

**RCMP CANMORE MUNICIPAL DETACHMENT**

**2021 COMMUNITY DETAILED REPORT**



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## **Overview:**

The Canmore Municipal RCMP's 2021 Community Detailed Report for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 is presented in a similar format as utilized in previous years. For these reports, statistics are compiled utilizing multiple common crime types or categories. Each of these categories contains numerous sub-types. For example, "Property Crimes" will contain the sub-types Break & Enter, Theft of Vehicles, Theft under and over \$5000.00, Frauds and Mischief.

Statistics, graphs and sub-types for each category start on page 3 of this report. Please be advised the statistics attached are documented as they are reported and do not capture specific data therefore can be interpreted in a variety of ways. For example, a traffic offence may be reported as such, however, upon investigation it may be determined that there was no actual traffic offence related to that incident, although a call for service was generated and acted upon. Conversely, a reported traffic offence can lead to an investigation into multiple Criminal Code offences that would alter the data with the first line always being the most serious. The "scoring" or "classification" of crimes changes frequently throughout the life of an investigation, which can alter the statistics throughout the life of the investigation. Additionally, the organization regularly receives new direction on the classification of investigations that can also affect the final statistic.

An analysis of the twelve-month period for Canmore Municipal Detachment reflects some crime categories experienced an increase and decrease of occurrences. Management is closely monitoring any increase in crime trends found by utilizing additional tools to gather intelligence and information from other sources. This data affords management the opportunity to deploy resources with a specific strategic focus in an effort to disrupt criminal activities. Many increases in crime trends are easily explained while others may be more elusive as multiple factors can influence these trends; continual growth in the community (including both residential, commercial and retail), opportunistic

transient offenders from areas outside of the Bow Valley, and public education for concerned citizens which results in increased awareness and crime reporting.

When compared with the five (5) year average the following Crime categories indicating variances from the previous report period, which are of interest and relevance to the community at large:

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2019-2020
Assaults	110	126	108	154	133	14% Decrease
Sexual Assaults	5	11	12	13	10	23% Decrease
Criminal Harassment	23	28	34	42	37	12% Decrease
Uttering Threats	34	41	32	37	30	19% Decrease
Spousal Assault	84	122	114	136	83	39% Decrease
Break and Enter	24	35	31	36	38	6% Increase
Theft of Motor Vehicle	27	34	29	24	28	17% Increase
Theft Over \$5000	11	15	16	17	6	65% Decease
Theft Under \$5000	219	286	265	187	167	11% Decrease
Fraud	83	128	111	127	115	9% Decrease
Mischief – Damage to Property	0	0	40	93	91	2% Decrease
Mischief	209	206	146	113	131	16% Increase
Liquor Act	204	152	182	108	77	29% Decrease
Drug Enforcement	59	58	16	14	9	36 % Decrease
Municipal By-Laws	479	439	291	312	287	8% Decrease
Mental Health	117	123	125	174	134	23% Decrease
Form 10 (MHA)	0	0	13	15	17	13% Increase
False Alarms	257	237	108	96	115	20% Increase
False/Abandoned 911 Calls	356	338	208	146	142	3% Decrease
Suspicious Persons	226	224	223	217	183	16% Decrease
Persons Reported Missing	21	27	20	29	26	10% Decrease

Property offences that affect residents individually (such as thefts, break & enters and mischief) are a primary concern for most communities and police alike. The RCMP conduct proactive patrols to increase visibility with strategic deployment of resources targeting specific individuals and/or “hot spots”. The Canmore RCMP has a General Investigation Section whose mandate is to conduct serious crime investigations and to focus on emerging trends. Canmore RCMP also has access to additional RCMP support units such as the Serious Crimes Branch General Investigation and Major Crimes Units, the Southern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, Federal and Provincial funded RCMP units such as the Special “O”, Special “I”, Forensic Identification Section, Emergency Response Units, Police Dog Services and the Technical Crime Units.

Canmore saw some peak increases of criminal activity within the Bow Valley throughout the year particularly related to Business in Thefts and Break & Enter. This increase is primarily attributed to prolific offenders traveling through the area. Investigations into these offences led to several suspects being arrested and found in possession of stolen property.

