



2025

Weyburn Police Service

ANNUAL REPORT



Ensuring A Safe Community For All

Chairperson's Statement

As Chair of the Weyburn Board of Police Commissioners, it is my pleasure to present our 2025 Annual Report.

The Board of Police Commissioners is an independent body legislated by the Province of Saskatchewan and is responsible for the provision of policing services in our City. The Commission has six members; the Mayor, two Councillors, and three community members at large. The Commission receives its annual budget from City Council, and from there, with the Chief of Police, operates our service.

The Weyburn Police Service is an integral part of the City of Weyburn's Strategic Plan, and you can see where the two dovetail into one another providing services to the residents of Weyburn.

The City of Weyburn's Mission Statement is "A Community for All", and inside the strategic plan one of the key pillars is "A Safe & Livable Community". Goal One in the Weyburn Police Service Business Plan is "Ensuring a Safe Community for All". That common shared mission is how we create, what we believe, is one of the most efficient and effective municipal police services in Saskatchewan.

One of the City's strategic goals is Governance, and three pillars of that goal are:

- A Culture of Municipal Excellence
- Organizational Health
- Engaging and Collaborative Relationships

Inside the Weyburn Police Service plan you'll find the following goals:

- Employee Safety, Health, & Wellness
- Training & Development
- External Partnerships

The Board has empowered Chief VanDeSyne and his team to tackle these goals with vigor, and I believe they have done that. Aligning our values and goals clearly allows our leaders to do the things they need to do without doubt.

Our focus is on making Weyburn a safe community for all, and we have that. Weyburn remains one of the safest cities in Saskatchewan. We're aware that the world is changing, fast, and we're making plans to meet those challenges head on.

Our partnerships with the Province of Saskatchewan, other Police Services, and our partners in Weyburn are some of the most valuable tools we have. Investing in training our members and their equipment is the other critical piece that we cannot lose sight of. These are investments in the safety of our families and neighbours.

In closing, I want to thank my fellow commission members for their service and dedication. To Chief VanDeSyne and his team, I also extend my gratitude for their relentless service to the people of Weyburn. Team Weyburn is a championship team and I am proud of the work being done.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jeff Richards

Chair of the Police Board of Commissioners



Members of the Weyburn Police Commission

The primary responsibility of the Board is to ensure that it provides oversight and direction to the Weyburn Police Service, in a fashion that is consistent with all provincial legislation and its fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Weyburn.

Jeff Richards – Mayor / Chairperson

Mayor Jeff Richards was first elected to Weyburn City Council in 2016, and was elected Mayor in 2024. Jeff and his wife raised their children in Weyburn and are committed to building a bigger and better Weyburn for the future. Jeff believes in community and has volunteered at many community organizations such as the Weyburn United Way, the Chamber of Commerce and more. He is a student of governance, having served on two Crown Corporations and has chaired the Weyburn Credit Union, among other boards.



Ron McCormick – Vice Chairperson



Ron McCormick is a Registered Social Worker, Life Skills Coach Trainer, and Certified Addictions Professional with more than four decades of leadership experience in social services, mental health, addictions, corrections, and community justice. Throughout his distinguished career, Ron has held several senior leadership positions, including Director of Social Services, Director of Corrections and Community Justice and Assistant Deputy Minister with the Government of Nunavut, Manager with Catholic Social Services, and Instructor at Grant MacEwan University. His work has focused on developing innovative programs and services that strengthen individuals, families, and communities while addressing

complex social and justice-related challenges. Ron has received specialized training and certification in Critical Incident Debriefing, Solution-Focused Therapy, and Heimler Social Functioning, bringing a practical, client-centred approach to leadership, training, and community development.

John Corrigan – City Councillor

Councillor John Corrigan earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University then attended the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College graduating with a doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine. Corrigan has previously served as the President and Board Chair of the Canadian Chiropractic Association, President of the Chiropractors Association of Saskatchewan, and Chair of the Canadian Chiropractic Guideline Initiative. Corrigan has also served with the Young Fellows, Weyburn Red Wings, Weyburn Gold Wings, and Weyburn Golf Club. In 2020, Corrigan was elected to City Council and appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners.





