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WOODSTOCK POLICE FORCE

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Chief's Message

As we look back on 2025, I am proud of the work accomplished by the members of the Woodstock Police Force. It was a year of steady progress and careful preparation—one that required dedication, adaptability, and a shared commitment to the community we serve. While much of the work took place behind the scenes, it was essential in setting the stage for the significant changes ahead.

Throughout the year, our sworn and civilian members continued to provide professional, compassionate, and dependable policing, often while managing increasing demands and new expectations. Their professionalism and commitment do not go unnoticed, and I am grateful for the pride they take in their work and in serving this community.

In 2025, we focused on planning for the future while maintaining excellence in day-to-day operations. Important steps were taken toward boundary realignment and expanded policing responsibilities, supported by early investments in staffing, training, equipment, and facilities. These efforts were guided by a simple principle: growth must be thoughtful, measured, and rooted in safety—for both the public and our members.

As we move into 2026, I am confident in the direction of the Woodstock Police Force. With the continued support of Mayor and Council, municipal staff, our policing partners, and the residents we serve, we are well positioned to navigate the changes and challenges ahead and continue building a police service that reflects the values of our community.

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to our work in 2025. Together, we are building a modern, professional, and community-focused police service—one prepared to meet the future with confidence and care.

As always, the strength of the Woodstock Police Force lies in its people!



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Executive Summary

In 2025, the Woodstock Police Force (WPF) began preparations for the anticipated 2027 boundary expansion, which will incorporate Wards 1, 2, 3, and 5 alongside Ward 4. This was the first step in a multi-year plan to strengthen the organization and prepare for future operational demands. With Mayor and Council support, the WPF focused on building internal capacity, integrating new personnel, and enhancing operational systems while maintaining high-quality policing in its current patrol area.

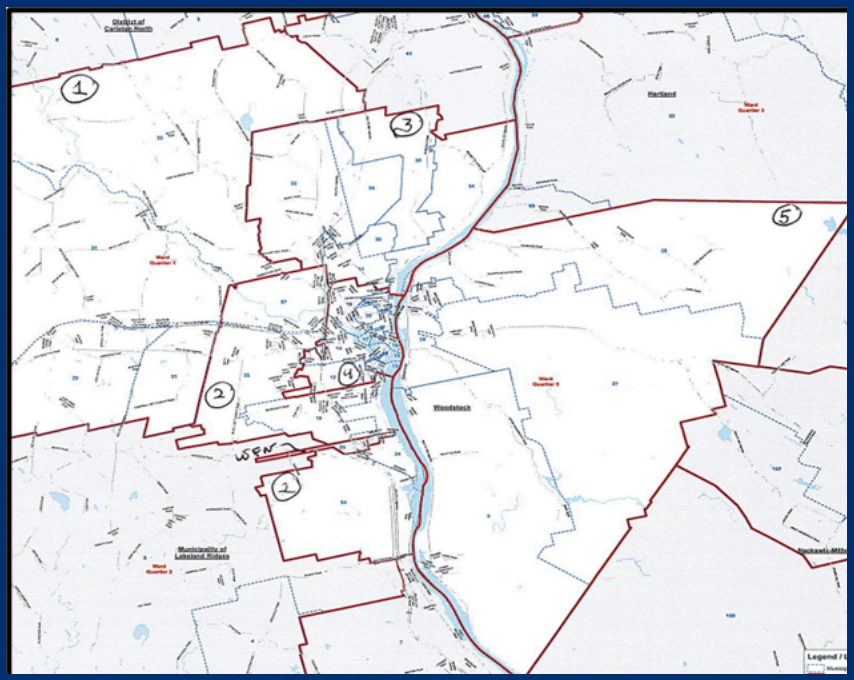
A key priority was organizational readiness. Investments in staffing, administration, facilities, fleet modernization, and internal processes are being completed before any geographic expansion, allowing leadership to focus on stability and long-term sustainability.

Staffing remained a key area of progress in 2025. The WPF recruited and onboarded six new sworn members, with one officer commencing training at the Atlantic Police Academy in January and the remaining five beginning in August 2025. Several critical civilian positions were also established, including an Office Manager/Executive Assistant, a Receptionist, and an additional Court Liaison. These roles significantly improved administrative efficiency, court coordination, and overall service delivery.

Facility improvements included the acquisition and repurposing of the former Town Hall building, addressing space constraints, consolidating administrative and operational functions, and creating capacity for additional staff. Renovations continue to ensure the facility meets modern operational and security standards.

Operational readiness was further supported through the addition of four new police vehicles, modernizing the fleet and preparing for increased staffing and future service needs.

