



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



CPS Monthly Chief's Reports: Bureau of Investigative Support

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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

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

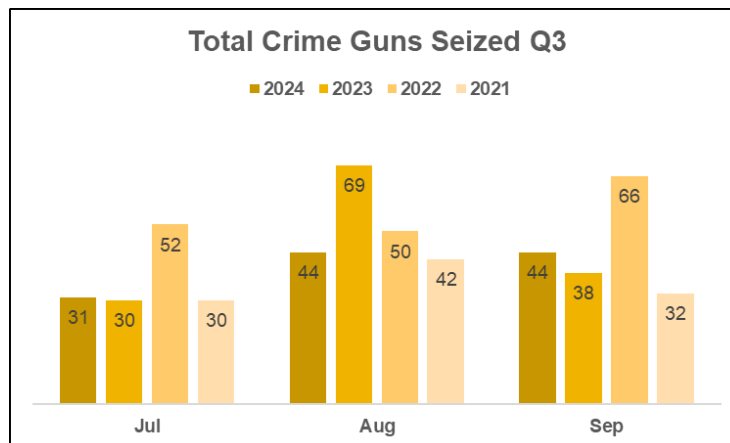
Highlights

- October marks both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Throughout the month, we have been sharing resources, red flags and information to help prevent victimization of children and anyone online.
- Our shooting numbers remain lower than average in Calgary, which also coincides with a decrease in the number of crime guns seized so far this year. We have continued to see these decreases following concerted suppression, enforcement and prevention efforts by our entire Service to reduce gun violence.
- Investigators in our Arson/Robbery Unit have been incredibly busy over the last month and have resolved several complex investigations.
- Our partnership with Chainalysis remains ongoing and after an ongoing training course is complete, we will have the most in-house cryptocurrency tracers of any municipal Canadian police agency. This training is vital to our ability to investigate crimes involving cryptocurrency.
- Our Organized Crime & Offender Management Section have also made significant progress in charging two individuals with orchestrating two very brazen shootings that occurred last year.

Summary of Issues, Trends and Examples

Gun Violence & Firearms

- As of Thursday, Oct. 11, 2024, there were 64 shootings in Calgary, compared to 81 during the same period in 2023 (21 per cent decrease).
 - 40 of these shootings have been determined to have been targeted.
 - So far, 15 have been confirmed to be the result of organized crime conflict in Calgary.
- In Q3 2024, 119 crime guns were seized from 78 different investigations. Crime guns include all firearms that were found to be illegally used, possessed or stored.
 - This is a 13 per cent decrease when compared to Q3 2023.



- Of note, 13 crime guns seized during Q3 were connected to organized crime investigations. Of these crime guns,
 - nine were handguns, three were sawed-off rifles and one was a privately-manufactured firearm (PMF).
 - five were determined to have been smuggled into Canada. The remaining eight firearms were a mix of stolen, unlawfully trafficked, privately-manufactured firearms, and the source of two firearms were undetermined.

Organized Crime

- Our Organized Crime & Offender Management Section recently laid [additional charges](#) in a pair of shootings that occurred in September 2023 on Glenmore Trail and in a townhouse complex in Seton.
 - Previously, only one man had been charged in the incident. This man has since been release on bail and is awaiting trial.

- After conducting extensive follow up, investigators were able to collect evidence against two additional suspects who were believed to have been responsible for the shooting on Glenmore Trail and then orchestrated the shooting in Seton.
- These two men are now facing charges attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder and accessory after the fact. At the time of the shooting, one of the men was on a release order after being arrested for firearms-related offences several months before the shooting occurred. After their recent arrest, both men have been remanded and remain in custody as of Oct. 17, 2024.
- Due to the complexities of organized-crime-related violence, it is often difficult for police to hold the individuals involved in planning these types of attacks accountable. In this case, investigators demonstrated a tremendous amount of skill and dedication to follow the evidence and not stop their investigation.

Homicides

- As of Oct. 15, 2024, there were 14 confirmed homicides in Calgary.
 - To date, eight of the 2024 homicides have been cleared (57 per cent).

Domestic Conflict

- In September 2024, we responded to 294 incidents of domestic violence, which decreased just under 10 per cent from the five-year average for the month.
 - In the first nine months of 2024, we responded to 3,040 incidents of domestic violence, which was approximately three per cent less than the same period in 2023 and approximately one per cent lower than the five-year average.
- In September 2024, we responded to 1,532 domestic conflict reporting calls, which decreased nine per cent from the five-year average for the month.
 - In the first nine months of 2024, we responded to 14,014 domestic conflict reporting calls, which was approximately three per cent less than during the same period in 2023 and 11 per cent higher than the five-year average.
 - Domestic conflict reporting refers to people recognizing a potentially dangerous domestic situation and placing a call for help. These non-criminal calls can include verbal altercations that escalated to the point that police were called or situations where one party asked police to be present during an interaction with an intimate partner or family member.

