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2010
Second
Quarter
Report
to the
Community



COMMITTED TO POLICING EXCELLENCE

Vision:

A safe, vibrant city achieved in partnership through innovative, responsive policing.

The Edmonton Police Service is governed by the Edmonton Police Commission, a civilian oversight body that is responsible for ensuring the EPS provides effective, responsive and professional policing to the citizens of Edmonton.

The EPS provides the following: protection of life and property, preservation of public peace, prevention and detection of crime, regulation of non-criminal conduct as required by law, and services incumbent upon police as a social and community agency.

This is achieved through a Community Policing service delivery model. Community Policing is the delivery of effective and efficient policing services through a collaborative partnership with the citizens of Edmonton. It is characterized by an appropriate balance of:

- community consultation,
- community partnerships,
- prevention,
- problem solving,
- response, investigation and enforcement.

Success is measured by:

- a reduction in crime,
- a reduction in disorder,
- an increase in traffic safety, and
- a high level of public trust.

Overview

Proactive community policing and a strong focus on the targeted initiatives in the 2010 Annual Policing Plan resulted in a **16.3 per cent** reduction in the eight crime indicators from January until June 2010.

This report highlights work being done by the EPS in support of the 2010 Annual Policing Plan. The three strategic objectives driving the Plan are:

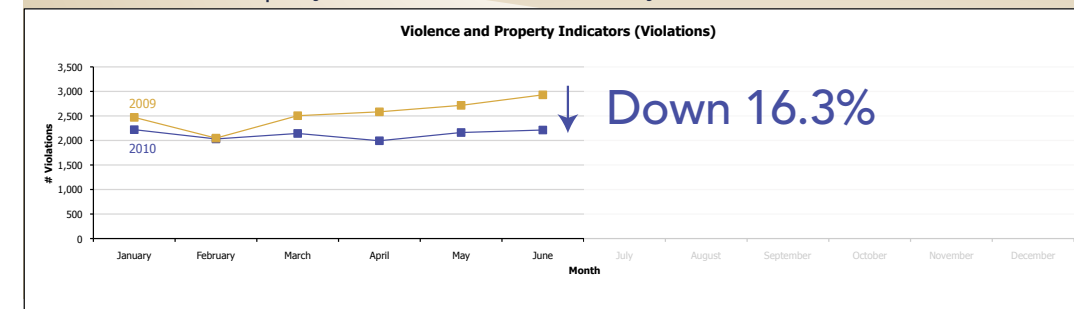
- **Reduced crime and victimization**
- **A citizen-centred police service**
- **A model of efficiency and effectiveness.**

Many factors contribute to the overall reduction in crime, but the Geographic Deployment Model is one of the main drivers. The EPS is now widely regarded as one of the top police services in Canada to respond to Priority One calls.

Of the crimes that have been committed, more have been cleared and that makes our community safer for all citizens.

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reduction
in the eight crime indicators

Violence and Property Crime in Edmonton (January 1 - June 30)

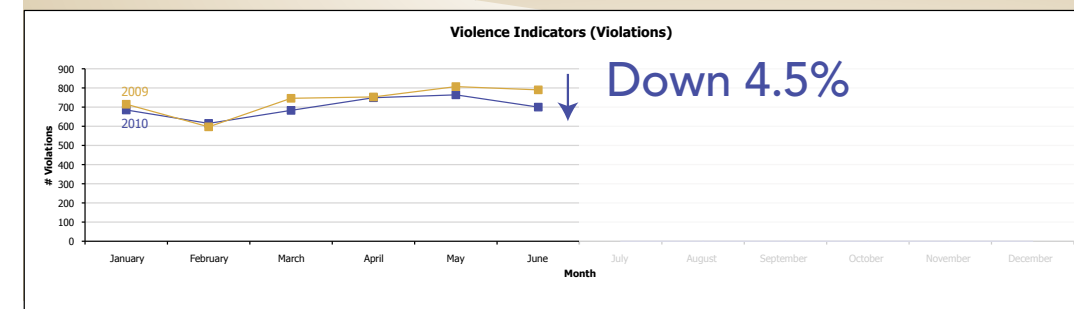


Eight Crime indicators:

- Homicide
- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery
- Break and Enter
- Theft from Vehicle
- Theft of Vehicle
- Theft over \$5000

The combined totals for the eight crime indicators have decreased 16.3% over the same period in 2009.