By maintaining a deliberate pre-expansion approach in 2025, the WPF focused on integrating personnel, refining processes, and building for the future. The organization enters 2026 well-prepared, operationally stable, and ready for the next phase of growth and expanded policing responsibilities.



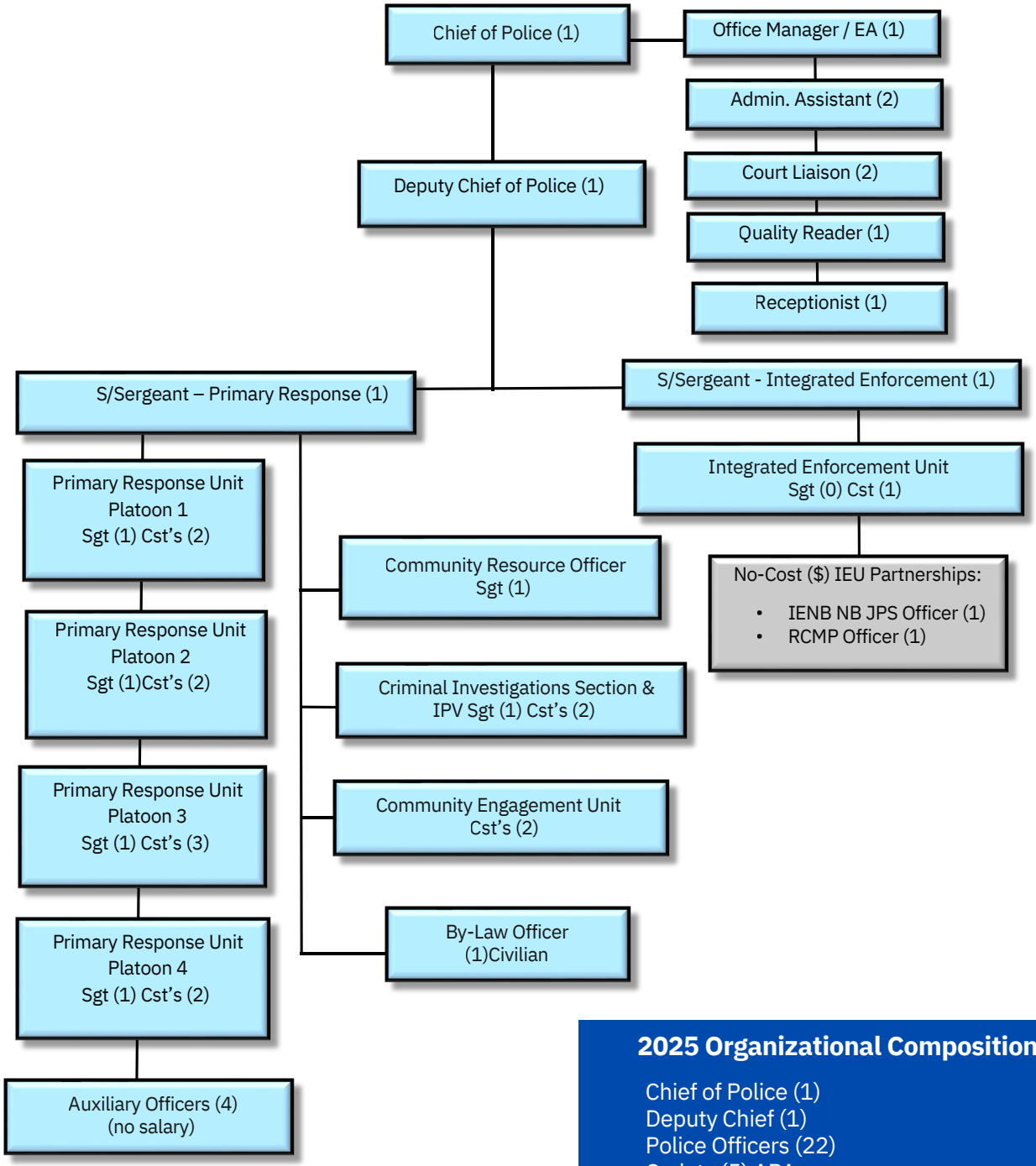
Our 2025 WPF Mission Statement

The Woodstock Police Force is committed to proudly serving our community with integrity and equity toward all.

