



COBOURG POLICE SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

July 2022

September 9th, 2022 - Prepared by: Lesley Rodrigues #620 - Crime Analyst

Calls for Service

July	2022	1120	2022 YTD	7764
July	2021	1049		
July	2020	1112	2021 YTD	7378
July	2019	1117		

Mental Health Related Occurrences

July	2022	16	2022 YTD	100
July	2021	18		
July	2020	8	2021 YTD	79
July	2019	19		

Violent Offences

July	2022	19	2022 YTD	94
July	2021	22		
July	2020	33	2021 YTD	104
July	2019	20		

Property Crimes

July	2022	19	2022 YTD	210
July	2021	29		
July	2020	19	2021 YTD	217
July	2019	23		

Domestic Related

(Violent incidents in brackets)

July	2022	13 (1)	2022 YTD	121 (22)
July	2021	19 (3)		
July	2020	27 (7)	2021 YTD	148 (11)
July	2019	15 (1)		

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Numbers provided are for the time period of July 1st to July 31th for the years 2021 and 2022

INDICATOR – REPORTED CRIME	2022	2021	DIFF
Violent Offences	19	22	-16%
Crimes Against Property	19	29	-34%
Other Criminal Code Violations	73	78	-6%
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	24	28	-14%
Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA)	2	4	-50%
Cannabis Act (Federal)	0	0	0
Provincial Offence Notice's	79	147	-46%
CPS Internal Codes (Assist & Information)	131	198	-34%

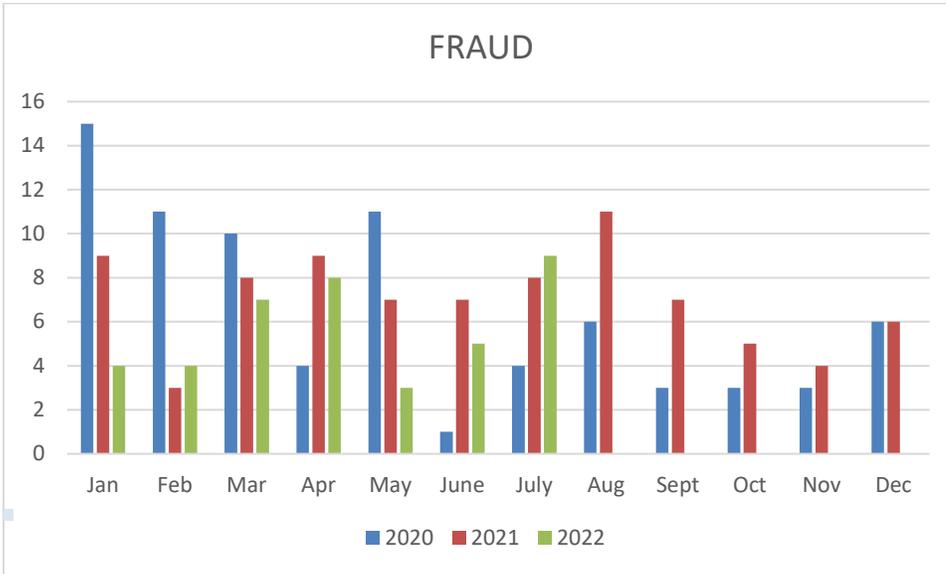
INDICATOR – ROADWAY SAFETY	2022	2021	DIFF
Motor Vehicle Collisions	20	22	-9%
Impaired Driving Charges	1	0	100%

