



Strathcona County RCMP & Enforcement Services

2018 Year End Statistical Report





Introduction

The 2018 Statistical Report reflects Strathcona County RCMP and Enforcement Services' commitment to accountability, while keeping the public informed of the work being done in the communities they serve. This report will present year-end crime and enforcement data for 2018, and identify the types of crime we are seeing in Strathcona County. Additionally, this report will illustrate how these crime types compare to previous years. Key areas of focus will include Crimes Against Persons, Property Crimes, and Drug Enforcement offences. Statistics relating to Fatal and Major Injury Collisions, Traffic offences and Enforcement related occurrences will also be shown. Throughout this report, a number of creative and responsive initiatives, introduced by Strathcona County RCMP and Enforcement Services, will be outlined.

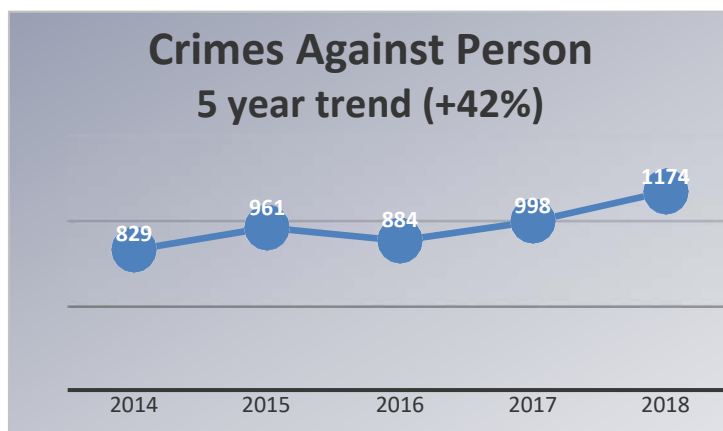
Methodology

The data used for this report was retrieved from the RCMP PROS Records Management System (RMS), and includes all occurrence types reported to the RCMP; both criminal and non-criminal. All Criminal Code files cleared as unfounded have been removed from the following data source to more accurately represent actual criminal offences. The RCMP RMS is a live database, and the data presented is a snapshot of what was contained in the RMS on January 23, 2019, the date it was retrieved. The data reflected within this document is subject to change due to continuing investigations and data updating. The data used for Enforcement Services was retrieved from Report Executive.

**Crime Statistics are based on the RCMP PROS RMS, which will vary from Statistics Canada reports.*

Crime Statistics

Chart 1: Crimes Against Person



Overall, total Crimes Against Persons offences in 2018 increased by 18% since 2017.

In 2018, the total number of Crimes Against Persons was 1,174, marking an 18% increase from 2017. When examining the crime types included within this category, the largest concentration of offences involve Assaults (48%), followed by Uttering Threats (21%), and Sexual offences (10%).



**For additional information on other offence types refer to Table 1 at the end of the report.*

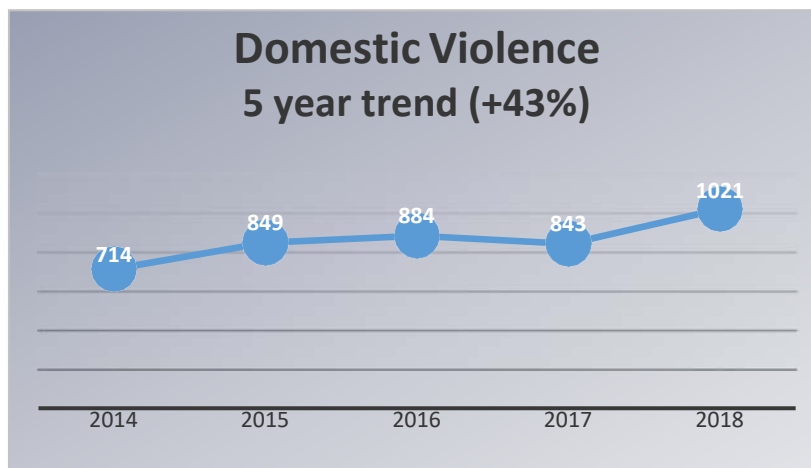


When comparing 2017 to 2018, the numbers of Assaults are up 19% (468 to 559), Uttering Threats are up 15% (219 to 251), and reported Sexual Offences are up 10% (108 to 119).

Over a 5-year period the total number of Crimes against Persons offences have increased 42%. During this same time period, Sexual offences have increased by 68% (71 to 119). This increase may be attributed in part to a number of social media movements that have raised awareness of sexual violence in the latter part of 2017; in addition to increased social support for reporting incidents of sexual assault. Large increase in Extortions due to Internet scams.

