

SOUTH SIMCOE POLICE SERVICE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Protect with Courage, Serve with Compassion



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Welcome to the South Simcoe Police Service Annual Report.

As with many organizations, the global COVID19 pandemic in 2020 changed many of our plans and forced us to review existing health and safety practices. The Board is proud of the work South Simcoe Police Service undertook to both keep our residents and businesses safe as well as uniform and civilian staff as we dealt with the uncertainty the pandemic created.

Throughout the pandemic, we continue to hear sad stories of anxiety and tragedy as we all attempt to mitigate transmission of the virus. We also hear stories of courage and compassion in how our communities are rallying to support one another through this unprecedented challenge. Together with other emergency services personnel, South Simcoe Police Service has continued to provide service and work with the communities of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil to educate, enforce and participate in community well-being initiatives.

For 2020, the Police Services Board continued to meet virtually and provide its civilian governance role, overseeing the largest frontline officer complement increase in over five years as we attempt to maintain pace with growth. We also had an opportunity to thank and congratulate Deputy Chief McElary-Downer as she retired from our service. On January 1, 2021, we welcome new Deputy Chief John Van Dyke, who has proudly spent his entire policing career in South Simcoe. Together with the leadership of Chief Fletcher, our executive command team is well poised to meet the goals of our strategic plan.

The Board will also see changes in 2021, with provincial appointee Chris Gariepy taking on the role as Chair and welcomed new municipal appointee Todd Canning from the Town of Innisfil. I wish to thank the whole Board, including Vice-Chair Doug Bernardi and Mayors Lynn Dollin and Rob Keffer for their ongoing commitment to community safety and well-being. I look forward to hearing about the continued success and stories of courage and compassion with the level of service only a local police service can offer.

Licinio Miguelo, Chair

Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board



The Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board

Mr. Chris Gariepy, Vice Chair (Provincial Appointee), **Mr. Doug Bernardi** (Provincial Appointee), **Mr. Licinio Miguelo**, Chair (Municipal Appointee), **Her Worship Mayor Lynn Dollin**, Town of Innisfil, **His Worship Mayor Rob Keffer** Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.



I am pleased to present the South Simcoe Police Service's 2020 Annual Report.

2020 started out similar to previous years, with our teams focusing their efforts towards the safety and well-being of our communities. However, in March our world changed with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty created from it.

While our teams continued to focus on their day to day tasks through ongoing investigations or the various programs and partnerships that we undertook, we had to rethink how we could do so in the new environment that we were working within.

Hiring in the early part of the year had to be put on hold, training was cancelled, and our focus turned to alternate response models and enhancement of personal protective equipment. In the months that followed we continued to work through not only the pandemic, but social unrest due to incidents that occurred internationally, nationally and provincially, while also being alive to increased demands for police transparency and ever changing community expectations.

I am extremely proud of the great work that goes on each and every day here in South Simcoe, and that has never been more apparent than this year as I witnessed the amazing outpouring of support and generosity to those in need throughout our communities. I look forward to new challenges and to what the future holds as the vaccine rolls out and we start to get back to some sense of normal, whatever that looks like, and to being a part of all the amazing things that the South Simcoe Police Service will do in 2021.

Andrew M. Fletcher, M.O.M
Chief of Police



Our People

130 Employees

91 Full-time Sworn Police Officers

39 Civilian

10 Temporary/Part Time Staff

Languages Spoken (other than English):
Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Italian,
Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi, Korean, Bengali,
Swiss Malayalam & American Sign

Our Work



25,415 Calls for Service (CFS)

9,440 Total Investigated

1,208 Property Occurrences

416 Domestic Violence Incidents

1,217 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC)

5 Fatal MVCs

1,792 Traffic Complaints

115 Marine CFS

Our Area

Population 82,5000

Land – 486 square kms

Lake Simcoe – 744 square kms

Trails – 54 kms



SERVICE AREA



Our Vision

To make a difference in the lives of others everyday.

Our Mission

Working together to ensure effective and efficient
Community safety and well-being.



Our Core Values

- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Respect
- Inclusive
- Courageous
- Professional
- Accountable
- Compassionate



Operational Services



Our Operational Services consist of the women and men working in uniform, who respond to all primary calls for service. Divided into four platoons, these officers provide public safety and security within our communities. The front line officers are supported by Support Services which includes our School Resource officers and the Emergency Response Unit, a team of highly trained officers who are called upon to effectively and safely contain and control a high-risk situations.



Traffic Services

The South Simcoe Police Service Traffic Unit investigated four fatal collisions in 2020. Two of the collisions involved suspected impaired driving.

On May 16, 2020 a 35-year-old East Gwillimbury man riding a motorcycle was killed in a chain reaction, three-vehicle collision on Yonge Street north of the 9th Line in Bradford. A 37-year-old Holland Landing woman was charged with impaired driving.

A 22-year-old Bradford man was charged with impaired driving following a single vehicle, ATV collision that claimed the life of a 22-year-old Bradford man on September 23, 2020 in the Line 12/10 Sideroad area of Bradford. Two others were injured.

