



**PRINCE ALBERT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026**  
**3:30 P.M.**

**MAIN BOARDROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL**

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

*“As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Dakota and the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.”*

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

That the February 24, 2026 Board of Police Commissioners Public Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- 3.1 Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting held January 20, 2026.

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***Recommendation:***

***That the Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Public Meeting held on January 20, 2026, be taken as read and adopted; and, that the Board Chairperson and the Board Secretary be authorized to execute the minutes on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners.***

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**



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**5. REPORTS:**

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- 5.1 Year-end 2025 Statistical Report

***Recommendation:***

***The Board of Police Commissioners receive this report as information and file.***

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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- 6.1 CACOLE 2026 Annual Conference

***Recommendation:***

***The Board of Police Commissioners receive this correspondence as information and file.***

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- 6.2 Correspondence received from Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety regarding challenges with firearms related violence in Prince Albert.

***Recommendation:***

***The Board of Police Commissioners receive this correspondence as information and file.***

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**



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**8. NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
3:30 p.m.  
Main Boardroom, City Hall

**9. ADJOURNMENT - P.M.:**

That this Board do now adjourn the Public meeting.



**PRINCE ALBERT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

3:30 P.M.

MAIN BOARDROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL

**PRESENT:**

Janet Carriere, Chairperson  
Mayor B. Powalinsky  
Councillor B. Edwards  
Councillor T. Head  
Marlo Prichard  
Cherise Arnesen

P. Nogier, Chief of Police  
F. Prince, Deputy Chief of Police  
A. Dumont, Human Resources Manager  
K. Toews, Finance Manager  
E. Hamm, Public Relations and Media Lead

K. Stumpf, Board Secretary

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

paNOW representative – Susan McNeil  
Daily Herald representative – Arjun Pillai

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Victim Services - Breanna Nicholson  
Victim Services - Jennifer LaRiviere

**ABSENT:**

Linda Greyeyes-Highway, Vice Chairperson

Meeting convened at 3:28 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

001. Moved by B. Edwards, AND RESOLVED:

That the January 20, 2026 Board of Police Commissioners Public Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**3.1 Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting held December 16, 2025**

002. Moved by M. Prichard, AND RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Public Meeting held on December 16, 2025, be taken as read and adopted; and, that the Board Chairperson and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the minutes on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners.

**4. PRESENTATIONS:**

**5. REPORTS:**

**5.1 Year-end Strategic Plan Update**

003. Moved by C. Arnesen, AND RESOLVED:

This report be received and filed for information purposes.

**5.2 Firearms Report – Year End 2025**

004. Moved by T. Head , AND RESOLVED:

The Board of Police Commissioners receive this report as information and file.

**5.3 Board Reports 2026 - Discussion**

005. Moved by B.Edwards, AND RESOLVED:

That the Board of Police Commissioners receive and approve the revised Board Reporting framework for 2026, which adopts a reduced-frequency,

milestone-based reporting model aligned with the approved Board Reporting – 2026 Draft schedule (attached), while maintaining transparency, accountability, and effective governance oversight through Public and In-Camera reporting systems.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 6.1 Letter correspondence dated January 15, 2026 from City Clerk's office titled "Roles and Responsibilities Under The Police Act, 1990" regarding a referral to the Mayor's office to arrange an information session between the Officers of Council and all members of Council.**
- 6.2 Letter correspondence dated January 15, 2026 from City Clerk's office titled "Public Safety Reserve – Establishing an Application Process" regarding a referral to the Financial Services Department.**
- 6.3 Letter correspondence dated January 14, 2026 from Saskatchewan Police Commission regarding upcoming mandatory training opportunities as well as provided a revised copy of The Police Commissioner's Handbook.**

006. Moved by C. Arnesen, AND RESOLVED:

This report be received and filed for information purposes.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Items brought forward from previous meeting:**

**7.1 Appointment of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

007. Moved by M. Pritchard, AND RESOLVED:

That Janet Carriere be appointed Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners for the 2026 term.

008. Moved by T. Head, AND RESOLVED:

That Cherise Arnesen be appointed Vice Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners for the 2026 term.

**7.2 Assessment of the effectiveness of the newly scheduled afternoon meeting time compared to morning meetings for all commission members.**

009. Moved by T. Head, AND RESOLVED:

That the scheduled Public and In-Camera Board of Police Commissioners meeting will remain at 3:30pm.

**7.3 Prince Albert Downtown Business Improvement District - Incident Reporting**

PADBID delivered a presentation to City Council members from downtown security, during which concerns were raised regarding incidents not being reported. City Council will engage in further discussions on existing reporting mechanisms, including online reporting options.

**7.4 High School Liaison Worker**

Councillor Head attended a meeting with the Public School Division, during which the need for a School Resource Officer was identified. Council Head will follow up with the Mayor's Office to explore potential funding opportunities through the Ministry of Education to support this initiative.

**8. NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, February 24th, 2026  
3:30 p.m.  
Main Boardroom, City Hall

**9. ADJOURNMENT – 4:54 P.M.:**

010. Moved by T. Head, AND RESOLVED:

That this Board do now adjourn the public meeting.

**CHAIRPERSON**

**BOARD SECRETARY**



# PRINCE ALBERT POLICE SERVICE

## Year-End 2025 Statistical Report

**TITLE:** Year-End 2025 Statistical Report

**DATE:** 2026-Feb-17

**To:** Chief of Police

Board of Police Commissioners

**PUBLIC**

**IN CAMERA**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Police Commissioners receive this report as information and file.

### TOPIC & PURPOSE:

This report reviews the total statistics related to crime and calls. This public report is to keep our community and the Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners informed on statistics.

### BACKGROUND:

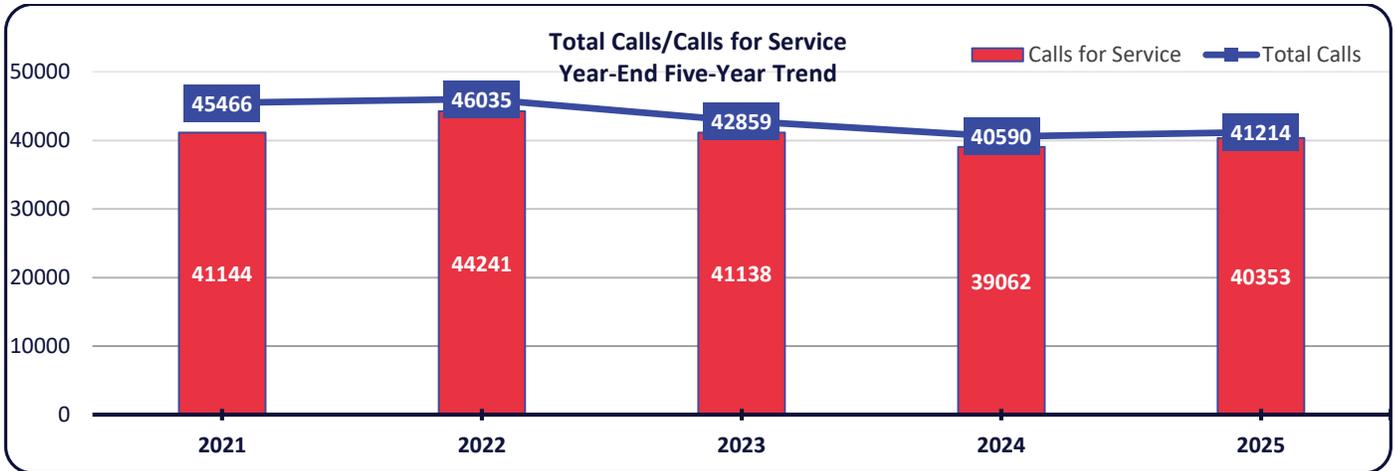
Year-end and fourth-quarter statistics, which include October, November and December statistics related to crime and calls are captured, reviewed, and released to the Board and public. The information in this report is measured and compared to previous years and is provided to identify anomalies or trends. This information can be used to determine community and organizational needs and support decisions on resource deployment.

### Calls For Service

The **total calls** for 2025 were 41214. This is a increase of 1.54% from the previous year.

The **proactive calls** or “neighborhood strengthening” efforts in 2025 were 795. This is a 40% decrease from the previous year. There were 66 court related occurrences.

The **calls for service** received in 2025 were 40353. That is an increase of 3.31% from the previous year. Disturbance calls increased by 57.69% from 8195 (2024) to 12923 (2025). This increase is due to a change in call classification. The “eviction” type, previously used for certain calls was retired, and such calls are now disturbances. A disturbance is a behavior that disrupts the peace, such as fighting, shouting, swearing, playing loud music, using obscene language, or refusing to leave when unwanted. Family disputes calls increased from 660 (2024) to 902 (2025). Intoxicated Persons calls decreased by 14.44%, from 1884 (2024) to 1612 (2025).

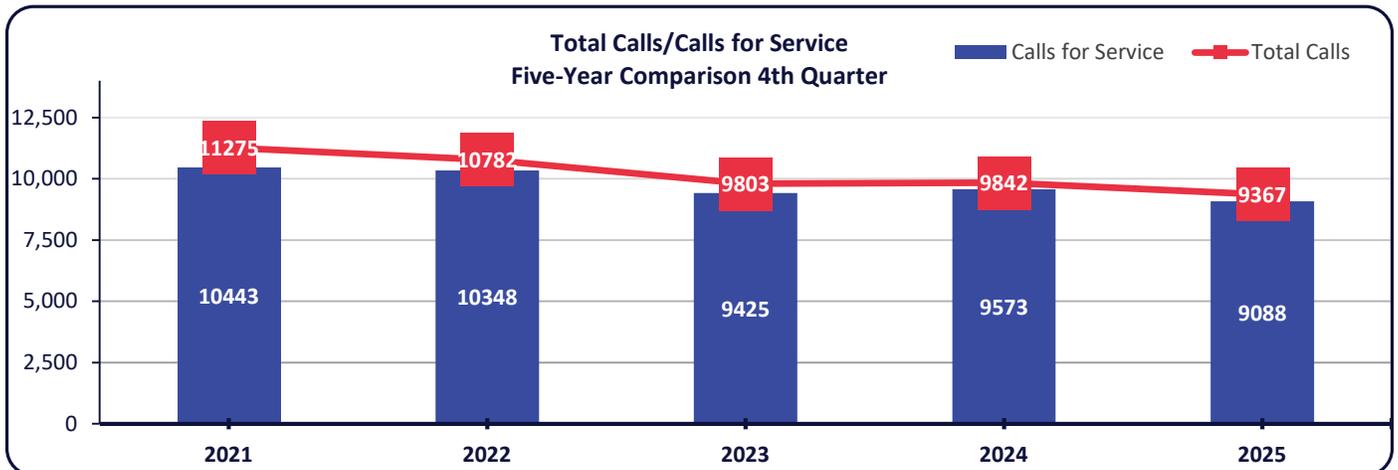


**Appendix 1:** five-year YTD trend

The **total calls**, for the fourth quarter of 2025 were 9367. This is a 4.83% decrease from the previous year.

The **proactive calls** or “neighborhood strengthening” efforts in the fourth quarter of 2025 were 263. This is a 12.39% decrease from the previous year. There were 16 court-related occurrences.

The **calls for service** received in the fourth quarter were 9088. That is a decrease of 5.07% from the previous year. Disturbance calls increased by 47.27% from 1976 (2024) to 2910 (2025); Suspicious persons decreased by 36.38% with 558 (2024) to 355 (2025).

