



**Battleford's Detachment
Crime Prevention / Victim Services
Serving the Battleford's and Area**

Vision

To create strong and unified communities where everyone feels safe

Mission

To create and sustain relationships through community outreach that improve community wellness and safety in and around the Battleford's Detachment area.

Impact

RCMP visibility through active participation in initiatives that create caring and unified communities

CP/VS Battleford's Detachment Background:

The Crime Prevention/ Victim Services unit in the Battleford's detachment area was created in 2017. The unit is comprised of a Corporal in charge, one Constable and a Civilian Community Program Coordinator.

The CP/VS unit is responsible for the creation and implementation of Crime Prevention Planning for the Battleford's Detachment area in order to build a safer community for not only our citizens of today but also for those generations yet to come and long into the future.

Community Safety

The Battleford's Detachment of the RCMP is dedicated to improving Community Safety throughout the Battleford's and surrounding area. The RCMP recognises that Crime Prevention needs to be a community effort and not left to the police alone. We recognize the need to develop and create meaningful consultation, communication, collaboration and commitment with our communities as well as the provincial and federal partners and agencies with the goal of resolving crime and/or community safety issues. There are five areas that we need to address in order to create a solid foundation for this strategy that will include all stakeholders within our community:

1. To engage community members in identifying specific problem areas and collectively develop community led, police supported sustainable responses to crime.
2. To be a catalyst in establishing Community Consultative Groups which will allow the community to address their community safety issues in an ongoing and sustainable way.
3. To educate and assist key community stakeholders in utilizing the most recent crime prevention and crime reduction strategies.
4. To provide the community members an opportunity to identify and discuss their crime and safety concerns with their local police
5. To identify and address requests and calls for service that belong to partner agencies and ways to transfer the service delivery required to these agencies.

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention involves a broad spectrum of activities and needs to address them. The Battleford's is an extremely busy Detachment, where the majority of calls are driven by individuals who have drug and alcohol dependencies. Calls for service to the Battleford's Detachment are strongly influenced by two main factors:

1. Violent crime/Anti-social behaviour, such as person's crimes, property crime and drug associated crimes;
2. Mental Health and Addictions

Way forward

As we move forward there is a requirement to recognize that there are two streams of priorities; the Community's and the RCMP's. We need to recognize that these priorities go hand in hand and are in place to provide us safer and more respectful communities

Relationship Building

The RCMP has strived to maintain a rich and evolving relationship with all citizens of Canada over the course of its history. In the beginning, the "North West Mounted Police" was created to serve and protect Western Canada. Now, over 130 years later, this relationship continues to flourish throughout the country.

A strong network is important; our relationships are vital. We are committed to our established and continued development of these relationships. We recognize our role to encourage, sustain and foster honest and open dialogue among our partners. Our mandate is to continue to build bridges as a means of laying a strong foundation.

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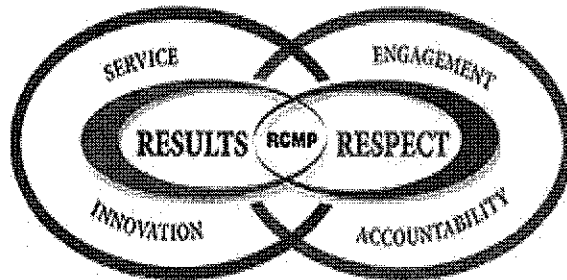
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The Battleford's RCMP supports strategies that bring regional partners together. Crime is best addressed regionally, and not individually in each community. WHY? The factors that lead to crime are the same in each community and impact each community in a similar way. So, we need to come together

regionally to address those root cause factors (addictions, mental health, housing and food security, generational trauma, racism)

Community Engagement and Community Policing

The support of the communities we serve is vital to our success. Safe communities start with strong partnerships which are achieved through mutual respect, trust, open communications and transparency.

Objectives:

- Connect with local officials and community leaders
- Host community town hall meetings and detachment open houses
- Ensure open and honest dialogue with all stakeholders and partners
- Deliver sustainable, innovative and collaborative programming
- Focus on cultural awareness, sensitivity, understanding and appreciation for diversity
- Advocate for individuals who are in vulnerable circumstances. A significant portion of the population that come in contact with the police do not intend to. Their life circumstances – addictions, mental health, housing and food security, poverty – create environments that lead them to criminal activity. Our intent is to help identify and provide appropriate resources to reduce the vulnerability and break the cycle of crime.

Partnerships and Initiatives

Youth

- ESRT (Emergency Services Responder Training)
- RCMP High School Liaison

- Battleford's Youth Network
- Positive Ticketing
- Bridges for Children
- VTRA Violent Threat Risk Assessment Model
- Planet Youth

Indigenous Peoples

- Multi-Government Steering Coalition
- Kanawayimik Interagency Meetings
- First Nations Community Safety/Justice Groups
- RCMP presence in First Nations Schools

Municipal/Regional

- Community Consultative Groups
- Coordinating of RCMP attendance/presence at community events
- Rural Crime Watch
- Collective Impact; Truth and Reconciliation
- Town Halls
- HUB & HUB Executive
- RCMP Detachment Community Liaison
- Victim Services
- BAHAAH (Battleford's Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee)
- Safer Communities Task force

Research-based Crime Prevention Initiatives

- COPP (Citizens on Patrol Program)
- CFMH (Crime Free Multi Housing)
- CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)