



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2019 *Second Quarter*



CHIEF APOLOGIZES ON BEHALF OF EPS TO LGBTQ2S+ COMMUNITY

On May 3, Chief Dale McFee apologized to the LGBTQ2S+ community on behalf of the EPS.

The apology, made during a news conference at police headquarters, is the beginning of a reconciliation process with members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Two-Spirit community.

The apology acknowledged that while police have an obligation to uphold the law and to create safe communities for everyone, the EPS has not always demonstrated behaviours and approaches which embody its core values.

Chief McFee pledged his own personal commitment to stand against homophobia, transphobia and any other kind of marginalization, denigration or disrespect.

The Chief also invited individuals to participate in the engagement process to improve the relationship between the EPS and the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Community members can share their ideas on a specially established website, www.epsinput.ca, which will help guide the engagement process forward.



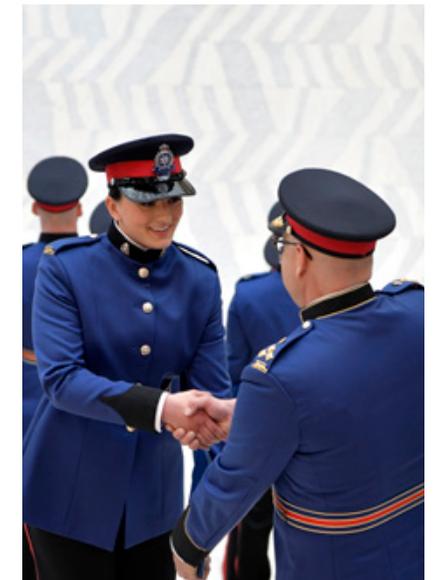
“To make sure we get this right it has to be guided and informed by those in our community. By those who have spoken out before, and by those who haven’t yet had the opportunity to share their voices. We are requesting advice, guidance and partnership,” said Chief McFee.

GRADUATION DAY FOR EPS RECRUIT TRAINING CLASS 145

The Edmonton Police Service’s newest officers marked an important milestone at the beginning of their careers when they formally graduated from recruit training at City Hall on June 7, 2019.

The 22 officers of RTC 145 came from all walks of life to join the EPS. They now have the opportunity to shape the future of policing in Edmonton, and to serve their community in ways they never could before.

If you are interested in a career with the EPS, please visit www.joineps.ca.



Two former CFL players and Grey Cup champions, Elie Ngoyi and Yannick Carter, trade their football jerseys for police uniforms as they graduate from RTC 145.

CONGRATULATIONS CADET CORPS!

Twenty-eight young members of the EPS Cadet Corps were recognized for their leadership, hard work, and commitment to the community over the past year at a special graduation and award ceremony at City Hall on May 15, 2019.

They were joined by numerous family, friends, EPS members, and distinguished guests such as Mayor Don Iveson, who came to congratulate them on their many successes.

The EPS Cadet Corps program is open to youth ages 16 to 18 who have an interest in law enforcement and want to make a difference in their community.

Every week, cadets learn about policing and crime prevention, participate in educational and recreational activities, and volunteer at police and community events. Cadets also learn effective leadership skills, gain confidence, and build positive relationships that last a lifetime.

If you are interested in the EPS Cadet Corps, please visit www.edmontonpolice.ca/policecadets.



STAFF SERGEANT DUANE HUNTER NAMED TOP COP FOR 2018

On April 5, the Kiwanis Club of Edmonton - Oil Capital honoured Staff Sgt. Duane Hunter with the title of 'Top Cop' and presented him with the award at police headquarters.

Staff Sgt. Hunter was chosen for his dedication to the Crestwood Community. He volunteered his off-duty time to develop the Candy Cane Lane event to better serve his neighbours, especially those who found it difficult to purchase or install lights to carry on the tradition of their street.

Thanks to Staff Sgt. Duane Hunter's leadership, hard work, and fundraising, Candy Cane Lane is a shining example of how a community of dedicated neighbours can bring joy to an entire city.



CORRECTIONAL SERVICE HONOURS EPS MEMBER

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has recognized EPS Sgt. Graham Blackburn for the leadership and mentoring skills he displayed when he helped the CSC prepare for its first regimental funeral.

The Honourable Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell and CSC Commissioner Anne Kelly presented Blackburn with Commissioner’s Commendation at a ceremony on April 29, 2019.

“This is the first time in the history of the Correctional Service that we bestowed this award on a member external to CSC,” said Trent Kane, CSC Regional Guard Commander, Prairie Region.

