The following report provides an overview of timely crime trends, crime statistics and updates from the Bureau of Investigative Support.

**Highlights**

- We continue to be concerned about ongoing organized crime and gun violence in our city. To date, our shooting numbers remain lower than during the same period last year and on-par with the five-year average, however many recent incidents have been brazen and put the lives of innocent Calgarians at risk.

- Our homicide numbers also remain lower than average, with no homicides occurring in October.

- Our Cybercrimes Team has been established as a leader in cybercrime investigations and has taken the Canadian lead on an international ransomware file.

- Our Drug Unit is launching a program to assist in overdose death investigations and track vital trends in relation to this.

- We have been working with our partners through Family Violence Prevention Month to raise awareness about resources and supports available to involved in domestic conflict.
Summary of Issues, Trends and Examples

Gun Violence and Organized Crime

- As of Nov. 20, 2023, there were 89 shootings in Calgary, which is a 26% decrease from the same period in 2022 (121).
  - The number of shootings so far this year is on-par with the five-year average for the same period, which sits at 88.
- There have been several very public and brazen shootings that have been connected to organized crime since we last reported to Commission, including:
  - One incident that occurred near a school in Pineridge on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, that resulted in one innocent bystander being shot.
  - A fatal shooting that occurred in a parking lot in Marlborough Park on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023. Two additional victims, who were at the location with the victim, were also shot and taken to hospital in this incident.
  - Several other shootings have also occurred in communities throughout Calgary, including in Marlborough, Abbeydale and MacEwan Glen. At this time, connections to ongoing organized crime conflicts have not been ruled out regarding the Abbeydale and MacEwan Glen shootings.
- We have responded to these recent shootings by engaging resources from across the Service to gather intelligence, investigate these offences and engage in suppression efforts to prevent retaliatory violence.
  - Our Organized Crime & Offender Management Section is monitoring almost 350 offenders with ties to organized crime. This includes ensuring offenders are abiding by court-ordered conditions, suppressing planned violence and conducting investigations and enforcement as necessary.
- Since the beginning of 2023, a total of 1,628 firearms were seized, recovered or turned into police in Calgary.
  - 248 of these guns (15%) met the definition of a crime gun. A crime gun includes all firearms that are unlawfully used, stored or possessed. Handguns and rifles made up the majority of crime guns, followed by shotguns and a small percentage of personally-manufactured firearms.
  - The most identifiable trend in crime gun seizures is a rise in smuggled firearms, which rose from 5% in 2020 to 14% in 2022. So far in 2023, 16% of all crime guns are determined to have been smuggled into Canada.
Homicides

- By Nov. 17, 2023, 18 homicides had occurred in 2023. In 2022, 24 homicides were reported during the same period.
  - No homicides occurred in the month of October.
- Investigators have laid charges in 10 of this year’s 18 homicides, representing a clearance rate of 56%.
  - All the remaining unsolved homicides that occurred this year were the result of a shooting.
- Thanks to advancement in forensic technology and the commitment of our Historical Homicide Team, we also recently laid charges in a 1994 double homicide. It is believed that two suspects were involved in the killings, and in 2020, investigators identified and charged one man. After further investigation, Historical Homicide Team detectives identified and charged the second suspect on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023.

Cybercrime

- Our Cybercrimes Team has taken a Canadian lead-agency position on an international ransomware investigation, after a Calgary company was the victim of a cyber attack in April 2023.
  - CCT investigated and shared intelligence regarding previously unknown threat actors with our international law enforcement partners.
  - From these, linkages to international investigations were identified, and the National Cybercrime Coordination Centre (NC3) and Europol requested CPS take a Canadian-lead position as multiple victims had been identified across the country.
  - In late September, CCT investigators attended Europol headquarters in the Netherlands, with the trip funded by NC3. Sixteen countries were represented, and CCT will continue to investigate Calgary and Canadian evidence, by way of judicial orders for evidence seizures, and collaborate with international partners.

Drugs

- Our Drug Undercover Street Team (DUST) continues to focus on the trafficking of drugs in Calgary. In recent months, DUST has concluded three separate undercover operations involving numerous offenders, that have yielded:
  - 56 Criminal Code charges
  - 54 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act charges
More than 1.3 kg combined of cocaine, Fentanyl, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, GHB and MDMA.

- After months of research, analysis and effort the Drug Unit is launching a program called OverDOSE.
  - This program will assist frontline members responding to illicit drug-induced overdose deaths.
  - To assist the investigation, responding officers will ask a predetermined set of questions regarding the overdose.
  - The information obtained will be analyzed to determine where the drugs are coming from and what trends are emerging in Calgary.

Family Violence Prevention Month

- November is Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta, and throughout the month, we’ve been working alongside other partner agencies, to bring awareness to the complex issue of domestic violence in hopes of inciting meaningful conversations about what resources are available for those in need.

- While calls for service pertaining to actual incidents of domestic violence are decreasing, domestic conflict reports received by the Calgary Police Service continue to show an increase, which has remained consistent over the past four years. This means more people are reaching out to us for assistance and to be connected with the right supports and resources before an act of violence occurs.
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### Reported Domestic Conflict Calls for Service

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### Child Abuse

- Child Abuse detectives were assigned an incredibly disturbing investigation which involved a 13-year-old who was the victim of multiple sexual assaults. This victim was particularly vulnerable to exploitation due to her low cognition and inability to recognize risk.
  - Detectives investigated criminal allegations, while at the same time, recognized the victim needed immediate help to prevent further victimization.
  - Through collaboration with resources including our Victim Assistance Support Team, Child and Family Services, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Board of Education, Hull Homes and the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, immediate and long-term supports were provided to the family.
- This is yet another example demonstrating the heavy nature of the files that Child Abuse investigators are exposed to. Detectives in this unit continue to be committed to the safety of children in Calgary despite the heavy workload and emotional toll that these investigations can have.

### ALERT

- Calgary ALERT investigators recently laid charges against a sex trade worker for allegedly drugging and robbing at least one Calgary victim in October 2022.
  - It is believed there are additional victims in Alberta, who may have been reluctant to come forward previously.
  - The accused is also facing similar charges in British Columbia.

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