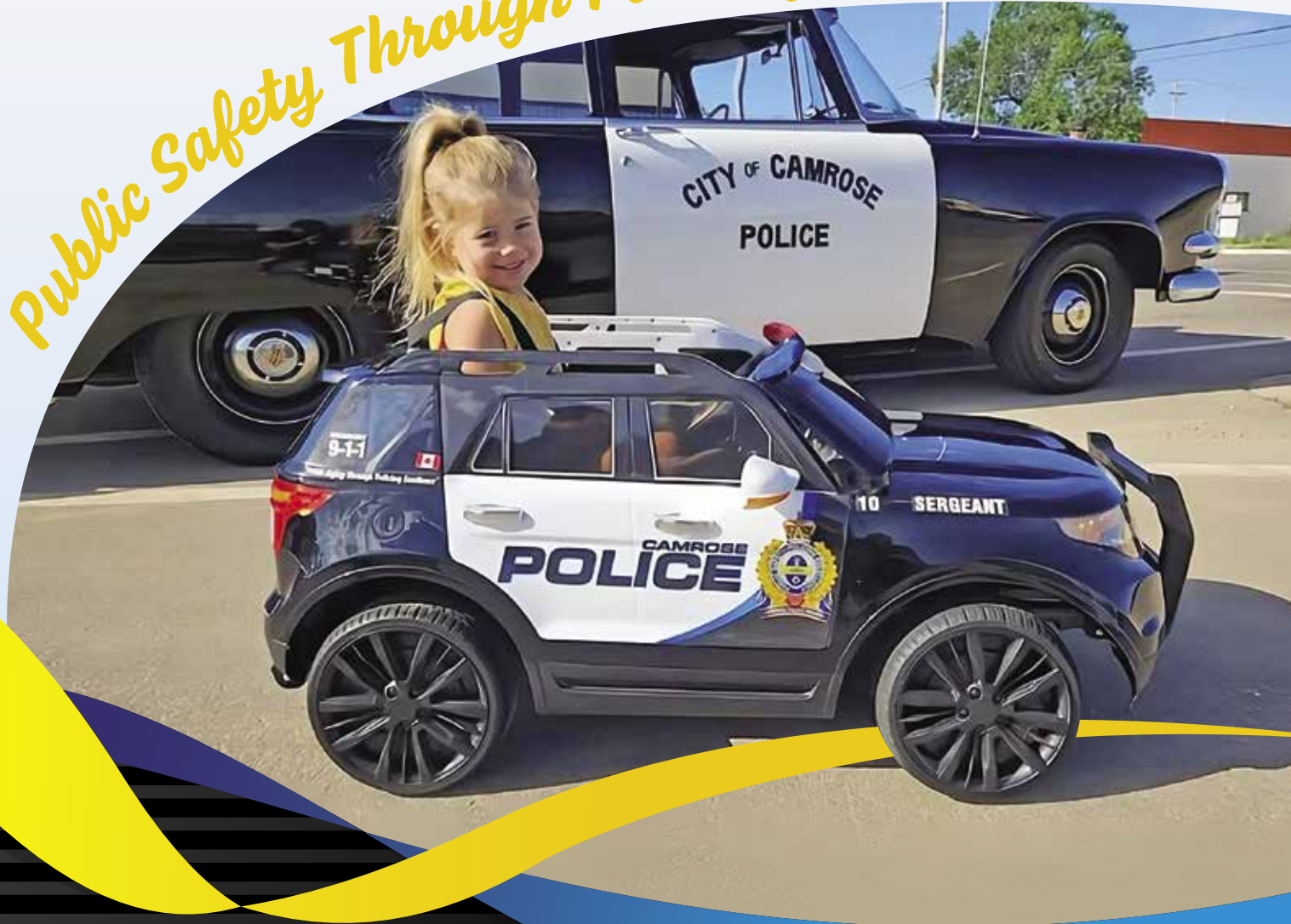


Public Safety Through Policing Excellence



***Camrose
Police
Service***

**2024
REPORT TO
*Our
Community***

Message from the Chief of Police



Welcome to the 2024 Annual Report for Camrose Police Service.

I am pleased to provide an overview of our work within the community over the past year. Several large projects came to successful completion during the year, including the construction of our backup 911 centre, which is a legislated redundancy to ensure the safety of our citizens. As well, the CPS completed the transition to the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System (AFRRCS) which allows us to seamlessly communicate with partners such as the RCMP, Alberta Fish & Wildlife and other public safety agencies.

