

STRATHMORE RURAL POLICING REPORT

QUARTER 2

July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024



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Population Serviced:

- Strathmore: 14,751
- Langdon: 5,783
- 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

2024-2025 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN INITIATIVES - QUARTERLY RESULTS

1. Reduce Property Crimes – Reduction in theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles, and break and enter by 5% from the six year historical average.

The goal of this priority is to maintain or reduce the historical six 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 this quarter, Strathmore Detachment monitored 12 habitual offenders.

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

- 1 Stolen vehicle recovered.

Offender 2: Offender 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 3: Offender identified on release for multiple break and enters along with prescription fraud. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 4: Offender identified on release by CSO on fraud related offences. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 5: Offender identified on release for several weapons, drug, and property offences. Offender found out of compliance this quarter. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Wheatland County)

Offender 6: Offender identified on release bound by a CSO for Arson offences. Found in compliance with release conditions during checks this quarter. (Langdon)

Offender 7: Offender identified on release for several firearms related offences. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Langdon)

Offender 8: Offender identified on release bound by a CSO in relation to a mischief charge stemming from a larger arson investigation. Offender found in compliance with conditions during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 9: Offender identified released on parole in relation to sexual offences. Found in compliance with conditions during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 10: Offender identified on release for several property offences. Was found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 11: Offender identified on release on several violence related charges. Was found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 12: Offender identified on probation for property related offences with a significant history of violence and property related offences. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Strathmore).

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

At present, this program is available upon request or referral by front line members to assess properties to help prevent and deter victimization.

