



Downtown Town Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

In partnership with the Calgary Downtown Association



Community concerns

- Violent crime and gender-based violence
- Property crime (vandalism, break-ins, property damage)
- Social disorder impact and mitigation
- Downtown policing & partnerships
- Safety and security best practices for businesses

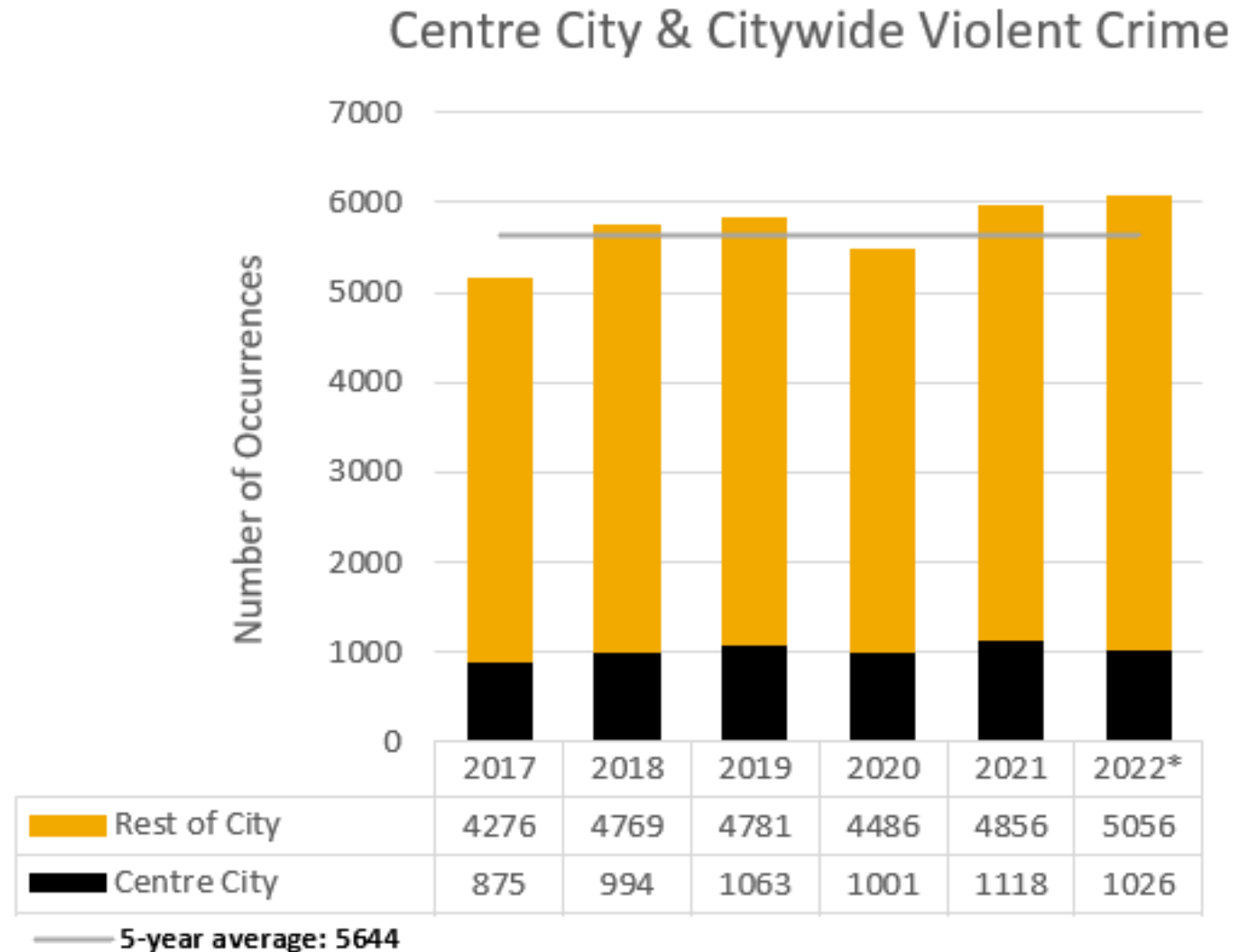




By the numbers – Violent crime

Q3 2022:

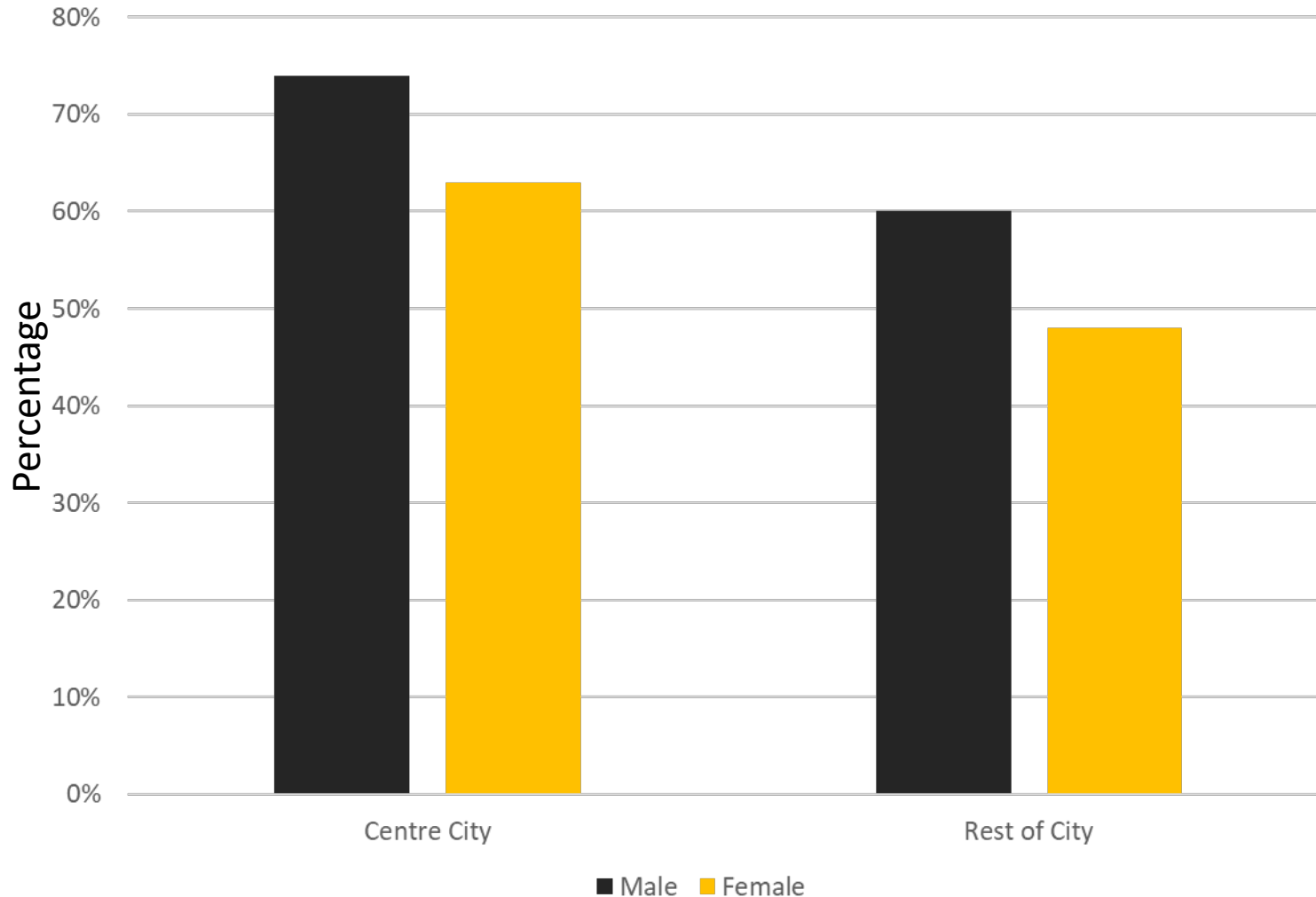
- Violence within Centre City comparable to five-year average
- Rest of the city saw a 9% increase





By the numbers – Gender-based violence

Stranger assault victims by gender



- 62% of victims of violence were male, 37% were female
- Stranger assaults were higher in the Centre City than in the rest of the city, and men were more likely to be assaulted by a stranger



By the numbers – Street harassment

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The City of Calgary is taking a stand against street harassment with bylaw amendment going into effect June 1

Beginning June 1, 2022, the amended Public Behaviour Bylaw 54M2006, which restricts harassment of another person in a public space, goes into effect. The amended bylaw is one of several actions The City of Calgary is taking to support victims and deter the negative behaviour; making it clear that street harassment will not be tolerated in Calgary.

