



Why are arrests up?

What WTPS is doing to keep the community safe.

A Message from the Chief of Police

Dear Wikwemkoong Community,

Over the past year, many community members have asked important questions about crime statistics within the Territory – particularly why arrests and charged persons have increased so noticeably.

I want to be clear and transparent with you: the increase in arrests and charges does not mean that policing has become harsher, and they don't mean crime is being ignored. In fact, it means the opposite – WTPS is being more proactive. We are stepping in earlier, using better information, and focusing on people who keep breaking the law. The goal is to stop organized crime, hold repeat offenders responsible, and prevent people in our community from being hurt in the first place. While overall calls for service have remained relatively stable, our officers are identifying more offenders, enforcing court-ordered conditions, and taking action against individuals who pose a real risk to public safety. At the same time, we are seeing encouraging signs, including a significant reduction in youth male charges, which tells us that prevention, engagement, and early intervention efforts are working.

Policing does not happen in isolation. The decisions to release or detain repeat violent offenders, drug dealers, and those that continue to victimize and revictimize people in our community rest with the courts, not police. When

individuals are released back into the community with conditions, it is our responsibility to ensure those conditions are respected. That responsibility is something WTPS takes very seriously.

The information shared in this update is meant to provide clarity, context, and accountability. These numbers represent real work being done to protect families, Elders, youth, and vulnerable community members, and they reflect a police service that is actively confronting crime rather than reacting after harm has occurred. Our police officers and staff members are working very hard to enhance your safety, enrich the lives of our citizens and strengthen all sectors of our Territory.

WTPS will continue to communicate openly with you, strengthen partnerships, and build the capacity needed to keep Wikwemkoong safe now and into the future.

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Sincerely

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Understanding Crime Trends & Enforcement at WTPS

Key Facts at a Glance



Police calls and incidents (2025 vs 2024)



People charged by police (2025 vs 2024)



People charged by police over the past 10 years



Teenage boys charged by police (2025)



Teenage girls charged by police (2025)



Total criminal charges laid by police over the past 4 years

Why Arrests and Charges Are Higher

- ✓ **Repeat Offender Enforcement:** WTPS launched the Offender Management Apprehension Program (OMAP) to arrest individuals breaching court-ordered release conditions.
- ✓ **Provincial Bail Monitoring:** Officers receive real-time alerts through Ontario's Bail Compliance Provincial Dashboard for high-risk offenders released anywhere in the province.
- ✓ **Proactive Policing:** Enhanced training and proactive patrols have increased criminal, drug, and human-trafficking interdiction.
- ✓ **Community Drug Strategy:** Since December 2024, drug enforcement has intensified – drug

dealer arrests are up 309% compared to April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024.

- ✓ **Combined Forces Operations:** Joint operations with the OPP, RCMP, and UCCM Police have resulted in arrests of organized and repeat offenders.
- ✓ **Increased Capacity & Technology:** Additional officers, funding, and modern police technology have expanded enforcement and prevention capabilities.
- ✓ **Online Reporting System:** More community members — including youth — are using the online reporting system to share tips and report crime or suspicious activity in the territory.

What This Means for the Community

Higher arrest numbers reflect accountability and proactive policing, while reduced youth male charges show progress in prevention and early intervention. WTPS remains committed to community safety, transparency, and partnership.

See Something? Say Something.

If you see something suspicious or have information about a crime, say something. Every tip can make a difference in protecting our community's safety. Reporting a tip or non-emergency issue is quick, and easy.

Call Sudbury Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
Or submit online at wtps.ca

