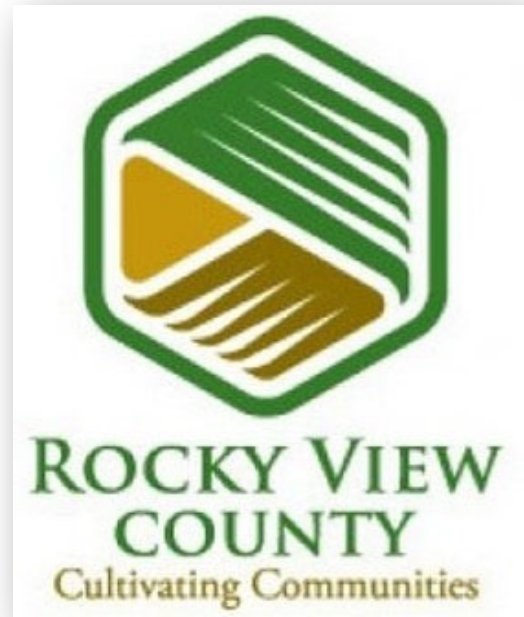


STRATHMORE RURAL POLICING REPORT

QUARTER 1 and 2

April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023



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Population Served:

- Strathmore: 14,751
- Langdon: 5,497
- Rocky View: 5,733 (est.)
- Wheatland: 6,299 (est.)

Police Strength:

- Strathmore: 16 Regular Members
- Langdon: 3 Regular Members
- Rural: 13 Regular Members

Support Staff:

- Strathmore: 5 Municipal Employees
- Rural: 4 Public Servants
- Langdon: 1 Municipal Employee

2023-2024 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN INITIATIVES AND QUARTERLY RESULTS

1. Reduce Property Crimes – Reduction in theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles, and break and enter.

The goal of this priority is to maintain or reduce the historical five year crime levels through use of the following strategies.

Habitual Offender Management

A habitual offender management program (HOM) remains in effect to target habitual or high impact offenders residing in our Detachment area. Enforcement and monitoring efforts are undertaken to ensure offenders comply with ordered conditions or face consequence for non-compliance. Offenders are selected based upon the following factors:

- Volume of crime they commit;
- Seriousness of the crimes they commit;
- Likelihood of reoffending; and
- Impact of their crime on the community.

During Q1 and Q2, Strathmore Detachment monitored 17 habitual offenders.

Offender/Property 1: Property identified as frequented by HOM offenders and property crime. (Rocky View County) Results of checks conducted:

- Two stolen license plates were recovered;
- Property from a break and enter in Gleichen was recovered;
- Six stolen vehicles were recovered;
- A stolen motorcycle was recovered and two offenders were arrested;
- Two persons were arrested in violation of their release conditions and held for Judicial Interim Release (JIR) hearings. Both were remanded; and





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- Two other persons were located in violation of their release conditions and on warrant status. Both were arrested and later released to appear in court.

Offender/Property 2: Property identified as frequented by HOM offenders and property crime (Rocky View County). Results of checks conducted:

- Four stolen vehicles were recovered with two stolen license plates. One offender was arrested and charged;
- Two new pickup trucks that had yet to be reported stolen were recovered on the property;
- Two stolen motorbikes were recovered;
- Three offenders were arrested on outstanding warrants;
- One prolific offender was located on site but not in contravention of conditions. The property has been gated with a cleanup order from the county.

Offender 3: Identified for numerous property offences. Found in compliance when checked by members. (Wheatland County)

Offender 4: Identified on release conditions in relation to domestic violence, property crimes, and being unlawfully at large. The offender was found in compliance during checks. (Strathmore)

Offender 5: Identified for sexual offences, high risk to the community. The offender was found in compliance during checks. (Langdon)

Offender 6: Identified on Conditional Sentence Order (CSO) stemming from charges in relation to being found with more than a kilogram of cocaine in Saskatchewan. Found in compliance during checks. No longer bound by conditions, monitoring discontinued. (Strathmore)

Offender 7: Identified as offender on release bound by a CSO. The offender was found in compliance during checks. (Strathmore)

Offender 8: Identified on release bound by a CSO in relation to violence. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. The CSO expired, no longer monitoring conditions. (Rocky View County)

Offender 9: Identified on release in relation to several firearms and domestic violence matters. The offender moved out of Strathmore's area and is no longer monitored locally. (Rocky View County)

Offender 10: Identified on release for assault and violations of conditions. The offender was found in compliance during checks and has since been sentenced on their outstanding charges. No longer being monitored in this program. (Strathmore)





Offender 11: Identified on release bound by a (CSO) in relation to drug trafficking. The offender was found in compliance with conditions during checks this period. (Strathmore)

Offender 12: Identified on release conditions for several robberies, property offences and flight from police. The offender was found in violation of their conditions, arrested and remanded into custody. No longer monitored in this program. (Wheatland County)

Offender 13: Identified on release for several Property, Theft, property and drug offences. The offender was found in compliance with conditions during checks and has since moved out of the area. No longer monitored in this program. (Strathmore)

Offender 14: Identified on release bound by a (CSO) in relation to fraud offences. The offender was found in compliance with conditions during checks this period with one exception. A violation of conditions is under investigation. (Strathmore)

Offender 15: Identified on release for several weapons, drug, and property offences. During checks this quarter, one violation of conditions was noted and is under investigation. (Wheatland County)

Offender 16: Identified on release for several weapons and drug offences. Found in compliance with conditions during checks and may have moved out of the area which is being confirmed. (Strathmore)

Offender 17: Identified on release/probation for property offences and identity fraud. Found in violation of conditions and arrested on a warrant. The offender remains at large on conditions/bail. (Wheatland County)

During Q1 and Q2, Strathmore members documented over 185 offender checks to ensure compliance with release conditions.

Persons of Interest Program

Outside of the offender management program, Strathmore RCMP monitors persons in the community involved in organized crime or at large on various types of release such as parole, probation, and interim release on open criminal matters. Persons are identified on the potential risk to the community, severity of offences they are accused of, or likelihood to reoffend.