On October 31, 2020 a 55-year-old Alliston man was killed in an ATV rollover off a wooded trail in the Line 10 and Yonge Street area of Bradford.

A 22-year-old Toronto woman was killed in a two-vehicle collision on Sideroad 5 near Highway 89 on November 23, 2020 in Innisfil.

The number of speeders increased during the pandemic but one high miler took top spot for most dangerous speed. A driver was clocked travelling 205 km/h in a 40 km/h Community Safety Zone in Cookstown. A 23-year-old Brampton man was charged with Speeding and Stunt Driving.



RIDE Stats



106

RIDE Programs

194

Apprehensions (Alcohol/Drug)

7,520

Provincial Offence Notices

415

Part 3 Related Charges

Marine Services

114
Calls for Service



The South Simcoe Police Service Marine Unit had a very busy boating season in 2020 that saw an increase in calls for service. Marine One was dispatched to 114 calls this season including 24 search and rescue operations.

Two people tragically drowned by misadventure in unrelated calls and were recovered, bringing closure to their families. One of these search and recovery operations involved a large, multi-jurisdictional effort with the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Team, the OPP helicopter along with Marine Units from York Regional Police and Barrie Police.

In one rescue call, nine people were pulled to safety after their boat sank. The group was in the water for over an hour. The operator had called 911 on his cell phone but had difficulty explaining where he was. Thankfully everyone was wearing life jackets.

Another call involved the rescue of a person in crisis. An officer on Marine One entered Lake Simcoe and swam with the man, continuing to earn his trust until he accepted help and agreed to join the officer on the police boat.



Community Mobilization and Engagement Unit

The Community Mobilization and Engagement Unit (CMEU) began 2020 participating in community events and local fundraisers. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the unit's role expanded to include emergency regulation compliance checks. The unit completed over 210 but took an "educate first" approach, issuing hundreds of warnings and increasing to charges when needed. Two people were also charged with violating self-isolation rules under the Quarantine Act.



Bicycle Safety Rodeo

The annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo became a virtual event this year and was held live on Facebook.

#BTRU

The "Be The Real You" or #BTRU program for grade 5 students also went virtual this year.

COAST

The Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) saw an increase month after month in 2020 with a total of 567 crisis related calls for service. 212 people were able to be diverted from Hospital Emergency Departments. COAST attended live crisis calls and provided a blended approach to follow-ups for people in crisis. The approach was both face to face and also phone calls, allowing the team to facilitate referrals to appropriate community service providers. Thank you to our mental health partner agencies, the Canadian Mental Health Association Barrie and York Support Services Network.



Court Services

The Court Services Unit is responsible for providing court security at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford and the Provincial Offences Court in Churchill, prisoner security and escorts, service of court related documents, court appearances, bail hearings, trials, transfer of charges, as well as maintaining accurate and timely records.



1992.75 Court Security Hours

543 Bail Hearings

42 Prisoner Escorts

631 Criminal Code/ Federal Briefs

223 Part III Briefs

4,539 Part I Tickets



Communications

Communicators respond to incoming 911 emergency calls, police emergency and administrative calls. Communications staff serve the general public, other emergency agencies, alarm companies, tow companies, utilities and other commercial agencies. In addition, they dispatch South Simcoe Police Service front line members to all calls for service.



25,415 Total Calls

7,034 9-1-1 Calls

2,131 9-1-1 Misdials

2,076 9-1-1 Calls Transferred to Other Emergency Services



Identification Services

The Forensic Identification Unit acts as a support service tasked with collecting, analyzing and preserving evidence.



516 Criminal Fingerprints
66 Civilian Fingerprints
43 DNA Orders Completed
1,297 Tasks/Calls Completed

Information Services / Front Desk Units

The Records and Front Desk Units are the information and customer service hubs of the South Simcoe Police Service. Members of the Records Unit respond to information enquiries from lawyers, insurance companies, police officers and the general public. Members of the Front Desk Unit assist the public with their walk-in enquiries.



