

2025 ANNUAL REPORT





***THE CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE
LOCATED ON LANDS THAT HAVE BEEN INHABITED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
FROM THE BEGINNING.***

***WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE
AND WE THANK ALL THE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE
WHO HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THIS LAND BEFORE US.***

***WE ACKNOWLEDGE WE ARE LOCATED ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE
AKWESASNE MOHAWK AND THEIR ANCESTORS. THESE LANDS AND WATERWAYS
CONNECT TO THE VAST TRADITIONAL AREAS OF THE HAUDENOSAUNEE,
ALGONQUIN, HURON-WENDAT, AND ABENAKI PEOPLES.***

***THESE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WERE NEVER WHOLLY SURRENDERED.
AS WE MOVE TOWARD HEALING PAST INJUSTICES WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE
THE WRONGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE AND WORK TOWARDS A UNIFIED PATH
OF CO-EXISTENCE AND PROSPERITY.***

***WE RECOGNIZE AND DEEPLY APPRECIATE THEIR HISTORIC CONNECTION
TO THIS PLACE.***

***WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MÉTIS, INUIT AND OTHER
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE MADE, BOTH IN SHAPING AND STRENGTHENING THIS
COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR, AND OUR PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES
WITHIN THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.***





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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Cornwall Police Service Board, I am proud to present the 2025 Cornwall Police Service Annual Report.

This report offers an important opportunity to reflect on the dedication, resilience, and hard work demonstrated over the past year.

One of the most significant accomplishments in 2025 was the development of our new Strategic Plan. As our community continues to grow and evolve, so too do the demands on our police service. Creating a plan that responds to these changing needs is no small task. I am incredibly proud of the commitment shown by all our members in ensuring that the needs of the community remain front and centre in this work.

While our service has experienced many changes, one constant remains: the unwavering dedication of the Board to provide strong leadership and the necessary resources to support effective, community-focused policing. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Board Administrator, Carmen, whose guidance and support have been invaluable as we navigated new responsibilities and

challenges this year.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the senior leadership team, our associations, and all past and present sworn and civilian members. Your professionalism, integrity, and belief in the work you do each day are what make this service so strong. As a Board, we are grateful for the trust you place in us to help guide the organization through these ever-changing times.



It is equally important to thank the members of our community for their continued confidence in our mission. While challenges remain, your support strengthens our ability to serve. Together, we will continue working to ensure that Cornwall remains a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family.

It is an honour to serve as Chair of the Board, and I look forward to what the future holds for the Cornwall Police Service. We will continue to advocate for the new police facility that is so essential to meeting the needs of our growing community.

- Board Chair, Amanda Brisson

THE CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE BOARD:



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Representative



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Board
Administrator

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As Chief of Police, it is my honour to present the 2025 Cornwall Police Service Annual Report, a comprehensive reflection of the dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment of our members to the safety and well-being of our community. This past year has been one of growth, innovation, and collaboration as we continue to adapt to the evolving needs of Cornwall and its residents.

In 2025, we launched our new Strategic Plan, which outlines our vision for a safe Cornwall where everyone can thrive and belong. This plan is built on the principles of equity, inclusion, and partnership, and it serves as a roadmap for the next four years. It reflects our commitment to evidence-based policing, community engagement, and delivering quality service to all residents. The plan was developed with input from more than 1,300 community members, equity-seeking groups, partner organizations, CPS members, and city officials, ensuring that it is truly reflective of the needs and aspirations of our community.

Our team has worked tirelessly to address complex challenges, including mental health-related calls, hate-motivated crimes, and organized criminal activity. Through initiatives like Project FESTER, which resulted in more than 700 charges and the seizure of illegal firearms and drugs with a street value of more than \$2.3 million, enhanced traffic safety measures, and expanded crisis response teams, we have made significant strides in protecting our community and fostering trust.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our mission. Signature events like Bikes & Badges, Culture Fest, Tree of Hope for MMIWG and Kids, Cops & Fishing have allowed us to connect with residents of all ages, celebrate diversity, and strengthen relationships. Our school visits and the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) have helped us build meaningful connections with local youth, fostering trust and understanding. We are also proud to have welcomed Oliver, our new facility dog, who has already made a positive impact on those affected by trauma and high-stress situations.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on modernizing our services, expanding our capabilities, and building a police service that reflects the values and diversity of our community. Investments in technology, such as the upgraded CCTV system and NG911 platform, are helping us enhance public safety and improve operational efficiency. We are also committed to addressing systemic barriers

and historical injustices through our Equity Charter, ensuring that fairness, justice, and human dignity are central to our work.

I am deeply grateful to our members, partners, and residents for their continued support and collaboration. Together, we will ensure that Cornwall remains a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for all. Thank you for your trust in the Cornwall Police Service.

We are proud to serve you.

-Chief of Police, Shawna Spowart



THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE



City of Cornwall

54,346 RESIDENTS
(Statistics Canada - 2025 Estimate)

OUR SERVICE

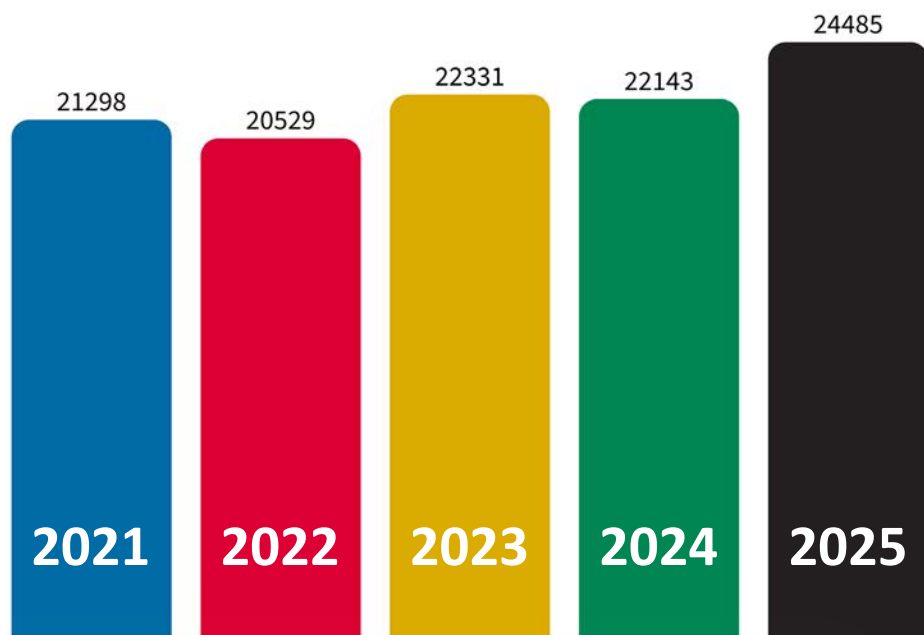


2025 IN NUMBERS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Cornwall Police Service has seen a steady rise in calls for service over the past five years. In 2025, calls increased 10.6% from 2024, reaching the highest level in this period. Notably, 9% of calls reflect a change in how traffic enforcement is captured.

This trend highlights growing demand alongside Cornwall's expanding population and the need for continued investment in resources, proactive strategies, and community partnerships.

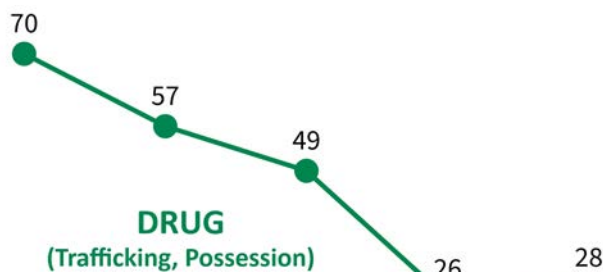


CRIME TYPES



Nationally and in Cornwall, violent crime has declined in recent years, with local decreases in sexual interference and harassing communications.

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025



Despite a recent decrease in the number of drug-related occurrences, 2025 saw the largest seizure of illegal drugs in CPS history.

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025



The 11.7% increase from 2024 to 2025 was driven primarily by significant rises in theft from motor vehicle under \$5,000 (+101%) and shoplifting (+62%).

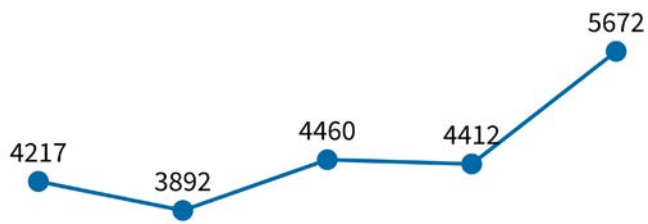
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025



The 25.6% increase this year is largely attributable to a significant rise in breach of probation offences, which increased by 81%.

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

CHARGES & ARRESTS



CHARGES

In 2025, the Cornwall Police Service recorded a 28.5% increase in charges laid.



ARRESTS

The number of individuals arrested continued to rise in 2025, increasing by 7.5%.

