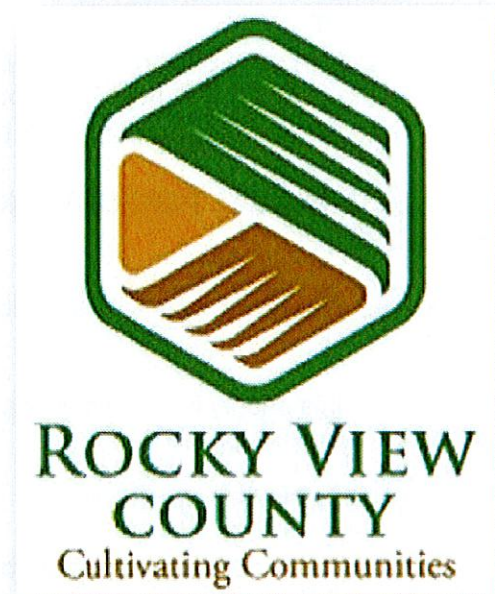# STRATHMORE RURAL POLICING REPORT

QUARTER 3

October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

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Royal Canadian   Gendarmerie royale
Mounted Police   du Canada

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Population Serviced:
- 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

2022-2023 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 four year crime levels through use of the following strategies.

Habitual Offender Management

A habitual offender management program 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 15 habitual offenders.

Offender 1: Identified as a candidate for property offences. Subject found in compliance during checks until conditions expired. No longer monitored in the HOM program. (Strathmore)

Offender/Property 2: Property identified as frequented by HOM offenders and property crime. (Rocky View County) During checks this quarter:
- A subject was identified and charged in relation to a fuel theft investigation;
- One vehicle fled from the property on member arrival;

- Another vehicle fled from members checking on the property which was found dumped nearby and recovered as a stolen vehicle. Suspects were identified;
- Four offenders located on the property wanted on warrants were arrested; and
- Seven stolen vehicles and two trailers were found and recovered from the property.

Offender/Property 3: Property identified as frequented by HOM offenders and property crime (Rocky View County). During checks this quarter:
- Two stolen vehicles fled the location upon arrival of inspecting members; and
- One stolen vehicle was recovered from the property.

Offender 4: Checks suspended at this time as the offender is incarcerated. (Wheatland County)

Offender 5: Identified for numerous property offences. Found in compliance when checked by members. (Wheatland County)

Offender 6: Identified for sexual offences, high risk to the community. Found in compliance when checked by members. (Langdon)

Offender 7: Identified for conviction of 40 CC offences and on a Conditional Sentence Order. The offender moved out of the Strathmore Detachment area. This file was concluded. (Wheatland County)

Offender 8: Identified on Conditional Sentence Order stemming from charges in relation to being found with more than a kilogram of cocaine in Saskatchewan. Found in compliance during checks. (Strathmore)

Offender 9: Identified as offender on release. bound by a Conditional Sentence Order. During a check, the subject was found to be not in compliance with a condition. A charge was submitted in relation to the breach. The offender was found in compliance during the remainder of checks. (Strathmore)

Offender 10: Identified as habitual offender on release in relation to possession of property obtained by crime, vehicle theft, flight from police, and failure to comply. During checks this quarter, the offender was found in violation of conditions on four occasions. Warrants for arrest were obtained which were later executed in Calgary. The offender was connected to several other theft of vehicles and break and enters throughout the Calgary Urban Area. The offender was held in custody. This file will be suspended pending release of the offender. (Strathmore)

Offender 11: Identified on release bound by a Conditional Sentence Order (CSO) in relation to violence. Found in compliance during checks this quarter. (Rocky View County)

Offender 12: Identified on release in relation to over 40 charges half of which involve armed robberies. The offender was found in violation of conditions and arrested on the

property by Strathmore members. The offender was held for a bail hearing and remanded into custody. This file will be suspended pending offender release. (Wheatland County)

Offender 13: Identified on release in relation to several firearms and domestic violence matters. The offender was found in violation of conditions and a warrant was sought for their arrest. (Rocky View County)

Offender 14: Identified on release in relation to several CSO and release orders involving sexual assault. The offender was found in compliance with conditions during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

Offender 15: Identified on release in relation to release on domestic violence, property crimes, unlawfully at large. The offender was found in compliance with conditions during checks this quarter. (Strathmore)

During this quarter, Strathmore members documented over 86 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.

