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Reason for Report

- Obligation under the *Police Act* or *Police Service Regulation*
 Obligation under Commission Policy
 Report on program and/or update on progress
 Response to Motion or Commission Inquiry
 Other:

Recommendations

1. That this report be received by the CPC for information.

Highlights

- This month, we recognize Calgary Crimes Stoppers, who has been a critical partner in maintaining public safety and reducing victimization over the past 43 years.
- In 2024, there was a notable decrease in shootings and homicides, with a majority of incidents being targeted.
- As we move into 2025, domestic violence, robbery and cybercrime continue to prevalent issues that we are working to address on multiple fronts.

Crime Stoppers

- The month of January marks Crime Stoppers Month.
- For the past 43 years, Calgary Crime Stoppers has assisted law enforcement in solving over 15,118 cases, with 7,449 persons arrested and over 12,446 charges laid.
 - Since the CPS began partnering with Crime Stoppers, over \$36.4 million worth of property and cash, and more than \$321 million worth of drugs has been recovered because of information that comes through Crime Stoppers.
- Crime Stoppers remains a vital partner for our Service and we are committed to continuing to work together to use intelligence to investigate and disrupt crime in Calgary.

Gun Violence

- 2024 ended the year with 78 shootings, compared to 100 shootings reported in 2023 (22 per cent decrease).
 - 51 (65 per cent) of these shootings have been determined to have been targeted.
 - So far, 23 (31 per cent) have been confirmed to be the result of organized crime conflict in Calgary.
 - Of the 2024 shootings,
 - nine (11.5 per cent) resulted in fatalities.
 - 30 (38.5 per cent) resulted in injury to a person.
 - 31 (39.7 per cent) resulted in damage to property
 - Eight (10.3 per cent) were firearms discharges with no damage to people or property.
- In 2024, 1,409 guns were seized. Of these, 546 met the definition of a crime gun (unlawfully used, stored or possessed).
 - This is a 10 per cent increase than in 2023, when 1,409 guns were seized. In 2023, 428 of these seized firearms met the definition of a crime gun.
- As of Jan. 14, 2025, only two shootings had been reported in Calgary, compared to three in the previous year.
 - So far, one of these incidents has been determined to have been targeted.

Homicide

- By the end of 2024, 18 homicides were reported in Calgary, compared to 24 in 2023.
 - So far, 11 of the 2024 homicide investigations have been cleared.
 - Of the remaining 7 unsolved homicides from 2024, six were fatal shootings.
 - Half of the homicides that occurred in 2024 were fatal shootings.
 - Five of the homicides that occurred in 2024 were domestic-related.
- As of Jan. 14, 2025, one homicide has occurred in Calgary.
- Last month, homicide investigators [laid charges in a fatal altercation](#) that occurred outside the Portico Lounge in September 2024.
 - Following a comprehensive investigation, detectives travelled to Yellowknife, N.W.T., where they interviewed and arrested the accused.
 - The victim and accused were not known to each other prior to the incident, which is believed to have escalated from a physical fight outside of the lounge. One man has been charged with second-degree murder, and as of Jan. 14, 2025, he remains in custody.

Domestic Conflict

- In 2024, the Service responded to 4,351 incidents of domestic violence, compared to 4,289 incidents in 2023, which reflects just over a one per cent increase.
- In 2024, the Service responded to 18,687 domestic conflict reporting calls, compared to 19,243 calls in 2023 (a decrease of almost three per cent).
 - 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.
- In 2024, the Domestic Conflict Unit (DCU) completed 196 Clare's Law disclosures.
 - Clare's Law provides individuals who feel at risk of domestic violence a way to obtain information about their partner's previous domestic violence history.
 - Through this request process, DCU conducts risk assessments and discloses important preventative safety information when appropriate.
- In 2024, the CPS Fugitive Apprehension Detail (FAD)/Habitual Offender Management & Enforcement (HOME) Team executed 802 arrest warrants.
 - FAD/HOME is specifically focussed on prioritizing, locating and arresting domestic offenders.

- Earlier this month, a high-risk domestic offender seriously assaulted a female victim and her two roommates. All three victims sustained significant injuries in the assault.
 - This offender has a significant domestic violence history and was the impetus for the adoption of Clare's Law in Alberta.
 - Due to the offender's history and risk level, FAD/HOME was immediately assigned and began investigating. The offender was located less than a week later and charged with 13 new offences. He remains in custody as of Jan. 14, 2025.

Robbery

- In December 2024, the Robbery/Arson Unit completed a long-term operation that began in November 2023 targeting a [group of youth who were believed to be responsible for cannabis store robberies in Calgary](#).
 - This was an incredibly complex investigation that required the analysis of both digital and physical evidence.
 - In October 2024, one youth was charged with four counts of robbery and subsequently released.
 - In December 2024, 58 warrants were issued for two additional young offenders. Investigators are currently in the process of working to locate them.

Cyber

- Our Cyber/Forensics Unit noted a 54 per cent increase in reported ransomware incidents in 2024 (43 files), when compared to 2023 (28 files).
- There was a 50 per cent increase noted in cryptocurrency-related losses by Calgarians in 2024.
 - In 2024, victims reported a total dollar loss of more than \$42.8 million in cryptocurrency-related files. In 2023, this reported loss was more than \$28.5 million.
- Throughout 2024, the Cyber/Forensics Unit, which includes the Cybercrime Team, Blockchain Investigation Team and Digital Forensics Team/Investigative Review Team, worked exceptionally hard to keep up with increasing resource demands.
 - This included finding efficiencies and creating a process for investigators outside of the Cyber/Forensics Unit to review their own forensic data in some cases.

Attachments (if any)

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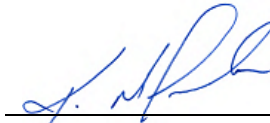
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