

Fredericton Police Force

Public Safety Presentation

16 January 2025



This presentation discusses the following...

- Our call volume: What occurrences are taking place?
- What is the associated impact on police and community?
- What are the obstacles to police and stakeholders?
- Current and next steps.





FPF Calls for Service

2022

31,588

2023

33,369

2024

30,646





3-Year Average: Daily Call Volume

87.3 Calls Per Day





1 Priority 1: Require emergency response

2 Priority 2: Require rapid response

3 Priority 3: Within next business day

4 Priority 4: Administrative calls

+60%

1-6 hours





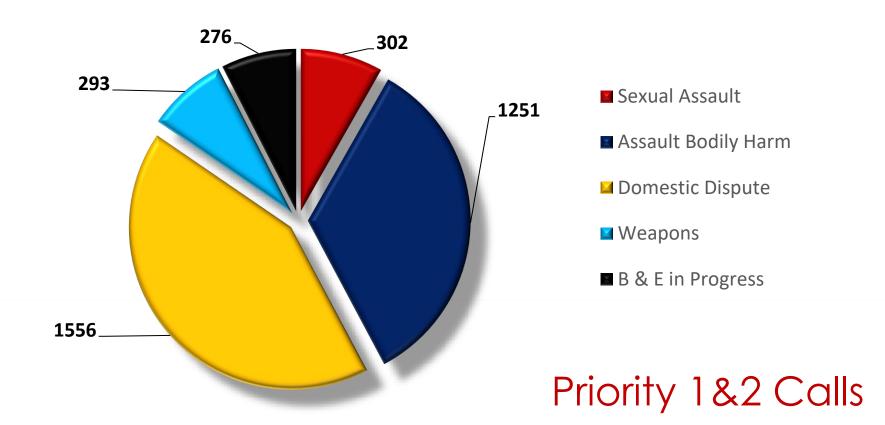
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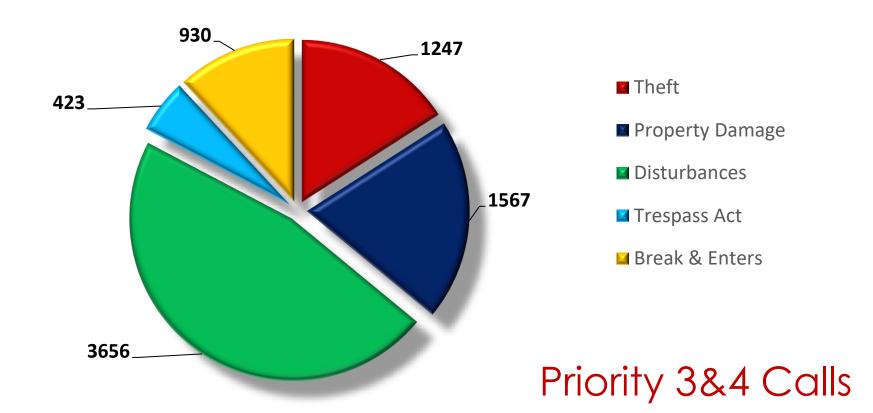




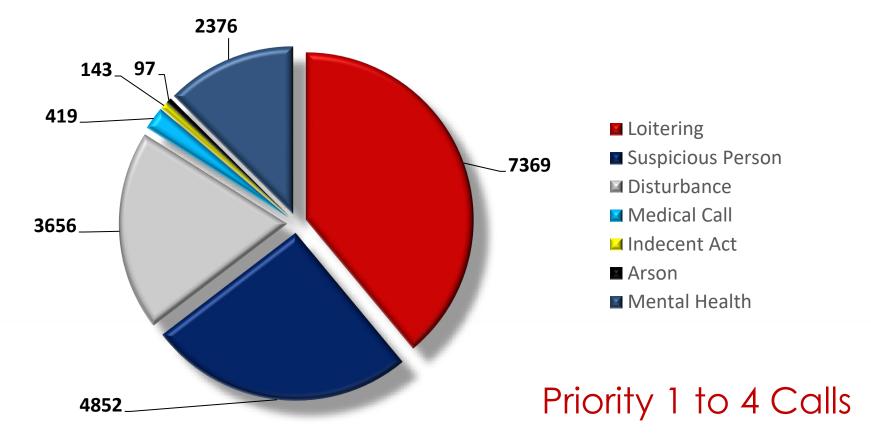
Crimes Against Persons: 2022 - 2024



Property Offences: 2022 - 2024



Socio-Related Calls: 2022 - 2024



What is the associated impact on police and community: Did you know?

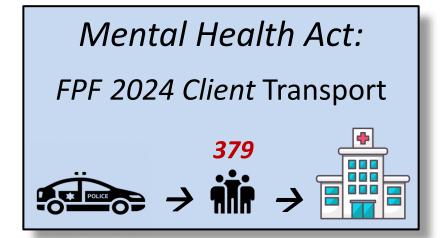








That Less than 0.06% of our Population is Responsible for Almost 20% of Crime in our Community



2 Officers @ 4 hours Each per MHA 379 Transports in 2024 = 3,032 hours Associated Cost = \$166,760





1 in 5 Calls for Service are Connected to Individuals Living Rough



172 People are Presently Living Rough in Fredericton



That **0.2%** of Calls are in Response to Individuals Committing Crimes to Satisfy Basic Needs (e.g., Stealing Food – Staying Warm)





Of the 172 People Living Rough, approximately 48 Individuals Create Almost 20% of our Overall Call Volume



Our Highest Call Volume for Individuals Living Rough are Generally High Acuity with Complex Needs

The Reality of the Issues

"You gave me a ticket for sleeping here, now I need to commit a crime so I can pay the ticket." "I'm going to keep committing crime until I get a place to stay in jail."

What are the obstacles for police & stakeholders?







Public Perception

"Why don't police just arrest the addicts, homeless and those with mental health issues?"

Please Note: Police cannot arrest clients for simply being homeless, experiencing addiction issues, or anyone suffering from mental health issues.



Mental Health Act

Arrests under the **Mental Health Act** mandate "peace officer" continuity of subjects until assessed. Wait times, on average, for evaluation range between **3-6 hours**.

This adversely impacts police visibility and our response to priority 1 & 2 calls for service.





Chronic Offender Release

Release of Recidivists: Police are routinely engaged in approximately **5X** the effort to rearrest chronic offenders.



Illicit Drugs



HIGHLY ADDICTIVE



INCREDIBLY CHEAP



READILY AVAILABLE



Reactive - Proactive

Ideally 65% - 35%



Current and next steps







Police Resources

With ongoing support from City Hall, the Fredericton Police Force has actioned initiatives intended to minimize our vacancies and grow our proactive public safety and community engagement efforts.





Initiatives Implemented



APA



PUBLIC SAFETY CAMS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT



ADMIN SUPPORT



DRAFT ONE TECH







City of Fredericton: Public Safety Collaborative Response

Police

- Priority 1-4 Response
- ICS
 - Mental Health
 - Victim/Witness
 - Youth Services
 - CLO/Living Rough
 - CPTED
 - o IPV
- BFN & DFI Meetings
- Stakeholder Sessions

CSSU

- General Patrols
- By-Law Enforcement
- Trail Patrols Safety
- Unwanted Persons
- Report Vandalism
- Complaint Response
- Syringe Disposal
- MOU with Police

Engineering & Operations

- PS Cameras
- Community Cameras
- Roadway Operations
- Clean-Up: 56 hrs/week
- Daily-Parks and Trails
- North & South
- Drug Paraphernalia
- Vandalism/Graffiti



Thank you for your time and patience