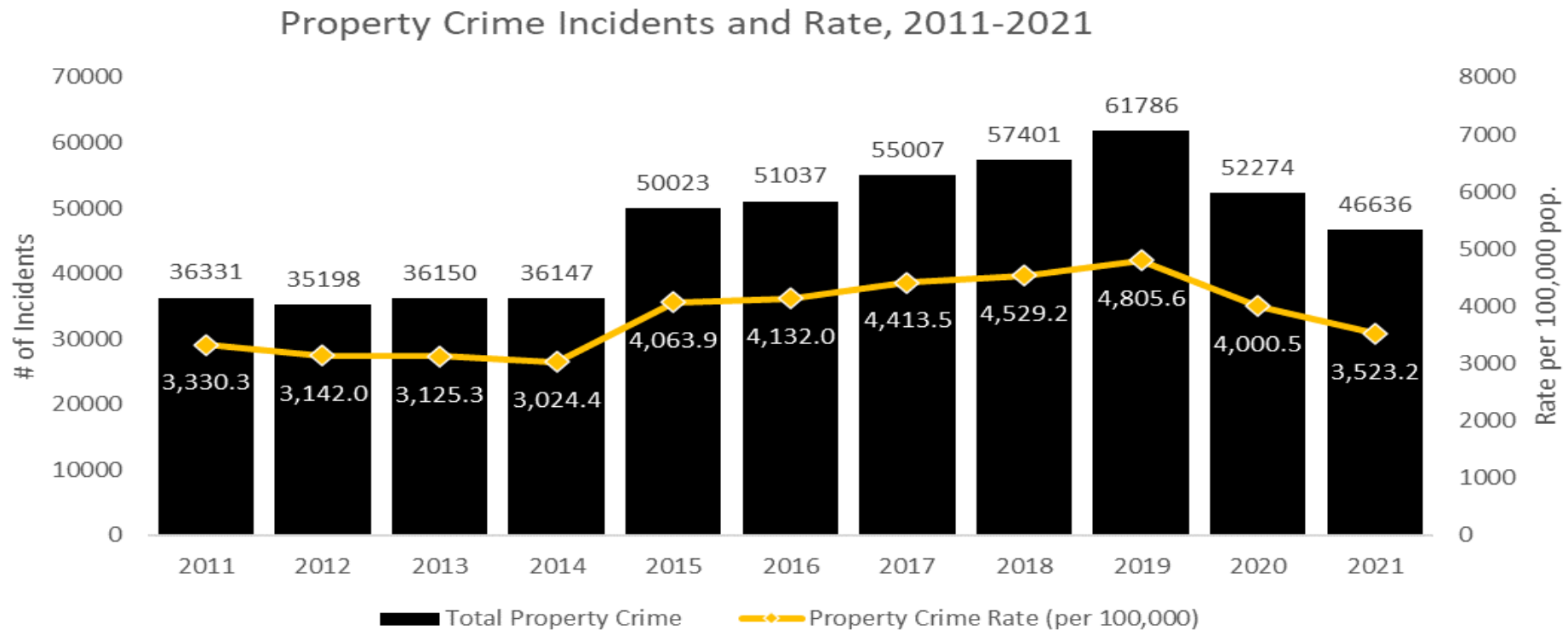
Calgarians will now be able to report personally experienced or witnessed instances of street harassment in public spaces for investigation. An offence of the bylaw carries a fine of \$500.

Between June 1 and end of November 2022:

- 50 complaints were received. Of those:
 - Three identified as likely street harassment
 - Three identified as possible hate-motivated incidents



