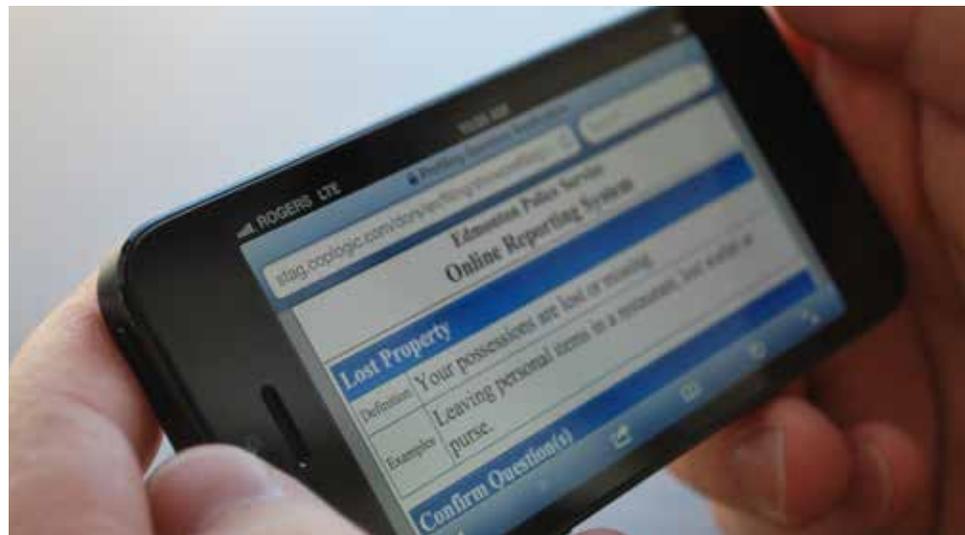




# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2013 Second Quarter



# CITIZENS RECOGNIZED FOR ACTS OF BRAVERY

At the annual Edmonton Police Commission Citizen Awards ceremony in May, seven people were recognized for coming to the aid of a fellow citizen or police officer in need.

Working as a door attendant at a bar, Kent Ashbey heard a commotion down the street and noticed a man with a knife in his hand. Concerned for the safety of others, Mr. Ashbey stopped the armed man, ordered him to drop the knife and arrested him, all while calling 911. Were it not for Mr. Ashbey's courageous actions, a man who had already injured two people would have gotten away.

Under the ruse of calling a taxi for a suspicious male, Yesenia Franco actually called police. Her attention to detail led to the man being charged with several drug, alcohol and driving offences. An EPS investigator said, "If not for the fast thinking and fantastic information provided by Ms. Franco, this criminal may have gotten away and continued to wreak havoc in the community."

After a female armed with a knife entered a downtown bank, manager Victor Freire purposely drew her attention toward himself. Responding officers found Mr. Freire cornered by the suspect in his own office, and she was promptly arrested. Mr. Freire put himself at risk to ensure the safety of employees and patrons in his bank that day.

Christopher Litzgus received a call from a coworker who was going to jump from an Edmonton bridge. Mr. Litzgus arrived to find his friend with one leg already over the rail. Placing himself at great risk, Mr. Litzgus grabbed the distraught man and the two struggled until they fell onto the sidewalk. Mr. Litzgus continued to hold his friend until police arrived.

Nico Visscher was operating a city bus when Andrew Hylton, a concerned citizen, alerted the driver that he had just witnessed one of the other passengers rob a convenience store while armed with a knife. Working together, Mr. Visscher and Mr. Hylton safely evacuated all other passengers on the bus and prevented the suspect from leaving until police arrived.

In an incredible incident that made headlines across the country, quick thinking Darrell Krushelnicki used his SUV to stop a speeding car heading toward four young people in a crosswalk. Officers described Mr. Krushelnicki as a "heroic member of the greater community of the province of Alberta, worthy of the highest form of commendation possible."



*Ms. Yesenia Franco accepts her award from Commission Chair Shami Sandhu, EPS Chief Rod Knecht, and the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.*

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## EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE LENDS A HAND DURING CALGARY FLOODS

Over 70 members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) geared up and headed to Calgary at 3:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21 after receiving a request from the Calgary Police Service for assistance with the flooding that was spreading quickly throughout downtown.