As some of our employees either retired or moved onto different careers, we were able to hire five new recruits, two of whom recently graduated from the Edmonton Police Service training academy, with the remaining three graduating later in 2025. The Camrose Police Service also absorbed the Victim Services Unit (previously run by a Provincial board) into our organization, renaming it "Trauma & Crime Support Service".

As you will see as you read through this report, the Camrose Police Service continues to provide "Public Safety through Policing Excellence". I am extremely proud of our members, both sworn and civilian, for their sustained commitment to this community. It is only one of the factors that makes Camrose such a desirable place to live, work and play.

Dean LaGrange, Chief of Police

Message from the Police Commission

Public Safety Through Policing Excellence

As Chairman, I'm honoured to represent my fellow members of the Camrose Police Commission as we proudly partner with the Police Service in presenting their 2024 Annual Report to the citizens of Camrose. As always, we, as a commission, look forward to our continued strong working relationship with the Chief and staff of our service as they endeavour to serve and protect our community. In 2024, our community experienced some challenging and dangerous occurrences as well as growth within our service.



The purpose of a police commission is to provide civilian oversight to our Chief and Police Service. Part of this responsibility is to pursue ongoing guidance, support and education from such bodies as the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) and the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG). Our commission is comprised of members of the community appointed by our local civic government including representation by City Council as well as citizens appointed by the provincial government. As always, we continue to maintain excellent working relationships with our fellow commissions, policing committees and the Ministry of Public Safety.

As you will see when you take the time to review this annual report, Camrose Police Service continues to serve and protect the citizens of Camrose with great success and professionalism. As citizens, we continue to enjoy a safe and secure community due to the continued hard work by Chief Dean LaGrange and his dedicated team.

Lee Katchur, Chairman

Camrose Police Commission Members

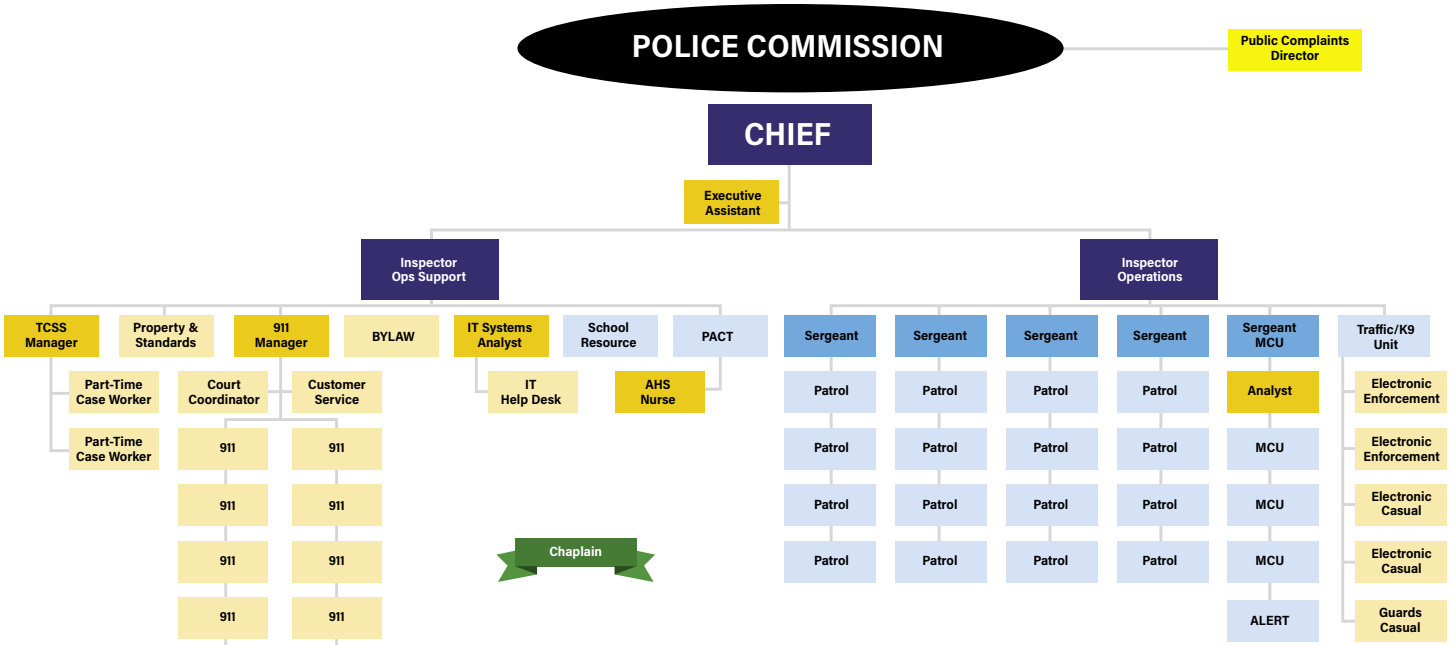
- Lee Katchur, Chairman
- Lori Larsen
- Agnes Hoveland
- Kevin Hycha
- Rick Myers
- Tena Lansing
- Malcolm Kirkland
- Adrian Zinck

