



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2015 Second Quarter



IN MEMORIUM



LINE OF DUTY DEATH CONSTABLE DANIEL WOODALL

June 8, 2015, is a date forever etched in the hearts and minds of the Edmonton Police Service, the Edmonton Police Commission, and the citizens of Edmonton.

The line-of-duty death of Constable Daniel Woodall, and the impact on others that fateful day, led to an overwhelming level of public support for the Woodall family and his police colleagues. From the first blue ribbon to the regimental funeral on June 17, the organization and the citizens of greater Edmonton pulled together to create a dignified, heartfelt celebration of the life and lasting legacy of our fallen officer. There was the realization that one cannot change the past, one can only channel the raw emotion to inspire the future.

Constable Woodall joined the Edmonton Police Service in 2007 where he worked as a constable in Southwest Division and then as a Crime Stoppers coordinator. In 2013 he became a member of the Hate Crimes Unit. Prior to joining EPS, he was with the Greater Manchester Police Service, United Kingdom, from 2002 to 2006.

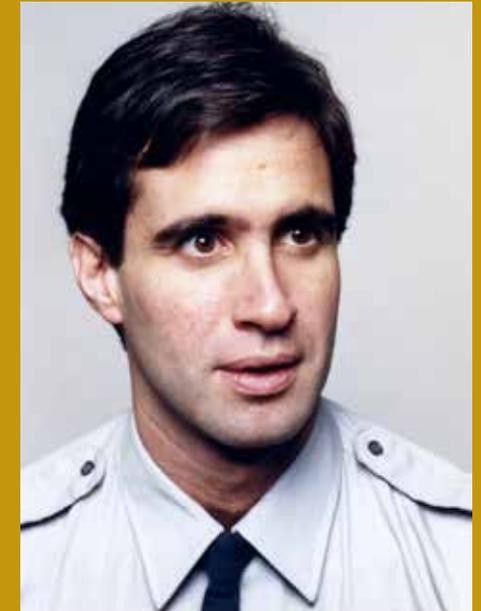
The police service and the city of Edmonton will never forget Regimental Number 2829 Constable Daniel Woodall.

REMEMBERING CONSTABLE EZIO FARAONE

On June 25, 1990, Constable Ezio Faraone spotted a vehicle used by two suspects fleeing an armed robbery. Constable Faraone observed only one suspect with the vehicle. With his attention focused toward this male, a second male hiding in the backseat exited the vehicle and fatally shot Constable Faraone.

To mark the 25th anniversary of his death, a ceremony involving Constable Faraone's family, former and current EPS members, took place at Ezio Faraone Park. For the past 15 years, police recruit classes have been brought to the park on the anniversary of his death. Recruit Training Class 133 was no different, save for one exception; joining the run were over 50 other members of the EPS.

Over 350 people attended the ceremony that also paid tribute to Constable Woodall.



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COURAGEOUS CITIZENS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL CEREMONY

Each year the Edmonton Police Commission and the Edmonton Police Service work together to honour courageous citizens who have “intervened in a crime in progress; assisted the Edmonton Police Service in apprehending an offender; played a major role in the successful outcome of a police investigation; or put themselves at personal risk by coming to the aid of a police officer or fellow citizen in a dangerous situation, and in doing so have prevented injury, trauma or death.”

On May 20, 14 citizens were recognized at a special ceremony held at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

- **Bedilu (Dib) Aytenfisu** came to the aid of a distraught young woman who was preparing to jump off a bridge.
- **Kollin Branicki, Conor Braiden, and Sheldon Letcher** worked together to save the life of a man who was about to jump off a bridge.
- **Hilary Chan** stopped in the middle of a busy roadway to assist a toddler who had wandered onto the street.
- **Stephen Landriault** witnessed a robbery at a restaurant and used keen observation skills to assist the EPS in locating and arresting the suspect.
- **Rolland Mondoux** came to the aid of a woman and her young daughter who were victims of an attempted robbery, and helped identify the suspect.
- **Sheldon Murphy** ran after, held down, and handcuffed a suspect who attempted to rob a pharmacy.
- **Kelly Petryk** held down an armed suspect who threatened to rob a dental office and a waiting customer.
- **Brian St. Croix** and **Kris Sultan** were two strangers who came together to catch an armed and disguised bank robber.
- **Brad Tilley** was an off duty firefighter who came to the aid of a family involved in a serious vehicle collision.
- **Gabriel Ussher** and **Allen Wilde** came upon a violent assault, caused the suspects to flee, and ultimately saved the life of a seriously injured male.