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

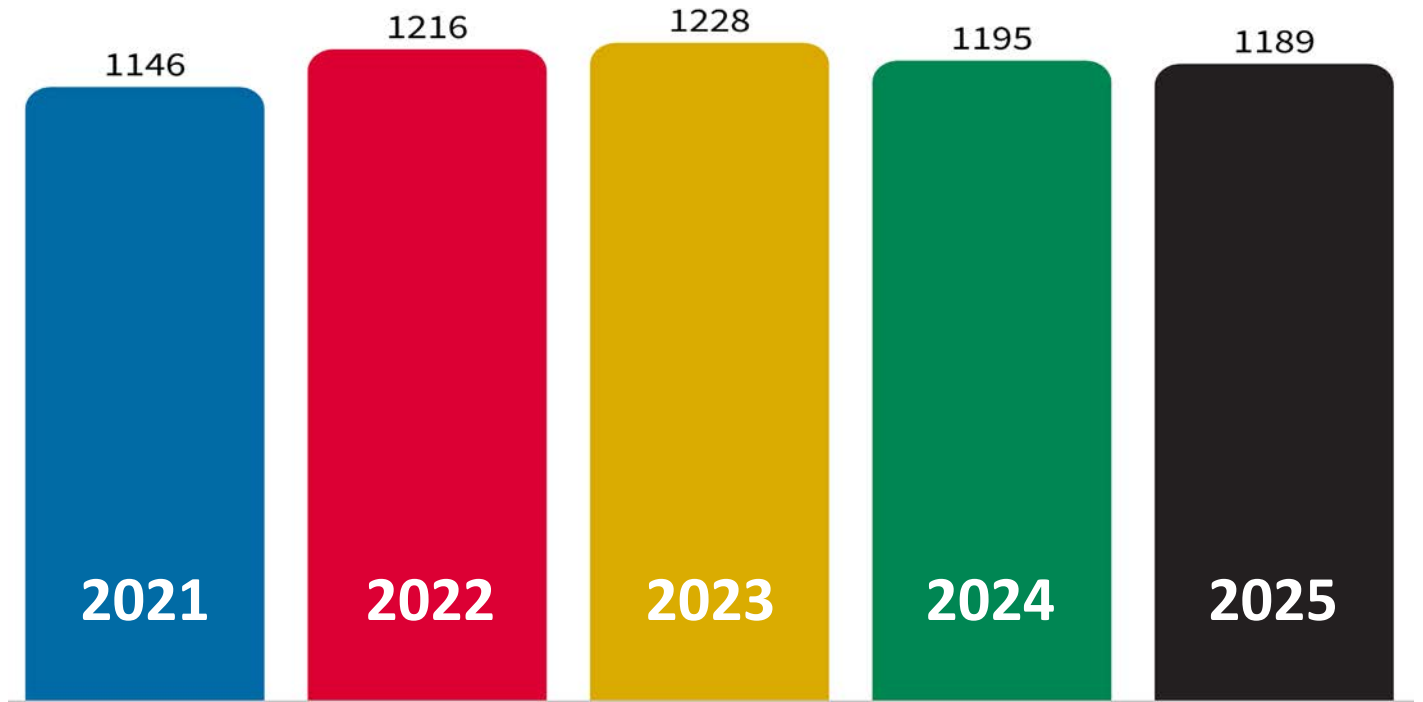
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

ROAD SAFETY

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Collisions	992	1,179	1,291	1,295	1,244
Injuries	251	211	204	95	189
Fatal collisions	2	2	2	1	1
Collisions involving pedestrians	18	24	19	25	26
Fail to remain	162	223	300	278	250
Number of provincial offenses	1,884	1,347	935	916	1,666
Number of warnings issued	831	563	524	669	953
Impaired by alcohol	116	151	76	58	60
Impaired by drug	22	15	21	12	10

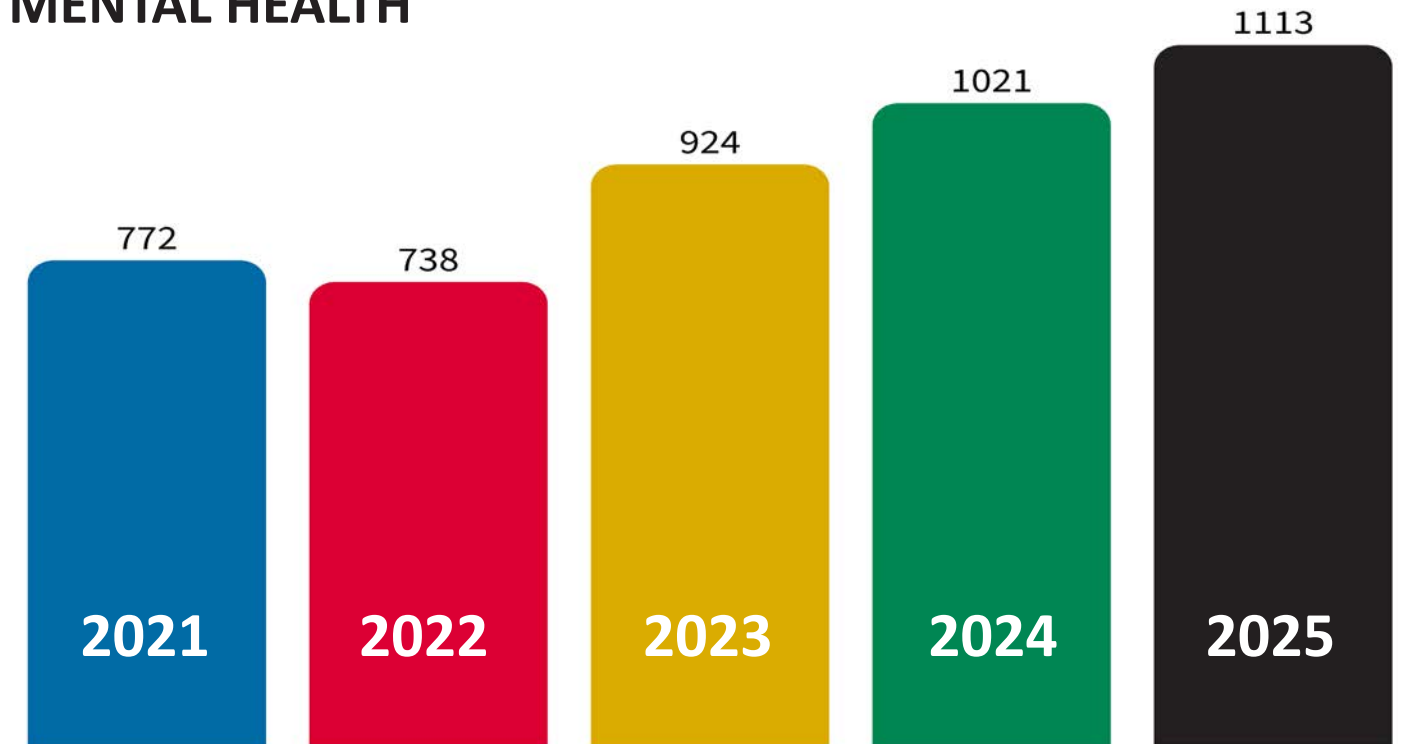
Traffic safety remained a key focus in 2025. While total collisions decreased by 9.6%, proactive enforcement increased significantly, with provincial offence notices rising by 81.9% and warnings issued increasing by 42.5%. This reflects a strong focus on prevention, education and deterrence aimed at improving driver behaviour and reducing risk. Collectively, these efforts continue to support safer roads.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)



Over the past five years, reported intimate partner violence (IPV) incidents have remained relatively stable, with modest fluctuations.

MENTAL HEALTH



Mental health-related calls for service have increased markedly over the past five years, rising by approximately 44% from 2021 to 2025 and reflecting growing demand for police response within the community.

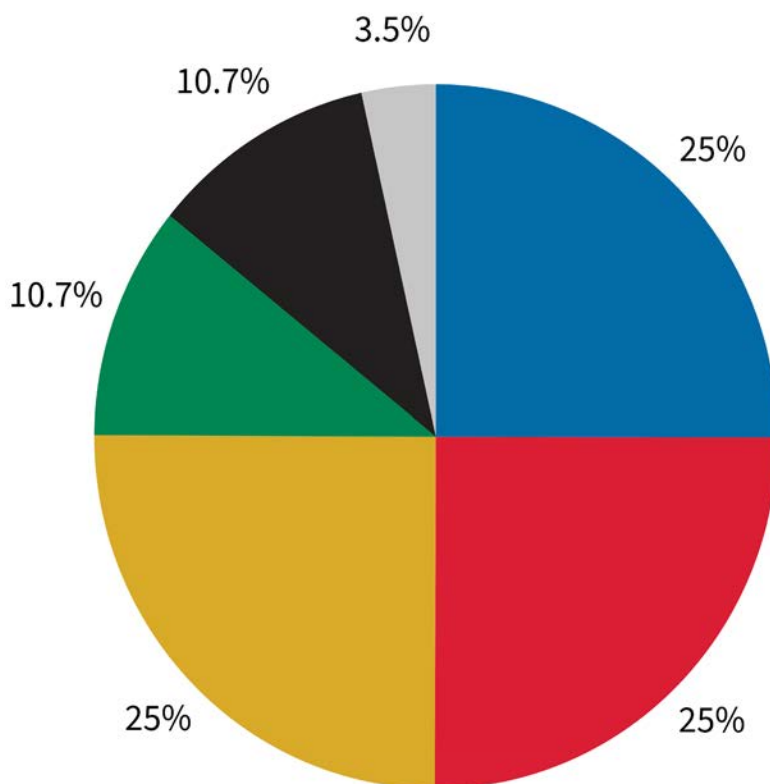
HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS & CRIME

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Individuals arrested	6	8	6	8	4
Total charges	10	16	22	13	40

Hate-motivated incidents and crime continued to be predominantly motivated by ethnicity, nationality, race, and LGBTQ2S+ identity, accounting for 75% of reported occurrences.

As the Cornwall Police Service maintained a focused and proactive approach to addressing hate-motivated incidents and crimes, enforcement activity increased significantly, resulting in a total of 40 charges laid in 2025.