In October 2018, Kane contacted Blackburn and asked him to mentor the Bearer Party for Correctional Officer Lesa Zoerb, who was killed in the line of duty while transporting a prisoner.

Blackburn travelled to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, and had four days to coach the Bearer Party in the proper ceremonial procedures of a regimental funeral. They worked together through the difficult and emotional task for eight to 10 hours a day, and as a result, the Bearer Party was able to execute their duties flawlessly at the funeral.

It was an enormous honour for Sgt. Blackburn to be asked for assistance and to receive the award. The commendation recognizes individuals who demonstrate the highest standards of conduct or humanitarianism during a single event.



CSC Commissioner Anne Kelly, Sgt. Graham Blackburn, and Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell.



Sgt. Graham Blackburn, CSC Commissioner Anne Kelly, and CSC Regional Guard Commander Trent Kane.

CONSTABLE FAY GOSS RECEIVES ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE LIFESAVING AWARD

A career as a police officer provides you with unique skill sets – some that you hope you never have to use.

On Aug. 18, 2018, Const. Fay Goss and her husband were at home preparing supper when there was a frantic knocking at their door. The mother from across the road was in a panic because her son was not breathing and she feared he had a drug overdose.

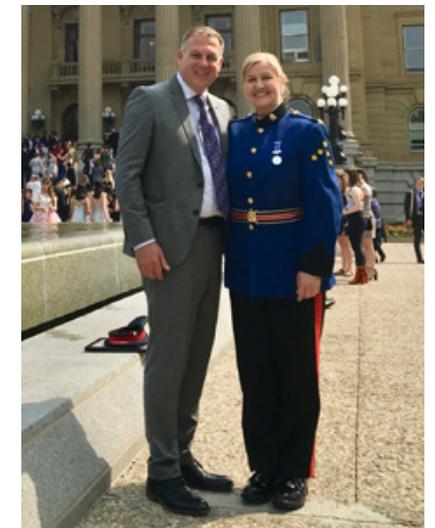
Fay ran to the neighbour’s house, and found the father talking on the phone to a 911 operator, but the father seemed paralyzed by the situation as he stood over his son’s unconscious body.

Fay’s first-aid training kicked in and she began CPR, and after a short time the son began to breathe. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services arrived and took over treatment until EMS transported the son to the hospital. He made a full recovery, entered a drug rehabilitation program, and got a second chance at life.

Because of her efforts, Const. Fay Goss was nominated for the St. John’s Life Saving Award, which she later received from the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, at the Legislature Building on June 1, 2019.



For over 30 years, St. John’s Ambulance has honoured individuals like Const. Fay Goss who have administered first aid while saving or attempting to save a life.



Const. Fay Goss with husband Det. Randy Goss at the award ceremony.

'JOINT' CAMPAIGNS BRING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LEGAL CANNABIS USE

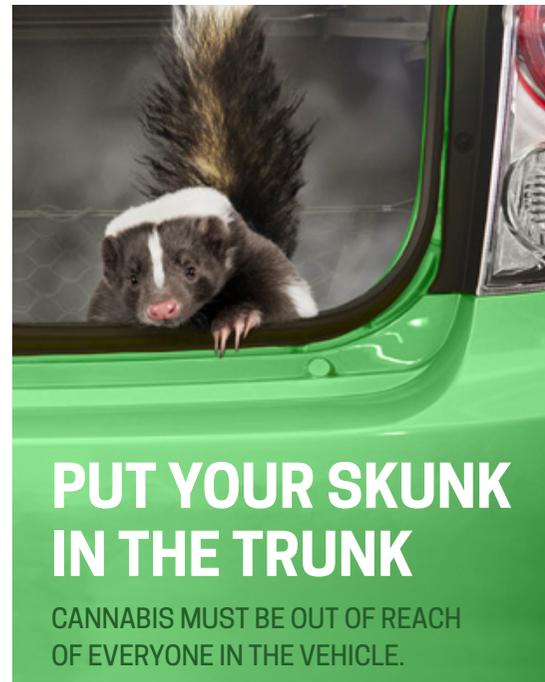
EPS targeted a number of common cannabis-related questions with two public awareness campaigns launched in April and June.

Sharing Isn't Caring warns the public that it is illegal to share or sell cannabis to a minor. It is also illegal to share over 30 grams of cannabis with an adult and only licensed vendors can sell cannabis.