Core Values & Mission Statement

PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH
Policing Excellence



- ✓ **Our People**
A Vibrant Workforce
- ✓ **Integrity**
Honest & Trustworthy
- ✓ **Service**
In service of Others
- ✓ **Care**
Compassion and Understanding
- ✓ **Communication**
Transparency and Accountability
- ✓ **Teamwork**
Pulling together in Common Purpose



- 1 CHIEF
- 2 INSPECTORS
- 5 SERGEANTS
- 23 CONSTABLES
- 31 SWORN MEMBERS

- 21 CIVILIAN MEMBERS
- 13 CASUAL
- 1 AHS

Operations Budget

Total Expenditures

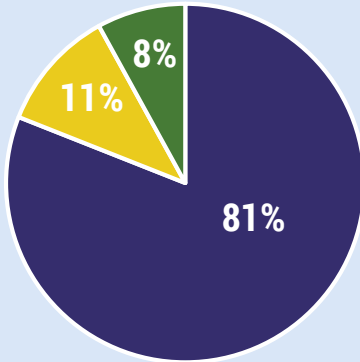
\$8,393,157

Operating Tax Draw

\$6,273,783

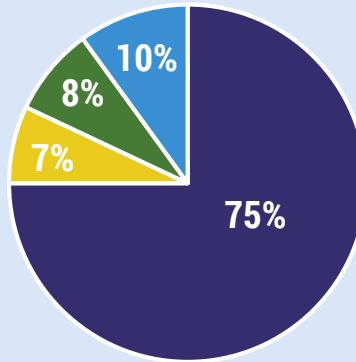
Total Revenue

\$2,119,374



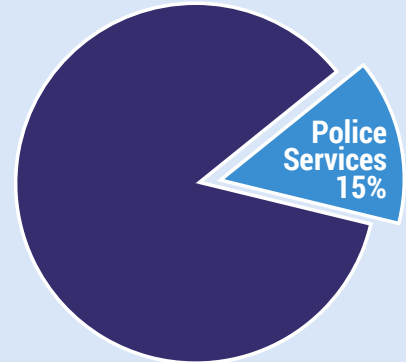
2024 Operating Budget

- Salaries/Benefits
- Contracted/General
- Materials/Goods/Supplies



Funding Streams

- Tax Supported
- Fine Revenue
- Service Fees/Charges
- Provincial Grants



2024 Spending of Property Tax Dollars

Source: City of Camrose
2024 Year in Review

Professional Standards

Reporting on complaints/compliments occurs monthly to the Camrose Police Commission.

In 2024, the Camrose Police Service investigated the following:

1 Formal Complaint

6 Citizen Concerns

Our Community of Camrose

20,587 Population

8,781 Number of Dwellings

829 Number of Businesses

150,000 Estimated Commercial Base

Source: Alberta.ca –
Regional Dashboard

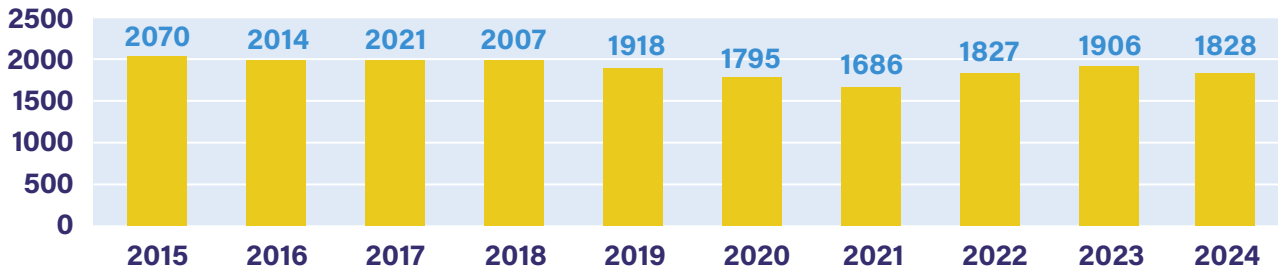
Police Resources

	Population per officer
Camrose Police Service	661
Alberta	589
Canada	561

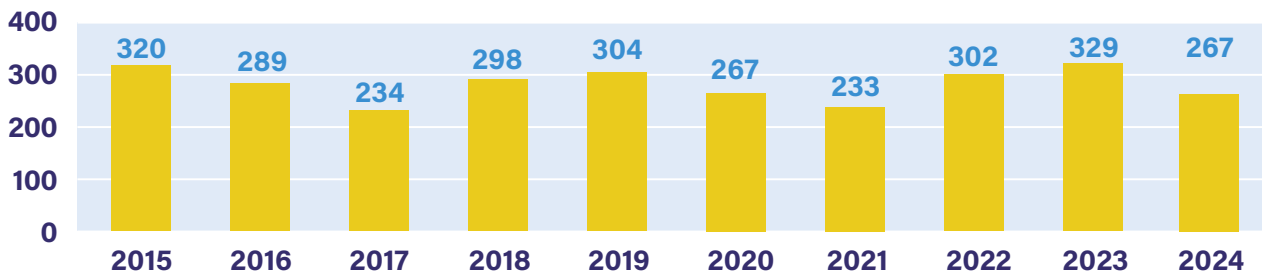
Source:
Stats Canada
2023

Crime Statistics

Total Criminal Code Offences

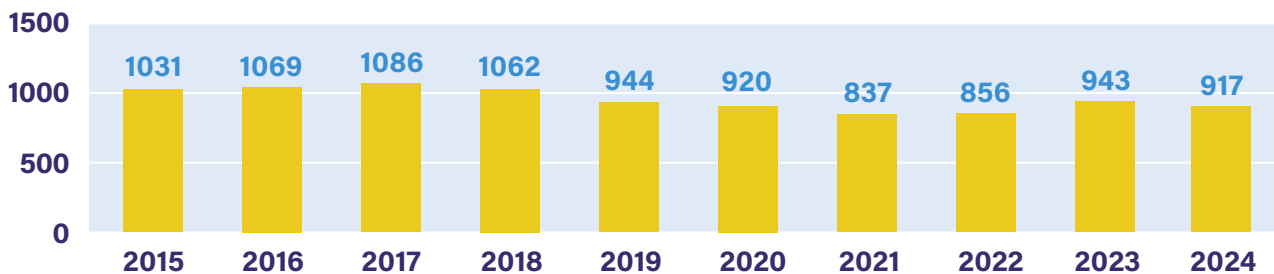


Crimes Against Persons



- **Decreased 19%** from 2023.
- Increases noted in Aggravated Assault (from 1 to 4)
- Decreases noted in Homicide/Attempt Homicide (7 to 2), Robbery (8 to 3), Sexual Assault (-26%), Assault (-10%), Flights from Police (-13%)

Crimes Against Property



- **3% decrease** from 2023.
- Increases noted in Theft of Vehicle (9%), Thefts over \$5000 (9 to 17), Shoplifting (24%), Fraud (13%)
- Decreases noted in Break and Enter, Bicycle Theft (-28%), Thefts from Vehicle (-13%), Mischief (-10%)
- **177** proactive bail compliance checks on **32** offenders in the community.
- CPS continued the weekly priority initiative in 2024 where various investigative, engagement or offender management activities were developed and worked on each week. In 2024, the CPS completed **157** priorities.

Road Safety in our Community



All members of the Camrose Police Service are committed to making our roads safer through prevention, education and enforcement throughout the year.

Reportable Collisions in Camrose

Severity of Collisions	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal	0	0	0	1	0
Injury	13	24	19	19	24
Property Damage	411	397	426	336	287
Total Reportable Collisions	424	421	445	356	311

- **13% decrease** in total reportable collisions from 2023 to 2024 (and remains below Provincial historical average)

Camrose Collision Rate per 10,000 Population

Severity of Collisions	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Injury	6.7	12.3	9.7	9.6	11.8
Property Damage	210.4	203.3	218.1	169.3	140.7
Total Reportable Collisions	217.1	215.6	227.8	179.4	152.5

- Injury collisions remained low with **24** in 2024 (and is half of that of the Provincial historical average)

- **0** Fatal Collisions in 2024

- **27% decrease** in Intersection Collisions in 2024.

Provincial Collision Rate per 10,000 Population

Severity of Collisions	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal	0.5	0.5	*	*	*
Injury	20.6	22.6	*	*	*
Property Damage	193.8	202.5	*	*	*
Total Reportable Collisions	214.8	225.6	*	*	*

- **Backing Unsafely** remains as the #1 cause of collisions

Impaired Driving

Impaired Driving Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
IRS - Fail	1	25	38	45	40
IRS - Warn	0	3	7	25	19
IRS - Zero	1	2	4	9	3
IRS - 24-hour	0	5	6	14	20
Checkstops	46	16	18	49	22

- Conducted **1,173** Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) tests in 2024.

