



# Beaumont Municipal Detachment

## Quarterly Reports

Town Council

June to December, 2017

2 Quarterly Reports

Prepared

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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 Town of Beaumont with an update on any Detachment issues or trends, to provide an update on the progress of our annual policing priorities, and to provide 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 Town of Beaumont. This report is not intended to provide a comprehensive account of all policing activities in Beaumont. Rather, it is meant to provide Elected Officials 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 COMMENTARIES**

**TRANSFER OF RCMP PERSONNEL**

**CHANGE OF COMMAND**

In June 2017, Staff Sergeant Jeff Egan arrived in Beaumont to assume the position of Detachment Commander for Beaumont Municipal RCMP. This marked the return of the interim Detachment Commander, Sergeant Harp Dhaliwal to the Central Alberta District. We wish to thank Sergeant Dhaliwal for his dedication and efforts given towards the community of Beaumont.

**EXCHANGE OF MEMBERS**

Constable Doug Gourley was transferred from Beaumont Municipal Detachment to Strathcona Detachment in August of 2017. In return, Beaumont RCMP welcomed Constable Gordon Courage from Strathcona RCMP. Constable Courage, who is also a local resident brings his 16 years of policing experience to Beaumont Detachment.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Three of Beaumont Detachment’s volunteer stepped away from their positions this year. A very special thank you goes out to Jane, Sharon and Terry for their years of dedication to the community and Beaumont RCMP Detachment.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL**

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) have been called upon to partner with the RCMP to enhance community policing initiatives. The RCMP and COPs have been involved in the “Lock it” or “Lose it” program, statistics collection for road safety and traffic control. Once again, this group of volunteers deserves special recognition as a whole. Beaumont RCMP Detachment wishes to specifically acknowledge Eugene, Linda and David who are leaving the COP program after many years of service.

**COMMUNITY ENAGEMENT**

Beaumont members continue to be involved with the community in both official and informal capacities. Red Serge duties were performed during Beaumont Town & Country Daze, Canada 150 celebrations and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Members participated in a “No Stone Left Alone” ceremony at the Clear Water Cemetery and the “Climb a Hill for Jill” event in support of Family Violence Prevention Month. Police Officers also participated in the Terry Fox run and continue to drop in at organized sporting events to visit with youth and their families.

In June, Beaumont RCMP hosted an open house at the Detachment and wish to thank all of those people who volunteered with their time and effort. As a small token of our appreciation, several RCMP officers helped out at the annual Beaumont & District Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Beaumont RCMP officers were also represented at this year's Community and Protective Services Open House and offered Detachment tours to various educational classes throughout the year.

In conjunction with the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce the Detachment Commander's award was handed out this year to students best represented the Core Values of the RCMP, namely: Integrity, Honesty, Professionalism, Compassion, Respect and Accountability. This award further recognizes those students who demonstrated their courage of convictions by positively influencing their peers and through their involvement in both the community and school.

### **ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATES**

Each year the RCMP identifies policing priorities through community consultation. While all matters, whether Federal, Provincial or Municipal will continue to be enforced, policing priorities are those issues which are considered to be the most important to a community.

An existing Community Advisory Committee (CAC) which is comprised of a cross section of the representatives from Beaumont put forward a community survey to assist in identifying our policing priorities.

In May 2017, the following policing priorities were recommended to the Town Council for the 2017/ 2018 Policing Priorities:

- [Illegal Drugs/ Abuse,](#)
- [Preventing Youth Crime through Positive Engagement,](#)
- [Property Crimes,](#)
- [Offender Management/ Crime Prevention \(National RCMP Priority\).](#)

### **ILLEGAL DRUGS/ ABUSE**

Education remains a key component to address illegal drug abuse. In June 2017, three Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) classes, consisting of grade 6 students graduated from the program. D.A.R.E. training teaches youth on several points including making positive choices/ decision making, supporting your peers and how to get out of bad situations, all in support of a healthy life style. Other topics included in this training are bullying and internet safety strategies.

Fentanyl and other opioids continue to be a threat to the lives and safety of all Albertans including the residents in Beaumont. Representatives from the RCMP presented on the subject of Fentanyl in April 2017 at the Beaumont High School. Approximately 900 students, teachers and staff were in attendance.

