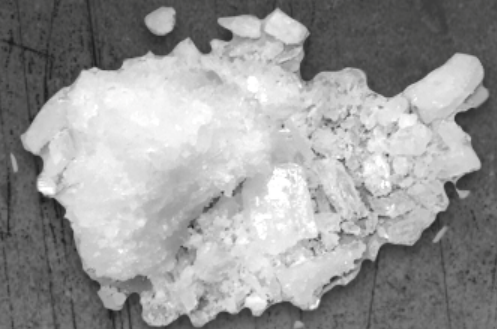


Methamphetamine: A growing concern in Edmonton

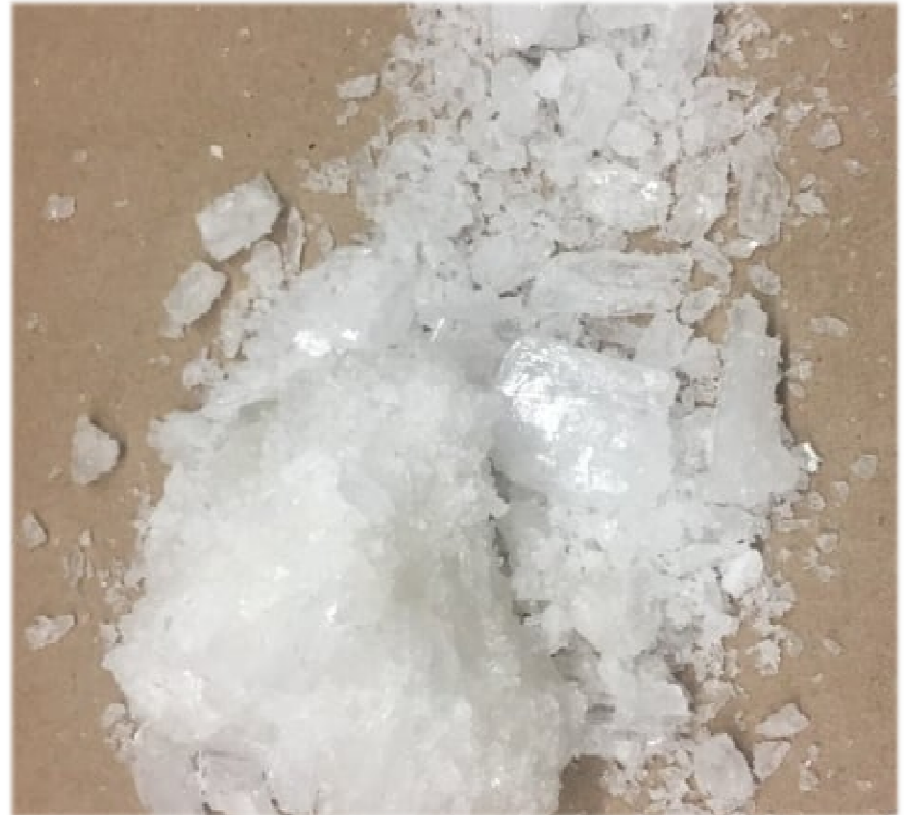
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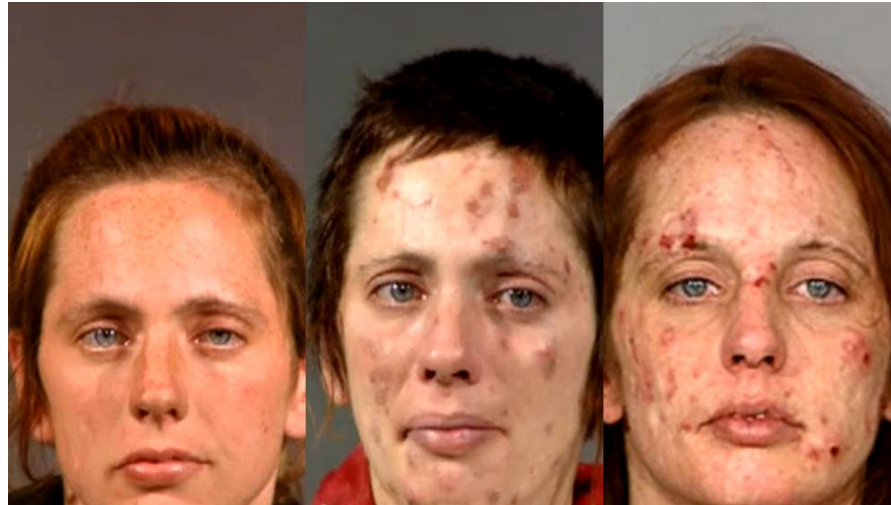
A primer on methamphetamine

