

BRANDON POLICE BOARD MEMBERS



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A Message from BOARD CHAIR

It is now 10 years since the Police Services
Act was approved. That legislation
mandated the establishment of Police
Boards for governance and oversight
of police services and their budgets. In
that time, the Brandon Police Board has
undergone many changes, both in terms of
personnel and composition.

Just in the past year, Brandon City Council has expanded the number of members of the Police Board and made the City Manager an ex-officio member of the Board. These changes assign the governance role of the Board more to citizens and less to city council representatives. I believe that this is good for both the City and the Police Service.

This past year has seen the conclusion of the terms of former Chair Mark Frison and member Lorraine Pompana. New members appointed to the Board include Deb Arpin, Marc Casavant, Marycia Kruk, Tim McFadden and Liz Roberts. Congratulations to Marc Casavant and Deb Arpin who were recently appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair

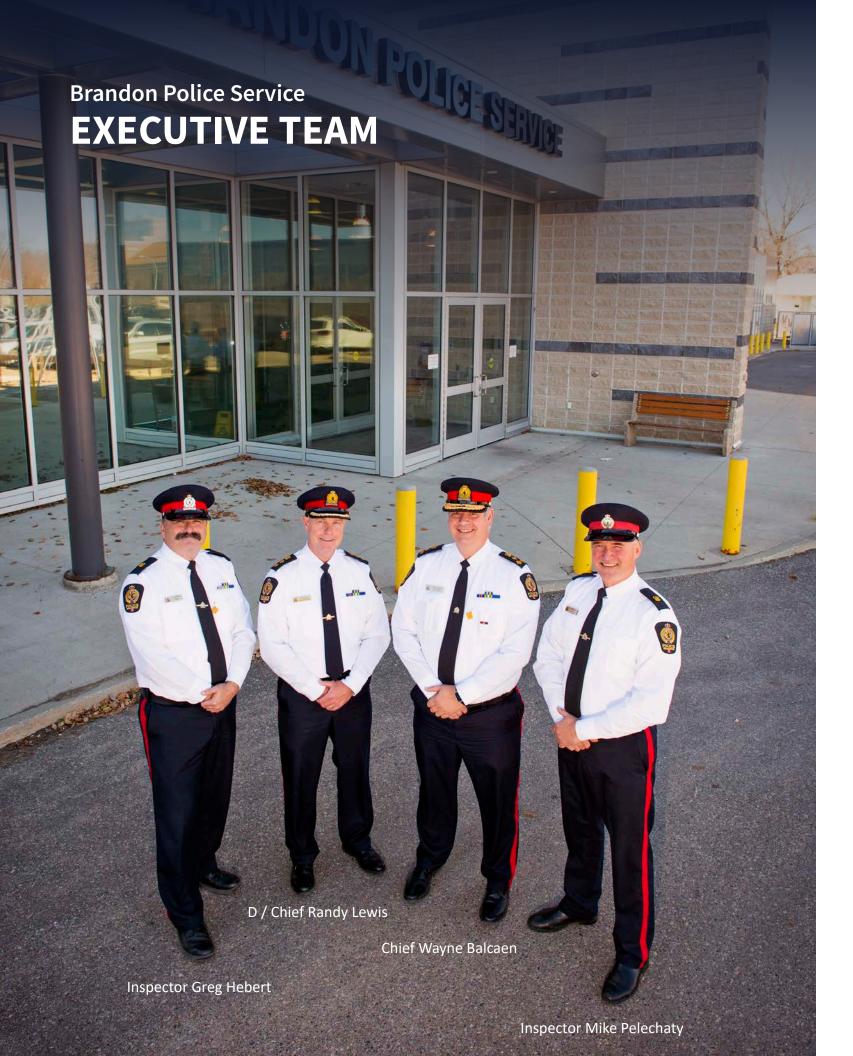
respectively. Their terms begin in March of 2020.

The Provincial Government has hired consultants to review the Police Services Act and the Brandon Police Board will be consulted in this process.

