



RCMP FORT SASKATCHEWAN
Municipal Detachment:
Annual Performance Plan Update
Year End Report
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This is the Annual Policing Priorities report for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 2023/2024 fiscal year. The year-end report consists of sections related to Royal Canadian Mounted Police staffing, significant investigations, and the Annual Performance Plan (APP).

Overall, most of the targets were attained or exceeded during the fiscal year (FY) of the Annual Performance Plan. Targets that were not achieved were extremely close to the goal set.

RCMP Staffing and Personnel

1. The Detachment's Leadership Team consists of Inspector Barry LaRocque – Detachment Commander; Staff Sergeant Terry Hyggen – Operations NCO, Sergeant James Skeoch – Support Operations NCO.
2. The Detachment currently has 30 members out of 41 total established positions on active duty. These 41 positions consist of 33 municipal positions and 8 provincial positions. Soft vacancies consist of 4 members off due to medical reasons, 1 member on administration duties and 1 member suspended. The salary of members on modified work profiles are not directly paid from the Fort Saskatchewan Detachment budget.
3. There are currently 5 hard vacancies, for 3 of those positions the members have been identified and are awaiting transfer into Fort Saskatchewan.

Annual Performance Plan Reporting 2023/2024

In addition to regular policing and response to calls for service, the RCMP continued initiatives to best meet the following policing priorities approved by Council:

1. Traffic Safety (motor vehicles, roads)
2. Police / Community Relations – Visibility of Police
3. Crime Reduction: Property Crime – Theft

Strategic Priority One: Enhance Road Safety (motor vehicles, roads)

Objective: Road Safety

Initiative 1: Three Option 4 Education Programs

The detachment Traffic/Crime Reduction Unit (T/CRU) in partnership with Fort Saskatchewan Municipal Enforcement conducted 3 Option 4 education sessions over the reporting period pertaining to driving related offences. The driver's ticketed during these sessions were given the option to attend an educational session in lieu of paying the ticket.

Results:

- Three Option 4 Education Programs were completed in FY 2023-24.
- In the stop sign and red-light violations program 50 tickets were written and 45 (90%) people attended the option 4 program, hence their tickets were not processed.
- In the school zone speeding program 48 tickets were written and 36 (75%) people attended the option 4 education program hence their tickets were not processed.
- In the distracted driving program 52 tickets were written and 43 (83%) people attended the option 4 program hence their tickets were not processed.

Initiative 2: Conduct road safety presentations to groups within the area

The second initiative was to conduct 6 road safety presentations to groups within the area.

Results:

- T/CRU conducted 3 Option 4 education sessions in FY 2023/2024 the reporting to 121 people who had received violation tickets but chose to attend the session.
- Community Policing / Victim Service (CP/VS) member partnered with the City for the Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y) Program which promotes education about impaired driving to youth. There were 3 sessions with youth from 14-16 years of age in attendance.
- Within the schools, the School Resource Officer (SRO) would answer questions from the students about road safety during presentations and/or informal interactions. The SRO did one dedicated presentation, about impaired driving to a science class during their blood alcohol unit.
- The CP/VS member assisted Municipal Enforcement with the youth bike rodeo held in Fort Saskatchewan in June 2023.

Initiative 3: Conduct impaired driving behavior enforcement actions

The third initiative was to conduct 40 check stops/enforcement actions targeting impaired driving

Results:

- As a Detachment there were 31 documented check stops conducted through FY 2023/24. Although slightly short of the 40 check-stop goal, the efforts made resulted in a drastically higher number of check-stops than the previous year. The detachment effort, in this area, had an impact on drivers as there were mentions of the check stops on social media.
- Within the City of Fort Saskatchewan there were 54 drivers taken of the road through impaired driving investigations, immediate roadside sanctions and roadside suspensions.
- As a Detachment we continue to take a community driven, team approach to work towards achieving our Vision Zero goal of zero motor vehicle fatalities for the coming year. In the calendar year 2023, there were 417 municipal motor vehicle collisions which was down from 455 in 2022. There were no fatal motor vehicle collisions in the year. Of note, in 2023 there were 20 vulnerable road user collisions which was up from 8 in 2022.

