



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLICE SERVICES BOARD



Dave Fawcett - Chair,
West Grey Police
Service Board

The year 2025 marked the first full year of policing under Ontario's Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA). This legislation continues to guide a modern approach to policing, with a strong emphasis on accountability, transparency, and meaningful community engagement.

The West Grey Police Service Board remains committed to these principles and to ensuring the delivery of adequate and effective policing within our community.

Board member training, now mandatory under the CSPA, continues to strengthen governance and oversight. While the Board is currently operating with one provincial appointee vacancy, we remain focused on our responsibilities and look forward to being brought to full complement.

We are also pleased to see significant progress on the new West Grey Police Service facility. Following the ground-breaking in June 2024, construction has advanced steadily and the project is nearing completion, with an anticipated opening in late fall 2025. This new building will provide a modern, functional space that supports our members and enhances service delivery to the community.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Municipal Council for its continued support, as well as the members of the West Grey Police Service for their professionalism and dedication to keeping our community safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Fawcett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



Jeremy White -
Chief of Police

On behalf of all members of the West Grey Police Service, both sworn and civilian, I am proud to present the 2025 Annual Report to our community.

In the pages that follow, you will find an overview of our continued efforts to address criminal activity, enhance road safety, and provide transparency around our calls for service, types of occurrences, and reported crimes. This report also highlights the important work we have undertaken alongside our community partners to respond to concerns raised by residents. We remain committed to proactive policing, maintaining a visible presence through foot patrols, community engagement initiatives, school programs, and other outreach efforts.

Over the past year, our members have met each challenge with professionalism and dedication, continuing to serve our community with respect, compassion, and integrity. Throughout 2025, our officers, civilian staff, and volunteers worked diligently to promote the safety and well-being of all who live, work, and visit West Grey. Our Service remains focused on delivering high-quality policing, exercising fiscal responsibility, and strengthening meaningful connections within the community.

We are committed to being strong community partners and to demonstrating, through our actions, our ongoing dedication to community-focused policing.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our community partners, fellow first responders, local organizations, businesses, and residents for their continued support in helping keep West Grey safe. I also wish to thank the West Grey Police Association for their ongoing commitment to the safety of our citizens and the well-being of our members.

Together, we share the common goal of making the West Grey Police Service an excellent place to work and ensuring the Municipality of West Grey remains a safe and welcoming community in which to live, work, and play.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Jeremy White.

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

THE WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE
WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CREATE A
SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO
LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.



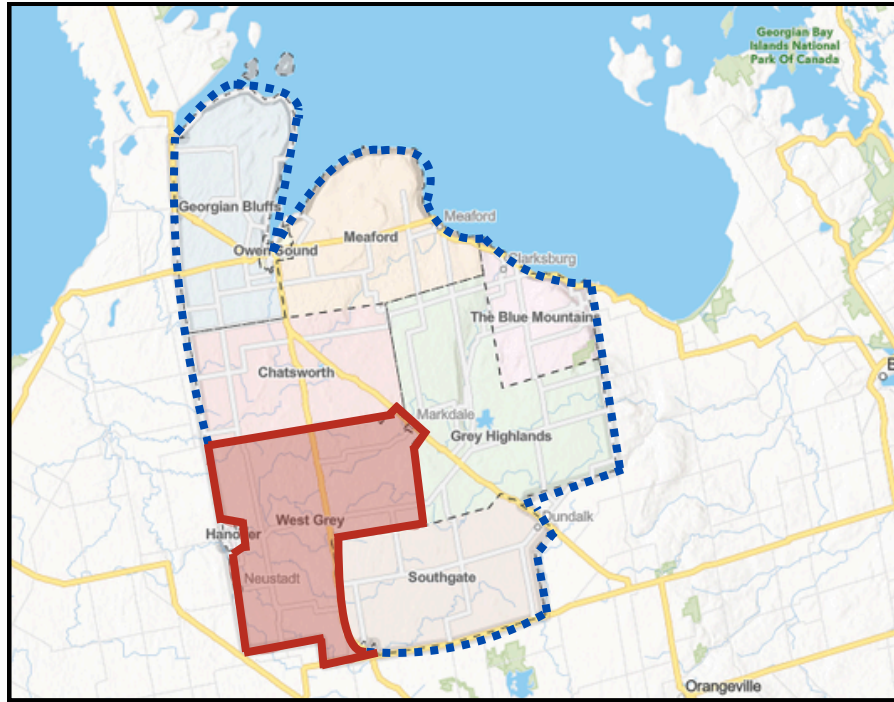


WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE VISION STATEMENT

MEMBERS OF THE WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR POLICING NEEDS, ENFORCE LAWS, AND DEVELOP PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE AND CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICE SERVICES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



**ABOUT THE
WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE**



The West Grey Police Service is responsible for policing the Municipality of West Grey, located in Southwestern Ontario. West Grey is an amalgamated municipality made up of the former Townships of Bentinck, Glenelg, and Normanby; the Villages of Neustadt and Ayton; and the former Town of Durham.



As the largest municipality in Grey County by geographic area, West Grey has a population of approximately 13,000 residents. Provincial Highway 6, along with Grey County Roads 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 23, and 25, run through the municipality, totaling approximately 780 kilometres of roadway patrolled by the West Grey Police Service.

