



PORT MOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**COMMUNITY REPORT**

**2023**



TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF PORT MOODY, WITH EXCELLENCE.

# MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE BOARD CHAIR



On behalf of the Police Board, I am pleased to present the 2023 Port Moody Police Community Report. The information contained in this report shows the work that has been done – both inside the organization and out in the community – to carry out the mission and achieve the goals set out in the PMPD’s 2021-2023 Strategic Plan.

The PMPD’s mission – to serve and protect the community of Port Moody, with excellence – is taken very seriously by everyone within the Department.

In 2023, the PMPD received more than 7,200 calls for service, including 462 emergency calls. You will find other statistics in this report such as the number of written traffic violation tickets and road safety warnings, and the number of impaired driving and collision investigations. These are not just numbers – they represent real situations and real people, and the PMPD’s response has a real, tangible, and long-lasting impact. Every day, the professional and hard-working members of the PMPD are making our community a safer place for residents, businesses (employers and employees), and visitors.

The Police Board and the Department have focused on two overarching goals during the period covered by the Strategic Plan: creating a safe and engaged community; and maintaining and evolving a capable organization. Through dedication, innovation, outreach, and learning, we achieved these goals in small and big ways every day in 2023. Highlights include:

1. adding an exchange zone in front of PMPD headquarters – this zone is a safe, neutral location where people can meet and complete online transactions or transfer children between parents and/or guardians;
2. collaborating with the City of Port Moody’s Recreation Division to offer three safety workshops (two for women and one for seniors); and
3. training for Police Board members – through completion of a BC Police Board Training Program course offered by the Province, Board members gained valuable and practical knowledge to assist them in their role.

The Police Board is committed to maintaining a safe, liveable, and welcoming community. We are extremely proud of the PMPD’s contributions in 2023 and I encourage you to read this report to learn more about how the Department serves and protects our community 365 days a year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan Lahti". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Meghan Lahti  
Port Moody Police Board Chair

The Port Moody Police Board is responsible for providing oversight and direction to the Police Department in accordance and consistent with the *Police Act*. The Board works with the Chief Constable and the Senior Management Team to develop and approve the Department’s strategic plan, annual plans, budget and objectives and policies.

## 2023 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- > Mayor Meghan Lahti, Chair
- > Manjit Aujla
- > David Fox
- > Chloe Goodison
- > Shahid Hussain
- > Olga Kuznyetsova
- > Darren Radford

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE



I hope you enjoy reading the 2023 Port Moody Police Community Report. There is a lot in here that we are proud of.

This report pulls together highlights that showcase some important statistics and achievements from 2023. You will find that calls for our service have increased 7.4 per cent from 2022. Auto theft has risen but is still not common for Port Moody. At the same time, we are pleased that theft from automobiles and break and enters were both reduced from 2022 levels.

We continue to focus on crime prevention and road safety and are very proud of the low rate of criminal victimization in our city. In April 2023, our Department was thoroughly tested with a very serious kidnapping that received significant media and police attention. With incredible support from surrounding police services, we are thankful the victim was located quickly and safely. The matter is before the courts but many of the accused persons have already accepted responsibility and plead guilty.

In 2023, we were thrilled to celebrate a few special milestones. One was the 10-year anniversary of the PMPD Community Garden on July 15, 2023. We also hosted a very successful Youth Academy for senior high school students who show interest in a future career in policing and public safety. There were successful fundraisers for pediatric cancer with our Cops for Cancer ride, for Special Olympics with our Law Enforcement Torch Run and Polar Plunge, and for Eagle Ridge Hospital with the Night in Nashville concert.

I am incredibly proud of all the individuals who serve in the PMPD. All our employees are thrilled to serve the City of Port Moody. We continue to enjoy outstanding support from Mayor and Council, the Police Board, the Port Moody Police Services Union, CUPE Local 825, and those who live, work, and play in Port Moody. Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Fleugel".

