

Brockville Police Service

2013 Annual Report





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Chief's Message

A/Chief Scott Fraser



I am pleased to present the 2013 annual report and would like to congratulate the men and women of the Brockville Police for their dedication to the City of Brockville.

We continue to develop strong relationships and partnerships in the community. Our members were involved in many events during the past year and continue to take leadership roles within the community. As the City of Brockville's largest department we also carry the largest budget. In conducting an 8 year review we found that our net yearly costs represented a 23.02% average of the overall City net budget. As opportunities to save arise, they are evaluated and acted upon. As we are unable to place a dollar value on the safety of our citizens, all recommendations are scrutinized in order to ensure safety to our members and the community. As the economy changes we understand we must also change. Rest assured, your safety is paramount and we will not do anything to jeopardize that. We will continue to work closely with the Police Services Board, Council, Members of the Community and Community Groups to deliver excellence in policing.

Please take a moment and review the annual report, I trust you will be as proud of it as we are!

Scott Fraser

A/Chief

Chair of the Board

King Yee, Jr.



The Brockville Police Service is a progressive, community oriented Police Service which owes its' success to the dedication of our officers and the citizens of our City, the support of City Council and staff as well as the guidance of the Brockville Police Services Board.

Members of the Brockville Police Service are very committed to working with the youth of the community, as well as creating and maintaining co-operative partnerships with community groups, to help keep Brockville a healthy and safe community.

As we head into our 182nd year of service, we face the on-going challenge of rising costs but the Brockville Police Services Board is committed to look for ways to continue to deliver a high level of service in an efficient and cost effective way.

King Yee Jr.

Chair, Brockville Police Service Board



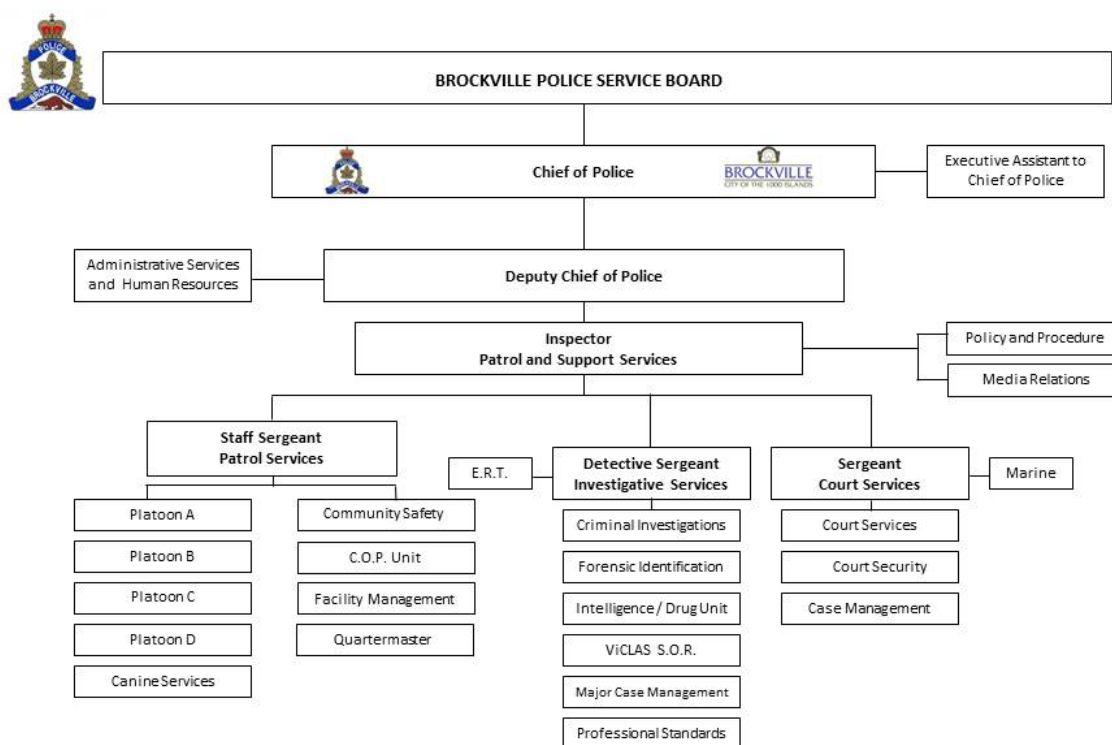
Vision

The Brockville Police Services' vision of the future is one of change to being more proactive in the delivery of community policing; strengthening the role of enforcement of federal, provincial and municipal laws, and the provision of quality management of the Police Service.

