

KENTVILLE POLICE

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YEARLY
REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



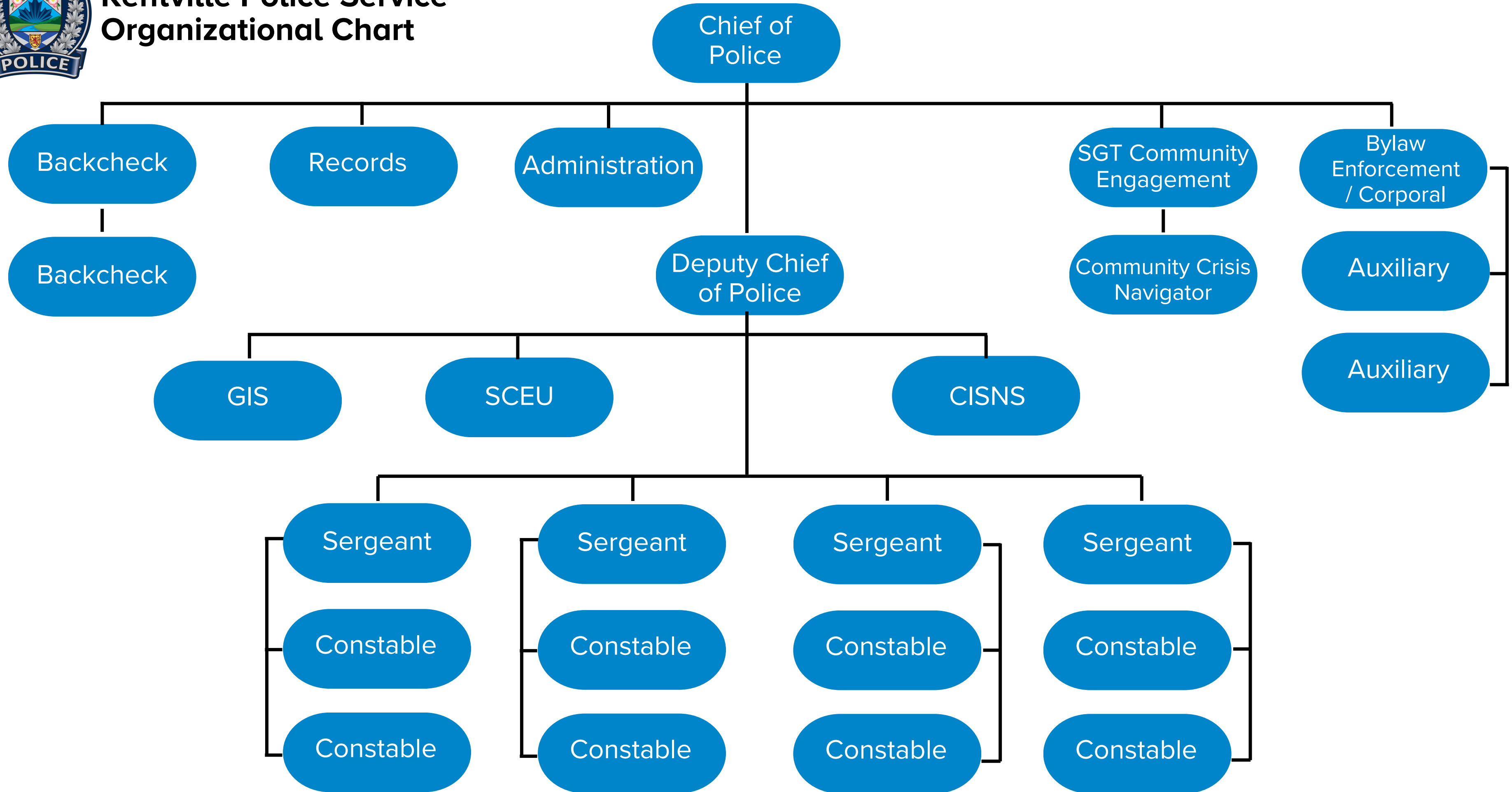
The Kentville Police Service is currently working collaboratively with the Kentville Board of Police Commission to prepare a 5-year Strategic plan. The Kentville Police Service has formed a Strategic Plan Working group consisting of 3 members from the Board of Police Commission and 6 staff from the Kentville Police Service. The goal of the working group is to have the Strategic plan completed by mid-2024.

Statistically the Kentville Police Service responded to 3144 calls in 2023 compared to 3257 calls in 2022. Overall, we have seen very similar statistics is the breakdown of calls, however we did see a slight increase in Property Crime and Crimes Against Persons calls. Our Property Crime calls increased from 180 calls in 2022 to 203 in 2023, resulting in a 12.8% increase. Our Crimes Against Persons increased from 88 calls in 2022 to 111 calls in 2023, resulting in a 26.14% increase. In 2021 we had 18 impaired driving charges. Since then, our impaired driving charges have steadily increased due to proactive policing strategies. In 2022 we processed 46 impaired driving charges and 41 charges in 2023.

