



PERTH POLICE SERVICE

2009

ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the members of the Perth Police Service, I am pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report. The foundation of police service delivery to the Town of Perth is entrenched in the sense of community. I am honoured and proud that we are entrusted to provide policing services to the citizens of Perth. We are very fortunate to have a community that is committed and are advocates of partnership.



The year 2009 was a year of change and progression towards new challenges for the Service. Our members are guided by the principles of community policing and the importance of the prevention and reduction of crime. Our Task Oriented Policing (T.O.P.) model provides an effective vehicle to attain the goal of building a safer community. This strategy is the structured deployment of members to conduct predetermined tasks within each of the seven zones within the Town of Perth.

During the development of our business plan, the community presented three clear concerns: speeding, drug use and trafficking and youth crime. Our crime prevention focus coupled with the T.O.P. model provides members of the Perth Police Service a systematic process to address these concerns. Our members' proactive efforts reflect positive steps towards our goals. Controlled Drug and Substance Act incidents rose 28.6% in 2009 which was largely due to proactive interdiction efforts. Our clearance rates are above the 90 percentile. Speeding enforcement and designated deployment of officers continued to impact the community. Youth related mischief incidents have dropped 26.8% along with the number of youths charged.

Perth Police Service members continue to invest in many aspects of the community. Our linkages with serving seniors organizations have promoted positive relationships. Our dynamic efforts in our schools have delivered innovative programs to students on a variety of topics such as bullying, alcohol and drug abuse, and healthy relationships. These efforts have also flowed directly towards the children and teens within our community through a number of service groups and organizations.



The members of the Perth Police Service are citizens of this community. We are your neighbours, your coaches and your fellow volunteers. Our members participate in many community outreach programs such as Special Olympics. Our members hosted a charity golf

tournament with monies paying for free swimming and public skating in an effort to promote fitness and healthier lifestyles.



As your Police Chief, I am proud of the men and women of the Perth Police Service and the accomplishments they have attained for the community this year. I also wish to thank the members of the Perth Police Services Board for their continued commitment and leadership in providing a safe environment for the people who live, work and visit in our community.

P. Capello

Patrick Capello
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



VISION/MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES

VISION

"We are a team of professionals committed to providing quality service in partnership with the community in a responsible and ethical manner. We will strive to become the Ontario role model for the delivery of innovative safety programs."

MISSION

The members of the Perth Police Service are dedicated to providing a safe environment for the people who live, work, and visit in our community.

CORE VALUES

Team Work

We are committed to unselfishly supporting each other as we work together to attain common goals.

Commitment

We are dedicated and determined with unwavering focus to achieve goals.

Professional

We are a disciplined and well trained police service skilled at delivering superior service.

Accountable

We will fully justify our actions and responsibly manage the public resources entrusted to us.

Partnership

We are committed to working in conjunction with members of our community and other agencies to achieve our mission.

Ethical

We are devoted to making value-based decisions.

Integrity

We will provide fair and equitable service to all people as we faithfully execute our mission.

Responsibility

We are accountable for our actions; we will not compromise the values of the organization.

SERVICE PROFILE

History Perth was originally founded as a military outpost in 1816

Present Perth is presently a tourist destination situated in Lanark County

Population Town of Perth 6,233
Greater Perth area 18,659

Number of Households 2,094

Number of Dwelling Units 2,900

Schools 2 Pre-school alternatives, 5 Elementary Schools,
2 Secondary Schools, 1 Community college

Area Patrolled 10.36 square kilometers

Streets Patrolled 37.5 kilometers

Service Vehicles 3 marked units, 3 unmarked units, 2 bicycles

Authorized Strength Sworn - 15 uniformed officers
Civilian - 1 Supervisor, 5 Full-time Dispatchers,
2 Part-time Dispatchers
Court Security - 3 Special Constables
Auxiliary - 4 Auxiliary Members



PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Retirements: Chief Claude Brett

Promotions: Inspector Patrick Capello to Chief



PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND THE NEW CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

Performance measurement is a process that an organization uses to set operational guidelines to attain desired results. This process requires statistical evidence to ascertain whether the organization is moving towards the defined organizational goals.

From a fundamental standpoint, our performance baseline begins with our organizational vision and mission beliefs, core values and business plan. Our goals are to reflect improvement in community patrol, community satisfaction, assistance to victims, property crime, emergency response, youth crime, violent crime, road safety, criminal investigations, crime prevention, resource planning, facility and information technology. The Perth Police Service continues to move forward in our short term objectives in an effort to reach our long term goals.