Partnerships with Calgary Police Service, Federal Parole Board, Provincial Probation Officers, and RCMP intelligence units are leveraged to remain cognizant of offenders moving in and out of Strathmore and the surrounding area.

This program is carried out by Strathmore General Investigation Section (GIS), which has been expanded to include rural areas with the addition of a rural resource. The unit consists of three





members strategically focused on:

- Drug trafficking activity;
- Serious persons crimes;
- Habitual offender management; and
- High value property crime in both rural and municipal areas.

Security Screw Program

The Security Screw Program is now active for Strathmore and surrounding communities. The program involves provision of security fasteners to area residents without charge at select locations.

Current locations are:

- Strathmore RCMP Detachment;
- Strathmore Fire Department;
- Strathmore Ford;
- Strathmore Motor Products; and
- Strathmore Dodge.
- Rocky View County – Langdon Detachment

Community response has been positive and several fasteners have been installed at all locations.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Business Outreach Program

The business outreach program is a proactive effort designed to help businesses deter and prevent theft and business break and enter. The focus of this program will start with Wrangler Park in Rocky View County, and expand further pending results and interest of other rural area businesses.

At present, data analysis is under way to populate a list of existing businesses in Wrangler Park coupled with three years of crime data. A ranked list of businesses from most to least vulnerable will be generated. A business outreach questionnaire is under development for completion with business managers/owners. The questionnaire is intended to gather information on business after hours contacts, any regular schedule for delivery of high value items on site, feedback from business owners concerning perceptions of crime, and policing needs. While on site, a CPTED assessment can be conducted upon request.

Hot Spot Patrols

Strathmore Detachment undertakes dedicated patrols of areas in the rural areas to increase visibility in an effort to detect and deter crime. Hot spot checks in Q1 and Q2 are broken down as noted:

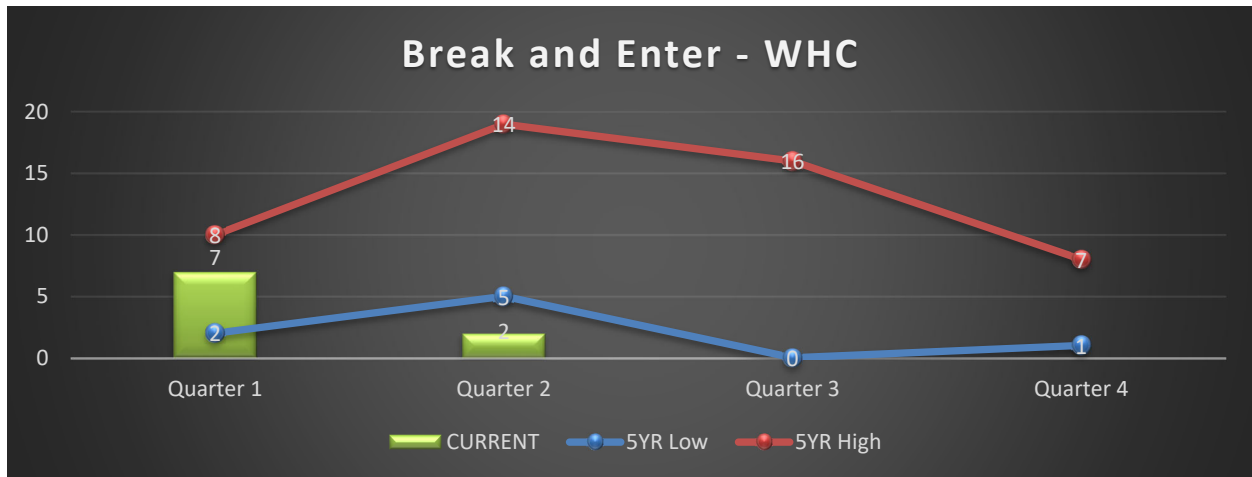
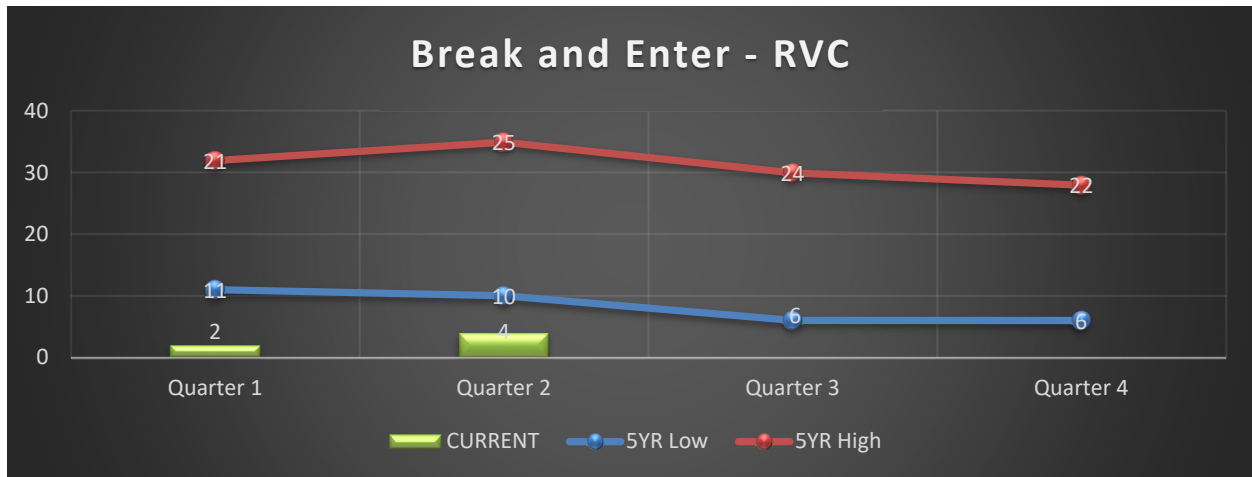


