

# **COLD LAKE RCMP DETACHMENT & COLD LAKE VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY**

## **2018 YEAR END REPORT**

### **COLD LAKE RCMP**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Cold Lake currently has a detachment strength of 36 personnel. The Detachment is comprised of 1 Staff Sergeant, 1 Sergeant, 4 Corporals, 21 Constables, and 9 Detachment Clerks (6 Municipal Employees and 3 Public Service Employees). The detachment area is geographically large and diverse with policing responsibilities for the City of Cold Lake, the eastern portion of the MD of Bonnyville, the Cold Lake First Nations and the Elizabeth Métis Settlement.

The RCMP at Cold Lake provides 24-hour policing services every day of the year. Having RCMP Members available at all times promotes better service delivery and more timely response to calls for service. Cold Lake Detachment has 3 separate watches of Constables who work under the direction of a Corporal supervisor. These 3 Watch supervisors, the General Investigation Section (GIS) Corporal and the Police Dog Service report to the Sergeant Operations NCO, who reports to the Staff Sergeant Detachment Commander. The Staff Sergeant reports to the Chief Superintendent in charge of Eastern Alberta District (EAD) located in St. Paul.

Based on PROS data, Cold Lake generated a total of 8823 files in 2018; a decrease of 70 files or .8% when compared to 8893 files generated in 2017. The Cold Lake Municipal generated 5,587 files a 3.8% decrease when compared to 5,697 files generated in 2017. The Cold Lake Provincial generated 3,336 files, a 4.4% increase when compared to 3,196 files generated in 2017.

In 2018, the General Investigations Section (GIS) investigated organized crime, specifically the trafficking of illegal drugs. Numerous charges were laid and some are pending further investigation. The unit also assisted with the targeting of prolific offenders by conducting surveillance on known perpetrators heavily involved in drug use and stolen property. The GIS team contributes by building partnerships with the Edmonton Major Crimes Unit, EAD Crime Reduction Unit, Social Development agencies, Corrections, Probation, the MD of Bonnyville and City Peace Officers, all with a view to better serve our community. The team is focused on gathering this intelligence from numerous sources within the community which include but are not limited to: general interactions with the public, anonymous tips from the public, active confidential informant recruitment and inter-agency sharing of information.

The Police Dog Unit started with the Cold Lake Detachment on May 17, 2018. The Unit has been instrumental in apprehending numerous suspects. By the end of 2018 the handler and his dog, Harp, were directly involved in a total of 189 files: 97 within Cold Lake and 92 outside the Cold Lake area. They captured 62 persons: 33 within Cold Lake and 29 outside the City Limits.

For the 2018 calendar year, 1,206 prisoners were held in Cold Lake Detachment cells, compared to 1,280 prisoners in 2017, this is a decrease of 74 prisoners and a decrease in prisoner count volume of 6%.

The Cold Lake RCMP Detachment is broken down into the following contracts (a "contract" indicates different funding sources or funding structures):

## **Provincial Policing**

### MD of Bonnyville (Eastern portion), Cold Lake First Nations, and Elizabeth Métis Settlement:

10 RCMP Members, comprised of 1 Staff Sergeant, 2 Corporals and 7 Constables. One of the 7 Constables is committed to the General Investigation Section (GIS) as a developmental secondment and 1 Constable is committed to the Elizabeth Metis Settlement under an Enhanced Agreement, as noted below.

## **Municipal Policing**

### City of Cold Lake:

17 RCMP Members, comprised of 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals, and 14 Constables. This includes: The General Investigation Section, made up of 1 Corporal and 1 Constable; and the Police Service Dog Master and his K9 partner.