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics provides crime statistics in Canada and is one useful base point to assess performance. In 2009, the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey presents police reported crime statistics in a new fashion. The previous statistics reflected crime rate as a sum of all offences reported, divided by the population. Each offence was the same; one incident of murder was equivalent to an incident of shoplifting. As a result, the crime rate was dominated by the volume of less serious offences such as theft and mischief. These high volume incidents would drive changes to the overall crime rate, while serious offences such as murder, with low volume, would have little impact on overall crime rate. In turn, comparability issues and clearance rates may be skewed in a limited manner which failed to reflect a meaningful measure of crime rate and performance in the community.

The new Crime Severity Index examines the severity of each offence and assigns a weight to each offence, giving the more serious offences higher weights. The weights are calculated from sentences, incident volumes, population and then standardized to a base year. The Crime Severity Index measures overall rates, violent rates (offences against the person), and non violent rates (property related offences, traffic, drugs). The Index can calculate at a national, provincial, or municipal level; providing an improved level of detail to examine performance.

What does this mean for the Town of Perth?

It provides the community and the Perth Police Service another avenue to measure and compare traditional crime volumes but also to examine more specific crime trends within the community and in other communities. Furthermore, the Index provides the opportunity to measure crime severity, victim records, adult versus youth involvement and clearance rates.

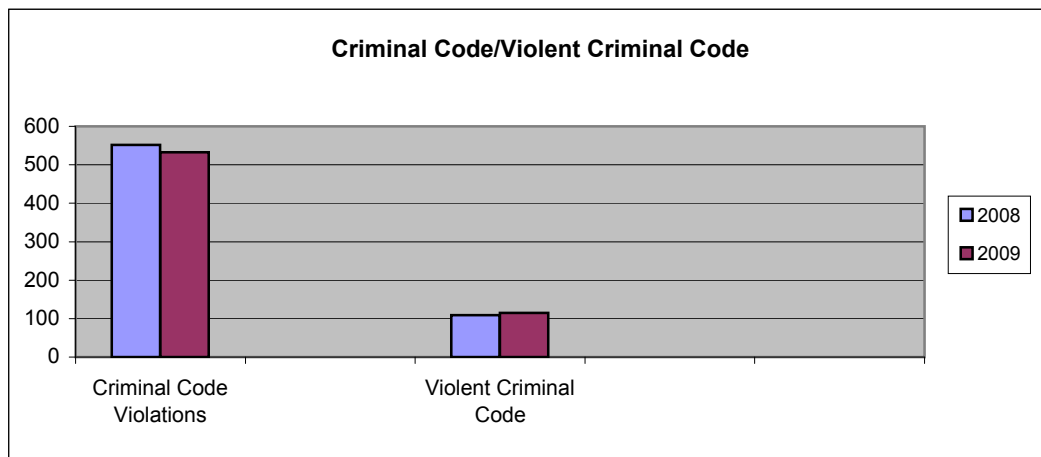


Weighted Clearance Rate for the Town of Perth

Overall	56.2
Violent Offences	95.3
Non Violent Offences	40.6

Aggregate Counts and Rates

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total - All Violations	552	569	-3
Total - Criminal Code Violations	533	552	-3.4
Total - Violent Criminal Code	115	109	5.5
Total - Property Crime	331	340	-2.6
Total - Criminal Code Traffic Violations	12	14	-14.3
Total - Federal Statute Violations	19	17	11.8



Most Serious Violations

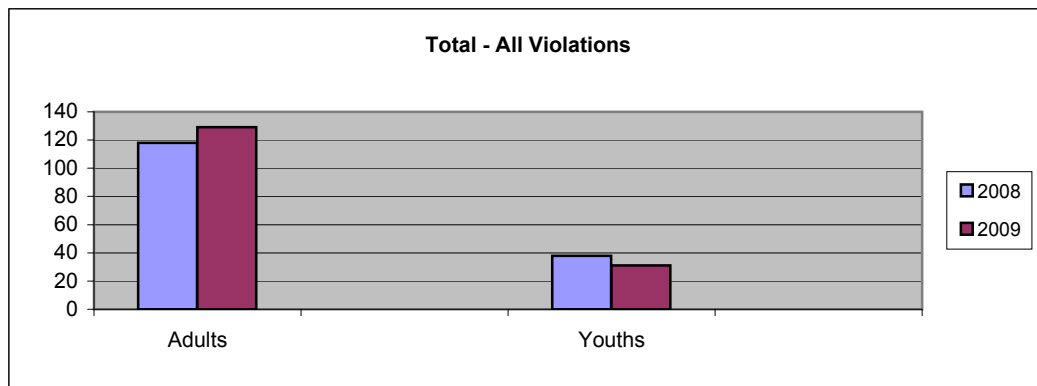
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Crimes Against the Person	106	103	2.9
Crimes Against Property	331	342	-3.2
General Mischief	115	157	-26.8
Other Criminal Code (total)	76	94	-19.1
Controlled Drug and Substance Act	18	14	28.6
Provincial Statute Violations	88	84	4.8
Liquor Act (Provincial)	84	76	10.5
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	30	32	-6.3
Total Criminal Code	525	554	-5.2
Total	650	674	-3.6

