

Moose Jaw Police Service



Chief's Message

I am pleased to present my first Chief's Message for this, the 2007 Annual Report of the Moose Jaw Police Service. It is challenging to author a message for a year that I was not a member of the police service.

2007 was a year of numerous changes - we saw four officers leave the police service, three choosing to join other police agencies, as well as the departure of Chief Terry Coleman in December. In January of 2008, I returned to the service as Chief of Police after a one year absence. I am confident that the effects of these changes are behind us, and I am optimistic about the replacement and training of our new officers.

Taking a one-year break in service has given me an opportunity to reflect on my own policing career, starting with my hiring in 1977 through to becoming a member of the police service's executive management team when I was promoted to the ranks of Inspector in 2000 and Deputy Chief in 2004. My years of operational experience were almost equally divided between uniform patrol (Community Policing Division) and plain-clothes investigations (Criminal Investigations Division).

In the fall of 2006, I resigned from the police service to accept a position with the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation as Director of Gaming Security. This position gave me an opportunity to broaden my view of the business world, and helped me to see how positive influences could affect the whole work environment - not only at the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation, but also at the Moose Jaw Police Service. In January of 2008, I returned to the police service as Chief of Police.

I am very proud to once again be wearing our uniform and look forward to working with the men and women of our Police Service, in serving the citizens of Moose Jaw by keeping our community safe. I believe the people in our community want to feel safe in their homes and on our streets, they need to have confidence in their police service, they want policing value for their tax dollars and they expect to be treated in a professional respectful manner. In essence, they expect their police service to operate with effectiveness, efficiency and rectitude. I also believe in the Moose Jaw Police Service, and our ability to meet these expectations.

Dale M. Larsen - Chief of Police

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Together We Make a Difference

Taser Training



In January 2007, Moose Jaw Police Service sent two members to the Saskatchewan Police College to be trained as instructors on the Conducted Energy Device (CED) or, better known as the Taser. In August 2007, the Police Service purchased six X-26 Taser CED's. The X-26 deploys two small probes up to 35 feet from a replaceable nitrogen filled cartridge. The probes are attached to conductive wires and embed themselves in a persons clothing or skin. The wires allow a current of 50,000 volts to pass into the subject and instantly cause neuro muscular incapacitation. This is to say that it affects the sensory and motor functions of the peripheral nervous system. Even though the Taser has a current of 50,000 volts, the ampere output of the Taser is less than a Christmas tree light bulb. The Taser discharges for five-second cycles when the trigger is pulled.

In December 2007, all police officers were trained on the X-26 Taser. Each officer was given the opportunity to be Tasered with the majority choosing to feel the effects of the new less-lethal use of force option. Officers completed four hours of training and upon the completion of a written and practical test, were certified as users of the CED. Currently the Taser has not yet been deployed to the street in Moose Jaw because the Provincial Police Commission has denied its usage pending the results of a study.



Motorcycle Bike Rodeo

On June 23, 2007, Moose Jaw Police Service hosted a motorcycle rodeo in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The event was the first of its kind in Saskatchewan designed to promote motorcycle safety awareness.

The first phase of three events was an obstacle course structured in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Safety Counsel to test balance and low speed maneuvering/handling skills of the riders. The participants negotiated a course created with traffic cones which tested cornering and balance. The second event was a written knowledge-based exam designed to test the rider's awareness of different aspects of motorcycle safety including rules of the road, skills, and safety equipment. This was a multiple-choice exam and was twenty questions in length. The third and final event was an equipment checklist performed on the participant's own motorcycle. The person with the highest cumulative score would be declared the winner.

The event was sponsored by SGI who provided a \$1,000 grant paid out as prize money. First place won \$400, second place won \$300, third place won \$200 and fourth place won \$100. The winner of the rodeo was Moose Jaw's own Mayor Dale McBain as he had the highest cumulative score in all three events.





GRAFFITI TASK FORCE - In 2007, graffiti was a major problem in the community. There was a 50% increase in damage to property complaints over 2006. To combat the problem, a Graffiti Task Force was created. The group was made up of several officers from different units and required the collaboration of every officer.

Their first objective was to identify people involved in graffiti. An aggressive strategy was developed to record the different graffiti tags around the city and link those tags to specific offenders. Photographs of all the graffiti were taken and a graffiti logbook was maintained. As a result of the wide-ranging investigation into graffiti, several individuals were identified resulting in over 100 criminal charges. Not only were graffiti crimes solved locally, some of the graffiti was linked to White City which resulted in the successful conclusion of their investigations.



CPR PROPANE LEAK - On October 1, 2007, police were dispatched to the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) station because of a leaking propane tanker that was discovered by CPR engineers during inspection of an in-bound train.

