



Alberta RCMP: Alberta's Provincial Police Service

2019

> RCMP BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION

Albertans living in RCMP jurisdictions

2019 est. **1,840,191**

Albertans served through the
Municipal Police Services Agreement
est. **935,394**

Municipal RCMP Contracts
45

Albertans served through the
Provincial Police Services Agreement
est. **904,797**

Rural RCMP contracts
104

over **4.37 Million** contacts with Albertans

EMPLOYEES

RCMP employees working in Alberta **4,555**

Regular Members > Contract Policing **3,014**

1,643
Provincial

1,371
Municipal

324
Regular Members >
Contract Policing

1,217
CMs & PSEs
Civilian Employees

Cadets received
from Depot
285

Police
Dogs
22

Federal &
Specialized
Policing
Services

Internal
Services
60

FILES

233,932 Calls to OCCs (911)

930,258 Total calls to OCCs

810,950 PROS Files Opened

126,117 Property Crime Files

37,953 Persons Crime Files

393,408 Traffic Related Files

263,369 Number of People Charged

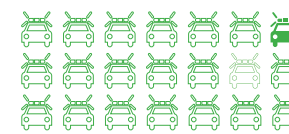
215,619 Criminal Code Investigations Initiated

56 Homicide Investigations Initiated

55,186 Motor Vehicle Collisions Reported

5,192 Reported Injury Collisions

ASSETS



1020
Frontline
Vehicles
Police spec marked/unmarked
vehicles and marked trucks



210
Frontline Seasonal Vehicles



113
Detachments



37
RCMP Watercraft

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ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Commanding Officer



I am pleased to present the Alberta RCMP 2019-2020 Annual Report which highlights the hard work and dedication of the 4,555 employees of the Alberta RCMP.

Policing is about people and over the past year, we have prioritized our commitment to working with the communities in which we live and work, ensuring that the citizens we serve are the voice of our policing priorities. By working together, we have implemented localized, integrated and community-based policing strategies to prevent and address crime.

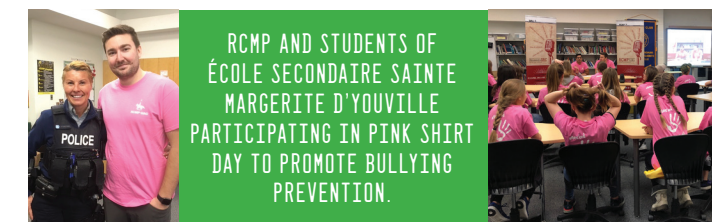
Our employees are Albertans serving Albertans and we are all very proud of the RCMP's longstanding history in this province. Through the continued support of the Government of Alberta, law enforcement partners and the communities we serve, we are advancing our goal of having strong and resilient communities across Alberta.

Curtis Zablocki

M.O.M. | Deputy Commissioner | Commanding Officer "K" Division

> Community Engagement

Community involvement is an important building block of being a successful police service. The Alberta RCMP works to foster relationships with citizen-led groups such as Rural Crime Watch, Citizens On Patrol, and Crime Stoppers. We rely on these groups to not only be the eyes and ears of our communities, but to also participate in our crime prevention initiatives.



Holding town halls and community events allows us to hear the perspectives of Albertans and set policing priorities accordingly. Many detachments have hosted events such as Mochas with Mounties and Coffee with a Cop — giving communities the opportunity to have informal discussions with Detachment Commanders. Beaverlodge RCMP recently held a Facebook Live Town Hall in order to reach a broader demographic, including youth. It was a successful video with over 4,100 views. We will continue to evolve our community engagement efforts to enhance Albertans' input and hear from our communities to set our priorities, as we have done for years.

Our work within schools is another key component to our community policing. This past year, we participated in a national initiative called RCMP Talks, which allowed youth to have meaningful conversations with other students from across the country. Some discussion topics included impaired driving and bullying. Manning RCMP and Victim Services participated in the Food for Thought initiative, preparing free breakfast for students struggling with food security. Red Deer RCMP also supported the building of a new playground for a local elementary school.

Charity fundraising is also an important part of the work our detachments do to support communities. Stuff the Cruiser and Cram the Cruiser are popular events in which various detachments and crime prevention groups fundraise for local food banks. Other detachments have worked with Sport Central to obtain sports equipment for kids in their community.