Martin Smith
Chief of Police



Kentville Police Service Organizational Chart

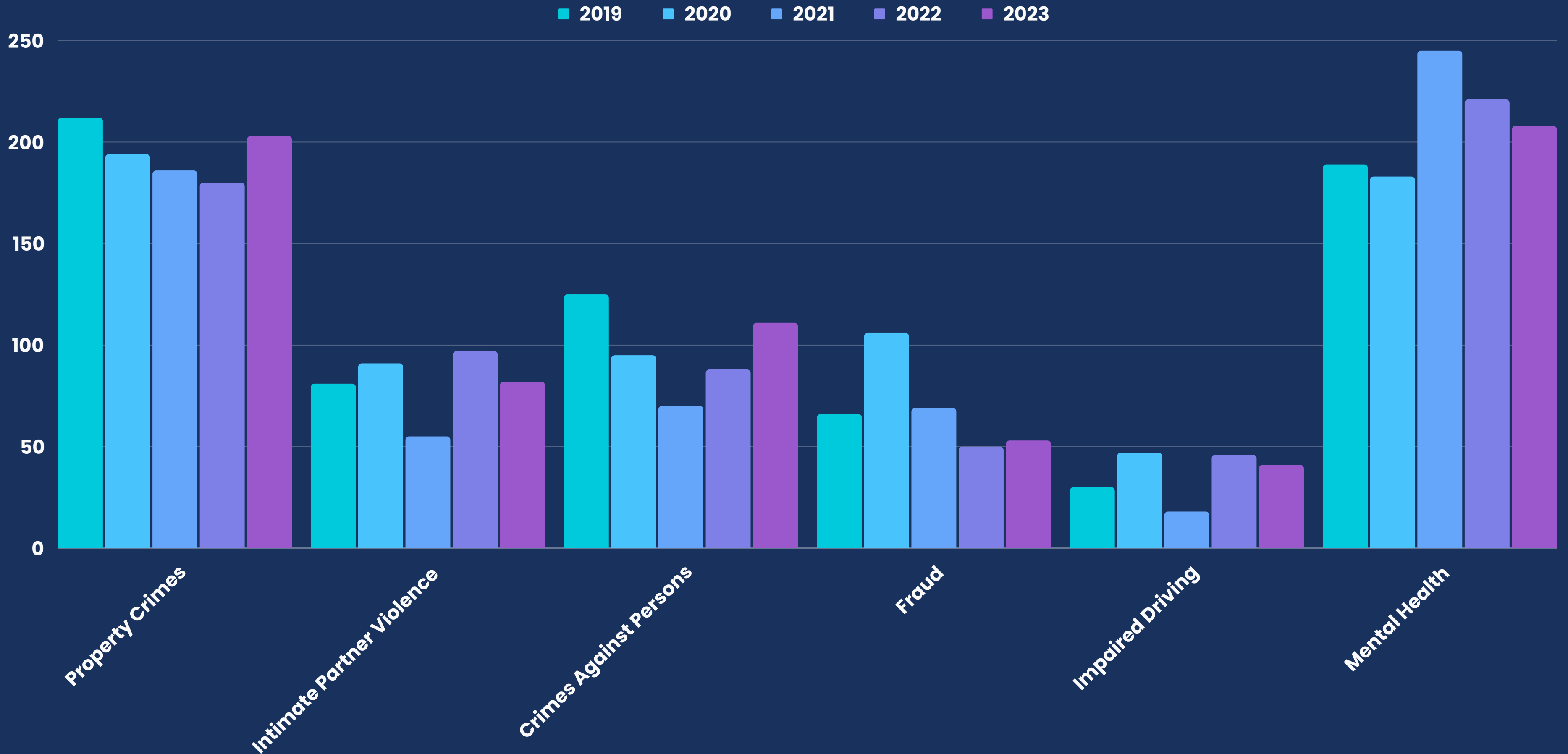


CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service include unfounded and unsubstantiated Criminal Code, Federal & Provincial statutes.

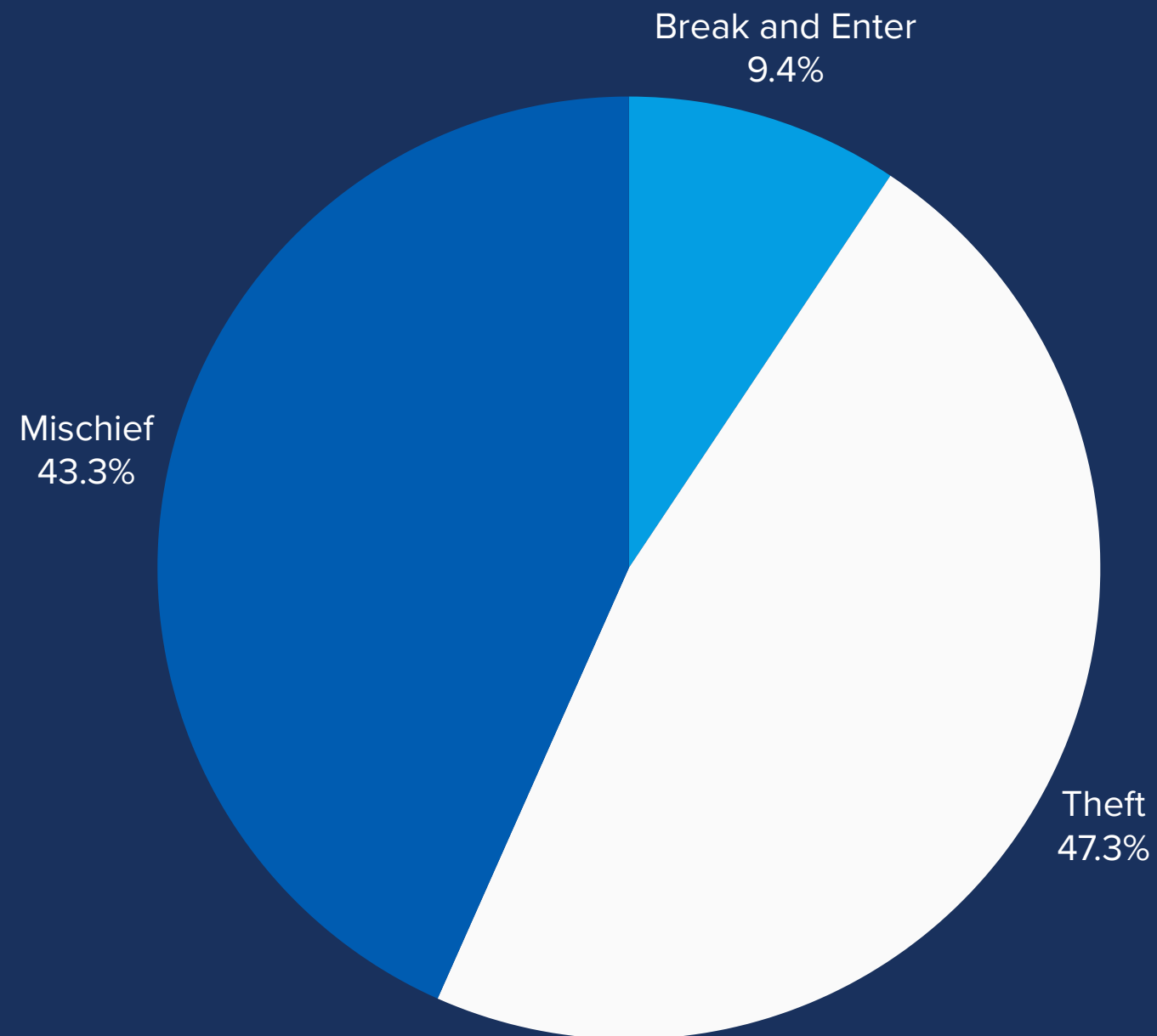
YEAR	TOTAL CALLS
2019	3671
2020	3575
2021	3643
2022	3257
2023	3144