- A synthetic drug and potent nervous system stimulant
- Universally referred to as “meth”
- Powerfully addictive, cheap and increasingly accessible



The meth high

- Induces delusion, euphoria and exaggerated self confidence
- Causes aggression and displays of anger
- Leads to violence and damage

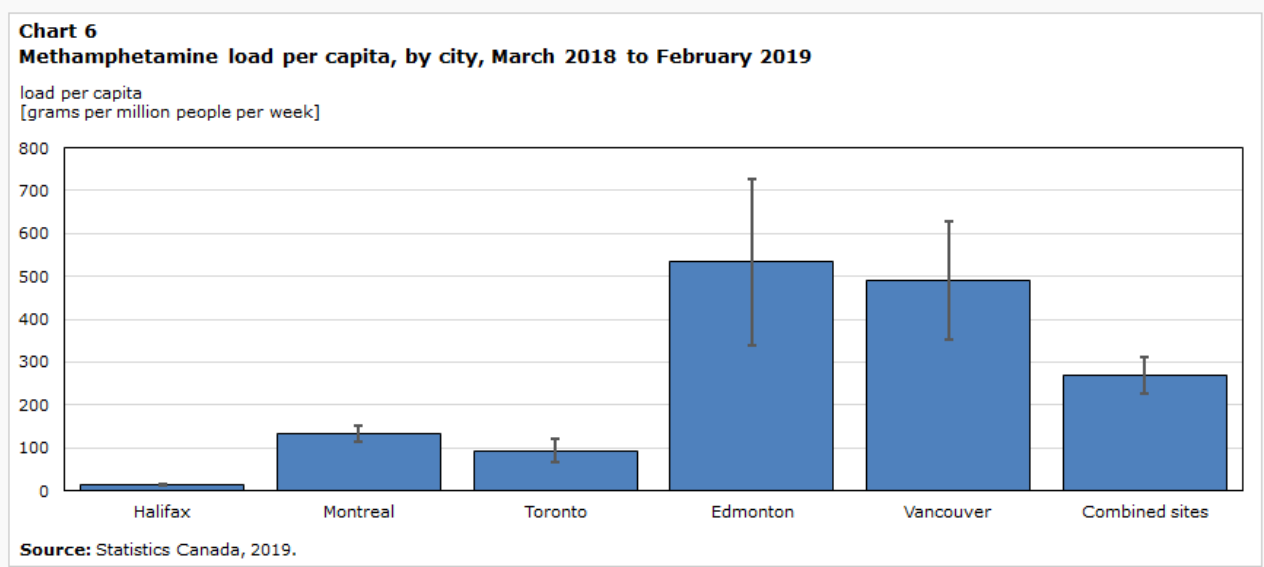




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Meth in Canada

- Strong presence in western provinces
- Smuggled from Mexico; created in BC and Ontario superlabs
- Edmonton wastewater has high meth content (Statistics Canada)

