



2026 - 2029

DRYDEN

DETACHMENT

ACTION PLAN

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2026-2029 Provincial Action Plan

Strategic Priorities and Commitments



Valuing Our People

A healthy and resilient OPP

We will be the employer of choice supporting our members, personally and professionally, in their pursuits of excellence.

Working With Purpose

A responsive and evolving OPP

We will be a leader of policing excellence empowering our members to deliver the best service for Ontarians.

Communities We Serve

A collaborative and progressive OPP

We will courageously pursue community safety outcomes, building cooperative and strategic relationships with partners who share Our Vision.

Connection Driving Alignment

A connected OPP

We are one OPP emphasizing curiosity and innovation, aligning with our members' efforts, while ensuring actions are consistent with Our Mission and Our Values.

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Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the 2026–2029 Dryden Detachment Action Plan. This plan has been prepared and adopted in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and aligns with the Ontario Provincial Police 2026–2029 Strategic Plan.



This Action Plan outlines our commitments, actions, and desired outcomes over the next four years. It reflects how we will continue to provide effective policing across our detachment area and meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve. To reflect these priorities, the plan is organized into three key focus areas:

- Crime
- Roadways, Waterways and Trails
- Community Well-Being

The plan also includes qualitative and quantitative performance objectives and indicators, allowing us to measure the impact of our actions and ensure accountability.

The Dryden Detachment proudly serves a diverse region in Northwestern Ontario, including the City of Dryden, Township of Machin, Town of Ignace, Wabigoon, and the Ojibwe First Nation of Saugeen. We also work closely with Eagle Lake and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nations, in partnership with the Treaty Three Police Service, and support the Ojibwe Nation of Saugeen Police Service through our Ignace satellite office.

Our team of uniformed and civilian members is committed to delivering professional, community-focused policing across more than 16,000 square kilometers. We use a range of specialized vehicles and equipment, including ATVs, snowmobiles, marine vessels, and patrol units. These tools allow us to ensure a responsive service in all seasons and terrains.

The 2026–2029 Dryden Detachment Action Plan was developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders:

- We engaged with our OPP detachment boards and incorporated the objectives and priorities they identified.
- We surveyed municipal councils, community service groups, educational bodies, and local organizations to understand their concerns and priorities.
- We consulted with First Nation Band Councils of the Ojibwe First Nation of Saugeen.
- We received input from groups representing diverse communities, including cultural organizations, and 2SLGBTQ+ groups.

This is the first action plan prepared under the CSPA, and future detachment board annual reports will be enhanced to reflect updated reporting requirements.

Dryden continues to evolve. The region is home to the Dryden Fibre Canada pulp mill, a major employer and contributor to economic stability. Near Ignace, the proposed deep geological repository for used

nuclear fuel, led by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), represents a significant long-term investment in infrastructure and community development.

I am proud of the work we do and the relationships we have built at Dryden Detachment. Our members are deeply connected to the communities they serve, and we remain committed to innovation, collaboration, and service excellence. I look forward to our continued growth and achievements as we implement the 2026–2029 Dryden Detachment Action Plan.

Karl Duewel
Inspector, Detachment Commander
Dryden Detachment

Our Detachment

The Dryden OPP Detachment serves a geographically vast and culturally diverse region in Northwestern Ontario, covering over 16,000 square kilometers. This includes the City of Dryden, Township of Machin, Town of Ignace, Wabigoon, and the Ojibwe First Nation of Saugeen, with close collaboration with Eagle Lake and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nations through partnerships with the Treaty Three Police Service and support for the Ojibwe Nation of Saugeen Police Service via the Ignace satellite office.

Dryden, a regional hub with approximately 8,000 residents, is strategically located between Thunder Bay, Kenora, and Winnipeg, and offers a full range of amenities including healthcare, education, recreation, and retail services. The community is supported by a robust industrial base, most notably the Dryden Fibre Canada pulp mill. The mill produces Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft pulp and employs over 350 people, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, community engagement, and long-term economic stability.

The Dryden Detachment, houses uniformed and civilian members and includes modern facilities such as a full gym, kitchen, and outdoor patio. Specialized units include:

- Crime Unit
- Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU)
- Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)
- Community Engagement Officers (CEO)
- Court Case Management

The Ignace satellite detachment, serving a population of around 1,100, offers a close-knit, family-oriented work environment.

