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Morinville RCMP

Police Report

Quarter 2/3

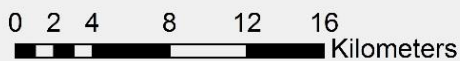
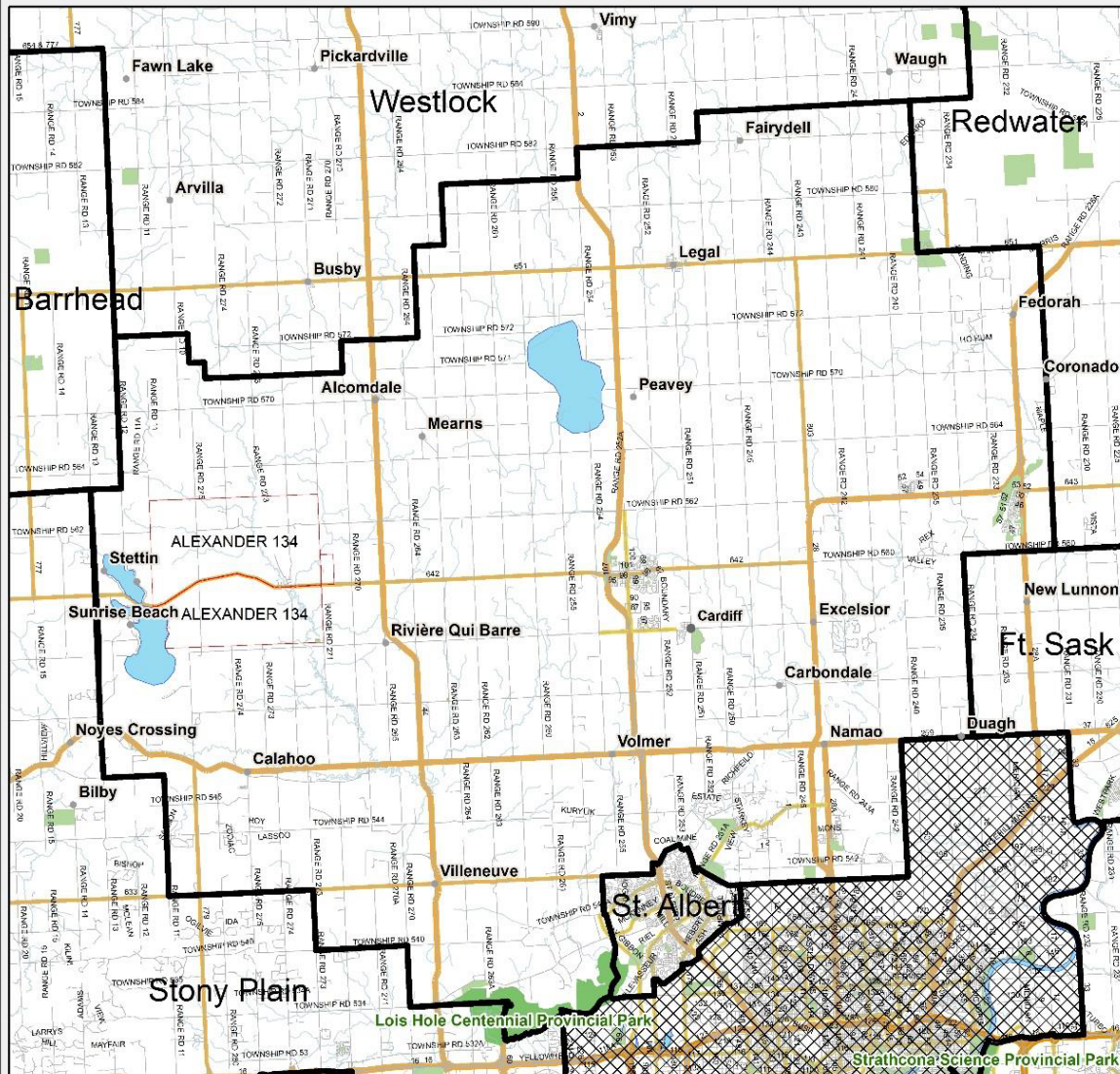
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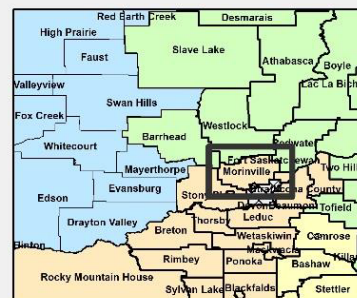
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Morinville Detachment