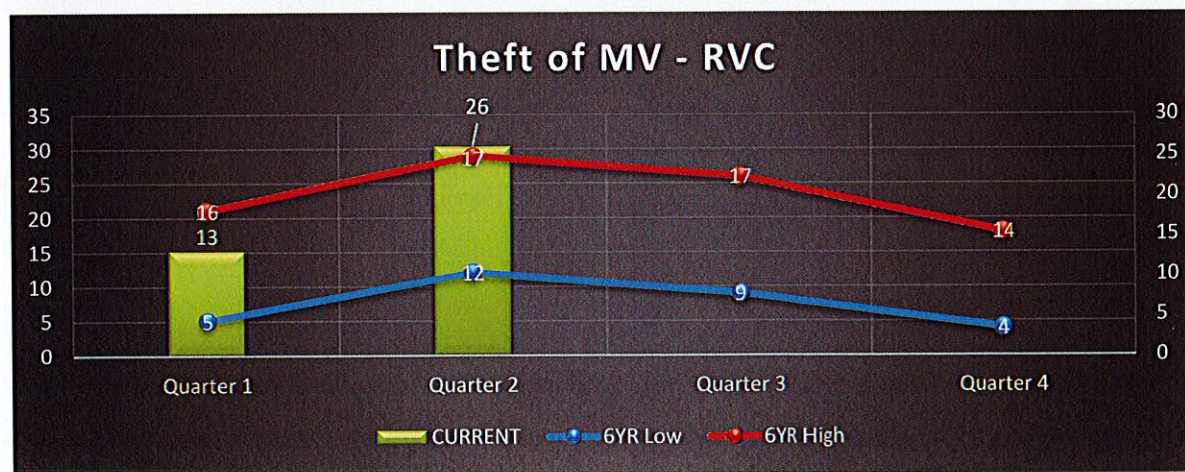
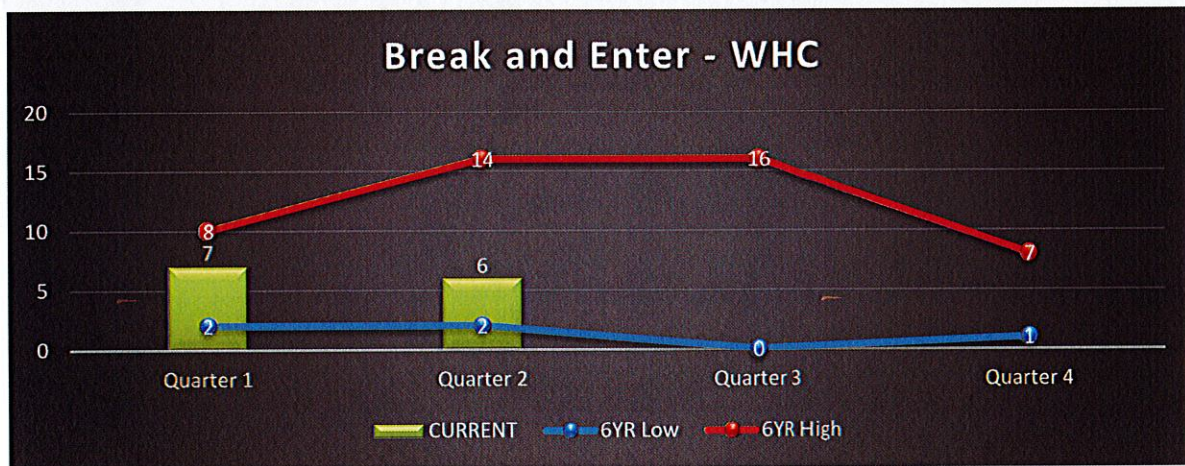
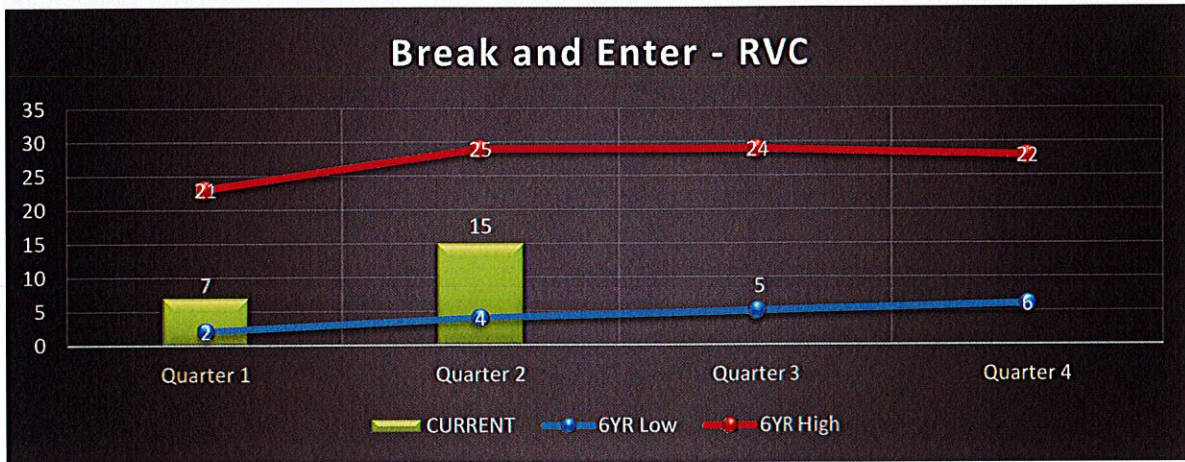
Hot Spot Patrols