Mission Statement

The Brockville Police Service, while responding to the needs of our multi-racial and multi-cultural society, will maintain a standard of excellence in professional conduct and community service.

Organization Chart



Effective November 12, 2012

2013 Goals – Corporate Priorities

- Reducing the Fear of Crime
- Support to Victims of Crime
- Selective Traffic Management
- All Offences against the Elderly
- Asset Building for Children and Youth
- Effective and Efficient Community Policing
- Sexual / Domestic / Child Abuse Prevention
- Compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standards
- Safe Schools, Safe Neighbourhoods, Safe Communities



2013 Staffing Levels



Position	Authorized	Actual
Chief of Police	1	1
Deputy Chief	1	1
Inspector	1	1
Staff Sergeant	1	1
Sergeants	7	7
Constables	31	31
Total Police Staff	42	42
Special Constables	5	5
Civilians	18	18
Total Civilian Staff	23	23
Total	65	65

2013 Staff Compliment

Senior Administration

Chief John Gardiner

Deputy Chief Lee MacArthur

Inspector Scott Fraser

Staff Sergeant Ed Stone

Uniformed Members

Sergeant Todd Bertrend

Sergeant Peter Buell

Sergeant Surinder Gill

Sergeant Andrew Harvie

Detective Sergeant Paul Ladouceur

Sergeant Doug Locke

Sergeant Al Ranger

Detective Constable Laurie Bennett

Detective Constable Shawn Borgford

Constable Mike Boszormeny

Constable Darryl Boyd

Constable Mark Chicoine

Detective Constable Graham Coe

Constable Justin Cullen

Constable George Dickie

Constable Eric Ruigrok

Constable Keith Fleury

Detective Constable Tom Fournier

Constable Greg Francis

Constable Robert Ferguson

Constable Jamie Garvin

Constable Mike Grant

Constable Ryan Hayes

Constable Mark Heffernan

Constable Nicky Henri

Constable David Jeggo

Constable Serge Landry

Constable Peter Mastin

Constable April Muldoon

Constable Patti Murphy

Constable Tom Nappo

Detective Constable Mark Noonan

Constable Jeff Rean

Constable Darlene Reilly

Constable Steve Rogers

Detective Constable Paul Smith

Constable Helen Watt

Constable Jeff Wiwchar





Civilian Members

Dispatcher Kendra Adair
Administration Clerk Karen Bergeron
Executive Assistant to Chief Tracy Caskenette
Administration Clerk Bonnie Cubitt
Dispatcher Brian Curley
Dispatcher Penny Davison
Special Constable Henry Eekhout
Administration Clerk Janice Fleet
Dispatcher Lisa Fleury
Special Constable Dustin Gamble
Dispatcher Brenda Green
Dispatcher Laurie Hunter-Smith
Special Constable Jordan Latham
Administration Clerk Amanda Lavery
Administration Clerk Jenn Morrell
Special Constable Sarah Polite

Civilian Members – Part-Time

Administrative Clerk Lyndsay Chadwick
Administration Clerk Jessica Johnson

Technical Services Co-ordinator Tom Reil
Special Constable Mike Riopelle
Administration Clerk Marie Schoonberg
Support Services Co-ordinator Deena Shaw
Dispatcher Jenn Sloan
Dispatcher Rose-Anne Tedford
Administration Clerk Norvi Woods



