

St. Albert RCMP Detachment

**School Resource Officer
Program
&
Community Policing
Program**

Year End Report

2015/2016



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School Report Summary

The RCMP School/ Youth Program partnership with the 4 School Divisions in St. Albert is working well. The General Duty Officers are visiting schools regularly and the School Resource Officers are busy working with School Administrators and parents to keep our schools safe.

Social Media issues and minor criminal investigations such as thefts, driving complaints and assaults continue to occupy much of the School Resource Officers' time at the schools. Most cases are resolved without criminal charges as School Resource Officers use informal processes to correct youth behavior. Drug possession cases continue to be handled in accordance with the St. Albert Drug Free Protocol which allows for consequences to be handled under the School Act when appropriate.

The St. Albert RCMP Youth Academy was very successful this year and will proceed again every two years. 38 youth from throughout Alberta graduated from the camp. Advertising that camp throughout all of Alberta complimented the St. Albert applications and allowed the Academy to go forward. This program could not succeed without the hard work of each school's Work Experience Coordinator, along with the support that comes from all School Divisions.

St. Albert RCMP Community Policing/ School Resource Officer Unit has seen a staffing increase. One additional officer has joined the unit and has been assigned to the Crime Free Multi Housing program. He will also focus on crime prevention project throughout the community and he will teach DARE at one of our schools.

The CPVS unit was successful in providing some Healthy Relationship presentations to High School C.A.L.M. classes. We hope to increase these presentations in the coming year.

CPVS is continuing the Grade 8 Drug Awareness classes and will continue to build strong relationships with the Grade 6 population through the DARE program.

Crime Free Multi Housing to St. Albert is taking off in St. Albert. As the City sees more Multi Family Housing being built, the RCMP is embracing this opportunity to bring higher levels of safety to these residence.

CPVS is moving forward with the VTRA (Violence Threat Assessment) approach for schools and is sending all of the unit officers for level 1 training this spring. The St. Albert RCMP is encouraging School Administrators to attend this training as well.

RCMP School Division Partners

- Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord
- Greater St. Albert Catholic Separate School Division
- St. Albert Public School Division
- Sturgeon School Division

School Liaison Program

Each General Duty Officer is assigned an Elementary or Junior High School (as listed below) with whom to build relationships by having contact twice per month in a visit, class presentation, telephone call, e-mail or attending an assembly or school event.

2015/2016 SCHOOL LIST			
SCHOOL	OFFICER	SCHOOL	OFFICER
Albert Lacombe	Collins	Neil M. Ross	Grill
Bertha Kennedy	Tennant	Richard S. Fowler	Fung
Ecole Father Jan	Avoine	Robert Rundle	Pichach
Ecole Marie Poburan	Dunn	Ronald Harvey	Dosanjh
Ecole Secondaire A. Tache	Avoine	Sir A. Mackenzie	Pope
Elmer S. Gish	Nezami	Sir George Simpson	Rozema
J.J. Nearing	Neal	Sturgeon Heights	Dawson
Keenooshayo	Bulger	Vincent J. Maloney	Hynes
La Mission	Barrette	Vital Grandin	Giavadoni
Leo Nickerson	Marchand	Wildrose	Lambert
Lorne Akins	Grace	William D. Cuts	Jean
Muriel Martin	Cannon	Ecole Secondaire St. Marguerite D'Youville	Avoine

Highlights of the School Liaison Program:

In addition to answering calls for service and investigating crimes, General Duty RCMP officers documented 110 visits, 29 contacts by telephone or e-mail, 43 School Zone radar patrols and 8 attendances at extra-curricular events with St. Albert Elementary and Junior High Schools between September of 2015 and June 6, 2016. These visits do not include the work of the School Resource Officers. These visits included:

- conducted radar operations, including writing tickets,
- Attended some Remembrance Day services
- Received school newsletters to be aware of opportunities to interact with the kids
- Talking to youth to prevent cyber-bullying
- Watching school sporting events
- Attended some Grade 9 Farewell events
- Providing information about e-cigarettes to schools
- Talking to school staff about Social media sites such as ASK.FM
- Talked to youth about bullying and how to prevent it

The Community Policing/ Victim Services (CP/VS) Unit

Currently comprised of 8 officers:

- 1 Corporal supervisor
- 1 High School Resource Officer position
- 2 Junior High School Resource Officer position
- 1 Community Policing/ Crime Prevention Officer position
- 2 Reserve Constable Positions
 - 1 who works as a School Resource Officer/ Community Policing Officer full time
 - 1 who works as a Domestic Violence Coordinator part time
- 1 Auxiliary Constable who works as a Crime Prevention/ Community Policing Officer



The Community Policing / Victim Services Unit officers have several schools and community groups assigned to them. It is a very busy unit that requires a high level of self-management and initiative. St. Albert Detachment has very skilled officers in these positions providing services to the schools and the community at large.