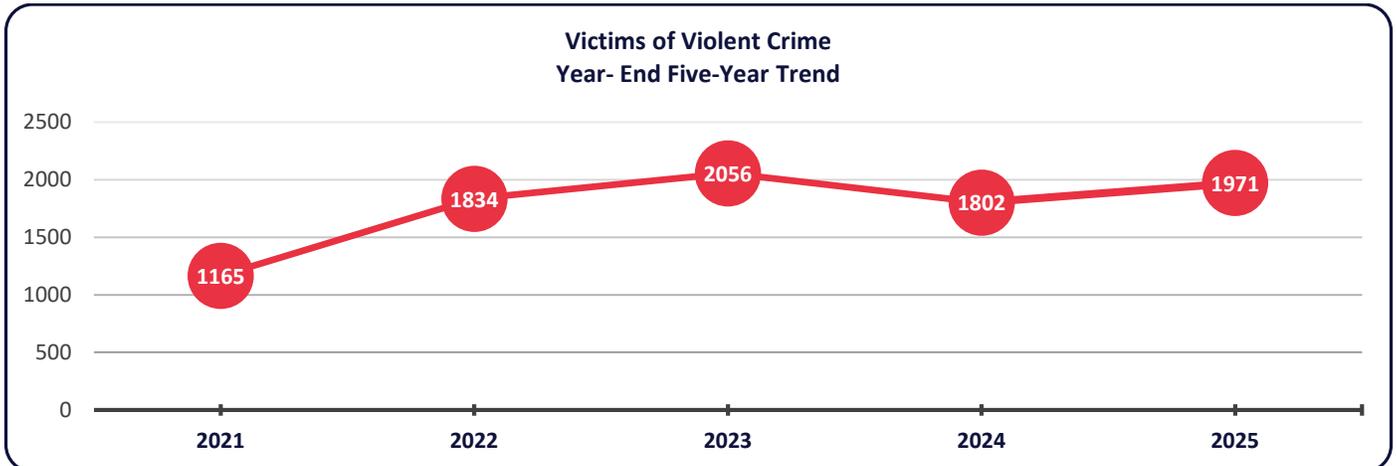


**Appendix 2:** five-year comparison

## Victims of Violent Crime

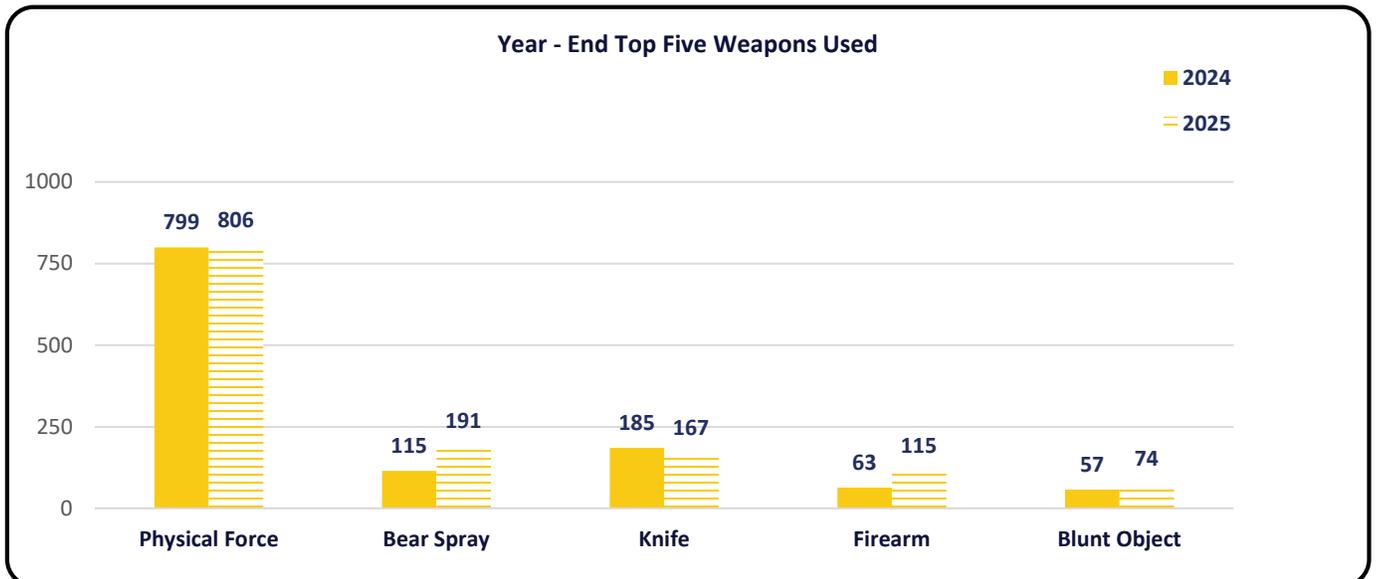
In 2025, there were 1971 victims of violent crime. This is a 9.38% increase from the previous year. In 702 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

The five-year average number of victims of violent crime YTD is 1766.



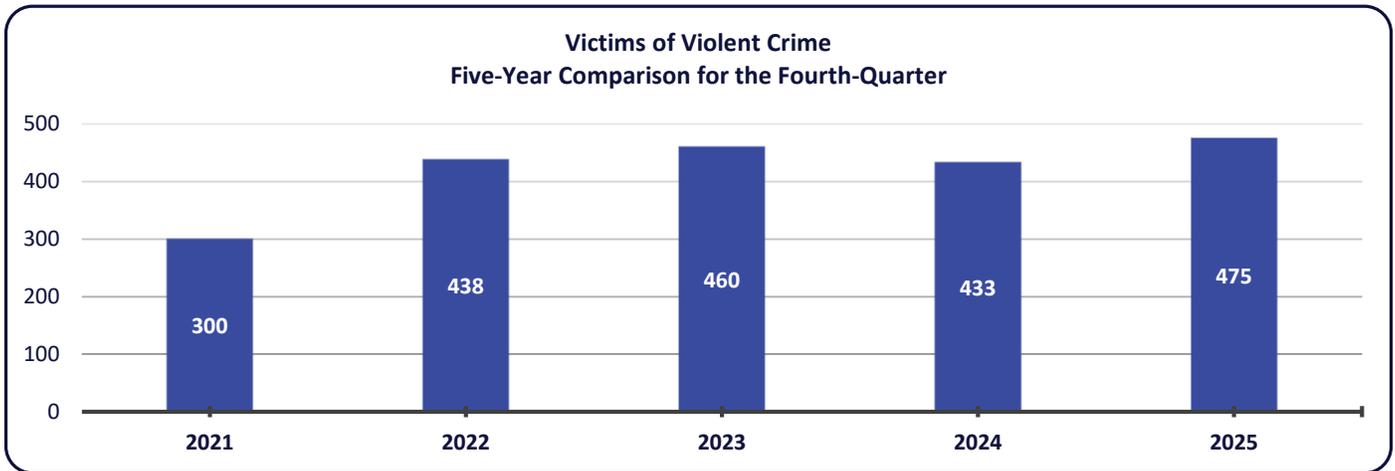
**Appendix 3:** five-year YTD trend

Top five weapons used in 2025: physical force 806, bear spray was used/brandished 191 times, a knife was used/brandished 167 times, a firearm was used/brandished 115 times and a blunt object was used/brandished 74 times.



**Appendix 4:** Top five weapons used

In the fourth quarter, there were 475 victims of violent crime. This is a 9.7% increase from the previous year. In 163 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

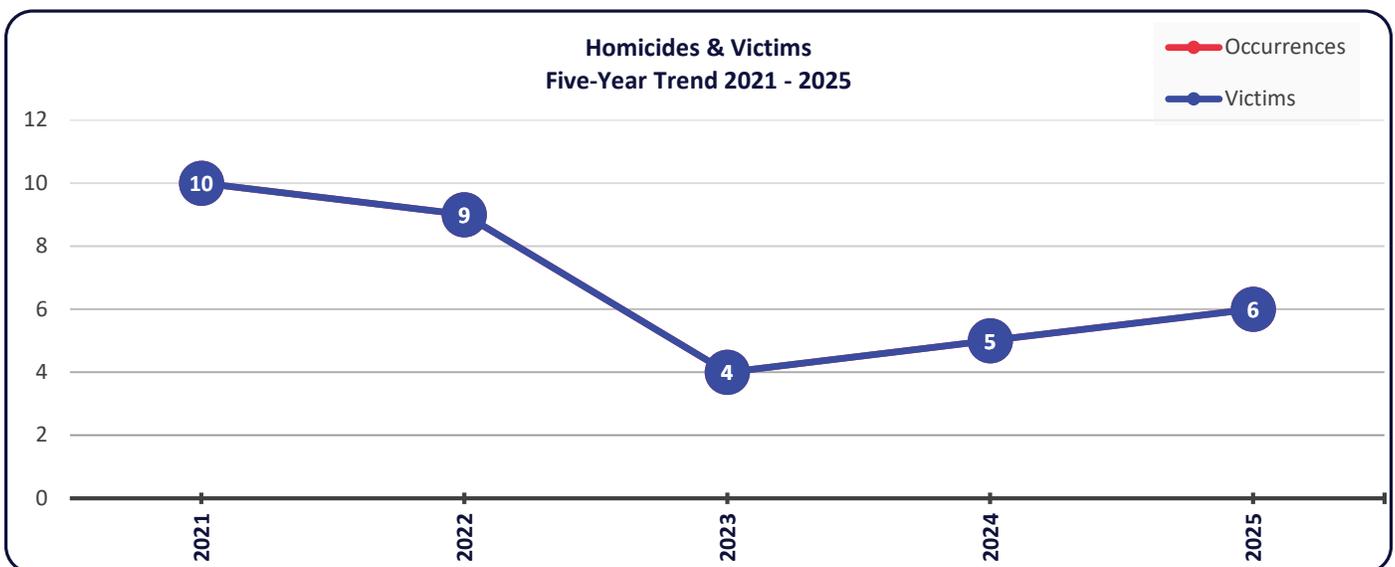


Appendix 5: five-year comparison

**Homicides**

In 2025, there were six (6) homicides. In three (3) occurrences, the investigations resulted in criminal charges.

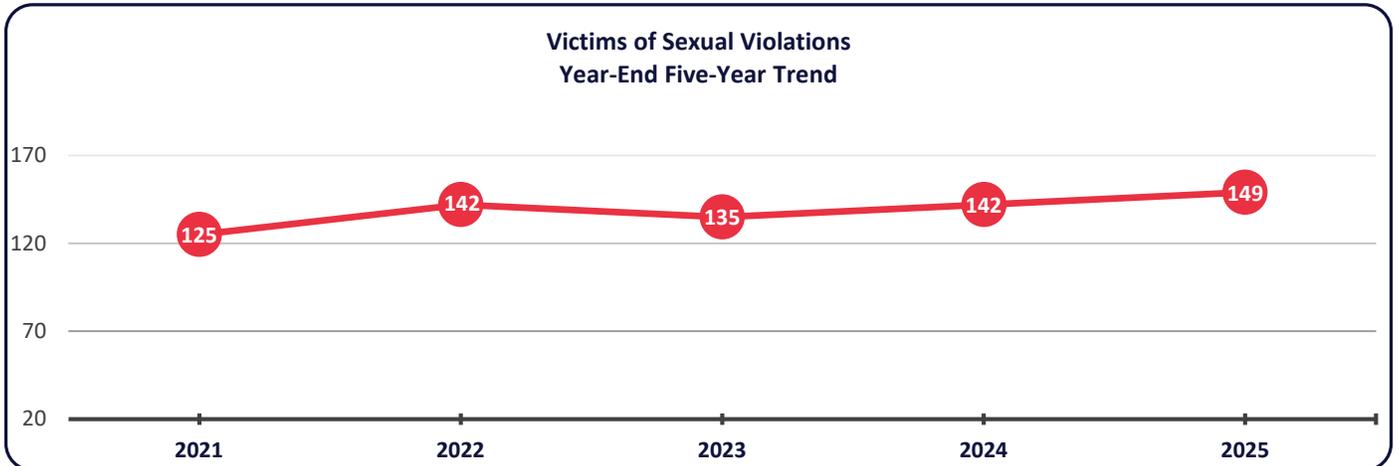
There is a 600% increase in Attempted Murders, from zero (0) in 2024 to six (6) in 2025. In four (4) of those occurrences, the investigations resulted in criminal charges.



