

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board

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Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** *Year-End Report: Youth Crime – 2018*  
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#### **BACKGROUND:**

The attached Youth Crime Report provides a summary and reflection of 2018 youth crime trends, as well as the continued commitment to youth engagement by the Hamilton Police Service (HPS). Our overall approach to youth crime and youth services for 2018 is guided by our Strategic Approach to Youth Crime.

The total number of Youth (ages 12-17) involved in crime in the City of Hamilton for 2018 was 1,310. This represents an overall decrease of 14.3% in youth involvement with crime, whereas the national decrease is 5%.

- Youth involved in violent crimes increased by 7.4% in 2018 over 2017
- Youth involved in property crimes decreased by 19.3% in 2018 from 2017
- Youth involved in drug offences decreased by 27.9% in 2018 compared to 2017

The HPS continued to find new ways to engage and educate youth to decrease youth crime and violent crimes, wherever possible. The HPS School Liaison Officers, Community Youth Officers, and Divisional Youth Officers have continued to participate in intelligence led policing initiatives, liaising with front-line officers in areas including the Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP) and school drug sweeps. The statistics captured in this report for these two areas are proof that the School, Community and Divisional Youth Officers are working in a positive and proactive role with front-line Patrol.

In 2018, the goals of Hamilton Police Youth Services were adopted by the HPS 2016-2018 Business Plan:

- 1.1 Implement effective and innovative approaches for the Hamilton Police Service to respond to crime, safety and quality of life issues.
- 2.1 Reach out to share information and build relationships and partnerships by interacting with all communities including: Youth, Newcomers, People in Crisis, Seniors and Diverse Groups.
- 3.4 Increase training to achieve our vision by sharing knowledge and resources in our communities, freeing up time for training and expanding the training budget.

The Annual Report outlines the internal and external programs and initiatives in which the HPS and community partners engage in collaboratively, to reduce youth crime in our community and contribute to the achievement of these goals.

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Attachment: *Youth Services Annual Report - 2018*

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE  
**2018 Youth Services  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The total number of Youth (ages 12-17) involved in crime in the City of Hamilton for 2018 has dramatically decreased since 2017. Nationally, the number of youth involved in crime has steadily decreased since 2009<sup>1</sup>; Hamilton has mirrored this trend. In 2018, 1,310<sup>2</sup> youths were involved in crime, compared to 1,529 in 2017. This represents an overall decrease of 14.3% in youth involvement with crime whereas the national decrease is 5%<sup>3</sup>.

The demographics of youth between the ages of 12 and 17 continue to decrease, albeit slightly; 0.88% less than 2017. In 2018, there were 34,629 youths in the City of Hamilton between the ages of 12 and 17 with 17,545 males and 17,084 females<sup>4</sup>.

In keeping with the principles of the **Youth Criminal Justice Act** - "Extrajudicial Measures" are often the most appropriate and effective way to address youth crime<sup>5</sup>. (No Further Action, Warning, Police Caution or Diversion).

**Violent crimes** increased by 7.4%. In 2017, 473 youths were involved in violent crimes versus 508 in 2018. Of the 508 involved youth, 220 were charged with a violent crime and 56.7% received an extrajudicial measure.

**Property crimes** decreased by 19.3%. In 2017, 584 youth were involved in property crime versus 471 in 2018. Of the 471 involved youth, 123 were charged with a property crime and 73.9% received an extrajudicial measure.

**Drug offences** decreased significantly by 27.9%. In 2017 (January 1 – October 16), 117 youths were involved in drug offences, 21 charged with a CDSA offence and of that, 13 were cannabis related.

In 2017 (October 17 – December 31), 39 youths were involved in drug offences, 3 were charged with a CDSA offence and of that, zero were cannabis related.

In 2018, before the legalization of cannabis (January 1 – October 16), 129 youths were involved in drug offences, 19 were charged with a CDSA offence and of that, 11 were cannabis related.

In 2018, post legalization of cannabis (October 17 – December 31), zero youth were charged with any CDSA offences.

In relation to the 2018 drug offences, 85.3% of the youth involved received an extrajudicial measure.

The Hamilton Police Service continued to find new ways to engage and educate youth to decrease youth crime and violent crimes, wherever possible. The Hamilton Police Service School Liaison Officers, Community Youth Officers, and Divisional Youth Officers have continued to participate in intelligence led policing initiatives, liaising with front-line officers in areas including the Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP) and school drug sweeps. The statistics captured in this report for these two areas are proof that the School, Community and Divisional Youth Officers are working in a positive and proactive role with front-line Patrol.

This report will highlight the youth crime trends for 2018 and outline the Strategic Approach to Youth Crime adopted by the Hamilton Police Service's 2016-2018 Business Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, July 24, 2018, Statistics Canada

<sup>2</sup> H.P.S. Niche data effective January , 2019

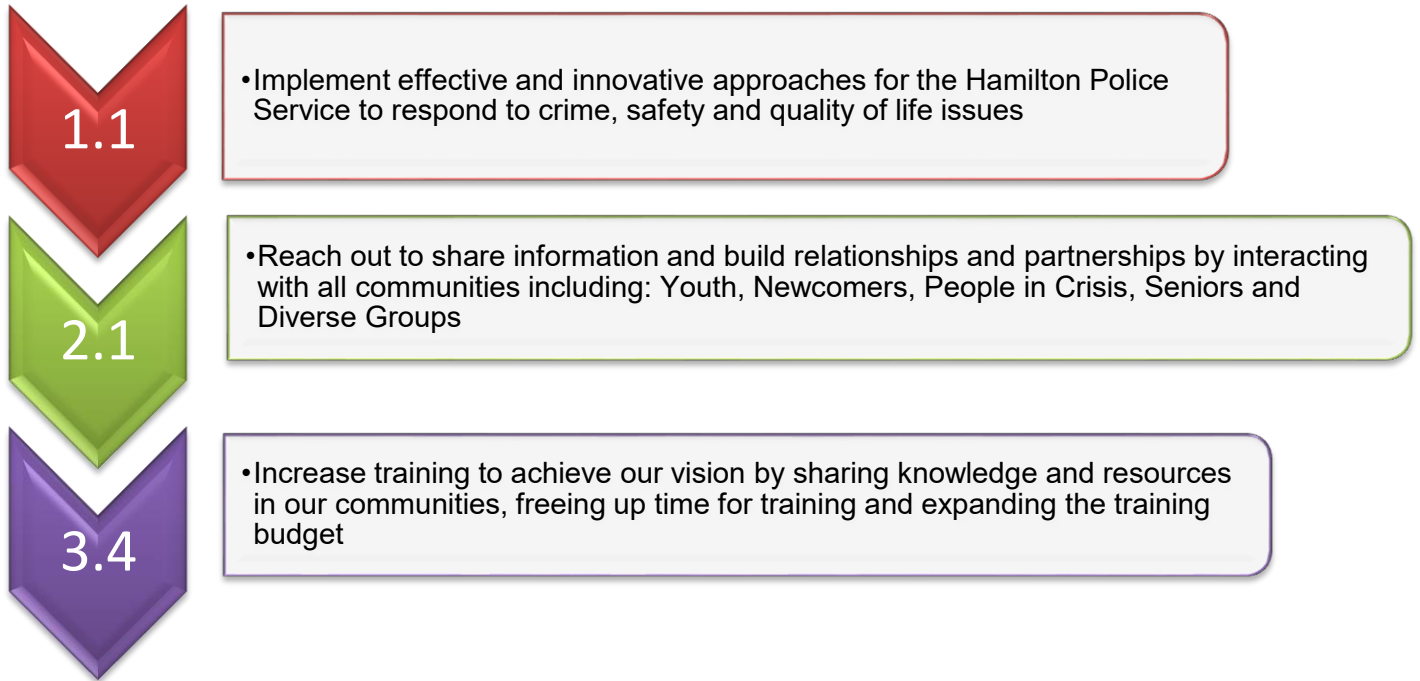
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<sup>4</sup> Hamilton Police Service Planning and Research

<sup>5</sup> Youth Criminal Justice Act, s. 4(a)

## 2018 STRATEGIC APPROACH TO YOUTH CRIME

In 2018 the goals of the Youth Services Coordinator, as identified in the 2016-2018 Business Plan, were to:



The Hamilton Police Service, through their Youth, Community and Divisional Liaison Officers, continued working in partnership with Front Line Officers offering effective and innovative approaches to respond and prevent crime. These officers are responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP), the Extrajudicial Measures Diversion Program and the Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion program which incorporates “drug sweeps” with all city schools.