Strategic Priority Two: Police / Community Relations – Visibility of Police

Objective: Crime Reduction

Initiative 1: The CP/VS member will create/continue opportunities to meet with the public, youth and groups within the City and document accordingly

Results:

- The CPVS member had 280 tracked interactions with the public, youth and groups within the City
- The CPVS member has been engaged with the senior population. CPVS completed multiple fraud presentations to various senior groups. Elder Abuse Awareness Day was another senior event that CPVS attended and handed out food to seniors. CPVS has a great rapport with seniors and City Senior Navigator in Community.
- CPVS is continually engaged with youth within the Community and fosters positive relationships. This relationship consists of education as well as general interaction and engagement. General engagement varied from dropping into schools, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Bridge and giving tours of the Detachment to youth.
- CPVS created the Youth Community Response group as well. CPVS engaged the crime analyst to show statistics on the youth and what types of files Police were investigating. This was shared with the group and there was a large buy in from multiple agencies with the group. This group will work together and assign tasks to deal with at risk youth in hopes to decrease the amount of calls for service and to navigate support systems.
- CPVS has been working along-side the Steadfast Connector from Families First to help the unhoused. This has been a very strong partnership and has been helpful with Integrated Offender

Management (IOM) clients and the unhoused clients we deal with. CP/VS had attended the Housing Convention Center Conference to learn about unhousing trends and solutions.

Initiative 2: The School Resource Officer (SRO) member will create/continue opportunities to meet with the youth and conduct presentations within the school and document accordingly

Results:

- The SRO and School Liaison Officers continued to provide supports to all schools in Fort Saskatchewan. Presentations included drug, alcohol and vaping education, crime scene analysis, community partners, and dangers of social media.
- RCMP members took part in Faith Development day and Leadership class initiatives at the high school level.
- The SRO has delivered presentations in High School CALM classes, participated in Reading Week, and has been an active participant on committees such as Youth Action Committee, Inter-Agency, Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and PARTY Program.
- The SRO has spoken at Parent Council meetings on youth trends, and assisted at high school RCMP recruiting events.

Initiative 3: The Fort Saskatchewan membership will create/continue opportunities to meet with the public and document accordingly

Results:

- There were 70 documented attendance at community events in the public in FY 2023/2024.
- Detachment members attended barbeques with the Fort Black Society and the Philippine community, a round dance with the Fort Saskatchewan Indigenous Society, reading to students in the schools, recruiting booth at local Farmer's market and other community events throughout the year.
- Detachment members participated in Senior's Week festivities including the tea and delivering plants to seniors around the City.
- Detachment members marched in the Canada Day parade and participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Legion.
- The detachment and senior officers organized the RCMP 150 BBQ at the Fort Saskatchewan Precinct in September of 2023.
- Detachment members did school visits and participated in Reading Week
- Detachment members played basketball and soccer with kids who were out playing in parks.

Initiative 4: Fort Saskatchewan Detachment to create, develop and track entries onto a detachment Facebook Page

Results:

- Meta, the parent company of Facebook, did not allow the RCMP to set up any new Facebook accounts as new restrictions were prohibitive to how the RCMP required the accounts be managed. Hence there was no movement on this initiative.
- The City's Corporate Communications Department has assisted with social media on the City's accounts.

Strategic Priority Three: Property Crime – Theft

Objective: Crime Reduction

Initiative 1: With the City of Fort Saskatchewan create and develop the CAPTURE program to register people with security cameras.

Results:

- The CAPTURE program never achieved traction throughout the year as initial steps taken by Fort Saskatchewan detachment were lessened when "K" Division Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) division initiated the program province wide but was slow to gain any traction.
- In the fourth quarter a local detachment member was identified to be the coordinator and began looking at avenues to promote the program. The local member is now connected with the CSWB program and this initiative will be carried over to the FY 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan.

Initiative 2: Deliver crime prevention (including CPTED) presentations to communities, community groups within the Fort Saskatchewan Detachment area.

Results:

- In FY 2023/2024 the Fort Saskatchewan Detachment was highlighting prevention in its initiatives towards crime reduction. The Detachment engaged the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) trained resource to conduct assessments and do presentations at town hall events. The CPTED resource presented at 2 town halls, conducted 3 assessments and referred to multiple clients who were victims of property crime.

Initiative 3: Conduct compliance checks on persons who are on court ordered conditions

Results:

- In FY 2023/2024 Fort Saskatchewan Detachment conducted 135 compliance checks on individuals that were released on conditions from the courts and had offender management files created. Of the 135 curfew checks there were only 6 breach of condition files generated hence 96% of the checks proved positive for compliance.

