer community, health and wellness in the organization, & community engagement. Each goal outlined its objectives with measurable results.

Nine year average crime stats compared to year-end crime stats for 2023 offense types are as follows:

- **Crimes Against Person:** a 20.7% decrease in 2023 vs nine-year average. 61 incidents in 2023 vs 76 incidents for the nine-year average.
- **Crimes Against Property:** a 15.3% increase in 2023 vs nine-year average. 270 incidents in 2023 vs 234 nine-year average.
- **Traffic Offences:** a 26.5% decrease in 2023 vs the nine-year average. 485 incidents for 2023 vs 660 nine-year average.

- **Other Criminal Code/**

Federal/Provincial Statutes: a 7.5% decrease in 2023 vs the nine-year average. 3553 incidents in 2023 vs 3842 incidents for the nine-year average.

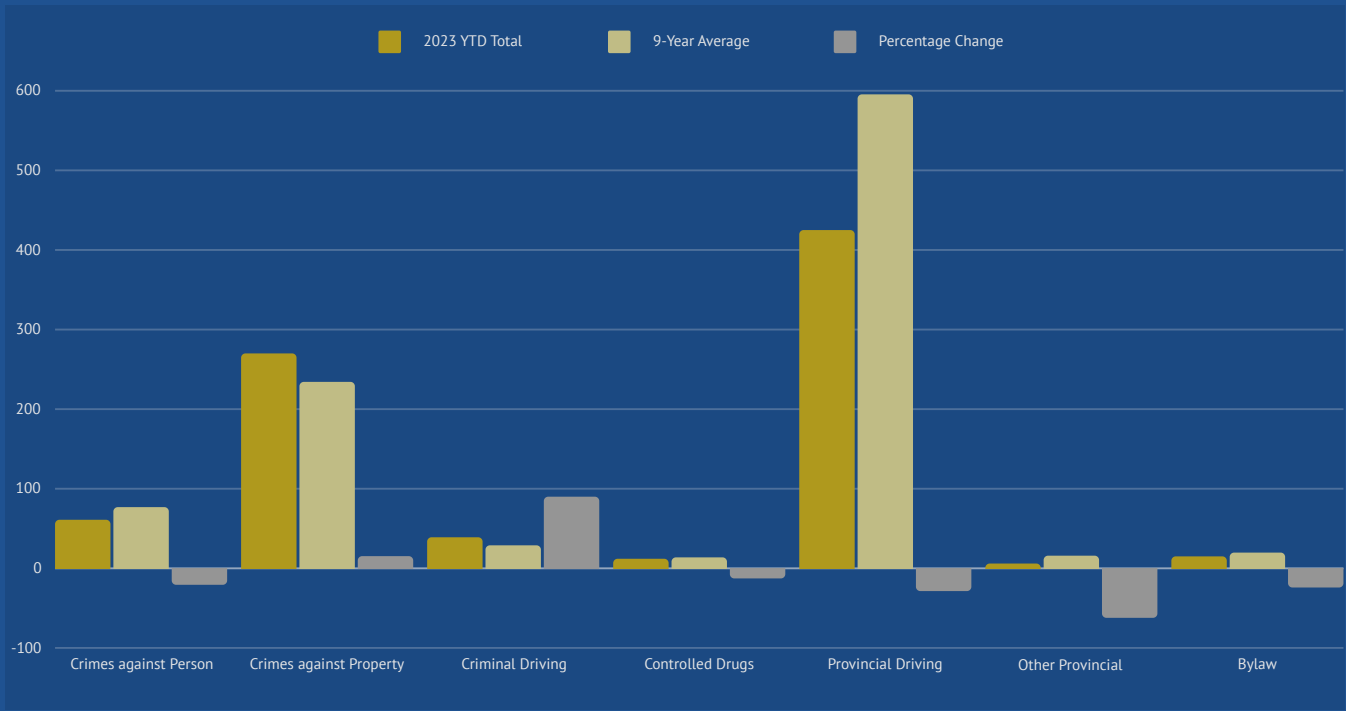
In 2023, Weyburn Police Service saw its first full year of the Health and Wellness initiative. The initiative rewarded civilian and sworn members for taking part in a health and wellness program focused on physical activity. 72% of employees participated in the program.

Mental health awareness training and support continued as does the retention of a psychologist consultant to assist with referrals to proper resources.