2,583 Police Records Checks
231 FOI Requests
9,740 Front Counter Inquiries



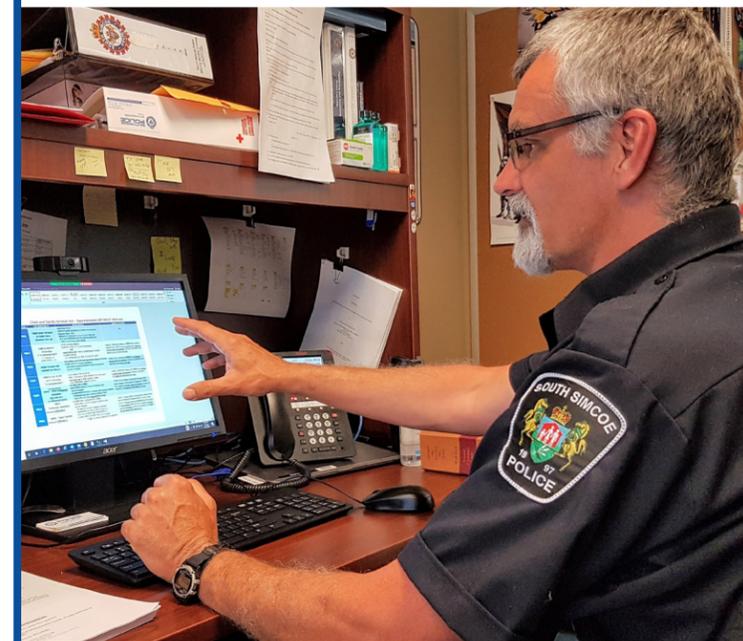
Training Unit

The Training Unit is dedicated to training staff on an ongoing basis. Constable Wes Brown and Constable Brent MacDonald are the officers responsible for delivering the many types of in-service training which include cannabis legislation updates, radar, Approved Screening Device, use of force and recruit training. In March, the Training Unit was shut down due to the pandemic

and the training officers were reassigned to the Alternate Response Unit to respond to calls for service that could be completed over the telephone. Some training was allowed to resume in the summer with the hiring of two Special Constables, three Recruits for the Ontario Police College and three Experienced Hires. Two More Recruits were hired in the last week of 2020.

With limited class sizes and physical distancing, the unit was able to resume some in-class training while Zoom was used for one set of recruits and another time as an isolation precaution.

COVID-19 restrictions cancelled all Auxiliary training for the year.



568 In-Service Training Hours
104 Use of Force Training Hours
184 Recruit Training Hours



79
Calls for
Canine
Services

Police Service Dog Nitro

It was a busy, rewarding year for K9 Nitro and his handler, Constable Shawn Gwilliam, with an increase in calls that included successful suspect apprehensions, various types of searches, and numerous containment duties for search warrants and barricaded persons.

In one call, the K9 Unit conducted a lengthy track through a wooded area for a suspect who was involved in a police pursuit. The suspect had crashed his car, fled on foot down railroad tracks and then hid in the bush attempting to conceal himself under a tree. Nitro located and apprehended the man who was charged with a long list of offences including stunt and dangerous driving, flight from police and possession of drugs and break-in tools.

In 2020, Nitro continued to expand his skills by earning his certification in firearms detection. This year our K9 Unit received international exposure with a feature profile in the U.S. based K9 Cop Magazine which is read in more than 21 countries worldwide.

And finally, Nitro plush pups that bore a striking resemblance to the real K9 brought smiles to the faces of our members and helped raise funds for local charities at Christmas.



Women In Policing Symposium

In February, South Simcoe Police Service co-hosted a Women in Policing Symposium with the Bradford Women's Group. It was the first of its kind for the service and attracted over 50 people.

The event was designed to help women who may be interested in a policing career learn about crafting effective applications and the variety of roles where women can serve from auxiliaries and civilian communications staff, to traffic officers, court officers, CMEU and forensics. Members past and present addressed the crowd and shared their experiences.



Drone

In April, South Simcoe Police Service partnered with Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service to launch a new high-tech tool to help keep our communities safe. The new DJI Matrice 210 V2 Drone is a ready-to-fly aerial system that includes Flir thermal night vision capability to detect heat signatures to help find people not visible to the human eye. The drone is an invaluable tool for ground searches for missing people, photographing and mapping scenes at a serious motor vehicle collisions, crime

scene investigations and tactical operations, marine-based emergencies, fire scenes and hazmat events. South Simcoe Police Service requires judicial authorization to use the drone for criminal or other investigative purposes.



Tributes to Fallen Officers

Sadly, twice in 2020 we paused to honour the lives of officers who died in the line of duty.

In April, RCMP Constable Heidi Stephenson was among at least 18 other victims killed during Canada's worst mass murder in Nova Scotia. We held a service at our flags and participated in a physically distanced run to honour her memory.



In November, Ontario Provincial Police Constable Marc Hovingh was killed on Manitoulin Island by a lone gunman after responding to a call for a trespasser. Members of our service lined bridges with our first responder colleagues and citizens to pay tribute to Constable Hovingh's procession as it headed north from Toronto to his funeral service.



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

George Floyd's death on May 25, 2020 marked the beginning of meaningful change within our communities and our police service, to confront issues of racial injustice and systemic racism. South Simcoe Police Service responded with a commitment to action, starting within our own walls. We established our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee which is comprised of employees from various areas of the Service from front line to administration. The committee is engaging in difficult conversations, listening and learning to bring about change. There is much work ahead us, but we stand with our communities to end anti-Black racism and all forms of discrimination.



COVID-19 Kindness

The pandemic brought challenging times for so many of us but at South Simcoe Police Service, we are grateful to have the support of our communities. So many people and organizations helped us in so many ways in 2020 with a variety of donations of food, goods, services and other kind, helpful gestures. In turn, we tried to help others any way we could.

In March, we participated in the first of several "drive-by" celebrations that replaced in-person parties. "Drive-by" celebrations, parades and first responder appreciation events were a hallmark of 2020.