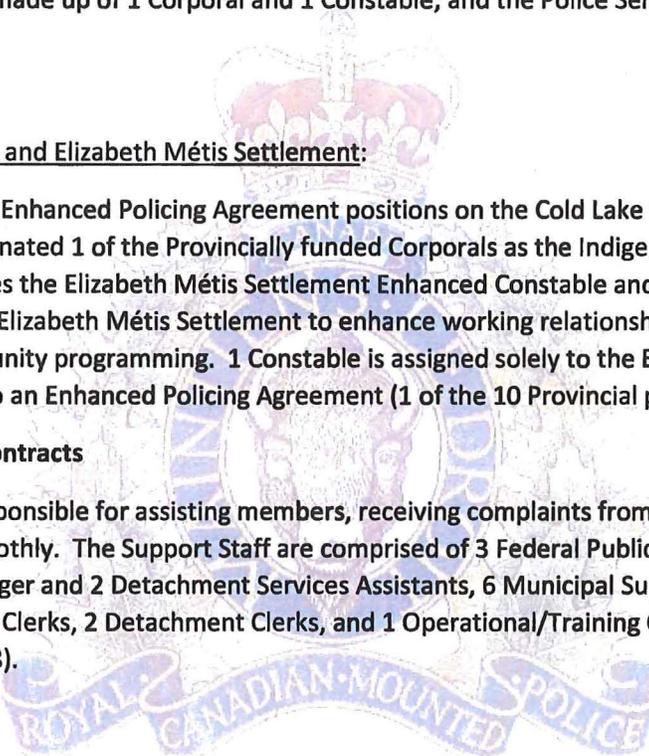
## **First Nations Policing**

### Cold Lake First Nations and Elizabeth Métis Settlement:

There are currently no Enhanced Policing Agreement positions on the Cold Lake First Nations. However, we have recently designated 1 of the Provincially funded Corporals as the Indigenous Policing Liaison. This member supervises the Elizabeth Métis Settlement Enhanced Constable and works closely with Cold Lake First Nations and Elizabeth Métis Settlement to enhance working relationships, form partnerships, and implement community programming. 1 Constable is assigned solely to the Elizabeth Métis Settlement pursuant to an Enhanced Policing Agreement (1 of the 10 Provincial positions).

## **Support Staff for all Contracts**

9 Support Staff are responsible for assisting members, receiving complaints from the public and keeping the office running smoothly. The Support Staff are comprised of 3 Federal Public Service Employees that includes 1 Office Manager and 2 Detachment Services Assistants, 6 Municipal Support Staff Employees which include 3 Watch Clerks, 2 Detachment Clerks, and 1 Operational/Training Clerk (newly implemented late 2018).



## **STAFFING**

There were 5 transfers from the Cold Lake Detachment in 2018. The 5 Members transferred away this year were Staff Sergeant Jeremie Landry, and Constables Jody Mattinson, Anastasia Fedorova, James Miller, and Caroline Jones. "K" Division RCMP Staffing and Personnel have been doing a good job filling the positions as required. There have been 6 transfers to the Detachment in 2018; Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Scott Buchanan, Corporal Marie-Eve Mackenzie-Plant in charge of the General Investigation Unit and Constable Jason Jaques with the Police Dog Service. We also received three newly appointed Constables; Jessi Sharma, Ryan Baillie and Thomas Harris. There were 6 maternity and paternity leaves during 2018 along with some cases of extended medical leave.

We had 2 Municipal Detachment Clerks join our team in 2018; Doryn Cross and Lorine Hinse (who filled the new Detachment Clerk position provided from funding by the MD of Bonnyville). A Public Service

Detachment Services Assistant went on maternity leave in December; this position has been back-filled and the new hire will start on the completion of their security clearance (expected to be this Spring).

### **2018 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Cold Lake Detachment and Victim Services has participated in many highlights, which illustrate the continued partnerships we enjoy in the communities we serve. The list is not comprehensive, but is indicative of the type of activities that go on outside the enforcement function.

- January, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in Festival of Words.
- February, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a Bully Awareness presentation at Cold Lake & District FCSS.
- February, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a Drug Awareness presentation at the Le Goff School on CLFN
- March, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered two Distracted driving presentation at the Cold Lake High School.
- April, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a presentation to the Community Helpers group at the Cold Lake High School.
- April 2018 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cold Lake Charity Hockey Game Raised over \$22,000.00 with Cold Lake Fire-Rescue for Cold Lake Victim Services
- May, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in Mc Happy Days at McDonald's.
- May, 2018 – Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU organized and delivered a Bike Rodeo held at Le Goff School on Cold Lake First Nations.
- May 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in a Community fair at Elizabeth Metis Settlement.
- May, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered an Elder Abuse presentation at the Cold Lake Senior's as for Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2018.
- June, 2018 – Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU organized and delivered a Bike Rodeo held at Elizabeth School on Elizabeth Metis Settlement.
- June, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in Camp Day at Tim Horton's.
- June, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered an Elder Abuse presentation for the seniors at Elizabeth Metis Settlement.

