

Alberta's Law Enforcement Roles and Responsibilities: June 2021

RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police)

The RCMP help ensure public safety and security, investigate crimes, and enforce the law. There are over 150 different types of operational and administrative positions.



Here are just a few of the specializations:

General Duty Policing, Forensic Identification, Drugs and Organized Crime Investigation, Financial Crime, Emergency Response Team, Integrated Border Enforcement Team, National Security, VIP Protective Service, Police Dog Services, Marine Services, International Peace Operation, Explosives Disposal.

Kneehill County is served by Detachments in Drumheller, Three Hills, Olds, and Beiseker.

SHERIFFS

There are multiple branches of Sheriffs including:

1. Court Services - Court Security & Prisoner Escort Services,
2. Corporate Security Ministry - staff security,
3. Operations and Protection - Legislature and Govt building security, Strategic Intelligence Team, Energy Security,
4. Investigation and Enforcement - Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Unit targeting illegal activities on properties, Traffic Sheriff Operations, Investigative Support for major and organized crime,
5. Correctional, Probationary Officers Care,
6. Correctional Service Workers,
7. Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance,
8. Conservation of Alberta's natural resources, fish and wildlife.



COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICERS

Municipal Peace Officers perform a number of duties in our communities from enforcing various provincial laws and municipal bylaws to traffic enforcement and infrastructure protection, including Road Bans. Currently, Kneehill County has three CPO's who also run various community and education programs such as self-awareness, bike rodeos, and driving safety. The employing municipality is authorized under Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. They assist RCMP and Fire Departments in some emergency responses and focus on public safety education. Other Peace Officers outside of municipalities include those who work within Alberta Health Services and educational institutions such as universities.



Other Public Service Responders

Include Cadet Corps, Auxiliary Program, Emergency Services Professionals including 9-1-1 Dispatchers, Emergency Management, Fire Services.

CN and CP POLICE

Service works closely with communities, other law enforcement and government agencies to promote railway safety and infrastructure security.



MILITARY POLICE

Military Police Officers lead teams in enforcing laws and regulations on Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) establishments in Canada and abroad. Include Regular and Reserve Force members, civilian employees, cadets and family members.



Criminal Code	Criminal Investigations	Impaired Driving & Drug Ops	Bylaw Enforcement	Traffic Safety Act Enforcement	Dangerous Dogs Act	Emergency Responses
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defence (RAPID) Response: May 2021

- Over 400 Sheriff Highway Patrol, including Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Services, can now help the RCMP respond to emergency calls.
- Allows RCMP to focus more on criminal activity by responding to a wider range of traffic calls, like collisions.

Alberta Provincial Police Service: Possible replacement of RCMP

- Government of Alberta is continuing its plans to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Service by revising the Police Act.
- A review of the Police Act has established outcomes, such as improving the public’s trust in policing, ensuring an effective complaint process and having a more harmonious relationship between police and communities.
- Under the recent funding change, municipalities have been downgraded with substantial policing costs.
- Municipal Council’s across the province are sending letters of support for the RCMP to continue to serve our communities. These letters outline that the RCMP are providing an acceptable level of service and degree of responsiveness, as well as involvement within their communities.
- Provincial Police Service proposal - Costs to Municipalities is unknown at this time.
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Lobby Stance:
 - ◇ Regardless of whether policing is provided by the RCMP or a provincial police force, rural municipalities will continue to prioritize service levels and adequate local input into policing.
 - ◇ The creation of a provincial police force should not take place unless a detailed feasibility study proves that such an approach will reduce policing costs and enhance levels of service.
 - ◇ Municipalities should not be required to incur additional costs to support the creation or operation of a provincial police force.
 - ◇ Provincial Police discussion by RMA and AUMA: [\(149\) President's Summit on Provincial Policing - YouTube](#)
 - ◇ RMA Position on Policing and Rural Crime Position Statements at website: rmalberta.com