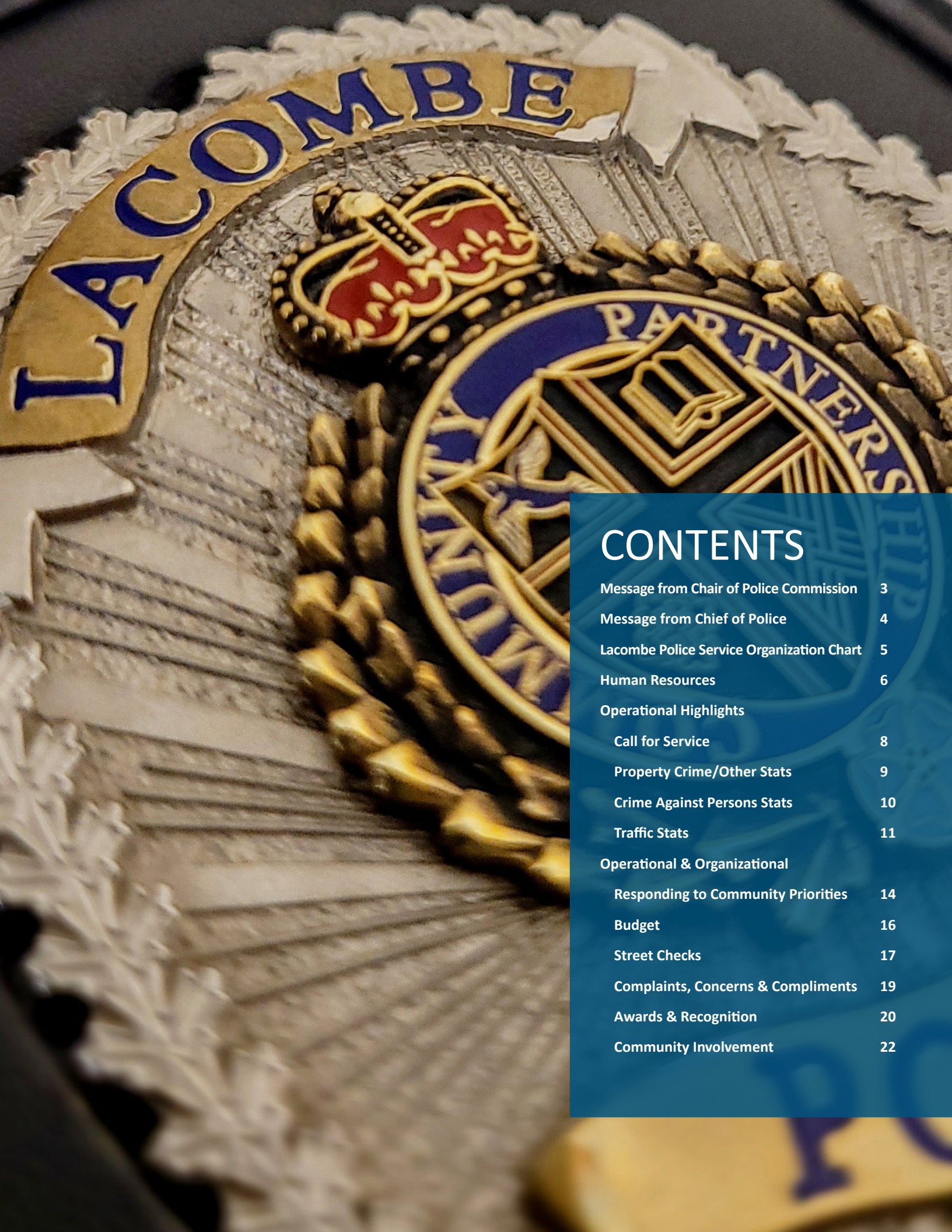


2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Lacombe Police Commission & Lacombe Police Service

*Policing Excellence Through
Leadership & Community Partnership*



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

I have written a few of these reports since becoming Chair of the Lacombe Police Commission in 2020. Each year I confirm the past year was busy. That comment was never false, but for 2024, it has never been so true.

This year the Commission addressed a lengthy list of matters between the City, the Service and the Commission. The LPC thanks the City of Lacombe including Council, management and staff, for their ongoing support of the Lacombe Police Service. The following is a quick summary of our tasks and accomplishments together this past year:

- Bylaw 78 Review and Bylaw 511 – The City and the Commission spent hours in review, update and implementation of the new Police Service Bylaw. The process was collaborative and well thought out. The City determined that it should increase the appointment of City Councillors to the Commission from 1 to 2. In November we welcomed Councillor Reuben Konnik to the Commission to join Councillor Cora Hoekstra in the civilian oversight role of the Commission.
- As with any workplace, various employee needs surfaced and we found great support from the City People Services department. This included managing disability claims, onboarding new recruits, and significantly assisting the Commission with accepting the retirement notice for our long serving Chief of Police and conducting the process of hiring a promising candidate to step in to lead the service into the future.
- The Service and Commission have been working with People Services and Finance as they implement updates to the payroll system.
- The City and the Service completed several formalizations of service agreements clearly defining ongoing interdepartmental relationships.
- The City formalized reserve policies that had been in practice providing ongoing structure between the Commission and the City for budget management.

Internal to the Commission we were involved in the following over the course of 8 public meetings and multiple sub committee working sessions:

- Commission members attended recruit graduations in Edmonton and the annual general meetings for the Alberta Association of Police Governance held in Lethbridge.
- Updates to the training modules for Commissioners were forwarded and reviewed by the Vice Chair
- Policy Manual update was conducted.
- Annual Chief evaluation was performed.
- Budgeting workshops were attended.
- Website was reviewed and updated.

- FOIP compliance for records management occurred with the support of the City FOIP Coordinator.
- The Commission and the Chief followed through with using the Key Performance Indicators developed under the 2023-26 Strategic Plan to help us assess and evaluate our performance.
- The Service and Commission participated in the April Trade Show
- The Commission continued to support the Chief in pursuing third party revenue in the form of CPO monitoring services to other communities and third party record checks.
- Changes in third party record check contract during 2024 proved the wisdom of our accumulation of operational reserves to handle the fluctuations in revenue flow.