[Details of each individual and incident are available online.](#)



Honourable Laurie Hawn, Mr. Hilary Chan, EPC Chair Shami Sandhu, and Chief Rod Knecht.

In May 2014, Mr. Hilary Chan was driving on 101 Street near 108A Avenue when he noticed a small child walking across the busy street alone. With green traffic lights allowing traffic to keep moving, Mr. Chan immediately stopped his vehicle in the street and took hold of the young boy's hand to direct him to safety. Because of his actions, the toddler was unharmed and in good spirits, despite crossing a busy 101 Street on a Saturday afternoon. Mr. Chan's quick actions and willingness to get involved surely prevented a tragedy that day.

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EPS AWARDS

The annual EPS awards ceremony held on May 20 recognized members of the EPS by presenting them with commendations, officer safety awards, Alberta Police Officer Long Service Recognition Medals, and the National Police Exemplary Service Medal. All of these awards demonstrate the outstanding commitment to policing and exemplary service to the community.



Honourable Laurie Hawn, Anna Chiarello - 25-year long service recognition recipient, Chair Shami Sandhu, and Chief Rod Knecht.

EPS SENIOR OFFICERS RECEIVE COMMISSION



For the first time in Alberta, municipal police agencies received their Senior Officer Commissions.

Historically, military and RCMP officers were commissioned once they achieved a senior rank. In the fall of 2014, the Government of Alberta extended this honour to municipal and First Nations police officers. Commissioned officers command their specific unit or service and receive their authority for command from Her Majesty The Queen.

“Although this honour will not change what you do, it is a prestigious and meaningful recognition of the significance of what you do. The parchments you are presented with today are a symbol, a symbol of power and authority, but also of responsibility, duty and commitment,” said Chief Knecht during the commissioning ceremony.

Attending the April ceremony were EPC Chair Shami Sandhu, Councillor Scott McKeen, Acting Deputy Solicitor General Dr. Curtis Clarke, and EPS Chief Rod Knecht.

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CHIEF KNECHT WELCOMES EXPERIENCED OFFICERS TO THE EPS FAMILY

Chief Knecht presented EPS badges to nine graduating members of Experienced Officer Class #11 on June 26.

All members of the class have previously worked with other police agencies across the country, including the RCMP. With an average age of 31, the experienced officers have served from a minimum of two years, to a maximum of nine.

At the onset of their eight-week training session, the class immediately became involved in the community. From volunteering at a bike rodeo, to participating in the Fallen Four Marathon, and helping with fundraising efforts for the family of fallen Constable Daniel Woodall.

These experienced officers are a most welcome addition to the EPS family.

[Click here for more information about the Experienced Officer Program.](#)



Chief Knecht salutes officers of Experienced Officer class #11.

KIDS WITH CANCER BECOME CHIEFS FOR A DAY



Sergeant Murray Mashmeyer, Flight Operations Unit; Lala-Rita Hachim; Emma Seigny; Atticus Paine; Oaklin Litchfield; and Constable Curtis Rakievich, Flight Operations Unit.

Four children with cancer were sworn in as Chiefs for a Day on Tuesday, May 19.

The chiefs were selected for the honour by a generous couple who purchased the 'Chief for a Day' package at a Kids With Cancer Society gala.

After being sworn in and reviewing the troops, the four chiefs headed to the EPS Vallevand Dog Kennels where they met Police Service Dog Xeiko and his partner Constable Jason Born. They also had a special visit with a crew from Air 1, met with members from the Tactical Section, and toured the Ballistic Armoured Tactical Truck.

Another highlight of their visit was a demonstration by Remote Mechanical Investigators, which are remotely controlled mechanisms armed with cameras and the ability to climb up or down stairs.

After a hectic morning, all four chiefs had lunch with Chief Knecht and called it a day.

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FREE THE FUZZ RAISES \$20,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Sixteen Special Olympics athletes helped raise over \$20,000 at the 2015 Free the Fuzz event from June 19 through 21. Five law enforcement officers spent 53 hours on scaffolding attached to the Cabela's south side Edmonton store while athletes and other volunteers accepted donations to help 'free the fuzz.'

Jenny Murray has been an athlete with Special Olympics for four years, winning four gold medals in snowshoeing at the provincial level in 2014. Representing Alberta at the National Winter Games in 2016 in the snowshoeing event, Jenny plans to train six days a week this year.

"The support from the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Free the Fuzz, and dedicated volunteers have helped make it possible for me to compete as an athlete with Special Olympics," said Jenny Murray.