Strathmore Theft Prevention Program – *Under Development / Assessment*

The Theft Prevention Program is an initiative dedicated to raise awareness of and reduce preventable property crime within the Town. Under supervision of Strathmore RCMP, volunteers would conduct foot patrols within the community to check vehicles to ensure they are secure. If found unlocked, a pamphlet will be left behind and the vehicle will be locked. If a vehicle is found running and insecure, the member will knock on the resident's door to provide preventative information. If valuables such as wallets, purses, or items of value are visible, effort will be made to notify the owner.

At present, sufficient volunteer resources have not been identified to carry out the program. Effort remains under way to move this program forward.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) - *Under Development*

This program involves making available various techniques residents, businesses, and rural residents can implement to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of property crime. Partnerships are under way with the Town of Strathmore Communications department to enhance availability of crime prevention information in the Town/RCMP website. In addition, pending availability of police resources, site assessments can be conducted upon request to help point out individual strategies to prevent theft and increase security of property.

Business Outreach Program - *Under Development*

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.
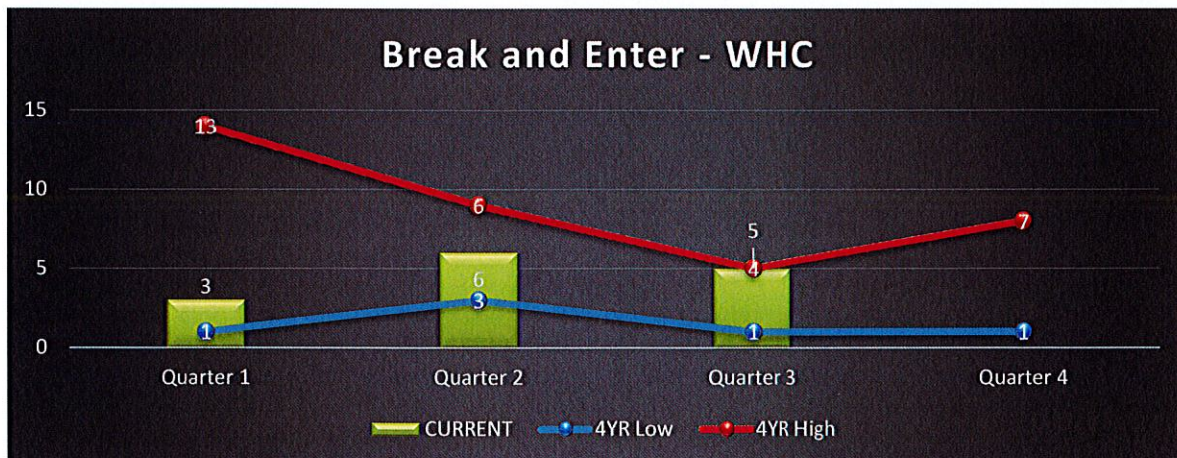
Hot Spot Patrols

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 this quarter are broken down as noted:

Langdon: 26   Wrangler Park: 39
Conrich: 31   Carseland: 9
Standard: 2   Rockyford: 3
Carseland: 9   Indus: 2
Mountain View Campground: 1

