

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

School Resource Officer 2015/2016 Year End Report

Purpose:

To present an overview of the 2015/2016 School Resource Officer program in Fort Saskatchewan.

Background:

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is nearing completion of its second year of operation in Fort Saskatchewan.

The SRO program in Fort Saskatchewan was originally adopted by Council during the 2014 budget deliberations, as a service over and above core policing as defined in the Municipal Police Service Agreement. Funding for the SRO is consistent with the funding of other RCMP Officers (i.e., the City pays 90% of the salary expenses).

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

In May 2016, Council approved the 2016/2017 RCMP Annual Performance Plan (APP) containing three priorities, one of which was to reduce substance abuse in Fort Saskatchewan. The SRO program provides drug education and drug related enforcement in support of the APP.

Report Highlights:

Positive initiatives of the past year's SRO program, include:

- Criminal investigations conducted by the SRO
- Enhancing traffic safety in relation to pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) program delivery
- School Action for Emergencies (SAFE) school planning completed at two schools

Future plans include:

- The use of mediation and conflict resolution to help resolve community concerns
- Expanding traffic and drug related initiatives to enhance student safety
- Option 4 Solutions, an innovative program providing students the option to attend behavior modification education sessions rather than pay a monetary fine
- Increasingly robust reporting of SRO activities and outcomes
- Conducting violence threat risk assessments for children/youth who are in high-, higher-risk situations

Attachment:

Fort Saskatchewan RCMP Detachment School Resource Officer Program Year End Report
2015/2016

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