



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** March 10, 2026



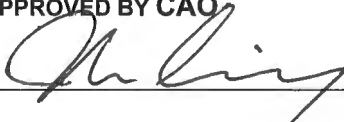
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Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge 01

Re: **2026-2027 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan
Community Priorities**

Recommendation from the OIC

That the priorities, Property Crime, Organized Crime, Road Safety and Vulnerable Persons, listed in the report titled “2026-2027 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities”, dated March 10, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be endorsed for inclusion in the Richmond RCMP Detachment’s fiscal year 2026-2027 (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027) Annual Performance Plan.

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Report

Origin

The Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Richmond RCMP Detachment (Richmond Detachment) is committed to aligning the Richmond Detachment's strategic goals with the City of Richmond's vision "to be the most appealing, livable and well-managed community in Canada" and the RCMP's vision to promote safe communities. As such, the Richmond Detachment requests Council's endorsement of the priorities included in its Annual Performance Plan (APP) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027).

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026, Focus Area #3: A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

3.2 Leverage strategic partnerships and community-based approaches for comprehensive safety services.

Findings of Fact

Background

As part of the Strategic Policy and Planning Directorate's mandate, all RCMP units, including the Richmond Detachment, launch a new APP each fiscal year. This process facilitates the continuous improvement of management and administrative practices across the organization and enhances strategic planning and performance management. Local APPs are informed by organizational priorities, crime trends, and stakeholder discussions to identify areas for continued improvement.

The priorities recommended for the APP take into consideration internal RCMP strategic directives, including the 2024-2027 RCMP Strategic Plan, which serves as a roadmap for the continued modernization of the RCMP.¹ They also align with the strategic pillars identified in the 2021-2025 Richmond RCMP Detachment Strategic Plan.²

- People
- Promoting Public Safety
- Targeted Enforcement

¹ Our next chapter: The RCMP 2024-2027 strategic plan, <https://rcmp.ca/en/corporate-information/publications-and-manuals/our-next-chapter-rcmp-2024-27-strategic-plan>

² The Richmond RCMP 2026-2030 Strategic Plan will be released later in 2026.

The APP enables a comprehensive, tailored, and measured approach to strategic planning and performance management at the Richmond Detachment.³ It ensures that policing initiatives align with the City of Richmond and RCMP strategic priorities and enables the OIC to effectively evaluate and manage police resources, programs, and operations. The APP also provides a valuable consultation and reporting mechanism for the City, the Commanding Officer of the RCMP “E” Division, and Richmond Detachment staff.

Planning

The OIC regularly engages with Council, City staff, and stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve service delivery in the community. Policing priorities are identified through a comprehensive strategic planning framework, which coordinates policing objectives with the City’s unique needs and the RCMP’s national, provincial, and district initiatives. Measurements, targets and integrated risk assessments for policing initiatives are also created annually to monitor performance and manage opportunities and risks.

Quarterly Performance Updates

Every quarter, Council receives an update on the status of the APP, highlighting progress of objectives and policing initiatives. The quarterly update includes a summary of actions supporting each priority and outlines any opportunities or challenges which may have emerged.

Annual Performance Plan Features

The APP is designed to enhance planning, management and administrative practices for RCMP Units and Detachments and provides the foundation for the following five organizational initiatives:⁴

- Contract and Aboriginal Policing Community Plans;
- Integrated Risk Management;
- Unit Level Quality Assurance;
- Performance Management; and
- Performance Improvement.

Analysis

Community Priorities

The community priorities outlined in the APP are selected through an ongoing strategic planning process, which includes analyzing police statistics and emerging public safety issues, reviewing existing programs and initiatives, and drawing on contributions from regular discussions with stakeholders.

³ The priorities recommended for the APP are not intended to serve as an exhaustive list of the Richmond Detachment’s policing objectives.

⁴ As per RCMP Administrative Manual Chapter 18.2 Annual Performance Plan

Initiatives supporting each selected priority are developed through a collaborative planning process, in which performance measures are determined to evaluate the initiatives' success and impacts. This process facilitates an effective response to the identified objectives and provides an opportunity to demonstrate accountability to stakeholders and the broader community.