The Free the Fuzz event falls under the umbrella of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The torch run is part of an international movement, the largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics.

Representing Canada in July at the Summer World Special Olympics in Los Angeles in swimming, April Lam, another Free the Fuzz volunteer, knows first-hand how critical fundraising is to her success.

"I wouldn't be where I am without the hard work of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Their activities raise awareness and money for Special Olympic athletes like me," said Lam. "I hope to win a lot of medals and make Canada proud."



EDMONTON POLICE AND FIRE CADETS HOST CHALLENGE EVENT



Police and fire cadets from Edmonton and Calgary participated in the first Police & Fire Cadet Challenge in early May at Birch Bay Ranch near South Cooking Lake. The four cadet groups spent the weekend testing their physical limits in a variety of competitive activities.

A plane crash scenario required keen communication skills and team work to extract five injured victims from the woods. A homicide scenario demanded crime scene control and investigative skills to solve the crime. Rappelling, zip lining, climbing walls and carrying buckets of water over balance beams challenged cadets to move out of their comfort zones.

EPS cadets won the marksmanship competition and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services won the obstacle course competition. Organizers hope to hold the event again next year, perhaps inviting other cadet groups in the province to take part.

"I'd say we achieved our goals, which were to enhance leadership and teamwork skills," said Constable Shannon Tenney, EPS Cadet Coordinator. "Camaraderie among cadets was high, and I'm sure they'll want to do this again next year."

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EPS CADETS HONOURED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

In early June, EPS cadets were honoured at a year-end recognition ceremony.

Awards were presented in several categories.

- Danny Kam Memorial Award for exemplary dedication, spirit and enthusiasm to the corps.
- Unsung Hero Award for quietly leading by example.
- Top Fitness Award for demonstrating the highest level of fitness.
- Outstanding Volunteer Hours Award for logging 800 hours or more over the period of their time with the corps.
- Dress and Deportment Award for showing the highest level of conduct, and pride in uniform.
- Leadership Award for leading through example and promoting the values of the corps (sponsored by RBC).

There were 44 active cadets, aged 13 to 20, in 2014/2015. The cadet program provides youth with educational and recreational activities, and the chance to participate in police-related activities. In addition, cadets volunteer at police and community events across the city.

[Click here for more information about the EPS Police Cadets Program.](#)



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PROJECT WATCH 2014 CAT DEPLOYMENT TURNED UP MORE THAN EXPECTED

What started as a regular Community Action Team (CAT) deployment in the city's west end last summer, turned into a year-long investigation into citizens on social assistance living in inferior motels along Stony Plain Road. The investigation became known as Project Watch and was headed up by two EPS members, Detectives Roger Bellerose and Kevin Fald.

"Some of these rooms were infested with mold, mice and bedbugs," said Detective Fald. "No one should be living in these types of conditions, regardless of who is paying for it."

Various social agencies have become involved with Project Watch, assisting in connecting vulnerable persons with much needed services. Also, one of the motels along Stony Plain Road was permanently closed down.

Project Watch has brought considerable awareness to a very sensitive issue and the EPS is working with both municipal and provincial agencies to ensure families are housed in safe and clean facilities.

CAT is part of the ongoing EPS Violence Reduction Strategy.



Detective Roger Bellerose sprays disinfectant on shoes during the inspection of a motel targeted in Project Watch.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME WEEK