Long Service Recognition

Sergeant Doug Locke – 35 Years
Constable Robert Ferguson – 30 Years
Constable George Dickie – 25 Years
Dispatcher Penny Davison – 25 Years
Inspector Scott Fraser – 15 Years

Technical Services Co-ordinator Tom Reil – 15 Years
Detective Constable Laurie Bennett – 10 Years
Constable Darryl Boyd – 10 Years
Constable Jeff Wiwchar – 10 Years





Crime Statistics

	2012	2013	% Change
Assaults	189	194	2.6%
Sexual Assaults	35	28	-20%
Robbery	5	1	-80%
Break and Enter	74	70	-5.4%
Theft	481	503	4.8%
Frauds	108	107	-0.9%
Bail Violation	186	170	-8.6%
Arson	4	2	-50%
Counterfeit Currency	18	24	33.3%
Disturb the Peace	174	156	-10.4%
Indecent Acts	4	8	100%
Mischief to Property	259	213	-17.8%
Drugs	104	77	-25.9%
Impaired Driving	41	21	-48.8%
Totals*	1,682	1,574	-6.4%

* Selected Categories



Calls for Service

	2012	2013	% Change
Calls for Service	11,798	11,099	-5.9%
Population	23,215	23,215	0%
Police Officers	42	42	0%

Clearance Rates

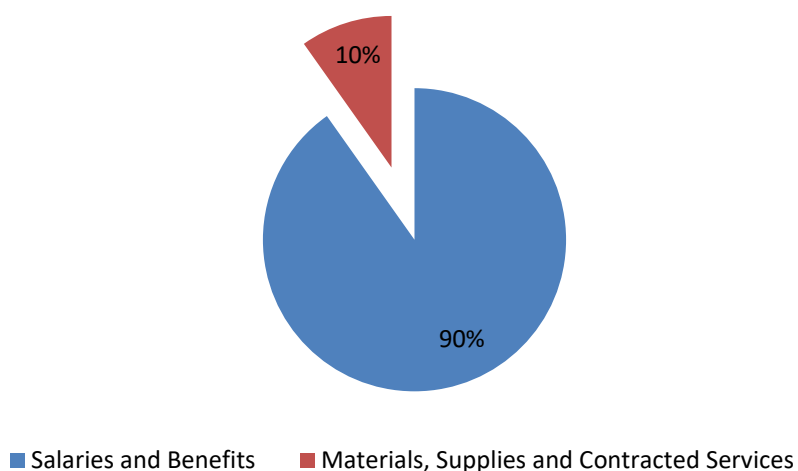
Offence Type	2012			2013		
	Actual	Cleared	%	Actual	Cleared	%
Crimes of Violence	374	333	89.04%	376	358	95.21%
Property Crimes	941	295	31.35%	922	312	33.84%
Other Criminal Code	504	434	86.11%	464	373	80.39%
Drugs	104	88	84.62%	77	75	97.4%



2013 Budget

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	Variance (%)
Expenses:			
• Salaries & Benefits	\$7,644,404	\$7,498,496	-1.91%
• Materials, Supplies and Contracted Services	852,979	815,676	-4.37%
Total Expenses:	\$8,497,383	\$8,314,172	-2.16%
Revenue:			
• Grants	\$191,607	\$237,123	23.75%
• Fees & Service Charges	55,000	99,303	80.55%
• Other	850,000	861,087	1.3%
Total Revenue:	\$1,096,607	\$1,197,513	9.2%
Net Budget / Actual	\$7,400,776	\$7,116,659	-3.84%

2013 Expenditures





Public Complaints

The police have a code of conduct to follow that includes:

- To act with honesty and integrity
- To treat people with respect
- Not to abuse the extraordinary powers and authority police officers are granted
- To act in a manner that does not discredit or undermine public confidence in the police service.