CPR managers and the Moose Jaw Fire Department met with police to evaluate the situation. Due to the potential danger of an explosion, it was decided to evacuate from 2nd Avenue NW to 2nd Avenue NE and from Manitoba Street to River Street. All businesses and residences within the zone had to be evacuated.



Once the evacuation was complete, the focus shifted to preventing anyone from entering the barricaded area. Every available on-duty officer was called into action to ensure the safety of people in the area.

Although any potential danger had been averted, the situation was an excellent example of how multiple agencies were able to work together and make the next potential disaster a more manageable one.

INDOOR GUN RANGE - As part of our continuing commitment to staff development and improved facilities, our Indoor Gun Range was renovated in 2007. The original four-lane 20 meter pistol range was built in 1986. It served us well for many years but when we transitioned from revolvers to pistols, the new jacketed ammunition quickly took its toll. Armor plating, acoustic insulation, and the target retrieval system deteriorated to a point where the range was shut down.

An \$80,000 renovation was undertaken. Local contractors replaced, repaired, and added to the armor plating. New acoustic insulation was installed. Mancom Manufacturing Inc. supplied and installed a state of the art three-lane target retrieval system. The new range is now equipped in the same fashion as ranges used by Regina Police Service and the RCMP. Its lighted target carriers, ballistic glass dividers, and computerized control systems are a giant leap forward in technology and functionality compared to our old range. The project was completed on time and under budget. Staff have a renewed interest in firearms training and practice.



COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICES

Response - Crisis: immediate response to emergency situations that jeopardize life, property, and/or social order.

Response - Non-Crisis: responding to calls to investigate offences; to provide assistance, advice, or referral, and to maintain social order.

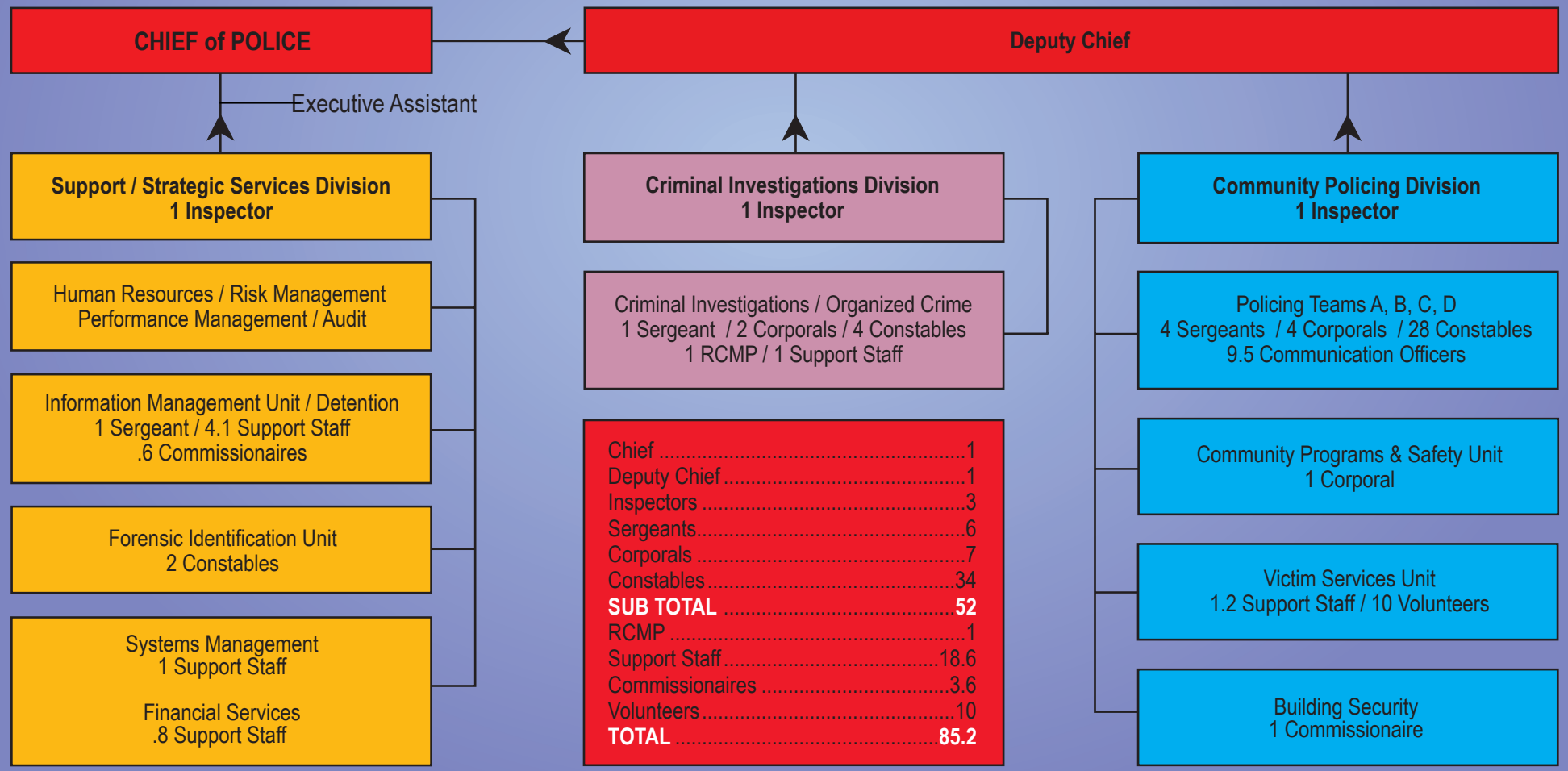
Community/Police Collaboration: partnering with the community to identify policing priorities, to jointly develop responses to same, and to establish a lasting relationship with the community to provide quality customer service.