Changes and work flow generated at the Provincial level:

- The Commission and the Service continued to manage service changes including implementing federal body camera mandates and managing the pros and cons in provincial E-Ticketing program.
- We responded to multiple requests for confirmation of conformance and compliance from the office of the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Management including instructions as to Community Safety Plan content and vetting members of our Police Commission.
- The Provincial Police Act changes include much anticipated changes to the Public Complaints process. The LPC has recognized a need for improvement in this area. The provincial Police Review Commission has been hard at work developing the new program which we understand will be up and running by End of 2025. In the meantime, the Commission implemented adaptations to improve our processes while we wait for that responsibility to be handed over.
- Victim Services Unit was officially assigned to the Lacombe Police Service for managerial oversight.

As with prior years, it is essential to identify and thank the dedicated members of the Lacombe Police Commission, listed by way of length of service: Sonja Dykslag, Corey Gish, Elaine Willette-Larsen, Cameron Penstone, Ken Kulak, John Soderberg, Cora Hoekstra, Steve Christie, and Reuben Konnik. It is our pleasure and privilege to serve the community of Lacombe in this role.

Traditionally but importantly, my letter must end with a genuine thank you to Chief Blumhagen and the sworn and civilian members of the Lacombe Police Service for their continued exemplary service and dedication to the safety of our community.



Corey Gish,
Lacombe Police
Commission Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



In partnership with the Lacombe Police Commission, I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report to the community.

In 2024, we continued to focus on our priorities in the areas of Exemplifying Excellence in Policing, Recruiting and Retention of Staff, Reducing Crime and Victimization, Strengthening Community Partnerships, Improved Traffic Safety, and Excellence in Police Service Delivery.

We continued to grow within our dispatch services by expanding our partnerships in monitoring services for community peace officers in Lacombe and neighbouring counties; This initiative supports and helps enhance officer safety for our law enforcement partner agencies.

In addition to one seconded position to the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), an additional secondment to the ALERT Child Exploitation Investigative Team was added in September of 2023 and continued in 2024. These two secondments solidify our commitment not only to our police partner agencies but also to enhancing safety for our community in combating serious and organized crime and child exploitation. In the area of Improved Traffic Safety, we focused on enforcement around high collision locations, traffic education initiatives, as well as conducted a number of check stops throughout the year.

In March of 2023, the provincial government mandated that all Police Services in the Province implement Body-worn cameras to assist with police investigations, public trust, and accountability. The Lacombe Police Service fully rolled out body-worn cameras for uniformed patrol officers in August of 2024, which brought the service into compliance with the provincial mandate.

As part of our Recruitment and Retention efforts, we welcomed three new members in 2024 following their successful completion of the basic training program. Cst. Cameron Lee, Cst. Jesse Perry, and Cst. Naman Arora joined our ranks as sworn officers, bringing the authorized strength to 23 police members. Additionally, with two secondments to ALERT, our overall complement stands at 25 members.

In 2024, the Lacombe Police Service received 5,268 calls for service; this figure represents a 10% decrease from 2023, where there was a total of 5,825 calls for service. Calls for service in 2024 were 6% below the 5-year average of 5,606. 2024 recognized a 13% increase in crimes against a person, a 24% decrease in property crimes, a 41% decrease in drug offences, a 35% decrease in other criminal code offences, and Immediate Roadside Sanctions (Impaired Driving) decreasing 59% compared to 2023.

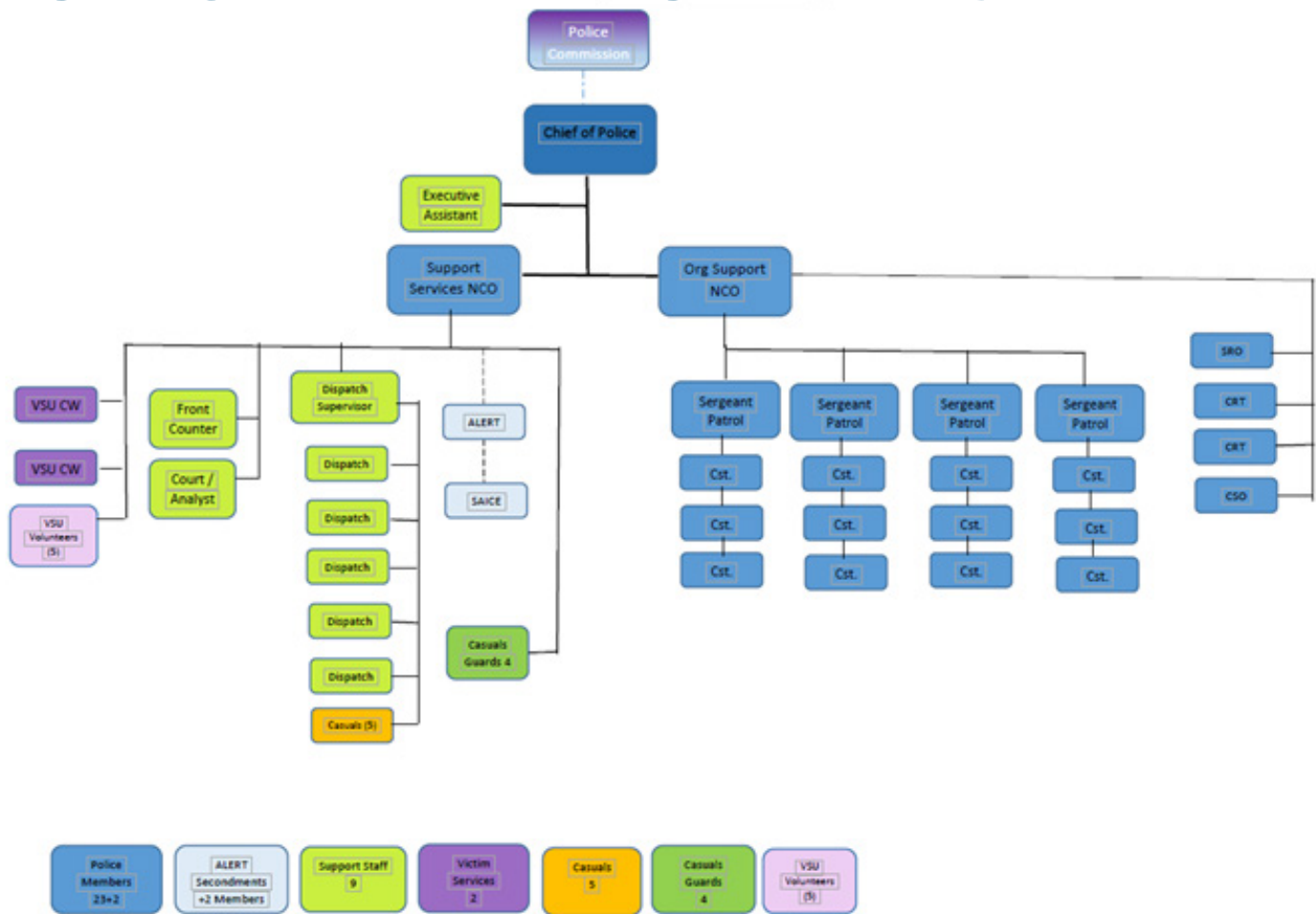
The Lacombe Police Service remains committed to enhancing public safety and meeting the needs of our community.