Police organizations have rules that are called policy and service standards that guide how they operate. Complaints about policies and services of a police organization are screened by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director but the legislation requires policy and service complaints to be sent to the appropriate police service for investigation, with oversight by the OIPRD. For more information visit www.oiprd.on.ca

Type	2012	2013	% Change
Total Complaints	4	4	0%
Unsubstantiated	3	3	0%
Substantiated	1	1	0%
Withdrawn	0	0	0%
Pending	0	0	0%

Use of Force

	2012	2013	% Change
Firearm – Discharged	1	0	-100%
Firearm – Pointed at a Person	4	5	25%
Firearm – Drawn	0	0	0%
Taser	2	6	200%
Aerosol Weapon	0	0	0%
Impact Weapon – Hard	0	0	0%
Impact Weapon – Soft	0	0	0%
Empty Hand Techniques – Hard	0	1	100%
Empty Hand Techniques – Soft	0	0	0%
Other (Shotgun)	0	0	0%
Other (K9)	0	0	0%



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.



2013 Overview

Welcome to the 2013 annual report. The annual report process provides an opportunity to review the manner in which we provide policing services to the community and reflect on our past.

The Brockville Police have been an integral part of this community for the past 182 years. Our continued investment to the community of Brockville is very important to us. We recognize that our community requires a balance in policing services and strive to meet the needs of all of our stakeholders.

We have continued our trend in youth involvement, from our Cops and Rockers events in which money was raised for the skatepark to our Rotary Park revitalization participation in bringing a splash pad, playground and improved ice surface to Rotary Park.

We continue to provide educational workshops to our aging community and offer crime prevention strategies combatting elder abuse and crimes directed at our seniors.



We have continued relationships with groups such as the Kinsmen of Brockville. They were instrumental in Brockville's first K9 unit and we have once again partnered and introduced the Brockville Police Community Volunteers.

We continue to provide leadership in our community with members sitting on various committees. Our past included participation and leading the Safe Community Coalition in having Brockville designated as a Safe Community by the World Health Organization in 2001 and re-designated in 2010.

We continue to foster relationships with St. Lawrence College and utilized 8 volunteer students in the Volunteer in Policing Program. This provided the students an opportunity to work alongside police officers and develop themselves for a future in policing.



We frequent our schools via the Adopt-A-Cop program and interact on a daily basis with the youth in our community. We also participate in the Youth in Policing Program which provides funding for students to work with us during the summer months. The success of this program led to further funding in order to hire students for the after school program.

We offer security both on land and water. We police the waterway and the Islands ensuring a balance of fun and compliance with legislation. We are more than just uniformed police officers, we ARE part of your community. It started 182 years ago and we look forward to serving you for 182 more!



Police Service Patrol Vehicles

2012 marked a change in the vehicles used for frontline policing. Ford discontinued manufacturing the Crown Victoria model which was a staple for policing in North America. As a result of this change police services were required to search for a new vehicle to accommodate the frontline policing role. Many different vehicles were experimented with and Brockville selected the Chevrolet Tahoe. This vehicle has the space required for emergency equipment, technology and room to transport prisoners.



	2013 Tahoe	2011 Crown Victoria (No longer manufactured)
Cost	\$34,617.55 (After Rebates)	\$34,749.76 (After Rebates)
Fuel Economy	20 mpg – City 30 mpg – Highway * New fuel savings system in place	19 mpg – City 30 mpg - Highway
Engine	5.3L	4.6L
Warranty	Powertrain – 5 Years or 160,000 km Body – 6 Years	Powertrain – 5 Years or 100,000 km Body – 5 Years



Criminal Investigation Branch

Members of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Brockville Police Service had another challenging and successful year in 2013. Detectives were asked to solve a number of organized commercial crimes from local business and credit card rings, several serious aggravated assaults, a lengthy shaken baby investigation, and assist other outside agencies such as the Coroner's Office, Family and Children's Services, and traffic investigators in other serious investigations.



The CIB office continued their transition towards electronic reports in 2013. Violent Crime Linkage Analysis (ViCLAS), the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, and lengthy Crown Briefs are now completed and submitted electronically to various agencies who analyze and store this information so that it can be shared with other Law Enforcement personnel.

