



# BRANDON POLICE SERVICE

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we reflect on the year that has passed, 2024 proved to be a busy and transformative year for the City of Brandon Police Board. The Board has been committed to fostering strong leadership, maintaining public safety, and ensuring the continued growth and evolution of the Brandon Police Service.

A significant milestone in this past year was the hiring of our new Police Chief, Tyler Bates. Chief Bates began his role in October, and he has quickly immersed himself in the community and his responsibilities. With a wealth of experience, Chief Bates has proved to be a dedicated leader with a clear vision for the future of our Police Service. His approach has been one of collaboration and understanding, and we are confident that he will guide the Brandon Police Service to new heights in serving the people of our city.

Alongside Chief Bates, we are also pleased to announce the promotion of Inspector Greg Hebert to the position of Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Hebert has been a valued member of the Brandon Police Service for many years and his dedication to the safety and well-being of our community has been unwavering. This promotion speaks to his exceptional leadership, experience, and commitment to service the City of Brandon.



We are excited for the journey ahead, as we work together to continue to build a safe and thriving city. The Police Board is proud of the work the police force does for the City of Brandon and will continue to support this leadership team and their efforts in maintaining and improving the quality of life for everyone in Brandon.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Debra Arpin**

Chair of the Brandon Police Board

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



It is with both pride and optimism that I present the 2024 annual report for the Brandon Police Service. Since my appointment as Chief of Police on October 30, 2024, it has been an honor and privilege to represent the dedicated members of BPS. I am consistently impressed by their unwavering commitment to serving the citizens of Brandon with compassion and excellence.

2024 has been a year marked by significant projects and initiatives that have made a meaningful impact on public safety and BPS infrastructure. I am proud to highlight some of these accomplishments.

## **Enhancing Downtown Safety through the Community Cadet Program**

Our continued focus on the safety and vibrancy of Brandon's downtown district has driven further investment in our Community Policing Unit, particularly the Brandon Community Cadet Program. Launched in 2023 and expanded in 2024, this program is set to grow even further



this year. The Cadets serve as the eyes and ears of BPS, playing a crucial role in crime prevention and fostering a strong connection with the community. Their increasing presence in the downtown core has proven to be a vital component in ensuring safety and strengthening relationships with our partners.

The success of this initiative has been undeniable, and to build on its effectiveness, we plan to expand the program this year. Additional Cadet resources will be deployed during the summer months in the downtown core, and a full-time complement will be added to enhance safety and security on our transit system.

### **Innovations in Detention Facilities**

This year, we also celebrated the realization of a permanent Detention Unit at BPS Headquarters. This modern, innovative space digitally records the care of all individuals housed within, ensuring accountability and efficiency. Managed by BPS staff with the support of the Corps of Commissionaires, the Detention Unit provides a safe and secure environment for those in custody.

An exciting enhancement to this unit is the addition of on-site paramedics in the coming year. This cost-efficient and nimble solution will alleviate the burden on both BPS officers and hospital staff by enabling the immediate treatment of prisoners in our custody, allowing officers and healthcare professionals to return to their primary duties of serving the public.

### **Collaborative Crisis Response Unit (CCRU)**

Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to announce the planned implementation of our Collaborative Crisis Response Unit (CCRU). This groundbreaking initiative will see BPS officers partnering with psychiatric nurses from Prairie Mountain Health to respond to mental health crises. This collaborative, empathetic approach will improve the

assessment of individuals in crisis and enhance the safety of both the individuals and our responders. We are confident that this initiative will help us provide more effective and compassionate care during critical situations.

### **Addressing Persistent Public Safety Challenges**

While we celebrate our successes, we also recognize the persistent challenges that lie ahead. In particular, our front-line officers and investigators continue to face the escalating crisis of opioid overdoses, which have claimed a record number of lives this year. The increasingly lethal drug supply and the growing addiction issues within vulnerable populations present significant obstacles to public safety.

The rise in homelessness, mental health issues, addiction, and violent assaults in the downtown core have galvanized BPS and our community partners. To address these challenges, we are organizing a comprehensive, multidisciplinary stakeholder meeting to align efforts and establish a strategic plan for downtown public safety in 2025. I am excited by the collaborative spirit of the agencies involved and confident that, together, we can create a downtown that is safe, secure, and a source of pride for all citizens.

### **Gratitude for BPS Staff Excellence**

Our uniformed officers, civilian staff, and investigators have faced an increasing complexity of cases this year, but they have met every challenge with resilience, dedication, and compassion. Their collective efforts continue to safeguard the citizens of Brandon, and I am deeply grateful for their excellence and tireless commitment.

### **Tyler Bates**

Chief of Police

# RECRUITMENT



In 2024, ten individuals retired from Brandon Police Service, eight of those were sworn members.

Brandon Police Service grew with the addition of Manitoba Integrated Law Enforcement Team (MILET), an increase to our complement by six constables, added six cadets, and four civilian positions. As a result, this created a strong demand for police officers.

In 2024 we hired a total of 33 employees. This consisted of

- 4 Experienced Police Officers
- 13 Police Recruits
- 1 By-law Officer
- 8 Community Cadets
- 3 Clerical Front Desk Attendants
- 3 Administrative Support Unit Employees
- 1 Recruitment and Communications Specialist.

