



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



2022 February – Pandemic Update on Crime and Social Disorder

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

- Obligation under the Police Act
 Update on progress
 Other: Item on Chief's Report – regularly scheduled update

Recommendations

The report be received for information.

Background / Issue

The CPS Covid Incident Management Team (IMT) continues to provide a coordinated response for the CPS with operational and investigative support, monitoring, planning, communication, and the long-term goal of transition to recovery and normalization of operations. The IMT also works with our Major Event & Emergency Management Section (MEEMS) to assess, plan for, and respond to various Covid-related demonstrations, protests, and convoys including addressing of the Public Health Orders.

Discussion / Analysis

The CPS continues to monitor and respond to the impacts of the pandemic from an operational perspective. Some highlights of the report will cover the following:

- Social disorder for January and YTD are trending in line with the 5-year average.
- 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.
- Some of the crime trends continue to be reduced in line with the pandemic with slight trending to return to the average zones. This includes break and enter and theft of auto.
- Non-domestic violence has shown a slight increase as compared to the 5-year average.
- As reported previously, reported domestic violence has shown a continued reduction however domestic reporting continues to be increased as compared to the 5-year average.
- Demonstrations and protests have continued with ongoing planning, response, and attention to address local impacts. This is similar to other jurisdictions in Alberta and across Canada.
- The CPS continues to address these demonstrations and protests attempting to work with organizers to maintain peace and public safety. On Feb. 7th, in response to the move toward slow-roll convoy protests aimed at disrupting Calgarians, approximately 80 tickets were issued (30 on site and 50 mailed out) for a variety of offences. Efforts continue to prevent the protests from causing an occupation or other concerns.
- In February, the CPS received a request sent to major police agencies across Canada for support to address the illegal protest in Ottawa and like most larger police agencies, subsequently provided support by sending a contingent of Public Safety Unit members to assist. Efforts were made to ensure that sufficient capacity remained to address potential demonstration and protest activity on a local level.
- The CPS continues to participate and collaborate with other stakeholders as part of the provincial Alberta Enforcement Framework for Repeat Offenders Operational Group which includes representation from:
 - o Alberta Health Services
 - o Alberta Labour & Immigration
 - o Alberta Prosecution Services
 - o Calgary Police Service
 - o Edmonton Police Service
 - o RCMP
 - o City of Lethbridge Police Service
 - o Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis
 - o Other Alberta Law Enforcement Agencies

Conclusion

The CPS will continue to monitor and support operational, investigative, human resource and communication impacts in relation to COVID to ensure the health and safety of its employees and the citizens it serves.

Attachments (if any)

Nil

Approval signatures

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