

Appendix B Regina Police Service 2017 Highlights

The Regina Police Service (RPS) takes a lead role in providing public safety in the City of Regina. Recognition of this role is embodied in the Service's vision statement of “Working together to keep Regina safe.”

2017 Highlights

The Strategic Plan 2015-2018 is based on four strategic themes: service, communication, our people, and improvements. Below are highlights from 2017 under each of these strategic themes.

Service

- The RPS conducted its first gun amnesty program from February 1st – February 15th. During this time period, police would pick up unwanted firearms from citizens and grant amnesty for select *Criminal Code* violations regarding illegal possession. There were 157 guns taken in through this successful amnesty program.
- The RPS is one of the organizations operating out of the Mâmwêyatitân Centre, which had its grand opening on September 12th. This centre brings together many public and community service groups that have united to build, strengthen, and celebrate the North Central neighbourhood.
- All front-line officers in the Community Services Division received training regarding proper response and quality investigations regarding intimate partner violence in 2017.

Communication

- The RPS, in partnership with the University of Regina, conducted its third bi-annual community perceptions survey in the fall of 2017. Survey topics include perceptions of policing, crime, and feelings of safety within Regina. This survey is an important tool for measuring police performance. Results from the survey will be publicly available in late 2017.
- The RPS has hosted multiple luncheons for family members of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in 2017. These luncheons provide family members with an opportunity to have open and candid interactions with each other and with the senior police managers in a welcoming and respectful environment.
- The RPS began hosting “lunch and learns” with its community partners. The first lunch and learn focused on The Regina intersectoral Partnership, or TRiP which, is an approach to mitigating or eliminating varying levels of risk and victimization among youth in a collaborative inter-agency environment.

Our People

- The RPS celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2017. Celebrations included a community lunch for the public on July 19th, as well as, a Gala on October 14th.
- A fentanyl response strategy was developed and implemented in 2017 due to the extreme risk faced by first responders of exposure to the drug.

- A comprehensive organizational review of police processes, staffing, and deployment is underway to ensure we are optimally utilizing our resources effectively and efficiently.

Improvements

- The RPS has developed automated data reports using our existing databases to better measure the activities and workload of Patrol members. These reports reflect the volume and types of calls for service and measure our ability to meet our call response standards. In addition, they inform our deployment strategies, and determine if Patrol officers are able to meet our reactive and proactive objectives.
- The planned implementation of carbine rifles for Patrol officers was completed in 2017. Carbine rifles are a more effective option than shotguns in the event of a crisis situation.
- In 2016, e-Ticketing was piloted in Traffic Safety Unit vehicles. This technology, which greatly reduces the amount of time it takes to issue a traffic ticket, began expansion into Patrol vehicles in 2017.