

**Report to / Rapport au:**

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-21-05: BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL  
CONSTABLE CALLS FOR SERVICE**

**OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS I-21-05 :  
RÉPARTITION DES APPELS D'INTERVENTION DES AGENTS  
SPÉCIAUX**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receives this report for information.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du  
présent rapport à titre d'information.**

**INQUIRY**

Could the Board be provided with a breakdown of calls for service responded to by both OC Transpo and Carleton University Special Constables to get a better sense of what desired outcomes these constables serve.

**RESPONSE**

This report will outline the breakdown of calls for service by both OC Transpo and Carleton University Special Constables. Special Constables with these agencies

provide valuable assistance to the OPS to help us better-serve residents in the city of Ottawa.

These officers respond to incidents of criminality and social disorder ranging from disturbing the peace, assault, sexual assault, robbery, indecent acts and uttering threats. They additionally assist with following up on mischief and theft reports, and responding to those in mental health crisis. All officers are provided with training to respond to any such calls for service.

Each Special Constable program deals with issues specific to the communities they serve, on top of the above-mentioned calls for service. For example, Carleton's program includes incidents involving students on campus, like traffic enforcement, student suicide, hate crimes, drug and parking complaints.

It is important to note that while Special Constables at both OC Transpo and Carleton University respond to more serious calls for things like sexual assault, robberies and domestic disputes, all of these types of incidents are turned over to the OPS for investigation.

Additionally, Carleton University has a number of alternative dispute mechanisms in place that are available to students to pursue for issues like harassment, and the student is given the choice on how they wish to proceed. For example, many student misconduct matters (i.e.: unauthorized activity) can be addressed/referred through the University's Students Rights and Responsibilities Policy and Residence Contract Agreements.

The following is a breakdown of the types of calls for service over the years for Special Constables with Carleton University and OC Transpo:

<b>INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>OC TRANSP</b>			
Assault	268	251	182
Sexual Assault	45	16	9
Assault of a Police Officer	34	31	19
Robbery	20	14	9
Indecent Act	33	15	39

Criminal Harassment	33	14	21
Uttering Threats	140	83	82
Disturbing the Peace	786	638	753
Domestic Dispute	34	27	25
Bail Violations	41	88	30
Mental Health Act	44	76	43
Theft	112	84	89
Mischief	388	341	326
Property Damage	112	74	79
Liquor Licence Act	1,159	1,173	667
Trespassing	988	651	963
<b>CARLETON UNIVERSITY</b>			
Assault	31	19	7
Sexual Assault	6	6	2
Assault of a Police Officer	4	2	1
Robbery	3	2	2
Indecent Act	3	1	1
Criminal Harassment	7	17	13
Uttering Threats	4	6	4
Domestic Dispute	14	12	8
Mental Health Act	74	69	61

Theft	134	147	42
Mischief	58	66	37
Property Damage	36	25	30
Liquor Licence Act	45	33	23
Trespassing	48	61	83