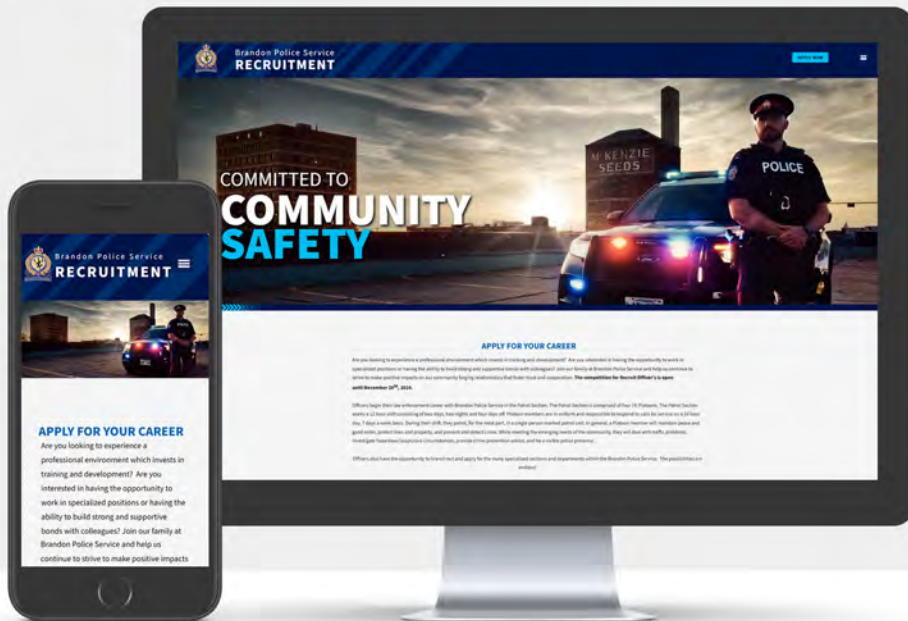


New Recruitment Vehicle



# Recruitment Class

BPS held our own recruit class in 2024. The class started on October 1st and six recruits are scheduled to graduate on March 28th, 2025. The class was instructed by BPS subject matter experts, as well as several guest speakers from our legal and community partners. Throughout the recruit class our recruits were provided with academic learning, as well as realistic scenarios with role players. In addition they qualified in officer safety techniques, driver training, firearms training as well as active response training.



Our police service continues to expand and there will be a strong recruitment drive carrying on into 2025. During 2024 our new recruitment website, [joinbps.ca](https://joinbps.ca) was launched, as well as a new recruitment vehicle added to our fleet.

# POLYGRAPH

Brandon Police Service has been using polygraph as part of our new police officer hiring process for over 25 years. This includes private polygraph testing, the RCMP and the Winnipeg Police Service.

In 2023, BPS got their own polygraph examiner when Cst. Pamela Klassen was trained and certified to run both pre-employment polygraphs for the police service, as well as forensic polygraphs for criminal investigations.

As a result, the Brandon Police utilizes the polygraph not just for police applicants, but to ensure honesty and integrity in all members joining our team.

Since creating our own polygraph unit, over **70 polygraph examinations** have taken place for both criminal (forensic) polygraph tests as well as employment polygraph tests combined.

Brandon Police also has an excellent working relationship with both the Winnipeg Police Service as well as the RCMP and represents membership within the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists (CAPP).

CAPP consists of members from Canada, the USA, Europe and the Caribbean and meets yearly for training, networking, and professional development. There are four police polygraph examiners within the province of Manitoba.



When asked what the best experience has been so far in polygraph, Cst. Klassen replied "I was assisting with a case where an infant had unexplained injuries. In these types of cases, we will often use Polygraph in order to prove the innocence of persons who could have access to the child. When I was able to clear the child's mother of any wrongdoing, she immediately hugged me and started crying - the weight of the world finally being lifted from her since the investigation had started. I simply hugged her as she wept, and the investigation was able to carry on, where polygraph was further able to clear several others caring for the child as well. All I can say, is that was a really, really good day in Polygraph."



# What it takes to become a polygraph examiner

In order to become a polygraph examiner in law enforcement, you must be an experienced investigator within your police service.

There are two courses put on annually by the Canadian Police College, who works closely with and is accredited through the CAPP as well as the American Association of Police Polygraphists.

The course consists of three phases:

1. A **ten-week** course on theory and practice
2. A **two-week internship** consisting of practical application of the polygraph under direct supervision
3. A **certification phase** (4-9 months in length) of practical application with indirect supervision

The tuition for the course is \$30,000 CAD with additional cost for room and board at the police college of \$14,000 CAD.

While often called a “Lie Detector Test” Polygraph is actually a truth verification tool, which records a person’s physiological responses based on a set of questions, using validated standard test formats.



There are three phases to a Polygraph test which consist of:

1. **PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:** During the pre-test interview, the polygraph examiner will explain your legal rights and the voluntary nature of the examination. Also discussed is your medical, physical, and psychological background as well as your knowledge of the investigation and an explanation on how the instrument works.
2. **IN-TEST PHASE:** at this point the polygraph examiner will review all the pertinent test questions with you and then conduct a “Demonstration Test” to help him/her assess your suitability for additional tests. Several tests will then be conducted which will include the reviewed questions. There will be no surprise questions on any of the tests. The polygraph examiner will then analyze the results of each test to arrive at an opinion.
3. **POST-TEST INTERVIEW:** During the post-test interview, the polygraph examiner will discuss the results of the “In-Test” and provide you with his or her opinion.