Put Your Skunk in the Trunk reminds users that to stay within the law, cannabis must be in a sealed package and transported out of the reach of all occupants of the vehicle.

Improper transport accounts for more than 60 per cent of the cannabis charges EPS lays under the provincial Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act. Police also remind citizens that it is illegal for anyone to use cannabis in a vehicle, including passengers.

For more information, please visit www.edmontonpolice.ca/cannabis.



TEENS LEARN POWERFUL LESSON ABOUT IMPAIRED DRIVING

Students learned first-hand about the consequences of impaired driving when a mock crash scene was staged by first responders outside of Steele Heights School prior to graduation.

The event was organized by the Covenant Health Misericordia Hospital PARTY program (Preventing Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth), in partnership with Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services, Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Motor Association, and Allwest Auto Parts.

The annual mock crash and educational presentation has a powerful impact on youth and their friends and families. Approximately 5,000 students have participated in the PARTY program since its creation 27 years ago.

For more information, please visit www.epartyveg.com.



Sgt. John Normand and School Resource Officer Const. Joshua Maeda helped teens understand the effects of cannabis impairment on the young driver involved in the scenario.

YOUR LICENCE PLATE MISSES YOU

On June 24, EPS launched the Your Licence Plate Misses You campaign in response to the 1,240 licence plate thefts that occurred between January and May of 2019.

“Most registered owners don’t realize their licence plate has been stolen or even swapped with another one until they are contacted by police,” said Const. Brendan Power of the EPS Specialized Traffic Apprehension Team (STAT). “It’s not just making sure you have a licence plate, it’s making sure it’s yours. We see many instances where thieves swap one stolen plate for another and the owners don’t notice until it’s too late.”

Citizens are reminded to make eye contact with their licence plates every day. If your plate is ever stolen, report it to police immediately.



LIFTING UP THE VOICES OF ABUSED SENIORS

EPS and fellow members of the Seniors Protection Partnership (SPP) brought attention to the issue of elder abuse at a community event at Central Lions Recreation Centre on June 14.

The event is part of a global initiative to raise awareness of elder abuse and neglect, and focused on topics coinciding with this year’s theme of ‘lifting up voices’ where seniors shared their personal experiences.

“Our seniors have spent a lifetime building the foundation for the success we enjoy today and every one of them deserves to live with peace and dignity,” said Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski.

With an estimated 7,000 seniors in Edmonton and 26,000 seniors in Alberta who have experienced elder abuse, the event provided Edmontonians an opportunity to learn how they can help prevent and respond to elder abuse.

The SPP is a collaboration of EPS, the City of Edmonton, Catholic Social Services, Covenant Health, and Sage Seniors Association. This multiagency team addresses high-risk cases of elder abuse that are physical, emotional, psychological, financial, sexual or medical in nature.

In 2018, SPP collectively worked on 205 elder abuse files and concluded 160 of them. So far in 2019, SPP has 136 files with 97 files concluded and 39 outstanding, and sadly more are expected.

“We need to tell the story of senior abuse to ensure potential victims know crime can happen and they can protect themselves,” said Deputy Chief Brezinski. “Seniors need to know there are groups like the partnership in place to help, and abusers need to know their actions will not be tolerated.”

For more information on elder abuse, please visit www.albertaelderabuse.ca.



Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski and the Seniors Protection Partnership join Councillor Jon Dziadyk in proclaiming World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

TEEN VAPING SETS OFF ALARM IN SCHOOLS

The EPS School Resource Officer Unit recently raised the alarm that student vaping is on the rise at Edmonton schools.

“We’re seeing a dramatic increase in vaping among teens in junior high and high school, even pre-teens in elementary school are trying out their older siblings’ vapes,” said Const. Joshua Maeda, the EPS School Resource Officer for M.E. LaZerte High School.

A new study published in the [British Medical Journal](#) in June 2019 found a 74 per cent increase in vaping among youth aged 16 to 19 in Canada from 2017 to 2018. Health Canada reports 23 per cent of students in grades 7 to 12 have tried an electronic cigarette.

This alarming trend was also observed by University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing students who felt more could be done to inform teens and their parents of the potential health risks and vulnerability to addiction.