**Detailed Traffic – 5 Year Overview**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2020-2021
<b>Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Injury Motor Vehicle Collisions</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6% Decrease</b>
<b>Property Damage MVC</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>10% Decrease</b>
<b>Provincial Traffic</b>	<b>2299</b>	<b>2602</b>	<b>3038</b>	<b>2437</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>16% Decrease</b>
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41% Decrease</b>

**Canmore Municipal Detachment  
Crime Statistics (Actual)  
January to December: 2017 - 2021**

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

January 6, 2022

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		4	1	1	0	1	-75%	N/A	-0.7
Sexual Assaults		5	11	12	13	10	100%	-23%	1.2
Other Sexual Offences		3	0	8	7	3	0%	-57%	0.7
Assault		110	126	108	154	133	21%	-14%	7.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	1	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Extortion		2	1	1	2	2	0%	0%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		23	28	34	42	37	61%	-12%	4.2
Uttering Threats		34	41	32	37	30	-12%	-19%	-1.2
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Break & Enter		24	35	31	36	38	58%	6%	2.9
Theft of Motor Vehicle		27	34	29	24	28	4%	17%	-0.8
Theft Over \$5,000		11	15	16	17	6	-45%	-65%	-0.8
Theft Under \$5,000		219	286	265	187	167	-24%	-11%	-20.3
Possn Stn Goods		21	30	35	29	14	-33%	-52%	-1.5
Fraud		83	128	111	127	115	39%	-9%	6.3
Arson		0	1	2	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		0	0	40	93	91	N/A	-2%	27.5
Mischief - Other		209	206	146	113	131	-37%	16%	-24.9
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>594</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-11.5</b>
Offensive Weapons		2	11	8	3	4	100%	33%	-0.4
Disturbing the peace		209	204	201	163	166	-21%	2%	-12.7
Fail to Comply & Breaches		161	157	136	116	122	-24%	5%	-11.9
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>407</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-27.0</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-27.1</b>

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CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Possession		28	36	8	7	5	-82%	-29%	-7.5
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		29	21	7	7	4	-86%	-43%	-6.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		1	1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
<b>Total Drugs</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-85%</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-14.4</b>
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Federal - General		4	12	8	24	5	25%	-79%	1.4
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-78%</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>-12.9</b>
Liquor Act		204	152	182	108	77	-62%	-29%	-29.8
Cannabis Act		0	2	19	9	10	N/A	11%	2.7
Mental Health Act		117	123	125	174	134	15%	-23%	8.5
Other Provincial Stats		225	154	217	287	253	12%	-12%	18.9
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		<b>546</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic		24	27	20	18	17	-29%	-6%	-2.3
Municipal By-laws		479	439	291	312	287	-40%	-8%	-51.1
<b>Total Municipal</b>		<b>503</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-53.4</b>
Fatals		0	1	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Injury MVC		11	16	28	16	15	36%	-6%	0.8
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		336	291	305	234	210	-38%	-10%	-30.9
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		50	52	64	42	34	-32%	-19%	-4.2
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		<b>397</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-34.2</b>
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	0	3	0	N/A	-100%	0.3
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>		<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-67.5</b>
<b>Other Traffic</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-76%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-31%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		257	237	108	96	115	-55%	20%	-42.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		356	338	208	146	142	-60%	-3%	-62.0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		226	224	223	217	183	-19%	-16%	-9.3
Persons Reported Missing		21	27	20	29	26	24%	-10%	1.2
Search Warrants		3	1	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		84	122	114	136	83	-1%	-39%	1.2
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	13	15	17	N/A	13%	4.9

## **Town Traffic:**

The Canmore RCMP place a strong emphasis on education and enforcement of the Traffic Safety Act within our communities. This often includes a collaborative approach with our additional support units such as the RCMP's Bow Valley Traffic Services and Roving Traffic Unit to increase our effectiveness on the roadways. The Canmore RCMP are committed to reducing incidents of high-risk driving behaviors with a goal of increasing compliance of the Traffic Safety Act and preventing property damage and personal injuries within the Bow Valley. With population growth and an increase in visitor traffic, Canmore's roads and pathways continue to be a priority for the detachment and we will continue to work with stakeholders to develop initiatives to improve public safety. This year, the Canmore RCMP increased our community patrols and joint projects targeting school and construction zones, along with intersections and high-speed zones to increase compliance. Canmore RCMP also initiated a Positive Ticketing Program to recognize/reward observed positive behavior and safety practices within the community in partnership with local businesses. These safety initiatives were in alignment with the Canmore RCMP's Annual Performance Plan, the Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar, the Town of Canmore's Traffic Safety Plan and community engagement priorities.