In April, our local Tim Hortons in Alcona kindly donated coffee to our police service, which was an awesome gesture. We seized the opportunity to pay forward that kindness to our frontline health care heroes at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and Lakeside Retirement Residents in Innisfil.

In June, Forensic Identification Officer Terri McCallum donated some of her beautiful landscape photographs to adorn the walls at Bradford Valley Care Community.

In August, CMEU officer Constable Jacquelyn Beaulieu launched the Courageous Kids Contest to honour outstanding young citizens in our communities and give our young residents a boost. Four winners were randomly selected for going above and beyond during COVID-19 and received a number of cool prizes thanks to the generosity of an anonymous citizen who donated gift cards to the service

In December, Community Services Unit Special Constable Elisabeth Aschwanden stepped up to help brighten Christmas for some Bradford seniors by delivering her home-made cards and flowers donated by a Bradford shop.

To close out a tough year on a positive note, members of the police service launched an internal Christmas Cheer drive for several families in need in Innisfil and Bradford. Police Services Board members pitched in with donations along with our policing partners in Toronto.

And finally, we assumed the role of Santa on Christmas Day with a special gift for a seven-year-old Bradford boy. His motorized scooter was stolen in October so we surprised him with a ride-on police car! It all made for a very merry and touching Christmas for us.

New Hires/Promotions 2020

In 2020, South Simcoe Police Service hired Cliff Aguiar, the service's first, full-time Crime Analyst. Cliff's role includes analyzing data and applying research methods to identify crime patterns and series, modus operandi profiles, victim/target profiles and identifying high crime/call areas or locations where public disorder are likely to occur. He brings a wealth of experience in both policing and education. Cliff is an instructor at Seneca College and is also the Director of the Ontario Crime Analysis Network (OCAN).



June was a busy month for hiring.

We welcomed experienced officers Michael Avelar, Jason Bellamy and Steve Bouwmeester and new recruits Karanjit-Singh Dillon, Derek Pyke and Davis Benson. The swearing-in ceremonies were held with physical distancing via Zoom with family, friends and SSPS members proudly looking on from off-site.



Also in June part time casual Call Takers Kimberley Racioppo, Vanessa Campbell and Jessica White joined our 911 Communications team.

Adrienne Fahey and Victoria Harvey were hired as Special Constables assigned to Court Services.

In December, experienced officers Brian Moore, Patrick McFall and Matthew Grove joined the SSPS family and were also sworn in with a virtual ceremony via Zoom.

Promotions in 2020 saw Constable Steve Black move to the rank of Sergeant and 911 Communicator Melissa MacDonald became a Communications Supervisor.



Auxiliary Unit

The South Simcoe Police Service Auxiliary Unit was formed in 1997 and has a current compliment of 21 members. This year was a difficult one for the Auxiliary Unit, being in a constant state of standby, while abiding by the restrictions outlined by our Public Health Unit in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. They were, however, able to complete two training days, socially distanced and outdoors.

Our Auxiliary Unit was available and turned out an amazing number of volunteers to assist in the search for a missing Bradford youth. The Auxiliary Unit was also able to be involved with the Drive Through Santa Clause "Parade" in Innisfil.



1,437 Volunteer Hours

In the Community



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE



FIRST RESPONDER'S DAY



FESTIVE RIDE



VIRTUAL TOY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



TORCH RUN



RUN TO REMEMBER



CARDS FOR SENIORS



PAYING FORWARD TIM HORTONS GIFT

In the Community



CELEBRATING GRADUATION DURING PANDEMIC



FOREST CITY ROAD RACE



IT STARTS CAMPAIGN



PINK SHIRT DAY



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK



MCHAPPY DAY



CRIME STOPPERS MONTH FLAG RAISING



WELLNESS COMMITTEE VOLLEYBALL

The Office of the Independent Police Review (OIPRD) is responsible for receiving, managing and overseeing all public complaints about the police in Ontario. As an independent civilian oversight agency, it ensures that public complaints about police are dealt with in a manner that is transparent, effective and fair to both the public and the police.

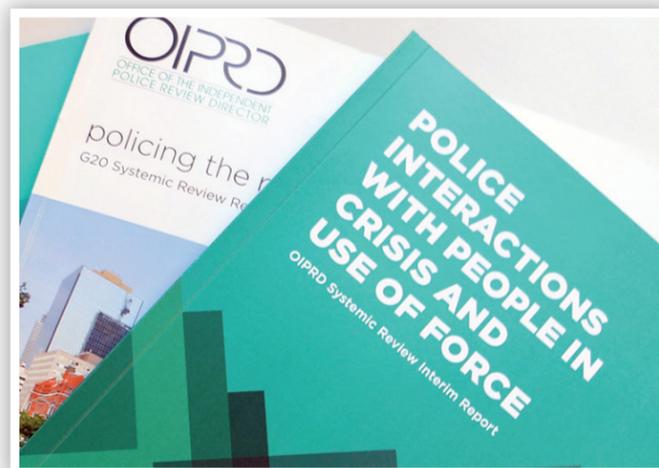


Public Complaints

7 Screened out by OIPRD	2 Referred to our service for investigation	2 Resolved Informally	9 TOTAL
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Case coordinators review the complaint and determine whether it should be screened in for investigation or screened out. The OIPRD has the legislative discretion to screen out complaints for a variety of reasons including:

- Complaint is better dealt with under another act or law
- Complaint is frivolous
- Complaint is not in the public interest
- Complaint is made over six months after the incident.