In addition, the School and Youth Liaison Officers provided programming to our elementary and secondary schools by giving presentations on subjects including personal safety, social media, internet safety, and cyber-bullying. They investigated school related incidents and participated in Formal and Informal Restorative Justice Circles. The table below provides a synopsis of their duties in responding to crime, safety and quality of life issues to build positive and trusting relationships within our communities.

|                                      | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 | Totals |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Number of Schools                    | 33         | 55         | 108        | 196    |
| Presentations                        | 102        | 133        | 213        | 448    |
| School Visits                        | 635        | 926        | 881        | 2,442  |
| Investigations                       | 69         | 273        | 289        | 631    |
| Informal Restorative Justice Circles | 47         | 17         | 7          | 71     |
| Formal Restorative Justice Circles   | 7          | 2          | 0          | 9      |
| Days Seconded to Patrol/Other Duties | 16         | 26         | 46         | 88     |

## **Youth Service Coordinator**

The Hamilton Police Service, through the office of the Youth Service Coordinator, collaborated and partnered with various agencies and organizations augmenting our vision to be a trusted partner in delivering public safety to our diverse communities.

- ✓ Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol Committee
- ✓ The John Howard Youth At Risk Development Operational and Steering Committees
- ✓ The Beasley Youth Initiative Committee
- ✓ The Active Sustainable Safe Transportation Routes Committee
- ✓ The Learning Mobilization Network
- ✓ The Week of the Child and Youth Committee
- ✓ The Ontario School Safety Education Officers Community Committee (OSSEOC)
- ✓ The Community of Youth Officers Committee (COYO)
- ✓ The Chief's Student Advisory Board Committee
- ✓ The Chief's School Board Liaison Committee
- ✓ The Youth Justice Committee
- ✓ The Chief's Standing Committee on Police Interactions with People in Crisis
- ✓ The Street Youth Front Line Advisory Committee
- ✓ The Greater Toronto Area Extrajudicial Measures Committee
- ✓ The Human Services and Justice Committee
- ✓ The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board's Mental Health Advisory Council
- ✓ The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board's Emergency Protocol Committee
- ✓ The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network
- ✓ The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board's Safe Schools Committee
- ✓ The Hamilton Collaborative Committee on the Management of Youth Suicide
- ✓ The Age of Protection Committee
- ✓ The Hamilton Youth Strategy Committee
- ✓ The Probation and Parole Youth Officers Committee

### **The Youth Services Coordinator delivered presentations on several topics including:**

- ✓ The Strategic Approach to Youth Crime
- ✓ Extrajudicial Measures and Diversions
- ✓ Youth in Crisis and Personal Safety
- ✓ The Police/School Board Bomb Threat Protocol and Lockdown Procedures
- ✓ Lockdown and S.P.E.A.R. training to new Hamilton Police Service Communications personnel
- ✓ "Recruiting and Youth Crime" - Hamilton Army Cadets
- ✓ "Weed out the Risk" training to Hamilton Police Service Officers
- ✓ "Youth and Drugs" Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board
- ✓ "Youth Crime and Youth in Crisis" to Syl Apps Closed Youth Custody and Treatment Centre
- ✓ "Youth Crime" to the City of Hamilton Ontario Works Case Managers

The Youth Service Coordinator presented "***The Strategic Police Emergency Action Response Program (S.P.E.A.R.)***" presentations to:

- ✓ Redeemer College
- ✓ The Police Services Board
- ✓ The Hamilton Mountain Mosque
- ✓ The Islamic School of Hamilton
- ✓ The John Howard Society
- ✓ Lee Academy
- ✓ The Hamilton Wentworth District and Catholic School Boards
- ✓ The Mood Menders Society

## **In relation to Media and Community Events, the Youth Service Coordinator presented:**

- Webinar on “Youth Homelessness Prevention
- Cable 14 “Police Watch” discussing the Hamilton Police Service School Liaison Program
- Telephone interview with Laura Clemenston of CBC News – “Youth Crime in Hamilton
- The 2017 “Annual Youth Crime Report” to the Hamilton Police Services Board (Broadcasted)

The Youth Service Coordinator facilitated The Hamilton Police Service to participate with “Cram a Cruiser” event with all the contributions and donations delivered to the Hamilton Food Share.

The Youth Service Coordinator assisted with a grant through the “Proceeds of Crime Applications” on behalf of Notre Dame House and The John Howard Society.

## **Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)**

As per the “Violence Threat Risk Assessment” (VTRA) protocol, the Hamilton School Boards, the Hamilton Police Service and our community stakeholders are committed in the safety for all our students and staff. As a result, the Hamilton School Boards will take appropriate action with any student(s) behaviours that are deemed to pose a potential risk to other students, staff and members of our community. It is anticipated that early intervention support measures from the school boards and community partners will assist in the prevention of school violence. The Hamilton Police Service participated in VTRA collaborations throughout 2018.

## **School Liaison and Divisional Officers**

The Hamilton Police Service remains committed to increasing opportunities for our School and Divisional Youth Officers. In 2018, Officers received the following training:

- ✓ Twelve Officers attended “TELUS SMART” Social Internet Training
- ✓ Twelve Officers received Hamilton Wentworth District School Board “Youth Opportunities Unleashed” Program
- ✓ Twelve Officers received Good Shepherd “Youth Reconnect Housing Support Program” training
- ✓ Ten Officers received “Weed Out the Risk” training in Hamilton presented by Springboard
- ✓ Nine Officers attended the “Human Trafficking” seminar in Hamilton
- ✓ Three Officers attended the “Human Trafficking” seminar in Brantford
- ✓ Two Officers attended the COYO Conference (Committee of Youth Officers in Ontario) in Niagara Falls
- ✓ Two Officers attended the “Hamilton Youth Strategy” workshop
- ✓ One Officer received “General Investigative Training” (G.I.T.)
- ✓ One Officer attended the “Youth Mental Health for Frontline Workers” seminar
- ✓ One Officer attended the “Engaging Substance Abuse Youth” seminar

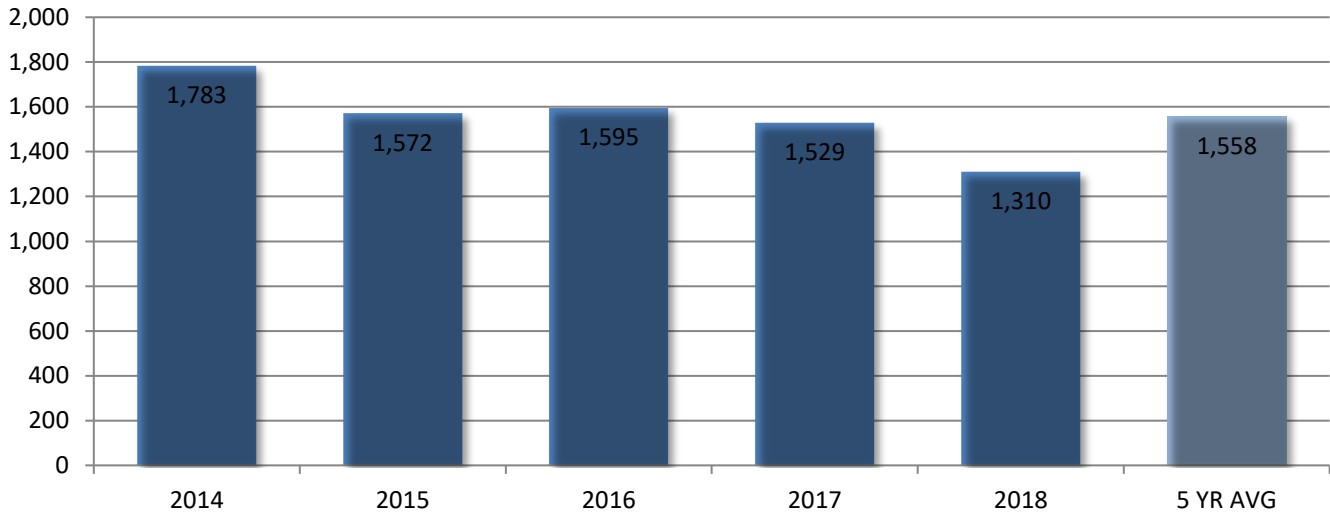
All Youth Officers received training in the following areas at our semi-monthly training meetings; YMCA’s Youth in Transition Program, Social Planning and Research Council’s Street Youth Collaborative Initiative, Hamilton Regional Indian Center’s Youth Program, Liberty For Youth Program, YMCA’s Human Trafficking Program, Hamilton Police Service Auxiliary Branch, Hamilton Police Service Diversity and Discrimination presentation. A collective review of the 2017 Diversions, drug sweeps, S.T.O.P target checks, arrests, school visits, presentations, formal and informal Restorative Justice Circles occurred.



## Total Youth Involved in Crime

Overall, youth involved in crime has decreased from 1,529 in 2017 to 1,310 in 2018. This is a dramatic decrease of 14.3% in comparison to a national decrease of 5%<sup>6</sup>.

