



Alberta RCMP "K" Division

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> Reducing Crime in Alberta

At the end of the last quarter of the year, "K" Division prioritized crime reduction as an operational requirement. The crime reduction policing model is a collaborative approach that aims to tackle the root cause of crime in an effort to break the cycle of criminal activity in a targeted area or source.

Crime Reduction Units (CRU) have been created across each of the four Alberta districts to target repeat offenders, particularly in the areas of break and enters, vehicle thefts and thefts of other property. The Alberta RCMP Roving Traffic Units (RTU), in addition to promoting highway safety through enforcement activities, are also targeting travelling criminals.



The coordination of the Crime Reduction Strategy has proven successful since its inception with accomplishments that include:

- the largest fentanyl seizure in Canadian history in collaboration with Edmonton Police
- two hundred and nineteen individual arrests, 469 criminal and drug charges and 170 wanted persons arrests (CRU)
- nine major seizures of drugs and contraband, totalling in excess of \$1.3 million, 14 arrests and 19 new criminal charges in January 2018 (RTU)

In partnership with the province, Alberta RCMP will address rural crime by adding 39 new officer positions and 40 civilian employees in areas that will ultimately lead to more officers on the road.



> Community Involvement

Police officers and employees often go above and beyond the call of duty to not only make our communities a safer place to live, but a better place to live. Whether it is lending a hand to fill an aircraft with balloons to support Westjet's *Dreams Take Flight*, or creating lifelong memories for children with special needs at the Edmonton K-Days Fair, our members are always seeking creative ways to make a positive difference. Being a proud red serge presence at events like the Calgary Stampede, Westerner Days and Canada Day celebrations across Alberta, is one way to ensure our members contribute to Alberta's communities. These engagements strengthen the service delivery of the RCMP.



Alberta RCMP employees create
lifelong memories at K-Days
Monday Morning Magic.



> Call Back Unit

"K" Division Headquarters is the proud home of the Call Back Unit (CBU). The renewed Call Management Strategy will improve the processes by which public calls for service are received, dispatched, investigated and documented. The CBU handles non-emergency calls for service, where there is no immediate risk to public safety. These calls include frauds and scams, minor theft, mischief, lost or stolen property, dated traffic offences, harassing phone calls or e-communications.

The CBU began taking calls on February 15, 2018, and has managed 182 calls. This saved approximately 433 hours of investigation time for frontline members by the end of fiscal year.

> Intelligence Program

The intelligence program develops what our provincial, national and international crime picture looks to strategically target repeat offenders with enforcement action. A strong, coordinated and sophisticated intelligence program is the foundation on which "K" Division operations are built.

Positions include:

- One senior analytical manager to oversee the program and enhance our ability to identify Tier One threats
- Addition of 10+ analytical positions to the Intelligence program to address matters specific to provincial policing
- Regular member Criminal Intelligence Coordinator positions to focus on gathering information related to guns, gangs and organized crime and provide real-time information on emerging issues and trends

> Employee Wellness

Employee wellness is a priority for the RCMP. The Peer-to-Peer Program, Member Workplace Services Program, Road to Mental Readiness training and an enhanced Disability and Accommodation Program are open to all employees to foster mental health awareness and well-being through open, supportive and compassionate interaction. A mental health educator will lead the planning, implementation and evaluation of divisional mental health, wellness and operational stress injury programs, education and standards for delivery to RCMP employees.

> Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding

The RCMP has been proud to support Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association (ACOPA) and the Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association (ARCWA) for numerous years. The RCMP signed an official memorandum of understanding with ACOPA on June 20, 2017, and ARCWA on February 15, 2018, to outline the roles each organization will play in keeping Alberta's communities safe. Both community-led programs are aimed at reducing crime by engaging citizens in crime-reporting and active patrol activities, which are key components of "K" Division's intelligence-led Crime Reduction Strategy.



Provincial Funding

The Government of Alberta has allocated a total of \$21.4 million to the Alberta RCMP in two separate investments to ultimately place more police officers on the streets engaging with communities and conducting investigations.

The first investment of \$8 million is dedicated to funding the Alberta RCMP's rural crime initiatives. In partnership with the province, Alberta RCMP has developed an action plan to add 39 new officer positions and 40 civilian employees. The second is a budget allocation of \$13.4 million. Of that, \$5.3 million will go towards providing additional support and resources to the frontlines.