The Township of Machin, including Vermillion Bay, is known for its natural beauty, tourism, and agricultural activity, with numerous dairy and beef farms and world-class fishing destinations.

A significant development in the region is the selection of a site near Ignace for Canada's future deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. Managed by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), this \$26 billion project will span 175 years and is expected to bring long-term economic stability to the area. The repository will be constructed 650 to 800 meters underground, encased in solid rock with engineered barriers to ensure safe storage for thousands of years. Construction is projected to begin in the 2030s, with operations starting in the 2040s.

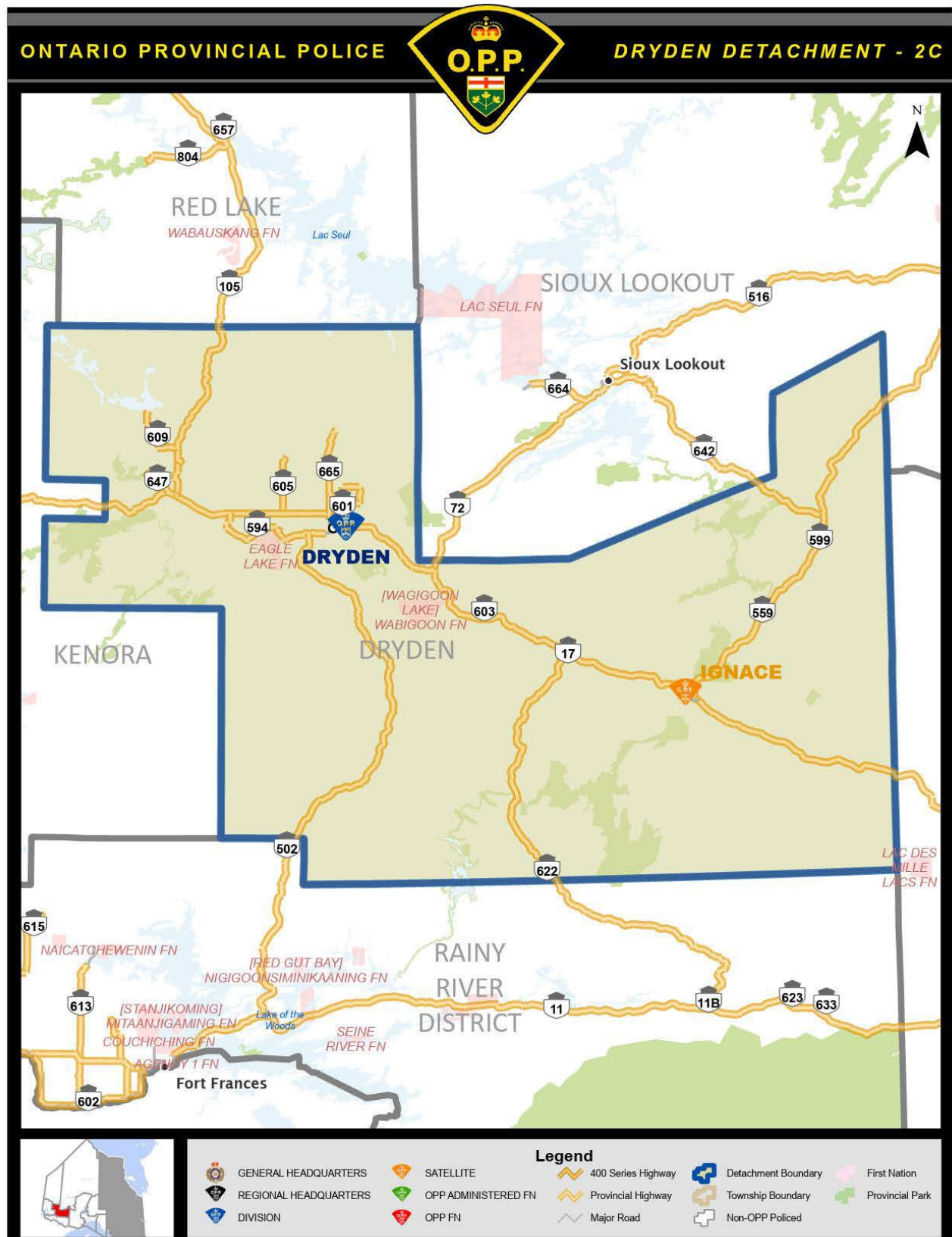
Policing in this region is dynamic and multifaceted. Officers respond to a wide range of calls, from major crimes to traffic enforcement along the busy Trans-Canada Highway, which runs through the jurisdiction. The detachment uses a fleet of ATVs, snowmobiles, marine vessels, and patrol vehicles to navigate the varied terrain and ensure effective service delivery.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of the detachment's approach. Members participate in local events, youth programs, and initiatives that promote safety and well-being. The area offers a high