In addition to their Law Enforcement duties members of the Criminal Investigation Branch have gone into the community to make presentations and give educational seminars on such topics as Senior's safety, Scams, Theft and Frauds, Identity Theft, Powers of Attorney, and Cell Phone Safety. Detectives also participate in community groups such as the Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee, Mental Health Crisis Response, and Crime Stopper's. Education and Community Partnerships are some of the best defenses against further victimization.

Changing times has resulted in new challenges facing the members of this unit. With the prevalence of computers in our society, electronic crimes are on the rise. Social Media such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter have provided new ways of communication between accused persons and their victims and is the preferred form of communication amongst our youth. Computers have also made the collection of personal data more accessible for would-be criminals in such crimes as credit skimming, identity theft and fraud.

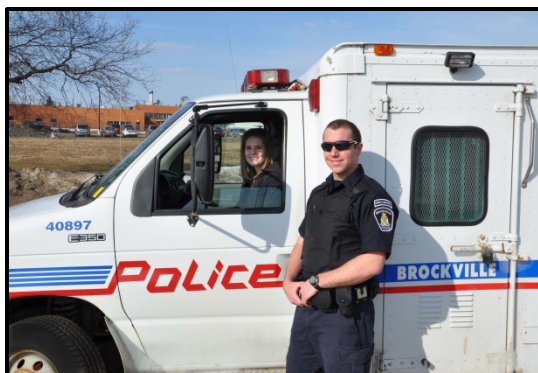
Investigators continue to educate themselves on Social Media, the Internet and Electronic Crime. Our onsite Forensic Laboratory for cellular phones, personal data devices and GPS systems is kept very busy by our investigators and those agencies we assist in the Law Enforcement community.

Officers in this branch are very dedicated and continue to carry a heavy case load throughout the year. They take pride in the quality of Crown Briefs completed for the courts and their high solvability rate for serious crime.





Court Services



The Brockville Police Court Bureau handles the task of providing court security at the Ontario Court and Superior Court in Brockville. The building houses 5 courtrooms. Courtroom 1 is used primarily as the Bail court for in custody matters. These matters are usually heard by a Justice of the Peace. Courtrooms 2 and 3 are used for Ontario Court matters, these matters would include persons charged with theft, assault, impaired driving and other criminal offenses. A Provincial Court judge hears these matters. Courtroom 4 is a Superior Court and matters are

heard by a Superior Court judge or Superior Court judge and jury. Matters heard in this court are more serious matters including serious assaults up to murder. Courtroom 5 is also a Superior Court room and Family Court matters are heard. There is one other court room located in close proximity to the main court building. It is situated at 32 Wall St in Brockville and it is used for Provincial Offense hearings, such as highway traffic charges like speeding or failing to stop for a red-light. Brockville Police issued 1187 provincial offense tickets in 2013. Most criminal matters for the entire county of Leeds and Grenville are processed at this court house.

Brockville Police provide security for Judges, persons within the building, and the court rooms. They also transport prisoners to and from the court to other facilities. In 2013 the court security staff consisted of one Sergeant and 5 Special Constables. During 2013 a member of the court security team also worked at court case management and was responsible for managing our court cases. Savings are achieved by streamlining criminal prosecution and by reducing officers having to attend to court. This keeps officers on the road and also reduces overtime. Brockville Police and members of the Ontario Provincial Police often collaborate and work as teams to assist in the tasks of transporting prisoners to and from the jail.

Court Facts		Brockville's Share
Total Criminal Charges processed at Courthouse	4,890	1,735
Total Number of Prisoners at Courthouse	1,852	810

The Court Security staff is also responsible for an 11 cell detention facility within the Court building. All prisoners and cells are monitored by a closed circuit camera system by one of the officers. All persons who are charged with a Criminal or Youth offense in Leeds and Grenville attend court at this facility. The Court facility in Brockville is a blend of old and new architecture. If you haven't had a look at the Court facility, it is worth a few minutes to tour this historic landmark in Brockville's downtown.

Public access defibrillators are available on both floors of the Courthouse.