Adults Charged

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total - All Violations	129	118	9.3
Total - Criminal Code	113	112	0.9
Total - Violent Criminal Code Violations	102	100	2
Total - Property Crime Violations	33	35	-5.7
Total - Other Criminal Code Violations	35	30	16.7
Total - Criminal Code Traffic Violations	10	11	-9.1
Total - Federal Statutes	16	6	166.7

Youths Charged

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total - All Violations	31	38	-18.4
Total - Criminal Code	24	32	-25
Total - Violent Criminal Code Violations	10	8	25
Total - Property Crime Violations	9	13	-30.8
Total - Other Criminal Code Violations	5	11	-54.5
Total - Criminal Code Traffic Violations	0	0	0
Total - Federal Statutes	7	6	16.7



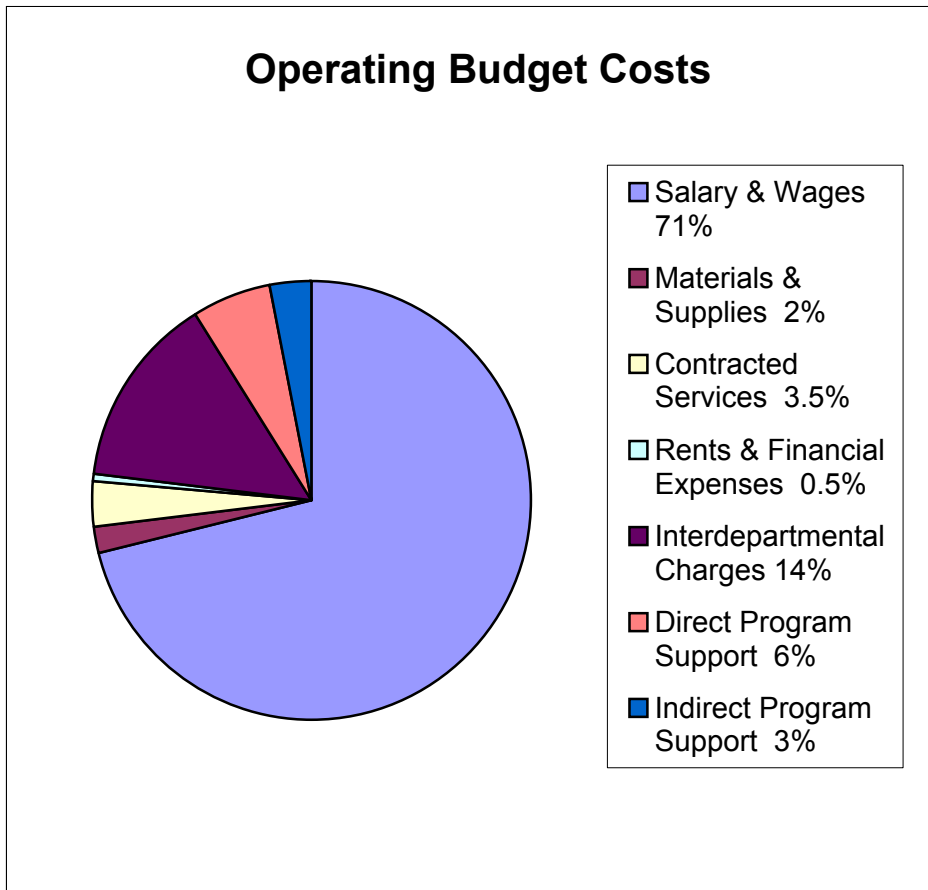
Clearance Rates

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total - All Violations	53.3	53.8	-1
Total - Criminal Code	51.2	52.7	-2.8
Total - Violent Criminal Code Violations	93.9	94.5	-0.6
Total - Property Crime Violations	24.8	28.8	-14.1
Total - Other Criminal Code Violations	69	86.5	11
Total - Criminal Code Traffic Violations	91.7	92.9	-1.3
Total - Federal Statutes	110.5	88.2	2.3