Officers assisted in blocking off roads and bridges and ensuring all Calgarians were safe. The public response was very positive with citizens offering police officers their homes to use the facilities, free food and coffee. Most appreciated were the kind-hearted words of thanks to officers. School teachers from Sarah Thompson Elementary School in Langford, Alberta, gave EPS officers handfuls of letters and thank you cards made by students.

Members of the EPS returned home in the early morning hours on Sunday, June 23 with many valuable experiences and fond memories.



Teachers from Sarah Thompson Elementary School give EPS officers thank you cards from students for their help with the flood recovery effort.

## EPS RAISES TIPI AT NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

For the Aboriginal peoples, the Tipi is a powerful symbol that holds a special place in heritage, tradition and spirituality. The EPS, with the assistance of the Edmonton Police Foundation, built a Tipi to demonstrate respect and commitment to the Aboriginal community.

The Tipi was developed in consultation with the Chief's Aboriginal Community Liaison Committee as part of the new EPS Aboriginal Policing Strategy, which is being developed by the newly created EPS Aboriginal Relations Unit.

Edmonton has the second largest urban Aboriginal population in Canada and will see an unprecedented growth of the Aboriginal community in the next five to 20 years. Therefore it is crucial to have a collaborative policing strategy based on open communication, understanding, and trust.

The EPS Tipi, Aboriginal Relations Unit, and resulting strategy are the foundation for police to build positive relationships and partnerships with this growing population in Edmonton, to recruit more officers and staff from the community, and increase cultural awareness within the police service.

The Tipi will be used at cultural and special events, including police functions.



The new EPS Tipi was raised at an official dedication ceremony with the Aboriginal community on June 19. Pictured are Constable Lisa Wolfe with the EPS Aboriginal Community Liaison Committee and Chief Calvin Bruneau of Papaschase First Nation.

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## EPS CADET AWARDS PRESENTATION



*Constable Chris Lucas and Corps Sergeant Major Langford Bawn attach the epaulettes on Cadet Sergeant Harmony Ezeuko's uniform.*

In early June, a gathering was held at the William Griesbach Training Centre to acknowledge 35 EPS Cadets for their commitment to their corps and to the community.

Service awards were presented to each cadet and 11 received special awards including perfect attendance, volunteerism, leadership, and exemplary dedication.

Constable Shannon Tenney, EPS Cadet Program Coordinator, announced the 2013/14 cadet promotions that included six sergeants, three staff sergeants, a Corps Sergeant Major and the newly created position of chief.

The EPS Cadet Program provides youth that are interested in law enforcement with opportunities in skill enhancement, community service and leadership. For more information, visit [www.edmontonpolice.ca/joineps/cadets](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/joineps/cadets).

## POLICE DOGS DONATE BLOOD

Four-legged members of the EPS Canine Unit donated blood at Western Canada's only blood bank for animals.

"A lot of people don't want to have a working dog donate blood because they're worried that they're not going to be able to work," says Laura Lesick, an instructor with NAIT's Animal Health Technology program, which operates the blood bank. "So we're totally honoured the EPS has asked to join us in this program."

For Constable Murray Burke, a handler with the EPS Canine Unit, deciding to have his Police Service Dog Maverick donate blood was an easy decision.

"I think it's important because there's always the potential that our dogs might need blood," says Constable Burke. "And it's going toward a good cause if any other dogs need blood in the future."



*Each police dog donated one pint of blood. The blood will be used across Canada for dogs that require transfusions due to illness or injury.*

# REDUCED CRIME AND VICTIMIZATION

## CHILDREN PEDAL UP THRILLS AND SKILLS AT BIKE SAFETY FESTIVAL

This May, the EPS and the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) hosted a bicycle safety festival to ensure children in need have the knowledge, skills, and equipment for safe cycling on city streets all summer long.

Children were provided with a bicycle, helmet, bell, and lock. Police officers taught them safety skills and set up various obstacle courses to develop and test their riding abilities.

The initiative was created four years ago by two EPS officers who were concerned about children's bike safety on their inner city beat. Through community and corporate partnerships, the event grew into an annual city-wide bicycle festival that allows officers to reach out to at-risk youth and create a positive experience.

