

2024-02-08

Sgt. Lew Simms
A/Detachment Commander Morinville RCMP
Morinville, Alberta

Dear Mayor Alanna Hnatiw,

Please find the quarterly Community Policing Report attached that covers the October 1st to December 31st, 2023 reporting period. The attached report serves to provide a quarterly snapshot of the human resources, financial data and crime statistics for the Morinville RCMP.

I would also like to update you on one of our current technological endeavours. Over the last decade, the RCMP has utilized Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) to support our specialized units, i.e. our Emergency Response Teams – which has been incredibly effective for enhancing police and public safety. Although the advancement of technology benefits industry and recreation, it facilitates greater accessibility for criminals, which requires a strategic response. To remain current in our ever-changing environment, and to be responsive to public reviews that call for better access to air support such as the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission of Inquiry, we are actively researching and testing new technologies in a policing environment to enhance public safety. One such technology is how we might use RPAS for potential new police applications. This includes how we might use RPAS to assist with select calls for service, crime photography, search and rescue, and unfolding critical incidents, i.e. an active shooter. With its potential and capability for wider applications, we are further considering program options for our municipal, rural, and Indigenous communities; scalable depending on community need and interest. While we will always need a helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft for the movement of resources, these larger assets are not always immediately available. RPAS technology is providing an opportunity for our communities to effectively have their own police air support, at a significantly lower cost. As I learn more about further opportunities and challenges, I will be sure to keep you updated and informed.

Your ongoing engagement and the feedback you provide guides our Detachment team, and supports the reinforcement of your policing priorities. I always remain available to discuss your community-identified policing priorities and/or any ideas you may have that will enhance our service delivery to address the priorities that are important to you. As the Chief of Police for your community, I invite you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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RCMP Provincial Policing Report

Detachment	Morinville
Detachment Commander	Sgt. Lew Simms *Acting
Quarter	Q3
FTE Utilization Plan	2023/24
Date of Report	2024-02-08

Community Consultations

Date	2023-11-01
Meeting Type	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	Community connection, with discussions on; Mental Health, Property Crime, Vehicle Thefts, and Traffic Safety. Very well received by the community.
Notes/Comments	On 2023-11-01 Sgt. Simms attended the Morinville Cultural Centre for a Coffee with a Cop. There were approximately 8 people in attendance.

Date	2023-12-14
Meeting Type	Community Connection
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Notes/Comments	On 2023-12-14 Sgt. Simms attended town counsel office, Bon Accord for a Coffee with a Cop. There were approximately 20 people in attendance.



Community Priorities

<p>Priority 1</p>	<p>Crime Reduction</p>
<p>Current Status & Results</p>	<p>The lock it or lose it program has dwindled down a bit and the members have been advised to increase patrols and give out the pamphlets. This is the most opportune time to check given that the temperatures have dropped and most people start their vehicles to let it warm up. The members have bought into it and there will be an increased amount for the next quarter.</p> <p>3rd Quarter Hot Spot checks completed October - 231 November - 297 December - 193</p> <p>A marked increase in reporting this quarter in large part the result of accurate record keeping by each Watch Commander.</p>
<p>Priority 2</p>	<p>Workplace: Employee Wellness & Respect</p>
<p>Current Status & Results</p>	<p>All watches are still getting together frequently when off shift. Some watches get together for breakfast on shift or go out for a lunch break together. These same watches also are seen playing online games together when off shift or meeting up a house and watching a hockey game. All watches get together well and many interact amongst all watches. The morale has seen an improvement and will only continue to get stronger.</p>
<p>Priority 3</p>	<p>Enhance Awareness and Education</p>
<p>Current Status & Results</p>	<p>On 2023-11-01 Sgt. Simms attended the Morinville Cultural Centre for a Coffee with a Cop. There were approximately 8 people in attendance. Community connection, with discussions on; Mental Health, property crime, vehicle thefts, and traffic safety. Very well received by the community.</p> <p>On 2023-12-14 Sgt. Simms attended town counsel office, Bon Accord for a Coffee with a Cop. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. Community connection, with discussions on; property crime, vehicle thefts, and traffic safety. Very well received by the community.</p>



Priority 4

Enhance Road Safety

Current Status & Results

As per APIS, 66 violation tickets were issued in the Sturgeon County and surrounding area. 16 in October, 25 in November and 25 in December. We are down 43 violation tickets from last quarter.

