



COBOURG POLICE SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT

February 2022

March 22nd, 2022 - Prepared by: Lesley Rodrigues #620 – Crime Analyst

Calls for Service

Feb	2022	681	2022 YTD	2054
Feb	2021	651		
Feb	2020	796	2021 YTD	1945
Feb	2019	699		

Mental Health Related Occurrences

Feb	2022	13	2022 YTD	24
Feb	2021	5		
Feb	2020	17	2021 YTD	12
Feb	2019	15		

Violent Offences

Feb	2022	5	2022 YTD	20
Feb	2021	6		
Feb	2020	13	2021 YTD	13
Feb	2019	17		

Property Crimes

Feb	2022	9	2022 YTD	21
Feb	2021	13		
Feb	2020	10	2021 YTD	26
Feb	2019	9		

Domestic Related

(Violent incidents in brackets)

Feb	2022	12 (3)	2022 YTD	22 (6)
Feb	2021	11 (0)		
Feb	2020	18 (1)	2021 YTD	26 (0)
Feb	2019	16 (4)		

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Numbers provided are for the time period of February 1st to February 28th for the years 2021 and 2022

INDICATOR – REPORTED CRIME	2022	2021	DIFF
Violent Offences	6	6	0%
Crimes Against Property	17	18	-6%
Other Criminal Code Violations	44	32	27%
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	24	4	83%
Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA)	5	4	20%
Cannabis Act (Federal)	1	1	0%
Provincial Offence Notice's	209	17	92%
CPS Internal Codes (assist & information)	126	144	-14%

INDICATOR – ROADWAY SAFETY	2022	2021	DIFF
Motor Vehicle Collisions	13	18	39%
Impaired Driving Charges	1	0	100%

*Numbers reflect Primary Offence Codes



Cobourg Police investigated multiple (11) gas drive off occurrences where eight of those were determined to be accidental where the customer attempted to pay at the pump but for unknown reasons the payment was not successful. Calls for service were received, and Officers had to review video surveillance to obtain driver information. In most cases, the drivers were unaware their payment had not been received and returned shortly after being notified by police. In several other cases however, the license plates were not visible for various reasons resulting in theft occurrences being classified as insufficient evidence to proceed.

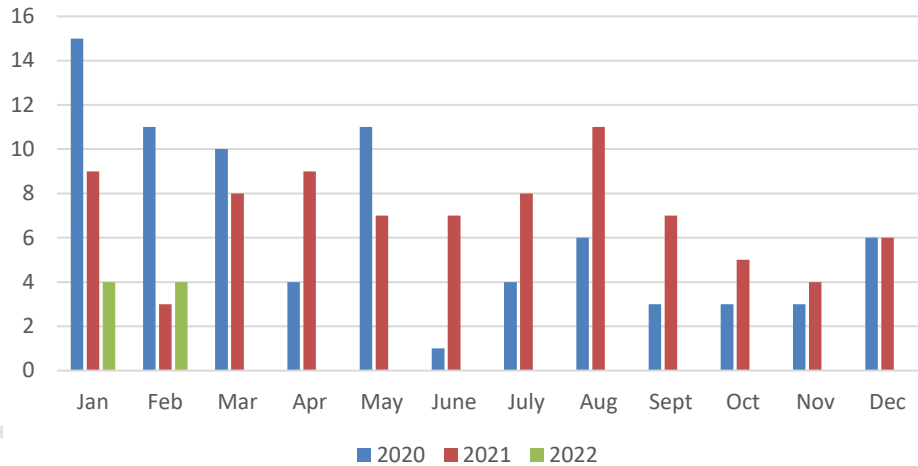
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CRIME TRENDS

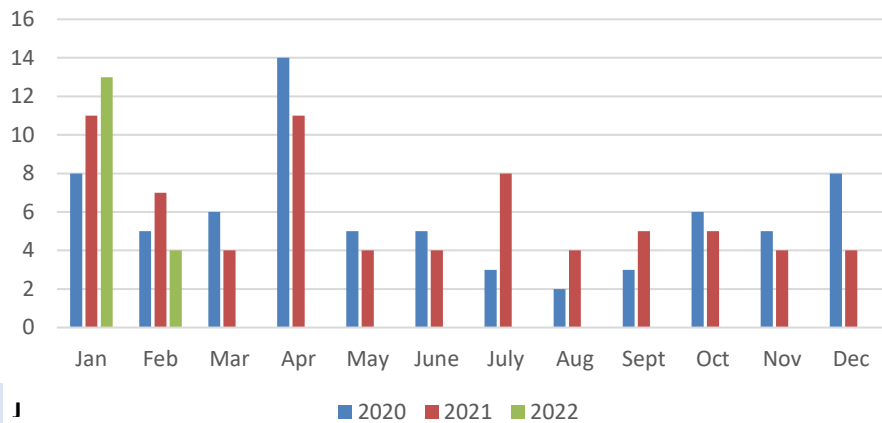
FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT



There were four reports of frauds (including identity theft) in the month February.