School Zone Safety Project:

In addition to the Detachment's radar operations in school zones, members of the CP/VS unit attend local schools to increase police visibility during the morning school

drop off times. Officers “wave on” drivers that are improperly stopping, parking or jaywalking. Drivers are asked to move vehicles out of the School Bus unloading areas and parents are encouraged to unload children on the passenger side of their vehicles to avoid children standing exposed to traffic side. At the same time, officers are greeting arriving students and parents in a friendly manner that promotes conversation.

The following schools have had at least one School Zone Safety visit this year, although most have had multiple visits:

- Albert Lacombe
- Keenooshayo
- Ronal Harvey
- Ecole Marie Poburan
- Wild Rose
- JJ Nearing
- Neil M Ross
- Richard S Fowler
- Leo Nickerson
- W.D. Cuts
- Muriel Martin
- Elmer S Gish
- Father Jan
- Vital Grandin

High School & Junior High School Resource Officer Program

The Objectives of these Programs are:

- To build positive relationships with junior high and senior high school youth through:
 - classroom interactions
 - Problem solving with youth and staff
 - Acting as a resource to the school administrators
 - Providing enforcement/ police investigation when needed



This program has been very successful and is a great partnership between the School Divisions, the schools and the RCMP.

School Resource Officer Assignments

High School:

School	Resource Officer	School	Resource Officer
Bellerose High	Burroughs	Paul Kane High	Burroughs
I Learn Centre	McKay	Protestant Outreach	McKay
St. Albert Catholic High	McKay		

Junior and Senior High Combined Schools:

School	Officer	School	Officer
Ecole Secondaire St. Marguerite D'Youville	Avoine	Ecole Alexander Tache	Avoine

Junior High School:

School	Officer	School	Officer
Elmer S. Gish	Fraser	Lorne Akins	Fraser
Richard S. Fowler	Fraser	Sir George Simpson	McKay
Sturgeon Heights	Avoine	Vincent J. Maloney	McKay
William D. Cutts	McKay		

High School and Junior High Accomplishments:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESSMY Career Fair • Bellerose Career Fair • Halloween costume judging • Drug Prevention presentations • Canoe trip on N Sask River with SGS staff • Terry Fox Runs at Bellerose • ESSMY welcome BBQ • Lockdown drills at Bellerose • Bike a Thon at Bellerose • Impaired Driving Presentation to Grade 11's (Tache) • Cyber – Bullying Prevention presentations • Youth Criminal Justice Act presentations • Youth Empowerment Workshop • Renaissance Breakfasts Bellerose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas lunch at ESSMY • Attended Musical Theatre Performance by Bellerose • Internet Safety presentations • Internet Integrity Presentations • Social Media Responsibility presentations • Attended Hour Zero training • Cosmotology Skills model • National Addictions Week • CALM classes – Teen violence and healthy relationships
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St. Albert RCMP Youth Academy

St. Albert RCMP, in partnership with Bellerose High School, hosted a very successful 4th St. Albert RCMP Youth Academy in 2016. Youth from Morinville, Sturgeon County, Onoway, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Leduc, Fort Saskatchewan, Edmonton, Calgary and St. Paul, joined the 13 St. Albert “Cadets” for this Work Experience program. There was a total of 39 youth who started the Academy and 38 youth participated in a graduation ceremony in front of parents and dignitaries after a week of marching, handcuffing, lectures and scenarios about police work. One student withdrew for personal reason from the Academy.

RCMP officers from St. Albert, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Leduc, Fort Saskatchewan, K Division and Morinville pitched in to make this camp a safe and exciting event for the cadets.

A big Thank You goes out to Bellerose School for their help in hosting the Academy. Without the help of all of the Work Experience Coordinators and School Resource Officers, this event would not be as successful as it is.