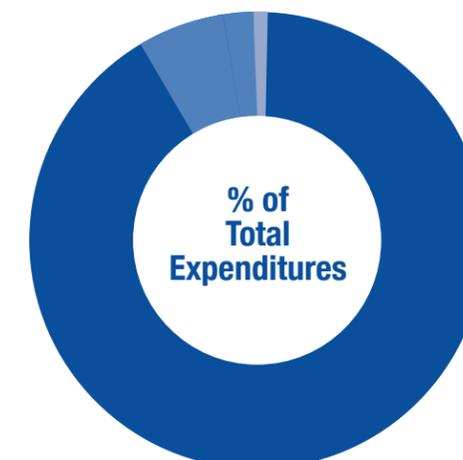
	2020	2019	+/-	+/-
Salaries and Benefits	\$18,175,530	\$138,350	\$2,000	1.45%
Vehicles and Marine	\$437,797	\$17,160,509	\$1,015,021	5.91%
Other Revenue	\$431,700	\$2,223,659	\$150,558	6.77%
Total Expenditures	\$20,690,097	\$19,522,518	\$1,167,579	5.98%

Less:				
Revenue	\$167,700	\$171,300	(\$3,600)	-2.10%
Grants and Recoveries	\$264,000	\$344,000	(\$80,000)	-23.26%
Court Security	\$227,042	\$223,019	\$4,023	1.80%
Total Revenue	\$658,742	\$738,319	(\$79,577)	-10.78%

Municipal Funding Required	\$20,031,355	\$18,784,199	\$1,247,156	6.64%
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- Salaries & Benefits - 90%
- Other Operating Expenditures - 10%
- Other Revenue - 2%



2021 Organizational Chart



The Bradford West Gwillimbury/ Innisfil Police Services Board

Andrew Fletcher
Chief of Police

Executive Assistant

Corporate Communications

Human Resources

John Van Dyke
Deputy Chief of Police

Inspector

Finance

Executive Sergeant
Corporate Services/Training/K9/Q.A.

Information Technology

Information Services

Records/Front Desk

Support Services

Investigative Services

Patrol Operations

Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant

Criminal Investigations
Street Crime/CIB/Forensic Identification

Platoons A,B,C,D

Operations Support

Fleet/Quarter Master

Court Services

Administrative Unit

Traffic & Marine

CMEU
Education Services/Coast

Auxiliary/Volunteer

Communications

Serving Our Community for 20 Years

Just the Facts

	2019	2020	Variance
Property Occurrences			
Occurrence	588	410	-43%
Break and Enter Totals	120	87	-38%
Break and Enters - Residential	74	49	-51%
Break and Enters - Commercial	36	33	-9%
Theft Under - Shoplifting	88	58	-52%
Theft from Vehicles	168	125	-34%
Theft Motor Vehicle	102	58	-76%

	2019	2020	Variance
Violent Occurrences			
Occurrence	984	995	1%
Robbery Total	11	9	-22%
Robbery - Commercial	3	1	-200%
Robbery - Person on Person	6	7	17%
Assaults Totals	216	225	4%
Offensive Weapons Total	63	75	19%
Offensive Weapons - Possession of Weapons	18	7	-157%
Domestic Disputes Total	456	416	-10%
Domestic Others Total	211	254	20%
Elder Abuse Total	0	1	100%

	2019	2020	Variance
Mental Health			
Occurrence	834	601	-39%
Sudden Death - Suicide	8	5	-60%
Attempt Suicide	114	67	-70%
Person in Crisis	712	529	-35%

	2019	2020	Variance
Public Disorder			
Occurrence	350	236	-6%
Disturbances Total	137	126	-9%
Liquor Offences Total	16	21	31%
Liquor Offences - Licensed	4	3	-33%
Intoxicated Person Total	77	77	0%
Intoxicated Person - Taken into Custody	16	9	-78%

	2019	2020	Variance
Proactive			
Occurrence	9455	6438	-32%
Person Stops Total	51	49	-4%
Vehicle Stops Total	9350	6238	-50%
Compliance Checks	54	151	180%

	2019	2020	Variance
Occurrence			
MVC	1674	1217	-38%
MVC Property Damage	1296	941	-38%
MVC Personal Injury	195	141	-38%
MVC Hit and Run	181	130	-39%
MVC Fatality	2	5	150%

