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2011 ANNUAL POLICING PLAN Report Card













We are proud to present the 2011 Annual Policing Plan Report Card

We live in a dynamic, metropolitan city with more than one million residents in the greater Edmonton area. Quality of life, safety and security are top priorities for citizens.

The EPS and Commission developed the 2011 Annual Policing Plan to address community needs, expectations and emerging trends. The Plan includes 26 initiatives, and success was measured based on targets reached. This document outlines the overall performance of the EPS based on measurable goals that were set for the year.

We are pleased to report that 18 of the 26 goals were not only met, but were exceeded, and six achieved partial success. Over the course of the year, the EPS experienced an 18% reduction in crime, a 10% drop in public complaints, and a 20% reduction in fatal traffic collisions.

To reduce the number of violent incidents in our city, we partnered with the City of Edmonton and REACH to launch the Violence Reduction Action Plan. Our contribution to the overall Plan - the EPS Violence Reduction Strategy - has generated excellent early results, and our focus on reducing violence will continue in 2012.

We wish to commend the members of the EPS for their strong and deep commitment to public safety and building strong communities. We are proud of all the police officers and civilian members who work tirelessly to make Edmonton a safe city.

The successes achieved in 2011 would not have been possible without our growing number of community partnerships across Edmonton. It is through these relationships and a continued investment in policing that we will collectively realize our vision of a safe, vibrant city, through innovative, responsive and progressive policing.

Arlene Yakeley Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police, Edmonton Police Service



The new African Community Liaison Committee (ACLC), part of the EPS Chief's Community Advisory Council, was created to keep the lines of communication open between the EPS and the local African community.



CRIME REDUCTION

2011 Target: 4% reduction over previous year

2011 Results: 17.7% reduction

Edmonton experienced an unprecedented reduction in crime. In 2011, there were 4,544 less incidents of crime in the eight crime indicators as compared to 2010. Violent crime was reduced by 5.3%, and property crime was down 22.4% over 2010.

CLEARANCE RATES

2011 Target: 4% increase over previous year

2011 Results: 10.2% increase over previous year

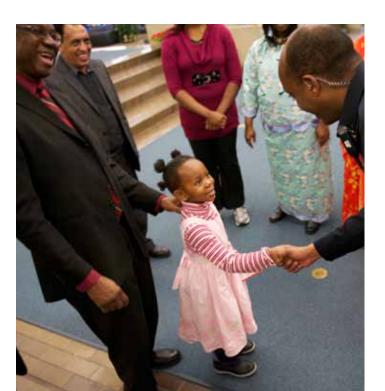
Due to the improved quality of investigations, better processes, and more experienced officers, 41.1% of files were cleared; an improvement of 10.2% over the previous year.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

2011 Target: 5% reduction

2011 Results: 10% reduction

Both formal and informal complaints were down in 2011. This indicates that more citizens were satisfied with the services of EPS.



CHIEF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

2011 Target: Review and evaluate committee framework

2011 Results: Framework reviewed and revised

The framework for the Chief's Advisory Council was reviewed and Chief Knecht provided his vision on the role it should play along with the Community Liaison Committees. This included consultation and dialogue with community representatives on violence reduction strategies within diverse communities and how the Community Liaison Committees could assist in reducing violence.

BEAT OFFICER PROGRAM

2011 Target: 4% crime reduction in designated beat areas

2011 Results: 26.5% crime reduction in beat areas

The 2011 Beat Review Project resulted in the identification of 17 disorder indicators such as arsons, trouble with intoxicated persons, and Mental Health Act complaints. On average, Beat officers now spend 54.4% of their time proactively dealing with the indicators.

NEIGHBOURHOOD EMPOWERMENT TEAMS

2011 Target: Reduce calls for service in NET hot spot locations by 4%

2011 Results: 4% reduction in calls for service

Through proactive problem solving and the use of community resources, NET contributed to stabilizing environments and mobilizing people who live and work within 'at risk' communities to become self-reliant.

The EPS was a proud recipient of an anti-racism award handed out at the Centre for Race and Culture's annual gala in March 2011. The award was given to the institution that has done the best work addressing racism in Edmonton.



TRAFFIC FATALITIES

2011 Target: 5% reduction

2011 Results: 20% reduction

SERIOUS INJURY

2011 Target: 5% reduction 2011 Results: 9.5% reduction

INJURY COLLISIONS

2011 Target: 5% reduction

2011 Results: 7.7% reduction

Effective use of public education campaigns encouraged safer driving. More road signs throughout Edmonton reminded citizens to slow down and advised of current road conditions.



STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PLAN

2011 Target: 2% increase in enforcement

2011 Results: 20.4%

increase

A total of 101,066 tickets were issued in 2011, compared to 83,946 issued in 2010. Part of this increase was due to the addition of a fourth EPS traffic squad. As well, road conditions in the last quarter of 2011 were unseasonably good.

CHECKSTOP

2011 Target: Maintain the number of vehicles checked as in 2010 (8,489)

2011 Results: 31.9% increase in number of vehicles checked (11,198)

In order to maintain a strong Checkstop presence throughout the year, some Christmas Checkstop operations were redistributed for select target weekends throughout 2011 and more vehicles were checked. The average number of impaired drivers apprehended per operation increased from 5.8 in 2010, to 6.8 in 2011.

2011 REPORT A DRUG HOUSE PROGRAM (RADH)

2011 Target: 2% increase in resolutions

2011 Results: 43% increase

A new tracking system was introduced in 2010, and staff are now very familiar with the system that allows for better follow-up and more accurate tracking of results. In 2011 RADH received 127 new intake files.

The Service's "Don't Let it Hit You" campaign hit the streets in the third quarter of 2011. Decals of an injured woman were adhered to the asphalt and acted as a reminder for citizens to use a crosswalk rather than jaywalk.



GANG AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT

2011 Target: Maintain productivity measures in relation to arrests, charges laid, search warrants, firearms seized, and drugs seized

2011 Results: Productivity measures maintained

Edmonton Drug and Gang Section fulfilled the goals set in 2011, with the exception of charges laid, due to larger seizures being associated to fewer people. In 2011, 190kg of marijuana, 22.6kg of cocaine, and 41 guns were taken off Edmonton streets.



POLICE DISPATCH 9-1-1 AVERAGE SPEED OF ANSWER (ASA)

2011 Target: 51.4 seconds

2011 Results: 42.0 seconds

Staff are now familiar and comfortable with the new call-taking software program, ProQA, that was implemented in 2010.

PRIORITY 1 CALLS DISPATCHED IN UNDER 2 MINUTES

2011 Target: ≤ 2 minutes 90% of the time

2011 Results: Achieved 92.1% of time

PRIORITY 2 CALLS DISPATCHED IN UNDER 5 MINUTES

2011 Target: ≤ 5 minutes 90% of the time

2011 Results: Achieved 99.4% of time

PRIORITY 3 CALLS DISPATCHED IN UNDER 10 MINUTES

2011 Target: ≤ 10 minutes 90% of the time

2011 Results: Achieved 98.7% of time

Calls for service in all categories increased significantly while at the same time efficiency in dispatch either remained the same or improved. These excellent results are a credit to the hard work of all dispatchers in 9-1-1.

Community Action Team (CAT) deployments took place in several Edmonton communities in the fall and winter of 2011. Successes from the four deployments included 221 arrests, 1,080 tickets issued, 23 johns intercepted, 265 homes visited, and 20 people were assisted in getting off the streets and finding homes.



The new Crime Free Multi-Housing vehicle was unveiled at the 10-year anniversary celebration in May 2011.



CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

2011 Target: 5% increase in 3rd phase certifications

2011 Results: 5% increase

Achieved by maintaining two dedicated constable positions and sufficient clerical support.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY REFERRALS

2011 Target: Develop a baseline for the number of contacts obtained

2011 Results: Contacts were maintained

Numerous contacts were obtained with external and internal partners.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

2011 Target: Implementation of strategy

2011 Results: Develop initiatives to integrate diversity into various training programs

Chief's Committee officially approved the mandate and statement of purpose of the Equity, Diversity, and Human Rights Unit, which was officially launched in December 2011.

TRAINING

HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

2011 Target: Implement training tracking system

2011 Results: Custom forms were developed as well as a new training tracking system.

INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (ISEP)

2011 Target: Administer 100 & 300 ISEP courses

2011 Results: Developed and administered new internal training courses in relation to investigative skills.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAM (LSEP)

2011 Target: Leadership program development and delivery

2011 Results: Developed and administered new internal training courses in relation to leadership skills.

REASONABLE OFFICER RESPONSE (ROR)

2011 Target: Training on ROR court testimony articulation

2011 Results: Training focused on the application of force and articulation of the use of force event in note taking, report writing, and court testimony.

The nature of policing has changed and the complexity has increased significantly. Police require ongoing training to ensure they are aware of current polices and procedures to effectively investigate crime.