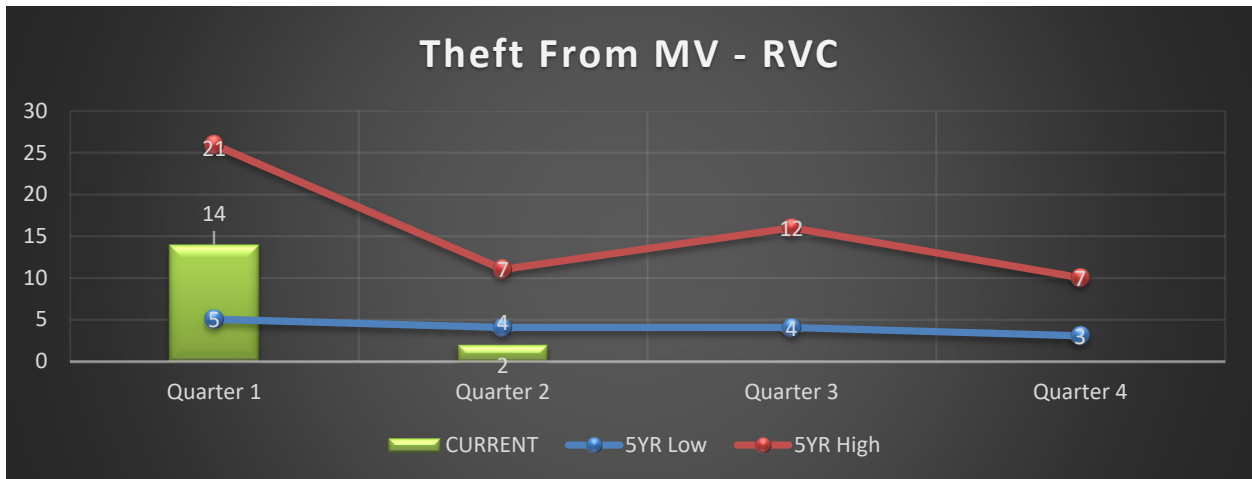
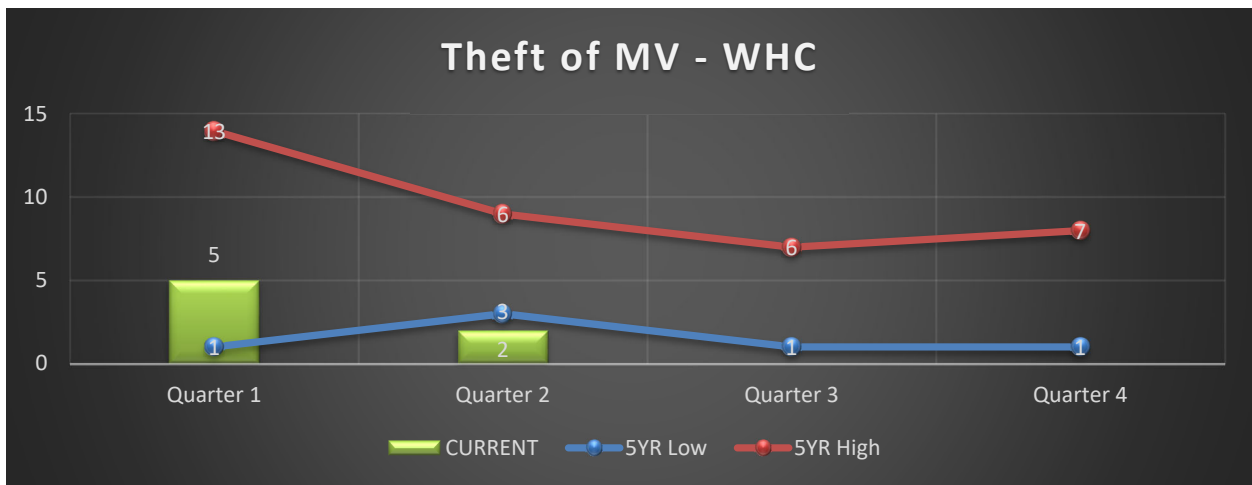
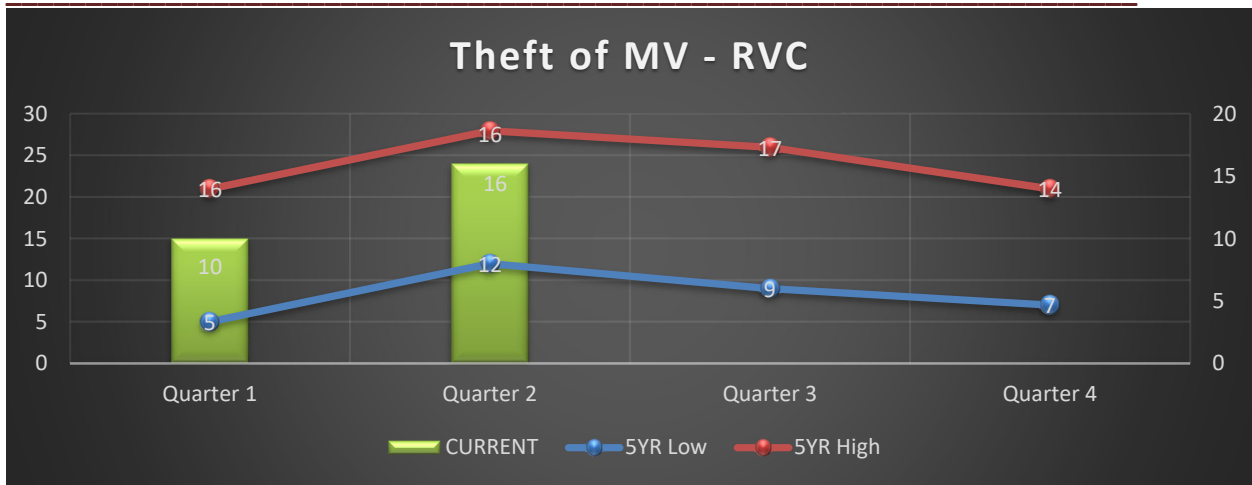