By the numbers - Property crime



6% from 2011, by rate

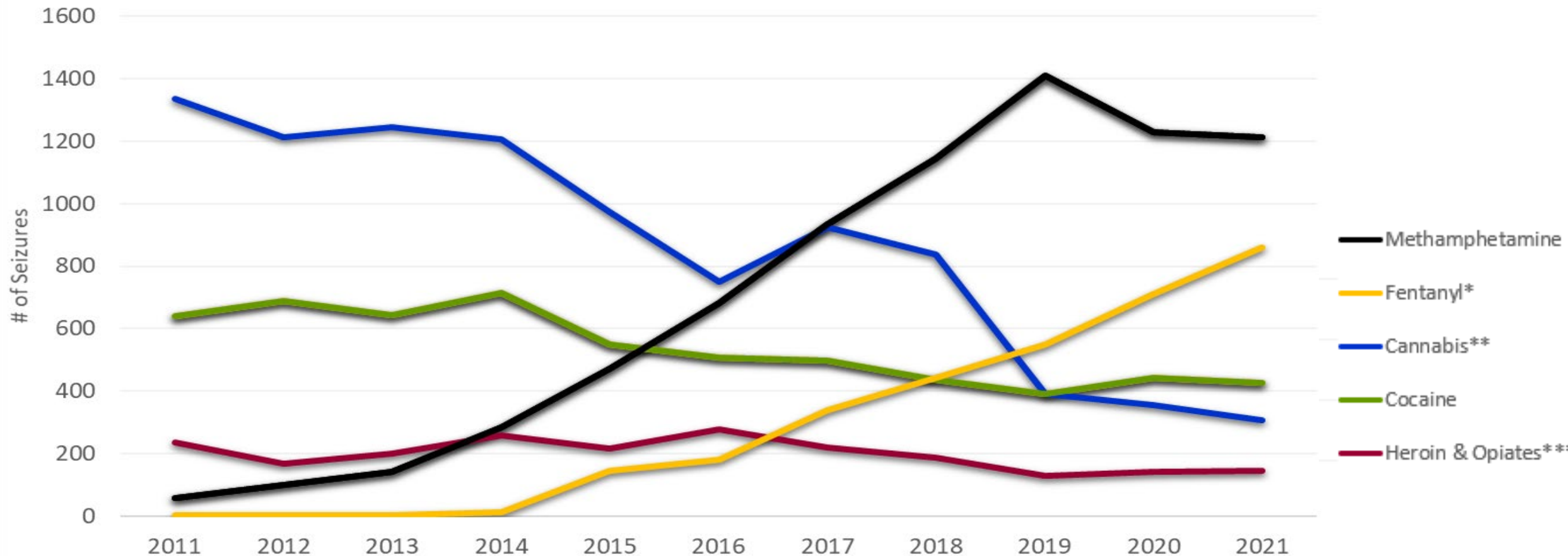


12% from 2020, by rate



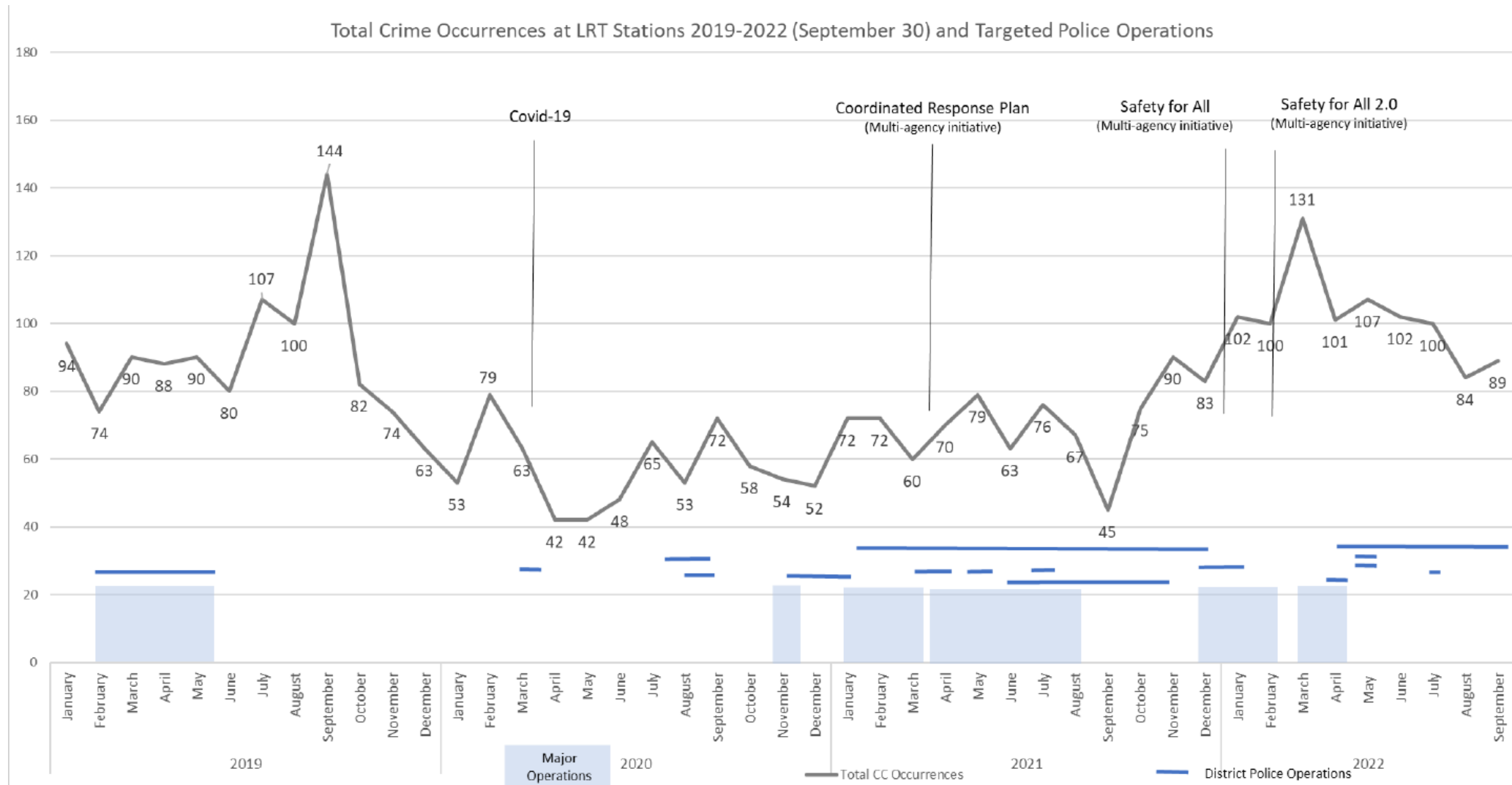