BREAKDOWN OF CALLS FOR SERVICE (BY TYPE)

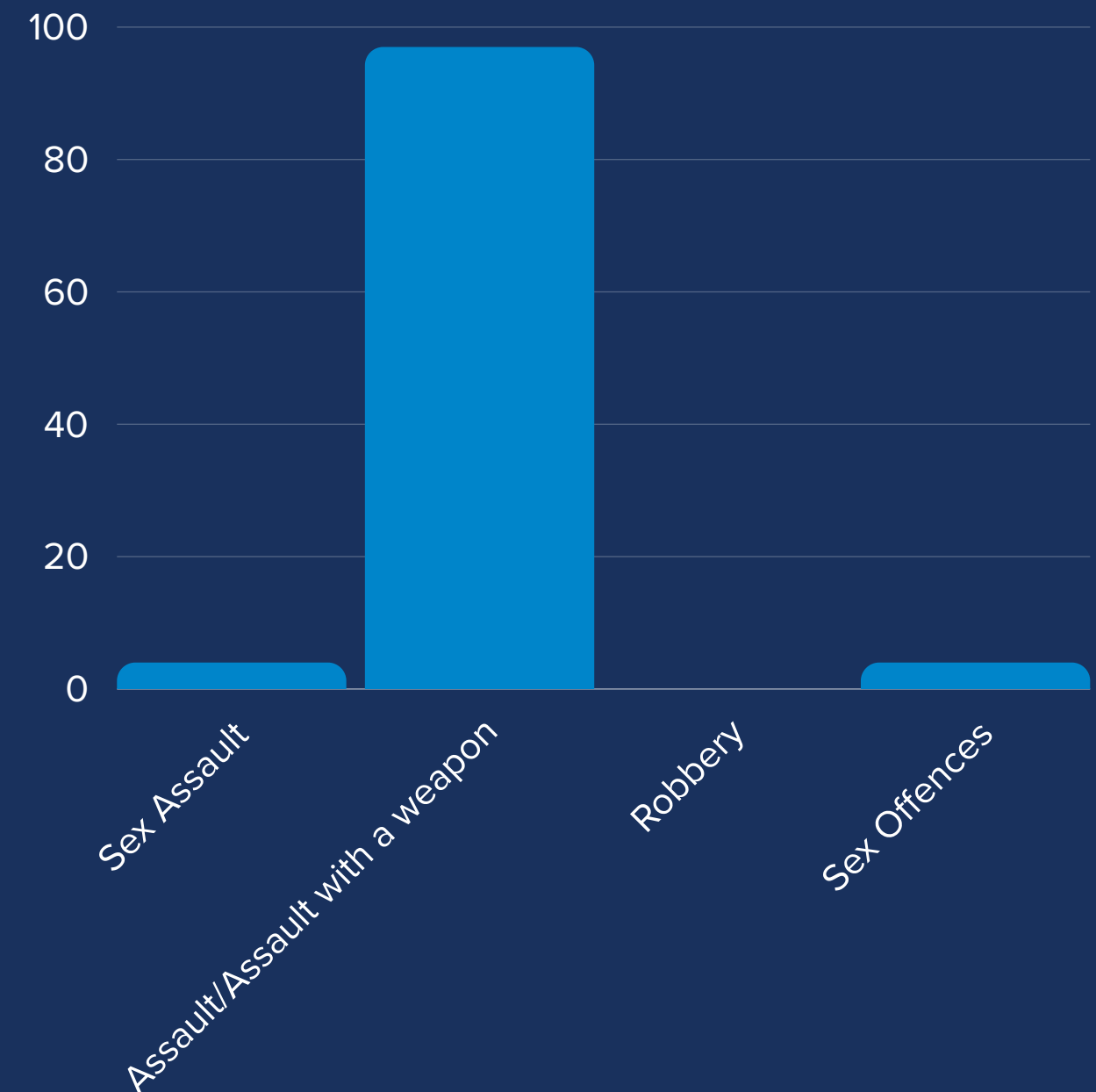


2023 BREAKDOWN OF PROPERTY CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS (BY TYPE)

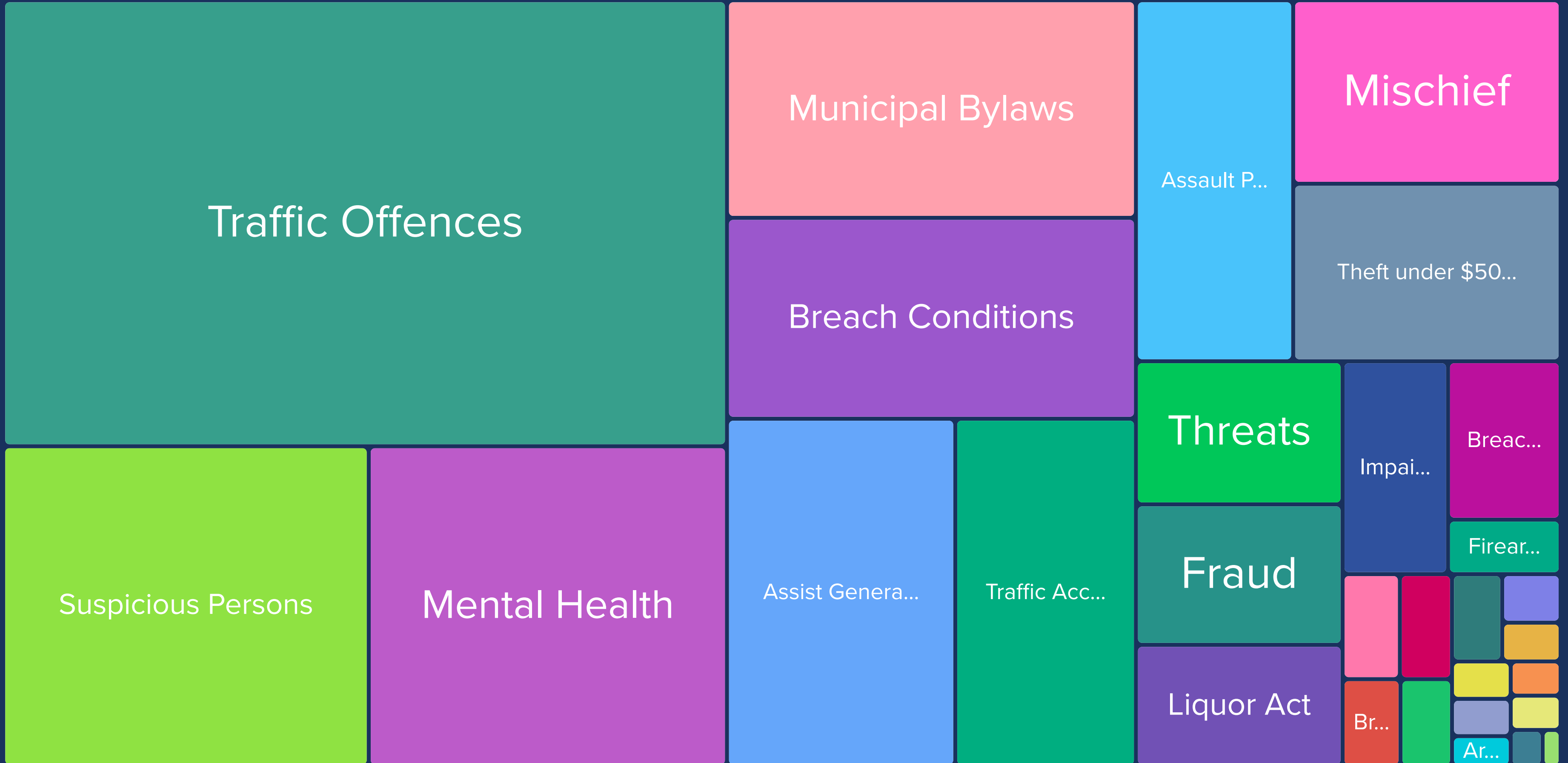
PROPERTY CRIMES



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



VISUAL REPRESENTATION – CALL FOR SERVICE – ALL CATEGORIES



INVESTIGATIVE SECTIONS

GIS



The GIS (General Investigative Services) officer is a full-time criminal investigator and is essential to the growth of investigative capacity in the KPS. It is also a vital role in mentoring other officers. This officer would investigate such crime as serious assaults, sexual assaults, robberies and child pornography. They would also assist in any major file that would be investigated on shift. This officer assisted in the development of the execution of search warrant policies and processes, and carried 82 files and assisted in 70 more with other officers.

SCEU



Our Additional Officer is assigned to work with the Kings County Integrated SCEU (Street Crime Enforcement Unit). Kentville is reimbursed \$100,000 from Department of Justice for this resource. The SCEU team consists of 1 KPS member and 2 RCMP members from New Minas. The unit works on files across Kings County including many drug and weapons related files. This Additional Officer Program (AOP) is under review by DOJ and it is anticipated that the funding arrangement may be more fulsome. Statistics are supplied quarterly by the RCMP.

CISNS