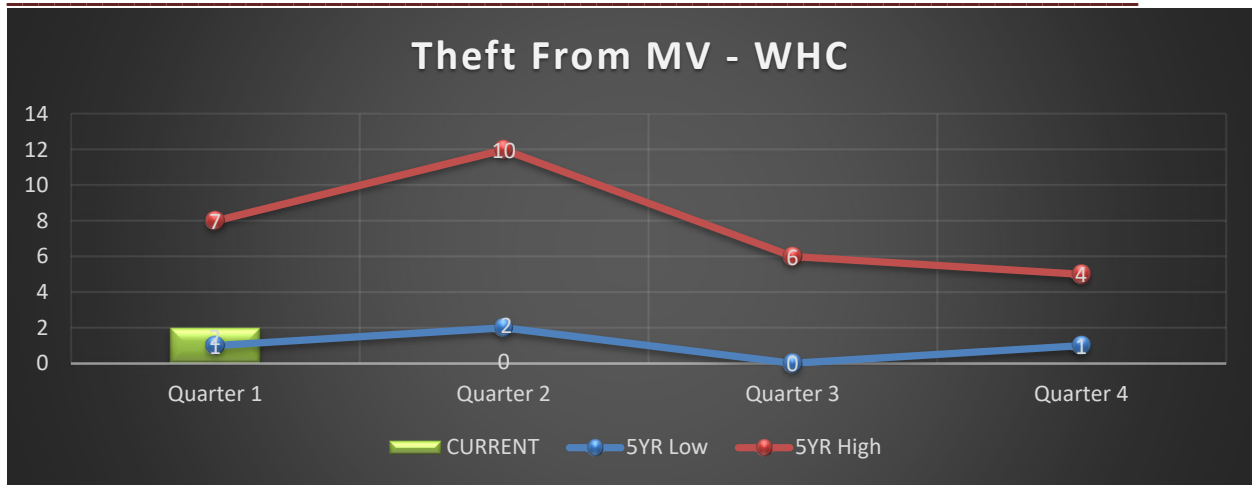
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Carseland:	60	Cheadle:	43	Conrich:	146
Dalemead:	11	Dalroy:	18	Eagle Lake:	16
Indus:	32	Janet:	29	Langdon:	67
Lyalta:	29	McKinnon Flats:	9	M-View Campground:	17
Namaka:	14	Nightengale:	37	Rockyford:	46
Standard:	37	Strathmore Industrial:	53	Wrangler Park:	109
Wyndham Carseland:	12				

*(*** The noted hot spot checks are documented as dedicated patrols. Members as part of their regular duties patrol throughout the rural areas.***)*







Results this quarter in comparison to the same time frame the year prior and five year averages broken down by county:

		FY22/23 to FY23/24	5 Year Average
<u>Break and Enter</u>			
Q1	RVC	Down from 11 to 1 (-91%)	Down from 16 to 1 (-94%)
	WHC	Up from 3 to 7 (+133%)	Up from 4 to 7 (+75%)
Q2	RVC	Down from 10 to 4 (-60%)	Down from 10 to 8 (-20%)
	WHC	Down from 7 to 2 (-71%)	Down from 9 to 2 (-78%)
<u>Theft of Motor Vehicle</u>			
Q1	RVC	Down from 16 to 10 (-38%)	Down from 12 to 10 (-17%)
	WHC	Up from 2 to 5 (+150%)	Unchanged at 5 (=%)
Q2	RVC	Up from 12 to 16 (+33%)	Up from 13 to 16 (+23%)
	WHC	Down from 4 to 2 (-50%)	Unchanged at 5 (=%)
<u>Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>			
Q1	RVC	Down from 21 to 14 (-33%)	Up from 10 to 14 (+40%)
	WHC	Down from 7 to 2 (-71%)	Down from 5 to 2 (-60%)
Q2	RVC	Down from 5 to 2 (+%)	Down from 5 to 2 (-60%)
	WHC	Down from 2 to 0 (-100%)	Down from 5 to 0 (-100%)





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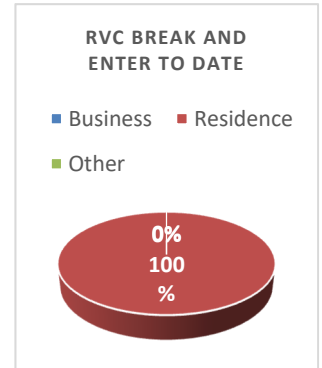
Crime Trends:

Rocky View County

Break and Enter – All break and enter investigations to date have been in residences. Three involved insecure premises where individuals gained access. Another was a crime of opportunity when the garage door opener was used from an unlocked vehicle. The last break in was at a property where the home owner was absent out of country.

Theft of MV – Five vehicles were stolen in Wrangler Park. Of the 26 reported thefts, 15 were recovered 9 of which in Calgary, two were attempted but not completed thefts, and five were crimes of opportunity (keys in vehicle or left running).

Theft from MV – Of the 16 occurrences, 8 involved theft of catalytic converters, 5 license plates, and two were crimes of opportunity.