Appendix 6: five-year YTD trend

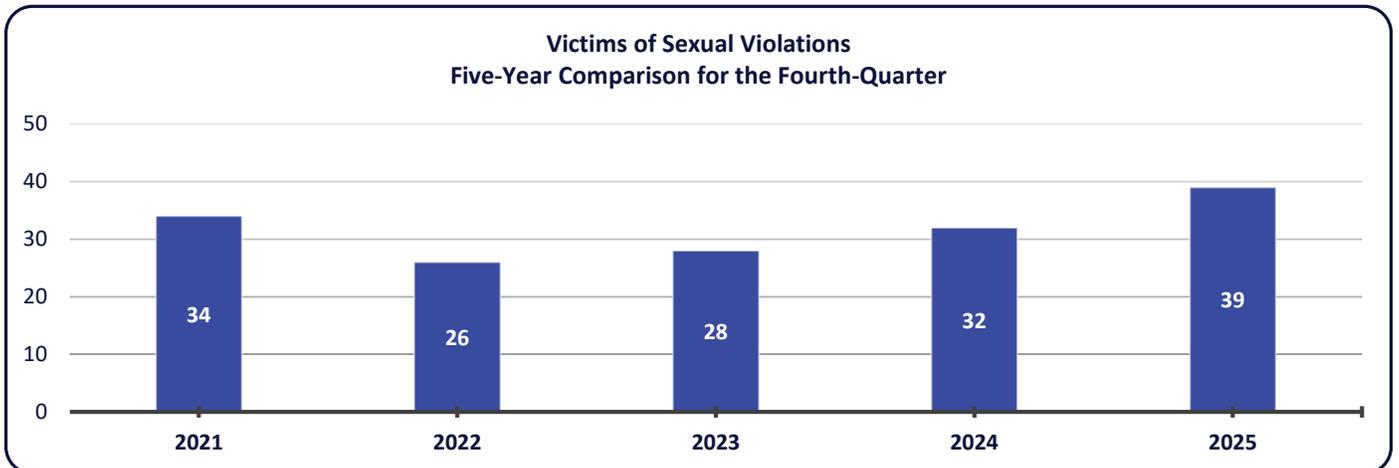
## Victims of Sexual Violations

In 2025, there were 149 victims of sexual violations. This is a 4.93% increase from the previous year. In 40 of those occurrences, investigations that have led to charges.



**Appendix 7:** five-year YTD trend

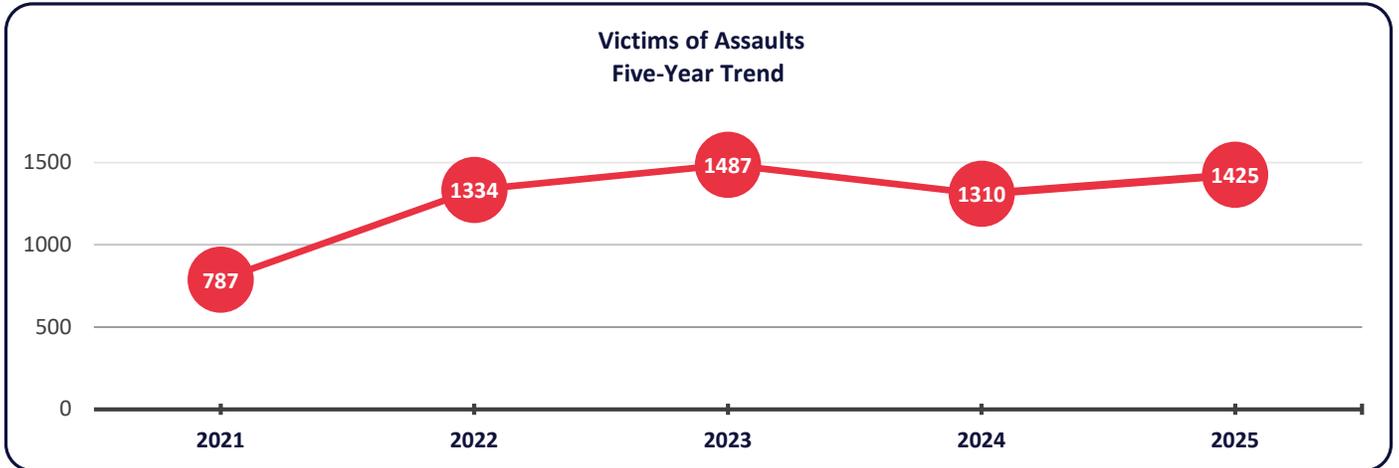
In the fourth quarter there were 39 sexual violations reported, which is an increase from the previous year.



**Appendix 8:** five-year comparison

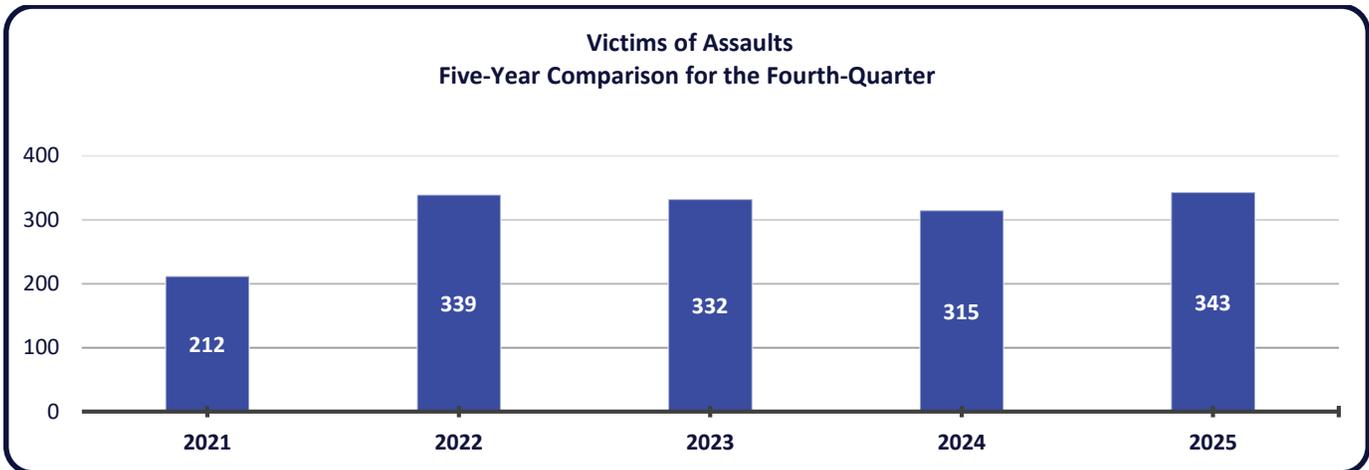
## Victims of Assault

In 2025, there were 1425 victims of assault, which is an 8.78% increase from 2024. In 581 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

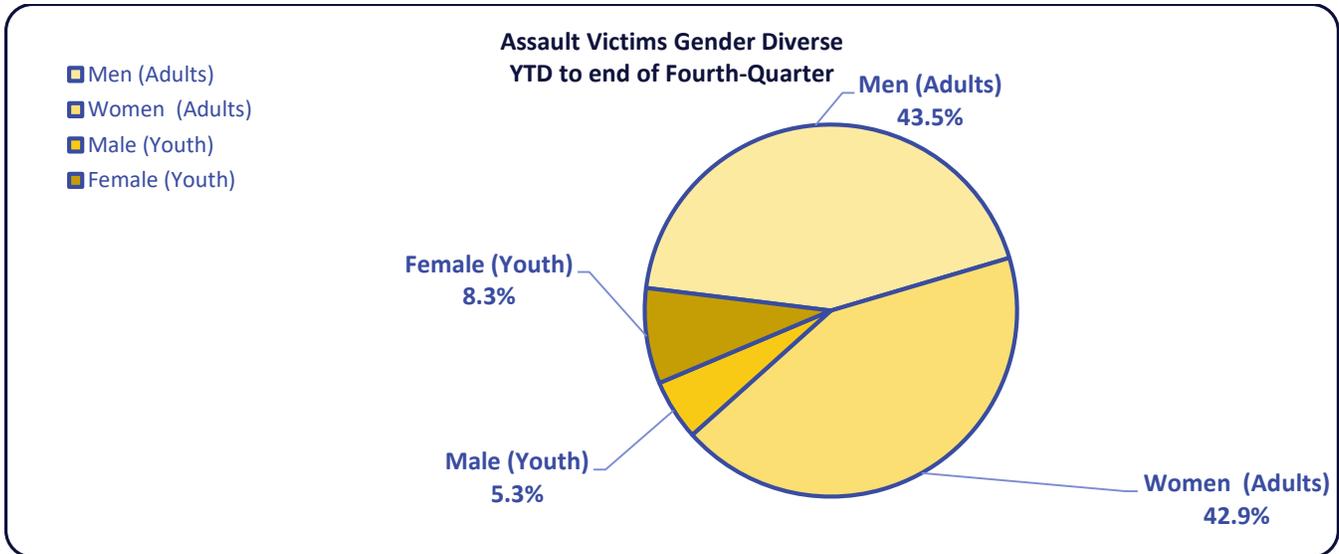


**Appendix 9:** five-year YTD trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 343 victims of assault, which is an 8.89% increase from 2024. In 140 occurrences, the investigations resulted in criminal charges.



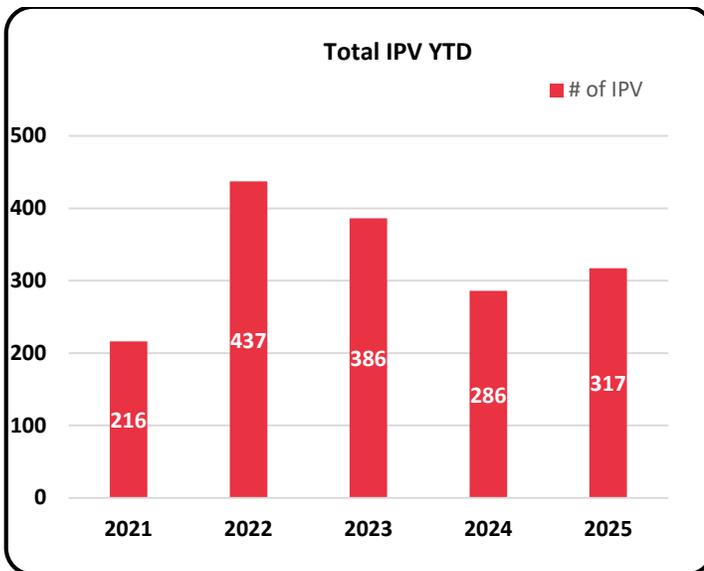
**Appendix 10:** five-year comparison



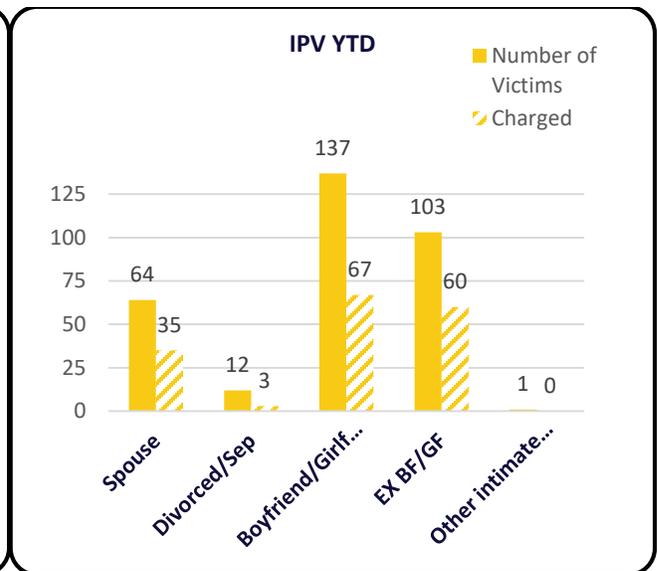
**Appendix 11:** age & gender/sex of victims

**Intimate Partner Violence**

In 2025, there were 317 occurrences that were intimate partner violence (IPV). In 165 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges. In 141 occurrences, the suspect and victim lived in the same residence. The victims; 3 male youth, 11 female youth, 256 women and 47 men.



