



# Beaumont Municipal Detachment

## Quarterly Policing Report

Quarter 3 - October to December, 2018

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## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The RCMP endeavors to communicate regularly with its Federal, Provincial, and Municipal partners. The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Beaumont with quarterly updates on any Detachment issues or trends, the progress of our annual Policing Priorities, and information relative to our crime statistics.

## **ORGANIZATION OF REPORT**

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## **REPORT INTENT AND CONTENT**

This report has been designed with input from the City of Beaumont. This report is not intended to provide a comprehensive account of all policing activities in Beaumont. Rather, it is meant to provide Council with an update on the more salient policing issues and priorities. Requests for additional information or amendments to this report may be submitted through the General Manager of Community and Protective Services.

## **DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS**

### **OUR STATISTICS AT A GLANCE**

**The RCMP fiscal year of April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> is different from Beaumont’s fiscal year which follows the calendar year. The statistics referred to in this report are also collected from the 2018 calendar year.**

1. **Persons Crime:** The five-year trend (2014 – 2018) saw an increase in the total number of Persons Crimes of 43%, while the change from 2017 was an increase of 42%.
2. **Property Crime:** The five-year trend (2014 – 2018) saw a decrease in the total number of Property Crimes by four percent (-4%) while the change from 2017 was a decrease of seven percent (-7%).

3. Other Criminal Code: The five-year trend (2014 - 2018) saw a decrease in the total number of Other Criminal Code Crimes by twenty-two percent (-22%). Statistically there was no change from 2017 to 2018 in the number of other Criminal Code files.
4. Total Criminal Code: The five-year trend (2014 - 2018) saw a one percent (-1%) decrease in the total number of Criminal Code files in Beaumont while the change from 2017 was an increase of five percent (5%).
5. The overall 2017 Crime Severity Index (CSI) value in Alberta was 110.1, a five percent (5%) increase from 2016. Beaumont Municipal Detachment's 2017 CSI was well below this number at 43.3. This number is down 9.2% from the revised 2016 CSI of 47.7 (previously reported at 49.2). Beaumont's CSI remains one of the lowest in the Province.
6. Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Property: Suspicious events calls remain consistent over the last two years. In 2017, there were 214 reported incidents and in 2018 there were 208 calls. The RCMP encourages the public to continue to report suspicious activity to the police.
7. False Alarms: Through the sharing of best practices and with the cooperation of our property owners, false alarm calls are down from previous years. In 2016 there were 298 false alarm calls and this number has dropped to 261 in 2017 and 163 in 2018.

## General

The attached statics are prepared by the RCMP’s Operations Strategies Branch and are drawn from data reported during the calendar year as opposed to the RCMP’s fiscal year. It is important to note that while not all Detachment statistics are included in this report, the information reported allows for consistent and easy comparison from previous years in Beaumont. Additional information can be made available upon request.

## Population

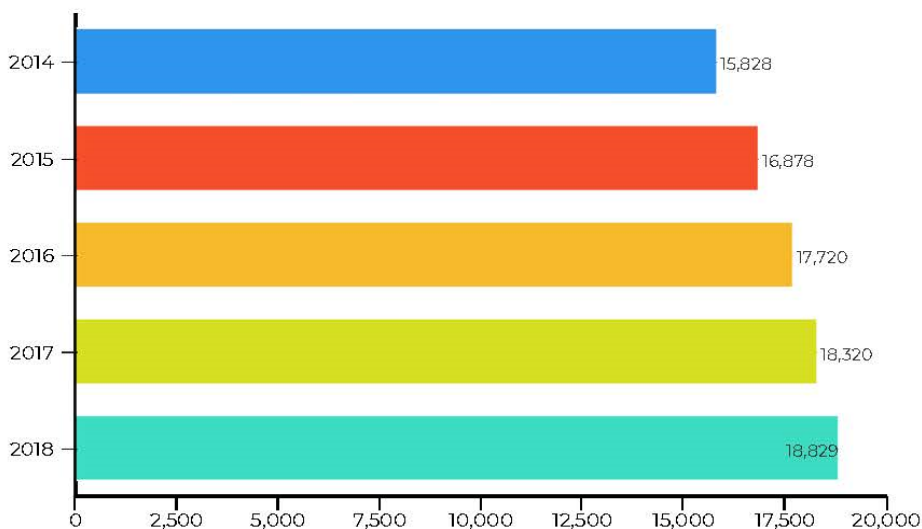
It is important to note the population growth Beaumont when reviewing statistical data.<sup>1</sup>