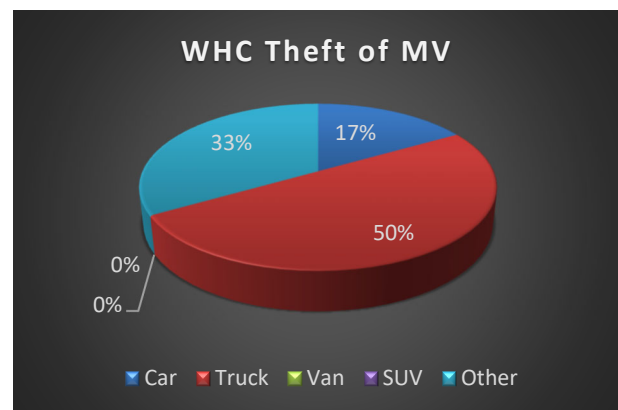
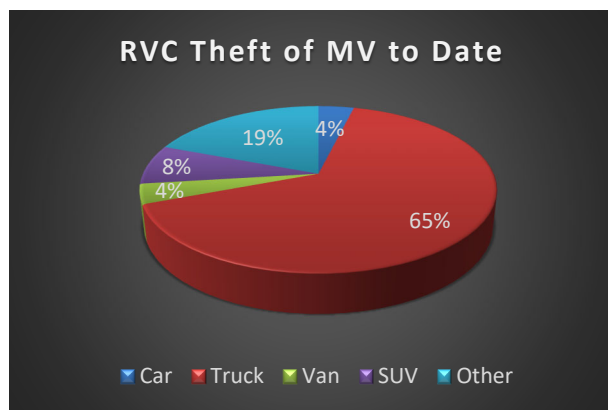
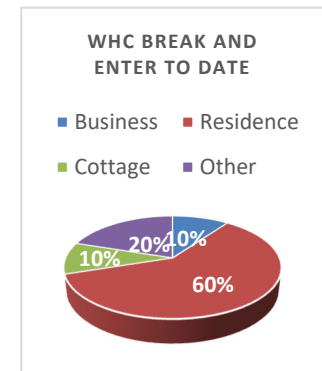


Wheatland County

Break and Enter – Six were at unoccupied residences, four of which at the same place. One suspect identified through DNA. Crown declined to prosecute. Another found on the property who was charged in relation to the break in. Two instances were interrupted by the owner and the intruders fled. No entry was gained. Two reports involved an insecure residence and an insecure business.

Theft of MV: Of the seven occurrences, vehicles were recovered in five instances. In two thefts, vehicles were recovered in Gleichen Detachment's area and charges were laid.

Theft from MV: Of the two reports, one involved a license plate, the other related to four catalytic converters stolen from vehicles on a rural property.





Crime levels in all areas remain at or below historical averages.

2. Traffic Safety – Reduction of both injury and overall collisions.

The goal of this priority is to maintain or reduce the historical five year crime levels through use of the following strategies.

Traffic Safety/Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT RESULTS Q1 and Q2

Violations:

- RVC: 230 // Det. Mem 108 // Langdon 27 (Highway 1 / 791 / 797, Glenmore Trail)
- WHC: 341 // Det. Mem133 // Langdon 8 (Highway 1 / 24 / 817)

Suspensions in both municipal and rural areas:

- 45 x Immediate Roadside Sanction alcohol/drug suspensions
- 15 x 72hr suspensions;
- 1 x 24hr suspensions;
- 3 x GDL suspensions;
- 20 Disqualified/Suspended drivers; and
- 5 Criminal Impaired Driving Charges

Check Stop Program *(in and around Strathmore)*

During Q1 and Q2 5 documented check stops were conducted in Strathmore and surrounding areas which resulted in:

- Violations: 2
- IRS GDL: 1
- IRS Drugs: 1
- Mandatory Alcohol Screening: 395
- Total Vehicles Checked: 395



(June 16 - Highway 791 South of Strathmore)

Bar Walk Program: Strathmore members conduct foot patrols through licensed establishments to maximize visibility in an effort to prevent, detect, and deter criminal activities. Criminal activity may include Gaming Liquor and Cannabis Act infractions, Illicit drug offences, or impaired driving.



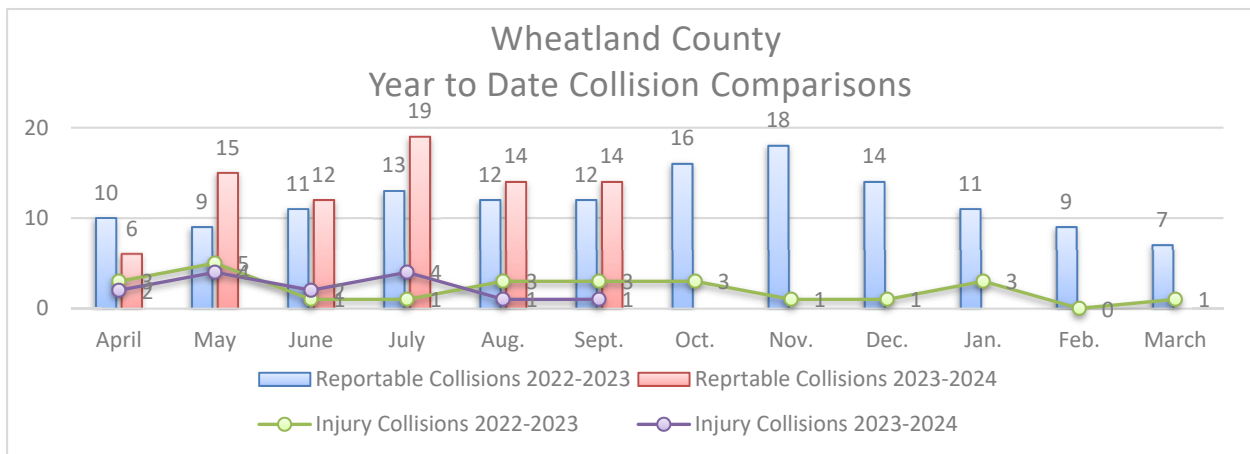
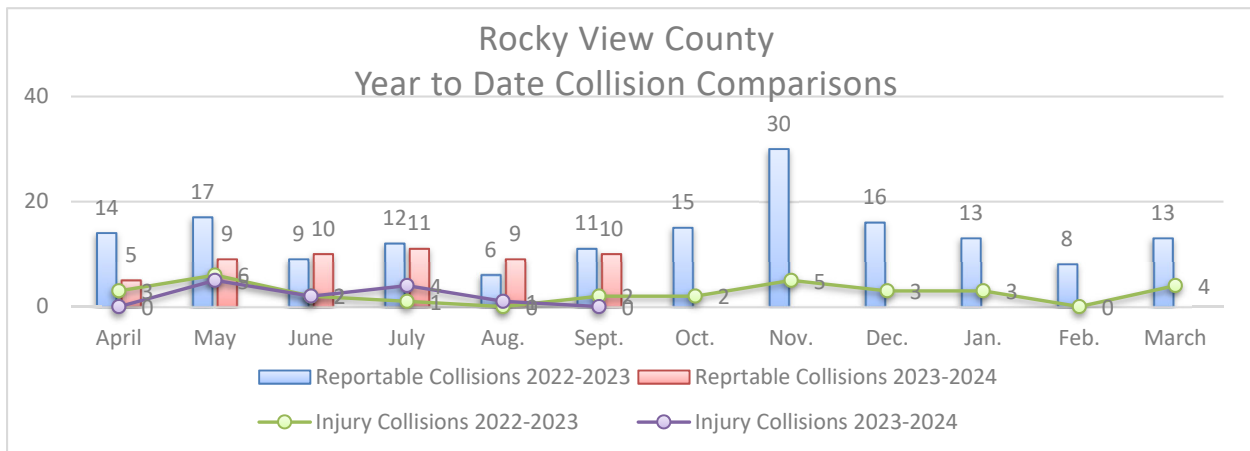