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

Theft of MV - RVC

CURRENT — 4YR Low — 4YR High

Theft of MV - WHC

CURRENT — 4YR Low — 4YR High

Theft From MV - RVC

CURRENT — 4YR Low — 4YR High

Theft From MV - WHC
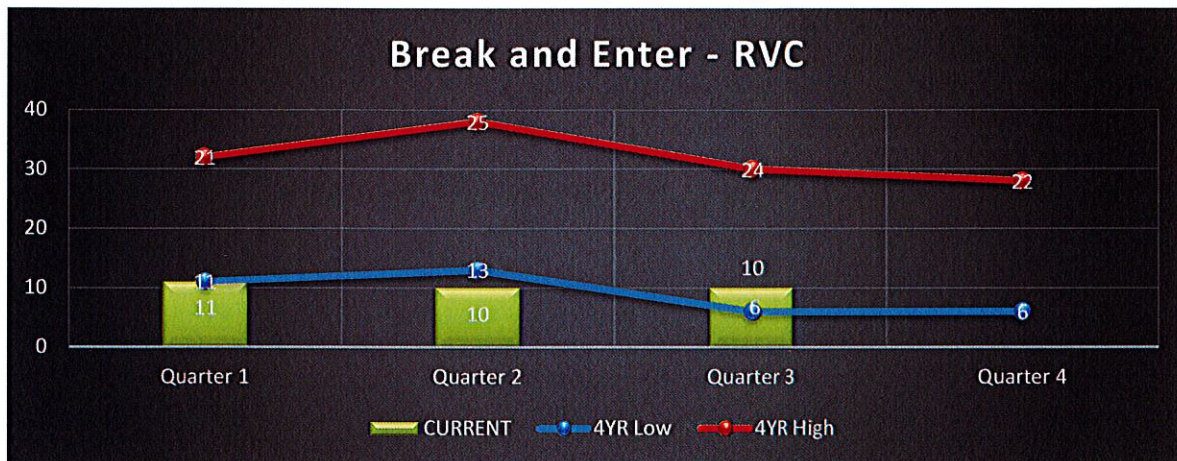