

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	2022 Year End Report – Crime Prevention, Volunteers and Auxiliary Branch
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information with respect to the Crime Prevention, Volunteer and Auxiliary Branch within Hamilton Police Service.

INFORMATION

The Hamilton Police Service Crime Prevention Branch is responsible for promoting and implementing community-based Crime Prevention initiatives within our diverse community.

These events allow our Service to interact and build bridges with the community, instruct citizens about the role of police, and raise safety awareness while educating the public. Crime Prevention Officers are the Service's experts on home, business and personal safety. Crime Prevention Officers routinely perform security audits at businesses, residences and places of worship. In addition, they provide presentations on a number of Crime Prevention initiatives to various agencies and community groups upon request. Crime Prevention has also heavily increased its social media presence as a way of connecting to an even larger audience in our City and beyond.

The staffing complement in the Crime Prevention Branch consists of two Constables, however in 2022, this was reduced to one Constable because the second officer was redeployed to front line patrol.

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At the end of 2022, two new full time Crime Prevention Officers were selected to start their positions in January 2023.

The Auxiliary & Volunteer Branch members of the Hamilton Police Service dedicated their time to various activities over the past year. These valued members attended an array of important community programs that would not have been otherwise possible without their presence. The program continued to provide its members with meaningful opportunities despite continued COVID-19 restrictions during 2022 that allowed them to gain valuable skills as they work towards careers in policing and law enforcement.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – 2022 Year End Report Crime Prevention, Volunteers and Auxiliary Branch.

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