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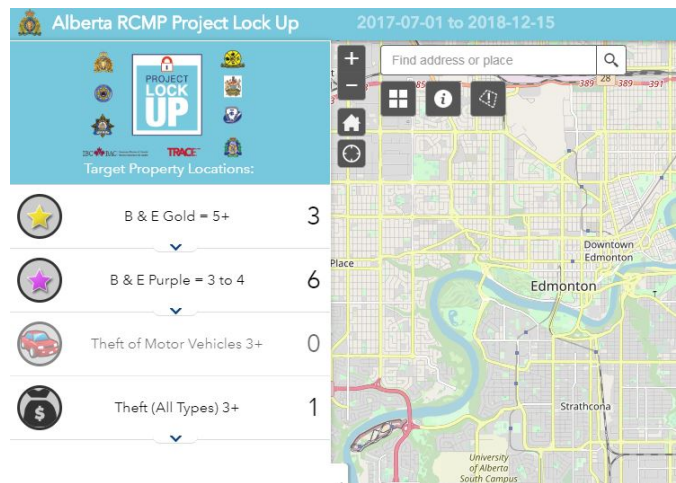
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### Crime Reduction Activities

#### Collaboration and Information Sharing

- Tour with Victoria Police (Australia):** D/ Commr. Zablocki, A/Commr. Ferguson and Supt. Peter Tewfik hosted Insp. Goldspink from the Australian Victoria Police with Alberta's Justice Solicitor General to discuss Alberta RCMP's Crime Reduction Strategy and to share best practices between the policing agencies. Insp. Goldspink also spent a day with Sgt. Lande, CAD CRU Lead to experience how CRU Units operate on the ground.
- Meeting with Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN):** Crime Reduction Unit Leads held a meeting with Insp. Mike Letourneau to discuss SCAN's mandate and processes. During the meeting, Insp. LeTourneau and CRU Leads identified opportunities for collaboration, particularly in areas that will advance investigations with shared objectives. SCAN is a unit of the Alberta Sheriffs that helps keep communities safe by dealing with problem properties that are being used for specific illegal activity.
- Crime Map Portal Launched:** The Project Lock Up Crime Map portal identifying places repeatedly victimized by property crime was launched in early February. Access to the portal is shared with Alberta's enforcement agencies and citizen-led crime prevention groups to help guide patrols and facilitate collaboration.





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### Community Engagement



**Secure-it-or-Lose-it Campaign:** Members of the Lloydminster RCMP Detachment with Lloydminster Citizens on Patrol were on hand in late January to install anti-theft screws on approximately 300 vehicles from the Lloydminster and surrounding area. "It was a huge success," according to Const. Alex Smith who spearheaded the event. "It's great to see so many people who want to help the police with preventing crime."

**Mochas with Mounties:** Airdrie RCMP hosted it's first Mochas with Mounties community engagement session on February 28<sup>th</sup>. During the well-attended event, members covered a variety of different topics including how to protect property, ways to deal with neighbourhood disputes, traffic related concerns and RCMP recruiting questions. And one lucky kid got a tour of the police car!

**Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting:** On February 2nd, Peter Tewfik, Officer in Charge, Crime Reduction Strategies, attended the Alberta Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting and delivered a talk on Alberta RCMP's Crime Reduction Strategy and the RCMP's partnership with Rural Crime Watch.



**Crime Prevention Workshops:** On February 25th, Jennifer Kee, Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist, conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) workshop at the Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting. She also met with several Rural Crime Watch chapters to talk about crime prevention strategies and what the chapters can do to support public safety in their communities. Jennifer delivered a presentation at the Andrew Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting on February 13th.



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**Farm Tech Conference:** Supt. Peter Tewfik delivered two one-hour presentations at the 20th Annual FarmTech Conference at the end of January to discuss Alberta RCMP's policing approach in rural communities. The FarmTech Conference is one of Canada's largest crop production and farm management conference with over 2,000 participants attending each year.

**Project Lock Up Follow-up:** As part of Project Lock Up, the Call Back Unit has begun connecting with property owners who have been repeatedly victimized by property crime to discuss simple crime prevention steps they can take to avoid being targeted again. Initial reaction from the property owners has been very positive, thus far.



**Fraud Prevention Month:** In support of Fraud Prevention Month, RCMP members and Monty the Safety Bear were in West Edmonton Mall on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to provide some fraud prevention tips and, in coordination with the Electronic Recycling Association, shred hard drives and other electronic devices. Members also took part in a Southern Alberta event in Balzac on the same day.





