

Residential Traffic Safety Unit

Over the last three years the Calgary Police Service has developed a new unit to specifically address Residential Traffic Safety. This unit has been presenting to each Ward in the City to both provide and to solicit information on "problem areas" throughout the City to allow more specific and targeted visibility and enforcement. This unit is specifically interested in Residential TRAFFIC issues.

The strategy has been:

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The Residential Traffic Safety Unit, as the next component in our mandate, would like to **communicate** directly with Community Associations to offer the opportunity to present directly to Boards and to discuss problems and solutions in your community.

If you are interested in participating please email rtsu@calgarypolice.ca with your contact information.

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH
TO ENHANCING TRAFFIC SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

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RTSU

- · Created to specifically address residential traffic issues
- Driven by CPS Traffic Service Request (TSR) system for issue identification & response
- Operational in the fall of 2016. First official Ward deployment in October (Ward 13)
- Comprised of 1 Sergeant, 4 Constables, 4 Photo Radar Officers, and 1 Analyst

Impact

- Significant reduction in number of TSR's assigned to District Patrol and TRU Teams since inception of RTSU:
- Increased capacity for collaboration between District members and RTSU on priority / CMS (CRS) issues
- Identification of approx. 15 locations by RTSU added to ATEP for regular enforcement by Photo Radar team
- 58 % reduction in number of TSR's assigned to Photo Radar TSR Team (372 in 2017 vs 899 in 2016)

	2015	2016	2017
Total TSR Requests	1525	1656	1379
# Assigned to Districts	484	395	221
# Assigned to TRU Teams	140	92	4
% of Total to Districts	32%	24%	16%
% of Total to TRU Teams	9%	5.5%	0.2%

Moving Forward

- Increase visibility within residential areas and continue to engage with residents
- Expand events attended by RTSU to include community level meetings
- Continue to build on newly established community partnerships including MLA's office, City Councilor offices, and neighborhood committee coordinators
- Strengthen collaboration with City partners on traffic concerns requiring resolutions other than
 enforcement (sign changes, installation of crosswalks, RRFB's, extension of playground zones
 etc)

TRAFFIC SERVICE REQUESTS