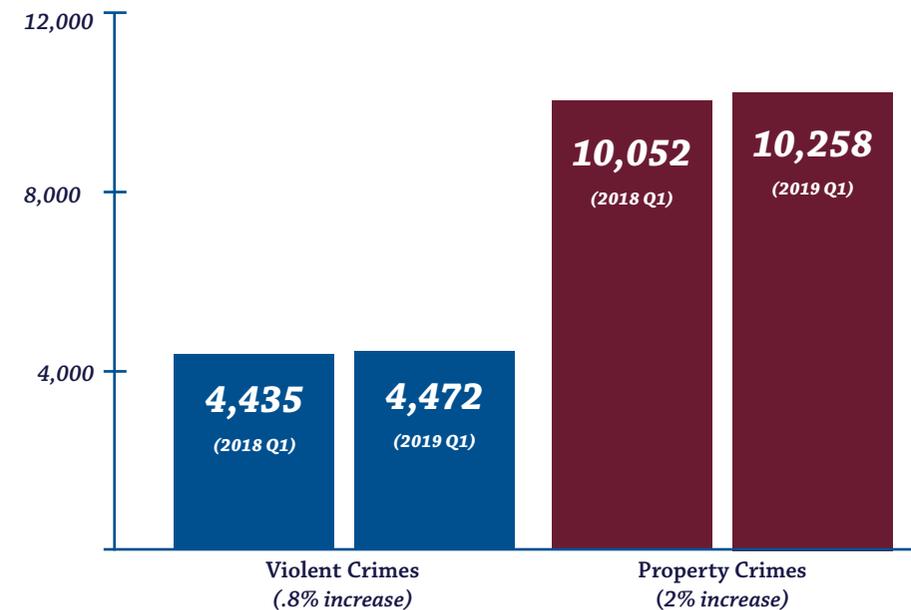
On June 25, EPS officers and U of A Nursing students announced that they will be working together to educate teens on the health risks of vaping, which will include presentations and the distribution of resource materials at schools this fall.

For more information on the risks of vaping, please visit [Health Canada](#).



Const. Joshua Maeda and Const. Bryan Alm join with University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing staff and students to reduce the prevalence of youth vaping at schools.

OVERALL CRIME IN THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS 2017 AND 2018 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS



For 2019 Q2, property crimes increased by 2 per cent and violent crimes increased by .8 per cent compared to property crime indicators in 2018 Q2.

THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS ARE:

PROPERTY CRIMES

- Break and enter
- Theft 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 CMR-66YQ, generated July 15, 2019

EPS LAYS CHARGES IN CROSS-COUNTRY EXTORTION INVESTIGATION

In March 2019, the EPS Cyber Crime Investigation Unit laid six charges against an Ontario man and woman in an extortion investigation.

In February 2019, it was reported that an Edmonton man was receiving threatening text messages from an unknown third party through a texting app.

The messages demanded money and threatened the man's life if he did not pay. The messages also included photos of a firearm, and indicated that the anonymous sender knew the man's home address.

After a thorough investigation, EPS traced the messages to two individuals located in Ontario, and both were arrested and charged with one count each of extortion with a firearm, fraud under \$5000, and unauthorized use of a computer.

Cyber crime is a borderless crime, and more and more, police are working together across jurisdictions to lay charges wherever appropriate.

The EPS Cyber Crime Investigations Unit was formalized in 2015, and has grown from two to eight members. This was the second time in the unit's history that members have gone to another province to make an arrest.



MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE

The EPS Commercial Vehicle Inspection Detail conducted random inspections of commercial vehicles travelling on the city's major roadways, and found that more than 40 per cent of vehicles failed to meet safety regulations.

During the three-day operation in May, EPS and its municipal and provincial partners checked 156 commercial vehicles, and only 52 passed inspections. Of the remaining vehicles, 66 were deemed out of service, and 38 required additional attention.

"Tire concerns and issues with trailer breakaway attachments were the most prominent violations and we issued 54 tickets as a result," said Sgt. Kerry Bates with the EPS Specialized Traffic Operations Section. "But one driver was found to be driving while suspended, and had two outstanding provincial warrants, which is also quite serious."



OVER 3,200 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS DURING OPERATION 24 HOURS

Edmonton Police Service officers and City of Edmonton automated enforcement staff handed out a total of 3,238 traffic violations during Operation 24 Hours.

For the 24-hour enforcement period on April 2, there were 2,539 speeding tickets through manned and automated enforcement, as well as 650 other traffic violations including 137 for distracted driving and 10 criminal driving offences.

Operation 24 Hours is one of the many enforcement initiatives coordinated throughout the year to improve traffic safety on Edmonton's roadways.



BEN CALF ROBE POW WOW

Police Chief Dale McFee and EPS members participated in the regal pageantry of the 38th Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre on May 11, 2019.