Our 2025 WPF Core Values



2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



2025 Organizational Composition - 38

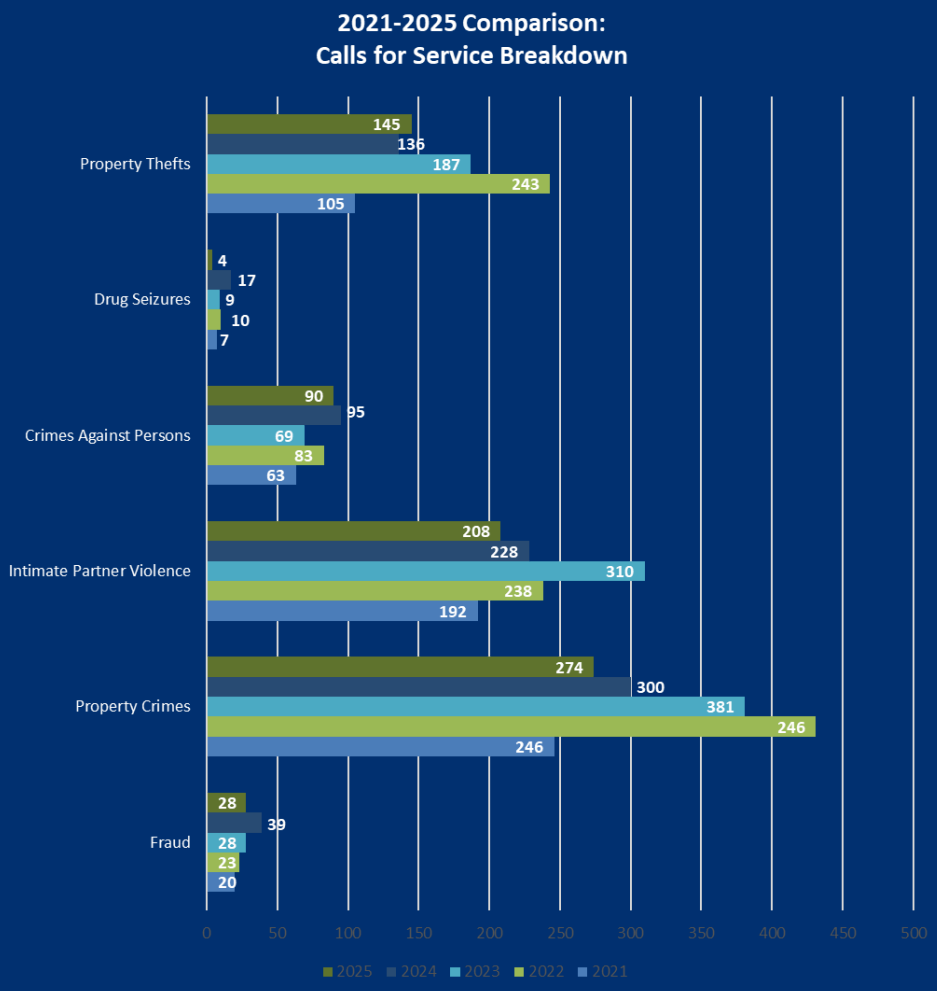
Chief of Police (1)
Deputy Chief (1)
Police Officers (22)
Cadets (5) APA
Office Manager (1)
Court Liaison (2)
Quality Reader (1)
Administrative Full-Time (2)
Receptionist (1)
By-Law Officer (1)
Auxiliary Police (3) No salary
NOTE: 1 officer on LTD

2025 WPF Calls for Service Breakdown

Type	*2024*	*2025*	*Increase or decrease*
Calls for Service	**3550**	**3544**	**0.1% decrease**
Crimes Against Persons	**95**	**90**	**5.2 % decrease**
Intimate Partner Violence	**228**	**208**	**8.7% decrease**
Property Crimes	**300**	**274**	**8.6% decrease**
Fraud	**39**	**28**	**28.2% decrease**
Break & Enter	**49**	**42**	**14.75% decrease**
Thefts	**132**	**145**	**9.8% Increase**
Drugs & Weapons	**40**	**13**	**67.5% decrease**

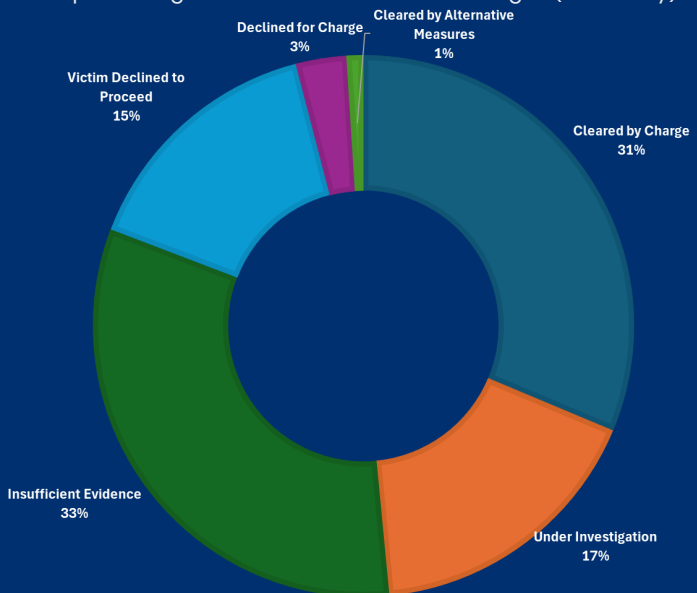
WPF Calls for Service: 5-Year Comparison