↘ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021 the number of incidents has decreased by **-56%**.

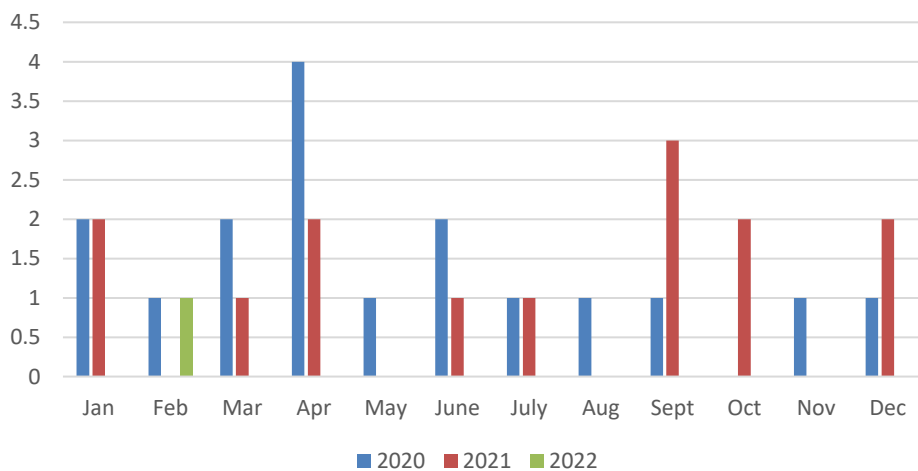
BREAK & ENTER



↗ There were four reported break and enters in the month of February; this is an increase of two incidents from January 2022.

↗ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021 the number of incidents has increased 43%.

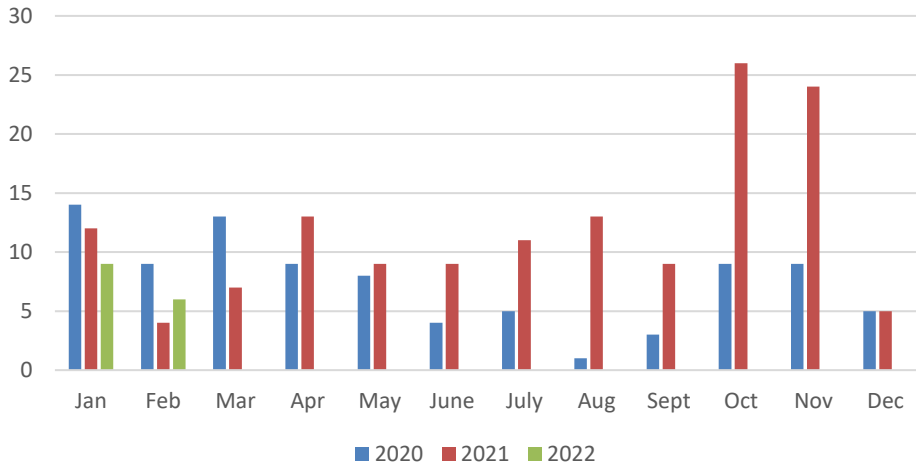
Theft of Motor Vehicle



↗ There was one reported theft of motor vehicles in the month of February.

↗ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021 the frequency of theft of motor vehicle reports has increased by one occurrence.

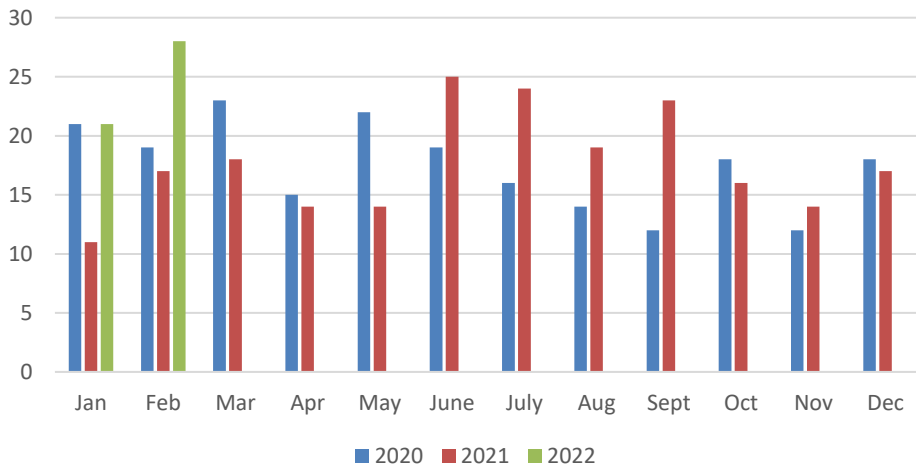
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE



↘ There were six reported thefts from motor vehicles in the month of February; this is a decrease of three incidents from January 2022.