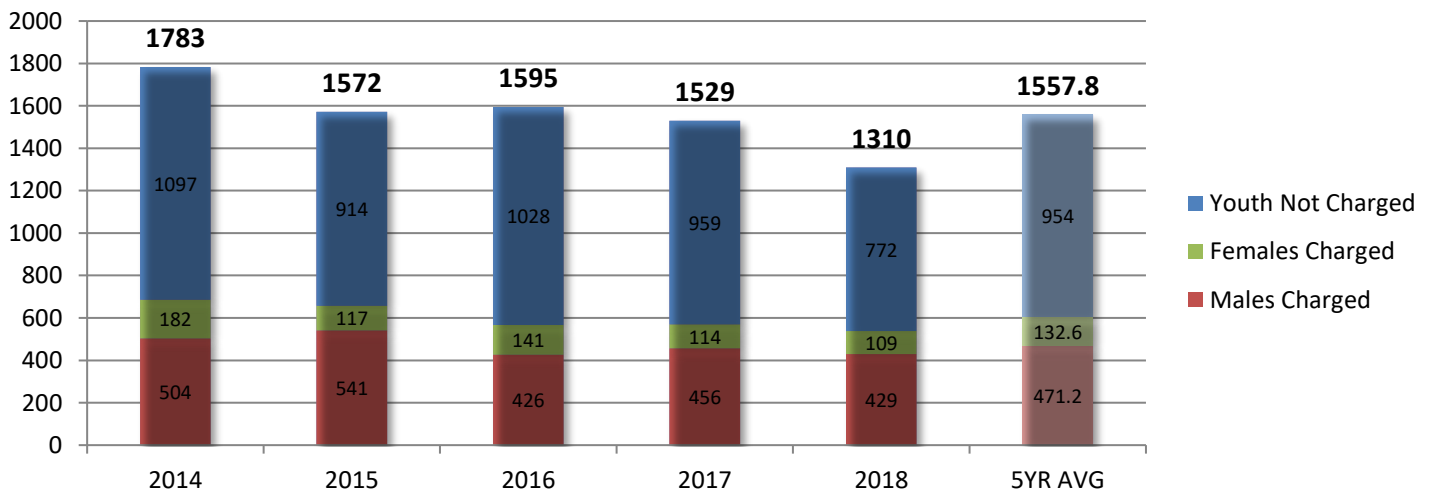
**Total Youth Involved In Crime  
2014 - 2018 (Ages 12 - 17)**



## Total Number of Youth Charged and Not Charged

Of the 34,629<sup>7</sup> youth aged 12-17 in Hamilton, 1,310 were involved in crime with 538 charged; 429 males and 109 females. In 2018, 3.8% of youth were involved in crime, down from 4.4% in 2017 and 2.4% of youth were charged with an offence compared to 2.6% in 2017. The 772 or 59% of the 1,310 youth involved in crime received an extrajudicial measure (No Further Action, Warning, Police Caution or Diversion).

**Total Youth Charged and Not Charged  
2014 - 2018 (Ages 12 - 17)**



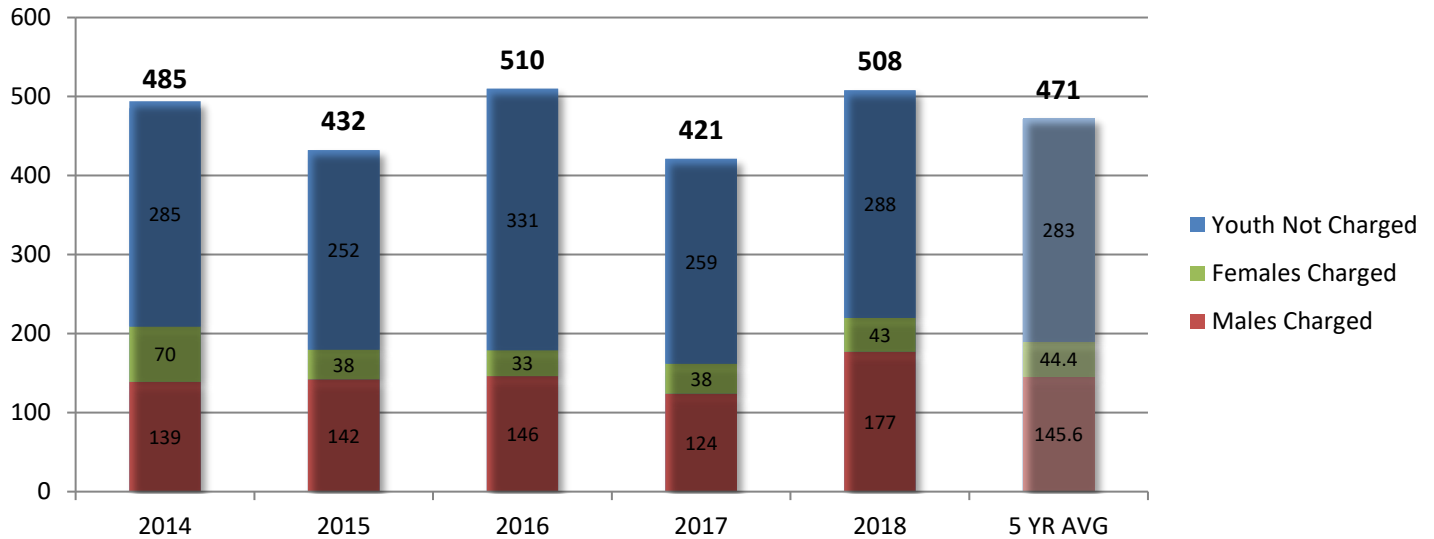
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<sup>7</sup> Hamilton Police Service Planning and Research

## Total Youth Involved in Violent Crime

When compared to 2017, the 2018 Hamilton data results identified an increase in violent crime by 7.4%. Of the 508 youth involved in violent crime, 56.7% were not charged and received an extrajudicial measure, as opposed to 61.9% in 2017. Therefore, the total number of youth involved in violent crime increased, rising from 38.1% to 43.3%.

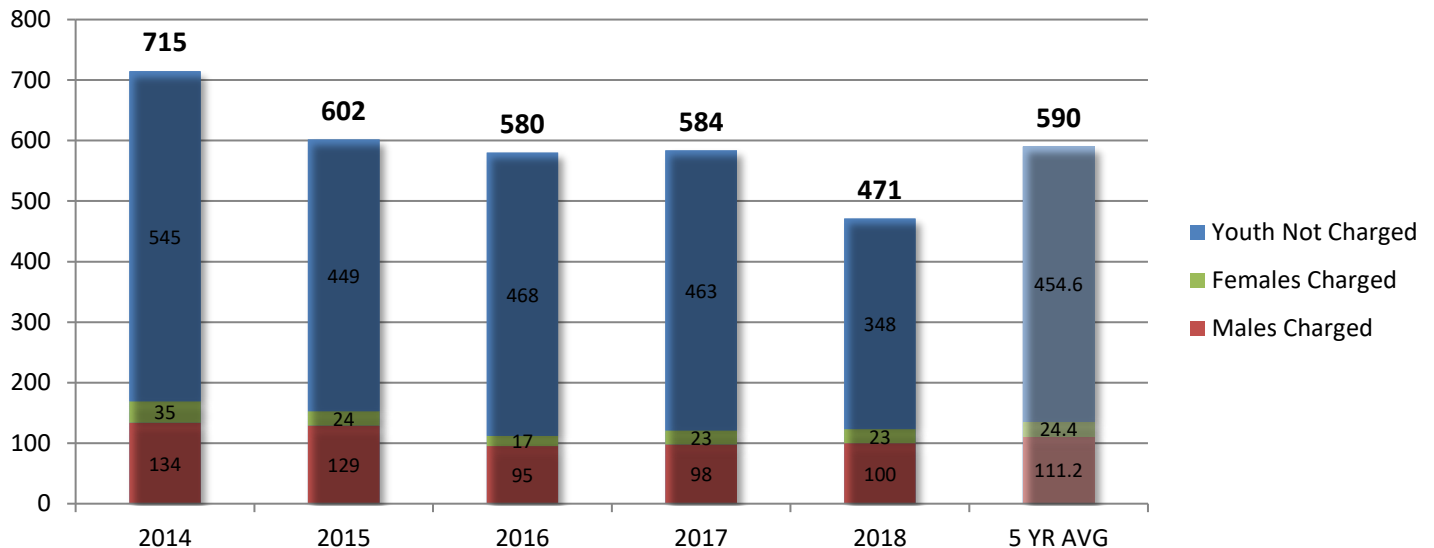
### Youth Involvement In Violent Crime 2014 - 2018



## Total Youth Involved in Property Crime

Youth involved in property crime decreased by 19.3%, from 584 in 2017 to 471 in 2018. Shoplifting still remains the number one property crime with 187 youth followed by Mischief Under at 96 youth involved.

