



Annual Policing Priorities 2024-2025 Community Survey



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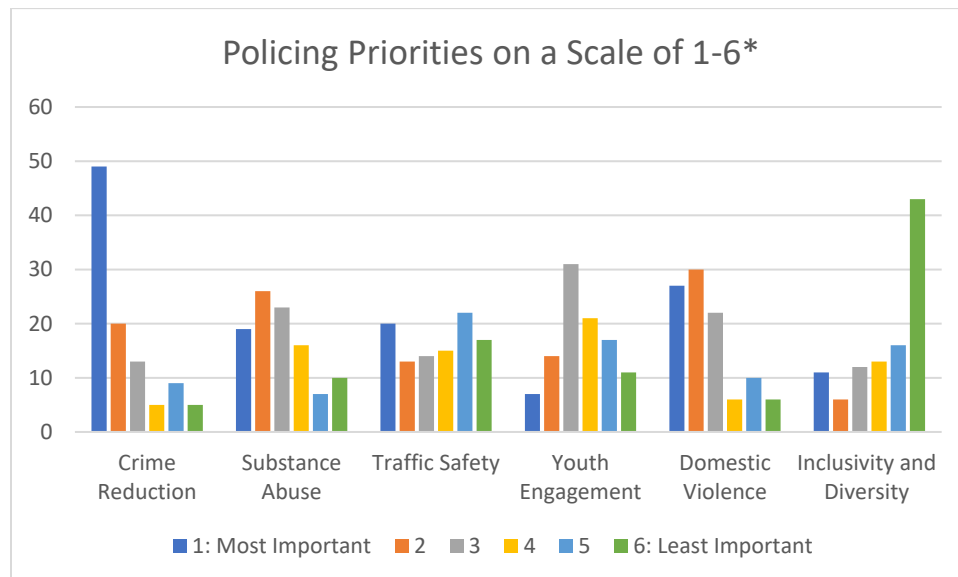
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Question 1:

Please rank the policing priorities below in terms of importance to you in the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important. These priorities are in addition to calls for service:

- Crime Reduction – focusing on property crime
- Substance Abuse – Reducing substance abuse through education and enforcement
- Traffic Safety – Improving traffic safety through enforcement and education
- Youth engagement
- Domestic Violence
- Inclusivity and Diversity – community engagement



**There were 101 respondents to the survey, however, when completing the survey, some respondents rated the policing priorities instead of ranking them. For question 1, 133 responses were returned for the most important policing priority.*

Top 3 priorities identified as most important policing priorities:

1. Crime reduction (49/133)
2. Domestic violence (27/133)
3. Traffic safety (20/133)

Inclusivity and diversity (Community Engagement) was identified as the least important policing priority.

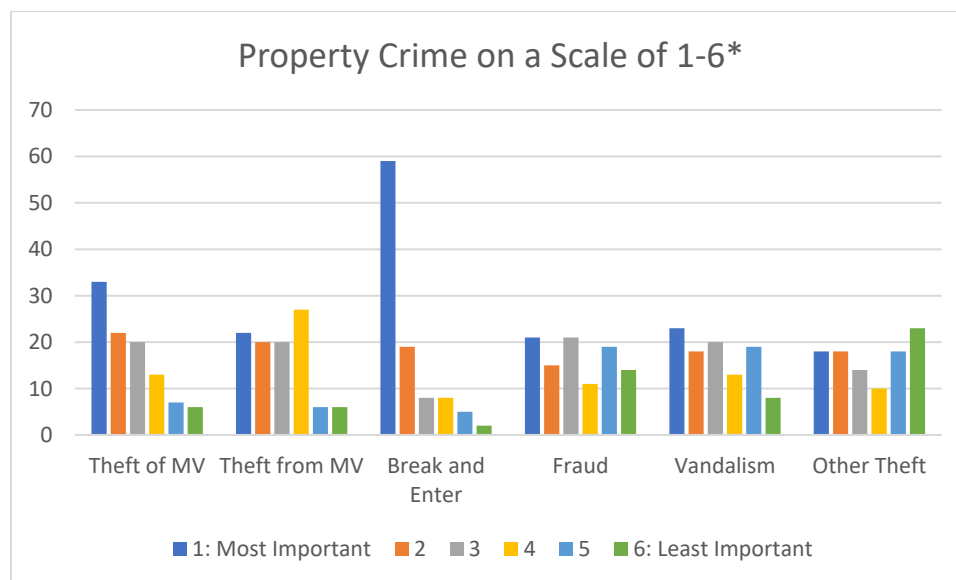
2022 vs 2024 results

The results from the 2024 policing priority survey are similar to results from 2022. In 2022, the top three policing priorities identified were: crime reduction, domestic violence, and substance abuse. Community engagement was identified as the least important policing priority.