My time with the Brandon Police Board has come to an end with an anticipated change in residency. It has been an honour to work with the Board for the past several years and to develop a better understanding of the valuable work that the Brandon Police Service undertakes for the citizens of Brandon.

Citizens can rest assured that Police Chief Wayne Balcaen, his leadership team, sworn officers and staff work tirelessly to ensure that Brandon is a safe and secure place to live, raise a family and retire.

Mark Sefton Chair Brandon Police Board



Message from Chief

I am extremely proud to present the Brandon Police Service Annual Report for 2019. I would like to dedicate this annual report to all of the employees of the Brandon Police Service (BPS) as it is they who do the heavy lifting 24 / 7 / 365 and complete their duties with "Respect, Professionalism and Integrity", placing the "Community First" in their "Commitment to Community Safety".

In 2019, the BPS was able to hire exceptional individuals to fill vacancies and meet future challenges. The Police Service hired three experienced officers (formerly RCMP and Rivers Police Service) who started October 7th and three new recruits who began the Phase A (educational component) of their police training with the Assiniboine Community College (ACC) Police Studies Class on August 28th. These new recruits will transition from ACC to BPS on May 4th of 2020.

BPS also hired six civilians who filled vacancies as Clerical Front Desk Attendants, Clerical Support Assistants, and By-Law Enforcement Officers.

The Police Service has a complement

of 89 Sworn Police Officers and 39 Civilian Employees, supplemented with tremendous volunteers.

BPS continues to source innovative solutions and collaborative partnerships that align with our strategic priorities and match our mission, vision, and values. Some of these initiatives are highlighted in our annual report and would not have come to fruition without the support of government and funding offered through Criminal Property Forfeiture. We thank all of our partners who are dedicated to making Brandon and area a healthy, vibrant and safe community to visit, work and live in.

The Brandon Police Service is ready to meet the challenges of the future and takes pride in providing effective, efficient, diverse and relevant policing services as we enter 2020 and the next decade. We thank you and are appreciative of the continued support we receive from our community.

Wayne Balcaen Chief of Police



Technology Advancements

2019 saw technological developments in several areas for Brandon Police Service and the City of Brandon.

Pound Project

As Brandonites regularly tune in to our community via the internet and social media, we recognized there was an opportunity to capitalize on this by developing a City of Brandon Pound Webpage, and Facebook page. Both went online in the fall of 2019.

The City of Brandon Information Technology

Department developed the webpage in house,
with input from members of the Brandon Police
Service, and employees of the City of Brandon
Pound.

The ultimate goal of these pages is to reunite owners with their missing pets sooner and to adopt strays. In real-time, employees at the pound are able to take and upload photos of any pets that are brought in by Animal Control Officers. The photos are made accessible to the public on both the City of Brandon Pound Web page and Facebook page. Prior to the development of these pages, pet owners were required to phone into BPS, and there was no available image of the animals for viewing.

WEBSITE STATS SINCE LAUNCHED



Since the launch of the Facebook page, the likes have surpassed

1,713

E-Ticketing

Another development has been with the addition of an E-Ticketing platform for By-law violations in September 2019. E-Ticketing is not new to members of BPS, as they have been issuing electronic tickets via the RCMP PAT (Police Access Tool) system for a number of years.

The City of Brandon Information Technology Department developed the by-law e-ticketing system in-house. The platform includes the ability for Brandon Police Service by-law officers and the City's various 3rd party parking authority partners to electronically document a traffic by-law violation (including photo evidence, if applicable) and print a violation notice directly in the field using a mobile



application fully integrated with the ticket payment system used by the City of Brandon Finance Department.

This updated process means that immediately upon receipt of a ticket, citizens can visit a 24-7 web portal to pay the ticket via credit card, or immediately drop by Brandon City Hall during regular business hours for other payment methods.

The previous method involved handwritten tickets, which were manually added to the system. This could take up to two days, meaning citizens could not respond immediately, as they can now.

The new system reduces the risk of input errors. City of Brandon Staff who have been involved in the ticketing process have found the E-Ticketing process to be a beneficial time saver.