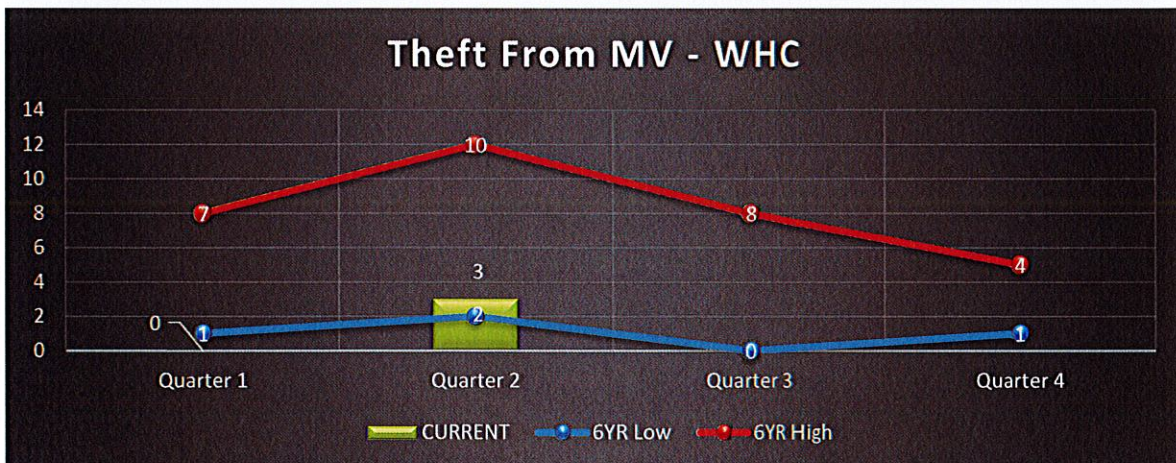
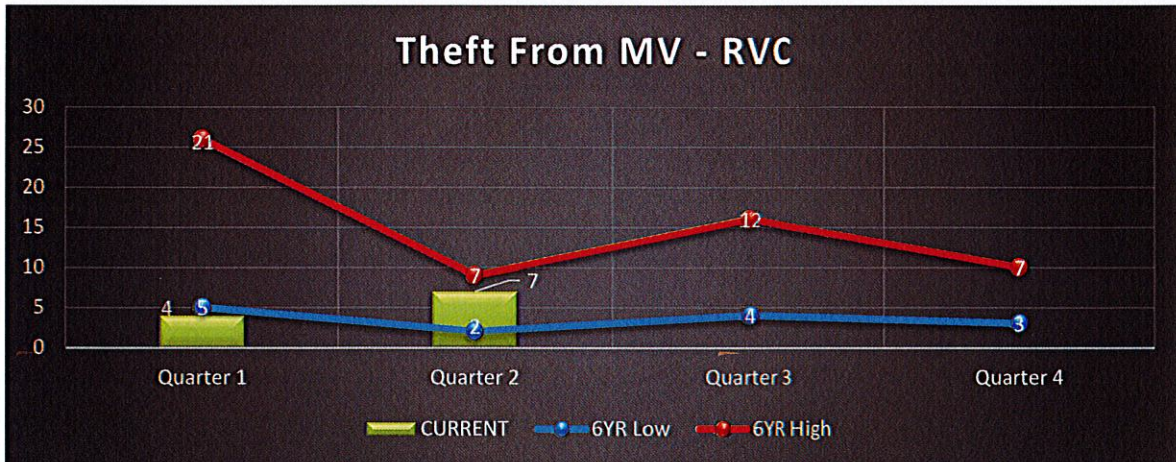
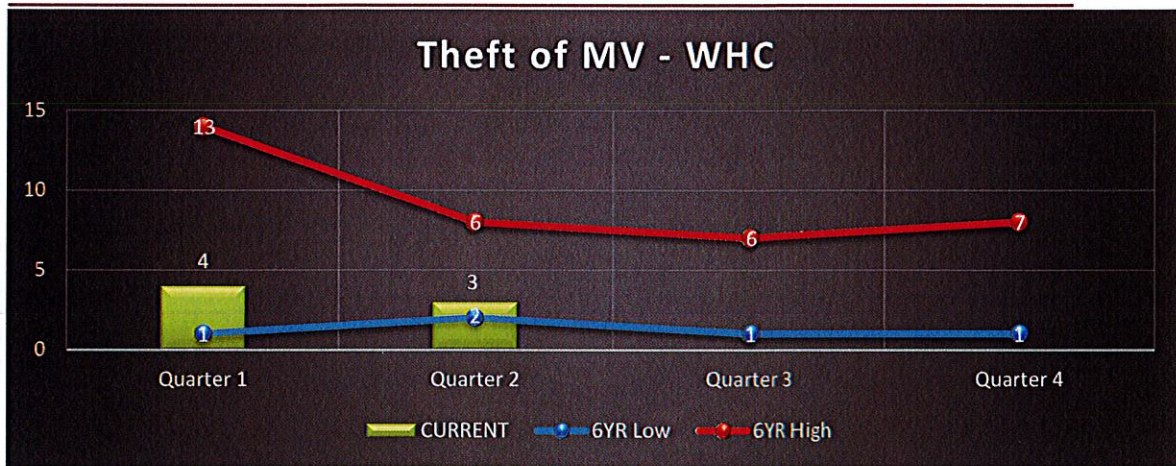
Strathmore Detachment undertakes dedicated patrols of areas in the rural areas to increase visibility in an effort to detect and deter crime. Hot spot checks this quarter are broken down as noted:

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| Carseland: | 8 | Cheadle: | 9 | Conrich: | 11 |
| Dalemead: | 9 | Dalroy: | 7 | Eagle Lake: | 0 |
| Indus: | 12 | Janet: | 3 | Langdon: | 14 |
| Lyalta: | 4 | McKinnon Flats: | 6 | M-View Campground: | 4 |
| Namaka: | 6 | Nightingale: | 13 | Rockyford: | 12 |
| Standard: | 11 | Strathmore Industrial: | 6 | Wrangler Park: | 8 |
| Wyndham Carseland: | 1 | | | | |

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









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

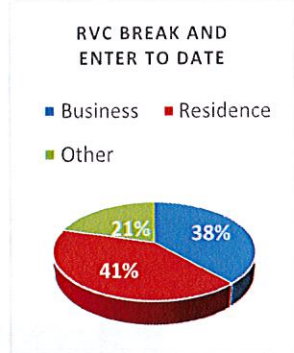
| | | FY23/24 to FY24/25 | 6 Year Average |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Break and Enter | | | |
| Q2 | RVC | Up from 4 to 15 (+275%) | Unchanged at 15 (=%) |
| | WHC | Up from 2 to 6 (+200%) | Down from 8 to 6 (-25%) |

| | | FY23/24 to FY24/25 | 6 Year Average |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | | | |
| Q2 | RVC | Up from 16 to 26 (+63%) | Up from 14 to 26 (+85%) |
| | WHC | Unchanged at 2 (=%) | Down from 4 to 2 (-50%) |

| | | FY23/24 to FY24/25 | 6 Year Average |
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| Theft from Motor Vehicle | | | |
| Q2 | RVC | Up from 2 to 5 (+150%) | Unchanged at 5 (=%) |
| | WHC | Up from 0 to 2 (200%) | Down from 4 to 2 (-50%) |

Crime Trends:
Rocky View County

- Break and Enter – of the 15 occurrences this quarter:
- Business (5): Four occurrences involved entries into business yard's or properties to steal items. Cooper wire, tools, and two commercial trailers were targeted.
 - Other (6): Three occurrences were entries into sheds on unoccupied properties, one occurrence was an entry into a shop, and two were entries into business yards. Tools and copper wire were targets. In one occurrence, an offender was found on the property, charged, and held in custody.
 - Residence (4): One occurrence involved a garage with nothing taken, two were unoccupied residences with nothing taken, one occurred during a vehicle theft series when the offender ditched their vehicle and stole keys/vehicle during this break in. The offender was caught and charged in connection.



Numbers in this area were up considerably from the same time frame last year but at historical averages.

- Theft of MV – Of the 26 reported thefts:
- 19 were recovered. Of these six were found in Calgary;
 - Three incidents were attempted thefts;
 - 10 were crimes of convenience;
 - One involved a skid steer with keys in it; and
 - In three occurrences, offenders were charged.





Auto theft saw a significant spike this period mainly around the Wrangler Park area and at the hands of Calgary Area habitual offenders. Three thefts were part of property crime series by one offender who was arrested and charged.

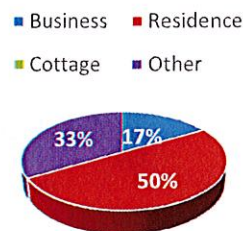
Theft from MV – Of the five occurrences three were license plates, the remainder were crimes of opportunity. Crimes in this area remained consistent with historical averages.

Wheatland County

Break and Enter – Of the eight occurrences:

- Residential (4): One matter was not founded due to landlord tenant dispute and an Alberta Health Inspection. One involved a vacant property where a storage shed was entered. The last two were crimes of opportunity with doors left unlocked.
- Business (1): The offenders used an ATV to break down a fence to steal copper wire from a business.
- Other (1): One incident involved an entry into a travel trailer where firearms were taken.