One of the reasons many people are nervous to take a polygraph test is because they fear what questions will be asked of them. As stated above in the in-test phase of the test, there are NEVER any surprise questions on a polygraph test. All questions are given to the subject prior to the test, and if at any time the subject is uncomfortable or doesn't like the question, they can work the examiner to help clarify the questions, and always have the option to leave if they feel uncomfortable.

# CELLS PROJECT

The Brandon Police Service Detention Unit Expansion Project is mostly complete. We are addressing final completion issues that are common based on a project of this size.

We started housing detainees in the newly created Detention Unit in August of 2024, with the completion of the 17 Detention Unit Cells. While that was occurring, work continued on the exterior of the building, the landscaping and the attached sallyport. Also included in the Detention Unit expansion are a dedicated shower room, two dedicated bail rooms, a phone room for lawyer calls, an added break room for staff, laundry facilities, increased locker area for detainee's effects and four additional offices.

The attached sallyport was completed in December of 2024 and BPS began using it as a secure area for moving detainees from the police cars to the Detention Unit cells. This provides safety for both the detainee and the officer involved.



Since BPS began using the new Detention Unit cells, the most detainees we have had in a 24-hour period was 19. The longest we have gone with no one in cells is 36 hours.

In the spring of 2025 Brandon Fire & Emergency Services will have a paramedic stationed within the Detention Unit where the paramedic will be able to look after the medical needs of the detainees. Except in the most serious of cases, this eliminates the need for BPS officers to attend to Brandon Regional Health Centre with detainees prior to lodging them.



Detention Unit







# DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Over the last several years the quantity of digital evidence seized by Brandon Police Service has increased exponentially. Digital evidence plays a significant role in investigations and can be invaluable to investigators. Brandon Police Service, in collaboration with Manitoba Prosecutions Services (MPS), began to pilot a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) through Axon in the fall of 2024. This enables the police service to electronically share digital evidence such as surveillance camera footage, statements, social media content, photographs, audio and video with MPS. This system allows businesses and members of the community to share digital evidence electronically with the police service by way of a community request. This is essentially a link sent to a civilian smartphone or email address. Community requests will allow witnesses to an incident to upload digital files captured directly to Axon evidence from their smartphones.

This pilot program was the first step in working towards the entire police service using DEMS. Full implementation is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2025. Once DEMS is fully implemented, Brandon Police Service will begin to pilot and work towards implementing Body Worn Cameras for front line members. This is expected to occur towards the end of 2025, with full implementation expected to take place in 2026.





# RETAIL CRIME

Retail crime is a national problem and unfortunately, Brandon is not an exception. Retail crime is not just about theft, it is also about the violent encounters that occur as a result. Criminals involved in retail crime are becoming more and more brazen, therefore increasing the risk of a violent encounter. Not only is retail crime costly to businesses and consumers, it also poses a public safety risk. Employees and customers alike need to feel safe while at work and shopping.

During 2024 Brandon Police Service worked with several businesses in the community with an attempt to deter retail crime. Towards the end of November and into December the Brandon Police Service initiated a Retail Theft Blitz. The police service worked with several businesses throughout Brandon to enforce and prevent retail theft.

As a result of this blitz Brandon Police arrested nearly 70 people and recovered approximately \$10,000 worth of property. The ultimate goal of this month long blitz was to ensure the safety of employees and citizens. Public safety is of the utmost importance to Brandon Police Service and the community can expect to see more of these blitzes during 2025.



# DOWNTOWN STRATEGY

Historically, the responsibility for addressing downtown issues rested primarily with BPS, often leading to a reactive approach focused on increasing police visibility during peak months. In 2023, a new collaborative framework was established, supported by both the City of Brandon and the Province of Manitoba and as a result, marked a significant shift towards integrated strategies that leverage partnerships with multiple agencies, aiming to create a holistic approach to community safety and wellbeing.

The primary goals 2024 were:

**Enhanced Community Engagement:** Foster relationships with local businesses and marginalized communities to better understand their needs and concerns.

**Increased Police Visibility:** Deploy members/cadets more strategically to deter criminal activity and provide a sense of safety.

**Proactive and Reactive Policing:** Balance proactive measures with responsive actions to effectively address incidents as they arise.

**Data-Driven Approach:** Utilize GeoTab technology to track police presence and responses, enabling a clear analysis of the strategy's impact.

During the specified timeframe from May 23rd to September 4th, 2024, the Brandon Police Service spent almost 2,500 hours downtown, drove over 15,000 km in the downtown area and had over 7,600 occurrences where police were in an area for over three minutes.

Despite these efforts, the strategy did not see a significant reduction in criminal activity or calls for service. However, community engagement reached an all-time high, with positive feedback from the public serving as a testament to member dedication.

Further, statistics generated from cadet presence highlight the significant impact they have made since their inception. Not only does their presence assist with public safety, they help keep police officers free.

This year's plan put a spotlight on the police service's continued commitment to proactive policing and community engagement.