Of the total Crimes Against Persons offences reported in 2018, 29% were Domestic Violence related. Over the last five years, Domestic Violence related offences have increased by 43%.

Chart 2: Domestic Violence



Overall, Domestic Violence related offences in 2018 increased by 21% since 2017.

Crimes Against Persons Initiatives:

- ❑ Dedicated Domestic Violence Unit since 2010.
- ❑ In-house trained forensic child interviewers (mentorship program).
- ❑ Collaborative and cooperative partnerships with local well-being organizations.
- ❑ Crime analysis (best practice research) – assists in the deployment of resources and the identification and apprehension of criminals.
- ❑ Ongoing targeted community presentations that raise public awareness and preventative practices relating to specific crime types.



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Chart 3: Property Crimes



Overall, total Property Crimes in 2018 have decreased by 7% since 2017.

Although total Property Crimes have gone up 22% since 2014, there was a 7% decrease from 2017 to 2018 (4,745 to 4,436). When examining the crime types included within this category, the largest concentration of offences involves Theft Under \$5,000 (40%), followed by Fraud (20%), and Mischief (16%). When comparing 2017 to 2018, the number of Thefts Under \$5,000 decreased by 8% (1,894 to 1,736), Fraud decreased by 5% (923 to 881), and Mischief decreased by 10% (773 to 698).

Property Crimes Initiatives

- Coordinated crime reduction initiatives that involve ongoing intervention with known prolific offenders.
 - Integrated Offender Management Northeast and Capital District Initiative (IOMI)
- A Crime Reduction Unit works to identify, manage and apprehend repeat offenders.
- Analytical support regarding crime trends and repeat offenders.
- Social media releases and community presentations used to inform the public on specific crime affecting Strathcona County.
 - Crime prevention tips provided via media releases.
- Community presentations to Schools, Senior Centers, and Community Organizations designed to:
 - Raise awareness of criminal activities affecting Strathcona County
 - Encourage citizens to report suspicious and/or criminal activity
- Innovative technologies aimed to more effectively identify crime trends, while enhancing community engagement.
 - Community crime map to enhance the RCMP's ability to share up to date information on specific criminal activity with the public (this initiative began in 2018 and is expected to be implemented 2019).

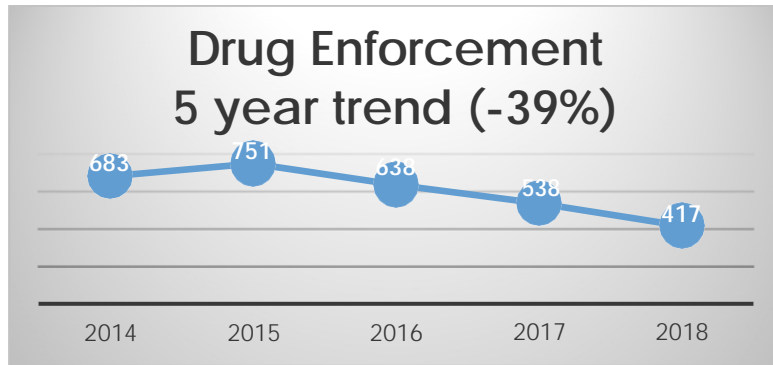


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- Citizens on Patrol.
 - Lock it or Lose it Program
- Proactive patrols by RCMP and Enforcement Services members throughout the county to maintain high police visibility and is considered to be a major crime reduction tool.