In reviewing the Canmore Municipal Traffic Statistics, you will see some fluctuations in traffic statistics. A number of factors including population increases, weather conditions, education and enforcement initiatives and most importantly the COVID-19 pandemic can explain these increases. As mentioned, the Canmore RCMP continued to focus on proactive initiatives at playground and construction zones, residential neighborhoods, and municipal and provincial roadways.

The Canmore RCMP and the Town of Canmore support the Automated Traffic Enforcement - Photo Radar Program and our Enhanced Policing initiatives that provide added traffic enforcement and public safety opportunities within the community. The benefit of the Enhanced Policing positions allows additional

members to proactively patrol the community to increase visibility and creates a focus on observed driving offences such as distracted driving, speeding, insurance and licensing requirements. In addition, these added resources can also be quickly redeployed to other community priorities and Crime Reduction initiatives such as missing persons, political rallies, serious incidents or joint initiatives with our partner agencies such as Protective Services (Bylaw), Fish and Wildlife and Alberta Parks.

All detachment members are aware of expectations in reducing the harm caused by high-risk driving behaviors. These expectations have resulted in an increase in pro-active enforcement undertaken within the Canmore RCMP's policing jurisdiction.

### **Bicycle Patrols:**

Canmore RCMP utilizes the Bicycle Patrol Program that provides an opportunity for trained members to patrol the towns various streets, parks and pathways on an RCMP bicycle. This program provides a more diverse service delivery model of policing and creates positive interaction with the public, added crime prevention technics and a healthy eco-friendly alternative to traditional policing. The COVID-19 pandemic and resourcing levels had a negative impact on our ability to promote this program on a regular basis. However, when deployed, it was a community success with positive comments received. In the upcoming year, Canmore RCMP hope to continue and strengthen this program.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Staffing Resources:**

Canmore RCMP has a complement of 28 personnel working out of the detachment that service the Town of Canmore, MD of Bighorn and a portion of the Kananaskis Improvement District.

Canmore RCMP has nineteen (19) municipally funded regular members and four (4) additional provincially funded First Responders totaling out to three (23) regular members. In the spring of 2021, the provincial government funded the fourth member who is now operational. Canmore RCMP Detachment currently operates on a three (3) Watch system to support 24-hour policing and maintains a two-person General Investigation Section.

Canmore Detachment has four (4) Municipal Employees and one (1) Public Service Employee who support the daily Administration and Operations of the detachment. As the Town of Canmore and surrounding area continues to grow, so do the requests from residents for assistance at the “front counter”.

Municipal Employees provide an invaluable service to the residents of Canmore and area for such things as Criminal Record, Vulnerable Sector Checks, Collision Reporting and Court Disclosures. This has resulted in corresponding increases in workload for all support staff not to mention the workforce adjustments made associated to the COVID-19 pandemic and remote working options.

### **General Investigation Section:**

Canmore RCMP has a General Investigation Section consisting of a Constable and Corporal Supervisor who assist detachment members with complex criminal and project based investigations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Canmore GIS members were occasionally redeployed to assist First Responders while dealing

with resource shortages. Despite these challenges, Canmore GIS was effective this year and had success with the following files:

- Recently, two prolific property crime offenders from Southern Alberta were identified in the community and surveilled to a local business. Police attempted to arrest the occupants who resisted and rammed a police vehicle before being taken into custody. These individuals had outstanding warrants for their arrest, were in a stolen vehicle and additional stolen property was located inside the vehicle.
- A stolen vehicle from British Columbia was located in Dead Man's Flats where a police vehicle from Banff was rammed when attempts to stop the vehicle were made. Canmore GIS members observed the vehicle, which led to a spike belt being deployed and arrest of the lone occupant. Investigation resulted in the recovery of significant stolen property and the arrest of a prolific offender with outstanding warrants from British Columbia and Alberta.
- Canmore GIS conducted surveillance on a prolific theft suspect from Banff resulting in the suspect being arrested during a business Break and Enter. This suspect was targeting high end Bicycles, underground storage units and selling these stolen items online.
- Canmore GIS received a phone call from a local business regarding suspicious activity and purchases. Canmore GIS conducted surveillance and arrested two suspects who attended the business and made fraudulent purchases. Search of the suspect vehicle located over \$15,000 of products fraudulently purchased from another business in Banff using fraudulent credit cards.
- The community of Dead Man's Flats received several complaints of bicycle theft following which Canmore GIS and General Duty members located four suspects staying at a hotel who had several stolen Bicycles in their possession. The bicycles were recovered and returned to owners. Two offenders from Edmonton were charged for stolen property.