After assessing the impacts of the previous year's APP and analyzing recent crime trends and stakeholder feedback, the OIC is recommending that Council align this year's priorities with those of the previous year to maintain the Richmond Detachment's commitment to these strategic priorities while also continuing to develop the responses and initiatives promoting these objectives. As such, the OIC is recommending continuing with the following four priorities for this year's APP (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027):

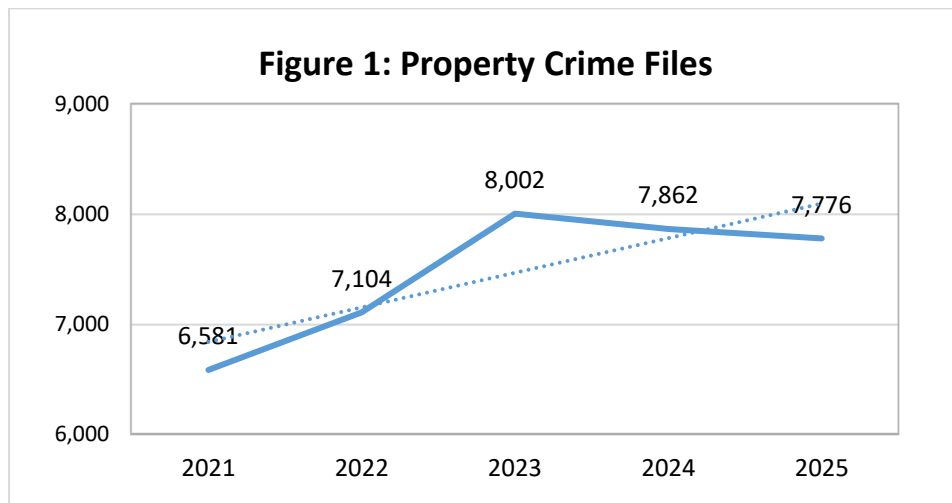
1. Property Crime;
2. Organized Crime;
3. Road Safety; and
4. Vulnerable Persons.

These four priorities are sufficiently broad in scope to cover emerging trends and community concerns.

The remainder of the report justifies continuing with the established priorities.

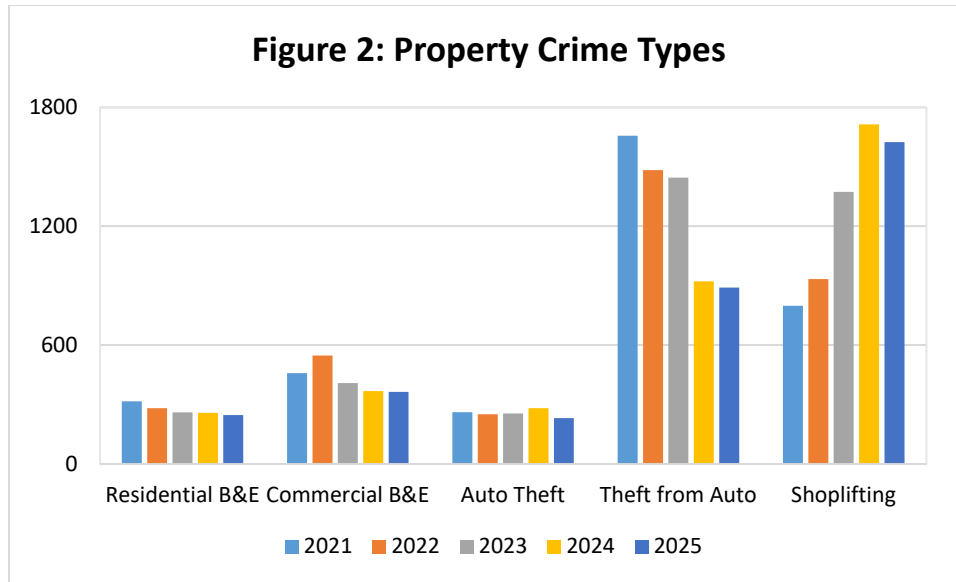
Property Crime

Statistical analysis of property crime incidents for the last five years has identified a rising trend, following reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁵ As public behaviours returned to pre-pandemic patterns, property crimes began to increase, returning to previous levels. Given this trend, property crime remains a community priority.