**Appendix 12:** Total IPV YTD



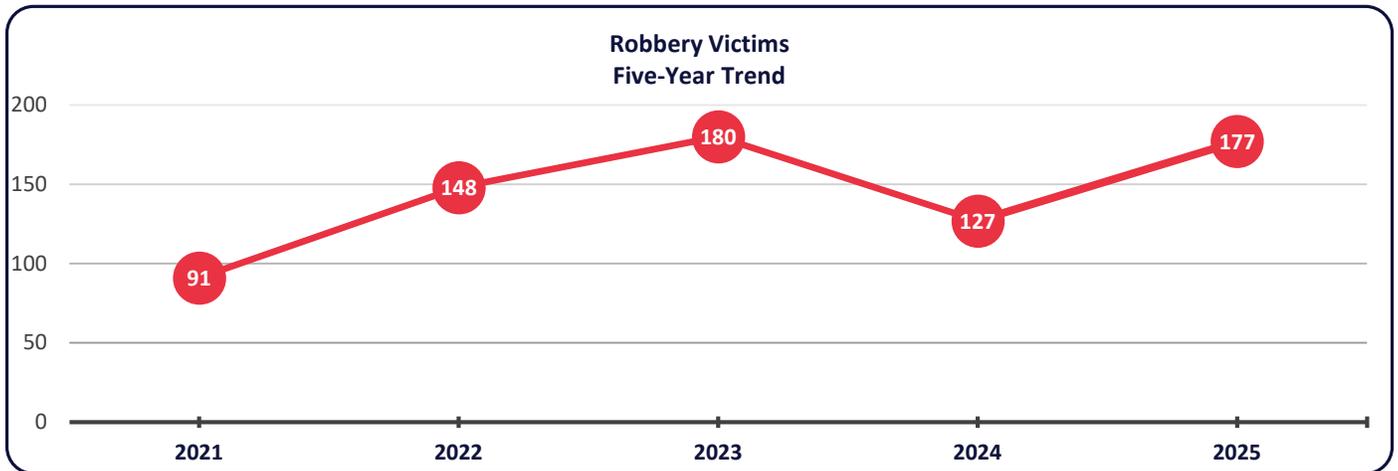
**Appendix 13:** IPV Relationships

In the fourth quarter, 81 assaults were intimate partner violence (IPV). In 44 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges. In 44 occurrences, the suspect and victim lived in the same residence.

## Robberies

In 2025, there were 177 robbery victims in 157 occurrences. In 66 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

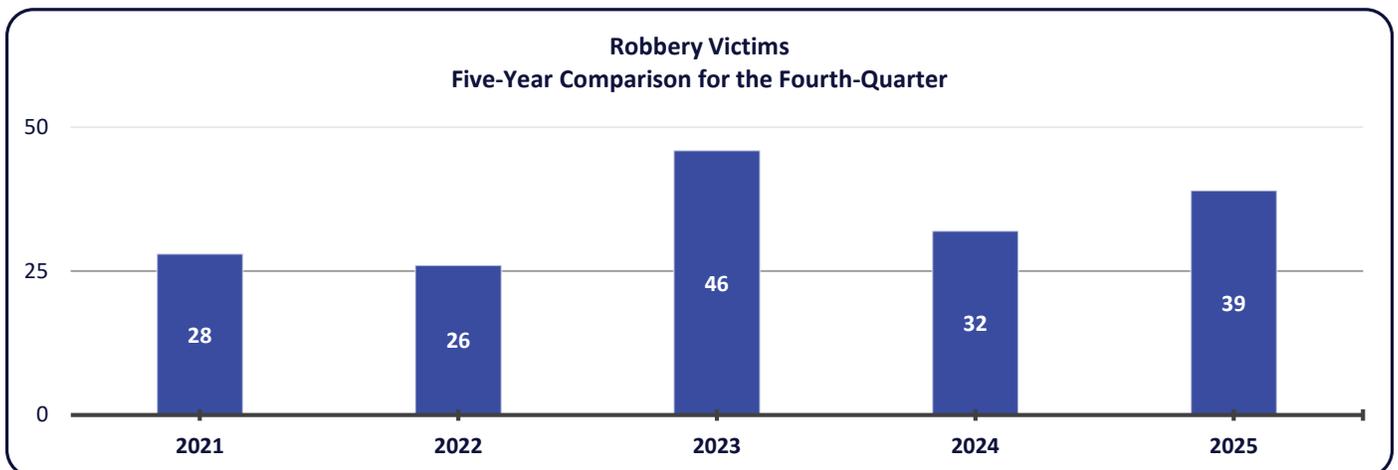
Victims were targeted in 50 occurrences, 83 were open air, and 24 were robberies of businesses. There were 45 robberies involving a vehicle being taken (or attempted to be taken).



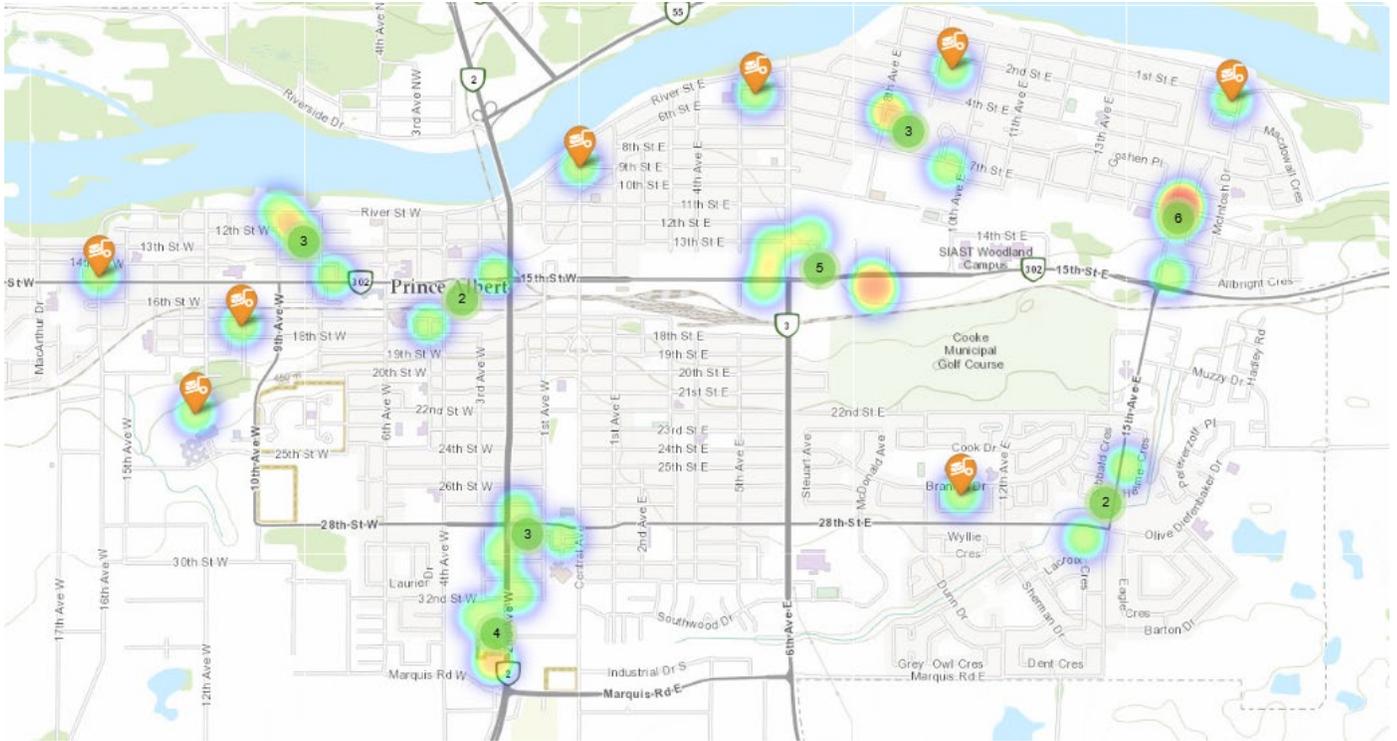
**Appendix 14:** five-year YTD trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 39 robbery victims in 36 occurrences. In six (6) occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

Victims were targeted in eight (8) occurrences, 16 were in open-air, 11 were to businesses. There were 10 robberies that involved a vehicle being taken (or attempted to be taken).



**Appendix 15:** five-year comparison

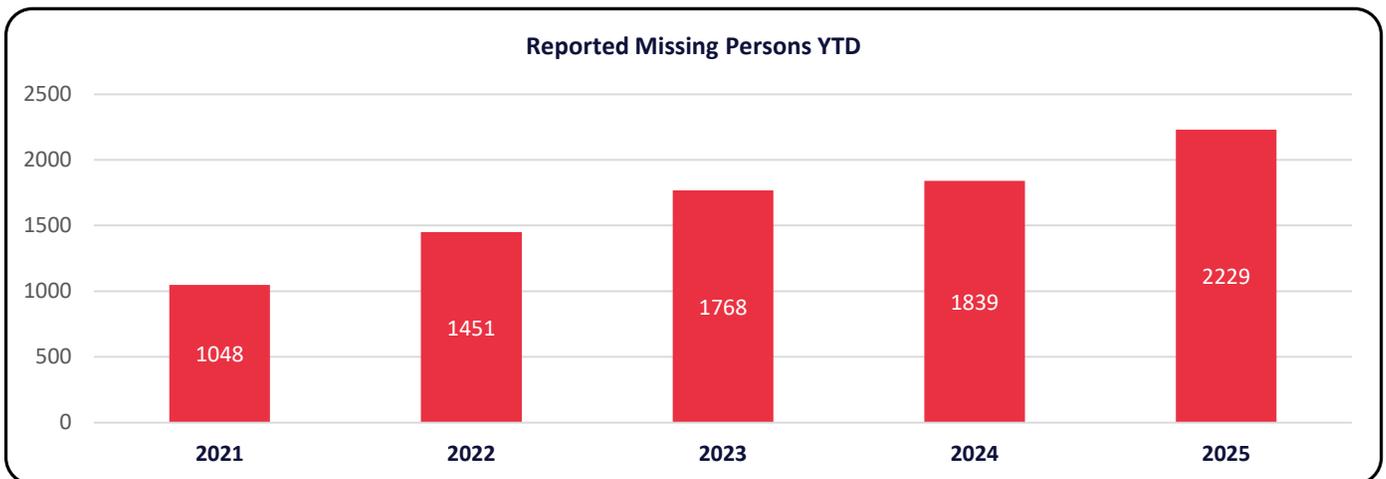


**Appendix 16:** Heat map of robberies in the fourth quarter

### Missing Persons

In 2025, there were 2229 people reported missing. Currently, there are seven (7) outstanding missing persons from the beginning of the year that remain active investigations.

