

Niagara Regional Police Service

Central Fraud Unit
Police Services Board Meeting
March 2024

Central Fraud Personnel

1 Detective
Sergeant

7 Detective
Constables

Central Fraud Unit

- Fraud Over \$5000
- Employee Theft/Fraud
- Identity Theft/Fraud
- Theft by Power of Attorney
- Financial Elder Abuse
- Counterfeit Currency



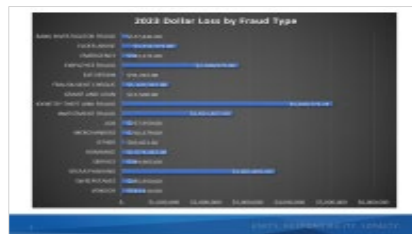
NRPS Fraud 2023

3132 Incidents

\$25.5 Million in Losses

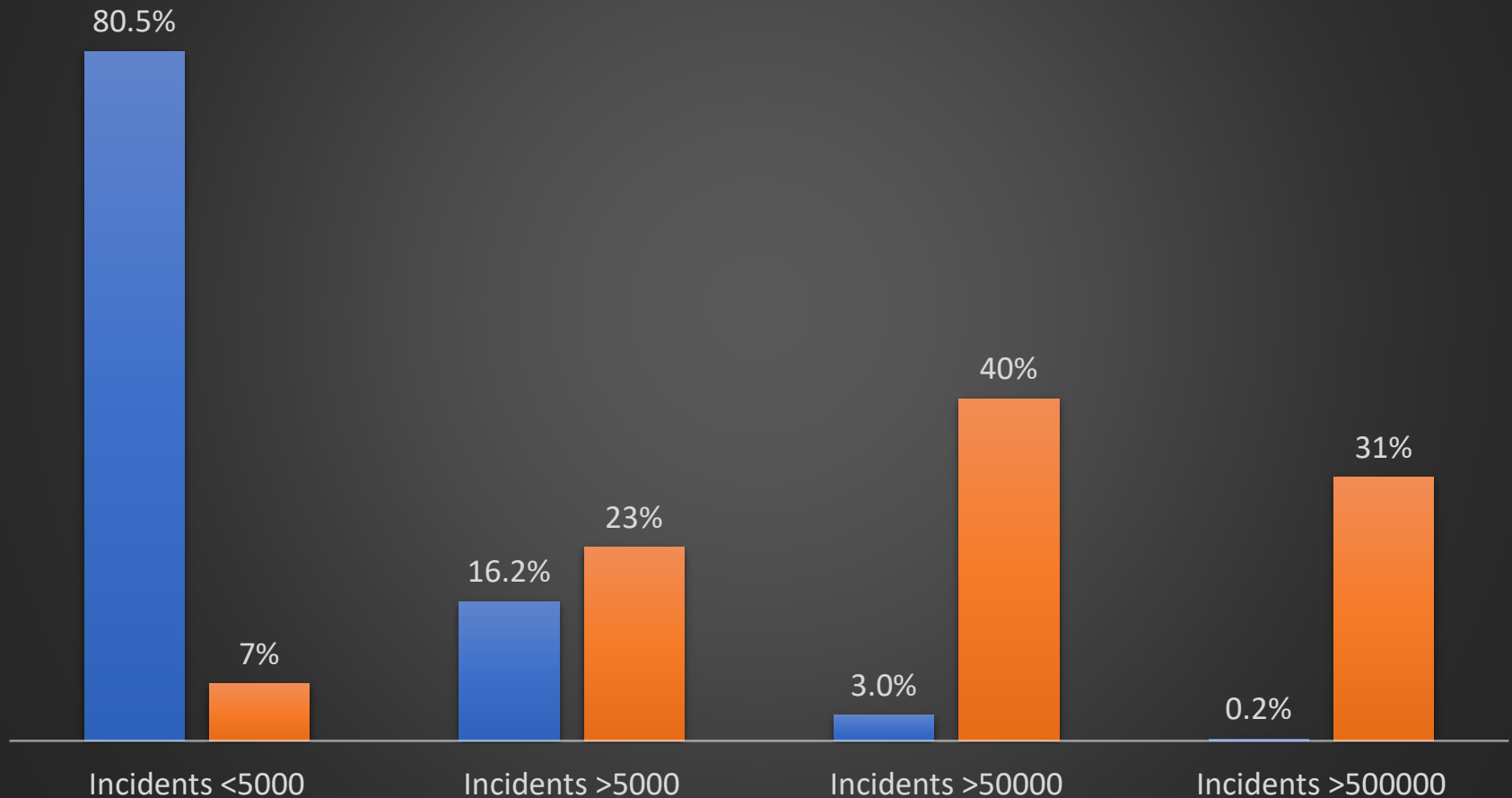
Fraud Under \$5000
2518 Incidents
\$5.5 Million

