



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



CPS Monthly Chief's Reports: Crime Update – Bureau of Community Policing – June 22, 2022

Date

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Commission Role

- Information only Approval

Type of Meeting

- Full Commission meeting
 Governance and Personnel (G&P) Sub-Committee
 Finance and Audit (F&A) Sub-Committee
 Complaint Oversight (COC) Sub-Committee
 Anti-Racism Committee

Purpose

As part of the Chief's Report at the monthly Calgary Police Commission meeting, the Crime Update is intended to provide the members of the CPC with insights related to the ongoing crime trending as well as some of the efforts being made that could be shared publicly. This is not intended to replace the quarterly crime reporting and update as received through regularly scheduled reporting to the CPC as required.

Key Messages

- Crime trends continue to evolve as we move through the pandemic. Changes have been observed to continue to trend across a variety of crime types as noted.
- CPS focus on the impact of violent crime, especially shootings, gun and drug-related crime are ongoing.
- Following a spike earlier in the year, Break and Enters have been trending toward 5-year average results on a citywide basis. Several series have been identified with arrests and suspects identified accordingly.
- LRT and Transit safety continues to be a high priority for the CPS with ongoing partnership with Calgary Transit and through focused investigative operations.
- June was Commercial Vehicle Safety Month with successful Joint Forces Operations and additionally an emphasis on speeding and street racing through Operation Roadhammer.
- Robberies and major crimes updates will be covered off by the Bureau of Investigative Support.

Summary of Issues and Trends

The CPS focus on addressing crime is a critical part of our overall strategy and falls in line with the strategic goal of increased community safety and wellbeing. Several key strategic initiatives have been identified as part of the 2022 Annual Policing Plan including:

- Decreasing violent crime by targeting firearm related violence and robberies
- Decreasing property crime by targeting break and enters and auto theft
- Support vulnerable persons and improve call diversion (this includes Downtown safety)
- Increase road safety
- Increase capacity to support major events

The CPS will also be responsive to these priorities as well as new and ongoing crime trends that emerge. Some of the highlights since our last crime update include:

Overall citywide crime trending for May 2022 and YTD based on the 5-year average

April (last month)

Citywide	Apr 2022	Non-Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence	Domestic Reporting	Residential B&E	Commercial B&E	Vehicle Theft	Carprowing	Disorder
DIFF AVG (%)		4%	-22%	9%	-7%	1%	-3%	2%	-4%
Significance		→	↓	↑	→	→	→	→	↓
DIFF AVG (N)		20	-77	110	-22	4	-15	19	-301

May and YTD (to May 31, 2022)

Citywide	May 2022	Non-Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence	Domestic Reporting	Residential B&E	Commercial B&E	Vehicle Theft	Carprowing	Disorder
DIFF AVG (%)		3%	-27%	10%	-8%	-7%	14%	2%	-5%
Significance		→	↓	↑	→	→	↑	→	↓
DIFF AVG (N)		19	-99	121	-26	-27	56	21	-446

Citywide	YTD	Non-Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence	Domestic Reporting	Residential B&E	Commercial B&E	Vehicle Theft	Carprowing	Disorder
DIFF AVG (%)		11%	-21%	11%	0%	8%	5%	9%	2%
Significance		↑	↓	↑	→	→	→	↑	→
DIFF AVG (N)		293	-382	655	4	153	109	449	642

Legend:

Non-domestic violence: All levels of assaults, robberies (personal and commercial), extortion, etc.

Domestic violence: Family violence and violence involving domestic partners.

Domestic reporting: Reported occurrences in domestic situations that did not escalate to the point of violence

Residential B&E: Break and enters to residential properties and outbuildings.

Commercial B&E: Break and enters to commercial properties including premises, storage facilities, yards, etc.

Vehicle Theft: Theft of automobile

Carprowing: Entering of vehicles which may include theft of property from within

Disorder: A variety of occurrence types that impact on people's perceptions of safety including unwanted guests, suspicious persons, disturbances, etc.

Summary of highlights from trending charts above:

- Continued decrease in reported domestic violence however domestic reporting has continued to be higher than the 5-year average.
- Non-domestic violent crime continues to be slightly higher than the 5-year average YTD but was close to average levels for May. It has a correlation with temperature trending and economic activity given the removal of public health order restrictions.

- Shootings and gun violence continue to be a priority for prevention and investigative efforts.
- Commercial robberies continue to be trending higher than the 5-year average.
- Following a spike in March, residential and commercial Break & Enters have returned more in line with the 5-year average.
- Overall, Vehicle Crime is currently 8% above average. Although car-prowling's are at 5-year average levels, theft of vehicles saw an increase in May of 2022 and YTD are slightly above the 5-year average.
- In May there was a slight decrease in citywide disorder activity compared to the 5-year average (-446 calls). Year-to-date disorder activity is about the same as the five-year average (+642 calls). Social disorder and crime pertaining to the LRT has continued to be an area of concern and focus. Efforts are being made to address this in partnership with Calgary Transit.

Shootings:

The Service continues to focus efforts to address gun-related violence and shootings. To the date of this report (June 22, 2022), the City of Calgary has experienced 67 incidents classified as shootings. These files continue to be investigated either by our District General Investigations Units or the Organized Crime and Offender Management (OCOM) Section aiming to hold offenders accountable. From a prevention standpoint, the Service has continued to engage with community via townhalls and forums aimed at addressing risk factors.

