



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: 2023 Aug 22

SUBJECT: Traffic Services Branch Overview

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That this report be received for information.

BACKGROUND:

Following a Traffic Safety Branch presentation to the EPS's Executive Leadership Team (2023 April 26), a request was received from the Chief's Office to prepare a briefing note. In short, the briefing note was to:

- a) summarize the information and data presented at ELC,
- b) include an abbreviated PowerPoint, and
- c) be directed to Chief's Committee for consideration on forwarding this information to the Edmonton Police Commission.

Traffic Safety Branch is composed of 3 sections: Major Collision Investigation Section, Specialized Traffic Section, and Traffic Enforcement Section.

Major Collision Investigation Section (MCIS) includes Major Collision Investigation Units (MCIU), Hit and Run Unit (HRU), and the in-house employee complement/component of the EPS's Collision Reporting Centre's (CRCs). Further, MCIS also provides the primary investigative service for all service vehicle collisions (i.e., investigation, supervisorial review and, if needed, enforcement).

Specialized Traffic Section (STS) includes Impaired Driving Unit (IDU), Commercial Vehicle Unit (CVU), and Traffic Safety Unit (TSU). Of note, STS also works closely with the City of Edmonton to "administer" pursuant to Provincial Guidelines the City's photo-enforcement program. Lastly, it also manages the EPS's internal photo enforcement process – ensuring EPS employees are safely carrying out their daily duties pursuant to law and policy.

Traffic Enforcement Section (TES) is comprised of traffic enforcement squads and is the primary EPS traffic investigation and enforcement unit conducting up to 80+% of all municipal traffic enforcement activity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

The attached presentation provides a summary of some of the key TSB mandates and 2022 data (i.e., performance metrics).

Attachment 1 – Traffic Services Branch Overview – EPC Presentation

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Traffic Services Branch



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TSB General

3 Sections:

- Specialized Traffic Section (STS)
- Major Collision Investigation Section (MCIS)
- Traffic Enforcement Section (TES)



TSB – UNIT STRUCTURE

STS

- Impaired Driving Unit (IDU)
- Commercial Vehicle Investigation Unit (CVIU)
- Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

MCIS

- 4 x MCI Squads
- Hit and Run Unit
- CRC – Police Component

TES

- 4 x TE Squads

1 Sgt. & 3 Csts.

- manages and administers the EPS's response to impaired operation including CheckStop, TADD, equipment calibration/maintenance and frontline training (e.g., SFST, DRE, Screening Device and QBT)
- 2022
 - delivered 55 days of training (DRE, SFST, RTC etc.)
 - co-ordinated and led 17 CheckStops
 - 68 IRS
 - 4 CC Impaired Charges
 - 348 violation tickets
 - 2017 MAS Demands
 - Service-wide – 1215 IRS; 142 CC

1 Sgt. & 5 Csts.

- inspection, investigation, enforcement and education of traffic related issues involving commercial vehicles including the corporations operating these fleets
- goal - decrease the risk to the public from commercial vehicle operation; increase public awareness on the danger/risk of inadequately maintained and improperly operated commercial vehicles
- illicit conveyance – drugs, weapons, cigarettes, liquor etc.
- 2022
 - 3681 – Summons Issued
 - 2660 – Warning Issued
 - 829 – CVs ordered out of service
 - \$1,746,566 in fines issued
 - 1773 – Vehicles Inspected
 - 41 – CC Charges
 - 56 – Warrants Executed
 - 55 – Directed CPB Assists

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- front facing EPS unit tasked with identifying, assessing and responding to reports of problematic roadways and/or high risk driving behaviours
- primary EPS conduit for proactive and educational initiatives to foster safe driving and pedestrian behaviours; work with various stakeholders including our arguably underserved communities (e.g., winter driver education/training for newcomers).
- ensure alignment with COE and Provincial traffic safety programs and initiatives
- co-ordinate traffic related public awareness, safety and nuisance initiatives (e.g., Op 24, Curb the Danger, Project TENSOR (Motorcycle/Vehicular noise), Back to School, Provincial Child Car Seat Initiative)
- 2022
 - 4947 – Traffic Complaints Received/Processed
 - 1983 – Traffic Complaints Assigned for Follow-Up
 - 1599 – Summons Issued
 - 596 – Warning Issued
 - Project TENSOR – 1500 Total Summons Issued; 265 Specific to Excessive Noise (TSA & Bylaw)

STS - GENERAL

COE Photo Enforcement Administration

- works closely with COE reviewing and approving all photo-enforcement locations (over 700 locations)
- police oversight/management mandated by Province – Provincial Guidelines (Automated traffic enforcement technology guideline)

