

St. Albert Detachment



April 01, 2016 to June 30, 2016

Quarterly Report

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Report

The RCMP Quarterly Policing Report has been prepared to provide City Council and the Community with an update on the status of the annual RCMP objectives, priorities and goals.

Background

In 2012 City council signed a Municipal Police Services Agreement with Public Safety Canada designating the RCMP as St. Albert's Municipal Police Service.

St Albert Council Policy C-PS-02, Policing Services, sets out the Responsibility and Standards related to Policing Services as a whole. This quarterly report and update is only specific to the RCMP objectives, priorities and goals. The main objective is to provide a quick snapshot of RCMP matters. An all-encompassing and more in-depth Annual Policing report as outlined in the Council Policy will be presented to Council and the Community in a separate process.

ANNUAL POLICE PLAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

In consultation with various community stakeholders, partners, the public at large and Mayor and Council, the Officer in Charge (OIC) develops an Annual Policing Plan (APP) which establishes a number of strategic priorities that are important to the public and consistent with policing priorities established by the Province of Alberta and Government of Canada. Four area's emerged strongly as being the policing priorities for this year's APP cycle which runs from April, 2016 until March 2017.

1. Property Crime/Drugs.
2. Police Community Relations/Visibility.
3. Traffic Safety.
4. Support for Persons With Mental Health Issues.

Several initiatives and measures have been developed to support the four priorities.

Property Crimes/Drugs:

	Initiative	Measure	Status
1.	Continue to pursue and increase the number of street checks in order to gather intelligence, deter crime and show visibility.	<i>Increase street, vehicle and property checks by 50%.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>
2.	Conduct checks on habitual offenders	<i>Conduct 200 individual</i>	<i>In progress/on</i>

	and persons on parole and probation in order to reduce recidivism and crime.	<i>checks.</i>	<i>track.</i>
3.	Conduct regular and sustained licenced premises checks in order to deter illegal activities conducted at or near drinking establishments.	<i>Increase checks by 15% from the previous year.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>
4.	Since many property crimes are committed to purchase drugs, all units to actively pursue drug seizures and prosecutions.	<i>10% increase in seizures and charges related to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA).</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>

Additional Comments:

The Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) has been working diligently in an effort to reduce property crimes, mainly thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of motor vehicles and bicycles. Through the use of the detachment Crime Analyst, they've been using analytics to obtain a picture of where property crimes are happening, what time of the day, what days of the week and probable suspects and then developing investigational strategies to combat the problem. As such they have been successful in obtaining sufficient evidence to be granted search warrants, which have resulted in stolen property being recovered and persons being charged. The CRU further created and are maintaining a prioritized detachment warrant list resulting in several outstanding arrest warrants being executed thereby holding to account those who are committing crimes in our community.

The CRU continues to have strong working relationships with other agencies including Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and Probation Services, which has provided St. Albert RCMP intelligence on prolific offenders in the greater Edmonton area. This intelligence has aided with the arrest of several offenders. The CRU is responsible for the prolific offender management program, which includes curfew checks being completed on prolific offenders by general duty and support units. Probation Services has commented on the noticeable change in the behaviour and attitudes of the prolific offenders based on this additional focus to help them reintegrate into society by following the rules of their release.

During this first quarter one of the general duty watches successfully utilized fresh intelligence to obtain a search warrant which contributed to the seizure of a significant amount of stolen equipment, vehicle parts and property along with a large amount of narcotics.

In collaboration with ALERT, two marihuana grow operations, both part of a larger operation, were dismantled in St. Albert, resulting in nearly 200 plants being seized with a minimum potential yield of 200lbs of raw cannabis marihuana with an averaged street yield of \$400,000. In April of 2016, St. Albert Drug Members executed a warrant in St. Albert resulting in the

seizure of approximately 4 pounds of cannabis marihuana, 2 ounces of cocaine, hundreds of illicit pills, a stolen truck, a stolen quad and two large televisions (50 inch and a 75 inch).

Police Community Relations/Visibility:

	Initiative	Measure	Status
1.	Continue to maintain police visibility on the trail system and parks through the use of the golf cart, bike and foot patrols with a balance of education, public relations and enforcement.	<i>15% increase in bike/cart patrols.</i>	<i>On track to exceed goal.</i>
2.	Continue to increase visibility in the schools for formal programs such as DARE and Grade 8 drug awareness and informal visits and presentations.	<i>10% increase in school visitations.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>
3.	Continue to build positive community relations through attendance at neighbourhood block parties.	<i>25% increase in block parties attended.</i>	<i>On track to exceed goal.</i>

Additional Comments:

Impact of DARE – the goals with this program is to strengthen life skills and positive decision making in young people through discussions and strong police/ youth relationships. When marching in the Rainmaker Rodeo parade many young people can be heard calling out the officers names stating “that was my DARE officer.”

Another example happened at the Canada Day celebration where past DARE students came up to Cst. Burroughs and updated her on their lives and had their pictures taken with her.