↗ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021 the frequency of theft from motor vehicle reports have decreased by two incidents (-50%).

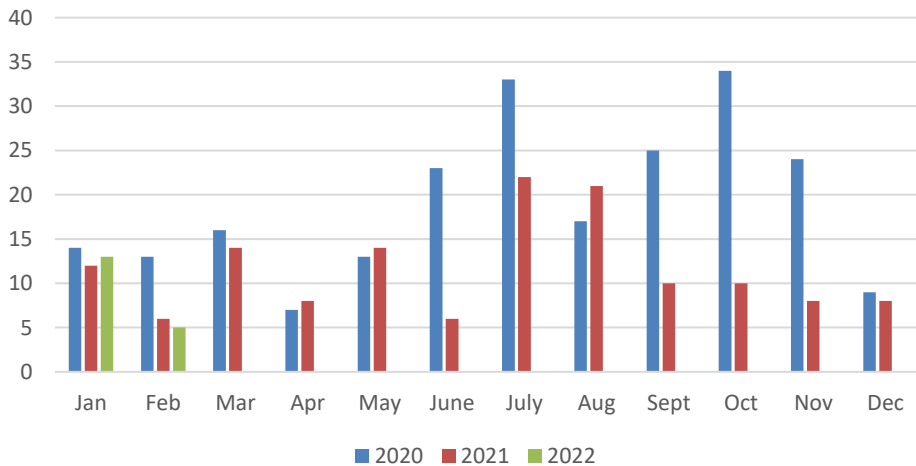
DOMESTIC & FAMILY DISPUTE



↗ There were 28 domestic and family dispute incidents reported in the month of February; this is an increase of seven incidents from January.

↗ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021 the frequency of domestic and family dispute reports has increased by 11 occurrences, or 65%.

ASSAULT (INCLUDING SEX ASSAULT)



↘ There were five Assaults including sexual assaults in the month of February. This is a decrease of 8 incidents from February 2022.

↘ When comparing year-to-date 2022 to 2021, the frequency of assaults decreased by 1 incident.

OPIOID OVERDOSE-RELATED

Between February 1st and March 1st 2022, the Cobourg Police Service (CPS) received 7 calls related to suspected opioid overdoses/drug poisoning, which compared to 2021 (3) for the same period for an increase of 57%.