⁵ In January 2026, statistics were re-collected for all crime categories, dating back to 2019. This was done to account for any changes to scoring or delayed reports and to ensure data is up-to-date and accurate. For this reason, the number of property crimes varies from previously reported statistics.

While overall property crimes are trending upward, the types of property crime following this pattern vary.⁶ Shoplifting incidents have dramatically increased over the last five years; however, residential break-and-enters and thefts from automobiles have decreased. Incidents of auto theft have remained steady.



The Richmond Detachment continues to monitor these trends and respond accordingly, including issuing public messaging regarding crime trends. In 2025, “Boost and Bust” projects were regularly deployed to combat organized retail thefts.⁷ Police will continue to use these tools and expand existing crime prevention initiatives by enhancing public outreach and police visibility with regular foot patrols, business outreach and participation in various community events.

The Richmond Detachment’s robust crime-reduction strategy is built on intelligence-led crime analysis using the CompStat model to target property crime. CompStat provides a forum for analyzing crime statistics, highlighting accountability, and developing immediate responses and deployment strategies. These responsive measures also include managing prolific offenders, proactive policing initiatives, collaborations with partner agencies, targeted enforcement projects, and increased training for police officers. Police will continue to deploy these measures while also developing enhanced public engagement and communication strategies, including raising community awareness of crime-prevention resources and programs.

Community engagement efforts, including the Block Watch program, help enhance public perceptions of community safety. Presentations to different community groups, including seniors and newcomers to Canada, are an additional educational tool which will continue to be promoted. Volunteer programs such as Lock Out Auto Crime, Crime Watch, and bike patrols are

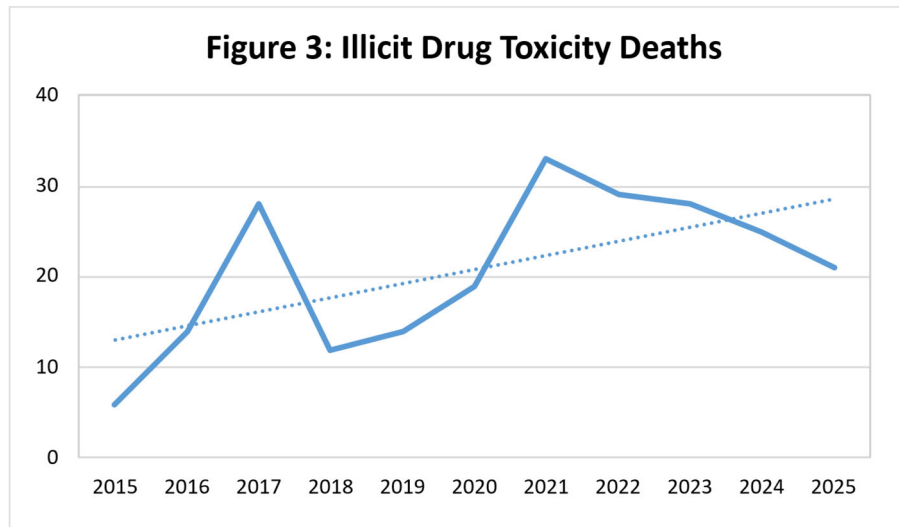
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⁷ Boost and Bust projects involve police partnering with local businesses and loss prevention officers to target retail thefts.

further measures that support crime prevention initiatives and will continue to be pursued this fiscal year.

Organized Crime

The Richmond Detachment has maintained organized crime as a community priority. While the overall violent crime rate remains low in Richmond, the OIC is committed to combating organized criminal activities, which include drug trafficking, drug production, fraudulent activities and money laundering. These activities pose numerous public safety concerns, including the dangers of clandestine drug labs and gang violence.



While drug offences have been decreasing, the number of deaths related to illicit drug toxicity in Richmond has been trending upward over the last 10 years.⁸ Police recognize the danger that these illegal drugs pose to the community, and specialized investigators have worked to target drug trafficking and drug production. In the 2025-2026 fiscal year, investigators conducted several significant organized crime-related investigations, including cases that led to the seizure of various quantities of drugs, cash, and weapons, resulting in notable arrests.