The event brings together Indigenous communities, dancers and drummers from across the province, and kicks off the pow wow season in Alberta.

Chief McFee had the special honour of being recognized along with the First Nation Chiefs in the Grand Entry.



Police Chief Dale McFee is joined by Supt. Trent Forsberg, Staff Sgt. Dana Donald, and Det. Cory Dubray.

MARINE UNIT PATROLLING EDMONTON WATERS THIS SUMMER

Every year, the Canadian Red Cross estimates that 161 Canadians drown while boating, primarily because 87 per cent of victims were not wearing a lifejacket, or were not wearing them properly.

To reduce these statistics, the EPS Marine Unit will be patrolling the city's North Saskatchewan River throughout the summer to check that boaters are complying with lifejacket regulations, as well as ensuring the safety of all river users.

For more information on boat safety regulations, please check the Transport Canada [Safe Boating Guide](#). To learn more about water safety, please visit [Red Cross Water Safety Week](#).



The Marine Unit helped kick off national Water Safety Week on June 2 to encourage safe boating this summer.

SUPPORTING THE FRONTLINE DURING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Logistical Support Unit (LSU) was formed in 2009 when members of Disaster Emergency Operations and Planning Section (DEOPS) recognized they did not have sufficient resources within the section to deal with protracted or major events.

“Most requests for LSU assistance are for the use of specialized equipment,” said Const. Kevin Taylor. That includes everything from the larger Mobile Command Post, to smaller vehicles with off-road capabilities, trailers, portable light towers, mobile surveillance cameras, generators, and pop-up tents.

“Anything you can think of in a special type of incident where the police need to be supported,” said Acting Staff Sgt. Mark Bloxham. “If we don’t have it, chances are we can access it through a partner or vendor.”

This year, LSU will assist with 15 pre-planned events between July and November, while continuing to respond to spontaneous incidents or emergency situations.

“The goal is to be able to mobilize as quickly as possible,” Bloxham said, “to provide frontline members with the underlying support they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.”



The LSU can quickly deliver and set up the Mobile Command Post to help police respond to any emergency situation.

BRINGING BUSINESSES TOGETHER

EPS Northwest Division Beat members have partnered with the Alberta Avenue Business Association on a new pilot project: Businesses Together.

The goal of Businesses Together is to unite and empower Alberta Avenue business owners, by making the Avenue a safe and attractive community for people to work and live.

The trial project focuses on crime reduction and enhancing the business community in the Alberta Avenue area, especially the businesses who have felt

unsafe and isolated. The intent is to create a mall-like environment where people share information and conduct business with an agreed set of rules.

The EPS is aiding in the project's foundational stages to bring everyone together, provide crime prevention tactics, and build positive relationships that foster trust and open communication sources.

We can do this together – “we believe in 118!”



CRIME PREVENTION WEEK 2019

Alberta's annual Crime Prevention Week is an opportunity for EPS and its partners to educate our communities on crime prevention and the tools that are available to help.

Various crime prevention and personal safety events were offered to the public from May 13 to 17, including customized sessions for business and community organizations, community engagement activities, and tips posted on EPS social media.



BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS WITH BASKETBALL

EPS constables from Northeast Division played basketball with teens at Clareview Community Recreation Centre as part of Crime Prevention Week. The basketball game and barbecue provided an opportunity to break down barriers and talk freely about policing and personal safety in public spaces.

The event was made possible with the support of the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET), the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public and Catholic Schools, and the Boys and Girls Clubs / Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area Society.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ONE CUP AT A TIME

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together over coffee to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

Throughout Crime Prevention Week there were several opportunities for citizens to meet with constables for a friendly cup of coffee and casual conversation at their neighbourhood Starbucks or McDonald's.



NEW CHECKLIST HELPS MAKE COMMUNITY HALL PARTIES SAFER

During Crime Prevention Week, a new Hall Party Planning Safety Checklist was made available to the public to improve safety, protect property, and reduce violence at hall parties.

The new resource was developed to counter the troubling trend of illegitimate users of the venues, such as travelling nightclubs, by ensuring all events have proper licensing, insurance and security.

The EPS Hospitality Policing Unit, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, and Foster Park Brokers, offered free information sessions on May 15 to help individuals use the new checklist to plan social activities, family functions, or special events at community halls.

The new checklist has been well-received by both community leagues and rental groups, and has already helped safeguard them from the risks associated with public events.