The below noted illustrates a 5-year breakdown comparison of the WPF's calls for service.[1]



2025 WPF INVESTIGATIONS: CLEARANCE & SOLVABILITY

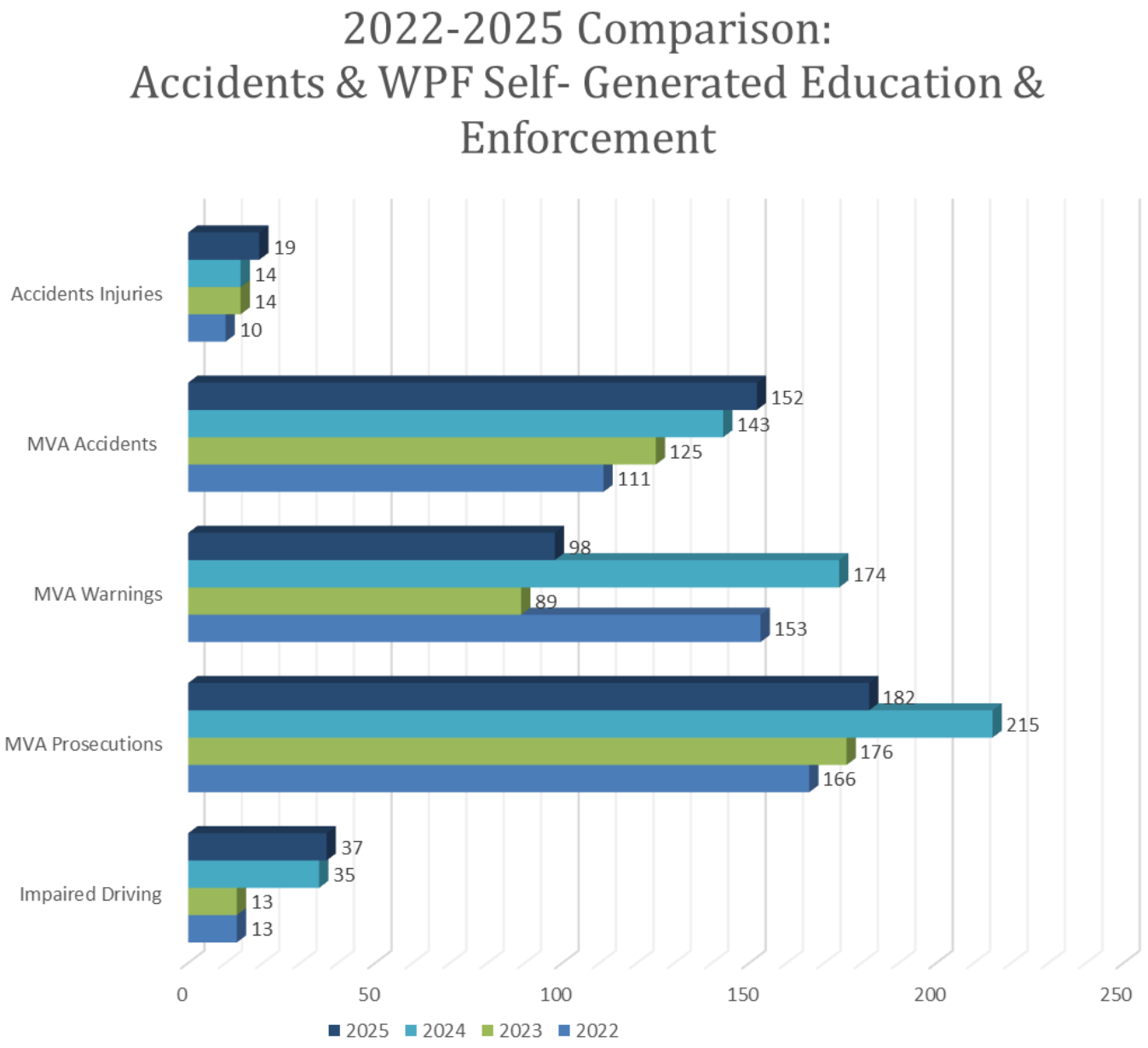
Of the 3,544 calls for service the Woodstock Police Force responded to in 2025, **619** incidents were characterized for criminal investigation. The below represents what percentage of those files resulted in charges (solvability) and/or clearance (conclusion).