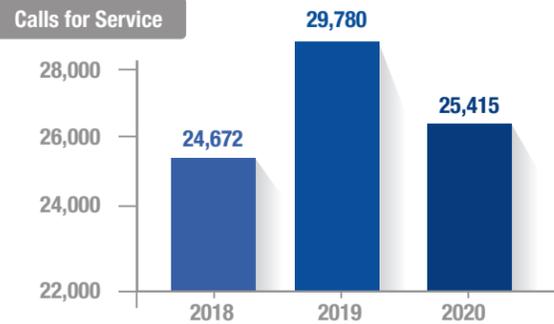
	2019	2020	Variance
Impaired Driver	248	180	-38%
Impaired Driver - Total	127	93	-37%
Alcohol Impairment - Collision	19	30	58%
Alcohol Impairment - No Collision	78	43	-81%
Drug Impairment - Collision	4	5	25%
Drug Impairment - No Collision	5	2	-150%
Approved Screening Device - Less than 50 mg	8	2	-300%
Approved Screening Device - G1/G2/21 yrs & Under	1	1	0%
Alcohol/Drug Sobriety Test - No RPG	4	0	0%
Refusal Roadside or Sobriety Test	2	4	100%

	2019	2020	Variance
Other	1946	1792	-9%
Driving Complaint - Total	1946	1792	-9%



Just the Facts

	2019	2020	Variance		2019	2020	Variance	
Drugs	Number of Charges	236	94	-151%	Abandoned Vehicles	41	41	0%
	CDSA Possession (Section 4)	133	53	-151%	Alarms	812	674	-20%
	CA Possession	18	3	-500%	Alarm - False Canceled	737	641	-15%
	CDSA Trafficking (Section 5)	71	41	-73%	Animal	152	90	-69%
	CA Trafficking	14	2	-600%	Community Services	447	331	-35%
	CDSA Trafficking (Section 7)	0	0	0%	Domestic/ Family Disturbances	456	409	-11%
	Number of Occurrences	172	124	-39%	Escorts	174	63	-176%
	Drugs Total	129	87	-48%	Fire/ Fire Alarms	24	25	4%
	Drugs - Possession	18	12	-50%	Landlord/Tenant	118	188	59%
	Drugs - Trafficking, Possess for the Purpose	14	11	-27%	Lost and Found Property	290	248	-17%
	Drugs - Marijuana Grow Op, Clandestine Lab	11	14	21%	Missing Persons	142	93	-53%
					Neighbour Dispute	257	379	47%
					Noise Complaints	410	509	24%
	Non - Offence Occurrences	Number of Occurrences	2	4	100%	Sex Offender Registry	8	6
Human Trafficking Total		2	4	100%	Sudden Deaths	58	61	5%
					Suspicious Persons/ Vehicles	813	776	-5%
Number of Occurrences		756	721	-5%	Traffic Complaints	1946	1790	-9%
Fraud Financial Institution Total		57	47	-21%	Unwanted Persons	253	185	-37%
Fraud Financial Inst. - Credit Card Fraud		45	37	-22%	Recovered Vehicles	19	28	47%
General Fraud Total		318	288	-10%	Workplace Accident	14	3	-367%
General Fraud - Utter Forged Documents		43	27	-59%				
General Fraud - False Pretenses		112	63	-78%				
General Fraud - Internet Fraud		96	146	52%				
Counterfeit Total		26	19	-37%				
Personal Fraud Total		31	48	55%				
Personal Fraud - Identity Theft		4	3	-33%				
Personal Fraud - Identity Fraud		24	43	79%				
Fraud	Number of Occurrences	120	115	-4%				
	Sex Offences Total	65	58	-12%				
	Sex Offence - Sex Assault Level 1	34	42	24%				
	Indecent Acts Total	9	8	-13%				
	Pornography Total	6	5	-20%				
	Pornography Adult	2	1	-100%				
	Pornography Child	4	1	-300%				
Major Case	Number of Occurrences	0	0	0%				
	Homicides	0	0	0%				
	Attempt Homicide	0	0	0%				



Awards & Recognition

2020 South Simcoe Police Service Recognition Awards

(Bradford/Innisfil, ON) The 2020 South Simcoe Police Service Recognition Awards were held on Thursday, November 19, 2020. This year, as we have come to expect, the event was different due to the pandemic. The audience of family members, friends and dignitaries watched via Zoom and everyone who attended in person wore masks and kept apart to stay safe. The awards highlighted the bravery, ingenuity, and the determination of our members, while also recognizing some of our citizen heroes.

Police Exemplary Service Medal for 30 Years of Service

Inspector John Van Dyke

Police Exemplary Service Medal for 20 Years of Service

Constable Wes Brown

Constable Carlos Pinho

Staff Sergeant Henry Geoffroy



Citizen Award

Cindy Rossit, Barry Stanley, Tanya Mapp, & Mallorie Wild

These citizen heroes saved a tiny life in Innisfil on Friday, June 26, 2020 by stepping up in the most dire of emergencies – a baby, abandoned in a scorching hot car. Every year we issue warnings not to leave a loved one or a pet in a hot vehicle because it could kill them.