- June, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in the Aboriginal Day Parade and aboriginal Day celebrations at Cold Lake First Nations.
- June, 2018 – Cold Lake RCMP participated in a Bike Rodeo held at Cold Lake & District FCSS.
- July, 2018 – Cold Lake RCMP participated in the Canada Day Parade and Canada Day celebrations.
- July, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in Treat Days at Cold Lake First Nations.
- August, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in the Cold Lake Community Registration Day.
- August, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in “Walk a Mile in her Shoes” event that was put on by the Margret Savage Crisis Centre.
- September, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP participated in a pink walk put on by Cold Lake Bully Free.
- October, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP delivered Halloween Safety presentations at the Cold Lake First Nations Le Goff School.
- October, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a Distracted driving presentation at the Cold Lake High School.
- November 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a Family Violence presentation at Elizabeth Metis Settlement.
- November 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in a Community fair at Elizabeth Metis Settlement.
- November, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in a community Check Stop on the Cold Lake First Nations with Dene Wellness.
- November, 2018 – Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU participated in National Child’s Day by having a Child Find ID booth at the Cold Lake Energy Centre.
- November to December, 2018 - 8th Year of Operation Red Nose in Cold Lake. 278 rides were given with a total of 4500 kms traveled. 68 volunteers over 11 nights of operation. \$5487.89 in donations that will go to help out children victims of crime or tragedy.
- November, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP conducted a Candy Cane check stop with Cold Lake VSU in the City of Cold Lake.
- December, 2018 – Pack the PC fund-raiser was held for Cold Lake Food Bank and Cold Lake Victim Services with Cold Lake RCMP, Military Police, Cold Lake Peace Officers and Fish and Wildlife.

- December, 2018 - Cold Lake RCMP and Cold Lake VSU delivered a Drug Awareness presentation at the Le Goff School on CLFN.

The members of the Cold Lake Detachment have been, and continue to be, visible in the Community working with our various partner agencies. Our involvement included, but is not limited to school visits/presentations, joint patrols/presentations with City and MD Peace Officers, Community Group presentations, Operation Red Nose, Charity Hockey Game with Cold Lake Fire Rescue, Cold Lake Search and Rescue Society and Community Response to Elder Abuse Team (CREAT).

### POLICING PRIORITIES

Each year the Cold Lake RCMP prepares an Annual Performance Plan. These plans are prepared through consultation with elected officials and community groups representing the entire area policed by the Cold Lake Detachment. This plan is a yearly document; however, it is managed on the RCMP fiscal year which is from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Below are some of the year to date (YTD) third quarter results for this annual planning document (ie. *this reflects ¾ of the 2018/19 year*).

| <u>Priorities</u>   | <u>Year's Goal</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| 1) Safer roads, Safer Communities   |                    |            |
| • Enhance Road Safety: Checkstops .....   | 78                 | 46         |
| 2) Reduce Impact of Habitual Offenders on the Community   |                    |            |
| • Crime Reduction/Warrant Roundups .....  | 12                 | 59         |
| 3) Contribute to Safer Youth: build and maintain positive relations within the RCMP and with our partners |                    |            |
| • Community & Youth Events/Contacts .....   | 278                | 263        |
| • Meetings with Community and Working Partners .....  | 18                 | 27         |
| 4) Contribute to Employee Wellness  |                    |            |
| • Employee Fitness Sessions .....   | 24                 | 21         |
| 5) Contribute to Safer and Healthier Aboriginal Communities   |                    |            |
| • Increase community involvement.....   | 78                 | 54         |

**2018 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Statistics**

*City of Cold Lake*

| CRIME TYPE                     | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Traffic Offences Criminal Code | 121  | 117  | 130  |
| Traffic Offences               | 1095 | 1219 | 1184 |
| Provincial Statutes            | 1117 | 1053 | 304  |
| Other Criminal Code            | 591  | 634  | 593  |
| Drug Enforcement               | 76   | 93   | 96   |
| Crimes Against Persons         | 478  | 438  | 441  |
| Crimes Against Property        | 1184 | 1410 | 1301 |