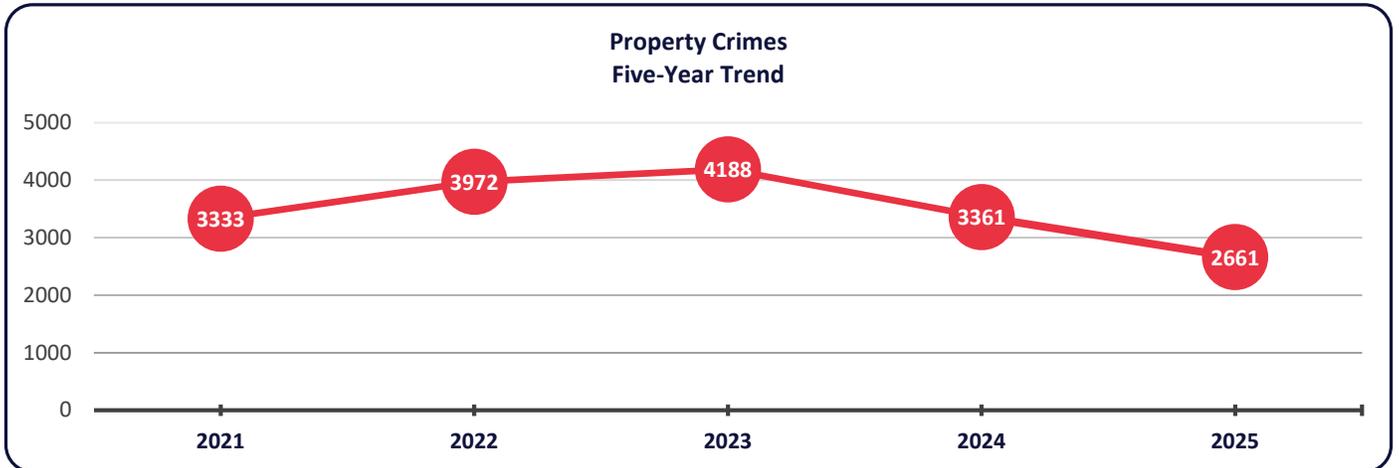
There are 16 active missing person investigations that were reported prior to 2025. These investigations are led by our Criminal Investigation Division.



**Appendix 17:** five-year YTD trend

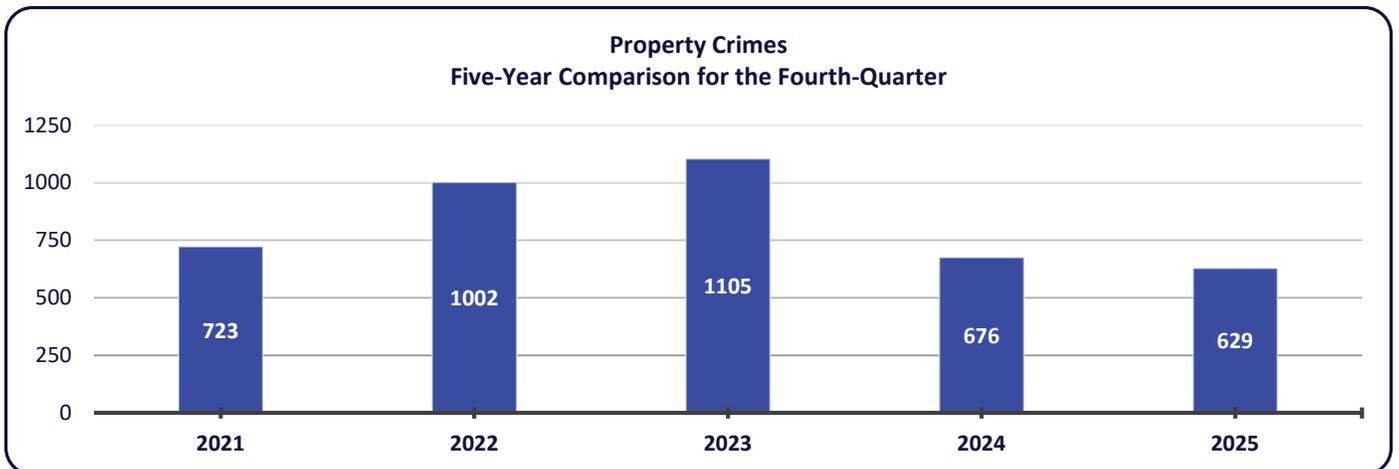
## Property Crime

In 2025, there were 2661 reports of property crime, which is a 20.83% decrease from the previous year. In 402 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.



**Appendix 18:** five-year YTD trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 629 reports of property crime. In 83 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.



**Appendix 19:** five-year comparison

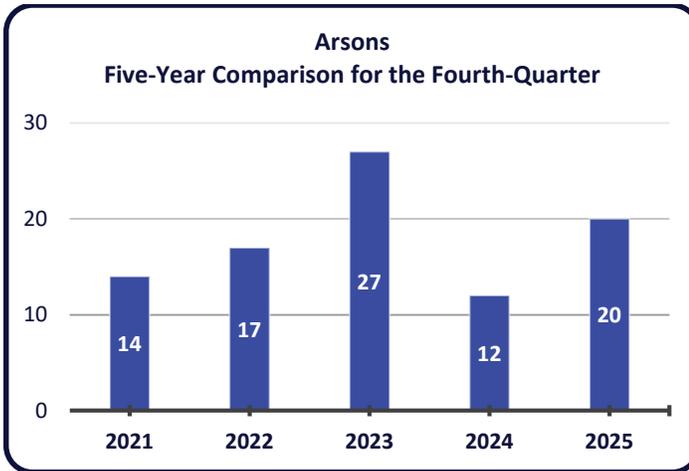
## Arsons

In 2025, there were 89 occurrences of arsons. In six (6) occurrences, investigations have resulted in criminal charges.

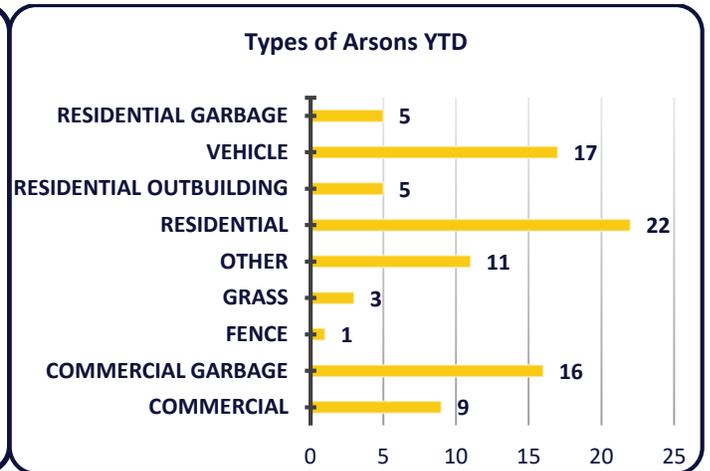


**Appendix 20:** five-year YTD trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 20 occurrences of arsons which is a 66.67 % increase from 2024. There have not been any investigations that have resulted in criminal charges.



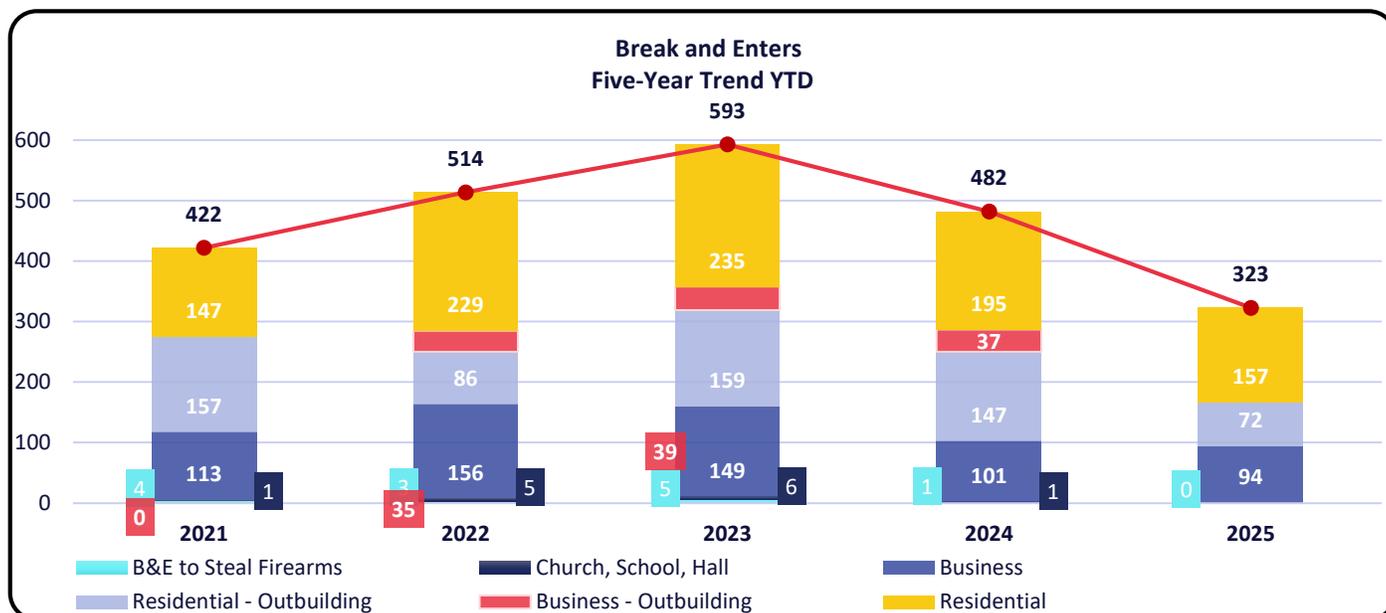
**Appendix 21:** five-year comparison



**Appendix 22:** YTD types

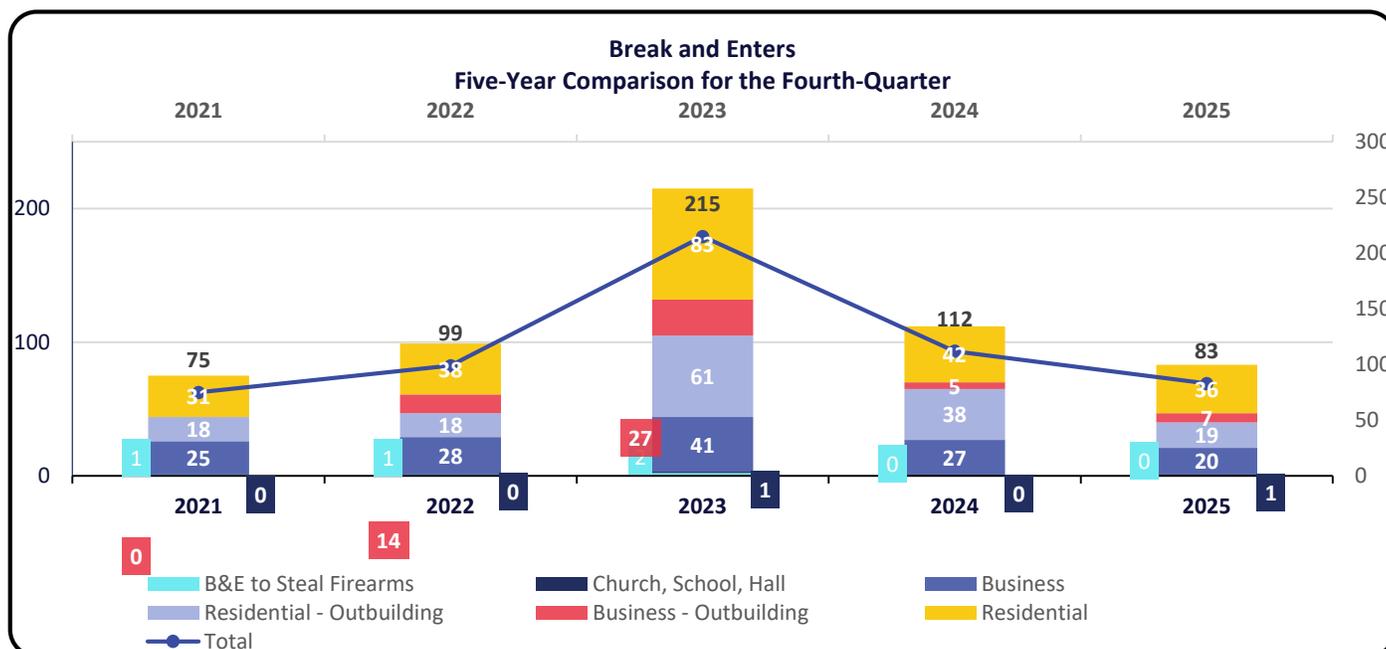
## Break and Enters

In 2025, there were 323 break-and-enters, which is a decrease of 32.98% from the previous year. In 70 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