Reference Scale: 1:300,000



Morinville RCMP Jurisdiction

- The Morinville Provincial detachment is divided into 3 zones. Sturgeon County, Lac St Anne County and Alexander First Nation. Sturgeon County includes the town of Bon Accord, town of Legal, town of Gibbons, the Hamlet of Riviere Que Barre, Calahoo, Villeneuve, Sandy Beach, Cardiff, Namao and other small communities. This also includes CFB Edmonton.
- The Morinville Municipal detachment covers the municipality of Morinville only.

Human Resources:

- The Morinville RCMP Detachment compliment is 31.5 personnel consisting of:
 - 1 Staff Sergeant
 - 1 Sergeant
 - 5 Corporals
 - 17 Constables
 - 3.5 Public Services Employees
 - 4 Municipal Employees
- Officers are supported by Victim Services (9 in total) and 9 guards.
- The detachment is also shared with Morinville Enforcement Services.

Current Resourcing Issues

- Morinville RCMP currently has 5 vacancies for the following reasons:
 - 2 constables currently on parental leave
 - 2 current hard vacancies at the constable level
 - 1 constable coming from Red Deer, however unable to sell his home
 - 1 Corporal named and coming from Leduc. House to sell.
 - 1 constable on medical leave
 - 1 constable on graduated return to work – administrative duties
 - 1 member off for a month as partner had a child

Financial Report:

- No concerns through-out the year.

Crime Report:

- Please see the attached Crime Statistics for Sturgeon County, Year to Date (YTD) Comparisons.

Annual Performance Plan (APP) - Police Priorities

The following is the 2nd Quarter progress report on each previously identified priority and encompasses all the communities in the Morinville/Sturgeon County jurisdiction.

- **Traffic Safety** – Cpl Bryce TARZWELL is our assigned Traffic Safety Coordinator. The planning of traffic operations are based on priorities, risk assessment, complaint based and officer observed issues.
 - Traffic safety initiatives of enforcement and education are in place to help reduce collisions.
 - Capital West RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit (ITU) wrote 374 violation tickets in May, 228 violation tickets in June and 201 violation tickets in July.
 - Joint Forces Initiatives with Enforcement partners. Activities include child restraint checks, check stops and proactive patrols in high collision locations.

- **Property Crime** – Cpl Daryl CHARRON is our assigned Coordinator. This is crime prevention and crime reduction through education, proactive initiatives and enforcement.
 - Victim Services, and Rural Crime Watch are active and help support the detachment.
 - “Lock it or Lose it”. Morinville RCMP working with the Citizens on Patrol to have 5 lock it or Lose it campaigns over the course of the year.
 - Directed Patrols in the determined “hot spots” in Sturgeon County during peak times.
 - Goal of reducing Property Crime by 5% in comparison to last year’s stats.

- **Crime Reduction** – Cpl Daryl CHARRON is our assigned coordinator.
 - Ongoing prolific offender checks
 - Communication with partners - probation, parole, etc...
 - Proactive Presentations to the communities – Presentations to the communities on relevant topics such as fraud awareness, securing residences, online awareness, etc....