### Youth Involvement In Property Crime 2014 - 2018



## Total Youth Involved in Drug Offences

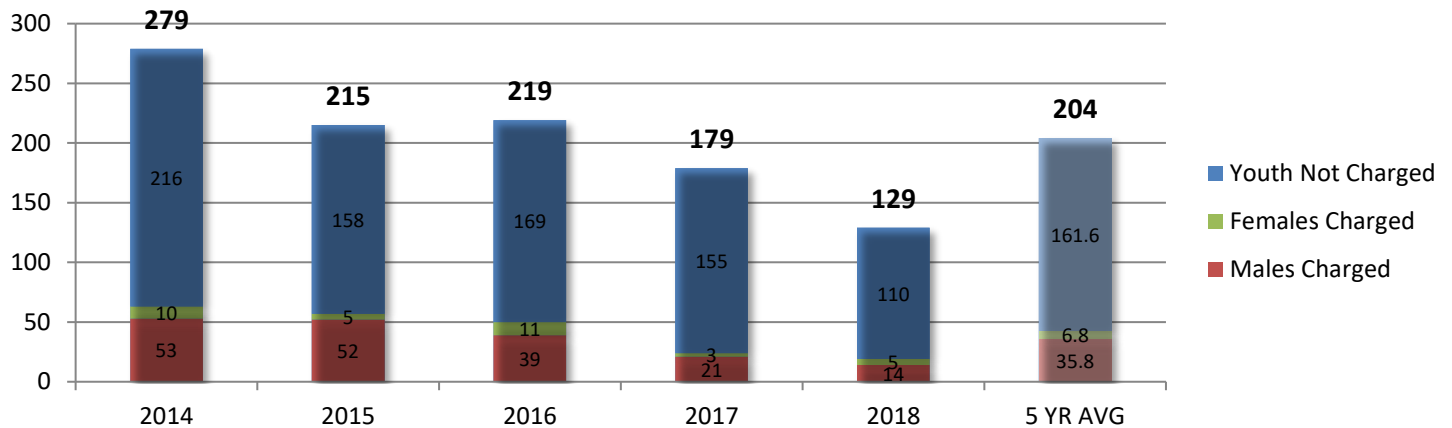
In 2018, 129 youths were involved in drug offences. This is a significant decrease of 27.9% when compared to 179 youths in 2017.

In 2018, before legalization of cannabis (January 1 – October 16), 19 youths were charged with a CDSA offence; 14 males and 5 females. Of that number, 11 were cannabis related (7 males and 4 females).

In 2018, post legalization of cannabis (October 17 – December 31), zero youth were charged with any CDSA offences.

In relation to the 2018 drug offences, 85.3% of youths involved were not charged and received an extrajudicial measure.

### **Youth Involvement In Drug Offences 2014 - 2018**



### Youth Crime by Offence

In 2018, the five most frequent youth offences were Assault Level One (216), Shoplifting (187), Possession of Cannabis (115), Mischief Under (96) and Robbery (84). The chart below indicates the 15 offences that constitute 86% of youth involvement in crime.

| <b>2018 - Youth Involvement in Crime by Frequency of Offence – Top Fifteen</b> |                      |                        |                        |              |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Offence</b>   | <b>Males Charged</b> | <b>Females Charged</b> | <b>Not Charged (%)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Assault – Level One  | 53                   | 28                     | 135 (62.5%)            | 216          |
| Shoplifting \$5000 or under  | 11                   | 7                      | 169 (90.4%)            | 187          |
| Possession of Cannabis   | 6                    | 3                      | 106 (92.2%)            | 115          |
| Mischief   | 20                   | 8                      | 68 (70.8)              | 96           |
| Robbery  | 56                   | 8                      | 20 (23.8%)             | 84           |
| Assault – Level Two  | 32                   | 3                      | 42 (54.5%)             | 77           |
| Bail Violations  | 51                   | 13                     | 7 (9.9%)               | 71           |
| Theft Under \$5000   | 10                   | 1                      | 50 (82%)               | 61           |
| Utter Threats  | 2                    | 1                      | 41 (93.2%)             | 44           |
| Break and Enter  | 15                   | 1                      | 28 (63.3%)             | 44           |
| Failure to Attend Court  | 31                   | 10                     | 0 (0.0%)               | 41           |
| Sexual Assault   | 14                   | 0                      | 24 (63.2%)             | 38           |
| Probation Violations   | 25                   | 11                     | 1 (2.7%)               | 37           |
| Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000                                      | 22                   | 3                      | 5 (16.7%)              | 30           |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle   | 11                   | 2                      | 7 (35.0%)              | 20           |

## Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP)

The STOP Program is specifically directed at “High Risk Youth”<sup>8</sup> who have been charged formally and are not abiding by conditions of release. The STOP program is a way for officers to check and ensure they are compliant with the court imposed conditions. The number of youths arrested outside of the STOP checks would suggest the program has identified the correct youth to be in the program. In 2018, there were 788 STOP checks; a decrease of 20% over 2017. In 2018, there were 68 total arrests; a decrease of 42% over 2017 with 119 arrests.

| 2018<br>Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP) |                        |                       |   |   |       |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|-------|
| Division   | Number of STOP Targets | Number of STOP Checks | Targets Arrested As Result Of STOP Checks | Targets Arrested Outside Of STOP Checks | Total |
| Div. 1   | 15 avg. per month      | 87                    | 8   | 19                                      | 27    |
| Div. 2   | 14 avg. per month      | 401                   | 4   | 14                                      | 18    |
| Div. 3   | 32 avg. per month      | 300                   | 8   | 15                                      | 23    |
| Total  | 64 avg. per month      | 788                   | 20  | 48                                      | 68    |

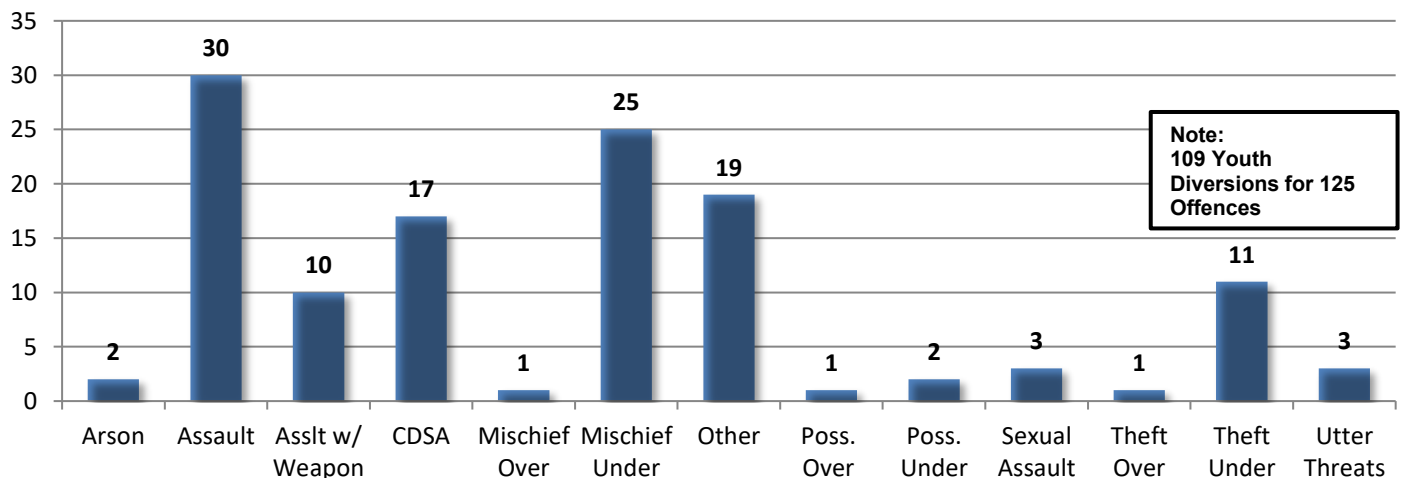
2017: 985 STOP Checks, 119 Total Arrests

## Intervention Programs

The Hamilton Police Service are active members on the John Howard’s Youth Justice Committee (YJC), Hamilton Youth Justice Committee (HYJC), and the Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion Program (HYDDP).

As per the requirements of the YCJA, the Hamilton Police Service has a formal agreement with the John Howard Society to operate its Extrajudicial Measures Diversion Referral Program. The program educates young people who have been diverted away from the judicial system about the impact of their actions on the community. In 2018, the John Howard Society received 109 Extrajudicial Measure Diversion Referrals from the Hamilton Police Service. This is 13% less than the 125 referrals made in 2017. The majority of referrals were for Assault Level 1 (30), Mischief Under (25), CDSA 4(1) Simple Possession (17), Theft Under (11), Assault with a Weapon (10) and Utter Threats (3).