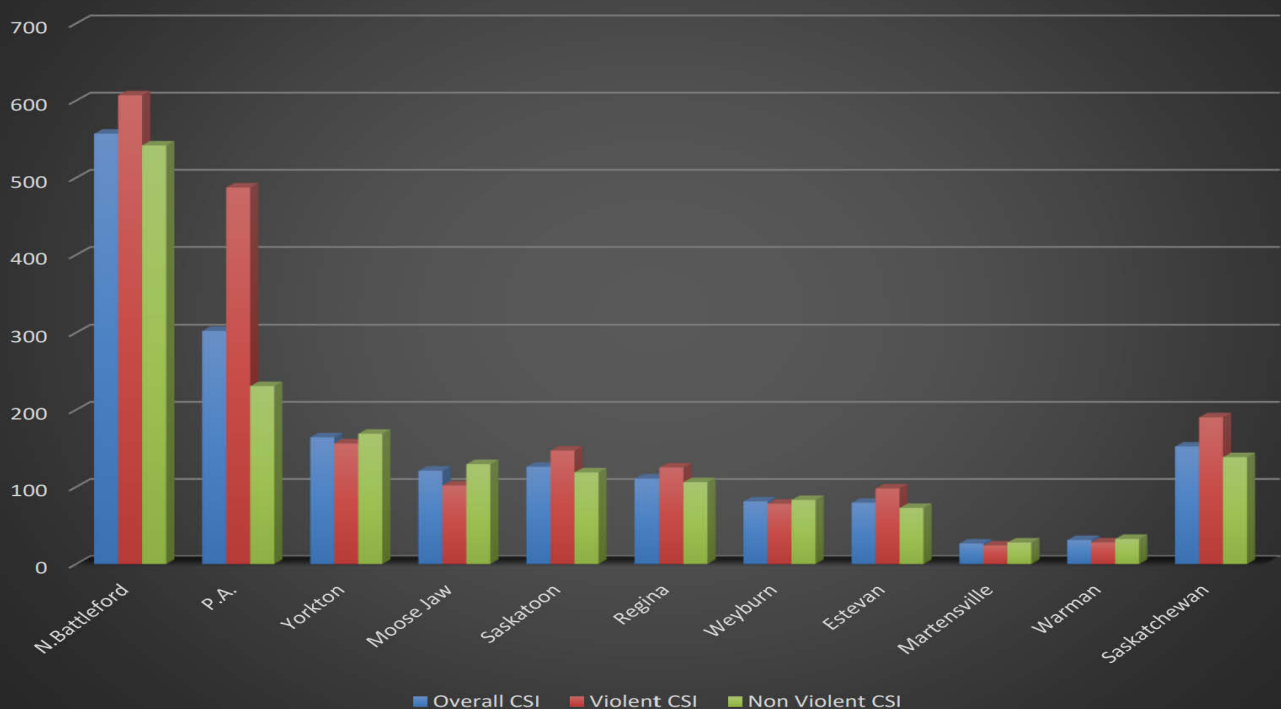
Members continue to volunteer their time through involvement with community organizations, mentoring and coaching, community education, and school programming such as Safety Patrol, VTRA, & Driver's Ed.

CRIME DATA

& Crime Severity Index (CSI)



2022 CSI for Sask. Police Services (+10,000 Population)





CRIME DATA

Monthly Statistical Report - December 2023 YTD Analysis

Offence Type	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
Crimes Against Persons	61	76.88	-20.7%
Crimes Against Property	270	234.25	15.3%
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	485	660.00	-26.5%
Criminal Code Violations	12	13.75	-12.7%
Other	3553	3842.38	-7.5%

Crimes Against Persons	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
Assault	32	48.13	-33.5%
Assault Causing Bodily Harm	12	13.00	-7.7%
Attempted Murder	0	0.13	-100.0%
Murder	0	0.00	Not Calculable
Robbery	2	0.50	300.0%
Sexual Crimes	15	15.13	-0.8%

Crimes Against Property	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
Arson	2	2.63	-23.8%
B&E Business	12	8.50	41.2%
B&E Other	11	4.75	131.6%
B&E Residence	14	16.00	-12.5%
Mischief/Wilful Damage	80	100.25	-20.2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	14	9.38	49.3%
Theft over \$5000	5	3.13	60.0%
Theft under \$5000	132	89.63	47.3%