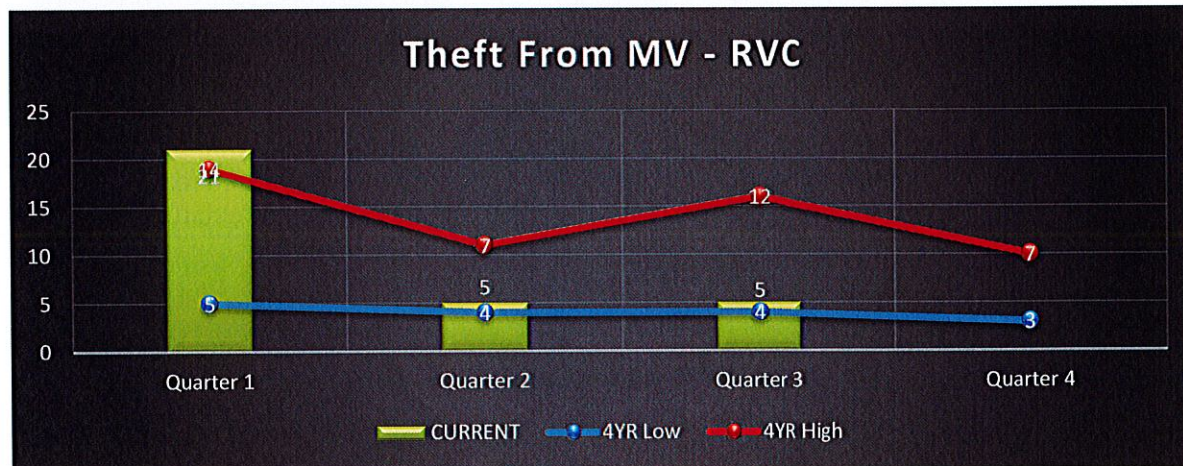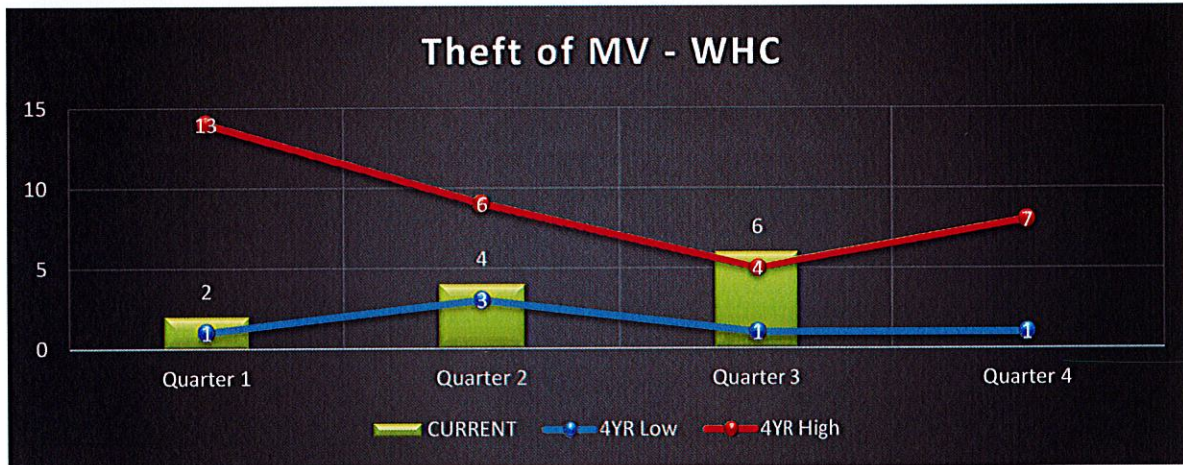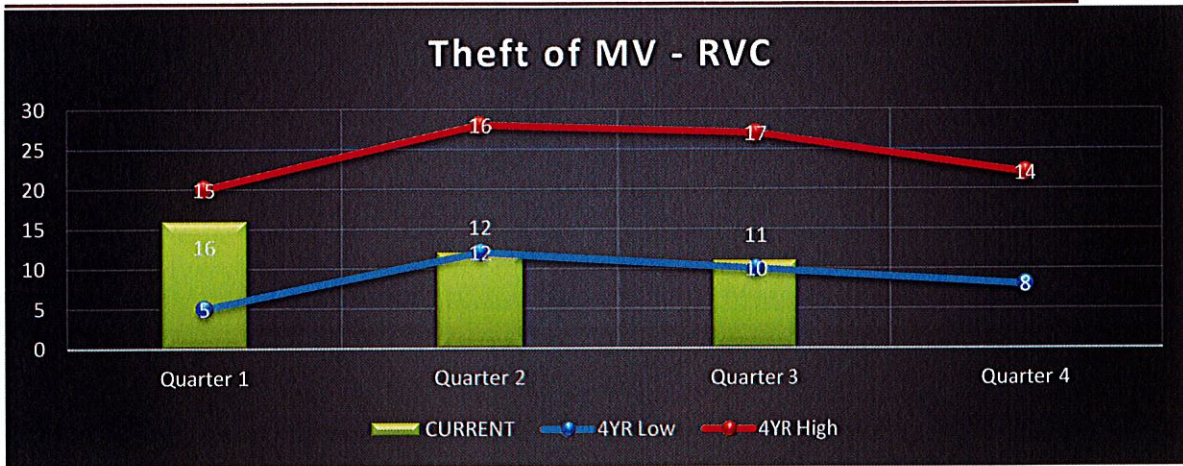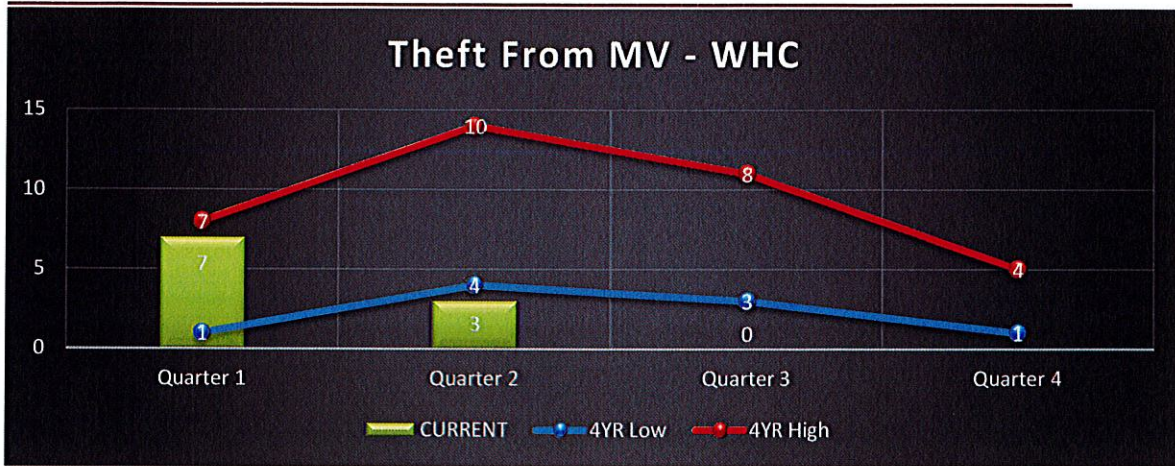
Results this quarter in comparison to the same time frame the year prior and four year averages broken down by county:

	FY21/22 to FY22/23	4 Year Average
Break and Enter		
RVC	Up to 10 from 8 (+25%)	Unchanged at 10 (=%)
WHC	Up to 5 from 0 (N/A%)	Down from 7 to 5 (-29%)
Theft of Motor Vehicle		
RVC	Down from 10 to 9 (=%)	Down from 12 to 9 (-25%)
WHC	Up from 3 to 6 (+100%)	Up from 4 to 6 (+50%)
Theft from Motor Vehicle		
RVC	Up from 4 to 5 (+25%)	Down from 6 to 5 (-17%)
WHC	Down from 6 to 0 (-100%)	Down from 4 to 0 (-100%)

Crime Trends:

Rocky View County

Break and Enter - Five occurrences involved business where copper wire and tools were targeted. The remainder were mainly committed in rural properties when residents were not home. In two occasions due to quick reporting, offenders were arrested on site.

Theft of MV – Six vehicles were stolen from within Wrangler Park, one was stolen when left unlocked, to date six have been recovered.

Theft from MV – All reported thefts were stolen license plates.

Wheatland County

Break and Enter – All of the occurrences were at rural properties offenders believed

were unoccupied at the time. In one event, quick reporting by a resident with remote access to onsite cameras led to an arrest of two individuals on site. Another offender was scared off when confronted by a resident.

Theft of MV: All thefts occurred on rural properties. Three have been recovered, one matter was a failed attempt.

Levels in all areas remain close to or below historical levels this quarter.

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

The goal of this priority reduce overall reportable and injury by up to 5% of the previous year.

Traffic Safety/Enforcement

Enforcement results this quarter:

Violations:

- RVC: 189 // Det. Mem 55 // Langdon 13 (Highway 791, Glenmore Trail) // RVC Enh. 15 (Includes Foothills ITU)
- WHC: 135 // Det. Mem 55 (Includes Foothills ITU)

Suspensions in both municipal and rural areas:
- 26 x Immediate Roadside Sanction alcohol/drug suspensions *(includes Foothills Traffic Services contributions in the rural areas)*;
- 3 x 72hr suspensions;
- 5 x 24hr suspensions;
- 5 x GDL suspensions;
- 3 Disqualified drivers; and
- 6 Criminal Impaired Driving Charges

Check Stop Program *(in and around Strathmore)*

This quarter 6 documented check stops were conducted in Strathmore and surrounding areas which resulted in:

- Violations: 0
- IRS Suspensions: 1
- IRS Impaired Suspensions: 3
- Suspended Drivers: 0
- Impaired Driving Charges: 0
- Mandatory Alcohol Screening: 366
- Total Vehicles Checked: 366

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

RVC Collision Factors Q3

Unsafe Backing 3%
Other 8%
Weather 2%
Intersection Offence 8%
Rear End 13%
Animal 33%
Speed Relative to Conditions
Unsafe Lane Change 5%
Distracted Driving 2%