In order to make this huge project manageable and sustainable, the Academy will be held every second year. This means that the schools can start encouraging youth interested in a law enforcement career to plan to attend the next Academy which will be held in 2018.



Grade 8 Drug Awareness Program:

The Grade 8 Drug Awareness Program was taught to all Grade 8 classes in the city. The program used the same material as last year and the officers feel that the videos that teach about the effects of marihuana, alcohol and other drugs on the brain and teenage mental health are promoting good discussions in the classes. Questions and discussions were encouraged to allow students to gain valid and current information on making healthy life choices.

Junior High School	# of Grade 8 classes	Instructor	Junior High School	# of Grade 8 classes	Instructor
Vincent J. Maloney	7 classes	McKay	ESSMY	3 classes	Avoine
Sturgeon Heights	1 class	Avoine	Lorne Akins	5 classes	Fraser
Richard Fowler	3 classes	Fraser	Alexandre Tache	1 class	Avoine
Sir George Simpson	6 classes	McKay	Gish	2 classes	McKay
W.D.Cuts	3 classes	McKay			



"GET REAL" Day:

Cst. Fraser attended the "GET REAL" Day at Richard S. Fowler Junior High School as a small group leader interacting with the students throughout the day. This Bullying Prevention day allows officers to relate to the youth on a different level than regular school interactions and to reinforce the message that bullying is not tolerated.

Remembrance Day Ceremony:

St. Albert Detachment celebrates Remembrance Day with the schools and again on November 11th with the community. In November of 2015, officers attended:

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| • Albert Lacombe | Bellerose | Bertha Kennedy |
| • Ecole Father Jan | ESSMY | JJ Nearing |
| • La Mission | Lorne Akins | Neil M. Ross |
| • SAM | St. Albert High | VJM |

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Elementary School Events Attended by SROs:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House at Bertha Kennedy• Name the Puppy Contest• Caban a Sucre• Mock Crime Scenes• Forensic Science Investigation• Kindergarten visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice Lockdown Drills• Readers for Reading Week• Talk on Duties of Police Officers• Bullying Awareness• Terry Fox Runs• Safety talks
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2014/2015 DARE Program

DARE was offered to all grade 6 classes within St. Albert for a total of 33 classrooms this year. The majority of classes are taught by SROs, but there are also DARE officers in General Duty (GD).

DARE SCHOOL	DARE OFFICER	# of Grade 6 Classes
Albert Lacombe	McKay	2
Elmer Gish	Fraser	3
Sir Alexander MacKenzie	McKay & Fraser	4
Sturgeon Heights	Avoine	1
La Mission	Avoine	1
Keenooshayo	Bulger (GD) / Kading	2
Leo Nickerson	Avoine	2
Robert Rundle	Fraser	1
Vital Grandin	McKay	2
Wild Rose	Avoine	1
Ecole Marie Poburan	Avoine	2
Ecole Father Jan	Avoine	2
JJ Nearing	McKay	3
Muriel Martin	Burroughs	4
Neil M. Ross	Fraser	1
Ronald Harvey	Burroughs	1
Bertha Kennedy	McKay	1

The 10 week program is comprised of 9 classroom lessons and a graduation ceremony and has the same curriculum as last year that covers Healthy choices and Life skills. 33 classrooms x 9 (1 hour) lessons = 297 teaching hours plus preparations time and graduation ceremony time. This program is a significant investment by RCMP and Schools towards healthy youth in St. Albert.

DARE Officer Training – K Division:

Cpl. Kading and Cst. Fraser both taught new DARE officers in the RCMP headquarters this year. This 80 hour training prepares officers to teach at a grade 6 level and to use effective communication techniques to connect with the students. 21 new DARE officers are now teaching in Alberta.



Investigations Undertaken by School Resource Officers:

Forgery	Drug Possession	Drug Trafficking
Assaults	Threats	Erratic Driving
Car vs Pedestrian collision	Traffic complaints in School zones	Social Media / Cyber bullying
Suspicious people near schools	Missing youth	Criminal Harassment
Thefts	Mental Health Act	Noise complaints involving schools
PCHAD transportation	Seizing drugs under the School Act	Trespassing

Safe School Planning:

Cst. Avoine has worked diligently to complete the RCMP Safe School plans, which are accessible to all RCMP should a crisis occur at a school. These plans will need to be updated yearly to ensure that key holder information is accurate. The SAFE School plans were used in the RCMP crisis response at Paul Kane High School this year.

