Policing and Community Safety in Saskatchewan
Overview of Saskatchewan

- Policing challenges
- Urbanization
- Economy
- Vulnerability of rural communities
- Colten Boushie Homicide
• Overall rural crime: +13% from 2013 to 2017
  – Decreased 3% from 2016 to 2017, and decreased 11% year-over-year as of July 2018
Rural Crime Strategy

• Crime Prevention
• Community Engagement
• Root Causes
• Intelligence-led Policing
• Enforcement/Investigation
• Internal Initiatives
• Innovation
“The police are the public and the public are the police.”

Sir Robert Peel  1788 - 1850
Crime Prevention

- Changing the rural culture
- Locking up out-buildings, equipment, fuel, firearms and vehicles
- Consider installing improved lighting or surveillance cameras
- Keep an eye out for yourself and your neighbours
- Gun Amnesty program
Community Engagement

- Detachments engaging with communities through town hall meetings/Detachment Commander is your Chief of Police

- Community Familiarization project

- Enhancing engagement with key stakeholders such as SUMA, SARM, and the FSIN

- Encouraging community-owned, police-supported initiatives (e.g., Rural Crime Watch, Citizens on Patrol Program)
Root Causes of Crime

• Developing strategies and solutions through partnerships

• Community Programs (at-risk youth programs, domestic violence shelters, addictions treatment, gang exit strategies)

• Community safety/justice committees

• HUBs/PACT and other inter-agency initiatives
Intelligence-led Policing

- Effective policing begins with intelligence and analysis
- Utilizing information to identify “hot spots” and strategically deploy resources
- Tracking chronic, prolific offenders
- Reporting crime is critical
- Positive impacts (reduction in calls for service, crime)
Enforcement/Investigation

• Crime Reduction Teams (CRT)
  - Targeted, high-intensity policing based on intelligence (3-month trial):
    • 13 deployments
    • 193 warrants executed
    • 181 arrests made
    • 96 new charges

• Protection and Response Team (PRT)
  - 259 additional enforcement personnel
  - Conservation Officers/Saskatchewan Highway Patrol
  - Enhanced visibility and increased capacity to respond

• CTSS/CFSEU
Internal Initiatives

• Mandatory response to property crime

• APP initiatives around prolific offenders

• ULQA review guide for property crime

• Property crime check sheets

• Prisoner Transport/Court Security

• Tiered Enforcement – CSOs/Peacekeepers

• Traffic and Provincial Statutes Prosecutions
Innovation

- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR)
- In-Car Digital Video Systems (ICDVS)
- GPS tracking