Marine Unit

The Brockville Police marine unit operates seasonally from May until the end of October each year. The unit is staffed by 10 officers. Marine unit officers work at educating the boating public about water safety as well as enforcing laws associated with the water.

In 2013 Brockville Police were patrolling the St Lawrence River with the “Col Watson” a 22 foot Metalcraft boat. The boat has an enclosed wheel house, which makes the vessel comfortable to be in during inclement weather. Also on the water in 2013 was a Honda Aquatrax personal water craft (PWC). This PWC had been used as a donated vessel, however in 2013 Brockville Police purchased it from Brockville Honda Powerhouse. We thank Brockville Honda for their continued support.



Officers were able to use the two vessels in conjunction with each other on special enforcement days. The personal watercraft can cruise around and observe violations easier than the highly visible “Col. Watson”. The PWC would locate a violator and the larger police vessel was used to carry out the paper work associated with the violation.

Brockville Police were on the water in 2013 during many of the special events that were held. These events included the Tall Ships festival, Canada Day celebrations including the July 1st fireworks, the Hydroplane regatta, the Poker run, and the 1,000 Islands Triathlon.

During these events the safety of the events is enhanced by the presence of other marine professionals as well as volunteers. Brockville Police Marine unit often collaborates with local community partners to help out during larger events. We thank the OPP Marine unit, Brockville Parks and Recreation, The Canadian Coast Guard, Rockport Rescue, Canadian Auxiliary Coast Guard and Brockville Honda Powerhouse.

In 2013 two members of Brockville Police Marine unit were given the opportunity to enhance their training. Sergeant Peter Buell and Constable Jeff Wiwchar attended a two week course at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst. The course attended was the Basic Marine Course hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police. These officers were exposed to training on marine laws as well as navigation techniques. Brockville Police have plans to send other marine officers to this course.

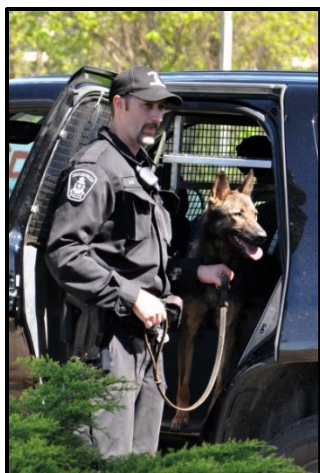
The Brockville Police has a goal of continuing to educate members of the public on matters of marine safety. We will do this through communication and through enforcement. Before planning on operating a vessel, an operator must be in possession of a Pleasure Craft Operators Card. Before going out on the water tell someone where you plan to go, make sure your boat is properly equipped, know and follow the rules of the water, wear your personal floatation device, don't drink alcohol and boat, and have your operators card.

Have a great summer everyone!!



K9 Unit

In 2013 the Brockville Police Service canine, “Trax”, retired at the age of eleven with nine years of distinguished service to the City of Brockville. “Trax” was instrumental in helping Brockville Police Service keep the residents of the city safe over the years and is well deserved of his retirement.



In March 2013 Brockville Police Service acquired canine “Chaser” (Chase), and paired him with his handler, Cst. Jeffrey Rean. Chase is a purebred Belgian Malinois who was born in Hungary in July of 2011. Chase was then brought to the USA after a selection process by the training facility and began a training program to prepare him for service. In April 2013 the K-9 team of Chase and Cst. Rean spent 6 weeks together at an intensive training facility in North Carolina, USA. During this time the pair honed their skills in suspect tracking, searching, drug detection, evidence recovery, suspect apprehension and handler protection.

Upon becoming certified for duty the K-9 team returned to Brockville and was assigned to a general patrol platoon. As part of general patrol duties, the K-9 team will respond to the same calls for service as any other uniformed officers does, but an emphasis is placed on them to attend as many priority calls as possible. The Team also provides proactive patrols in high-risk areas and/or troubled areas when not engaged in other activities.