Drone Program

In 2019, the Brandon Police Service Drone program took a giant leap forward, with the purchase of a more advanced SkyRanger R60 platform. Through Criminal Property Forfeiture, the Brandon Police Service received the funds for the purchase of the drone and training for 6 members. The advanced technology of the SkyRanger R60 allows the Police Service to utilize it in more police application nearly 365 days a year. The R60 can be used in extreme temperatures, down to – 30 degrees, in the rain and in wind gusts of up to 90km/hr. The advanced camera systems allow for 30x optical, 30x digital and Infrared (night vision) viewing on the Panasonic Toughpad tablet. The SkyRanger R60 will be used throughout the many sections of the service including Traffic – for accident investigations, Crime – for crime scene processing, Patrol – for search and rescue operations, and the Tactical Response Team - for operations.

Social Media Engagement

The amount of individuals who are engaging with BPS Facebook page from 2018-2019 grew approximately 8 times.

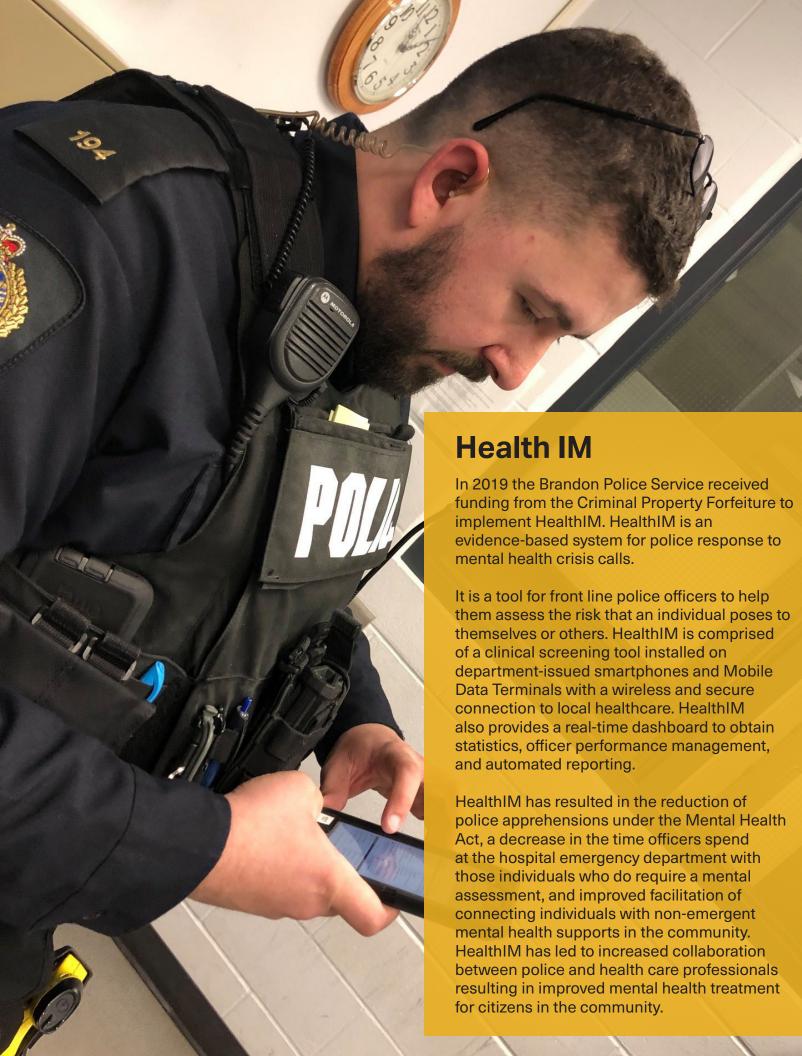
39,000 monthly average of people reached per month on Facebook.



