



ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN PARKLAND COUNTY

DECEMBER, 2020



WHAT WE DO

With a Staff complement of 13 front line Community Peace Officers and 4 Animal Shelter Staff:

- Attend and investigate concerns relative to Bylaw infractions received from County residents
- Support Parkland County departments in managing Bylaw related complaints
- Support Fire Services and external agencies in emergency responses
- Reinforce public safety (i.e., COVID response, Residential and Commercial Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), School programming, High visibility patrols, Park patrols, etc.)
- Enforce provincial statutes and regulations (Traffic Safety Act, Commercial Vehicle Safety, Animal Protection, Trespassing, etc.)
- Conduct patrols throughout Parkland County subdivisions, parks and secondary highways
- Manage Animal Shelter with several Revenue Agreements (including Contracts with local municipalities), mutually beneficial Veterinary Agreements, Relationships with Rescue Agencies and an Animal Adoption Program
- Represent Parkland County at Rural Crime Watch Group, and Citizens on Patrol meetings



STATISTICS

Enforcement Operations	2019 Files	2020 Files
Investigation Files	3,127	2,243
Park Patrols	1,074	1,329
High Visibility Patrols	26,827	19,848
Hamlet Patrols	175	397
Speed Infractions	2,631	1,043
Intersection Infractions	221	87
School Zone Infractions	38	12
Assisted RCMP (Traffic Collisions, Abandoned Vehicles, etc.)	84	34



CHALLENGES AFFECTING PARKLAND COUNTY ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

PROVINCIAL

- Increase in Province's Portion of Revenue from Provincial Violation Tickets Issued (from 27% to 40% of Fine Value)
- Transfer of a Portion of Policing Costs from Province to Municipalities Commenced in 2020
- Implementation of E-Ticketing System by Fall of 2021
- Feasibility Study currently being conducted and expected to conclude in 2022 to determine potential for a provincial Police service

CRIME WATCH GROUPS

- Although operated by individuals with noble intent, communication within and between Crime Watch Groups appears disjointed
- Public Involvement and Interest in Crime Watch Groups is depleting
- Negative or Inaccurate Information amplified through Social Media



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARKLAND COUNTY ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

POTENTIAL INITIATIVES TO OFFSET CHALLENGES

1. Parkland County Enforcement Services recently received authority from the Alberta Solicitor General to conduct Traffic Enforcement on 1 and 2 digit highways. With Council approval, Enforcement Services could begin conducting traffic enforcement with these expanded authorities which would increase visibility on arterial routes making commuter routes safer, while offsetting operational costs. This initiative would support the Safer Communities Pillar identified in Council's Strategic Plan
2. An existing vacancy in Planning and Development has been reclassified in order to employ a new Community Peace Officer, with a second Peace Officer seconded by Enforcement Services, to respond to Land Use Bylaw violations. This partnership will result in a more efficient Planning and Development investigation process
3. To assist the RCMP and our residents in reducing criminal activity, Enforcement Services is looking at options for using resources and technology to stimulate resident engagement in local Crime Watch Groups and/or Division or Subdivision resident groups. This initiative may evolve into the creation of a Parkland County Crime Watch Group, that may incorporate the existing Crime Watch Groups, and collaborate directly with RCMP for information and statistics.
4. Formulate a more comprehensive relationship between Parkland County and the RCMP with the primary intent to share any information and Councillor Action Requests which will include direct reporting from the RCMP. This initiative will promote positive relations and encourage two way communication between both parties and the residents we serve.



QUESTIONS?