*Rural (MD of Bonnyville)*

| CRIME TYPE                     | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Traffic Offences Criminal Code | 49   | 41   | 53   |
| Traffic Offences               | 724  | 837  | 801  |
| Provincial Statutes            | 173  | 145  | 42   |
| Other Criminal Code            | 54   | 83   | 73   |
| Drug Enforcement               | 14   | 11   | 13   |
| Crimes Against Persons         | 62   | 58   | 55   |
| Crimes Against Property        | 265  | 330  | 335  |

*Cold Lake First Nations (149, 149A, 149B)*

| CRIME TYPE                     | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Traffic Offences Criminal Code | 22   | 7    | 15   |
| Traffic Offences               | 48   | 37   | 109  |
| Provincial Statutes            | 163  | 154  | 65   |
| Other Criminal Code            | 90   | 62   | 128  |
| Drug Enforcement               | 10   | 6    | 20   |
| Crimes Against Persons         | 128  | 93   | 173  |
| Crimes Against Property        | 270  | 196  | 247  |

*Elizabeth Métis Settlement*

| CRIME TYPE                     | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Traffic Offences Criminal Code | 2    | 2    | 4    |
| Traffic Offences               | 26   | 48   | 14   |
| Provincial Statutes            | 39   | 23   | 20   |
| Other Criminal Code            | 16   | 25   | 40   |
| Drug Enforcement               | 0    | 2    | 3    |
| Crimes Against Persons         | 31   | 54   | 34   |
| Crimes Against Property        | 51   | 77   | 57   |

## COLD LAKE VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY

Cold Lake Victim Services is proud that we have been serving the community of Cold Lake and area for 27 years. Assisting those impacted by crime or tragedy in our community. Cold Lake VSU once again had a record breaking amount of referrals with 1078 files in 2018. Cold Lake VSU seeks to ensure that our clients work towards a state of well-being after experiencing a crime or tragedy.

Cold Lake Victim Services is a not for profit organization, which operates under the guidance of the RCMP. Our Program consists of an RCMP and a Military Liaison Officer, a volunteer Board of Directors, a group of volunteer advocates and three staff members. Cold Lake Victim Services helps people through difficult times. Under the guidance and direction of the Cold Lake RCMP, we provide support, information, and referral services to crime/tragedy victims and their families. Our services are available on a 24-hour basis, they are free and confidential.

We also provide resource material and information on crime information as well as Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Victims Programs, such as the Financial Benefits, the Victim Impact Statement and the Request for Restitution. Another important aspect of the victim service program is assisting victims going through the Judicial System. Many victims of crime have never been inside a court house. This can be a confusing and traumatic experience which can go on for many months or even years. Trained victim service advocates offer court preparation, court support and keep victims up to date on court proceedings.

A very important piece of victim service work in the Cold Lake region is Victims of Crime Indigenous outreach programming. Cold Lake Victim Services has collaborations between the Cold Lake First Nations and Elizabeth Métis Settlement that are long standing, and are built on strong partnerships. We pride ourselves on our outreach programming in these two communities. We are considered a trusted and accepted “community resource”, by leaders in these Indigenous communities. Building on this trust, we, at Cold Lake Victim Services are dedicated to moving this program forward through our tried and tested team approach.

In 2018, our accomplishments include the National Victims of Crime Awareness week in May – June, the third annual RCMP vs Fire-Rescue Charity Hockey Game. Also, our ongoing involvement with community initiatives that include: Cold Lake Bully Free, Child Find ID kits at the Parent Link centre at FCSS Cold Lake and District, Bike Rodeos for the City of Cold Lake, Cold Lake First Nations and the Elizabeth Métis Settlement, various community presentations and Pack the Patrol Car in December. 2018 also marked our final season hosting Operation Red Nose, Cold Lake Victim Services would like to thank all of our partners, volunteers, sponsors and clients for their support over the past eight seasons. We know that our program, run by the community, for the community, has made a significant and lasting impact in helping to reduce impaired drivers and creates greater awareness about obtaining a safe ride home during the Christmas season.

Cold Lake is a not-for-profit organization and our services are free and confidential. For more information, to become a volunteer, to make a contribution or for a presentation about our organization people can inquire at 780-594-3302 ext.3. People can also visit our website at: <http://www.coldlakevictimservices.com>.

