



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

2017 Annual Report

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Investigative Services

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Investigative Services Division

There are 36 members in Investigative Services comprised of 30 police officers and 6 civilian members. These members provide support to frontline patrol officers and also fulfill requirements mandated through policing standards or identified needs of our communities. The units contained within the Investigative Services Division include: Crime Analysis, Crime Stoppers, Drugs, E-Crime, Forensic Identification, Fraud, High Risk Offenders, Intelligence, Major Crime, Sex Offences, Street Crime, Victim Services and Video Analysis. There are also sub specialty units that include Asset Forfeiture, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Internet Child Exploitation and Technical Support.

There were 10 personnel changes in 2017. Three members were promoted, resulting in two being transferred to other divisions before year end and the third scheduled for transfer in January 2018. Three additional transfers also occurred, two internal and one to another division. Three new members transferred into our division and 1 member resigned. Most affected by these changes was the Forensic Identification Section (FIS), where two members of the three member team needed to be replaced on short notice. One of the new FIS members attended Ontario Police College for certification training in the fall of 2017 and the second member will be attending in early 2018.

Training continues to be a priority, and a requirement, to ensure members maintain their knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill their specialized functions. Combined, members attended a total of 55 different courses, workshops or conferences throughout the year. This, in addition to annual in-house training requirements, resulted in a collective total of 593 training days in 2017, or an average of 16.5 days per member. While necessary, this training time also reduces member availability for investigations.

In addition to training, some other areas that reduce member availability for investigations include court attendance and sick time. Attendance requirements for court remained consistent for the division with 188 days compared to 189 days the previous year. This is an average of 6.3 court days per sworn member. 2017 proved to be a challenging year for our member's health resulting in a total of 215 days of absenteeism compared to 63 days the previous year. This is an average of 6 days per member.

Additional time and resources required to complete investigations and respond to demands outside of our control resulted in 3,653 hours in overtime compared to 4,459 hours the previous year and the accumulation of 1,436 hours in lieu time compared to 1,226 the previous year.

The overall crime rate decreased in 2017 by 1.5% or 75 calls for service and the criminal clearance rate in 2017 was 59.2%, a decrease of 0.5%. Unfortunately, as has been the trend over the last few years, violent crime is not declining and in several categories continues to rise. The 1.5% decrease in crimes is mostly related to theft and disturbing the peace incidents. A further breakdown of the 2017 statistics can be found at the end of my summary.

The start of the year was busy with homicide related incidents. In February, Paul Atchison was stabbed outside a residence on Bethune Street and succumbed to his injuries. Bryan Townson was arrested a short distance away and charged with first degree murder. He remains before the court. Two other stabbings also occurred in February that resulted in attempt murder charges being laid. One occurred at an Anson Street residence with the accused being convicted later in

the year for aggravated assault. The second incident occurred at a Corrigan Street residence and involved 3 co-accused youths. All 3 remain before the court. Then in March a drug related shooting occurred at a rooming house on Water Street. Following a lengthy investigation a male from the GTA was arrested for attempt murder. He remains before the court. The final attempt murder for the year occurred in August and it was also drug related. The victim in this incident was stabbed, but refused to assist police with the investigation and the case remains unsolved.

In addition to homicide related incidents, overall incidents of violence continued to keep us busy throughout 2017. Several other stabbings occurred that did not meet the threshold of an attempt murder and were therefore classified as aggravated assaults. These cases still required extensive investigation as some of them could have resulted in death had it not been for a quick emergency response and treatment. Total aggravated assaults for the year were 16, compared to the 5 that occurred in 2016, an increase of 220%. Reported sexual assaults also continued to increase and have been on the rise over the last 4 years, almost doubling since 2014 with 163 investigations in 2017. Robberies remained unchanged over the year with 49 reported victims in 2017. All of these crimes continue to be the most resource intensive to investigate and solve, but this type of investment is essential in order to preserve a sense of safety and security in the community. These violent crimes also tend to result in larger sentences upon conviction and therefore court trials, rather than pleas, are more common and result in more time spent in court for officers.

In an attempt to address our response to some of this violence, and our most vulnerable population, a business plan was presented to add 2 members to Investigative Services in 2018. The plan was approved and will result in 1 more sexual assault investigator to assist with the rise in reported sexual assaults. It will also allow for some additional time to focus on internet child exploitation and human trafficking. We will also add a new combined position of a Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Coordinator. Both of these job functions have been receiving sparing attention due to the fact that they are additional duties placed on members with other full-time responsibilities. These 2 additional hires for 2018 align directly with our police service Business Plan and are a step in the right direction to address the ongoing violence that we are seeing.

Another area of violence that we have not experienced for many years was a protest that occurred in September. A local resident, and Chairman of the Canadian Nationalist Front, advertised an anti-immigration protest in Confederation Park. This prompted various groups to come together in an act of solidarity to rally against the protesters. Although, the Canadian Nationalist Front never showed, some members from the opposition targeted people they believed to be part of the protest and assaulted them. This resulted in police having to intervene and then the crowd turned against police. This situation could have turned out extremely negative for both the police and the crowd had it not been for the professional and patient approach of the attending police officers. Two people were arrested, and the investigation remains open in attempt to identify others who committed criminal offences.

Like many other communities, illicit drug activity continues to be a growing problem with no foreseeable end in sight. Many of our violent incidents tend to be drug related and the rise in available fentanyl and related analogues is resulting in a spike of drug overdoses, some resulting in death. Our service is heavily involved with various levels of government and community stakeholders to try and get a handle on this problem. Currently, harm reduction activities seem to be having the greatest effect, but there is a lot of work to be done in order to get to the root cause of this health issue and improve it. The Peterborough Drug Strategy (PDS) continues to be at the forefront of leading discussions and bring local organizations together for action. We are

proud to be a founding member of PDS and to have them working from office space in our building.

In terms of drug enforcement, we continue to focus on the drug traffickers who prey on those with addictions. The first part of 2017 involved many hours of follow up and court preparation related to drug charges laid against members of the Ugly Crew in 2016 during Project Runway. Throughout the year, there were many successful small projects that resulted in various drug trafficking charges being laid. While we do have local drug dealers, the trend continues with dealers from the GTA attending our community to sell their products and then return to the GTA. In addition to being difficult to identify some of these dealers, there is also very little cooperation from those purchasing drugs due to intimidation and threats of violence. In 2017 we seized 3 handguns and 12 long guns during drug investigations. Due to the information relating to violence and firearms, the Emergency Response Team was also used on several occasions to execute search warrants and make arrests. Cocaine continues to be the main drug seized, but fentanyl is becoming more prevalent and it is more common to see it mixed with other drugs. In order to ensure officer safety when handling powdered substances all members have access to the opioid overdose antidote, Naloxone, and we also purchased a special venting cabinet to process and package powdered substances in. There will be further challenges in 2018 with the legalization of marijuana. The impact is yet to be determined, although it has been suggested that police resources may need to be increased by approximately 2%.

Fraud is another concern that remains prevalent in our community. Over the years we have seen a progressive increase in the amount of phone and internet related scams. People of all ages have become victims, although the elderly seem to be more susceptible when subjected to high pressure tactics. These investigations are very timing consuming, spread to other countries of origin and often lead to dead ends. We continue to do our best to educate the community at regular intervals about current scams. In November, the Fraud Unit provided an afternoon of training sponsored by various stakeholders, including the Peterborough DBIA, to educate local business owners on how to protect themselves from becoming victims over the Christmas shopping season. Managing frauds has become a daunting task for the one member in this unit. While we have trained some other members to investigate larger scale frauds, their availability is minimal due to their own task load. Like all other units, search warrants are integral to obtaining evidence to proceed with a fraud investigation and they can be very resource intensive, both to author and then to review the mounds of evidence seized. This is an area that needs to be reevaluated in 2018 to ensure that we are providing an appropriate response for our community.

