

**REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION****CPS Monthly Chief's Reports  
Crime Update – Bureau of Community Policing Nov 2024****Date**

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- 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 Bureau of Community Policing Crime Update is intended to provide members of the CPC with insights related to 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 as received through regularly scheduled reporting to the CPC as required and is intended to supplement the update also provided by the Bureau of Investigative Support.

**Key Messages**

- The Calgary Police Community Safety Dashboard is now live and available to the public.
- Bureau of Community Policing is shifting our report to focus on crime trending and operational initiatives and highlights to illustrate how we are tackling crime issues.
- Community Engagement Response Team updates are now included

**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.

**Attachments (if any)**

1. October 2024 Crime Trends and Operational Highlights

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# BUREAU OF COMMUNITY POLICING | BRIEFING NOTE



## Crime Trends and Operational Highlights – October 2024

### High End Home Break and Enter Series

In late October, a number of residential break and enters occurred in high-end homes that backed onto green spaces. A group of offenders smashed back windows or doors to enter the homes targeting cash and jewelry. Offenders are believed to wear masks and working in a group. Homes in Districts 1, 2 and 6 have been targeted. A public media release about this crime series has been completed, Community Resource Officers have been engaged and personally meeting with residents whom have been victimized, CCTV video footage of the suspects have been circulated and proactive patrols have been organized for the areas impacted as a prevention measure. Investigative work is still in progress to identify the offenders.

### Break and Enters to Restaurants and Grocery Stores

Since mid-September, multiple commercial break and enters were reported in northeast Calgary where offenders were smashing glass doors to enter restaurants or grocery stores targeting cash registers. Two offenders and a suspect vehicle were identified via CCTV video footage to be responsible for this crime series. Both individuals were arrested the first week of October while attempting another break and enter. One remains in custody in Calgary Remand and the second offender was released on a Judicial Interim on October 22, 2024.

### Robbery Series

Throughout August and September, seven cannabis, liquor and convenience stores were robbed by a lone male offender who threatened store clerks with a handgun while demanding product. Over the course of the investigation CCTV video evidence was gathered connecting multiple events together. In September, police issued a request for assistance from the public in locating and identifying the suspect. In mid-October, the accused was arrested by patrol members after robbing a Mac's convenience store and fleeing with merchandise. Robbery investigators took over the investigation from patrol and were able to lay 22 additional charges after connecting him to series of robberies that occurred earlier in the summer. The offender was charged with 17 weapons-related charges, four charges for failure to comply with a release order, and six counts of robbery and remains in custody.

It is believed with the arrest of these two individuals and the arrest of three youth suspects involved in another robbery series, that the increased robbery trend will show improvement in the months to come.

### Stolen Firearm and Drug Seizure

In February 2024, police became aware of man believed to be involved in drug trafficking. A District Operations Team was engaged and made several observations of the man conducting activity consistent with drug trafficking while driving a white Jeep Grand Cherokee. In late October after a lengthy investigation, a search warrant was executed on a residence and two vehicles, including the Grand Cherokee, in southeast Calgary. During the search, a hidden compartment containing cash, drugs and a handgun were located inside the vehicle. The search resulted in the seizure of approximately \$50,000 worth of drugs, cash and a stolen firearm. One man was taken into custody and charged with five firearm and weapon related charges, eight counts of possession controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of stolen property. He was released from Calgary Remand on November 6, 2024

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## Community Engagement Response Team (CERT) Highlights

### **Reconnection with Family**

District 7 CERT is one of four additional provincially-funded Community Engagement Response Teams that launched in September, complimenting the first four CERT teams that launched spring 2024. During their first day of deployment, the CERT members encountered a young man that had been homeless in Calgary for several years, struggling with addiction, mental health and disconnected from his family in New Brunswick. This individual had multiple interactions with Calgary police that were non-violent in nature and was flagged as a High System User (HSU) to be monitored by the CERT HSU Coordinator, in an effort to reduce interactions with police. CERT partnered with the Transit Community Outreach Team (COT) and multiple internal and external community partners to gain access to medication and basic need supports while establishing rapport and learning about his journey to homelessness.

Once he was assigned to the District 7 HSU Coordinator, he spent 47 days in custody providing a stabilization period, assisted in securing proper identification and medication, and reconnected with his mother over the phone. Prior to connecting with CERT, this individual had accumulated 61 documented interactions with police in the prior year, including 41 executed warrants, eight arrests for 16 criminal charges, six bylaw violation tickets and ultimately spending seven days in custody. Through the Urban Crime Initiative, CERT worked with Alberta and City Prosecutions for early case resolution to conclude his matters before the courts with the agreed custody time. During this time, he expressed a desire to return to his hometown, and his mother expressed a willingness to provide him a plane ticket home, where family could provide him with housing and support managing his addiction. He was released from custody and escorted directly to the Calgary airport in late October and reunited with his family later that day. On Oct. 31, the CERT HSU Coordinator checked in with him over the phone and he reported that he is thrilled to be back home in New Brunswick with family, forwarding photos of himself happily having dinner with them at home. This significant collaborative team effort between CPS and multiple partners arranging resources and support, led to successfully reuniting this individual with family, ultimately reducing interactions and calls for service with police and partners here in Calgary as a result.

### **Navigation Center Referrals**

There were 128 Navigation Center referrals by the CERT teams in the month of October.

### **Traffic Safety Initiatives and Statistics**

Oct: Pedestrian Safety Month

Nov: Child Safety Seats

### **Quick traffic stats:**

As of Nov. 14, 2024, there have been 22 fatal collisions, including eight pedestrian fatalities and one fatal collision involving alcohol / drugs (impaired number may increase as we receive toxicology reports which are delayed 1yr+).

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
Fatal Collisions	19	24	14	19	24	22
Alcohol/Drug Involved	11	0	8	6	7	1
Pedestrian	3	4	8	4	4	8
Fatalities	20	28	16	19	24	22

- October 2024 registered the highest collision total for this month on record at 16, marking a 170 per cent increase as compared to the October avg. (n=6) and capturing almost 25 per cent of total collision investigations YTD.

In total, there were nine fatalities, including four C-Train deaths, three pedestrians, one motorcyclist and one driver.

- October collision count has surpassed all other months of the 2024 year thus far and marks the continued shift in recent years of peak collision periods occurring later in the year due to extended favorable weather conditions.
- YTD, reportable fatal collision count and pedestrian fatal collision count have reached or are very close to reaching highest year-end totals in the five-year window and will likely surpass as the year is not over.

**Note: above numbers reflect only Traffic Section collision investigation totals (serious injury / fatal collisions - full binders) as we cannot report citywide collision counts real time due to data delays and processes with eCollision.**

- Also driving up YTD traffic collision investigation count is an unprecedented number of railway collisions (n=6). YTD railway collisions surpass all other year-end totals on record by a large margin as most years generally observe 0-2 incidents.