quality of life, with access to outdoor recreation, provincial parks (Aaron, Blue Lake, Sandbar), and cultural amenities such as performing arts centers, sports clubs, and community organizations.

The Dryden OPP is proud to serve this vibrant and evolving region, working collaboratively with municipal and Indigenous partners to ensure safety, build trust, and support the well-being of all residents.

Our Detachment Area



Action Plan Commitments Summary

The OPP's action planning process is guided by Section 70 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* and ensures compliance with the *Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* standards filed as O. Reg. 392/23.

Through analysis and consultation, the following objectives and priorities were identified for the next four years. These are reflective of how adequate and effective policing will be provided in the area served by the detachment, in accordance with the needs and diversity of the population.

CRIME	ROADWAYS, WATERWAYS AND TRAILS	COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
Enhance proactive patrol and/or initiatives to target specific local crime trends and reduce victimization, while increasing community safety.	Expand local level expertise in specialized traffic enforcement that would directly benefit our detachment area.	Increase community engagement and strengthen community relationships through enhanced communication and information sharing.
Organized crime enforcement: targeting issues such as illicit drugs and offences related to drug-trade including violence and property crime.	Road safety: new/enhanced initiatives, mandatory alcohol screening (MAS), enforcement, technology/equipment, training (ex. breath techs, DRE, SFST, etc.)	Strengthen relationships with local youth by providing structured and unstructured youth programming, delivering information about topics that impact youth, and prioritizing partnerships with local youth-focused organizations.
Repeat offenders and bail compliance enforcement.	Maintain a robust Marine Safety Program focusing on visible patrol, equipment requirements and water safety education.	Enhance partnerships with local service providers to best support calls for service related to mental health, substance use and addictions, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and other factors that may contribute to increased victimization.
Enhance local level expertise in crimes impacting the communities we serve through investments in training and mentorship opportunities for detachment members.	Support increased specialized patrols targeting high-risk activities on area trails and promoting safe usage.	Assistance to victims of crime and re-victimization rates: local partnerships, new positions/resources, training etc.

CRIME

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
Enhance proactive patrol and/or initiatives to target specific local crime trends and reduce victimization, while increasing community safety.	Use Records Management System (RMS) data (prolific addresses) and predictive analytics to focus patrols in areas of historically elevated crime.	Increased personal and community safety.
Organized crime enforcement: targeting issues such as illicit drugs and offences related to drug-trade including violence and property crime.	Continue to devote resources to the CSCU and promote intelligence gathering and information sharing (8855 UCR) from the front-line.	Reduction of crimes against persons and property.
Repeat offenders and bail compliance enforcement.	Prioritize the use of Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP) system.	Adding weight to court-imposed conditions of bail, promoting accountability and improved success of offenders on bail.
Enhance local level expertise in crimes impacting the communities we serve through investments in training and mentorship opportunities for detachment members.	Use trauma-based interviewing tactics. Mentor interviewers to develop proficiency and expertise with child interviews and sexual assault interviews	Improved experiences for victims, which will lead to better court outcomes.