While visibly there was little Outlaw Motorcycle Gang activity in 2017, both the Outlaws and Hells Angels are still active in our community. The Outlaws Clubhouse at Park and Perry Streets burned to the ground in March and is a suspected arson. The investigation remains open and the Outlaws have set up another clubhouse on Parkhill Road East, although there has been little activity there in comparison to the old clubhouse.

New technology in all areas of the police service continues to be necessary to meet investigative needs and efficiency. Both the Computer and Video Forensics Units continue to rely heavily on various software and tools to help recover and preserve electronic evidence. To this end the Computer Analyst purchased Oxygen Forensics software to give him a second extraction option for cell phones when our other Cellebrite software is unsuccessful. This also allows for secondary verification that is now being requested in the courts. Some devices still need to be sent away for unlocking which is a costly venture with the potential for no evidentiary return.

The Video Analyst also purchased Axon Five image processing software that is a complete solution for increasing the ability to clear up and improve images of video and photographic evidence. Both of these units remain at task capacity; especially with the R vs. Jordan case law that has resulted in strict timelines for evidence disclosure.

Crimes in our contracted communities accounted for a relatively small percentage of our overall crime; Cavan-Monaghan Township was 2.7% with a 42.3% clearance rate and the Village of Lakefield was 1.5 % with a 34.7% clearance rate. The majority of these crimes were property related offences which often lack evidence to identify a suspect.

Partnerships within the community remain a priority for all units in Investigative Services. The Victim Services Unit continues to participate with many community organizations on a regular basis. A significant project collaboration in 2017 was the Police Response to Sexual Violence and Harassment Training made possible through 2 successful grant applications resulting in \$206,495.00 of funding over 2 years. The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre provided a coordinator for this project which includes 4 other community partners and 3 surrounding police agencies. Two days of specialized training was provided in November with almost 100 participants, including 24 from our police service. This will be followed up with another day in March 2018 and 2 training videos, one for service providers and one for victims. We were also successful in obtaining a Proceeds of Crime grant part way through the year in the amount of \$82,450.00, and with the assistance of the Peterborough Drug Strategy have collaborated with other Strategy partners to ensure training is provided in the community on how to respond to an opiate overdose.

Keeping pace with demands for service, legislative requirements, court preparation, technological advancements and training is expected to be a continuing challenge in 2018. The additional support of a Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse Coordinator and another Sexual Offences Investigator will be of great assistance on those fronts. The pending marihuana legislation is a looming concern for training, response and resource requirements that we will have to address in 2018. We will also need to address our bottleneck of fraudulent investigations that represent more work than time available for our one member Fraud Unit.

In closing, I would like to commend all members of the Investigative Services Division who, despite many challenges, continue to put forth exceptional individual and team efforts to solve crimes and keep our communities safe. We look forward to continuing this standard of excellence in 2018

Following are the overall crime statistics for 2017 and the annual reports for the individual units that will further exemplify the work accomplished in Investigative Services during 2017.

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2017 Year End Statistics

	2016	2017	Percentage Difference
Reported Crimes	5065	4990	1.5% decrease
Clearance Rate	59.7%	59.2%	0.5% decrease

The total calls for service in 2017 were 31,504. Of these calls 4990 were classified as crimes. That accounts for 15.8% of our total calls for service. Our clearance rate for these crimes remains high at 59.2%.

Homicides (Clearance rate of **80%**)

Homicide related incidents decreased by 37.5% in 2017. There was 1 homicide and 4 attempt homicides in 2017. This is compared to 2 homicides, 5 attempt homicides and 1 conspiracy to commit homicide in 2016. Arrests were made in 4 of the 5 cases for 2017, with 1 attempt murder investigation still ongoing.

Assaults (Clearance rate of **85.9%**)

Assaults increased by 7.6% in 2017 with 511 incidents compared to 475 incidents in 2016. Assaults are broken down as follows:

- Aggravated (Level 3 – most serious) 16 (increase of 220%)
- Bodily Harm/with weapon (Level 2) 81 (decrease of 16.5%)
- Assault (Level 1) 232 (increase of 26.1%)
- Assault Police 38 (decrease of 2.6%)
- Domestic Assault 144 (decrease of 4%)

Sexual Assaults (Clearance rate of **69.9%**)

Reported sexual assaults increased by 12.4% to 163 incidents in 2017 compared to 145 incidents in 2016. The clearance rate for these incidents also decreased from 82.8% in 2016. This reduced rate may be partially due to new standards introduced for clearing status of sexual assaults.

Robberies (Clearance rate of **69.4%**)

Robberies remained consistent. In 2017 there were 44 reported robberies with 49 victims compared to 48 reported robberies with 49 victims in 2016. Clearance rates were down slightly from 71.4% in 2016.

- 14 of the 44 robberies (32%) were drug motivated.
- 7 of the 44 robberies (16%) involved a firearm.
- 12 of the 44 robberies (27%) involved some type of weapon.
- 27 of the 49 victims (55%) received injuries.

Offences Involving Weapons, not including robberies (Clearance rate of **90%**)

These offences remained fairly consistent at 30 incidents compared to 29 in 2016.

Break and Enters (Clearance rate of **32.7%**)

Break and enters decreased by 6.6% from 331 incidents in 2016 to 309 incidents in 2017. This is the lowest level we have seen in several years. Of the reported break and enters, residential break-ins increased by 12 incidents to 207 for the year and business break-ins decreased by 29 incidents to 84 for the year.

Frauds (Clearance rate of **36.9%**)

Frauds decreased slightly in 2017 to 293 incidents, but are still substantially higher than prior to 2016. The clearance rate also declined from 43.8% in 2016. Various scams continue to find victims in our communities and they are often very time consuming and difficult to bring to a successful conclusion. Education continues to be one of our priorities to try and prevent frauds before they occur.

Drug Offences (Clearance rate of **100%**)

Drug offences decreased by 25.5% to 105 incidents in 2017, compared to 141 incidents in 2016. This was largely due to the conclusion of Project Runway in late 2016 that saw numerous charges laid, increasing offences by almost 25% in 2016. The follow up from that project also limited the availability of the Drug Unit for the first month of 2017. Seizures continue to be predominately cocaine and other opiates and local drug trafficking continues to involve a large percentage of traffickers from the GTA. Our focus remains on those who are making financial gain through illicit drugs, not those with addictions, and saving lives in overdose situations, not laying criminal charges.

Additional Criminal Code Offence Categories

- Other (25 various offences) 818 (increase of 11.1%)
- Shoplifting 477 (increase of 1.7%)
- Mischief (Property Damage) 418 (decrease of 3%)
- Disturbing the peace 163 (decrease of 33.7%)
- Criminal harassment 82 (increase of 15.5%)
- Impaired driving 79 (decrease of 6%)
- Theft of motor vehicles 76 (increase of 11.8%)
- Assault police 38 (decrease of 2.6%)

Asset Forfeiture Unit

2017 was another very successful year for the PPS Asset Forfeiture Unit. The Unit reconciled \$262,403.55 in Canadian currency and \$63,482.07 in Canadian currency was ordered forfeited. In total, 14 motor vehicles were seized. Management Orders were obtained for 4 of these vehicles and Notice of Illicit Activity Forms were issued in the 10 instances where the vehicles were returned to the registered owner. (Notice of Illicit Activity Form is the first step and a warning before seizure of the vehicle.)