## 2018 Diversions by Offence



<sup>8</sup> HPS Policy and Procedure 4.3.1

## Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion Program (HYDDP) – Drug Sweeps

In support of the Hamilton Police Service’s goal of reducing the availability and use of illegal drugs in our community, the Hamilton Police Service Youth Officers, Crime Managers, and High Enforcement Action Team (H.E.A.T.) officers attend local high schools and randomly conduct drug sweeps. If a youth qualifies, they will attend drug counseling and an education day in lieu of criminal charges. The goal of the diversion program is to decrease the number of youth who are in contact with the police for school based, drug related offences. The John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area facilitated the Extrajudicial Measures Education Day in partnership with the Hamilton Police Service, Alternatives for Youth, and Good Shepherd Youth Services.

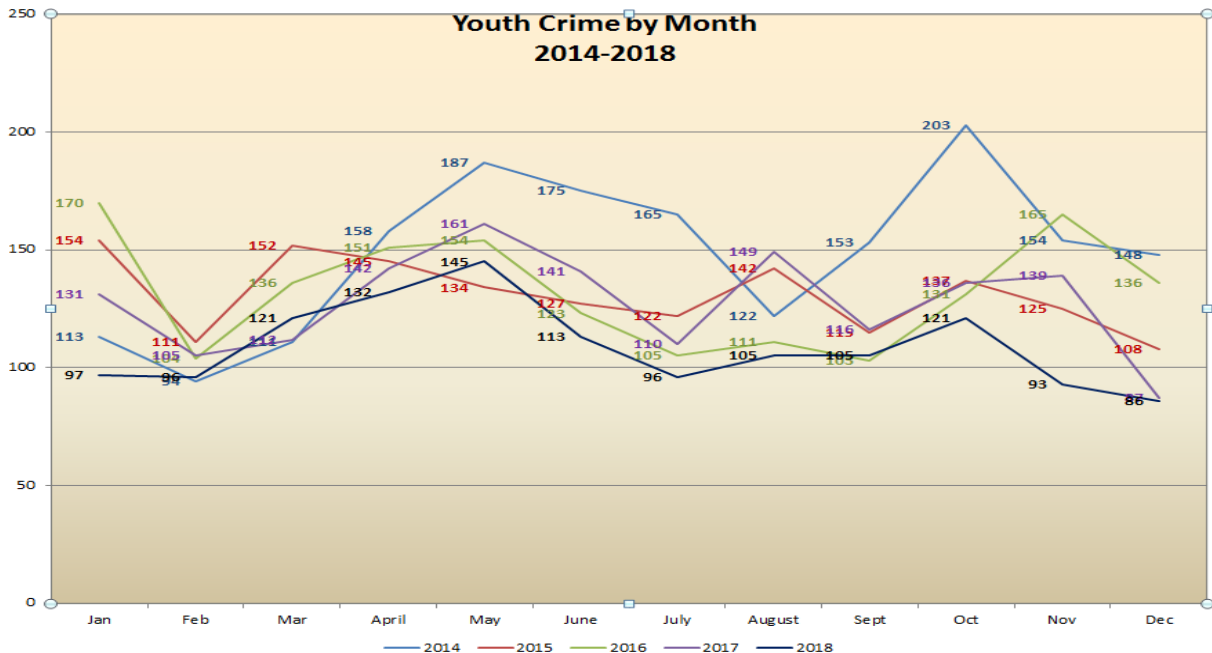
In 2018, 4 youths were referred to this diversion program in lieu of charge pre legalization of cannabis and 0 referrals were made post legalization of cannabis.

| Drug Sweep Totals - 2018 |                  |                 |                 |                      |                 |                             |                    |                   |                |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Division                 | Number of Sweeps | Number Arrested | Persons Charged | Pre-Charge Diversion | Police Cautions | Marijuana Seized (in grams) | Other Drugs Seized | Drug Items Seized | Weapons Seized |
| One                      | 22               | 1               | 0               | 0                    | 2               | 4.6                         | 5                  | 2                 | 1              |
| Two                      | 6                | 9               | 1               | 0                    | 8               | 39.7                        | 1                  | 1                 | 0              |
| Three                    | 13               | 20              | 1               | 4                    | 15              | 31.2                        | 4                  | 16                | 1              |
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>41</b>        | <b>30</b>       | <b>2</b>        | <b>4</b>             | <b>25</b>       | <b>75.5</b>                 | <b>10</b>          | <b>19</b>         | <b>2</b>       |

2017: 103 Sweeps, 63 Arrests, 3 Charged, 20 Diversions, 40 Cautions

### Youth Crime by Month

Youth criminal activity by month has been tracked since 2014. There are several discernible trends. It is clear that youth crime decreases significantly in the month of February, which historically is one of the coldest months of the year. It then rises in May, plateaus or decreases in June and July, and begins to rise again in September and October. Data from future years will have to be gathered to observe if this pattern continues.



## Youth Crime by Division

The City of Hamilton is divided into three policing divisions. Division One comprised of the downtown inner city area; Division Two comprised of the city's east end, Stoney Creek and Stoney Creek Mountain with Division Three, comprised of the Mountain, Ancaster, Dundas, Waterdown and outlying areas. The City of Hamilton's population is approximately 536,930<sup>9</sup>. Division One contains 104,655 people (19% of the overall population), Division Two contains 171,495 people (32% of the total population) and Division Three contains 260,780 people (49% of the total population).

The majority of youth crime occurs in Division Three where the majority of Hamilton's population resides, however, when the overall percentage of youth crime per Division is compared to Division percentages, it appears more youth crime occurs in Division One than in Divisions Two and Three. Division One accounts for 19% of the City's population and 29.3% of youth crime.

| <b>Youth Crime by Division 2018</b> |               |                 |             |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
|                                     | Males Charged | Females Charged | Not Charged | Totals |
| Division 1                          | 160           | 41              | 184         | 385    |
| Division 2                          | 145           | 40              | 242         | 427    |
| Division 3                          | 127           | 27              | 348         | 502    |
| Totals                              | 432           | 108             | 774         | 1314   |

| <b>Youth Crime by Division %Youth Involved vs % Divisional Population</b> |                           |              |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
|   | % Youth Involved in Crime | % Population |
| Division 1  | 29.3%                     | 19%          |
| Division 2  | 32.5%                     | 32%          |
| Division 3  | 38.2%                     | 49%          |

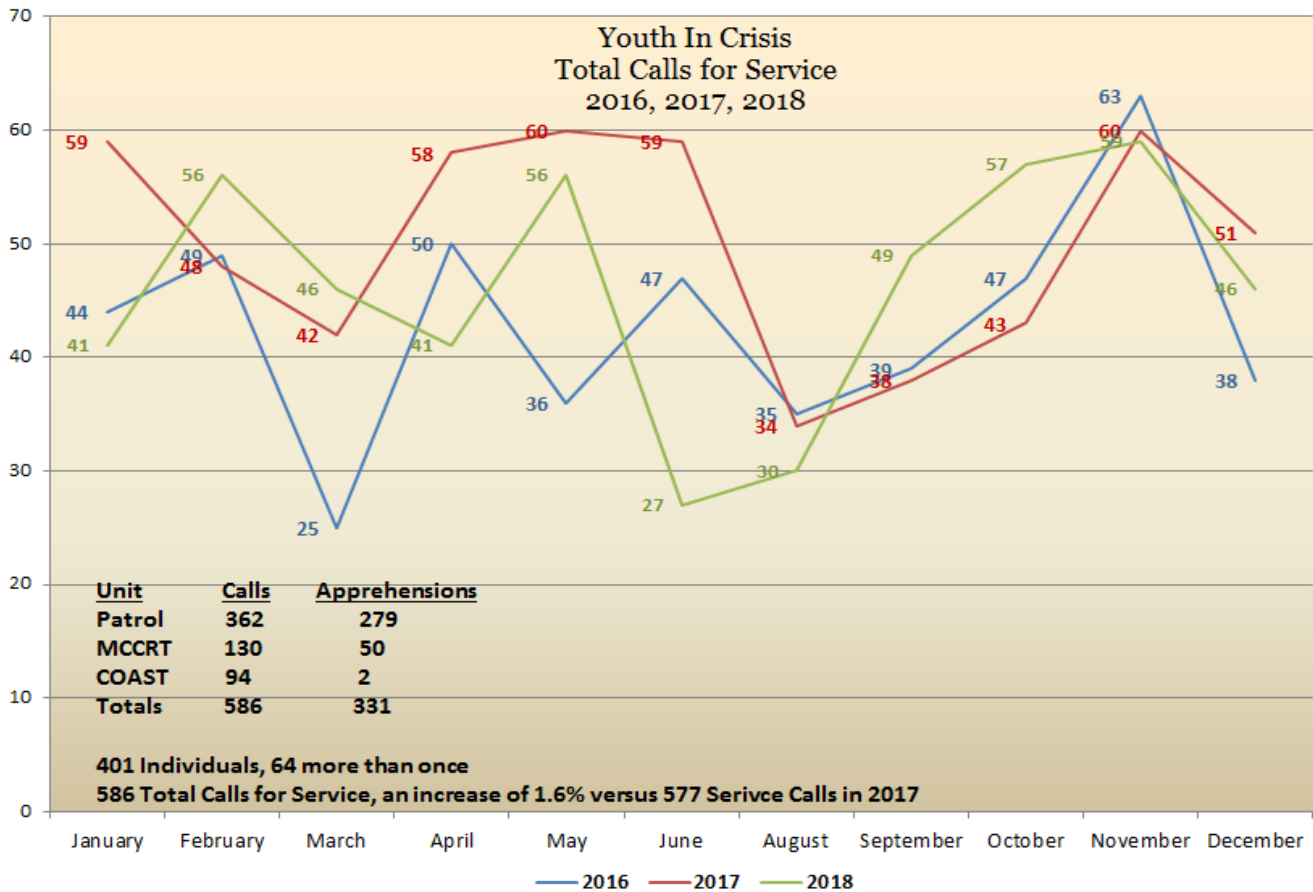
## Youth in Crisis

In 2014, the Chief's Student Advisory Committee (youth high school students from across the City of Hamilton) identified the number one concern for youth was mental health. Training opportunities were afforded to youth officers on mental health to better understand and identify youth in crisis. To assist youth in crisis, St. Joseph's Health Care opened the Youth Wellness Centre and continues to work in partnership with the Hamilton Police Service Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) and the C.O.A.S.T. Program.