*Numbers reflect Primary Offence Codes



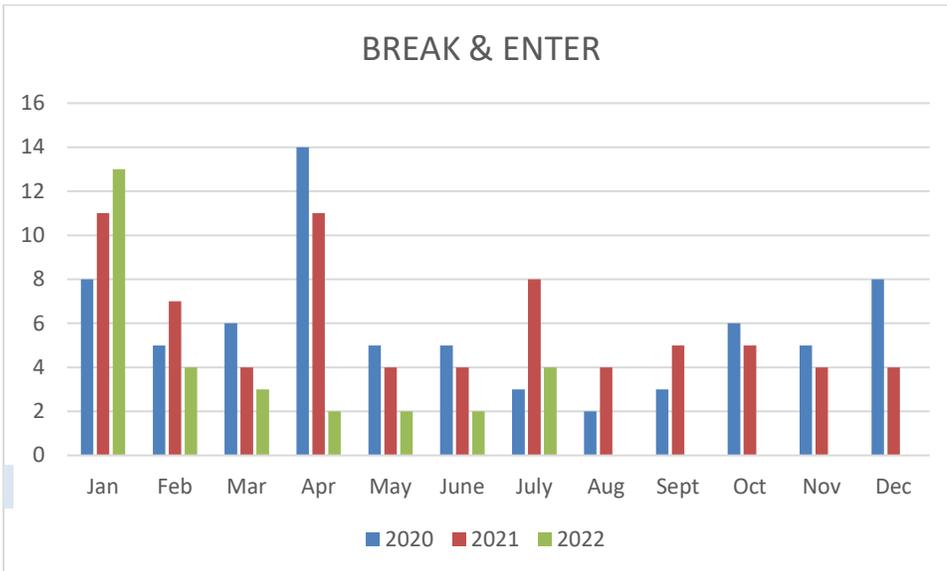
The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall was called after three suspicious fires occurred overnight on Friday, July 15, 2022. Hamilton Township firefighters and Cobourg Fire Service were supported by Port Hope Fire and Alnwick/Haldimand Township as they responded to these fully engulfed separate structure fires. Cobourg Fire responded to a fire on Ontario Street and a fire on Albert Street. The investigation of these incidents is ongoing. Each property was unoccupied when the fires occurred.

CRIME TRENDS



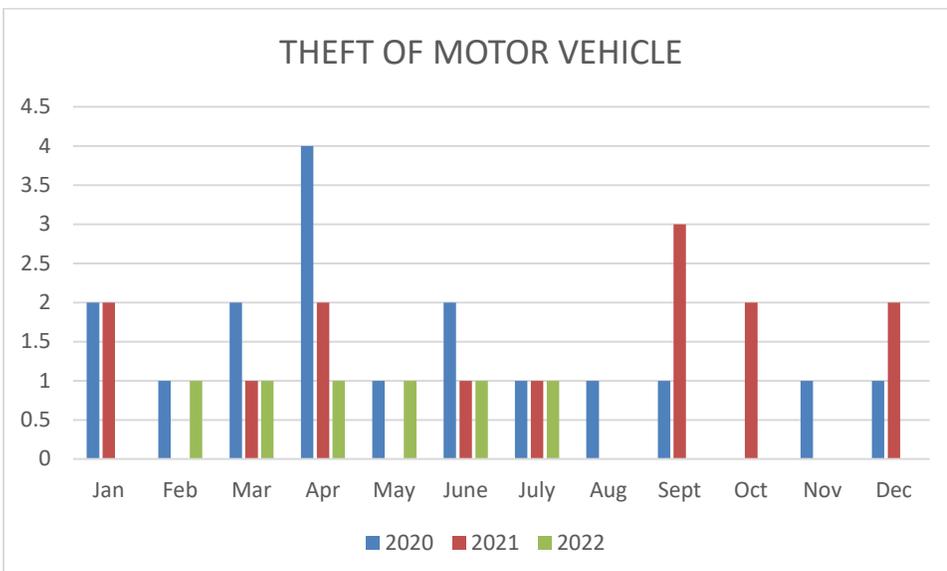
↗ There were nine reports of frauds (including identity theft) in the month July.

↗ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021 the number of incidents has increased by one or by 11%.



↗ There were four reported break and enters in the month of July.

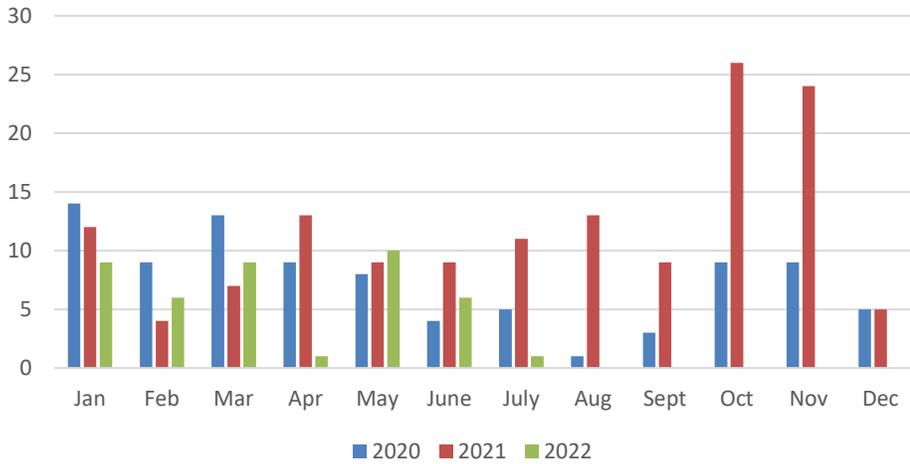
↗ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021 the number of incidents has increased by 100%.



