

**REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION****Bureau of Investigative Support: Crime Report**

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Reason for Report

- Police Act*, Police Service Regulation, or Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation
- Obligation under Commission policy
- Report on program or update on progress
- Response to Motion
- Other:

Recommendations

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

Crime Highlights

- In early March, the Gun Violence Enforcement Team (GVET) successfully executed a targeted investigation that resulted in the seizure of five firearms, multiple prohibited weapons and 3D-printed weapons from a residence and associated vehicle. Through coordinated efforts with TAC and patrol, officers safely recovered these weapons and removed from entering Calgary's streets.
- In late 2025, the Organized Crime Enforcement Team (OCET) initiated a multi-phased disruption strategy targeting a large, organized crime network. In early March, OCET,

supported by K9, TAC, Patrol and other surveillance units, executed a search warrant on two targets. A loaded handgun, large quantity of cash and multiple illicit drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine, and oxycodone valued at approximately \$20,000 was located. The individuals were arrested and subsequently released from custody pending the completion of the operations.

- Calgary is experiencing an increase in shootings incidents compared to previous years. As of March 10, there has been 23 shooting incidents, surpassing the 5-year average (n=15.8).
 - 39% of the 23 shootings have been linked to ongoing extortion series (n=9).

Drug Undercover Street Team (DUST) & Drug Investigations for Safer Communities (DISC)

This month, BIS highlights the integrated efforts of the Drug Undercover Street Team (DUST) and the Drug Investigations for Safer Communities (DISC) team which form a coordinated approach to drug enforcement in Calgary.

Drug Investigations for Safer Communities (DISC)

The DISC team was established following a successful 2023 pilot project to provide dedicated capacity for overdose-related investigations and online drug trafficking cases. DISC reviews all overdose deaths, develops intelligence from victim devices, and conducts cyber-based drug investigations on both the open and dark web. Their work often identifies suppliers linked to overdoses and feeds actionable intelligence directly to enforcement teams like DUST.

Drug Undercover Street Team (DUST)

DUST's mandate is to disrupt street-level drug activity while collecting intelligence that supports a broader effort to dismantle drug networks. Their work is primarily community- and data-driven, drawing on Crime Stoppers tips and district-level analysis of areas of concern. The team has had a fast start to 2026; by the end of February, members had seized several types of illicit substances including cocaine, crack cocaine, fentanyl, and methamphetamine.

The following two operations highlight the aligned strengths of both teams, one was initiated through DISC's overdose-related intelligence, and one was driven solely by DUST's Street-level investigative work.

Operation #1

Intelligence obtained by the DISC team from a cellphone belonging to an overdose victim led DUST investigators to a suspected fentanyl trafficker. Using this information, DUST initiated an undercover investigation that resulted in multiple fentanyl purchases between December 2025 and February 2026. Surveillance during this time linked the activity to a residence associated

with the ongoing drug trafficking and three prior overdose incidents over the past three years. With sufficient evidence gathered, officers coordinated enforcement action to safely disrupt the trafficking activity.

On February 18, 2026, the primary target was arrested without incident, and a search warrant was executed at the associated residence. Inside, officers located 11 individuals, nine of whom had a total of 49 outstanding warrants. The search resulted in the seizure of 10.4 grams of fentanyl, 45.7 grams of methamphetamine, cellphones, scales, and several weapons.

The primary target was charged with multiple offences including trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime and breaches. As of March 12th, they are currently remanded until their next court appearance.

Operation #2

In January, DUST launched an investigation into a street-level drug network operating across multiple locations. Through a series of controlled drug purchases and surveillance activities, investigators were able to identify key individuals, vehicles, and a residence associated with the group's operations. This work led to the execution of a search warrant on January 29, supported by TAC, Patrol, and other assisting units. Several individuals were arrested in coordinated vehicle stops prior to the warrant being carried out, and officers seized illicit drugs and Canadian currency from those taken into custody.

A subsequent search of the residence resulted in the identification of six additional individuals of interest, along with the recovery of a loaded handgun, body armour, ammunition, identity documents, and further drugs and cash. In total, 21 charges were laid against five people. Information gathered during the investigation has also assisted in linking the seized firearm to a broader cross-border trafficking concern, prompting ongoing collaborative work between DUST and the Firearms Investigations Team.

Future Direction

As the drug markets and overdose trends continue to evolve and grow more complex, the Service's ability to protect the community will depend on maintaining an investigative model that is both adaptive and innovative. CPS has already demonstrated leadership in this space through its enforcement, intelligence, and social-partnership approach, including being the first police agencies to assign a drug-specific online investigator in Western Canada. To strengthen our capacity to investigate higher-level trafficking and cyber-enabled drug activity, continued modernization in technology, digital tools, and investigative capacity will be essential to ensure the Service can meet the emerging challenges and effectively respond.

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