## CST. LUCIEN ETHIER

Tragically, Cst. Lucien Ethier died suddenly from a medical emergency on the afternoon of February 5, 2024. Lucien was a great Police Officer, outstanding human being and a good friend to many in our BPS family. We have grieved together these past months and will continue to struggle with the loss of such a great person. Lucien had an incredible impact on the Brandon Police Service and those that he worked with. Lucien came to us from the Dakota Ojibway Police Service as an experienced officer.

### LUCIEN'S ASSIGNMENTS WITH BPS

Nov 24, 2004

Hired, first day for training and started as a 3rd Class Constable on Patrol

Jan 1, 2009

Transferred to Crime Support Unit – Specialist

Jan 1, 2012

Transferred to B Platoon

Jul 1, 2014

Transferred to Criminal Investigation Unit – Specialist

Jan 1, 2018

Transferred to A Platoon as a 12-year Constable

Jan 1, 2020

Seconded RCMP National Weapons Enforcement Support Team – Specialist

Lucien had a number of impactful roles with the Police Service including his time spent with the Tactical Response Unit from 2009 to 2018 where for much of that time he filled the role of Sniper. Lucien was also a natural fit to be a Firearms Instructor and he started this role in 2016. His quiet, calm demeanor and extensive knowledge of firearms and shooting made him the perfect instructor as many of us can attest to. Lucien loved his time spent on the range. Lucien's secondment to the RCMP National Weapons Enforcement Support Team was undoubtedly his favorite work assignment. His skillset, knowledge and exceptional teamwork were noted by the RCMP in this role and we were also fortunate enough to have him as our local firearms expert for BPS files.

Lucien proudly represented the Brandon Police Association as the First Vice President from 2018 to the time of his passing. He was passionate about representing his fellow BPA members and he did so in a productive, cordial, and respectful manner which was so typical of Lucien Ethier.

Our hearts remain with his loved ones, and we will continue to honor his memory by carrying forward the values he stood for, keeping his spirit alive in our service to the community.

Rest in peace, Lucien.  
You are deeply missed.



# STAFF ALLOCATION

NEW HIRES	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jeff Goran	Experienced Officer	January 8
Clark Natchtigall	Recruit	January 8
Karli Tokaryk	CSA	January 8
Brody Wilson	Recruit	January 8
Megan Bender	CSA	April 2
Jaydyn Rossnagel	CFDA	April 2
Caden Sawchuk	Cadet	April 22
Arlene Cairns	CSA	May 1
Elizabeth Rose	Cadet	May 6
Abhi Patel	Recruit	May 6
Brooklyn Chartrand	Recruit	May 6
Gabriel Yanes	Recruit	May 6
Samuel Caballero	Cadet	June 3
Drayton Flett	Cadet	June 3
Sukhpreet Gill	Cadet	June 3
Brittney Yeo	Cadet	June 3
Hannah Yuen	Cadet	June 3
Janet Reichert	Recruitment & Communications Specialist	June 5
Nicole Jones	CFDA	July 8
Tirzah Waldner	CSA	July 8
Tess Manning	CFDA	July 22
Ashley Trokhym	CFDA	August 19
Arun Bhatia	Recruit	September 3
Cecilia Joss	Experienced Officer	September 3
Arthur Lomond	Experienced Officer	September 3
Nolan Melanson	Recruit	September 3
Cheyenne Macatangay	CFDA	September 9
Shenalee Jankowitz	Recruit	October 1
Tyler Kennedy	Recruit	October 1
Melissa McFadzean	Recruit	October 1
Stuart Nunn	Recruit	October 1
Paycen Warkentin	Recruit	October 1
Allison Jordan	Recruit	October 1
Tyler Bates	Chief of Police	October 15
Jordan Canart	Experienced Officer	October 15
Malpreet Jassi	Cadet	October 21
Michelle Love	By-Law Officer	November 18



PROMOTIONS	PROMOTED TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Earl Johnson	Sergeant	January 6
Jeff Hoad	Staff Sergeant	January 13
Trent Karvonen	Sergeant	May 3
Russell Paterson	Staff Sergeant	June 1
Jason Dupuis	Inspector	June 3
Jason Gudnason	Sergeant	June 4
Kirby Sararas	Staff Sergeant	July 6
Jason Medwechuk	Sergeant	July 6

RETIREMENTS	POSITION	YEARS OF SERVICE
Ed Conway	Sergeant	34 years
Brian Partridge	Staff Sergeant	25 years
Michelle McWilliams	CSA	30 years
Marc Alain	Inspector	38 years
Karen Vincent	CSA	15 years
Chris James	Constable	27 years
Bruce Ewanyshyn	Constable	33 years
Randy Lewis	Acting Chief of Police	30 years
Kevin Loewen	Staff Sergeant	30 years
Jeff Law	Constable	26 years