SV Photo Enforcement

- ensures EPS employees are safely carrying out duties pursuant to law and policy and are accountable
- process identifies driver responsible for the violation, examines the circumstances and assesses the justification to ensure compliance with law and policy
- probably the “model” program for managing employee driving behaviour in Canada – and perhaps North America
- 2022 – 3281 Violations Processed; 2015 Presumptively Exempted; 1266 Fully Reviewed

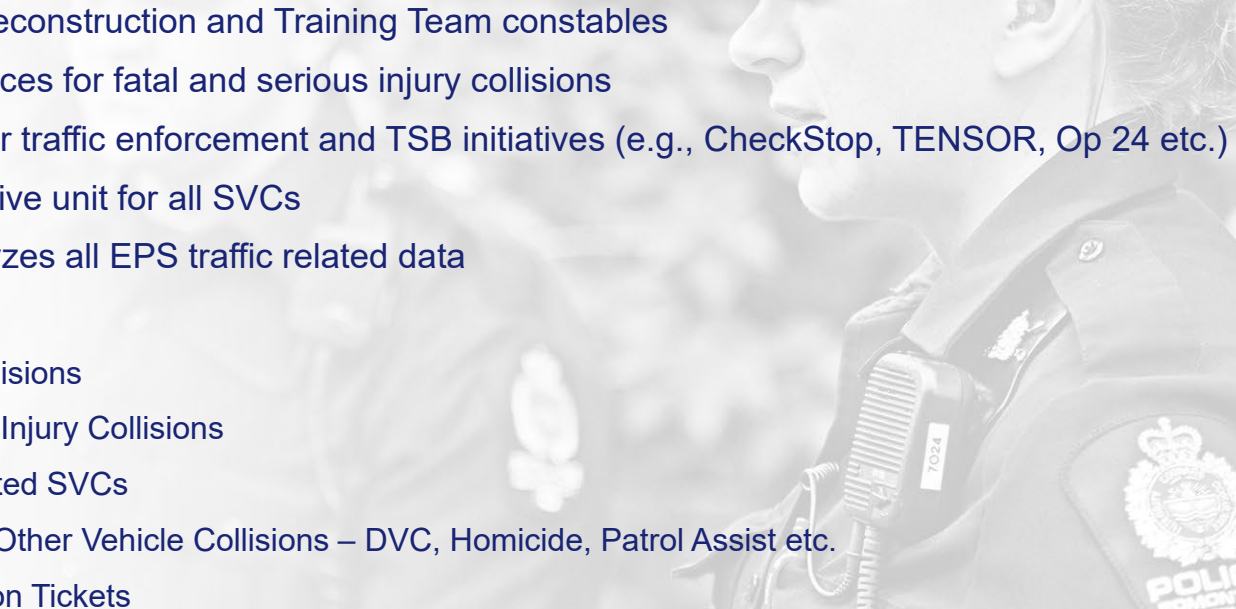
4 Squads – 1 Sgt. & 5 Csts.

- primary EPS traffic investigation and enforcement unit
- provides balance of enforcement and roadside education to ensure individuals held accountable for driving, vehicle, equipment and other related traffic violations
- goal - safer roadways/highways through roving and targeted enforcement along with educational activities and initiatives
- through activities, TES also ensures individuals using municipal roadways for other illicit activities are identified, effectively investigated and held accountable
- assists with other functions (e.g., escorts & protective services, DEOPS, protests, special events, CheckStop and other traffic safety initiatives) and administers the EPS's motorcycle program
- 2022
 - 41,527 Summons Issued; 4554 Warnings; 151 Arrests; 284 Warrants Executed; 67 CC Traffic Related Charges; 533 Vehicle Seizures; and 316 CPB Assists



MCI UNIT

4 Squads – 1 Sgt. & 5 Csts.

- supported by 2 Reconstruction and Training Team constables
 - investigative services for fatal and serious injury collisions
 - supplements other traffic enforcement and TSB initiatives (e.g., CheckStop, TENSOR, Op 24 etc.)
 - primary investigative unit for all SVCs
 - collects and analyzes all EPS traffic related data
 - 2022
 - 17 Fatal Collisions
 - 100 Serious Injury Collisions
 - 72 Investigated SVCs
 - 90 Assists / Other Vehicle Collisions – DVC, Homicide, Patrol Assist etc.
 - 7681 Violation Tickets
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HIT AND RUN UNIT