WHC Collision Factors Q3

Unsafe Backing 2%
Rear End 8%
Intersection Offence 10%
Other 15%
Speed Releative to Conditions 11%
Animal 50%
Unsafe Lane Change 4%
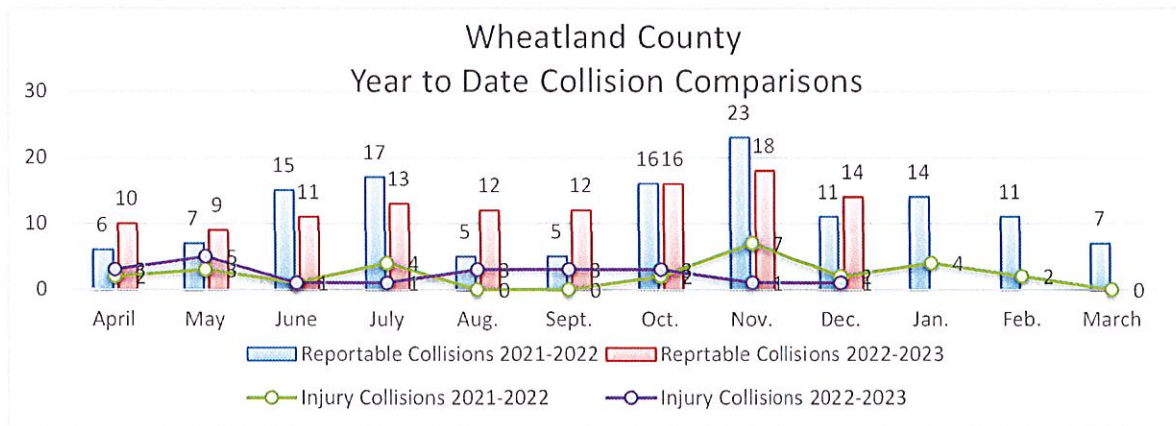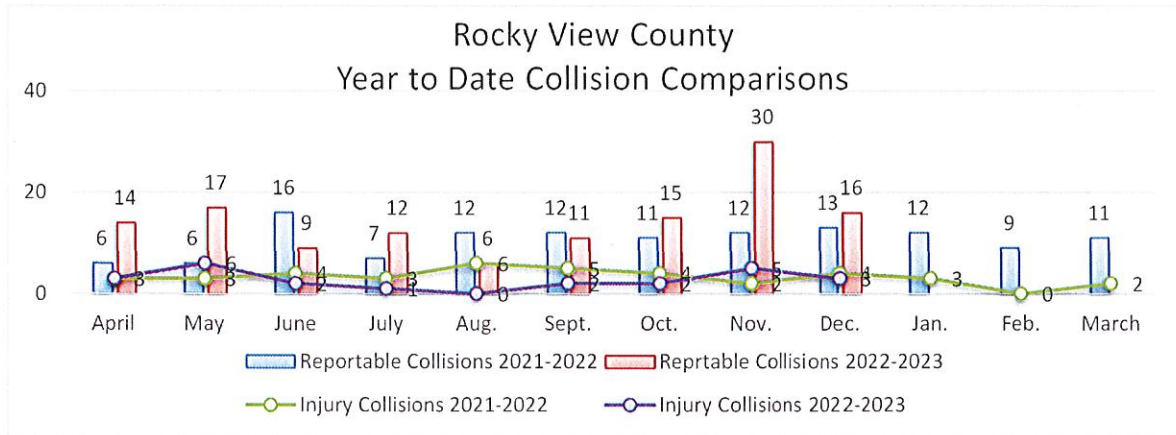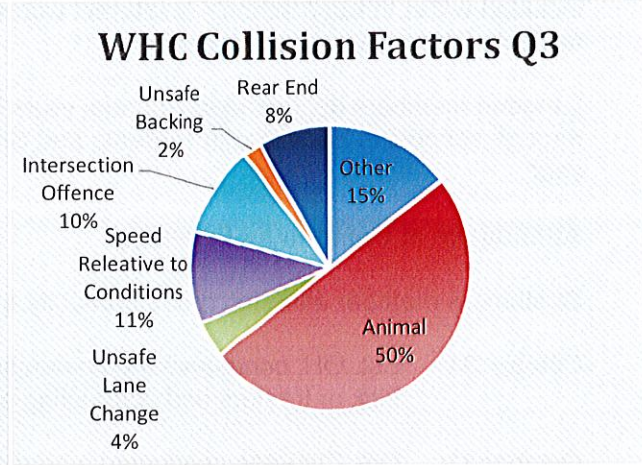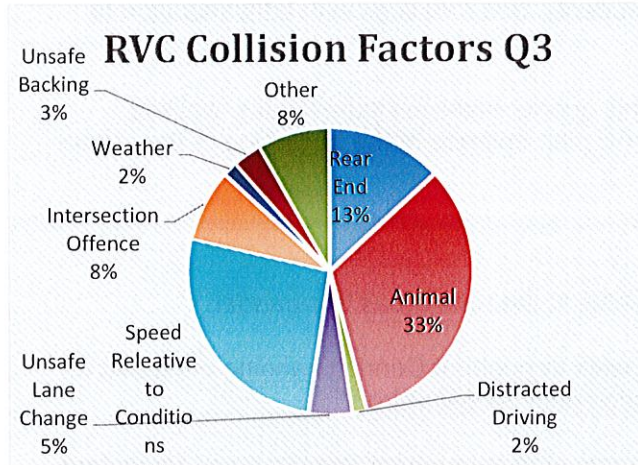
Results this quarter in the selected areas in comparison to the same time frame last year including comparisons to the preceding four fiscal year average:

	FY21/22 to FY22/23	**4yr. Fiscal YR Avg.**
Reportable Collisions:		
RVC :	Up from 37 to 61 (+65%)	Up from 33 to 61 (+85%)
WHC:	Down from 49 to 48 (-2%)	Up from 36 to 48 (+33%)
Injury Collisions:		
RVC:	Down from 10 to 8 (-20%)	Unchanged at 8 (=%)
WHC:	Down from 11 to 5 (-55%)	Unchanged at 5 (=%)

Rocky View County saw an increase of collisions this quarter mainly attributed to animal strikes followed by unsafe speed relative to road conditions. While there was an increase in overall collisions this quarter, there was a slight reduction in injury collisions. Wheatland County's collisions were reduced this quarter compared to last but remained above historical averages. Half of all collisions were animal strikes, followed by object (sign, guard rail, etc.) collisions. Injury collision rates this quarter were reduced from the same time frame the year before.

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 6 school visits in our rural schools which included walks through schools to interact with students, and meetings with administration to facilitate future class presentations.

Langdon members documented 7 school visits this quarter involving school talks, walking through schools to interact with students and SAFE plan updates at the beginning of the school year.

Attendance at Community Events

Strathmore member attended four community events in the rural areas this quarter.

October 31:   Cst. OH, conducted a community walk throughout Conrich handing out treats to trick or treaters and conducting community safety patrols.

October 31:   Cpl. CHISAN, conducted a community walk throughout Standard and Rockyford handing out treats to trick or treaters and conducting community safety patrols.