The Richmond Detachment continues to prioritize investigations and measures that disrupt organized crime, including gang suppression patrols, projects targeting illicit drug production and distribution, and asset forfeiture. On January 20, 2026, the final court matters concluded in a multi-year investigation into a crime group responsible for several synthetic drug production labs in the city. The primary target was sentenced to 10 years in jail, a lifetime firearms prohibition, and a forfeiture order for the seized items.

Investigators also continue to see emerging cybercrime trends, such as cryptocurrency fraud. These crimes often have a nexus to organized crime due to their sophisticated and organized nature and the potential for significant monetary gains for criminals. The Economic Crime Unit (ECU) has developed various investigative and awareness initiatives, including enhanced

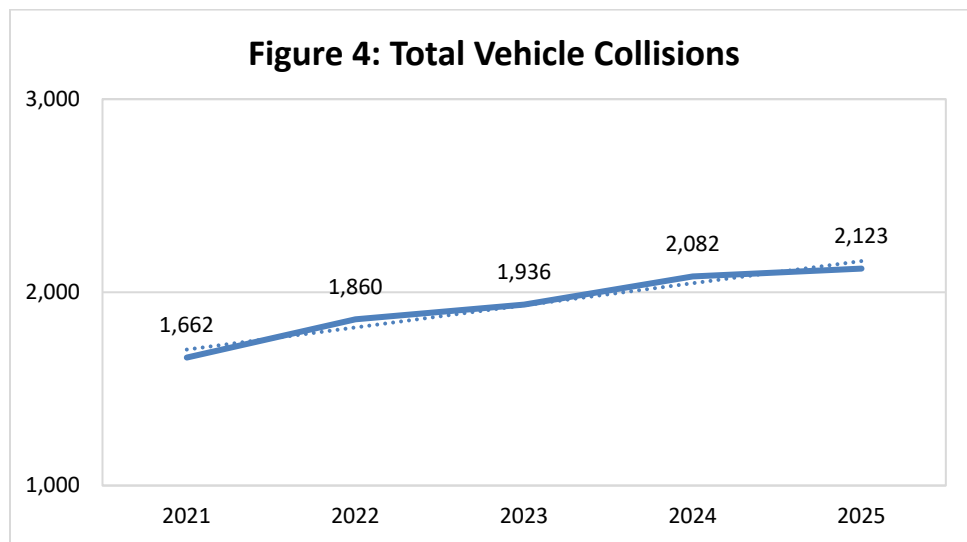
⁸ [Statistical Reports on Deaths in British Columbia - Province of British Columbia](#)

internal training sessions and distribution of public information resources available in English, French and Traditional Chinese. The ECU has also hosted public fraud awareness outreach, including an event on November 15, 2025, where ECU members and the Community Engagement Team (CET) engaged with 1,800 members of the public and educated them on fraud prevention at the T&T Super Market at Lansdowne Centre. Information was provided in multiple languages.