DC Tisdale continued to assist local OPP detachments with several investigations throughout the year. As a result of these liaison efforts, \$7,985 was reconciled and 6 motor vehicles were seized, with Management Orders being obtained for 2 of them.

The unit fulfilled the provincial mandate by providing a body of expertise in relation to proceeds of crime and offence-related property. The unit's mandate includes identification, seizure, restraint and forfeiture of offence-related property and proceeds of crime related to the commission of designated offences.

DC Tisdale participated in Provincial Project Takedown - Project Silkstone. Seized by police during Project Silkstone were 11,500 pills containing fentanyl, 8 kilograms of cocaine, 7.5 kilograms of ecstasy, 260 grams of methamphetamine, 7,200 marihuana plants, 23 firearms, \$69,000 and 4 vehicles.

DC Tisdale also assisted Peel Regional Police with a currency reconciliation of a bulk cash seizure of over \$800,000.

DC Tisdale has conducted these Asset Forfeiture Unit activities in addition to his duties as a member of the Street Crime Unit. DC Tisdale estimates that at least 50-60% of his workload is consumed with Asset Forfeiture related duties and the remainder of his workload comprises his Street Crime Unit obligations.

2017 AFU Numbers	
PPS Files	24
OPP/KLPS Files	9
Vehicles Seized	14
Management Orders/Restraints	4
Notice of Illicit Activity Forms	10
Currency Reconciled	\$262,403.55
Currency Forfeited	\$ 63,482.07
Currency Submitted To PPS Board	\$ 10,146.22
Provincial Takedowns	2
Notice To Crown Attorney	9
Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit Intakes Submitted	22

Crime Analysis

There is one Crime Analyst for the Peterborough Police Service. Responsibilities include conducting a variety of crime and statistical analysis in support of crime analysis activities for the Service. Duties include collecting and analyzing data on crime patterns, trends, potential suspects, utilizing crime analysis databases and tracking systems in investigations for ICAD and Investigative Services, production orders, linking offences, identifying high crime areas and methods of offending. The Analyst coordinates requests for information from other police services, uniformed officers, investigators, senior staff and community partners.

Team - The Crime Analyst attends team meetings held by Teams 1 through 6 throughout the year providing a systematic study of crime and disorder specific to their geographic area. In 2017 the Crime Analyst presented at 11 meetings. Further, the Crime Analyst completes a weekly crime report which offers information to support team members' areas, team supervisors for identifying problem solving and crime prevention strategies, Investigative Services for crime specific issues and strategic planning opportunities for the administration. The External Crime Map (peterboroughcrimemaps.com) is updated weekly. Cases are regularly sent to the analyst for assisting and include, but are not limited to, harassment, drugs, human trafficking, fraud, counterfeit, assault, attempt murder, break and enter, mischief, and theft.

Assistance to Other Police Services - Requests are regularly received from various police services in Canada, primarily Ontario. Requests range from data base searches to multijurisdictional investigations with multiple suspects, on occasion resulting in identifying suspects or assisting in solving crimes for the service. Joint investigative projects with other services assist in building evidence on suspects and assisting in pressing charges. Assistance was provided to community organizations such as social services and the John Howard Society.

Audio Visual Evidence - Crime bulletins are sent to the Analyst from other services to share information on similar fact evidence, identification of offenders and multi-jurisdictional cases. Each case is reviewed to determine if the Service has related occurrences. The Analyst creates bulletins to send to other services; 13 formal bulletins were disseminated from the Analyst to other services in 2017 and countless emails of information exchange, video evidence and investigation pieces.

Training - In 2017, training was taken at the Canadian Police College for Tactical Intelligence Analysis- (80 hours in-class training plus out of class time), through the International Association of Law Enforcement Analysts for SWOC i2 Training Conference (9 hours), International Association of Crime Analysts for Professional Training Series on Excel (8 hours), Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario for Data Mining (80 hours in class training plus out of class time), and Intelligence Analyst Learning Program for Basic i2 Analyst Notebook (8 hours) and Intermediate i2 Analyst Notebook (16 hours).

Professional Affiliations - The Crime Analyst continues to be an active member of the Ontario Crime Analyst Network, International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts, International Association of Crime Analysts, and DataShare Peterborough.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the community, the media and the police. In 2017 that partnership continued to yield significant results.

Crime Stoppers is run by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of concerned citizens from the Peterborough-Northumberland Community. The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation of the Crime Stoppers Program. The Board administers the funds for reward payments, is responsible for fundraising efforts, and campaigns to educate the community about Crime Stoppers. Money raised by the Board comes from community events, sponsorships and donations by local citizens and businesses.

The 2017 Crime Stoppers Board was chaired by Dave Houston, with Ken Erskine serving as Vice Chair. The remaining Executive was made up of Treasurer, Peggy Roberts, Secretary, Shauna Ashworth, and Fundraising Chair, Kristy Baitley. The remaining Directors of the Board were community representatives from Peterborough and Northumberland Counties.

The 2017 police coordinators for the Peterborough-Northumberland Crime Stoppers (PNCS) Program were Peterborough Police Service Detective Constable Ian Maxwell and Ontario Provincial Police Constable, Ernie Garbutt. Both officers have an extensive policing background in drugs and weapons. The coordinators grew up in the area and have many contacts in the community to benefit the Crime Stoppers Program.

Crime Stoppers has been successful in providing police with information pertaining to crimes while ensuring complete ANONYMITY and CASH REWARDS for information about a crime. By offering these rewards, Crime Stoppers addresses fear and apathy; two factors that often impede members of the community from coming forward with valuable information.

Statistics	2016	2017	Since Inception
New Calls	681	888	37,993
Arrests	77	109	3,404
Charges	215	559	9,174
Cases Cleared	68	110	4,370
Property Seized	\$194,418.00	\$265,270.00	\$5,219,832.00
Drugs Seized	\$487,207.00	\$989,710.00	\$160,360,835.00

Statistical Summary

In 2017, the PNCS program continued to see an increase in all areas of statistical data.

The program continues to focus on increasing their profile in the community. Crime Stoppers web tips also continue to increase which is a welcome trend as it allows Crime Stoppers and tipsters to remain in contact for follow up and pay outs. Web-based tips are handled the same way as phone tips and anonymity is still our highest priority.

Community Interaction

Like any other business, having a good product is not enough. The Crime Stoppers Board recognizes the need to promote the Crime Stoppers Program through interaction with the public. To that end, information booths were set up at a number of home shows, garden shows, seniors events, Partners In Education, Community Care, Trent University and Fleming student presentations, Police Week displays in the various townships, St Patrick's / Christmas Parades and the Peterborough Pete's/ Crime Stoppers night. As well, the coordinators gave presentations to a number of service organizations such as Knights of Columbus, Rotary, high schools, post-secondary school groups, seniors groups, breakfast clubs and police service boards.

Partners in Education

In 2017 Crime Stoppers increased school presentations all over the region. They continued their partnership with the Peterborough Petes, and the Canadian Mental Health Association, to promote good choices, team work, mental wellness and getting involved in anti-bullying efforts.

In 2017, the Partners In Education initiative visited numerous schools and spoke to more than 4,000 students about how they can make a difference and look out for their fellow students. A "big thank you" goes out to our Partners in Education including:

- Matt D'Agostini, the Peterborough Petes players, and the Petes organization
- Arlene Pennigton and Shelley King from the Canadian Mental Health Association
- All our school principals, teachers and school boards across Peterborough/Northumberland area.

Going into 2018 Crime Stoppers will continue their work in the schools with presentations on drug abuse, bullying and making good choices. We will continue our Partners in Education Program with Petes players who make positive impressions on the students every time.

