

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT: 2016**

**OBJET: RAPPORT ANNUEL DU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA : 2016**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The *Police Services Act*, Regulation 3/99, section 31 requires that every chief of police prepare an annual report for the board relating to the activities of the police service during the previous fiscal year, including information on:

- Its performance objectives, indicators and results;
- Public complaints; and
- The actual cost of police services. O. Reg. 3/99, s. 31.

Adequacy Standard AI-011, as well as the Ottawa Police Services Board Policy AI-011 "Framework for Annual Reporting" reflects these requirements and provides additional

detail regarding the provision of results achieved during the previous fiscal year relating to specific topics.

The Police Services Board's Protocol for Sharing Information with Council (GA-6) requires that copies of this Annual Report be provided to the City Clerk and made available to the public no later than June 30th of each year. Section 2.c) of the Board's policy number BC-2 Monitoring Requirements confirms this obligation.

## **DISCUSSION**

The 2016 Annual Report provides the Board and the public with important information regarding the performance of the Ottawa Police Service over the past year, the progress on our priorities, and highlights some of the people and programs behind the numbers. It highlights how we addressed our three operational priorities – violence against women, guns and gangs, and traffic safety; and how we're changing to better serve the residents of Ottawa. It also reflects our commitment to public accountability and transparency by providing indicators of police performance.

The release of the Annual Report also provides a comprehensive look at the statistics and performance metrics related to crime for the City of Ottawa and City Wards (23). The Crime Trends Reports include measures on the rate, severity, volume and clearance of criminal offences and the volume of calls for service by priority level. This information provides residents and visitors with a better understanding of crime trends and road safety in Ottawa.

The 2016 Annual Report is organized to provide both narrative and quantitative information reflective of the three 2016-2018 Business Plan pillars: Members, Community, and Service.

The Annual Report is available online and for download at [www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca)

### **Highlights of Our Performance (Facts and Figures):**

- With approximately 33,000 reported *Criminal Code of Canada* offences (excluding traffic) in the City of Ottawa, the level of reported crime increased by 6.8% last year.
- The clearance rate for total *Criminal Code* offences (excluding traffic) remained constant in 2016 with 36% of all cases cleared by charge or cleared otherwise.
- Similar to trends seen right across the province, Ottawa's Crime Severity Index (CSI) rose by 10.5% last year – the Violent Crime CSI increased by 13.0% to 55.5, while the Non-Violent crime CSI increased by 9.4% to 45.9.

- In 2016 the rate of reported Violent Crime in Ottawa remained relatively constant, with a rate of 539.9 per 100,000 residents, however the overall severity of violent crime increased by 13% driven by murder, assaults, sexual violations, and abduction offences. The clearance rate for violent crime improved by 1.4 percentage points to 57.6%.
- Robberies were down 16%, as the OPS focused on clearing cases through enhanced enforcement measures.
- In 2016 the volume of reported Non-Violent crime in Ottawa increased 8.1%. The clearance rate declined slightly by -0.2 percentage point to 31.9%.

### **Distribution / Release**

In order to increase awareness, expand and diversify a broader audience, and to encourage the community to view the annual report at [www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca) the following activities will take place:

- A news release will be issued along with sharing on OPS social media sites;
- Community partners such as COMPAC, GLBT and YAC will be advised of its release;
- The report will be promoted and distributed through City Councillors and Internal networks (CPC Officers, Diversity and Race Relations, School Resource Officers, Victims Crisis Unit).
- The online web-based version is designed so that the entire site or individual articles can be viewed. For those wishing a print copy, there is the ability to download an accessible version in .pdf format.

### **CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The OPS provides the 2016 annual report in digital (web-based) and downloadable (.pdf) format. Production costs associated with the annual report are included in the OPS' annual operating budget.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1: 2016 Annual Report – issued separately (available online)

Document 2: 2015-2016 Crime Trends: City of Ottawa and 23 Wards (available online)

## **CONCLUSION**

The members of the OPS are committed to the safety and security of Ottawa and the 2016 Annual Report highlights the excellent work they do every day preventing and investigating crime, working with our community and addressing issues raised by residents.

The Annual Report provides the Board, our members, and Ottawa residents with important information on key indicators of our performance and crime trends in Ottawa. The information presented in this report supports our commitment to transparency and collaboration in order to enhance community based problem solving.

Ottawa is a safe city. We are fortunate to have the members of the Ottawa Police Service serving this community. Together we will continue to work hard to provide our citizens with the best police service possible.