The following are some of the notable statistics for Cold Lake Victim Services for the 2018 calendar year:

*Victim Services Incident Type*

| INCIDENT TYPE            | 2018        | 2017        | 2016       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Domestic/Family Violence | 494         | 407         | 392        |
| Assaults                 | 119         | 117         | 121        |
| Sexual Assaults          | 50          | 55          | 48         |
| Mischief/Property Damage | 48          | 43          | 66         |
| Theft and Fraud          | 121         | 156         | 107        |
| Threats and Harassment   | 52          | 70          | 37         |
| Sudden Death             | 27          | 26          | 29         |
| Suicide /Threat of       | 29          | 32          | 38         |
| Motor Vehicle Related    | 12          | 19          | 23         |
| Fire/Arson               | 13          | 11          | 7          |
| Break and Enter          | 57          | 56          | 34         |
| Robbery                  | 21          | 13          | 15         |
| Homicide Related         | 7           | 9           | 2          |
| Impaired Driving         | 3           | 2           | 2          |
| On-line Related          | 5           | 5           | 5          |
| Indecent Acts            | 0           | 1           | 2          |
| Drug Related             | 0           | 2           | 0          |
| Non-Criminal Assistance  | 20          | 52          | 28         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>1078</b> | <b>1076</b> | <b>956</b> |

*Victim Services Location Occurrence*

| LOCATION                   | 2018        | 2017        | 2016       |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| City of Cold Lake          | 647         | 686         | 617        |
| MD of Bonnyville           | 138         | 121         | 87         |
| Cold Lake First Nations    | 180         | 138         | 166        |
| Elizabeth Métis Settlement | 53          | 97          | 40         |
| Outside Referrals          | 60          | 34          | 46         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>1078</b> | <b>1076</b> | <b>956</b> |

The Cold Lake RCMP, in partnership with Cold Lake Victim Services, is pleased to present this annual report to the communities we serve to help facilitate a greater awareness of the services and programs that are available to all citizens of the Cold Lake region. It has been an absolute pleasure working with and serving the City of Cold Lake, MD of Bonnyville, the Cold Lake First Nations and the Elizabeth Métis Settlement over the past year. Cold Lake RCMP in partnership with Cold Lake Victim Services are looking forward to continuing to provide excellence in policing and services to victims of crime and tragedy in 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the Cold Lake RCMP at 780-594-3302 extension "0" or Cold Lake Victim Services extension "3."



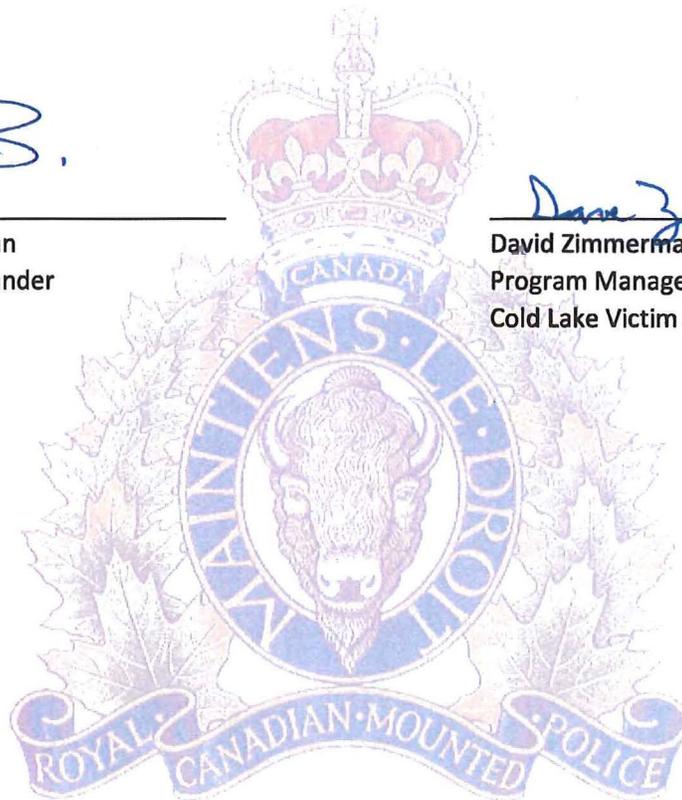
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**Dissemination List:**

*City of Cold Lake*  
*MD of Bonnyville*  
*Cold Lake First Nations*  
*Elizabeth Métis Settlement*  
*Eastern Alberta District*