Chief Constable David Fleugel  
Port Moody Police Department



Several long-term officers retired in 2023, including the longest-serving police officer in the history of the Port Moody Police Department. Constable Al Bewcyk became a police officer with the B.C. RCMP in 1973. After 25 years with the RCMP, he joined the PMPD and continued his incredible career as a dedicated uniformed police member. We celebrated Al's retirement on April 25, 2023, his 50-year anniversary in policing.

2023 was a year of significant long-term officer retirements. Recognition and thank you for their dedicated service to the citizens of Port Moody goes to:

- > Staff Sergeant Chris Thompson  
27 years
- > Constable Deb McKinnon  
25 years
- > Constable Darrin Conlon  
25 years
- > Constable Ryan West  
22 years
- > Constable Chris Birch  
22 years





# 2023 PMPD OVERVIEW

## ROAD SAFETY

- Issued **3,353** traffic tickets and **1,544** warnings
- Handled **343** impaired files
- Stopped **24** excessive speeders (>40 km over limit)
- Investigated **210** police reported collisions



Received  
**7,279**  
calls for service  
▲ **7.4%** from 2022

Top 5 call types:

- > Assist Public: **816**
- > 911/False Abandoned Calls: **549**
- > Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Occurrence: **439**
- > Check Well-Being: **304**
- > Property Found: **250**

**462** of these calls were emergencies in progress



## MENTAL HEALTH

- **585** total files with a mental health component
- **86** total mental health files (▼ **4.7%** from 2022)



## RECORD CHECKS AND FOI

Processed **2,614** Police Record Checks and **302** Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests

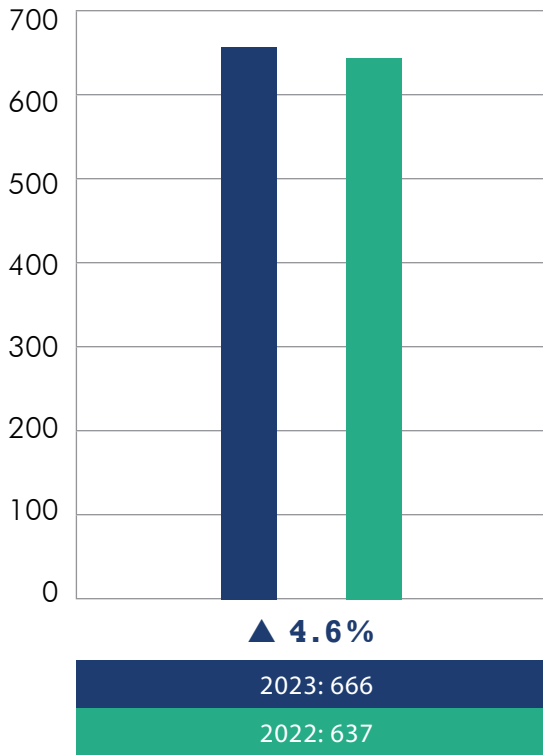


## 529 GARAGE

Registered **61** bikes for the largest community-powered bike recovery service in North America



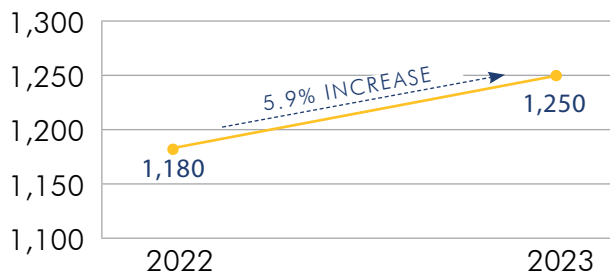
## CRIMES AGAINST PERSON



Rate of crimes against person incidents was 19.86/1,000 population.



## PROPERTY CRIME



Rate of property crime incidents was 37.27/1,000 population.



## AUTO THEFT

▲ 40%

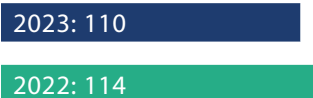


This is when a vehicle is stolen.



