

2025

**Report to our
Community**



**Public
Safety
through
Policing
Excellence**

**Camrose
Police
Service**

Message from the Chief of Police

I am pleased to bring forward the Camrose Police Service 2025 Annual Report.

The work of our staff, both sworn and civilian, continue to provide world class policing to our community.

From our in-house primary 911 Emergency Communications Centre that dispatches both Police and Fire, to our Trauma and Crime Support Services, the Camrose Police Service responds to our communities needs. Our 911 dispatchers underwent an International Certification for both Police and Fire dispatch protocols, further enriching public safety.

In an effort to enhance public trust and confidence in your Police Service, Body-Worn Cameras were implemented on our front line officers in 2025. This technology provides transparency and accountability to our community and also gives our officers increased evidentiary means, saving time and money during investigations.

Our PACT unit has been effective working with partner agencies in addressing the complex issue of mental health and homelessness. We have seen a notable decrease in social disorder surrounding our most vulnerable due to these efforts. Keeping many of these issues out of the criminal justice system is an efficiency in itself.

We have also invested in a part time Communications Professional to help us communicate to the public what is happening in their community, fulfilling a commitment to improve this part of our service delivery.

As I retire later this year after 34 years in law enforcement, with seven years as your Chief, I want to thank you for the privilege of leading this incredible Police Service. It has been an honour.

Dean LaGrange, Chief of Police



Message from the Police Commission

As Chair of the Camrose Police Commission, I am pleased to share the Commission's perspective as part of the Camrose Police Service's 2025 Annual Report.

Throughout the year, members of the Camrose Police Service demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and a strong commitment to community safety. Their continued efforts to engage with residents, strengthen partnerships, and respond effectively to community needs contribute significantly to the well-being of our city.

The Commission extends its sincere thanks to Chief LaGrange, along with all sworn and civilian members, for their service and commitment. I also wish to acknowledge my fellow Commission members for their time, diligence, and contributions throughout the year as we carry out our governance and oversight responsibilities.

As Chief LaGrange marks seven years of leadership with the Camrose Police Service and prepares for his retirement in 2026, the Commission offers its heartfelt congratulations and appreciation. His leadership, professionalism, and focus on community-based policing have left a lasting and positive legacy for the Service and the community it serves.

Looking ahead, the Commission is optimistic of the opportunities that lie ahead for the Camrose Police Service. As policing continues to evolve, we remain committed to supporting the Service as it navigates new challenges, embraces innovation, and continues to serve the community with excellence and integrity.

Lee Katchur, Chairman

Camrose Police Commission Members

- Lee Katchur, Chairman
- Adrian Zinck
- Malcolm Kirkland
- Jeffrey Hurd
- Kevin Keech
- Tena Lansing
- Lucas Banack
- Wayne Thronson

