



**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE
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**REPORT
RAPPORT**

DATE: 27 July 2015

TO/DEST: Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board

FROM/EXP: Chief of Police, Ottawa Police Service

SUBJECT/OBJET: **OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT:
"2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW"**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report and online version for information.

BACKGROUND

The '2014: A Year in Review' is an annual compilation of organizational achievements and operational initiatives, along with performance figures. The *Annual Report* forms part of the Ottawa Police Service's (OPS) ongoing performance monitoring and complies with Provincial Adequacy Standards and Board Policy for annual reporting on organizational priorities and objectives.

DISCUSSION

The '2014: A Year in Review' is an accessible community resource that highlights OPS successes and challenges.

The *Review* provides a snapshot of the work that has been done in the past year, and provides insight to what we do and how we are working with the community and our partners. It highlights progress on how we addressed our three operational priorities – guns and gangs, violence against women, and traffic safety, and how we're changing to better serve the citizens of the city. It also reflects our commitment to public accountability and transparency; providing indicators of police performance. The 2014 edition now includes the annual release of the *Crime, Police, and Traffic Statistics Report* -- citywide and by ward including stories behind the statistics.

The Review has a permanent place on ottawapolice.ca.

A range of performance figures and key statistics are presented, including use of force, public complaints, staff complement and the cost of policing. The inclusion of the *Crime, Police, and Traffic Statistics Report* -- citywide and by ward – also provides residents and visitors with a better understanding of crime and road safety in Ottawa.

Highlights of the Crime, Police, and Traffic Statistics report:

- With 31,467 reported *Criminal Code of Canada* offences (excluding traffic) in the City of Ottawa, the level of crime declined by -2% in the past year or 721 fewer incidents.
- Ottawa's Crime Severity Index (CSI) declined by -30% over the last five years, falling by almost -8% last year alone. In 2014 the violent crime CSI fell -7% to 45, while the non violent crime CSI fell nearly -8% to 42.
- The level of violent crime declined by -3% in 2014 (-174 offences). Fewer assaults (-7%) and robberies (-23%) accounted for the majority of the overall decrease in this category.
- In 2014, there were 7 homicides, a -30% decrease over 2013, with the solvency rate for the most serious offence type of 71%.
- The solvency rate for total *Criminal Code* offences (excluding traffic) fell slightly to 37% in 2014 just below the five year average of 38%.
- Property Crimes account 66% of all reported crimes in the City. In 2014 the number of property offences declined by -2% (-530 incidents) while the solvency rate declined by -2 percentage points to 24%.
- The decline in non-violent offences was driven by fewer theft \$5,000 and under (-3%) and break and enters offences (-8%) last year.

In order to increase awareness, expand and diversify a broader audience, and to encourage the community to visit the online version and ottawapolice.ca, an advertising campaign will be launched through print and online media such as Le Droit and the local community newspapers to reach all City residents. We will continue to promote and distribute the *2014: A Year in Review* through city councillors, internal networks (CPC Officers, Diversity and Race Relations, SRO, Victim Crisis Unit), email lists, community networks and partners (including COMPAC, ONWEC, GLBT, and YAC), list servers and bulletin boards such as Ottawa's Community 2-1-1. The website has been designed so that the entire site or individual articles can be shared through a range of social networking sites including Facebook and Twitter. For those wishing a print copy, there is the ability to download the *Review* in .pdf format.

EXISTING POLICY

The Year in Review forms part of the Ottawa Police Service's ongoing performance monitoring, and is in compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standards for annual reporting on organizational

priorities and objectives, and the Ottawa Police Services Board Policy AI-011 'Framework for Annual Reporting'.

CONSULTATION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The OPS moved from print to an online version of the Annual Report in 2010 with the goal of be environmentally conscious, improve access and availability and to achieve cost savings. Savings of over \$15,000 have been achieved since moving to a digital online format.

CONCLUSION

The '2014: A Year in Review' highlights the accomplishments and work of the members of the Ottawa Police Service over the past year. I am proud of the work they do keeping this community safe.

The annual report also highlights engagement efforts with our community partners, investments made in our members, and how members have made a difference in our community.

The *Review* demonstrates how we're changing to serve citizens better and working to keep the community safe. It provides detailed indicators of police performance for 2014 and a full report on crime, police, and traffic statistics for the City and by Ward. The data presented in this report assists the OPS and the community's efforts to enhance community problem-solving efforts and reflects the ongoing commitment of the Ottawa Police to be accountable and transparent to Ottawa residents.

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This document contains information that reports on activities related to the 2013-2015 Business Plan