→ There was one reported theft of motor vehicles in the month of July.

→ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021 the frequency of theft of motor vehicle reports has remained the same.

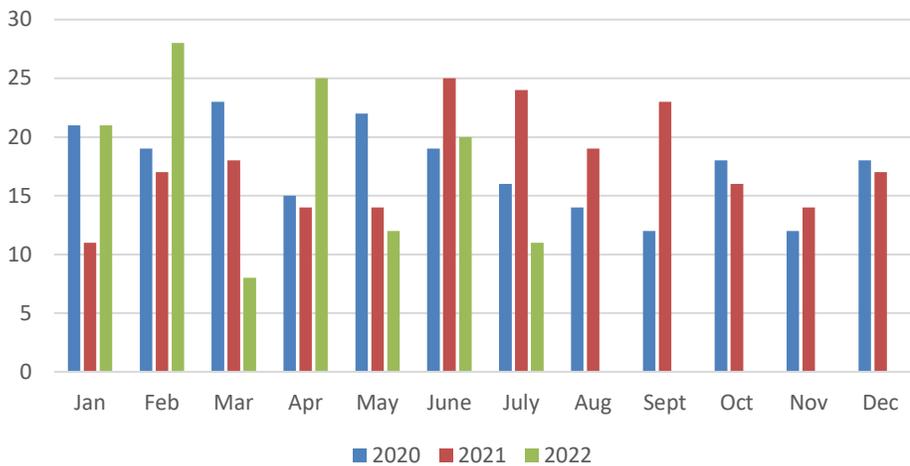
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE



↘ There was one reported theft from motor vehicles in the month of July; this has decreased by five incidents from June 2022.

↘ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021 the frequency of theft from motor vehicle reports have decreased by **-83%**.

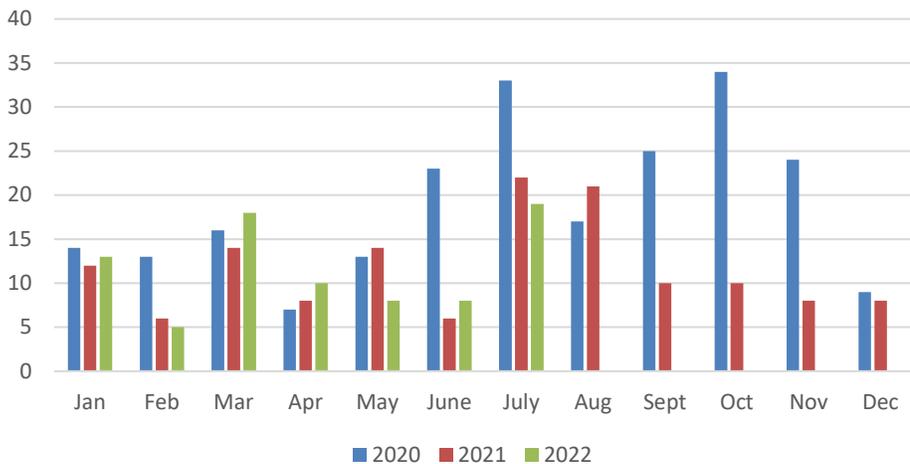
DOMESTIC & FAMILY DISPUTE



↘ There were 11 domestic and family dispute incidents reported in the month of July; this is a decrease of nine incidents from June.

↘ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021 the frequency of domestic and family dispute reports has decreased by 13 occurrences, or **-45%**.

ASSAULT (INCLUDING SEX ASSAULT)



↗ There were 19 assaults including sexual assaults in the month of July, this is an increase of 11 incidents from June.

↗ When comparing year-over-year 2022 to 2021, the frequency of assaults has increased by three incidents or **138%**.

OPIOID OVERDOSE-RELATED

Between July 1st and July 31st, 2022, the Cobourg Police Service (CPS) received 6 calls related to suspected opioid overdoses/drug poisoning which compared to 2021 (5) for the same period for an increase of 20%.

