



# ADDRESSING CRIME IN PARKLAND COUNTY

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# ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

- Addressing Crime in Parkland County

- RCMP have reported a 100% increase in crime over the past several years throughout Alberta
- Parkland County residents, concerned about rising crime, have stated that they would like to see more frequent and a more visible presence of law enforcement throughout the County.
- Crime Watch Groups have noted a steady decline in public attendance and interest at local meetings
- Enforcement Services has increased the number and frequency of “high visibility” patrols within the County to act as a possible deterrent to crime

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- **Community Peace Officer Authorities**

- Community Peace Officers with Parkland County have the authority, under the Municipal Government Act, to enforce County Bylaws.
- Through their appointments with the Alberta Solicitor General, Community Peace Officers also have the authority to enforce Alberta Acts and Regulations, including the Traffic Safety Act.
- Community Peace Officers do not have the authority to enforce Criminal Code matters.

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- Service Programs Currently Offered by PCES
  - Community Peace Officers provide community programs in local schools:
    - ↳ Junior driver training,
    - ↳ Animal control and care,
    - ↳ OHV safety,
    - ↳ Bicycle safety,
    - ↳ School Bus safety and
    - ↳ Cyber bullying.

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- Service level adjustments:

- Resources from two of the community program areas be reallocated to more actively address crime prevention.

Specifically:

- ↳The Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program provided exclusively by PCES in local schools; and
- ↳The Safety Training program, which rendered a Municipal Award of Excellence in 2017, offered exclusively to our municipal partners.



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- Service level adjustments :
  - Launch of a comprehensive crime prevention program involving a social media page
    - ↳ Based on the overwhelming success of the Parkland County Animal Shelter Facebook page.
    - ↳ Focus will be to create an environment where residents can be made aware of criminal activity in their respective areas of the County.
    - ↳ Heightening public awareness, residents will be more inclined to monitor their own communities and potentially reduce the fear of crime.
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- Service level adjustments :

- PCES has met with the RCMP, who will provide location information and types of criminal activities for inclusion on the social media page.
- The social media page, which is maintained and monitored by PCES, will then allow targeted high visibility patrols as a deterrent and reassurance for our residents in areas identified as crime “hot spots”.
- By acting on the information from the social media page, PCES can also expand our reporting statistics to include patrol information by zones or areas for ease of reference. Information gathered in the patrols and gained through the social media page will then be relayed to the RCMP.

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- Service level adjustments :

- Local crime watch groups, who are largely dependent on emails to receive their information, would also now be able to access the same information.
- After the closure of some crime watch groups in the east of the County, PCES believes it is important to support the remaining crime watch groups through collaboration and information sharing.
- Local crime watch groups, who are largely dependent on emails to receive their information, would also now be able to access the same information.

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- Service level adjustments :

- Signs could be erected throughout the County to identify areas as “crime patrol areas” (similar to a neighbourhood watch)
- Could include matching logo / signage on County vehicles.
- PCES suggests further consultation with other County departments responsible for fleet vehicles and/or signage.
- Expanding the role of the current departmental Assistants so they are able to manage some of the clerical and court document requirements in order to free up Officers to conduct the necessary patrols and investigations.
- Position a Community Peace Officer in the Public Works building in Entwistle.



**QUESTIONS?**

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