Lorne Blumhagen M.O.M.
Chief of Police



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



In 2024, the Lacombe Police Service maintained two specialized positions outside general patrol duties. A member of the Lacombe Police Service continues to serve in a seconded position with an integrated ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team) in Red Deer, focusing on combating organized crime and gangs. A second member of the organization remains assigned explicitly to the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit, where they are dedicated to investigating offences related to the exploitation of children by means of the Internet.

The Lacombe Police Service maintains a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) position in collaboration with Wolf Creek Public Schools. This role is essential in fostering a safe and supportive learning environment by building strong relationships between police, students, and school staff. The SRO actively engages with the school community, providing mentorship and guidance while addressing safety concerns. Additionally, they assist with educational lectures on internet safety, bullying, and substance abuse, helping equip students with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed decisions. This proactive approach enhances the sense of security within the schools and promotes positive interactions between law enforcement and youth, contributing to a healthier, more connected community.

HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2019, the Lacombe Police Service developed a strategic partnership with Lacombe County and Red Deer County to offer monitoring services to community peace officers in the region. In 2024, the Lacombe Police Service now offers CPO monitoring to fifteen counties and municipalities across Alberta.

No new police members were hired in 2024.

In April 2024, the Province of Alberta introduced a new regional model for victim services. In response, the Lacombe Police Service chose to integrate victim services within our agency's structure. To support this transition, one full-time victim assistance support team member and one permanent part time worker were hired. These additions were made to ensure that our commitment to providing consistent and high-quality service to the community was upheld.

The 2024 authorized staffing complement for LPS was:

- 23 sworn police officers (plus two ALERT member position)
- 9 full time, 2 permanent part time and 7 casual civilian support staff
- 5 casual guards and 1 casual custodian

This represents a "Police to Population" ratio of 624 citizens to 1 police officer which is in line with the Human Resource Plan. This is approximately 6% below the national average of 584 and 4% below the Alberta average of 599. These numbers are based on a 14,344 population for Lacombe in 2024.



Authorized Strength - 23 sworn members

Actual Strength – 25 sworn members (including Two ALERT secondments)

The Lacombe Police Service receives provincial funding for staff seconded to ALERT.

POLICE OFFICERS YEARS OF SERVICE

3
Less than 2
Years



8
2-4 Years



5
5-9 Years



7
10-19 Years



0
20-25 Years

2
25+ Years



Civilian Support Staff: Nine full-time and seven casual employees

- Dispatchers – 6
- Casual Administrative Associates - 7
- Court Liaison – 1
- Cell Guards – 5
- Front Counter – 1
- Casual Custodian – 1
- Permanent Part Time - 2

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



5268

CALLS
FOR SERVICE



97

CASES OF
FRAUD



96

MISCHIEF

Calls for Service

In 2024, there were 5,268 total calls for service. This figure represents a 10% decrease from 2023 where there were 5,825 calls for service. 2024 shows 6% below the 5-year average of 5,606 calls for service. The numerical breakdown of offences can be found under the operational highlights (Crime Stats).

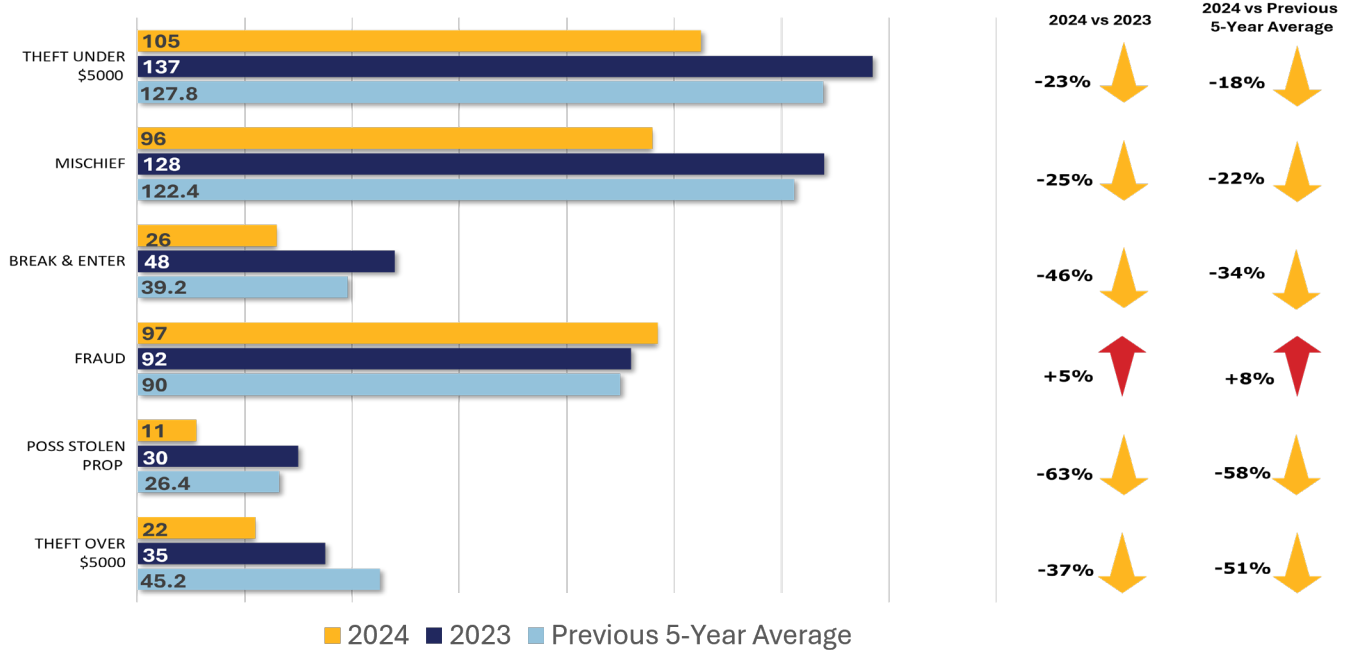
A review of the calls for service categories over the past year shows an increase in uttering threats calls by 32%, while fraud calls increased by 5%. Break and enters decreased 46%, mischief decreased 25%, theft over \$5,000 decreased 37%, and possession of stolen property increased by 63%. The number of domestic violence calls fell by 4%, decreasing from 216 calls received in 2023 to 207 calls in 2024. Mental health calls for service in 2024 remained steady at 185, marking a slight .5% increase from the 184 calls recorded in 2023.

