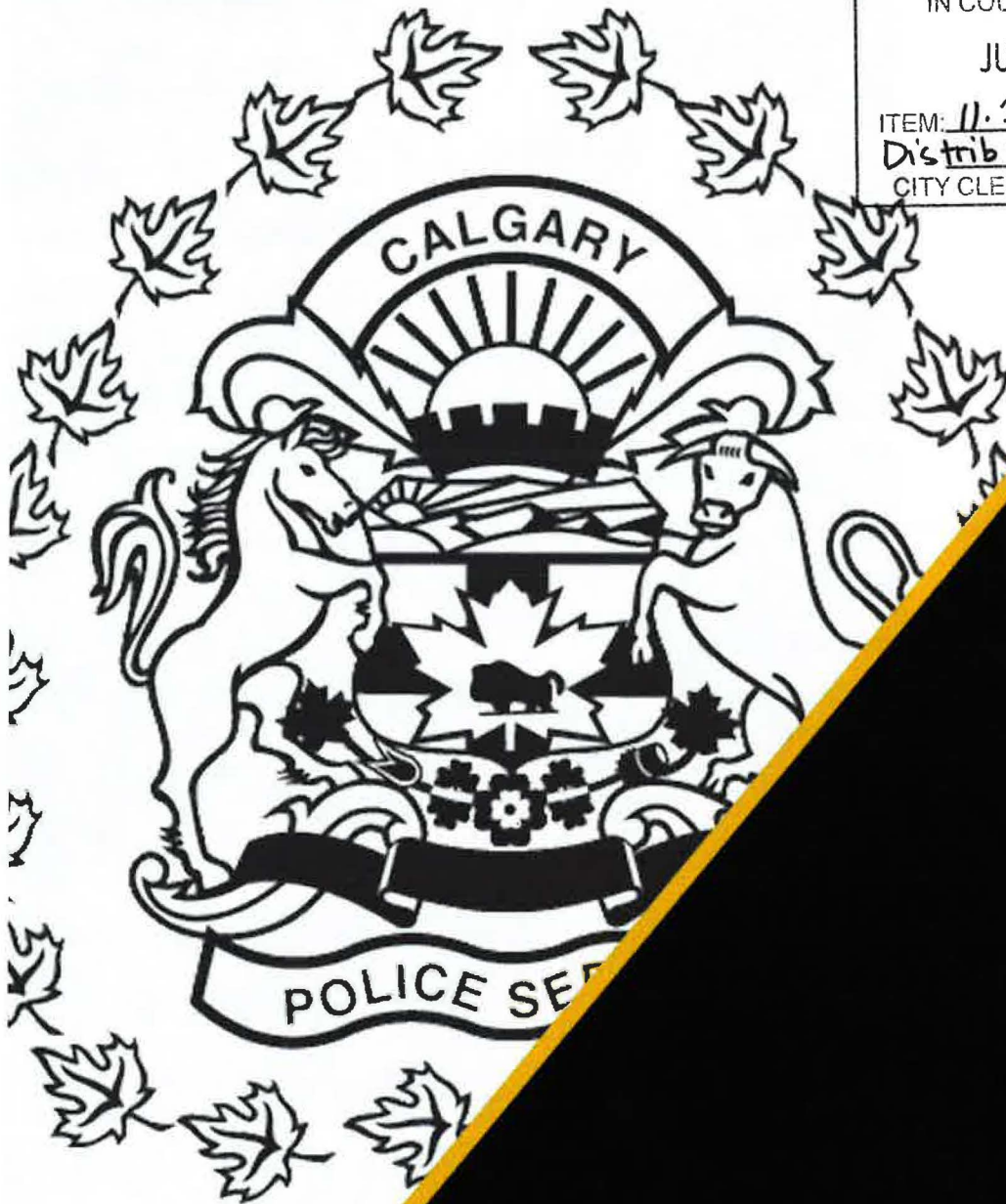


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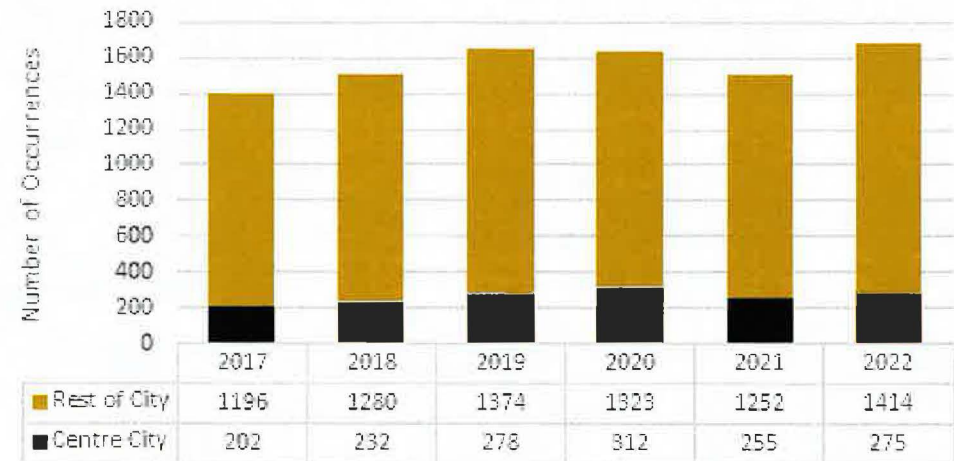
Violent Crime & Social Disorder Update to Council

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

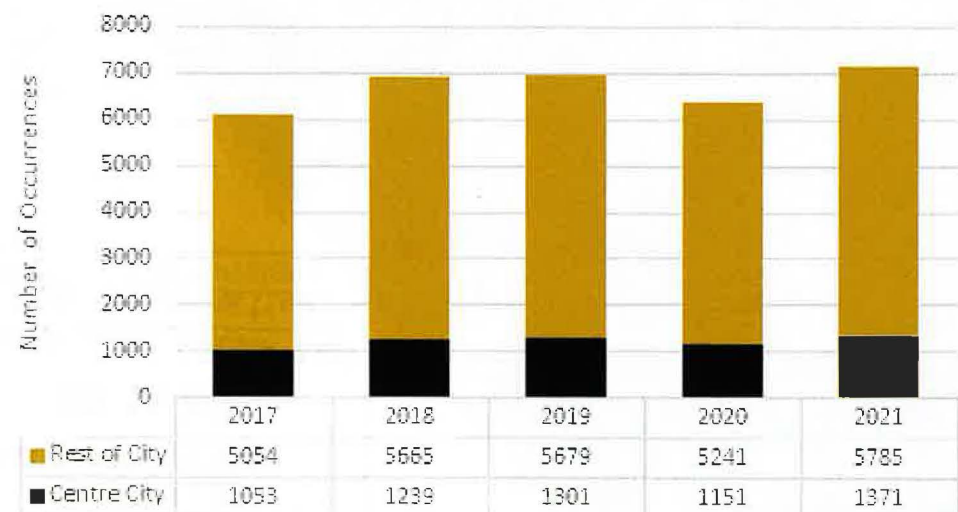
Current State – Violent Crime

- In 2021, violent crime reached a five-year high citywide, however, only slightly higher than pre-pandemic 2019
- Q1 2022 violent crime increased 10% over 5 year-average citywide. Downtown saw a 7.5% increase
- Common assaults and assault with a weapon are driving the increase in violence trending upwards