Question 2:

Please rank the following subcategories of Property Crime in terms of importance to you in the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.

- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Break and Enter
- Fraud (i.e. Email, phone, bank)
- Vandalism
- Other Theft



**There were 101 respondents to the survey, however, when completing the survey, some respondents rated the policing priorities instead of ranking them. For question 2, 176 responses were returned for the most important subcategory of Property Crime.*

Top 3 subcategories of Property Crime identified as most important:

1. Break and Enter (59/176)
2. Theft of Motor Vehicle (33/176)
3. Vandalism (23/176)

Other theft was identified as the least important subcategory of property crime. *No examples of 'Other Theft' were provided to clarify this subtype.

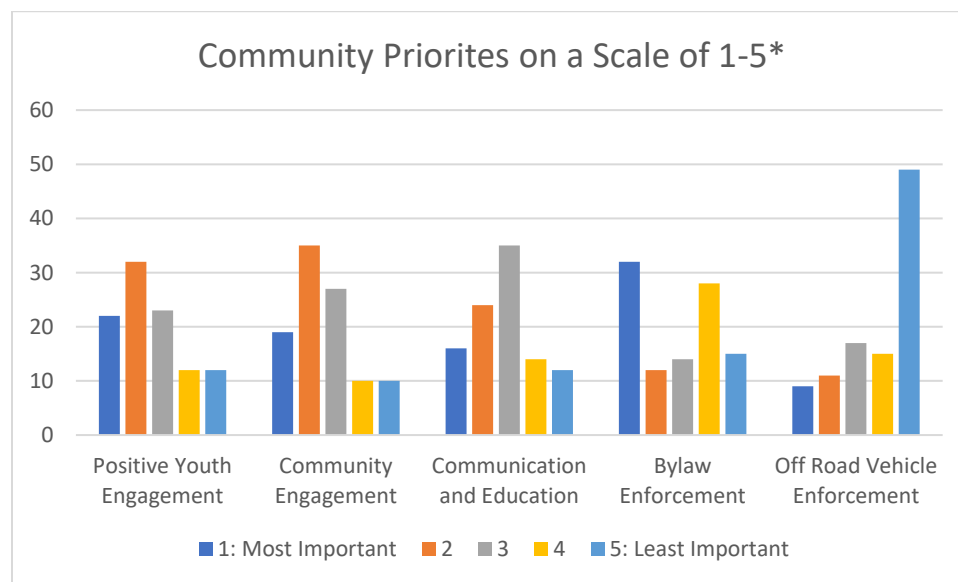
2022 vs 2024 results:

The results from the 2024 policing priority survey are similar to results from 2022. In 2022, the top three subcategories of property crime identified were: Break and Enter, Theft of Motor Vehicle, and Theft from Motor Vehicle. Other Theft was identified as the least important subcategory of property crime.

Question 3:

Please rank the below priorities in terms of importance to you in the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.

- Positive Youth Development
- Community Engagement
- Communication and Education
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Off Road Vehicle Enforcement



**There were 101 respondents to the survey, however, when completing the survey, some respondents rated the policing priorities instead of ranking them. For question 3, 98 responses were returned for the most important community priority.*

Top 3 community priorities identified as most important:

1. Bylaw Enforcement (32/98)
2. Positive Youth Engagement (22/98)
3. Community Engagement (19/98)

Off road vehicle enforcement was identified as the least important community priority.

2022 vs 2024 results:

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- Purchasing noise monitor enforcement surveillance devices.
- Be more visible in schools and outdoor areas at lunch times.
- Increased enforcement of traffic laws in playgrounds and school zone. Enforcement of stop sign and right turn on red light violations - most drivers, including RCMP and other peace officers do not apply properly. Police must set an example in the community.
- More visible bike patrol within city parks.
- I no longer drive and frequently use the walk lights to cross the highway from 101 St. Despite the cross-walk lights, cars have made the left hand turns as I have attempted to cross. Should the food walk time be lengthened or closer surveillance by RCMP. Something must change as it is very dangerous for pedestrians. I trust you can come up with a solution. We must continue to have the RCMP in Alberta, you are needed and thank you for all that you do.
- More RCMP officers and less peace officers.
- Clean up this city. No more peace officers. More police officers are required to investigate and respond to crime.
- A better watch over neighborhoods (drug houses) and public spaces like walking trails (homeless people)
- Keep the RCMP, please. Look into providing a shelter for the homeless.

