

People Helping People



Mid-Year Regional Council Update

June 21, 2023



Mission, Vision, Values

Building a stronger
and safer community.



Mission

To deliver effective policing services while embracing collaborative partnerships and community engagement that strengthen public safety and community well-being.



Vision

Every person in Waterloo Region is safe and feels safe.



Values

- People and Partnerships
- Integrity and Respect
- Continuous Improvement
- Accountability

Legislated Requirements Governing WRPS

- ▶ Provide adequate and effective policing in Waterloo Region, through:
 - Crime prevention
 - Law enforcement
 - Maintaining the public peace
 - Emergency response
 - Assistance to victims of crime
- ▶ Ensure the safety of all persons and property while safeguarding their rights and freedoms
- ▶ Providing all the infrastructure necessary, including vehicles, equipment, and buildings



2022 Annual Report



- ▶ **Your Service**
- ▶ **Your Community**
- ▶ **Your Stats**

2022 in Review



↑ 6.1%

339,667

**Total Calls
from the
Community**
vs. 2021: 320,097

↑ 56.25%

25

**Shooting
Investigations**
vs. 2021: 16

↑ 1%

6,196

**Intimate
Partner
Violence Calls**
vs. 2021: 6,145

↓ 3.1%

14,749

**Total
Arrests**
vs. 2021: 15,221

↑ 300%

8

Homicides
vs. 2021: 2

2022 in Review



↑ 223.5%

\$5.24M

**Worth of Controlled
Substances Seized**

vs. 2021: \$1.62M

↑ 38.1%

1,036

**Vehicles
Stolen**

vs. 2021: 750

↑ 25.1%

42,849

**Record Checks
Completed**

vs. 2021: 34,244

↑ 31.4%

581

**Firearms/Prohibited
Weapons Disposed**

vs. 2021: 442

↑ 93.5%

149

**Human Trafficking
Investigations**

vs. 2021: 77



Crime Overview 2023 YTD

So far this year:

In 2022:

▶ **7** Shootings

▶ **22**

Cybercrime Investigations

▶ **142** Sextortion

▶ **216**

▶ **188** Internet Child
Exploitation

▶ **349**

Robbery Investigations

▶ **2** Pharmacy

▶ **20**

▶ **50** Person-on-Person

▶ **164**

▶ **102** Total Robberies

▶ **286**

Mental Health Response

▶ Integrated Mobile Police & Crisis Team (IMPACT)

- Dispatched **497** times YTD
- In 2022, IMPACT responded to 1,245 calls

▶ Crisis Call Diversion Program (CCD)

- **110** calls fielded YTD
- 41% of calls triaged to the CCD were resolved exclusively by CCD workers in the moment
- 90% were resolved with no police response required in Q1

22%

Diversion Rate



As of June 9, 2023

11,556

Road Safety
Charges

Road Safety 2023 YTD

Committed to ensuring Waterloo Region roadways are safe for all.

So far this year:

In 2022:

▶ 3,953 Speeding Driving Charges	▶ 7,723
▶ 446 Impaired Driving Charges	▶ 911
▶ 177 Distracted Driving Charges	▶ 438
▶ 134 Failing to Wear a Seatbelt Charges	▶ 370