To increase road safety and Provincial Statute Offenses; to initiate one check-stop per watch per quarter, and to organize a radar/laser course to the members of the Morinville Detachment who do not have the course.



Crime Statistics¹

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed. Please see Appendix for additional information and a five-year comparison.

Category	October - December			January - December		
	2022	2023	% Change Year-over-Year	2022	2023	% Change Year-over-Year
Total Criminal Code	396	318	-20%	1,471	1,569	7%
<i>Persons Crime</i>	91	82	-10%	339	369	9%
<i>Property Crime</i>	248	192	-23%	896	962	7%
<i>Other Criminal Code</i>	57	44	-23%	236	238	1%
Traffic Offences						
<i>Criminal Code Traffic</i>	16	22	38%	88	77	-13%
<i>Provincial Code Traffic</i>	664	568	-14%	2,436	2,307	-5%
<i>Other Traffic</i>	3	1	-67%	21	10	-52%
CDSA Offences	0	3	N/A	15	11	-27%
Other Federal Acts	4	7	75%	31	26	-16%
Other Provincial Acts	70	125	79%	414	429	4%
Municipal By-Laws	6	9	50%	42	43	2%
Motor Vehicle Collisions	183	180	-2%	566	485	-14%

¹ Data extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.

Trends/Points of Interest





Provincial Police Service Composition Table²

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies ³	Hard Vacancies ⁴
Police Officers	16	14	2	1
Detachment Support	4	5	0	0

2. Data extracted on December 31, 2023 and is subject to change

3. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count

4. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments

Police Officers: Of the 16 established positions, 14 officers are currently working. There are two officers away on special leave (one Parental, one Medical). One position has been backfilled to ensure coverage. Two positions have two officers assigned to them. There is one hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the four established positions, five resources are currently working. There are two resources Surplus to Establishment. There are no hard vacancies.

Quarterly Financial Drivers

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**Morinville RCMP
Sturgeon County
Police Report
Quarter 3**



