

## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2017 Fourth Quarter



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## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF POLICING IN EDMONTON

December 14 wrapped up the EPS's year-long 125th anniversary celebrations. At a ceremony held at police headquarters, EPC Chair Cathy Palmer presented Chief Knecht with a glass plaque handmade by Commissioner Micki Ruth. Constable Braydon Lawrence also presented Chief Knecht with the 125 anniversary sword. On display were two crafts by EPS employees; Patricia Zeldenrust, who made a quilt and Suzy Prangley, who crafted a stained glass wall hanging.

At the wrap up ceremony, Chief Knecht thanked citizens and organizations who have continued to supported the EPS.

"We are a police service built by the community, and it's because of this support and these relationships that we continue to enjoy a 94 per cent approval rating from our citizens. It makes me incredibly proud of the members of the Edmonton Police Service, and very confident in the future of this exceptional organization," he added.

Other events that occurred during the 125th anniversary included a kick off, gala dinner, commemorative tree painting, Fort Edmonton Park family night, city hall civic celebration, Bordern Park public picnic, and recognition events by FC Edmonton, Edmonton Oilers and the Eskimos.





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### CONSTABLE DANIEL WOODALL SCHOOL OPENS

A new elementary school named after fallen EPS Constable Daniel Woodall officially opened in southwest Edmonton on November 15, 2017.

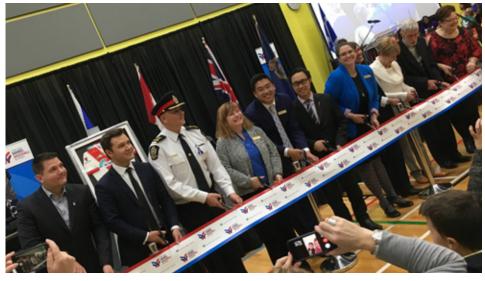
Over 500 people participated in the grand opening ceremony that included school staff, students, parents, special guests, and EPS employees.

Daniel was recognized by many community members for his work with the EPS Hate Crimes Unit, his courage and conviction, and for being a role model and mentor.

It was following Constable Woodall's death in the line of duty on June 8, 2015 that citizens requested a school be named in his honour. A year later, it was decided a new school would be built to recognize his service to the community and to encourage others to share the same positive values he exemplified.

As a further tribute to Daniel, his badge number was included in the school's phone number, a police-styled 'W' was incorporated in the school's logo, and the school team "The Woodall Wings" was named after him.

Although Constable Woodall's life was cut short, his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of the school's staff and students.



Acting Chief Kevin Brezinski participated in the grand opening of the new elementary school.

## CONSTABLE RECOGNIZED FOR WORK WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA

On October 14, 2017, Constable Amanda Trenchard won the LETR (Law Enforcement Torch Run) Outstanding Contribution Award from Special Olympics Alberta.

Long known for her contribution to Special Olympics, Amanda is humbled by the award, saying, "I'm honoured to have received the award, but wouldn't be able to do all of the things I do without the help and support of the many people who work with me."

Constable Trenchard is chairperson of the Edmonton and greater region torch run committee and sits on the Alberta LETR operations committee. She has organized and participated in provincial, national and world torch runs. She is head coach of snowshoeing and soccer for Edmonton, and coordinates all of the Edmonton Special Olympic fundraising events: Free Our Finest, Polar Plunge, Torch Run, #nogoodway and Cops and Crepes.



Deputy Chief Brian Simpson and Constable Amanda Trenchard at the Special Olympics Alberta 37th Annual Awards and AGM where she received the Outstanding Contribution Award.



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### OFF-DUTY OFFICER RECOGNIZED FOR BRAVERY

EPS Constable Taylor Lockert was one of the local heroes recognized for bravery by the Royal Canadian Humane Association (RCHA) at police headquarters on November 10, 2017.

Earlier in the year, Constable Lockert was driving home when he noticed an intoxicated man holding a rifle at the side of the road, so he quickly exited his vehicle and disarmed the man to prevent him from harming himself or anyone else.

Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, EPS Chief Rod Knecht, and RCHA President Rudy Berghuys presented the awards to 19 Albertans who risked their lives to save others.

The RCHA was established in Canada in 1894 by Queen Victoria to honour the courage and sacrifice of rescuers.



Constable Taylor Lockert, pictured with the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell and Chief Rod Knecht, with his Honorary Testimonial Certificate for his quick actions in disarming a dangerous man.

### EPS RECEIVES AWARD OF DISTINCTION



Roxanne Davignon displays the Award of Distinction she received on behalf of the EPS at the RIMS Enterprise Risk Management conference in Los Angeles, California.

In early November, the EPS risk management program received an honorable mention for the Risk Management Society (RIMS) 2017 Award of Distinction. RIMS is the world's prominent professional association dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management.

The Award of Distinction honours organizations that have created value through their risk management programs, and seeks to recognize and share best practices and success stories. EPS's risk management program is steered by Roxanne Davignon and Amber Adair.



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### A BIT OF ELBOW GREASE IN WEST EDMONTON PAYS OFF

In mid-October EPS responded to a call from a concerned west Edmonton resident after trespassers and drug users became an ongoing issue on her property. When Constable Denise Grimard of West Division responded to the residence, she realized the issue was considerably more complicated.

Working with Acting Sergeant Shane Adair, Constable Grimard soon determined the most effective solution was likely a much needed yard clean up and immediately reached out to Edmonton Waste Management Services for support.

Arranging for multiple trucks and a crew from the City of Edmonton to visit the property the following day, Constable Grimard, five additional officers and four waste collectors all participated in the clean-up, returning the yard to a tidy space in less than 45 minutes.

"We like to help out as many people as we can and we were happy to assist this resident with her yard," says Jeff Boyer an Assisted Waste Collector who joined EPS for the clean-up. "Knowing we made a difference for someone made for a good feeling day for everyone involved."

To ensure Ardith, the senior homeowner, isn't in the same predicament in the near future, Constable Grimard also coordinated with several areas of the EPS to monitor the property for further trespassing and drug activity and helped the homeowner register with the City's Waste Management Assisted Collection program. This service is available to anyone who has difficulty placing recycling or garbage on the curb or in the lane and sends waste collectors directly to the front or back door.

Constable Grimard is hopeful the situation at the property and within the neighbourhood will improve, alleviating the stress this senior was experiencing.

"Spending less than an hour with Waste Services to ensure Ardith and her neighbours feel safe and secure in their neighbourhood was a small part of everyone's day that we're hoping will make a big difference, " says Constable Grimard. "We're happy we could help."





L to R: Constable Dane McGuckin, Ardith, Constable Denise Grimard, Constable Shane Adair, Constable Marko Sabanovic



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## NEWEST OFFICERS AND CANINE TEAM READY TO SERVE COMMUNITY

In late November, 28 recruits (21 male, seven female), one EPS canine team, and one officer from the Camrose Police Service, graduated at a ceremony held at Edmonton City Hall.

The recruits came from diverse careers and countries to join the EPS. Having met all requirements, they recently completed an intense year of academic and field development training and assessment, and are now ready to serve their community as police officers.



Recent RTC #139 included Police Service Dog Benny, with his handler Constable Daniel Heigh.

## SOBERING MESSAGE OF THE DANGERS OF DRIVING WITH A HANGOVER

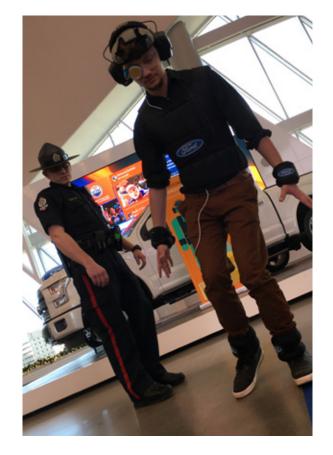
EPS and Ford Canada demonstrated a Hangover Simulation Suit at the Christmas Checkstop kick-off to warn motorists of the dangers of driving with a hangover.