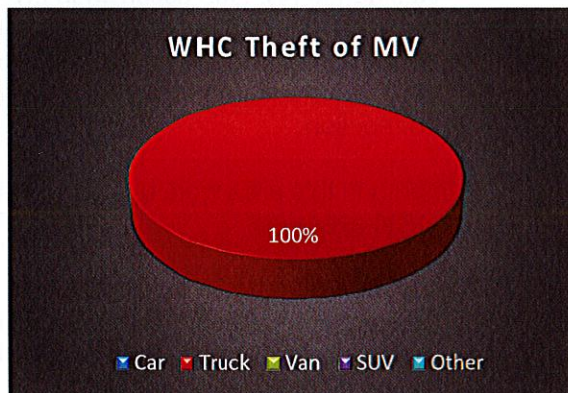
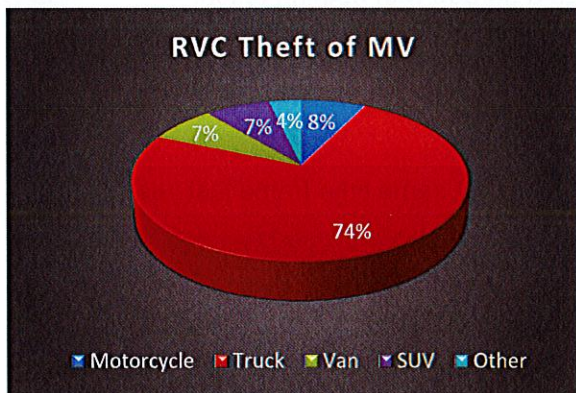
WHC BREAK AND ENTER TO DATE



Instances of break and enters were elevated from the same time frame last year but reduced from historical averages. All instances are indicative area habitual offender activity.

Theft of MV: In one instance a vehicle was recovered in Calgary. The other was a crime of opportunity when it was left running at a gas station. It was later recovered near Lethbridge. Thefts remain unchanged from the same period last year and are reduced from historical averages.

Theft from MV: Both reports involved stolen license plates. Instances in this area were slightly elevated from last year but reduced by half from historical averages.





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

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

Traffic Safety/Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT RESULTS Q2

Violations:

RVC: 122 // Det. Mem 55 // Langdon 16 (Highway 1 / 791 / 797, Glenmore Trail)
WHC: 147 // Det. Mem 79 // Langdon 5 (Highway 817, 24)

Suspensions in both municipal and rural areas:

- IRS: 31
- 72hr: 14
- 24hr: 1
- GDL AZAT: 0
- Drive while Disqualified: 4
- Impaired: 2

Check Stop Program *(in and around Strathmore)*

This quarter three check stops were conducted in Strathmore and the Surrounding area which resulted in two IRS contraventions and two 72hr suspensions. Approximately 262 vehicles were checked.