Drug & Gun-related Investigations:

The districts continue to focus efforts on gun violence including the connection with illegal drug activity. These investigations are often involved and require ongoing resourcing to build the grounds to advance the files. As an example of this, members of District 2 GIU concluded an 8-month long investigation into a suspected drug trafficking operation which resulted in the seizure of a loaded pistol as well as a significant amount of drugs with an estimated street value of \$115,000.

Break & Enters:

The 5-year average for May is 725 incidents; there were 671 incidents recorded in May of 2022, down 7% from average and 33% higher than May 2021 (which was an anomaly year due to the pandemic). To the end of May, Break and Enter activity is 5% higher than average and up 46% from last year by this time. (YTD=3,592, AVG=3,434, 2021YTD=2,462).

Residential B&Es: The 321 residential B&Es (AVG=347, -8%) were comprised of 145 House (AVG=165, 2021=105) and 176 'Other' (AVG=182, 2021=136) incidents. Residential B&Es are up 33% from May 2021.

Commercial B&Es: The 350 incidents reported in May were slightly lower than the 5-year average and up 33% from May 2021 (N=263).

Efforts have been made to focus on the B&E crime series and repeat offenders. As an example, District 6 oversaw investigations into several break and enters occurring across multiple

districts. They were able to identify an offender who was linked to approximately 20 Break and Enters.

Grandparent Scam/Senior Fraud:

The CPS continues to address issues pertaining to fraud related offences aimed at elderly people. District 6 General Investigations Unit has been coordinating the investigation. Generally speaking, the "grandparent scam" refers to scammers posing as grandchildren of elderly people claiming they have been arrested and are in urgent need of money to secure bail. In other cases, the scammers have been known to pose as government or law enforcement officials looking to collect bail payments. Throughout the course of this investigation, officers spoke with several victims who courageously came forward to report their experience with an unknown man who was allegedly posing as a court-appointed courier. Between February through May 2022, fraudsters would make arrangements to show up at victims' homes to collect thousands of dollars. In April alone, approximately 20 similar incidents reported to police resulted in a combined loss of \$199,000. They were able to arrest and charge an individual with seven counts of fraud over \$5000, three counts of using a stolen credit card, and other related charges. The CPS has continued to publicly message warnings to educate the public on these scams and how to prevent being victimized.

Ongoing LRT Safety Initiatives:

The CPS continues to focus on LRT safety initiatives and follow-through with investigations pertaining to crime and social disorder on the LRT. On Monday, June 13, 2022, members from the CPS participated in a Calgary Transit Safety Stakeholder Meeting which included three members of City Council, Calgary Transit, City of Calgary Transportation, Alpha House, and the Calgary Homeless Foundation. The intent of the meeting was to explore opportunities to collaborate further and share insights aimed at increasing safety and the perception of safety on Transit.

As per last month's update, the CPS and Calgary Transit have established a working group aimed at prevention of crime and social disorder at various LRT locations and along the transit lines. Inspector Scott Todd from District 5 is the CPS lead on this initiative and is working with Community Resource Officer's (CRO's) and other members within the CPS and our partners with Calgary Transit. They are exploring different opportunities to engage in collaborative efforts to increase public safety. As an example, a citywide operational plan has been established leading into the Calgary Stampede aimed at addressing social disorder within the Calgary Transit corridor with a primary focus on the C Trains, their platforms, plus 15 areas and the waiting areas within stations. This operation will run in partnership with Calgary Transit in the early part of July 2022.

Traffic Safety:

June – Commercial Vehicle Safety Month

In line with June being the month for Commercial Vehicle Safety, the CPS Spring multi-Agency Commercial vehicle Check was conducted on June 7th -9th 2022 at various locations within the

City Limits of Calgary. Locations for the check were chosen that have a high volume of Commercial traffic. CPS also conducted a media availability on June 8, 2022, to focus on this safety initiative as well as Operation Roadhammer (speeding and street racing). Information was also pushed out via CPS social media platforms.

Several law enforcement agencies took part in the three-day check that included CPS, Edmonton Police Service, CN Police, TsuuT'ina Police Service, Sheriffs Highway Patrol, and members from Alberta Transportation Vehicle Safety Branch.

Over the three days of the check the following results were obtained.

A total of 220 commercial vehicles were inspected.

138 vehicles were found to have critical defects that placed them out of service. (63%)

34 vehicles were found to have major defects that required attention. (16%)

45 vehicles passed with no critical defects. (21%)

A total of 116 violation tickets were issued.

During the check 2 suspended drivers were arrested and charged and one driver was given a Provincial Administrative suspension for Alcohol in accordance with provincial legislation.

Two Tractor Trailer units had their registration documents and plates seized as their condition rendered them so unsafe. They were directed to obtain new Annual Commercial Vehicle Inspections before allowed back on the road. Five other vehicles were also directed for repairs as they had major defects under the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Standards.

Speeding and Street Racing

As an example of the results from this focused enforcement, the following was communicated externally through social media:

“Last weekend, Traffic officers conducted enforcement in the 6100 block of Barlow Trail S.E., and the 6500 block of 76 Avenue S.E. 36 traffic summons were issued and four vehicles were towed due to either not having insurance, registration or an I.R.S. for failing a breath test.

This focused enforcement effort will continue over the summer months, as resources allow. Anyone who has concerns with street racing in their community is asked to report it through a Traffic Service Request.”



<https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-requests.html>

Attachments (if any)

Nil.

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