Centre City & Citywide Violent Crime - 1st Quarter

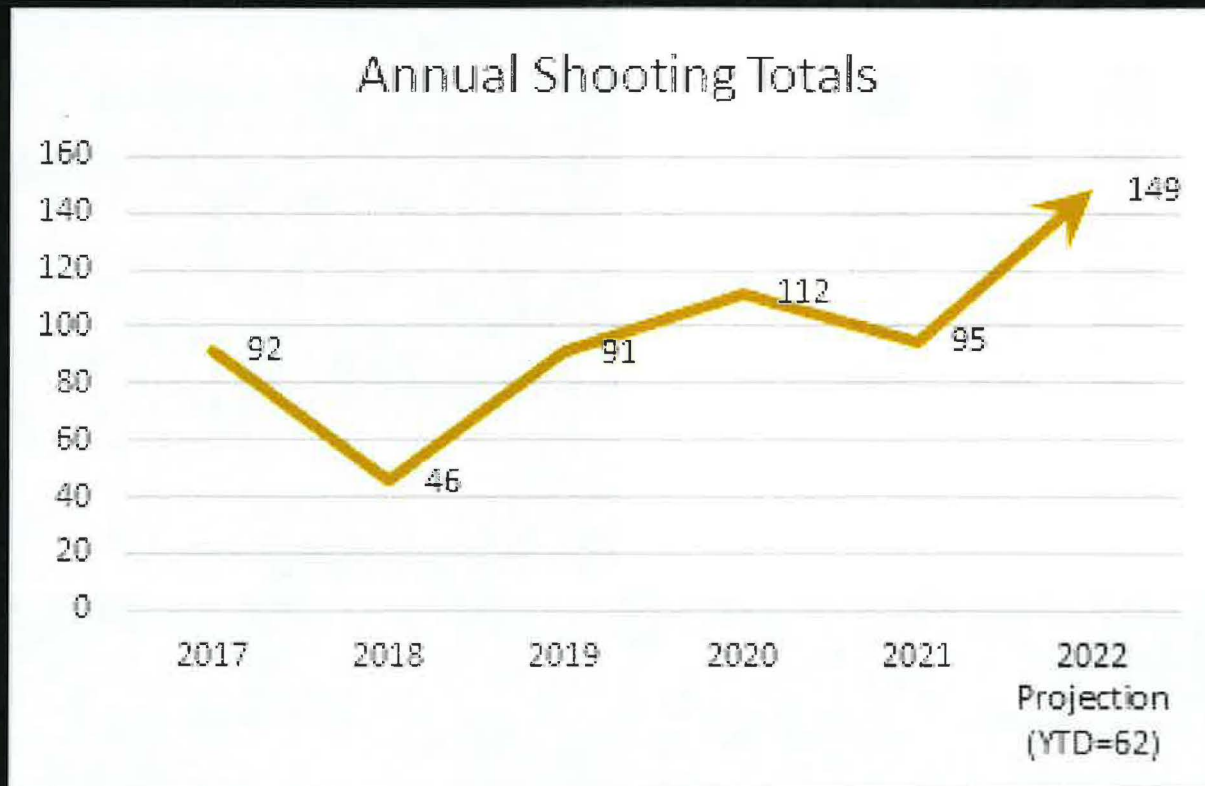


Centre City & Citywide Violent Crime



Current State – Shootings

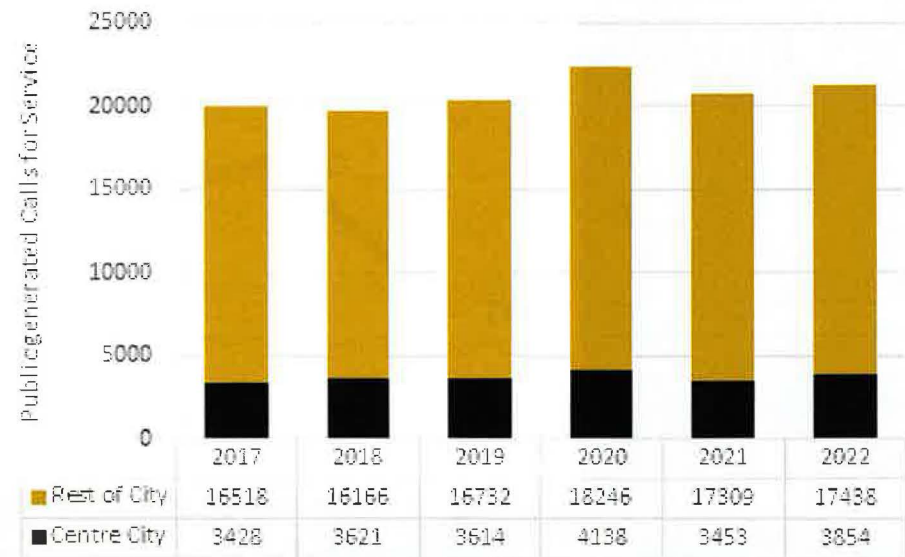
- As of the end of May, 62 shootings citywide in 2022
- Five-year average to end of May is 35 shootings
- 2022: out of 12 homicides, 7 are shooting related