On Canada Day, a father riding his bike with his 3 year old daughter in her child bike seat crashed on the trail near the Rodeo Grounds. Scraped up and scared, the little girl became almost hysterical when her mom and dad tried to put her back in her bike seat. The trio were located by RCMP Bike Patrollers, Cst’s McKay and Avoine, who did traffic control on the trail to prevent any further crashes. They radioed Cpl. Kading and A/Cst. Ullery, who came to the rescue of this young damsel in distress by having her sit between them in the golf cart and very slowly followed her cycling parent’s home. To keep her calm and happy, Cpl Kading, A/Cst Ullery along with the 3 year old could be heard by passer-by’s enthusiastically singing Itsy Bitsy Spider all the way home.

Cst’s Lambert and Fraser have built strong police/ community relations with young and old at many Block Parties. They have "toured" many adults and children through their police car and

even participated in an egg toss challenge at one party. It is unclear who won, but kids and adults alike were laughing and cheering them on!

Traffic Safety:

	Initiative	Measure	Status
1.	Target distracted drivers through education and enforcement.	<i>Increase distracted driving enforcement by 25%.</i>	<i>On track to exceed goal.</i>
2.	Work with the local Media to develop an on-going and regular monthly media initiative for traffic safety and awareness.	<i>Provide a minimum of twelve traffic safety articles to the media for print.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>
3.	Enhanced traffic enforcement by Traffic and General Duty members.	<i>35% increase in warning and violation tickets issued.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>

Additional Comments:

St Albert Traffic and General Duty officers have increased their enforcement initiatives in the area of Distracted Driving in attempts to educate the public and prevent collisions and injuries caused by this infraction. The Traffic Services Members continue to provide public education via the Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar, Check Stop Programs and media reports. Traffic Services members worked collaboratively with St. Albert Municipal Enforcement Services, Edmonton Police Services and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch on eleven joint operations this past quarter.

Traffic Services will be working collaboratively with the St. Albert RCMP School Resource Officers and the St. Albert School Division in September 2016 to conduct educational seminars for student drivers. The goal is to promote healthy and safe driving habits and educate new drivers on the dangers of distracted driving and other poor driving habits.

Support for Persons with Mental Health Issues:

	Initiative	Measure	Status
1.	Work with partner agency to deliver training workshop to frontline personnel on options when dealing with persons with mental health issues.	<i>25% of detachment personnel to receive workshop.</i>	<i>On track to exceed goal.</i>
2.	Work with community partners in an effort to explore and potentially develop a coordinated and sustainable multi-disciplined Community Crises Team.	<i>Preparation and submission of business case.</i>	<i>In progress/on track.</i>

Additional Comments:

Since conducting a media interview with the St. Albert gazette regarding policing priorities, the Officer in Charge has received numerous calls from the public applauding the effort with respect to persons with mental illness. Additionally, there have been offers from two different entities to become involved and offer their support for this initiative. Currently work is well under way to roll out an internal workshop for frontline employees who have contact with persons suffering with mental health issues.

QUARTER ONE CRIME STATS:

The RCMP opened 3584 investigative files this quarter compared to 3341 during the same period last year.

On the following page I have provided the crime stats for the period of April 01 to June 30, 2016, the first quarter of the annual APP cycle, second quarter for the calendar year. The chart also shows the five year stats for the same quarter. The stats continue to affirm a trend that is consistent across Alberta, that being increases in property crimes, more specifically thefts under \$5000.00 and spousal assaults, which are categorized under assaults. Both areas in which we continue to concentrate additional efforts.

Injury collisions have increased this past quarter to levels experienced in 2012 and 2013. Although one quarter does not represent a trend, it is something that we are taking seriously and directing our traffic enforcement accordingly.

The statistics provided are compiled by the "K" Division Corporate and Client Services. As investigations proceed or are concluded, the statistical scoring is amended to reflect the most accurate categorization at the time which can lead to minor differences in the statistics throughout the year.

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All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July-05-16

CATEGORY	Trend	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		1	0	0	0	0
Robbery		2	1	0	1	0
Sexual Assaults		5	3	1	3	4
Other Sexual Offences		0	3	0	0	4
Assault		26	40	28	21	36
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		1	0	0	0	1
Extortion		0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Harassment		4	5	1	5	11
Uttering Threats		19	8	8	13	10
Other Persons		0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL PERSONS		58	60	38	43	67
Break & Enter		16	19	12	28	24
Theft of Motor Vehicle		9	7	11	14	19
Theft Over \$5,000		0	4	0	2	1
Theft Under \$5,000		87	70	95	119	137
Possn Stn Goods		3	8	1	7	2
Fraud		17	8	16	22	22
Arson		1	1	3	3	1
Mischief To Property		98	115	107	122	96
TOTAL PROPERTY		231	232	245	317	302
Offensive Weapons		0	6	9	1	0
Public Order		1	0	0	0	1
Disturbing the peace		0	31	35	29	28
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		89	31	30	43	23
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		90	68	74	73	52
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		379	360	357	433	421

Total Traffic

Fatals		0	0	0	0	0
Injury MVC		13	14	7	3	15
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		112	88	114	114	108
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		13	9	3	7	8