[1] Years 2020-2024: Please note that a single call for service may be further broken down to capture up to four (4) general offences to reasonably explain quantitative differences in our statistical data (e.g., an Intimate Partner Violence call may result in the creation/addition of offences related to assault causing bodily harm, forcible confinement, and pointing a firearm etc.). Further breakdown of associated quantitative data may be viewed at Appendices "A" & "B" of this report.

2025 WPF Self-Generated Efforts & Accidents

The below noted provides a 4-year comparison of the WPF's self-generated efforts and reported accidents.[2]



[2] Years 2022-2025: The category of "other MVA" includes, but is not limited to; no insurance, no valid DL, expired registration, fail to stop for police...etc. Please note as well that "Distracted Driving" includes the act of "Texting." Further breakdown depicting "other MVA" may be viewed at Appendix "C" of this report.

2025 WPF Community Engagement

Proactive Patrols

- 50+ foot patrols completed across uptown, downtown, and trail systems.
- 30+ bike patrols conducted throughout the summer.
- Strong engagement with residents using the walking trails and riverfront areas.
- Public feedback was overwhelmingly positive — many community members expressed that visible patrols made them feel safer and more comfortable using the trails.

Service Call Support

- CEU members have collectively carried over 100 calls for service in 2025, helping reduce workload on frontline platoons and ensuring faster response times.



WPF Integrated Enforcement Unit (IEU)

The Woodstock Police Force Integrated Enforcement Unit (IEU) has been operational for just over three years. During this time, unit members have made a significant impact by disrupting and working to dismantle the drug subculture within the Town of Woodstock. Members have also worked alongside other provincial IEUs on multi-jurisdictional investigations, resulting in the seizure of substantial quantities of narcotics, firearms, cash, and other criminal assets.

In 2025, the dedication and effectiveness of the Woodstock Police Force IEU contributed to a significant national achievement when the Provincial Integrated Enforcement Units (NBIEU) were named the national Unit winner of the RCMP 2024 Innovation in Crime Reduction Award.

This award recognizes police units across Canada that demonstrate innovative and forward-thinking approaches to crime prevention and reduction. The NBIEU was recognized for strengthening inter-agency collaboration, establishing effective pathways for information and resource sharing, and advancing coordinated, intelligence-led policing. These collective efforts resulted in major seizures of illicit materials and several high-profile arrests, contributing to enhanced public safety and community well-being throughout New Brunswick.

The Woodstock IEU's operational contributions formed an important part of this province-wide success. This recognition reflects the professionalism, dedication, and collaborative approach of unit members, and underscores the Woodstock Police Force's role in delivering effective, modern policing outcomes at both the provincial and national levels.



WPF Criminal Investigation Section (CIS)

2025 marked the second full year that the Woodstock Police Force's Criminal Investigation Section (CIS), formerly known as the Street Crime Unit, operated as an integral part of the Woodstock Police Force. The unit is mandated to investigate mid- to high-level criminal activity and serious public safety concerns within the Town of Woodstock.

Staffed by a Detective Sergeant and two Detective Constables, the CIS maintained a consistently high operational tempo throughout the year. Despite its small size, the unit delivered measurable improvements in investigative outcomes and organizational capacity.

In 2025, the diligence and effectiveness of the CIS contributed to a 45% increase in the clearance rate of reported crimes, reflecting improved investigative outcomes and timely case resolution.

Throughout the year, the unit led or supported several high-profile and complex investigations, including an attempted murder, aggravated assaults—one involving the discharge of a firearm at a victim—numerous fraud investigations, including a significant multi-jurisdictional fraud exceeding one million dollars. The CIS also played a central role in the investigation of a tragic loss of life that occurred at the Connell Park Raceway.

