

# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Community Oriented Response and  
Engagement (CORE)

December 18, 2025



# HISTORY OF CORE

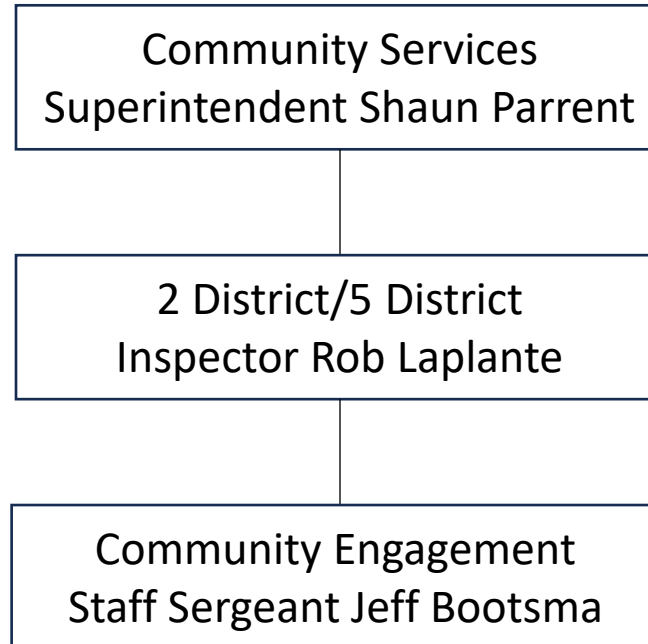
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- In April 2022, the Niagara Regional Police Service launched the Community Oriented Response & Engagement Unit, better known as CORE.
- This new unit was formed using members from the recently disbanded School Resource Officer program.
- As of May 2024, all CORE units report to the Staff Sergeant of Community Engagement, along with our Indigenous Liaison Officers, the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Unit, and the COAST Unit.

