



2026-05-06

Sgt Robert Wright
Detachment Commander
Cardston Alberta

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Councils

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of January 1st to March 31st, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Cardston Detachment, and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

In addition to the information contained in the attached report, I would also like to highlight a significant national development that will impact frontline policing operations in the coming months. The RCMP has recently awarded a contract for a new modernized general duty service pistol, marking an important step in enhancing public and officer safety, as well as operational effectiveness.

The selected model is the Glock 45 MOS 7 Duty Pistol. This modernized pistol will be issued as part of a comprehensive package, including a red dot sight (Aimpoint Acro P-2), a weapon-mounted light (Streamlight TLR-7X), three magazines, interchangeable grip components, a lanyard loop attachment, a Safariland duty holster, and a secure carrying case.

The rollout will occur in phases with priority given to frontline officers. Distribution across RCMP divisions will be based on operational needs, and full deployment is anticipated by summer 2028.

A transition of this scale requires comprehensive training to ensure safe and effective use. A training program has been developed and will begin rolling out to instructors this summer. A mandatory four-day training program for frontline officers is expected to follow in late summer and fall, concluding with annual firearms qualification. Training schedules are being developed to ensure there is no impact to frontline service delivery levels.

This modernization effort reflects the RCMP's ongoing commitment to ensuring officers have the appropriate tools and training to serve their communities safely and effectively. Investments in equipment such as this are essential to maintaining high standards of policing and adapting to evolving operational demands.

We remain committed to transparency and to keeping our municipal partners informed of significant developments that impact policing services in your community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Sincerely,

Sgt Robert Wright

Detachment Commander

Cardston RCMP



Cardston Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to March: 2022 - 2026

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

April 7, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 2022 - 2026	% Change 2025 - 2026	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	3	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.3
Robbery		1	1	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Sexual Assaults		1	7	5	1	3	200%	200%	-0.2
Other Sexual Offences		0	3	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Assault		27	33	24	32	18	-33%	-44%	-1.9
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		3	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Extortion		0	1	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Criminal Harassment		1	3	4	4	6	500%	50%	1.1
Uttering Threats		15	15	12	12	5	-67%	-58%	-2.3
TOTAL PERSONS		48	66	46	51	33	-31%	-35%	-4.5
Break & Enter		11	11	1	0	6	-45%	N/A	-2.1
Theft of Motor Vehicle		6	3	0	4	2	-67%	-50%	-0.7
Theft Over \$5,000		1	0	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Theft Under \$5,000		33	25	13	18	17	-48%	-6%	-3.9
Possn Stn Goods		3	4	3	2	4	33%	100%	0.0
Fraud		8	14	4	7	6	-25%	-14%	-1.1
Arson		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		9	11	8	10	11	22%	10%	0.3
Mischief - Other		20	32	30	46	31	55%	-33%	3.6
TOTAL PROPERTY		91	100	61	87	77	-15%	-11%	-4.1
Offensive Weapons		10	3	6	2	0	-100%	-100%	-2.1
Disturbing the peace		29	26	15	11	15	-48%	36%	-4.3
Fail to Comply & Breaches		40	50	46	51	53	33%	4%	2.7
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		13	12	12	9	3	-77%	-67%	-2.3
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		92	91	79	73	71	-23%	-3%	-6.0
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		231	257	186	211	181	-22%	-14%	-14.6



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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		13	10	2	0	4	-69%	N/A	-2.8
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		8	2	3	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.7
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		21	12	6	1	4	-81%	300%	-4.5
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		2	1	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
TOTAL FEDERAL		23	13	8	1	4	-83%	300%	-5.0
Liquor Act		15	13	17	20	12	-20%	-40%	0.1
Cannabis Act		4	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.9
Mental Health Act		17	17	12	22	13	-24%	-41%	-0.3
Other Provincial Stats		15	21	14	15	15	0%	0%	-0.6
Total Provincial Stats		51	52	43	57	40	-22%	-30%	-1.7
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Municipal By-laws		4	4	6	3	1	-75%	-67%	-0.7
Total Municipal		4	5	6	3	1	-75%	-67%	-0.8
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		0	1	5	2	4	N/A	100%	0.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		23	30	30	27	17	-26%	-37%	-1.5
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		1	1	2	2	1	0%	-50%	0.1
TOTAL MVC		24	32	37	31	22	-8%	-29%	-0.5
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		2	2	2	2	2	0%	0%	0.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	4	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	-0.2
Total Provincial Traffic		167	152	196	229	67	-60%	-71%	-12.3
Other Traffic		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Code Traffic		14	17	6	1	9	-36%	800%	-2.6
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		4	3	3	10	12	200%	20%	2.3
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		13	17	5	11	7	-46%	-36%	-1.8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		10	20	19	12	10	0%	-17%	-0.8
Persons Reported Missing		7	6	4	2	4	-43%	100%	-1.0
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		31	32	34	21	28	-10%	33%	-1.7
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	2	1	2	4	N/A	100%	0.8



