



## RCMP Annual Police Priorities Final Report – 2014/2015 Police Year

The Annual Police Priorities (APPs) for 2014/2015 were developed based on Council direction and community consultation. Four priorities were set, and measurable initiatives developed to support progress in each area. Results achieved and contributing to overall community safety are as follows:

1. **Traffic Safety:** Throughout the year RCMP and Municipal Enforcement were engaged in joint operations and roving patrols which provided opportunities to educate the public and enforce applicable traffic laws. These activities also served to increase the visibility of both RCMP and Municipal Enforcement officers, and contributed to safety for all users of our roads. The planning of traffic operations are based on priorities, risk assessment, and complaint based and officer observed issues. Traffic operations are above and beyond our regular roving traffic enforcement.
  - This past year saw a continuation of maintaining a zero fatality rate in our city.
  - Over the previous APP year, serious injury collisions decreased 10%, despite a growing community with increased vehicular traffic and demands on our infrastructure.
  - We are achieving good results through enforcement, education and a partnership with our Infrastructure Management Department.

The following provides a four year view of common traffic statistics:

ACTIVITY	2011	2012	2013	2014
Collisions	619	645	662	667
Criminal Code Driving	286	368	312	276
Violation Tickets	1262	1651	2355	4312

This past year 123 traffic operations were conducted. In addition, the issuance of positive tickets by RCMP and Municipal Enforcement recognizes youth obeying traffic laws and involved in other positive activities. This past year 92 positive tickets were issued to youth.

Educational messaging through various media has focused on informing the public of monthly enforcement campaigns, enforcement results and safe practices. This past year saw 20 such media releases.

We are making the best use of our two dedicated traffic resources and plan to grow this section over the next few years to meet the needs of high traffic volumes in our growing city.

2. **Substance Abuse (Drugs):** This priority focused on both education and enforcement. Our commitment to substance abuse education includes talks to various groups, media releases and delivery of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program to students of elementary and junior high schools in our city.
  - DARE was delivered to 840 students in our schools.
  - Our educational efforts have empowered citizens with the knowledge to make good choices.
  - We need to keep vigilant enforcement in this area as increase in drug use can have significant negative impacts in other crime areas in our city.

- This priority is not only focused on the interdiction of illegal drugs, but as well as the development of human sources of drug intelligence. Efforts have also included further education for our members in drug related investigations.

The following provides a four year summary of drug enforcement:

<b>Drug Enforcement</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Number of Persons Charged	25	12	26	35
Reported Incidents	169	140	197	171

**3. Crime Prevention:** This priority had a specific focus on youth and seniors in our community.

- Activities and information were shared with our Building Bridges group which resulted in mutually beneficial partnerships.
- Activities from this past APP period include:
  - Child restraint system inspection and education targeting parents and grandparents.
  - Take Back the Night, bringing attention to violence against women in partnership with the Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society (Families First).
  - Violence against women vigil in partnership with Families First.
  - Presentations to seniors on the subjects of harassment and fraud.
  - One of six communities that participated in a national “RCMP Talk” webinar during the National Cyber-Bullying Conference in partnership with Rudolph Henning School.
  - Presentations to students and citizens on the subject of bullying/cyber-bullying.
  - Participation in Pink Shirt Day activities.
  - RCMP joined forces with Family and Community Support Services, Fire, EMS and other stakeholders to provide presentations and demonstrations through the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) program.
  - Presentations provided to Outreach and Fort Saskatchewan high school students on a variety of topics.
  - Media releases were dispatched on the subjects of Halloween safety, bike safety and various other topics.

**4. Crime Reduction** – This priority had a specific focus in the ongoing monitoring of habitual offenders and enforcement of their court imposed bail conditions, as well as identification of problem areas requiring additional police attention.

A list is maintained of all such offenders currently residing in the Fort Saskatchewan Detachment area. These compliance/enforcement activities have resulted in 83 breach of probation/recognizance charges being laid against individuals. Our plan also focused on the targeting of known traffickers.

No problem areas have been identified in our community that require additional police attention. Activities such as drug and property crimes do not occur in a specific area and are not dependent on the time of day or day of week.

**Conclusion:**

The setting, tracking and reporting of activities supporting APPs allows the Detachment to focus on proactive targeted activities. The process of setting the APPs and developing supporting initiatives based on Council direction and community input ensures these priorities are connected to community concerns and address local needs. Fort Saskatchewan continues to remain one of the safest communities to live in.