The Bike Safety Festival was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the EPS, AMA, Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area, Northlands, The Brick Sport Central, Alberta Health Services, Brain Care Centre, Dinner Optimist Club of Edmonton, and Alberta Transportation's Office of Traffic Safety.



*One hundred children ages six to 12 participated in the Bike Safety Festival at Northlands Park on May 25, 2013. The event helped kick off June as Bicycle Safety Month.*

## SOUTHEAST CAT DEPLOYMENT



*Two Target employees pose with Constable Jeffrey Westman and Sergeant Shawn Corrigan during the Southeast Division CAT deployment at Mill Woods Town Centre.*

Southeast Division invited the community to BBQs in mid-May at Mill Woods Town Centre and Bonnie Doon Mall as part of the Community Action Team (CAT) deployment.

EPS officers and the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) provided crime prevention tips and gave away free anti-theft licence plate screws for vehicles. "The community BBQ gave citizens a chance to speak to police officers and ask them any questions they have," says Acting Staff Sergeant Shawn Corrigan.

As part of the EPS Violence Reduction Strategy, CAT deployments increase police presence and deter violence by using prevention, intervention and suppression tactics. They have been successful in addressing a wide range of criminal and social issues since the monthly initiative began in September 2011.

For more information about the EPS Violence Reduction Strategy, visit [www.edmontonpolice.ca/vrs](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/vrs).

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### CRIME PREVENTION WEEK

May 12-18 marked the 22nd Annual Crime Prevention Week.

Throughout the week, the EPS educated Edmontonians on the importance of preventing crime before it happens.

“Our goal is to educate the public on how to protect themselves, their family, and their assets,” says Sergeant Daryl Mahoney with the EPS Crime Prevention Unit. “Crime prevention is a key component to violence reduction in our city.”

The week kicked off with recognition in City Council chambers and a Crime Prevention Week proclamation by Mayor Mandel.

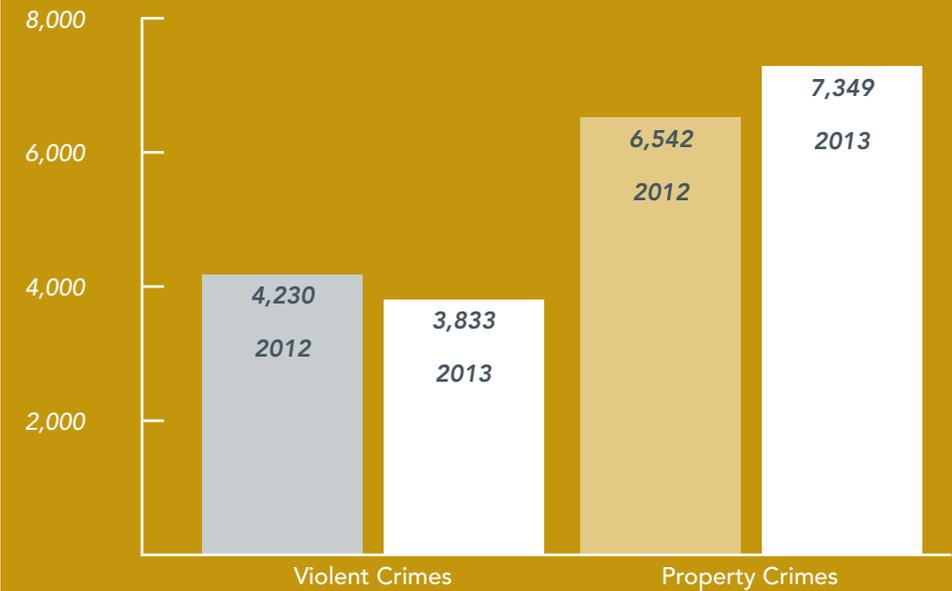
The EPS hosted a personal safety training course and, with help from the Southwest Neighbourhood Empowerment Team, handed out anti-theft licence plate screws and vehicle safety tip sheets.

Crime prevention tips and articles were posted on the EPS website and anti-cyberbullying messages were offered through corporate social media feeds.



Crime Prevention Week partners were recognized by Mayor Mandel in Council Chambers at Edmonton City Hall.

### OVERALL CRIME IN THE EIGHT CRIME INDICATORS 2012 AND 2013 YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS



In the second quarter of 2013, violent crimes decreased by 10 per cent and property crimes increased by 12.4 per cent. Overall, there was a 4.5 per cent increase in the eight crime indicators.

