



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



2022 February – Crime Update – Bureau of Community Policing

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

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.

Discussion / Analysis

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

Although these priorities have been identified, the CPS will also be responsive to new and ongoing crime trends that emerge. A summary of the recent efforts will be provided including details pertaining to:

- **Kijiji Buy/Sell Task Force** currently is overseeing 36 files that they have taken over. They continue to advance the investigations and seek judicial authorizations to advance them. Over the past week, two of the cases were cleared by charges and several outstanding warrants executed. Efforts continue to identify links between the offenders responsible for these crimes with the ongoing Pharmacy and Cannabis store retail robberies.
- A number of **Break and Enter Series** were interrupted by following through with offender management strategies including an operation out of District 2 which resulted in the arrest of two prolific Break and Enter offenders estimated to be responsible for up to 30 B&E's.
- **Downtown safety** and efforts over the past month to address supporting the vulnerable and holding offenders accountable around Dermott Baldwin Way. Operation East Side continued to be implemented out of District 1 and involved the engagement of other City departments and social serving agencies. As a result of the initial operation and search warrants executed on four tents, a total of 28 weapons were seized along with 20 grams of fentanyl and 21 grams of methamphetamine. 12 suspects were arrested, totaling 71 criminal charges, in addition to 84 outstanding warrants. On Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, the Calgary Police Service, and partners came together to remove barriers to access services at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. Since then, the investigation into who was controlling the supply of illicit substances being trafficked by way of violence and intimidation has been ongoing and as a result, two additional people have been arrested and an additional 3 search warrants were executed on a hotel room and two storage lockers. A variety of evidence was seized for further criminal offences including possession for the purposes of trafficking, possession of prohibited weapon, and other weapons and property related offences.
- The success of this operation was due to the collaborative approach including partners at the Calgary Drop-In Centre, the Calgary Homeless Foundation, the Downtown Outreach and Addictions Program (DOAP), and Bylaw. The Calgary Drop-In Centre has reported that as a result of the resource and housing day last week **36 people** were connected with more than **97 services**. This included:
 - o Health services for 15 individuals, six of whom received COVID-19 vaccines, one who began treatment for opioid addiction, and one who was referred to detox.
 - o Twenty-one people who were connected to housing support by way of viewing apartments and/or assistance with applications.
 - o Eight people who received assistance with obtaining identification.

- Seven people were assisted with their taxes, which connects them with additional resourcing.
 - Two family reunifications, one relocated to Ontario and one that has since relocated to British Columbia.
 - One emergency pet shelter referral, with a guarantee that the owners could visit their pet at any time.
 - A couple who accessed the DI Housing Client Storage Project due to them having a great deal of personal possessions they wanted to ensure were kept safe until they could find housing.
- **LRT Crime, Social Disorder and Safety:** The CPS continues to focus on crime and social disorder on and around the related LRT stations. LRT safety is a Crime Reduction Strategy (CRS) priority for almost all the patrol districts. We have partnered with Calgary Transit to address the ongoing crime and social disorder on the LRT lines with increased police and peace officer visibility. Efforts to address these issues from a prevention standpoint are ongoing.
 - **Traffic Safety:** Efforts to address road safety including Traffic and District checkstop program (time permitting).

Conclusion

The CPS will continue to monitor trends in crime and social disorder and aim to address the priorities as outlined within the 2022 Annual Policing Plan. Given the fact that resources are limited, we will be prioritizing our efforts to address those issues that create the highest degree of harm.

Attachments (if any)

Nil

Approval signatures

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