Sgt. Michelle Horchuk with the EPS Hospitality Unit meets with community partners about the new safety checklist for hall parties.



ROLLING WITH LAUGHTER

On April 1, the EPS publicly announced a new mode of police transportation. The new EPS scooters were chosen as the best, most environmentally-friendly way to navigate through construction zones, tight quarters, and avoid traffic congestion. Just kidding – April Fools!

FINANCIALS

EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION (EPC) & AUDIT
BUDGET VARIANCE BY MAJOR CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

	CURRENT PERIOD				YEAR END FORECAST			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%	BUDGET	PROJECTION	VARIANCE	%
EXPENDITURES								
PERSONNEL								
Salary	431	396	35	8%	873	873	(0)	0%
Benefits	95	74	21	22%	178	177	1	0%
EPC Overtime	4	-	4	100%	7	7	-	0%
	530	471	60	11%	1,057	1,057	0	0%
NON-PERSONNEL								
Materials & Supplies	2	2	1	29%	3	3	-	0%
Furniture & Equipment	5	1	3	73%	10	10	-	0%
Contracts & Services	280	95	184	66%	559	559	-	0%
Building Cost	67	58	8	13%	133	133	-	0%
Travel and Training	51	32	19	36%	102	102	-	0%
Other General Costs	12	17	(5)	-45%	23	23	-	0%
	416	206	210	51%	831	831	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	946	676	270	29%	831	831	-	0%
REVENUE	-	0	0		-	0	-	
NET POSITION	946	676	270	29%	1,888	1,888	0	0%

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

EXPENSES

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2019.

	J. Krikler	T.O'Brien	M. Ruth	K. Mackenzie	L. Hawn	J. McDougall	A. Hussainaly	J. Hamilton	E.Ambtman	A. Singh
Conferences										
Hosting		90.58								
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$90.58	\$0.00							

COMMISSIONER MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 2019

COMMISSIONER	# COMMISSION MEETINGS ATTENDED
TIM O'BRIEN, CHAIR	6/6
MICKI RUTH, VICE CHAIR	6/6
KAREN MACKENZE	6/6
LAURIE HAWN	6/6
JANET-SUE HAMILTON	5/6
ANEELA HUSSAINALY	5/6
JOHN MCDOUGALL	6/6
ERICK AMBTMAN	5/6
ASHVIN SINGH	5/6
SARAH HAMILTON	6/6
SCOTT MCKEEN	6/6

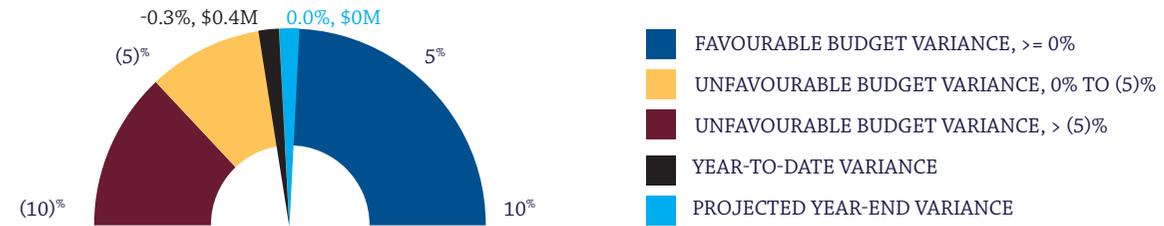
Visit the Edmonton Police Commission website to view attendance at standing committee meetings.

FINANCIALS

BUDGET VARIANCE BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
SECOND QUARTER 2019 FORECAST (\$000'S)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	%
2019 YEAR-TO-DATE				
REVENUE	31,055	31,360	305	1.0%
<i>Personnel</i>	155,945	160,281	(4,336)	-2.8%
<i>Non-Personnel</i>	28,552	24,922	3,630	12.7%
EXPENSE	184,497	185,203	(706)	-0.4%
NET POSITION	153,442	153,843	(401)	-0.3%

	2019 PROJECTED YEAR-END			
REVENUE	96,957	98,285	1,328	1.4%
<i>Personnel</i>	369,073	368,037	1,036	0.3%
<i>Non-Personnel</i>	74,786	75,534	(748)	-1.0%
EXPENSE	443,859	443,571	288	0.1%
TCA	9,951	9,951	-	0.0%
TRANSFER TO/FROM EPS RESERVE	-	1,616	(1,616)	0.0%
NET POSITION	356,853	356,853	-	0.0%



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