RCMP participating in Stuff the Cruiser and Cram the Cruiser Food Bank fundraisers.

SELECT PROPERTY CRIME BY FISCAL YEAR



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

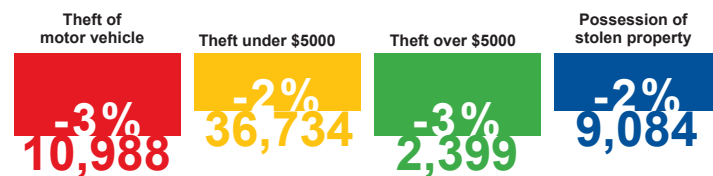


> Crime Reduction

Property crime continues to be a leading concern for many Albertans. In response, Alberta RCMP has focused on strategically reducing crime rates using targeted enforcement and prevention initiatives. Working alongside detachments throughout the province, the Alberta RCMP Crime Reduction Units addresses community priorities and local crime trends.

Alberta Crime Reduction from April 2019 - March 2020:

*NUMBERS COMPARED TO APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019



Alberta RCMP's Crime Reduction Strategy includes initiatives such as Data 2 Action and Project Lock Up. Data 2 Action turns criminal intelligence data into actionable steps aimed at reducing crime. The project focuses on our most vulnerable communities, targeting prevalent crime types in those areas. Project Lock Up allows RCMP and citizens to work together to respond to repeat victims of property crime; the program came from the realization that the same rural properties were repeatedly being targeted. Community Engagement and Outreach Specialists work with Albertans to minimize their properties' overall risk.

From March 2019 to April 2020, the number of top targeted properties – properties that previously experienced the highest rates of repeat crime – dropped by 55.4%. Over half of the properties did not report further incidents after Project Lock Up interventions.

> Federal Policing

Alberta RCMP Federal Policing plays a key role in one of the RCMP's most fundamental mandates: the investigation of serious, national or transnational incidents, criminal threats to Canada's national security and its economic, political and social integrity. We use an intelligence-led approach to identify, investigate, disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations, groups and individuals that threaten Albertan communities. Key activities targeted by Alberta RCMP Federal Policing are terrorism, foreign interference activities, organized crime, money laundering, border integrity and Transnational and Serious Organized Crime cyber-enabled activity.

The following two files demonstrate the specialized units within Alberta RCMP Federal Policing have been successful in protecting Albertan communities:

1. Drug Importation:

July 2019, through a combined effort, CBSA and RCMP Federal Policing seized 33 bags of methamphetamine (approximately 50kg) from a vehicle at the Coutts, Alberta border crossing. This stopped roughly 500,000 doses from making its way into Canada. The driver was arrested and later charged pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

2. Money Laundering:

A year-long investigation determined that an Edmonton-based company was operating as an unregistered money service business and had facilitated the transfer and receiving of funds for various cannabis dispensaries not federally licensed to produce and/or sell cannabis in Canada. Over 84,000 transactions equalling nearly 15 million dollars took place throughout the course of the investigation. Four directors of the business were charged with various offences under the Criminal Code and Proceeds of Crime, Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing Act.

> Traffic

As Alberta's Provincial Police Service, the RCMP is dedicated to promoting and enforcing roadway safety, and is often the first line of defence against travelling crime and drug trafficking. RCMP Traffic Units are strategically deployed across the province, using intelligence and collision data to keep motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and all road users alike, safe.

Between April 2019 and March 2020, there were 195 fatal motor vehicle collisions throughout Alberta, resulting in a total of 213 fatalities; 24% of all fatal collisions involved alcohol and/or drugs. These numbers demonstrate why it is crucial that the RCMP not only continue to enforce traffic laws, but also inform the public on how these types of roadway incidents can be prevented.

Each month, we develop a province-wide campaign based on the Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar theme. These campaigns focus on topics such as distracted driving, excessive speeding, motorcycle safety, and more. Through these monthly themes, the RCMP works to educate Albertans on how they can actively participate in traffic safety.

MOST DRIVERS AREN'T CRIMINALS,
BUT MOST CRIMINALS DRIVE...