We continue to have an officer seconded to the CISNS (Criminal Intelligence Service Nova Scotia) position. This is a fully funded position from the RCMP, and they work on files across the province deemed to be of significant intelligence purposes. The KPS officer and his RCMP partner work out of our building.



LUNENBURG/KINGS CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

Early in 2023, a decision was made to join the Kings/Lunenburg SCEU and CISNS members to form a crime reduction partnership. There was a common theme that because of staffing shortages, members in these units had difficulty conducting investigations. A 10-member team was formed which included 2 KPS members, to target enforcement activities on known drug trafficking and illegal guns over a 2 month period. This was a very successful project and results were shared with DOJ and CISNS for future planning.



RESULTS:

Total Investigations:	Number of Persons Arrested:	Total # of CDSA Charges:	Total # of CC charges that were firearm charges:	Total street value of cocaine seized:	Total # of firearms seized:	
16	29	47	38	\$56,685.00	20	Total value of recovered stolen property:
Total Search Warrants:	Total # of charges:	Total # of CC Charges:	Total amount of cocaine seized:	Total street values of other drugs seized:	Total amount of cash seized:	\$3,065.00
12	113	66	377.9 grams	\$5,138.00	\$26,250.00	



CES/CCN

This position was created in 2022. This officer is responsible for coordinating community engagement opportunities, as well as attending a number of events in this role. The officer is responsible for a training plan but is also the supervisor for the Community Crisis Navigator and participates in many aspects of the role. This officer sits on numerous committees and represents KPS in this role.

