

Jurisdictional Scan of Transit Peace Officer Authorities and Staffing Levels

In December 2021/January 2022, Administration reached out to various municipalities across Canada to understand how they determine their staffing levels and what authorities are currently held by their Transit Peace/Police Officers. A summary of the findings are provided in the tables below.

Staffing

	Edmonton	Calgary	Vancouver	Ottawa	Montreal
Factors that Determine Staffing Levels	# of shifts (24/7) Statistics on: Response events dispatched Hotspots	Statistics on: Social disorder & crime trends Increased workload Decrease in the number of staffing resources	Size or number of rapid transit and SkyTrain Stations	Budget allotted to OC Transpo	No formula
Minimum Staffing Levels	Informal minimum dependent on work assignment (COTT, foot patrol)	None	Daily minimum staffing level which is split into six community service areas on night and day shifts.	Daily minimum with at least 1 superintendent and 4 personnel	Periodical minimums. 12 -18 personnel depending on the number of contingents arriving for training
TPOs Currently Budgeted	83	110	183	110	180

Authorities

	Edmonton	Calgary	Vancouver	Ottawa	Montreal
Criminal Code and Warrant Arrest Powers	<p>Arrest powers under <i>Criminal Code</i></p> <p>No powers of arrest for warrants.</p> <p>Lay charges for bylaws and some provincial statutes</p>	<p>Investigations into thefts/mischief not exceeding \$5,000</p> <p>Laying fresh charges</p> <p>Field release of subjects</p> <p>Transportation of arrested person(s) to processing units</p>	<p>TPOs have full police powers throughout BC. That is, the same powers as municipal police</p>	<p>On Transit Systems and OC Transpo Property only, Special Constables have full police powers to investigate and charge offenders</p>	<p>Powers of a Peace Officer only within the Criminal Code.</p>
Arrests under Mental Health Act	No authority	For warrant execution only. Not forms of committal	Apprehend offenders and take to physician only	Apprehend offenders and take to physician only	Secure offender (with use of handcuffs if needed) and take to physician
Defensive/ Offensive Equipment Used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Batons - Handcuffs - OC spray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Batons - OC spray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Firearms - Conducted Energy Weapons - Batons - Handcuffs - OC Spray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collapsible batons - Handcuffs - OC Spray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handcuffs - Telescopic batons
Municipal Operation or Police Agency	<p>Employed under the Municipality (City of Edmonton)</p> <p>Limited to Edmonton Transit property</p>	<p>Employed under the Municipality (City of Calgary)</p> <p>Limited to Calgary Transit property</p>	<p>Supplements the jurisdictional police in each Municipality</p> <p>MOU with Municipal Police agency and RCMP detachments</p>	<p>Provincially appointed but under the City of Ottawa jurisdiction</p> <p>Limited to OC Transpo property</p>	<p>SPVM is employed under City of Montreal</p> <p>Constables and Inspectors employed under STM</p>

Attachment 2

Other Trends/ Approaches of Note			Endeavours to establish a new Community Safety Officer Peace Officer Program under the Transit Police are currently underway		
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