It is quite common for police to intercept drivers the morning after a night of partying who are impaired and fail a roadside sobriety test or screening device.

While it can take several hours for your body to metabolize alcohol, drivers have shown hangover impairment even 20 hours after heavy drinking.

The Ford Motor Company developed the suit to simulate the physical effects of a hangover such as double vision, dizziness, decreased concentration, and loss of muscle coordination, which can impair drivers as much as being intoxicated.

"People think they slept it off, but are still driving impaired," says Sergeant Robert Davis with the EPS Impaired Driving Unit. "Driving with a hangover can be just as dangerous as drinking and driving."



Constable Braydon Lawrence administers a sobriety test to a university student wearing the Hangover Suit at Rogers Place on December 7, 2017.



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### MEDICALERT CONNECT PROTECT SERVICE HELPS EPS OFFICERS REUNITE LOST OR WANDERING INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR FAMILIES

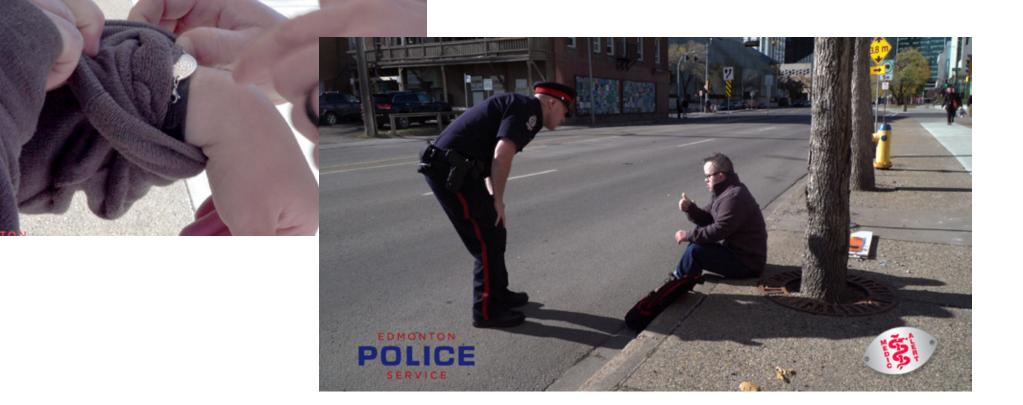
A partnership between EPS and MedicAlert Foundation Canada helps officers quickly reunite lost or missing individuals living with autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, or a cognitive brain injury with their family or caregivers.

MedicAlert Connect Protect gives police officers 24-hour access to a registered subscriber's photo, identity, past wandering history, and other vital emergency information through their MedicAlert medical IDs.

Information helps officers to search more efficiently, increasing the chances that those who go missing are found. Officers called to an emergency involving a MedicAlert subscriber also have access to vital information which may be necessary to save a life.

"When an officer comes across a lost or missing person living with one of these serious medical conditions, they will now be able to quickly and efficiently check the individual's bracelet and contact EPS Communications/Dispatch for critical information," says Deputy Chief Greg Preston.

This service will also provide officers with information that could ultimately save their lives.







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ER PLACE STATION

Chief Constable G. Hill, with members of the Edmonton Police Department, in front of the Hotel Macdonald. The hotel, named after Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, opened its doors on July 5, 1915. Chief Hill was in charge from 1914 – 1920.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother met with members of

the EPS during the Royal Tour

of Canada in 1985.

EPS members pose outside the old Jasper Place Police station in 1974. It was located on the east side of 151 Street, between Stony Plain Road and 102 Avenue, and was located in an old Edmonton Telephones wire exchange building. West Division moved to their new home in the early 1990s.

### OVERALL CRIME IN THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS 2016 AND 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS



By the end of 2017, property crimes decreased by 1.9 per cent and violent crimes increased by 4 per cent compared to 2016.

### THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS ARE:

### PROPERTY CRIMES

- Break and enterTheft from vehicle
- Theft of vehicle
- Theft over \$5,000

- VIOLENT CRIMES
- Homicide
- Assault
- Sexual assault
- Robbery

The eight crime indicators are measured daily and the data is used to focus on criminal activity and identify trends, patterns, and hot spots in Edmonton. Police resources are then deployed to address emerging and enduring crime and disorder issues. Violent crime statistics are based on the number of victims of crime, rather than the number of incidents of crime.

Source: Cognos CSR-12 UCR Violations, generated Jan 15, 2018



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### PROACTIVE POLICING RESULTS IN MORE THAN 100 ARRESTS

In late November, the EPS concluded a month-long project that resulted in more than 100 arrests.

Between October 2 and November 2, 2017, police focused their efforts on areas where prostitution, property crime and drug use typically occur.

### In total, there were:

- 108 individuals arrested & charged
- 201 charges laid (including 38 "johns" charged with obtaining sexual services for consideration)

### Police seized the following:

- 26g of methamphetamine
- 9g of cocaine hydrochloride
- 20 pills of dilaudid
- 1g of shatter
  - 21g of marijuana
  - 20 g of fentanyl
  - 4g of carfentanil
  - 1 g of ketamine
  - 20 pills of Tylenol 3
  - 1 loaded sawed-off shot gun

While police primarily focused their efforts on crime and disorder, they also worked with social support agencies to assist the homeless and other vulnerable citizens who suffer from mental health and substance abuse issues.

Divisional Beat Teams, EPS Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit, the Edmonton Drug and Gang Enforcement Unit, Pawn Detail, IMAC and Detainee Management Unit worked together on the project to continue towards the EPS vision of making Edmonton the safest major city in Canada.

### CONSTABLE HUMBLED BY UNWAVERING SUPPORT

On September 30, 2017, Constable Mike Cherynk was hit by a car while working crowd control at an Edmonton Eskimo football game. The suspect then jumped out of his vehicle and stabbed Constable Cherynk. The officer fought back; still he suffered stab wounds to the face and hands but was released from the hospital a short time later. Later that evening, prior to being apprehended, the suspect was involved in hitting pedestrians in crosswalks and alleys.

Throughout October, Constable Cherynk was honoured by both the Edmonton Eskimos and the Edmonton Oilers. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came to EPS headquarters and visited with Constable Cherynk, a 10-year-verteran with the service.

The public's support and appreciation for EPS was overwhelming with hundreds of letters and messages pouring in from all over Canada. In an open letter, Mike expressed his appreciation for the kind words he received, "The incident will not deter me from my police career. If anything, it has made me and my police family stronger, and seems to have united Canadians from coast to coast. We get into policing because we want to help people and do the right thing. If what happened to me inspires people and brings them together, then I really can't ask for more than that."

Four other Edmontonians were also injured during the September 30 incident.

Abdulahi Hasan Sharif is facing 11 charges including attempted murder, dangerous driving, criminal flight causing bodily harm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited with Constable Mike Chernyk and met with members of EPS on October 21, 2017.



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### TEACHING TEENS 'DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE'

A teenager skidding around a parking lot in a sports car is concerning, but this time it was part of an innovative program to teach valuable hands-on skills to new drivers.

Over 100 high school students had a unique opportunity to participate in the Driving Skills for Life program, offered for the first time in Edmonton by Ford Canada and the EPS on October 4, 2017.

The newly-licensed drivers navigated a controlled course at the Edmonton Expo Centre with Ford vehicles and professional driving instructors, to gain experience in hazard recognition, vehicle handling, and speed and space management.

Throughout the training, EPS Traffic Services Officers provided valuable information to the teens regarding traffic safety, impaired and distracted driving, and the criminal code.

The award-winning Ford Driving Skills for Life program was created by a team of safety experts from the private and public sectors, to teach skills not typically learned in driver education classes, and to reduce the number of collisions among new drivers.

According to the Traffic Injury Research Foundation, motor vehicle collisions are a leading cause of death among Canadians under the age of 24.

