



2022

ANNUAL REPORT



ABBOTSFORD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Chief Constable Mike Serr

The start of 2022 was spent recovering from the 2021 floods, an event that I never anticipated AbbyPD would face. However, events such as this remind us to expect the unexpected. I saw throughout the floods how incredibly resilient and hard working our staff are, and most importantly, how much our people care for the Abbotsford community.

As we transitioned from flood response, and COVID public health restrictions relaxed, we reconnected in-person with our community. We launched a comprehensive public safety survey to assist in the development of AbbyPD's 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan, using innovative ways to gather feedback from as many of our community stakeholders as possible. We attended several community events, including the Nagar Kirtan parade, Cops for Cancer bike tour and the Pulling Together Canoe Journey, and we hosted several of our own events, such as Coffee with a Cop, Movie Night in the Park and a cricket game.

Connecting with our community is important to building strong relationships. We need the

community's support, and vow to do our best to not take it for granted. Together, we can achieve great things and make Abbotsford an even safer place to live, work, and play.

This annual report highlights 2022 crime statistics in Abbotsford. . Notably, Abbotsford had a lower violent crime rate per 1,000 residents, and the second lowest property crime rate, than any of its neighbouring jurisdictions. I am incredibly proud of everyone at AbbyPD who worked tirelessly to achieve this result, and who continue to work towards making Abbotsford the safest city in BC.

Road safety was a concern in 2022, and our community was clear that they want us to help improve the safety of our streets. AbbyPD is responding by reallocating resources to bolster traffic enforcement, and by developing strategic road safety initiatives. We are hopeful that our goals of reducing the number of traffic related fatalities, holding unsafe drivers accountable, and removing even more drug/alcohol impaired drivers from the road, will be achieved by the end of 2023.

I can assure you, as Chief, that the sworn officers, civilian professionals, and volunteers of the AbbyPD are committed to making a positive difference for everyone in Abbotsford. Our staff are incredibly proud of the improvements we have made to public safety over the years. Our highly skilled team will continue to go over and above, and serve with honour, courage, and integrity. We will be there for Abbotsford on its most difficult days, we will seek new and innovative ways to serve and protect, and we will continue to connect with our wonderfully diverse community. We are truly honoured to have earned your trust and we continue to work everyday to maintain it. We recognize that Strength in Community enables us to react to the big challenges that are presented when we least expect it. AbbyPD is grateful for the community support and remains proud to serve and protect Abbotsford.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Mayor Ross Siemens

On behalf of the Abbotsford Police Board, I am pleased to present the Abbotsford Police Department's 2022 Annual Report to our community. The report highlights results for the past year and shares a brief synopsis on some of the branches of the AbbyPD.

With Abbotsford being the cultural and economic Hub of the Fraser Valley, there has been significant growth over the past year, which will continue in the coming years. In response to that growth and the valuable feedback received from the community regarding public safety, the Police Board and Department worked together to develop a comprehensive 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan. This plan complements the goal outlined in the City of Abbotsford Council's Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 to have a sustainable and safe city. Our organizations are committed to working together to achieve AbbyPD's mission to make Abbotsford the safest city in British Columbia.

AbbyPD is dedicated to supporting a diverse community that is safe, inclusive, and

connected. 2022 was the first year since the two years of COVID public health orders that we were able to connect in-person. AbbyPD took full advantage of this opportunity, and set out to engage and connect with our community members and businesses through many initiatives that helped to bring everyone together. It is this passion for our community that sets our AbbyPD apart from other agencies. The care shown for our community, always striving to make a positive difference in the lives of our citizens, and the steadfast focus on keeping safety a top priority has created a strength in this community that others seek to emulate.

On behalf of the Abbotsford Police Board, I wish to extend our gratitude and appreciation for the daily work of our dedicated police department - sworn officers, civilian staff, and volunteers. It is their commitment to the safety of our fine City and to adhering to the Department's values of integrity, honour, courage, and service that continue to move us forward in achieving the

annual priorities and to becoming the safest city in BC. We should all be proud to live here and grateful to have such a passionate and dedicated municipal police department.

I would like to also extend my appreciation and sincerest thanks to the members of the Abbotsford Police Board, who serve in a volunteer capacity, for their time and commitment to provide independent civilian oversight and governance of the AbbyPD and ensure measurable progress towards a safer community. I look forward to working with the Board members in the coming years in providing support and oversight for our police department as they provide accountable service to our community.