The number of youth in crisis is recorded by the Youth Coordinator. In 2018, The Hamilton Police Service responded to 401 individuals under the age of 18 for a Mental Health and/or Person in Crisis. In 2017, the Service responded to 414 youth in crisis, a decrease of 3.1%.

Of the 401 individuals, 192 were males and 209 were females; 64 of those youth were involved with more than one Service call. In 2018, a total of 586 calls for service occurred versus the 577 calls in 2017, a 1.6% increase. It appears youth in crisis incidents are on the rise and continue to be a concern.

<sup>9</sup> City of Hamilton web-site, February 2017



### Conclusion

Overall youth involvement in crime decreased in 2018 by 14.3% and is above the national decrease of 5%<sup>10</sup>. As per the chart below, youth involvement with violent crime increased by 7.4%, property crime decreased by 19.3% and drug offences decreased by 27.9%.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act clearly states that the promotion of the long term protection of the public is best achieved through prevention and engaging youth in a more meaningful way than through the formal justice system. The Hamilton Police Service will continue to find new ways to engage, educate, and prevent youth crime and violent crime through continued support and facilitation of youth programs and initiatives.

|  | 2017       | 2018       | Percentage Increase/Decrease |
|--|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Total Youth Involved in Crime</b>       | 1529       | 1310       | <b>-14.3%</b>                |
| <b>Total Youth Charged and Not Charged</b> |            |            |                              |
| Males Charged                              | 456        | 429        | <b>-5.9%</b>                 |
| Females Charged                            | 114        | 109        | <b>-4.4%</b>                 |
| Not Charged                                | 959        | 772        | <b>-19.5%</b>                |
| <b>Youth Involvement in Violent Crime</b>  |            |            |                              |
| Males Charged                              | 141        | 177        | <b>+25.5%</b>                |
| Females Charged                            | 39         | 43         | <b>+10.3%</b>                |
| Not Charged                                | 293        | 288        | <b>-1.7%</b>                 |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>473</b> | <b>508</b> | <b>+7.4%</b>                 |

<sup>10</sup> Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, July 24, 2018, Statistics Canada

|  |     |     |               |
|--|-----|-----|---------------|
| <b>Youth Involvement in Property Crime</b> |     |     |               |
| Males Charged                              | 98  | 100 | <b>+2.0%</b>  |
| Females Charged                            | 23  | 23  | <b>0%</b>     |
| Not Charged                                | 463 | 348 | <b>-24.8%</b> |
| Total                                      | 584 | 471 | <b>-19.3%</b> |
| <b>Youth Involvement in Drug Offences</b>  |     |     |               |
| Males Charged                              | 21  | 14  | <b>-33.3%</b> |
| Females Charged                            | 3   | 5   | <b>-66.6%</b> |
| Not Charged                                | 155 | 110 | <b>-29.0%</b> |
| Total                                      | 179 | 129 | <b>-27.9%</b> |





# 2018 Youth Services Annual Report

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# Executive Summary


## 2 Demographics



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# Executive Summary


## 3 Youth Criminal Justice Act



In keeping with the principles of the Youth Criminal Justice Act - “Extrajudicial Measures” are often the most appropriate and effective way to address youth crime. (No Further Action, Warning, Police Caution or Diversion).

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## 4 Violent Crimes



Increased by 7.4%. In 2018 - 508 youths were involved in violent crimes with 220 of those youths charged and 56.7% received an extrajudicial measure.

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## 5 Property Crime



Decreased by 19.3%. In 2018 - 471 youths were involved in property crime with 123 of those youths charged and 73.9% received an extrajudicial measure.

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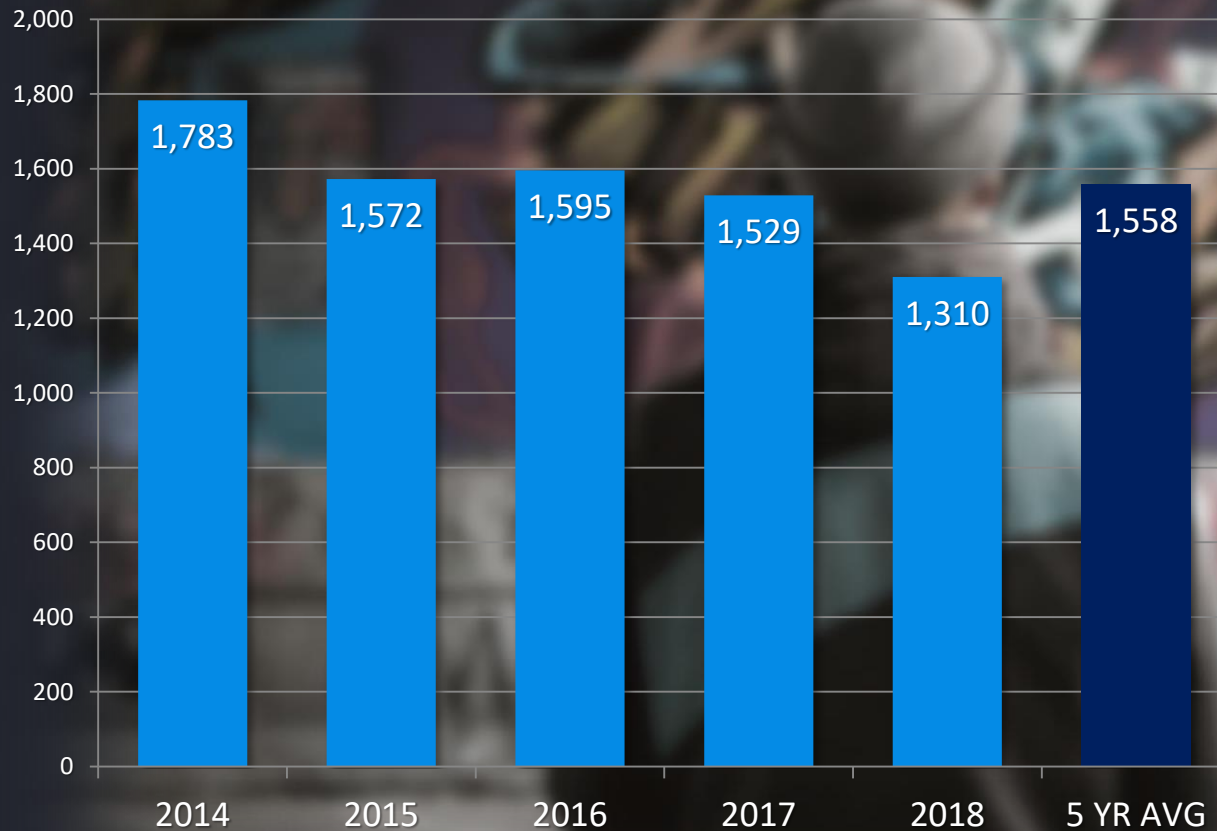
## 6 Drug Offences



Decreased by 27.9%. In 2018 – 129 youths were involved in drug offences with 19 of those youths charged and 85.3% of the youth received an extrajudicial measure.

## 8 Total Youth Involved in Crime

**Total Youth Involved In Crime  
2014 - 2018 (Ages 12 - 17)**



Of the 34,629 youths aged 12 years - 17 years in Hamilton, youth involved in crime decreased from 1,529 in 2017 to 1,310 in 2018.