CALLS FOR SERVICE/INVESTIGATIONS

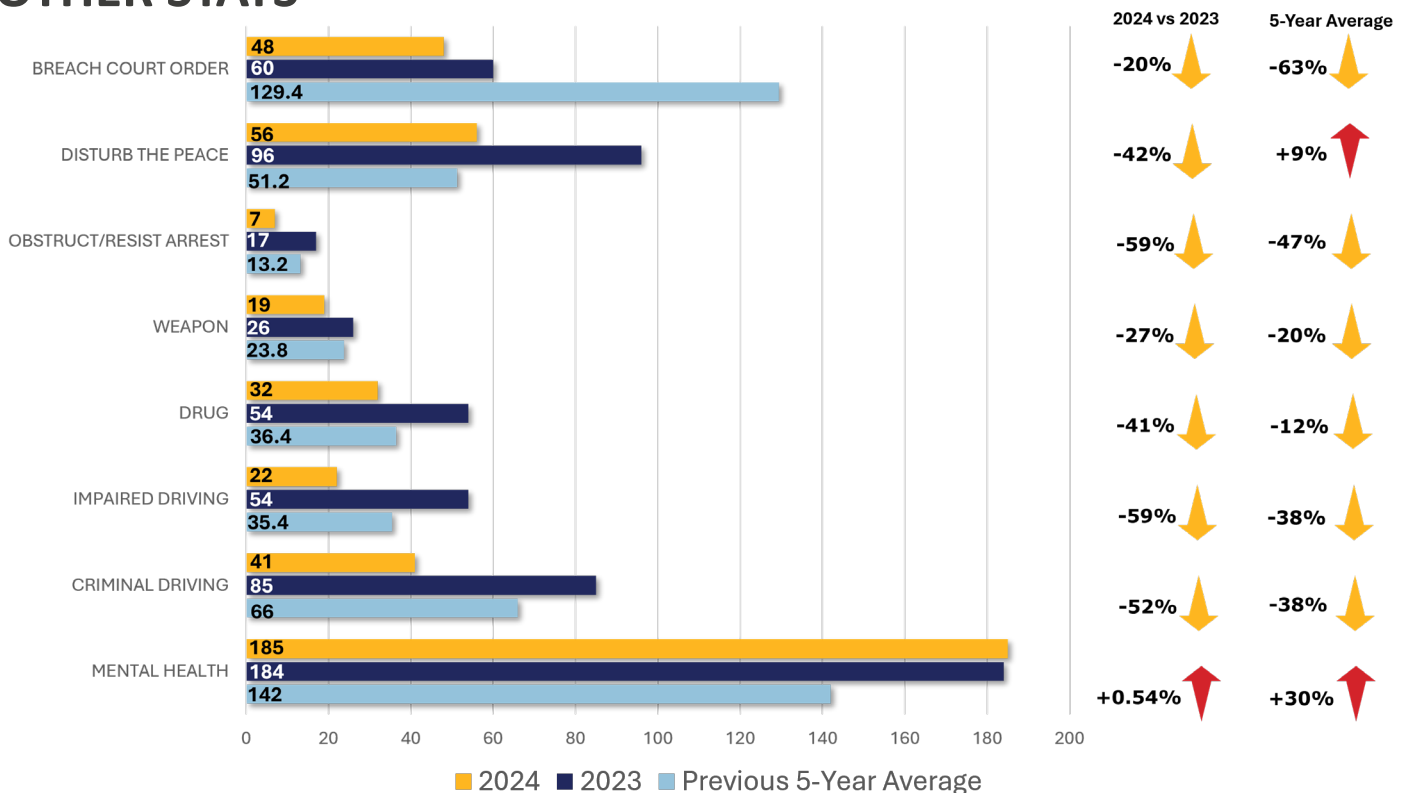


PROPERTY CRIME/ OTHER STATS

PROPERTY CRIME

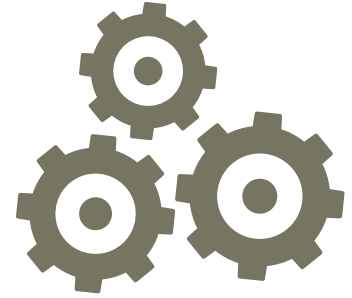


OTHER STATS





OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



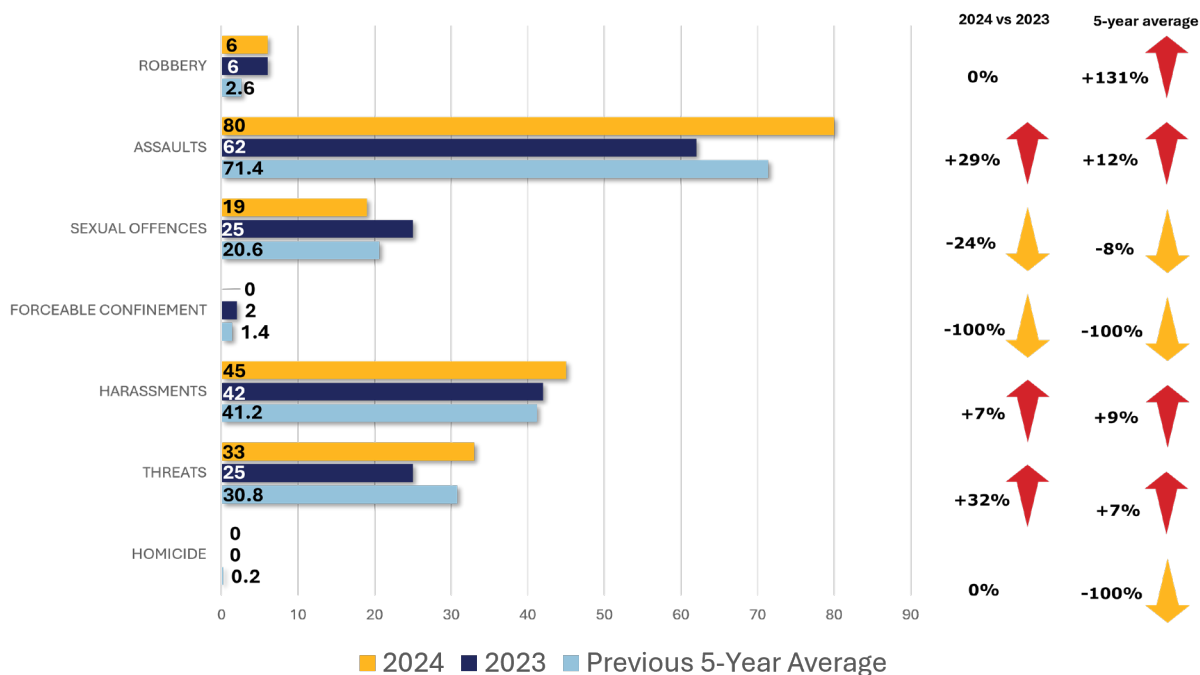
Crimes against persons saw a 13% increase, a 24% decrease in property crime, a 41% decrease in drug offences, and a 35% decrease in other criminal code offences, with IRS (Immediate Roadside Sanctions) Fails decreasing 59% compared to IRS Fails in 2023. Provincial Act charges decreased by 13% in 2023. In 2024, 979 charges were laid compared to 2023, where 1,130 were laid.

Due to the timing of the annual release dates of the Crime Severity Index (CSI) data, this report references 2023 data. The CSI data for 2024 will be reviewed in the 2025 annual report. The Lacombe Police Service continued its commendable performance in 2023, as reflected in the favourable Crime Severity Index (CSI) rating, increasing 5% from 2022 to 60.3. This rating places Lacombe well below the Canadian average of 80.3. Lacombe also saw improvement when it came to violent and non-violent crime numbers. Violent crime saw an improvement of 8.6% to 41.8, while Non-violent crime saw an improvement of 4.1% to 68.2. Future strategic plans will consider these results when developing new service initiatives, and crime analysis reports will continue to monitor these trends and their impacts on the community.

CRIME STATS BETWEEN 2023-2024

Property Crime	↓	24%
Impaired Driving	↓	59%
Drug Charges	↓	41%
Fraud	↑	5%
Crimes Against Persons	↑	13%
Disturb The Peace	↓	42%
Break & Enter	↓	46%
Mental Health	↑	1%

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



Operational Highlights - Traffic Stats

The following collision analysis shows the breakdown of statistics for traffic offences and related collisions within the city limits of Lacombe in 2024. These statistics will also be compared to those gathered in previous years to indicate areas of concern and assist with logistic, infrastructure, and enforcement plans.