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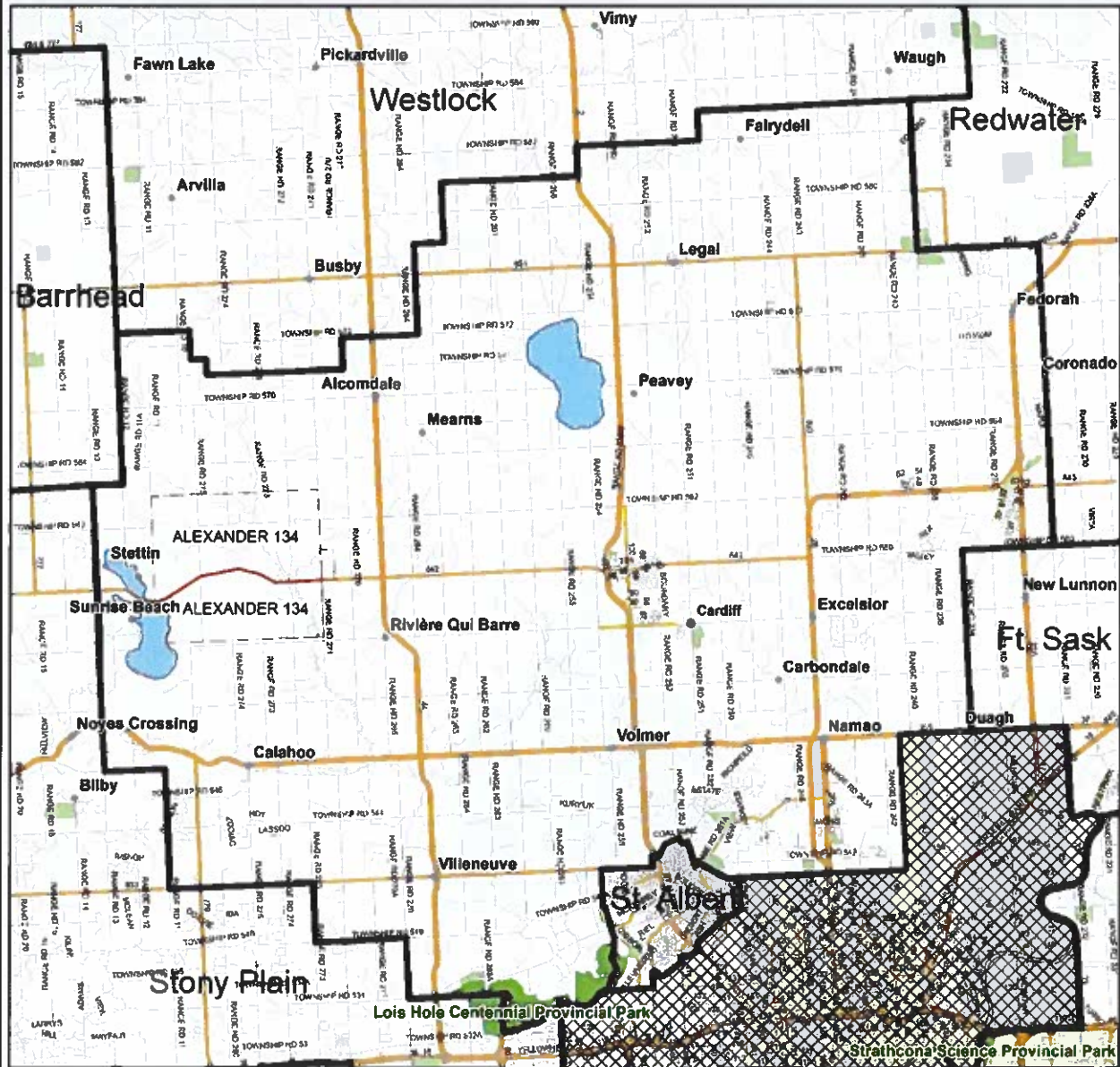
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Morinville Detachment



Reference Scale: 1:300,000



Morinville RCMP Jurisdiction

- The Morinville Provincial detachment is divided into 3 zones. Sturgeon County, Lac St Anne County and Alexander First Nation. Sturgeon County includes the Town of Bon Accord, Town of Legal, Town of Gibbons, the Hamlets of Riviere Que Barre, Calahoo, Villeneuve, Sandy Beach, Cardiff, Namao and other small communities. This also includes CFB Edmonton.
- The Morinville Municipal detachment covers the municipality of Morinville only.
- The Morinville RCMP detachment covers 24-hour policing.

Human Resources:

- The Morinville RCMP Detachment compliment is 33 (+1) personnel consisting of:
 - 1 Staff Sergeant
 - 1 Sergeant
 - 5 Corporals
 - 18 (+1) Constables
 - 4 Public Service Employees
 - 4 Town of Morinville Employees
- Officers are supported by Sturgeon Victim Services (9 in total) and 5 guards.

Current Resourcing Levels:

Police Officers: Of the 16 established Provincial positions, 14 officers are currently working. There are two officers away on special leave (one Parental, one Medical). One position has been backfilled to ensure coverage. One position has two officers assigned to them. There is one hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the four established positions, they are all currently working. There is one hard vacancy.