1 Sgt. & 5 Csts.

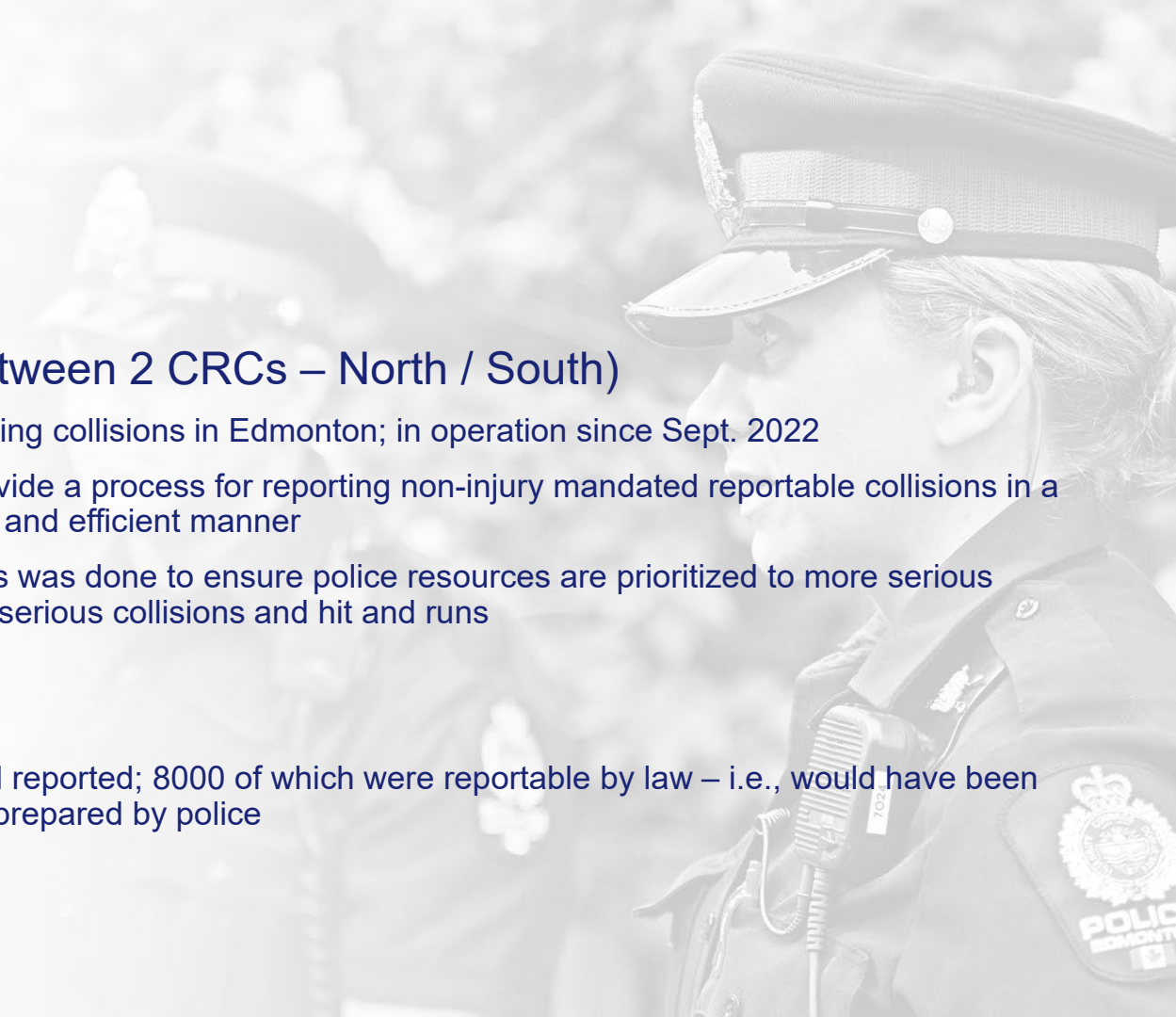
- essentially provides investigative services for all hit and runs
- often deal with serious events potentially criminal in nature where individual suspected of having committed other offences – e.g., suspended driving, drive without insurance, impaired driving etc.
- 2022
 - pre CRC, 3056 files reviewed; 347 identified for f/u; 314 successfully concluded by charge
 - post CRC, 1263 files reviewed; ~500 identified for f/u
 - ½ Collision Co-Ordinator concluded 1831 files where second party failed to report – up ~82% from 2021





CRCs

8 Csts. (split between 2 CRCs – North / South)

- new way of reporting collisions in Edmonton; in operation since Sept. 2022
 - mandate is to provide a process for reporting non-injury mandated reportable collisions in a timely, competent and efficient manner
 - the move to CRCs was done to ensure police resources are prioritized to more serious matters including serious collisions and hit and runs
 - 2022 (Sept-Dec)
 - 10,789 total reported; 8000 of which were reportable by law – i.e., would have been processed/prepared by police
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Questions?

THANK YOU