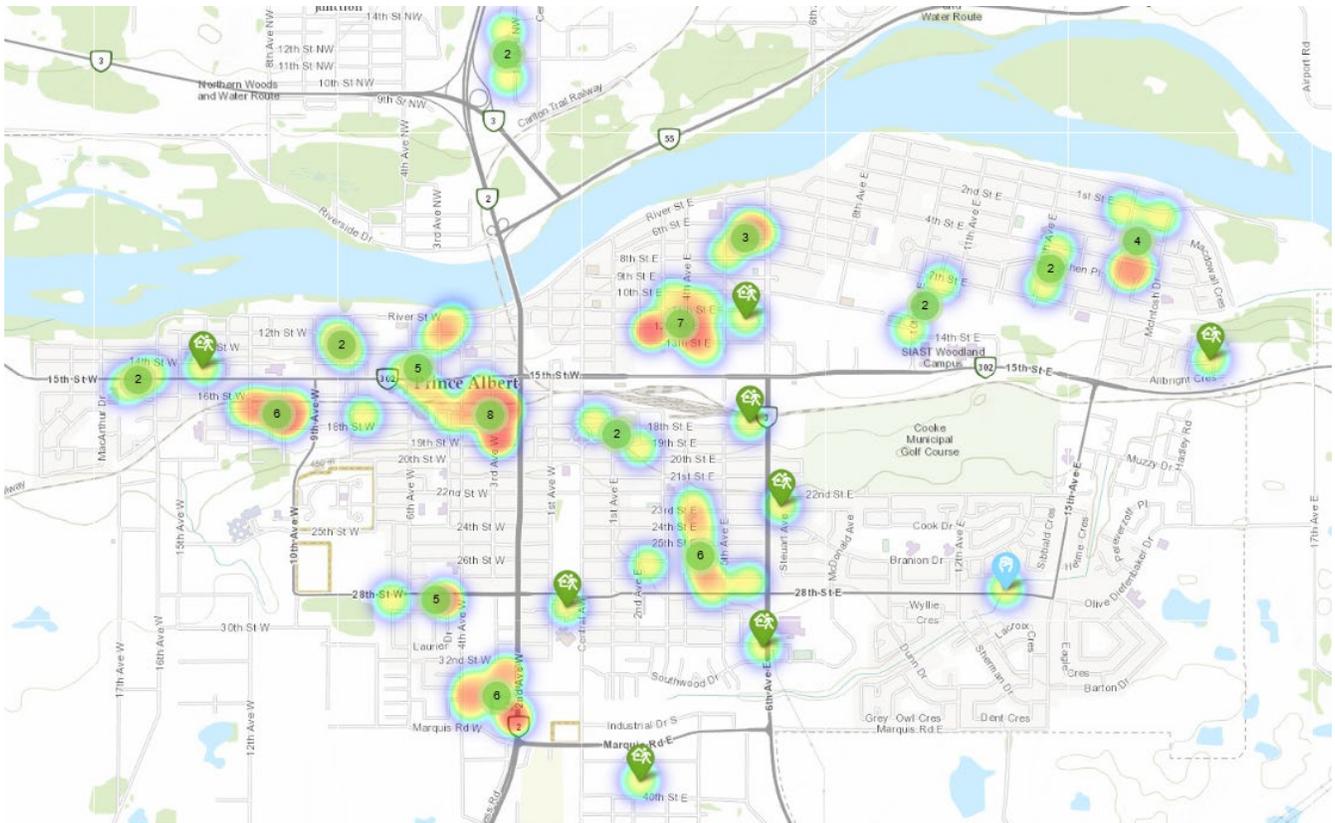


**Appendix 23:** five-year trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 83 break-and-enters. In 13 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.



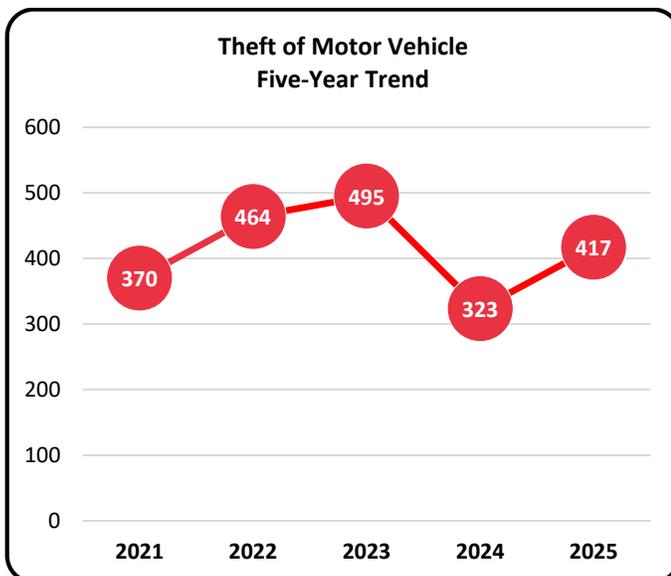
**Appendix 24:** five-year comparison



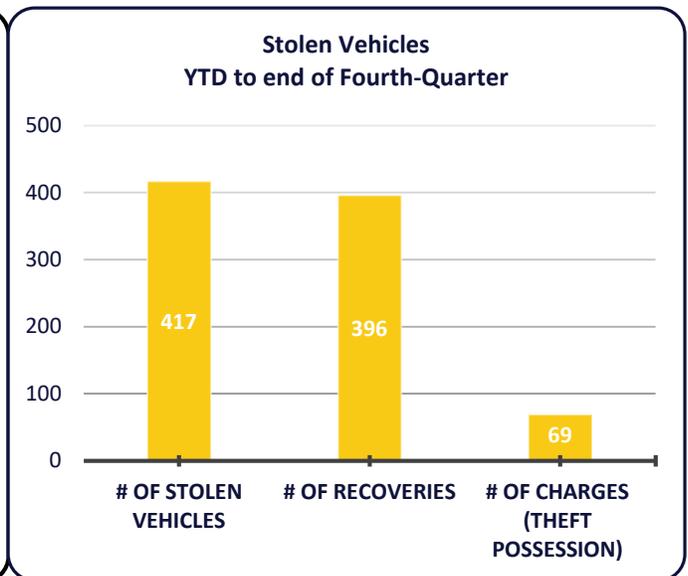
**Appendix 25:** Heat map of all breaks and enters the fourth quarter.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

In 2025, there were 417 vehicle thefts, which is a 29.10% increase from 2024. In 69 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.

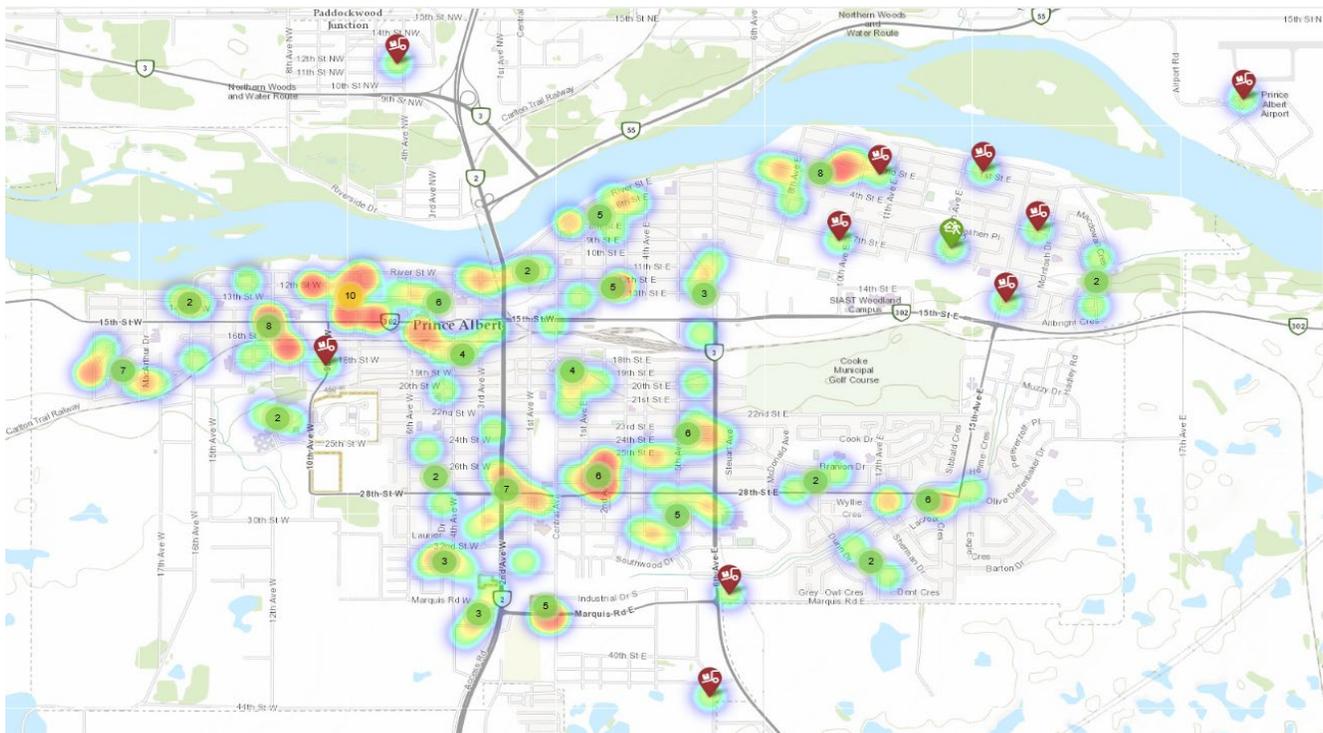


**Appendix 26:** five-year YTD trend



**Appendix 27:** recoveries and charges

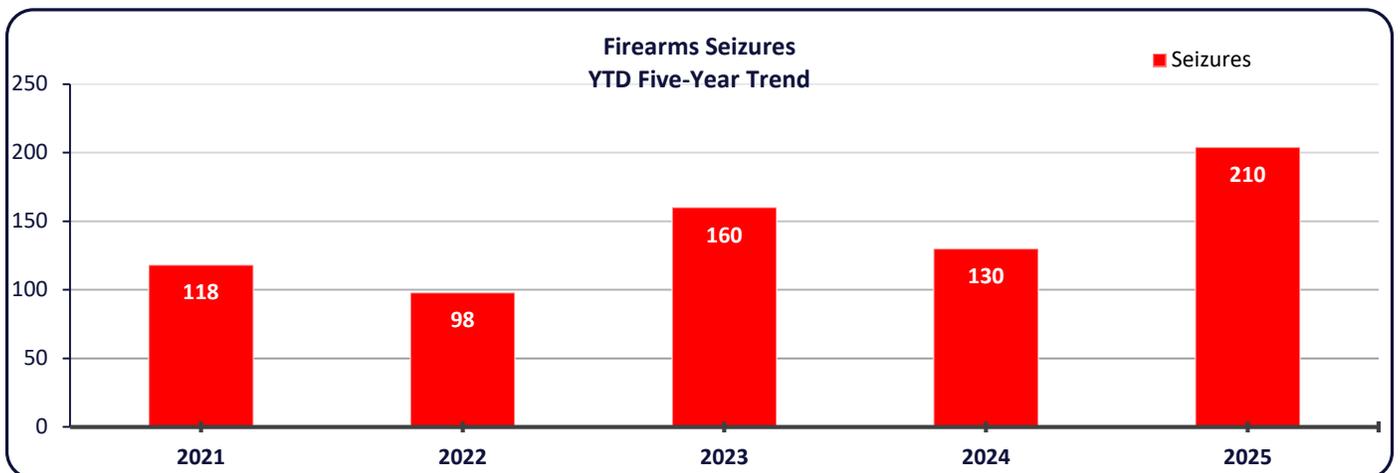
In the fourth quarter, there were 122 vehicle thefts. In 22 occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.