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Cardston

Detachment Commander

Sgt Robert Wright

Report Date

May 6, 2025

Fiscal Year

2025-26

Quarter

Q4 (January - March)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Traffic Safety - Impaired driving & Enforcement of the TSA +**Updates and Comments:**

Cardston RCMP have met or exceeded the current targets for Road Safety as per the annual performance plan. A concentrated focus on impaired driving and holiday check stops assisted in surpassing the ASD demands for the year and enforcement of the traffic safety act will finish slightly higher than the target. Overall road safety will be a topic to discuss with all communities over the next two months to seek input as to where they would like the RCMP to focus their time given the competing interests operating in the area including bylaw and the Albert Sheriffs.

Yearly Totals:

IRS / Impaired Operation Charges: 31

Tickets : 379

Roadside ASD Demands: 322

Priority #2: Crime Reduction - Drug Interdiction activities & Rural Patrols**Updates and Comments:**

Foot patrols continue to be well received in the down town core of Cardston with the target being well surpassed. The vast majority of patrols have happened in the summer however on average they are still happening once per day in partnership with the Town of Cardston's CPO. Visibility and engagement with our transient population has lead to increased criminal intelligence and clearance rates on recent crimes in the area. It has also helped maintain the integrity of the CPO program as the solo officer often works with the RCMP to enforce provincial sanctions and prevent and deter crime in the area.





Rural patrols continue to be used as a deterrent to rural crime and a way to connect with some of the smaller communities in the area. They have also proven to reduce response times along with increasing the overall visibility of Police within the County. The target for the rural patrol initiative was greatly surpassed which reflects the commitment the frontline officers have to being present in rural areas.

Yearly Totals:

Rural Patrols: 527

Foot Patrols: 240

Priority #3: Community Engagement / Police visibility - Town Halls, School Visits, Community Presentations

Updates and Comments:

Police visibility both in the Downtown core and in the schools continues to be an effective way to better understand the communities we serve. Being accessible to both students and shop owners has lead to better relations with our schools and business owners as well as understanding the challenges both face. The target goals for both initiatives has succeeded or superseded the expectations. RCMP will be engaging business owners again in the spring / summer as part of a crime reduction campaign and will be hopefully participating in local school's track and field days again this year.

Yearly Totals:

Town Halls: 2

School Visits: 65

Community Safety Presentations: 2

Business Engagement: 232





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
March 25, 2026	Town Hall
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
Members attended the Village of Glenwood for a Townhall where they had a slide show and a Q and A session following the slide show.	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
March 25, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Member attended a meeting with the Town of Cardston elected officials and discussed annual planning.	

Consultation #3

Date	Meeting Type
March 23, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Member attended a Cardston County meeting with Share Holders and discussed annual planning, regular reporting and information sharing.	



Consultation #4

Date	Meeting Type
March 18, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Member attended the Village of Hill Spring for a regular meeting with stakeholders.	

Consultation #5

Date	Meeting Type
March 12, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Annual Planning	
Notes/Comments:	
Member attended the Village of Glenwood for a regular meeting with stakeholders.	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Temporary Absences	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	9	8	0	1
Detachment Support	3	3	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on March 31, 2026 and is subject to change.
2. Temporary Absences 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 nine established positions, eight officers are currently working. There is one hard vacancy that will be filled by July bringing the detachment back up to full strength.

Detachment Support: There are three established positions, and all resources are currently working with none temporarily absent. There is no hard vacancy at this time.