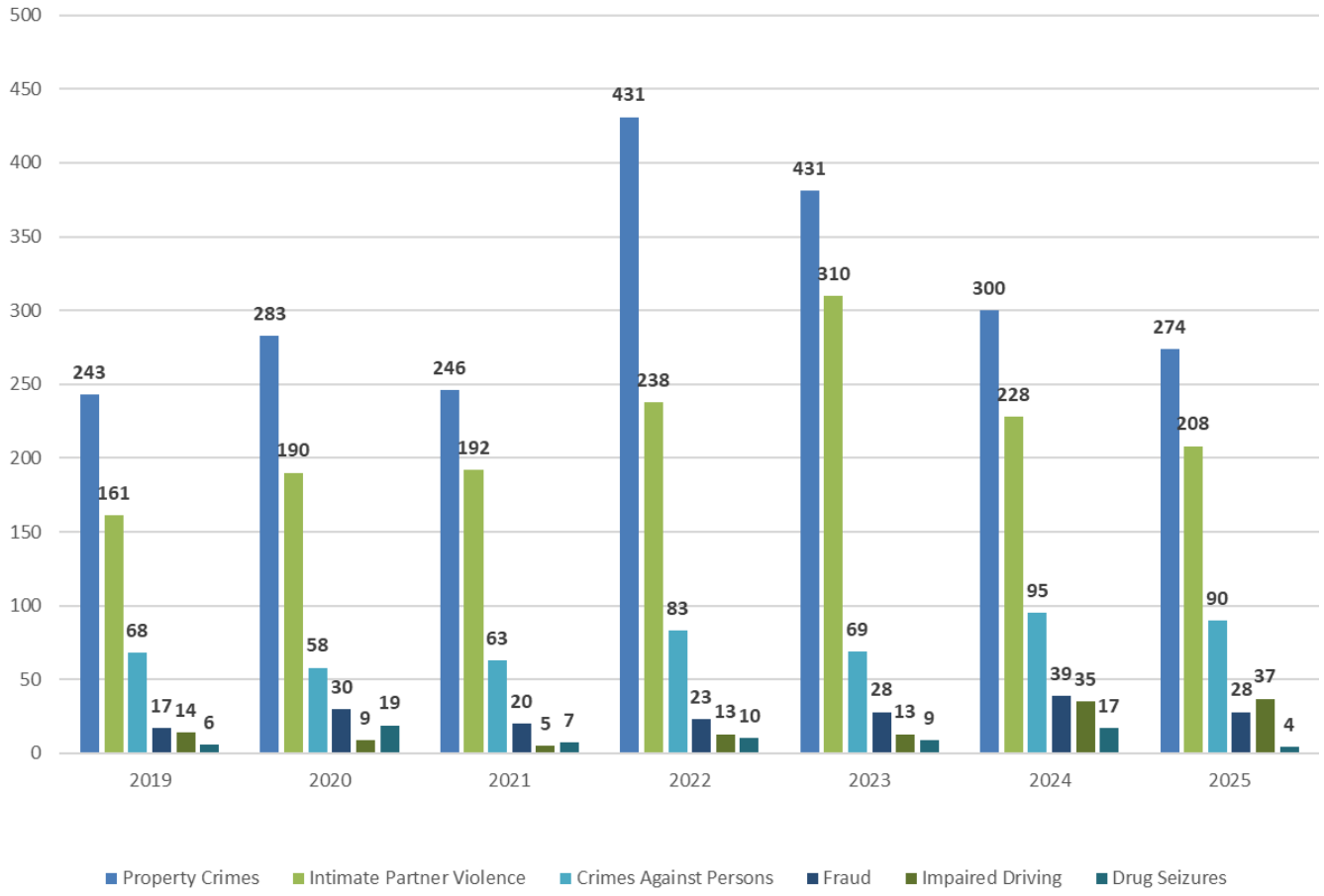
In addition to core investigative duties, one CIS Detective Constable served as the unit's Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Investigator. In 2025, the IPV Investigator oversaw more than 200 intimate partner violence occurrences reported to the Woodstock Police Force, directly investigating a significant number of these cases. This role ensured enhanced victim support, consistent offender accountability, and improved continuity in high-risk and repeat-offender files.

The work of the Criminal Investigation Section in 2025 highlights the unit's critical role in addressing serious crime, supporting victims, and enhancing public safety through professional, dedicated, and results-driven investigations.



Appendix “A”