- Ethnicity/Nationality
- Race
- LGBTQ2S+
- Religion
- Immigrants/Newcomers
- Multi-Bias



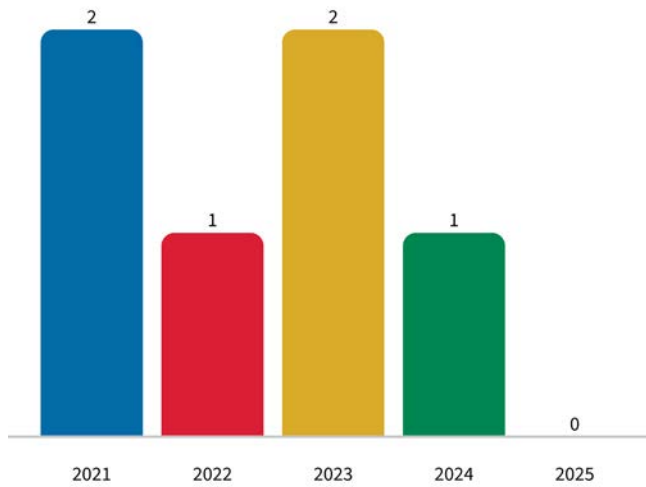
YOUTH CRIME

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Family dispute	120	135	159	129	141
Trouble with youth	110	161	162	145	112
Assault	61	105	105	101	84
Person welfare check	67	80	66	93	84
Mental health act	58	85	80	67	91
Police assistance	50	87	56	93	74
Threats	38	55	65	80	63
Missing person located	38	39	83	88	53
Police information	32	62	27	79	87
Bail violations	36	37	97	67	52

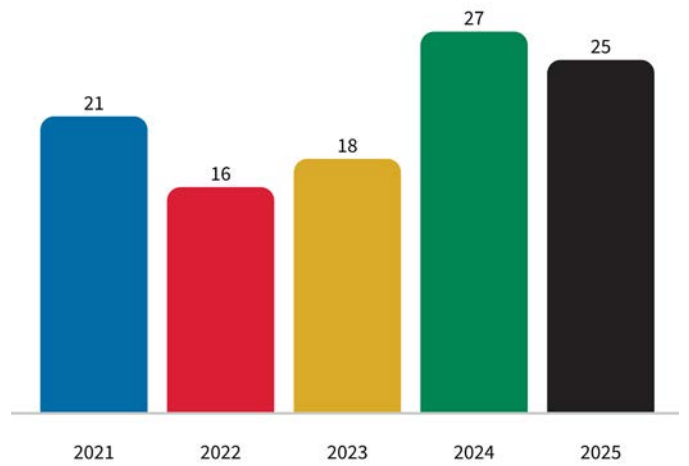
Several youth offence categories increased compared to the previous year, including child pornography, motor vehicle collisions, robbery and impaired driving. Encouragingly, trends from 2024 to 2025 show declines in shoplifting (-66%), trespass to property (-42%), bail violations (-22%), and theft (-19%), indicating progress in targeted enforcement and prevention efforts.

COMPLAINTS

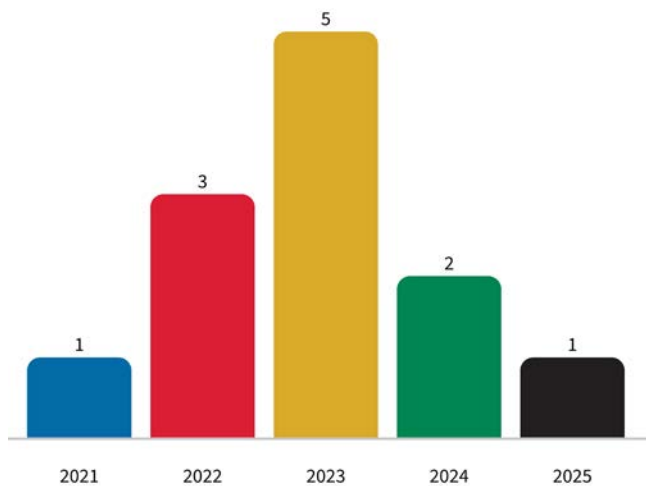
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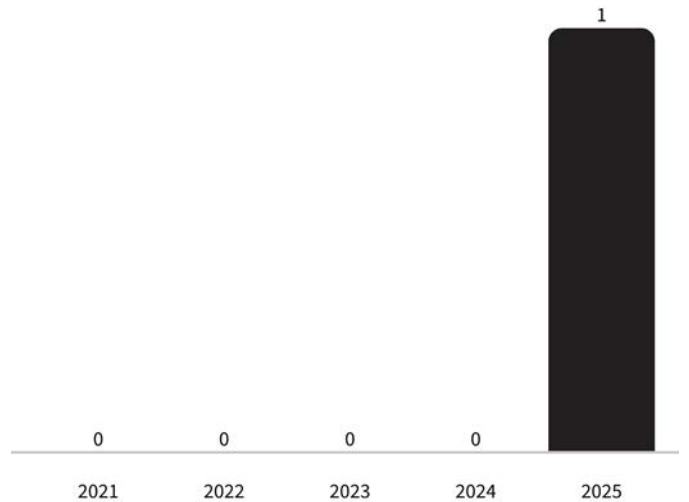
PUBLIC (CONDUCT)



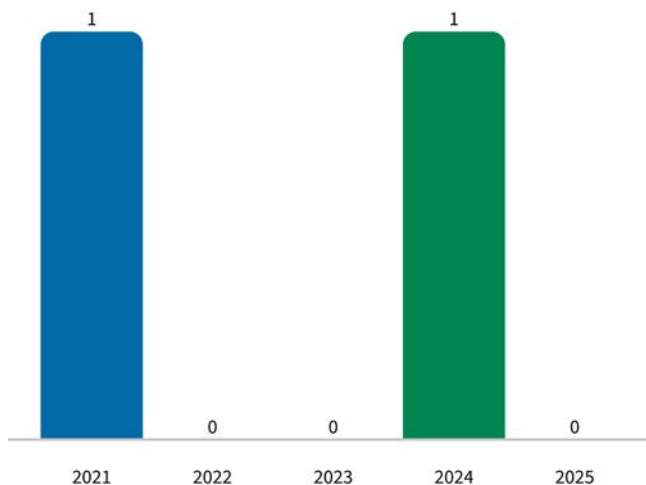
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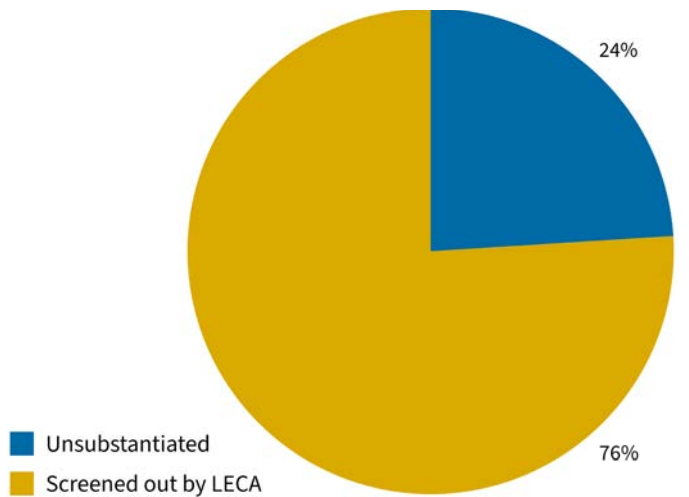
LOCAL



CUSTOMER SERVICE RESOLUTIONS



DISPOSITIONS



DRUGS & FIREARMS

559 firearm charges

72 real firearms seized

45 imitation firearms seized

200 drug charges

\$2,269,849.08 million of drugs seized (street value)

\$98,136.75 cash seized



2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK SUMMARY

For our community. With our community.

PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Every four years, the Cornwall Police Service develops a strategic framework that sets priorities and guides its work for the period ahead.

In winter and spring 2025, we engaged with more than 1,300 people — community members, equity-seeking groups, partner organizations, CPS members at all Levels, Police Service Board members, and members of Cornwall City Council — building on a spirit of cooperation and common interest to realize our vision.

VISION

(WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY)

A safe Cornwall
where everyone can thrive and belong

MISSION

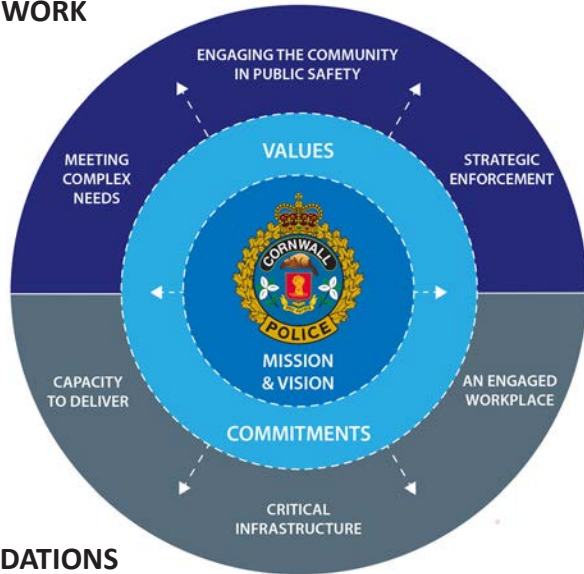
(HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR VISION)

A trusted police service partnering with our
community for a positive impact on safety
and wellbeing in Cornwall

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our strategic priorities for 2025–2028 encompass both our core daily work — the roles we perform out in the community — and the foundations we need in place to do that work, radiating out from our mission, vision, values and commitments. They are all interdependent, interrelated and equally important.

CORE WORK



FOUNDATIONS

CPS EQUITY CHARTER

A Commitment to Inclusion, Belonging, and Justice

At the Cornwall Police Service, we recognize that true public safety cannot exist without equity, inclusion, and belonging for all.

As guardians of public safety, we acknowledge the systemic barriers and historical injustices that have impacted marginalized and underserved communities, including Indigenous peoples, racialized individuals, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, persons with disabilities and others facing inequities.

As we move forward with our strategic priorities, we commit to embedding these principles across our work, our workplace, and our relationships with the community.

OUR DECLARATION

We, the members of the Cornwall Police Service, declare our unwavering commitment to uphold equity in all aspects of our work. We affirm that fairness, justice, and human dignity are essential to the safety and wellbeing of our community and to the integrity of our profession. This Charter is a living commitment that grounds our daily actions and long-term vision in integrity, respect and empathy.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

All of us at the Cornwall Police Service are guided by a set of shared values and commitments as we pursue our mission and work to realize our vision for the future.

VALUES (HOW WE INTERACT)

INTEGRITY

We lead by example, with strong moral principles.

RESPECT

We treat everyone with dignity while acknowledging the rights and traditions of all people.

EMPATHY

We listen to, respect and strive to understand people's experiences and feelings.

COMMITMENTS (HOW WE WORK EVERY DAY)

BE EVIDENCE-BASED

Make fact-based decisions that consider people's experience and expertise.

DELIVER QUALITY SERVICE

Consistently uphold high standards to deliver trusted policing services.

INNOVATE

Use technology and novel ways of working to achieve desired outcomes within the means available.

COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Share information and constructively explore different ideas and perspectives.

BE INCLUSIVE

Respect and reflect the diversity of the community.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



ENGAGING COMMUNITY IN PUBLIC SAFETY



JOY RETIRES

In May 2025, Joy retired after 10 years of service as the Cornwall Police Service's Accredited Facility Dog.

She spent years helping children and community members through stressful situations, leaving behind a lasting impact.

Joy, a 10-year-old Chocolate Labrador Retriever mix, enjoys her daily walks and never misses a chance to play with her ball. She takes her yard patrol duties seriously, making sure no squirrels or rabbits wander onto her property!