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
SERGEANT**



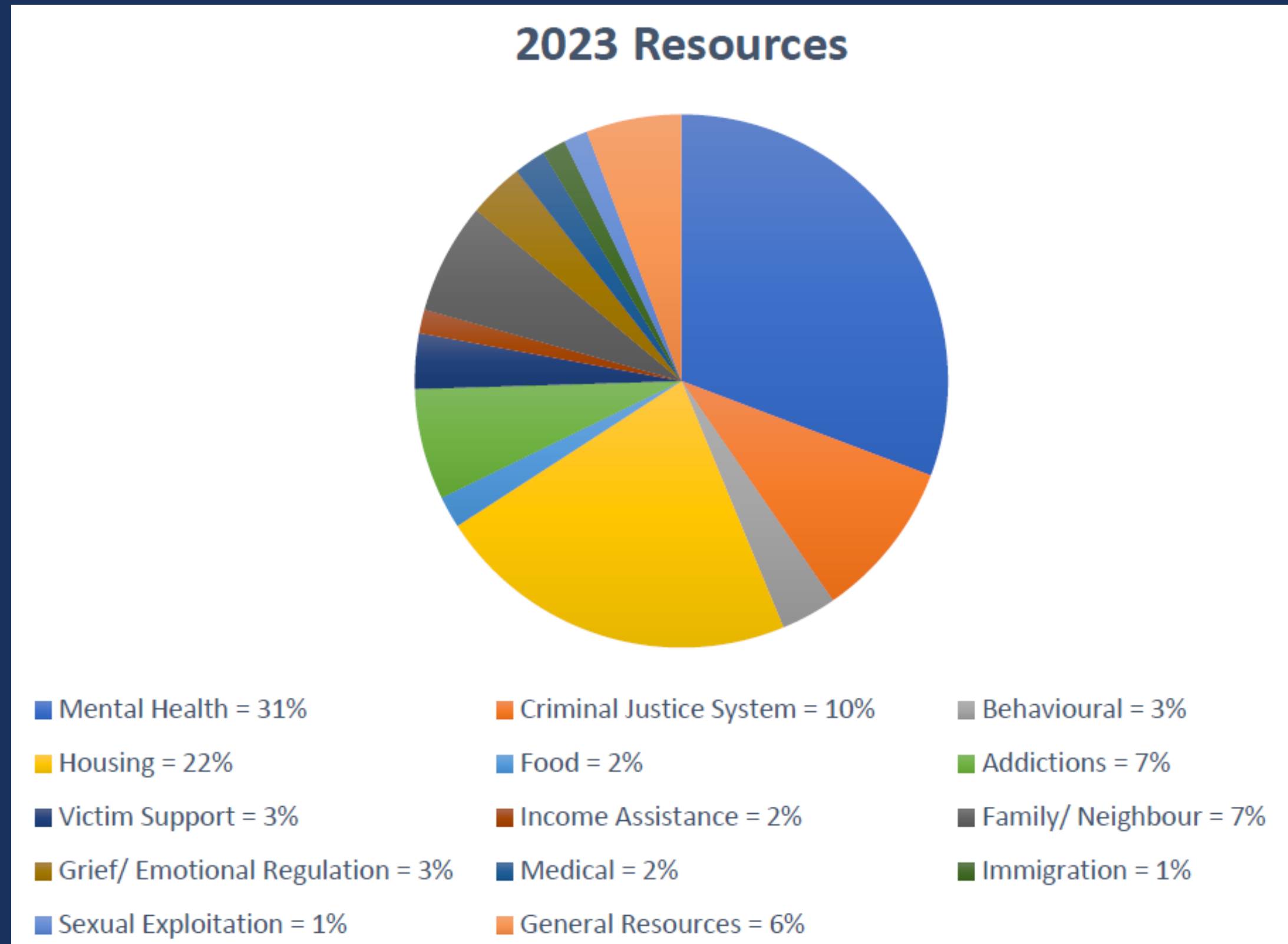
**COMMUNITY
CRISIS
NAVIGATOR**



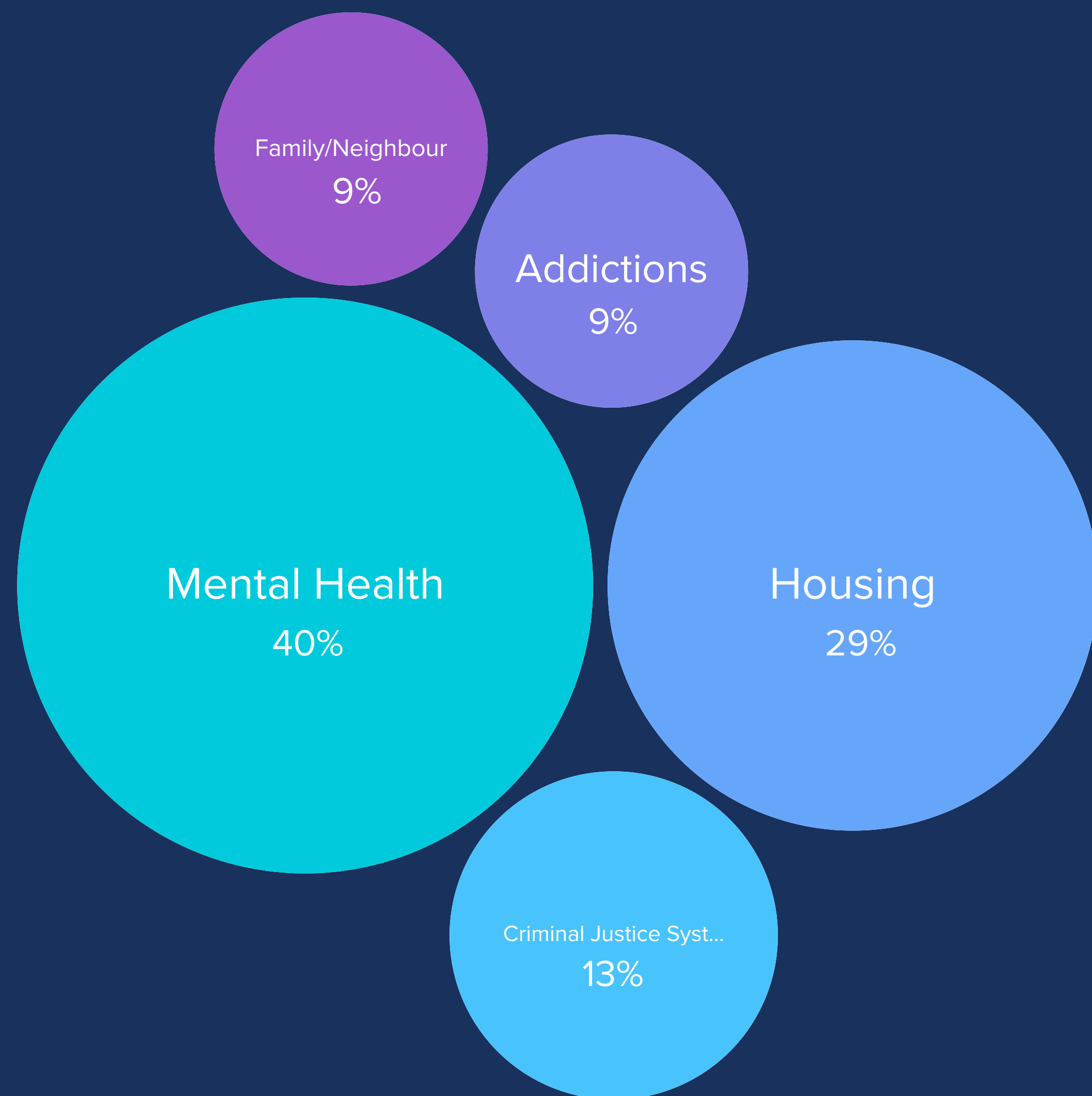
This position was fully funded position in 2023. The CCN works with the most vulnerable populations in Kenville and attempts to connect them with services based on need.

The referrals from frontline staff have increased. From May to December 2022, the CCN received 62 referrals. In 2023, the CCN received 129 referrals and of those, 100 of them were new individuals that she has never worked with before. 54 of these referrals were received from external resources such as KCA, Chrysalis House and the other 75 referrals were received from KPS staff.