Laura Morrisette – City Councillor

Councillor Laura Morrisette moved to Weyburn in 2004. Over the past two decades she has held numerous positions in the community; most recently a third term as a City Councillor. She joined the Police Commission in late 2024 and hopes to continue a positive relationship with the Weyburn Police Service over the next 4 years. Morrisette and her family believe in giving back to the community they live in, and you will find them helping out at various events around the city.

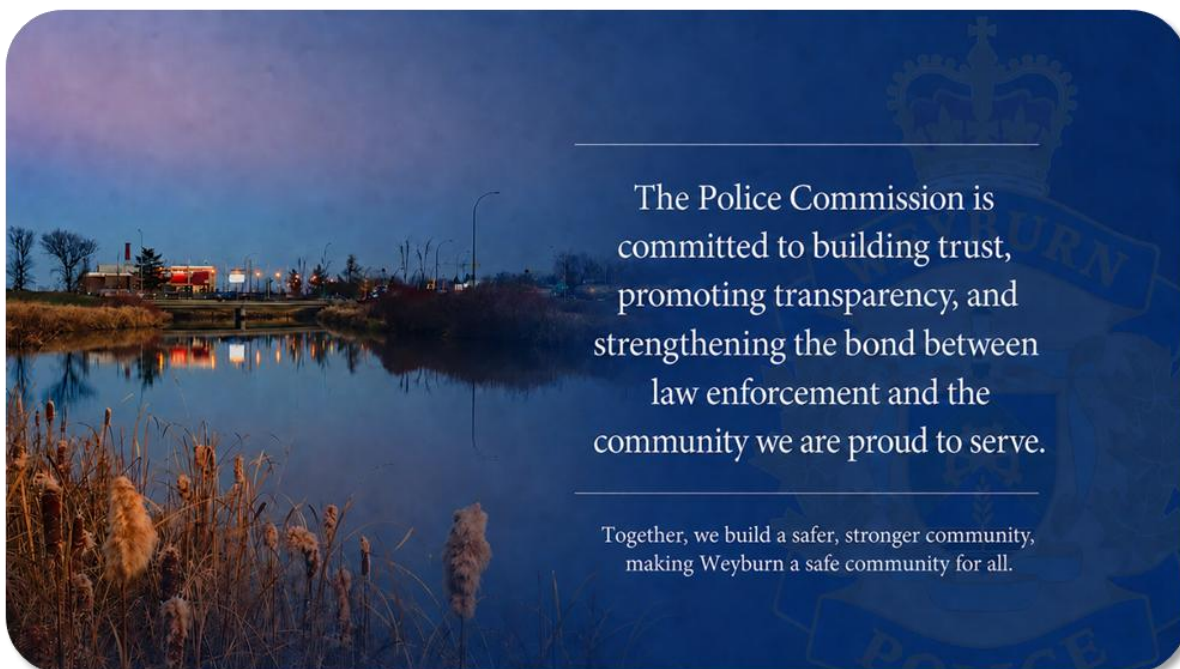
Stephanie Schmidt – Public Member

Stephanie Schmidt brings more than 18 years of dedicated frontline healthcare experience, continually advancing her education and expertise. She currently serves as the Clinical Services Manager at Weyburn General Hospital. A passionate advocate for her community, Stephanie has contributed her time and leadership to numerous local initiatives. She remains actively involved as a Board Member with the Weyburn and District Hospital Foundation and as a member of Paramedics with Heart. Driven by a strong commitment to service, Stephanie is dedicated to strengthening community well-being and helping to build a healthier, more resilient Weyburn.



Krista Hubic – Public Member

Ms. Hubic is a Certified Professional Accountant where she has practiced in the accounting and financial industry for over 20 years. Hubic is currently employed with the Weyburn Credit Union as the Chief Strategy and Solutions Officer. Hubic believes in ensuring a safe and healthy community by supporting the same values for the police service.



FROM THE CHIEF

Chief of Police Message

This past year has been one of progress, growth, and continued commitment to public safety. Through the professionalism and dedication of our officers and civilian staff, we have remained focused on providing effective policing services while maintaining the trust and confidence of our community.

The Weyburn Police Service continues to embrace innovation and modernization to better serve our citizens. During the past year, we implemented new technologies and enhanced operational practices, including the introduction of biometric monitoring technology within our cell block. This important advancement strengthens prisoner welfare safeguards and reflects our commitment to accountability, transparency, and modern policing standards.