### 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 Crimes statistics are based on victims of crime, not occurrences of crime.

# INVESTIGATIVE EXCELLENCE

## WASTE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE EXPLOSIVES

The Edmonton Waste Management Centre is North America's largest collection of modern, sustainable waste processing and research facilities.

Through the world-class recycling program, materials are sorted rather than processed into a traditional garbage dump. Sometimes explosive materials make their way into the facility.

To ensure the health and safety of Waste Management employees, EPS Explosive Technicians train front-line staff to recognize discarded commercial explosives, military ordnance, fireworks, and possible improvised explosive devices.

Staff have learned how to react to the discovery: to not touch, move or attempt to open the package; to evacuate and cordon off the area; and to call 911 as soon as possible so that police and emergency services can respond.

The explosive awareness training helped employees detect three suspicious packages in 2012 and five so far in 2013, with no serious incidents reported. The awareness training is also offered to other organizations and businesses.



## EPS LAUNCHES ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

Edmontonians are now able to log on to their computer and report a crime online as an alternative to going to a police station or calling police.

Since mid-May, citizens have been reporting certain crimes online. Reportable crimes include lost property; theft, damage, or mischief to property; theft from vehicle; and damage or mischief to vehicle. For any other types of crime, citizens must go to a station, call 780-423-4567 (#377 from a cell phone), or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

"Reporting these crimes online is quick and convenient," says Inspector Greg Alcorn, Information Management Branch. "You no longer have to drive to a station or wait for an officer to arrive and take your report. It takes hours off the process time and it's truly virtual policing. The hope is that more people will report crimes because it's so easy and accessible."

Online crime reporting is currently being used by 338 police agencies throughout North America, including 14 in Canada.

So far the EPS has received over 500 online reports.



*Online reporting can be done from any desktop or laptop computer, as well as any smart phone.*

*Sergeant Grant Jongejan and Sergeant Steven Maertens-Poole outline various explosive materials and devices to employees at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.*

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## EPS RECOGNIZES SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

Most of us don't like the idea of being hauled out of bed in the middle of the night, but when you are part of a search and rescue (SAR) organization, it's just part of who you are and what you do. In mid-April, EPS presented seven members of local SAR organizations with the Alberta Emergency Services Medal.

Constable Alex Thomas has worked with all four of the local SAR groups over the years. "We rely on these volunteer search and rescue organizations to assist us in searches," says Constable Thomas. "When a vulnerable person goes missing, a timely response is essential to their chances of survival."

The SAR teams assist police with everything from looking for evidence in police cases to finding people in less than friendly environments. The sheer numbers of people who give their time is invaluable to EPS officers.

"We're very fortunate in the Edmonton area to have a group of dedicated volunteers who help the community," says Acting Chief David Korol.

Over the past 10 years, 75 people have been given the medal.

*[L to R] Constable Michael Zacharuk, Constable Alex Thomas, Paula Hale, search and rescue dog BB, Michelle Limoges, Sergeant David Pelletier, and Sergeant David Goodkey.*



# INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

## POLICE PATROL ON SEGWAYS

The public will begin to notice some EPS members on Segway Police Patrollers this summer.

The EPS purchased six Segways as an additional resource for operational and community policing initiatives.

“This type of vehicle makes an officer more visible and accessible to the public,” says Deputy Chief Brian Simpson. “Patrolling on the units enables police to respond to emergencies in a fraction of the time it would take them on foot, provides an enhanced perspective due to the eight-inch elevation over crowds, and the ability to easily manoeuvre through highly populated and off-road areas.”

The units will be deployed throughout the city, with added attention given to the downtown core, special events, and the underground pedestrian LRT tunnel system. Each unit is equipped with lights, siren, and an automatic locking system to prevent theft.

The Segways also have a strong environmental component. They are electric and can travel up to 38 kilometres on a single charge. Each charge requires approximately 20 cents worth of electricity, translating into a cost of less than one cent per kilometre.



*Inspector Graham Hogg and Superintendent Tony Harder operate the new police Segways in downtown Edmonton.*

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## NEW SOUTHWEST DIVISION STATION OPENS

EPS's new Southwest Division Station opened its doors to the public on Wednesday, June 5. Located at 1351 Windermere Way, the new station replaces the former southwest station that was located at 9710 - 51 Avenue.