Mission Statement & Core Values

Public Safety through Policing Excellence



Our People
A Vibrant Workforce

Integrity
Honest & Trustworthy

Service
In service of Others

Care
Compassion and Understanding

Communication
Transparency and Accountability

Teamwork
Pulling together in Common Purpose

POLICE COMMISSION

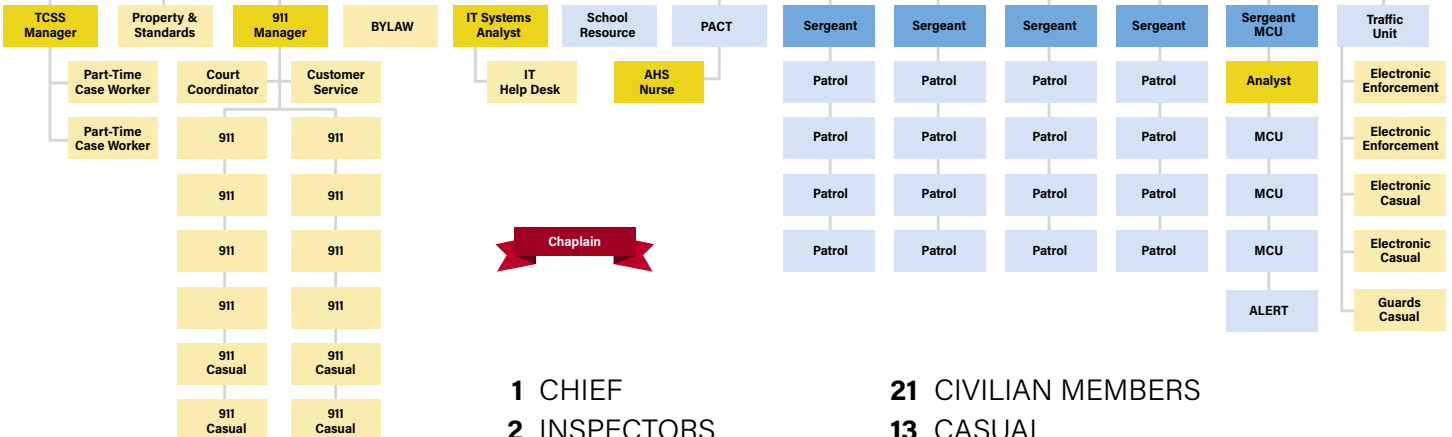
CHIEF

Executive Assistant

Strategic Comms

Inspector Ops Support

Inspector Operations



Chaplain

- 1 CHIEF
- 2 INSPECTORS
- 5 SERGEANTS
- 23 CONSTABLES
- 31 SWORN MEMBERS

- 21 CIVILIAN MEMBERS
- 13 CASUAL
- 1 AHS

Professional Standards

Reporting on complaints/compliments occurs monthly to the Camrose Police Commission. In 2025, the Camrose Police Service investigated the following:

2 Internal Complaints

5 Citizen Concerns

On December 1, 2025, the Alberta Police Review Commission (PRC) started taking over the role of independently investigating complaints against police. The PRC is an independent body dedicated to fair oversight and building trust between police and communities across the province.

Police Resources

	Population per officer
Camrose Police Service	693
Alberta	588
Canada	562

Source: Stats Canada 2023

Operations Budget

Total Expenditures **\$9,384,900**

Operating Tax Draw **\$7,007,277**

Total Revenue **\$2,377,623**

Our Community of Camrose

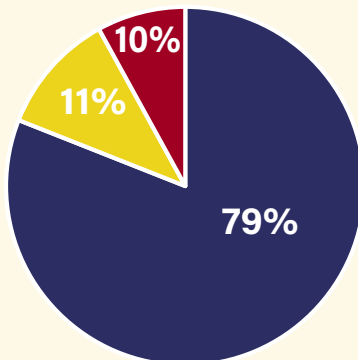
Population
20,801

Number of Dwellings
8,781

Number of Businesses
811

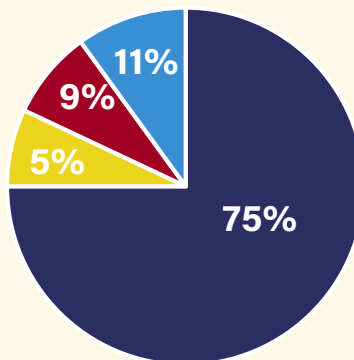
Estimated Commercial Base
150,000

Source: Alberta.ca
Regional Dashboard



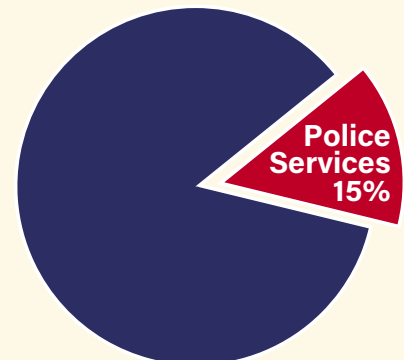
2025 Operating Budget

- Salaries/Benefits
- Contracted/General
- Materials/Goods/Supplies



Funding Streams

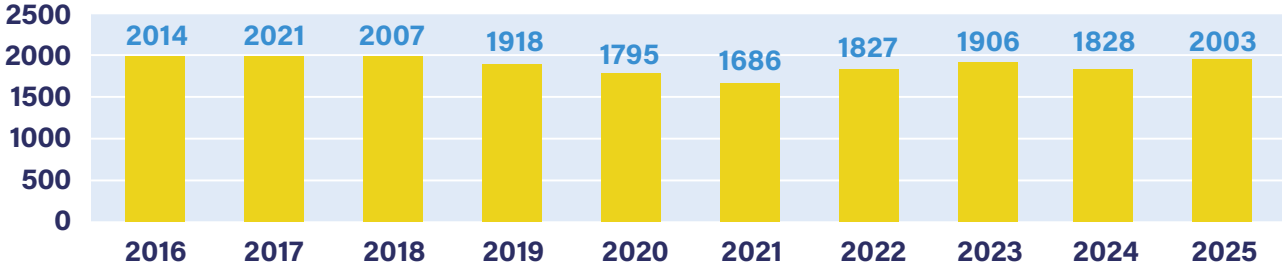
- Tax Supported
- Fine Revenue
- Service Fees/Charges
- Provincial Grants