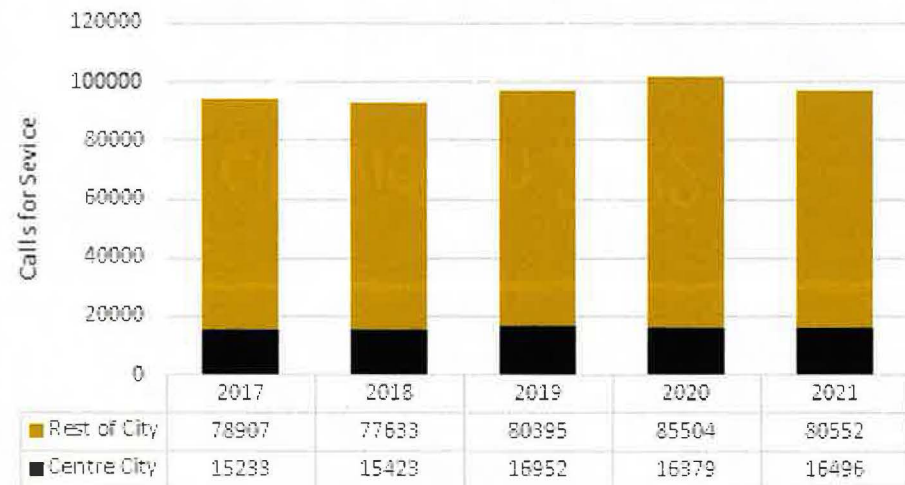
Current State – Social Disorder

- Citywide more disorder in Q1 2022 vs pre-pandemic
- Only a moderate increase compared to five-year average
- Downtown saw a slightly bigger increase in social disorder
- Unwanted guests, disturbances and mental health concern calls for service were the most noteworthy disorder type increases

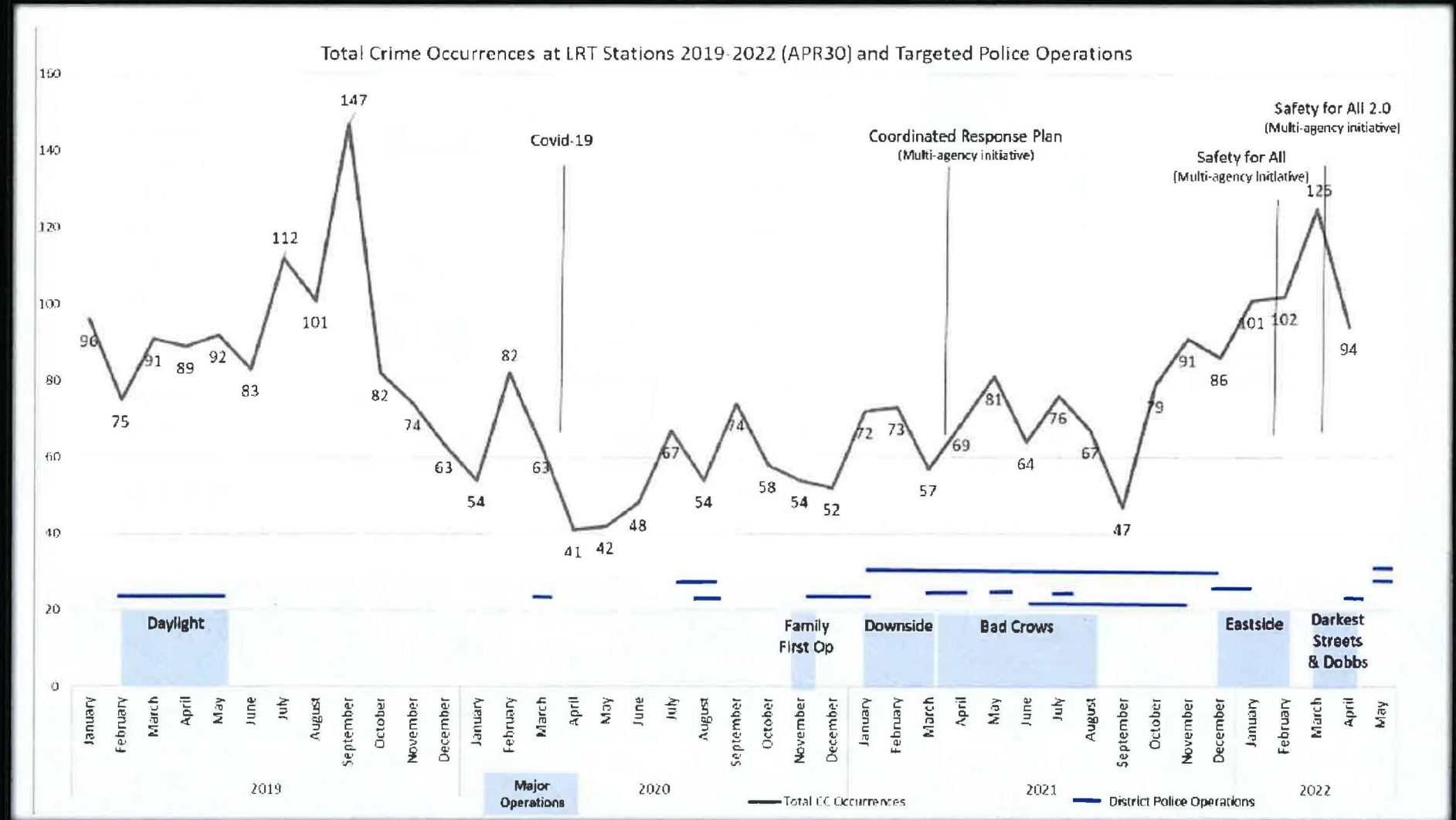
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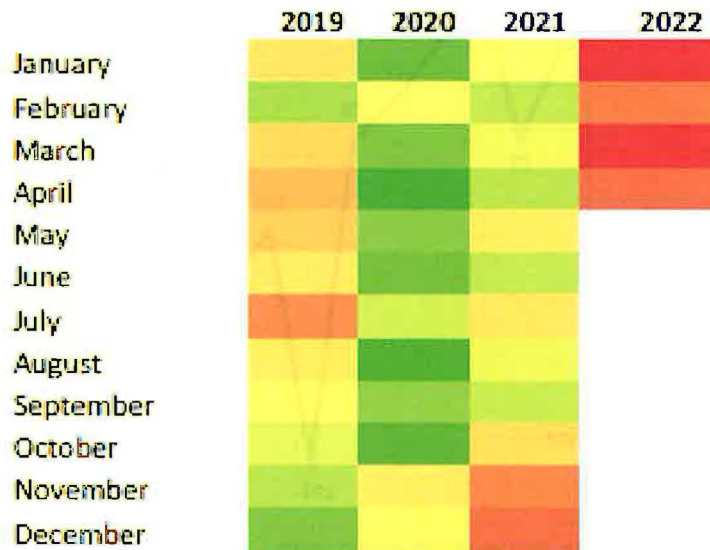