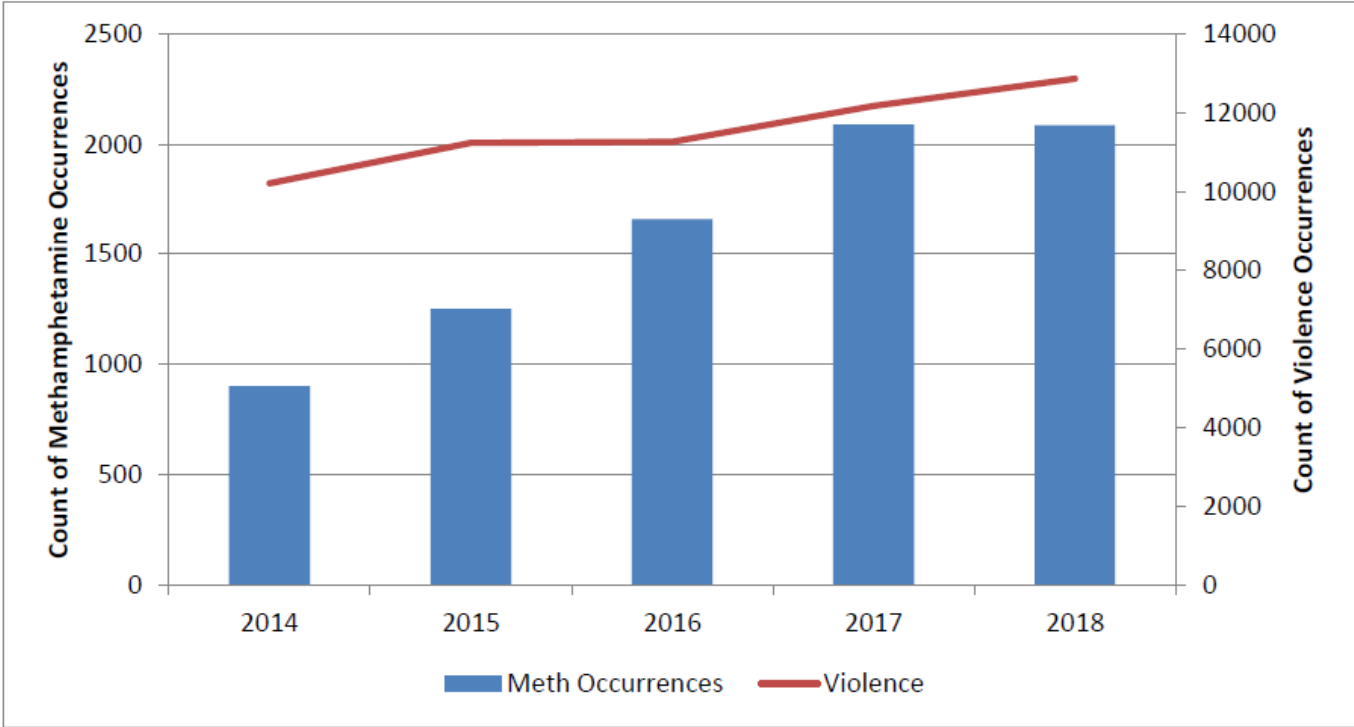


What this means for Edmonton

EPS Meth Seizure Statistics 2015-2019			
Occurrence Seizure Year	Drug Description	Drug Weight (gr)	Value
2015	METHAMPHETAMINE	19,404.84	\$1.75M
2016	METHAMPHETAMINE	24,571.16	\$2.21M
2017	METHAMPHETAMINE	33,082.60	\$3.32M
2018	METHAMPHETAMINE	36,717.70	\$2.2M
2019 (YTD Oct)	METHAMPHETAMINE	34,442.76	\$1.72M
Summary		148,219.06	\$11.2 M

