

## Domestic Offender Crimes Section

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#### Structure

**Domestic Offender Crimes Section** – comprised of 10 Detectives, 1 Civilian Analyst and 2 Civilian Intake Assessors.

**Domestic Abuse High Risk Team** – comprised of 6 constables/investigators; including one (1) constable partnered with a Social Worker for Docket Court review.

**Senior Protection** – Partnered with the City of Edmonton Senior Protection Partnership; comprised of two (2) Detectives and one (1) Constable.



#### Mandate

Domestic Offender Crimes Section has a mandate to provide a specialized investigative response for intimate partner violence;

- Aggravated Assaults
- Attempted Murder
- Offences involving a firearm
- Intimate Partner Sexual Assaults
- Forcible Confinement
- Kidnapping
- Strangulation resulting in unconsciousness.



# Risk Identification and Safety Planning

Intake members and investigators assess and triage ongoing domestic violence occurrences to establish an appropriate level of risk management.

- Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA)
- Registered Social Workers work in conjunction with investigators to ensure victims' well-being
- Divisional "Domestic Violence Coordinators" established in each patrol division to assist with domestic violence incidents.



### **Statistics**

In 2017, Edmonton Police responded to 7425 *reported* domestic disturbance incidents. Of those incidents, 39% (2891) were criminal.

The Intake and Assessment team reviewed the majority of disturbances (6780) to ensure appropriate services were provided.

186 of the criminal incidents were extremely violent, requiring Domestic Offender Crimes Section detectives to respond to the scene and assume primary responsibility for the investigation.

175 additional files were assigned to the Domestic Abuse High Risk Team intensive offender management and victim support.



### **Community Partners**

The complexity of Intimate Partner Violence requires a collaborative, community response. The Edmonton Police Service is proud to work with the following community and governmental organizations.

- Community Initiatives Against Family Violence
- Senior Protection Partnership
- Family Violence Police Advisory Committee
- Edmonton John Howard Society
- Alberta Council of Women's Shelters
- Catholic Social Services
- Integrated Threat and Risk Assessment Centre.



Questions?