Enhanced Road Safety Initiative - Under Development

Strathmore Detachment has been piloting this program in a limited basis by providing up to 25 hours of enhanced road safety shifts monthly. The focus of which is impaired, aggressive, and distracted driving within Strathmore. Shifts have been filled mainly by Strathmore RCMP members. With increases of injury collisions, expansion of this program will be sought in consultation with Strathmore administration and elected officials.

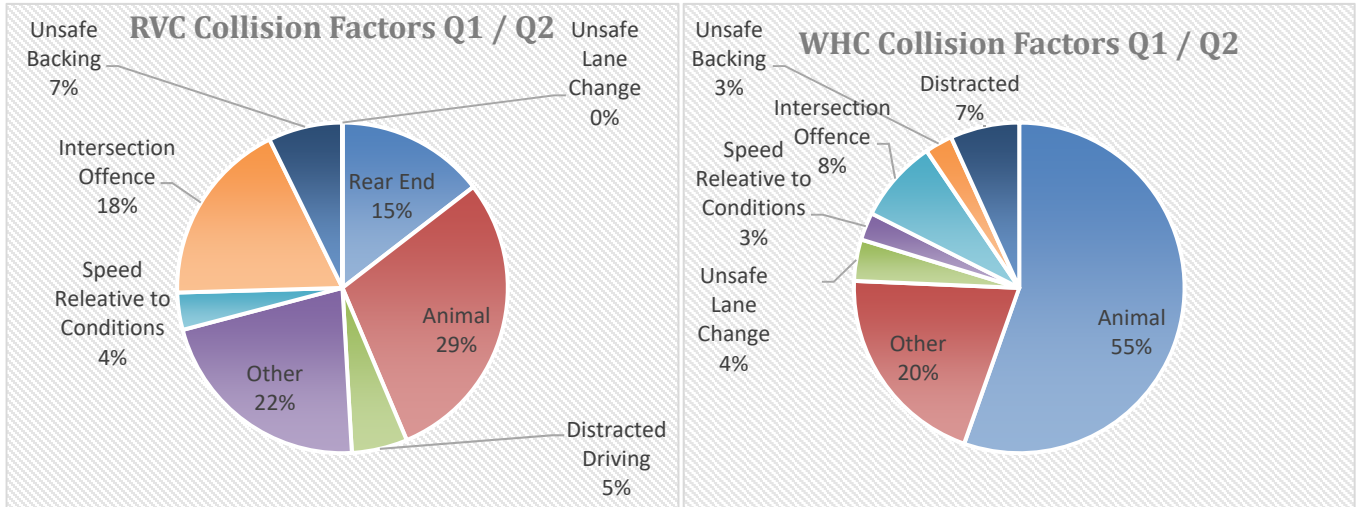
Expansion of the program would include involvement of RCMP members attached to the Southern Alberta District Traffic Services Unit, Alberta Sheriffs, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Community Peace Officers. The aim of the program is to raise awareness with respect to traffic safety, increase road safety through visibility and enforcement, and reduce injury collisions within municipal and rural areas. The increased visibility and presence of law enforcement is also expected to detect and deter potential property crimes.

Collision Comparisons





Collision Factors



Results during this period in the selected areas in comparison to the same time frame last year including comparisons to the preceding five fiscal year average:

	FY22/23 to FY23/24	5yr. Fiscal YR Avg.
<u>Reportable Collisions:</u>		
Q1	RVC : Down from 39 to 21 (-46%) WHC: Up from 29 to 32 (+10%)	Down from 34 to 21 (-38%) Down from 33 to 32 (-3%)
Q2	RVC : Up from 26 to 34 (+31%) WHC: Up from 37 to 47 (+27%)	Up from 31 to 34 (+10%) Up from 35 to 47 (+34%)
<u>Injury Collisions:</u>		
Q1	RVC: Down from 10 to 6 (-40%) WHC: Down from 9 to 8 (-11%)	Down from 8 to 6 (-25%) Up from 7 to 8 (+14%)
Q2	RVC: Up from 4 to 5 (+25%) WHC: Down from 7 to 6 (-14%)	Down from 7 to 5 (-29%) Up from 5 to 6 (+20%)

RVC: Collisions in Rocky View County to date were reduced in comparison to the same time frame last year and from the five year historical averages. Collision contributors were mainly attributed to animal strikes followed by driver inattentiveness (rear end and intersection offences). Injury collisions were also reduced from the same time frame last year and from the five year averages.





WHC: Collisions in Wheatland County to date have increased, the majority of which is attributed to animal strikes. Secondary factors included in other collisions were hitting fixed objects such as fence posts and power poles, drifting off of the roadway into the ditch; and large vehicle rollovers due to driving on soft shoulders or object avoidance. While injury collisions were slightly reduced from last year’s numbers, they are up slightly in comparison to the five year average.

