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# 2018 Crimes Against Seniors Unit Report

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# Crimes Against Seniors Unit (CASU)



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# Mandate

**CASU is responsible for the investigation of crimes against persons that are 60 years of age and older, and vulnerable adults who are being victimized primarily because of their age/vulnerability**



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# CASU Staffing 2018

- 1 Detective Sergeant
- 2 Detectives
- 1 Detective Constable
- 3 Senior Support Officers (1 per Patrol Division)



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# Seniors' Support Officers

- One officer per Patrol Division
- Initial reporting of incidents
- Conduct initial investigations
- Referrals to external agencies
- Presentations to the community



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# Types of Investigations

- Physical Abuse
- Financial Abuse - Frauds, Scams & Theft, Theft by Power of Attorney
- Neglect
- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault (Assist Sexual Assault Unit)



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# Scams

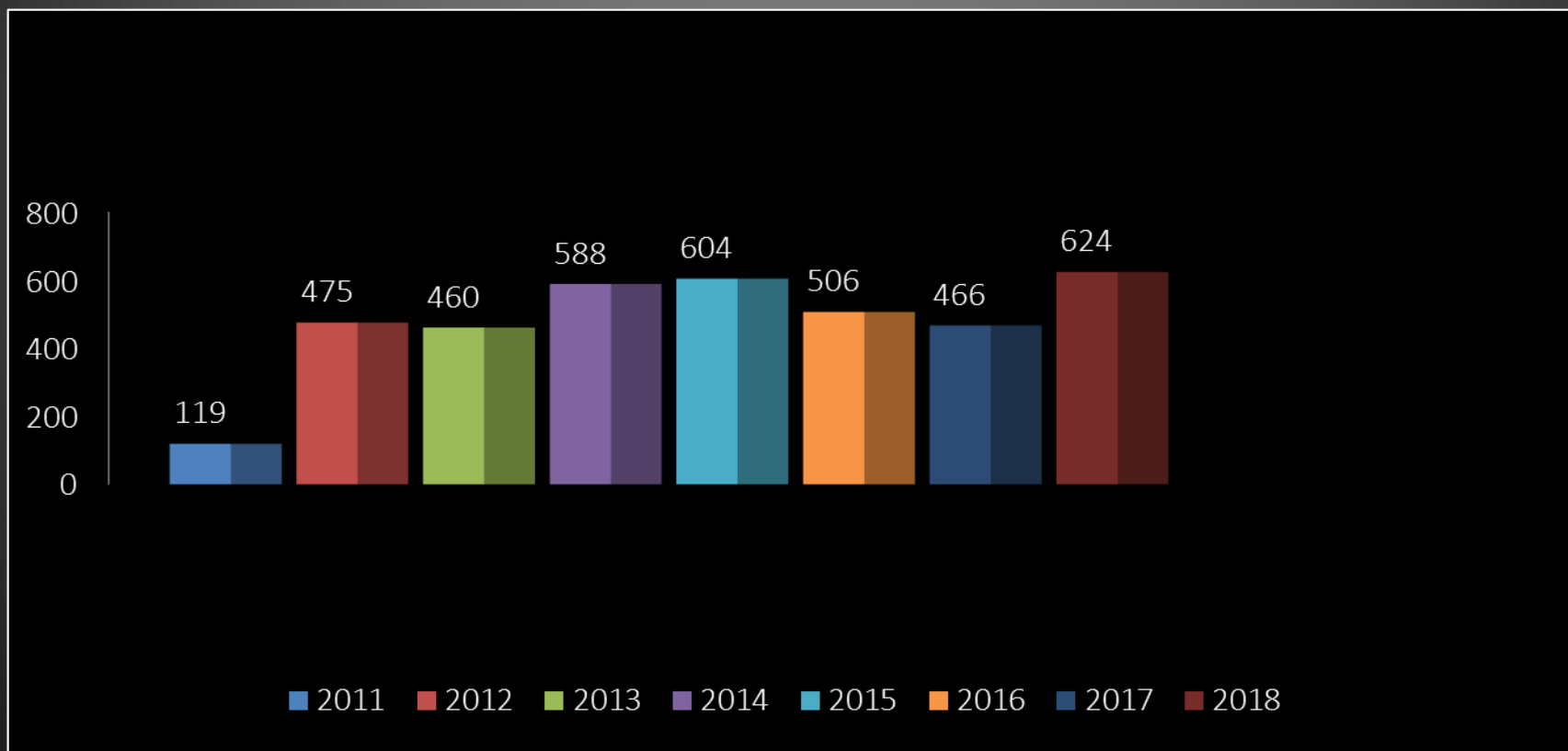
- **CRA using iTunes & Google Play Gift Cards**
- **Grandparent / Emergency**
- **Mail Scams (Telephone - Prize / Lottery)**
- **Bank Manager / Computer Scams**
- **Direct Marketing (Door-to-Door Sales)**
- **Bitcoin Scams**



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# Number of Investigations Per Year By CASU







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CASU	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
EA ASSAULT	74	37	20	21	24	48
EA ASSAULT SEN ON SEN		65	84	70	41	36
EA DV				13	5	18
EA FAIL TO PROVIDE	3	9	2	2	7	12
EA FRAUD OVER	22	28	41	34	30	49
EA FRAUD UNDER	34	35	62	49	34	47
EA OTHER	42	63	102	66	81	80
EA QUALITY OF LIFE	220	228	225	174	151	202
EA SEX ASSAULT	11	5	4	3	5	8
EA SEX ASSAULT SEN ON SEN		18	6	11	11	14
EA SUSPICIOUS	8	20	11	17	9	21
EA THEFT BY POA	18	11	5	9	8	6
EA THEFT OVER	13	11	9	12	14	9
EA THEFT UNDER	32	59	34	13	33	31
VULNERABLE ADULT				20	14	43
TOTAL	477	589	605	514	467	624



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# Community Outreach

- **Catholic Family Services (Crisis Intervention & Support Team)**
- **Local Health Integration Network** (*formerly known as Community Care Access Centre*)
- **Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO)**



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# Internal Training

- CAD – CASU Reporting System
- Investigative Information Sharing – E-parades
- Tips of the Week - Trends
- Recruit and New Dispatcher Training
- Sunday School Education Sessions
- SSO Formal Mentoring (Monthly Meetings)
- Law Enforcement Agencies Protecting Seniors Conference (LEAPS)



# Community Awareness

- Updated “Be Aware Take Care” resource guide for seniors
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day celebration in conjunction with Elder Abuse Ontario
- 89 educational community presentations
  - Health Care Facilities
  - Long Term Care Facilities
  - Seniors Clubs
  - Financial Institutions
- Elder Abuse Awareness Campaigns:
  - The Mountain News
  - Cable 14 Police Watch
  - CHCH Morning Live



# Moving Forward

- Ongoing training of HPS staff to raise awareness of abuse of our seniors / vulnerable adults to ensure an appropriate police response – Sunday School Presentations
- Continue with a proactive approach within the community to raise awareness (Media Releases)
- An OPC accredited Elder Abuse Course
- Consider changing the defined age of a senior from “60” to “65” to reflect a longer living population and remain consistent with other police services across the province



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# Questions?