REPORT ON FINANCIALS

In 2009, the Perth Police Service commenced numerous cost savings strategies to reduce expenses. The Net Cost to the Taxpayer came under the approved budget by 0.9%. The year 2009 presented several fiscal challenges as the total operational expenditures were 4.3% over budget due in a large part to 2008 retroactive salary and wages, contracted (legal) services, interdepartmental charges, and direct program support charges. We were able to offset these expenses with a 206.3% increase in operational revenues and by reducing our capital expenditures by 78.4%.

Perth Police Service 2009 Operational Budget Cost



BUDGET

	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Approved</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Non-Tax Revenues			
Operational Non-Tax Revenues			
Grants	99,700.00	104,400.00	227,333.45
Cost & Revenue Sharing		1,500.00	7,099.04
User Fees & Service Charges	20,594.63	16,000.00	23,432.40
Licences, Permits & Rents	1,505.00	1,200.00	1,395.00
Fines & Penalties	<u>9,880.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>4,999.50</u>
Total Operational Revenues	131,679.63	128,100.00	264,259.39
Capital Non-Tax Revenues			
From Future Tax Revenues (UFCO)	<u>21,513.71</u>		
Total Capital Non-Tax Revenues	21,513.71		
Transfers from Reserves			
Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	<u>2,400.00</u>		
Total Transfers from Reserves	2,400.00		
Total Non-Tax Revenues	<u>155,593.34</u>	<u>128,100.00</u>	<u>264,259.39</u>
Operational Expenditures			
Salaries & Wages	1,722,832.16	1,845,137.98	1,942,660.90
Materials & Supplies	81,216.16	81,388.00	54,628.38
Contracted Services	19,056.06	31,064.00	98,489.60
Rents & Financial Expenses	1,139.37	10,756.86	10,756.86
Interdepartmental Charges	337,976.60	364,273.53	383,382.84
Direct Program Support Charges	152,945.62	153,810.65	170,237.13
Indirect Program Support Charges	<u>90,225.66</u>	<u>123,754.62</u>	<u>89,772.18</u>
Total Operational Expenditures	2,405,394.63	2,610,185.64	2,749,927.89
Capital Expenditures			
Direct Capital Expenditures	32,896.97	32,000.00	7,500.00
DIRECT Program Support	51,123.00		0.01
INDIRECT Program Support		<u>2,750.00</u>	
Total Capital Expenditures	<u>84,020.00</u>	<u>34,750.00</u>	<u>7,500.01</u>
Total Expenditures	2,489,414.63	2,644,935.64	2,757,427.90
NET COST TO TAXPAYER	<u>2,333,821.29</u>	<u>2,516,835.64</u>	<u>2,493,168.51</u>

STATISTIC COMPARISON

<u>Charges by Statute</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Highway Traffic Act	374	401
Criminal Code of Canada	329	500
Liquor Licence Act	61	65
Municipal By-Law	154	389
Controlled Drugs & Substance Act	32	12
Other Statutes	52	68
Total Charges	1002	1525



<u>Administration</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Taxi Licences	22	37
Freedom of Information Requests	13	15
Criminal Record Checks	308	366
Pardon Applications	5	5
Insurance Requests	56	71
Fingerprint Requests	7	8
Revenue from Requests	\$5,165.50	\$6,517.50



<u>Public Complaints</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Conduct	2	3
Policy/Service	0	0

<u>Use of Force Reports</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Impact Weapon (baton)	0	1
Firearm Pointed at a Person	0	1
Aerosol Weapon (pepper spray)	0	1

<u>Other Stats</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Calls for Service	4684	5309
Average per Day	12.83	14.54
Number of Warrants Executed	35	26



Sergeant Glen Dewey (right) and Constable Richard Crowe (left) attending the funeral service of Constable Ireneusz "Eric" Czapnik in Ottawa, Ontario



