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Killam / Forestburg Detachment Commander
Killam, Alberta

Dear Flagstaff County/MD of Provost stakeholders and CAOs,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of January 1st to March 31st, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Killam / Forestburg Detachment and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

In addition to the information contained in the attached report, I would also like to highlight a significant national development that will impact frontline policing operations in the coming months. The RCMP has recently awarded a contract for a new modernized general duty service pistol, marking an important step in enhancing public and officer safety, as well as operational effectiveness.

The selected model is the Glock 45 MOS 7 Duty Pistol. This modernized pistol will be issued as part of a comprehensive package, including a red dot sight (Aimpoint Acro P-2), a weapon-mounted light (Streamlight TLR-7X), three magazines, interchangeable grip components, a lanyard loop attachment, a Safariland duty holster, and a secure carrying case.

The rollout will occur in phases with priority given to frontline officers. Distribution across RCMP divisions will be based on operational needs, and full deployment is anticipated by summer 2028.

A transition of this scale requires comprehensive training to ensure safe and effective use. A training program has been developed and will begin rolling out to instructors this summer. A mandatory four-day training program for frontline officers is expected to follow in late summer and fall, concluding with annual firearms qualification. Training schedules are being developed to ensure there is no impact to frontline service delivery levels.

This modernization effort reflects the RCMP's ongoing commitment to ensuring officers have the appropriate tools and training to serve their communities safely and effectively. Investments in equipment such as this are essential to maintaining high standards of policing and adapting to evolving operational demands.

We remain committed to transparency and to keeping our municipal partners informed of significant developments that impact policing services in your community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Sincerely,

Sgt. Andy Wetzstein
Killam / Forestburg RCMP Detachment Commander



Killam Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to March: 2022 - 2026

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

April 7, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 2022 - 2026	% Change 2025 - 2026	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		1	1	1	3	5	400%	67%	1.0
Other Sexual Offences		1	2	0	1	1	0%	0%	-0.1
Assault		11	5	12	16	9	-18%	-44%	0.7
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Extortion		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		5	10	7	3	11	120%	267%	0.5
Uttering Threats		4	3	3	3	6	50%	100%	0.4
TOTAL PERSONS		23	21	25	26	34	48%	31%	2.7
Break & Enter		39	33	38	10	6	-85%	-40%	-8.9
Theft of Motor Vehicle		13	4	16	3	5	-62%	67%	-1.7
Theft Over \$5,000		3	4	8	2	3	0%	50%	-0.2
Theft Under \$5,000		35	26	34	10	7	-80%	-30%	-7.2
Possn Stn Goods		13	7	19	7	0	-100%	-100%	-2.6
Fraud		17	16	16	15	16	-6%	7%	-0.3
Arson		0	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		24	17	54	3	7	-71%	133%	-4.8
Mischief - Other		5	4	14	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.3
TOTAL PROPERTY		149	111	201	51	44	-70%	-14%	-27.0
Offensive Weapons		3	1	9	1	7	133%	600%	0.8
Disturbing the peace		0	0	1	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches		23	8	10	6	4	-83%	-33%	-4.0
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		13	3	2	2	3	-77%	50%	-2.1
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		39	12	22	9	16	-59%	78%	-4.9
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		211	144	248	86	94	-55%	9%	-29.2



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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	1	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		0	1	2	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	1	3	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		1	2	5	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Liquor Act		0	2	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.2
Cannabis Act		1	0	0	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Mental Health Act		22	18	16	10	27	23%	170%	0.2
Other Provincial Stats		24	21	18	50	17	-29%	-66%	1.5
Total Provincial Stats		47	41	34	62	46	-2%	-26%	1.9
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
Municipal By-laws		9	3	8	3	2	-78%	-33%	-1.4
Total Municipal		9	3	8	3	4	-56%	33%	-1.0
Fatals		1	0	1	1	2	100%	100%	0.3
Injury MVC		2	0	7	9	3	50%	-67%	1.1
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		65	65	31	35	26	-60%	-26%	-10.8
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		13	9	5	13	9	-31%	-31%	-0.4
TOTAL MVC		81	74	44	58	40	-51%	-31%	-9.8
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		1	7	5	1	7	600%	600%	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		197	208	83	131	169	-14%	29%	-13.3
Other Traffic		0	2	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.2
Criminal Code Traffic		3	6	4	8	3	0%	-63%	0.2
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		20	10	10	5	18	-10%	260%	-0.9
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		8	10	9	9	4	-50%	-56%	-0.9
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		70	47	54	15	9	-87%	-40%	-15.4
Persons Reported Missing		2	1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Search Warrants		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		31	16	17	28	26	-16%	-7%	0.2
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	1	1	2	3	N/A	50%	0.7



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Killam/Forestburg Detachment

Detachment Commander

Sgt. Andy Wetzstein

Report Date May 1, 2026	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Quarter Q4 (January - March)
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Community Priorities

Priority #1: Property Crime Reduction

Updates and Comments:

The detachment continues to see a stark reduction in crimes reported for thefts and break and enters. Several factors inclusive of current incarceration, strict release conditions, offender relocations and even deaths of certain offenders from the region have led to this decline. Members continue proactive efforts locating those on outstanding warrants to hold them accountable.