# AWARDS

## 30 Year Governor General Police Exemplary Service Medal

Inspector Greg Hebert

## 20 Year Exemplary Service

S/Sgt. Jason Dupuis

Cst. Myran Hmm

## 12 Year Distinguished Service

Cst. Marc Dedecker

## Exemplary Service

Cst. Ron Brossart

Brooklyn Chartrand

Gabriel Yanes

Abhi Patel

## Favourable Notice

Sgt. Dana McCallum

Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn

Cst. Ron Brossart

Cst. Tegan Nagorski

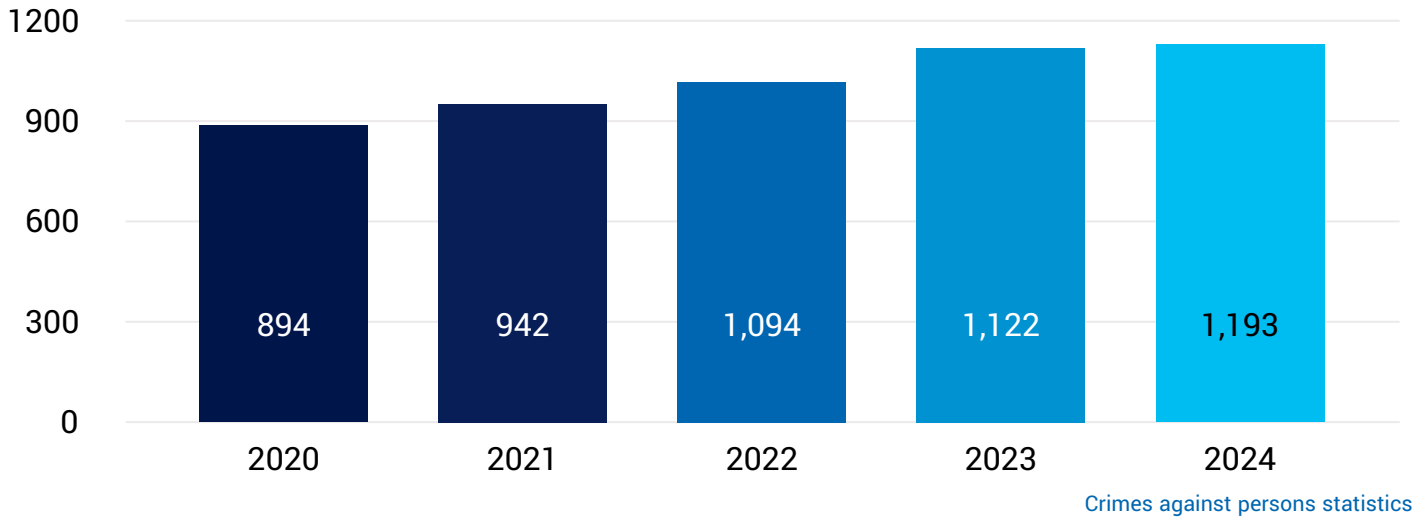
# CRIME STATISTICS

<b>CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS</b>		<b>1,193</b>
Homicide		1
Attempted Murder		1
Sexual Assaults		149
Assaults		772
Robbery		63
Other Violent Crimes		207
<b>CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY</b>		<b>3,331</b>
Arson		17
Break & Enter		296
Theft Over \$5,000		13
Theft of Motor Vehicle		94
Theft Under \$5,000		1,443
Possession Stolen Property		101
Fraud		413
Mischief		954
<b>TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS</b>		<b>71</b>
Dangerous Operation Vehicle		13
Impaired Driving		58
<b>CONTROLLED DRUGS</b>		<b>124</b>
Possession		52
Trafficking		72
<b>OTHER CRIMES</b>		<b>2,241</b>
Moral Offences (Pornography, etc.)		37
Offensive Weapons		259
Youth Criminal Justice Act		1,896
Other Criminal Code Offences		49

\* Please note that the Brandon Police Service statistical totals may be subject to change to more accurately reflect our Records Management System.  
Enquiries regarding these changes can be directed to the Brandon Police Service.