Drug Seizures – Crime Indicator

Drug Seizures, 2011-2021





By the numbers – Transit



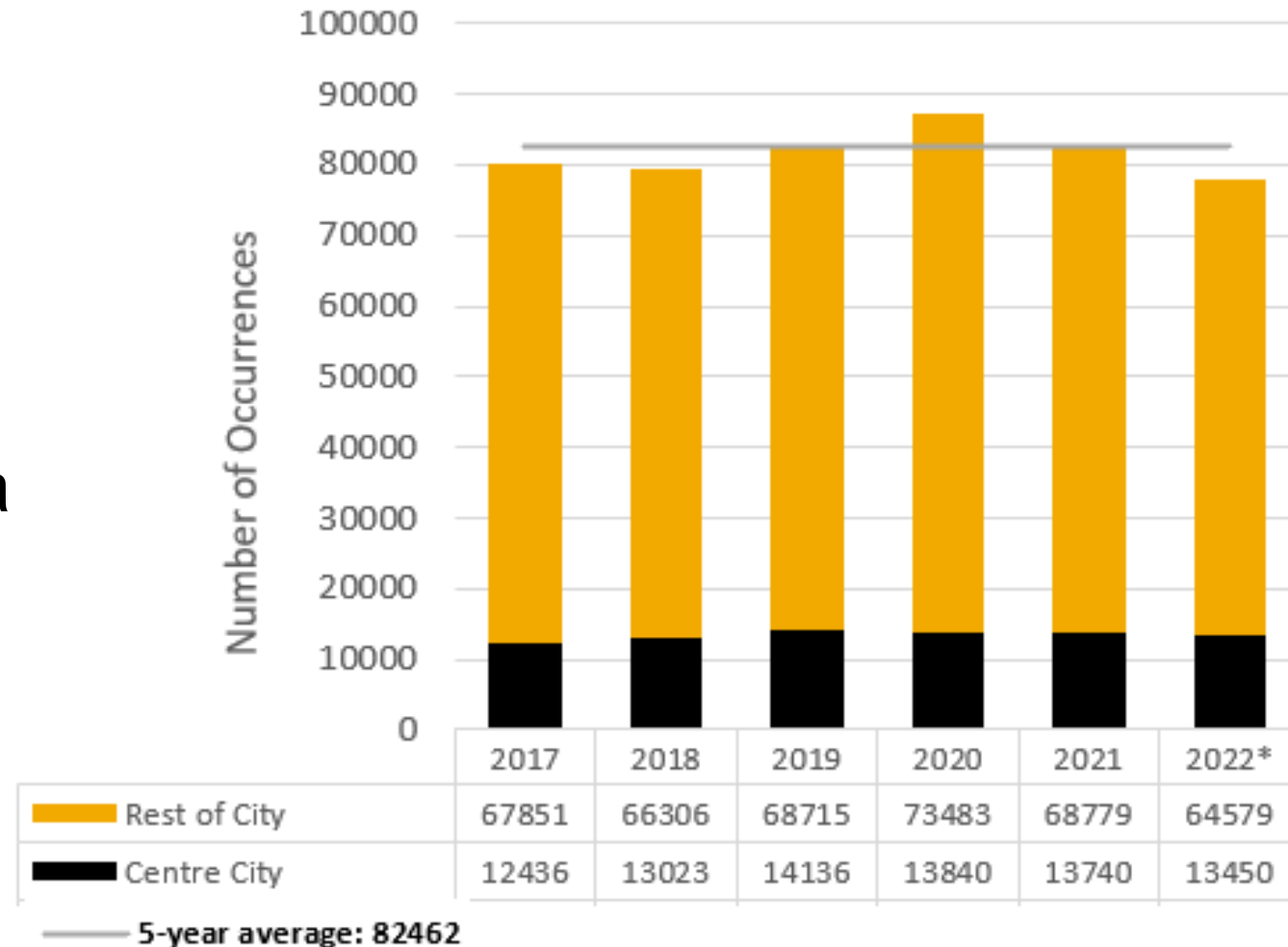


By the numbers - Disorder

Q3 2022:

- Centre City rates on par with the five-year average
- Rest of the city saw a 6% reduction in disorder

Centre City & Citywide Disorder





Call Diversion Initiatives

Unwanted Guests (DOAP)

- Business owners can call DOAP directly for any unwanted guests
- DOAP = quicker response time than police for unwanted guest
- Aug. 2022 (launch)– end of Dec. 2022 – 1,662 unwanted guest calls for service

Calgary 911/211 Partnership

- Pilot began February 2022



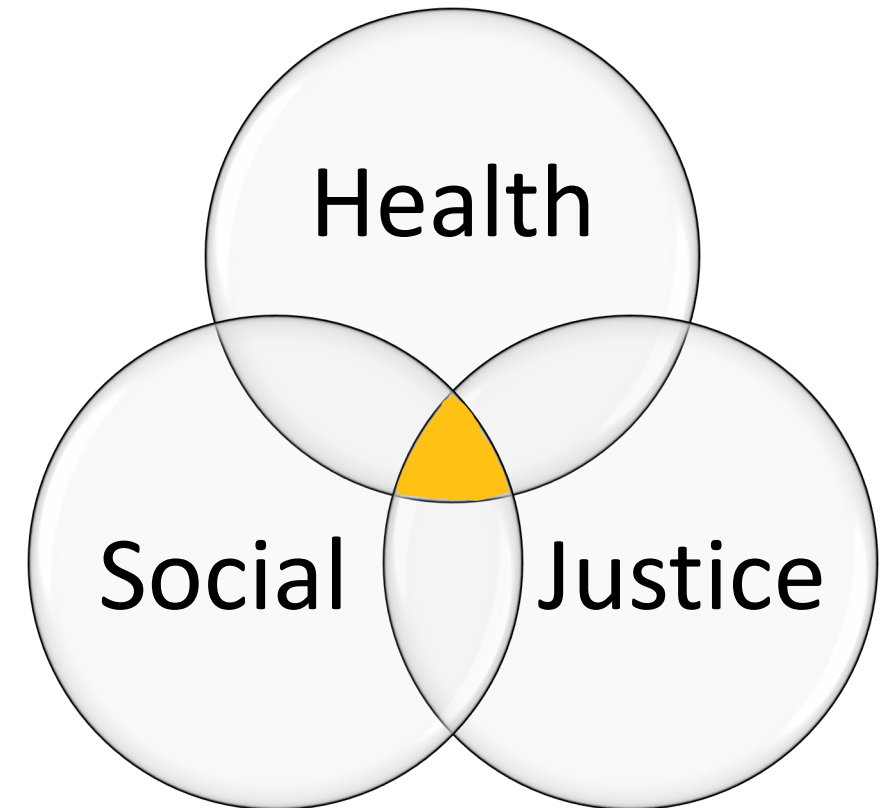
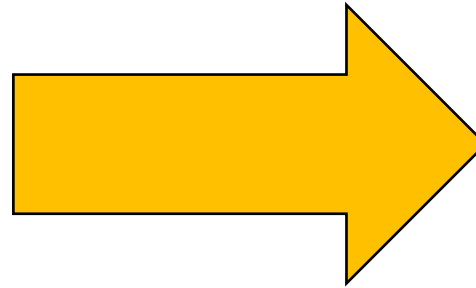