Priority #2: Community Engagement

Updates and Comments:

Members attended 11 events this quarter and met our annual goal. Several online safety presentations were delivered to schools in our area as digital literacy continues to be a vulnerable topic for youth today. Anecdotally, the detachment has received positive feedback from citizens around the county mentioning their noted increased presence in their communities. I'm pleased that police's efforts are starting to pay off in terms of attempted crime displacement through visible presence and increased comfort and positivity with community interactions.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
March 26, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Supervisor and Member conducted traffic safety presentation for Grade 9's to 12's at Daysland School. This was a proactive effort to influence safe driving practices amongst the youth but also to break down the barrier of fear that youth have when possibly being pulled over by law enforcement. The youth participated in ASD simulations and learned about impaired/dangerous driving.	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
March 18, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Victim Services (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with the Assistant Director of Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (EARVSS). Several topics discussed including the current rotational navigator coverage plan from other detachment areas, promotional material, and the hiring progress for our vacant navigator position.	

Consultation #3

Date	Meeting Type
March 17, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander hosted quarterly Citizen Advisory Committee meeting. Several topics discussed including the Police Funding Model, Annual Priorities, Real Time Operations Center tours and future town hall plans.	





Consultation #4

Date	Meeting Type
March 16, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Family Violence (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander and supervisor attended a Pro-Parenting event put on by Flagstaff Family and Community Services. The event was held at Forestburg School targeted at families struggling with many things: poverty, access to social services, food scarcity, youth issues, etc. Police were there supplementing the attendees and answering questions/interacting with attendees as needed.	

Consultation #5

Date	Meeting Type
March 16, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander delivered a fraud prevention presentation at the Senior's Center in Killam, AB. Several topics were delivered in hopes of deterring frauds and scams in the area. The event was a resounding success. There was collaborative effort planned with Flagstaff Community and Family Resources (FCSS).	

Consultation #6

Date	Meeting Type
March 16, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with Village of Amisk Council as part of annual council meetings. Several topics were discussed including crime reduction from previous year, human resources, annual priority planning for upcoming fiscal and Citizen Advisory Committee member confirmation.	



Consultation #7

Date	Meeting Type
March 12, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with Flagstaff County Rural Crime Watch committee. Several topics were discussed including annual planning, the November Symposium event, crime reduction strategies and statistics from recent town hall in Daysland.	

Consultation #8

Date	Meeting Type
March 11, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
District Operations Officer attended the Flagstaff County Administration building to deliver a presentation regarding the new Alberta Police Funding Model. The goal of the session was to educate the council (which had some turnover during the recent autumn election in 2025) on the RCMP's role within the model and how the funding changes from the province will be affect municipalities in a question and answer session. The District Operations Officer did not require the Commander to attend.	

Consultation #9

Date	Meeting Type
March 10, 2026	Town Hall
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Education Session (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander hosted a town hall engagement opportunity for the towns/villages of Daysland, Heisler and Strome at the Daysland Community. The Alberta Prosecution Service from Wetaskiwin were invited and attended to deliver a presentation. Several topics were covered including: calls for service, crime reduction efforts, annual priorities, Body Worn Cameras, staffing levels, provincial policing topics and pre-charge assessments. The event was very well received.	





Consultation #10

Date	Meeting Type
March 5, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Member prepared and presented an Online Safety presentation targeted towards high school students when using technology and Apps such as Snapchat etc.. Furthermore, discussion encompassed an individual's permission/non-permission to capture and use their digital image.	

Consultation #11

Date	Meeting Type
February 20, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with Killam council to discuss annual planning, crime reduction efforts/results and confirm Citizen Advisory Committee member.	

Consultation #12

Date	Meeting Type
February 18, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander attended the Daysland Council meeting. Annual planning, crime reduction efforts, Citizen Advisory Committee candidate confirmation and various other topics were discussed.	



