

**REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION****CPS Monthly Chief's Reports: Bureau of Investigative Support**ISC: ☒ Unclassified ☐ Protected A ☐ Protected B

Date | 2025 09 10

Submitted for☒ Information only ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision / Approval**Type of Meeting**

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| ☐ Executive Committee | ☒ Commission Regular Meeting |
| ☐ Finance, Audit, & Infrastructure Committee | ☒ Public Session |
| ☐ Police Personnel & Culture Committee | ☐ In-camera with CPS |
| ☐ Policing Services Committee | |
| ☐ Workplace Review Steering Committee | |

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.

Crime Update

- In Summer 2025, five additional homicides were recorded, bringing the year-to-date total to 11. One domestic-related homicide required a resource-intensive search operation and CPS investigation, resulting in a 1st degree murder charge against an individual.
- The CPS has seen an increase in fraud reporting in 2025. This may be attributed to the increase in public awareness of current trends. The totally number of fraud

occurrences, whether successful or attempted, was 806 in July and 615 in August.

- The rise in fraud can be driven by its geographic borderless nature and the low-risk and high-reward appeal. Advancements in technology, specifically in Artificial Intelligence, are enabling fraudsters to target Canadian populations with ease.
- In August, CPS recorded six shootings, none of which were fatal. As of September 10, there have been 35 shootings year-to-date, representing a 38% decrease compared to the same period in 2024 (n=56).
- In July 2025, domestic violence incidents in Calgary dropped 22.8% (n=338) from July 2024 (n=438), while domestic reporting remained steady at 1,727, showing only a 0.2% increase from the previous year, indicating a notable decline in violence despite consistent reporting levels.

South Asian Extortion Events

Operation Ripple

Operation Ripple was launched by the CPS in response to a concerning rise in extortion-related incidents targeting members of the South Asian community. While extortion-related crimes are not new, recent cases have escalated in severity, including threats and actual violence. With over 200 incidents reported nationally (mostly in Ontario and British Columbia) and few occurring locally, CPS reallocated resources to investigate these crimes, support affected communities, and enhance public safety. The operation emphasizes collaboration and community engagement. We are urging residents to speak up if they see or hear something suspicious.

South Asian Extortion Working Group

The Calgary Police Service has established a dedicated South Asian Extortion Working Group that meets weekly to coordinate efforts under Operation Ripple. This group fosters close investigative collaboration with the RCMP, Edmonton Police Service, and other law enforcement agencies in British Columbia. Together, we monitor emerging trends, share intelligence, and align investigative strategies to ensure a proactive and unified response to extortion-related threats impacting South Asian communities across jurisdictions.

Townhall Community Event

In late July 2025, the Edmonton Police Service held a townhall in response to approximately 30 extortion-related incidents affecting the South Asian community since 2023. While the CPS has confirmed significantly less extortion-related events, we acknowledge the community's concern about the potential spillover of similar threats into Calgary. In response, CPS hosted its own Townhall Event on August 12 at our Westwinds headquarters, attended by over 100 individuals including politicians, community leaders, and residents. During the townhall, CPS answered several questions from community members. The event aimed to strengthen community

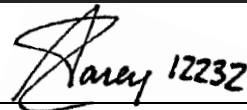
engagement, reduce barriers to reporting extortion, and improve victim support. CPS highlighted the availability of anonymous reporting options, including Crime Stoppers and a dedicated extortion email address, to ensure individuals feel safe and supported when coming forward.

Ongoing Investigation

Since the Townhall event, the Calgary Police Service has received additional reports of such threats. The Operation Ripple investigation remains active and has been reinforced with additional personnel to support its growing scope. To date, investigators have identified several victims, and efforts continue to ensure all leads are thoroughly pursued. CPS remains committed to working closely with community members and partner agencies to prevent further incidents and ensure the safety of all Calgarians

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