"This new state-of-the-art facility will help us meet the needs of our rapidly growing communities for years to come," says Superintendent Nigel Stevens. "Southwest Division officers have looked forward to their new station for several years, and they will continue to deliver high quality policing services to the citizens of Southwest Edmonton."

The official community grand opening celebration will be held in August.



*The new Southwest Division station is conveniently located south of the Anthony Henday and west of Terwillegar Drive.*

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDS

On April 9, more than 70 City of Edmonton employees from various departments, including the EPS, were recognized for their outstanding contributions, dedication and innovation to occupational health and safety.

The EPS received two awards:

- Gold Award to the Community Policing Bureau for a 30 per cent reduction over best lost time frequency in 2012.
- Bronze Award for a 13 per cent reduction over best lost time frequency as an organization in 2012.

The success of the Service's health and safety programs is a result of an ongoing commitment to safety at all levels. By promoting and establishing a culture that encourages and fosters a safe and effective workplace, the EPS will continue to raise the standard for occupational health and safety.



*Deputy Chief Brian Simpson accepts the Occupational Health and Safety award from Mayor Stephen Mandel.*

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## EPS STAFF COMPLEMENT

### SWORN, NON-SWORN AND RECRUITS

STAFF	2013 AUTHORIZED FTE'S	2013 FTE'S AS OF 2013 JUNE 30	VACANCIES (OVER STRENGTH)
SWORN	1,634.0	1,609.3	24.7
RECRUITS	0.0	27.0	(27.0)
NON-SWORN	670.5	633.1	37.4
<b>FULL COMPLEMENT</b>	<b>2,304.5</b>	<b>2,269.4</b>	<b>35.1</b>

The authorized FTE's represent 2,304.50 authorized positions in 2013

## 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](http://www.edmontonpolicecommission.ca) and [www.edmontonpolice.ca](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca)

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## FINANCIALS

### BUDGET VARIANCE BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 (\$000'S)

	2013 YEAR TO DATE				YEAR END FORECAST			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
<b>REVENUE</b>								
Traffic Safety Act	\$ 6,980	\$ 5,303	\$ (1,677)	-24.0%	\$ 16,158	\$ 13,400	\$ (2,758)	-17.1%
Provincial Grants	5,225	5,225	-	0.0%	23,580	23,580	-	0.0%
Other	11,330	11,298	(32)	-0.3%	27,179	27,112	(67)	-0.2%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>23,535</b>	<b>21,826</b>	<b>(1,709)</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>	<b>66,917</b>	<b>64,092</b>	<b>(2,825)</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
<b>PERSONNEL</b>								
Salary and benefits	113,171	112,756	415	0.4%	269,754	267,798	1,956	0.7%
EPS Overtime	3,681	3,721	(40)	-1.1%	10,038	10,485	(447)	-4.5%
External Overtime	180	287	(107)	-59.4%	432	570	(138)	-31.9%
	<b>117,032</b>	<b>116,764</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>280,224</b>	<b>278,853</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>NON-PERSONNEL</b>								
Furniture, equipment, IT, materials and supplies	6,728	6,248	480	7.1%	11,735	12,003	(268)	-2.3%
Contracts and services	7,614	6,811	803	10.5%	20,411	19,792	619	3.0%
Vehicles	3,138	3,062	76	2.4%	7,706	7,677	29	0.4%
Facilities	6,084	5,767	317	5.2%	15,625	15,492	133	0.9%
Other	893	1,115	(222)	-24.9%	3,739	3,967	(228)	-6.1%
	<b>24,457</b>	<b>23,003</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>59,216</b>	<b>58,931</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>141,489</b>	<b>139,767</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>339,440</b>	<b>337,784</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>POSITION BEFORE ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>117,954</b>	<b>117,941</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>272,523</b>	<b>273,692</b>	<b>(1,169)</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
Tangible Capital Assets Budget adjustment					6,594	6,594	-	0.0%
<b>NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 117,954</b>	<b>\$ 117,941</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 279,117</b>	<b>\$ 280,286</b>	<b>\$ (1,169)</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>

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