Deputy Chief Constable Dan Culbertson



Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows



Director Patricia La Framboise-Lo



Director Elaine Klassen



Director Bea Nicolato



Inspector Tom Chesley



Inspector Casey Vinet



Inspector Monty McInnes



Inspector Patricia Crystl Jack



Inspector Kevin Murray



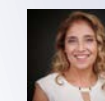
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Chris Dominato



Paula Olmstead



Mandy Padda



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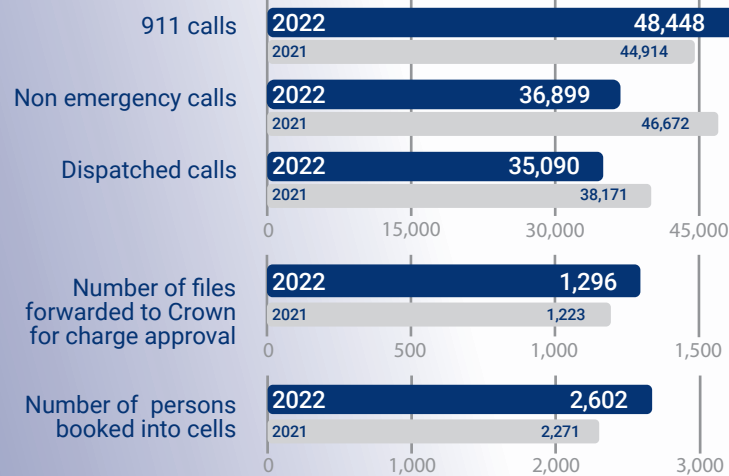


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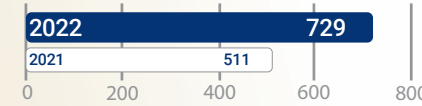
Public Safety

CALLS FOR SERVICE AND WORKLOAD

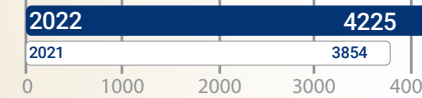


NON-CRIMINAL FILES

Missing Persons calls



Mental Health calls



VEHICLE-RELATED

Traffic fatalities



Roadside drug/alcohol prohibitions issued and criminal impaired charges



Speeding violations



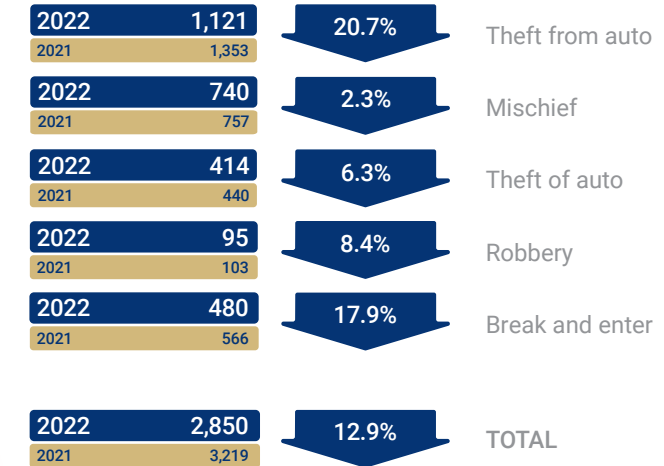
Distracted driving violations



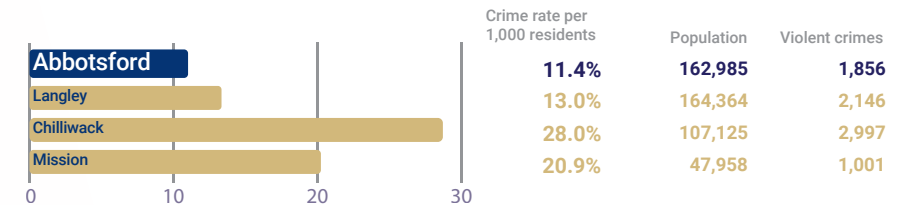
Other traffic violations



CRIME



2022 VIOLENT CRIME RATE COMPARISON

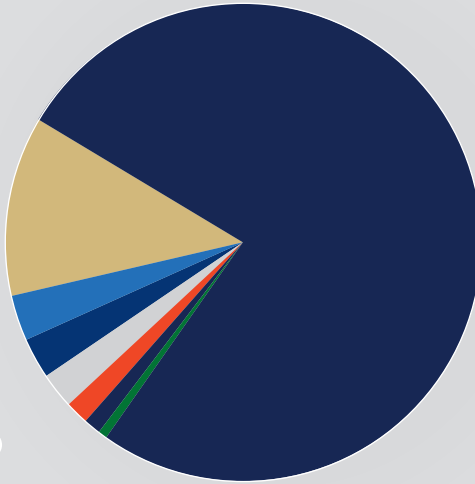


STATISTICS

Financial & Personnel

FINANCIAL
December 31, 2022

Salaries	\$45,621,711	●
Supplies/Contract Services	\$8,485,263	●
Administration Costs	\$1,569,778	●
Vehicle Operating Costs	\$1,334,402	●
E-Comm Equipment Lease	\$975,708	●
Training/Conferences/Memberships	\$665,038	●
Uniforms and Equipment	\$436,215	●
Buildings	\$285,331	●
Total Expenses	\$59,373,447	



PERSONNEL
December 31, 2022

Sworn positions	224	Civilian positions	85 <small>includes full time and part time</small>
New hires - experienced officers	4	Reserve constables	16
New hires - recruit constables	21	Volunteers	109

MAJOR CRIME UNIT

The Major Crime Unit (MCU) comprises two teams, each with one Sergeant and seven Detectives. The role of the MCU is to investigate serious or complex files that require a higher degree of planning and organization, and/or necessitate specialized skills. MCU officers investigate a broad range of criminal offences, including aggravated assaults, home invasions, armed robberies and suspicious deaths. Homicides are investigated jointly with the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT).