Proposed 2024-2025 Priorities

After community consultation with Fort Saskatchewan, Bruderheim, Lamont, Chipman, Lamont County, Sturgeon County and the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee the new 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan (APP) is completed, which is anchored by three priorities:

1. Traffic Safety (motor vehicles, roads)
2. Police Community Relations – Police Visibility
3. Crime Reduction: Property Crime – Theft

Using the same priorities for two years provides continuity to analyze the results and measure the impact that the priorities are having. Within each of the overarching priorities, we will have to identify initiatives and metrics to action within the priorities. We will be consulting with the policing committee to assist in the identification of those initiatives. Throughout the year, the Detachment can adapt the APP to new or changing priorities that could arise.

The Fort Saskatchewan Detachment is delivering a sound policing service to the citizens of the City. The support of City Council is important to the success of the operations and input is always welcome.



Inspector Barry LaRocque
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Fort Saskatchewan Detachment

**Fort Saskatchewan Municipal Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to December: 2019 – 2023
Prepared by SARU**

CATEGORY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death	2	1	0	3	3	50%	0%	0.4
Robbery	4	2	13	14	2	-50%	-86%	0.8
Sexual Assaults	28	25	45	29	33	18%	14%	1.4
Other Sexual Offences	16	35	40	29	19	19%	-34%	0.0
Assault	199	202	288	219	267	34%	22%	15.3
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	5	8	5	1	11	120%	1000%	0.5
Extortion	4	6	3	20	24	500%	20%	5.4
Criminal Harassment	74	92	128	121	106	43%	-12%	9.3
Uttering Threats	88	63	68	83	113	28%	36%	7.0
TOTAL PERSONS	420	434	590	519	578	38%	11%	40.1
Break & Enter	73	64	31	81	76	4%	-6%	2.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	76	73	61	84	87	14%	4%	3.3
Theft Over \$5,000	12	10	12	22	20	67%	-9%	2.8
Theft Under \$5,000	477	397	352	393	433	-9%	10%	-9.2
Possn Stn Goods	100	105	46	96	89	-11%	-7%	-3.1
Fraud	208	162	157	209	272	31%	30%	17.5
Arson	2	1	5	11	6	200%	-45%	1.8
Mischief - Damage To Property	124	204	312	363	284	129%	-22%	47.9
Mischief - Other	213	145	134	162	184	-14%	14%	-4.1
TOTAL PROPERTY	1,285	1,161	1,110	1,421	1,451	13%	2%	59.2
Offensive Weapons	49	48	27	35	29	-41%	-17%	-5.3
Disturbing the peace	163	151	142	149	176	8%	18%	2.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches	324	188	195	276	214	-34%	-22%	-13.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	288	162	97	161	156	-46%	-3%	-26.5
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	824	549	461	621	575	-30%	-7%	-42.6
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	2,529	2,144	2,161	2,561	2,604	3%	2%	56.7

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January to March: 2020-2024

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CATEGORY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death	0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery	2	1	1	0	3	50%	N/A	0.1
Sexual Assaults	13	5	12	9	9	-31%	0%	-0.4
Other Sexual Offences	20	20	11	5	9	-55%	80%	-3.7
Assault	44	68	46	41	75	70%	83%	3.5
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	1	1	0	3	1	0%	-67%	0.2
Extortion	4	0	5	4	2	-50%	-50%	0.0
Criminal Harassment	21	35	30	26	35	67%	35%	1.9
Uttering Threats	16	14	17	21	22	38%	5%	1.9
TOTAL PERSONS	121	144	123	109	156	29%	43%	3.5
Break & Enter	5	10	11	20	22	340%	10%	4.4
Theft of Motor Vehicle	15	17	13	21	15	0%	-29%	0.4
Theft Over \$5,000	1	2	3	8	2	100%	-75%	0.8
Theft Under \$5,000	103	71	69	87	65	-37%	-25%	-6.0
Possn Stn Goods	25	9	14	23	15	-40%	-35%	-0.6
Fraud	46	48	45	71	52	13%	-27%	3.5
Arson	0	0	1	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.5
Mischief - Damage To Property	52	50	75	67	47	-10%	-30%	0.7
Mischief - Other	28	24	28	34	36	29%	6%	2.6
TOTAL PROPERTY	275	231	259	334	255	-7%	-24%	6.3
Offensive Weapons	6	7	8	10	5	-17%	-50%	0.1
Disturbing the peace	32	13	25	48	42	31%	-13%	5.5
Fail to Comply & Breaches	52	29	83	74	51	-2%	-31%	4.3
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	67	24	33	38	21	-69%	-45%	-7.8
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	157	73	149	170	119	-24%	-30%	2.1
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	553	448	531	613	530	-4%	-14%	11.9