529 Garage

In 2019, the Brandon Police Service implemented a new bike registry program called 529 Garage. It's an online based registry which allows bike owners a way to register their bikes and report their bicycle stolen if they have been the victim of a theft. This registry also allows police the ability to return recovered bikes that have been registered to their owners. In May of 2019, BPS held a registration event that yielded 600 bikes being registered in one day. That statistic is second only to the City of Vancouver for number of bikes registered in a single event. As a result of implementing this new program, the Brandon Police Service has seen a 31% decrease of reported stolen bicycles in 2019 compared to 2018. 268 bikes were reported stolen in 2018 whereas 186 bicycles were reported in 2019. To date, 896 bikes have been registered in the City of Brandon. Of those 896, 16 were reported stolen and 6 have been recovered by police and returned to their rightful owner. The 529 Garage Project has been extremely successful and we look forward to decreasing the stolen bike statistic even further in 2020. The project was funded through Federal Proceeds of Crime.



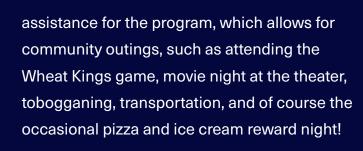


Cadet Corps Program

After a two-year break, the Brandon Police Service re-opened the doors to the fourth troop of Police Cadets in October 2019. Police Cadets are male and female youth ages 13-18 years old from the Westman area in good standing with their school division and community. Cadets enter the program to experience the law enforcement career in a hands-on, fun learning environment.

Troop 4 consists of an impressive total of 44 registered Cadets who come from all corners of Southwest Manitoba, some traveling over an hour to attend. The Brandon Armoury hosts the Brandon Police Service Cadets on Tuesday evenings from 1800-2000 hours, October through June. Brandon Police Service Member Cst. Alice Potter facilitates the program with the appreciated assistance of Assiniboine Community College Police Studies students and volunteers. Throughout the Cadet training year, various members of the Brandon Police Service attend to share their police experiences and expertise in their field of work.

During weekly parades, Cadets are exposed to discipline through drill lessons, leadership and comradeship through sports and training, and community pride through lessons and activities. The Cadet Corps was awarded funds from Criminal Property Forfeiture, which will purchase uniforms for each Cadet and sporting equipment for Corps, including individual boxing equipment and free lessons from Justice Boxing. The Brandon Police Service allotted financial



On a success note, two BPS Cadet Graduates have entered into law enforcement careers after completing the ACC Police Studies course!

These Cadets are now serving police officers in the province of Manitoba, with more to come!



Staff Allocation

PROMOTIONS	PROMOTED TO
Sergeant Guy Roberts	Staff Sergeant
Constable Kirby Sararas	Sergeant
Constable Rob Gale	Sergeant

NEW HIRES	POSITION
Ashley Trokhym	Clerical Front Desk Attendant
Morgan Gibb	Clerical Front Desk Attendant
Karen Roy	Clerical Front Desk Attendant
Christina Burch	Clerical Front Desk Attendant
Sherri Grieve	Clerical Support Assistant
Kerry Hertzog	Clerical Support Assistant
Shona Frizzley	Constable
Jade Klassen	Constable
Brett Seib	Constable
Riley Balcaen	Police Recruit
Austin Frame	Police Recruit
Brett Long	Police Recruit

RETIREMENTS POSITION Rick Semler Staff Sergeant 36.5 Years 30 Years Earl McNutt Sergeant 29.5 Years **Grant McKay** Constable Rosine Fouillard Bylaw Enforcement Officer 28 Years Kathleen Stowe Clerical Support Assistant 12 Years



S/Sgt. Mike Tosh 20 Year Exemplary Service Medal



S/Sgt. Bill Brown 20 Year Exemplary Service Medal



Sgt. Neil Bradshaw 20 Year Exemplary Service Medal



Cst. Jeff Law 20 Year Exemplary Service Medal

Awards





Cst. Chris Stupak Cst. Erl Preston 12 Year Distinguished Service 12 Year Distinguished Service Medal



Cst. Karen Raga 12 Year Distinguished Service Medal

Cst. Shawn Haggarty

Exemplary Service by the

Chief of Police

Naomi Barr

Favourable Notice Award



Cst. Travis Foster 12 Year Distinguished Service Medal



Cst. Chris James Exemplary Service by the Chief of Police



Citizen Recognition

Cst. Shawn Haggarty Minister of Justice Cliff Cullen Cst. Myran Hamm Cst. Michel Latreille

