

Tactical Rescue Vehicle

Greater Sudbury Police Service Board Meeting

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Sudbury's Reality

- 3,200 km² jurisdiction
- ~190,000 residents
- Northern hub (HWYs 17, 69, 144)
- Limited external support



Photo: Supplied
City of Greater Sudbury



Emerging Risk

- Firearm-related violence increasing
- +222% since 2020

Area	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 and 2024
Barrie, Ont., Municipal	4.21	2.62	5.81	5.29	5.79	38%
Belleville-Quinte West, Ont., Municipal	2.58	5.09	4.16	4.12	4.86	88%
Brantford, Ont., Municipal	7.76	7.6	10.45	10.68	13.15	69%
Greater Sudbury, Ont., Municipal	3.49	3.85	7.05	4.77	11.25	222%
Guelph, Ont., Municipal	3.03	5.62	6.46	6.08	5.9	95%
Hamilton, Ont., Municipal	14.4	7.12	11.78	11.36	10.13	-30%
Kingston, Ont., Municipal	2.27	3.94	2.2	3.76	4.21	85%
London, Ont., Municipal	3.03	5.62	6.46	6.08	5.9	95%
Ottawa, Ont., Municipal	7.7	10.79	9	9.66	7.79	1%
Peterborough, Ont., Municipal	5.33	3.78	5.18	3.59	6.2	16%
Thunder Bay, Ont., Municipal	7.83	6.29	1.57	3.86	6.08	-22%
Toronto, Ont., Municipal	12.1	10.67	10.12	10.64	14.25	18%
Waterloo Region (Kitchener), Ont., Municipal	5.6	8.3	13.63	12.47	9.05	62%
Windsor, Ont., Municipal	11.85	4.78	8.18	9.17	11.78	-1%

Violent Firearm Offences: Rate Per 100,000 Population*

*Data from:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510017701&pickMembers%5B0%5D=1.26&pickMembers%5B1%5D=2.30&cubeTimeFrame.startYear=2020&cubeTimeFrame.endYear=2024&referencePeriods=20200101%2C20240101>



Local Firearm Reality

- 137 crime guns seized
- 68 handguns
- Loaded firearms encountered
- Cross-border links



Operational Demand

- Frequent ERU activation
- High-risk warrants increasing
- Firearm-related calls ongoing
- Barricaded / armed incidents



The Gap

- Limited protection
- Shield-based approaches
- Increased exposure



Real Incident – Feb 2024

- Armed, barricaded individual
- Ballistic vest
- Officer injured



What This Enables

- Protected approach
- Officer & civilian rescue
- Safer engagement
- Time & distance



TRV in Practice

- High-risk warrant
- Loaded firearm located
- Armed barricaded suspect
- Safe approach & surrender



Frequency vs Consequence

- Not daily
- High consequence
- Risk to life



Cost vs Value

- \$17,500 acquisition
- \$500K–\$750K replacement
- ~\$2,500 annual cost
- 5–7 year lifespan



Governance

- Strict deployment criteria
- Command authorization
- ERU-only use
- Fully trained members



Strategic Alignment

- Community Safety
- Officer Safety
- Adequacy & Effectiveness
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Public Trust



Closing

- Officer Safety = Public Safety