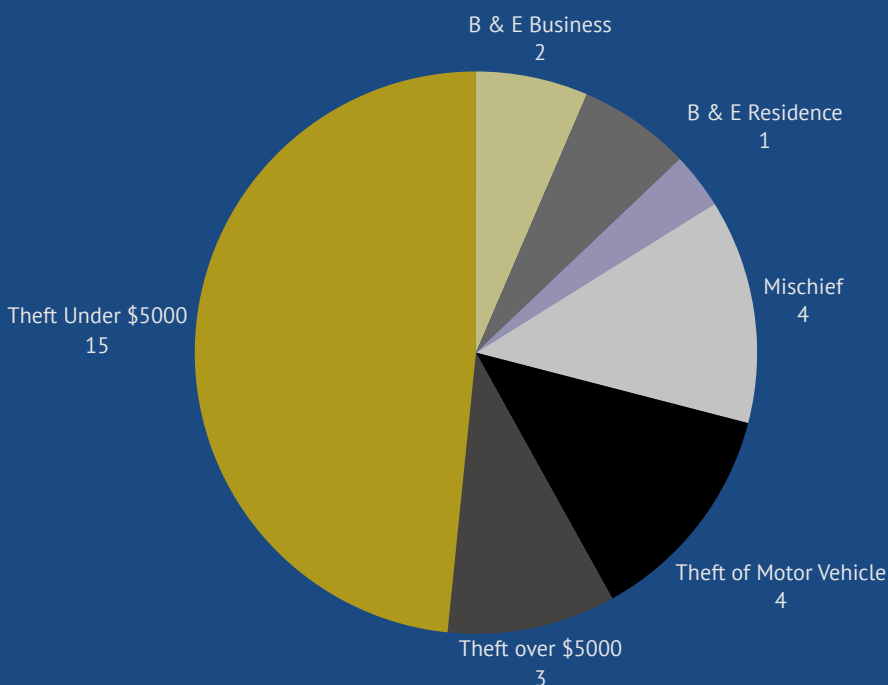
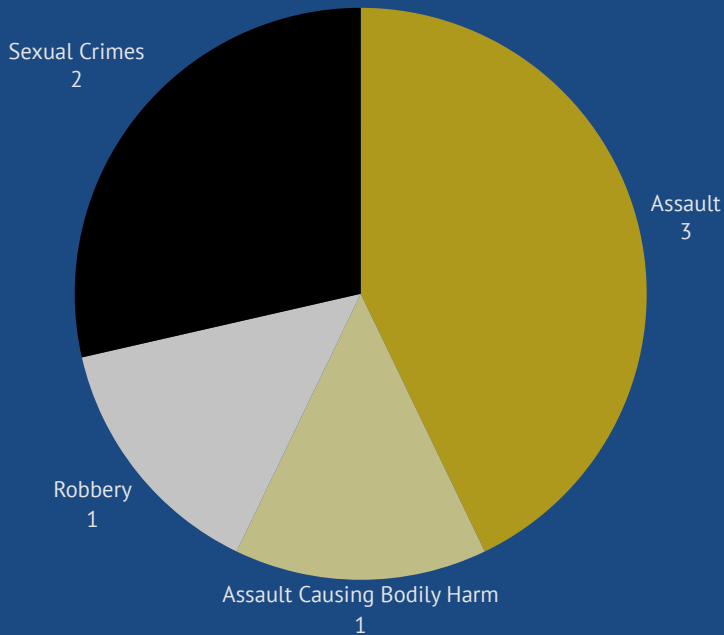
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
AGRA Charges	6	15.88	-62.2%
Bylaw Charges	15	19.75	-24.1%
Dangerous Driving & Other CC	17	6.63	156.6%
Impaired by Drug	5	2.50	100.0%
Impaired/Exceed .08	17	19.75	-13.9%
TSA Charges	425	595.50	-28.6%

Criminal Code Violations	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
CDSA	0	0.00	Not Calculable
Possession	6	8.75	-31.4%
Production	0	0.00	Not Calculable
Trafficking	6	5.00	20.0%

Other	2023 YTD Total	9 Year Average YTD	Percent Change
Alarm Calls for Service	101	133.50	-24.3%
Calls for Service	3384	3646.13	-7.2%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	68	62.75	8.4%