Violent Crime in Edmonton (January 1 - June 30)

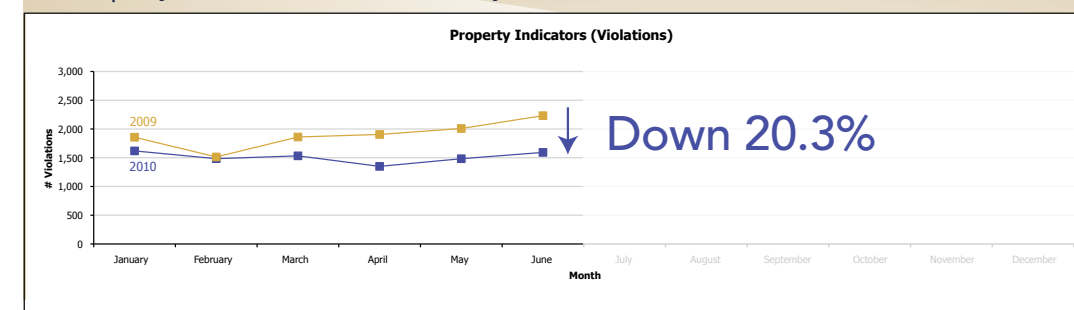


Violent Crime indicators:

- Assault
- Homicide
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery

Violent crime in Edmonton has decreased 4.5% over the same period in 2009.

Property Crime in Edmonton (January 1 - June 30)



Property Crime indicators:

- Break and Enter
- Theft from Vehicle
- Theft of Vehicle
- Theft over \$5000

Property crime in Edmonton has decreased 20.3% over the same period in 2009.

Reduce Crime and Victimization



Since establishing the eight crime indicators in 2006, Chief Boyd, the leadership team and all police officers have used data provided daily to map out crime and deploy resources in areas that experience ongoing or increasing violence and property crime. Patrol divisions work proactively to address issues of crime and disorder, focusing on 'hotspot' identification and relationship building.

Law Enforcement at Churchill Square

Residents, downtown businesses, City Council, the Commission and the EPS have all raised concerns over the escalating violence in Churchill Square over the past few years. To deal with these concerns and to ensure order is maintained and crime is reduced, Downtown Division put a series of proactive measures in place in the second quarter of 2010.

A five-day undercover drug bust targeted street-level drug trafficking on Churchill Square. The 'buy and bust' resulted in 22 arrests and 57 charges laid.

To increase police visibility around Churchill Square and to reassure the public that there is a strong police presence, Superintendent David Veitch of Downtown Division moved the stand-up parade out of headquarters and on to Churchill Square. Stand-up parade is an inspection of officers' dress, appearance, equipment and fitness for duty conducted by a supervisor or senior officer. This initiative will continue throughout the third and fourth quarters, weather permitting.

Members of Downtown Patrol Division, in conjunction with City of Edmonton Peace Officers and ETS Security, now regularly patrol Churchill Square, providing increased visibility and crime prevention. The bus shelter that attracted criminal activity has been removed and classical music is now played over the loud speaker on the west side of the Square where youth were congregating. These changes were implemented as a result of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment of Churchill Square the working group conducted in May 2010.



Targeted crime prevention blitz in West Edmonton

The communities of Belmead and La Perle in west Edmonton experienced a significant number of property crimes in May 2010. West Patrol Division identified the trend and with the support of 60 volunteers from the Beulah Alliance Church and Africa We Care, knocked on 4,000 doors and provided residents with information about how to properly secure their home and vehicles. Extensive media coverage assisted in getting the prevention message out to a city-wide audience.



Crime statistics show that reported property crime in these two neighbourhoods has decreased 40-50 per cent since the crime prevention information was distributed.

Reported Property Crime (priority West Division communities)

	Belmead	La Perle
May 2010	14	10
June 2010	7	6
Decrease (%)	50 %	40 %

Police initiatives target speeding and impaired driving

In a recent Citizen Survey, respondents once again identified traffic as the most important issue that should be addressed by the EPS. The 2010 Annual Policing Plan outlines a number of initiatives to reduce speeding, impaired driving and other traffic related offences city-wide.