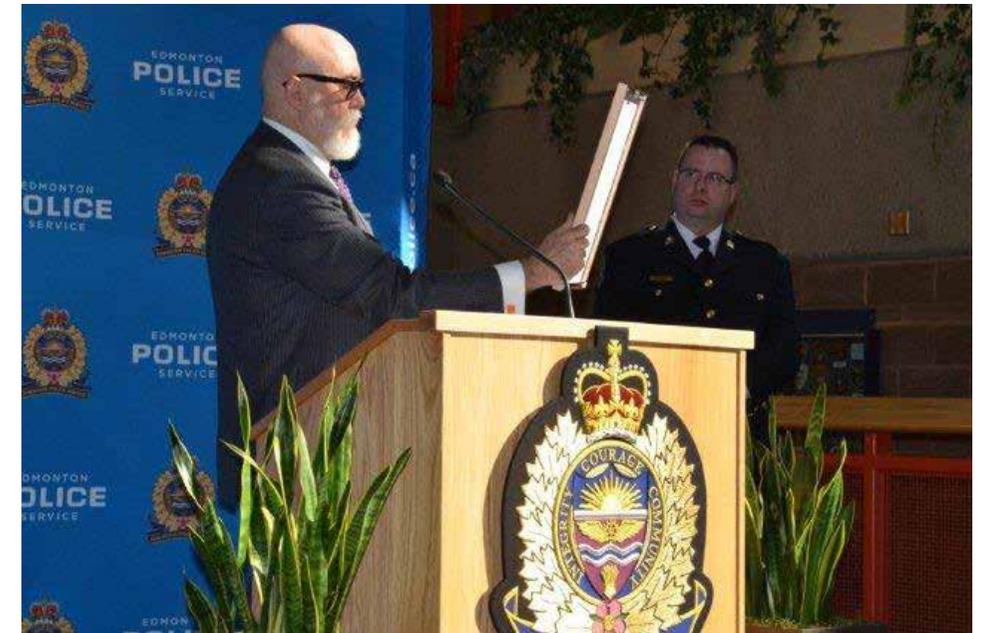
Councillor Scott McKeen presented an official Victims of Crime Week proclamation at a media conference at police headquarters on April 20.

Signed by Mayor Iveson, the proclamation designated April 19 to 25 as Victims of Crime Week in Edmonton. The EPS Victim Services Unit (VSU) supports victims of crime from the immediate aftermath of a crime through to court hearings and beyond.

Highly trained VSU advocates are available 24 hours a day throughout the year. Dedicated to helping victims in any way they can, advocates do many things, such as escorting police officers on death notifications, and holding a victim's hand in the hospital. They will do whatever it takes to ease the shock, the pain, or the grieving process.

Training for advocates covers an array of issues such as suicides, human trafficking, drugs, and gangs. Some advocates have been with VSU for over 30 years.

[Click here for current volunteer opportunities with the Edmonton Police Service.](#)



Councillor Scott McKeen officially proclaims April 19-25 Victims of Crime Week at a ceremony at police headquarters.

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COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY ADDRESSES PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND SUPPRESSION

The EPS released its counter-terrorism strategy in late May, focusing on prevention, intervention, and suppression of crime and disorder within Edmonton.

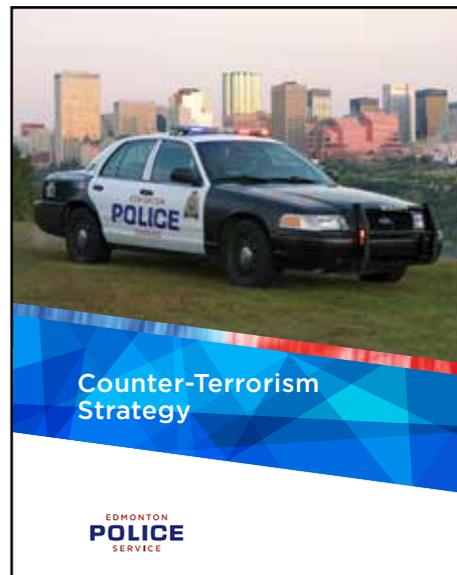
While the strategy does not recommend setting up an official anti-terror unit, it identifies ways that officers from all areas of the Service can become engaged in identifying and mitigating threats.

"There's no need for the EPS to have an official unit," said Inspector Chad Tawfik. "The RCMP has the mandate for national security investigations and as a municipality, we support those efforts."

The strategy also touches on how terrorism can take shape, including domestic and homegrown extremism, high-risk travelers, and domestic criminal incidents.

When it comes to working with the public to help prevent acts of terrorism, or engaging communities following terrorist acts, Inspector Tawfik says the EPS will be sure to act with a balanced approach, ensuring that not one specific group of people is singled out.