People ride bicycles across intersections in pedestrian crosswalks on a constant basis and the

- police sit and watch this happen. The other day while I was just pulling up to a light that just turned green and I was ready to step on the gas peddle to proceed across the intersection, a guy on one of those motorized skate board type of units blew across the road in front of me. My heart just about stopped totally. He was going so fast, unbelievable, I didn't realize those things went so fast. I have no idea how fast he was going, but it was fast. Several times over the years I almost hit bicycles where they come off a side street, don't look and just carry on across, many of those they were going quite fast and had no idea how stupid they were - an accident looking for a place to happen. Parents today are teaching their children to ride across instead of walking - absolutely ludicrous, it's a pedestrian crosswalk. It has been my understanding all my many years of life that they law of Alberta is against riding bikes across the road on crosswalks. Anyway, when someone rides their bike across and comes out of nowhere and gets hit, is the motorist going to be in the wrong - I would think not, but it appears the local police ignore this

totally.

- I've had many experiences with vehicles speeding right through lights and stop signs on 99th in downtown Fort Sask. I wish it was patrolled more even though I know they do patrol quite often.
- The number of police officers on shift during night and weekend times is alarming. Our city council needs to advocate or address the low number of available police officers and consider funding additional positions.
- Rural crime, mainly thefts are getting out of control, and from what I've heard from constables is that the offenders are being processed and released without punishment. Only to continue to re-offend. We must have harsh deterrents for re-offenders. Otherwise what's the point?
- Stop and question anybody out after dark that looks suspicious. No mercy for repeat offenders.
- Love the work being done. Would like to see even more cars on the road.
- We really need to focus on substance use/addictions, unhoused individuals, domestic violence, these are incredibly high in Fort Saskatchewan. I believe if we focus on these areas then the rest of the crime will reduce. We as a community need to do better. We need to think outside the boxes to be able to support our community to be the healthy and thriving for the future. I want our community to be safe and I want to feel safe. I want our community members to truly feel protected, respected, valued and heard. This is also how change will happen. I want all community members regardless of sexual orientation, religious background to feel a sense of belonging within all of our spaces. We also need to focus on youth. We need to start using prevention methods instead of crisis interventions strategies. It's only getting worse not better. If we really prioritize our youth and young families that is where we will see change in our community. Community supporting community is the only way forward.
- Most residents have figured out that the quickest way to travel through the Fort is now on Southfort Blvd. There are fewer traffic lights, radar and red-light cameras than on the highway! The south end of the Blvd. is the worst for speeders and those who feel compelled to loudly accelerate turning onto the Blvd. from streets that feed onto it. I have seen radar traps in the past but rarely do now. The intersection of Southfort Blvd. and Ridgeview Close is the worst for the above mentioned. It is the best place to catch speeders there because drivers cannot see in advance the speed trap hidden by the fencing. Please help with deterring these unsafe and illegal driving habits in our community. Snow takes care of this problem naturally. The dry pavement months need enforcement!
- Spend more time and resources on break-ins and vandalism by the, mostly, young punks, instead of giving tickets for rolling stops at the stop signs, especially when the roads are mostly deserted. Some laws should be applied with discretion and common sense.
- More attention should be paid to parking issues without residents having to contact By-Law for this to be done. Some of these issues involve vehicles being parked on streets far longer than is legally allowed.... often for weeks at a time without moving...vehicles and trailers being parked

on residential streets longer than 24 hours. Some city parking areas, with limiting time restrictions, also have vehicles parked for weeks on end. An example of this is behind The Brandt Hotel. There is a concern with homeless individuals in Fort Saskatchewan. Issues with theft, shopping carts being left stolen and abandoned, squatting and litter in forested areas, and aggressive behaviour is concerning.