Excellence In Law Enforcement



Cst. Jeff Hoad 12 Year Distinguished Service Medal



Cst. Jeremy Foidart Exemplary Service by the Chief of Police



Natalie Percy Favourable Notice Award



Amber Woychyshyn

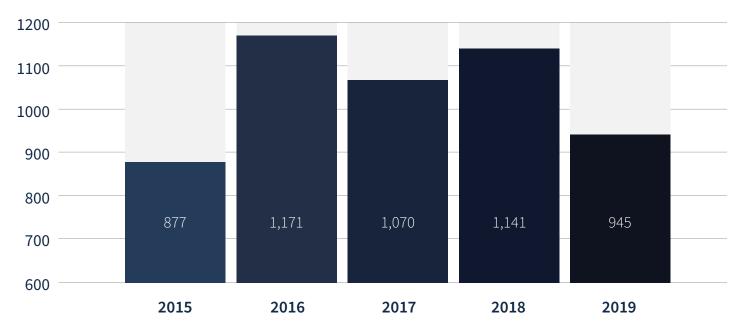
2019 Crime Statistics

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	945	CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	3,663
Homicide	3	Arson	15
Attempted Murder	5	Break & Enter	380
Sexual Assaults	140	Theft over \$5,000	6
Assaults	604	Theft of motor vehicle	127
Robbery	62	Theft under \$5,000	1,484
Other Violent Crimes	131	Possession stolen property	143
		Fraud	630
		Mischief	878
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	140	OTHER CRIMES	1,597
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Dangerous Operation Vehicle Impaired Driving		-	
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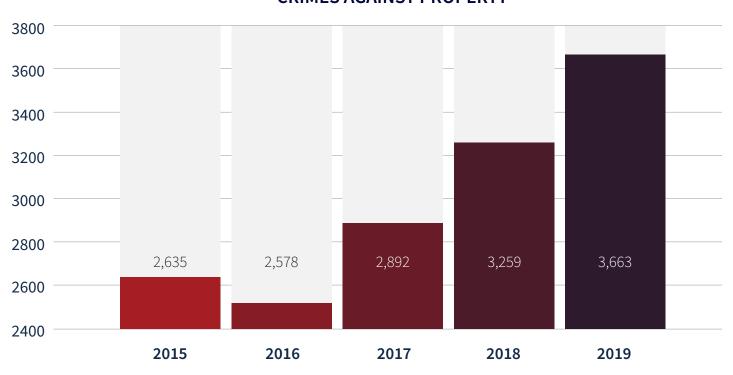
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS 6,480 FEDERAL STATUTE OFFENSES 59

* Please note that the Brandon Police Service statistical totals may be subject to change to more accurately reflect our Records Management System. Enquiries regarding these changes can be directed to the Brandon Police Service

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

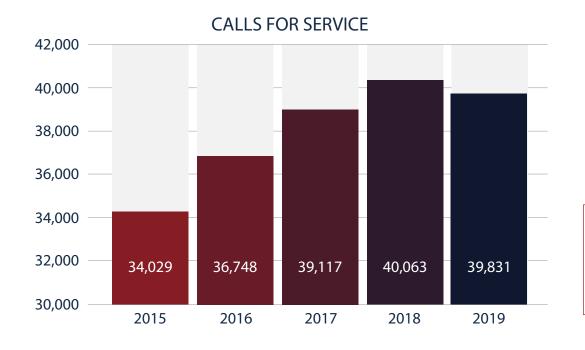


2019 Budget

REVENUES	Budgeted \$16,660,727		Actual \$16,758,726	
City of Brandon Operating Grant	\$	14,219,562	\$	14,219,562
Provincial Funding	\$	1,417,100	\$	1,432,715
Federal Funding	\$	-	\$	45,715
Tickets & Fines	\$	597,000	\$	530,503
User Fees	\$	426,065	\$	525,322
Other	\$	1,000	\$	4,907