Roadmap to Community Health

Health

Social

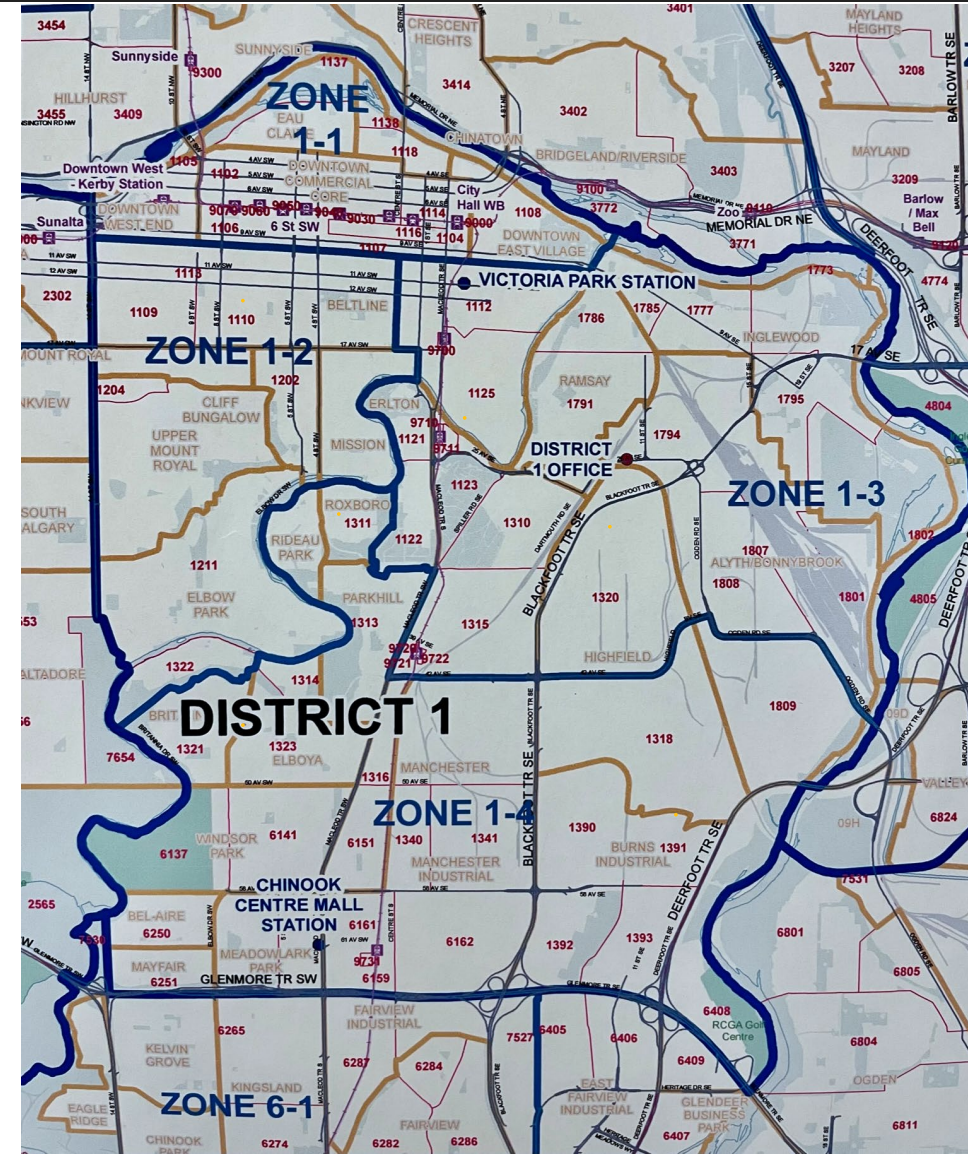
Justice





Downtown policing – District 1

- East Village Response Team (EVRT)
- Chinook Area Patrol (CAP)
- Violent Crime Investigations Team (VCIT)
- Beats & Mounted Bike Patrols
- Community Resource Officers (CROs)
- Stephen Avenue Safety Hub (SASH)
- East Village Safety Hub (EVSH)





Crime prevention for businesses

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Security evaluations and target hardening checksheets

CCTV Tips

- Test your cameras to make sure they are working
- Ensure high-quality images to identify suspects
- Have purposeful focus
- Position at least one camera to have level line of sight of patrons
- Ensure staff can access video content
- Move video to cloud-based storage

10 CRIME Prevention Tips For Businesses



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1. High-quality CCTV, aimed at face level and accessible to investigators