CRIME DATA

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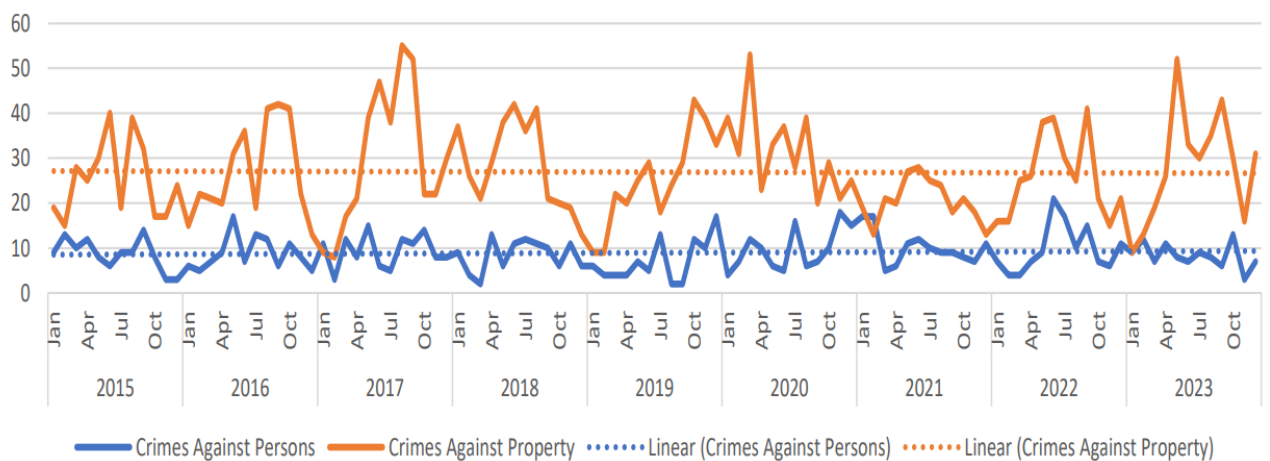




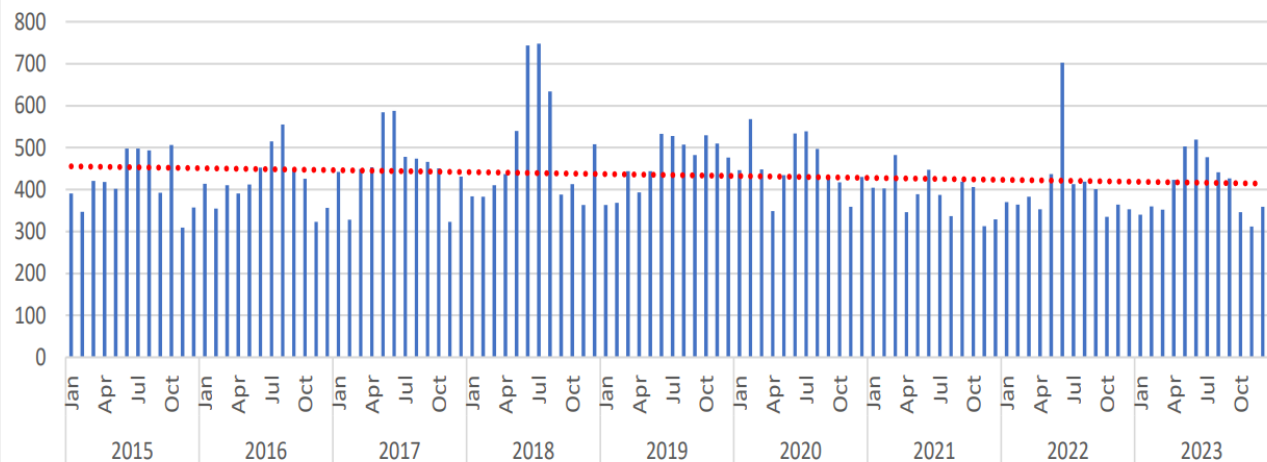
CRIME DATA

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Persons and Property Crime Trend



Calls for Service Trend





DEPLOYMENTS

K9 & Joint Tactical Support Team (JTST)



Joint Tactical Support Team

The Joint Tactical Support Team (JTST) is a tactical team comprised of Estevan and Weyburn Police Service members.