During 2013 the K-9 team was utilized by the Brockville Police Service’s emergency response team and drug unit during their execution of warrants and drug searches. Furthermore K-9 was called in to assist uniformed officers in locating suicidal individuals as well as missing children throughout the course of the year. This co-operation resulted in successful outcomes in all incidents. On one occasion canine Chase was called in from off duty and responded within minutes to the area of the city where an early morning fight had caused a person to suffer very serious injuries. Chase was able to locate two weapons used in the assault as well as track the unknown and injured suspects to their residence where the suspects were arrested a short time later.

The K-9 team works closely with outside agencies including Ontario Provincial Police, Gananoque Police, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service and Canada Customs/Canadian Boarder Services Agency. These partners have all expressed interest in assistance in utilizing the Brockville Police Service’s K-9 team in the event that their K-9 team is unavailable. Assistance was provided during 2013 to CBSA at the Johnstown border crossing. BPS K-9 was brought in to conduct a drug search on a suspected drug trafficker’s vehicle.

Brockville Police Canine Unit also worked closely with the BPS community safety officer as well as other community organizations to promote awareness of community events and public safety through attendance at various functions, displays and outings. These events include OSPCA walk-a-thon, OSPCA telethon, Brockville sidewalk sale and Vanier Public School pizza party to name a few.

The K-9 unit, Chase in particular, owe a special thanks to Lauren Armstrong of Vanier Public School for helping provide Chase with his name. After a public school ‘name the dog’ contest, Lauren’s name of “Chaser” was chosen from hundreds of entries.



Liquor Enforcement

The Brockville Police Service and the AGCO work together in order to educate and build relationships with the Liquor Establishments and Restaurants in the city. Annual inspections are done with the Police, AGCO, Brockville Fire Department and Tobacco Enforcement to ensure that by-laws and legislations such as The Liquor Licence Act are being followed and regulated.



To ensure compliance we conduct random inspections of the establishments to check for liquor violations.

As a result of the inspections and collaboration between agencies, compliance rates have increased providing a safer environment within Brockville's licensed establishments.

Asset Forfeiture Unit

The Brockville Police Service joined the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit in 2010 and currently has one officer assigned as a liaison officer with this unit.

The Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit currently consists of 21 police services across the province. The Unit combines the investigative resources of municipal, provincial, federal and international law enforcement agencies to combat profit motivated crime including money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist financing and other organized crime. As a member of the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit, the Brockville Police Service contributed to these investigations and drew on the expertise of the other members when required for local investigations.

Since joining in 2010, there have been several successful seizures of currency and vehicles as a result of Criminal Code convictions.



A notable case for the unit in 2013 was the forfeiture of a large bulk currency. As a result of a traffic stop by officers, two male subjects were arrested. \$80,250.00 Canadian Currency was located in their vehicle. A subsequent investigation into the currency was initiated by the Asset Forfeiture Unit and as a result a forfeiture of the entire amount was granted in December of 2013.

Another case in 2013 resulted in \$36,277.03 of Canadian Currency being forfeited.

Our affiliation with the Asset Forfeiture Unit is something we will carry on in the future.



Joint Forces Operations

The Brockville Police Service remains committed to Project Islander, a joint force drug initiative comprised of detectives from the Brockville and Gananoque Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police.

The JFO continues to target the trafficking of illicit drugs and substances both within the city and surrounding areas by executing search warrants and “street jumps” on identified targets.

Members of the Brockville Police participated in joint projects. One initiative targeted organized crime and focused on the trafficking of cocaine and illegal gambling. Numerous search warrants were executed, multiple kilograms of cocaine seized and arrests made.

Intelligence-led policing continues to be the cornerstone of the activities undertaken by policing agencies throughout the country. As such the Brockville Police Service remains a level one member of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO).

CISO provides an integrated service and necessary resources for the collection, analysis and dissemination of criminal intelligence to law enforcement agencies.



The Brockville Police Service enjoys a strong working relationship with numerous outside agencies including but not limited to Municipal and Provincial Police Agencies, Home Land Security, Canada Border Service Agency, and multiple civilian groups in Ontario and bordering areas.

The information gathered and shared with our partners continues to assist in the timely identification and ultimate apprehension of the criminal element.