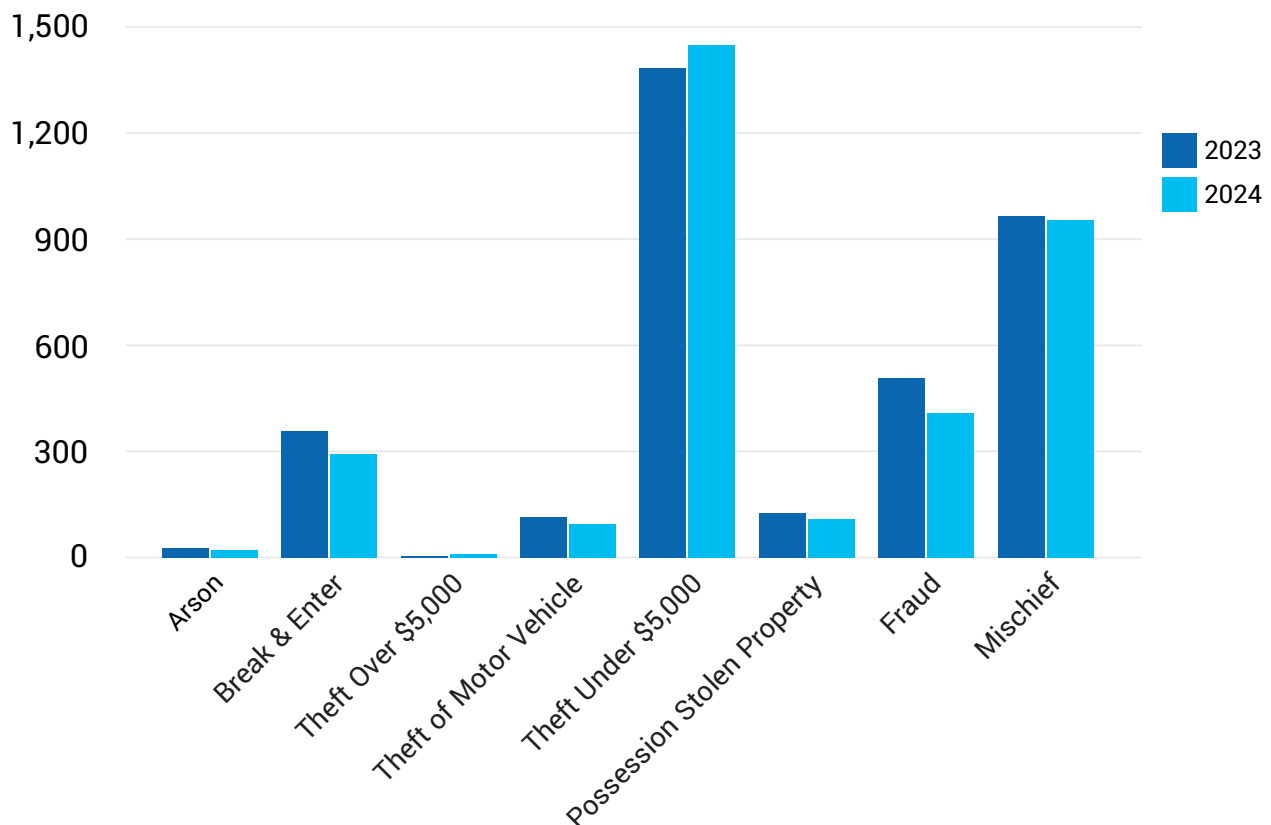
## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



**6,960**  
total criminal code  
violations

**28%**  
increase in controlled  
drug/substance  
charges

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY



# 2024 BUDGET

REVENUES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
City of Brandon Operating Grant	\$ 11,966,000	\$ 11,966,000
Provincial Funding	\$ 13,175,000	\$ 12,363,000
Federal Funding	\$ 400,000	\$ 494,000
Tickets & Fines	\$ 502,000	\$ 534,000
User Fees	\$ 399,000	\$ 416,000
Other	\$ 11,000	\$ 29,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 26,454,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,802,000</b>

EXPENSES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Regular Salaries	\$ 18,244,000	\$ 17,087,000
Capital Project	\$ 3,506,000	\$ 2,684,000
Overtime	\$ 934,000	\$ 1,132,000
Reserve Appropriations: Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 1,229,000	\$ 1,229,000
Fleet Maintenance, Fuel, Insurance & Leases	\$ 709,000	\$ 643,000
Contract Services	\$ 862,000	\$ 982,000
Parts & Materials	\$ 292,000	\$ 305,000
Professional Development, Travel & Police Board	\$ 358,000	\$ 318,000
Benefits	\$ 207,000	\$ 167,000
Utilities	\$ 53,000	\$ 49,000
Grants & Public Relations	\$ 45,000	\$ 41,000
Equipment Purchases	\$ 16,000	\$ 176,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 26,454,000</b>	<b>\$ 24,812,000</b>

