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Guardian of Public Trust

October 10, 2023

BRIEFING NOTE:

Purpose: Action Information

TO: EPC Oct 19, 2023

FROM: Matt Barker, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Updated GC: Proposed Commissioner Motions – Public Meeting

Decision Required: The EPC debate and consider motions as recommended by GC.

Commissioners have identified a range of motions wish to discuss and consider moving forward with as set out below.

Motions for Considerations:

1. That the Edmonton Police Service change the Control Tactics Report to include the following data sets:

A data set supplementing the 10 most common occurrence types in which there was control tactic to include the total occurrence counts for those events citywide for the reporting period. (As per the example from Peel – Appendix A)

Rationale:

The EPS Control Tactics Report is currently one of the leading public facing reports of its type in Canada, providing transparency and accountability to the citizens of Edmonton. This report was recently refreshed and provides a solid foundation of data that largely meets EPC needs for exercising its' governance role. This new ask will align the report with other leading Services to provide a clearer picture of the frequency of control tactics used in more active situations. It has the opportunity to highlight how judiciously the use of force is applied, even in some of the most

volatile interactions. It may also serve to help refine training by highlighting patterns in the use of force for different call types.

Appendix A

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When an officer completes a Use of Force Report, they have the option of selecting more than one type of force used. Therefore, the total number of Use of Force types selected may exceed the total number of incidents or reports.

In 2021, officers responded to 230,369 calls for service and 42,705 traffic stops, totalling 273,074 calls for service.

Use of Force Applications and Call Type

Use of Force Applications & Call Type			
Call Type	Number of Use of Force Reports	Number of Use of Force Incidents	Total Calls for Service
Weapons Calls	141	101	1,565
Domestic Disturbances	100	79	11,982
Persons in Crisis	60	48	6,726

Calls for service involving weapons made up the most frequent reason for a use of force application, followed by domestic disturbances.

Regional incidents coded as involving a Person in Crisis (PIC) accounted for 6,726 of total calls for service. Of these encounters, 60 Use of Force reports were generated. Reported Use of Force incidents involving a Person in Crisis decreased slightly from 53 in 2020 to 48 in 2021, while overall calls for service increased from 5,950 in 2020 to 6,726 in 2021. The percentage of Use of Force reports from (PIC) incidents remains stable at less than one percent.

3. Injuries to Involved Persons & Officers

Officers are required to record injuries sustained by any party in a Use of Force incident and whether medical attention was required.

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