### Municipal Census



## Population Growth in Beaumont

Beaumont's population went up 2.8% from last year and has grown by 19% over the last five years.



<sup>1</sup> City of Beaumont Website - <https://www.beaumont.ab.ca/184/Municipal-Census>

**Beaumont Municipal Detachment  
Crime Statistics (Actual)  
January to December: 2014 - 2018**

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

January-07-19

CATEGORY	Trend	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		0	0	2	0	0
Robbery		0	7	4	2	3
Sexual Assaults		7	10	9	14	7
Other Sexual Offences		2	10	0	2	14
Assault		100	99	103	95	114
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		1	2	1	3	5
Extortion		3	4	1	1	2
Criminal Harassment		25	28	18	22	44
Uttering Threats		37	50	56	38	60
Other Persons		1	1	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>176</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>251</b>
Break & Enter		34	42	38	36	39
Theft of Motor Vehicle		34	25	37	49	31
Theft Over \$5,000		6	9	5	5	7
Theft Under \$5,000		170	165	170	205	168
Possn Stn Goods		9	18	22	17	12
Fraud		53	52	47	56	81
Arson		7	3	2	0	0
Mischief To Property		157	174	115	116	114
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>452</b>
Offensive Weapons		10	8	14	10	12
Disturbing the peace		145	176	98	73	67
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>135</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>290</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>936</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>928</b>

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CATEGORY	Trend	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		60	56	51	33	11
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		7	5	13	4	8
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	2	1	2	1
<b>Total Drugs</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>
Federal - General		21	11	20	13	11
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>
Liquor Act		62	60	39	26	34
Other Provincial Stats		110	114	74	91	109
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>143</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic		7	13	9	21	14
Municipal By-laws		44	37	68	92	98
<b>Total Municipal</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>112</b>
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0
Injury MVC		16	16	10	11	10
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		159	153	137	173	181
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		22	24	20	25	31
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		<b>197</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>222</b>
Provincial Traffic		1,060	1,165	1,252	1,676	1,690
Other Traffic		20	24	19	23	41
Criminal Code Traffic		129	137	100	91	105
<b>Common Police Activities</b>						
False Alarms		311	318	298	261	163
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		72	44	36	26	36
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		109	111	187	214	208
Persons Reported Missing		17	12	21	9	25
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code		122	127	143	175	144

## CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

The Crime Severity Index, or CSI, tracks changes in the severity of police-reported crime for any given area. The Index accounts for both the amount of crime reported to police in a given jurisdiction and the relative seriousness of the crime. It reflects information about the quantity and nature of crime that is brought to the attention of law enforcement<sup>2</sup>.

By design, the specific Crime Severity Index value in a given jurisdiction depends on its mix of crimes and their relative seriousness. If a jurisdiction has a high proportion of less serious, and hence lower-weighted, offences, it will have a lower index value. Conversely, a jurisdiction with a high proportion of more serious crimes will have a higher Index value. The base line for measurement of the CSI is 100<sup>3</sup>. The 2017 Crime Severity Index value in Alberta was 110.1, a five percent (5%) increase from 2016. Beaumont's 2017 CSI was well below this number with at 43.3. This number is down 9.2% from the revised 2016 CSI of 47.7 (Previously reported at 49.2). Beaumont's CSI remains one of the lowest in the Province.