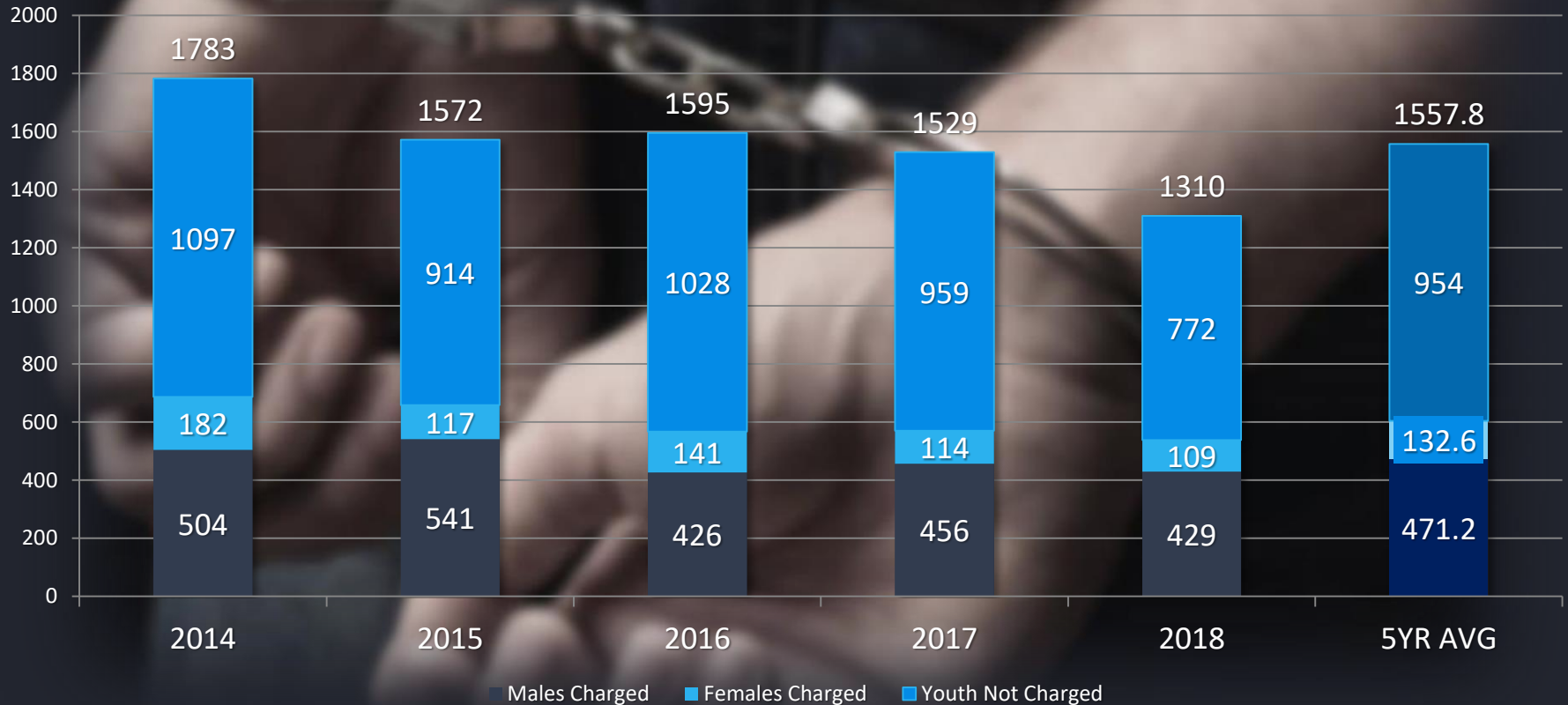
**A dramatic decrease of 14.3% in comparison to a national decrease of 5%.**

## 9 Total Number of Youth Charged and Not Charged

In 2018, 1,310 youths were involved in crime. 538 were charged (2.4%) = 429 males and 109 females.

In 2017, 1529 youths were involved in crime. 570 youths charged (2.6%) = 456 males and 114 females.

**Total Youth Charged and Not Charged  
2014 - 2018 (Ages 12 - 17)**





## 10 Youth Crime by Offence

|    | Offence                                   | Males Charged | Females Charged | Not Charged (%) | Total      |
|----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1  | Assault – Level One                       | 53            | 28              | 135 (62.5%)     | <b>216</b> |
| 2  | Shoplifting \$5000 or under               | 11            | 7               | 169 (90.4%)     | <b>187</b> |
| 3  | Possession of Cannabis                    | 6             | 3               | 106 (92.2%)     | <b>115</b> |
| 4  | Mischief                                  | 20            | 8               | 68 (70.8)       | <b>96</b>  |
| 5  | Robbery                                   | 56            | 8               | 20 (23.8%)      | <b>84</b>  |
| 6  | Assault – Level Two                       | 32            | 3               | 42 (54.5%)      | <b>77</b>  |
| 7  | Bail Violations                           | 51            | 13              | 7 (9.9%)        | <b>71</b>  |
| 8  | Theft Under \$5000                        | 10            | 1               | 50 (82.%)       | <b>61</b>  |
| 9  | Utter Threats                             | 2             | 1               | 41 (93.2%)      | <b>44</b>  |
| 10 | Break and Enter                           | 15            | 1               | 28 (63.3%)      | <b>44</b>  |
| 11 | Failure to Attend Court                   | 31            | 10              | 0 (0.0%)        | <b>41</b>  |
| 12 | Sexual Assault                            | 14            | 0               | 24 (63.2%)      | <b>38</b>  |
| 13 | Probation Violations                      | 25            | 11              | 1 (2.7%)        | <b>37</b>  |
| 14 | Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000 | 22            | 3               | 5 (16.7%)       | <b>30</b>  |
| 15 | Theft of Motor Vehicle                    | 11            | 2               | 7 (35.0%)       | <b>20</b>  |

The chart indicates 15 offences that constituted 86% youth crime involvement.

# 11 Youth Involved in Crime

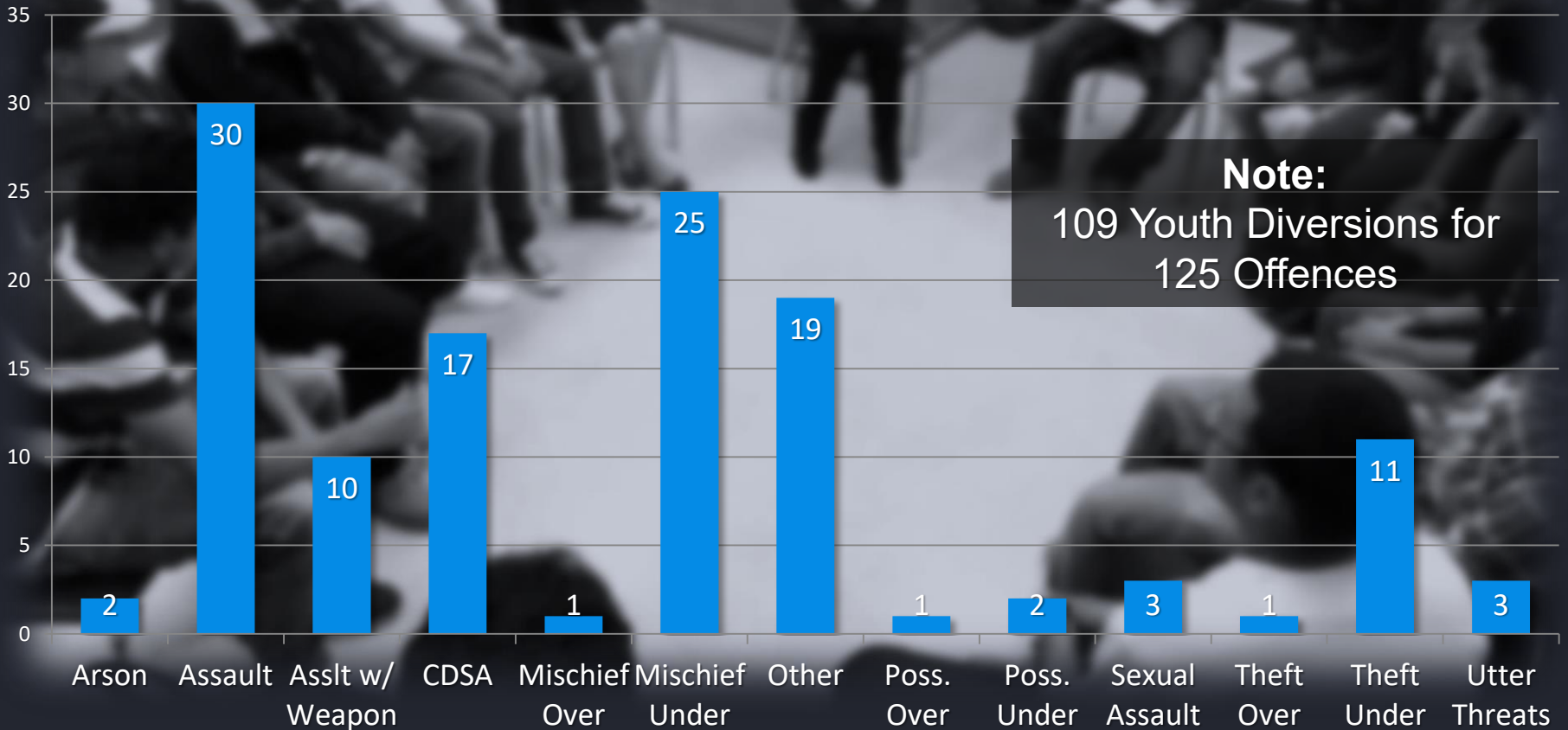
Youth involved with violent crime increased by 7.4%, property crime decreased by 19.3% and drug offences decreased by 27.9%.

