EVENT MANAGEMENT & RESPONSE DIVISION

Rapid Response Unit

Police Board Presentation - June 5, 2026

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RAPID RESPONSE UNIT - MANDATE



Special Event Support

Assist with general crowd management duties at planned and unplanned public order events such as protests, demonstrations, rallies parades and other significant public gatherings to ensure public safety and uphold lawful assembly, free speech and other Charter Rights.



Call Queue Support

Assist with calls for service when Queue call volumes are elevated to ensure timely responses and continuity of service.



Crime Suppression

Conduct proactive enforcement to deter and disrupt crimes of community concern in identified geographical areas of higher risk. This includes deployment to urgent community safety concerns that require a reinforced police presence or surge capacity.

Community Reassurance

Collaborate with Divisional Community Support Units and Investigative Units to address localized concerns, enhance public confidence, and support neighbourhood safety efforts.

RAPID RESPONSE UNIT – SPECIAL EVENTS SUPPORT

WPS Half Marathon- May 3

MMIWG Walk for Justice- May 6

Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres- May 9, 10

Walk for MMIMB- May 13

Moosehide Campaign Walk- May 14

Canadian Jobs March- May 14

Marian Procession- May 17

Rally for Injured Pedestrian- May 25

Eid Al Adha- May 27

Holy Spirit Feast- May 31

20 SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY

RAPID RESPONSE UNIT – CALL QUEUE SUPPORT

SPOTLIGHT

- Weekend of May 23-24
  - Accumulation of resource intensive events.
  - Strategic assistance with calls for service.

- Weekend of May 29-31
  - Critical Incident midday on Friday.
  - RRU – transitioned to a Dispatchable resource – high priority calls.

Total Calls responded to from the Queue in May - 550

RAPID RESPONSE UNIT – CRIME SUPPRESSION

EXAMPLES

- On going attention to “Hot Spots” of concerning activity.
  - Identified by Crime Analysis and Data Scientists.
- Targeted Projects with Divisional CSU’s
  - Examples would be East District Retail Theft in the vicinity of Kildonan Crossing, Polo Park Shopping Centre.
- Assisted Specialty Units – Organized Crime and Major Crimes.

RAPID RESPONSE UNIT - COMMUNITY REASSURENCE

San Diego Mosque Shooting – May 19

- Visible presence at gathering spaces.
- Eid Al-Adha – Convention Centre

Transit Safety Project

- Visible presence at Transit Hubs and onboard buses.
- Overlap with Crime Suppression.

QUESTIONS?