Road Safety

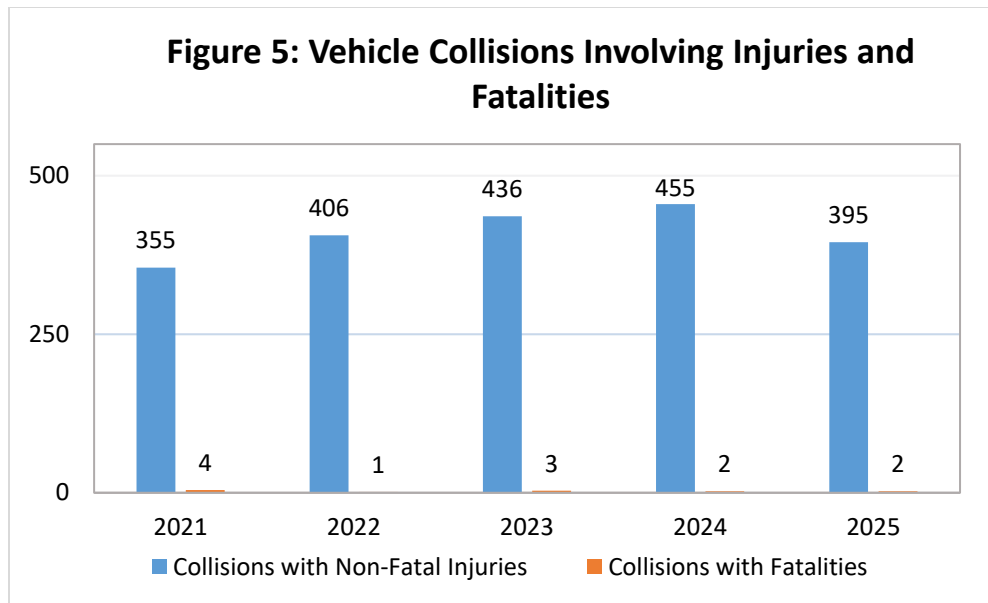
The Richmond Detachment has identified road safety as an ongoing community priority. It has continued to implement a comprehensive road safety strategy built on intelligence-led analysis, community policing volunteer engagement, public education campaigns, and ongoing proactive enforcement efforts.

Figure 4 presents the total vehicle collisions in Richmond between 2021 and 2025.⁹ There was a notable decrease in vehicle collisions during the pandemic; however, there has been a steady increase over the last 5 years.



Vehicle collisions decreased during the pandemic; however, overall traffic incidents, resulting in injuries and fatalities, have remained steady. The Richmond Detachment is closely monitoring this trend and continuing to prioritize road safety education and enforcement.

⁹ Data from PRIME, based on reports to Richmond RCMP. Previously, collision data included ICBC crash data, which is higher because police generally do not handle property-damage collisions with no injuries.



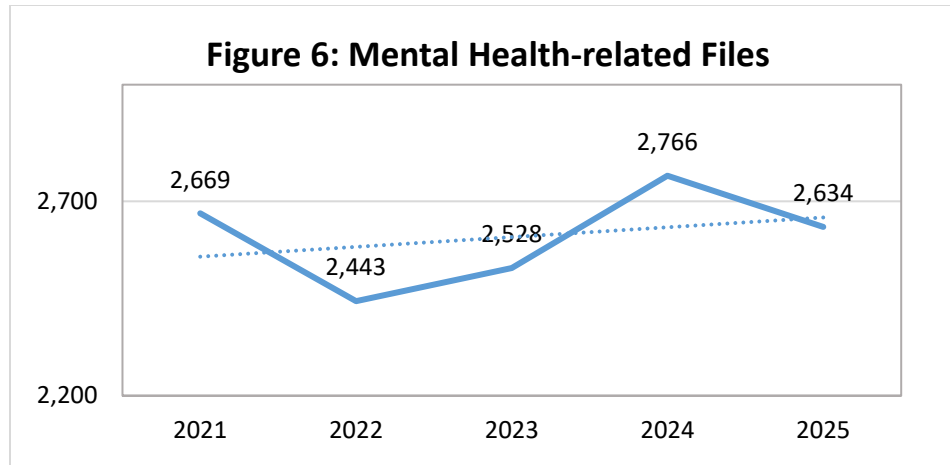
The Richmond Detachment is continuously promoting public education campaigns and leveraging social media to increase awareness of road safety topics, including distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving and pedestrian safety. This consistent messaging and ongoing targeted enforcement efforts will remain a priority this fiscal year. The CET and volunteers conduct road safety outreach and deployments targeting these concerns. These actions include Fail to Stop and Speed Watch deployments, car seat safety clinics, and pedestrian safety outreach events, during which thousands of safety reflectors have been distributed throughout Richmond.

Enforcement projects continue to be based on collision data and community feedback. The Richmond Detachment has also engaged partner agencies for a variety of joint operations. Policing agencies from other jurisdictions, City Bylaws and Passenger Transportation Enforcement Officers collaborate on projects targeting a range of safety issues. The 2025-2026 fiscal year included projects targeting illegal ride-hailing, e-bike and e-scooter safety, and commercial vehicle enforcement. In addition, the Youth Section continues to conduct regular enforcement projects in school zones.