West Grey is a popular destination for seasonal homeowners, campers, hikers, and visitors seeking to enjoy the area's natural beauty. The municipality is home to 12 local campgrounds offering both seasonal and transient sites, with serviced and unserviced options. In addition, West Grey features a variety of unique businesses, a vibrant arts community, and has experienced steady growth, with an influx of new residents from more urban areas as residential development continues to expand.

To support community safety, officers engage in proactive initiatives such as increased foot patrols within their assigned zones. Officers are required to complete a designated amount of foot patrol, conduct after-hours business checks to ensure properties are secure, and attend local sporting events such as hockey, soccer, and baseball games to maintain a visible and approachable presence in the community.

The municipality is divided into three policing zones, with officers assigned to each zone on a long-term basis. Officers are responsible for building relationships, monitoring crime trends, identifying local concerns, and working collaboratively with the community to develop effective solutions. The zones are as follows:

Zone 1: Former Bentinck Township

Zone 2: Former Normanby Township, including Ayton and Neustadt

Zone 3: Former Town of Durham and Glenelg Township

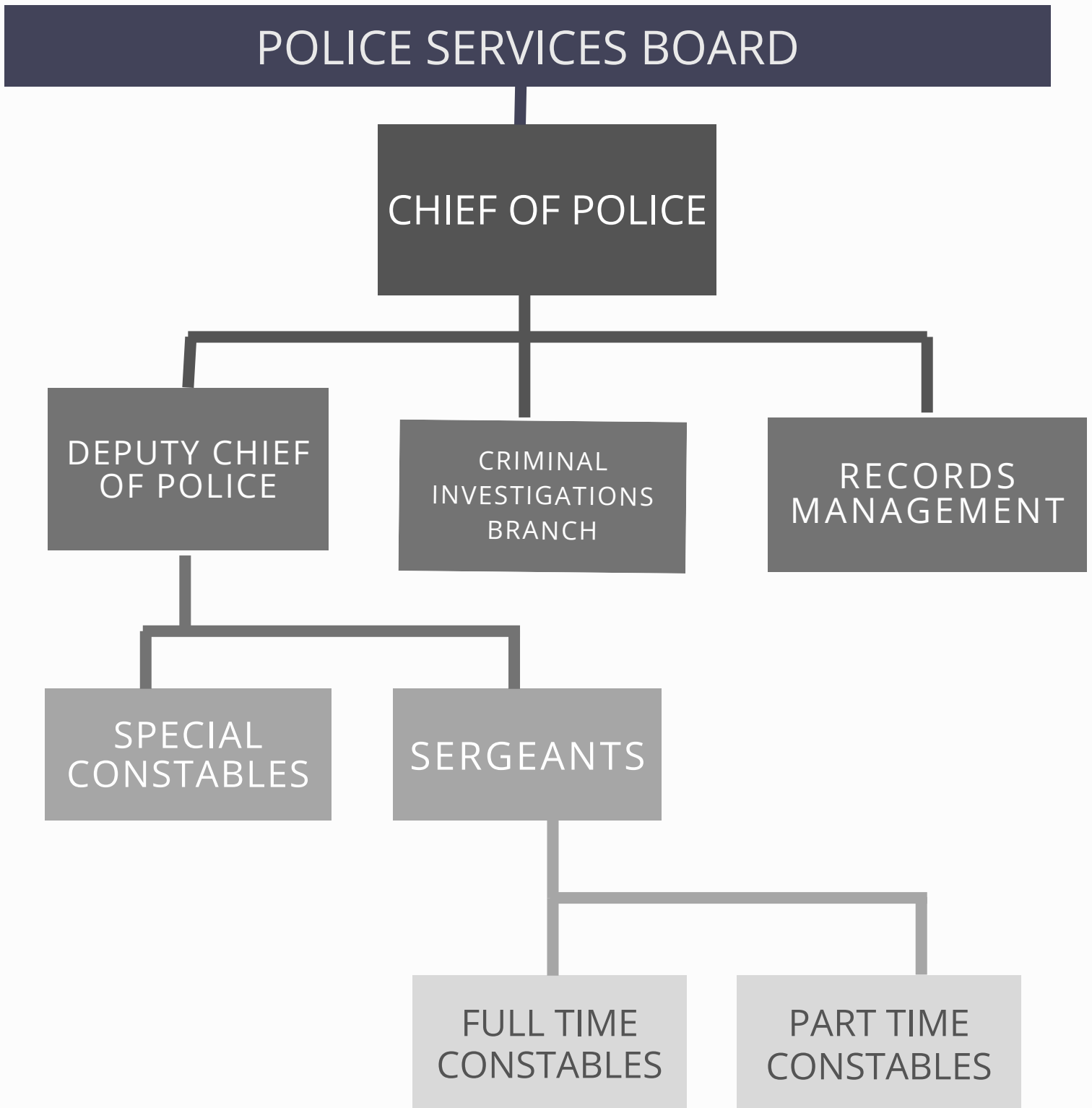
A sub-station for Zone 2 is located in Ayton. Officers assigned to this zone complete their reporting at the Ayton office, rather than returning to Durham. The sub-station also serves as a convenient location for residents to meet with officers regarding complaints, investigations, and community concerns.