The Partners in Education would not be a success without the large support and financial commitment from Cameco Corporation. Cameco committed to two years of support for the Partners in Education Program. This partnership was sought and fostered by Crime Stoppers to make this partnership possible and to continue the Partners in Education presentations.

Fundraising

Crime Stoppers is a community project supported by donations of money, goods and or services. Contributions from individuals, corporations, clubs, and professional associations, and retailers, civic and social groups keep the Crime Stoppers program functional. All donations to a Crime Stoppers Society are tax deductible.

Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit organization and fundraising is essential to keeping the program alive. One of our major fundraisers was the annual September Golf Classic held at the Quarry Golf Club in Ennismore. Once again in 2017, our tournament showed how generous and supportive the community is to the Crime Stoppers Program. Everyone had a great time and the tournament raised just over \$10,000.00.

A new fundraising initiative Crime Stoppers undertook was to raffle off The Ultimate Outdoor Package. The package consisted of an off road side by side recreational vehicle, a snowmobile

and trailer to tow both. The package was valued at over \$30,000.00. This fundraising initiative not only raised more funds for Crime Stoppers but also generated a lot of attention and awareness for the Crime Stoppers program.

Other 2017 fundraising events included:

- Tribute and Magic Shows held in Peterborough and Cobourg – Thanks to Connect Marketing
- The Shred Your Documents event in Peterborough and Cobourg – Thanks to Shred North
- 9 and Dine Golf Tournament held in Cobourg – Thanks to Cobourg Creek Golf Club

Each year brings new challenges in the quest for funds to run the Crime Stoppers Program. In 2018 Crime Stoppers will continue with another Ultimate Outdoor Package raffle draw.

Donations to Crime Stoppers

Peterborough Northumberland Crime Stoppers continues to be the envy of every Crime Stoppers Program in not only Ontario but Canada. The Crime Stoppers Program has been the recipient of some very large donations from a local couple that allow the program to thrive. These residents did their own homework in the community to find out who best would benefit from their donation and would make an impact on the community they live in. This money ensured the Crime Stoppers Program a strong financial future.

This monetary gain has helped to update old equipment, buy new promotional material and most importantly ensure that tipsters are paid for successful tips. To acknowledge this generous donation, Peterborough-Northumberland Crime Stoppers has adopted the golden “C” as an emblem to show our gratitude.

Promoting the Program Through the Media

This past year Crime Stoppers continued its enhanced exposure both on transit buses and at the bus terminal. Several road signs in and around Peterborough City, County and Northumberland Counties were replaced.

Our website (stopcrimehere.ca) has been completely overhauled and redesigned by Studio N, in addition to our website, our social media presence continues to grow allowing the public to know what is happening with the program and to view local crimes which they may have information about.

The Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week” spot continues to be aired on local radio stations in both Peterborough and Northumberland Counties and cities.

Crime Stoppers has partnered with Robins Nest Photography Video and Branding to produce Crime Stoppers videos to create awareness about the Crime Stoppers Program and local crimes. PNCS was awarded Best Video Feature by the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers in 2017.

This partnership continues to grow and our videos can be viewed:

<https://youtu.be/L6SubgwtNpQ>

<https://youtu.be/2vmxkMkgLyI>

https://youtu.be/9omwgI_sLEM

Drug Unit (ICAD)

The Intelligence, Crime Analyst, Asset Forfeiture and Drug (ICAD) Unit has 7 police officers and 1 civilian member, consisting of 1 Sergeant as the supervisor, 4 Detective Constables in the Drug Unit, 2 Detective Constables in the Intelligence Unit and 1 civilian Crime Analyst.

There were 108 calls for service in relation to drugs in 2017, down from 115 in 2016. The majority of the calls were dealt with through uniform patrol which most were generated by the community informing police of the issues. The ICAD unit generated 35 of these drug calls through active investigations utilizing surveillance, confidential informants, undercover buys and input from the community.

The Drug Unit executed 23 Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA) search warrants and the Emergency Response Team (ERT) assisted on 15 of those. In 2016, the Drug Unit executed 18 search warrants with ERT assisting on 11 occasions. The ICAD unit also conducted 12 traffic stop arrests and some of these were planned due to the high risk individuals that were being dealt with. Peterborough ERT assisted with 2 of these and neighbouring police service ERT or drug units were involved with 3 others. The reason for the increase of ERT was the unknown individuals that were being investigated and the information relating to firearms.

The ICAD unit seized 3 handguns (2 x .38 calibre and a 9mm) and 12 long guns throughout the year. Of the 3 handguns seized, one of the handguns was in the waistband of the accused while the other 2 handguns were in close proximity and easily accessible upon arrest of the parties. The ICAD Unit was busy with paperwork from the "Ugly Crew" project to start 2017 and that consumed the majority of January. The focus for the unit in 2017 was on mid-level drug dealers and the majority of the traffickers in 2017 were from outside of Peterborough as 22 of the 35 incidents involved parties from the GTA area.

The ICAD Unit continued to work and strengthen relationships with neighbouring police services which are critical as the criminal element has no boundaries and resources are limited to combat illicit drug activity.

The Drug Unit worked with the Toronto police on Project Paris which involved a Peterborough resident being supplied drugs from a GTA party. The month long project resulted in the seizure of cocaine, marijuana and 12 long guns and the arrest of 3 Peterborough individuals.

The ICAD Unit also worked with the Durham Regional Police service on a drug and human trafficking investigation that resulted in a CDSA search warrant and the arrest of 4 parties for cocaine. The investigation also assisted the Durham Regional Police with the arrest of 2 parties for human trafficking and identified at least 4 victims of that offence.

In 2017, cocaine continued to be the largest quantity of drug seized, but the change from previous years was the amount of powdered fentanyl that was seized. Another trend was the mixing of drugs such as cocaine, heroin and fentanyl together which is concerning to police and to the public. There was one seizure of carfentanyl in 2017, a small amount that was initially believed to be ecstasy until it was analyzed. We also continued to see opioid drugs such as hydromorphone and oxycodone during the executing of drug warrants.

The ICAD Unit commenced an investigation into parties attempting to circumvent the Patch for Patch program that was implemented by the government in an effort to eliminate the trafficking of fentanyl patches. Two local residents were making fake patches on a computer and then returning these to the pharmacy in place of their real patches which they were selling on the street. These individuals were arrested along with 2 other parties and charged with fraud and drug related offences. This was the first occurrence in the area and one of the first in the province.

Members of the ICAD Unit were busy with training and presenting at various courses. The Intelligence officers ran a week in-house surveillance course which proved to be very beneficial. This training assisted Peterborough officers and a number of officers from smaller services. A couple of the officers presented at the in-service and at the supervisor training in November. One officer attended the CISO undercover training as an instructor, which continues to ensure our good standing with CISO.

The courses that the officers attended in 2017 were Drug Investigations, Intelligence Officer, Agent Handler and Drug Expert. These courses are crucial for officer development, but make it difficult to continue with investigations when resources are lacking.

In 2017 there were 2 new officers brought into the unit which required a transition for these officers to attain the confidence and level of participation expected. Their transition was relatively smooth and eventually all members maintained as close to an equal workload as possible. Once the new officers were competently trained there were no issues as the entire group worked well together and were a very driven group.

During 2017, members of the ICAD Unit wrote over 80 search warrants that included Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrants, Production Orders, Tracking warrants, Criminal Code warrants and General warrants. This is down from the previous year as there was no major project similar to Project Runway which in itself consisted of 40 warrants on its own in 2016. Drafting of these warrants is very time consuming as most are contested at court now and the majority of these are the reason we have obtained the evidence to lay the applicable charges and if they are denied there would be no investigations.