|                                      | 2017 | 2018 | Percentage Increase/Decrease |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------------------------------|
| <b>Total Youth Involved in Crime</b> | 1529 | 1310 | -14.3%                       |
| <b>Total Youth Charged</b>           |      |      |                              |
| Males Charged                        | 456  | 429  | -5.9%                        |
| Females Charged                      | 114  | 109  | -4.4%                        |
| <b>Violent Crime</b>                 |      |      |                              |
| Males Charged                        | 141  | 177  | +25.5%                       |
| Females Charged                      | 39   | 43   | +10.3%                       |
| Not Charged                          | 293  | 288  | -1.7%                        |
| Total                                | 473  | 508  | +7.4%                        |
| <b>Property Crime</b>                |      |      |                              |
| Males Charged                        | 98   | 100  | +2.0%                        |
| Females Charged                      | 23   | 23   | 0%                           |
| Not Charged                          | 463  | 348  | -24.8%                       |
| Total                                | 584  | 471  | -19.3%                       |
| <b>Drug Offences</b>                 |      |      |                              |
| Males Charged                        | 21   | 14   | -33.3%                       |
| Females Charged                      | 3    | 5    | -66.6%                       |
| Not Charged                          | 155  | 110  | -29%                         |
| Total                                | 179  | 129  | -27.9%                       |

# 12 2018 Diversions by Offence

109 youth received an Extrajudicial Measure Diversion Referral to the John Howard Society in lieu of a charge.

## 2018 Diversions by Offence



**Note:**  
109 Youth Diversions for  
125 Offences

## Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP)

The STOP Program is specifically directed at “High Risk Youth” charged formally and whom are not abiding by conditions of release



- ✓ The program is a way for officers to check and ensure they are compliant with the court imposed conditions
- ✓ Identified by the Divisional Youth Officers
- ✓ Maximum 25 Youth per Division

## 14 Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP)

### 2018 Strategic Targeted Offender Program (STOP)

| Division      | Number of STOP Targets   | Number of STOP checks | Targets Arrested As Result of STOP Checks | Targets Arrested Outside of STOP Checks | Total     |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Division 1    | 15 avg. per month        | 87                    | 8   | 19                                      | 27        |
| Division 2    | 14 avg. per month        | 401                   | 4   | 14                                      | 18        |
| Division 3    | 32 avg. per month        | 300                   | 8   | 15                                      | 23        |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>64 avg. per month</b> | <b>788</b>            | <b>20</b>                                 | <b>48</b>                               | <b>68</b> |

2017: 985 STOP Checks, 119 Total Arrests

In 2018, a total of 788 STOP checks were conducted resulting in 68 arrests

## Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion Program (HYDDP) – Drug Sweeps

In support of the Hamilton Police Service's goal of reducing the availability and use of illegal drugs, the HPS Youth Officers, Crime Managers, and High Enforcement Action Team (H.E.A.T.) officers attended local high schools and randomly conducted drug sweeps.

### Drug Sweep Tools - 2018

| Division      | Sweeps    | Number Arrested | Persons Charged | Pre-Charge Diversion | Police Cautions | Marijuana Seized (grams) | Other Drugs Seized | Drug Items Seized | Weapons Seized |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| One           | 22        | 1               | 0               | 0                    | 2               | 4.6                      | 5                  | 2                 | 1              |
| Two           | 6         | 9               | 1               | 0                    | 8               | 39.7                     | 1                  | 1                 | 0              |
| Three         | 13        | 20              | 1               | 4                    | 15              | 31.2                     | 4                  | 16                | 1              |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>30</b>       | <b>2</b>        | <b>4</b>             | <b>25</b>       | <b>75.5</b>              | <b>10</b>          | <b>19</b>         | <b>2</b>       |

2017: 103 Sweeps, 63 Arrests, 3 Charged, 20 Diversions, 40 Cautions



The Hamilton Police Service School Liaison, Community and Divisional Youth Officers continued to deliver programs and presentations to both elementary and secondary schools regarding personal safety, social media, internet safety, vaping and cyber-bullying.

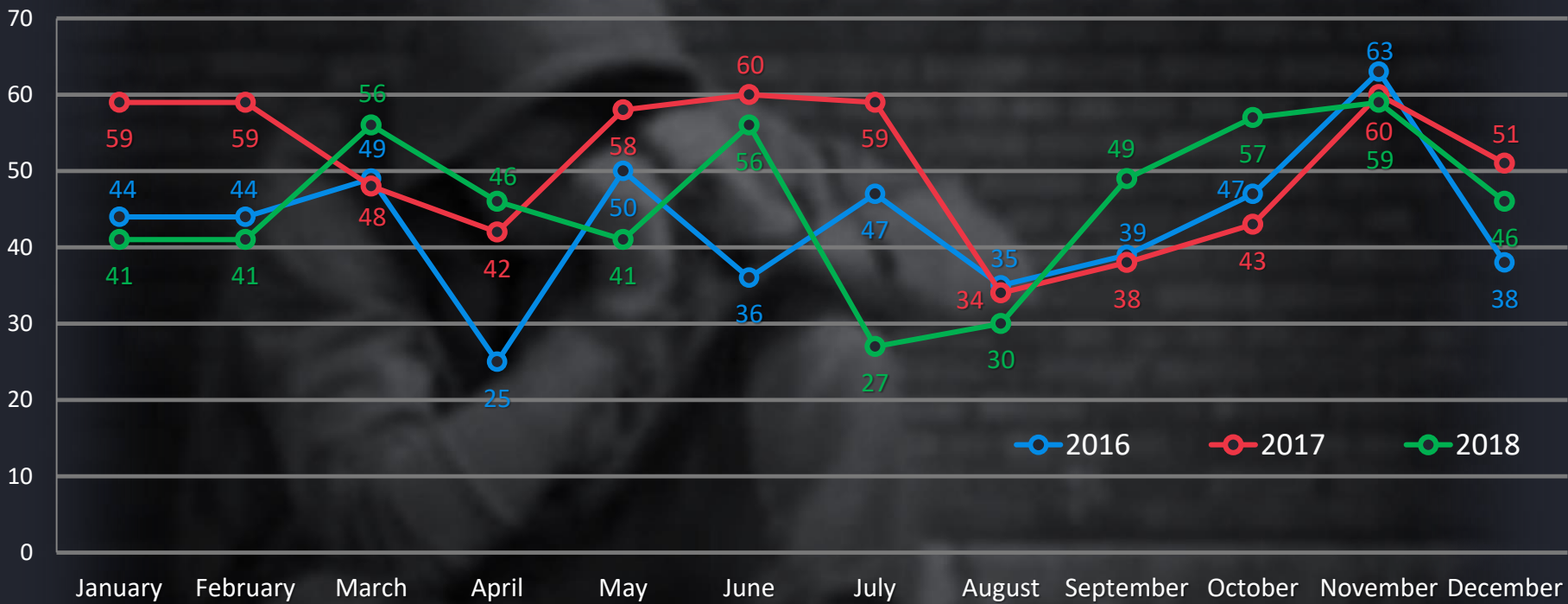
They investigated school related incidents and participated in Formal and Informal Restorative Justice Circles.

|                                      | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 | Totals |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Number of Schools                    | 33         | 55         | 108        | 196    |
| Presentations                        | 102        | 133        | 213        | 448    |
| School Visits                        | 635        | 926        | 881        | 2442   |
| Investigations                       | 69         | 273        | 289        | 631    |
| Informal Restorative Justice Circles | 47         | 17         | 7          | 71     |
| Formal Restorative Justice Circles   | 7          | 2          | 0          | 9      |
| Days Seconded - Patrol/Other Duties  | 16         | 26         | 46         | 88     |

# Youth in Crisis

In 2018, the Service responded to 401 youths for a Mental Health and/or Person in Crisis. In 2017, the Service responded to 414 youths in crisis, a decrease of 3.1%.

Of the 401 youths, 192 were males and 209 were females; 64 of those youths were involved with more than one Service call. A total of 586 calls for service occurred, a 1.6% increase from 2017.



| <u>Unit</u>   | <u>Calls</u> | <u>Apprehensions</u> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Patrol        | 362          | 279                  |
| MCCRT         | 130          | 50                   |
| COAST         | 94           | 2                    |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>586</b>   | <b>331</b>           |





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