The Curb the Danger program encourages citizens to report suspected impaired drivers. A unique component of the program is that, if police are unable to intercept the suspect vehicle and if there is a license plate number and driving pattern provided, the registered owner of the vehicle is notified that the vehicle was reported by a concerned citizen. The target of the program is to maintain an average of 700 calls per month. This program sends offenders the message that more than just the police are watching for them.

Curb the Danger Calls

January – March 2010	736
April – June 2010	759

Operation 24 aims to reduce speeding and subsequent injury and death resulting from collisions on the streets of Edmonton. The stated objective of the program is to increase enforcement by five per cent over the 2009 baseline measurement. There were two operations conducted in the second quarter that resulted in 4,755 violation tickets being issued. This is an increase of 6.9 per cent over the operations conducted during the same time period in 2009.



A Citizen-Centred Police Service

As Edmonton grows and diversifies, the EPS is building strong connections with the citizens it serves. During the second quarter of 2010, interaction with the community included meetings and events with a number of communities.

Sexual Minority Community

The Commission was a proud sponsor of Pride Week 2010. Uniformed officers marched in the Edmonton Pride Parade on June 12 to show support for Pride Week. Continuing the tradition of last year's event in Southeast Division, North Division opened its doors for a Pride Week reception hosted by Chief Boyd on June 15. Efforts to strengthen understanding and mutual respect with the Sexual Minority Community continue through the Community Liaison Committee.

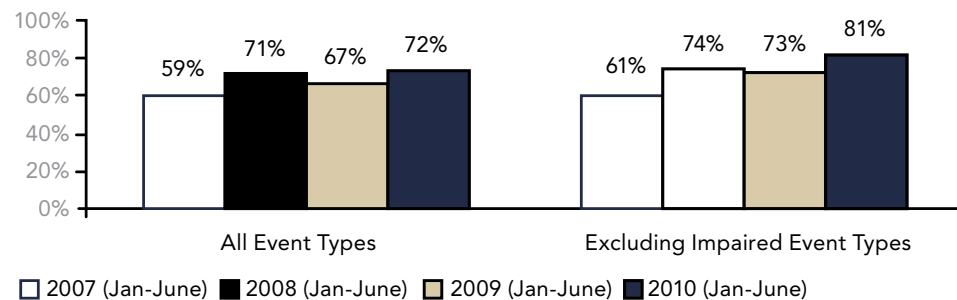
Chinese Community

Chief Mike Boyd and Downtown Beat Patrol spent the afternoon of April 21 on a 'walk along' with members of the Business Revitalization Zone, representatives from the Chinese Liaison Committee and a local business owner. The group explored the Chinatown area to see first-hand the concerns raised at the Town Hall Meeting.

African-Canadian Community

Members of the EPS held bi-weekly meetings with the African-Canadian Community, with the goal of establishing a permanent Community Liaison Committee. Superintendent Brad Ward, North Division, who is leading the group, has attended the Alberta Somali Community Centre Roundtable meeting with City Councillor Amarjeet Sohi and Member of Parliament Brent Rathgeber.

GDM Response Time (≤ 7 Minutes) 2007 – 2010



Responding to Priority-One Calls

A key measure of our efficiency and effectiveness is police response time to life-threatening emergencies. Our goal, as outlined in the 2010 Annual Police Plan, is for the police to be at the scene of priority one calls within seven minutes, 80 per cent of the time. The seven-minute timeframe for life-threatening emergencies is a best practice for most police agencies across North America.

As compared to the first six months of 2007, when the Geographic Deployment Model was first implemented, response times have improved 20 per cent. The most recent data from 2010 shows that first responders arrived on-scene within seven minutes 81 per cent of the time (excluding impaired driving calls).



A Model of Efficiency and Effectiveness

We are proud to have an engaged workforce that is committed, motivated, and efficient. As a leading police organization, EPS members are encouraged to be creative, innovative and to explore new ways of becoming more efficient and effective. We are streamlining processes and carefully allocating resources to increase the value of services to citizens.

report of May 2010, the CALEA team leader wrote, "Based on our review of agency files, inspection of its facilities, and interactions with its members and community, we are convinced that the EPS is an outstanding law enforcement agency that provides exceptional service to its community."

Representatives of the EPS and Commission attended the CALEA final review panel hearings in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 30, 2010 to confirm the EPS re-accreditation status.