Enforcement is also required to stop the illicit drug trade and is difficult without assistance from the public. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Beaumont RCMP at 780-929-7400, by e-mail at [RCMP.KBeaumontDrugsKBeaumontMedicaments.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:RCMP.KBeaumontDrugsKBeaumontMedicaments.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) or anonymous tips can be sent through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222TIPS (8477) or [tipssubmit.com](http://tipssubmit.com).

### **POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

This past June the positive ticketing campaign kick-off was held at J.E. Lapointe School with opening remarks given by former Mayor, Mr. Camille Bérubé. To date, close to 1000 positive tickets have been handed out by RCMP and Municipal Enforcement Officers to our local youth. A special event was also conducted this year during Halloween at all Beaumont Schools. Halloween safety tips and gift bags were handed out to students in grades one through three. The success of the positive ticketing campaign could not occur without the strong support of many local Beaumont businesses and the members of the Positive Ticketing Committee themselves.

RCMP and Municipal Enforcement Officer participated in a public skate at the Ken Nichols area in December. An excellent turn-out was complemented with refreshments and gift bags made available by members of the Positive Ticketing Committee.

The RCMP continues to work with staff at the Chantal Bérubé Youth Centre to foster positive encounters between police and youth. The relationship culminated with members of Beaumont RCMP and Municipal Enforcement participating in a specially arranged youth event entitled, Police, Pool and Pizza.

### **REDUCE PROPERTY CRIME**

Property crime statistics continue to rise throughout the Central Alberta District with a 66% increase in Provincial Detachments and a 46% increase in Municipal Detachment since 2013. Beaumont is no exception, with an 11% increase in property crimes over the same time period. Beaumont RCMP would like to remind our citizens to avoid leaving vehicles running, unlocked or unattended. Removing visible valuables may also assist in decreasing the number of thefts from motor vehicles.

### **OFFENDER MANAGEMENT/ CRIME PREVENTION (NATIONAL RCMP PRIORITY)**

Beaumont RCMP is employing several crime reduction strategies to address the increase in property crimes. This includes the Habitual Offender Management program where known offenders are checked on a regular basis to ensure they are complying with Court imposed conditions. Officers also patrol locally identified Hotspots as a proactive attempt to prevent property crimes. As mentioned, the Citizens on Patrol (COP) assist RCMP officers through the "Lock it" or "Lose" it program. COPs patrol public parking spaces to identify vehicles which could become crimes of opportunity by either being unlocked or having items in plain sight which could be targeted by thieves. When such a situation is identified, the COPs distribute educational pamphlets to the owners.

As criminals do not abide by the same boundaries as law enforcement officials, the Central Alberta District has created a short term pilot project entitled, the Integrated Crime Reduction Unit (ICRU). Corporal Pete MacMillan of Beaumont is leading a team of officers which focuses on pro-active enforcement of inter-jurisdictional prolific offenders in the Edmonton Capital Region. The ICRU mandate is to support RCMP offender management strategies through enforcement by disrupting prolific offenders who are involved in ongoing criminal activities. Beaumont Detachment has successfully called upon ICRU to assist in arresting Prolific Offenders who are believed to be involved in committing crimes in our community. Through timely information sharing, Beaumont RCMP has worked directly with Edmonton Police Service to arrest and charge persons who were engaged in criminal activity in Beaumont.