November 11: Cst. LECOURS attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Carseland Community Hall.

November 11: Cst.'s SHAIKH and SRAN attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Standard.

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.

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. Each funding partner has contributed a clerk resource throughout the pilot stage into continued yearly support in continuance of the program.

Watch clerks are support staff employees dedicated to supporting front line policing activities within Strathmore and in the Rural areas as a valuable investment in community safety. These clerks complete a myriad of administrative functions on behalf of front line police officers. Activities include but are not limited to data entry, completion of court submissions, fulfilling communication requests, data quality checks, responding to disclosure requests, completion of collision reports, and dispatching routine calls for service.

This assistance results in increased time members can spend actively patrolling communities and investigating crime. With a fully staffed watch clerk pool there exists the potential to increase front line policing time from approximately 2,281 to 3,421 man-hours each year.
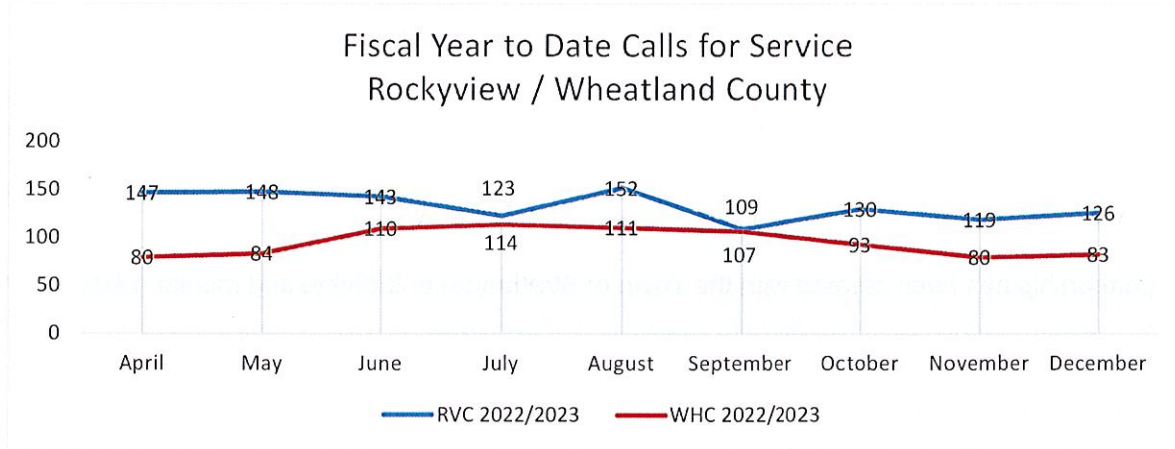
As a measure to enhance the program, the Detachment Commander has reallocated a provincially funded position into the pool to support all four watches. This move creates an equal contribution between the Town, Counties, and a Provincially funded position. Effort is under way

to secure multi year funding with a long term goal of normalizing these positions. At present, all watch clerk positions have been filled and training has progressed to move our new hires to work independently with their assigned watches.

Fiscal Year to Date Calls for Service

Fiscal Year to Date Calls for Service
Rockyview / Wheatland County

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
RVC 2022/2023	147	148	143	123	152	109	130	119	126
WHC 2022/2023	80	84	110	114	111	107	93	80	83

*** *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 1197 calls for service in RVC (up from 1044 (+18%) from last year) and 862 calls in WHC (up from 688 (+25%) from last year).

Fiscal Year to Date Traffic Offences and Reports

Fiscal Year to Date Traffic Investigations/Files
Rocky View County / Wheatland County

