



RCMP 2015/2016 Annual Performance Plan Priorities Final Report

The **Annual Performance Plan Priorities (APP)** for 2015/2016 were developed based on Council direction and community consultation. Four priorities were set and measurable initiatives developed to support progress in each area.

The results achieved and overall contribution to community safety are as follows:

1. Traffic Safety:

During the reporting period, the RCMP Detachment, Municipal Enforcement and local Integrated Traffic Units engaged in 106 traffic operations. These operations, in addition to numerous directed traffic enforcement activities and general patrols, led to opportunities to educate the public and enforce applicable traffic laws. These activities increased the visibility of both RCMP and Municipal Enforcement officers, and contributed to safety for users of our roads.

- This past year saw the City maintain zero fatalities from motor vehicle collisions. When compared to the previous APP year, injury collisions increased by 1 to 52 but remained fewer than 2013.
- Property damage collisions increased by 34 to 650. This includes 63 collisions that fell below the threshold for mandatory reporting.
- We are achieving good results through enforcement, education and engineering in partnership with the Infrastructure Management Department but there is room to improve.
- A continuing area of concern for residents of Fort Saskatchewan is excessive traffic noise. Officers remain vigilant to the issue. The final quarter of the reporting period saw 8 traffic operations and 36 charges laid in proximity to the locations of concern.

The following chart provides a three year view of common traffic statistics:

OFFENCE	2013	2014	2015
Injury Collisions	57	51	52
Property Damage Collisions	608	616	650
Criminal Code Driving	312	231	251
Violation Tickets	1916	4195	3374

2. Substance Abuse (Drugs):

This priority is 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) and Start Smart, Stay Safe (S4) programs to students of elementary and junior high schools in our city.

- Our educational efforts have empowered citizens with the knowledge to make good choices.

- DARE and Start Smart, Stay Safe (S4) programs were delivered to 837 students in our schools through 35 presentations.
- During this APP period, drug enforcement remained a focus and 145 cases were investigated, down 9% from 160 cases the previous year.
- 36 individuals were arrested and charged with a variety of drug related offenses resulting in 38 charges. One arrest resulted in a seizure of over a quarter pound of methamphetamines.
- Increased intelligence led drug enforcement has contributed to Fort Saskatchewan remaining one of the safest communities to live in.

The following chart provides a three year view of common drug related statistics:

DRUG ENFORCEMENT	2013	2014	2015
Number of Persons Charged	38	33	36
Number of Files Cleared by Charge	47	17	38
Cash Seized	\$17,630.00	\$7,110.35	\$3,250.00
Street Value of Drugs Seized	\$102,900.00	\$11,383.50	\$24,049.00

3. Crime Prevention:

This priority focused on working with youth, seniors and businesses. Extra attention was given to reducing instances of domestic abuse.

- Activities and information were shared with our Building Bridges group which resulted in mutually beneficial partnerships.
- Some of the activities from this past APP period include:
 - Take Back the Night, bringing attention to violence against women partnership with the Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society;
 - 16 presentations made to seniors on the subject of fraud;
 - presentations to students and citizens on the subject of bullying/cyber-bullying;
 - participation in Pink Shirt Day to bring attention to bullying prevention;
 - 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 focused on collaboration between RCMP and Municipal Enforcement officers to fortify strong and lasting relationships, as well as, a visible police and enforcement presence. The prevention efforts paid dividends that are difficult to capture in a metric.

- Detachment members were actively involved in monitoring 26 prolific offenders. This led to 64 charges being laid for a variety of offences.
- Crimes against persons decreased 14.1% to 517 occurrences from 602 in 2014.

- Property crime remained fairly constant decreasing slightly (about 2.4%) to 1326 occurrences from 1359 in 2014.
- Other factors contributing to the decrease in crimes this year include:
 - issuing 113 “Positive Tickets” to youth observed obeying the laws or doing good deeds. This is up from 85 positive tickets that were issued in 2014;
 - foot patrols throughout the community providing citizens with invaluable face time at various businesses, parks, schools and establishments;
 - red serge duty was conducted at various community events (Remembrance Day, Canada Day, Sheep Drop, Trade Show, Much Music Dance and Career Day);
 - the Detachment partnered with MIX 107.9 to co-host the morning shows with officers speaking of their experiences as police officers, talking about family violence and volunteer month;
 - the Detachment has significantly increased its public profile in the community and we hear this feedback from citizens on a routine basis.

The setting, tracking and reporting of activities supporting the APP allows the Detachment to focus on proactive targeted activities. The process of setting the APP priorities and developing supporting initiatives based on Council direction and community input ensures these priorities are connected to community concerns and address local needs.