Victim Support and Assistance: facilitating and/or providing support services to those affected by crime and/or tragedy; and to assist them, when necessary, with navigating the justice system.

Prevention and Education: delivery of programs to increase community awareness and to reduce the opportunity for, and the incidence and impact of, threats to the safety and security of the community.

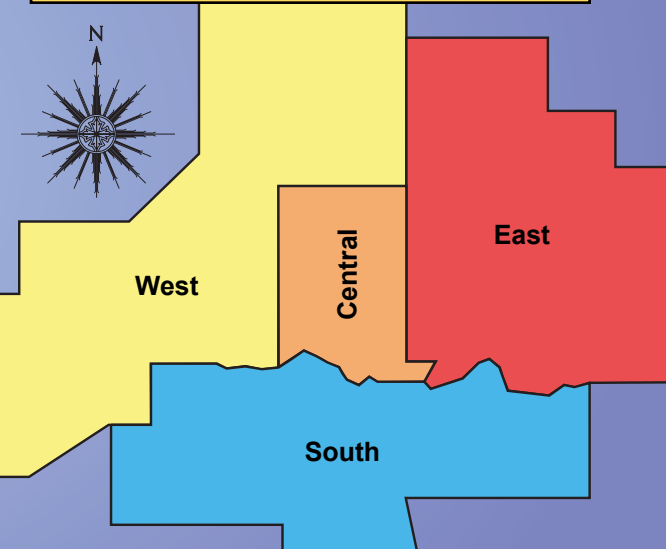
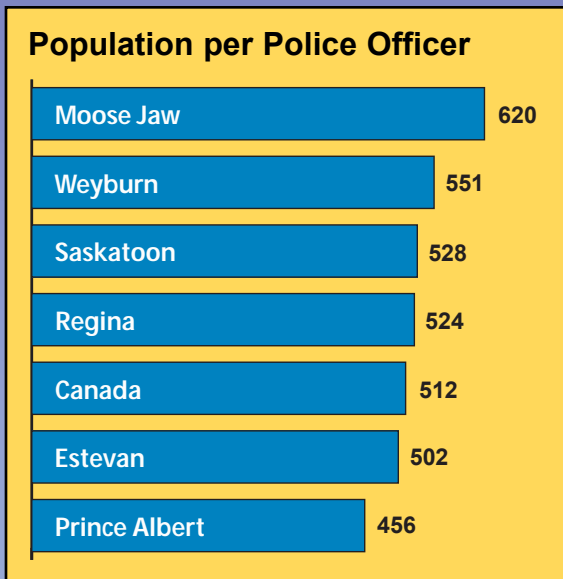
Investigation and Enforcement: conducting high quality comprehensive and objective investigations into offences and applying federal, provincial, and municipal legislation, as appropriate.

Technical and Administrative Services: providing our external and internal clients with access to current technology for the detection of offences, collection of evidence, and the storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information.



FEDERAL OFFENCES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	2	2	0	1	0
Attempted Murder	4	1	1	0	0
Robbery	12	20	15	15	19
Break & Enter - Business	93	78	75	94	69
Break & Enter - Residence	218	219	221	188	154
Break & Enter - Other	56	99	63	25	25
Theft of Motor Vehicle	113	83	69	85	55
Theft Over \$5,000	12	13	5	7	16
Theft Under \$5,000	591	648	588	531	628
Theft from Motor Vehicle	316	412	304	174	125
Theft of Bicycles	157	126	136	162	106
Possession/Stolen Property	54	46	59	52	46
Damage Over \$5,000	18	19	7	4	199
Damage Under \$5,000	823	872	879	1,105	1,239
Assault - Sexual	37	33	46	25	31
Assault - Aggravated	0	1	1	3	2
Assault - Bodily Harm	44	33	31	30	51
Assault - Peace Officer	17	18	20	18	32
Assault	264	234	276	273	274
Weapons Offences	17	24	18	20	19
Fraud	293	272	282	245	164
Arson	22	50	31	34	18
Indecent Acts	10	5	14	12	16
Obstruct Peace Officer	11	7	17	16	30
Dangerous Driving	19	13	14	9	8
Impaired Driving	161	171	169	147	130
Refuse Breath Test	2	4	5	2	2
Drive While Prohibited	2	4	3	5	6
Drug Offences	87	87	72	71	88
Total Federal Investigations	4,517	4,650	4,891	4,563	4,846