Consultation #13

Date	Meeting Type
February 12, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander attended meeting for the Flagstaff County Wellness Collective group. Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) facilitated the meeting to bring agencies together to discuss this brand new program. The premise is to be a social/economic "catch all" program that can deliver access to imperative services for residents of the county. Police will participate as a partner for the program knowing that many causes of crime are rooted in poverty, food scarcity, employment struggles, mental health, elder needs, etc. When attending calls for service, police will deliver referral cards for the Wellness Collective to clients where our Victim Services agency cannot assist clients with some of the above named social issues/needs. While in its infancy, this program has the potential to be very impactful for clients in our jurisdiction using police's first point of contact and could possibly reduce crime by getting clients access to critical services that may prevent them from committing crime to meet their needs in their future.	

Consultation #14

Date	Meeting Type
February 11, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Victim Services	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with the Chief Executive Officer and Assistant Director of Operations of the Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society to discuss concerns from the recent dismissal of Killam/Forestburg Detachment's navigator. A plan was established for coverage going forward.	





Consultation #15

Date	Meeting Type
February 11, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Persons Crimes (3): Property Crime	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander initiated meeting with Crown Counsel to discuss procedure and file management. Several person(s)/property crime files were discussed. An update of concerns from both sides relating to files and procedure were discussed. Commander also notified Crown of the recent Victim Support Services dismissal and the plan for coverage going forward. Both sides have an excellent rapport and will continue to meeting quarterly to maintain this strong working relationship.	

Consultation #16

Date	Meeting Type
February 3, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander attended meeting with Family and Community Services. Several topics discussed including crime reduction, future crime watch symposium and youth initiatives. The meeting was well attended and several new county wellness initiatives for citizens were discussed inclusive of a RCMP partnership.	

Consultation #17

Date	Meeting Type
January 23, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander met with the Village of Heisler council to discuss several topics. Annual planning ideas, crime reduction efforts and confirmation of Citizens Advisory Committee member was verified. The meeting was very informative and well received.	



Consultation #18

Date	Meeting Type
January 22, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Property Crime (3): Annual Planning	
Notes/Comments:	
Members met with Rural Crim watch partners to discuss and plan initiatives for reducing crime and serving the residences of Flagstaff County.	

Consultation #19

Date	Meeting Type
January 20, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Regular reporting information sharing (3): Mental Health	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander and Supervisor met with Flagstaff Family Community Support Services (FCSS), the Association of Communities Against Abuse (ACAA) and the Flagstaff County Wellness program to discuss their mandates and how we can work together. Parties discussed a possible future joint initiative to support residents of the county suffering from mental health concerns, poverty, unemployment, sexual abuse, familial violence and beyond. Youth crime prevention strategies and online safety practices were also discussed. Police were supportive of an idea to help FCSS deliver referral cards to police clients that may be in need of these new support programs in the future.	

Consultation #20

Date	Meeting Type
January 19, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Member delivered an Online Safety presentation to students at Forestburg School. Grades 6 through 12 were in attendance. The session was very well received. Several questions were asked and participation was very good. School administration were extremely thankful for police's initiative for this very important topic for today's youth.	



Consultation #21

Date	Meeting Type
January 16, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander initiated a meeting with the village of Forestburg Council. Commander discussed annual planning ideas for next fiscal, confirmed with council their identified member for the Citizen Advisory Committee and discussed annual crime reduction performance and prolific offenders. The meeting was engaging and well received.	

Consultation #22

Date	Meeting Type
January 16, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander initiated a meeting with the Town of Sedgewick Council. Commander discussed annual planning ideas for next fiscal, confirmed with council their identified member for the Citizen Advisory Committee and discussed annual crime reduction performance and prolific offenders. The meeting was well received.	

Consultation #23

Date	Meeting Type
January 14, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander initiated a meeting with Flagstaff County Council. Commander discussed annual planning ideas for next fiscal, confirmed with council their identified member for the Citizen Advisory Committee and discussed annual crime reduction performance and prolific offenders.	





Consultation #24

Date	Meeting Type
January 6, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Commander attended the Interagency meeting to report on police activities such as youth engagement, safety planning and online social media safety for youth. Police spoke of a sextortion file increase in the past few months and how police are working with the schools to give presentations to help keep youth safe from online predators. Crime reduction strategies briefly discussed for youth and seniors.	

Consultation #25

Date	Meeting Type
January 6, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Members attended the Forestburg school to create community connections with students, teacher and admin staff. High Fives and playing with the students were the highlights of the visit.	



Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Temporary Absences	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	8	7	0	1
Detachment Support	2	2	0	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on March 31, 2026 and is subject to change.
2. Temporary Absences are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the eight established positions, seven officers are currently working. There are no temporary absences. There is one hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the two established positions, two resources are currently working. There are no temporary absences or hard vacancies at this time.