VTRA Training:

St. Albert RCMP will be moving forward with the VTRA (Violence Threat Risk Assessment) plan of addressing threat and violence in our schools. This way of handling threats is now the standard in the Edmonton Region and St. Albert School Resource Officers and Community Policing officers will be taking Level 1 of this training in June 2016. It is recommended that our school partners receive training in VTRA and St. Albert RCMP will let our partners know of the Leduc Fall training dates so attendance can be considered.

School Staff Presentations:

St. Albert School Resource Officers partnered with the RCMP Drug Section to give an in-service to teachers about Fentanyl at a PD day. As well, another presentation was given to GSACRD Counsellors about Substance Abuse and Use among youth.

Community Work

In addition to work in the schools, all officers in the Community Policing / School Resource Officers Unit also have responsibilities for additional work within the community.

A Summary of Duties of the Officers:

Media Liaison – Kading, Burroughs, Avoine, Fraser, Campbell	Crime Stoppers Coordinator – Burroughs
Coordinate Summer Bike & Cart Patrols – Kading/ Burroughs	DARE Mentor/ Training Team Facilitator – Kading, Fraser, Campbell
Inter-agency Wrap Around Team – Burroughs	St. Albert Community Resource Team - Avoine
St. Albert Asset Development Team – Kading	Neighbourhood Development Team - Kading
Liaison Officer to St. Albert Neighbourhood Watch - Fraser	St. Albert Senior’s Working Group – Ullery
St. Albert Elder Abuse Protocol Committee - Kading	St. Albert Youth Working Group –Fraser
St. Albert Family Working Group – Avoine	Liaison to Citizens on Patrol – Lambert
Rivercrest Neighbourhood Development Project – McKay	St. Albert Victim Services Unit – Kading
St. Albert Outloud Society and PFlag group – Avoine	St. Albert Block Party program – Kading, Burroughs
Community Crime Prevention Initiatives - All Community Policing Officers	Crime Free Multi Housing Program – Lambert, Ullery



Crime Free Multi Housing Program:

St. Albert RCMP is bringing Crime Free Multi Housing (CFMH) to the city as a way of creating more safety in our condo, seniors and apartment complexes. This program that originated in Arizona, combines CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles with other Crime Prevention techniques to reduce crime in these communities. The St. Albert Community Policing Unit will be tasked with conducting the CPTED audits, preparing the Crime Free Multi Housing reports for the building owners and liaising with the building residents to address any concerns that arise.

CFMH inspections have been done at 5 properties in St. Albert and one complex, 10 and 12 Nevada Place have attained their CFMH status.

Asset Development:

The St. Albert Asset Developmental team have developed a calendar of events where they will intentionally champion the 40 Development Asset approach in the community. Watch out for pamphlets at local events this summer.

Community Activities:

The Community Policing Section is very active with Community activities such as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifestyle Expo• McHappy Day• ALGC Health and Safety Day• Seniors' Expo• Child Safety Seat Clinic• Public Safety Open House• Rockn' August Planning• Beavers' Bike Rodeo• Air Cadet Internet Safety• Homeless study with FCSS• Childrens' Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Found Dentist for Homeless youth• Helped paint the Collective• Fraud Talks to the Community• Crime Prevention Round Table meetings• Assisted SAIF – Youth and Womens' Safety presentations• Amplify Conference• Bike ID Day• LGBTQ jam session
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Media:

St. Albert RCMP continues to work with their 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. Cpl. Kading, Cst. Burroughs, Cst. Fraser and Cst. Avoine make up the media team for St. Albert RCMP.

The Media team reviews the RCMP files each day to look for items to release to the public. Preparing the releases, answering questions from reporters and documenting the media action on the files takes substantial time, but is important as it informs the community of crime trends.

Bike and Cart Patrol:

St. Albert RCMP began the bikes and cart schedule in April this year. The School Resource Officer’s schedule changed by the end of May to allow for officers to be present in the green spaces and parks on bike and cart patrols between Tuesdays to Saturdays. During these patrols, checks of school properties occur and prevention work is done. While school is still in session, the School Resource Officers continue to be present in the schools, although they may arrive in the cart or on bikes.