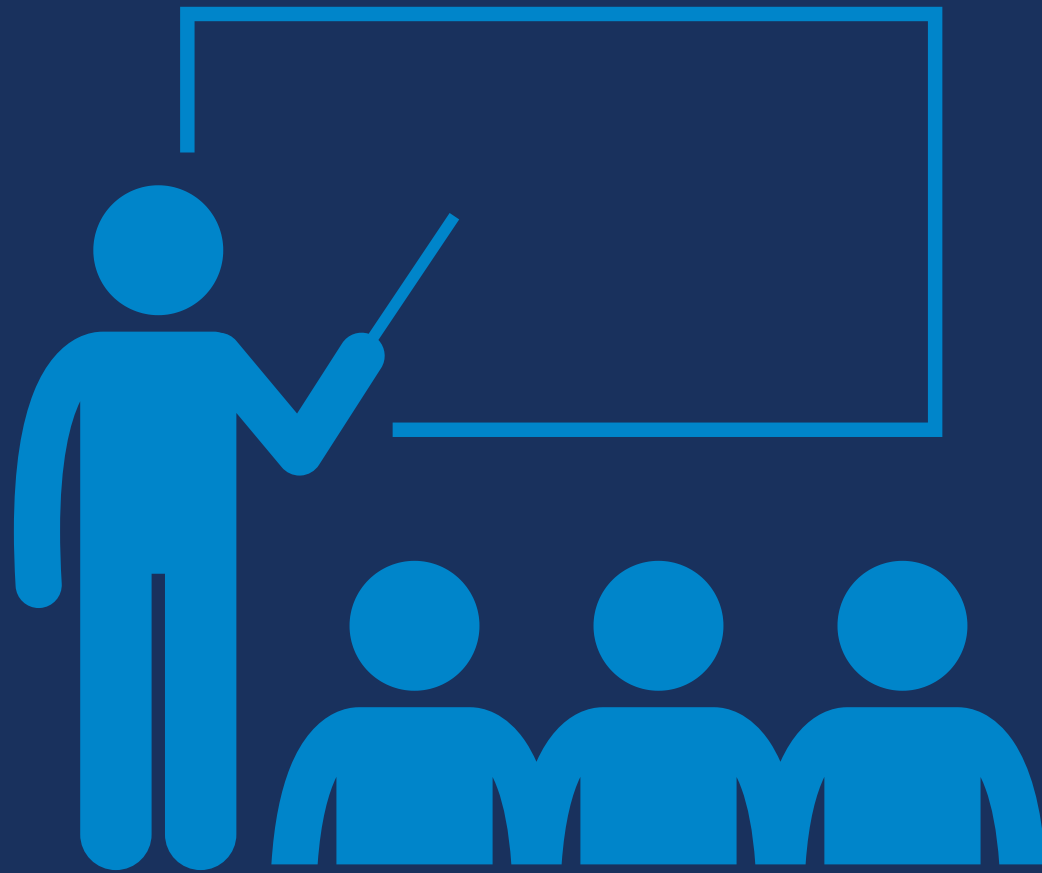
COMMUNITY CRISIS NAVIGATOR CASES BY TYPE



COMMUNITY CRISIS NAVIGATOR TOP 5 CATEGORIES



TRAINING



Mandatory Training

Each year the province (Department of Justice) provides a list to the Chief of Police in the province, mandating certain topics be covered. For 2023 the list included pistols, carbines, CEW, vascular neck restraint, SBOR/NUFF/Legal Articulation, ground fighting, weapon retention and IARD. This is based off the recently developed 3-year plan of recommendations from the Use of Force Working Group. This working group consists of use of force instructors from nine out of the ten municipal police services.