The West Grey Police Service is committed to a community policing approach that emphasizes strong partnerships between officers and residents. Modern policing extends beyond responding to calls for service; it focuses on proactive engagement, problem-solving, and building trust through consistent presence and interaction within the community.

Community Oriented Policing is a shared responsibility. It is a collaborative effort between police and the community to identify concerns, address challenges, and develop solutions that enhance safety and quality of life for all residents.

The Service is comprised of a Chief of Police, a Deputy Chief, 22 full-time sworn officers, three part-time sworn officers, four auxiliary officers, and two civilian staff members. Together, they implement a variety of strategies to support the Service's Community Oriented Policing Program.

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS

DOUG TOWNSEND

DAVE FAWCETT - BOARD CHAIR

JOYCE NUHN - VICE CHAIR

JOHN BELL

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE UNIFORMED MEMBERS

JEREMY WHITE - CHIEF OF POLICE

MICHELLE DUFFY - CONSTABLE

KEN ILES - A/ DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

ALLYSON ILES - CONSTABLE

CHAD BROWN - SERGEANT

SCOTT KOESLAG - CONSTABLE

MARK McCOMB - SERGEANT

ROBERT LEMAITRE - CONSTABLE

BEN MEYER - SERGEANT

SHAWN LUBJENKA - CONSTABLE

GREG ROBINSON - SERGEANT

NANCY MACMILLAN - CONSTABLE

IAN SANDERSON - SERGEANT

JACOB MARSHALL - CONSTABLE

JONATHAN AITKEN - CONSTABLE

TOM MORRISON - CONSTABLE

MICHAEL BOYKO - CONSTABLE

ROBERT NIXON - CONSTABLE

PATRICK BROWN - CONSTABLE

DRIGH PATEL - CONSTABLE

JESSE BUCKLAND - CONSTABLE

MARINO ROMITO - CONSTABLE

DEVON BURKE - CONSTABLE

DANIEL WASTIAN - CONSTABLE

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE CIVILIAN MEMBERS

JANELLE RUETZ - SPECIAL CONSTABLE

NATALIE GRANT - RECORDS MANAGER



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE 2025 STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE AND TRENDS IN POLICING

Over time, trends develop in policing. In 2025 the West Grey Police Service received 5,078 calls for service. This was an increase of 3.7% compared to 2024 when there were 4,896 calls for service.

“Calls for service” refers to any incident where police are requested to respond, whether initiated by a member of the public, another agency, or through proactive policing. These calls reflect the day-to-day demands placed on our officers and provide a snapshot of the types of situations occurring within our community.

Calls for service can range widely in nature and urgency. Examples include emergency 911 calls, motor vehicle collisions, suspicious persons or vehicles, disturbances, thefts, well-being checks, by-law complaints, and proactive patrol activities initiated by officers.

Not every call results in a criminal charge—many involve assisting members of the public, maintaining peace, or preventing issues from escalating. Tracking calls for service helps the West Grey Police Service identify trends, allocate resources effectively, and ensure we are meeting the needs of the community.

The data herein reflects the wide range of calls for service handled by West Grey Police Service over the past five years. These calls include both criminal and non-criminal incidents, and help illustrate the evolving demands on policing within our community.

Violent crime, which includes offences such as assaults, sexual assaults, robberies, homicides, and intimate partner violence, has remained relatively stable overall, with some year-to-year fluctuation:

- Assaults have remained consistent in call volume.
- Intimate Partner Violence showed a peak in 2022 followed by a notable decline into 2025.
- Sexual assaults fluctuate at lower volumes but remain present each year.
- Robbery and homicide occurrences remain rare.

Overall, violent crime in West Grey continues to be low in volume and relatively stable, with no sustained upward trend over the five-year period.

Property-related and non-violent crimes make up a significant portion of police activity and show more noticeable trends:

- Thefts increased from 2022, to a peak in 2024, then slightly decreased in 2025.
- Break and enters fluctuate year-to-year, with a drop in 2025 after higher numbers in previous years.
- Frauds show a steady and consistent increase, nearly tripling in volume from 2021 to 2025 – one of the clearest upward trends.
- Property-related calls overall have steadily increased, reaching a peak in 2025.
- Mischief and property damage vary but remain consistent contributors.

This indicates a gradual shift in West Grey toward more property and financially motivated offences, particularly fraud-related incidents.

Notable Trends & Observations Over a 5-Year Period (2020-2025)

- Fraud is the fastest-growing category, reflecting broader provincial and national trends, particularly with online and technology-based scams.
- Traffic-related calls (complaints, collisions, hazards) remain consistently high, with a noticeable increase in 2025.
- Mental Health Act calls, while decreasing from 2021–2024, rose again in 2025, highlighting ongoing community needs.
- Police assistance calls saw a sharp spike in 2023–2024, suggesting increased demand for support roles beyond traditional enforcement.
- Neighbour disputes and landlord/tenant issues have increased, pointing to community-based conflicts as a growing policing demand.
- 911 hang-ups saw a significant spike in 2025, which may reflect increased accidental calls or misuse of emergency services.