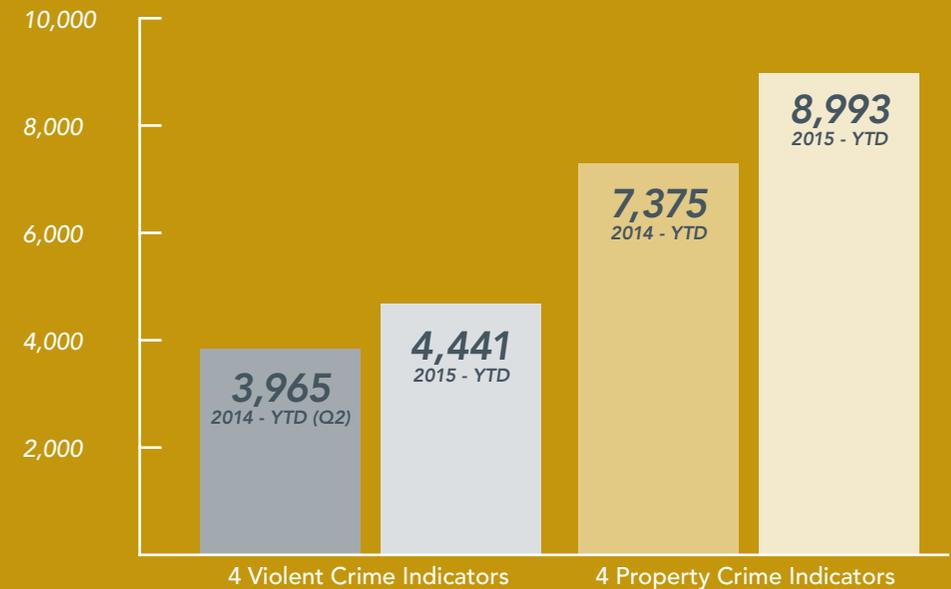
[The Edmonton Police Service Counter-Terrorism Strategy can be viewed here.](#)



"When we're talking violent extremism, it could be any ideology, any religious beliefs that are extreme in nature."

– Inspector Chad Tawfik

OVERALL CRIME IN THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS 2014 AND 2015 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS



In the first half of 2015, property crimes increased by 21.9 per cent and violent crimes increased by 12 per cent, compared to the same time frame in 2014.

THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS ARE:

VIOLENT CRIMES

- Homicide
- Assault
- Sexual assault
- Robbery

PROPERTY CRIMES

- Break and enter
- Theft from vehicle
- Theft of vehicle
- Theft over \$5,000

The eight crime indicators are measured daily and the data is used to focus on criminal activity and identify trends, patterns, and hot spots in Edmonton. Police resources are then deployed to address emerging and enduring crime and disorder issues. Violent crime statistics are based on the number of victims of crime, rather than the number of incidents of crime.

Source: Cognos CSR-12 UCR Violations. Generated July 13, 2015.

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BODY WORN VIDEO FOR SPECIALIZED EPS UNITS DEPLOYMENT OF CAMERAS BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

In June the EPS announced the results of a comprehensive three-year study to assess the effectiveness of body worn video (BWV) for use by its officers. Based on results of the research, the EPS will proceed with a graduated deployment of cameras to specialized police units.

The BWV pilot project ran from October 2011 to December 2014. Throughout the pilot, the EPS reviewed technical performance, legal considerations, and usefulness in everyday policing and investigations, as well as surveying the public and police officers on their opinion.

As a result, the EPS has decided to proceed with a graduated deployment of a body worn video program over the next two to five years.

The graduated roll-out of BWV will require training of officers, revising instructional materials, modifying police uniforms to carry cameras, as well as submitting a service package for funding, sourcing newer BWV cameras, and utilizing a new digital asset management system.

The EPS will continue to work with the justice system to develop the tangible benefits of BWV in the criminal justice system, partner with other agencies to improve policies on the use of BWV, and accurately track the true costs of BWV. After a one-year period, the EPS will report back to the Edmonton Police Commission with its findings for further direction.

[The complete BWV report is available online.](#)

Body worn video is a small video recording system worn as part of a police uniform that captures an audio-visual record of events as they occur.

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NEW TEXT WITH 911 SERVICE FOR DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND SPEECH IMPAIRED COMMUNITIES

Edmonton's 911 call centre has implemented the new Text with 911 service that allows the 911 centre to communicate by text message to the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired (DHHSI) communities via their mobile phones in an emergency.

Individuals who previously used Teletype Terminal (TTY) and Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) technology on their landlines for police, fire or medical emergencies, now have the freedom of using their mobile phone to communicate with 911. TTY/TDD services will continue to be available for those who use this technology. The new service is expected to reduce risk and improve health and safety for members of the DHHSI communities.

Edmonton's Text with 911 service was activated on April 30, 2015, following extensive testing of the new technology and training of emergency personnel. Edmonton is the second municipality in Alberta to provide the CRTC-mandated service.

Text with 911 is only intended to be used by members of the DHHSI communities, and is not available for the general public. Voice calling remains the only way to communicate with 911 services for a person who is not deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

For more information on Text with 911 or to register for the service, visit www.textwith911.ca.



