

# FIREARMS INITIATIVE

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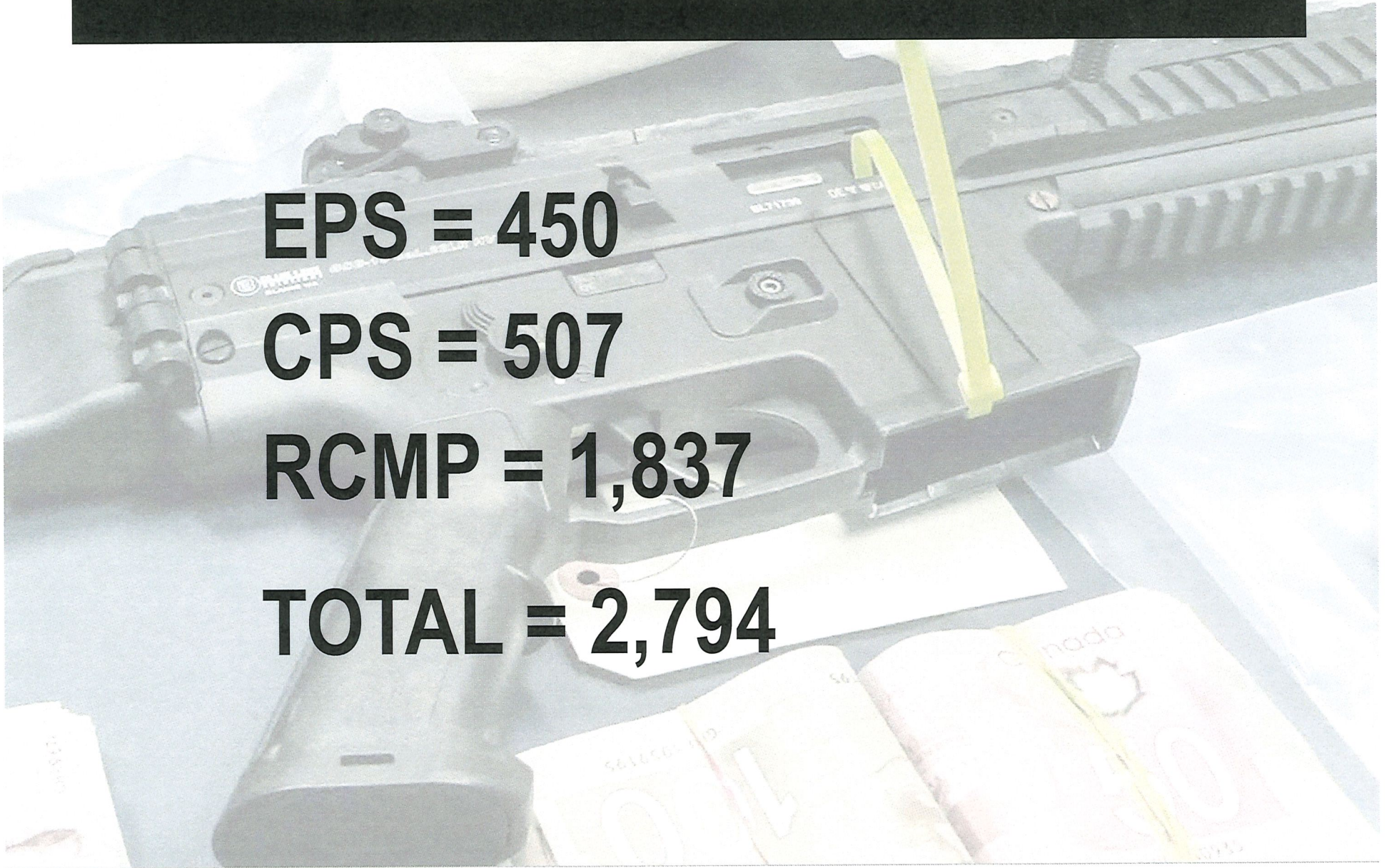
## Provincial Crime Guns Seized 2020

**EPS = 450**

**CPS = 507**

**RCMP = 1,837**

**TOTAL = 2,794**





## Current Status

- CPS has an operational lab used to analyze firearms and casings seized in Calgary only
- Remaining agencies rely upon the RCMP National Lab
- Significant delays and triage process often resulting in no analysis



## **EPS Progressive Response**

- 1. EPS has developed their own IBIS Lab**
- 2. ALERT and EPS are leading a provincial effort**
- 3. ALERT purchased specialized equipment**
- 4. Three committed FTE's were funded by ALERT**
- 5. Two additional resources are available as needed**







## **Progressive Response**

- 1. EPS lab will analyze all crime guns and crime casings for the province**
- 2. CPS will continue to analyze their own firearms**
- 3. EPS lab will be significantly supported by ALERT funded resources**
- 4. Explore the integration of the RCMP**



## Benefits of Provincial Focus

- **Organized crime/gang activity is transient across the province**
- **Timely IBIS uploads will link crimes**
- **Investigators can draw correlations amongst violent gun crime**
- **Hold violent offenders accountable for their actions**



## Early Successes

- 230 IBIS submissions
- 13 lead notifications linking seized firearms to historical gun crimes
- Using technology to solve violent crime







## Section 2 Mechanical Testing

- Required by the Crown to prove a seized firearm is a firearm
- The lack of Sec 2 testing was the single biggest barrier for firearms prosecutions in Alberta
- ALERT has developed a provincial standard and trained 65 members



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