

# REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION

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CPC Full Commission Meeting

## **Crime and Safety – Traffic Safety Plan**

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 For approval  
 For information

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**REPORT TITLE:** Traffic Section  
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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PowerPoint presentation will provide an overview of the units that make-up the Traffic Section, and the Traffic Safety Plan (2018-2022):

- Traffic Response Unit
  - Checkstop Operations, Collision Investigation, Motorcycle Escorts, Enforcement (*40 Constables / 4 Sergeants*)
- Residential Traffic Safety Unit
  - Traffic Safety Request Program, Community Outreach, collaborate with City partners (*4 Constables / 4 Peace Officers / 1 Sergeant*)
- Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit
  - Photo-radar, Intersection Safety Cameras [red light and speed on green] (*43 Peace officers / 1 Constable / 1 Sergeant*)
- Alcohol & Drug Recognition Unit
  - Training of Officers, Expert Testimony, maintenance of instruments and equipment (*6 Constables / 1 Sergeant*)
- Collision Reconstruction Unit
  - Investigative Support, Expert Testimony (*7 Constables / 1 Sergeant*)

## **Highlights of the 2018-2021 Traffic Safety Plan:**

### Priority Streams

- Evaluate utilizing all available data sources
  - 57% of photo radar sites are citizen generated
  - 28% are in playground zones
- Engage and Educate through communication with citizens and partners to prevent unsafe driving behaviours
  - 81 community association meetings in 2019
  - More than 100 schools visited
- Enforcement supported by data, and responsive to citizens
  - 4061 photo-radar sites assessed (2017-19) based upon citizen request resulting in 19 new approved sites
  - Annual audit by province supports our compliance with guidelines

### **Response to changes in impaired driving laws**

Increased training of members in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

- 14 courses were held in 2019 with 162 members trained
- Includes new recruit training

Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)

- 15 additional members trained

2017, 2018 and 2019 registered as the lowest years on record for total fatal collisions, with pedestrian fatal collisions also scoring record low numbers in both 2017 and 2019