Current State – Violence & Social Disorder on Transit

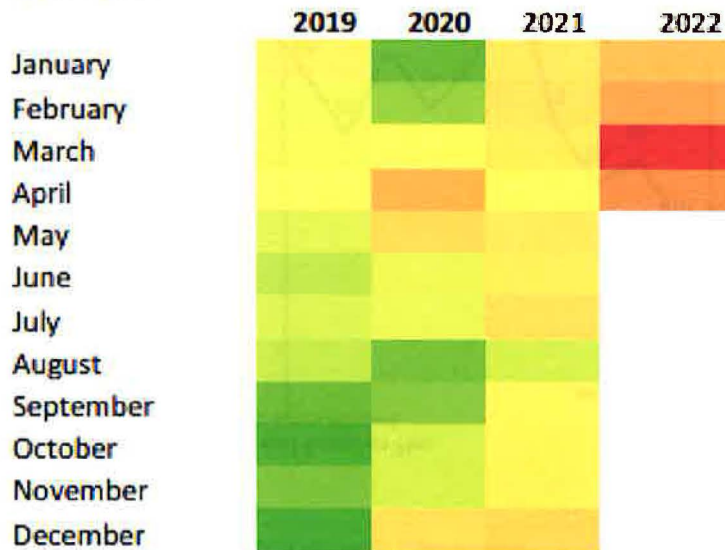


Current State – Transit Property Calls for Service

**Public Generated Calls for Service
2019-2022**



**Officer Generated Calls for Service
2019-2022**



Current State – Offender Behaviour & Intelligence



Calgary, AB, 06 November 2020

Community rallies around vulnerable after lead drug trafficker charged

The Family: New details emerge about alleged leader of 500-person organized crime network in Calgary



Calgary, AB, 10 February 2022

Operation East Side restores access to services for vulnerable Calgarians

Calgary, AB, 14 April 2022

Charges laid in drug trafficking operation targeting Calgary Transit sites

We have charged 22 individuals with 115 criminal charges following an operation that targeted drug traffickers who were operating at CTrain stations throughout Calgary.

Earlier this year, police identified an increase in calls for service at Calgary Transit CTrain stations that related to drug use, overdoses and drug-related violence. To address this concerning trend, the Drug Undercover Street Team, began an operation in March 2022 aimed at disrupting drug trafficking believed to be occurring at these locations.