3. Community Engagement and Indigenous Community Engagement

Fostering positive relationships within our community and seeking ways to improve engagement with our residents and indigenous communities is a priority this year. Community support and engagement is essential to the success of crime reduction and community safety initiatives. This is achieved through open communication, trust, and emersion into Strathmore and the surrounding communities as community members ourselves.

School Visits

During Q1 and Q2, Strathmore members documented 32 school visits in our rural schools which included walks through schools to interact with students, and meetings with administration to facilitate future class presentations, beginning of the new school year and update of the SAFE plans.

Attendance at Community Events

April 15: S/Sgt. Mark Wielgosz attended the Rockyford Centennial dinner in Rockyford. A speech was delivered amongst the other invited dignitaries.

June 23: Cst. Andrew O’Connell attended the area Carseland family dance and met with locals at event.

June 24: Cst. Shane Manca participated in Aggie days in red serge and marched in the parade.

June 24: Cst. Ian Simpson and Cst. Matthew Wagner attended Carseland Aggie Days. Did bar walk through event.

June 30: Cst. Antonio Villanueva and Cst. Scott Ryan attended the Rockyford Bull O Rama, interacted with public

July 22: Cst.'s Andrew O’Connell and Oleg Planets attended the Pints for Paws fundraiser/adoption event at the Alpine Pet Spa to interact with participants participate in the event.





July 28: Cst. Randy Romkey attended the Rockyford Rodeo and post event activities to interact with community members.

July 29: Cpl. Clint Chisan and Cst.'s Tessa Pitt and Irshad Shaikh attended the Rockyford parade. Cst.'s Pitt and Shaikh marched in red serge for the parade.

July 30: Cst. Romkey attended the Rockyford Rodeo and post event activities to interact with community members.



Sept. 18: Cst. Amandeep Sran attended Chestermere High School to participate in and patrol the route for the Terry Fox Run.

Community Liaison Program

A community liaison program has been initiated where a member is assigned to a community group. The purpose of this program is to form a link with community groups to seek feedback on concerns and open channels of communication with respect to education, how to reduce or prevent victimization, and early identification of community cultural issues. There are six community groups with assigned liaisons in Strathmore's rural areas. If a community group would like to request an RCMP liaison, please contact S/Sgt. Mark Wielgosz at Strathmore Detachment.

4. Other Initiatives

Strathmore Youth and Indigenous Youth Diversion Program

Strathmore Detachment has implemented a youth and Indigenous youth diversion program to give young persons a chance to redeem themselves through restorative justice. The goals of the program include educating and deterring youth from entering the criminal justice system, to provide an opportunity to make recompense for wrongdoing through restorative justice principles, and give young persons an opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

Eligible criminal cases involve first time minor offences such as property crimes. Candidate eligibility is determined on four criteria:

1. Admission of wrongdoing;
2. Expression of legitimate remorse;
3. Willingness to make recompense and participate in youth justice forums; and
4. Victim consent to allow the matter to proceed toward diversion.

Investigating members will determine eligibility as an option to find the best outcome in response to minor criminal matters and prevent repetition of offenses. Activities typically involve





volunteerism and soft labour tasks within the community (picking up litter, removing graffiti, shovelling snow for seniors, etc.) Once the agreed upon contributions have been completed, the criminal case is concluded without going to court.

A partnership has been created with the Town of Strathmore to facilitate and monitor restorative measures.

Business Outreach Program – Under Development

The business outreach program is intended to enhance communication with area businesses to prevent, deter, and reduce crime. Detachment members will seek to update ownership/management lists for businesses, identify and advise on how to rectify security gaps, provide guidance on how to improve video surveillance systems, and give general information on crime prevention measures.

Rural Alberta CAPTURE Program

On June 12, 2023 The Alberta RCMP announced the voluntary surveillance camera registry program, called CAPTURE (Community Assisted Policing Through the Use of Recorded Evidence) was available Province wide.

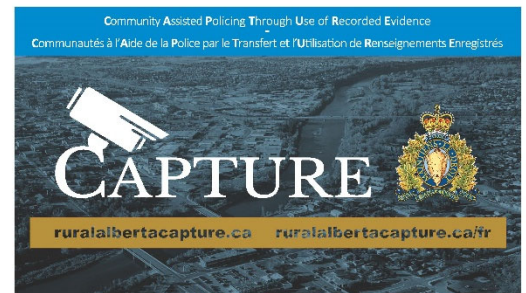
Residents and businesses who have video surveillance, and are willing to share video camera footage when requested, can sign up. This initiative won't replace officers from knocking on doors, but it will help officers track down video evidence in ongoing criminal investigations in RCMP jurisdictions.

The program aims to reduce the time an officer needs to search for and gather video evidence when conducting an investigation. The CAPTURE program allows a person or business to upload a portion of the video requested. This allows the officer to evaluate the video footage before deciding to ask for a copy.

Strathmore Detachment is now active with the CAPTURE program. To get started, visit www.ruralalbertacapture.ca and create an account. From there you can enter your contact information and video cameras on the secure site. Your information is not available to the public. If an officer needs to contact you, they will do so by the information provided.

Things to know about the program:

- This is completely voluntary and consent can be withdrawn at any time;



Register
your
security
camera

Enregistrez
votre
caméra
de sécurité

Help police investigate
crimes and keep your
community safe.

Aidez la police à enquêter
sur des crimes et à
assurer la sécurité de
votre collectivité.

The registry is voluntary and
secure. Sign up and help protect
your property, your family and
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- Registering a camera and contact information allows the RCMP to see a list of security cameras so they can contact the owners during an investigation;
- The video footage on your camera remains your property;
- The RCMP will not have live access to your camera feed. We will only ask for videos already recorded;
- You can share your video footage through the website for an officer to view before they decide if the video will help in their investigation; and
- An officer can provide you with a USB thumb drive to copy your video. An officer can not download the video; they can only view it.