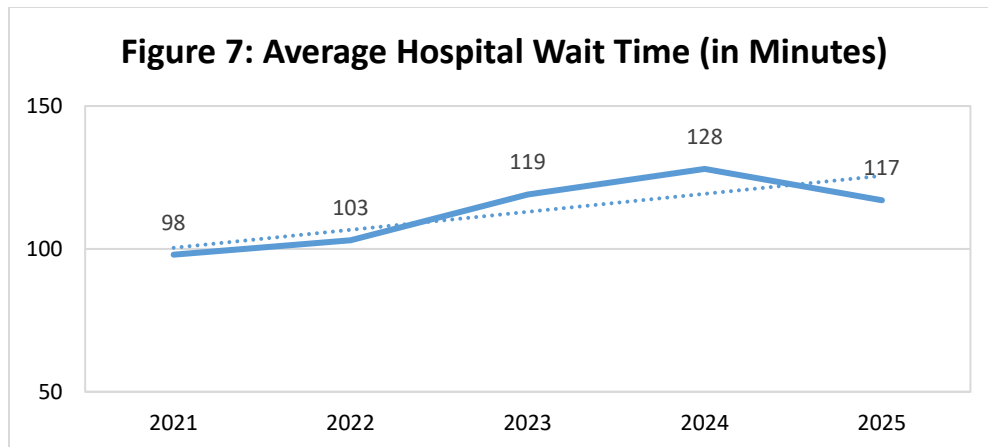
Vulnerable Persons

The Richmond Detachment has maintained vulnerable persons as a community priority. The five-year data shown in Figure 6 indicate a slight upward trend in the annual number of mental health-related calls for service in Richmond; however, there is substantial variability throughout this time frame.¹⁰

¹⁰ In January 2026, statistics were re-collected for all crime categories, dating back to 2019. This was done to account for any changes to scoring or delayed reports and to ensure data is up-to-date and accurate. For this reason, mental-health related data varies from previously reported statistics.



The average hospital wait time shows a rising trend, as depicted in Figure 7. This statistic highlights the increasing demands on policing resources and the complexity of calls, which are not fully captured by examining call-for-service data alone.



The Richmond Detachment has deployed various strategies to respond to these pressures and the complex social issues surrounding vulnerable persons, including mental health concerns, addiction and homelessness. The most prominent initiative is the Fox 67 Mental Health Car, operated in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health. This program, which pairs a mental health nurse and a police officer to respond to calls involving mental health concerns, offers specialized support to clients in crisis.

The Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU) strives to enhance partnerships and client support services by collaborating with stakeholders to find viable solutions to assist vulnerable clients. The VPU participates in various ongoing working groups and initiatives, including collaboration with the Assertive Community Treatment team and various partners within Vancouver Coastal Health.

Homelessness remains an ongoing safety concern. To address the multifaceted needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and develop sustainable solutions to these complex social issues, the VPU collaborates with partners, including the Joint Operations Team and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR). VPU officers, alongside MSDPR and

City staff, conduct regular homeless outreach activities and work with community partners to provide information and facilitate connecting the unhoused with available support services. Police also provide support to the City of Richmond's Bylaw officers and Homelessness Outreach Workers who attend sheltering sites of individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Yankee 30 Youth Partnership Car program had its second full year of operations in 2025. This joint initiative involves police officers from Richmond RCMP's Youth Section working alongside youth probation officers and social workers to support at-risk youth and provide improved access to support services to guide them away from further criminal offences.

This fiscal year, the Richmond Detachment will continue to focus on collaborative responses to issues affecting vulnerable persons. It will also work to increase police training and awareness of these issues.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment requests that Council endorse the following as Community Priorities for inclusion in the 2026-2027 Annual Performance Plan (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027):

1. Property Crime;
2. Organized Crime;
3. Road Safety; and
4. Vulnerable Persons.

As described in the APP, the targeted activities will focus on intelligence-led policing, offender management, officer visibility, and crime reduction initiatives through community education, engagement, partnerships, and intervention and prevention programs.



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