ROADWAYS, WATERWAYS AND TRAILS

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
Expand local level expertise in specialized traffic enforcement that would directly benefit our detachment area.	Support and seek out training opportunities for members who demonstrate a proclivity towards specific areas of enforcement.	Increased number of detachment members with specialized training in traffic enforcement techniques directly impacting the community, resulting in positive traffic safety outcomes.
Road safety: new/enhanced initiatives, mandatory alcohol screening (MAS), enforcement, technology/equipment, training (ex. breath techs, DRE, SFST, etc.)	Target the Big 4 on all our roadways through enforcement. Utilize RIDE checks and MAS to detect impaired driving.	Improved safety on our roadways.
Maintain a robust Marine Safety Program focusing on visible patrol, equipment requirements and water safety education.	Dedicate resources to heavy traffic areas and boat launches to promote safety, deter high-risk activities and enforce compliance.	Increased enforcement of laws designed to promote public safety. Increased awareness about preventable injury/death surrounding water and watersports.
Support increased specialized patrols targeting high-risk activities on area trails and promoting safe usage.	Cyclical proactive local social media strategy (ie: ATV, motorcycle, MSV etc.). Scheduled patrols using data, appropriate vehicles and technology (RPAS) to target offenders and dangerous behaviour.	Increased safety on multi-use trail systems. More police visibility and enforcement.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
Increase community engagement and strengthen community relationships through enhanced communication and information sharing.	Maintain high-level of social media engagement and the promotion of police involved community events. Provide transparency where it does not compromise investigative efforts or personal information.	Community satisfaction due to transparency and accessibility of information.
Strengthen relationships with local youth by providing structured and unstructured youth programming, delivering information about topics that impact youth, and prioritizing partnerships with local youth-focused organizations.	Maintain and enhance the detachment Community Engagement Officer (CEO) positions with support from front-line where required. Frequent uniform presence in schools. Participate in the Summer Employment Opportunity (SEO) program and the Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI).	Positive outcomes for youth-related interactions with police.
Enhance partnerships with local service providers to best support calls for service related to mental health, substance use and addictions, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and other factors that may contribute to increased victimization.	Maintain positive and collaborative relationships with social service mandates (i.e.: Dryden Native Friendship Center and Dryden Regional Health Centre, Dryden Situation Table – DART etc.). Continue to build and enhance local police led partnerships and programs such as Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and Community Engagement Officers (CEO).	Decreased victimization and increased support of vulnerable community members by the most appropriate agency.

Assistance to victims of crime and re-victimization rates; local partnerships, new positions/resources, training etc.	Ensured referrals to appropriate community and provincial resources (Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Hoshizaki House, KRRD Child & Family Services etc.). Identify appropriate members to be trained in specialized investigative roles (sexual assault interviewer program, child interviewers, etc.).	Improved engagement of victims in court process, improved quality of statements and increased conviction rates.
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OUR VISION

Safe Communities...
A Secure Ontario

OUR MISSION

To serve our province by
protecting its citizens,
upholding the law
and preserving
public safety.

OUR VALUES

Serving with
PRIDE,
PROFESSIONALISM
& **HONOUR**

Interacting with
RESPECT,
COMPASSION
& **FAIRNESS**

Leading with
INTEGRITY,
HONESTY
& **COURAGE**



Always doing the right things for the right reasons

CONTACT THE OPP

Know your location - be ready to describe the situation and your location. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.

REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property
 - to stop or report a crime in progress
 - to report a fire
 - to report a life-threatening medical emergency
 - Don't hang up, stay on the line
- To report non-life-threatening incidents that require a police response, use the non-emergency line (1-888-310-1122) or go to opp.ca/reporting
- TTY 1-888-310-1133 or agent 511 for registered subscribers may be used for individuals in the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired (DHHSI) community to contact police
- For all administrative inquiries or to schedule an appointment, find contact information for your local detachment at opp.ca/detachments

PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppers.ca

REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

- The OPP offers online reporting for minor, non-emergency occurrences in areas of OPP jurisdiction. opp.ca/reporting allows you to submit a report without visiting or calling.
- Use the online reporting tool for:
 - Theft Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000, including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
 - Driving Complaints

If you are reporting an emergency, call 9-1-1.

#KNOWWHENTOCALL

9-1-1 is for emergencies only:
If there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property.

- ✓ a crime in progress
- ✓ a fire
- ✓ a life-threatening medical emergency

Dialed 9-1-1 accidentally? #Be911Ready. Don't hang up, stay on the line and speak with an OPP Communicator to confirm there's no emergency.

The misuse of 911 ties up emergency lines, communicators and officers, which can result in a slower response to a real emergency and risks the safety of people who may need urgent help.

It is against the law to call 9-1-1 as a joke. Prank 9-1-1 calls can be dangerous and waste valuable emergency resources.

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