True to her routine, Joy is tucked into bed by 8 p.m. every night, but during the day, she makes the rounds at the CPS with her handler, Danielle Lauzon, to visit her favourite people - collecting belly rubs and treats along the way.



WELCOME, OLIVER

The Cornwall Police Service is proud to introduce its newest member: Accredited Facility Dog, Oliver!

In 2025, the nearly two-year-old Labrador-Golden Retriever mix was sworn in at the CPS.

Oliver joins us from National Service Dogs (NSD), one of Canada's premiere service dog providers. Oliver completed nearly two years of training with NSD staff and volunteers. His training included puppy classes (etiquette and manners), career assessment and completion of the 800-hour Canine Assisted Intervention Program.

Oliver's main role at the CPS is to support individuals

impacted by violence, trauma and high-stress situations. He brings a gentle and calming presence while on-duty.

Off-duty, Oliver is a goofy character who loves swimming, finding sticks, stealing shoes and his all-time favourite activity of cuddling.

His handlers are Kia Marin, Crime Data Analyst, and D/Cst. Kelly Zeran of the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse (SACA) Unit.

The CPS would like to thank NSD for this beautiful soul, who will undoubtedly impact the lives of many for years to come.



NEW MASCOT, CST. JOY, UNVEILED AT OPEN HOUSE

The Cornwall Police Service is proud to introduce our newest team member and mascot – Cst. Joy!

Inspired by the incredible legacy of our beloved police facility dog, Joy, the mascot was created to honour her years of dedicated service as she enters retirement. This heartwarming initiative was sparked by the creativity and passion of our 2024 Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) summer ambassadors, who recognized the powerful impact Joy has had on our community.

Cst. Joy was officially unveiled during our Open House, held in May 2025, as part of National Police Week celebrations. With her cheerful presence and recognizable features, Cst. Joy will continue to share Joy's legacy of compassion by engaging with residents of all ages at various community events.

"Cst. Joy represents the spirit of service, approachability and care that our facility dog brought to our members and community every day," said Chief Shawna Spowart. "We're thrilled to see her legacy carried forward in a new and meaningful way."

The new mascot will help enhance community engagement and strengthen the CPS' presence throughout the City of Cornwall. Cst. Joy is ready to bring smiles, foster

connection and proudly represent the CPS as a symbol of trust and kindness.

Attendees at the Open House were thrilled by the impressive unveiling. Two members of the Cornwall Emergency Response Team (CERT) rappelled down the four-story building that houses CPS headquarters at 340 Pitt Street. Following the demonstration, the CPS Armored Rescue Vehicle made a slow entrance, and Cst. Joy emerged to the crowd's delight.

A lively dance party ensued after several mascots – including Sparky from Cornwall Fire Services – gave Cst. Joy a warm welcome to town.

Community members of all ages had the chance to connect with CPS personnel from various specialty units, including Dispatch, CERT, Traffic, Criminal Investigation Division, Community Patrol, and Crime Prevention.

Local partners were also on hand for the Open House, including Cornwall SD&G Paramedic Services, Cornwall Fire Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian National Police Service, Via Rail Police Service as well as the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Natural Resources.



CST. JOY SWORN IN



BIKES & BADGES: BICYCLE SAFETY AND COMMUNITY FUN

The Cornwall Police Service proudly hosted its annual Bikes & Badges event in June at St. Lawrence College, bringing together families and community partners for a day focused on safety, education and fun.

Children from across the community participated in a comprehensive bicycle safety experience, which included complimentary bike inspections, an engaging warm-up and interactive lessons on safe cycling practices and rules of the road.

Participants then had the opportunity to apply their skills by navigating a structured obstacle course designed to build confidence and awareness.

Each registered participant received a new, high-quality helmet to promote safe riding habits. Members of the CPS were also on site to register bicycle serial numbers in the CPS Bike Registry, supporting efforts to prevent theft and assist in recovery.

The event was further enhanced by the generous support

of the Optimist Club, who provided a free lunch and refreshments for all attendees, helping to create a welcoming and community-focused atmosphere.

The CPS is grateful to our amazing volunteers and generous sponsors — this event wouldn't have been possible without you:

- Burn Tucker and Lachaine
- Cowan's Dairy
- Happy Popcorn
- Total Cyclery
- Canadian Tire
- St. Lawrence College
- Cornwall Police Service Board
- Cornwall Police Association
- Optimist Club
- Black and MacDonald
- Cornwall Community Hospital
- The City of Cornwall
- Cornwall Transit





CPS MEMBERS ENGAGE STUDENTS AT CENTRAL PUBLIC

In November, members of the Cornwall Police Service were proud to connect with students at Central Public School as part of our ongoing commitment to JEDI principles — Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

This initiative reflects our dedication to building meaningful relationships with youth and fostering a sense of trust, respect and belonging within our community.

The visit was designed to be both informative and engaging. Officers delivered an interactive presentation highlighting the diverse roles within the Service and the collaborative efforts that contribute to public safety in the City of Cornwall. Students were encouraged to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of policing in a supportive and approachable environment.

Following the presentation, students participated in hands-on activities, including the opportunity to explore a variety of police vehicles and equipment. These experiences provided a unique, behind-the-scenes look at

policing and helped make learning both memorable and impactful.

A special highlight of the day was the presence of Oliver, our accredited facility dog, whose calm and friendly demeanor brought smiles to students and staff alike. Oliver played an important role in creating a welcoming atmosphere and reinforcing positive interactions.

Engagements like this are essential in strengthening community partnerships, promoting open dialogue, and building positive early connections with youth.

By investing in these relationships, we continue to support long-term community safety and contribute to a more inclusive and connected Cornwall.

The Cornwall Police Service looks forward to continuing these pop-up school visits and expanding opportunities for youth to learn, engage and feel connected to their local police service.





KIDS, COPS & FISHING CONNECTS YOUTH AND OFFICERS

The Cornwall Police Association proudly hosted its annual Kids, Cops & Fishing event in October at Marina 200, continuing a cherished tradition that brings officers and youth together in a positive and memorable way.

More than 30 children from the community took part in a fun-filled day along the waterfront, where they had the opportunity to learn the basics of fishing, build new skills and connect with officers in a relaxed, supportive environment. From casting their first lines to reeling in their catches, the day was filled with excitement, laughter and moments that will be remembered for years to come.

Each participant received their own fishing rod, tackle kit and gift bag to encourage continued outdoor activity and confidence-building beyond the event. A highlight of the day was an unforgettable ride aboard an RCMP vessel, offering a unique and exciting

experience on the water.

The CPS extends its sincere appreciation to the Optimist Club of Cornwall for providing a delicious BBQ, and to the many dedicated community partners and sponsors whose ongoing support makes this event possible year after year:

- Cornwall Police Association
- Senior Officer Association
- Police Association of Ontario
- Cornwall Police Service Board
- City of Cornwall
- Tight Lines Tackle Shop
- Optimist Club of Cornwall
- Tim Hortons Brookdale
- Peavey Mart

Through initiatives like Kids, Cops & Fishing, the CPS remains committed to fostering positive relationships, promoting healthy outdoor activities and strengthening connections within our community.



CPS HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



The Cornwall Police Service hosted its first collaboratively planned Black History Month event at the Cornwall Public Library, partnering with local organizations to create an accessible, welcoming space.

The event featured inclusive, multi-generational programming, including educational activities for children, family engagement opportunities, and youth panels that amplified young voices.



A community discussion panel facilitated dialogue on identity, challenges and progress, fostering trust and connection between residents and police.

By strengthening relationships with community partners, highlighting Black-led services, and supporting strategic goals around engagement, belonging, and equity, the event demonstrated the CPS' commitment to inclusive, collaborative community initiatives.

BEYOND 21 CHALLENGES CPS TO SOFTBALL GAME



Members of the Cornwall Police Service's Crime Reduction & Community Partnerships team stepped up to the plate alongside the Beyond 21 All Stars for a memorable afternoon of softball at Optimist Park in September.

Under sunny skies, the field was filled with smiles, laughter and impressive plays, as officers and participants came together to enjoy the spirit of the game. The event

provided a meaningful opportunity to build connections, celebrate inclusion and share in a truly uplifting experience with an incredible group.

We extend our sincere thanks to Beyond 21 for the invitation and for the important work they do in supporting adults with developmental disabilities across Cornwall and the surrounding area.

CULTURE FEST CELEBRATES DIVERSITY, COMMUNITY

The Cornwall Police Service was proud to once again partner with the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area to deliver Culture Fest - an event that continues to grow as one of the region's most vibrant celebrations of diversity, inclusion and community spirit.

Held in September at Lamoureux Park, Culture Fest welcomed thousands of attendees for a full day of connection, learning and celebration. The event featured live performances, exhibitors and an incredible array of food vendors offering flavours from around the world.

From live music and dance to storytelling, cultural exhibits and handmade crafts, the festival offered an engaging and immersive experience for all ages. Families enjoyed the lively Kids Zone, while attendees had the opportunity

to connect with local organizations and learn more about the many cultures that shape Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Cornwall and Akwesasne.

Free transportation, provided through Cornwall Transit and the City of Cornwall, helped ensure the event remained accessible to all - further reinforcing the shared commitment to equity and inclusion.

Culture Fest has quickly become one of Cornwall's largest and most anticipated community gatherings.

For members of the CPS, the event represents a meaningful opportunity to build relationships, celebrate diversity, and strengthen connections within the community we are proud to serve.





TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in September, members of the Cornwall Police Service joined City of Cornwall staff to paint the area surrounding the fountain at 340 Pitt Street.

Featuring white feathers - symbols of trust, honour and strength - the design served as a reminder to reflect on the impacts of residential schools and honour survivors and victims.

The CPS also marked Orange Shirt Day, reaffirming its commitment to learning from the past and supporting a more inclusive future.

THE TREE OF HOPE



The Tree of Hope event returned in November at Lamoureux Park, in collaboration with Akwesasne Family Wellness, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and the City of Cornwall.

This meaningful gathering brought the community together to honour and remember Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals impacted by violence.

Illuminated with red lights and adorned with red ribbons, the Tree of Hope stood as a powerful symbol of remembrance, resilience and a shared commitment to healing and change.