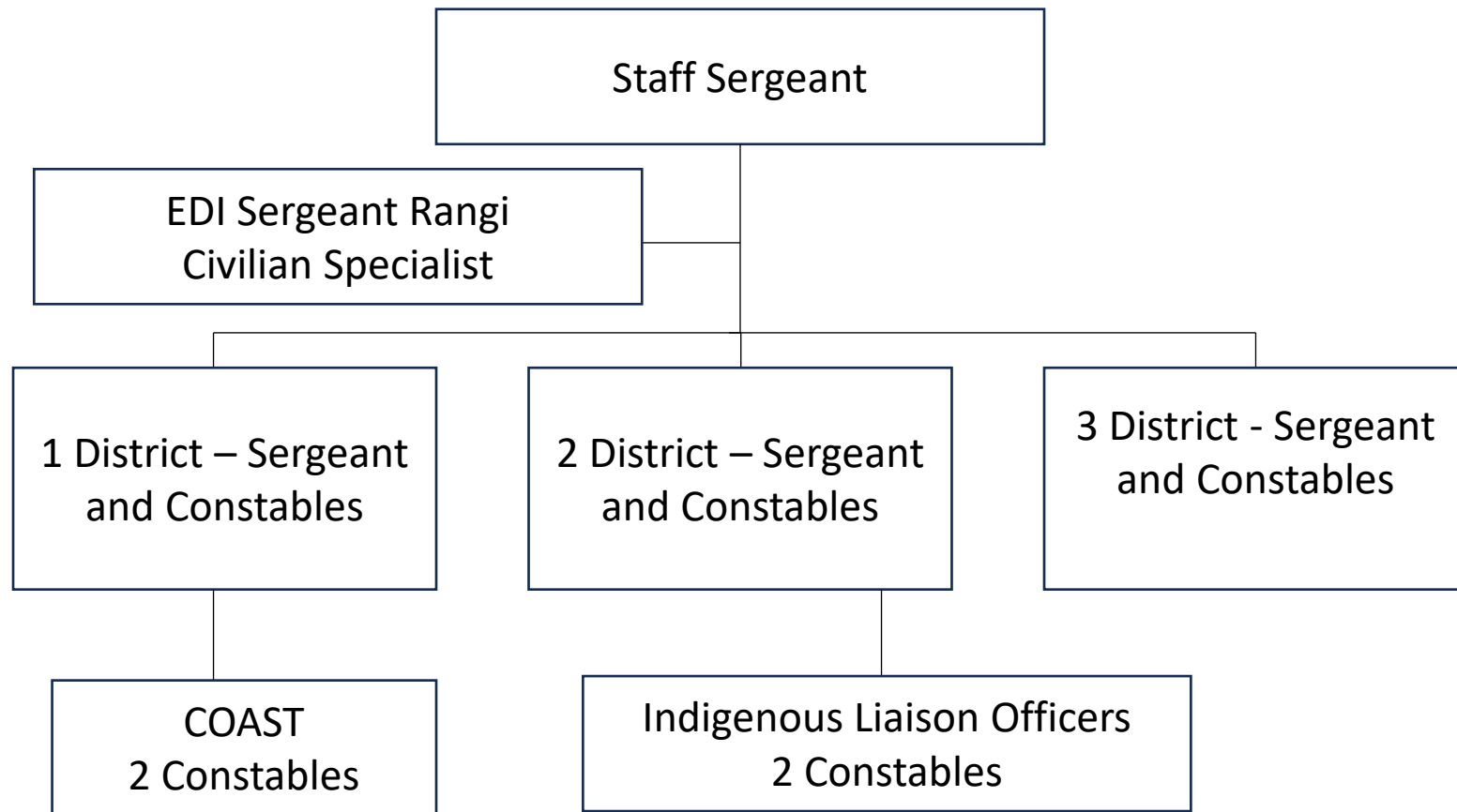


# CORE – CHAIN OF COMMAND

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# CORE – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# ROUTINE CORE DUTIES

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- Research and implement crime prevention initiatives in alignment with the Niagara Region Community Safety and Well Being plan
- Participate in all three Situation Tables as NRPS referral representatives
- Work with community partners such as Municipalities, NASO, and other agencies to address issues surrounding homelessness
- Meet with businesses to raise awareness about crime and theft prevention
- Conduct Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) audits



# ROUTINE CORE DUTIES CONT.

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- Foot, bike, and ATV patrols in areas of concern
- Focused traffic enforcement initiatives
- Attend community engagement opportunities
- Coordinate police response to local events in collaboration with the Emergency Management Unit (ie. Parades, Beach Day etc)
- Police Liaison Team – Demonstration management
  - Liaise with protest organizers, coordinate with both sides for Labour Disputes, build relationships with various groups to prevent serious disturbances
  - Work closely with the EDI Unit, the Emergency Management Unit and the Public Order Unit



# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

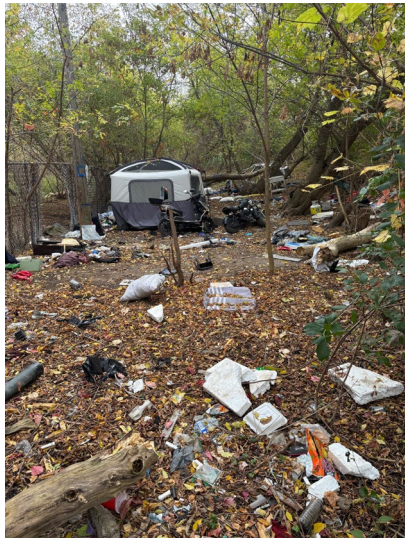
- CPTED is a highly sought after service that CORE specializes in which is provided to area businesses, agencies, and residents upon request.



# DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

## 1 District – St Catharines and Thorold

- Focus on crime prevention strategies specifically in the Downtown area
- Liaise with the Riordon St shelter and other housing agencies
- Encampment management



# DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

## 2 District – Niagara Falls, NOTL and Fort Erie

- Close working relationship with the City of Niagara Falls to address community concerns in the City
- Casino Police Security Alliance
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to ensure community safety



# DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

## 3 District – Welland, Port Colborne, West Niagara

- Focus on youth engagement (Safety Village)
- Youth in Policing Initiative and NRPS Youth Academy
- City of Welland Homelessness Task Force



# CORE INITIATIVES

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- 3P (Past the Point of Purchase) retail theft initiative
  - 1 and 2 District completed 12 days in 2025 which led to over 55 arrests, 35 criminal charges, 21 tickets and \$6400 in recovered stolen property
  - Expected to continue through the Christmas season
- Encampment mapping
- Garage 529 bicycle registration program
- Safer Public Spaces
- Beach Day response



# QUESTIONS?

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