Between Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and Friday, April 1, 2022, officers across the city worked together to collect evidence and identify offenders. Throughout the investigation, 22 individuals were arrested, and a total of 115 criminal charges were laid including trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of property obtained by crime, breach of a court order, and possession of a prohibited weapon. Eight of the offenders were also wanted on a total of 77 unrelated warrants for previous offences and court breaches.



Calgary police charge 22 people in operation tied to drug trafficking at CTrain stations

Calgary police say they have charged 22 people with 115 criminal charges after conducting an undercover operation targeting drug traffickers...

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115 charges laid following drug trafficking operation in Calgary

Calgary police have charged 22 people with 115 criminal charges in relation to a drug trafficking operation at CTrain stations across the...

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Prolific Offender

- 30-year-old male
- 73 convictions for criminal code offences, most occurring 2019-2021
- 36 convictions dating back to 2014 for failing to abide by court orders and release conditions
- Unemployed, unhoused, addicted to methamphetamine
- Frequents downtown area and transit lines

Prolific Offender

- 42-year-old female
- 34 convictions for violent offences, property crime, drugs, fraud and other criminal code offences.
Primarily occurring in 2021
- 32 convictions for failing to appear or comply with release conditions or probation, as well as obstructing a peace officer
- Unemployed, unhoused, addicted to methamphetamine, several mental health disorders
- Frequents downtown and transit lines

Prolific Offender – Talal Amer

Calgary
Gangster's prison sentence expired 5 days before he's accused of killing Calgary mother



Talal Amer, 29, wanted on Canada-wide warrants for manslaughter, attempted murder, gun charges

Meghan Grant • CBC News • Posted: May 17, 2022 7:47 PM MT | Last Updated: May 18



Calgary
Plea deals made for 3 Calgary gangsters involved in gun violence



Tarek El-Rafie and brothers Barakat and Talal Amer originally faced a total of 25 attempted murder charges

Calgary
Calgary gang suspect Talal Amer denied bail while witnesses in protection program



Talal Amer was allowed to travel to Lebanon while on bail this summer

- **Talal Amer, 29**
- Wanted for: manslaughter, attempted murder and weapons offences in May 10 death of **Angela McKenzie**
- Media reported Amer was just five days free from serving a three-year sentence for firearms and drug crimes
- He was initially charged in 2019 with six counts of attempted murder in connection with numerous violent acts dating back to 2015
- Subject to a lifetime weapons prohibition at the time of his release
- Known ties to organized crime, likely being assisted in remaining on the lam

Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships

Programs/Initiatives	Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Safety Investment Framework (52 programs funded total, 27 from the CPS budget)• Safety 4 All• Stephen Avenue Safety Hub (anticipated expansion to East Village Safety Hub)• Call Diversion Project• Mobile Response Team/ Mental Health Consultation• Joint Encampment Team• Calgary Drug Treatment Court/ CPS Diversion Team• Safe Communities, Opportunities and Resource Centre (SORCe)• Downtown Outreach Addictions Partnership (DOAP)• Coffee With a Uniform• Staying Safe Implementation Team (SSIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calgary Community Standards• Calgary Transit• Calgary Neighbourhoods• CMLC• BOMA• Calgary 911• Distress Centre/211• Alberta Health Services• Downtown Ambassadors• Alpha House• Calgary Drop-In Centre• Calgary Homeless Foundation• Action Dignity• Other social service agencies• Academia• BIAs/Local Businesses

CPS Strategic Initiatives & Teams

CPS Driven Initiatives with Partners

- Police And Crisis Team (PACT) expansion
- East Village Coordinated Response Team
- Virtual Opioid Dependency Program at Arrest Processing Section
- Distribution of nasal naloxone kits to vulnerable
- Pharmacy robbery prevention - Alberta College of Pharmacists and Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police
- Advocacy around controlled access to liquor sales sites
- Behaviour-focused approach to working with vulnerable individuals dealing with complex needs