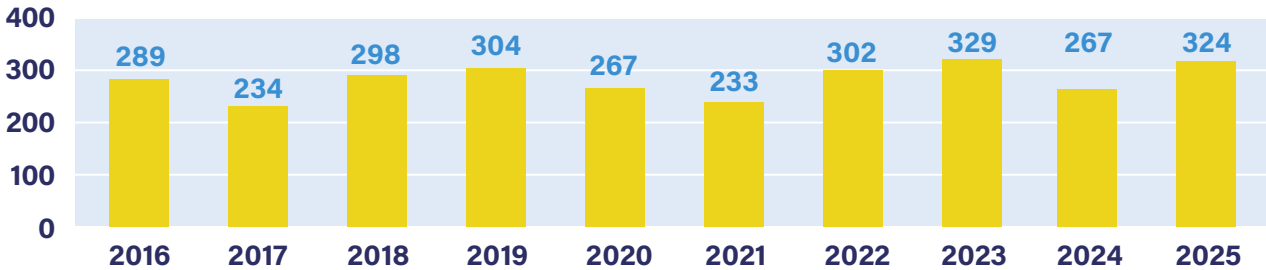
2025 Spending of Property Tax Dollars

Source:
City of Camrose

Total Criminal Code Offences



Crimes Against Persons



- **Increased 21%** from 2024.
- Increases noted in Robbery (3 to 6), Assault on Police (6 to 11), Assault (36%), Other sex offenses (13 to 21)
- Decreases noted in Homicide/Attempt Homicide (2 to 0), Criminal Harassment (21 to 18)

Crimes Against Property



- **Decreased 6%** from 2024.
- Increases noted in Fraud (17%), Mischief (12%)
- Decreases noted in Break and Enter (-20%), Theft of Motor Vehicle (-37%), Theft (-10%)
- **132** proactive bail compliance checks on **30** offenders in the community.
- CPS continued the weekly priority initiative in 2025 where various investigative, engagement or offender management activities were developed and worked on each week. In 2025, the CPS completed **177** priorities.

Road Safety in our Community

All members of the Camrose Police Service are committed to making our roads safer through prevention, education and enforcement throughout the year.

Reportable Collisions in Camrose

Severity of Collisions	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fatal	0	0	1	0	0
Injury	24	19	19	24	32
Property Damage	397	426	336	287	317
Total Reportable Collisions	421	445	356	311	349

- **12% increase** in total reportable collisions from 2024 to 2025
- **33% increase** in number of injury collisions from 2024 to 2025
- **0** Fatal Collisions in 2025
- **77% increase** in Intersection Collisions in 2025 (82 to 140)
- **Backing Unsafely** remains as the #1 cause of collisions

Impaired Driving

Impaired Driving Activities	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Totals	36	71	108	84	89
IRS - Fail	26	46	49	40	50
IRS - Warn	3	11	29	20	24
IRS - Zero	1	4	10	4	6
IRS - 24-hour	6	10	20	20	9

- **6% increase** in total number of Impaired Driving contraventions from 2024 to 2025
- **55% decrease** in # of 24-hour suspensions due to having two trained Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) able to perform assessments on motorists believed to be impaired by drug.
- Conducted **1,275** Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) tests in 2025

Provincial Offenses

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hit and Run	9	9	7	8	6
Careless Driving	12	10	11	8	10
Suspended Driving	23	21	33	39	21
No Insurance	51	60	44	48	60
Member Issued Violations	1,745	2,787	2,695	2,143	2,165
Photo Radar - Mobile Violations	3,219	3,506	2,679	3,087	3,108
Intersection Safety Device Violations	2,496	2,853	3,222	3,030	1,291

- ISD violations decreased significantly following a six-month system deactivation under provincial policy reforms.
- Overall, injury, and intersection collisions increased, reasonably correlated with reduced enforcement resulting from provincial photo radar restrictions.