**2024 SURPLUS**

**\$ 990,000**



# AUTHORIZED COMPLEMENT

110

Sworn

59

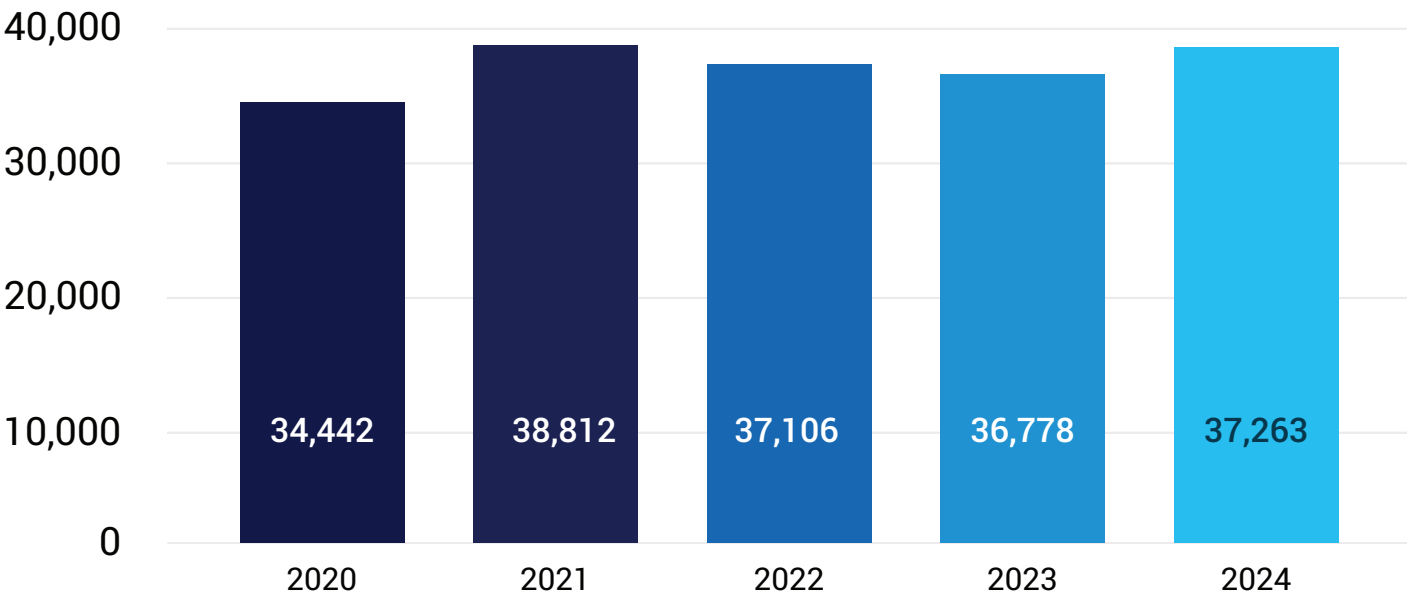
Professional  
Staff

2

K9

The average number of calls per Sworn Officer in 2024 was 339.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



## FUNDING RECEIVED

YEAR	CPF	FPOC
2017/2018	\$135,924	\$ 47,905
2018/2019	\$109,017	\$ 65,200
2019/2020	\$133,100	\$ 377,190
2020/2021	\$162,259	\$
2021/2022	\$215,862	\$
2022/2023	\$210,882	\$
2023/2024	\$184,221	\$
2024/2025	\$239,950	\$

**CRIMINAL PROPERTY FORFEITURE (CPF)** Is a process through which property and proceeds from illegal activity are seized. The proceeds from the sale of forfeited property are then distributed to victims of crime as well as law enforcement for specialized equipment and community initiatives. In addition, a separate fund is maintained for proceeds from federal offences known as Federal Proceeds of Crime (FPOC). For more information, visit [gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf](http://gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf)

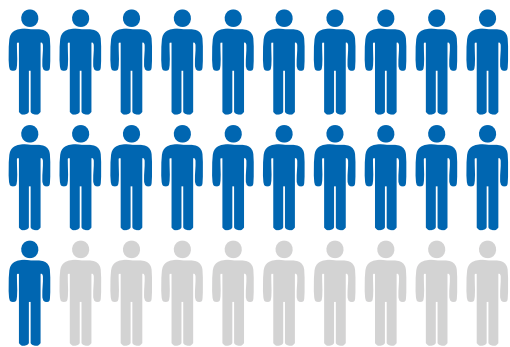
# CASES OF INTEREST

## Project Blockade

Incidents of sexual exploitation have risen dramatically in the City of Brandon, which involves sexual services being offered at both the street level, as well as in hotels. Because of this, the Brandon Police Service (BPS) Organized Crime Section's (OCS) organized **Project BLOCKADE**, with the primary goal of make the community safer by disrupting the sex industry.

On June 7th and 8th, 2024 BPS OCS conducted a two day joint operation 'John Sweep' with the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Counter Exploitation Unit (CEU) and the RCMP. Approximately 20 police officers were positioned in Brandon's known sex trade locations downtown and in hotels. This assisted police in identifying sex trade workers and suspects involved in the procurement of sexual services.

This project was a huge success which concluded with approximately 21 arrests of individuals who were subsequently charged with Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration under Section 286.1 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Six of the suspect's vehicles were impounded under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, as being utilized as an instrument of crime. If the suspect met the criteria, they were deferred to a 'Prostitution Offender Diversion Program', which will ultimately educates them regarding sexual exploitation. Furthermore, if police deemed the sex trade workers at risk, they would be referred to social services or the other community resources.



# 21

individuals arrested  
charged with Obtaining  
Sexual Services for  
Consideration

# 3



agencies  
involved



6 vehicles impounded for  
being utilized as an instrument  
of crime



# 20

Police officers  
involved (approx.)





## Fentanyl Seizure

On January 25th 2024, Brandon Police Service and RCMP members seized over 9 kilograms of fentanyl from a traffic stop on the Trans-Canada Highway. BPS' Organized Crime Section (OCS) continued the investigation which led to the identification of two additional persons believed to be responsible for the arrangement, coordination and transportation of the fentanyl that was trafficked into the Province of Manitoba from Alberta:

A 27 year old female from Brooks, Alberta and a 28 year old male from Altona, Manitoba were arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Traffic a Scheduled I Substance (Fentanyl) contrary to Section 465(1)(c) of the Criminal Code & Section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The continued Police investigation determined that both suspects were responsible for the acquisition and transportation of approximately 15 kilograms of fentanyl between the dates of December 23rd 2023 and January 25th 2024, 9 of which were seized by Police on January 25th.

Fentanyl is a highly addictive, devastating opioid that is at the center of the current opioid epidemic in Canada and has led to the untimely deaths of loved ones across Canada and locally in Brandon. The Brandon Police Service remains committed to identifying and investigating fentanyl traffickers, locally, provincially and across Canada.

This investigation was a collaborative effort with several of our Law Enforcement partners including Correctional Services Canada, Winnipeg Police Service, Winkler Police Service, Calgary Police Service and the RCMP.