Excellence in Investigation

Constable Terri McCallum & Constable Leslie Grace of the Forensic Identification Unit

Constable Terri McCallum and Constable Leslie Grace of the Forensic Identification Unit played key roles in an investigation that began with an armed robbery at a coffee shop in Bradford on November 7, 2011. Grace and McCallum collected DNA from saliva found on the sidewalk and a fingerprint that was on a bag the suspect brought into the store. Nine years later, a suspect was arrested because of that forensic evidence. In February 2020, an Aurora man was convicted and sentenced in the crime.

Excellence in Investigation

Detective Constable Holly Murray, Detective Constable Andrew Smith, both of the SSPS Criminal Investigation Bureau, and OPP Detective Constable Kip Wohlert of the Ontario Provincial Police Child Exploitation Unit

This award encompasses three, separate, complex, international child pornography, extortion and luring investigations and is being presented to DC Murray, DC Smith, and OPP DC Wohlert for their inter-agency cooperation, advanced investigative techniques and teamwork. The victims and accused in these cases were local, from outside of Ontario and in the United States. Investigators teamed up with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Georgia and law enforcement agencies in California and Florida to identify victims and suspects. These investigations once again shed the light on our vulnerable youth who are sadly being exploited through the sharing of personal images and we cannot stress more the importance of parents educating their children on the proper use of the internet.



**Excellence In Investigations
Detective Sergeant Kai Johnson**

Det. Sgt. Kai Johnson was honoured for his tenacity and leadership in a precedent-setting investigation involving the tragic overdose death of a young man in Innisfil. Police quickly determined the identity of one suspect in the man's death but a second suspect was unknown. The detailed and complex investigation that followed resulted in the arrest of two men on trafficking charges. Both were subsequently charged with manslaughter. Evidence collected during the investigation

included search warrants on 13 cell phones and devices, witness statements, Centre of Forensic Sciences pathology and coroner reports, Health Canada reports and consultations with the Crown Attorney's office. As a result, a 25-year-old Innisfil man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years for Criminal Negligence Causing Death and a 3-year concurrent sentence for Trafficking Fentanyl. A 55-year-old Innisfil man was also convicted of Trafficking Fentanyl and served nearly three years in pre-trial custody. This investigation was historic due to the fact it was one of the first in the country for manslaughter charges to be laid in a drug overdose death. Numerous police agencies have called us to inquire about this case.



Excellence in Investigations and Teamwork

Constable Jon Ellis and Detective Constable Andrew Smith

This investigation highlights the power of front line officers and specialized units working together. The investigation began when Cst. Ellis received information while investigating another occurrence that resulted in Ellis and Smith working together to obtain a search warrant for a residence in Innisfil. On May 17, 2019, members of the South Simcoe Police Criminal Investigation Unit, Community Mobilization and Engagement Unit, Emergency Response Unit and Uniform officers executed the search warrant at a residence in Belle Ewart in the Town of Innisfil. During the search warrant, police seized three loaded guns – 2 handguns and one long gun, all located in plain view. Numerous drugs and cash were also seized, and a small illegal marijuana grow operation was dismantled by police. A 23-year-old man from Belle Ewart was arrested and charged with numerous firearms and drug related offences. This case is still before the courts.

Excellence in Emergency Response

911 Communicator Caitlin Summers

This occurrence is a perfect example of the critical role 911 communicators play in public safety while demonstrating calm and quick-thinking under extreme pressure. Communicator Caitlin Summers received a 911 cell phone call from a cell phone which provided no call back number or location. Summers could hear a male and a female screaming and quickly determined the female was very afraid for her safety. Summers could not immediately establish voice contact but stayed on the line while documenting the details she could hear. Summers eventually established some voice contact with the woman who indicated she was in Barrie but could no longer talk because the suspect was back. The woman was continually crying and at times hysterical. "Help me. Please help me," she whispered to Summers. Through her calm, reassuring demeanor and quick-thinking, Summers was able to glean enough information during the call for Barrie Police to locate the woman, bring her to safety and arrest the man.

Excellence in Emergency Response Constable Devon Northrup and Constable Gerald Crane

The expression, “seconds can save lives” could not be more true in regards to the following urgent situation. On Wednesday, May 20, 2020 around 12:30 a.m., South Simcoe Police Service officers were called about a person in crisis who had contacted family members by phone and text stating that he was going to end his life. Northrup and Crane wasted no time in getting to the scene which was a locked garage of a home in Innisfil. While en route to the residence the officers obtained the garage code so that they could access the residence. Once on scene, the officers could hear a vehicle running in the garage and knew from family updates that the man was no longer texting. Fearing for the man’s life, officers quickly gained entry to the garage and located the man in the back seat of the locked vehicle. Crane and Northrup broke out the rear passenger window in order to bring the man to safety. He was assessed on scene by paramedics, apprehended under the Mental Health Act and transported to hospital. The officers can take comfort in knowing they saved this man’s life that day, and have hopefully connected him to services to assist in his recovery.