CPS Teams Addressing Violent Crime & Social Disorder Downtown and Along Transit

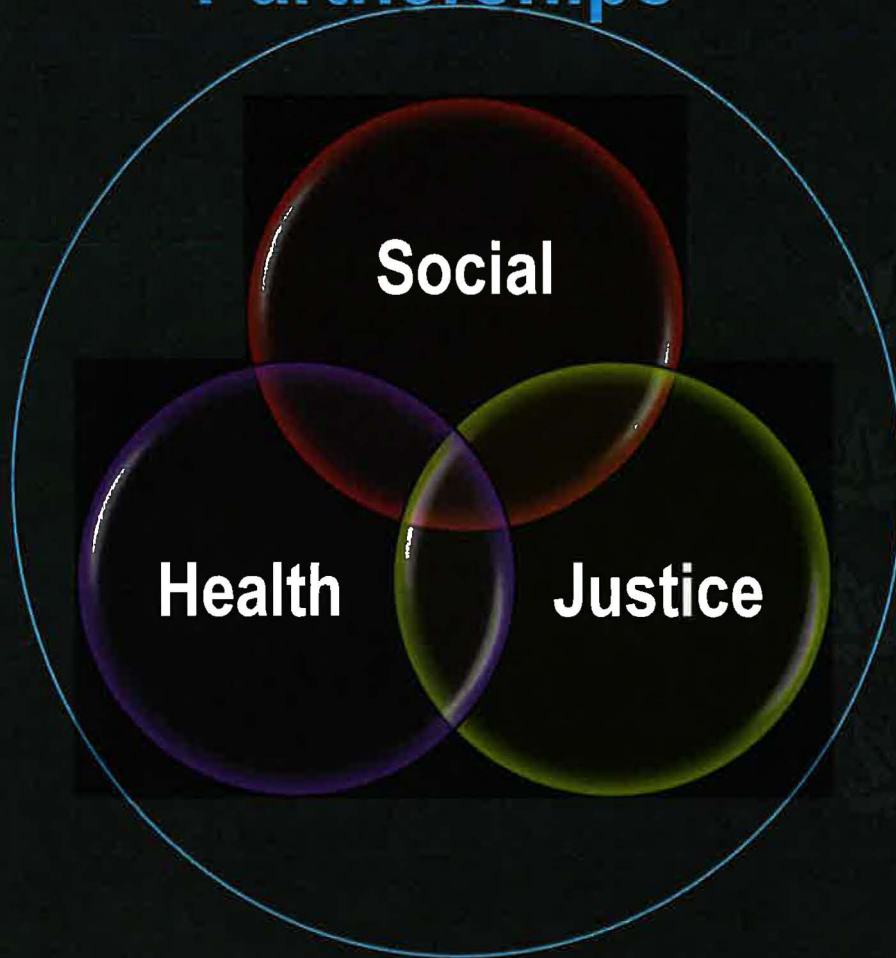
- District 1 (Downtown)
 - Violent Crime Investigations Team
 - Beats & Bikes – expansion of access to bikes
 - Community Resource Officers/Business Liaison Officers
 - District Operations Team
 - General Investigations Unit (D1)
- Prolific Offender Engagement Team (POET)
- Serious Habitual Offender Team (SHOP)
- Police And Crisis Team (PACT)

When it all comes together

- 32-year-old male
- First convicted of B&E, theft and breaching conditions at age 12
- Difficult family dynamics, trauma, addictions, mental health concerns
- 82 convictions for property offences and court order breaches
- Self disclosed key factors in success
 - Positive family/friend for support and housing
 - Addictions treatment programs & counseling
 - Accountability
 - Income support and gainful employment

Integrated Systems Management

Partnerships



- Prolific Offender Engagement Team
- Serious Habitual Offender Program
- Probation
- Forensic Assessment Outpatient Services (FAOS)
- Corrections Transition Team (CTT)
- Alberta Works
- Addiction treatment facilities
- Counseling services
- Housing support
- Employment
- Community/family support

Opportunities to further success

- All orders of government coming to the table with health, social, justice and policing for a shared prioritization model
- Improved data sharing
- 24/7 accessible, integrated treatment model for violent/repeat offenders
- Consultation with key stakeholders on impact of policy development
- Commitment to evidence-based decision making to inform policy and operational decisions
- Increased capacity in courts and justice system



Thank you



Funding opportunities

- **Public Safety Canada** has launched the Building Safer Communities Fund which provides up to **\$7.7 million over four years** to combat gun and gang violence.
- The **provincial commitment of \$4 million** for downtown revitalization initiatives and partnerships that promote safety and enhance the activation of downtown spaces:
 - Expanded ambassador programs to welcome and connect people working and visiting downtown,
 - Enhanced security measures of public transit and public buildings,
 - Activation of downtown public gathering spaces through events, and
 - Environmental design enhancements including lighting and art installations.