EXPENSES	Budgeted \$16,660,727		Actual \$16,564,896	
Regular Salaries & Shift Differential	\$	13,829,789	\$	13,551,257
Overtime Salaries: Includes Funded & Special Duty	\$	731,210	\$	837,591
Fleet Maintenance, Fuel, Insurance & Leases	\$	537,730	\$	518,566
Reserve Appropriations: Equipment & Vehicles	\$	485,783	\$	485,783
Contract Services	\$	389,205	\$	395,990
Professional Development, Travel & Police Board	\$	208,205	\$	228,766
Materials & Supplies: Parts/Materials & Ammunition	\$	205,493	\$	213,582
Equipment Purchases	\$	32,090	\$	105,669
Benefits: Uniforms & Boot/Clothing Allowance	\$	109,192	\$	105,292
Utilities: Telephone & Cellular	\$	102,876	\$	90,841
Grants, Contributions & Public Relations	\$	28,740	\$	31,560

2019 Surplus	\$193,830
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Authorized Complement

39

SWORN

39 CIVILIAN

The average number of calls per Sworn Officer in 2019 was

448

FUNDING RECEIVED

	CPF	FPOC		
2015 / 2016	\$ 143,725	\$ -		
2016 / 2017	\$ 166,503	\$ -		
2017 / 2018	\$ 135,924	\$ 47,905		
2018 / 2019	\$ 109,017	\$ 65,200		
2019 / 2020	\$ 133,100	\$ 377,190		

Criminal Property Forfeiture (CPF) is a process through which property and proceeds from illegal activity are seized. The proceeds from the sale of forfeited property are then distributed to victims of crime as well as law enforcement for specialized equipment and community initiatives. In additional, a separate fund is maintained for proceeds from federal offences known as Federal Proceeds of Crime (FPOC). For more information, visit gov.mb.ca/justice/commsafe/cpf.

2019 CPF/FPOC PURCHASES

ARV	\$ 377,190
Sky Ranger Drone	\$ 86,367
Ballistic Helmets / Vests	\$ 70,681
529 Garage	\$ 41,434
Holsters w/ Lights	\$ 22,361
Health IM	\$ 18,576
Gas Masks	\$ 18,378

\$ 634,987



Cases of Interest

Project Beckon

In July, the Brandon Police Service
Crime Division, together with the
Winnipeg Police Counter Exploitation
Unit, conducted a joint forces covert
investigation entitled Project Beckon.
The project's goal was to target suspects
preying on exploited individuals involved
in the sex trade in the City of Brandon.

Over several previous months, the
Brandon Police Service Counter
Exploitation and Youth Intelligence
Officer identified a rise in the number of
sex trade workers involved in prostitution
and suspects in search of sexual services
in the city of Brandon. Based on their
extensive experience in this field,
the Winnipeg Police Service Counter
Exploitation Unit was consulted and
agreed to assist Brandon Police Service
to conduct enforcement in an effort to
address this concern.

As a result of the enforcement initiative, 20 adult males were arrested and charged with Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration and fifteen vehicles were seized as offence related property. The males ranged in age from 22 to 82-years-old. Fifteen individuals were arrested for trying to obtain sexual services in the downtown area and five were arrested for trying to obtain sexual services at a Brandon Hotel.

Human trafficking and sexual exploitation investigations involve many aspects.

Project Beckon targeted the "demand" aspect of this community issue and its results have sent a message that procuring/obtaining sexual services will not be tolerated in our city.

20 adult males arrested

15 vehicles seized

Police Services involved

Project Burden

As published in our 2018 Annual Report, the Brandon Police Service deployed the Emergency Response Team (ERT) 14 times in 2018. These deployments were due mainly to the increase in firearm related incidents. In 2018, BPS seized in excess of 200 firearms and had to deploy the ERT for the safety of both the officers involved in these situations as well as the public we serve. Firearms in the hands of criminals place both police and the public at risk.