Officers within the unit continue to develop and maintain confidential informants which contribute to our success. Without this type of information many investigations would not occur due to the secrecy of drug dealers. This continues to be a risk management issue, but is necessary to ensure the safety of our community.

The ICAD Unit continued to support the other units within Investigative Services for a variety of investigations when specific skills or additional resources were required. The ICAD Unit provides surveillance, intelligence information and firsthand knowledge on the individuals along with drafting of warrants when required.

The Drug Unit continued to maintain close relationships with community partners, including the Peterborough Drug Strategy, Grand Rounds, Canadian Mental Health Association and local doctors and pharmacists.

The majority of drug investigations remain complex and are resource intensive. They are also becoming more dangerous due to the gun information. The seizures in 2017 illustrate this.

Following an arrest, preparation for court and time spent in court is also taxing on our limited resources. This creates challenges when trying to stay proactive in the community.

Our Crime Analyst and Intelligence Officers have provided support for all areas of our service throughout the year. Separate reports submitted from each of these units' highlights their work.

Statistical Categories	2016	2017
Arrests	51	78
Charges	254	268
Drugs Seized (grams)		
Cocaine	6491	1190
Heroin	156	71
Powdered Fentanyl	0	49
MDMA	119	4
Psilocybin	791	10
Hydromorphone	42	53
Currency	\$146,211	\$109,868
Weapons	8 Handguns	3 Handguns 12 Long Guns Brass Knuckles

Electronic Crime Unit

There is 1 fulltime sworn member in the Electronic Crime Unit. In 2017, this officer was involved in 60 investigations and examined 112 devices as follows:

- 65 cellular devices
- 23 hard disk drives
- 17 kiosk devices
- 4 tablets
- 15 misc. USB drives, disc's, game consoles, and other storage devices

The cases itemized above also include assisting outside agencies. Two cases were with the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service and 1 case was with the O.P.P Peterborough County Detachment. These investigations resulted in the examinations of 5 cellular devices.

While many investigations involve frontline members seizing devices and submitting them to the unit, on several occasions the E-Crime Analyst was also required to attend directly at the scene to assist with the seizure. Cases covered a wide spectrum of crimes including murder, sexual assaults, possession of child pornography, drugs, frauds and others. Seven cases required a complete forensic analysis and report for court. Although the Electronic Crime Unit has developed several levels of reporting based on the severity of the case and the data required by the courts, complete forensic reports still require between 30-40 hours per case.

As a result of the previous purchase of a cellular extraction kiosk in 2016, this year 17 cases were examined by members of the Service without submitting the devices to the Electronic Crime Unit. This is an increase of 10 cases from last year that did not have to be submitted to the Electronic Crime Unit for examination. The Electronic Crime Unit anticipates further training in 2018 which will give further knowledge, skills and abilities to uniform officers, thus alleviating the need for the devices to be submitted to the Electronic Crime Unit.

The estimated current back log in the Electronic Crime Unit is approximately 4 months, which has not changed since 2016. This estimate is based on if all submissions to the unit stopped how long it would take to complete all current submissions including all necessary reports.

Training received for the year included attendance at the Technology Investigators Conference, The Provincial Child Exploitation Conference, and mandated annual training with the Service.

Training provided to members included search and seizure case law, e-crime case law, Cellebrite Kiosk training and Cellebrite Reader software training.

In closing, the Electronic Crime Unit continues to try and find efficiencies and adjust process to reduce backlog. However, with the increased use of electronic devices by the consumer and the available evidence that is often contained in them, it can be expected that the workload for this unit will remain very heavy.

Fingerprint and Photograph Destruction

In 2017, the Peterborough Police Service received twenty-eight (28) requests for fingerprint and photograph destruction, a decrease of two from 2016.

Of the twenty-eight requests received:

- Ten applications were denied, four of those appealed the decision with two of those being further denied either by our Service or the RCMP

During 2017:

- Thirty files were completed either by denial or process completion – five of those files were from 2016
- Two files were received back from the RCMP in late December and our process was not completed prior to the end of the year
- One file was still awaiting RCMP confirmation in order for our process to be completed
- One file had no records found

2017 Applications

17 Processed

8 Denied

2 Pending

1 Remains With RCMP

28 Total Applications

Forensic Identification Services

Forensic Identification Services (FIS) consists of three (3) sworn members. These officers train in forensic identification techniques and attend scenes of major crimes in search of physical and trace evidence to assist the investigation through evidence that will identify the person(s) responsible. The officers work with all members and civilians of the Service to ensure crime scene evidence examination assists investigations. They record crime scenes through videos, photographs and drawings to orient and inform the courts with details of the scene and events. The officers' duties also include training and mentoring members of the Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) team to ensure quality of examinations. Daily duties of these officers include data input and maintenance of the Automated Identification Fingerprint System (AFIS) system, creating photo line-ups for officers, filing digital photographs from crime scenes, maintenance of office files and assisting staff with a variety of administrative tasks related to Forensic Identification Officer duties.

Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)

At this time one (1) FIS officer is currently trained by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to use the Remote Transcoder. Only twenty two (22) locations with 135 users exist within Canada; the use of AFIS has been a proven success in the identification of offenders in Peterborough.

In 2018, the RCMP is hosting training for the new AFIS operating system where one (1) member is expected to attend the training with the expectation this member will train the two (2) other members in the service with the new operating system.

SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer) Program

The Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) Program was introduced to the Service in June of 2000. One FIS officer has been trained to facilitate the training to meet the Ontario Police College Standard. In 2017 there were 24 active officers used to conduct field examinations and photography for minor break and enters, theft, minor assaults and other incidents. They responded to 647 calls for service in 2017, up from 626 in 2016. These officers also complete weekend fingerprint duties for those held in police custody which is not included in the calls for service.

Fingerprinting of Charged Offenders – Civilian Fingerprint Submissions - Livescan

The majority of offenders are fingerprinted by a reassigned Livescan Coordinator Police Officer to allow FIS officers more time in processing evidence and reporting major cases. FIS assists when this officer is unavailable. Special Constables continue to fingerprint all in custody accused persons. Weekend fingerprinting is completed by SOCO officers.

The same Livescan Coordinator submits civilian fingerprints directly to the RCMP system rather than mailing the submission, resulting in quicker returns. Civilian fingerprint submissions include employment, pardons, adoption, volunteer, VISA and Canadian/United States Border Waivers.

In 2017 there were 1,758 Criminal Prints obtained, with SOCO responsible for 252, Special Constables responsible for 184, Fingerprint officer responsible for 1,182 and FIS members responsible for 140.

In 2017 there were 814 Civilian Prints obtained with the Fingerprint officer responsible for 679 and FIS members responsible for 140.

In total there were 2,572 prints obtained up from 2,125 in 2016.

DNA Samples

DNA samples are collected from convicted offenders by Peterborough Police Service Special Constables at Provincial Court. The Livescan Coordinator submits DNA sample paperwork to the National DNA Data Bank. The Forensic Identification Service receives notification from the National DNA Data Bank regarding crime scene submissions that 'hit' to another submitted crime scene sample or to a convicted offender. DNA submissions and coordination is an invaluable tool to the FIS officers in solving and completing an investigation. There were 387 samples obtained in 2017 up from 343 samples in 2016. Special Constables were responsible for 380 samples, the Fingerprint officer 6 and FIS was responsible for 1.

2017 Major Crimes

In 2017 members of the FIS attended major crime scenes which included 1 homicide, attempt murders and or aggravated assaults involving both adults and young adults and sexual assaults. FIS officers continually liaise with investigating officers to ensure forensic evidence continuity and examination is complete, as well as with the Centre of Forensic Sciences to ensure forensic evidence examinations are exhausted and complete for each case. Investigations from years prior continue in court preparation while FIS juggle their daily work to ensure cases are complete. Case law within Canada creates additional requirements in evidence collection and handling. It is up to the FIS officer to ensure they are up to date with latest developments in law and evidence examination to ensure an investigation is dealt with properly.