Fraud Over \$5000
614 Incidents
\$20 Million



2023 Number of Incidents vs Total Losses

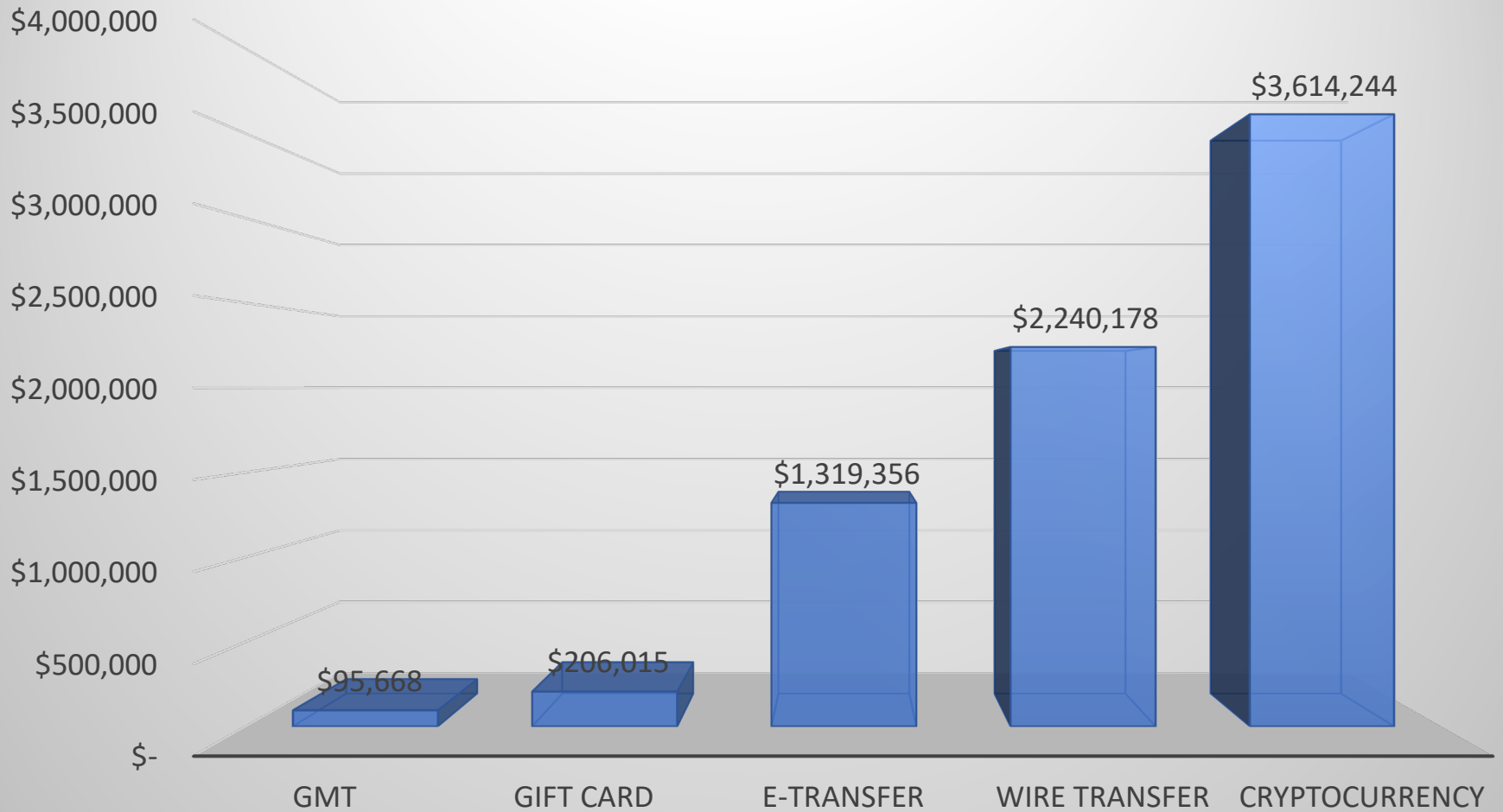
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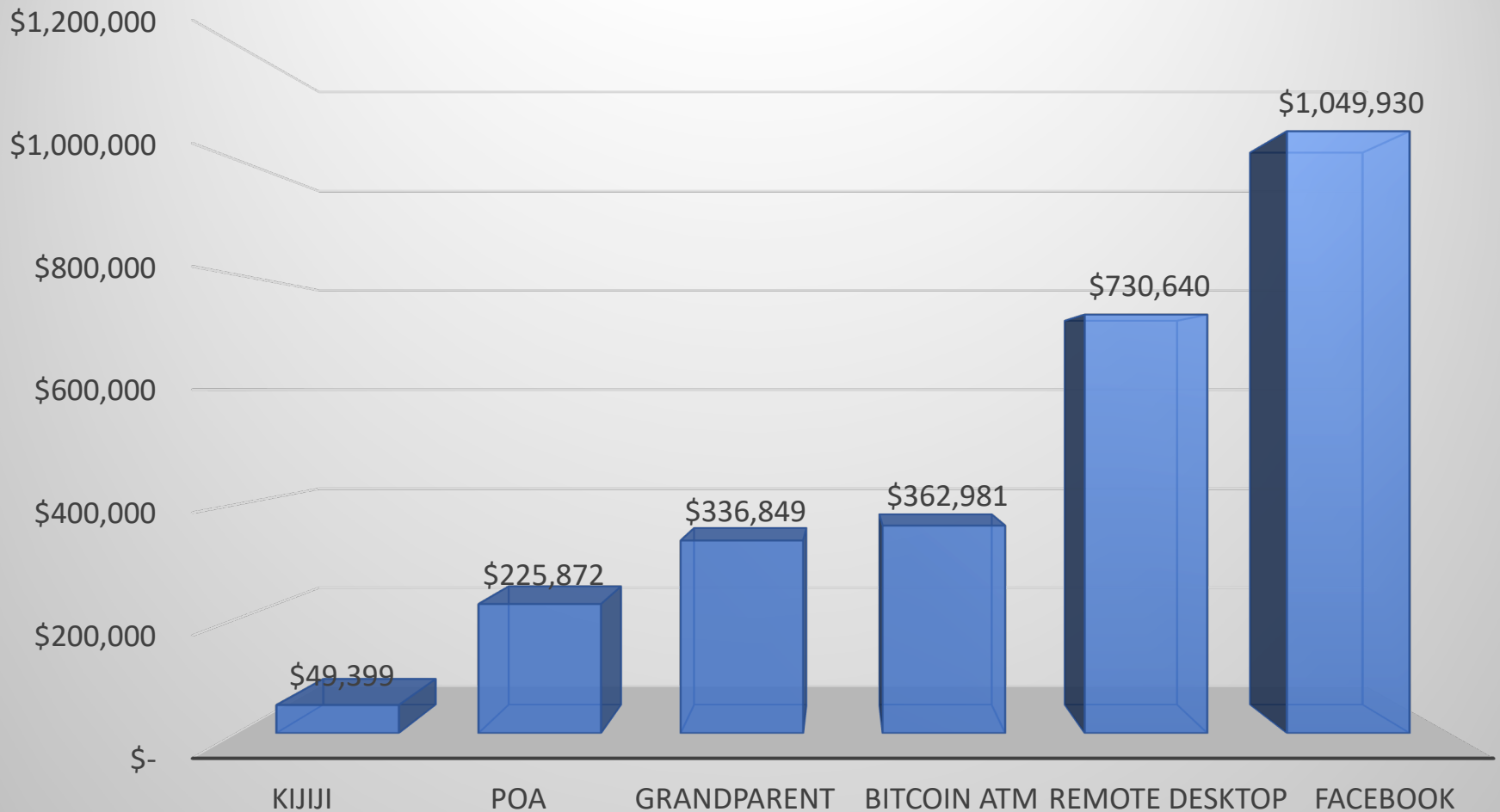
2023 Dollar Loss by Fraud Type



2023 - Method of Transfer



2023 - Losses by Keyword



Partners

NRPS Cyber Crime Unit	Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre	Ministry of the Attorney General	Canadian Bankers Association
Municipal, Provincial, National Law Enforcement	Canadian Bank Corporate Security	Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee	Law Enforcement and Partners Protecting Seniors
Telco Crime Prevention & Investigation Framework	Joint Agency Intelligence Liaison	International Auto Theft/Fraud Group	


Education Programs

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Goal:
Interrupt large gift card purchases directed by fraudsters.

Method:
Media release with links to educational video and material offered to merchants.
Document to be posted in store with links to resources.



The flyer features a red 'SCAM' warning sign and text in both English and Chinese. It includes QR codes for more information and a website URL.

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Questions?

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