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
RVC 2022/2023	131	156	132	157	121	149	128	61	61
WHC 2022/2023	125	106	110	110	65	89	99	52	32
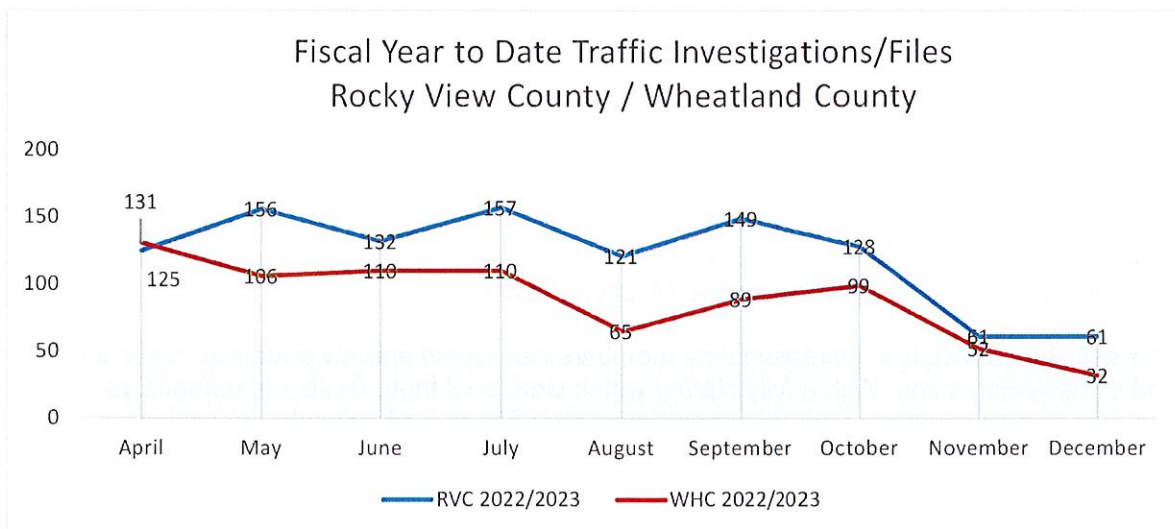
The downward trend in traffic file counts can be attributed to the disintegration of the Alberta Sheriffs from RCMP traffic sections, and a change in duties for the Rocky View Count Enhanced position.

Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz   2023-02-28
Detachment Commander
Strathmore-Langdon Detachment

Wheatland County - Strathmore Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to February: 2020 - 2023

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

March 6, 2023

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2020 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		0	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Other Sexual Offences		1	2	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Assault		1	4	2	1	0%	-50%	-0.2
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		1	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Uttering Threats		3	2	0	1	-67%	N/A	-0.8
TOTAL PERSONS		**6**	**9**	**8**	**2**	**-67%**	**-75%**	**-1.3**
Break & Enter		5	1	1	6	20%	500%	0.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		2	0	3	7	250%	133%	1.8
Theft Over $5,000		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Theft Under $5,000		3	1	8	4	33%	-50%	1.0
Possn Stn Goods		6	6	0	4	-33%	N/A	-1.2
Fraud		5	3	5	5	0%	0%	0.2
Arson		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		2	2	2	5	150%	150%	0.9
Mischief - Other		2	0	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.2
TOTAL PROPERTY		**25**	**14**	**20**	**32**	**28%**	**60%**	**2.7**
Offensive Weapons		1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Disturbing the peace		1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		1	2	4	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		1	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		**4**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**-75%**	**-75%**	**-1.0**
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		**35**	**28**	**32**	**35**	**0%**	**9%**	**0.4**

Wheatland County - Strathmore Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to February: 2020 - 2023

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March 6, 2023

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2020 - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	0	0	3	N/A	N/A	0.9
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		**1**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**300%**	**N/A**	**0.9**
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.4
TOTAL FEDERAL		**1**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**400%**	**400%**	**1.3**
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	1	2	N/A	100%	0.3
Cannabis Act		N/A	N/A	1	3	N/A	200%	1.0
Mental Health Act		N/A	N/A	7	2	N/A	-71%	-2.2
Other Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	4	4	N/A	0%	-1.0
Total Provincial Stats		**N/A**	**N/A**	**13**	**11**	**N/A**	**-15%**	**-1.9**
Municipal By-laws Traffic		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Total Municipal		**N/A**	**N/A**	**0**	**1**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**0.3**
Fatals		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		4	3	8	5	25%	-38%	0.8
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		N/A	N/A	19	25	N/A	32%	3.8
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		N/A	N/A	4	10	N/A	150%	3.2
TOTAL MVC		**N/A**	**N/A**	**31**	**40**	**N/A**	**29%**	**7.8**
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		N/A	N/A	8	8	N/A	0%	3.2
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		N/A	N/A	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.3
Total Provincial Traffic		**N/A**	**N/A**	**327**	**187**	**N/A**	**-43%**	**47.8**
Other Traffic		**N/A**	**N/A**	**0**	**2**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**0.6**
Criminal Code Traffic		**5**	**5**	**8**	**10**	**100%**	**25%**	**1.8**
Common Police Activities								
False Alarms		N/A	N/A	3	2	N/A	-33%	0.8
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		N/A	N/A	0	11	N/A	N/A	3.1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		N/A	N/A	10	12	500%	20%	3.0
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	3	0	-100%	-100%	0.0
Search Warrants		N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		N/A	N/A	2	6	N/A	200%	4.0
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%	-1.0