Chart 4: Drug Enforcement

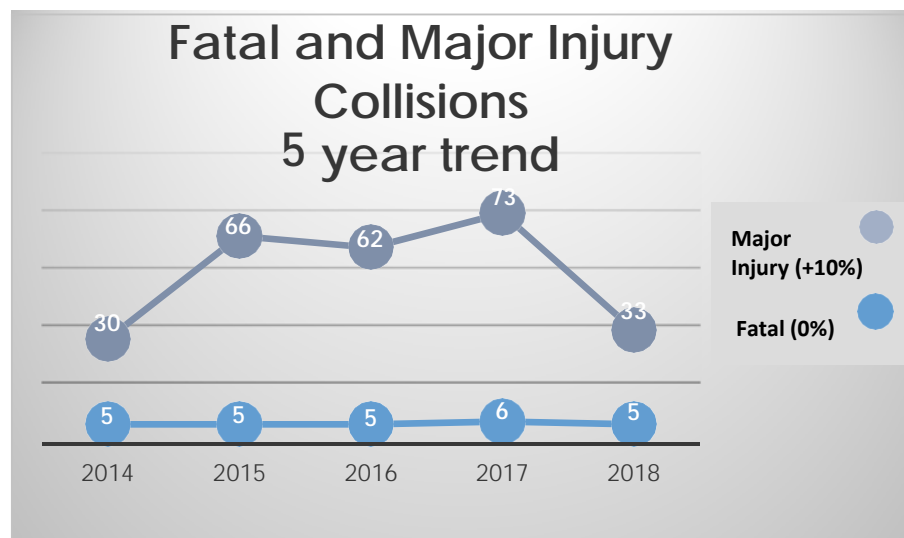


Overall, total Drug Enforcement in 2018 decreased by 22% since 2017.

Over a 5-year period, Drug Enforcement offences have decreased by 39% with a continued downward trend since 2015. In 2018, the total number of Drug Enforcement offences was 417, marking a 22% decrease from the previous year.

Drug related investigations are often complex and more long-term in nature - focusing on a specific target and/or targets. These investigations often require a significant amount of work and collaboration.

Chart 5: Traffic Collisions



Overall, in 2018 Major Injury Collisions decreased 55% since 2017. Fatal Collisions decreased 17% since 2017.



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In 2018, the total number of Major Injury Collisions was 33, marking a 55% decrease since 2017. There were five fatal collisions that resulted in six fatalities by year-end 2018, compared to six fatal collisions resulting in six fatalities by year-end 2017.

In 2018, there was a total of 3,036 collisions - a decrease of 7% (3,273 to 3,036) since 2017.

Traffic Offences – Criminal Code

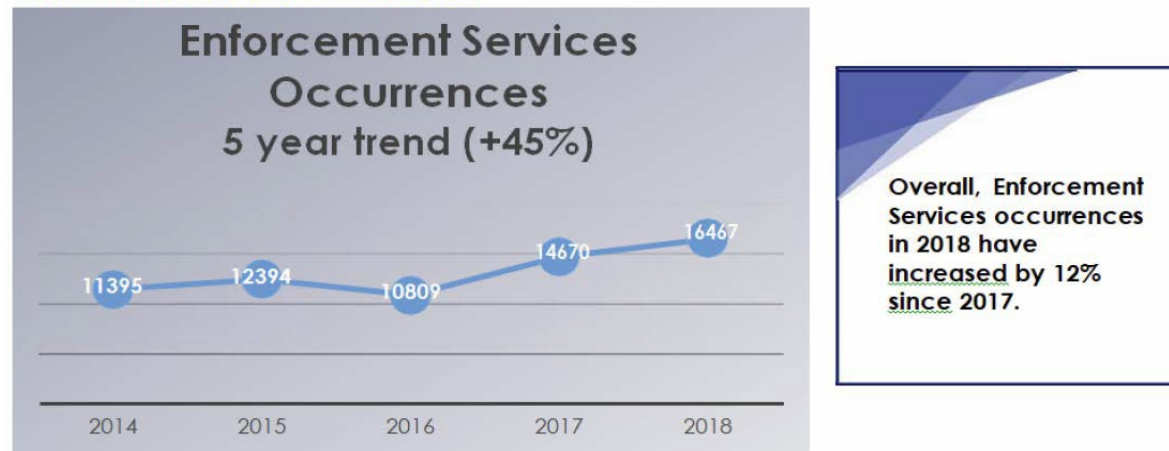
Overall, total Criminal Code Traffic Offences in 2018 have decreased by 10% in comparison to 2017 (972 to 873).

Specifically, Impaired Operation Related offences have decreased by 9% since 2017, and 14% since 2014. Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle offences have decreased 29% since 2017, however, there has been an 85% increase since 2014 (40 to 74). Other Criminal Code Traffic offences have increased 4% since 2017.

Traffic Offences (Traffic Tickets)

Overall, total Traffic Tickets generated by RCMP and Enforcement Services in 2018 have increased by 3% (40,767 to 42,019) since 2017. The Intersection Safety Device (ISD) cameras have seen a decrease in violations. This is due to less vehicles going through these intersections as well as drivers abiding by speed limits and red light violations at these locations. The ISD camera for Wye Road east bound was not functioning for a three month period due to road construction in 2018 which attributed to the decrease

Chart 6: Enforcement Services Occurrences



Occurrences include all calls for service and proactive patrols that our Enforcement Services Peace Officers perform. Over a 5-year period, the number of Enforcement Services occurrences has increased by 45%. Workload management and workload capturing was reviewed in 2016. This review resulted in a more enhanced capturing of the work performed by Enforcement Services. The tracking of the proactive patrols conducted by Enforcement Services members contributed to the increase in occurrences over this time period. In 2018, the total number of Provincial and Municipal Violations was 3,917, marking a 26% increase since 2017.