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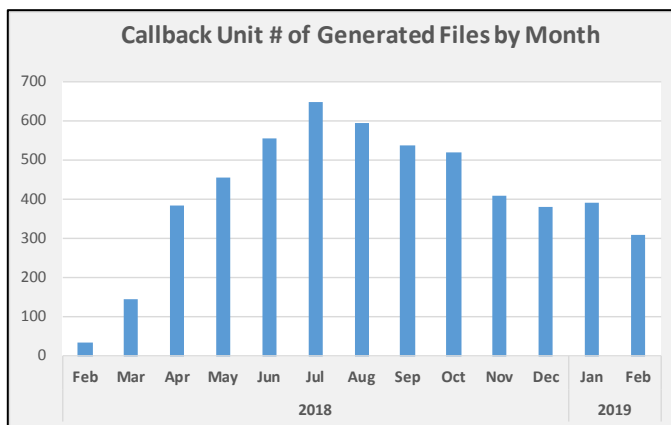
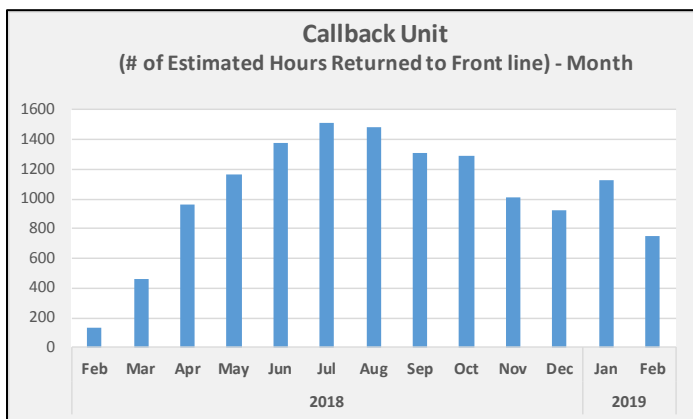
### Highlights – Crime Reduction Units – since launch

CRU - Highlights as February 4, 2019	CAD	WAD	SAD	EAD	TOTAL
CRU - Highlights as March 4, 2019	CAD	WAD	SAD	EAD	TOTAL
Total Number of Arrests	165	107	139	529	940
Total Number of Charges - RCMP	728	741	525	1263	3257
Total Number of Charges - Other Jurisdictions (non RCMP)	636	17	649	172	1474

### Call Management Initiatives

#### Call Back Unit Call Types

From February 15, 2018 to February 28, 2019, the Call Back Unit diverted and answered 5,373 calls for service rather than dispatching to front line members. This allowed for an estimated **13,513** hours to front line members to engage with the community and respond to calls for service, equaling over eleven General Duty Constable's workload in a year.





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### **Crime Reduction Unit Operations**

#### **February 7 – SAD CRU, Airdrie – Gathered Intelligence Leads to Arrest of Fraudster**

Based on gathered intelligence, the Southern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (SAD CRU), in coordination with Airdrie RCMP, initiated a surveillance operation on a suspect believed to have purchased furniture and vehicles using forged documents. During the operation, members gathered enough intelligence to obtain and execute a search warrant. The suspect, a female, age 39, was arrested and is facing a total of 14 charges related to fraud and forgery.

#### **February 13 – CAD CRU, Air Services, Police Dog Services – Hot Spot Patrols and Strong Coordination Results in Arrests, Stolen Vehicle**

While on proactive patrols of known hot spots, the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CAD CRU) located a suspicious vehicle they later confirmed to be stolen. CAD CRU initiated covert surveillance until a suspect known to members entered the vehicle and drove off. Once the vehicle was mobile, Air Services was requested to enable members to maintain surveillance at a distance and deploy a tire deflation device. The vehicle was disabled successfully and the suspects fled on foot where CAD CRU, with the support of Police Dog Services, found them hiding in a residential outbuilding. Members continued the investigation and was able to link the driver and the passenger to at least eight property crime and persons crime offenses over the last three weeks. The suspects are facing a total of 36 charges related to these offences.

#### **February 15 – EAD CRU, St. Paul RCMP – Strong Coordination Lead to Four Arrests After Pursuit**

While on proactive patrols, the Eastern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (EAD CRU) and St. Paul RCMP, became involved in a pursuit with a vehicle that fled at high speed in which firearms were thrown from the vehicle. The pursuit ended safely with all four occupants arrested. Ammunition was recovered inside the vehicle and a prohibited firearm that was discarded during the pursuit was located in a ditch nearby. All four suspects are facing multiple weapons charges related to the incident.

#### **February 19 – CAD CRU, Morinville RCMP – Car Thief Nabbed by CAD CRU and Bait Vehicles**

In response to a business being targeted multiple times over a short period, CAD CRU, in coordination with Morinville RCMP, deployed bait vehicles in the area. The bait vehicles were successfully stolen and CAD CRU initiated surveillance and followed the vehicle to a residence in Edmonton where the suspect was arrested.