Training

2017 was a year of transition, as two (2) members of the unit were reassigned, one (1) leaving the unit at the end of September the other was expected to leave in January 2018, however this member resigned from the service. Two (2) new members were selected with one member attending the Ontario Police College (OPC) from October to December. The second member is scheduled to attend OPC at the end of February 2018 for training.

Intelligence Unit

The Intelligence Unit is comprised of two Detective Constables who work within the ICAD Unit of the Criminal Investigative Branch. In 2017 the Intelligence Unit members maintained a continuous caseload with investigations ranging from organized crime and drug offences to homicides.

Intelligence officers worked with many organizations throughout the year including Toronto Police, York Regional Police, Durham Regional Police, Barrie Police, our local OPP partners and others.

Intelligence officers maintained and enhanced their active source files with a focus on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) and extremists groups.

OMG activity was fluid throughout the year in the city with various clubs represented. Currently the Outlaws MC and the Hells Angels MC have property in city limits. The Rock Machine is making a comeback in eastern Ontario and a Peterborough Chapter and clubhouse is expected to open in 2018.

Training / CISO Courses

Members of the Intelligence Unit completed training or instructed on the following topics throughout 2017:

- PPS Surveillance Course – 14 trained from PPS, Cobourg, Kawartha Lakes and Port Hope
- Use of Force
- Covert Operation Handler – CISO
- Intelligence Officer – CISO

Central Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO)

Members of the Intelligence Unit attended and actively participated in scheduled meetings throughout the calendar year and presented to the membership regarding Project Runway a CISO funded probe of the Ugly Crew. Members provided meaningful information to the CISO district partners on a regular basis and shared information with the entire membership as a whole when needed.

Peterborough's local threat assessment was completed and several CISO submissions were forwarded concerning multi-jurisdictional crime and subjects of interest.

The unit also utilized various undercover operators to gather evidence on a variety of investigations related to property and drug offences.

Witness Protection (WP)

Unit members completed the lone witness protection case carrying over from 2016 which resulted in the conviction of the accused party in relation to the witness protection matter.

This case proved to be a cost effective approach to a violent offence and should be considered if the need arises in the future.

Hate Bias Crime

In 2017 Hate Bias Crime remained an area of concern for our Service with the number of total incidents slightly increasing from 16 in 2016 to 20 in 2017. Of these 2017 reported incidents 12 were classified as hate crimes. Three of these crimes were cleared by way of charge, three via diversion or warning and currently 6 of the 12 remain unsolved. These recorded incidents were motivated by race, religion and sexual identity.

Areas of Concern

The Peterborough area is identified by criminal groups as a lucrative market for drug and human trafficking. With the recent completion of Project Runway which focused on the Ugly Crew, Peterborough has and will continue to see an influx of GTA drug traffickers attending the city as the Ugly Crew has lost its stranglehold for the moment. This creates an issue as it will take investigators some time to identify these individuals and their patterns.

OMG activity and representation began to increase in the fall of 2017 and will become more visible once the winter season closes. In 2018 Intelligence members believe Peterborough will observe an increase in OMG activity as the Outlaws, Hells Angels, Rock Machine and other groups look for opportunities in the Peterborough area.

Multijurisdictional frauds and counterfeit currency remain a problem for our area considering our close proximity to highway 401. These types of crimes will only increase with highway 407 connecting to the 115 in the near future.

In conclusion, allocating resources to identified areas of concern and threats should remain a priority for our service. This proactive approach is cost effective and will only benefit the police service and community as a whole.

Major Crime Unit

The Major Crime Unit is comprised of 9 sworn members; 3 in Major Crime, 4 in Sex Offences, 1 in Fraud and 1 supervising Sergeant.

Major Crime Investigation Statistics:	2015	2016	2017
Murder	1	2	1
Attempt Murder	2	5	4
Aggravated Assault	13	5	16
Frauds	241	313	293
Arson	9	9	5
Indecent Act	15	21	22
Sexual Assaults	107	145	163
Sudden Deaths	103	111	129
Human Trafficking			38

The murder of Paul Atchison was the lone murder of the year, resulting in the arrest of Bryan Townson. Members were also busy concluding the Pringle homicide that occurred near the end of 2016 and the murder trial for Lise Fredette concluded with Andrew Watson being convicted of first degree murder. Violent crimes, some involving firearms, continue to consume resources, as do several of our sudden deaths that require a major crime response.

The reporting of sexual offences continues to be on the rise. This has kept the 4 member unit very busy. A 5th member will be added in 2018 to help support this unit, with the hope that further efforts can be focused on internet child exploitation and human trafficking. As noted in the statistics, human trafficking is a reality in Peterborough and the investigations have many complexities that we are learning to manage and respond to. In October, members participated in Operation Northern Spotlight for the 5th year.

Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViClas) Statistics

ViClas is a provincial software system managed by the OPP to analyze violent crime in an attempt to identify individuals who may be responsible for multiple crimes. There were a total of 141 ViClas reports completed in 2017. These reports are being electronically submitted to the ViClas Centre in Orillia via a secure portal. Of the 141 reports, 73 were threshold investigations and 67 were non-threshold.

Powercase

Powercase is a Ministry mandated software system that Police Services use to manage major cases. Members utilized Powercase throughout the year for 206 investigations. Sixty-eight of those investigations were submitted as “full functionality” and 138 were “tomb stoned.”

Elder Abuse

In 2017, the Peterborough Police Service received 265 calls for service from Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes in Peterborough, Lakefield and Cavan Monaghan Township. Over 76% of these calls were categorized as Police Information with the other call types

including Domestic/Family Disputes, Sexual Assaults, Thefts, Assaults, Break & Enters, Fraud, Mischiefs, and Police Assistance. Approximately 82% of these calls were managed by the Elder Abuse Unit, which consists of one member on a part time basis in Major Crime

Sex Offender Registry (SOR) Statistics

- Number of offenders in our jurisdiction – 277 (includes 49 that expired during the year, 34 who died, 16 in custody and 11 that moved out of province)
- Number annual registrations - 167
- Number change of addresses - 197
- Number address checks - 172
- Number of charges laid related to SOR / SOIRA compliance – 0

Provincial Grant Project

In the fall of 2016 a collaborative effort was utilized to apply for 2 grants from the Provincial Government under the “Supporting Police Response to Sexual Violence and Harassment Grant”. Our Police Service was successful in obtaining both grants totaling more than \$206,000. One grant is designed to enhance police training in an effort to increase our success rates. The second is to prepare a video which will assist victims/survivors navigating through the “system”. On November 23rd and 24th we hosted a conference in conjunction with the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club. A total of 8 expert guest speakers all with varied backgrounds lectured during the two days. The conference was attended by almost 100 people representing over 20 different agencies involved assisting victims of sexual violence. A third day is scheduled for March 1st.

Internet Child Exploitation (ICE)

In 2017, the ICE Unit was a transitional year seeing an experienced investigator exit the unit and a new investigator assigned to fulfill the part-time duties. The unit was involved in 19 child exploitation related investigations. In total, 13 charges were laid with one being a repeat offender. The unit worked collaboratively on investigations with Interpol, Homeland Security, RCMP, CBSA and the OPP, with one investigation extending to Singapore. The ICE Unit received 10 referrals from then National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in relation to child exploitation offences. In response, 10 production orders were sought and followed up with. Of the 10, two search warrants were executed on residences with charges currently pending. The unit conducted two peer-to-peer proactive investigations resulting in two arrests and four charges, including Possession of Child Pornography and Make Available Child Pornography.

