



Violence Reduction Strategy

Edmonton Police Service



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Goals:

- Reduce the Frequency of Violence
- Reduce the Severity of Violence
- Reduce the Fear and Perception of Violence in the Community



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Violent Crime Indicator Trends - City Wide

	April	May*	YTD
• Assault	-1.1%	-5.8%	2.8%
• Homicide	-50.0%	0.0%	-62.5%
• Robbery	-14.6%	-30.2%	-9.2%
• Sexual Assaults	-4.3%	-37.5%	0.0%
• Total	-3.7%	-14.2%	0.1%

*As of May 14, 2012



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Violent Crime Indicator Trends - Downtown Division

	April	May*	YTD
• Assault	-15.9%	-1.6%	-1.6%
• Homicide	0	0	2
• Robbery	8.3%	-30.0%	19.3%
• Sexual Assaults	-20.0%	-44.4%	-14.9%
• Total	-13.2%	-12.2%	0.1%

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Homicides

Comparative with other Canadian municipalities - 2012 YTD

- Edmonton - 7
- Winnipeg - 13
- Calgary - 3
- Toronto - 19
- Regina - 1 Manslaughter and a Missing Person that is being handled as a Homicide



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Downtown Division CAT deployment - April 18-21, 2012

- Included some work in relation to the LRT system in partnership with Edmonton Transit Security, City of Edmonton Parking Enforcement and other partners
- Positive response on EPS creativity from citizens and tourists
- Stats: 61 Arrests, 190 Warrants Executed, 22 new charges (12 breaches, 2 violence/weapons, 4 CDSA), 292 Summonses
- Two Housing Referrals and two people housed



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Project Delta Zero

- Downtown Division - 37% of reported violent crime in city
- Delta Zero area approximately 33% of Downtown violent crime
- Six deployments to date for 21.5 hours total (April - May)
- Reconciliation shifts - 40 members on foot for 3-4 hours
- 16 new charges and 320 warrants executed over six deployments
- Downtown Business Association - “noticeable difference”
- No reported crime within Delta Zero during deployments - “Halo Effect” - 2 days





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“D-Blitzes”

- Staffed by Downtown Division members only
- Locations identified at “D” Tactical Management Team Meetings or emerging daily crime trends and driven by Watch Commanders
- Usually 1100 Watch - members on foot for 30-45 minutes duration
- Same “Halo Effect” for up to 2 days
- May 9 result : 4 arrests, 4 breach charges, 1 drug charge, 2 weapons charges, 8 warrants executed, 1 Summons and 6 SCRs *in 30 minutes*
- Neither initiative has created crime dispersion out of the division and both have created reductions of violent crime in targeted areas



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Firearms Strategy

- Applicable to Restricted weapons
- Applicable to Court Ordered Prohibitions
- Ensure compliance with existing legislative framework and reduce opportunity for firearms related crime
- Communications Strategy to ensure messaging to partners and community



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100 Worst Drivers

- Identified list of drivers based upon research conducted by the Office of Traffic Safety
- Identified and defensible criteria using data from the Office of Traffic Safety and Edmonton Police Service
- Goal to provide enhanced level of public safety on the roads by targeting those drivers with the highest risk to the community
- Examine patterns of behavior to capture those drivers who may also commit other offences including violent crimes - i.e. road rage
- Reduction in number of collisions and violent crime occurrences



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Questions?