- Police monitoring of trail system to increase safety.
- The parks should be policed more, homeless and drug users like to congregate and hang around in our parks and trail systems. Known hot spots like the Fort Motel should be squeezed more than they currently are, places like the Fort Motel breeds illegal activities like drug sales and sex trafficking.
- Community out reach and high-risk youth work.
- Homeless people harassing innocent people in town
- Are you planning to hire more officers to manage the coming boom in population? We need a refocus of city spending. We need fewer or no rainbow sidewalks, and more officers.
- Focusing on the safety of vulnerable populations. Such as woman and children, homeless and substance addiction. Reduce the risk and protect the public from violent sex offenders, child pornographers, and child sexual abuse. My best friend and her son were brutally murdered by a repeated high-risk sex offender. They were someone's daughter/son, sister, wife. They should've been protected from these criminals who are CONTINUOUSLY released.
- Speed and failing to stop at stop signs and cross walks continue to be a problem on Greenfield Way with growing traffic count on this road. Although residents see RCMP and bylaw driving through the area, little to no enforcement has been engaged to curb dangerous driving habits.
- Shut down the illegal drug supplies at all cost. Senseless and irresponsible repetitive crimes will drop with it including violent crimes and thefts. If the police are tired of arresting and responding to only have the convicted back on the street again without consequence, then fix the judicial system. Drugs and crimes from them will plummet.
- Have a dedicated property crime unit that can take the time to properly investigate these crimes
- Publish the current policing services contract, RCMP currently has some very serious integrity and leadership issues! Transparency and increased training are required.
- More enforcement on speed zones by schools. As well as 40 km an hour zone.
- As kids turn 16 and start to have their own cars and they like to drive around with their friends, sometimes they can not think properly and do dangerous things like: driving significantly over the speed limit, doing drifts and doughnuts, people hanging out side of cars and much more. It's important to make sure that any young teenager is as safe as possible on the road. I have this idea that maybe there could be someone (a police officer, a parent of someone who's child was

lost to distracted driving, an educator, etc.) to go out to high schools around Fort Saskatchewan and teach about the dangers of distracted driving and stunt driving since I believe that kids can think it's a lot less serious than it really is! The goal of this is for these young teenagers to think more clearly when they get behind the wheel and be more aware of the actual risk they have when they do these things! I myself am 16 and a new driver, I know how fun it can be to go around driving with friends but especially operating a vehicle I know a good moment can turn sideways so quickly so it's important to me that my own friends and classmates are getting home safe. Education on the topic of stunt driving, distracted driving and more to teenagers can save young lives.

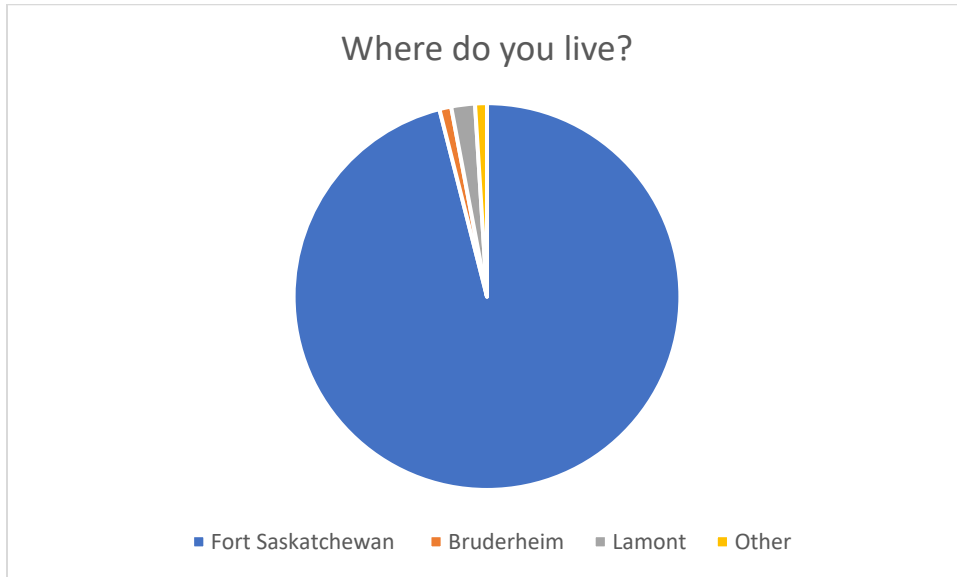
- We still have lots of problems with drivers. Texting while driving seems to be constant when around the city. We live in valley point and the noise from vehicles and motorbikes revving their engines before entering and after they exit the playground zone heading west on Westpark drive has increased in the last 2 years. The stunting on the road to west rivers edge and boat launch parking lot has also increased and can be heard many evenings from valley point area because the vehicles have loud exhaust.
- Better supports for domestic violence and abilities to retrieve belongings after leaving unsafe environments with EPS presence, leaving domestics often leaves you and your kids with little belongings.
- All those offences are important at the same level if it affect the citizen. If a crime has been committed investigate with the same priority as each has taken place.
- More speed control on highway 21 in the morning between 5am and 7am and in the evening also between 4:30 and 6:30.
- There is an unbelievable amount of ridiculously loud vehicles in Fort Saskatchewan. Loud trucks seem to be a big issue in my area. Another problem is extremely loud motorcycles in the summer time. It's known that people come to Fort Saskatchewan to ride their loud motorcycles to avoid the noise bylaws in Edmonton and other cities. I think Fort Saskatchewan bylaw should crack down on this issue. Our city is fantastic and this addition would make an already amazing city even better. Thank you for reading this. All the best.
- Do our best to allow front line officers time to talk to citizens to explain things about policing calls and what police are required to do.
- RCMP patrols should try and drive down every street at least once a week. The RCMP and Peace Officers should regularly trade their cars for bicycles and patrol the trail system.
- Stop firearm smuggling and general thievery.
- Homeless making encampments in baseball dugouts. More bike patrols during summer months and night time in parks.
- I think Bylaw/RCMP should post themselves in school zones OUTSIDE of morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. There are so many vehicles bumper to bumper during those busy