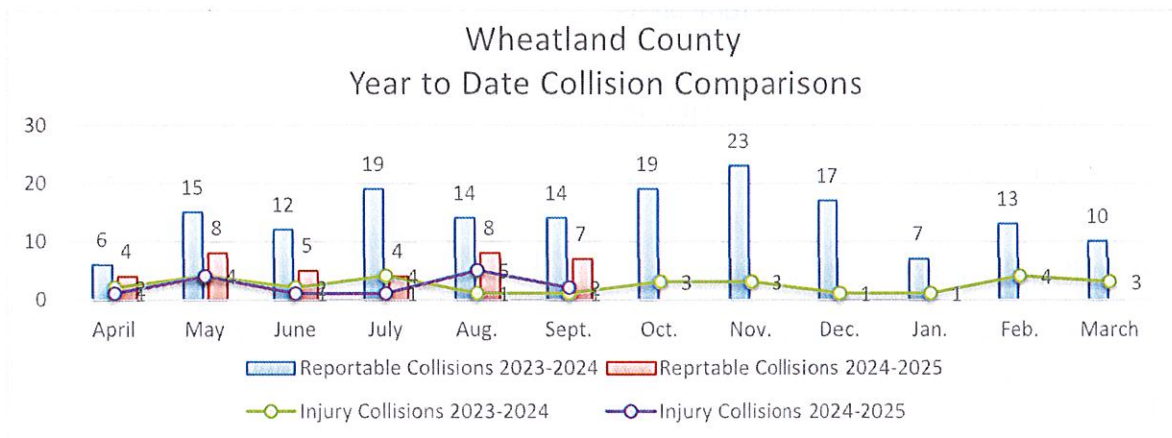
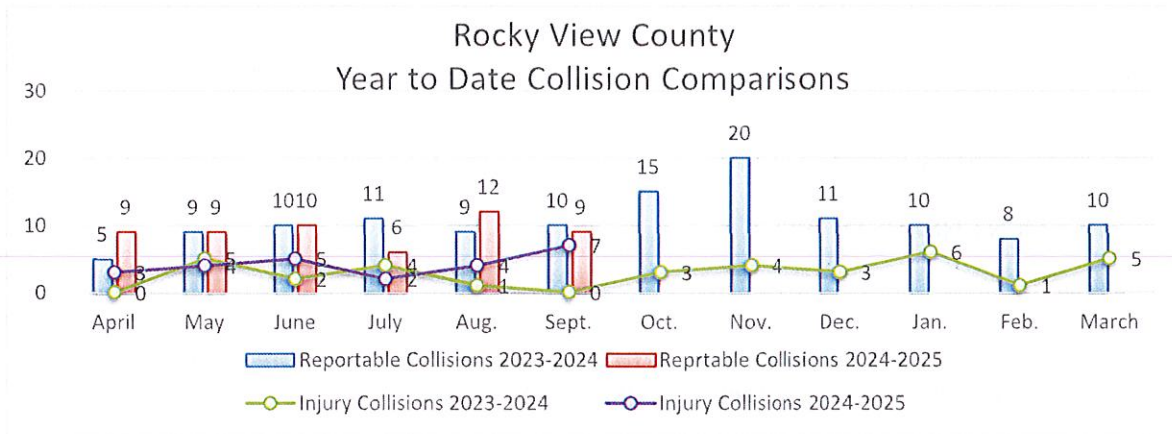
Bar Walk Program:

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.

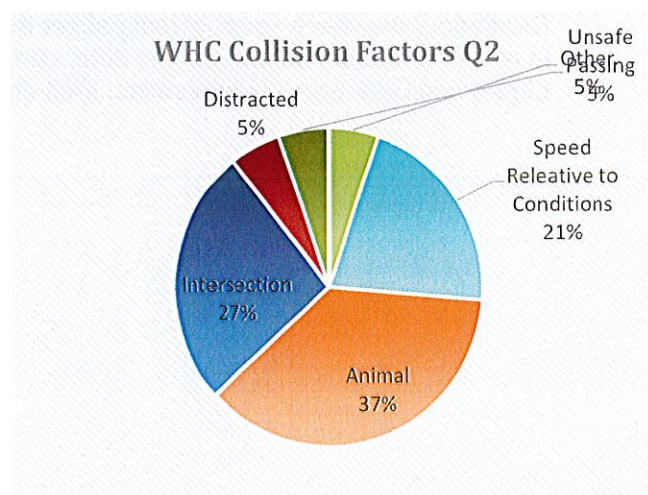
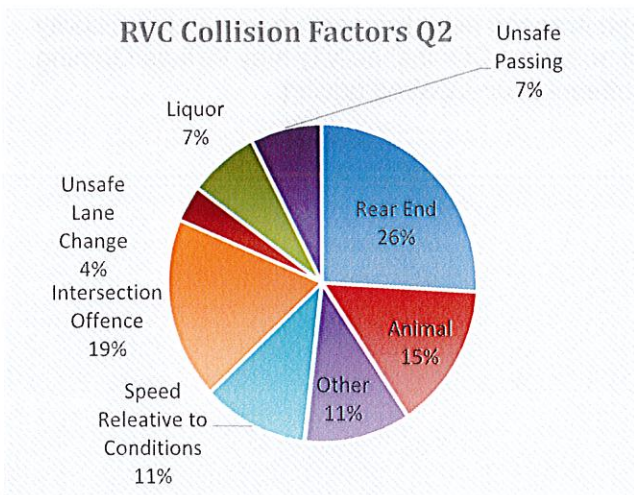