Community Focused Policing

▶ Community Engagement & Well-Being Unit

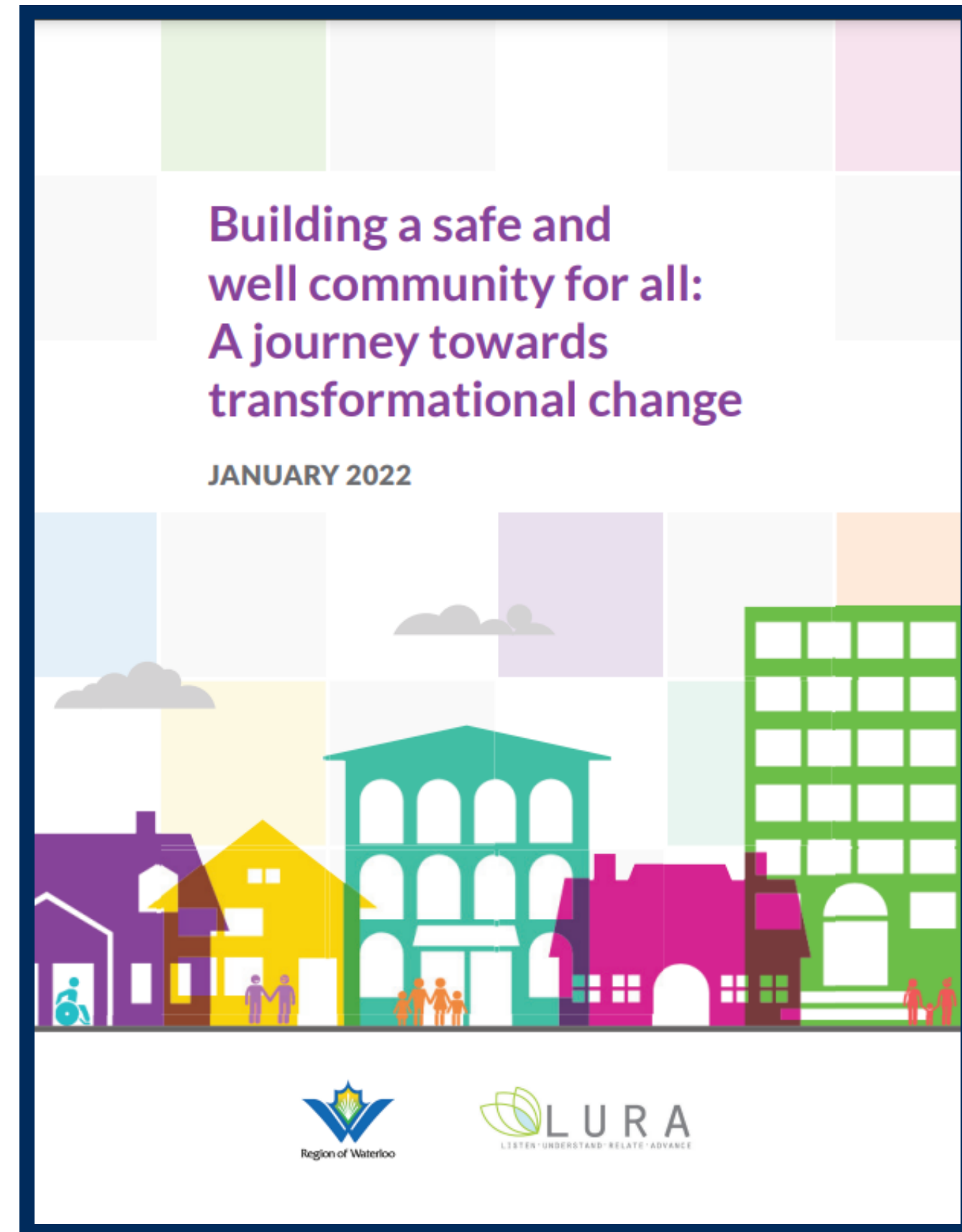
- Work collaboratively with community partners to mitigate chronic issues of community safety and well-being through diversion, referrals, supports and enforcement
- Aim to educate, collaborate, and build relationships of trust between the police and the community

▶ Direct Action Response Team

- Focuses on proactive, high-visibility patrol in communities experiencing safety concerns
- Laid 1,758 charges in 2022

Community Safety and Wellbeing

Approved by Regional Council in 2022, the CSWP framework is a requirement under the Police Services Act that aims to improve safety and well-being in collaboration with partners across Waterloo Region.



Looking Towards the Future

- ▶ New Central Division Facility (Opening August 2023)
- ▶ Planned Public Safety Communications Centre to serve the Region's growing population
- ▶ Modernization Project
 - Automated License Plate Readers
 - Body-worn and in-car video cameras
 - Mobile capability expansion via smartphone applications





Thank You Questions?