mornings and 3pm, it's virtually impossible to speed through a school zone. I understand they're also monitoring for other potential hazards, but I often see cars zip through school zones on school days while classes are on, that to me it seems a more effective use of time and manpower to have Bylaw/RCMP pull over and educate (or ticket!) these offenders during those times of the day then when it's too busy to speed through. I also think Bylaw should drive through residential neighbourhoods more often, especially in the winter months to educate (or ticket!) homeowners who continually blow their driveway's snow onto the street. It can become such a hazard. Sometimes it's obvious on a freshly bladed street which homes have just cleaned off their driveways onto the road, so a knock on their door and a short visit to educate the homeowners how that is against bylaw and they could face fines... might be enough for them to stop doing it. A suggestion for "community engagement" or "community involvement" would be to have Bylaw down at the dog park more often, handing out free poop bags to owners and educating them about picking up after their pets and how costly the fine is if they don't. All of the off-leash pens are bad but one in particular is so extremely unsanitary for the amount of dog poop not picked up, I hesitate taking my dog into that pen anymore. I may even go so far as to suggest that young offenders are taken to the dog park with shovels and bags in hand, and pick up the poop, as part of their designated hours of community service.

- It will only make the community safer if you allow Fort Saskatchewan Peace Officers to be Peace Officers and not just glorified bylaw.
- Our Peace Officer program is a joke. For some reason, we have Community Peace Officers (CPO's) that are restricted from using their authority due to Fort Saskatchewan policy. These officers have authority from the Solicitor General of Alberta to conduct arrests pertaining to the provincial statutes that they are authorized to enforce and can arrest on outstanding warrants among various other community policing roles. The city of Fort Saskatchewan has restricted them from doing non-other than bylaw and traffic stops, but hey - if you come across someone in the execution of those exact duties that has warrants or is non-compliant, you better keep you're hands off and call the RCMP. This program needs to be examined as all you are doing is creating liability for the city and the officers.
- Following on Strathcona county's dog license initiative.
- Transparency and communication with the community and the rural communities within jurisdiction.
- Put a playground zone/30km per hour sign on Greenfield Way. Why are they the only playground in the city without signage. This might slow down some of the young drivers who are constantly excessively speeding in this area. We saw 4 in an hour and a half while working in our front yard. We also see them everyday when out walking. This is unbelievable in an area where pedestrians have to share the road.
- How do we get bullying and youth issues under control to make it a safer community for all people?

- Please stop concentrating the majority of traffic crime on photo radar and start patrolling the neighborhoods more for speeders
- More police officers
- I still feel relatively safe in Fort Saskatchewan however worry as the community continues to rapidly grow, so will crime grow. I missed the forum at the DCC but wonder maybe next year if the event could be added to the Fort Sask.ca Community monthly calendar (it was not on the community calendar this year)? Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe.

Question 5:
What area do you live in?



- ✓ 96% of survey respondents indicated they live in the City of Fort Saskatchewan
- ✓ 2% of survey respondents indicated they live in Lamont
- ✓ 1% of survey respondents indicated they live in Bruderheim
- ✓ 1% of survey respondents indicated they live elsewhere