Constable Ryan May (School Resource Officer) and students from McNally High School ready to take to the track.

### WHAT'S YOUR INSPIRATION?



That's the question the EPS Recruit Selection Unit want people to ask themselves when they see a new recruitment campaign.

From greater community involvement to a safer city, the campaign features a variety of officers showing their motivations for why they chose a career in policing. By showcasing different ethnicities, life stages, previous areas of study and former careers, it aims to inspire people from all walks of life to believe that a career with the EPS is achievable.

In addition to diversity, recruiters are hopeful the campaign will increase the perception that people with non-traditional backgrounds and skills can become police officers.

"The way we recruit candidates is changing," says Superintendent Denis Jubinville with the EPS Human Resources Division. "We have re-engineered our recruiting approach and how the EPS supports those who have an interest in a career with us."

Several current EPS officers were involved in the campaign and shared stories about their backgrounds and what inspired them to become police officers, including motivating youth, community involvement and a career with variety.

The 2018 goal is to graduate three recruit classes and one experienced officer class, adding a total of 85 new officers. In 2017, the EPS hired 93 new recruits and five experienced officers.



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### CAT CONTINUES TO PURR ALONG

Since its inception in 2011, the Community Action Team (CAT) has been working hard to address crime in high-risk neighborhoods throughout the city for years, but the way the team functions has been growing and evolving.

CAT is mandated to promote and execute crime management initiatives, programs and projects that support EPS's Violence Reduction Strategy. It is a focused mobile police unit that identifies struggling geographic communities and then works with internal and external partners to curb crime in that area.

The method CAT currently deploys is the Tiered Deployment Model. This includes stages for analysis, strategy, and operations, ensures efforts are constantly evaluated and specifically tailored to each community.

"For me, the tiered model has been our bread and butter. Wehicle and pedestrian interdiction, hot spot and offender management, and community engagement continues to strengthen our relationship with the public." says CAT Team Sergeant James Junio.

The Tiered Model indludes;

- Tier 1- Full or modified,
- Tier 2 Citywide Offender Management
- Tier 3 -Force multiplication for Divisional projects or initiative's

In 2017, CAT participated in 18 community events, including 15 deployments, which resulted in:

	2017
Total Offender Management Reports (OMR)	980
for Compliance/Conditions Checks	279
*for Warrants	624
Patrol Assists	129
Street Check Reports (SCR)	214
Subjects Arrested	263
Warrants Executed	836
Violation Tickets/J444s	357
Warrants Requested/Judges' Order	108
Hot Spot Patrolled (HS)	882
Interdiction Stops	824
**Harm Reduction Interaction (HRI)	139

\*Number of different addresses checked and end dated on ERPROS –December 2017. \*\*Introduced May 2017.



There are 12 deployments planned for 2018.



Constable Justin Johnston, and the rest of CAT, were invited to Kenilworth Community League's annual holiday community event.

### ONLINE CRIME REPORTING ENJOYS STEADY GROWTH

By the end of 2017, Investigative Management and Approval Centre (IMAC) processed 9,315 reports. For the same time period in 2016, IMAC processed 8,611 reports, an eight per cent increase over 2016 levels.

Of the filed reports, 28 per cent came from within Southwest Division boundaries. The most frequent type of crime being reported is Theft From Vehicle, at 34 per cent.

Six main incident types reported online:

- Break and enter (detached garage/shed)
- Lost property
- Mischief to property (including graffiti)
- Damage to vehicle
- Theft from vehicle
- General theft (including theft of bicycle)



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### EPS STAFF COMPLEMENT

#### SWORN, CIVILIAN, AND RECRUITS

STAFF	2017 AUTHORIZED FTE'S	2017 FTE'S AS OF 2018 JANUARY 03	VACANCIES (OVER STRENGTH)
SWORN	1787.00	1766.34	20.66
RECRUITS	0.00	65.00	(65.00)
CIVILIANS	771.00	781.61	(10.61)
FULL COMPLEMENT	2558.00	2612.95	(54.95)