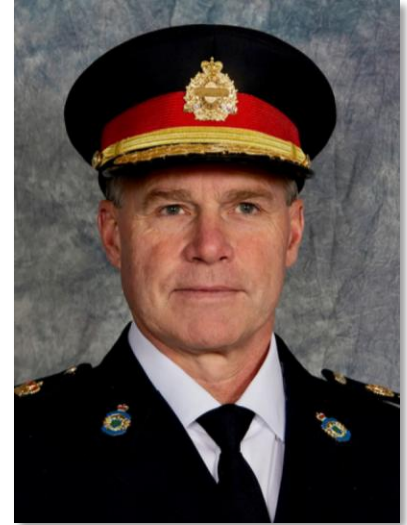
While many police services across Canada continue to face staffing shortages and recruitment challenges, I am proud to report that the Weyburn Police Service has successfully attracted and retained high-quality police officers and support staff and is currently operating at full complement. This achievement reflects the strong reputation of our Service as a professional and progressive organization, as well as the quality of life our community offers.

The strength of any police service is built on the relationships it has with the people it serves. We are fortunate to work alongside residents, businesses, schools, community organizations, and partner agencies who share our commitment to making Weyburn a safe and welcoming community. Together, we continue to address challenges, prevent crime, and support those in need.

Throughout the year, our members responded to a wide range of calls for service while remaining committed to proactive policing, community engagement, and crime prevention. Behind every statistic is a dedicated team of professionals working tirelessly to protect our community and improve the quality of life for all residents.

I sincerely thank the members of the Weyburn Police Service, the Weyburn Board of Police Commissioners, City Council, our community partners, and the citizens of Weyburn for their continued support and confidence in our Service.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous improvement, innovation, and service excellence. Together, we will continue building a safer, stronger, and more connected community.



Sincerely,

BRENT VANDESYPE

Chief of Weyburn Police Service

□ Highlights at a Glance

Operational, technology, facility and staffing milestones

“Investing in people, specialized capacity and field readiness is essential to ensuring the Weyburn Police Service can respond effectively to the changing needs of the community. These developments strengthen frontline service delivery, enhance officer safety, and ensure members have the training, tools, and support needed to meet increasingly complex operational demands.”



FULL

Staffing achieved



5

New members
hired



18

Judicial
authorizations
executed

Active Modernization Projects



□ Growth and Operational Readiness

People, specialized capacity and field readiness developments

2025 was a year of growth for the Weyburn Police Service, marked by modernization and operational advancements across our facilities, operations, staffing, and technology.

DEPLOYMENT COMPLETE



**Taser 7
deployment
completed**

PROGRAM INTRODUCED



**40mm Less Lethal
Launcher Program
introduced**

THERMAL DRONE ADDED



**DJI Mavic 3
Thermal Drone
added**

CELL BLOCK SAFETY



**Biometric
monitoring
technology
implemented in
cell block**

FLEET RENEWAL



**Fleet
modernization**

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS



Facility upgrades



**Standalone CTSS Unit
established**



**Joint Tactical Support
Team growth continued**



Ceremonial Unit created



WHO WE ARE

Our Service

Weyburn Police Service – Created July 1st, 1957

The Weyburn Police Service continues to provide professional policing services focused on public safety, crime prevention, community engagement, and proactive enforcement. The Service achieved full staffing levels in 2025 through a combination of strategic recruitment, successful retention efforts, and the attraction of experienced officers from outside agencies.



At a time when many Canadian police services continue to face recruitment challenges, WPS successfully hired five new members:

- Three new recruits
- Two experienced officers

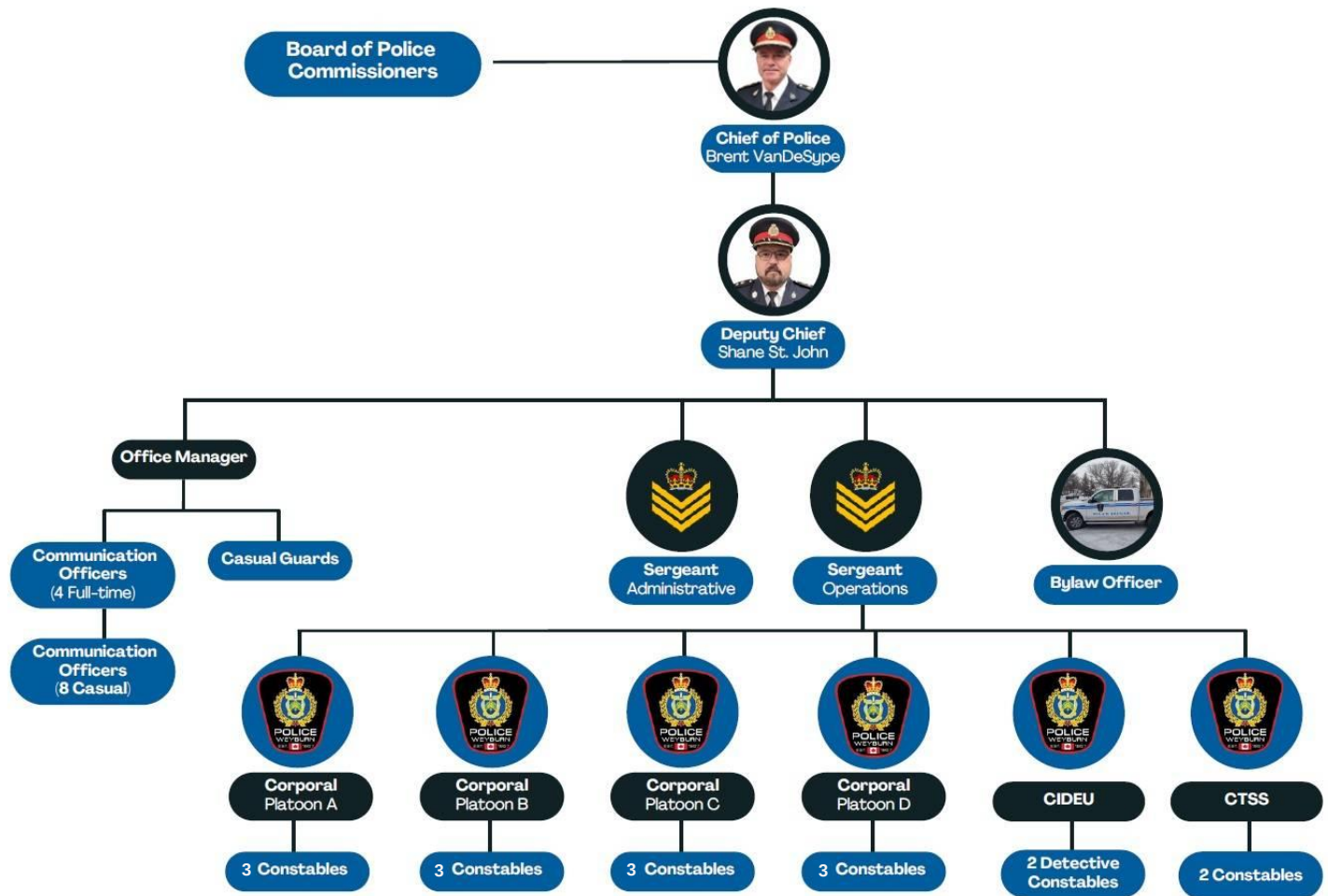
Two of the new recruits completed training through the Saskatchewan Police College and began operational duties while a third recruit commenced training in early 2026.

The Service also welcomed experienced officers from the Medicine Hat Police Service and the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol, bringing valuable operational experience and mentorship opportunities.

This recruitment success strengthens operational readiness while positioning the organization for future growth.



Organization



Our Mandate

Protect life and property, and the preservation of peace.

Our Mission

The Weyburn Police Service, in co-operation with the citizens of Weyburn, strives to provide a service based on excellence, to ensure a safe and secure environment for the community.



Strategic Priorities

Our Values

- Respects and upholds the rights and freedoms of all members of society.
- Believes policing is a shared responsibility and recognizes the necessity of developing and maintaining strong partnerships with individuals, organizations, and agencies within our community.
- Is committed to providing a professional, progressive, and effective police service.
- Recognizes our most valuable resource is comprised of the individuals within our organization, and the skills, talents, and values they possess.

1.

ENSURING A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR ALL

Maintaining public safety through proactive policing, crime prevention, enforcement initiatives, and community partnerships.



PROACTIVE
POLICING



CRIME
PREVENTION



ENFORCEMENT
INITIATIVES



COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

2.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLNESS

Supporting the physical and mental well-being of members through wellness initiatives, modern equipment, and safe working environments.



MEMBER
WELLNESS



MENTAL
HEALTH
SUPPORT



MODERN
EQUIPMENT



SAFE WORK
ENVIRONMENTS

3.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Investing in professional development and specialized training to ensure operational excellence.



PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



SPECIALIZED
TRAINING



OPERATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



CONTINUOUS
LEARNING

4.

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

Building collaborative relationships with government agencies, community organizations, schools, businesses, and law enforcement partners.



GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES



COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS



SCHOOLS &
BUSINESSES



LAW
ENFORCEMENT
PARTNERS

Modernization & Advancement

Technology

Biometric Monitoring System

The Weyburn Police Service implemented the new technology of biometric monitoring system within the detention facility to improve prisoner safety and reduce the risk of in-custody medical emergencies. The biometric monitoring system offers continuous, real-time monitoring of vital health metrics, including heart rate and respiratory rate, providing immediate alerts to detention staff in the event of anomalies that may indicate medical distress.



Communications & Records Management



Continued investment in the transition to Versaterm and pending implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1) enhancing operational communications and records management capabilities.

Versaterm provides an end-to-end suite of public safety software solutions which includes core systems for dispatch (CAD) and records management (RMS) and administrative tools to streamline operations and community reporting.

Online Bylaw Reporting & Management System: WPS began work on implementing online reporting and electronic ticketing for bylaw concerns and enforcement.

Taser 7: All frontline members transitioned from the Taser X26 platform to the advanced Taser 7 system, said to be the smartest and most tested de-escalation device in the world.



40mm Less Lethal Launcher: WPS became only the second municipal police service in Saskatchewan to deploy this capability to frontline officers.

Thermal Drone: The implementation of the DJI Mavic drone allows for tactical operations, search and rescue, and fugitive tracking. These portable drones assist in the detection of body heat through heavy foliage and darkness, monitor perimeters without alerting suspects and assess danger before officers respond.

Infrastructure

- ✓ WPS roof replacement completed.
- ✓ Interior renovations completed.
- ✓ Upgrades to the command and training room completed.



Officer Safety & Readiness

In 2025, the Weyburn Police Service continued to invest in the training, development and operational readiness of its members. These efforts ensure that officers and staff are prepared to respond effectively, safely and professionally to the diverse needs of the community.



Two new recruits successfully completed their training at SKPC, marking an important step in strengthening the future capacity of the Weyburn Police Service. Following their recruit training, both members entered the Recruit Field Training program, where they gained practical frontline experience under the supervision and mentorship of a Field Training Officer. Through this process, both recruits became operational and successfully completed their field training requirements.

All members also participated in the Service's annual block training, which consists of three full days of focused operational training. This annual training ensures members maintain proficiency in key policing skills, including Use of Force, firearms qualifications, defensive tactics, room clearing and scenario-based training. These sessions provide officers with the opportunity to refresh essential skills, practise decision-making under pressure and reinforce safe, consistent responses to high-risk situations.



The Weyburn Police Service also continued to build specialized capacity in the area of critical incident response. One officer received training in Critical Incident Command, while one support staff member received training in scribing for critical incidents. These roles are important in supporting coordinated, accountable and well-documented responses during major or complex incidents.

The Weyburn Police Service continued its partnership with Estevan Police Service and participation in the Joint Tactical Support Team. This team provides enhanced regional support for high-risk incidents requiring specialized training, equipment and coordinated response. Participation in this team strengthens local preparedness while supporting collaboration with partner agencies when incidents require additional tactical resources.



Officer Safety & Readiness

The Weyburn Police Service expanded its drone program through the acquisition of a DJI Mavic 3 Thermal drone. This equipment enhances the Service’s ability to support search and rescue operations, high-risk incidents, crime prevention patrols, thermal imaging operations and infrastructure inspections. The addition of thermal imaging capability provides officers with an important tool for locating persons, assessing areas safely and improving situational awareness during operational deployments.

Four members currently maintain Transport Canada certification as Remotely Piloted Aircraft System pilots, ensuring the drone program is operated safely, responsibly and in compliance with federal requirements.



Fleet Vehicles

Patrol

- 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab
- 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab

Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS)

- 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe

Bylaw Enforcement

- 2010 Ford F150 Crew Cab

Administration / Travel

- 2014 Jeep Cherokee
- 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab

Specialized/Other

- 2003 Ford Econoline Van
- 2016 Ford F150 Crew Cab



The Weyburn Police Service continues to maintain and update its vehicle inventory to ensure members have safe, reliable and operationally effective equipment when responding to calls for service. Keeping the fleet current supports officer safety, reduces downtime and helps ensure the Service remains prepared to meet the needs of the community.

Crime Data

Annual Comparison Statistical Report

4,675

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
(-4.3%)

6.49%

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

-0.8%

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Offence	2025	2024	% Change
Crimes Against Persons			
Murder	0	0	0.00%
Attempted Murder	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Crimes	14	19	-26.32%
Assault	50	38	31.58%
Assault CBH/Aggravated/Weapon	18	20	-10.00%
Robbery	0	0	0.00%
Total Violations	82	77	-4.74%
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	2	2	0.00%
Break & Enter – Residence	14	15	-6.67%
Break & Enter – Business	9	13	-30.77%
Break & Enter – Other	12	8	50.00%
Fraud	82	92	-10.87%
Theft Over \$5000	22	13	69.23%
Theft Under \$5000	119	117	1.71%
Mischief/Willful Damage	113	116	-2.59%
Total Violations	373	376	-0.80%
Criminal Code Violations – Controlled Drugs & Substances Act			
Trafficking	5	2	150.00%
Possession	3	2	50.00%
Production	0	0	0.00%
Total Violations	8	4	100.00%

Offence	2025	2024	% Change
Criminal Code Traffic Violations (including CTSS)			
Impaired Drive/Exceed 80mg%	23	23	0.00%
Impaired by Drug	4	9	-55.56%
Dangerous Drive & Other CC	7	7	0.00%
TSA Charges	1164	986	18.05%
AGRA Charges	85	26	226.92%
Bylaw Charges	403	165	144.24%
Total Violations	1686	1216	38.65%
Other			
Motor Vehicle Collisions	94	81	16.05%
Total Calls for Service	4,675	3,717	25.77%

Crime Severity Index Report

CSI Year-to-Year Comparisons

Index	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
CSI	66.08	83.09	78.24	75.46	109.89	106.07
Violent CSI	45.11	71.07	76.88	92.7	77.04	108.92
Non-Violent CSI	75.03	88.6	79.45	69.21	121.45	104.79

66.08

WEYBURN CSI

45.11

VIOLENT CSI

75.03

NON-VIOLENT CSI

Provincial Rankings

Provincial comparison charts in the original report rank Saskatchewan communities by CSI. Weyburn ranks among the lowest (safest) communities shown – well below communities such as North Battleford, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Regina, and Estevan.



CTSS *Combined Traffic Services of Saskatchewan*

The Combined Traffic Services of Saskatchewan is a province-wide traffic enforcement unit consisting of members from the RCMP and municipal police services. CTSS was established in 2014 in response to recommendations made by the Special Committee on Traffic Safety. It is funded by the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI).



A key element of Ensuring a Safe Community For All, is traffic safety. In addition to proactive enforcement by officers on general patrol, the Weyburn Police Service conducted 15 High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) projects as well as co-hosted a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) project in Weyburn during the year. Also, the Weyburn Police Service has 2 Combined Traffic Services of Saskatchewan (CTSS) officers that are primarily focused on traffic safety and enforcement, in and around the Weyburn area. Traffic safety initiatives such as these are strongly supported and funded by the Provincial Government and SGI (Saskatchewan Government Insurance).

The benefits of the CTSS include:

- Increased traffic enforcement & visibility
- Enhanced road safety initiatives
- Improved deployment flexibility
- Continued collaboration with SGI and provincial partners



As reported by the Government of Saskatchewan, in the five years before the establishment of the CTSS, the average number of traffic fatalities per year was 158. In 2019, Saskatchewan saw the lowest number of traffic deaths in the province's recorded history (71 fatalities), and in 2020 it was again much lower than the historical average (87 fatalities). While no number of traffic deaths will ever be acceptable, this decrease represents tremendous progress that we hope continues.

Specialized Units

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION & DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (CIDEU)

2025 Highlights



18

judicial
authorizations
executed



18

Criminal Code
and CDSA
charges



8.7

grams
methamphetamine
seized



17.75

litres
GHB seized



Firearms
recovered



Stolen
property
recovered



Drug trafficking
investigations completed



MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS

Major investigations included threats to kill files, organized drug trafficking investigations, and assistance with an international money laundering investigation involving multiple jurisdictions.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT (Drone)

2025 Highlights



4

certified
RPAS pilots



**DJI
Mavic 3**

Thermal acquired



17

operational
deployments

MISSION TYPES



Missing and
suicidal persons



Suspect
searches



Crime prevention
patrols



Tactical
operations



Building
searches



Infrastructure
inspections



The drone program continues to enhance officer safety while increasing operational effectiveness.

JOINT TACTICAL SUPPORT TEAM (JTST)

2025 Highlights



2025 marked
the fifth year of
JTST operations



Three
operational
deployments
within Weyburn
during 2025



Drone
integration into
tactical
operations



Thermal
imaging
capability
expansion



Increased
training
activity



Regional
training
support



Full staffing complement achieved



OPERATIONAL READINESS

JTST continues to provide specialized tactical support to Weyburn and Estevan while maintaining operational readiness for high-risk incidents.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SERVICES (FIS)

2025 Highlights



**Cyanoacrylate
(CA) Chamber**

Develops latent fingerprints on non-porous surfaces using controlled fuming technology.



**Advanced Forensic
Light Sources (FLS)**

Utilizes multi-wavelength light to detect, enhance, and document latent evidence with precision.



**Latent Fingerprint
Identification**

Examines, compares, and identifies latent fingerprints to support investigative and judicial outcomes.



CASE HIGHLIGHT

A significant firearms theft investigation resulted in the successful identification of a suspect through latent fingerprint evidence, leading to multiple criminal charges.

Community Engagement

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of WPS.

Key initiatives included:

- ✓ Mental Health Week partnership with CMHA
- ✓ Mental health resource campaign distribution
- ✓ School presentations
- ✓ Community events
- ✓ Youth engagement initiatives
- ✓ Coffee with the Chamber
- ✓ School Safety Patrol participation
- ✓ Community organization involvement
- ✓ Ceremonial Unit created to attend public events and ceremonies such as Remembrance Day.
- ✓ Members continue to contribute extensively to local organizations, boards, sports programs, charitable initiatives, and community events.



WPS remains committed to transparency and public awareness through weekly media releases, social media engagement, public education campaigns, traffic safety messaging and community awareness initiatives.



Financial Overview

Accountable spending for a safe community for all

2025 Budget Summary

\$4,115,350

Budget

\$4,145,107

Actual

- \$29,757 (- 0.72%)

Variance

** An unbudgeted expenditure of \$36,430 contributed to the year-end variance.*

Overtime Analysis: 2025: 1,390.5 hours | 5-Year Average: 1,452.2 hours

Overtime usage remained 4.25% below the five-year average despite maintaining operational demands and supporting specialized policing initiatives.

2025 Investments

- Training and Development
- Technology Modernization
- Fleet Replacement
- Facility Improvements
- Officer Safety Equipment

Looking Ahead

Building on progress. Preparing for tomorrow.

Looking ahead, the Weyburn Police Service remains committed to building on the progress made in 2025 while continuing to adapt to the changing needs of our community. Our focus will remain on continued modernization, meaningful community engagement, recruitment and retention, enhanced technology, officer wellness, strategic partnerships and operational excellence. This balanced approach ensures that our daily operations align closely with the values of the community. Success relies on the steady efforts of our staff, the strength of our local & provincial partnerships, and the ongoing support of the community we serve.

These priorities reflect our ongoing commitment to providing professional, accountable and effective policing services to the City of Weyburn. By investing in our people, strengthening relationships with the community and embracing innovation, the Weyburn Police Service will continue working to ensure Weyburn remains a safe community for all.



Thank You

The Weyburn Police Service extends a sincere thank you to:

- The citizens of Weyburn;
- Weyburn Board of Police Commissioners;
- Weyburn City Council;
- Community partners;
- Provincial Government & Government Agencies;
- Law enforcement partners; and
- All members of the Weyburn Police Service.

*Working together
“Ensuring a
Safe Community
for All”.*



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