The collision location data indicates that most accidents occur in two primary areas in Lacombe. The first area includes major intersections along Highway 12 and Highway 2A, where the higher number of collisions can be attributed to increased traffic density. The second area consists of parking lots, which remain high-risk locations for collisions, following the trend of previous years. Most incidents reported in parking lots are categorized as hit-and-run collisions.

Compared to previous years' data, there is an overall decline in the total number of collisions reported to the Lacombe Police Service. As we transition into 2025, the members of the Lacombe Police Service will continue to strive to promote safety on the roadways through education and targeted enforcement, focusing on reducing dangerous driving habits.

In 2024, the Lacombe Police Service documented 171 reported collisions, with 11 causing injuries but no fatalities. This marks a notable decrease from 2023 and aligns closely with the five-year average of 179. In 2024, the Provincial Government raised the reporting threshold for motor vehicle collisions in Alberta from \$2000 combined damages between involved vehicles to \$5000 combined damages between involved vehicles. This amendment likely played a considerable part in reducing collisions reported to the Lacombe Police Service.

Lacombe Police Service officers participated in various traffic safety initiatives in 2024, including enhanced impaired driving check stops, multi-jurisdictional enforcement, and proactive patrols.

In 2024, members of the Lacombe Police Service also issued 22 IRS (Immediate Roadside Sanction) fails, which marks an increase from the 18 instances recorded in 2023. In reviewing the files related to an IRS Fail being issued, there were four investigations where the driver was found to have been suspended for impaired driving on at least one prior occasion. On two separate files, the drivers who were stopped were found to have been issued impaired driving suspensions on at least two other prior occasions. Both incidents resulted in each driver receiving a lifetime driving suspension from the Province of Alberta.

Twenty-five IRS 24-hour suspensions, one IRS novice suspensions, and six IRS warnings were also issued in 2024. Additionally, the Justice Transformation Initiative (JTI) was implemented to target suspended drivers. In 2024, Lacombe Police Service members removed 34 suspended drivers from city roadways, up from 26 in 2023, reflecting a noticeable increase in enforcement.