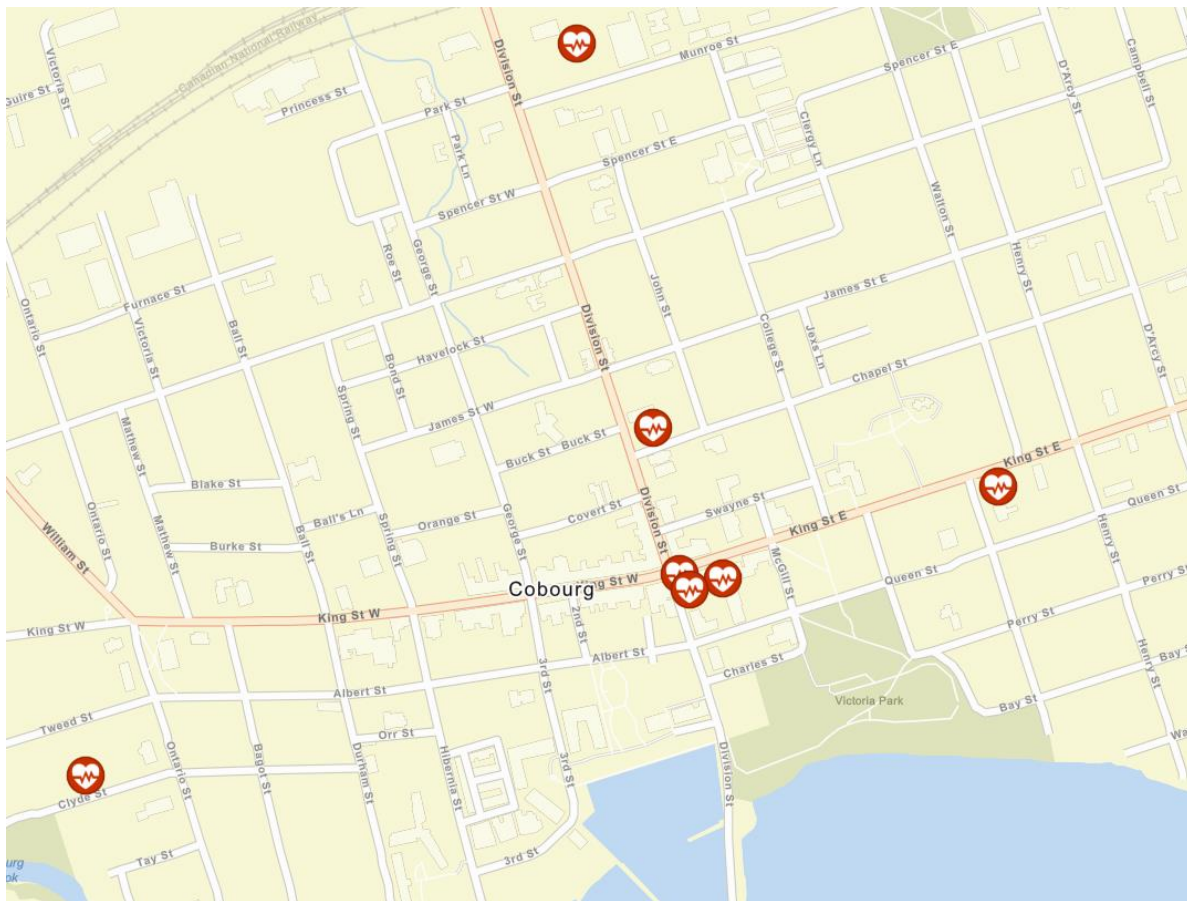
In 2021, approximately 91 suspected opioid overdose calls were received by CPS, which is a 69% increase compared to 28 calls in 2020. Year to date (March 22 2022) Cobourg Police has responded to 24 suspected overdose incidents with two occurrences being fatal. Both victims were male ages 30 and 56.

On February 28th 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 February

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

Week beginning Monday	Count
30-Jan	1
6-Feb	1
13-Feb	1
20-Feb	6
February Total	9



ONGOING TRENDS



Organized Crime Thefts - Organized crime thefts continue to be a consistent trend throughout the surrounding areas. In February, suspects targeted the Shoppers Drug Mart on five separate occasions resulting in a total loss of \$7929.26. Items stolen included aspirin, baby products including formula, electric toothbrushes, Crest white strips, and five laptops removed from behind a counter during regular business hours.

Suspects in these incidents operated in pairs or more, with on two occasions an individual posing as a distraction to retail staff. Most of these occurrences the suspects have used rental vehicles and/or parked off site.

Photos of the suspects were obtained and disseminated across Ontario with other police services experiencing the same occurrences. Identification has been difficult due to masks, hats, sunglasses, and other ways used to conceal their identities. Currently, these investigations are ongoing. Surveillance cameras have since been strategically placed to assist in investigations moving forward.

INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS

Joint Forces Drug Investigation – As part of an ongoing enhanced enforcement strategy targeting illegal drug activity affecting Northumberland County and the safety of our citizens, the Cobourg Police Service and the Port Hope Police Service commenced a drug investigation. As a result, members of the Cobourg Police Service, arrested one male and one female. The two accused were arrested without incident. As a result of this investigation and search, with the assistance of Cobourg Police uniform officers, Scenes of Crime Officer, Belleville Police K-9 Unit, police seized a quantity of suspected Fentanyl, Cocaine, Crystal Methamphetamine, and Psilocybin.

Domestic in Progress – Cobourg Police were dispatched to the area of Sutherland Cres regarding a domestic dispute. Information received was that a female was injured and crying, and a male was observed walking away. Police arrived on scene and located the victim. Through police investigation it was determined that the victim had been leaving her residence when she was followed by her boyfriend who had demanded \$100. The male grabbed the victim by the shoulders pulling on her purse with such force that the victim was knocked to the ground, striking her head. EMS attended but the victim refused transport to the hospital. Suspect located in the area of Battell Court and was arrested for Robbery (Spousal), Possession of Counterfeit Money, Possession of Prohibited Device, Fail to Comply with Prohibition Order X2. Suspect was held pending a show cause hearing.

Theft - Cobourg resident called police to a College Street home regarding a theft from her front porch. Complainant had groceries delivered and an unknown male came on the porch and stole a box of flour. Video was obtained and Officers were

able to match the clothing worn in the video with a suspect dealt with two days later. Suspect arrested and charged with Theft under, possession property obtained by crime.