#### **February 19 – CAD CRU, Rocky Mountain House – Hot spot patrols lead to arrests**

While on proactive patrols of known hot spots, CAD CRU located a vehicle with unmatched plates. Members approached the vehicle and confirmed the driver was wanted on multiple warrants out of Strathcona and Rocky Mountain House detachments. The suspect was arrested on charges related to his outstanding warrants. On a separate patrol of a known hot spot, CAD CRU, in partnership with Rocky Mountain House RCMP, initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, members discovered and seized several pieces of stolen identification and counterfeit money and was arrested and charged accordingly.



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### **February 19, 2019 – SAD CRU, Didsbury RCMP - Coordinated Effort Leads to Arrest of Males Wanted on Violent Offences**

In a coordinated effort, SAD CRU and Didsbury RCMP initiated an investigation into prolific targets in the area. During the investigation, members located and arrested two males wanted on several persons and property crimes out of Olds and Didsbury including assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, break and enter, and possession of stolen property.

### **February 22 – WAD CRU, Mayerthorpe RCMP – Gathered Intelligence Results in Significant Drug Seizure, Four Arrests**

In a coordinated effort, the Western Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (WAD CRU) and Mayerthorpe RCMP initiated a joint investigation into a suspected drug operation. Based on gathered intelligence during the investigation, members executed search warrants in two residences resulting in the seizure of 889 grams of methamphetamine, 32 grams of fentanyl, 89 grams of cocaine, 296 grams of cannabis and several snowmobiles. Members arrested two males, ages 41 and 44, and two females, ages 28 and 47, with possession for the purpose of trafficking and unauthorized possession of a firearm, among others.





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### Stories from Across the Province

#### **February 13 – Grande Prairie RCMP, WAD CRU, Police Dog Services – Gathered Intelligence Leads to Drug Seizure, Arrests**

In a coordinated effort and a result of gathered intelligence, Grande Prairie RCMP, WAD CRU, the municipal Crime Reduction Unit, General Investigation Section, General Duty members and Police Dog Services executed a search warrant on a residence believed to be involved in drug trafficking. During the search, members seized 1150 pieces of fentanyl, 28 grams of cocaine, and over \$41,000 in Canadian currency. Four males, ages 26, 27, 29 and 54, are facing charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking, among others.



#### **February 14 – Maskwacis RCMP, Police Dog Services – Gathered Intelligence Results in Seizure of Firearms**



Based on gathered intelligence, Maskwacis RCMP and Police Dog Services, executed a search warrant for firearms on a residence in rural Samson. During the search, members located and seized prohibited firearms, ammunition, drug paraphernalia and cocaine. Members arrested one male, age 30, with eight charges related to the items seized.

#### **February 14 - Slave Lake RCMP, ALERT – Joint Investigation Results in Slave Lake’s Largest Drug Seizure**

Slave Lake RCMP detachment in partnership with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) engaged in a project targeting the issue of drug trafficking in the Town of Slave Lake and surrounding areas. Based on gathered intelligence, RCMP and ALERT executed three search warrants over two days resulting the seizure of 622 grams of cocaine, along with quantities of methamphetamine and heroin representing Slave Lake’s largest single drug seizure. Members arrested two males, ages 29 and 44, and two females, ages 26 and 34, with charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking.







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### February 18 – Banff RCMP – Public Tip Results in Stolen Property, Arrests



Thanks to public tips regarding a male attempting to steal from vehicles in the 500 block of Banff Avenue, Banff RCMP attended the site and initiated an investigation and was able to identify and locate the suspect in the downtown core. The suspect, a male, age 25, was found with a number of stolen items in his possession including a Go Pro camera, a designer watch, vehicle key fobs and keys believed to be for Ford fleet vehicles. The male is facing a variety of charges including possession of stolen property and obstruction of a peace officer.

### February 26 – Cochrane RCMP – Gathered Intelligence Leads to Stolen Vehicle, Arrest of Dangerous Driver

As a result of gathered intelligence, Cochrane RCMP initiated an investigation into reports of a vehicle driving recklessly into the Cochrane detachment area. Members located the suspect vehicle which they were able to confirm was recently stolen and proceeded to arrest the driver and passenger without incident. The suspects, a male, age 20, and a female, age 27, are facing over ten charges related to the incident including possession of stolen property and dangerous operation of a vehicle.

### February 27 -Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch RCMP – Strong coordination lead to arrest of four after attempted break and enter to a residence

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch RCMP responded to a call for service following a break and enter attempt of a residence. Members attended the location and quickly set up containment of the area. In coordination with RCMP Air Services and RCMP Police Dog Services, members located and arrested four suspects. A vehicle linked to the suspects was later located with stolen property from the target residence. Three males, ages 25, 29 and 31, and one female, age 27, are facing a variety of charges including disguise with intent, robbery with a firearm and break and enter.