CRIMINALS HAVE NO BOUNDARIES and it is our strong partnerships that assist us in removing ours as well.

Technical Services



The Technical Services Coordinator is responsible for planning, deployment, installation and training of all Information Technology and Communications assets deployed by the Brockville Police Service. This includes all computer related technology, telecommunications and radio systems, physical and network security as well as power systems. In concert with the Community Safety Officer, internet safety and cyber-bullying presentations are made to local schools and community groups. The Technical Services Coordinator also supports investigations in conjunction with the Criminal Investigations Branch when a crime is committed via a technological means.



Mental Health Training / Community Partnerships



Pictured above: D/Cst Graham Coe, Maria Bindert, Shawna Marshall and David Scarr

The Brockville Police Service has always enjoyed successful and ongoing relationships with the many mental health agencies that serve Brockville and area residents. Brockville Police Service members communicate on a regular basis with members of Leeds and Grenville Mental Health, the Brockville General Hospital, Brockville and Area Community Living Association and a host of other organizations who share the vision of providing excellent and professional care for those in the community who are dealing with mental health issues.

The Brockville Police Service will be instituting a Ride-A-Long program to partner with members of the Mental Health Crisis Team. Mental Health workers will attend calls for service where their particular expertise in dealing with those with mental health issues can be utilized immediately.

The Brockville Police Service is also a partner on the Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee who deal with individuals suffering from mental health issues who are involved with the justice system. Those who commit minor offences may be offered a court diversion program and have charges stayed if they agree to participate in specified treatment plans.

In addition to working with our mental health partners, the Brockville Police Service remains committed to strengthening our partnerships with other community groups such as Crimestoppers and Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service who have become essential in delivering effective and efficient policing.

Domestic Violence Advisory Committee

In 2003 the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee was created to help reduce the problems of domestic violence in the area of Leeds and Grenville. The success of this committee has been as a result of the co-operation between the Brockville Police Service and community partners. By combining resources the committee is able to use different ideas to manage the ongoing problems that our community faces with domestic violence.

This committee meets 3 times a year to discuss current problems, solutions and high risk situations. Reviews are done on high risk offenders with a key component being that the victim has a voice in the process. As a result the committee is able to ensure better safety planning for the victims. The reviews also assist the courts in determining appropriate sentences and conditions on accused parties.

Through the use of ongoing education, victim services and counseling this committee and the Brockville Police Service are trying to combat the problem our society faces with domestic violence.

In order to succeed we must work together in order to solve this problem.



Community Safety

The core program in our schools is for grade 5 and 6 is V.E.P. (Very Effective Program). This year it was updated with many new videos power points and lessons. Some of these programs deal with youth and the law, online and social media awareness, drug education and awareness, as well as decision making and problem solving skills. We also have these students involved in two field trips one to the Police Station and the other to the court. The students talk with a Judge, Crown and Defence staff.



Another key program is Operation Lifesaver (train safety) in all of the elementary schools. The students get knowledge on level crossings and a field trip to a crossing. During the year several lessons are given on cyber safety and bullying awareness. We did many events as well with the VIPP TEAM from St Lawrence College. A community survey, child find ID program and volunteer hours helping at the Station and the courts. We also did crime prevention lessons with the public and senior safety promotions.

Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI)



The Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) is a partnership with the Brockville Police Service and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to hire four students for the summer and two students for the after school program.

This employment initiative is to promote youth involvement in the community and exposure to the work environment of the Brockville Police Service. It focuses on hiring students between the ages of 14-17 years old, attending secondary school and residing in the City of Brockville.

The goal of YIPI is to give adolescents an opportunity to develop future job skills while being educated in police and community relations.

The students were involved in a number of community events such as The Islands Breakfast, Tall Ships Festival and Ribfest. They were also involved in removing graffiti from various locations and participating in the Community Art Project.

As well as being involved in community events, the students were provided positive mentoring while having the opportunity to learn about the Brockville Police Service.

Overall, the program was a success and the students went away with a possible idea for a potential career.