Project "Burden" was established in the later part of 2018 as a response to this increasing public safety issue and a recent rash of local and rural break and enters that targeted the acquisition of firearms. Project "Burden", led by the Brandon Police Service, was a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving BPS, Bluehills RCMP, RCMP Specialty Units and members of the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST) who collaboratively targeted the theft and unlawful possession of firearms in Brandon and the Westman area.

Project "Burden" concluded in March after a targeted traffic stop and the execution of 2 search warrants; one in the City of Brandon and the second on a rural property in the RM of Oakland near Wawanesa. The search warrant executions involved the use of the BPS Tactical Response Team.

The investigation yielded the recovery of 13 firearms, several of which were reported stolen from rural break and enters in the Souris and Wawanesa areas, the recovery of a stolen motorcycle and subsequent arrest of a 31 year old Brandon man who was charged with numerous firearms and property related offences. Some of the stolen/recovered firearms had been altered rendering them prohibited weapons.

Project Burden successfully recovered and removed 13 firearms from the hands of dangerous criminals. The Brandon Police Service will continue to be involved in collaborative law enforcement agency initiatives, striving for safer communities.

Ukraine Police Mission Trip

Toronto Police Service Chaplain Hillar Alkok invited me to travel to Eastern Ukraine on a police mission trip. Yaroslav Malko, the only police chaplain in Ukraine, had a vision to officially establish police chaplaincy throughout Ukraine. My role was to come alongside Hillar to provide training to potential chaplains, to define roles, ethics, critical incidents, PTSD, dynamics of police culture, family, relationships, and healthy living. This was accomplished through a training conference in Kiev. The remaining eight days involved travel to Eastern Ukraine into the Red Zone to Patrol Police detachments and to the National Police Headquarters in Mariopul. The purpose was to meet with police chiefs and ranking police officers to share the benefits of police chaplaincy gleaned from my years of service as a sworn police officer and a police chaplain. During the adventure, my role evolved into establishing positive relationships between church/community and the police communities.

Mission highlights included the conference attracting over 70 participants, sharing with the public on Kiev Square, speaking at two churches one of which included a live feed across Ukraine, a tour of the ruins of the National Police Headquarters – the target of a 2014 Rebel attack resulting in police deaths, a meeting with General Semeyshyn of the National Police, presentations to various Patrol Police Chiefs and ranking officers throughout the Red Zone, establishing raport with Patrol Police Chief Vershinin of Mariupol and Acting Patrol Police Chief Maksym in the Luhansk Region, connecting with street police officers, visiting soldiers at a last defence outpost, establishing rapport with pastors and community leaders throughout the Red Zone and in Kharkov, and





sharing my faith and experiences to encourage police officers to resist systemic corruption.

The challenges in Ukraine facing law enforcement officers are many; however, since our mission trip, chaplaincy has become established throughout Eastern Ukraine. Trained chaplains with hearts to serve police officers are now in the field thanks to Yaroslav's vision and God's faithfulness; a faithfulness that opened doors, created connections, and kept us safe throughout our travels in the Red Zone.

Constable/Chaplain Bruce Ewanyshyn

Community Compliments

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"The members of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Western Manitoba want to thank the Constables for speaking to us in May about scams that abound. Please let them know that we found their presentation to be well done and it was very much appreciated. Good work. On behalf of the ICCWM thank you."

"...One of my clients contacted Brandon Police Service as she was feeling "unsafe". A Constable was dispatched to see my client and determines that she needed to go to the emergency room.

Throughout the entire interaction with my client, the Contable demonstrated empathy, conveyed respect and provided support.

... I have great respect for how the Constable handled the situation with my client. They are a great asset to the Brandon Police Service and the City of Brandon is lucky to have them here."

"I'm unsure of who the responding officers were, but at about midnight I called in with concern regarding a large bonfire, loud voices, and explosions causing embers and a large fire ball to light up the area. I realized after I made the call that it was a late, probably very busy Friday night/sat morning for the department. Thank you for responding as soon as you were able. The scenario quieted right down after you left. Muchly appreciated. I was able to sleep better knowing they weren't going to blow up the neighborhood."