171
COLLISIONS
REPORTED



11
COLLISION INJURIES
REPORTED

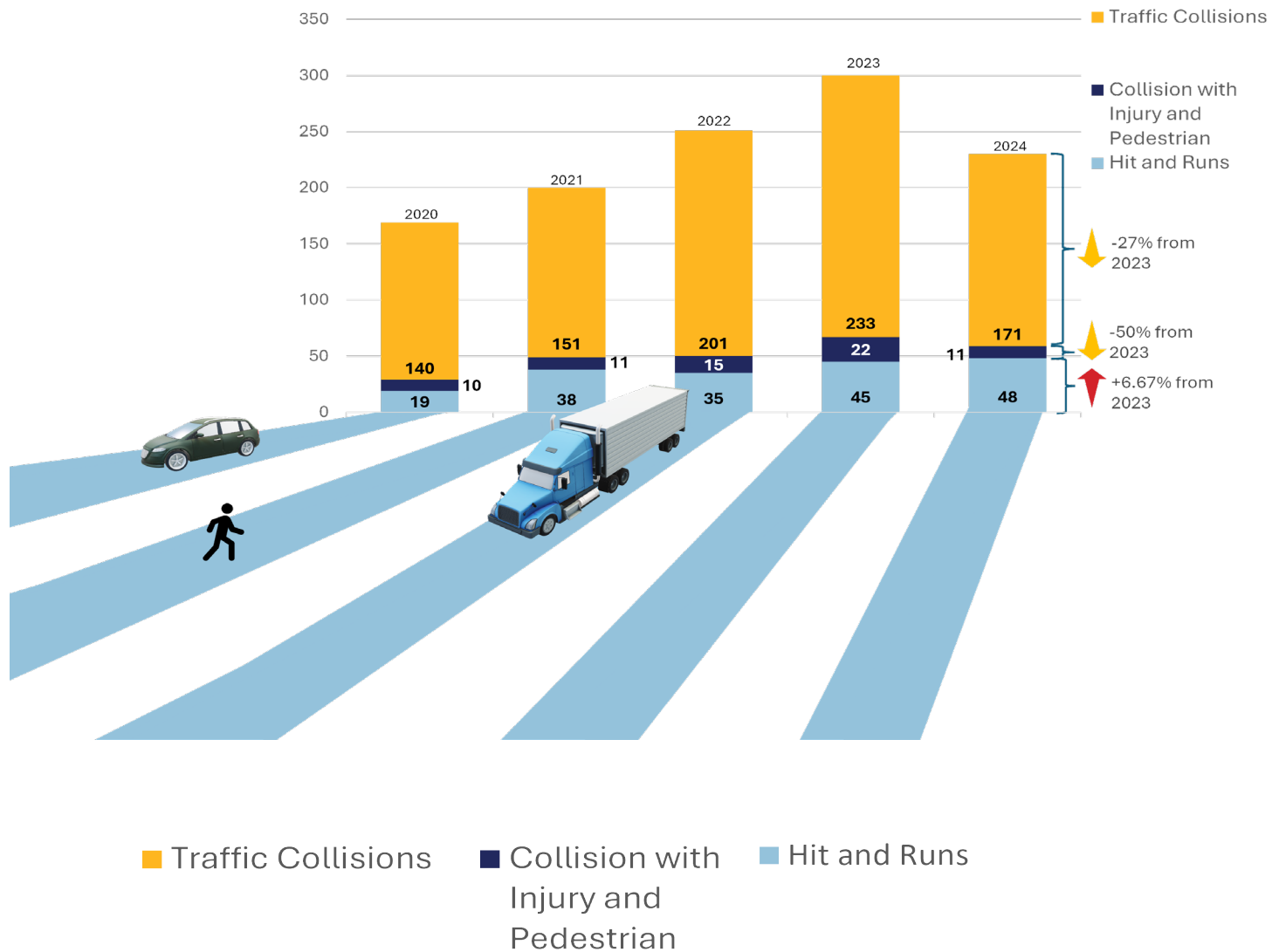


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COLLISION
FATALITIES

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

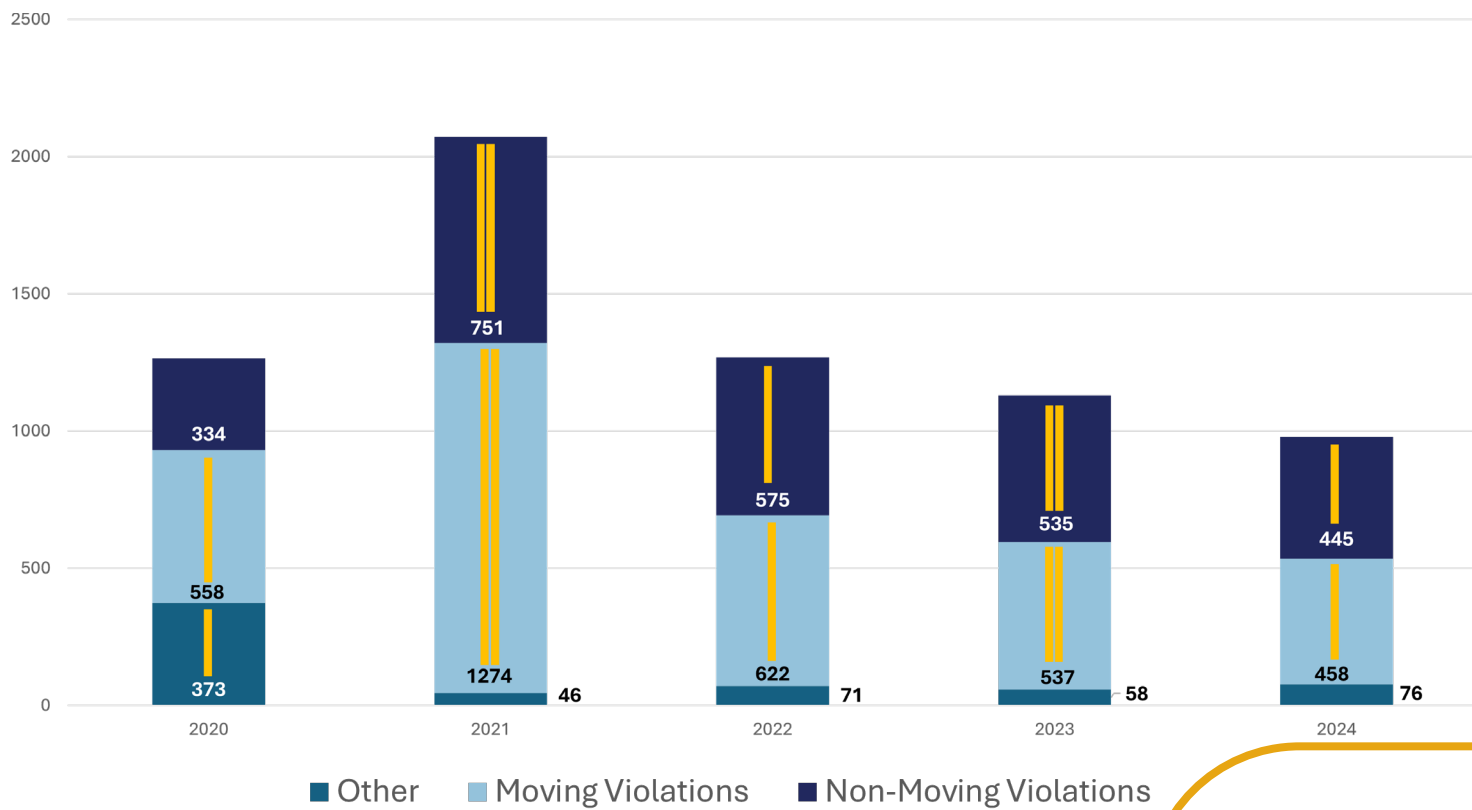
Traffic Stats

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS





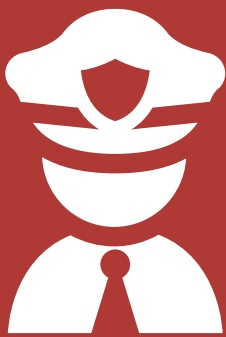
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS



OPERATIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL PRIORITIES



25
SWORN POLICE
OFFICERS



9
FULL TIME
CIVILIAN
SUPPORT STAFF



6
DISPATCHERS

RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY PRIORITIES & EMERGING TRENDS

The Lacombe Police Service conducts a community survey every four years. A community survey was conducted in 2023 and was designed to evaluate performance and gauge community perceptions and priorities about crime and community safety issues. The results showed that 75% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that LPS members were polite, courteous, helpful, and professional while 89% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they felt safe in the city of Lacombe.

The survey respondents felt our policing priorities should include:

1. Crimes Against Persons
2. Drugs
3. Impaired Drivers
4. Property Crime
5. Traffic Safety
6. Frauds and Scams



OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

As Lacombe began to experience the same increasing and emerging crime trends that the rest of the province was encountering, LPS realized it needed to re-evaluate their Policing Performance and Strategic Plan, not only to reflect the citizen survey priorities but also to properly respond to emerging crime trends impacting Lacombe.

As a result of this re-evaluation, a new three-year strategic plan was developed (2023-2026); in which the Lacombe Police Commission and the Lacombe Police Service mutually identified policing excellence as the overarching organizational strategic goal. It has been determined that the extent to which policing excellence is achieved can be measured through the tracking of five operational performance measures. These are:

1. WELL GOVERNED

- 1.1 Community Representation
- 1.2 Police Independence
- 1.3 Service Level Adequacy
- 1.4 Statutory Compliance
- 1.5 Accountability Framework

2. MANAGED BUDGETS

- 2.1 Conform with the Strategic Plan
- 2.2 Support Authorized Service Levels
- 2.3 Be Based Upon Informed Predictions
- 2.4 Recognize Long-Term Planning
- 2.5 Be Flexible and Responsive

3. SERVICE STRENGTH

- 3.1 Community Representation
- 3.2 Police Independence

4. CRIME MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Proactive Policing
- 4.2 Intelligence-based Policing
- 4.3 Monitoring Community Trends
- 4.4 Maintaining Allied Networks

5. COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

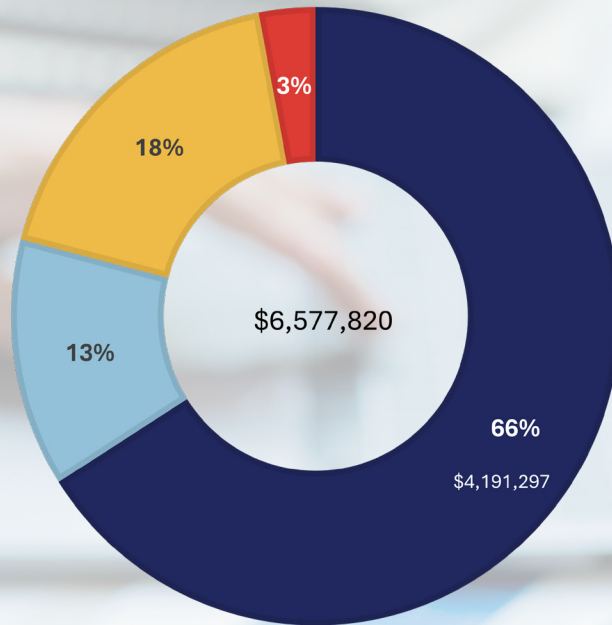
- 5.1 Community Partnerships Initiatives
- 5.2 Transparency and Accessibility
- 5.3 Intentional Community Engagement in Public Safety

The Lacombe Police Service continues to provide 24/7 local call answering, police dispatch, and policing services. Monitoring services of external CPO agencies have expanded to 15 agencies in 2024.

BUDGET - REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

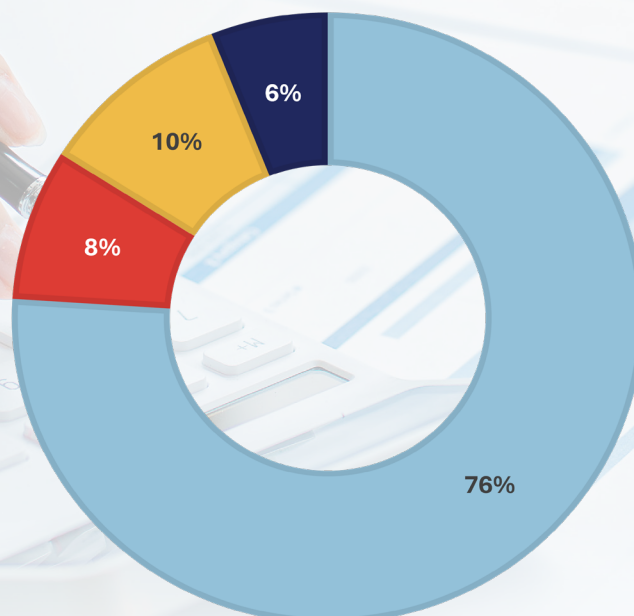
The 2024 operating budget of \$6,577,820.00 for Lacombe Police Service was approved by Council and highlighted by the percentage below. \$4,191,297 of the budget was tax-supported (\$292.20 per capita cost based on a population of 14,344).

2024 REVENUE SOURCES



■ Tax Supported ■ Government Grants ■ Sale of Goods/Services ■ Fine Revenue

2024 EXPENDITURES



■ Salary / Benefits ■ External Contracts ■ Internal Charges ■ Operations

STREET CHECKS 2024 REPORTING

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. 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.

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 and the creation of the new Regulation.

The Regulation has four deliverables, they include:

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

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



STREET CHECKS 2024 REPORTING

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).



