

Lacombe Police Service

Street Checks Statistics 2021



In April of 2021, the Government of Alberta passed Bill 63, the *Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021*, as part of its efforts to reform policing in Alberta and to formally ban carding and regulate street checks.

New obligations have been put in place for all police services within Alberta as it relates to the Collection of Information Voluntarily Provided by the Public Regulation (Regulation attached). The collection of information voluntarily provided by the public has been conducted by police services across Canada as both an intelligence gathering and crime prevention tool for decades.

The evolution of these checks into arbitrary and non-voluntary detention of individuals without purpose (referred to as carding), has led to significant media attention and broad public attention. There are concerns that the practice violates an individual's rights and disproportionately targets racial minorities and vulnerable populations.

In response, the Government of Alberta has directed that police services will be banned from utilizing the practice of carding. New rules regarding the collection of personal information during a police interaction with a member of the public will be provided through the amendment to the *Police Act* (the Act) and the creation of the new Regulation.

The Regulation has four deliverables, they include;

- Annual Reporting
- Training
- Completion of Training
- Public Awareness Campaign

ANNUAL REPORT

Each police service in Alberta is required to prepare an annual report with respect to the previous calendar year. As the amendment received royal assent on June 17th, 2021; annual reporting for 2021 will consist of June to December.

Section 17 - Reporting

Number of Attempts to Collect Information from members of the Public under the Authority established by this Regulation by members of the police service – *Zero (0)*

Number of Attempts to Collect information for each operational division – *Zero (0)*

Aggregate data for each operational division on the gender, age, race and indigenous identity, if any, of the member of the public from whom a police officer attempted to collect information, with separate reporting for;

- Information collected from a member of the public – *No data Collected*
- Information recorded based on an officer's observations – *No data Collected*

An analysis, by operational division if possible, of whether the members of the police service collected or engaged in attempts to collect information disproportionately with respect to members of the public of a certain gender, age, race or indigenous identity, or any combination of gender, age, race or indigenous identity, which must include statistical tests using census data – *No data available to complete analysis*

If the member of the police service collected or engaged in attempts to collect information disproportionately with respect to members of the public of a certain gender, age, race or indigenous identity, or any combination of gender, age, race or indigenous identity, any information that the chief of police service considers relevant relating to the disproportionate collection or number of attempts – *No data available*

Number of requests for information that did not meet the requirements of the Act, this Regulation, and any applicable standards established under the Act or the policies and procedures established under section 6 – *Zero (0)*

Number of public complaints related to attempts to collect information under the authority established by this Regulation and the outcome of each complaint, including the number of complaints that remains unsolved – *Zero (0)*

Number of times that access to restricted information was permitted and the reason access to the information was permitted in each case – *Zero (0)*

The annual report shall be submitted to the police service's police commission or equivalent oversight body and to the Director of Law Enforcement by no later than March 31 in each year.

The annual report shall be made available to the public within 6 months of the completion of the report.

Respectfully submitted,

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