Much of an MCU investigator's time is spent obtaining statements from witnesses, victims and suspects, obtaining search warrants and production orders, reviewing forensic or digital evidence, and coordinating the file for submission to Crown Counsel.

Within the MCU, two detectives are assigned to the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit, and two Special Constables work in the Digital Forensics Lab (DFL). DFL

personnel have completed a high degree of training related to the examination and extraction of digital evidence from cell phones and other electronic devices. ICE officers work in partnership with other

national and international police and partner agencies, investigating offenders who target and exploit children online. ICE officers work closely with the DFL.



VICTIM SERVICES

The AbbyPD Victim Services Unit (VSU) consists of two full time Coordinators and a volunteer staff of 25. The unit is responsible for identifying and reaching out to victims of crime, providing them emotional support, resources and information. VSU facilitates referrals to a variety of community-based programs and assists victims with the completion of Crime Victim Assistance applications and victim impact statements.

In 2022, VSU opened 1,410 client files. The unit provides 24/7 crisis response, and when needed, is deployed to the scene to provide immediate support to victims and witnesses. A well-equipped 'Quiet Room' in Victim Services is available to care for children and families, and transportation to transition homes can be arranged when needed. Victim Services advocates help clients navigate the criminal justice system, and provide clients with court information, file updates, and court accompaniment upon request.

The unit recognizes the importance of community engagement. In 2022,

VSU participated in several community events, including the Abbotsford Air Show, Gurdwara Baba Banda Singh, Mela Cultural Event and Movie in the Park. During the 2022 Community Safety Plan Survey, VSU was on hand to inform the public about the services and supports provided by the unit. The team also had the pleasure of cheering on and hosting the Tour de Valley Cops 4 Cancer Team during a lunch stop and photo opportunity.

The Victim Services team played an important role in the multi-agency "mock crash" staged at WJ Mouat Secondary. The scenario saw some VSU volunteers acting out the part of a crash victim, while others acted out their usual role of providing on-scene support to victims, witnesses and parents. A similar collaboration is planned for Rick Hansen Secondary in 2023.

Victim Services is fortunate to have fantastic partnerships with Pet Smart and The Fraser Valley Modern Quilt Guild, both of which generously help to keep the VSU supplied with an abundance of stuffed toys and quilts. In December 2022, the unit

paired each of 110 quilts donated by the Abbotsford Quilter's Guild with a stuffed toy and Christmas card, then delivered those packages to a refugee program at Archway Community Services and two long-term senior care homes.

We look forward to finding ways to further engage with our community while we continue to provide critical support and services to those impacted by crime and trauma.



GANG CRIME UNIT

Formed in 2017, the Abbotsford Police Gang Crime Unit (GCU) is a small, targeted enforcement team. Its primary mandate is the disruption and suppression of gang crime and the reduction of gun violence. GCU focuses its activities in four key areas:

- Disruption of gang and organized crime activity through targeted, intelligence-led enforcement.
- Confidential Informant handling and development.
- Intervention through community engagement.
- Restaurant/Bar Watch Program participation.

GCU consists of a Sergeant, four Constables and a civilian Intelligence Analyst. The team works collaboratively with community and law enforcement partners including the RCMP, the Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia (OCABC), the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), the Canada Border Services Agency, the Correctional

Service of Canada, BC Corrections, and several US law enforcement agencies. The unit works closely with the AbbyPD Gang Intervention Team and the CFSEU End Gang Life program to deter gang recruitment, and to assist at-risk youth and those already involved in gang activity to make positive life choices. Collaboration and intelligence sharing is a vital component in the investigation and disruption of gang violence. With crime group allegiances constantly changing, and the movement of gang members within

the Lower Mainland, across Canada and in some cases internationally, the GCU relies heavily on these strong internal and external partnerships.

The GCU also provides regular support to the AbbyPD Drug Enforcement Unit, Major Crime Unit, and the Patrol Branch. GCU is committed to reducing gang violence in the Fraser Valley and supporting gang interdiction initiatives across the Lower Mainland.



INTEL / HUMAN SOURCE UNIT

The Human Source/Intelligence Unit comprises a Sergeant, a Human Source Coordinator, an Intelligence Officer, three Crime Analysts and one Crime Analyst Assistant. The unit provide statistical, tactical, and strategic crime analysis and intelligence information to support the investigative function and crime prevention initiatives.

Crime Analyst Team (Intel)

Through the interpretation and analysis of crime data and intelligence, the crime analyst team prepares forecasts and recommendations which support investigative activities, assist in directing resources, and aid in establishing priorities.

HSU Constables

The Human Source Unit is an investigative unit with the primary functions of identifying and cultivating potential confidential informants, and the collection and dissemination of gathered intelligence. The unit develops police officers as confidential informant handlers, and

provides training on informer/handler relationship best practices and the appropriate management of intelligence.



COMMUNITY



2022



ABBOTSFORD
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STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

INTEGRITY

HONOUR

COURAGE

SERVICE