PAINT WITH PRIDE



In June, members of the Cornwall Police Service joined its partners from Cornwall Fire Service, Cornwall SDG Paramedic Services and the City of Cornwall to 'Paint with Pride' outside the Justice Building and City Hall, demonstrating a shared commitment to inclusion, respect and support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

PINK SHIRT DAY



In February, members of the Cornwall Police Service wore pink in support of Pink Shirt Day and the Boys and Girls Club of Cornwall/Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, helping raise awareness about the impact of bullying and the importance of kindness and respect in our community.

CPS EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH YIPI PROGRAM

The Cornwall Police Service hosted the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) for its second consecutive summer, welcoming ten local students aged 15 to 18, including two returning participants.

Over the course of the program, students engaged in a variety of hands-on learning experiences, community service projects, and personal development activities designed to enhance leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement.

Participants explored multiple CPS departments and collaborated with partner law enforcement agencies, local non-profits, community organizations, and area businesses.

Funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area, the program also provided practical training and certifications in first aid and mental health, equipping students with valuable skills for both personal and professional growth.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



MEETING COMPLEX NEEDS

DEV CENTRE HOSTS ONTARIO POLICE COLLEGE PROGRAM

In September, Minister Michael Kerzner, MPP Nolan Quinn, Cornwall Police Service Chief Shawna Spowart, Mayor Justin Towndale and other dignitaries came together to announce a significant expansion of the Ontario Police College Basic Constable Training (BCT) program.

For the first time, training was delivered concurrently in both Aylmer, ON, and a temporary Cornwall location at the DEV Hotel & Conference Centre, creating space for up to 641 recruits to prepare for service—including an additional 121 recruits who completed their training right here in the City of Cornwall.

This forward-looking initiative strengthens the capacity of police services across the province to recruit, train, and deploy officers more efficiently, helping to enhance public safety in Cornwall and communities throughout Ontario.



ONTARIO SOLICITOR GENERAL VISITS CPS

In April, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner and MPP Nolan Quinn visited the Cornwall Police Service, meeting with Chief Shawna Spowart, Acting Deputy Chief Chad Maxwell and the Senior Leadership Team as well as CPS Board members Amanda Brisson and Patrick Dussault.

The Minister also connected with members across the service, including Criminal Investigation Division staff, Frontline Officers, Dispatch, Records and Community Safety Officers.

Minister Kerzner fulfilled a long-standing commitment to visit the CPS, demonstrating his continued support for municipal policing and engagement with frontline members.



DEV CENTRE UTILIZED FOR TRAINING NEEDS

With space limitations at its current headquarters, the Cornwall Police Service has expanded its use of the DEV Hotel & Conference Centre to support a wide range of operational and professional development needs.

The facility serves as a central hub for training, hosting numerous courses that are essential to maintaining officer readiness and service excellence. These include:

- Niche RMS
- Use of Force
- Dispatch/Communications
- First Aid
- Community Safety Officer
- Incident Command
- Carbine certification
- Cornwall Emergency Response Team
- New Officer onboarding
- Criminal Investigator

- Investigative Interviewing
- IC 200
- Land Mobile Radio
- Coach Officer
- Trauma-informed practices
- Scenes of Crime Officer
- LIDAR

In addition, the venue is utilized for specialized programs such as the IRD Instructor Course and Basic Tactical Course, as well as strategic planning sessions that help guide the future direction of the Service.

Beyond training, the DEV Hotel & Conference Centre also supports key organizational functions, including human resources interviews, team meetings and the CPS' annual Retirement & Appreciation Night - an important event celebrating the dedication and achievements of its members.



CPS HOSTS EAST REGION AUTO THEFT CONFERENCE

The Cornwall Police Service, in partnership with Équité Association, hosted the East Region Auto Theft Conference in February at the DEV Hotel & Conference Centre, made possible through funding from the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Preventing Auto Theft Grant.

Approximately 70 members of law enforcement from federal, provincial and municipal agencies spanning from the Greater Toronto Area across Eastern Ontario and Quebec attended.

Équité Association, a not-for-profit organization working to eradicate insurance crime on behalf of the Canadian property and casualty insurance industry, has partnered with the CPS to support its fight against auto theft.

"This multi-agency training session in Cornwall highlighted the importance of collaboration among law enforcement," said Betty Ng, Director of Investigative Services Ontario with Équité Association. "Équité is dedicated to providing vehicle examination, identification training, and stolen vehicle recovery support."

The following services were represented at the conference:

- Belleville Police Service
- Brockville Police Service
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Cornwall Police Service
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Ottawa Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Service de police de Laval
- Smiths Falls Police Service
- Sûreté du Québec
- The International Criminal Police Organization
- Toronto Police Service

The CPS has also launched Project 'Wheels Up', which was created to help prevent, disrupt and suppress organized motor vehicle theft organizations who target our community. The CPS provided targeted car dealerships in Cornwall with Faraday pouches, which help prevent key fobs from being remotely accessed.

The CPS now has an Auto Theft Investigator, who is dedicated to automotive theft investigations, which allows for greater response to occurrences of auto theft and enhanced investigative procedures. Responding to data driven information, this officer is able coordinate a response to these occurrences resulting in an increase in arrests and vehicle recovery.

Additionally, the CPS is also a key placeholder in the Eastern Ontario Auto Theft Prevention Task Force.

"The CPS is actively addressing the prevalence of auto thefts in our community

through various initiatives and partnerships," said Insp. Tracey Pilon, who co-organized the conference with D/Cst. Owen O'Reilly. "It is through active engagement and collaboration with our partnering law enforcement agencies, in a coordinated manner toward the common goal of fighting organized crime, that keeps our community safe."

The conference was a tremendous opportunity for officers to engage, network and learn about auto theft trends and investigative resources available to them.

"Cornwall's proactive approach to addressing auto theft is commendable, particularly given its strategic location as a gateway to the Port of Montreal," said Ng.

"Together, we can disrupt organized crime and protect our communities."



ENHANCING SECURITY AT THE CORNWALL COURTHOUSE

The Cornwall Police Service is proud to oversee court security operations at the Cornwall Courthouse, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all who attend.

This includes members of the judiciary, court staff, legal professionals, and the public. Maintaining the integrity of the court process remains a top priority, and the CPS continues to invest in measures that enhance safety and confidence within the justice system.

In August 2025, the CPS introduced a new metal detector system at the courthouse, representing a significant advancement in security screening. The investment and cost of the metal detector and X-ray imaging system was made by the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG). The CPS has invested the manpower to properly operate the screening equipment and control the flow of potential weapons from entering the controlled space.

This system strengthens the ability to prevent prohibited

items from entering the facility, while supporting efficient and respectful access for all visitors.

Court security is delivered by CPS Special Constables, who play a vital role in daily operations across court locations within the City of Cornwall. Their responsibilities include providing in-court security and escort services, managing court documentation, coordinating trial scheduling for police officers, preparing supporting materials, and serving subpoenas and summonses.

Special Constables also ensure the safe movement of individuals in custody and respond to incidents within the courthouse.

Reporting to the Court Security Supervisor, these members demonstrate professionalism and vigilance each day. The CPS remains committed to continuously enhancing courthouse safety through dedicated personnel, modern technology, and strong partnerships within the justice system.



COLLISION REPORTING CENTRE ON THE MOVE

In March 2025, the Collision Reporting Centre (CRC) relocated to the Cornwall Police Service's Crime Reduction & Community Partnerships building, located at 330 Montreal Road in the City of Cornwall

The CRC provides a convenient reporting environment to the public for the investigation of property damage vehicle collisions. Rather than CPS officers attending the scene of an accident, citizens exchange information, and then they have seven business days to report property damage only collisions, towed or drivable, at the CRC.

Police continue to attend collisions involving injury or death, alcohol, criminal activity, vehicles transporting dangerous goods or police vehicles.



Accident

Support Services International Ltd.

The purpose of the CRC is to help persons who are involved in a motor vehicle collision and to ensure that the insurance industry is involved from the beginning. Claims are taken care of sooner and both the motorist and the insurance industry benefit from this service.

The CPS recently partnered with the CRC to adopt a 'Start from Device' program, which provides those involved in motor vehicle collisions the opportunity to submit their accident report online prior to attending the CRC.

This assists in expediting the process for citizens.

Multiple languages (French, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, etc.) are also available for online reporting.

NAMING OF ACCUSED INDIVIDUALS POLICY CHANGE

In March 2025, the Cornwall Police Service announced an important change in its approach to releasing information about individuals who have been accused of criminal offenses. Moving forward, the CPS will no longer be including the names of all accused persons in its daily news releases.

As determined by the Chief of Police or designate, the names of accused individuals will only be disclosed by the CPS to protect public safety and prevent harm or danger to the community, when it is necessary for law enforcement purposes or to aid in an investigation and if it serves of public interest.

This decision comes after careful consideration of the need to balance the public's right to be informed with the importance of respecting the privacy of individuals who have been accused but not yet convicted of a crime.

"The issue of police services releasing names to the public has been an ongoing debate across the province and

there are a growing number of services who are adopting this change," said Chief of Police, Shawna Spowart. "While the CPS is committed to transparency by keeping the public aware of developments in ongoing investigations, we also recognize the potential harm that publicizing the names of accused individuals may cause, particularly when they are

ultimately found not guilty or the charges are withdrawn or stayed."

Media outlets will rely on official court records to obtain the names of individuals who have been formally charged or have appeared in court.



"Our duty is to inform the public while maintaining the principles of fairness, respect and the presumption of innocence," said Chief Spowart. "By taking this step, we are ensuring that the integrity of the criminal justice process is respected."

The CPS continues to provide daily updates regarding arrests and charges with relevant details about incidents and investigations, including the nature of the crime.

DEPUTY CHIEF CHAD MAXWELL SWORN IN

In December 2025, Deputy Chief Chad Maxwell was officially sworn in, marking a significant milestone in his policing career.

Deputy Chief Chad Maxwell joined the Cornwall Police Service in 2004. First assigned to the Community Patrol Division, he distinguished himself as both a dependable and hard working bilingual patrol officer. He was a designated Scenes of Crime, Traffic Investigator and Coach officer where he successfully trained and instructed a number of CPS recruits. Between 2009 and 2011, Deputy Maxwell worked out of the Criminal Investigations Division as a Detective Constable in general investigations and high-profile cases within the Major Crime office. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he led several Community Patrol platoons.