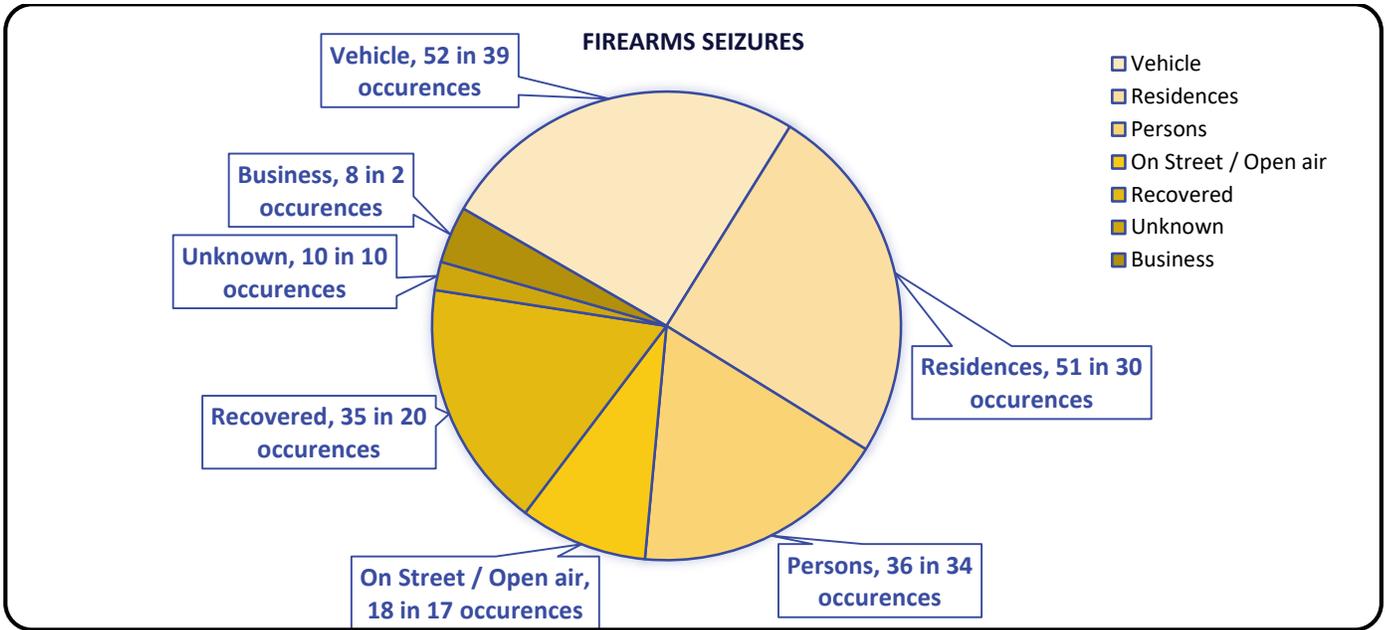
**Appendix 28:** heat map of vehicle thefts in the fourth quarter

### Firearms Seizures

In 2025, there were 210 firearms seizures in 146 occurrences. In 67 of those occurrences, investigations resulted in criminal charges.



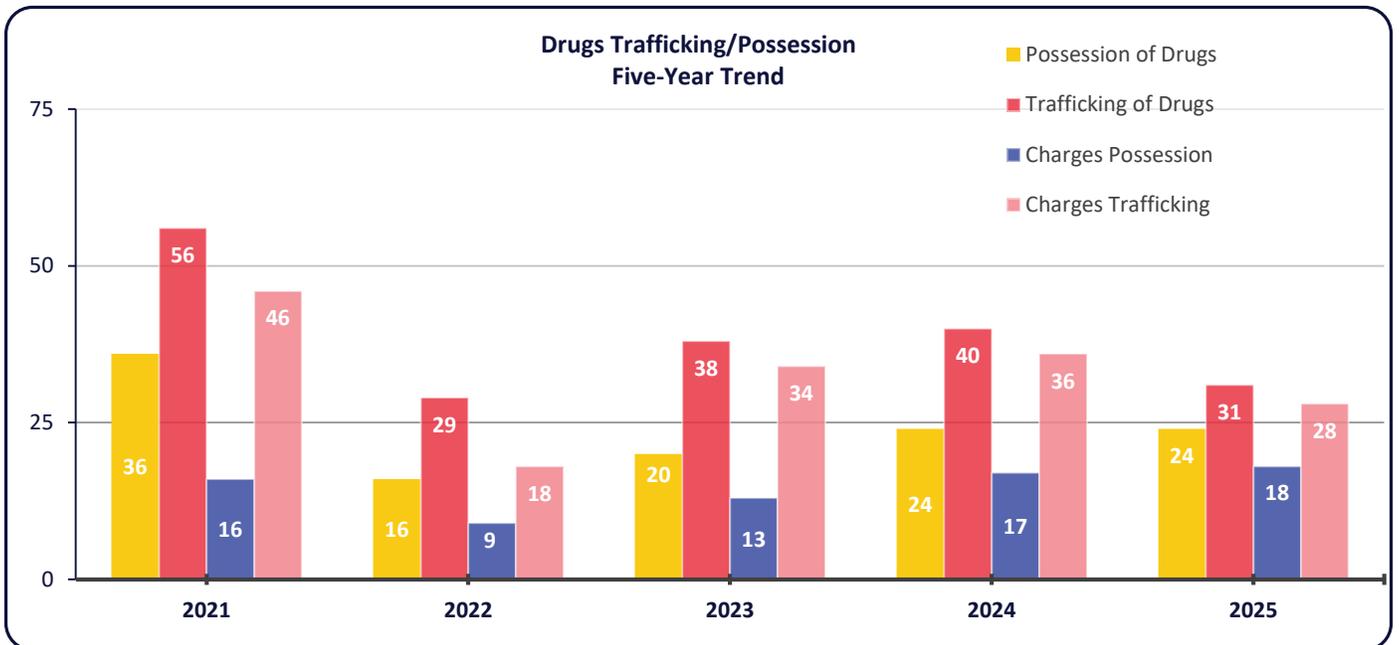
**Appendix 29:** five-year YTD trend firearms



Appendix 30: how/where firearms were seized YTD

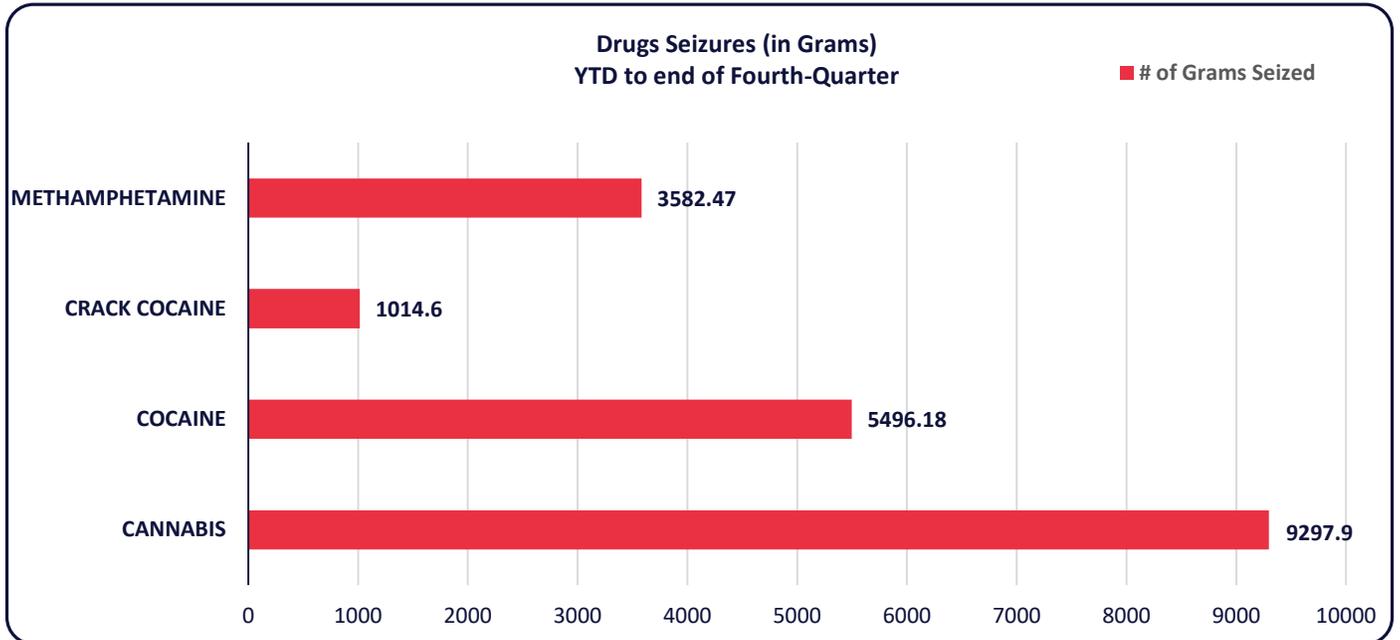
### Controlled Drugs and Substances

In 2025, there were 31 drug trafficking occurrences, 28 investigations resulting in criminal charges. There were 24 possession occurrences, 18 investigations resulting in criminal charges.



Appendix 31: five-year YTD comparison

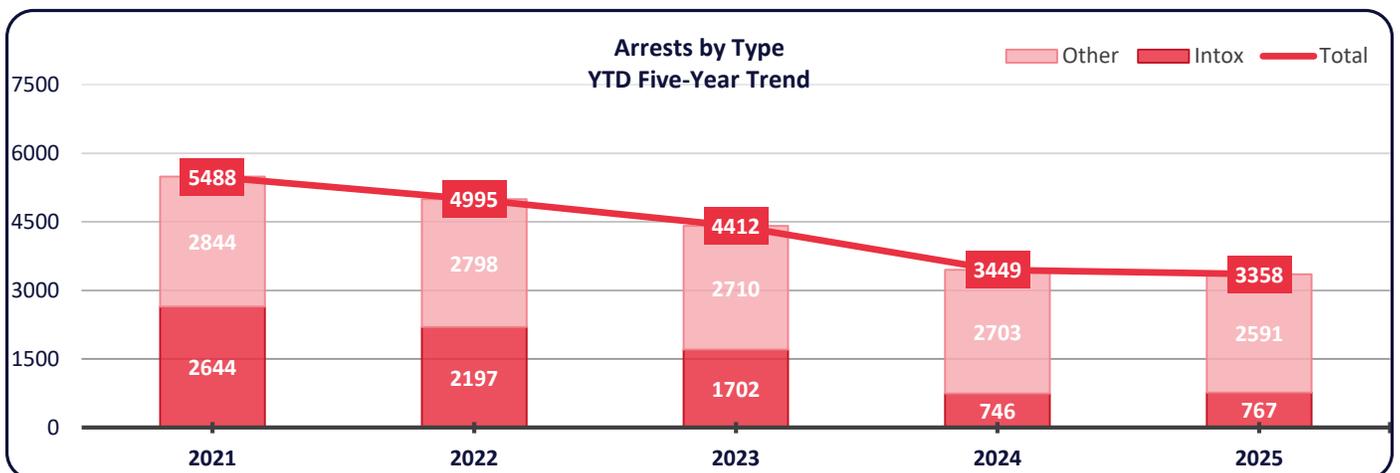
The five-year average of drug possession/trafficking occurrences is 39, the highest amount of drug seizures in 2025 was 9297.9 grams of Cannabis.