Online Crime Reporting

Online crime reporting is also available to report minor property crimes or non-emergent matters without the need to call the police or Visit the Detachment. These reports are routed through the Alberta RCMP Call Back Unit who will follow up with complainants. Depending on the complexity of the incident, the report can be forwarded to the appropriate Detachment to continue with the investigation.

The online reporting tool can be accessed at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta> or through the Alberta RCMP App



Alberta RCMP App

The Alberta RCMP App is available through the most app stores. It is free and provides users access to a variety of community safety programs such as the Online Crime Reporting tool, Crime Mapping, Crime Statistics, and media releases to name a few.

Watch Clerk Program

With support from the Town of Strathmore, Wheatland County and Rocky View County a watch clerk program was created in late 2017 early 2018. Watch clerks are support staff employees dedicated to supporting front line policing activities within Strathmore and in the Rural areas by completing administrative tasks on behalf of front line members thereby maximizing their ability to actively patrol our area. This program is a valuable investment in community safety.

Each funding partner contributes to the program to fund three clerks with a fourth provincial position reallocated by the Detachment Commander into the pool. To date, a multi year agreement has been established and is nearing final approval.

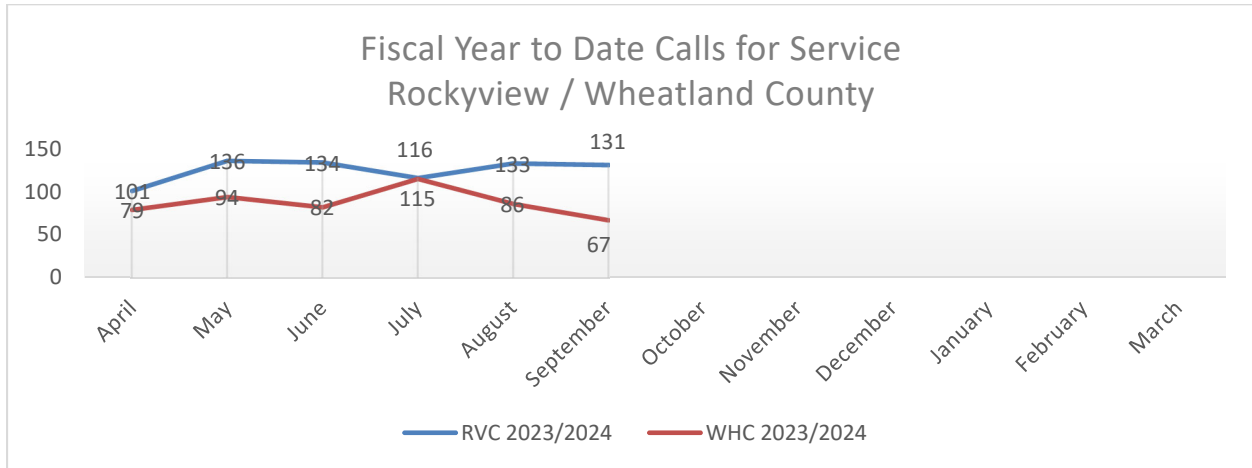




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At present, all watch clerk positions have been filled, initial training of the new clerks has been completed, and all are working independently with their respective watches.

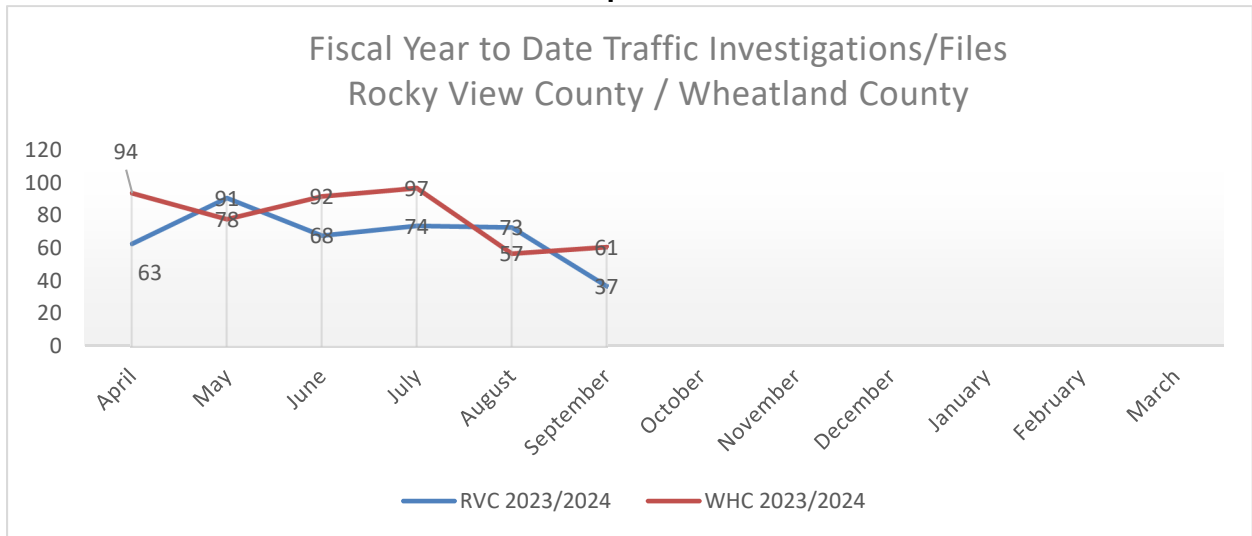
Fiscal Year to Date Calls for Service



*** Traffic offences/complaints/investigations were removed as Strathmore Detachment continues use of e-ticketing. E-ticketing creates a file for each roadside stop. Separation of traffic complaints and self generated enforcement was not done. Inclusion of traffic stats may give the appearance of artificially high occurrence numbers.

Year to date Strathmore Detachment responded to 751 calls for service in RVC (down from 824 (-9%) from last year) and 523 calls in WHC (down from 597 (-12%) from last year).

Fiscal Year to Date Traffic Offences and Reports



RVC year to date traffic occurrences were 406 and WHC was 479.

Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz 2023-10-18
Detachment Commander
Strathmore-Langdon Detachment