- A Canmore resident was identified as selling drugs in the Canmore area. An investigation commenced resulting in the suspect being arrested and found in possession of illicit drugs. A subsequent residential search warrant was executed with the recovery of additional illicit drugs and stolen property.
- Canmore GIS members played a critical role in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic with backfilling resource shortages and coordinating political rallies and our enhanced traffic enforcement shifts.

### **Victim Services Unit (VSU / CAVSS):**

Bow Valley Victim Services Association provides 24/7 support services to the residents of Canmore and surrounding area for victims of crime and trauma. Additionally, they provide follow up support, information and referrals to clients, and can assist with Critical Incident Debriefings following serious incidents as further support to RCMP personnel. The goal of crisis response and follow-up is to ensure that the emotional, physical and financial needs of clients are being met and understood. Provision of support in these moments can be critical to client emotional and mental wellbeing when struck with tragedy and life changing events. Victim Services Unit (VSU) as an organization is comprised of highly trained staff and carefully selected volunteers to ensure quality of service.

While crisis support is an integral component of Victim Services, VSU also provides numerous court support programs. These programs provide court orientation, testimony preparation, accompany individuals as required, and generally help individuals navigate through the Criminal Justice System. By providing education and information on the court process, and liaising with RCMP Detachment and Crown Prosecutor Office, VSU helps make an unfamiliar process less intimidating and can decrease the re-traumatizing effects of the court process.

In their past operational year from April, 2020 to April 2021, Bow Valley VSU opened 382 new files, with 178 of those files based out of Canmore RCMP

jurisdiction. Of these new files, 91 were domestic violence related calls for service (51%). During this time range, Bow Valley VSY assisted 525 people with files ranging from (but not limited to) sudden death investigations, mental health incidents, child abuse, frauds and collisions.

### **Search and Rescue:**

Canmore RCMP continues to be a tourist destination with many visitors exploring our community and surrounding recreational areas despite the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, Canmore RCMP continued to receive support from Alberta Parks, Kananaskis County Public Safety, Parks Canada and Cochrane Search and Rescue. These organizations have all greatly aided our detachment in safely locating lost and/or injured individuals and unfortunately the recovery of fatalities.

### **Crime Reduction Unit:**

The Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) is also involved in the support of the Canmore RCMP. Their objective is to assist with suppressing and/or elimination of criminal activity by identifying and targeting high crime locations, prolific or habitual criminal offenders. The strategy of CRU's is to focus on the small number of offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of crime in our communities. They work closely with detachment and other agencies (such as Probation/Parole) to ensure compliance and support services to successfully monitor and reintegrate offenders back into communities.

## COMMUNITY BASED PROBLEM SOLVING

### **School Liaison Program:**

The Canmore RCMP continue to support and work with our local schools through various means including the Safe Schools Program. Each member of the Canmore RCMP has an assigned school and part of their duties is to remain engaged with students, educators and administration to assist with their needs. Canmore RCMP members also participate in school lock down practice sessions. This practice is an important aspect of the School Liaison program that supports emergency preparedness and allows for the development of safety protocols within the schools themselves.

All members are aware of the expectations for engagement with students, staff and parents in the schools. They work closely with the teachers to offer presentations on various topics such as bicycle and pedestrian safety, drug and alcohol awareness, and bullying. The actions and efforts of all officers has allowed the detachment to establish a strong rapport and familiarity with the students, staff and the facilities. Conversely, students and staff have developed a level of trust and comfort with the RCMP.

### **Regional Police and Crisis Team:**

The Canmore RCMP are pleased to announce beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022, Southern Alberta RCMP Detachments including Canmore will begin receiving support from the Regional Police and Crisis Team (RPACT). RPACT consists of specially trained RCMP Officers and a Registered Psychiatric Nurse who operate an unmarked police vehicle (E977) together. RPACT can respond to and/or monitor all mental health calls to assist First Responders. RPACT will be available on alternating day and evenings every two weeks. Initial reports show when RPACT members respond to mental health calls and complete Form 10 recommendations,

the person is kept approximately 80% of the time as opposed to only 30% admission rates by First Responders. RPACT can also provide RCMP with consultation and education for mental health, immediate access to patient records and can refer to community resources. However, they cannot transport patients.

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