Training for the year included the Internet Crimes against Kids Conference (ICAC) in Dallas, Texas and the Techno Security and Digital Forensics Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Frauds

Various scams continued to find victims within our community during 2017. Many of the incidents were referred to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, with little evidence to allow for a continued investigation. The single member in the Fraud Unit manages multiple complex

investigations at a time and completes numerous production orders to collect documentary evidence that often requires extensive analysis. He also works closely with our media relations office and does outreach training to educate the community in fraud prevention. In 2017, this member was involved in multi-jurisdictional cases and some high profile cases of local business members.

Looking Ahead

Although frauds are down slightly from 2016, the complexity and scope continue to be a major investment of our resources. Our financial crimes officer is inundated with investigations and advice on a weekly, if not daily, basis. The length of time required to complete a fraud investigation is more demanding than most and the volume of information obtained from a single production order is at times overwhelming for a single officer. There is simply too much work for a single officer to complete complex fraud investigations in a timely fashion.

Human trafficking is an area of our service that requires more attention. Daily there are at least 20 escort style ads posted in our local classifieds. Thirty-eight incidents were identified in 2017 as possibly being linked to human trafficking. Of those 8 were confirmed and 5 resulted in charges being laid. Two members in the Sexual Offences Unit are responding to human trafficking complaints and laying appropriate charges, however there is little time to devote to proactively combatting the problem. They are currently in the process of forming a local working group of social agencies to assist with victims of human trafficking.

Street Crime Unit and High Risk Unit

Street Crime Unit

The Street Crime Unit saw little change in 2017 with just one new member who transferred in from the Drug Unit. The Street Crime Unit is presently comprised of 3 Detective Constables, one of which has the shared responsibility of asset forfeiture (AFU) investigations and RCMP firearms compliance investigations that accounts for approximately 50% of their time. This arrangement takes resources away from street crime on a regular basis as most AFU investigations revolve around drug investigations.

The Street Crime Unit's main responsibility for investigating robberies, break and enters, thefts and theft from vehicles as well as stolen vehicles. Officers continually check reports from uniform officers, complete follow up in an attempt to identify patterns and or modus operandi that would allow for the identification of individuals responsible for these crimes and bringing the incidents to a successful conclusion.

There were 49 robberies in 2017 which was identical to the 49 in 2016. Of the 49, seven of these involved a firearm and 12 involved some other form of weapon. The overall clearance rate is in the range of 70% which is again the same as last year and a statistic that the unit is very proud of. There were 309 break and enters down from 331 of which 207 were residential and 84 were business with a clearance rate in excess of 32.7 %, up from 25%. There were 76 stolen vehicles, up from 68 with a 36% clearance rate. There continues to be a large number of thefts from vehicles at 483 which is consistent with last year and again our media office and our media partners assisted with putting out messages to the public about locking your car and securing items within.

In 2017 there were numerous times when Street Crime and High Risk came together as one unit to complete many complex investigations that required more resources and took on investigations that crossed between the units for the sake of efficiency.

Some of the more complex investigations that the Street Crime and High Risk Units successfully completed during 2017 are noted below and many involved the drafting and execution of search warrants, ongoing surveillance and numerous hours of follow up to complete the court process.

- Bait van project which involved placing a laptop with GPS tracker in unlocked van to target persons involved in thefts from vehicle. This led to a search warrant and arrest of a local known criminal in one instance.
- A local repeat offender was charged with numerous break and enters earlier in the year.
- Follow up on 2 Macs milk robberies resulting in the arrest and conviction of a female.
- Project targeting break-ins and thefts in Cavan area in which an air compressor, with tracker installed, was placed at various work sites in Cavan Millbrook area.
- Pawn shop bylaw update with local shops in which legislation was discussed with owners and they were given copies for reference. Pawn Pros had been an ongoing problem with compliance and they have since gone out of business
- Poells Bike Shop mini project with Drug Unit which resulted in several buys of controlled substances and subsequent search warrant related to ongoing bike theft issues. Owner arrested and store is now out of business

- Undercover buy and search warrant in Toronto regarding 2 stolen snowplows (\$10,000) through Kijiji
- Bomb threat that shut down the Post office. The High Risk Unit tracked suspect and later arrested a local female.
- Assisted with several human trafficking investigations led by major crime.

The Street Crime Units yearly objectives (2) were met as a result of

1 - Ongoing interaction with the local pawn shops which led to the seizure of stolen property and persons charged in several incidents. There had been 2 pawn shops that were somewhat resistant to providing assistance because they do not typically receive any restitution from the courts but one has since gone out of business and the situation with the other has improved.

2 – The ongoing release of images and video through our media relations coordinator to the public of unsolved crimes, persons of interest and identified trends. We have also set up Street crime accounts in Facebook, Instagram and Gmail.

High Risk Unit

The High Risk Unit (HRU) had no changes in 2017 until the last 2 months when one member moved to Street Crime. The unit is currently comprised of 3 Detective Constables that are partially funded by the Ministry of Correctional Services and is responsible for ensuring the compliance of court orders on repeat offenders and parolee's, monitoring and drafting 810 orders and dangerous offender applications. HRU also assists the Sex Offences Unit with compliance checks and enforcement related to the Sex Offence Registry (SOR).

The High Risk Unit conducted 90 compliance checks, made 107 arrests and completed two 810 renewals during 2017. They also completed 80 SOR checks. They assist other units within Investigative Services throughout the year as highlights in the Street Crime section.

The High Risk Unit also maintains an intimate working relationship with the local Parole Office, Probation Office and the Provincial Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Unit. The High Risk Unit is also a member of the Community Assessment Team (CAT) and meets monthly to discuss parolee's coming to Peterborough. They also participate with safety planning meetings with the local Children's Aid Society.

HRU was able to meet their yearly objectives by

1 – Maintaining unit statistics related to compliance checks for intensive and non-intensive offenders in the niche data base and completing SOR compliance checks. Assist the Major and Sex units with human trafficking investigations. Also sent out updates to other members of the service related to wanted parties and known offenders.

2 – Maintained a positive ongoing relationship with probation and parole on an almost daily basis and attended all CAT meetings in 2017. Also met with all members of probation and then parole at their respective offices to ensure the flow of information and to further build relationships.

Victim Services Unit

The Victim Services Unit of the Peterborough Police Service is unique and innovative when it comes to delivering services for victims of crime and tragic circumstances. Victim Services strives to offer empathetic and trauma-informed assistance to our community members in the wake of a crisis.

In 2017 we continued to strengthen our collaborative partnerships in the community to deliver the best service to victims and their families. This included the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local Victim Witness Assistance Program. This was in alignment with our divisional goals and objectives and should provide a more comprehensive approach to supporting victims and families.

2017 also provided collaborative approaches, education and training in the area of human trafficking and sexual violence stemming from Provincial initiatives and securing grants. The training, collaboration, education and expenses for these complex topics will no doubt continue into 2018.

Service Delivery

- A. Niche Tasks:** On a daily basis staff receives, reviews, assesses and follow up when required to do so with mandated cases. In 2017, Victim Services received and reviewed **2,652** incidents. Of those incidents, **1,527** incidents required follow-up. Follow-up consists of a phone interview, in person interview and/or referrals to provide adequate and appropriate emotional and practical support to victims of crime and tragic circumstance. Often these follow-up interviews/conversations allow for an alternate method for vulnerable persons to contact and reach out for support, rather than calling 9-1-1 or the police service for non-emergency purposes.