In January 2020, the Alberta RCMP Roving Traffic Unit (RTU):

- Conducted three traffic stops over a four-day period on Highway 16 near Jasper. A total of 160 lbs. of cannabis was seized.
- Stopped a rental vehicle for a moving violation. Officers found excessive luggage covered by a blanket in the back of the car. Further investigation led to the seizure of 130 lbs. of cannabis products.



> Innovation and Technology

Technology is ever-evolving and can be challenging to keep up with in a policing environment. Throughout the past year, we have made numerous advancements in supporting the technological needs of our employees and the public. Our detachments now have more Wi-Fi access points and network line speeds are being upgraded throughout the division. These projects have provided us with faster downloading speeds for files such as in-car video footage and has reduced the amount of time employees are spending in the office on administrative tasks, getting them back out into the community.

The migration of all detachments to the Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System (AFRRCS) was completed in November 2019. This system was developed to ensure seamless communication amongst Alberta's first responders who traditionally had their own radio systems. Additionally, a pilot was launched to expand the use of the AFRRCS with Community Peace Officers who traditionally would not have access to the system. This pilot allows our municipal partners to continue supporting our employees and communities across Alberta.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPGRADE OUR TOOLS AND SOFTWARE OVER THE COMING YEARS. FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS NOT ONLY BENEFITS OUR EMPLOYEES, IT BETTER IMPROVES OUR SERVICE DELIVERY TO ALBERTANS.



> Drugs

The use of illicit drugs continues to pose a risk to Albertans. In an effort to minimize the current drug epidemic, Alberta RCMP has created an intelligence-based enforcement strategy to identify priority targets and areas of increased crime. This includes criminal activities associated with illegal drug trade, such as breaking and entering, theft, mischief, and violent crimes.

As a result of the strategy, related offences



Methamphetamine

Crystal methamphetamine (meth) continues to be the most prevalent drug on Alberta streets, with an increase of related offences recorded again this year. **Between 2018 and 2019, possession charges increased by 11%, with an overall increase of 239% since 2014.** This upward trend suggests that meth remains more easily accessible and readily available to Albertans.

To address the issue, the Provincial Methamphetamine Response Strategy was developed under the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime. This strategy was developed by the Alberta RCMP and various external partner agencies. The strategy uses shared intelligence to not only educate the public, but also combat the sale of illicit drugs.

TOTAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Drug Charges:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	CHANGE 2018-19
Production	147	130	130	111	40	-64%
Possession	7,937	6,739	6,735	5,383	3,309	-39%
Trafficking	3,410	3,087	3,075	3,024	2,428	-20%
Other	242	212	161	150	230	+53%
TOTAL	11,736	10,168	10,101	8,668	6,007	-31%



Illicit drugs and related paraphernalia seized by Alberta RCMP.

Opioids

The use of opioids in Alberta continues to rise. **From 2018 to 2019, opioid offences (not including heroin) increased by 34%, with 309 offences in 2019.**

Since 2016, 2,219 individuals in Alberta have died from apparent accidental drug poisoning related to fentanyl, with 523 in 2019 alone. While non-fatal overdose statistics have remained consistent over the past year, deaths due to accidental drug poisoning related to fentanyl decreased 21% between 2018 and 2019.

> Looking Ahead

With the financial support of the Government of Alberta, the RCMP will create 76 new police officer positions and 57 new civilian positions between 2020 and 2021.

Focusing on rural crime reduction, the RCMP will use funds to not only increase the number of officers at smaller detachments throughout the province, but also to enhance frontline supports and specialized units. An integrated service delivery model ensures the benefits of additional RCMP resources are felt across Alberta as a whole.

The Police Advisory Board is dedicated to working with communities to set policing priorities and allocate resources to target crime. We will continue our efforts to provide Albertans with the provincial police service they expect and deserve.



To date, we have filled a total of 46 of the new positions to increase rural policing levels and to enhance rural crime reduction efforts. The filled positions include 25 frontline police positions in Alberta rural communities; 18 centralized police officer positions to provide support and specialized services to all rural Alberta RCMP detachments; and three civilian support positions to provide administrative and program support across the RCMP provincial jurisdiction.