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## DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

### RCMP: MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS

Throughout the year several officers have come and gone from our community. RCMP staffing attempts to balance the needs of the community with the development of our police officers.

#### **Arrivals:**

- Constable Paul Beaulieu – from Bassano Detachment

#### **Vacancies:**

- Beaumont Detachment has been dealing with multiple vacancies during the current fiscal year along. RCMP staffing is working to address these human resource issues and to ensure accurate billing follows for only the policing services provided.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Beaumont RCMP Officers have been engaged throughout the year with various stakeholders and members of our community. Key highlights are as follows:

- Detachment tours to various youth groups;
- Red Serge Duties for multiple Remembrance Day ceremonies and a “No Stone Left Alone” event;
- Participated in the “Climb the Hill for Jill” event as part of Family Violence Awareness, organized by Beaumont Family and Community Support Services;
- Attended the “Brighten Up Beaumont” event;
- Participating in a youth/ police games night at the Chantal Bérubé Youth Centre;
- Chaired and participated in the Community Advisory Committee.



## **ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATES**

### **2018-2019 POLICING PRIORITIES**

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year our policing priorities were identified through community consultation and approved by our Mayor and Council. These priorities were:

- **Crime Reduction Strategies (Property Crimes and Offender Management),**
- **Impaired Driving (Drugs and Alcohol),**
- **Positive Youth Engagement and**
- **Employee Wellness.**

### **CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

In an effort to reduce the impact of crime to the citizens of Beaumont, the Alberta RCMP, Central Alberta District and local members of Beaumont Detachment have begun to employ various strategies.

- **Increase Communications with Community Corrections:** to identify anyone living in Beaumont who is subject to conditions imposed by court orders;
- **Offenders Checks:** When an individual is subject to enforceable conditions, conduct regular checks to ensure their compliance with the court order;
- **Hot Spot Checks:** Conduct regular patrols of areas identified to be hot spots of criminal activity;
- **Lock it or Loose it:** In conjunctions with the Citizens on Patrol, identify vehicles left unattended which are either insecure or which have items of value left in plain view;
- **Crime Prevention Awareness:** Presentations, Crime Mapping.

### **PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS**

Beaumont's Crime Reduction Initiatives are intended to decrease the numbers of property crimes occurring in our community. In 2017, there were 484 reported events and this number was reduced to 452 events in 2018, a seven (-7%) percent decrease. An unanticipated increase in reported frauds prevented this number from being even lower.

### **IMPAIRED DRIVING**

As part of Beaumont's Impaired Driving initiative, seven (7) charges have been laid in relation to driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs this quarter. A total of twenty-

two (22) impaired charges have been laid with an additional 27 road side suspension issued during this initiative so far.

By comparison, during similar time frames over the last 5 years the number of charges related to impaired driving were as follows:

- 2017 - 19 charges;
- 2016 - 18 charges;
- 2015 - 24 charges;
- 2014 - 9 charges.

During National Safe Driving Week; December 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the RCMP conducted multiple check stops. Over 1700 drivers were checked during one dedicated shift which resulted in two separate impaired driving charges, two 72 hour driving suspensions and 25 road side screening tests with the driver's Blood Alcohol Concentration under 50 mg%.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, police across Canada were given the authority to conduct Mandatory Alcohol Screening on any person operating a motor vehicle.

## **POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Positive ticketing remains a popular initiative in our community. On recount, 1134 positive tickets have been handed out by Beaumont RCMP and Municipal Enforcement to our youth.

The RCMP remain committed to the staff and youth at the Chantal Bérubé Youth Centre in an effort to foster positive encounters between police and youth. Efforts to break down barriers have occurred during organized events and informal drop ins at the youth centre.

## **EMPLOYEE WELLNESS**

The RCMP has mandated Employee Wellness as a mandatory priority for the 2018/ 2019 Annual Performance Plans. One of the RCMP's goals is to ensure our employees have access to information and the various support services available in support of their personal wellbeing.