

REQUEST FOR DECISION

RFD 25-1477



Meeting: Regular Council
Meeting Date: August 25, 2025
Presented By: Kevin Bamber, General Manager - Community & Protective Services
Title: RCMP Q1 2025/26 Quarterly Update
Report Type: Information Update

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:



Economy



Safety



Community



Environmental



RFD PURPOSE:

Q 2025/26 quarterly update (Community Policing Report) provided by the RCMP (Inspector Spaans or acting delegate). Opportunity for Council to ask questions and seek further clarification on report.

REPORT:

See attachment. The balance of the report presentation content will be provided at the Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

(I move) that Council receive the Q1 2025/26 Quarterly Update as information.

IMPLICATIONS:

a) Financial:

None at this time.

b) Legal / Risk:

None at this time.

c) Program or Service:

None at this time.

d) Organizational:

None at this time.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND:

a) Policies and Bylaws:

N/A.

b) Municipal Plans:

N/A.

c) Other Legislation or Agreements:

MPSA

APPROVAL(S):

Communications Department, Communications
Sue Howard, City Manager

Approved - 16 Jul 2025

Approved - 17 Jul 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

[Wetaskiwin City Q1 Presentaiton - August 2025](#)

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Q1 Report to Council



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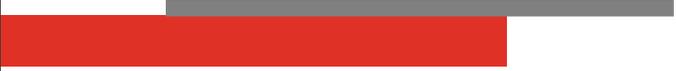
INTRODUCTION

- 2025-2026 Annual Performance Plan
- Crime Trends
- Questions



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Policing officers have focussed on several initiatives during the first quarter:

• Navigation Centre	• Youth Safety Council
• Community BBQ	• Rural Town Halls
• Group Home Engagement	• 2025 Graduation
• Reynolds Museum Activities	• NASCAR First Responders
• 2025 Bike Rodeo	• Canada Day activities



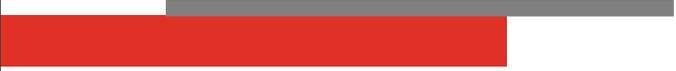
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CRIME REDUCTION

The Crime Reduction Unit has continued with a primary focus on fentanyl trafficking while also working on social disorder issues and crime hot spots. Over the first quarter, several significant occurrences were managed by the CRU.

Total Fentanyl Seized	702.5g
Estimated Value	\$24000+
Total Arrests	38
Total Charges	90
Total Weapons Seized	6



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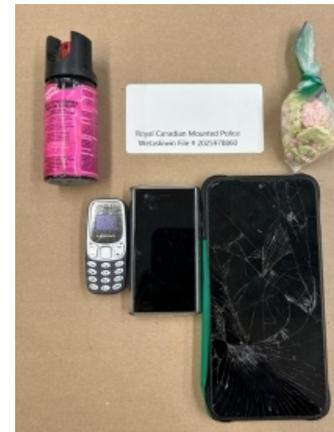
Fentanyl Trafficking

A uniformed general duty member observed a suspect drug deal near a hotel in Wetaskiwin. Plain clothes units were alerted and followed the suspect for a distance. A traffic stop was initiated and fentanyl seized from the suspect.

Subsequently, a search warrant was executed in Thorsby and additional drugs were seized.

141g of fentanyl, 6.4g of meth, 1.5g of cocaine and two firearms were seized.

Two individuals have been charged with a total of twelve criminal charges.



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Fatal Hit and Run Collision

On May 1, the Wetaskiwin Detachment was dispatched to a hit and run collision on Highway 13 a short distance west of the City.

A 50 year old female was declared deceased on scene and the suspect vehicle was not immediately located.

A video canvass by the Wetaskiwin General Investigations Section identified a suspect vehicle and the image was disseminated throughout the province.

Tips were received shortly after the image was released and a suspect was identified.

In June, after an exhaustive investigation charges were laid against a male from Blackfalds, Alberta.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY

The RCMP along with the City of Wetaskiwin and FCSS continue to spearhead the Wetaskiwin Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy.

Key to this strategy has been the implementation of the first Pop Up Navigation Center which was enacted on June 25 with positive reviews.

A total of 117 individuals utilized the center; 28 of whom received identification through Service Alberta.

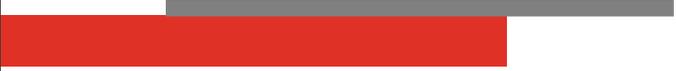


Ongoing discussions with Service Alberta, Red Tape Reduction, Mental Health and Addictions, and Housing Ministries to bring this initiative to other communities across Alberta. The RCMP and CSWB Steering Committee is looking at holding a similar event in the winter.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY

Business Involvement

In early June, a local business reached out to the RCMP after concerns arose regarding employee safety and a drastic increase in property crime.