JTST was deployed eight times in 2023 resulting in successful apprehensions with zero injuries to officers, suspects, and members of the public.

K9 Team

PSD Oakley and her handler Constable McSherry were deployed on nine searches in 2023 and were successful in detecting drug odour presence on seven incidents.





OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Weyburn Police Service Criminal Investigation and Drug Unit (CID) executed 17 search warrants resulting in 52 Charges under the Criminal Code of Canada, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Firearms Act and other statutes. The unit assisted patrol on four additional searches. Additionally, general patrol members executed numerous search warrants in relation to investigative files.

Furthermore, Weyburn Police assisted with search warrants issued by with other provincial support unit. This included ICE (Internet Child Exploitation) Unit, FSOC (Federal Serious and Organized Crime), & IBET (Integrated Border Enforcement Team).

This resulted in the seizure of weapons, firearms, controlled substances and drugs, proceeds of crime, and child pornography - all within the City of Weyburn.

Weyburn Police Service laid 39 CC impaired driving charges, and 697 provincial charges. Members from the CTSS (Combined Traffic Services of Saskatchewan) unit took part in numerous inter-agency projects outside the City of Weyburn.

Members also issued “positive tickets” (gas cards, gift cards, entertainment passes, etc.) for safe driving habits and bicycle and pedestrian safety.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community policing has proven an exceptional and measurable resource that not only increase positive police - civilian interactions, but further engages the public to support policing initiatives within the community.



Beyond core duties, members of the Weyburn Police Service take an active role in our community on-duty and off-duty.

Sworn and civilian members participated in numerous activities in 2023:

- The annual Safety Patrol Program, which coincides with the school year calendar; teaches students the importance of pedestrian safety and leadership
- Child Seat Program which saw numerous child seats donated to those in need
- Weyburn High School & University of Regina Ride-Along Program
- Driver's Ed Program which provides a one-session educational lecture to new drivers regarding road safety and driver impairment detection
- City of Weyburn Open House which provides a venue for members of the public to interact with police and their equipment
- Tours of Weyburn Police Headquarters



PUBLIC COMMUNICATION



The Weyburn Police Service continues to engage with the public using numerous social media platforms including but not limited to Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), a webpage, and weekly media reports.

Weyburn Police Service issues and disperses weekly media reports to local and provincial media - DiscoverWeyburn.com, The Weyburn Review, CTV News, CBC News, and Global News.

Weyburn Police Service continued it's local media campaign focus on Traffic Safety Initiatives through local stations and news outlets in partnership with SGI, Homefield, and Goldenwest.

The Weyburn Police Association (WPA) is also active with social media participation highlighting news worthy incidents, fundraising and philanthropy, and public education/engagement.

SOCIAL AD CAMPAIGN REPORT



Metrics	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Clicks	1,398	1,242	1,059	1,528	1,678	931	1,049	1,357	799
Click Through Rate	0.87%	0.73%	0.66%	0.88%	0.96%	0.67%	0.70%	0.81%	0.52%
Impressions	161,276	169,438	161,097	172,770	174,014	138,262	150,267	168,259	154,549
Reach	26,856	28,544	29,888	30,856	31,096	24,497	25,447	29,432	27,824
Ad Recall Lift Rate	11.36%	15.77%	13.12%	13.97%	15.66%	13.63%	13.44%	12.44%	12.65%

Total:

Clicks – 11,041

Click through rate – 0.76%

Impressions – 1,449,932

Reach – 71,696

Ad recall lift rate – 13.59% - (No average determined. Focus in on clicks and click-through-rate rather than ad recall)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION



Streaming Stats	
Big 106	
Ads Aired	Total Impressions
790	14,233
Magic 103.5	
Ads Aired	Total Impressions
792	20,664

Insights - Performance

Month	Impressions	Clicks	CTR
February	25,861	25	0.10%
March	35,558	37	0.10%
April	37,344	32	0.09%
May	35,818	28	0.08%
June	31,495	38	0.12%
July	33,685	41	0.12%
August	28,400	31	0.11%
September	15,773	22	0.14%
October	19,289	29	0.15%
November	20,667	28	0.14%
Average	28,389	31	0.12%

*Industry average click-through-rate is .1%





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