- **12% decrease** in the number of impaired driving contraventions in 2024.

Police and Crisis Team (PACT)

- CPS member and Registered Psychiatric Nurse paired up to address mental health crises in community to achieve better health outcomes for individuals
- CPS responded to **366** mental health occurrences in 2024
- Received **171** referrals on **124** individuals
- Partners with Provincial RPACT operations team, Camrose Mental Health HUB, Addictions & Mental Health, Camrose & District Family and Community Support Services.



School Resource Officer (SRO)



- Instructed CORE program to **24** grade three and grade six groups each year
- Assisted by **6** CORE instructors
- Conducted lockdown drills with all **9** schools in Camrose
- Participated in threat assessment and worrisome behaviour meetings for students
- Conducted police station tours
- Attended CARE Coalition meetings
- Assisted school staff with several types of occurrences throughout the year

224 Files Opened

51 Individuals for Court Accompaniment

Trauma and Crime Support Services (TCSS)

- Formerly known as Victim Services Unit (VSU)
- Continued providing 24/7 services for those impacted by crime and trauma, including information, referrals, and court support

Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

In 2024, the Camrose Police Service Major Crimes Unit prioritized proactive criminal investigations, major case management, and provided comprehensive support to other units within the Police Service. These investigations included homicide, drug trafficking, weapons, sexual assault, and robbery files throughout the year.

The unit's investigations were bolstered by a civilian analyst who maintained critical connections with external organizations, sharing intelligence which aids in the identification of serious offenders and organized crime groups.

Additionally, the Camrose Police Service continued its partnership with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), dedicating a member to a specialized unit focused on combating organized crime across Alberta.



Community Peace Officer

- **878** Bylaw Occurrences in 2024 (**25% decrease** from 2023)
- **257** Dog/Animal Complaints (**28% decrease**)



9-1-1 Communications Centre

Over the past year, the Camrose Police Service Communications Centre has been actively pursuing technological and professional advancements aimed at delivering high-quality service and enhancing public safety for our community.

One of the major initiatives has been preparing for the transition to the new internet-based emergency network known as **Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1)**.

This new system will enable more accurate caller and location data, with the capacity to support future advancements in emergency communication. As part of our commitment to resilience and uninterrupted service, a secondary 9-1-1 backup centre has also been established as legislated by the government. This critical infrastructure ensures continued emergency response capabilities, even in the event of a disruption to our primary centre.

We've also taken a significant step forward by partnering with **Priority Dispatch**, a globally recognized organization known for its evidence-based emergency dispatch protocols. These protocols, developed by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch, are used by thousands of agencies around the world to standardize and improve emergency response.

Our dispatchers have successfully completed training and certification in the Police Dispatch Protocols, and will begin certification in the Fire Protocols in 2025. Ongoing training and recertification are central to our approach, ensuring our dispatchers remain equipped with the most current skills and knowledge.

These developments reflect our commitment to evolving with best practices, supporting our emergency responders, and most importantly, ensuring the safety and well-being of Camrose residents.



Total Calls Received **37,333**

911 Calls **9,331**

Police Dispatched Calls **3,984**

Concluded Files in Court **282**

Total Criminal Charges Laid **732**

Standards & Property Management

- Successful on-site CALEA accreditation
- Handled and processed over 2000 exhibits in 2024

Accomplishments

The Camrose Police Service was proud to host the 2024 Alberta Community Justice Awards and present our City's own Association of Communities Against Abuse (ACAA) for their collaboration and partnership.

The third annual Chief's Awards were presented to:

- **Major Crimes Team**
Team Citation – Attempted Homicide Investigation
- **911 Dispatcher**
Life Saving Award

It was also a pleasure to celebrate a retirement, a promotion to the rank of Sergeant, as well as the following career milestones:

- 1 32-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal
- 3 22-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal
- 5 12-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal



Community Involvement

Staff members at CPS continue to enjoy engaging with the community at various events. CPS staff volunteer with over 20 local organizations throughout the year and proudly support:

- **Charity Checkstop**
- **Special Olympics Events**
- **School Tours and Barbecues**



Tribute to Fallen Members



The Camrose Police Service continues to honour the Police and Peace Officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to communities across Canada.

The Pillar of Strength is a permanent monument at the south grounds of the Alberta legislature. It symbolizes Alberta's commitment to the peace officer community and recognizes the ultimate sacrifices made by fallen officers.





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