## THEFT FROM AUTO

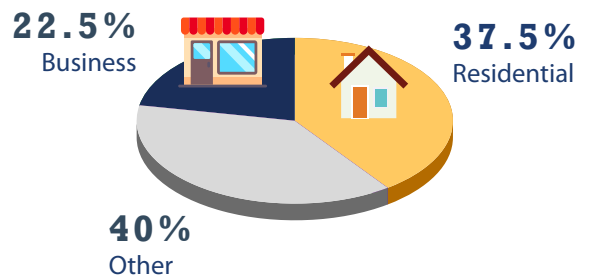
▼ 3.5%



This is when thieves steal items from inside of or attached to a vehicle.

## BREAK & ENTERS

▼ 48.1%



\* Please note statistics may vary year to year depending on the final outcomes of investigations and the data gathering methodology used throughout the year.

# SOCIAL CONNECTION

142 Posts  
 161 Tweets  
 95 Updates  
 3,000 Followers  
 12,900 Followers  
 4,100 Followers  
 85 Community Events, Talks and Presentations  
 42 Volunteers  
 2,424 Volunteer Hours

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary	2023	2022	% Change
Budget	\$13,769,612	\$12,777,022	7.8%
Cost	\$13,769,934	\$12,540,860	9.8%
Over/Under Budget	\$(322)	\$236,162	

Authorized Strength	2023	2022	% Change
PMPD Sworn members	52	52	0%
PMPD Civilian members	18*	17*	5.9%
Total Positions	70	69	1.4%

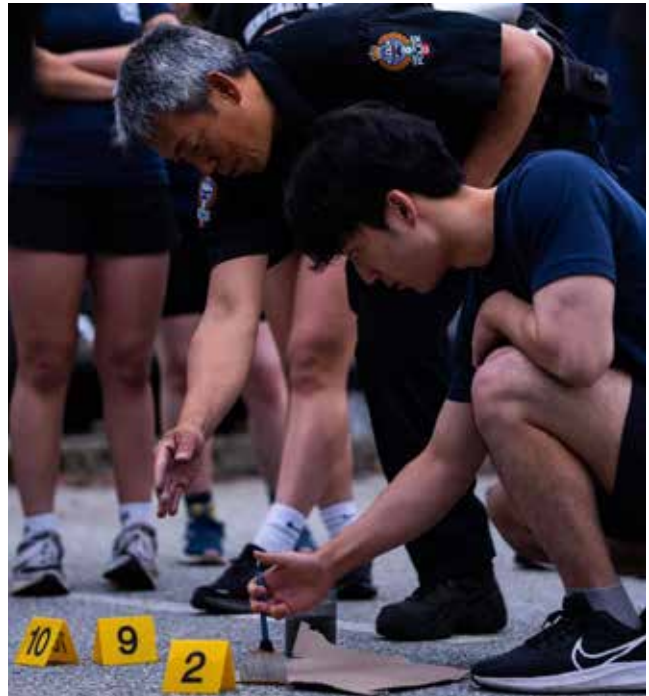
\*FTE=Full Time Equivalent

2023 Police Operations	
Salaries	\$10,808,025
Non-salary expenses/vehicle expenses	\$2,961,909

# PMPD IN THE COMMUNITY



Hosting the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics at Rocky Point Pier. Over \$22,000 was raised!



Launching our first ever Intro to Policing program. Over six weeks, 16 students in grades 11 and 12 earned 30 hours of work experience while learning about different aspects of police work including the police dog service, forensics and use of force tactics.



Receiving the "Top 5 Award" presented by MADD Canada acknowledging our sustained leadership enforcing impaired driving laws in Metro Vancouver.



Patrolling the community using a new fleet of e-bikes.



Running a women's safety workshop on self defense.



Kicking off our Cops for Cancer fundraising campaign.



Added an "exchange zone" in front of headquarters, creating a safe location for citizens to meet and complete online transactions as well as transfer children between parents and/or guardians.





In 2023, the Port Moody Police Department recognized 110 years of serving the citizens of the City of Port Moody.

## THEN AND NOW...



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Arrests



Police Chiefs



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