Collision Comparisons



Collision Factors





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

| | | FY23/24 to FY24/25 | 6yr. Fiscal YR Avg. |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Reportable Collisions:</u> | | | |
| Q2 | RVC : | Down from 34 to 27 (-21%) | Down from 32 to 27 (-16%) |
| | WHC: | Down from 47 to 18 (-62%) | Down from 37 to 18 (-51%) |
| <u>Injury Collisions:</u> | | | |
| Q2 | RVC: | Up from 5 to 13 (+160%) | Up from 7 to 13 (+85%) |
| | WHC: | Up from 6 to 7 (+17%) | Up from 5 to 7 (+40%) |

RVC: Overall reportable collisions were reduced this quarter with injury collisions more than doubling. Causes were mainly attributed to unsafe passing and intersection offences (turning or rear end collisions).

WHC: Reportable collisions were significantly reduced with a slight increase of injury collisions from the same time frame last year and from historical averages. Causes were mainly attributed to speeding relative to road conditions (gravel), and intersection offences (turning, proceeding before safe to do so).

*(** A contributing factor in the reduction of reportable collisions may be slightly attributable to the increase in the minimum value to report. In December of 2023, the reportable value increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000.)*

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 this quarter, Strathmore members documented 12 school visits in our rural schools which included walks through schools to interact with students, and meetings with administration to facilitate future class presentations.





Attendance at Community Events

July 1: Cst.'s SHAIKH and O'CONNELL attended Kinsmen Park in Strathmore to partake in Canada Day celebrations.



July 17: Cst.'s SHAIKH and PLANETS attended a Lions Club wrap up with international exchange students in serge. Members met with students and discussed their experiences with moving to a new country and becoming police officers.

August 13: S/Sgt. WIELGOSZ escorted Sgt. Rob NEDEROF who was cycling through from Calgary to Strathmore on Highway 1 as part of his fundraising effort for Wounded Warriors service dogs. S/Sgt. WIELGOSZ provided the escort from Calgary to the Strathmore Legion.

September 17: Cst. RYAN attended the Terry Fox run at Chestermere High School to interact with participants and assist with road safety.

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.

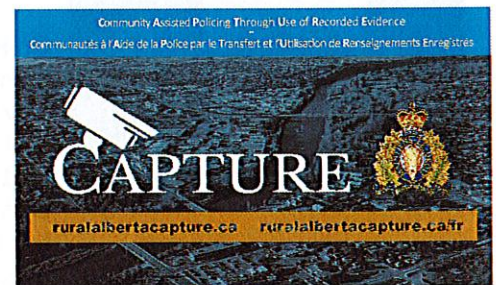
Rural Alberta CAPTURE Program

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



Register
your
security
camera

Help police investigate
crimes and keep your
community safe.

The registry is voluntary and
secure. Sign up and help protect
your property, your family and
your community.



REGISTER HERE
ruralalbertacapture.ca

Enregistrez
votre
caméra
de sécurité

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

L'inscription au registre est volontaire
et sécurisée. Inscrivez-vous pour aider
à protéger votre propriété, votre
famille et votre collectivité.



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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;
- 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
is now available

Report it online!

YOU CAN FILE A REPORT IF:

- You have lost something that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5000
- Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5000 to repair it
- The crime happened within the jurisdiction of the Alberta RCMP
- Items over \$5,000 are accepted from oil, telecommunications, and utility companies.

YOU CANNOT USE ONLINE CRIME REPORTING IF:

- There is a witness or suspect
- There are lost or stolen items involving personal identity, firearms, license plates or decals

All crimes reported online to the Alberta RCMP will be followed up with a phone call from a police officer within five business days.

