

Alberta's Rural Crime Strategy

Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defence (RAPID) Force- Phase 1 Engagement

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General



Agenda

Purpose of Engagement

Panel Introduction

Background

Implementation Planning

Input being sought

Q&A

Next Steps

Today's session

- Provide an informational update on the implementation of RAPID Force-Phase 1
- Introduce the scope of engagement
 - Learning the impacts this initiative will have on you as an agency or community
 - Learning best practices for building public awareness of RAPID Force
- Introduce the engagement survey



What does this engagement consist of?



Discussion Panel

- Chief Dan Boyco – Executive Director, Fish and Wildlife Enforcement
- James Stiles, Director, Executive Advisor to the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Justice and Solicitor General (JSG) (RAPID Force Project Manager)
- Jessica Thomson, Director, Engagement & Strategy, JSG (RAPID Force Project Planner)
- Darina Falsnes, Indigenous Policy, JSG

Invited Stakeholders

- Law enforcement and emergency management partners
- GoA ministries
- Municipality representatives (AUMA, RMA)
- Indigenous communities
- Conservation partners

Background

RAPID Force - Background

- Minister engaged with Albertans during a rural crime tour
 - Albertans highlighted the need for law enforcement to address rural crime in a more timely and effective way
- RAPID Force, which was announced on November 6, 2019, is a government priority to address rural crime
 - RAPID Force will enhance rural crime law enforcement efforts by engaging 400 current Alberta peace officers.

Jurisdictional Comparison

- The Protection and Response Team (PRT) in Saskatchewan laid the foundation for this concept
 - Launched in 2018
 - Includes:
 - Conservation Officers
 - Highway Patrol Officers
- RAPID Force is a ‘made in Alberta’ approach

Protection and Response Team (PRT)

258 officers to address crime reduction



120 Police Officers
from RCMP & municipal police services



40 Highways CVEOs
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers
with expanded powers



98 Conservation Officers
from the Ministry of Environment

Saskatchewan 

Alberta 

Implementation Planning Team

- Steering committee and working groups established in December 2019
 - Five working groups
 - Training, Authorities, Equipment; Project Planning and Policy; Stakeholder Engagement and Communications; Human Resources; IT/Dispatch
- Cross sectoral representation on committees/working groups
 - RCMP, multiple GoA Ministries (Service Alberta, Communications and Public Engagement, Public Service Commission), several Public Security Branches

Implementation Planning

What, when and why?

Phase 1: Fish and wildlife officers to augment provincial police response to emergency situations in the rural area

Target Implementation Date: Fall 2020 (mid-December)

Phase 2: Sheriff Highway Patrol (Traffic Operations & Commercial Vehicle Enforcement) to augment the RCMP by responding to complaints and occurrences related to traffic safety/enforcement (e.g. impaired driving) so RCMP officers can focus on rural crime

Target Implementation Date: Spring 2021

Where?

- All rural areas currently serviced by Alberta's Provincial Police Service (RCMP)
- This includes First Nations and Métis Settlements

Alberta, Canada

Scale/Echelle
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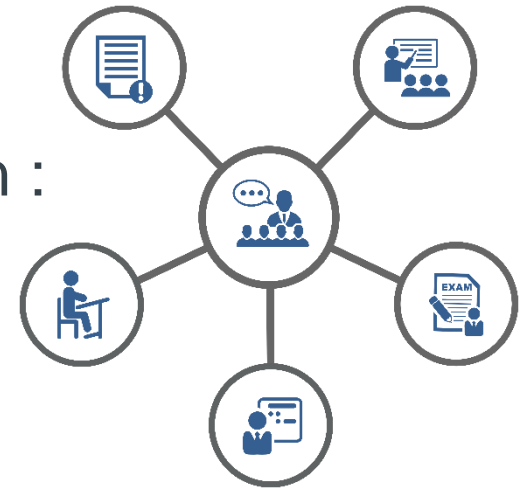
- Fish and Wildlife Officers will respond to Priority 1 and 2 calls, either as first responders or as backup
 - Priority 1 calls for Police Service: emergencies that require immediate attention by the police. The nature of the incident poses an immediate threat to life that may result in death or grievous bodily harm. Priority 1 calls include in-progress assaults and armed robberies.
 - Priority 2 calls for Police Service: urgent situations that require immediate attention by the police. The nature of the incident may or may not pose a serious threat to life. Priority 2 calls include in-progress break and enters, in progress frauds, and 911 hang-ups.
- Fish and wildlife officers will not complete investigations, will hand over files to RCMP as soon as practicable

Training- prior to RAPID Force (WCLEA)

- Receive a robust training program through the Western Conservation Law Enforcement Academy (WCLEA)
- Strong foundation of knowledge and skills, including:
 - Investigations
 - Indigenous Cultural Awareness
 - Unconscious Bias
 - Conservation
 - Mental Health
 - Intimate Partner Violence

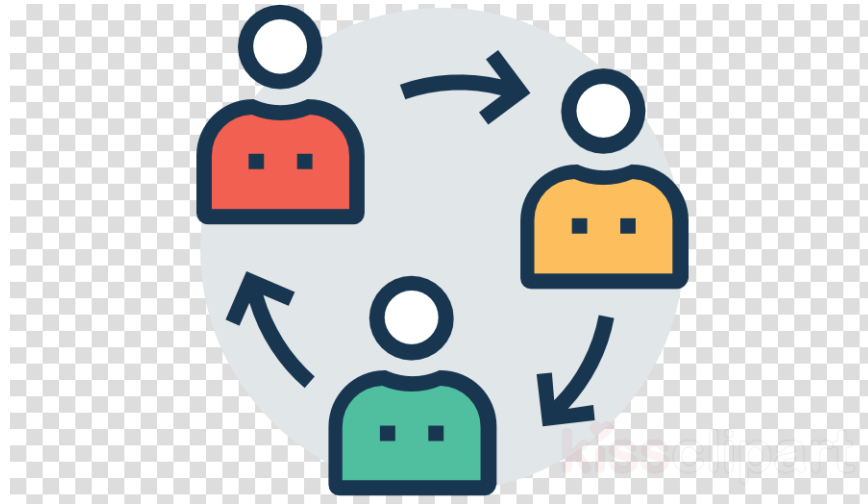
Training- for RAPID Force

- The training plan, which is currently being actioned, will ensure alignment with RCMP skills and knowledge
- Training plan includes components on :
 - Rapid Deployment
 - Intimate Partner Violence
 - Authorities
 - Dispatch
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Perimeter containment
 - Emergency Vehicle Operator Course



Collaborative Working Relationship

- Working with RCMP and AACCP throughout implementation planning
 - Dispatch system
 - Training
 - Policy



Guidance required

Engagement Survey Goals

- Raise awareness on RAPID Force implementation
- Gauge how information sessions / written materials are received by external stakeholders
- Identify information gaps experienced by stakeholders
- Provide a medium to gather general feedback on and impacts as a result of implementation
- Identify strategies to address concerns raised
- Gather an inventory of communication strategies that have worked well for stakeholders

Questions?

Submit written questions
to Jessica Thomson
through WebEx



Next Steps