The following initiatives are part of the Crime Reduction Strategy:

- Crime reduction units in each district each comprised of eight regular members, one analyst and one clerk
- Call Back Unit with four regular members handling non-emergency calls for service
- Twenty-two PROS Data Centre staff located in northern and southern Alberta
- Partnerships with government and community partners to address root cause of crime



Rural Crime Reduction Units are designed to act fast to target repeat offenders who commit the vast majority of crimes in an area.

29.8%

of fatal collisions included at least one person not using safety equipment (seatbelt/helmet)



> Traffic Safety

Working in collaboration with Alberta Traffic Sheriffs is a key component to ensure seamless, effective and intelligence-led policing services.

Based on fatal collision data from 2017:

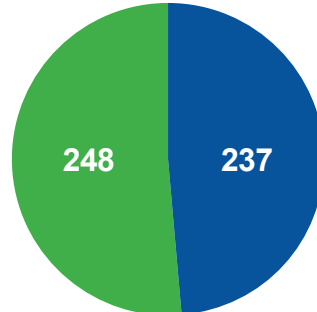
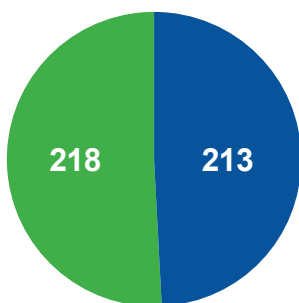
- 64 in 218 fatal collisions involved a person (driver/passenger/cyclist/quad rider) not using safety equipment (seatbelt/helmet)
- 34.3% of collisions involved alcohol or drugs
- Almost 67.4% of the fatal collision are happening on Alberta highways

FATAL COLLISIONS

■ 2017 ■ 2016

of Collisions

of Fatalities



In 2017, the RCMP and Alberta Traffic Sheriffs issued:

- Over 210,000 speeding tickets that include:
 - more than 1,800 tickets for vehicles going more than 50km over the speed limit
 - more than 2,500 tickets for speeding in construction zones
 - more than 450 tickets for speeding in a school zone or playground area
- Over 19,000 occupant restraint (seatbelt) tickets; and
- Recommended charges in more than 5,200 Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle (alcohol and/or drugs) files

34.3%

of collisions involved alcohol or drugs

> Drugs

The increased presence of illicit synthetic opioids in our communities is of great concern as it threatens Albertans. The RCMP continues to work with law enforcement partners to share information and coordinate enforcement actions to pursue the criminal networks fueling this public health epidemic.



Fentanyl

The importation, production and trafficking of fentanyl has been associated to the involvement of organized crime groups. The RCMP targets criminal networks which seize upon and exploit all opportunities to profit from the sale of illicit drugs.

Between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018:

- Over 3,700 tablets of fentanyl were seized*

** Does not include the interactions and seizures of fentanyl power, fentanyl patches, fentanyl mixed with other drugs, or carfentanil*

Naloxone

The RCMP has distributed naloxone nasal spray kits nationally, to be carried by on-duty operational members and employees that are at risk of accidental exposure, and who may be required to provide first aid treatment to citizens in an emergency situation if an opioid overdose is suspected.

Between October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017,

Naloxone was deployed 336 times by members nationally

- 10% of Naloxone deployments were by "K" Division Members
- "K" Division had 32 people survive with the administration of Naloxone (two persons deceased)



> RCMP BY THE NUMBERS

Population

Albertans living in RCMP jurisdictions 2017 est.



1,741,930

Albertans served by RCMP federal mandate Total Alberta Population



4,306,039

Employees

RCMP employees working in Alberta

4,165

Regular Members > Contract Policing 2,825

Regular Members > Federal Policing



Assets

1,094
Frontline Vehicles113
Detachments40
RCMP Watercraft192
Frontline Seasonal Vehicles33
Police Dogs208
Cadets received from depot

Files

252,998 Calls to OCCs (911)

848,1345 Total calls to OCC

647,737 PROS Files Opened

132,978 Property Crime Files

43,221 Persons Crime Files

267,004 Traffic Related Files

35,487 Number of People Charged

238,626 Criminal Code Investigations Initiated

48 Homicide Investigations Initiated

60,244 Motor Vehicle Collisions Reported

5,284 Reported Injury Collisions

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