Break and Enter in Progress – Police were dispatched to an apartment complex regarding a Break & Enter in Progress. Due to the recent thefts from lockers located in the basement/underground parking of the apartment complex the complainant was told to call police if he observed anything suspicious, which was the case when they noticed three individuals with a shopping cart in the basement area. Police attended and located the three parties on scene. All persons were searched, and the area was checked with no evidence of any thefts or damage to any of the storage units. All three parties were issued Provincial Offence Notices under the *Trespass to Property Act*.

Assist Fire - Police responded to Queen St for a dumpster fire. Fire was extinguished by Cobourg Fire Department. Unknown origin of fire. No one observed in area at time. Nearby video footage was checked with negative results. Damage caused to dumpsters and roof of dumpster shelter.

Disturb the Peace - Police received a call to attend Walmart for a group of males inside the produce section fighting. Police attended and learned that a fight had occurred between three males. During the process of the fight a Good Samaritan was assaulted when he attempted to intervene. Video was reviewed and as a result 19-year-old Cobourg male was charged with assault.

Property Damage Fail to Remain – Police were dispatched to Veronica and Division Street for a report of the center traffic signal pole for s/b traffic had been struck and was blocking all southbound lanes. Officers arrived on scene and discovered that a vehicle had struck the pole and failed to remain. Officers searched the area for the vehicle with negative results. Cobourg Works Department attended and cleared the roadway. A new light and pole were installed, and all signals restored to the intersection. Video canvassed for at local businesses produced negative results.

Theft - Amazon package stolen from front porch of a residence on Walton Street by an unknown male suspect. Homeowner forwarded video of the theft that was disseminated to all Officers. Suspect identified and arrested/charged with Theft under. Suspicious Person – Police were dispatched to attend Ganaraska Financial Institute, regarding 2 males sleeping in the vestibule area. Police attended and located. At this time Police knew there was an outstanding warrant for one of the males with the Peterborough Police Service. Police placed under arrest, contacted Peterborough Police who advised they would return.

Shoplift - Police were dispatched to attend the Liquor Store on Elgin Street West for a shoplift that had just occurred. An unknown male wearing a covid mask took a bottle of vodka and exited the store past all points of purchase. Staff managed to obtain the license plate the male was observed getting into. Through police investigation the suspect was contacted and agreed to attend the store to pay for his item. The suspect was cautioned and trespassed.

Domestic Assault – A female called 911 from her residence indicating her boyfriend had just assaulted her by choking her and had punched a hole in the wall. Upon arrival police observed the suspect attempting to leave the area at which time he was arrested. As a result of investigation, the male was charged with Assault Cause Bodily Harm, Choking and Mischief.

Theft - Police were dispatched to a business in the west end of town regarding a suspect caught on camera on two separate occasions stealing items from the store. Police commenced an investigation into the theft, and as a result 32-year-old Cobourg woman was arrested and charged with Theft Under X2, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime X2.

Suspicious Person – Police while on general patrol in a south end residential neighbourhood of Cobourg Police located a male in the process of rummaging through a vehicle parked in the driveway of a private residence. As a result 33-year-old Male of NFA was arrested and charged with Theft under, possession of property obtained by crime, trespass by night and Mischief under.

Theft - Police attended a residence on University Avenue east for a report of a theft. The complainant advised his wife had completed a sale online for some children's clothing. The purchaser was to attend with cash and exchange for the item. Soon after an unknown male walked onto the porch and took the item walking east on university Avenue. Video provided and the suspect was identified and charged.

Shoplift - Staff from LCBO on Albert Street reporting a theft of alcohol. Suspect entered the store and removed two 40 oz bottles of rum and left without paying. Suspect was last seen eastbound on Albert. Description and photo disseminated to officers which identified the suspect. Male located, arrested, and charged.

Theft - Police were dispatched to the LCBO located at on Elgin Street for a theft of several bottles of liquor. Two males stole 4 large bottles of rum and rye totalling \$565.00. Video disseminated to surrounding police agencies assisted in identifying both males. Males involved in numerous LCBO thefts across Durham Region.

Weapons - Police were dispatched to Elgin Street for a report of a male in the area with a knife who stated he was being chased by someone. Police attended and found the front window of the residence smashed out. The victim advise that the male suspect was inside the house and was bleeding. He entered their children's bedroom in possession of a knife and then fled the residence out the back door. Police were then notified that the male was at Petro Canada on Division Street requesting EMS. 28-year-old Cobourg male was arrested for Break and Enter X 2, Weapons Dangerous and Robbery. A third victim had approached police and advised this male had also broken into his apartment on Division Street wielding a knife and demanding his cell phone.