Crime Report

- Persons crime is down from 91 to 82 this year- 2023, with 9% decrease from previous year.
- Property Crime is down from 248 to 192 this year- 2023, with a 26% decrease from previous year.



**Morinville Provincial Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
Policing Report Quarter 3:
2019 - 2023**

January 8, 2024

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

CATEGORY	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Robbery		1	2	0	0	2	100%	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		3	7	13	8	5	67%	-38%	0.5
Other Sexual Offences		1	2	4	1	1	0%	0%	-0.1
Assault		44	35	39	47	33	-25%	-30%	-1.0
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		2	0	0	2	3	50%	50%	0.4
Extortion		1	0	1	0	2	100%	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		12	8	6	8	17	42%	113%	1.0
Uttering Threats		11	12	17	23	19	73%	-17%	2.7
TOTAL PERSONS		75	66	80	91	82	9%	-10%	3.9
Break & Enter		47	34	30	31	32	-32%	3%	-3.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		32	31	32	28	18	-44%	-36%	-3.1
Theft Over \$5,000		9	9	7	4	6	-33%	50%	-1.1
Theft Under \$5,000		51	58	38	66	39	-24%	-41%	-1.6
Possn Stn Goods		23	42	28	14	21	-9%	50%	-3.2
Fraud		29	28	21	21	22	-24%	5%	-2.1
Arson		2	3	1	5	2	0%	-60%	0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		37	46	44	47	23	-38%	-51%	-2.7
Mischief - Other		30	26	22	32	29	-3%	-9%	0.4
TOTAL PROPERTY		260	277	223	248	192	-26%	-23%	-16.5
Offensive Weapons		8	15	10	8	4	-50%	-50%	-1.5
Disturbing the peace		4	11	6	6	15	275%	150%	1.7
Fail to Comply & Breaches		16	18	15	29	11	-31%	-62%	0.1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		10	17	18	14	14	40%	0%	0.5
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		38	61	49	57	44	16%	-23%	0.8
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		373	404	352	396	318	-15%	-20%	-11.8



CATEGORY	Trend	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2019 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		3	3	6	0	2	-33%	N/A	-0.5
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	0	3	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Total Drugs		4	4	9	0	3	-25%	N/A	-0.6
Cannabis Enforcement		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Federal - General		1	6	0	4	4	300%	0%	0.4
TOTAL FEDERAL		6	10	9	4	7	17%	75%	-0.4
Liquor Act		13	4	5	2	7	-46%	250%	-1.4
Cannabis Act		3	1	3	1	5	67%	400%	0.4
Mental Health Act		36	44	43	25	42	17%	68%	-0.7
Other Provincial Stats		54	62	42	42	71	31%	69%	1.4
Total Provincial Stats		106	111	93	70	125	18%	79%	-0.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		1	0	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Municipal By-laws		5	9	12	5	9	80%	80%	0.4
Total Municipal		6	9	12	6	9	50%	50%	0.3
Fatals		2	1	4	2	5	150%	150%	0.7
Injury MVC		16	23	16	18	33	106%	83%	2.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		136	119	144	146	131	-4%	-10%	1.7
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		24	15	33	17	11	-54%	-35%	-2.4
TOTAL MVC		178	158	197	183	180	1%	-2%	2.9
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Provincial Traffic		1,088	702	807	664	568	-48%	-14%	-107.8
Other Traffic		11	2	4	3	1	-91%	-67%	-1.9
Criminal Code Traffic		46	55	34	16	22	-52%	38%	-8.7
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		48	17	30	16	13	-73%	-19%	-7.1
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		35	45	41	2	16	-54%	700%	-8.1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		164	134	124	114	132	-20%	16%	-8.4
Persons Reported Missing		12	16	17	16	11	-8%	-31%	-0.2
Search Warrants		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		49	58	57	60	37	-24%	-38%	-2.2
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		4	3	5	1	3	-25%	200%	-0.4

Thank you.

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