



2025-05-12

Reeve Barry Kalinski  
MD of Bonnyville

Dear Reeve Barry Kalinski,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report covering the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This report provides a snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Cold Lake detachment.

As we approach summer, I would like to highlight the preparations that the Alberta RCMP have made to address what may be another busy wildfire season. The wildfire seasons of 2023 and 2024 have provided our organization with many lessons on the best ways to handle the unpredictability of wildfires. In March, we began planning for the 2025 wildfire season and this included the early staffing of our Division Emergency Operations Center (DEOC). In the past two years, DEOC has been the cornerstone of the police response to the wildfires in Alberta. The members and staff in DEOC are able to process information from various sources to determine the most optimal way to deploy police resources in areas under threat of wildfires.

Depending on the severity of the fire season, it may be necessary to draw resources from your police service to ensure the safety of people and property in affected communities. I want to assure you that the Alberta RCMP will keep the needs of your community in mind and will work to deploy only the resources which will not adversely impact the security of our own community. The Alberta RCMP remains ready to respond to wildfires in coordination with other provincial resources to protect our citizens and communities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. As your Chief of Police for your community, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

S/Sgt. Wes Bensmiller.  
Chief of Police.  
Cold Lake RCMP detachment.





## Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

### Detachment Information

**Detachment Name**

Cold Lake

**Detachment Commander**

S/Sgt. Wes Bensmiller

**Report Date**

May 12, 2025

**Fiscal Year**

2024-25

**Quarter**

Q4 (January - March)

### Community Priorities

**Priority #1: Crime Reduction - Property Crime / Drugs****Updates and Comments:**

Cold Lake General Investigation Section (GIS) members have been very proactive and successful this quarter, implementing various crime reduction strategies targeting drug traffickers and prolific offenders in the detachment area. Cold Lake GIS executed a number of search warrants, resulting in the seizure of various controlled substances, firearms and Canadian currency resulting in individuals being charged. Detachment Leadership continue to support Cold Lake First Nation and the HUB Program while they are going through a program re-alignment.

**Priority #2: Enhance Public Confidence and Engagement - Consultations and Connections****Updates and Comments:**

Detachment members continue to be involved in the community on and off duty. Detachment Leadership maintains communication with all government officials and continues to address any concerns identified by them and/or by community members. Detachment members remain visible and proactive within the communities in the detachment area. Detachment members participate in community events in uniform and red serge on a regular basis.





## Community Consultations

### Consultation #1

**Date**

January 24, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Community Connection

**Topics Discussed**

Crime Reduction Initiatives

**Notes/Comments:**

Operation Cold Start in the City of Cold Lake resulted in 115 interactions with car owners who had left their vehicles idling, unattended.

### Consultation #2

**Date**

February 14, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Community Connection

**Topics Discussed**

Education Session, Drugs

**Notes/Comments:**

Cold Lake General Investigation Section provided a drug awareness presentation to Cold Lake First Nation elected officials and health services personnel.

### Consultation #3

**Date**

February 24, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Community Connection

**Topics Discussed**

Crime Reduction Initiatives

**Notes/Comments:**

Cold Lake Indigenous Police Service officer attended Emergency Medical Services Crimestoppers initiative for community sign and presentation at community meeting.



## Consultation #4

**Date**

March 3, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Meeting with Elected Officials

**Topics Discussed**

Information Sharing

**Notes/Comments:**

Detachment Commander met with a Member of the Legislative Assembly to discuss policing priorities, concerns and potential solutions.

## Consultation #5

**Date**

March 25, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Meeting with Elected Officials

**Topics Discussed**

Information Sharing

**Notes/Comments:**

Cold Lake detachment Operations Non-commissioned Officer and EMS member met with Chair and Council to discuss community priorities and concerns.

## Consultation #6

**Date**

February 10, 2025

**Meeting Type**

Meeting with Stakeholders

**Topics Discussed**

Information Sharing, Crime Reduction Initiatives

**Notes/Comments:**

January 13, 2025 and February 10, 2025

Detachment Commander and Operations Support Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) attended MD of Bonnyville Policing Committee meeting, reporting on statistics for Cold Lake detachment. The Operations Support NCO also presented yearly statistics for Cold Lake Detachment and discussed 2024 detachment priorities and community priorities and concerns.





## Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	16	12	3	1
Detachment Support	4	4	0	0

### Notes:

1. Data extracted on March 31, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

### Comments:



























Police Officers: Of the 16 established positions, 12 officers are currently working. There are three officers on special leave (one Medical and two on Parental leave). There is 1 hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the four established positions, four resources are currently working.

**Cold Lake Provincial Detachment  
Crime Statistics (Actual)  
January to March: 2021 - 2025**

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

April 3, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	2	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Robbery		4	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.9
Sexual Assaults		3	3	2	3	4	33%	33%	0.2
Other Sexual Offences		4	1	1	5	1	-75%	-80%	-0.2
Assault		35	48	54	26	44	26%	69%	-0.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Extortion		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		10	7	10	8	5	-50%	-38%	-0.9
Uttering Threats		11	7	12	7	17	55%	143%	1.2
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Break & Enter		29	10	15	17	19	-34%	12%	-1.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		24	15	25	20	16	-33%	-20%	-1.1
Theft Over \$5,000		8	3	3	3	6	-25%	100%	-0.4
Theft Under \$5,000		25	33	16	17	32	28%	88%	-0.2
Possn Stn Goods		25	16	30	35	10	-60%	-71%	-1.1
Fraud		10	11	12	12	2	-80%	-83%	-1.5
Arson		0	1	2	3	5	N/A	67%	1.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		35	30	29	25	33	-6%	32%	-0.9
Mischief - Other		88	88	95	104	86	-2%	-17%	1.2
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>244</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
Offensive Weapons		18	8	10	9	12	-33%	33%	-1.1
Disturbing the peace		6	17	10	3	6	0%	100%	-1.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches		34	29	17	29	16	-53%	-45%	-3.6
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>385</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-12.0</b>





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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		7	3	3	5	1	-86%	-80%	-1.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		2	1	3	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.3
<b>Total Drugs</b>		9	4	6	8	2	-78%	-75%	-1.0
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		0	8	0	1	1	N/A	0%	-0.5
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		9	12	6	9	3	-67%	-67%	-1.5
Liquor Act		2	2	3	9	2	0%	-78%	0.7
Cannabis Act		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mental Health Act		99	61	45	15	36	-64%	140%	-17.2
Other Provincial Stats		36	49	45	65	54	50%	-17%	5.2
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		137	112	93	90	92	-33%	2%	-11.2
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	2	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Municipal By-laws		1	7	0	2	1	0%	-50%	-0.5
<b>Total Municipal</b>		1	9	1	2	1	0%	-50%	-0.7
Fatals		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Injury MVC		0	6	6	5	6	N/A	20%	1.1
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		43	52	46	40	36	-16%	-10%	-2.6
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		6	15	12	13	17	183%	31%	2.0
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		49	73	64	59	59	20%	0%	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		1	1	8	2	6	500%	200%	1.1
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>		111	185	216	205	142	28%	-31%	8.2
Other Traffic		1	0	1	2	0	-100%	-100%	0.0
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		22	13	19	34	16	-27%	-53%	0.9
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		9	5	15	10	25	178%	150%	3.7
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		61	58	32	27	13	-79%	-52%	-12.7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		55	28	38	51	34	-38%	-33%	-1.9
Persons Reported Missing		9	7	9	6	5	-44%	-17%	-0.9
Search Warrants		0	3	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		51	38	43	20	27	-47%	35%	-6.6
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		1	0	4	1	6	500%	500%	1.1