### **DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS**

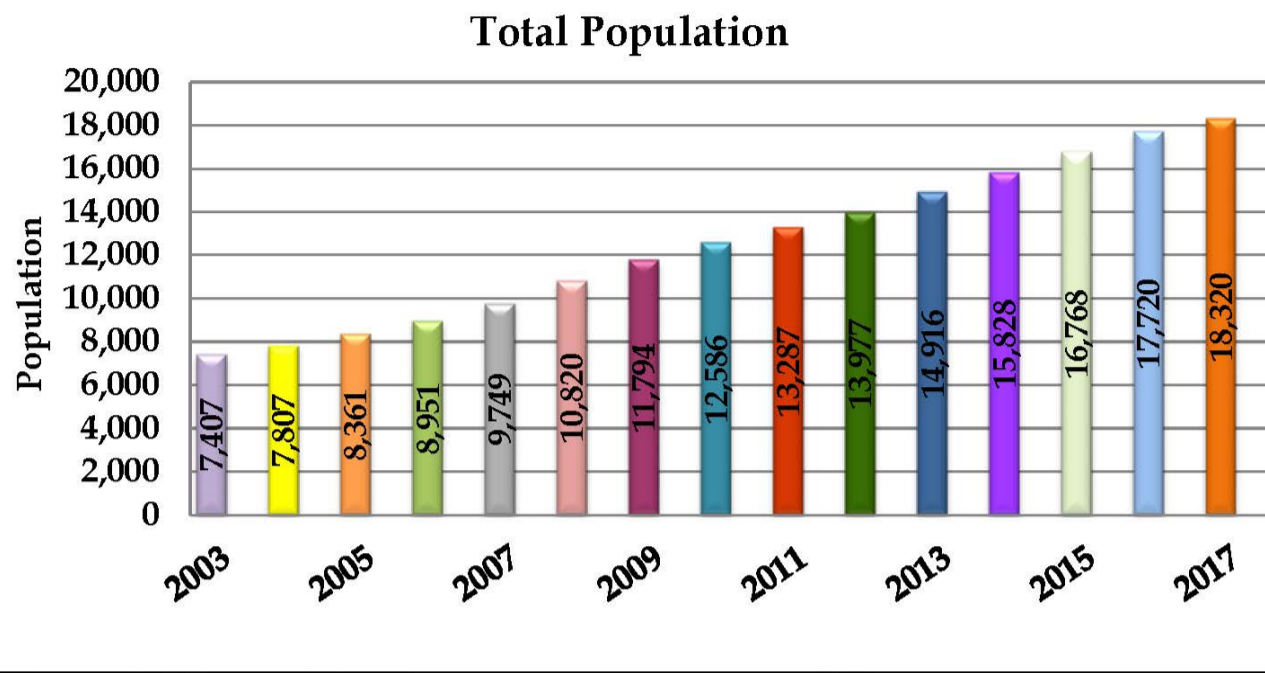
#### **GENERAL:**

The following statistics are provided by the RCMP's Operational Strategies Branch. However, not all crime statistics are contained in this report. The most common crime occurrence types are contained in this document and can be compared to the statistics from the previous four years. More comprehensive statics can be obtained if required by the Mayor and Council. It is also worth noting the population growth of Beaumont during the same time period.

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

The RCMP fiscal year starts on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year and ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The year is broken down into four quarters, April to June, July to September, October to December and January to March. Many partner agencies of the RCMP, including the Town of Beaumont us the calendar year as their fiscal year. The cumulative statistic referred to in this report also follow the calendar year vs the RCMP's fiscal year.

**BEAUMONT POPULATION 2017**



**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>1</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>2</sup>.

The 2016<sup>3</sup> Crime Severity Index value in Alberta was 102.5. Beaumont Municipal Detachment was well below this number with a Crime Severity Index of 49.2, making our CSI number one of the lowest in the Province.

<sup>1</sup> "K" Division Operations Strategy Branch

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<sup>3</sup> 2017 CSI values are anticipated to be released by Stats Canada in July 2018

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Statistical Comparison

January to Q4: 2013 - 2017

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

January-05-18

CATEGORY	Trend	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	2	0
Robbery		0	0	7	4	2
Sexual Assaults		4	7	10	9	14
Other Sexual Offences		0	2	10	0	2
Assault		65	100	99	103	91
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	1	2	1	3
Extortion		0	3	4	1	1
Criminal Harassment		26	25	28	18	22
Uttering Threats		33	37	50	56	37
Other Persons		1	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>172</b>
Break & Enter		13	34	42	38	35
Theft of Motor Vehicle		18	34	25	37	50
Theft Over \$5,000		8	6	9	5	5
Theft Under \$5,000		159	170	165	170	204
Possn Stn Goods		9	9	18	22	16
Fraud		39	53	52	47	54
Arson		5	7	3	2	0
Mischief To Property		180	157	174	115	116
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>431</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>480</b>

Offensive Weapons		8	10	8	14	6
Public Order		3	0	0	0	0
Disturbing the peace		131	145	176	98	71
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		101	135	154	152	140
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>803</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>869</b>