



Transit Peace Officers Potential Oversight

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Peace Officer Oversight and Accountability

External	Internal
Peace Officer <i>Act</i> and Ministerial Regulations	City of Edmonton -Administrative Directives, Policies and Procedures -Code of Conduct
Public Security Peace Officer Program Policy and Procedures Manual	Community Standards Peace Officer Code of Conduct
Law Enforcement and Oversight Branch	<i>Professional Standards Unit</i>
Edmonton Police Service	

Use of Force Reporting

- 73,000 calls for service in 2019 and 1 excessive use of force complaint.
- Peace Officers are able to gain voluntary compliance in 99% of calls for service without using force.
 - Includes education, persuasion, advice and warnings.
- A Peace Officer may need to use force in less than 1% of situations.
- The most common officer-reported use of force includes waking individuals, escorting individuals off property, or placing individuals in handcuffs.
 - Internal Peace Officer Policy requires all uses of force to be reported

Use of Force Reporting

Officer Initiated	Citizen Initiated
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Supervisor reviews- Forwarded to Professional Standards Unit- Complaint process is triggered*- Employee's union is notified- Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is notified- Investigation occurs- Alberta Justice and the Solicitor General's Office reviews findings- Director in Administration reviews- Outcome determined and communicated- Option to appeal (30 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complaint submitted directly to Professional Standards Unit- Complaint process is triggered*- Employee's union is notified- Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is notified- Investigation occurs- Alberta Justice and the Solicitor General's Office reviews findings- Director in Administration reviews- Outcome determined and communicated- Option to appeal (30 days)

*All complaints that are criminal in nature are forwarded to the Edmonton Police Service for investigation

Options to Improve Oversight and Accountability

Option 1: Reorganize the existing internal Professional Standards unit to another branch within Administration

Option 2: Establish an independent third party entity (Peace Officer)

Option 3: Peace Officer oversight incorporated into an independent investigative body for all law enforcement

Next Steps

	Complete	Ongoing	Future Improvements
Training	Sensitivity training review Social agency training	Review of training materials	Mental health and de-escalation training enhancements
Transparency		Preparing to add Use of Force to Open Data Catalogue Scheduling dialogue opportunities with community	Add information to Open Data
Accountability	Update to hiring process	Addressing implicit biases	GBA+ review of policies and procedures Proactive use of mediation services



Questions?