PARTIAL SUCCESS IN MEETING THE PERFORMANCE MEASURE

RESPONSE TIMES TO A FIXED LOCATION

2011 Target: ≤ 7 minutes 80% of the time

2011 Results: 79%

The average response times throughout most of 2011 were on target, with the exception of the first few months, when snowy roads led to slower response times.

PROACTIVE POLICING TIME

2011 Target: 25% proactive time

2011 Results: 19%

Officers are encouraged to incorporate proactive time (crime prevention and awareness) into their daily activities.

OPERATION 24

2011 Target: 5% increase in enforcement

2011 Results: 22.5%

decrease

Although manned enforcement increased, there was a significant decrease in automated enforcement. This was primarily due to the Intersection Safety Cameras being out of operation in the early part of 2011.



CRIME SCENES INVESTIGATION

2011 Target: 10% increase in suspect identification

2011 Results: 6% increase

Due to changed submission criteria, the forensic laboratory carried forward a number of 2009 files into 2010 resulting in elevated numbers for that year. The reduction of property-related crimes in 2011 also reduced the number of DNA identifications.

POLICE AND CRISIS TEAM (PACT)

2011 Target: 5% increase in interventions

2011 Results: 31.6%

reduction

New business rules were introduced in 2011 which changed the way interventions were counted and eliminated the possibility of duplication. PACT dispatches were also down as trained patrol officers began to handle more interventions.

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

2011 Target: Develop a 10-year Facilities Strategic Plan and a 10-year Facilities Master Plan

2011 Results: Completed drafts of both plans with recommendations by the end of 2011

An outside consultant provided drafts of the 10-year Master and Strategic Facilities Plans. Although the original timeline for the reports was November 2011, the timelines were extended so that a more thorough final product could be put forward in 2012.

In early September, citizens started to see the first of several black and white police cars on the streets of Edmonton.



NOT MEETING THE PERFORMANCE MEASURE

INTEGRATED CORRIDOR SAFETY PROGRAM

2011 Target: 2% increase in targeted enforcement

2011 Results: 44.7% decrease (includes Speed on Green)

Intersection Safety Cameras were only in operation for speed offences for just over half of 2011.

NOISY VEHICLE STRATEGY

2011 Target: 5% increase in enforcement (tickets issued)

2011 Results: 29.2% reduction in tickets issued

This was possibly due to increased public awareness of the bylaw and higher levels of compliance.

SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS

2011 Target: 3% decrease in alcohol facilitated sexual assaults

2011 Results: 12% increase

EPS partnered with community groups and implemented an aggressive public advertising campaign targeting males between 18 and 24, called "Don't Be That Guy". Awareness could be a contributing factor to the increase in reported sexual assaults. Several other jurisdictions have adopted this campaign and measurement is ongoing.

The 3rd Annual McCauley Cup was held at the McCauley community rink in late December. Youth were mixed with officers from both Downtown and Northeast Divisions and split into two teams.



LOOKING FORWARD 2012 ANNUAL POLICING PLAN

Each year, the EPS identifies and undertakes initiatives to help realize priorities outlined in the current strategic business plan. There are three goals in the 2011 – 2014 Strategic Plan:

- 1. Reduce crime and victimization
- 2. A model of efficiency and effectiveness
- 3. A citizen-centred police service.

Specific initiatives developed to attain these goals are captured in the 2012 Annual Policing Plan. The plan highlights 14 operational initiatives that will be monitored and measured on a quarterly basis. The results will be reported to the Commission.

Some initiatives the EPS will undertake to meet its 2012 goals include the following.

Crime Reduction – Further suppress crime and reduce victimization in the four violent crime indicators (assault, homicide, robbery, and sexual assault) by 5%. The goal of a 4% reduction in the four property crime indicators has also been set (break and enter, theft from vehicle, theft of vehicle, and theft over \$5,000).

Clearance Rates – File clearance and improved intelligence gathering creates greater public confidence. The goal for 2012 is a 4% increase in the number of cleared incidents as per the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics reporting standard.

Public Complaints – Fewer public complaints means higher citizen satisfaction and fewer officers who must engage in an investigation or resolution process. The goal for 2012 is to reduce public complaints by 5% by providing a professional service that meets citizens' expectations through enhanced training, supervision, and the Reasonable Officer Response initiative.

Integrated Corridor Safety Program – Safer roadways means fewer collisions, injuries, and associated costs. In 2012, the EPS plans to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions by 5% and increase enforcement by 5% through a continued partnership with the City of Edmonton's Office of Traffic Safety.

Sexual Assault – Through the ongoing development of strong community partnerships and prevention initiatives the goal is to reduce alcohol and drug facilitated sexual assault occurrences by 3%.



