

Edmonton Police Service Legalization of Cannabis Committee

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Legalization of Cannabis

Overview:

- History of the EPS Legalization of Cannabis Committee
- External committee participation
- Review of the impacts of cannabis legalization on law enforcement in other jurisdictions
- Risk assessment process
- Resource requirements for 2018



History of the EPS Committee

- Committee started May 2016
- Includes the 12 most highly impacted areas of the EPS



External Committee Participation

- Alberta Cannabis Secretariat
- City of Edmonton Cannabis Coalition
- City of Edmonton Cannabis Task Team
- Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police working group
- Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police working group



Impacts in other jurisdictions

- Colorado
- Denver Marijuana Management Symposium 2015-2017
- Washington State
- Oregon



Risk Assessment Process

- Conducted from November 2016 to January 2018
- Determined the risks the organization could potentially face post legalization
- Risk mitigation action plans developed
- Costs to implement the plans were brought forward



Resource Requirements 2018

\$1.4 million in ongoing and one time funding is required for the following bureaus:

- Community Policing Bureau (North and South)
- Corporate Services Bureau
- ➤ Intelligence & Investigations Bureau
- Office of the Chief



Resource Requirements 2018

Ongoing

- 2 FTE for Public Safety Compliance Team (1) and Policy Management Unit (1)
- Training for Specialized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) to meet national guidelines
- Calibration of oral fluid testing devices and cost per test conducted
- Increased Checkstop operations
- Corporate Communications external communications plan
- Clandestine Laboratory Team and Occupational Health and Safety equipment and training



Resource Requirements 2018

One Time

- Oral fluid testing devices for cannabis
- Geographic Deployment Model Training for all frontline police officers
- Informatics Division for IT system upgrades



Legalization of Cannabis Resource Requirements 2019-2021

➤ The funding requests for 2019-2021 will be presented to the City of Edmonton during budget deliberations in the fall 2018.



Questions?