

Suspect Apprehension Reports (2020) Annual Report

Members of the St. Thomas Police Service initiated six (6) suspect apprehension pursuits (SAP's) in 2020 (7 in 2019, 4 in 2018, 0 in 2017 and two 2 in 2016).

I am satisfied with this result. This could only be achieved by each of our officers following St. Thomas Police Service policy as well as demonstrating excellent judgement. The need to apprehend or identify the person or motor vehicle in question must out-weigh the risk to public safety. That is the test that is continually applied by the involved officer(s), the monitoring Supervisor(s) and the monitoring Communicator(s). STPS officers will never attempt to stop a motor vehicle if there is risk to public safety. The issue of officer safety is also a very important consideration in any suspect apprehension pursuit. Our year-end total of six (6) suspect apprehension pursuits for 2020 is a reasonable number, having regard to the thousands of public interactions and motor vehicle stops that our officers are involved with every year. All six (6) suspect apprehension pursuits were monitored closely, and were discontinued at the appropriate time considering the circumstances that prompted the event.

Summary

Total Fail to Stop Reports Submitted: 17

Total Suspect Apprehension Pursuits: 6

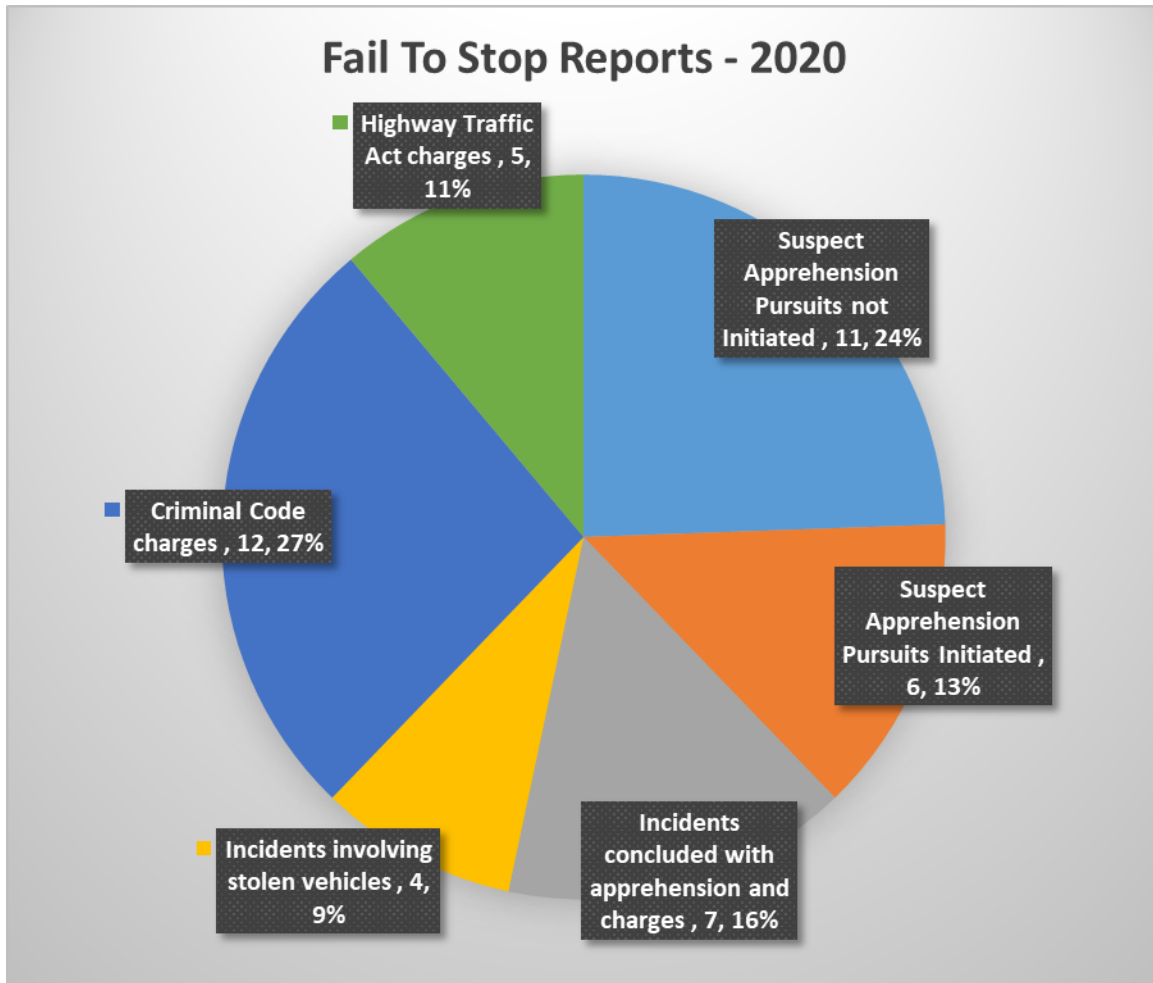
Incidents concluded with apprehension and charges: 7

Incidents involving stolen vehicles (known): 4

Criminal Code Charges: 12

Highway Traffic Act Charges: 5

Liquor Licence Act Offences: 0



Respectfully Submitted,

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