- B. Victim Impact Statements:** Victim Services takes initiative and tracks court cases throughout the Criminal Justice System. Upon a plea or finding of guilt, and in conjunction with the Crown Attorney's Office, Victim Services contacts the victim(s), canvasses and explains their legislative right to completing a Victim Impact Statement. An appointment can be scheduled to assist in preparation of the statement as well. In 2017, Victim Services assisted in completion of **189** victim impact statements. Since the introduction of the Victims Bill of Rights, our Unit has found that the rise in requests from the Crown Attorney's Office has resulted in the completion of many more Victim Impact Statements. This is a steady increase from previous years.

- C. Criminal Injuries Compensation Packages:** Victims of violent offences have the right to apply and be considered for compensation through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board of Ontario. The application process is a fifteen page document where the victim discloses personal information in relation to the crime and the aftermath effects of the crime. This process is often if not always overwhelming for someone and can take several office meetings, Victim Services assisted in completion of **29** criminal injuries compensation packages in 2017.

- D. Court Accompaniment:** Attending court, either as a witness or a victim while giving evidence or for information gathering purposes is often an overwhelming and traumatic event; it is often referred to as a re-victimization experience. With this in mind, Victim Services provided court support on **121** different occasions in 2017. This number has increased by 29% since 2016 predominantly due to court support for homicide cases.
- E. Office Interviews:** Victim Services offers to meet with anyone seeking general advice and referrals on any matter which may give rise to and govern the attention of the police service. These office interviews are booked for one hour periods but can extend much longer or require subsequent scheduling to address all issues/concerns. In 2017, Victim Services conducted **363** office interviews. This number has increased since 2016.
- F. Student Placements and Volunteers:** The Unit received **one student placement** in 2017. Jessica Haarer from Trent University's Bachelor of Social Work program. Jessica completed a successful placement and has continued on with her studies in a Master's program.
- G. Committee Memberships:** Between the two staff members, Victim Services is represented on **17** different community-based committees. Last year the Lessons From Behind Closed Doors Advisory Committee evolved into the Sexual Violence and Harassment Grant Advisory Committee after Peterborough Police Service secured two Provincial Grants. The Unit also took on a role on the Executive for the Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network this past year and joined two new committees; The Resilience Collective and the Suicide Prevention Committee.
- H. Professional Community Presentations:** Throughout 2017, Victim Services provided various professional community presentations in areas of Trauma Informed Responses, Responding to Sudden Deaths, Compassion Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma and resiliency skills. This again aligned with our divisional goals and objective by providing other members opportunities for new information and professional development.
- I. EFAP:** Both staff in Victim Services have been a part of the Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP) Advisory Committee since its inception in 2015. EFAP has provided training to staff including the Road to Mental Readiness and refresher training at shift briefings. 2017 saw the creation of a volunteer Peer Support Program where 3 members from the original EFAP committee have transferred to the Peer Support Team including the two members from the Victim Services Unit.

Forensic Video Analysis

There is currently one Forensic Video Analyst (FVA) for the Peterborough Police Service. The FVA is responsible for all CCTV, video and digital-imaging matters of the Police Service. This includes crime scene videos, cell-block CCTV systems, public safety CCTV systems and the collection and processing of audio and video files in all formats with regard to criminal and internal occurrences. As well, the FVA is required to attend meetings and share information with uniformed officers, investigators, senior staff and community partners. The FVA keeps members informed of current investigations by way of crime bulletins. Furthermore, the FVA works with the community and other police services to ensure the best evidence is collected and preserved.

Investigative Services: The Forensic Video Analyst actively assists all units and members within Investigative Services - Street Crime, Major Crime, Sexual Offences, Intelligence, Drugs, High Risk, Fraud, ICE and AFU.

Whether it is collecting or processing digital multimedia evidence, or canvassing to find video cameras within the community, the FVA is an integral part of any major crime case that Investigative Services examines.

Assistance to Other Police Services: Requests are received throughout the year from various police services and the OPP. Requests for the assistance of the Forensic Video Analyst range from interview room video extraction to digital multimedia evidence file conversions. Requests for these services continue to increase each year.

Community Stakeholders: Numerous businesses and home owners have installed Digital Video Recorders (DVR). Most have little to no experience with these systems. Whenever a member of the community requires assistance extracting video from their systems, the Forensic Video Analyst is called upon to perform the extraction. This requires the FVA to have a working knowledge of all possible DVR systems. In addition, the FVA also provides setup and configuration advice to business and home owners.

In 2017, the FVA assisted with or personally extracted 298 different videos. These videos were then processed and submitted into Evidence by the FVA. This is up from 2016, when 236 videos were obtained. This represents an increase of 25 percent.

Crime Bulletins: The Forensic Video Analyst creates Crime Bulletins for the Police Service. This requires reviewing the digital multimedia evidence to determine the best possible view of the suspect. Then creating the actual Crime Bulletin, editing the accompanying video and disseminating it Service wide. This process is done for every occurrence that has video and an unknown suspect.

In 2017, the Video Analyst created 228 Crime Bulletins. This is down from 2016, when 245 Crime Bulletins were created. While this represents decrease of 7 percent, Crime Bulletins are still up 34 percent from 2015. This decrease from 2016 can be attributed to the FVA identifying suspects during the Crime Bulletin production, therefore negating the release of the Crime Bulletin.

Digital Evidence: All digital evidence that is submitted into evidence is directed to the Forensic Video Analyst office for processing. The digital evidence is uploaded to the Police Service's

Digital Evidence Server (DES). If the evidence is not already in the form of a CD or DVD, a copy is created and stored for safe keeping.

In 2017, 1520 unique pieces of digital evidence were processed and uploaded to the DES. This is up from 2016, when 1413 unique pieces of digital evidence were processed and uploaded to the DES. This represents an increase of 7 percent. This increase is not as significant as previous years, due to the fact that we no longer store a copy of the SOCO photos on the DES. However, it is expected that the volume of digital evidence submitted into evidence will continue to increase, year after year.

Court Disclosure & FOI Requests: The Forensic Video Analyst is responsible for preparing all Crown & FOI requests for disclosure of digital multimedia evidence (DME). This includes all video interviews conducted by the Police Service; all video and audio seized during investigations and copies of the SOCO photos.

In 2017, 1,677 discs were delivered to the Crown's Office. This is up from 2016, when 1,208 discs were delivered to the Crown's Office. This represents an increase of 39 percent. It is expected that the volume of Crown disclosure requests will continue to increase.

Training: In 2017, the Forensic Video Analyst participated in numerous training sessions with various professional forensic video analyst associations.

The first was Ontario Forensic Video Analyst Association annual training conference (April 2018). This course introduced students to video analysis workflow and advanced analysis, as well as topics on case review and presenting video evidence in the courtroom.

The second was LEVA Level 3: Photographic / Video Comparison (September 2017). This course focused on the science of comparing known objects, vehicles, clothing and humans with CCTV images of questioned objects, vehicles, clothing and humans. The process of cataloguing class characteristics and unique characteristics found in questioned evidence was thoroughly examined.

The third was Axon Five software training provided by the vendor (December 2017). This course explored the use of Axon Five, Axon DVRConv and Axon Authenticate. The recent acquisition of Axon Five software will now allow the FVA to perform more advanced analysis of digital multimedia that is submitted into evidence.

Professional Affiliations: The Video Analyst continues to be an active member of the Ontario Forensic Video Analysts' Association and the Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association International.

Requests Not Completed: Most work is completed in a timely manner. However, some Crime Bulletins are passed on due to the time requirements and the poor quality of the video submitted. The increased requests for court disclosure is taking more to complete, this in turn is leaving less time for actual forensic video analyst work.