In 2015, the Ontario Police College designated Deputy Maxwell as an Adult Educator and Facilitator. Over the years, he has delivered a number of OPC courses in the field of Investigative Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques as well as presentations in Human Trafficking, Cannabis Legalization, Cognitive Interviewing and Statement Admissibility. In 2017, he became the Detec-

tive Sergeant in charge of the Criminal Investigations/ Sexual Assault & Child Abuse units. In July 2018, Deputy Maxwell was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and oversaw the Community Patrol Division and Traffic Unit.

In 2019, Deputy Maxwell took carriage of CPS Field Operations, which includes the Community Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Crime Reduction & Community Partnerships Division and Court Bureau. He is committed to crime reduction and community safety having led the CPS' modernization projects, deployment and enforcement activities. Deputy Maxwell is also designated Major Incident Commander and Search and Rescue Manager.

Deputy Maxwell is well known within the City of Cornwall, having long represented the CPS on a variety of external committees with a cross section of community partners. He serves as the chair of the Board of Directors for the SD&G Boys and Girls Club, chair of the Board of Directors for Koala Place Child and Youth Advocacy Centre and is a volunteer coach with Cornwall Minor Baseball.



AUXILIARY MEMBER PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

In August 2025, Joey Bissonnette was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Sergeant.

Aux/Sgt. Bissonnette joined the Auxiliary Unit with the Cornwall Police Service in January 2024 and has quickly distinguished himself as a highly engaged, dependable, and community-focused member. Known for his strong leadership qualities and genuine commitment to giving back, he has consistently demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond in support of both the Service and the community.

His exceptional level of participation and initiative has made a meaningful impact within the Auxiliary Unit. In his new role, Aux/Sgt. Bissonnette will take on increased responsibilities, including supporting program operations and assisting with the coordination and deployment of



Auxiliary members. His promotion reflects both his dedication to service and the positive influence he continues to have on those around him.

"I joined the Auxiliary because I wanted to give back to my community in a meaningful way. I've always believed in the importance of public service and in supporting those who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe. Being part of the Auxiliary has allowed me to be a visible, positive presence,

help bridge the gap between police and the public, and assist in building trust and safety. Being promoted to Sergeant is an honour. It's a chance to take on more leadership, mentor others in the program, and help ensure that we continue serving with integrity, professionalism, and community spirit."



CPS EXPANDS WITH NEW RECRUITS IN 2025

Through the tremendous efforts of the Cornwall Police Service Human Resources and recruitment teams, the following individuals were sworn in during 2025:

Cst. Joseph Gleiser: A local to the surrounding area, he leads an active lifestyle - playing football, competing in varsity cross country, and running marathons - while also contributing many years of dedicated volunteer service.

Cst. Emma Onstein: She comes to the CPS with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice from Carleton University, where she also worked as a security guard.

Cst. Brandon Boire: He graduated from the Ontario Police College in 2018, and comes to the CPS with previous years of experience serving surrounding communities.

Cst. Jacob Clement: He was born and raised in Cornwall, and joins the CPS as an experienced police officer who is eager to serve the community he grew up in.

Cst. Colton Campbell: He began his career with the CPS as a Special Constable in the Court Bureau and recently graduated from the Ontario Police College. A Cornwall native, he has a deep appreciation for our community.

Cst. Tariq Sattaur: He joins the CPS after spending time serving within Northern Ontario communities, along with many years of serving the Government of Canada.

Sp/Cst. Anshul Sobti: He has more than six years of secu-

urity guard experience. Anshul is also well travelled, having lived in India and Saudi Arabia and spent a couple months travelling various countries in 2023.

Sp/Cst. Emily Vallance: She has a background as a professional kickboxer, and is also a volunteer firefighter. She has a passion for volunteer work, and has worked with International Day of the Girl, the Optimist Club and PRIDE.

Sp/Cst. Jeffred Simeon: He relocated to Cornwall as a youth. He worked previously as a security guard as well as a loss prevention officer. He also speaks Creole.



Sp/Cst. Alexa Zummach: She previously worked with the St. Lawrence Park Commission for many years. Alexa took Protection, Security & Investigations and has a Police Foundations diploma.

Sp/Cst. Steve Desjardins: He has a diploma in Police Foundations and previous work experience includes the Immigration Holding Centre in Laval, QC.

Cst. Dawson Champagne: He completed both the Police Foundations and Pre-Service Firefighting Education and Training programs in college, and holds numerous qualifications and certifications in the first responder and first aid fields.

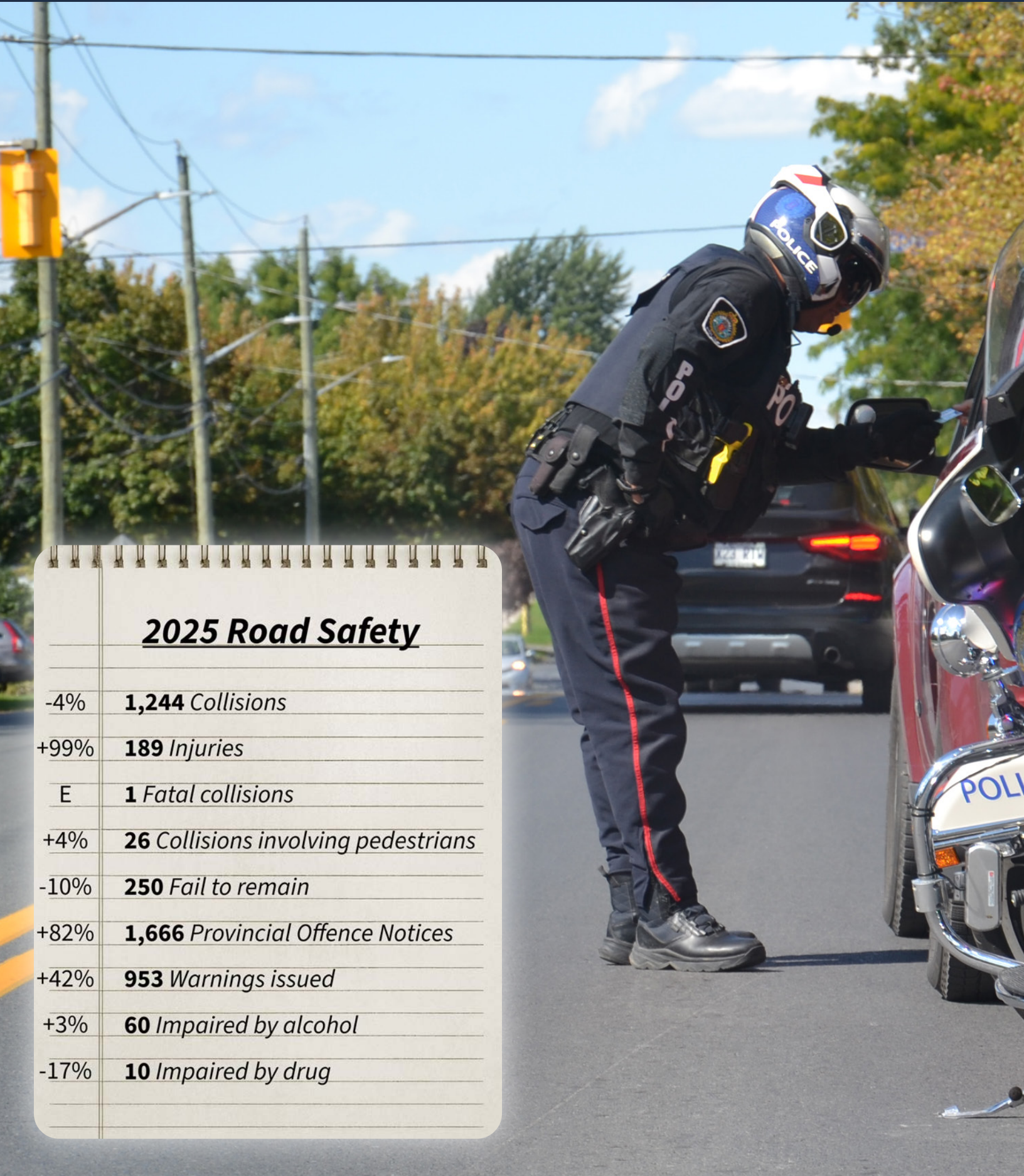
Cst. Justin Elliott: He has deep roots in our community. He served nearly 10 years as a Provincial Offences Officer with in South Dundas. Prior to that, he spent 15 years as a Direct Care Worker at Laurencrest Youth Services.



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TRAFFIC SAFETY



2025 Road Safety

-4%	1,244 Collisions
+99%	189 Injuries
E	1 Fatal collisions
+4%	26 Collisions involving pedestrians
-10%	250 Fail to remain
+82%	1,666 Provincial Offence Notices
+42%	953 Warnings issued
+3%	60 Impaired by alcohol
-17%	10 Impaired by drug



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PROJECT FESTER RESULTS IN MORE THAN 700 CHARGES

Twenty people faced more than 700 Criminal Code charges after an intelligence-led drug trafficking investigation in the City of Cornwall and the surrounding area.

Investigators prevented 35 illegal firearms from reaching communities, including handguns and two assault-style rifles.

The Cornwall Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-led Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU) launched Project FESTER in September 2024 to investigate alleged drug and firearms trafficking within the City of Cornwall.

As the investigation progressed, the scope expanded to include several jurisdictions, and a cross-border element was subsequently identified.

OPP members from the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST), the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS), Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) were then engaged.

Two criminal networks were identified – one allegedly

trafficking illicit substances in the City of Cornwall, and a second allegedly trafficking firearms in Ottawa and Akwesasne.

The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and Homeland Security Investigations also supported the cross-border component of this investigation.