In 2023, KPS completed the training as mandated by the province which consisted of almost 800 training hours. These 800 hours do not include the countless hours put in by our instructors.

Functional/Instructor Training

Functional training is key for developing members with the proper skillsets to allow them to do their job at the highest level. Also, being a small organization, having the ability to have Instructors within KPS allows us to train more efficiently and effectively. With an increase in our Training Budget this year, we had the opportunity to offer over 20 different courses to our staff. These additional courses gave our staff almost 900hrs in additional training.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM

In early 2000, the Kentville Police Service started an Auxiliary Program. This program was designed to give the community members an opportunity to donate their time to a program that is designed to enhance community-based policing. The Auxiliary program also gave citizens that may have an interest in a policing career, the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience.

Since the Auxiliary program was introduced, 4 of the members have gone on to a Policing career, including our new Deputy Chief. We currently have 3 active Auxiliary members, 1 who has been with us since the beginning of the program and 2 that have recently joined the program.

In 2023 the 3 Auxiliary members donated a total of 341.5hrs to the Kentville Police Service and the Town of Kentville.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The motto for the staff of the Kentville Police Service is “Committed to the Community”. This is a commitment that the staff of the Kentville Police Service pride themselves on. We believe that policing is much more than responding to calls, solving crimes, and issuing tickets. Our staff believe that being involved in the community, working with local organizations, attending events, and engaging with the public gives us the ability to do our job even better. Our staff go above and beyond when it comes to community engagement, and it is evident that it has a positive impact.