REPORTED CRIMES

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Arson	1	2
Assault	49	37
Aggravated Assault	2	0
Assault with a Weapon	10	5
Attempt Murder	0	0
Bail Violations	22	19
Break & Enter	33	21
Breach Probation	13	8
Counterfeit Money	2	7
Disturb the Peace	27	44
Domestic	28	31
Drugs	29	16
Fraud	30	22
Harassment	26	25
Impaired	10	10
Indecent Act	2	0
Mischief	115	145
Obstruct Police	1	0
Other Criminal Code	23	14
Other Federal Statutes	0	1
Police Pursuits	1	2
Possess Stolen Property	4	2
Prevent Breach of Peace	14	25
Public Morals	1	0
Robbery	0	1
Sexual Assault	11	7
Shoplifting	15	12
Stolen Vehicle	3	11
Theft	139	152
Threats	30	35
Trespass by Night	2	2
Unlawfully at Large	0	0
Warrants	35	22
Weapons	2	4
Total Crimes	680	660

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

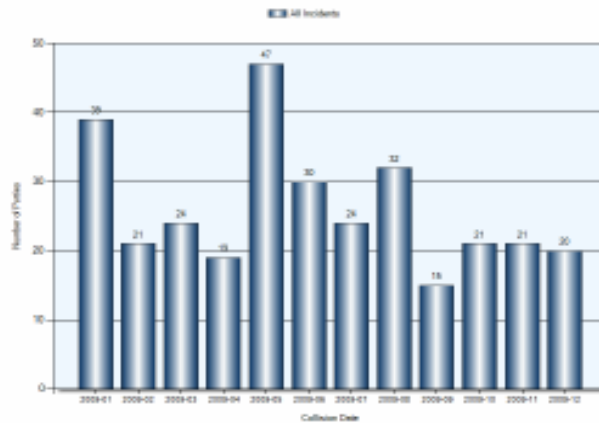
<u>Collision Details</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Collisions	170	215
Involved Vehicles	313	385
Vehicles Towed	49	72
Vehicles Driveable	264	313
Fatal Injuries	0	1
Non-Fatal Injuries	23	25
Property Damage Only	126	172
Non-Reportable	21	16
Unattended Vehicles	24	
Pedestrian Involved	4	
Cyclist Involved	4	

Top Intersections for Collisions in 2009

<u>Location</u>	<u># of Collisions</u>
80 Dufferin	15
Craig & Drummond East	8
Sunset & Wilson West	7
Dufferin & Wilson West	6
Gore East & Foster	6
50 Wilson West	6
98 Dufferin	5
Dufferin & Drummond	5
Gore East & Craig	5
Gore East & Herriott	5

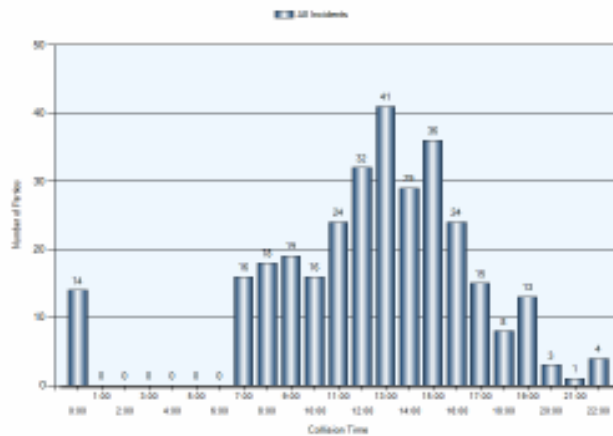
Collision Dates

The chart illustrates the most common date for collisions being May.



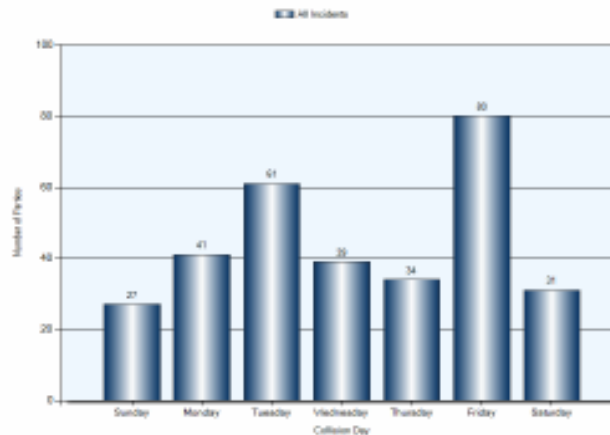
Collision Times

The chart illustrates the most common time for collisions being 1:00 p.m.



Collision Days

The chart illustrates the most common day for collisions being Friday.





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