On Oct. 8, 2025, six search warrants were executed in Cornwall, Ottawa and Akwesasne by members from:

- Cornwall Police Service, CPS Street Crime Unit
- OPP PWEU
- OPP BEST
- OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE)
- OPP Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Community Street Crime Unit
- OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
- Ottawa Police Services
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Kingston Police
- Sûreté du Québec



35 FIREARMS, MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN DRUGS SEIZED

As a result of the investigation and the search warrants on Oct. 8, 2025, the following items were seized with approximate quantities:

- 33 handguns
- Two assault-style rifles
- Prohibited devices, including firearms parts
- Ammunition
- Three 3-D printers
- 8.3 kg suspected cocaine
- 5.8 kg suspected fentanyl
- 150 g suspected MDMA
- 4 g suspected heroin
- 40 oxycodone tablets
- 18 g alprazolam
- 9 g hydromorphone
- \$70,000 in Canadian currency
- A personal watercraft as offence-related property
- One stolen vehicle recovered

The estimated street-value of the drugs seized is more than \$2 million.

Illegal firearms are trafficked to other criminals who in-

end to use them for the commission of an offence.

There is a high profit margin on illegal firearms, and the estimated value of the illegal firearms seized in Project FESTER is more than \$177,000.

A total of 20 individuals were charged with more than 700 offences.

Fifteen individuals were arrested, and arrest warrants were issued for five other individuals.

The Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO)-managed Firearms Analysis and Tracing Enforcement (FATE) Program traces the origin and conducts analysis on all crime guns seized and recovered in Ontario.

The firearms seized through Project FESTER underwent analysis to determine their origin.

The successful completion of this investigation was made possible through funding provided by the Ontario Government, Ministry of the Solicitor General in which the CISO supported this investigation.





2025 MEDIA RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

THEFT RING DISMANTLED

The Cornwall Police Service, through its Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and Street Crime Unit (SCU), conducted an intensive investigation into a surge of stolen vehicles, break and enters, and property crimes in Cornwall and the surrounding area.

As a result, multiple individuals were arrested and charged with a variety of offences, including theft of motor vehicles, break and enter with intent to commit indictable offences, possession of weapons or prohibited devices, possession of property obtained by crime, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to comply with court or probation orders.

Several incidents involved high-risk interactions, including individuals fleeing from police or driving at high speeds toward police vehicles, though no officers were injured.

In one investigation, a suspect wanted for multiple motor vehicle thefts and break and enters was apprehended and charged with theft over \$5,000 and several counts of failing to comply with court orders. In another case, police intercepted a vehicle involved in a break and enter; the driver made intentional contact with two police vehicles, and the passenger was also arrested for break and enter-related offences.

Additional arrests included suspects found in possession of weapons, prohibited devices, and controlled substances following break and enter investigations. All individuals were taken into custody and held for bail hearings.

DRUG TRAFFICKING BUST

Members of the Cornwall Police Service's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) successfully concluded a significant drug trafficking investigation in the City of Cornwall. The operation was the result of ongoing surveillance and investigative work targeting individuals believed to be involved in the distribution of controlled substances within the community.

During the course of the investigation, a vehicle was stopped in Lancaster, ON, resulting in the apprehension of two suspects. A subsequent search warrant, executed in the area of Seventh Street West with the assistance of the Cornwall Emergency Response Team (CERT), led to the arrest of a third individual. Officers seized approximately 200 grams of cocaine and 140 grams of methamphetamine, along with a large sum of cash.

As a result of these efforts, a 25-year-old man from Brampton, ON, a 36-year-old woman from Pierrefonds, QC, and a 47-year-old man from Cornwall were taken into custody and charged with multiple offences, including possession of controlled substances for the purpose of trafficking, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000. Each individual was held for a bail hearing.

This investigation demonstrates the ongoing commitment of the CPS to combating illegal drug activity, disrupting organized criminal networks and protecting the safety and well-being of the community. Collaborative efforts between CID, CERT and front-line officers continue to play a vital role in the prevention, detection and enforcement of serious criminal activity in the region.



2025 MEDIA RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

JEWELRY STORE ROBBERY

Six individuals attended Cornwall Square and allegedly committed a robbery at a local jewelry store. The suspects reportedly concealed their identities with face coverings and hooded sweaters, smashed a secured display case with hammers, and removed a substantial amount of jewelry, placing it in garbage bags before fleeing the scene.

Cornwall Police Service officers were immediately dispatched. The suspects were subsequently apprehended by the Ottawa Police Service in the area, who were conducting an unrelated robbery investigation. CPS members assisted with the arrests and supported the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) in the follow-up investigation.

Six individuals from Ottawa were taken into custody and charged. Among them: a 24-year-old man faced multiple charges including robbery, conspiracy, mischief, possession of break-in instruments, disguise with intent and failure to comply with a release order. An 18-year-old man and four youth aged 16 faced similar charges, including robbery, conspiracy, mischief, possession of break-in instruments, disguise with intent and possession of property obtained by crime. Several also faced charges for failing to comply with undertakings or release orders. All six remained in custody in Cornwall pending bail hearings.

This incident highlights the CPS's rapid response capability, strong inter-agency collaboration, and the effective work of the CID in addressing complex criminal activity, enhancing public safety and supporting victims.

ARMED ROBBERY FOILED

Members of the Cornwall Police Service responded to an armed robbery in progress at a Brookdale Avenue business, prompting an immediate and coordinated investigation.

It is alleged three masked individuals entered the store, with one brandishing a firearm and another carrying an edged weapon. Through threats of violence, the suspects forcibly confined both customers and staff while stealing a quantity of high-value merchandise. The individuals then fled the scene in a vehicle, leaving the City of Cornwall shortly thereafter.

Police quickly initiated a coordinated response with partner agencies, including the Ontario Provincial Police and the Sûreté du Québec. The suspect vehicle was subsequently located in Quebec, where officers conducted a traffic stop. Four individuals were safely taken into custody and later transported back to Cornwall in connection with the incident.

As a result of the investigation, three 17-year-old male youths and a 21-year-old woman, all from Quebec, were charged with multiple offences related to robbery and weapons.

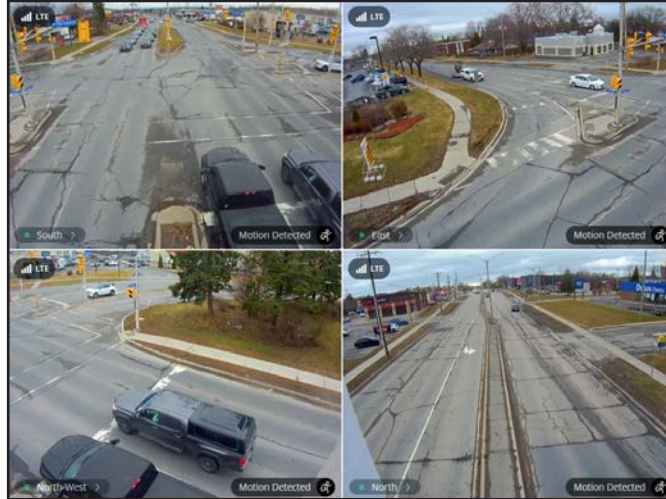
All accused individuals were held in custody pending bail hearings.

The CPS acknowledges the swift collaboration between agencies, which contributed to the timely apprehension of the suspects and ensured public safety throughout the incident.

CCTV: EXPANDED COVERAGE, INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

The Cornwall Police Service has undertaken a significant modernization of the city's CCTV (closed-circuit television) network in 2025, replacing aging infrastructure with advanced, future-ready technology. The previous system had reached end-of-life status and could no longer support expansion or integration with newer tools, limiting its effectiveness in meeting the city's growing public safety needs.

With the support of targeted grant funding, the CPS successfully upgraded to a more robust and scalable platform. The new system delivers substantially improved image quality, offering clearer, sharper footage that enhances both real-time monitoring and post-incident investigations. Cameras now provide comprehensive 360-degree coverage, reducing blind spots and increasing situational awareness in key areas across the city. In addition to improved hardware, the upgraded system



introduces advanced analytics capabilities. Features such as object detection allow for more efficient identification of suspicious activities or items, enabling quicker response times and more proactive policing. Enhanced end-user accessibility ensures that officers and authorized personnel can retrieve and analyze footage more efficiently, improving operational effectiveness.

CCTV cameras continue to play a vital role in both crime prevention and investigation.

Their visible presence acts as a deterrent, while the high-quality evidence they capture supports successful case resolution.

The CPS remains committed to the ongoing expansion of its CCTV network, with plans to increase coverage annually. These investments reflect a broader strategy to leverage technology in strengthening community safety and modernizing policing services.

JFO: POLICING THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

The Cornwall Police Service is a member of Biker Enforcement Unit, Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit, Ontario Human Trafficking Strategy Task Force, Border Drug Interdiction Task Force, OPP Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement and National Weapons Enforcement Support Team and participated in several inter-agency Joint Force Operations (JFO) targeting organized crime groups in 2025.

Secondments and JFO continue to be a significant driver of professional growth, operational effectiveness and inter agency collaboration within Eastern Ontario. By placing members in specialized partner environments, the CPS has seen secondments broaden skill sets, strengthen leadership capacity and promote the transfer of knowledge and best practices back to our home units. These experiences enhance adaptability, innovation and organizational resilience, ensuring that the CPS remains responsive to evolving public safety demands.

When our members are part of these initiatives, they bring enhanced expertise, broader perspectives and strengthened networks that directly support more informed, responsive and effective policing at the local

level. As a cross border community, these operations are critical to addressing crimes and public safety issues that routinely cross jurisdictions, such as organized crime, trafficking and border related offenses.

These collaborative approaches ensure seamless information sharing and coordinated enforcement, enhancing community safety while reinforcing public confidence that policing efforts are aligned, proactive, and effective on both sides of the border.

Joint forces operations further amplify these benefits by bringing together resources and intelligence from multiple agencies to address complex and cross jurisdictional threats. This collaborative approach reduces duplication, maximizes operational efficiency and strengthens relationships across policing and public safety partners.

Collectively, secondments and joint forces operations support a culture of cooperation and continuous improvement, enabling more effective outcomes for communities and reinforcing our commitment to collaborative, intelligence led policing.

CERT: PRECISION, PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION

The Cornwall Emergency Response Team (CERT) has served the citizens of Cornwall since 1998, providing a highly trained and disciplined response to high-risk incidents. The team has consistently demonstrated its ability to manage complex and volatile situations, including high-risk arrests, with professionalism and precision. When not deployed, members continue to perform their regular policing duties, ensuring operational efficiency and resource stewardship across the Service.

CERT's primary mandate is to protect life and ensure public safety through the containment, control and resolution of critical incidents. The team responds to situations such as hostage takings, armed or barricaded persons, fire-arms-related calls and the execution of high-risk warrants.