While serious violent crime remains relatively low and stable in West Grey, the data shows a growing demand in areas such as fraud, property-related incidents, and community-based calls for service. This highlights the evolving nature of policing—where officers are not only responding to crime, but also addressing social issues, prevention, and community safety concerns.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
911 HANG-UP	213	174	277	158	442
ABDUCTION	0	0	0	0	0
AIRPLANE CRASH	0	0	0	0	0
ALARM - BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL	56	62	58	67	47
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	58	87	70	74	85
ARSON	1	3	2	2	1
ASSAULTS	36	36	42	41	38
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	1	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	20	18	24	18	17
BAIL VIOLATIONS	34	22	34	44	52
BREACH OF COURT ORDERS	5	14	5	40	41
BREACH OF PROBATION	18	6	8	9	19
BREAK AND ENTERS	33	55	46	55	35
COUNTERFEITS	0	0	3	0	1
DANGEROUS CONDITIONS	7	31	5	4	13

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
DISTURB THE PEACE	4	20	25	17	13
DRUG OFFENCES	28	8	10	15	5
ESCAPE LAWFUL CUSTODY	0	0	0	0	0
FAMILY DISPUTES	48	70	91	81	69
FIRE	11	39	19	7	8
FRAUDS	24	30	53	60	64
GAMING AND BETTING	0	0	0	0	0
GANG VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0
HARASSMENT	8	30	35	30	39
HOMICIDES	0	1	0	0	1
HOSTAGE TAKINGS	0	0	0	0	0
HYDRO WIRES DOWN	2	2	0	0	2
IMPAIRED DRIVING	26	29	29	30	30
INDECENT ACTS	1	1	1	2	3
INSECURE PREMISES	5	8	10	7	15

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE	68	85	66	75	49
KIDNAPPING	0	0	0	0	0
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES	43	46	35	36	56
LIQUOR LICENSE CONTROL ACT	11	14	8	10	8
MENTAL HEALTH ACT	212	179	166	139	171
MISCHIEF	46	46	52	56	36
MISSING PERSONS	13	13	1	5	2
MISSING PERSONS - LOCATED	11	13	21	9	5
MOTOR VEHICLE - ABANDONED	27	27	23	20	20
MOTOR VEHICLE - RECOVERED	24	26	21	26	14
MUNICIPAL BY-LAW OFFENCES	35	44	25	22	28
NEIGHBOUR DISPUTES	48	57	58	52	81
NOISE COMPLAINTS	85	58	58	50	45
NON-POLICE MATTERS	21	63	79	24	13
OBSTRUCT POLICE	1	3	1	2	3

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	8	11	5	7	5
OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES	1	0	0	0	2
OTHER PROVINCIAL STATUTES	7	10	9	2	1
PERSONS REPORTING IN	15	12	19	20	15
POLICE ASSISTANCE	64	190	369	379	158
POLICE INFORMATION	323	174	197	91	51
POLICE PURSUITS	7	20	9	8	4
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	5	3	5	10	3
PREVENT BREACH OF PEACE	33	58	58	65	79
PRISONER ESCORTS	21	11	19	20	13
PROPERTY CHECKS	6	4	4	4	7
PROPERTY RELATED	96	102	112	114	123
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0
R.I.D.E. CHECKS	136	159	159	159	144
ROBBERIES	1	1	2	1	3

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	23	6	14	11	15
SHOPLIFTING	6	4	4	3	2
STOLEN VEHICLES	32	26	27	29	14
SUDDEN DEATHS	22	28	22	13	26
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	127	161	112	97	115
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES	112	103	96	109	102
THEFTS	120	99	117	138	118
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	260	294	294	263	319
TOWED VEHICLES	9	4	1	5	4
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	173	300	286	270	349
TRAFFIC CONTROL	5	2	2	1	5
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	69	54	84	76	83
TRAFFIC HAZARDS	73	78	81	104	107
TRESPASS BY NIGHT	4	2	2	1	5
TRESPASS TO PROPERTY ACT	50	43	46	36	50

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
TROUBLE WITH YOUTHS	29	31	40	37	36
UNWANTED PERSONS	47	35	42	45	59
UNWANTED PHONE CALLS	38	37	31	22	39
WARRANTS EXECUTED	73	82	97	103	105
WEAPONS CALLS	10	8	2	11	13

USE OF FORCE REPORTING

Police officers are legally authorized to use force when necessary to protect themselves, protect others, or safely carry out their duties. This can include situations such as making an arrest, preventing harm, or responding to a volatile or high-risk incident.

Any time an officer uses force beyond routine physical interaction—or displays or uses a weapon as defined under provincial standards—a Use of Force Report must be completed. These reports are a key part of accountability and transparency, ensuring that every incident is properly documented and reviewed.

The table below outlines the number of Use of Force Reports submitted by West Grey Police officers in 2025. Each report reflects an instance where force was required to safely manage a situation and bring it to a resolution.

Use of Force	2022	2023	2024	2025
Dispatch Animal	3	9	2	3
Handgun Drawn	9	5	1	7
CEW* Used	10	1	13	6
Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (Pepper Spray)	0	0	0	0
Hard Impact Weapon	2	0	0	0
Hands On Technique	0	4	0	0
Total	25	24	16	16

*CONDUCTED ENERGY
WEAPON (TASER)

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS PROCESS

In 2025, the West Grey Police received 2 public complaints. 1 complaint was dealt with by informal resolution and the other complaint was investigated by the Ontario Provincial Police and deemed unsubstantiated.

As of April 1, 2024, the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) replaced the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD). In 2025, LECA marks its first full year of operation as Ontario's independent civilian oversight body for policing complaints.

LECA is responsible for receiving, managing, and overseeing complaints from the public about alleged misconduct by police officers. Its role is to ensure that these concerns are addressed in a way that is impartial, thorough, and accountable.

Beyond handling public complaints, LECA also has the authority to initiate investigations on its own where it determines that doing so is in the public interest. It can further conduct systemic reviews to examine broader issues related to police conduct and practices, helping to identify patterns and recommend improvements.

LECA is committed to serving the public by providing an oversight system that is fair, independent, transparent, accessible, and effective. Through this work, it aims to strengthen public confidence in the complaints process and contribute to trust in policing across the province.

To contact LECA, you have a few easy options:

- Online: leca.ca or leca@ontario.ca.
- Phone: 1-877-411-4773
- In person: You can also visit a local police station for help submitting your complaint.

POLICE BUDGET

The West Grey Police Service budget outlines the financial resources required to deliver effective policing services to the community. It is developed annually to ensure that the Service can meet operational needs, maintain public safety, and respond to emerging priorities in a responsible and transparent manner.

A police budget is primarily made up of the following components:

- Personnel Costs
- Equipment and Supplies
- Vehicles and Maintenance
- Training and Professional Development
- Facilities and Operations
- Specialized Services and Programs

The police budget is developed through a structured and collaborative process including the assessment of needs, municipal priorities, and future plans. The budget is approved by the municipality and heavily and continuously monitored and reviewed throughout the year.

The West Grey Police Service is committed to responsible financial management. The budgeting process is designed to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to provide effective, professional policing services. By maintaining transparency and oversight, the West Grey Police Service works to ensure that public funds are used efficiently and in a way that supports community trust and safety.

POLICE BUDGET

For the 2025 fiscal year, the West Grey Police Service operated under an approved budget of \$4,624,847.00. Actual policing expenditures totaled \$4,124,534.26, resulting in a year-end surplus of \$500,312.74. Overall, approximately 89% of the approved budget was expended.

This favourable variance reflects the Service's continued commitment to prudent financial stewardship, disciplined expenditure management, and responsible allocation of resources. The resulting surplus demonstrates an ability to maintain effective policing services while ensuring accountability and value for the community served.

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE 2025 BUDGET
\$4,624,847.00

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE 2025 ACTUAL POLICING COSTS
\$4,124,534.26



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025 West Grey Police Service made 179 arrests and laid 472 criminal charges, this is an increase of 17.4% year over year. The top ten occurrences for West Grey Police Service in 2025 are as follows:

1. Unknown 911 Calls/ 911 Hang-Ups - 442 calls for service
2. Traffic Complaints - 349 calls for service
3. Motor Vehicle Collisions - 319 calls for service
4. Mental Health Act - 171 calls for service
5. Police Assistance - 169 calls for service
6. R.I.D.E Checks - 144 spot checks conducted
7. Community Services - 129 calls for service
8. Property Related/Property Recovered - 123 calls for service
9. Person Wellbeing Checks - 119 calls for service
10. Thefts - 118 calls for service

The total value of stolen property in West Grey in 2025 was approximately \$303,129.20 and approximately \$147,754.00 worth of the stolen property was recovered by police.

713 hours of foot patrols were logged by officers across the Municipality this year. This is an ongoing initiative for our service, promoting visibility and proactiveness. While on foot patrol in our municipalities core business areas, officers located 15 premises that were insecure

In 2025 West Grey Police Service laid a total of 906 Provincial Offences Act charges and 90 By-Law charges, an increase of 6.3% and 69.8% respectively. Top POA offences include:

1. Highway Traffic Act - Speeding - 625 charges
2. Highway Traffic Act - Other - 191 charges
3. Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act - 75 charges

In 2025 police investigated 319 motor vehicle collisions, an increase of roughly 17% from 2024. Of those 319 motor vehicle collisions, 289 of them resulted in property damage only, 29 of them resulted in personal injuries with 42 persons injured and 1 was considered a fatal collision, resulting in 3 fatalities . West Grey Police Service acknowledges the great burden fatalities like this place on communities, family, friends and loved ones closely effected. West Grey Police Service acknowledges the victims and sends our condolences to all involved.

West Grey Police Service conducted 144 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E) check points throughout the Municipality of West Grey during 2025. Our officers also participated in several province wide and national road safety campaigns including National Police Week, National Safe Driving Week, Annual Festive Joint R.I.D.E in and with neighbouring jurisdictions as well as the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Drive Safe campaign, with a focus on rural road safety in 2025.

The Missing Persons Act, 2018 gives police additional tools to help locate missing individuals quickly, even in situations where there is no evidence of a crime. These tools can include things like requesting certain records or information that may assist in finding a person and ensuring their safety.

Each year, police services in Ontario are required to report how often these special authorities—called “urgent demands”—are used. This helps ensure transparency and accountability, and the report is made available to the public.

For the 2025 reporting period (January 1 to December 31, 2025), the West Grey Police Service did not use any of these authorities under the Missing Persons Act.

In Ontario, rules have been in place since January 1, 2017, that strictly limit when police can ask individuals for identifying information during interactions. These regulations are designed to ensure that requests for information are not made arbitrarily or based on factors such as race or simply being in a certain area.

Police services are required to report annually on any instances where officers collected—or attempted to collect—identifying information under these specific circumstances. This reporting helps promote transparency and accountability in policing.

For the 2025 reporting period, the West Grey Police Service did not collect or attempt to collect any identifying information under this regulation. This is unchanged from 2024.



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25001963 - ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION AND YOUNG OFFENDER ARRESTS

On June 10th, 2025 police were called to an armed robbery in progress at a financial institution in the town of Durham.

Four unknown suspects had entered the financial institution brandishing weapons and forced patrons and employees to the ground before demanding access to the vault. Within minutes of entering the institution, the suspects had acquired approximately \$11,000 and fled the area in a stolen motor vehicle.

Through an extensive and complex investigation police identified the suspects and as a result, 4 youths, from the Mississauga area were arrested and charged with the following:

- Youth - Armed Robbery
- Youth - Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Youth - Disguise with Intent
- Youth - Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Youth - Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000

All four youths appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date and are still ongoing in the court process.

GR25001551 - INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ARREST

On May 11th, 2025 West Grey Police Service was dispatched to a residence in the town of Durham for reports of an assault. Once on scene police learned that a male party had assaulted his heavily pregnant wife and had kicked her in the stomach. In an abundance of caution, the female was urgently transported to a local hospital to be assessed by medical staff.

As a result of this interaction, a 32-year-old male, of West Grey was charged with the following:

- Adult - Assault Spousal

The male was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date, where he entered into a Peace Bond with the victim.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25004474 - CHILD LURING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION AND ARREST

On December 30th, 2025 West Grey Police Service responded to an address in the town of Durham after receiving a 911 call from a distressed female youth .

Police attended the address and located a 29-year-old male inside the residence with the female youth. After separating the parties police learned that the female youth had been lured to the residence after the male used altered images on social media and claimed to be 18-years-old.

The victim had been brought to West Grey from another jurisdiction by the suspect. She was offered cash and alcohol by the suspect, and was sexually assaulted inside the residence. The victim was able to retreat to the bathroom in the residence where she locked the door and called 911.

As a result of this interaction, the 29-year-old male, of West Grey, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Adult - Sexual Assault
- Adult - Luring a Child
- Adult - Sexual Interference
- Adult - Invitation to Sexual Touching

The suspect was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton in February of 2026.

GR2500048 - HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST

On January 4th, 2025 West Grey Police Service responded to reports of a stabbing in the town of Durham. A 35-year-old male from West Grey was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

A 36-year-old male of Thornton has been arrested and charged with the following:

- Adult - Second Degree Murder

The suspect was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25002522 - VIOLENT OUTBURST DURING ARREST

On July 18th, 2025 West Grey Police Service arrested a male for public intoxication in the Municipality of West Grey. The accused was uncooperative during the arrest.

While being transported to a local hospital for assessment, the accused became violent inside the police cruiser. He slipped out of the handcuffs, repeatedly kicked the cruiser's partition window until it broke and entered the front cabin of the cruiser. Once inside, the accused assaulted the officer driving and attempted to remove the patrol rifle from its mount.

Officers were able to gain control of the accused, removing him from the vehicle. He continued to resist, physically fighting with officers and biting them multiple times. The accused was placed in hand and leg shackles, and a protective helmet was used to prevent further self-harm or injury to officers. The male was then transported to a local hospital for assessment.

In addition to his original offence, the accused was subsequently charged with the following:

- Adult - Disarm Peace Officer
- Adult - Assault Peace Officer x2
- Adult - Mischief
- Adult - Possession of Firearm or Ammunition Contrary to Prohibition Order
- Adult - Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon
- Adult - Fail to Comply with Probation Order

The suspect was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date.

GR25003995 - FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

On November 11th, 2025 West Grey Police Service, Grey County Paramedic Services and West Grey Fire Services responded to a single motor vehicle collision in the former township of Bentinck.

Despite the best efforts of all emergency services on scene three youths were pronounced deceased at the scene. A fourth youth was transported via ORNGE to London Health Sciences Center with life-threatening injuries.

The West Grey Police Services Extend their deepest condolences to the family, friends and loved ones affected by this devastating loss.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25001761 - MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION LEADS TO INJURIES AND IMPAIRED CHARGES

On May 25th, 2025 West Grey Police Service responded to reports of a ‘go-kart’ accident in the village of Ayton. An injured male was assessed by Grey County Paramedic Services and was subsequently transported to a local hospital and then flown via ORNGE to Victoria Hospital in London.

Officers spoke with the driver of the ‘go-kart’ and observed a partially drank alcoholic beverage in the ‘go-kart’. The driver provided a sample of his breath into an approved screening device (ASD) which registered an ALERT. As a result of this incident the driver, a 24-year-old male of Hanover, was given a 3-day driver’s license suspension and charged with the following:

- Highway Traffic Act - Careless Driving Causing Bodily Harm
- Highway Traffic Act - Operate Unsafe Vehicle
- Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act - Owner Operate Motor Vehicle Without Insurance
- Liquour License Control Act - Driving Motor Vehicle With Open Container of Alcohol

GR25001126 - TRAFFIC STOP DURING SCHOOL PATROL LEADS TO IMPAIRED ARREST

On April 7th, 2025 while West Grey Police officers were conducting proactive school zone patrols during morning drop off time, officers conducted a traffic stop on a motor vehicle for a stop sign violation.

While interacting with the driver, officers detected a strong odour of an alcoholic beverage and a roadside breath demand was made. The driver provided a sample of their breath into an approved screening device (ASD) and registered a FAIL.

The driver was arrested and transported to the West Grey Police Service where he provided a sample of his breath into an approved instrument and registered readings nearly twice the legal limit.

As a result of this, a 49-year-old male from Barrie was charged with the following:

- Adult - Operation While Impaired - Alcohol or Drugs
- Adult - Operation While Impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Greater Than 80
- Highway Traffic Act - Disobey Stop Sign - Fail to Stop

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25001890 - PROACTIVE PATROL LEADS TO BREAK AND ENTER ARREST

On June 5th, 2025 West Grey Police officers were on proactive patrol in the town of Durham when they observed a suspicious vehicle parked at a local business. Upon arriving at the scene, officers noted an insecure entrance to the business.

Officers blocked in the suspect vehicle and entered the business. No persons were located inside at the time, however several items had been taken or damaged. The suspicious vehicle was towed and a further investigation was initiated, where a suspect was identified through the use of CCTV.

At a later date, police were engaged in a different traffic related investigation where the suspect was observed and stopped. As a result of this traffic stop, a 38-year-old male of No Fixed Address was charged with the following:

- Adult - Break and Enter
- Adult - Possession of Break In Instruments
- Adult - Disguise with Intent
- Adult - Failure to Comply with Probation Order x3

The male was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date.

GR25003287 - ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON ARREST AND CHARGES

On September 13th, 2025 West Grey Police Service responded to reports of a neighbour dispute. While on route to the call, police learned the altercation had escalated to a physical assault involving several parties and a baseball bat.

A 20-year-old female, of West Grey was arrested on scene and charged with the following:

- Adult - Assault
- Adult - Assault with a Weapon
- Adult - Breach of Recognizance

The female will be seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

GR25001829 - HISTORIC SEXUAL ASSAULT ARREST

Between January and March 2025 West Grey Police Service investigated reported historical sex offences involving a youth in the township of Bentinck.

Investigation revealed that the young victim was subjected to repeated sexual assaults by an adult male that was known to the victim. The incidents occurred over an extended period of time.

As a result of this investigation a 65-year-old male, of West Grey was arrested and charged with the following:

- Adult - Sexual Assault on a Person Under 16
- Adult - Sexual Interference
- Adult - Invitation to Sexual Touching
- Adult - Make Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Person Under 16

The male will be seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date.

GR25000009 - ANIMAL COMPLAINT LEADS TO CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE CHARGES

On January 1st, 2025 West Grey Police Service responded to a serious animal attack on the Glenelg Holland Townline in the former township of Glenelg.

It was reported that the victim had been jogging on the roadway when he was attacked by a large group of aggressive dogs. A passerby stopped to assist the victim and transported them to a local hospital with serious life-altering injuries.

A subsequent joint investigation was conducted by West Grey Police Service, West Grey Animal Services and Grey Bruce Public Health and as a result, a 69-year-old female of West Grey was arrested and charged with the following:

- Adult - Criminal Negligence Cause Bodily Harm

She was seen before the Ontario Court of Justice Walkerton at a later date.



WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE PERSONNEL UPDATES

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

At the West Grey Police Service, training isn't a one-time event—it's an ongoing commitment. Policing is constantly evolving, and our officers train year-round to ensure they are prepared to respond safely, effectively, and professionally in any situation.

All frontline officers complete annual re-qualification in critical skills such as use of force, firearms proficiency - including low-light and night shooting scenarios, and first aid. This ensures officers maintain the highest standards when it matters most.

Beyond core training, our members pursue specialized courses and advanced certifications that enhance their ability to respond to complex situations—from emergency incidents to community-based policing. Having highly trained and specialized officers means faster, more informed decision-making, improved safety outcomes, and better service for our community.

In 2025, West Grey Police members continued to invest in professional development through a variety of training opportunities, further strengthening the skills and expertise within our service.

COURSE NAME	MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Breath Technician Intoxylizer 9000C Recertification Course	CST. AITKEN, SGT. BROWN, CST BUCKLAND, SGT. MEYER, CST. MORRISON, CST. ROULSTON
Coaching Police Professionals Course	CST. BURKE
Committee of Youth Officers (COYO) Annual Training	SGT BROWN
Criminal Investigations Techniques Course	CST. A ILES
Freedom of Information Act Course	N. GRANT
Hate Crimes Course	CST. DUFFY, SGT. MEYER
Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD) Course	SGT. SANDERSON
Managing Investigations Using Powercase	CST. A. ILES
Mental Health Crisis Response Training	ALL OFFICERS
MTO Modified Vehicles Course	CST. BUCKLAND
Niche UA Training	ALL OFFICERS
Ontario Major Case Management Course	SGT. MEYER
Professional Standards Course	A/DEPUTY CHIEF K. ILES
Special Constable Training	J. RUETZ
UA Niche Train the Trainer	SGT. BROWN, CST. NIXON

STAFFING UPDATES - RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS, NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

CHIEF ROBERT MARTIN - RETIRED

SPECIAL CONSTABLE TRACY DONNELLY - RETIRED

CONSTABLE MITCHELL ROULSTON - RESIGNED

NEW HIRES

CONSTABLE PATRICK BROWN

CONSTABLE JACOB MARSHALL

CONSTABLE DIRGH PATEL

PROMOTIONS

DEPUTY CHIEF JEREMY WHITE TO CHIEF OF POLICE

DETECTIVE SERGEANT KEN ILES TO A/DEPUTY CHIEF

CONSTABLE CHAD BROWN TO SERGEANT



**WEST GREY POLICE SERVICE
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INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH - Throughout 2025, West Grey Police Service expanded its commitment to youth engagement as a core component of community safety and crime prevention. Officers worked directly with youth across the municipality, providing education on critical topics such as human trafficking, substance use, impaired driving and online safety. These efforts reflect a strategic focus on early intervention—ensuring youth are equipped with the awareness and resources needed to navigate complex and evolving risks.



SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS - West Grey Police Service is proud to maintain its ongoing partnership with Special Olympics Ontario, supporting local athletes throughout the year at events and competitions. Our involvement reflects a strong commitment to inclusion, community engagement, and the recognition of athletic achievement at all levels. Officers were honoured to attend and assist at various events, celebrating the dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments of participating athletes. These continued partnerships strengthen community connections and reinforce the Service's role in supporting initiatives that promote confidence, belonging, and opportunity for all.

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POSITIVE TICKETING AND COMFORT PROGRAMS - Throughout 2025, West Grey Police Service continued to prioritize meaningful, youth-focused engagement initiatives that reinforce safety, trust, and positive community connections. A particularly impactful contribution this year came from a local youth who generously donated handmade plush comfort items. These thoughtfully crafted items are intended to provide reassurance and emotional support to young individuals who may come into contact with police during difficult or unfamiliar circumstances. WGPS was the recipient of a donation of illuminated bicycle safety bands. These “Positive Tickets” were provided to young community members observed demonstrating safe behaviours, including wearing helmets, obeying crosswalk signals, and practicing safe road awareness. Officers used these moments not only to recognize responsible behaviour but also to reinforce important safety messaging in a positive and encouraging way.



BEING SEEN ON THE LOCAL SCENE - West Grey Police Service maintained an active presence within the community throughout 2025 by participating in a variety of local events and initiatives that bring residents together and support community well-being. Officers were proud to take part in the annual Durham Terry Fox Run, support local Tim Horton's Camp Days and participate in several parades, markets and outdoor events. These appearances provide valuable opportunities for informal engagement, allowing officers to connect directly with residents, answer questions, and strengthen visibility in a welcoming and accessible environment.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION



SAME TIME NEXT YEAR! - West Grey Police Service's continued presence at annual community events is rooted in long-standing and deeply valued partnerships with local service clubs, businesses, and community organizations.

These collaborations play a vital role in strengthening relationships, fostering trust, and enhancing the Service's visibility in a positive and approachable manner. Throughout 2025, members proudly participated in a number of well-established local traditions that bring residents together across all age groups.

Officers were pleased to support the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, an event that provides an opportunity for meaningful engagement with families and young children in a welcoming and festive environment. Through these interactions, officers are able to build early, positive connections that reinforce trust and familiarity within the community.



The Service also took part in the Durham BIA Frazzle Fest during the Family Day weekend, contributing to a vibrant community celebration that highlights local businesses and encourages community participation during the winter season. Events such as these allow officers to engage with residents in informal settings, helping to strengthen relationships outside of traditional policing environments.

Ongoing collaboration with the local Agricultural Society, including participation in the annual fall fair and bike rodeo, remains a cornerstone of West Grey Police Service's community involvement. The fair provides a unique opportunity for officers to connect with residents from across the municipality and surrounding rural areas, reinforcing the Service's commitment to supporting agricultural communities and rural traditions.



In addition to these key events, members regularly attended parades, seasonal celebrations, and community markets throughout the year. Each of these engagements reflects a shared commitment between West Grey Police Service and its community partners to create safe, inclusive, and connected spaces for residents.

Through consistent involvement in these annual events, West Grey Police Service members continue to demonstrate their role not only as law enforcement professionals, but as active and invested members of the community they serve.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION



NEW FACES AROUND THE SERVICE - In 2025, West Grey Police Service was proud to welcome three new officers to its ranks—each of whom has a love for and a longstanding place within the local community. This milestone reflects not only the continued growth of the Service, but also a deliberate investment in recruiting individuals who bring a deep, personal understanding of the community they serve.

Hiring locally rooted officers strengthens the Service’s ability to deliver responsive, community-focused policing. These members bring with them established connections, local knowledge, and a genuine appreciation for the values and priorities of West Grey residents. Their familiarity with the area enhances day-to-day policing efforts, supports effective communication, and fosters trust through shared experiences and understanding.

As West Grey continues to grow and evolve, the addition of new officers is critical to maintaining service levels and ensuring public safety needs are met. These new members contribute fresh perspectives, strong community ties, and a commitment to upholding the standards and professionalism of the Service.

The hiring of locally raised officers represents more than an increase in staffing—it is an investment in the future of community policing in West Grey. It reinforces a model of policing that is grounded in relationships, accountability, and a shared commitment to the well-being of the community.



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