SUMMARY OFFENCE TICKET CHARGES					
Municipal Bylaws	3,354	2,544	1,432	1,359	1,205
Traffic Safety Act	3,904	2,697	1,688	1,776	1,327
Alcohol & Gaming	400	278	262	255	250
Parking Tickets	19,873	19,221	17,459	16,514	18,439



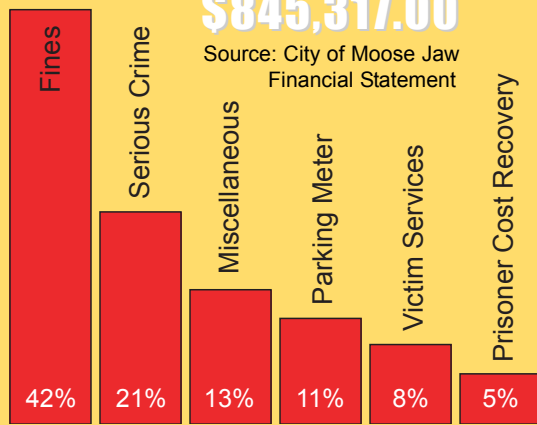
Collisions by District	Calls for Service	Criminal Code
Central 174	Central 6,864	Central 732
East 140	East 4,940	East 309
West 91	West 2,645	West 128
South 78	South 3,408	South 175

1,519 of the Calls for Service in the Central District, such as warrants and breach files, originated from Moose Jaw Police Service and/or from court.

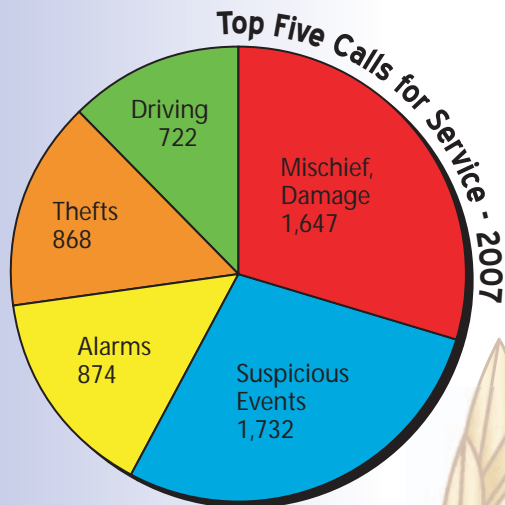
MJ Police Service Revenue

\$845,317.00

Source: City of Moose Jaw Financial Statement



Miscellaneous revenue include monies from criminal record checks/fingerprints, requests for reports, police auction, and false alarms.



GROSS BUDGET:	CALLS for SERVICE:
2007 - \$6,578,104	2007 - 18,854
2006 - \$6,498,359	2006 - 18,198
2005 - \$6,295,150	2005 - 18,445
2004 - \$6,115,373	2004 - 19,718
2003 - \$6,047,057	2003 - 20,740

Victims Services

Number of Victims Assisted:

Adult Female	82
Adult Males	67
Youth Females	13
Youth Males	13
Child Females	5
Child Males	4

Types of Crimes:

Crimes Against Person	105
Property Crimes	15

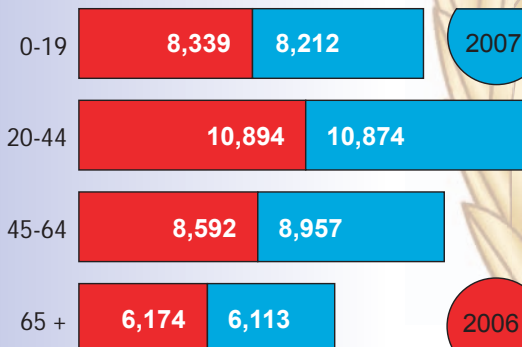
Services Provided:

Court Accompaniment	14
Court Information	121
Case Information	206
Victim Impact Statement	11
Victims Compensation	10
Restitution	18
Number of Volunteers	8
Total Hours Volunteered	728.5



Who do we Police?

Source: Saskatchewan Health



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