In 2018, there was a total of 141 Vehicle for Hire Permits issued, a decrease of 5% from 2017



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RCMP Traffic Section and Enforcement Services Initiatives

- Distracted Driving Option 4 initiative
 - The name, "Option 4" was derived as an alternate option from the existing three options on the back of a violation notice received by individuals in contravention of a traffic rule. Recipients of a violation ticket were given the option to attend an Option 4 lecture where they were educated on traffic safety in lieu of paying the fine that had been received. This program is completely voluntary for the recipients of violations.
 - 220 residents stopped for a Distracted Driving Violation volunteered to take part in the Option 4 program which was 74% of all Distracted Driving violators.
- Joint Force Traffic Operations involving RCMP, Edmonton Police Service, Sherriff's and other regulatory bodies have been conducted in consultation with each other to be more efficient and to better optimize resources. These included Check Stops and Enforcement Operations.
- An additional Criminal Analyst has been assigned to review crime trends and patterns in order to deploy resources to detect and prevent these crime patterns.
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)
 - CVSA is a North American alliance of Commercial Vehicle Inspectors that share training and best practices.
 - Several of our Enforcement Services officers are members of this alliance to ensure we are using best practices here in Strathcona County to ensure our roads and Commercial Vehicles are safe.

Crime Prevention Initiatives

- Senior Safety Presentations
 - Fraud/Scams
 - Residential and personal safety
- Rural Communities meetings
 - 6 Rural crime prevention presentations
- Adult Safety Presentations
 - 10 presentations regarding frauds/ scams, residential and personal safety were provided to various groups
- School Presentations
 - 35 offered to Jr. High and High School students, parents, and administration
 - Forensics, Drugs, Social media/electronic usage, distracted driving, vaping, and career.
- DARE
 - Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) was taught to 45 classes in 2018. Each class is taught 10 lessons therefore 450 classes were taught.
- Kids Safety Talks
 - Safety Bear made over 40 appearances
- Over 35 presentations were offered to young children on a variety of safety talks.



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Table 1

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OFFENCE TYPE	2017	2018	Variance
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON			
Sexual Offences	108	119	10%
Robbery	29	18	-38%
Extortion	8	33	313%
Criminal Harassment, Intimidation	61	70	15%
Indecent Communications	3	5	67%
Harassing Communications	84	99	18%
Uttering threats against a person	219	251	15%
Offences Related to Death	6	4	-33%
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	12	16	33%
Assaults	468	559	19%
Total	998	1174	18%
PROPERTY CRIMES			
Theft under \$5000	1894	1736	-8%
Theft over \$5000	93	108	16%
Theft of Vehicles	216	233	8%
Possession of Stolen Goods	335	339	1%
Mischief	773	698	-10%
Fraud	923	881	-5%
Break and Enter	474	399	-16%
Arson	37	42	14%
Total	4745	4436	-7%
OTHER CRIMINALCODE			
Total	1204	1251	4%
DRUG ENFORCEMENT			
Trafficking	88	83	-6%
Production	9	3	-67%
Possession	441	331	-25%
Import/Export	0	0	0%
Total	538	417	-22%
PROVINCIAL STATUTES OFFENCES (NON CRIMINAL CODE)			
Total	2770	3088	11%



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Table 1 (Continued)

OFFENCE TYPE	2017	2018	Variance 2017 - 2018
TRAFFIC OFFENCES (CRIMINAL CODE)			
Impaired Operation Related Offences	822	751	-9%
Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle	104	74	-29%
Other Criminal Code	46	48	4%
Total	972	873	-10%
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS			
Fatal	6	5	-17%
Non-Fatal Injury	570	561	-2%
Property Damage - Reportable	2399	2152	-10%
Property Damage - Non-Reportable	298	318	7%
Total	3273	3036	-7%
TRAFFIC OFFENCES – PROVINCIAL RCMP & ENFORCEMENT SERVICES			
Total Traffic Tickets	40767	42019	3%
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES			
Enforcement Services Occurrences	14670	16467	12%
Provincial and Municipal Violations (non-traffic)	3917	4937	26%
Vehicle for Hire Bylaw	148	141	-5%
AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT			
I.S.D. Speed Tickets Issued	16266	11454	-30%
I.S.D. Red Light Tickets Issued	656	501	-24%
Total	16922	11955	-29%