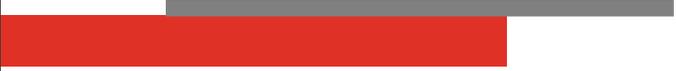
The RCMP and Mayor Gandam met with the business leaders in the area and committed to devising a plan to increase patrols and harden the property. The Crime Reduction Unit met with managers and the company agreed to a CPTED assessment.

Positive results so far with an increase in patrols and information sharing.



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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

With an increased focus on internal development, training was a key element of this quarter's employee wellness results.

Ongoing talks with K Division Staffing to bring members in and release those who are looking to round out their careers.

Gang Enforcement Training	Undercover Operations Training
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training	Financial Literacy Training
Detachment BBQ x4	Cst. Agostinho 20 th Anniversary
Reclassification with Staffing	Three new officers have arrived
One-on-one leadership training	





Crime Trends

Overall, crime trends have remained steady when compared to last year (January to June). There have been some areas with increases, while other crime types continue to see decreasing instances.

Assault	Increase of 12% (+30 instances)
Robbery	Increase of 56% (+5 instances)
Break and Enter	Decrease of 25% (-28 instances)
Theft Under \$5000	Increase of 26% (+58 instances)
Total Criminal Code	Increase of 9% (1725 to 1883)



BREAK AND ENTER

	2024												2025												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Break and Enter	9	13	12	33	24	20	22	27	21	17	15	15	9	16	12	15	14	17							
Running Total	9	22	34	67	91	111	133	160	181	198	213	228	9	25	37	52	66	83							
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Break and enters, although beginning to increase in June, have decreased overall when compared to last year.

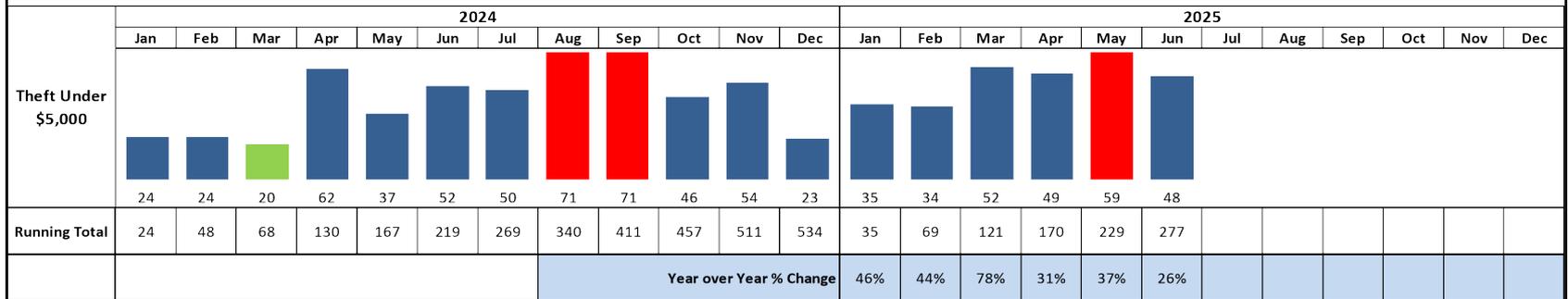
Continuing efforts to ensure the upward trend does not continue including the use of CRU and uniformed suppression shifts.



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THEFT UNDER \$5000



Theft under \$5000 occurrences represent that largest increase of any crime type.

May be due to several factors including, but not limited to, the removal of encampments.



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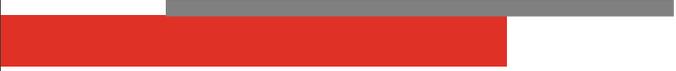


FAMILY VIOLENCE



Instances of spousal abuse remain consistent with last year and with results of years past.

A new Domestic Violence coordinator is in place to fill in while the former coordinator completes a period of special leave.



Prisoner Counts

Prisoner counts are one metric used to gauge the effectiveness of enforcement efforts and utilization of the Hope Mission.

While not fully reliable, the count can be compared to previous years and judged against previous year's strategies and resources.

Total Prisoner Count: 773

Increase from 575 in 2024

The number of prisoners housed in Wetaskiwin at this point in the year is the highest since 2021.



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Questions and Comments



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