# CASES OF INTEREST



## Tobacco Seizure

Between July 3rd, 2024, and November 16th, 2024, the Brandon Police Service Major Crime Section began an investigation into the illegal sale of unstamped tobacco being sold by a store in the downtown area of the city.

The investigation commenced as a result of Police receiving public complaints, Crime Stoppers tips and confidential informants. The Major Crime Section also liaised with a Tax the Special Investigations Unit of Manitoba Finance – Taxation. Police were able to identify two suspects involved in the possession and trafficking of illicit cigarettes.

In November of 2024, members of the Major Crime Section and Patrol executed four search warrants in relation to this investigation.

The street value of the seized “Khat” is **\$70,000** and the street value of seized illegal cigarettes is approximately **\$6,000**.

The two male suspects were arrested and have been charged with numerous offences under the Excise Act, Criminal Code of Canada and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.



**2**  
individuals  
arrested

**\$70K**  
Street Value  
of Khat seized

**\$19,695**  
in Canadian  
currency



**157**  
individual packs  
of illicit tobacco

**45**  
cartons of illicit  
tobacco

**\$6K**  
Street Value of  
cigarettes seized



**12K**  
individual illicit  
cigarettes

**16lbs**  
of illicit “Khat” in bulk  
bags & packaged for  
resale.



## Brandon Correctional Centre Attack

In September of 2024, the Major Crime Section entered into an investigation after receiving a report of a serious assault that took place within the Brandon Correctional Centre involving inmates. The victim sustained severe trauma to his head because of the attack and was transported to hospital. The investigation revealed that three suspects housed in the same sub unit with the victim engaged in a confrontation culminating with a violent assault. The three suspects were initially arrested for their part in the attack and in November the victim succumbed to the injuries sustained. Two of the suspects have since been arrested and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder with the third suspect arrested and charged with Manslaughter. This matter still before the Courts.



## Attack/Robbery

Members of the Brandon Police Service Major Crime Section entered into an investigation after a female victim reported being attacked by two male suspects after getting off a City of Brandon bus near the Brandon University. The suspects were also passengers on the bus and when the victim got off, they assaulted her and stole her purse. The victim received medical treatment because of this attack receiving a fractured jaw as well as stitches and bruising to her face. Investigators were able to identify both suspects and obtain warrants for their arrests. Both suspects have been arrested in relation to this incident and the matter is still before the courts.

# COMPLIMENT AN OFFICER

"My cat got her tail stuck in toys somehow and started freaking out. I tried to help but was scared to hurt her. Your two By-law Officers came within 20 mins and helped my cat out safely. I owe those two By-law Officers tremendously. They also messaged me afterwards to see if she was okay. Two just outstanding people."

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"The family would like to thank the Home Care attendant, **Brandon City Police Officer and his BPS partner**, Paramedics, and Memories Chapel for their care, and compassion they showed our family during this difficult time."

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"I am a staff from a local service office and called to request a wellness check be conducted on a client of my office. Your officers spent at least 30 minutes with this person and were very communicative with me throughout the interaction and afterwards. The responding officer's kindness and understanding towards my client I'm sure is what enabled him to stay at home in the community and avoided what could have easily been a violent situation. The main officer also told me he was referring the client to the Hub program and explained to me what the program is. Sounds like just what the client needs. He is much deserving of recognition for his compassionate response to a very confrontational and mentally unwell person. **Kudos to him and the rest of the team that responded!**"



"**Your Officer went over and above** what I expected on this evening when my car was stolen. Promptly showed up to take the report and while we were wrapping up the statement, he informed me my car had been recovered. Stayed with me until a tow truck arrived as we discovered a mechanical problem with the car. **Thank you for your caring compassion, stay safe.**"





"The BPS Officer was very polite and helpful, despite me still shaken up after calling the police. He was very professional and he assured me a lot. I applaud him for being so kind and understanding, and he asked a lot of good questions, and he made me feel heard. I want to thank him a lot for making me feel safe, and for making sure he was in view of my security camera before he rang the doorbell. He's a very considerate officer, and I cannot praise him enough. I hope his supervisor takes note of how great of a job he is doing. Thank you again Officer, and stay safe!"

"Thank-you to the 2 officers who responded to our home for a mental health issue. The female officer in particular was able to work with our grandchild and I give her the credit with the resolution of us getting our grandchild to the help that was needed. **Your professionalism, patience and understanding is very much appreciated. Thank-you**"

“ BPS Officer went well beyond expectations of what I had. I contacted BPS to say that I had had my cellphone stolen out of my backyard while I was sleeping right next to it. I explained the situation and told him I was able to track my phone using “Find My Device”. When he asked where it was and I said Superstore, he was very clear but also understanding that he would like to help, but he couldn’t just walk into Superstore and start asking people for a phone...I asked if I called him when they were walking down the street (they had appeared to be doing that a lot) and I sent a ding to it, if he would be able to do anything. He said that should work and to call him back when I saw them moving...He stayed with me on the phone for probably 15 minutes while I tracked the person, relayed the information, and dinged the phone. He was very calm and helpful during this time. I was ecstatic when he told me they had recovered the phone...**I felt the Officer and the other Officer went above and beyond what was expected**, and when I called I thought there was almost no chance I was going to get my phone back. He was calm and kind the entire time I was on the phone with him, but was also very clear and empathetic about what he was and wasn’t able to do. ”



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