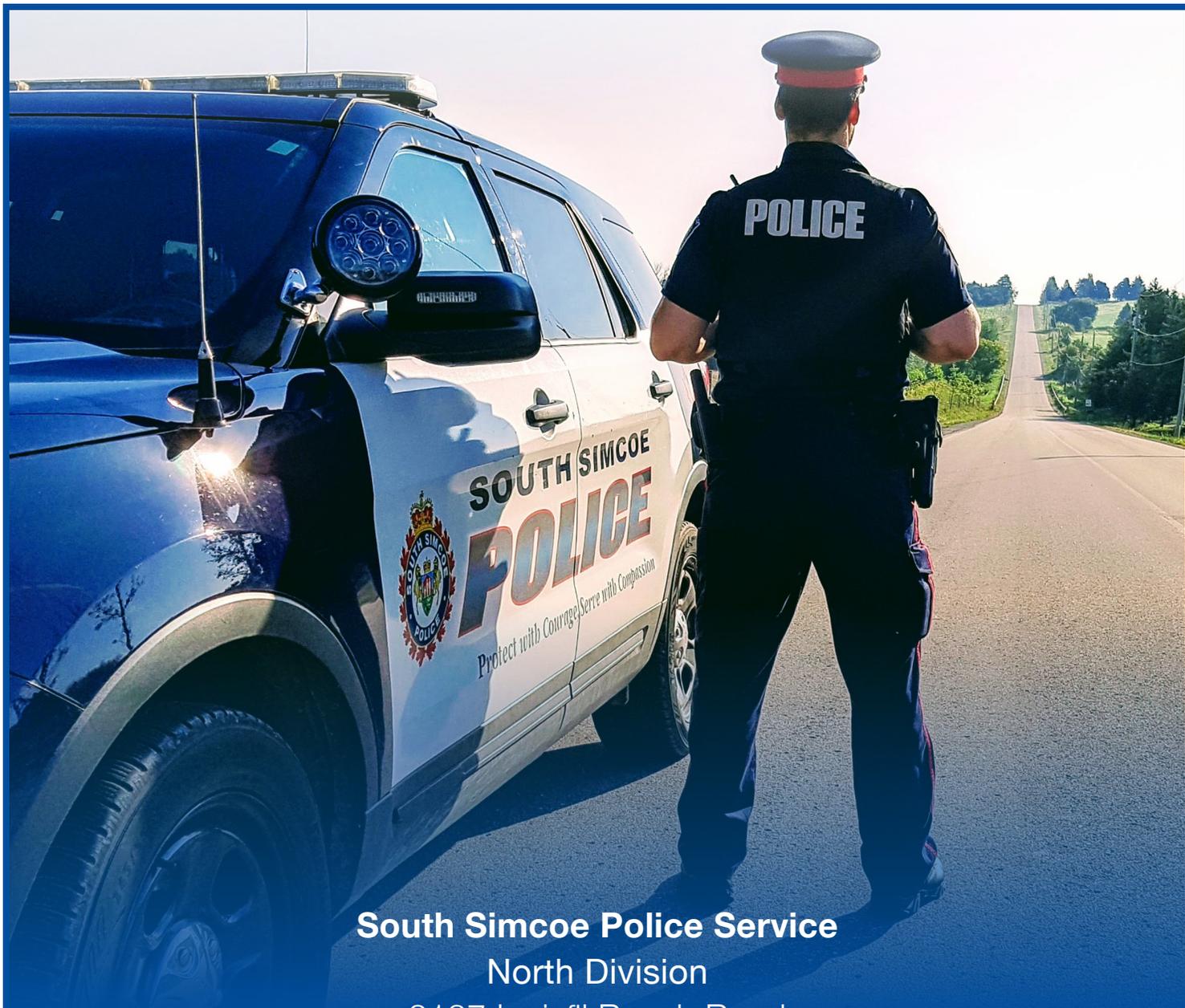
Excellence in Emergency Response

Constables Carl Jarvis, Ashley Fairbairn, David Oxley and Firefighters from Innisfil Fire and Emergency Services Chris Blackett and Dustin Cooper

On Sunday, July 12, 2020, around 7:30 p.m., the South Simcoe Police Service, Innisfil Fire and Rescue, and Simcoe County Paramedics responded to a 911 call for reports of a person in crisis in Lake Simcoe. Constable Oxley and firefighters Cooper and Blackett boarded a boat belonging to a civilian who offered assistance and proceeded to the area where the man was in the water and tried to speak with him. The man did not respond to offers of help and continued to swim further away from shore. Marine One, operated by Constables Jarvis and Fairbairn was also dispatched to the area, and upon arrival Cst Oxley and firefighters Cooper and Blackett transferred onto the police vessel. Cst Fairbairn safely operated the police vessel to stay close to the man, while Cst Jarvis took over communication with the man, attempting to build a rapport over time, and convince him to come out of the water. The man was distraught and continued to swim away from shore. Cst Jarvis eventually entered Lake Simcoe and swam alongside the man, continuing to earn his trust until he eventually accepted help and agreed to join Jarvis on the police boat. Approximately one hour after the Marine Unit had arrived on scene, the situation was resolved and the man was brought to safety aboard Marine 1 where he was transported to shore where he was examined by paramedics and cleared medically. He was later transferred to hospital and treated for mental health concerns and connected with services to help him.



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