**Appendix 32:** quantity of drugs seized YTD (grams)

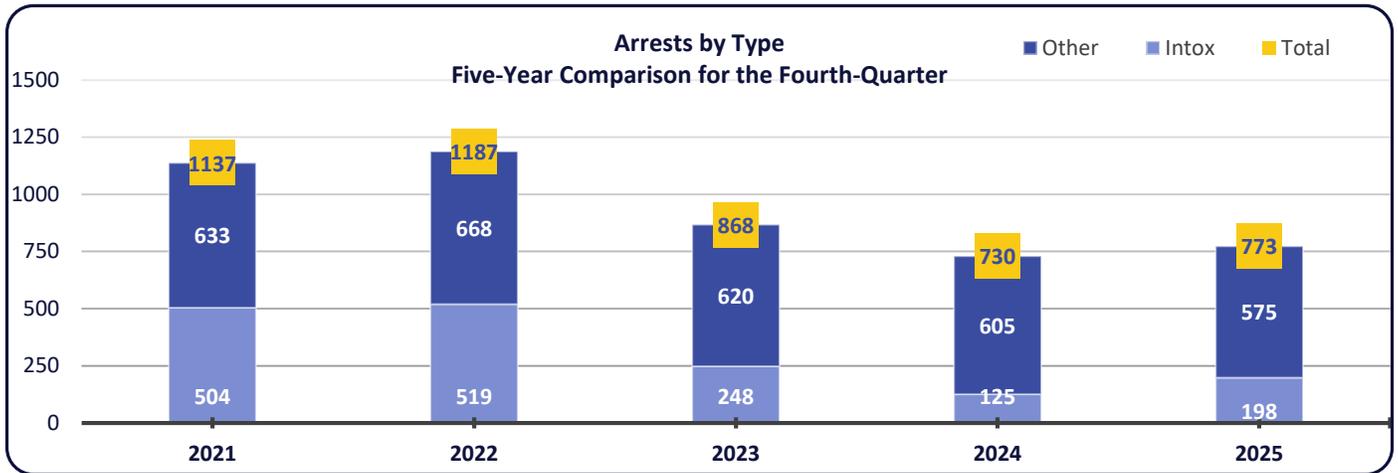
### Arrests

In 2025, there were 3358 arrests, 767 were for intoxication. Total Arrests have decreased by 2.64% from the previous year.



**Appendix 33:** five-year YTD trend

In the fourth quarter, there were 773 arrests, 198 were for intoxication. Total arrests have increased by 5.89% from the previous year.



**Appendix 34:** five-year comparison

**Impaired Driving**

In 2025, there were 79 Impaired occurrences resulting in 70 charges. There were 23 Female/Women and 47 Males/Men charged. Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) are responsible for 51% of those.

There were also 109 SGI Administration Suspensions, 60 for Alcohol and 49 for Drugs. Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) issued 86% of those.

**Mental Health**

In 2025, there were a total of 880 mental health-related calls for service (which includes attempt suicide, mental health events, and mental health warrants). Of these, 439 occurred between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., while 441 occurred between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. The Police and Crisis Team (PACT) were involved in 695 occurrences.

**Arrest Warrants**

In 2025, there were a total of 2144 warrants executed including 447 for other agencies. In the fourth quarter, 647 new warrants were issued. There were 338 warrants executed, and 105 of those were issued by other agencies. There are currently 817 outstanding warrants.

## Tickets

In 2025 there were 5877 ticket violations issued, which is a 1.31% increase from 2024.

In the fourth quarter, there were 1030 ticket violations, which is an .88% increase from 2024.

Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) issued 88% of those.

PRESENTATION:      VERBAL       AUDIO/VISUAL       NONE



Prepared by: Deputy Chief Prince



Approved by: Chief of Police Nogier



## CACOLE 2026 ANNUAL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

JUNE 1 - 4, 2026 IN SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN  
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER SASKATOON HOTEL

The **Canadian Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE)** is pleased to invite you to the **2026 Annual Professional Development Conference**, taking place **June 1–4, 2026, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.**

Set along the scenic South Saskatchewan River, Saskatoon—often called the “Paris of the Prairies”—offers a welcoming blend of prairie charm, vibrant culture, and thoughtful urban design. As a regional hub for government, education, and innovation, the city provides an ideal setting for meaningful dialogue and connection among police oversight professionals from across Canada.

The conference begins with registration and a **welcome networking reception on Monday, June 1**, followed by the **main conference program from Tuesday, June 2 through Thursday, June 4, 2026.**

### 2026 Conference Theme

#### **Oversight in Transition: Trust, Technology, and Accountability in a Changing Policing Environment**

Police oversight across Canada is experiencing significant transition. Expanded mandates, rapid technological advancement, evolving legal frameworks, and increasing public expectations are reshaping how oversight bodies operate—and how trust and legitimacy are earned and maintained.

This conference brings together **oversight leaders, legal experts, policymakers, practitioners, and students** to examine emerging challenges and practical solutions that strengthen accountability, independence, and public trust in modern policing.



### What to Expect:

- Sessions designed for police oversight professionals, law enforcement leaders, government representatives, and students
- **In-person and virtual attendance options**
- All sessions **recorded and available to attendees** for a limited time after the event
- Daily **breakfast, lunch, and networking breaks** for in-person attendees

A **preliminary program** will be available on the CACOLE website in the coming weeks.

### Registration Now Open

- **In-person and virtual tickets are available now.**
- Take advantage of **early bird pricing**, available until **May 1, 2026.**

Secure your seat today!



# CACOLE 2026 ANNUAL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

JUNE 1 - 4, 2026 IN SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN  
AT THE SHERATON CAVALIER SASKATOON HOTEL

## Accommodation



## 2026 Conference Host Hotel | Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel

We're pleased to offer conference attendees a **special CACOLE group rate** at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel – conveniently located and perfectly suited for a comfortable stay during the conference.

### How to book:

- Use the **CACOLE booking link** to access the preferred group rate
- Select your check-in and check-out dates, then click "Check Availability"
- The group rate is available for the main conference dates and **up to three days before and after the event** (May 29–June 7, 2026), subject to availability
- For any pre- or post-conference nights outside the booking link, please contact the hotel directly
- Rooms at the group rate are limited, so we encourage attendees to book early to secure their stay.

**If you encounter any difficulties, please reach out to [admin@cacole.ca](mailto:admin@cacole.ca).** For assistance. We want to ensure your stay is seamless.

We hope you'll join us in Saskatoon for an engaging and meaningful conference.

## The CACOLE Conference Team

SAVE THE DATE



# 2026 CACOLE CONFERENCE

JUNE 2 - 4 IN SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN AT THE  
SHERATON CAVALIER SASKATOON HOTEL



We're thrilled to announce that CACOLE's 2026 Annual Professional Development Conference is set to take place from June 2–4, 2026, in the vibrant city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan — with a Welcome Reception on Monday, June 1.

Our 2026 conference will feature a dynamic and diverse agenda, carefully curated to support the interests of police oversight professionals, law enforcement officials, government representatives, legal professionals, and students.

We're also delighted to share that this year's conference will be hosted at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown, the hotel overlooks the beautiful South Saskatchewan River and offers easy access to walking trails, restaurants, and cultural attractions. You can make your reservations now by clicking on the button below.

SECURE YOUR ROOM



Stay tuned for additional conference details — including registration information and a preliminary program. You'll be notified when registration officially opens.

Known as the "Paris of the Prairies," Saskatoon is celebrated for its warm hospitality, thriving culinary scene, and vibrant arts and culture. From scenic riverfront parks and local breweries to the iconic Remai Modern Museum and Meewasin Valley trails, the city offers plenty to explore and enjoy.

Be sure to mark your calendars — we can't wait to welcome you to Saskatoon in June 2026!



January 30, 2026

Janet Carriere  
Chairperson  
Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners  
45-15<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 3P4

Dear Janet Carriere:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 25, 2025, concerning firearms-related violence in Prince Albert and broader implications for public safety in Saskatchewan.

We also acknowledge receipt of your earlier letter dated July 8, 2025, bearing the same title, in which you shared a report prepared by the Prince Albert Police Service outlining the growing challenges associated with firearms-related violence in our community. As you've mentioned, the report highlights a significant strain on local police resources and elevated safety concerns, both locally as well as across other provinces and the United States. We have carefully reviewed this information and integrated it into our knowledge base to ensure a comprehensive and informed approach moving forward.

As part of its broader efforts to build safer and more secure communities, the Government of Canada is continuing its work to reduce gun violence by controlling access to firearms, supporting law enforcement and border officials, and investing in community programming and prevention initiatives.

As part of the Government's comprehensive approach to address firearms violence, on December 15, 2023, the former Bill C-21, *An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)*, received Royal Assent. The objective of the former Bill C-21 was to enhance public safety through targeted firearms control and to help keep communities safe from gun violence.

Most of the measures are already in effect such as a forward-looking technical definition of a prohibited firearm, a codified handgun freeze, licence requirements to acquire cartridge magazines, increased maximum penalties for weapons smuggling and trafficking from 10 to 14 years imprisonment, as well as the "red flag" laws, and related provisions in the *Criminal Code*. In addition, measures to strengthen the firearms licencing regime through new revocation and ineligibility authorities that aim to reduce the risk of firearms in instances of intimate partner or family violence came into force more recently. These efforts prioritize risk prevention and the protection of vulnerable individuals.

We also invest heavily in targeted initiatives that help communities prevent gun and gang violence through prevention programming, particularly among at-risk youth. Overall, the Government of Canada has invested over \$1.4 billion in targeted initiatives since 2016 to make communities across the country safer and more resilient, and continues to take concrete steps to make Canada less vulnerable to firearms violence. This includes a number of investments in prevention, enforcement, intelligence, and border security efforts to tackle the increase in gang activity across the country through the Initiative to Take Action Against Gun and Gang Violence (ITAAGGV).

The ITAAGGV was established in 2018, with an initial investment of \$356.1 million over five years. Renewed in 2023, funds were directed to provincial and territorial partners to combat gun and gang violence under the Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund (GGVAF) (\$390.0 million over five years), and to Indigenous communities under the Youth Gang Prevention Fund (\$10 million over five years).

Through the GGVAF, Saskatchewan was allocated approximately \$20.5 million. Additional funds are provided to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (\$8.3 million ongoing) and the Canada Border Services Agency (\$92.9 million from 2018 to 2025) to support law enforcement efforts to combat gun and gang violence.

In the Fall Economic Statement 2020, the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) allocated \$250.0 million over five years to bolster gang-prevention programming to counter the social conditions that lead to criminality with funding to municipalities and Indigenous communities. The total funding amount allocated to Saskatchewan was approximately \$9.7 million in funding, of which \$1.13 million was allocated to Prince Albert. Although the BSCF sunsets in 2026, Public Safety Canada (PS) will continue to work closely with departmental officials through the federal/provincial/territorial tables, and decisions on the future of the initiative will be communicated in due course.

As you know, crime prevention is a key pillar of community safety, reducing victimization, and strengthening social cohesion. Our approach to crime prevention is to address the underlying conditions that produce crime, to help disrupt the cycle of criminal behavior and repeat offending. Through the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS), the Government of Canada currently invests over \$47 million annually in community-based crime prevention efforts.

Recognizing the value of local knowledge, PS supports locally-led initiatives by working with communities to implement projects that reflect their unique safety needs and priorities. Funding under the NCPS is used to reduce risk factors and build protective factors among vulnerable children, youth, and young adults; prevent youth violence; and foster crime prevention in Northern and Indigenous communities.

We are committed to continuing to work closely with the City of Prince Albert to coordinate prevention and intervention efforts.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Anandasangaree', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, P.C., K.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety