



COMMUNITY SAFETY & SOCIAL SERVICES – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 12 November 2024

Subject: Municipal Enforcement Update

Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

The Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee is being presented with an annual overview of Municipal Enforcement's departmental priorities and operations for 2024.

Policy / Council Direction:

This report will provide an update on what has been happening in the Municipal Enforcement area throughout 2024 and is being presented for information.

Background:

The City of Airdrie is an authorized provider of Community Peace Officers (CPO's). The Peace Officer program is unique to Alberta and falls under the Public Safety and Emergency Services Ministry. To operate a Peace Officer program, you must have an MOU with the Police of Jurisdiction. The current MOU with the Airdrie RCMP Detachment was signed November 2022 and will expire in 2027. The requirements that must be met to operate a Peace Officer program can be found in the Peace Officer Program and Policy Manual.

The Municipal Enforcement Team consists of 10 Peace Officers, 2 Coordinators, 3 Administrators, and 1 Team Leader. The team is split into two watches of 5 peace Officers and 1 coordinator that work a rotating schedule. Hours of service are 6:30 am to 9:00 pm 7 days a week. During the winter months (November 1st to April 30th) our hours of service are 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on weekends.

This presentation will provide updates on the following priority areas:

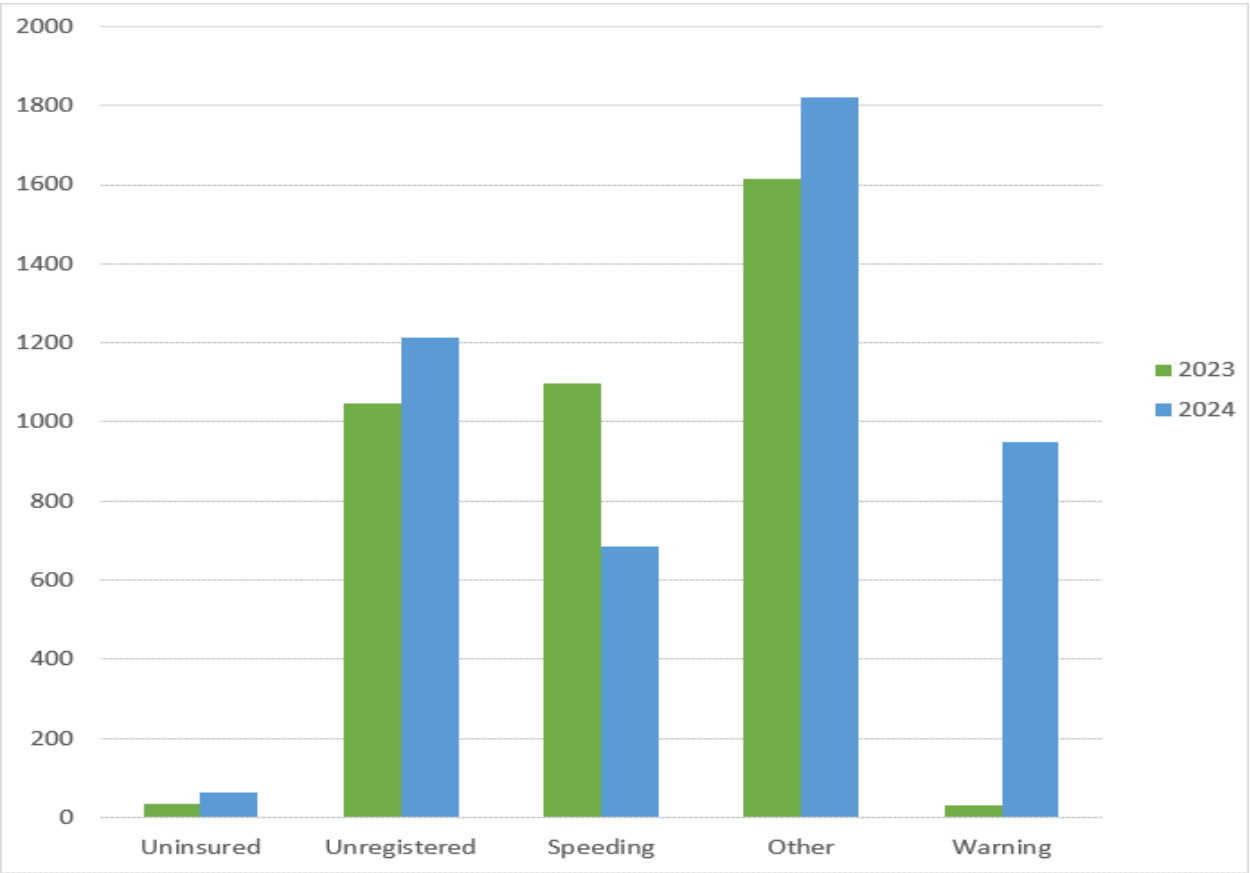
Community Engagement:

Municipal Enforcement is dedicated to building positive relationships with the community. Our focus is on education and prevention; offering presentations that promote safety and responsibility. This past year we have completed school presentations, pathway patrols and participated in several different special events hosted throughout the community. In the 2023/2024 school year over 100 presentations were delivered by officers. The topics covered in the presentations included bike safety, bullying and pedestrian safety. ME participated in over 20 events throughout the city. During these events we have provided traffic control and hosted booths allowing the public to engage and interact with officers on various topics.

Traffic Safety:

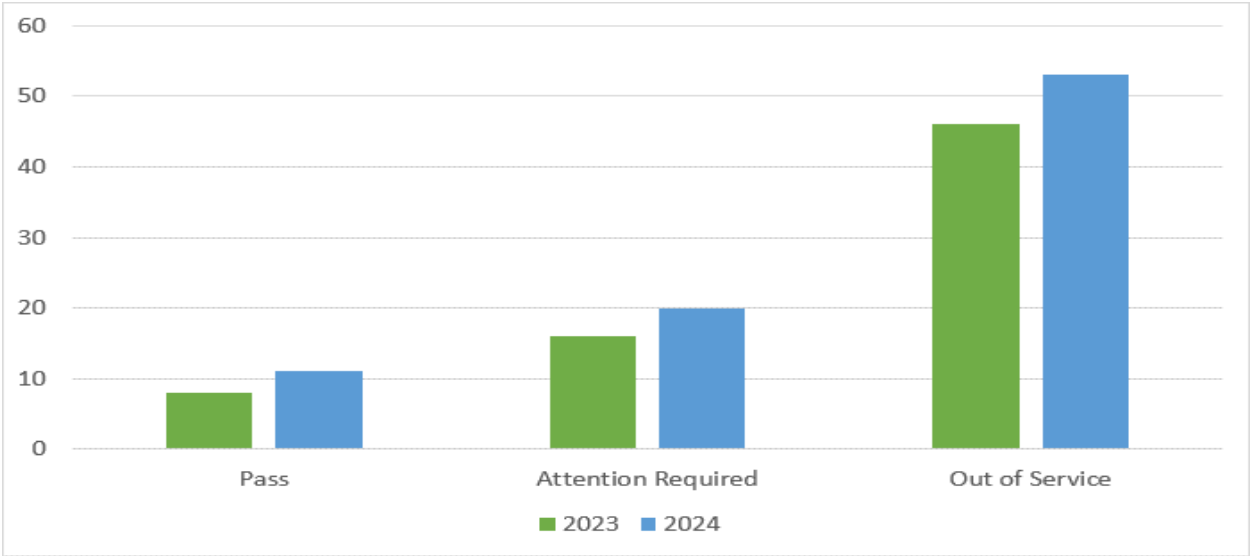
Traffic safety is a priority to Municipal Enforcement and the Airdrie RCMP. Both agencies work collaboratively to target areas of concern. This is achieved through targeted enforcement and education. During 2024 some of the focus areas included speed enforcement, distracted driving, pedestrian and intersection safety, commercial vehicles and vehicle noise enforcement. We have increased patrols in school zones to promote awareness around pedestrian and vehicle safety.

The chart below provides information on common traffic violations:



Commercial Vehicle Safety is a priority area and each team has a CVSA trained Peace Officer. This allows ME to attend joint operations around commercial vehicles with the Alberta Sheriffs and Calgary Police Service.

The chart below provides the results of the CVSA operations conducted (not all are in Airdrie):

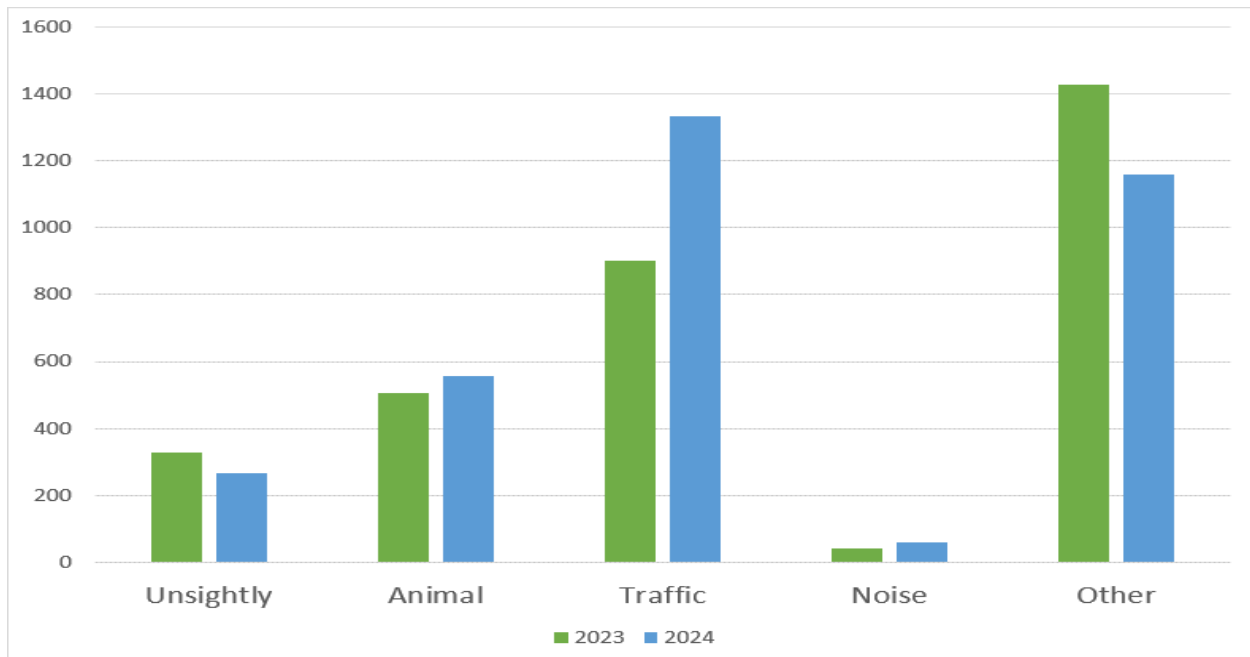


A new initiative for 2024 was the creation of a vehicle amnesty education day that is designed to create awareness on the rules regulating excessive vehicle noise.

Bylaw Services:

Bylaw compliance and education is a priority for Municipal Enforcement. We provide education and compliance on animal control, community standards, and traffic bylaw. We continue to support internal departments ensuring compliance of other bylaws such as the waterworks bylaw and the Land Use Bylaw

The chart below summarizes some of the main bylaw complaints actioned. The chart outlines all of 2023 and up to and including October 31st, 2024.



In summary, Municipal Enforcement continues to experience an increase in calls for service throughout 2024. This increase can be attributed to the water main break in June, along with the water main repairs completed throughout August and September. The newly implemented dispatch and call-taking services accurately captures the call volumes and service levels.

Administration Recommendation:

There are no recommendations to this report as it is being presented for information

Alternatives/Implications:

There are no alternatives to this report.

Budget Implications:

This presentation has no impact on the budget.

Communications and Engagement:

There are no communications or engagement required.

Recommendation:

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee accepts the Municipal Enforcement annual update for information.

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