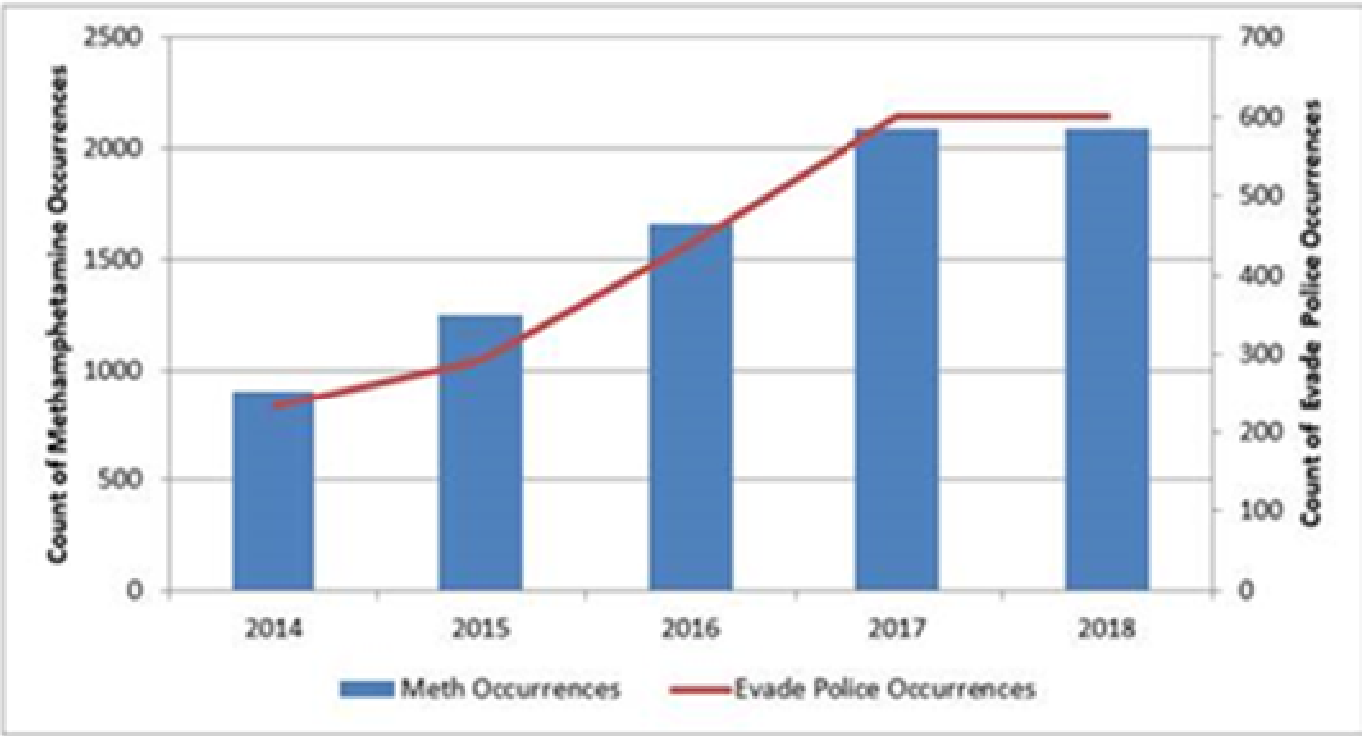
Meth-related crime and violence

Methamphetamine occurrences and violence occurrences
(2014 to 2018)



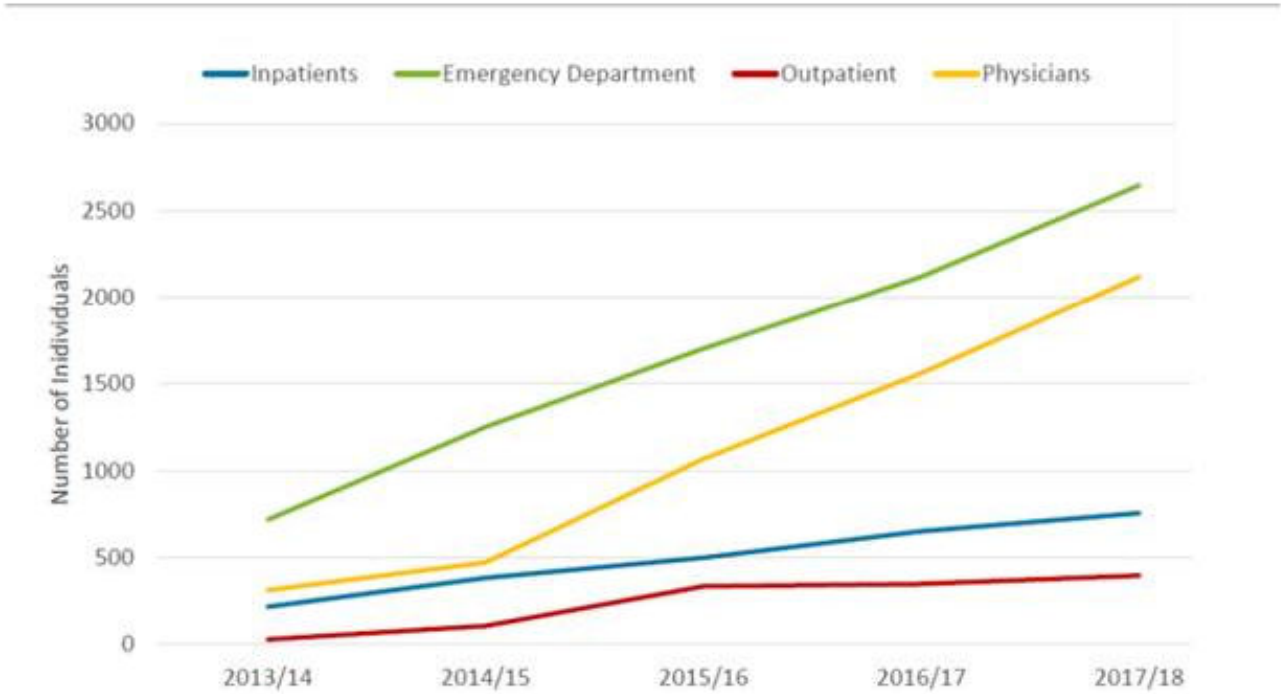
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Meth occurrences and occurrences with an evading police violation (2014-2018)



Meth and the medical system

Methamphetamine Use in Alberta by Service Setting



Credit: Carla McLean and Josh Hathaway, 2019

Our plan

- A law enforcement and public health response
- Target supply and demand
- Look to help users break free of the cycle

Our plan

Community Solutions Accelerator

- Partnership with subject-matter experts
- Definition and analysis of data led pathways
- Design of interventions to mitigate harm and reduce criminal activity

Conclusion

- We are responding to the opioid crisis
- We continue to pay attention to cannabis and edibles legislation
- Meth is a growing concern in Edmonton
- We must work together to find a solution