Photo: Sylvester Daughtry, Jr., CALEA Executive Director, Joe Rodgers, Executive Director of the Edmonton Police Commission, Lila Aarhus, EPS Accreditation Coordinator, Sergeant Kim Houle, EPS Accreditation Manager, Superintendent Ken MacKay, Special Investigation Division, and Louis M. Dekmar, CALEA Commission President/Chair.

CALEA Re-accreditation 2010

In 1988, the EPS became the first Canadian law enforcement agency to be awarded accredited status by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The EPS must undergo re-accreditation every three years.

In April 2010, CALEA representatives spent five days in Edmonton to review the EPS and assess the current state of police operations. In his

Homicide Investigations

From January until June 2010, the EPS Homicide Section investigated 11 incidents of homicide, which involved the deaths of 13 people. Eighty-five per cent of these homicides were cleared by June 30. Seven incidents were cleared by charge, one was classified as a non-culpable homicide and one was cleared for other reasons.

Success in solving homicides is the result of outstanding team work that includes thorough investigative and detective work carried out by Patrol Divisions and Specialized Investigation Units. The great work, led by Homicide Section Detectives, has resulted in steady clearance rate increases for the past three years.

Year	# of Homicides January - June	Clearance Rate
2010	11	85%
2009	13	69%
2008	13	31%

Note: EPS considers a file cleared only when a suspect is charged, a warrant is issued for arrest, a suspect dies prior to his eventual arrest or the homicide is found to be non-culpable.

Appendices

EPS Staff Complement

SWORN, NON-SWORN AND RECRUITS

STAFF	2010 AUTHORIZED FTEs	2010 FTEs AT JULY 3, 2010	VACANCIES (OVERSTRENGTH)
SWORN STAFF	1,551.0	1,555.5	(4.5)
RECRUITS		5.0	(5.0)
NON-SWORN	575.5	573.5	(2.0)
FULL COMPLEMENT	2,126.5	2,134.0	(7.5)
Authorized FTEs represent 2,143.5 authorized positions in 2010.			

Financials

BUDGET VARIANCE by Major Category of Revenues & Expenditures For the Period Ending June 30, 2010 (\$000's)

	2010 YEAR TO DATE				YEAR END FORECAST			
	Budget	Actual	Var	%	Budget	Projected	Var	%
REVENUE								
Traffic Safety Act	\$4,704	\$4,724	\$20	0.4%	\$11,658	\$11,658	\$ -	0.0%
Transfer to COE General Revenues	-	(20)	(20)		-	-	-	
Provincial Grants	4,326	4,326	-	0.0%	22,144	22,144	-	0.0%
Other	9,636	10,282	646	6.7%	23,295	24,349	1,054	4.5%
Total Revenue	11,666	19,312	646	3.5%	57,097	58,151	1,054	1.8%
EXPENDITURES								
PERSONNEL								
Salary and benefits	92,908	93,868	(960)	-1.0%	225,693	226,665	(972)	-0.4%
Overtime	3,047	2,874	173	5.7%	8,770	8,770	-	0.0%
	95,955	96,742	(787)	-0.8%	234,463	235,435	(972)	-0.4%
NON-PERSONNEL								
Furniture, equipment, IT, materials and supplies	4,017	3,632	385	9.6%	11,431	10,973	458	4.0%
Contracts and services	7,233	6,542	691	9.6%	20,216	19,963	253	1.3%
Vehicles	2,480	2,585	(105)	-4.3%	5,949	6,641	(692)	-11.6%
Facilities	5,409	5,312	97	1.8%	14,061	14,061	-	0.0%
Legal fees/settlements	879	856	23	2.6%	2,110	2,110	-	0.0%
Other	(196)	(429)	233	-118.7%	698	652	46	6.6%
	19,821	18,498	1,323	6.7%	54,465	54,400	65	0.1%
Total Expenditures	115,776	115,240	536	0.5%	288,927	289,834	(907)	0.0%
Position before Adjustments	97,110	95,928	1,182	1.2%	231,830	231,683	147	0.1%
Tangible Capital Assets Budget adjustment					5,620	5,620	(0)	0.0%
Net Position	\$97,110	\$95,928	\$1,182	1.2%	\$237,450	\$237,303	\$147	0.1%