CAT DEPLOYMENT FOCUSED ON WHYTE AVENUE AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOODS

EPS launched its latest Community Action Team (CAT) deployment in and around Whyte Avenue in mid-June to remind citizens who are enjoying the popular neighbourhood to do so responsibly.

"Whyte Avenue is such a wonderful place to get out, walk around and socialize with family and friends during the summer months," said Acting Sergeant Terence Mak. "This CAT deployment is simply one of our many ongoing initiatives held throughout the year to increase police presence in hotspots around the city with the objective of increasing public safety."

This deployment focused police and community efforts on reducing violence and crime on Whyte Avenue and surrounding neighbourhoods from 99 Street to 109 Street. The primary objectives were to increase police visibility, identify and remove individuals with outstanding warrants, and to suppress crime and disorder in and around the avenue.

Members of the EPS Victims Services Unit were also on hand to provide citizens with information regarding the important services they provide to victims of crime and tragedy.

Since its inception in September 2011, there have been 46 CAT deployments, resulting in:

- Total arrests: 1,749
- Warrants executed: 4,916
- Charges laid: 1,329
- Tickets written: 9,463
- Public interactions: 86,000+
- Housing referrals: 156
- Residences visited: 4,388
- Partners from other agencies assisting: 450



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EPS STAFF COMPLEMENT

SWORN, NON-SWORN AND RECRUITS

STAFF	2015 AUTHORIZED FTE'S	2015 FTE'S AS OF 2015 JUNE 30	VACANCIES (OVER STRENGTH)
SWORN	1,698.00	1,648.38	49.62
RECRUITS	0.00	59.00	(59.00)
NON-SWORN	695.75	703.53	(7.78)
FULL COMPLEMENT	2,393.75	2,410.91	(17.16)

The authorized FTE's represent 2,393.75 authorized positions in 2015

OTHER COMMISSION AND EPS PUBLICATIONS

The Edmonton Police Commission and the Edmonton Police Service publish a number of reports that provide further details on policing in Edmonton.

OPERATIONAL AREA	PUBLICATION
Performance Measurement	Annual Policing Plan
Performance Results	Annual Policing Plan Report Card
Complaints Against EPS	Professional Standards Branch Annual Report
Citizen Opinions on Policing	Citizen Survey

All publications can be found at www.edmontonpolicecommission.ca and www.edmontonpolice.ca

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BUDGET VARIANCE BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES SECOND QUARTER FORECAST (\$000'S)

	2015 YEAR TO DATE				YEAR END FORECAST			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
REVENUE								
Traffic Safety Act Fines	\$5,826	\$5,109	\$(717)	-12.3%	\$14,708	\$12,911	\$(1,797)	-12.2%
Transfer from Reserve (Office of Traffic Safety)	9,410	9,410	-	0.0%	18,819	18,819	-	0.0%
Provincial Grants	3,708	2,900	(808)	-21.8%	27,148	26,548	(600)	-2.2%
Other Revenue	11,551	11,304	(247)	-2.1%	28,033	27,330	(703)	-2.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	30,495	28,723	(1,772)	-5.8%	88,708	85,608	(3,100)	-3.5%
EXPENDITURES								
PERSONNEL								
Salary and benefits	123,234	119,617	3,617	2.9%	286,236	281,680	4,556	1.6%
EPS Overtime	3,811	3,943	(132)	-3.5%	10,313	10,707	(394)	-3.8%
External Overtime	185	161	24	13.0%	445	306	139	31.2%
	127,230	123,721	3,509	2.8%	296,994	292,693	4,301	1.4%
NON-PERSONNEL								
Furniture, equipment, IT, materials and supplies	6,847	6,409	438	6.4%	12,944	13,761	(817)	-6.3%
Contracts and services	7,329	7,137	192	2.6%	20,955	20,840	115	0.5%
Vehicles	2,970	2,526	444	14.9%	1,925	1,389	536	27.8%
Facilities	6,752	6,456	296	4.4%	17,448	17,597	(149)	-0.9%
Other Expenditures	929	673	256	27.6%	10,371	10,289	82	0.8%
	24,827	23,201	1,626	6.6%	63,643	63,876	(233)	-0.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	152,057	146,922	5,135	3.4%	360,637	356,569	4,068	1.1%
POSITION BEFORE ADJUSTMENTS	121,562	118,199	3,363	2.8%	271,929	270,961	968	0.4%
Tangible Capital Assets Budget adjustment					8,096	8,096	-	0.0%
NET POSITION	\$121,562	\$118,199	\$3,363	2.8%	\$280,025	\$279,057	\$968	0.3%