

BACKGROUND - MUNICIPAL POLICE GRANTS

Municipal Police Grant funding supports 128 municipal police positions and policing initiatives in communities across Saskatchewan to address key community safety priorities, including:

- Reducing the victimization and sexual exploitation of children through the **Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit**. ICE members identify victimized children, investigate cases of possession, production, and distribution of child pornography and internet luring, and help prosecute sexual offenders. ICE includes members from RPS, Saskatoon Police Service (SPS), Prince Albert Police Service (PAPS) and the RCMP.
- Combatting organized crime and gang activity through the **Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU)**. CFSEU's mandate is to expose, investigate, disrupt, dismantle and prosecute organized crime. It includes members from RPS, SPS, PAPS and the RCMP.
- Holding chronic habitual offenders to account through **the Serious and Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP)**. SHOCAP provides intensive supervision and interagency case planning for designated habitual chronic offenders.
- Reducing the number of persons both in police custody and emergency rooms as a result of mental illness through **the Saskatoon Police and Crisis Team (PACT)**. PACT units made up of one police officer and one mental health worker use their combined expertise and knowledge to stabilize persons experiencing a mental health crisis in the community.
- Focusing on crime reduction in rural Saskatchewan and reducing the number of serious collisions and fatalities on Saskatchewan roads through the new **Provincial Response Team (PRT)**. The PRT will consist of 258 armed officers who will have arrest and detention powers, and will be comprised of:
 - 120 police officers from RCMP and municipal police services:
 - 60 police positions currently deployed to the Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) Initiative;
 - 30 new police positions; and
 - 30 re-purposed police positions currently funded by the ministry