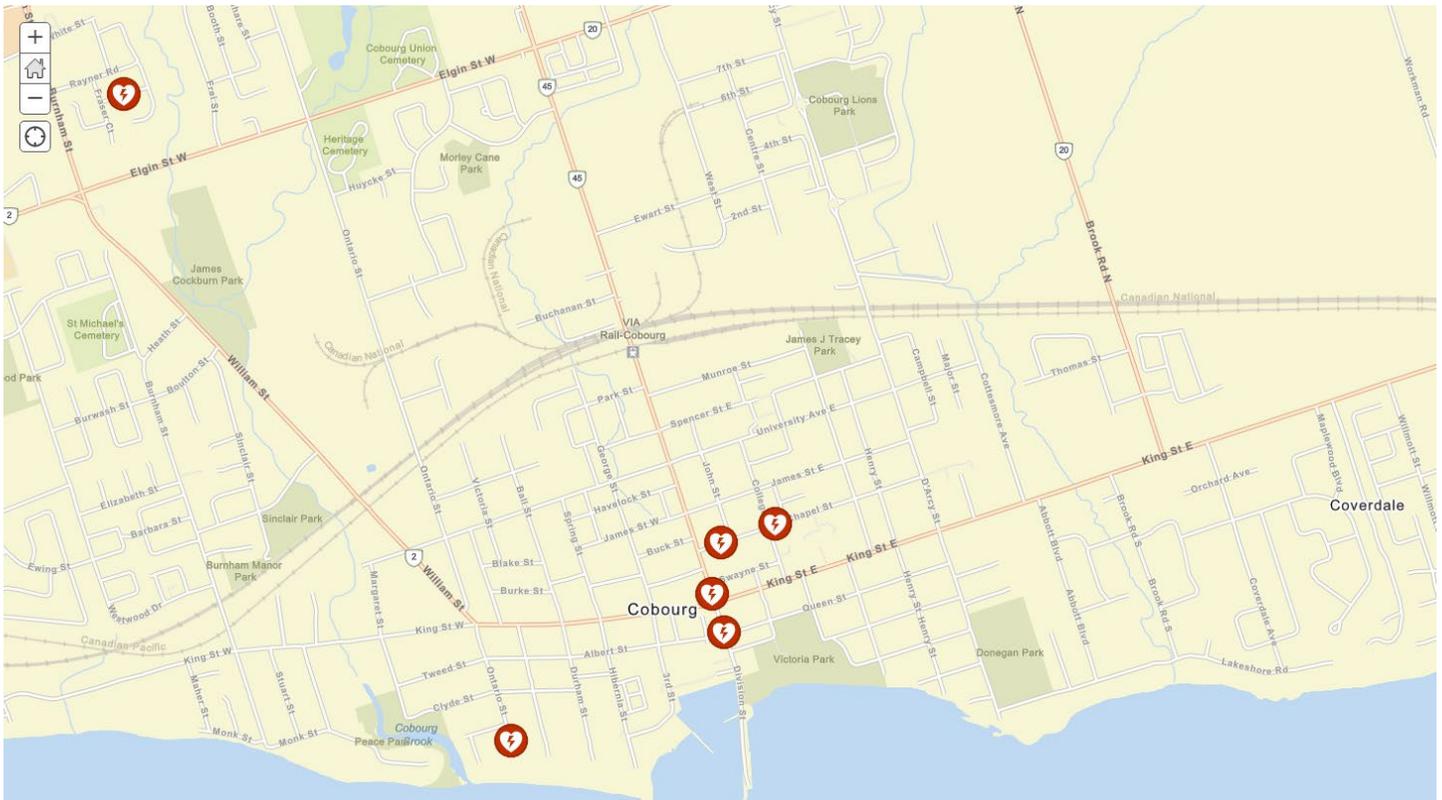
In 2021, approximately 91 suspected opioid overdose calls were received by CPS, which is a 69% increase compared to 28 calls in 2020. Year to date (Sept 9th 2022) Cobourg Police has responded to 67 suspected overdose incidents with three occurrences being fatal. Victims were male ages 30, 56 and 36.

On February 28th 2022 and again on April 27th and June 1st 2022, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued a region wide Opioid overdose alert after multiple incidents had occurred in the areas.

Suspected Opioid Overdose Calls Reported by CPS for month of May

Week beginning Monday	#
1-July	1
8-July	0
15-July	2
22-July	3
July Total	6

**All information therein has been obtained from [Cobourg Police Niche/OPTIC System](#) and is subject to change dependant on investigative updates.*



INVESTIGATIVE OCCURRENCES

Assault/Flight from Police: Uniform officers conducted a traffic stop on Division Street north near a Highway 401 on ramp. The vehicle was operated by a female driver and one of the two male passengers was Gerald Cooper. Gerald Cooper was wanted Canada Wide Warrant for a Parole Violation. The officers attempted to arrest Gerald Cooper; however, the driver of the vehicle drove off without notice. The officers attempted to disable the vehicle but were unsuccessful and an officer was dragged a short distance and suffered minor injuries. The OPP and Port Hope Police Service were called for assistance as the vehicle fled northbound on County Road 45. Gerald Cooper took off on foot and officers searched the area with negative results. The OPP eventually located the vehicle and arrested the driver and the other male passenger. Extensive efforts over several weeks, (involving multiple police agencies) were made to locate Gerald Cooper. After an extensive search by the Cobourg Police Service - Criminal Investigation Branch, Gerald Cooper was located and arrested in the Toronto area on August 30th, 2022.

Other Criminal Code: A complainant attended the Cobourg Police station and advised that her ex-partner who was in a volatile mental state had allegedly killed a dog during a state of sycosis. The complainant intervened and the subject was taken to Northumberland Hills Hospital for assessment. The police were prompted by the complainant to check a residence in Cobourg where they located a dog that was deceased with obvious signs of trauma. The officers eventually charged the subject for killing the dog.

Arson: The Police and Fire Services were dispatched to a residence on Albert Street for a working structure fire. The residence was vacant and currently up for sale. The structure was fully engulfed in flames and subsequently destroyed. This fire is suspected to have been an act of arson. The Office of the Fire Marshall is assisting with this investigation and are trying to determine if this situation is connected to similar fires in Cobourg and elsewhere in Northumberland County.

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Break & Enter: During an overnight period, an unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the front door of St. Michaels Church at the corner of University Avenue West and Division Street. It appears nothing was taken. This investigation is ongoing.

Forcible Confinement: The police responded to Swayne Street for a report of a kidnapping. The responding officers spoke with the victim who advised she was staying at an unknown apartment on University Avenue and alleged to have been removed from the unit and taken somewhere against her will. The victim further indicated her property was stolen and she was threatened with harm by the assailants if she reported the incident to the police. The perpetrators involved have been identified and arrested for their involvement in this occurrence.

Weapons: A citizen attended the Cobourg Police Station to report that a vehicle had been parked outside a business on private property for an extended period of time and the vehicle appeared to be abandoned. The citizen indicated that he entered the unlocked abandoned vehicle in an effort to locate the registered owner's information and he indicated that he observed a firearm in a vehicle. Officers responded to the location of the vehicle and the vehicle was seized while a criminal investigation was initiated. It was eventually determined that the firearm was a replica, and the vehicle was returned to the registered owner and no charges were laid in this situation.

Mischief: The police were dispatched to a business located on Elgin Street West where the store manager reported a broken glass window. The store manager advised that the hole in the glass window appeared to be large enough for someone to climb through. The police attended and cleared the premises. This investigation is ongoing.

Shoplift: Shoppers Drug Mart reported that a group of individuals were suspected of stealing dental white strips and electric toothbrushes and these products are valued at over \$1,500.00. The suspects apparently fled from the store when confronted by staff. The police responded to the area and after a brief foot pursuit were able to locate and detain four suspects. The suspects were determined to have stolen from the Shoppers Drug Mart and are also believed to have ties to a crime group responsible for organized thefts throughout other communities in Ontario.

Shoplift: The Police received six theft reports from a Loss Prevention Officer at Walmart for occurrences that are alleged to have occurred between July 3rd and July 19th, 2022. The suspect is a known male resident of Cobourg and is alleged to have stolen a total of \$1,255.88 worth of merchandise. This investigation is ongoing.

Break & Enter: Police were dispatched to a residence on King Street West where the homeowner indicates an unknown person forcefully entered his storage shed and a brand-new snow blower has been stolen. This investigation is ongoing.

Indecent Acts: A complainant reported that an unknown male was observed explicitly using his cell phone to try capture video images of her. The cell phone was deliberately used to gain a vantage point where it could see up her skirt while she was shopping at a local store. This investigation is ongoing.

Mischief: Police received a report of property damage on Hibernia Street at a property known as the Cobourg Ecology Garden. The staff discovered a pile of books smoldering under a gazebo and were able to extinguish the small fire. This investigation is ongoing.

Mischief: Police were notified of damage to the flood lights on the baseball diamond at Legion Fields. It is believed the lights were shot out with a pellet gun. This investigation is ongoing.

Weapons: Police flagged down while on general patrol by a male who advised he was the victim of an attempted stabbing. Police proceeded to speak to witnesses who corroborated the occurrence, and a suspect was identified and arrested at the scene.