

ST. ALBERT RCMP
Community
Policing

Year End Report for
School Boards

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School Report Summary

The St. Albert RCMP continue to have positive relationships with all St. Albert School Divisions, school administration as well as students. This year, officers were able to participate in many of the regular school activities and enjoy some of the events we missed participating in with students over the last few years!

The St. Albert CPVS team continued to provide education and awareness to students, parents and community members on a variety of topics this year. The Community Policing Team were able to get back into the majority of Grade 6 classes for our Grade 6 Social Skills curriculum and all the officers enjoyed being back in the classroom regularly! Officers provided digital safety education and awareness to a group of interested parents and many fraud awareness presentations to seniors in the community.

The St. Albert RCMP continued to be a part of the safety response at all of the schools including participating in Safety Planning and Lockdowns as required. The detachment School Action For Emergencies (SAFE) plans were reviewed and updated, in partnership with the school divisions. This year in particular we had some name changes to update as well as updating the plan for the new Paul Kane school!

CPVS members continued to be involved with investigations involving school aged youth. The unit continued regular communication with school administration and worked with the schools and divisions to continue to promote Restorative Justice in such investigations. CPVS also connected with administration on investigations that would have an impact on the larger school community, in order for the schools to ensure appropriate resources were in place to support students after experiencing trauma and/or loss.

The St. Albert CPVS unit regularly promotes initiatives such as the #9PMRoutine and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) as they are valuable crime prevention programs.

You will find the unit at many of the local events this summer such as the St. Albert Rainmaker Parade, Public Safety Open House and many of the block parties!

St. Albert Crime Prevention / Victim Services – Community Policing Unit

The Community Policing Unit (CPVS) in St. Albert has a multi-duty responsibility model. Officers are part-time School Resource Officers, part time Crime Prevention Officers, and have a variety of other crime reduction duties including summer suppression green space patrols.

RCMP School Division Partners

Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord

St. Albert Public School Division

Greater St. Albert Catholic School Division

Sturgeon School Division

School Resource Officer Program

During the school year, each school is assigned a primary contact from the CPVS unit to be their School Resource Officer. Schools were contacted by their School Resource Officer at the beginning of the school year to provide contact information.

The Objectives of these Programs are:

To build positive relationships with youth while maintaining a safe school environment through:

- Classroom interactions
- Problem solving with youth and staff
- Acting as a resource to the School Administrators
- Providing enforcement/ police investigation when needed

Grade 8 Drug Awareness Program

St. Albert School Resource Officers continued to deliver a two lesson presentation to all grade 8 students this year. The lessons focus on Alcohol, Vaping and Cannabis. This year most grade 8 classes were given the lessons and Officers were so glad to connect with students in the classroom!

Grade 6 Drug Awareness Program

St. Albert RCMP continue to wait for a response from RCMP National Youth Services on Botvin LifeSkills Training (Botvin LST) and whether the RCMP will be using this program.

This year our Grade 6 program was created locally by our CPVS members based on their experiences and most valued lessons they've taught in the past. The classes included lessons on:

- Peer Pressure;
- Tobacco and Vaping;
- Alcohol and Cannabis;
- Online Safety; and
- Stress

Violence Threat Risk Assessment Training



Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) continues to be very useful for officers, schools and community partners to assess violent situations or threats of violence. This year, Cst. Burroughs completed the “train the trainer” to offer VTRA Level I training to partners in the local area. In order to facilitate VTRA Level I, another trainer in our local area is required to co-facilitate, and we are hoping that this can be arranged next school year. The goal is to provide cost effective training to VTRA partners locally to ensure that everyone that needs or wants training has the ability to attend.

Grant MacEwan Student Placement

This year, the Field Placement portion of the Grant MacEwan University's Policing Studies program continued to move forward for the Winter 2022 semester. We had Ellie join the CPVS team every Tuesday and Thursday from January until April, completing over 200 hours with St. Albert Detachment. Ellie was able to observe many of the different areas of policing from paperwork to patrolling, even being invited to practice breaching doorways in the Paul Kane High School before demolition.

Opportunities Ellie participated in:

- Visit schools and local businesses
- attending community meetings
- patrolling with CPVS members
- Trauma informed training
- VSU advocate training
- Records Management
- Victim Services and Court
- Front counter
- General Duty patrols
- Door Breaching practice at the old Paul Kane
- Exhibit room
- Traffic
- Telecoms
- Zebra center statement monitoring
- Municipal Enforcement ride-a-long
- Crime Reduction Unit – curfew checks
- Shadowed Criminal Analyst
- Shadowed Collision analyst

We also had Nick, a former Paul Kane student who's also attending Grant MacEwan, attend for a few shifts to obtain some experience in St. Albert as well!

Media

The St. Albert RCMP continues to work with media partners to report the crime trends in the community. Articles on prevention strategies and on the “Good News” policing stories in St. Albert are also released to the media. The Media Team prepares the media releases and complete interviews as required for the detachment.