Track inventory and update insurance coverage



2. Leave lights on inside and out. Ensure locks and alarms are activated



7. Post emergency contact keyholder information inside the store



3. Remove high-value items from window view

8. When checking your business, do so during the day



4. Back up all business documentation



9. Tell your business neighbours your plan



5. Display empty cashdrawer in window view

10. Report suspicious activity by calling non-emergency line 403-266-1234



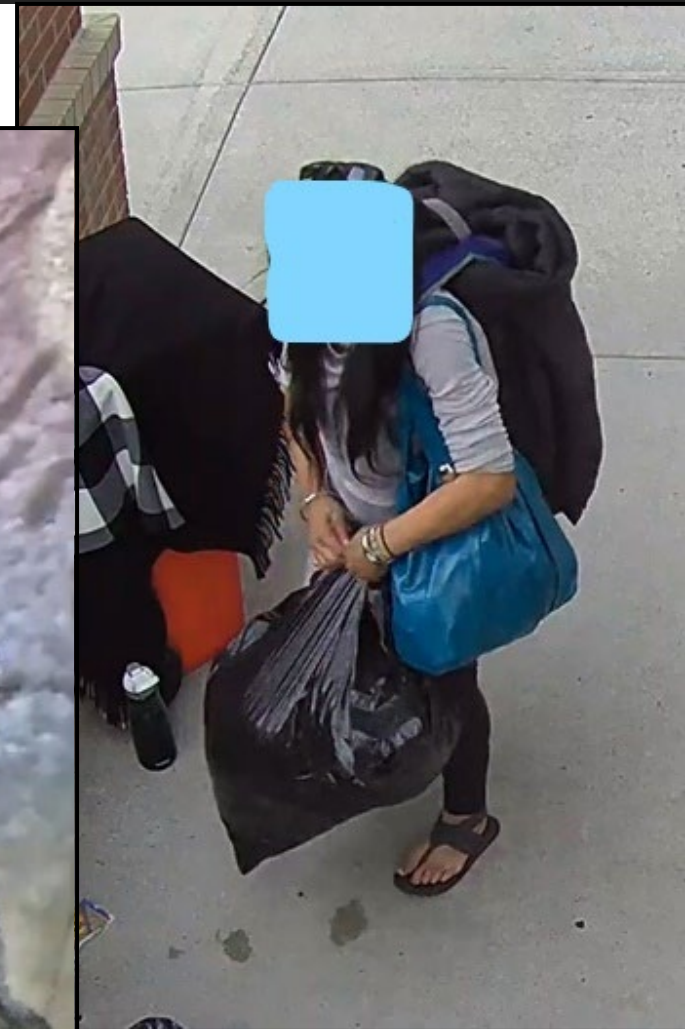
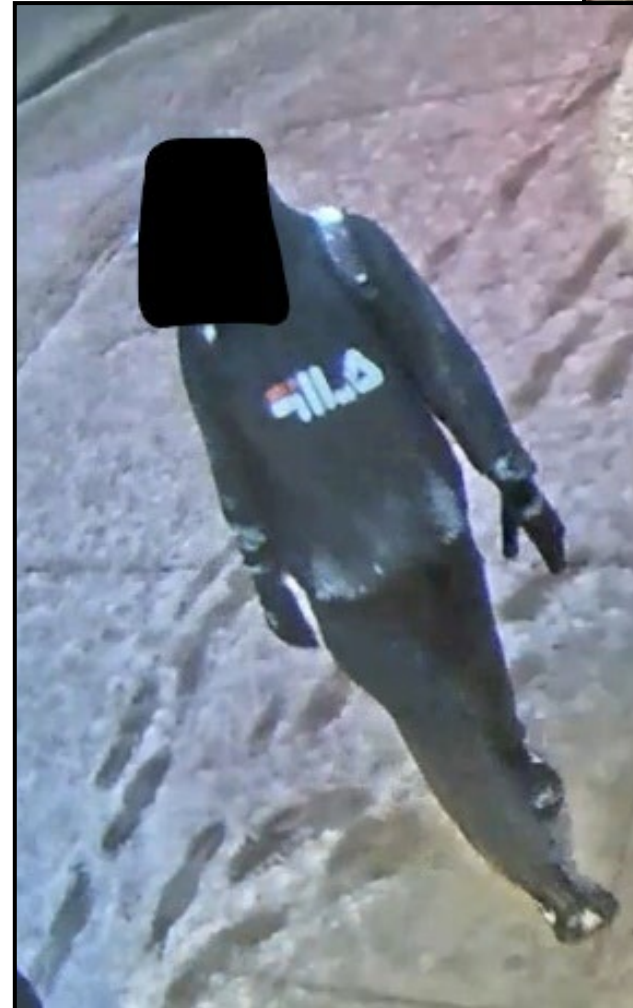


CCTV quality matters

POOR



IDEAL





How to report

**Emergency
911**

Crime in progress, crimes against people, emergency situations impacting safety or health

**Non-
Emergency
403-266-1234**

Property crime, non-injury collisions, late-reporting of violence against people, including all forms of abuse, robberies and break and enters

**Online
Reporting
Calgarypolice.ca**

Theft from vehicle, property or credit/debit card, mischief to vehicle or property, lost property, attempted stolen vehicle, break and enter detached garages, secure parkades, storage lockers

**DOAP Team
403-988-7388**

Unwanted guests, unhoused individual sleeping in doorways, poor mental health moments, use of substance in public place, unhoused needing transportation

211
**Call, text, chat
at ab.211.ca**

Resources for mental health, addiction, disability, children/families, food and basic needs, employment, legal, housing, newcomers, seniors, Indigenous peoples and youth



Panel Q&A

- District 1 Violent Crime Investigative Team & East Village Response Team – Det. Matt Hinchey
- Community Resource Officer – Const. Chad Peterson
- District 1 Analyst – Monica Ly
- Crime Prevention – Sgt. Nick Wilshire
- Diversion Programs – Sgt. Jack Mills



Community Resource Officers

How can we help?

- District 1: A/Sgt. Robert Gray CRO10@calgarypolice.ca
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Thank you for coming