"I contacted the station by phone and then came to the station to report that my son was suffering from a psychotic episode whereby he had damaged my car door and had also slammed the door on my leg. The officer I talked to at the station and the one on the phone, who was with my son, were more than polite, concerned, and helpful with this distraught mother. They helped me find the best plan to get him assistance with his mental illness.

My son also commented on how nice the police are to him when they pick him up. This was not the first time they had to do so.

Thank you from the bottom of this mother's heart for your compassion, understanding and respect that he is a person with an illness and not a criminal."

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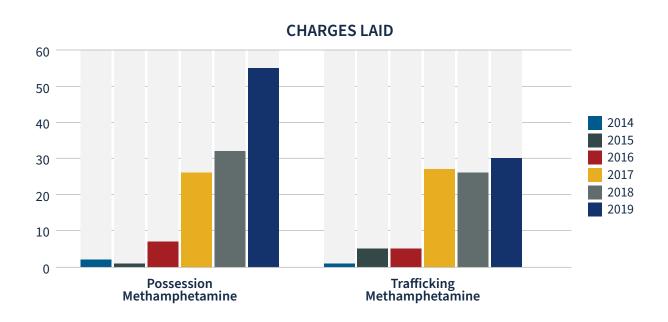
"Just wanted to compliment BPS on the well run bicycle registration program this past weekend. Job well done and greatly appreciated."

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METHAMPHETAMINE ENFORCEMENT

In response to increasing Methamphetamine issues in Brandon, the Brandon Police Service acquired Municipal funding and developed a Methamphetamine Trafficking Investigator position in the Organized Crime Section. The position commenced in mid-2018 and the investigator was tasked to identify Methamphetamine Trafficking targets and networks in the City of Brandon and in turn generate enforcement opportunities to impact the supply of Methamphetamine in our community. The Police Service experienced an immediate increase in the development of Methamphetamine related intelligence which in turn yielded significant enforcement results.

In 2019, the Organized Crime Section and Patrol Division seized over three and a half Kilograms of Methamphetamine and laid 85 Methamphetamine related charges; 55 for Possession of Methamphetamine (an increase of 72% from 2018) and 30 Trafficking Methamphetamine charges (an increase of 15% from 2018). The Brandon Police Service will continue to focus Drug Enforcement efforts on the Methamphetamine trafficking networks in order to mitigate the Methamphetamine crisis in our community.



CHARGE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Poss Methamphetamine	2	1	7	26	32	55
Traff Methamphetamine	1	5	5	27	26	30
	3	6	12	53	58	85

Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba and

Law Enforcement Review Agency



In 2019 the Brandon Police Service notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of eight matters. Of those eight matters the IIU assumed jurisdiction in five, declined jurisdiction in two and assumed a monitor role in one. The IIU has concluded their involvement in one of the monitored investigation.

In 2019, the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) had six complaints from the public about the Brandon Police Service. Of these three were concluded and three are are still pending.

The Process for Filing Complaints Against Police Service Employees:

The Police Service requires that all complaints against employees, that are not formally resolved at the Supervisory level, be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

All Police Service employees are governed by the provisions of the Brandon Police Service Performance Management Policy. In addition, Police Members are also governed by the provisions of the Manitoba Law Enforcement Review Act and Police Services Act.

Anyone who feels aggrieved by the conduct or service provided by an employee may make a complaint by contacting the following:

Any employee of the Police Service 204-729-2345

The On-Duty Supervisor 204-729-2345

The Chief of Police 204-729-2305

The Commissioner of the Law Enforcement

Review Agency 1-800-282-8069 Fax: 204-948-1014 E-mail: lera@gov.mb.ca

Website: www.gov.mb.ca/justice/lera

The nature of the complaint determines whether the Police Service, LERA or the IIU will investigate it. In the event that the complaint or circumstances of an incident require notification to the IIU, the Chief of Police or designate is required to make this notification. Further information on the IIU can be found at www.iiumanitoba.ca . All complaints outside the scope of LERA or the IIU are investigated by the Police Service.

Brandon Police Service



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