The authorized FTE's represent 2,558.00 authorized positions in 2017

## OTHER COMMISSION AND EPS PUBLICATIONS

The Edmonton Police Commission and the Edmonton Police Service publish a number of reports that provide further details on policing in Edmonton.			
OPERATIONAL AREA	PUBLICATION		
Performance Measurement	Annual Policing Plan		
Performance Results	Annual Policing Plan Report Card		
Complaints Against EPS	Professional Standards Branch Annual Report		
Citizen Opinions on Policing	Citizen Survey		

All publications can be found at www.edmontonpolicecommission.ca and www.edmontonpolice.ca



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			CURREN				YEAR END I	ORECAST	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%	BUDGET	PROJECTION	VARIANCE	%
AND	EXPENDITURES								
	PERSONNEL								
CELLENCE	Salary	726	712	14	2%	797	976	(179)	-22%
	Benefits	154	140	14	9%	163	145	18	11%
	EPC Overtime	9	6	3	36%	10	6	3	35%
		889	858	31	3%	970	1,127	(157)	-16%
ENCY	NON-PERSONNEL								
	Materials & Supplies	4	3	1	28%	4	4	0	5%
	Furniture & Equipment	17	13	4	24%	18	38	(20)	-111%
	Contracts & Services	218	295	(77)	-35%	246	363	(116)	-47%
	Honoraria	150	98	52	35%	150	104	46	31%
	Building Cost	149	138	10	7%	162	153	9	5%
	Travel and Training	94	79	16	17%	104	104	(0)	0%
	Other General Costs	19	23	(4)	-20%	19	25	(5)	-27%
		502	551	(49)	-10%	554	686	(133)	-24%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,390	1,409	(18)	-1%	704	790	(87)	-12%
	REVENUE	-							
	NET POSITION	1,390	1,409	(18)	-1%	1,524	1,814	(290)	-19%

## EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONER	# OF COMMISSION MEETINGS ATTENDED
CATHY PALMER, CH	AIR 10/11
TIM O'BRIEN, VICE (	CHAIR 11/11
JOHN LILLEY	10/11
GARY MCCUAIG	10/11
DEREK HUDSON	10/11
KAREN MACKENZIE	9/11
LAURIE HAWN	11/11
JACKIE FOORD	5//5
MICKI RUTH	11/11
SCOTT MCKEEN	9/11
MICHAEL OSHRY	4/9
SARAH HAMILTON	2/2

Visit the Edmonton Police Commission website to view attendance at standing committee meetings.

The Edmonton Police Commission budget is part of the overall budget allocated to the Edmonton Police Service.



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BUDGET VARIANCE BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 (\$000'S)

	2017 YEAR TO DATE			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
REVENUE				
Traffic Safety Act Fines	\$15,508	\$14,267	\$(1,241)	-8.0%
Transfer to COE General Revenues	22,292	22,292	$\psi(1,2+1)$	0.0%
Transfer from Reserve (OTS)	27,343	22,272	2,221	8.1%
Provincial Grants	27,343	29,304 28,849	2,221	9.6%
Other Revenue	17,255	18,515	1,260	7.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	91,477	94,972	3,495	3.8%
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONNEL				
Salary and Benefits	328,673	329,424	(751)	-0.2%
EPS Overtime	11,030	10,419	611	5.5%
External Overtime	460	466	(6)	-1.3%
	340,163	340,309	(146)	0.0%
NON-PERSONNEL				
Furniture, Equipment, IT, Materials and Supplies	11,666	11,666	11,666	11,666
Contracts and Services	17,378	19,675	(2,297)	-13.2%
Vehicles	7,558	7,514	44	0.6%
Facilities	16,809	16,095	714	4.2%
Other Expenditures	17,411	17,668	(257)	-1.5%
	70,822	72,618	(1,796)	-2.5%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	410,985	412,927	(1,942)	-0.5%
NET POSITION	\$319,508	\$317,955	\$1,553	0.5%