Police and Crisis Team (PACT)

- CPS member and Registered Psychiatric Nurse paired up to address mental health crises in the community to achieve better health outcomes for individuals
- CPS responded to **259** mental health occurrences in 2025
- **237** referrals
- **169** clients supported

School Resource Officer (SRO)

- Provided **7** core classes to each of the 22 Grade 3 and Grade 6 groups at 7 different schools
- **4** different CORE instructors taught at various schools in Camrose
- Conducted lockdown drills at all **10** schools in Camrose
- Participated in various threat assessment and worrisome behaviour meetings in response to concerning student behaviours
- Conducted Kindergarten Police Station tours
- Attended CARE Coalition Meetings
- Provided various school presentations on online safety, theft, and how to be a good citizen
- Facilitated Boys' Council groups to encourage positive male role modelling



Trauma and Crime Support Services (TCSS)

- Formerly known as Victim Services Unit (VSU)
- Continued providing **24/7** services for those impacted by crime and trauma, including information, referrals and court support

185

Files opened
and supported

73

People assisted
with court



Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

MCU focused on property-related crime and the proactive enforcement of prolific offenders contributing to repeat criminal activity. The unit also addressed an increase in fraud complaints by providing victim education and investigative support aimed at reducing further victimization and increasing awareness of emerging fraud trends.

MCU enhanced interagency collaboration through joint operations with the Wetaskiwin RCMP Crime Reduction Unit, Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, and the Camrose RCMP Detachment, achieving significant results against offenders operating across multiple jurisdictions. The unit continued to deliver essential investigative support to frontline members and specialized sections, strengthening coordinated responses to complex investigations.

The Crime Analyst role remained integral, supporting investigators through real-time crime analysis, trend monitoring, and ongoing information sharing with partner agencies. Additionally, the Camrose Police Service maintained its partnership with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), assigning a member to support provincewide organized crime enforcement efforts.

Community Peace Officer

- **899** Bylaw Occurrences in 2025 (**2% increase** from 2024)
- **223** Dog/Animal Complaints (**13% decrease** from 2024)



9-1-1 Communications Centre

Over the past year, the Camrose Police Service Communications Centre has continued to advance its services and strengthen its role as a critical hub for emergency response. In addition to managing all 9-1-1 calls, police dispatching, and fire dispatching for the City of Camrose and six surrounding fire departments, the Centre has made several important strides in 2025.



A major achievement this year has been the **certification and full implementation of Fire Dispatch Protocols** through Priority Dispatch.

This milestone brings fire response under the same evidence-based framework already used for police dispatching, ensuring greater consistency, accuracy, and support for frontline responders.

The Communications Centre has also **expanded integration with Alberta Health Services**, enabling smoother coordination during medical emergencies and enhancing the flow of critical information between agencies. This work supports more efficient, timely, and informed responses during multi-agency incidents.

Ongoing professional development remains a cornerstone of the Centre's success. Throughout the year, staff participated in **training focused on emerging best practices**, updated standards, and continuous improvement of call-handling and dispatch procedures. These efforts ensure that our dispatchers remain confident, capable, and aligned with evolving expectations for modern emergency communications.

Collectively, these advancements reflect our commitment to delivering reliable, high-quality emergency services for our community and regional partners. The Communications Centre continues to evolve in both capability and professionalism, supporting emergency responders and safeguarding the well-being of residents across Camrose and the surrounding region.

Total Calls Received

36,425

9-1-1 Calls

9,314

Police Dispatched Calls

4,292

Standards & Property Management

- Successfully completed CALEA web-based assessment
- Handled and processed over 2,300 exhibits
- Completed a policy modernization project

Accomplishments

- 1 King Charles III Coronation Medal
- 1 32-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal
- 1 22-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal
- 1 12-year Alberta Emergency Services Medal

We were also pleased to recognize and celebrate the retirements of one of our Dispatchers, following 28 years of dedicated service, and our Standards & Property Manager, who concluded 45 years of committed service to the organization.



MP Damien Kurek presents the King Charles III Coronation Medal to Cst. Michael Kuster on June 4, 2025, recognizing his dedicated service to the community.

Community Involvement

Camrose Police Service staff continue to value and actively participate in community engagement opportunities throughout the year. Our members volunteer with more than 20 local organizations and support a wide range of community events and initiatives, including:

- Charity Checkstop
- Viking Cup
- Special Olympics Activities
- School tours
- Battle of the Badges
- Fraud Awareness Initiatives



Tribute to Fallen Members



The Camrose Police Service continues to honour the Police and Peace Officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to communities across Canada.


The Pillar of Strength is a permanent monument at the south grounds of the Alberta legislature. It symbolizes Alberta's commitment to the peace officer community and recognizes the ultimate sacrifices made by fallen officers.





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