



## Toronto Police Services Board

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Executive Committee  
City of Toronto  
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Executive Committee Members,

### **Re: Toronto Police Service – 2017 Annual Statistical Report**

At a meeting held on November 22, 2018, the Board was in receipt of a report dated October 24, 2018 from Chief of Police Mark Saunders containing the 2017 annual statistical report for the Toronto Police Service ("Service").

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Toronto Police Services Board recommends that a copy of the 2017 Annual Statistical Report be forwarded to Toronto City Council through the City of Toronto Executive Committee for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial implications with regard to the receipt of this report.

### **COMMENTS**

The Board received the Chief's report and agreed to forward a copy to Toronto City Council through the City of Toronto Executive Committee for information.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Andy Pringle  
Chair

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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A copy of Board Minute No. P218/18, in the form attached as Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

The complete report can be accessed electronically at:  
<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/publications/files/reports/2017statsreport.pdf>

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **This is an Extract from the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Toronto Police Services Board that was held on November 22, 2018**

#### **P218. 2017 Annual Statistical Report of the Toronto Police**

The Board was in receipt of a report dated October 24, 2018 from Mark Saunders, Chief, with regard to this matter.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that:

1. The Board receive the 2017 Annual Statistical Report and;
2. That a copy of the report be forwarded to Toronto City Council through the City of Toronto Executive Committee for information.

Deputations: John Sewell\*

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In response to questions from the Board regarding strip searches, the Chief said that the Search of Person Procedure criteria that must be met to conduct a level 3 search has been amended. He said that the need to conduct a level 3 search is reviewed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the circumstances of the apprehension. He said that the Service is also conducting a Body Scanner Pilot Project, the results of which will be reported to the Board in March 2019, which will assist with minimizing the level of contact and intrusiveness of searches. The Chief said that the numbers of level 3 searches are fewer.

Staff Sergeant Stacy Clarke responded to the Board's question regarding the Regulated Interactions data. Staff Sergeant Clarke said that the interactions reported out in the annual report are approved within the system and complies with the standards set out in the Regulation. The Chief clarified the definition of Regulated Interactions as opposed to investigative interactions and the possible confusion of the two by the public. The Chief said that although the Service is doing its due diligence with respect to training regarding Regulated Interactions, the public education component which was to be provided by the province is missing.

In response to questions from the Board regarding providing crime statistics, by postal codes, the Chief said that he is very cautious about how neighbourhoods are categorized because of the "possible narrative" that can be construed from such categorizations.

The Board also said that it is important to include mental health statistics in the annual reporting.

The Board received the deputations and written submission and approved the foregoing report. The Board also approved the following Motion:

**THAT the Chief provide a quarterly report, based on the previous similar reports provided to the Board that includes data collected by the Service concerning mental health interactions, including the number of crisis calls and *Mental Health Act* apprehensions reported by Divisions.**

Moved by: J. Hart

Seconded by: U. Chandrasekera

\*Written submission also provided.

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## **Toronto Police Services Board Report**

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October 24, 2018

To: Chair and Members  
Toronto Police Services Board

From: Mark Saunders  
Chief of Police

**Subject: 2017 Annual Statistical Report of the Toronto Police Service**

### **Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board receive the 2017 Annual Statistical Report and;
- (2) that a copy of the report be forwarded to Toronto City Council through the City of Toronto Executive Committee for information.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained within these reports.

### **Background / Purpose:**

Each year, the Toronto Police Service produces a statistical report that provides year-over-year analysis of crime and operational data. This report also provides administrative and budget content which highlight areas of the Toronto Police Service.

The Annual Statistical Report for 2017 contains data for the first reporting year of the new regulated interactions under the *Ontario Regulation 58/16 of the Police Services Act* for the *Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances*.

To provide enhanced information to the public, in 2017, the Toronto Police Service has also launched the Public Safety Data Portal, an Open Data platform designed to provide timely and relevant information regarding public safety in Toronto.

## **Discussion:**

The Annual Statistical Report contains sections including Reported Crime, Charges, Victimization, Search, Firearms, Traffic, Personnel and Budget, Complaints, Calls for Service, Regulated Interactions and Administration.

Some highlights of the 2017 Annual Statistical Report include the following:

- Total reported offences increased by 6.7%
- Crimes Against Person increased by 2.9%
- Crimes Against Property increased by 8.5%
- Collision-related fatalities decreased by 19.5%
- In 2017, 1,725 firearms were seized. Of the 1,725 seized firearms, 722 (41.9%) were designated as crime guns and 1,003 (58.1%) as non-crime guns
- 25 regulated interactions were conducted in 2017

A section on Regulated Interactions is included in the 2017 Report. On January 1, 2017, new rules governing police interactions with the public came into effect under *Ontario Regulation 58/16 - Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances – Prohibitions and Duties of the Police Services Act*. The new regulation prohibits police officers from arbitrarily stopping members of the public and requesting identifying information from a member of the public. The regulation applies when an attempt is made by a police officer to collect identifying information by asking an individual, in a face-to-face encounter, to identify him/herself or to provide information for the purpose of identifying the individual, if done for the purpose of:

- Inquiring into offences that have been or might be committed; and/or
- Inquiring into suspicious activities to detect offences; and/or
- Gathering information for intelligence purposes.

The number of regulated interactions submitted in between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 was compiled for the 2017 Annual Statistical Report as outlined by the reporting requirements of the legislation.

## **Conclusion:**

The Service is committed to providing the public with continued access to crime, traffic, operational, and other policing statistics. Once accepted by the Board, the Annual Statistical Report for 2017 will be published on the Toronto Police Service website along with previous reports.

Additional crime and traffic content is available on the Toronto Police Service Public Safety Data Portal as Open Data, mapping applications, and dashboards.



Manager Ian Williams, will be in attendance to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding these reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Saunders, O.O.M.  
Chief of Police