Operating as a specialized support unit, CERT integrates advanced tactics, specialized equipment and coordinated planning to resolve incidents using the least amount of force necessary. A strong emphasis is placed on de-esc-

ation and collaboration with crisis negotiators to achieve peaceful outcomes whenever possible.

Members receive extensive training in specialized fire-arms, less-lethal options, high-angle operations and precision tactics. Selection into the unit requires a high level of physical fitness, sound judgment under pressure, adaptability and the ability to function effectively within a team-based environment.

In alignment with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), CERT operations adhere to tactical and operational compliance requirements, including strict use-of-force standards, ongoing training and qualification, supervision and accountability measures and risk-based decision-making.

In 2025, the team was deployed to 49 incidents requiring an elevated tactical response, underscoring its critical role in maintaining community safety.



DRIVEN TO SERVE: TRAFFIC UNIT IN ACTION

The Cornwall Police Service's 2013 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide is more than just a motorcycle, it's a highly visible symbol of safety, service and connection within our community. Operated by members of the Traffic Unit, this specialized vehicle enhances mobility and response capability, allowing officers to navigate congested roadways efficiently and access areas that may be challenging for traditional patrol vehicles. Its agility makes it an invaluable asset for traffic enforcement, rapid response and maintaining public safety during peak travel times.

Beyond its operational advantages, the motorcycle plays a meaningful role in community engagement. Whether leading parades, supporting ceremonial escorts, or attending local events, it consistently draws interest and encourages positive interactions between officers and

residents. These moments create opportunities for conversation, education, and relationship-building, reinforcing trust and approachability.

The Electra Glide also contributes to traffic management during large-scale events, helping ensure the safe and orderly flow of vehicles and pedestrians. Its presence not only enhances safety but also demonstrates the Service's commitment to innovation and adaptability in policing.

Combining performance, visibility and community impact, this motorcycle represents the CPS' dedication to proactive policing and public engagement. It stands as a reminder that effective policing is not only about enforcement, but also about connection, presence and service to the community.



CSO PROGRAM SUPPORTS FRONTLINE OFFICERS

The Cornwall Police Service has implemented an innovative strategy to lighten the workload of its frontline officers.

Four Community Safety Officers (CSOs), comprising of Special Constables, were deployed in January – with Sp/Cst. Cory Barnes, Sp/Cst. Tasha Mallette, Sp/Cst. Shelby Beckstead and Sp/Cst. Danai Delorme proudly serving the City of Cornwall.

CSOs assist frontline officers in the performance of their police duties. They supplement and assist police Constables in preserving the peace, preparing reports, collecting statements and engaging the public.

“A key aspect of the plan to relieve frontline officers and

reduce wait times for service calls is the new CSO program,” said Chief of Police Shawna Spowart.

“This initiative modernizes the role of Special Constables, deploying them in ways that support our frontline officers by handling tasks that would typically keep them occupied for hours.”

CSOs also ensure the transportation, custody, administration and care of prisoners, including crisis intervention while in the custody of the CPS.

The CSOs have been deployed in a variety of ways, from guarding crime scenes and bolstering the foot patrol unit to conducting proactive policing activities and administrative duties.



COST OF POLICING - 2025 BUDGET

- Salary & Benefits (87%)
- Services & Rents (6%)
- Purchase of Goods (5%)
- Capital (2%)



	2023	2024	2025
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$21,181,924	\$22,690,902	\$24,261,655
PURCHASE OF GOODS	\$979,071	\$1,261,192	\$1,341,890
SERVICES & RENTS	\$1,389,321	\$1,573,408	\$1,710,583
FINANCIAL	\$462,503	\$460,000	\$460,000
CAPITAL	\$85,600	\$37,200	\$188,962
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$24,098,419	\$26,024,002	\$27,964,390
REVENUE	\$2,297,828	\$3,046,172	\$3,842,567
NET COST	\$21,800,591	\$22,977,830	\$24,121,823
% CHANGE	3.72%	5.99%	4.98%

OPTIMIZING GRANT FUNDING

The Cornwall Police Service is thankful for the continued funding received in 2025, which strengthens our efforts in critical areas. We sincerely appreciate the Ministry of the Solicitor General's ongoing support and commitment to community safety.

Here is a summary of the grant funding received in 2025:

- Preventing Auto Theft Grant \$795,792 (2023-26) - Project Ring Breaker reduces auto theft through coordinated enforcement and public awareness.
- Proceeds of Crime Front-line Policing \$ 301,615 (2023-26) - Project Knowledge First enhances the CPS' ability to combat organized crime through training, investigations, collaboration, and awareness.
- Bail Compliance Grant \$1,106,763 (2023-26) - Project Safety Net reduces bail violations through a dedicated Bail Compliance Team.
- Mobile Crisis Response Enhancement Grant \$120,000 (2024-25) - A second VSMART team was created to better address mental health and addiction needs through expanded referrals, diversion, and crisis training.
- Provincial Priorities Grant \$311,747 (2024-25) – This grant enhanced the CPS' response to mental health calls,

hate crimes, and community safety through crisis diversion and data driven, inclusive policing.

- Local Priorities Grant \$163,943 (2024-25) - This grant funded youth programming initiatives that promote prevention and community engagement, contributing to enhanced community safety.
- NG911 \$481,006 - Provincial funding supported the transition from the legacy 911 system to the new NG911 platform.
- CISO Membership Support Grant \$8000 (2025-26)
- CISO Proceeds of Crime Grant \$100,000 (2024-25)
- RIDE Grant \$15,698 (2024-25)
- Human Trafficking Provincial Strategy \$17,400 (2025-26)

The CPS acknowledges the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General for \$1.65 million in funding received in 2025, and the advocacy of MPP Nolan Quinn on behalf of the City of Cornwall. This support advanced key priorities including organized crime suppression, community and youth engagement, public education, victim support, and continued implementation of NG911, contributing to the CPS' vision of A Safer Cornwall.



RETIREMENT & APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Cornwall Police Service, Cornwall Police Association (CPA) and Senior Officers' Association (SOA) held its Retirement & Appreciation Evening in May at the DEV Centre.

City of Cornwall Mayor Justin Towndale, MP Eric Duncan and members of the CPS Board were in attendance for the event.

Sgt. Scott Coulter and Sp/Cst. Luanne Doll were recognized in celebration of their retirement.

Sgt. Coulter commenced his career with the CPS in 1995 as a constable in Community Patrol. In 2002, he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division and remained there until 2005 when he returned to Community Patrol. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and held that position in Community Patrol until 2021 when he transferred to the Crime Reduction & Community Partnerships Division (CRCP). He retired from the CPS on March 31, 2024, after 29 years of dedicated service to the community.

S/Cst. Doll commenced her career with the CPS in 2000 as a dispatch communicator. She transferred to the Court Bureau in 2006 as a Special Constable - Court Security and held that role for the remainder of her time with CPS. Sp/Cst. Doll retired from the Service on February 29, 2024.

For the second year, the Peer-to-Peer Appreciation awards were presented. The Difference Maker Award and the Leadership Award were selected based on nominations and voting by CPS employees. These awards provided employees the opportunity to show their appreciation for colleagues' dedication, leadership and making a difference each day at the CPS.

Sgt. Mark Anderson was the recipient of the Difference Maker Award for 2024. Sgt. Anderson always goes above and beyond to support those around him. He consistently demonstrates an unwavering commitment to helping others, through his willingness to lend a hand, offer guidance and offer support whenever necessary. Through his dedication, kindness, and leadership, Sgt. Anderson has truly made a lasting impact on the CPS team, and his efforts have shaped a positive and collaborative environment.

Sgt. Stephanie Casselman is the recipient of the Leadership Award for 2024. Sgt. Casselman always goes above and beyond for her team and the community. She demonstrates this by showing what the CPS stands for in everything she does. She is always able to problem solve and completes every task with extraordinary efficiency. Sgt. Casselman encourages everyone to be their best self and provides any feedback needed to be successful. She represents the CPS in a positive light as she demonstrates empathy, respect and integrity.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

The full list of recipients from the awards ceremony are as follows:

RETIREES

Sgt. Scott Coulter
S/Cst. Luanne Doll

POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDALS

D/Sgt. Mark Anderson
Cst. Daniel Cloutier
Insp. Chad Maxwell

CPS LONG SERVICE AWARDS 25 YEARS

Cst. Andrew Arbic
D/Sgt. Rachel Carpenter
Sgt. Tony Joseph
Cst. Jason Kilger
Cst. Jeff Lalonde
Insp. David Michaud
Ms. Josée Menard
S/Sgt. Tracey Pilon
Sgt. Patrick Paquette
Sgt. Troy St. Germain

20 YEARS

D/Sgt. Mark Anderson
Cst. Daniel Cloutier
Insp. Chad Maxwell

15 YEARS

Cst. Cody Casselman
Cst. Jayson DeMary
S/Cst. Emily Gardiner
Cst. Patrick Huygen
D/Cst. Dave Langlois
Cst. Mike Menard
Cst. Daniel Merpaw
Cst. Kimberley Norman
Cst. Andrew Stephenson

10 YEARS

S/Cst. Tasha Mallette

TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD

Cst. Andrew Booth-Reddick
Mr. Rodney Wilson

CPA DEDICATION AWARD

Stephen Whitehorne

CPA COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

Mark Tardiff

CPS BOARD AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE TEAM ACHIEVEMENT

A/Sgt. Austin Clark
Cst. Elizabeth Crosby
Cst. Dawson Irving
Cst. Matthew Johnson

Cst. Brittany MacGillivray
Cst. Karley Pilon

PRESERVATION OF LIFE

Cst. Carlos Panetta
Cst. Mathieu Perreault

EXCELLENCE IN INVESTIGATION

Group 1

Cst. Adam Peach

Group 2

D/Cst. Patrick Collins
Mr. Ryan Dixon
D/Sgt. Shane Kelly
D/Cst. Brian Langlois
D/Cst. Steve St. Amand
D/Cst. Jeff Wannamaker

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

Group 1

Cst. Jason Mines

Group 2

Cst. Aaron Eden

PEER TO PEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

DIFFERENCE MAKER

Sgt. Mark Anderson

LEADERSHIP

Sgt. Stephanie Casselman





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