7-Year Statistical Comparison

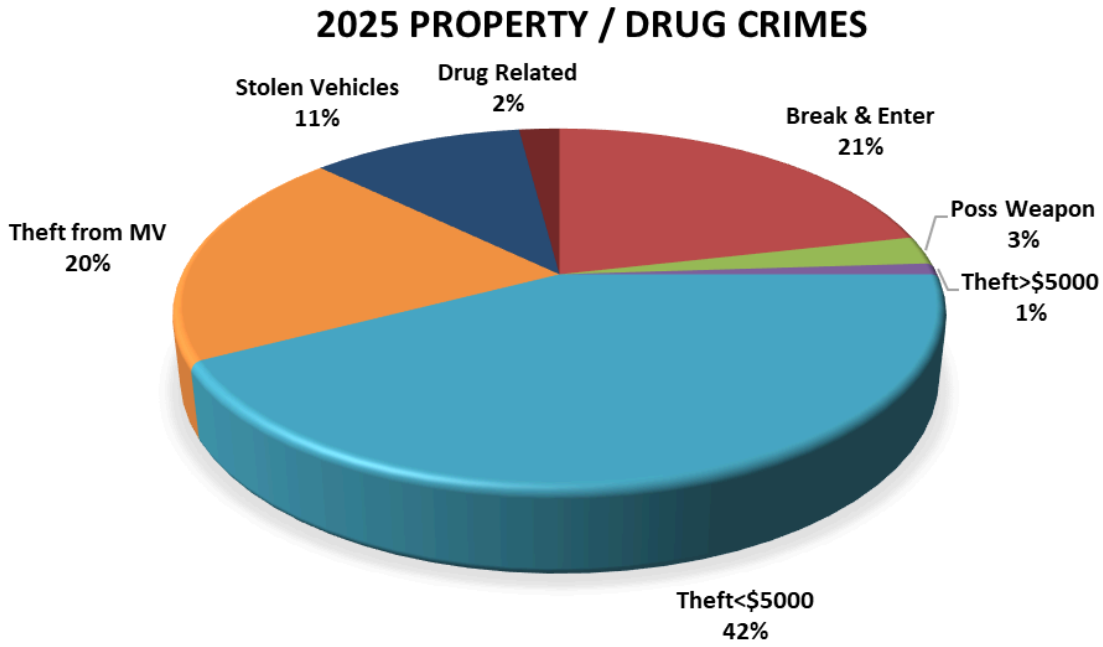


Appendix “B”

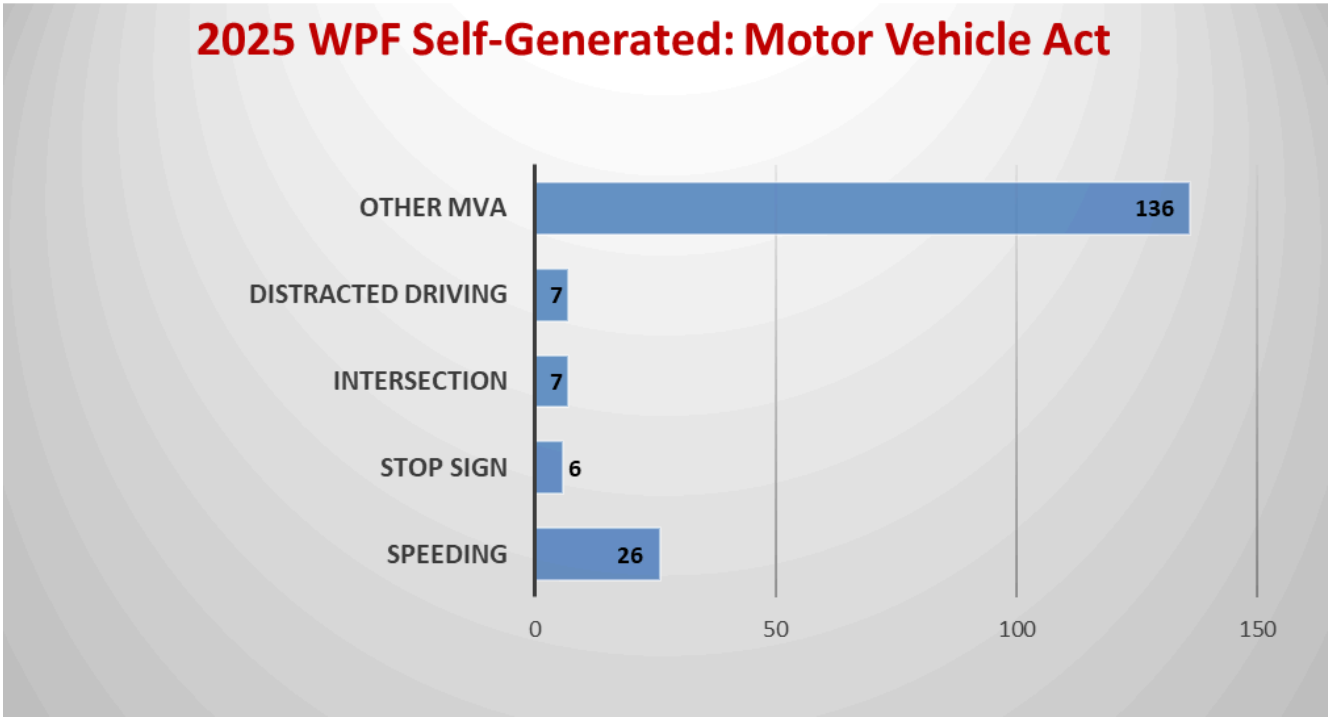
2025 WPF Crimes Against Persons: Breakdown