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS & COMPLIMENTS

Police officers are not only in positions of authority, but more importantly they are in positions of trust. Through our own internal policies and processes as well as provincial legislation, we hold police officers to the highest legal and ethical standards. Whether as a result of a public complaint or an internal review, if a member does not live up to these expectations, we will investigate the matter or cause it to be investigated by an independent agency with a view of not only holding people accountable for their actions, but also to provide us with opportunities for learning and best practices.

The Lacombe Police Commission monitors the public complaints process, reviews complaints regarding the Chief of Police, and handles appeals regarding the policies of, or services provided by, the Lacombe Police Service. The Lacombe Police Commission and LPS track all citizen complaints and concerns.

Under the Alberta Police Act, the responsibility for the investigation of complaints against a police service's policies or service provided, as well as against specific police officers, lies with the Chief of Police. The Police Commission is the civilian body which is empowered to oversee the complaints process and function as the appeal body for complaints regarding the policies of, or services provided by, the Lacombe Police Service. The Lacombe Police Commission has a public complaint director who:

- Provides an independent review of the citizen complaints process of the Lacombe Police Service;
- Monitors the police service investigation of public complaints to ensure the investigations are impartial, fair, thorough, and timely;
- Reports his or her findings directly to the Lacombe Police Commission;
- Makes public presentations to interested groups concerning the complaint process; and
- Receives complaints from the public. The purpose of the complaint process is to resolve issues between citizens and the Lacombe Police Service in a fair, transparent, and reasonable manner.

In 2024, the Lacombe Police Service received two (2) community complaints, neither meeting the provincial reporting threshold for misconduct. One external complaint from 2022 alleged discreditable conduct and a breach of confidence against an officer. This matter is currently pending resolution by the Law Enforcement Review Board.

Emphasizing a commitment to compliance with the provisions of the Police Act, LPS will prioritize ongoing training, mentorship and guidance initiatives.

We always welcome your comments, feedback, or concerns. We can be reached in person, by phone, or by email: 5301 Wolf Creek Drive, Lacombe, AB T4L 2H8; (403)782-3279; police@lacombe.ca

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

In 2024 several members and staff of the Lacombe Police Service were presented with awards and recognition for long service. Included are the following:

- Chief Lorne BLUMHAGEN received the City of Lacombe 10-year Long Service Medal. This medal represents 10 years of service to the City of Lacombe
- Cst. Travis MARCOTT received the City of Lacombe 10-year Long Service Medal. This medal represents 10 years of service to the City of Lacombe



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Long Service Award

- Sgt. Nicole MARTIN received the City of Lacombe 15-year Long Service Award
- Cst. Travis MARCOTT received the City of Lacombe 10-year Long Service Award
- Cst. Brett MARSOLLIER received the City of Lacombe 5-year Long Service Award
- Teresa MALAINEY received the City of Lacombe 10-year Long Service Award
- Michelle DOLHAN received the City of Lacombe 5-year Long Service Award



Cst. Michelle GROVET



Chief Lorne BLUMHAGEN



Cst. Derek LEWKO

Constable Recognition

- Cst. Derek LEWKO advanced to Senior Level 1 Constable
- Cst. Bradley KOPAN advanced to 2nd Class Constable
- Cst. Raelene AUSTIN advanced to 2nd Class Constable
- Cst. Shane ALLNUTT advanced to 2nd Class Constable
- Cst. Janelle PARENT advanced to 3rd Class Constable
- Cst. Michael WALKER advanced to 3rd Class Constable
- Cst. Devon LAGRANGE advanced to 3rd Class Constable
- Cst. Daniel ZELMER advanced to 3rd Class Constable
- Cst. Cameron LEE advanced to 4th Class Constable
- Cst. Jesse PERRY advanced to 4th Class Constable
- Cst. Naman ARORA advanced to 4th Class Constable

We recognize and appreciate the dedication, commitment, and service our members and staff provide to the community. Thank You!



408

OPENED
FILES



14200

HOURS
VOLUNTEERED
FOR VICTIM
SERVICES



24

CHILDREN
ENROLLED IN
KIDS IN KOPS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Our enduring collaboration with Wolf Creek Public Schools and Lacombe County allows us to allocate a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) to all public schools within the City of Lacombe. The SRO's primary focus is on developing relationships with students and staff to create a secure learning environment. In addition to delivering proactive and preventative programs, the SRO conducts investigations within the schools and serves as a valuable resource for students, parents, and staff. This dedicated effort contributes to fostering a safe and supportive educational atmosphere.

VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

In 2024, Lacombe Victim Services played a crucial role by opening 408 files, providing support to 1042 individuals, attending 23 Crown meetings, attending court 35 times and, assisting 92 individuals through the criminal justice system. Among the files, 11 were crisis callouts, and services extended to offering 243 victim impact statements and restitution forms, as well as financial requests. Royal Lepage Real Estate Lacombe continued their generous support, contributing over \$7,000 in financial aid for domestic violence clients.

Highlighting the commitment to professional development, volunteer advocates underwent online training from Justice and Solicitor General, along with enhanced security screening before assisting victims. Operating on-call one week per month, dedicated volunteers collectively contributed over 14,200 hours in 2024. The advocates participated in various in-person training sessions, such as ASIST training, which supports those affected by suicide, Public Safety and Emergency Services Family Violence training, and Mental Health First Aid. This comprehensive approach reflects the dedication of Lacombe Victim Services in providing essential support and continuous training to their valued volunteers.

KIDS N' KOPS

Kids N' Kops is a collaborative program between Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lacombe Police Service, Town of Blackfalds Community Peace Officers, and RCMP. This police based mentoring program runs one week each year with a focus on building positive relations between youth and police members. Each year there is a substantial wait list to be enrolled in this 24 spot youth summer program. The Annual Charity Check was hosted by the Lacombe Police Service to provide support towards sending local youth to camp, MADD, Santa's Anonymous and Lacombe Food Bank.

LACOMBE COMMUNITY WATCH ASSOCIATION

Established in 2015, LCWA is a registered non-profit, volunteer-based organization, partnered with LPS to offer diverse and proactive opportunities within the community to support one another in assisting with crime reduction. The LCWA has been committed to our community by endeavoring to keep our neighbourhoods safe. As we look forward to what the future holds for LCWA, we anticipate the continued recruitment of like-minded, well-meaning citizens for the board of directors and Neighbourhood Watch.





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