St. Albert RCMP Media Resource Officer Team	
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Crime Stoppers

The St. Albert CPVS unit participates in the Crime Stoppers Program by receiving and distributing the Crime Stoppers Tips to various units in the detachment, and ensuring that information is reported back to Crime Stoppers at the conclusion of the investigation. The CPVS unit also promotes the program during media releases, to ensure community members have the information they need to report crimes anonymously.

St. Albert Camera Registry

St. Albert RCMP launched the St. Albert Camera Registry in August 2020. The registry is intended to assist with obtaining video surveillance for criminal investigations. Residents and businesses in the community were asked to voluntarily sign up for the registry if they are willing to turn over video footage when requested for an ongoing investigation. The RCMP currently has over 70 locations registered, and the CPVS unit will continue promoting the program.

St. Albert Safe Internet Exchange Zone

Many locations across Alberta have begun to introduce Safe Internet Exchange Zones at local Police Detachments. Locations are open 24/7 for exchange of items purchased off the internet on Kijiji, Facebook buy/sell sites, Marketplace, etc. providing buyers and sellers with the knowledge that the site is under video surveillance.

At the St. Albert RCMP detachment, we do not have the capacity for this initiative in our parking lot so the St. Albert RCMP partnered with the City of St. Albert to have this set up at Servus Place. The site is easily accessible in a less busy area of the parking lot, and has few obstructions, ensuring continuous surveillance. This site can also be used for child custody exchanges.



This initiative was launched May 2021 and feedback from the community on the St. Albert Safe Internet Exchange Zone has been positive.

Mental Health Tool Kits

St. Albert RCMP began a new initiative this year to enhance officer's response to the community. Mental Health Tool Kits are designed to assist in de-escalating persons suffering a mental health crisis, and getting people the help they need in a safe manner.

The kits include items to help with communication, de-escalation, and rapport building, including many sensory items. While the main purpose of these kits is for assisting with mental health calls for service, these kits are great to use for interacting with any clients, not only those experiencing a mental health crisis. The kits were provided to uniformed and plain clothes officers, as well as the St. Albert Victim Services Unit. We will have a kit on display at the Public Safety Open House on June 4.

Victim Services Liaison

The CPVS unit provides one member as an RCMP Liaison to the St. Albert Victim Services Unit (VSU). The member works closely with VSU to ensure the needs of Victims of Crime are met and that referrals are made from the RCMP to the VSU program. The Liaison member attends VSU board meetings and advocate meetings to provide information to VSU and address any concerns. The St. Albert RCMP continues to have a positive working relationship with St. Albert Victim Services.

Community Work

In addition to all the work at the schools, the CPVS unit is very active in Community initiatives including participating in the following:

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Citizens On Patrol
- Mental Wellness Working Table
- Welcoming and Inclusive Working Table
- Elder Abuse Case Conference
- Neighbourhood Connections and Crime Prevention
- Inter-agency Information Sharing
- Neighbourhood Development Committee
- School Community Resource Team Meeting
- Strategy And Mobilization Committee
- VTRA Committee
- Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Sub-Committee

40 Developmental Assets

St. Albert RCMP continues to support the 40 Developmental Asset Model and the use of Positive Tickets to reward youth for healthy choices and positive behavior. Positive Tickets are given to local youth by RCMP, Mayor and Council, Public Works, Block Party organizers and Community Social Development. This Crime Reduction Strategy allows youth to use these tickets for free access to city recreation facilities, while building healthy relationships with adults in the community. The tickets have no expiry so they can be kept by individuals and redeemed when they are able to. Over 450 positive tickets were redeemed in 2022!

Block Party Attendance



As supported by the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, and as part of the City of St. Albert Social Master Plan, Block Parties are part the RCMP Crime Reduction strategies.

These events allow Officers to:

- Speak about steps citizens can take to reduce crime in their neighbourhood
- Encourage residents to watch out for each other
- Empower residents to report suspicious people or incidents
- Allow citizens the opportunity to ask officers questions

St. Albert RCMP partners with St. Albert City Neighbourhood Development and St. Albert Neighbourhood Watch to encourage residents to host Block Parties. The CPVS unit attended many of the scheduled block parties and will continue to do so this year.

Enhanced Green Space Patrols

St. Albert CPVS continue to proactively patrol the green spaces in St. Albert from May – October as weather permits. The St. Albert Crime Map (not shown) determines hotspots or crimes trends occurring on or near green spaces in St. Albert, which supports the need for patrols on the trails and in the parks within the community. To provide these enhanced green space patrols, the unit's schedule changes from June until the end of August. These patrols have ensured safe spaces for all the community. This years patrol locations will be dependant on the activity and events within the community. We encourage community members to engage with members while they are on patrol!