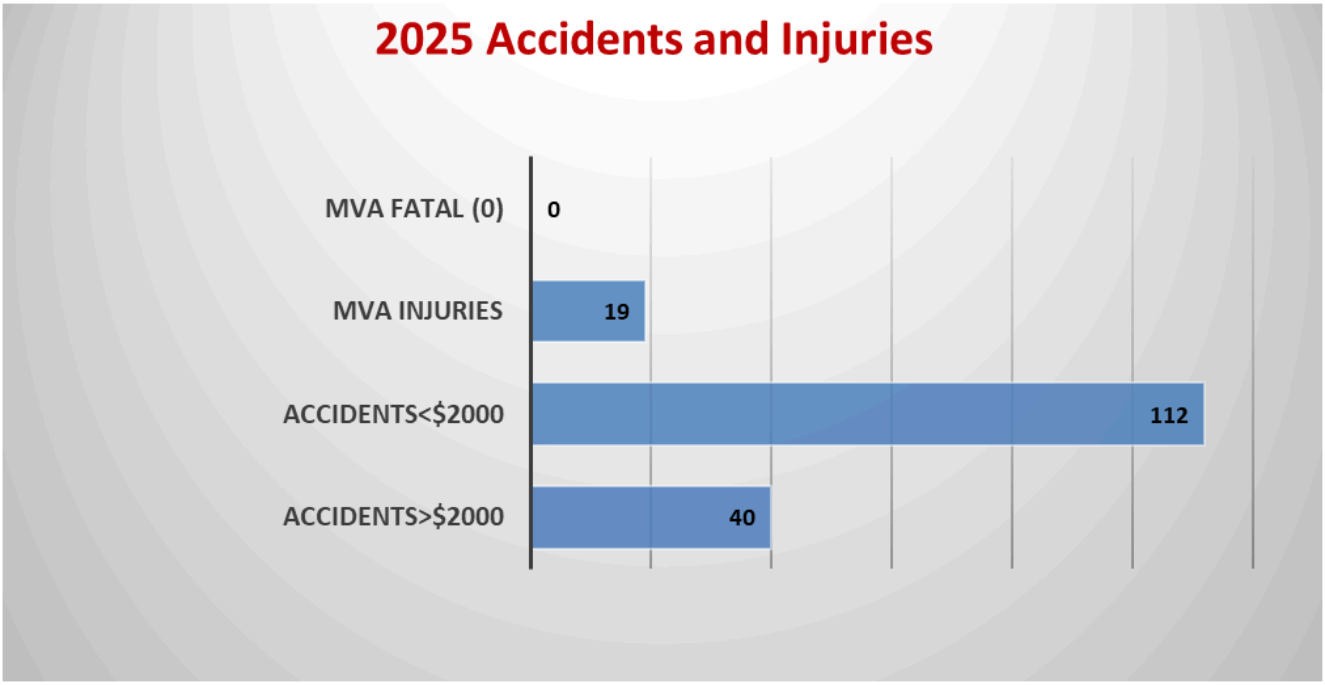
The following illustrates further breakdown related to crimes against persons & property / drug crimes.





2025 Motor Vehicle Traffic Response: Breakdown





5-Year History
WPF Officer Misconduct & Police Act Complaints

Conduct Complaints Woodstock Police Force	*New Brunswick Police Act* Section	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Year Totals
Discreditable Conduct	Section 35(a)	0	1	0	1	5	**7**
Neglect of Duty	Section 35(b)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Deceitful Behaviour	Section 35(c)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Improper Disclosure of Information	Section 35(d)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Corrupt Practice	Section 35(e)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Abuse of Authority	Section 35(f)	1	1	1	0	0	**3**
Improper Use & care of Firearms	Section 35(g)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Damage to Police Force Property	Section 35(h)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Misuse Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs	Section 35(i)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Convicted of an Offence	Section 35(j)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Insubordination	Section 35(k)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Party to Breach	Section 35(l)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Workplace Harassment	Section 35(m)	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Service Complaint	Section 25.6(1)	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Total Allegations →		**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**11**
Conduct Complaints - Final Disposition Woodstock Police Force		**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**Total**
Summary Dismissal		1	0	0	0	1	**2**
Informal Resolution		0	1	1	1	1	**4**
Unsubstantiated / No Further Action Required		0	1	0	0	3	**4**
Settlement Conference		0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Arbitration Hearing		0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Withdrawn by complainant		0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Files Outstanding		0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation currently suspended		0	0	0	0	1	1
Total Disposition Files →		**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**11**

Thank You.

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

— Winston Churchill