[HTTPS://OCRE-SIELC.RCMP-GRC.GC.CA/ALBERTA](https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta)

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

RCMP

- Online Crime Reporting
- Contact a Detachment
- CRIME STOPPERS
- RAVE (Community Watch Advisories)
- Crime Map
- Crime Statistics

News

- Calgary – Second Calgary youth arrested in ongoing RCMP National Security Investigation
10-20-2023 09:00 AM
- Wabasca – Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit Investigates homicide in Wabasca
10-18-2023 08:45 AM
- Airdrie – Airdrie RCMP respond to missing child found in critical condition - Update
10-17-2023 09:30 AM
- Grande Prairie – Alberta RCMP Involved cheating in Grande Prairie

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.

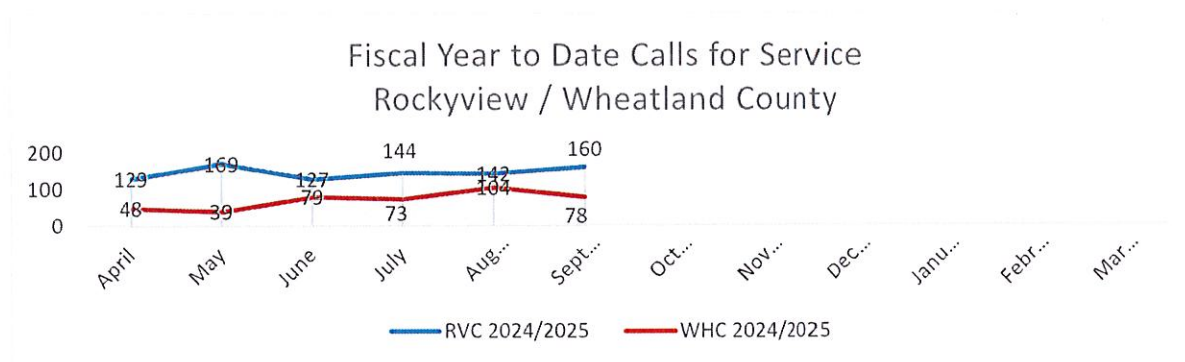




Watch Clerk Program

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. All positions were occupied this quarter.

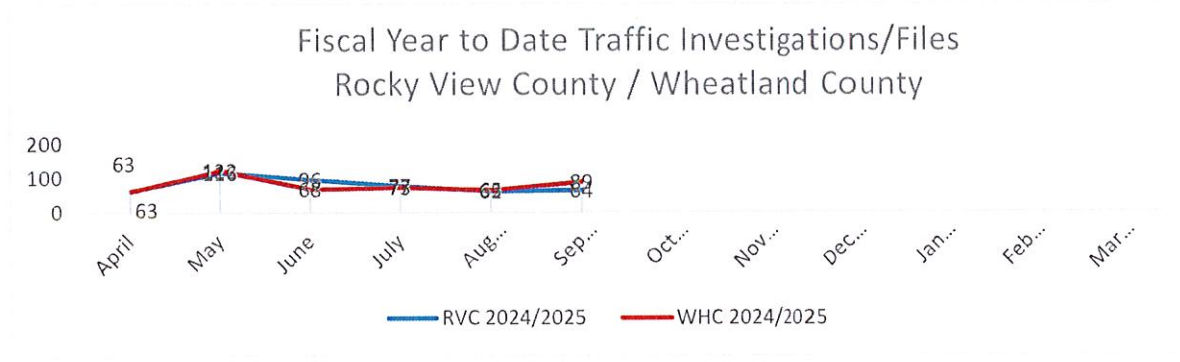
Fiscal Year to Date Calls for Service



*** 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.

This quarter Strathmore Detachment responded to 446 calls for service in RVC (up from 391 (+14%) from last year) and 255 calls in WHC (down from 273 (-7%) from last year).

Fiscal Year to Date Traffic Offences and Reports



RVC this quarter traffic occurrences were 203, up from 190 (+7%) from the year prior. WHC occurrences increased to 227 from 220 the year prior (+3%).





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ROCKY VIEW AND WHEATLAND COUNTY

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