- **Police/Community Relations – Police Visibility** – Sgt Shayne COURTORIELLE is the assigned coordinator. The objective is to build and maintain relations within the RCMP and with partners/stakeholders in our communities.
 - “Reconciliation project with Poundmakers Lodge”. Member attends talking circle once a month at the rehabilitation centre to rebuild lines of communication and trust between the participants and the RCMP.
 - Conduct Proactive Patrols – proactive foot patrols/bike/skateboard park/community events patrols.
 - Emergency Services Promotion in the Community - Working in partnership with the Town of Morinville/Enforcement Services/Fire Services for emergency services promotion to enhance visibility in the community.

See Attached is the Operation Strategy Branch report for Sturgeon County for 2016.

- Slightly more calls for service than the previous year by 360 files.
- Theft from motor vehicle files greatest increase of 63%
- Clearance rates for persons crimes were 74%
- Clearance rates for property was low at 12% but not unexpected.

Significant Occurrences

- On May 8th, on Hwy 37 and RR 271, there was a collision between a school bus and a small car. The children and the driver of the bus were uninjured, the driver of the vehicle sustained injuries. The driver of the vehicle was found at fault and issued a violation ticket.

- On July 5th, at River Heights Lane, there was a break and enter to a residence. Home owner was home, unaware in the basement. Surveillance video after the fact showed 5 unidentifiable males carrying what appeared to be a firearm. They were inside for approximately 5 minutes and left in a small maroon car. Items were taken from the home. See related file below.
- On July 9th, a pedestrian was stuck by a vehicle on Sturgeon Road east of Starkey road. The occupants' dragged the victim off the road then fled the scene. The victim succumbed to his injuries. The male driver has since been charged with impaired operation of a MV causing death and failure to remain. Investigation is ongoing.
- On July 9th, a single vehicle collision occurred on Range Road 245 near Township Road 561. An SUV travelling on Range Road 245 with four occupants lost control and rolled into the ditch. The female passenger was killed, and 2 others in the vehicle were transported to hospital with injuries. Speed, driver inexperience and road conditions were contributing factors.
- On July 11th, a home invasion occurred on where 3 masked suspects entered a home and held the lone occupant at gunpoint. Items were taken. Task Team assigned from Serious Crime Branch. Victims updated, Home Owners Association updated. Investigation ongoing. Proactive town Hall meeting being planned for September.

Restructuring

Morinville detachment is in a transitional stage. In order to maximize resources and efficiency, we are restructuring from a 4 watch system to a 3 watch system. This will increase the members per watch by 1 and leave 1 of the watch commanders to take on an Administrative NCO role. As a result, Morinville will be making the following changes:

- There will be a designated media contact person
- There will be a designated community policing/events coordinator
- Some of the administrative burdens will be relieved from the watch commanders and the Operations NCO
- The General Investigations unit will be able to focus on serious investigation and crime reduction initiatives
- Better supervision by watch commanders
- Administrative support tasks and roles are being reviewed to determine the most efficient processes and use of their time and abilities.
- DARE no longer to be taught, however a School Liaison Program to be implemented with each constable being assigned a school. Morinville RCMP working in partnership with Sturgeon County school board.

Long Term Strategic/Operational Goals

- Designated watch clerks for each of the 3 watches.
- Increase number of regular members for operations and support units (IE – community policing, drug/CRU units, etc...)
- Working in partnership with communities towards a new RCMP detachment in Morinville

Miscellaneous

Resourcing issues, federal priorities for deployment to the BC fires, protests in NL, a higher file count, as well as summer leave has pushed members to their limits. Core services will always be maintained, however local RCMP participation in extracurricular events and community activities may be affected.

Invitation for a Ride Along

I would like to extend, on behalf of the entire membership and staff of the Morinville detachment, the invitation to 'ride along' with our officers to Mayor and all counsellors. This is an excellent opportunity for the elected officials of Sturgeon County to experience first-hand the challenging, exciting, frustrating and incredibly rewarding profession of the Morinville RCMP.

Thank you for your time.

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