Child Abuse

- October is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
 - Earlier this month, we held a joint press conference with the Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre to raise awareness about [the growing concerns of online-facilitated child abuse](#).
 - Each year, Luna and its partners, which includes the Calgary Police Service Child Abuse Unit, support almost 3,000 children, youth and families impacted by child abuse, with approximately 75 per cent of the cases involving some form of sexual abuse.
 - In 2024, 110 incidents involving child abuse with an online component have been reported to CPS. Examples of online abuse can include image sharing and viewing, peer-based abuse and online luring. Of these incidents, 73 per cent of the victims were female, 23 per cent were male, and four per cent were gender diverse. Victims were 17 years old or younger, with the average age being 11.5 years old.
 - Throughout the month of October, we have shared tips on social media to help prevent child abuse, including reporting resources and common signs to help recognize situations of abuse earlier.

Cyber

- October is also Cybersecurity Awareness Month
 - Throughout the month, we have shared information about different cybersecurity risks affecting Calgarians via social media, including protecting children online, online safety for businesses, sextortion and artificial intelligence. We have also shared multiple resources for Calgarians to protect themselves, their families and their businesses.

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October is #CybersecurityAwarenessMonth!

This week, we are sharing information about keeping your business cybersecure!

Businesses can easily become targets with the increasing sophistication of cyber threats. We are reminding business owners & employees to ensure they are up-to-date on their organization's online security measures & to ensure they regularly backup critical data.... See more

- One of the most significant trends we continue to track is the increase of ransomware attacks targeting Calgarians. Our Blockchain Investigation Team (BIT) expects this trend to continue over the next year and is well placed to monitor and investigate these crimes.
 - BIT is hosting its third cryptocurrency tracing training event with Chainalysis, which will be completed in November 2024.
 - Training will be delivered to investigators focussed on drugs, human trafficking, organized crime, firearms, economic crimes and frontline policing functions.
 - This training places the Calgary Police Service with the largest number of cryptocurrency tracers in any municipal Canadian police service and greatly increase the Service's ability to investigate crimes enabled by the anonymity of virtual currency.

Arson

- As an update to last month's report, our Arson Unit has now identified all three youth suspects believed to be involved in an arson that occurred in Riverbend in

August. The fires caused significant damage to two residences while unknowing residents slept inside.

- As a result of the investigation, one youth is facing charges arson and public mischief. As of Oct. 17, 2025, they have been released from custody.
- Investigators identified an eight-year-old boy as the suspect of a series of garbage bin fires in the community of Pineridge. Due to the circumstances, the youth and their family have been referred to a child psychiatrist as well as a fire safety program led by the Calgary Fire Department.
- Earlier this month, our Arson Unit also charged a man in connection to a residential fire that occurred at a [townhouse complex in Monterey Park](#). Three residences were damaged during the incident and multiple residents suffered injuries.

Robbery

- We have laid additional charges against two men in relation to a series of casino robberies in Calgary, which were mentioned in our last report.
 - To date, two men have been charged with a total of eight counts of robbery with a firearm, two counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of an offence and one count of possession of crack cocaine. As of Oct. 17, 2024, one of the accused has been released on bail and the second remains in custody.
- Robbery investigators have identified and charged three youth with the robbery of a vape store that occurred in September 2024. During the robbery, the suspects utilized a stolen vehicle, caused significant property damage and caused minor physical injuries to a store employee who was peppered sprayed during the incident. One suspect remains unidentified and the investigation is ongoing. As of Oct. 17, 2024, all three have been released from custody.
- Our Robbery Unit is also currently investigating two series targeting cannabis and liquor stores, which have occurred in Calgary recently, including:
 - One man who is believed to be responsible for four cannabis store robberies in Calgary as well as two in Edmonton. We are collaborating with our partners in the Edmonton Police Service to investigate and identify this suspect.
 - Another man who is believed to be connected to five cannabis and liquor store robberies in Calgary. We continue to investigate the identity of this suspect.

Attachments (if any)

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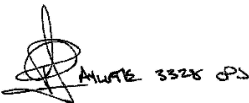
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