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# Edmonton Police Service Budget Consultation

Presentation to  
Edmonton Police Commission

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# Background

- The Edmonton Police Service's (EPS) 3-year cycle operating budget was approved by City Council on December 2, 2015.
- The service secured \$39.2 million over the 3 years; however, this was \$40.5 million short of EPS' original request, including anticipated costs associated with annexation.
- As part of a larger budget reallocation process, the EPS has sought feedback from employees and the public regarding important services and suggestions for alternative program delivery



# Method

- Multiple activities were used to solicit feedback from the public and EPS employees:
  - Online public consultation survey
  - Social media consultation
  - Public open houses
  - Internal consultation survey



# Results - General

- Employee and citizen respondents provided similar feedback regarding what was important
- Specifically, both groups indicated that responding to the following occurrence types is less important than other services offered:
  - Mental health calls where there is no criminal offence
  - Off-hours bylaw complaints
  - Gas theft from gas stations
  - Vehicle break-ins where minor items have been stolen
  - Intoxicated people where there is no criminal offence
  - Collisions with minor damage and no injury



# Results - Citizens

- Through social media and the public open houses, citizens routinely indicated the importance of EPS...
  - ...focussing on traffic enforcement
  - ...enhancing its presence in the community
- Citizens also expressed interest in EPS expanding its online reporting capabilities



# Results - Employees

- Similar to citizens, EPS employees support expansion of online reporting
- Many were supportive of alternative service delivery models (i.e., civilianization, tiered policing or outsourcing services)
- Moreover, employees identified redundancies in the Neighbourhood Empowerment Teams (NET) and the Community Liaison Constables (CLC), suggesting these services could be offered by Divisional beat officers



# Recommendations

- Review the types of calls that EPS responds to and provide citizens alternate methods of reporting
- Review existing programs for redundancies to other currently being offered
- Review service delivery, and civilianize, outsource or offer tiered-policing where possible and practical



# Actions Thus Far

- Development of Collision Reporting Centres
- Additional call types added to online crime reporting
- New NET operating model soon to be launched
- Outsourcing prisoner transport to Sheriffs





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# Questions?