AWARDS RECOGNITION



Cst Eric MacDonald
Platinum Jubilee Medal



Deputy Chief Ken Reade
Promotion



Cst Chris Burke
Long Service Award



NSLETR Inspired Gala



Dawn Fitch
45 Year Service Award



Cst Keigan Smith hiring



Cst David MacDonald
Long Service Award



Cst Nicole Cleaves hiring



Cst Andrew Waters
MADD Award Recognition for
Impaired Drivers



Cst Jason Sehl
Long Service Award



Chief Jim Butler's
Retirement



Cst Ben Fleckenstein hiring



Sgt Trevor MacNeil
25 Year Service Award



Cst Chris Burke
15 Year Service Award



Cst Kara Mason
MADD Recognition for Impaired
Drivers



Sgt Kevin Pick
15 Year Service Award



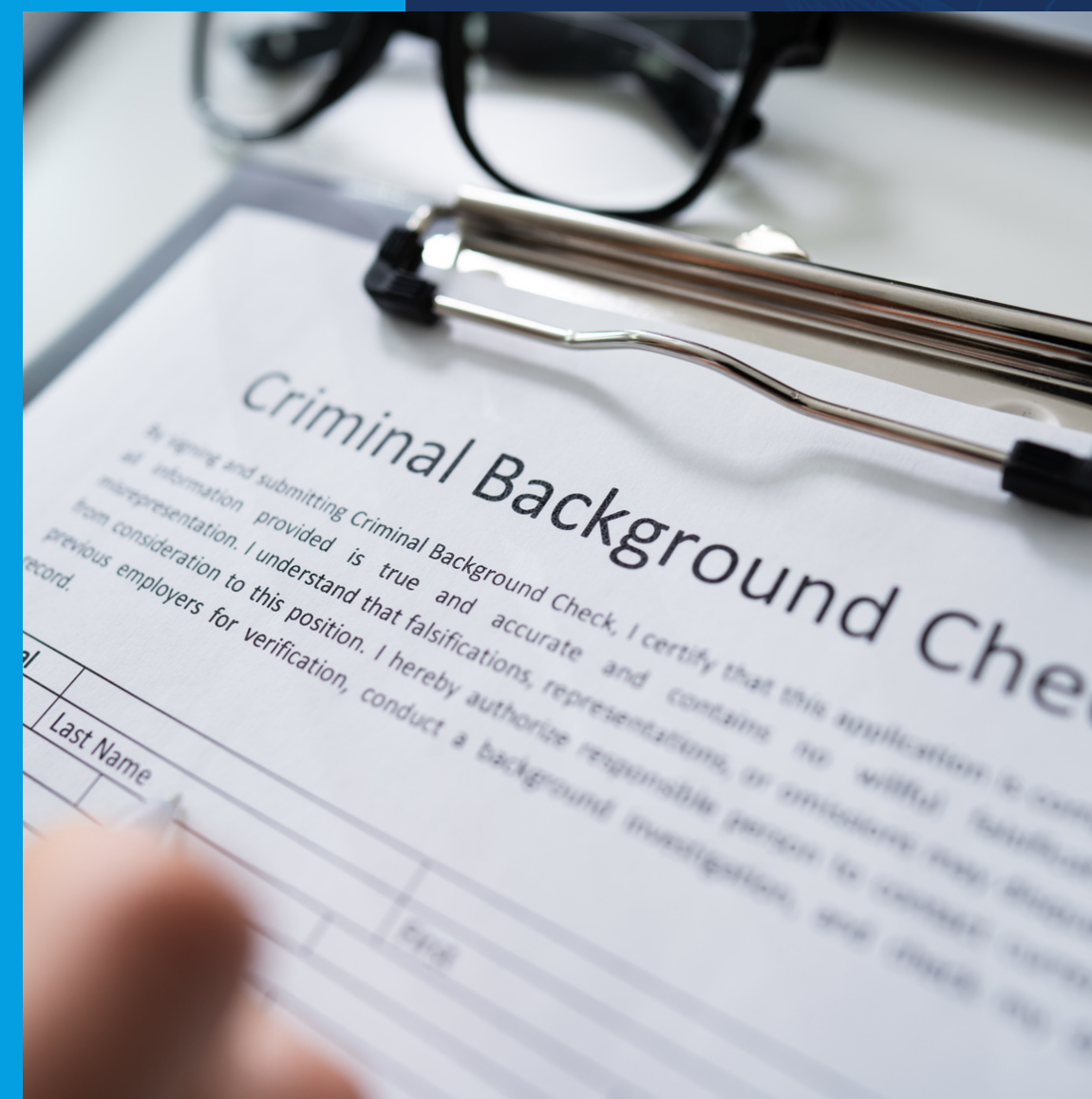
Cst Eric MacDonald Hiring



Chief Marty Smith
Promotion

BACKCHECK

Backcheck and staffing need to be monitored and evaluated on a continual basis. There has been a change this year and all agencies will log into one central work queue. It is a “first come” basis and this continues to be monitored to ensure we get enough access to work. We currently have 2 full time and 5 part time Backcheck employees who process criminal record checks.



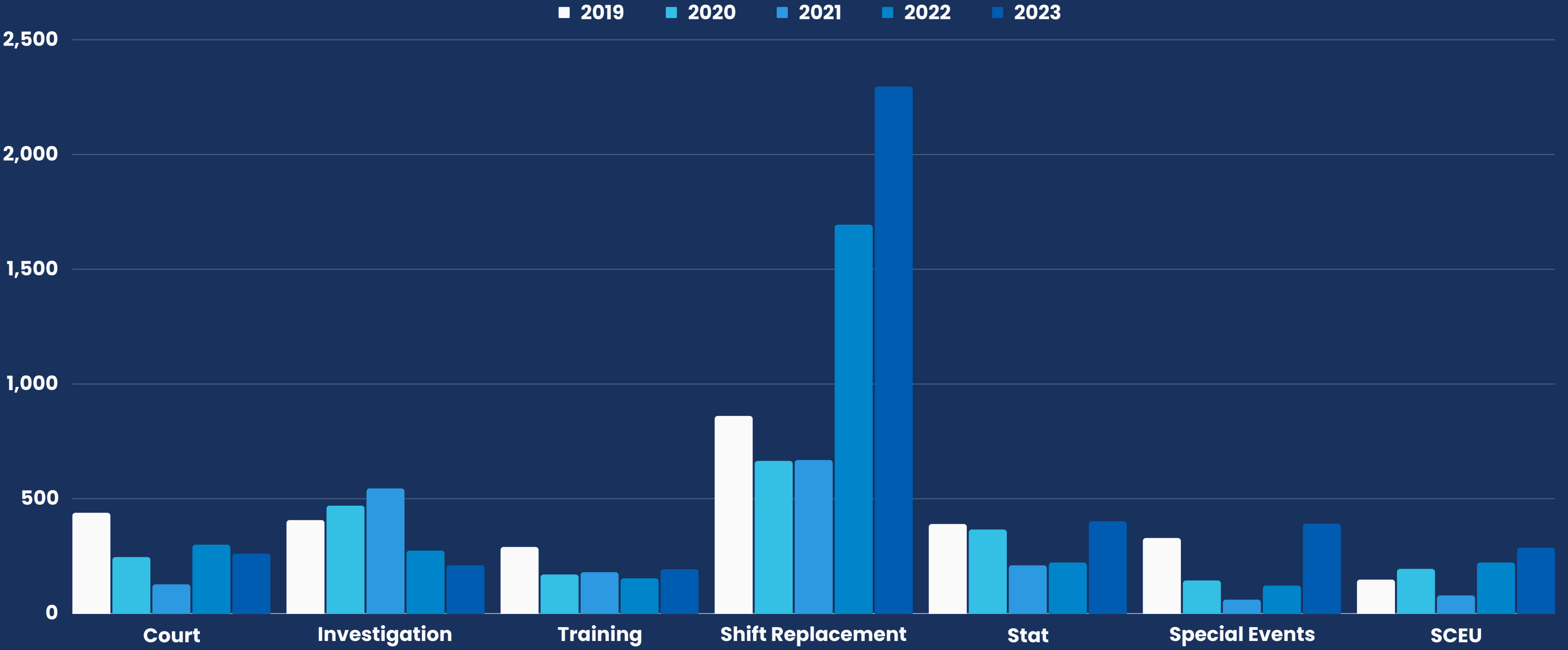


BYLAW

KPS has one full time bylaw officer. He works full time enforcing parking related violations in the downtown core. He also assists with various provincial regulations, as well as bylaw complaints such as unsightly premises or noise bylaws.

He has issued 589 tickets for parking infractions. There were also 587 warnings issued and 271 charges for other provincial statutes and bylaws . The bylaw officer also assisted KPS members on 104 calls throughout the year. S/Cst Wood spends on average 7 hours a day in the downtown core interacting with the public and he is an important part of our Community Policing Model.

OVERTIME STATS



POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Uniform and Equipment
Human Trafficking Investigations
Missing Persons
Pursuit and Stop Stix
Handling of Personal Information
Extra Duty
Off Duty Policy



OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS IN 2023



Project 01

Replaced PC 312 and kept previous 312 as Admin vehicle



Project 03

PROS/PAT/GPS in all vehicles - ongoing for 23-24 fiscal



Project 02

Repairs to outside of building - ongoing for 23-24 fiscal



Project 04

Body Worn Camera upgrades



Project 05

LiveScan system upgraded

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