

THE WATCH

March 2024 Newsletter

Mission:

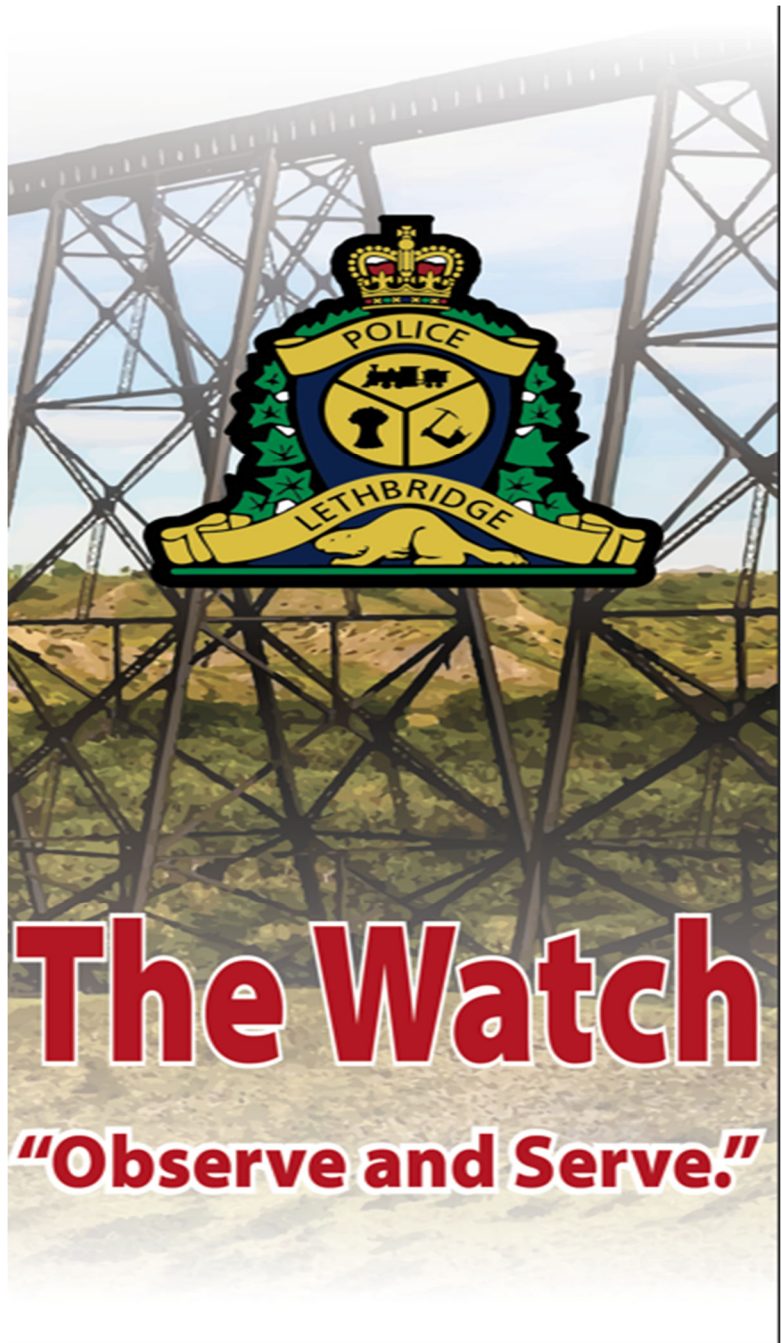
The Watch Program is a volunteer-based initiative with the objective of enhancing the community as a safe and friendly place for everyone through social outreach, connection, and intervention.

Vision:

Act as additional eyes and ears of social and community services agencies, and our emergency service providers to connect people with public and private social support agencies and organizations, provide highly visible deterrence to negative behaviours, and increase the overall perception of downtown safety for all people.

Goals and Objectives

1. Promote and enhance the perceptions of safety for everyone in our downtown community
2. Connect people with what ever service they may require and is available.
3. Provide a highly visible presence and deterrence to negative behaviours and crime downtown.
4. Manage events and incidents that historically involved police intervention, but do not actually require their involvement.
5. In a timely fashion, alert emergency and social services to the needs for their resources



Monthly Highlights.

- While out patrolling The Watch attended 8 emergency medical events this month. 4 of these events involved overdoses with Narcan deployments.
- While out patrolling The Watch was involved in 3 police events.

Total Volunteer Hours - 132

Number of Volunteers - 17

Police Events - 3

Emergency Medical Events - 8

Fire Events - 1

Safe Walks - 21

Public Service Event - Location Check - 467

Public Service Event - Assist to Business - 15

Public Service Event - Wellness Check - 18

Found ID - 2

Motor Vehicle Assistance - 3

Non-CAD Other Public Service - 81

Giving Directions - 8

Minor First Aid - 3

Parking Meter Assistance - 2

Social Service Agency Ref - 2

Detox / Treatment Intake - 1

VODP Intake - 0

Telephone Assistance - 26

Other Public Service - 39

Calls for Transportation - 21

Found Needle Pick Up Calls - 54

Events Where Nasal Narcan Administered - 4

Street Behaviour Calls - 1

Community Events attended:

- On March 5, The Watch attended SAAMIS Community Futures Treaty 7 career fair.
- On March 7, The Watch attended Lethbridge College virtual career fair.
- On March 26, The Watch attended Lethbridge Housing Wellbeing Strategic Update

Map of Watch events for March:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1QzWtNSMuK3SMfDSftbxM70kFHLBXQ64&usp=s_haring

The Watch Monthly Statistics
Enter Year

Month	Volunteer Hours	Average Monthly Volunteer Hours	Number of Volunteers	LPS Events	Street Behaviour Events	EMS Events	Fire Events	All Public Service	Wellness Checks*	Safe Walks	Detox Intake	Transportation	Needle Pick Up	Narcan Used Events	Phone Calls Walk Phone
Jan	152		21	1	1	3	3	644	14	17	0	15	41	0	24
Feb	152		17	3	2	10	1	655	13	31	1	22	44	3	38
Mar	132		17	3	1	8	1	620	18	21	1	21	54	4	31
Apr															
May															
Jun															
Jul															
Aug															
Sep															
Oct															
Nov															
Dec															
Month Average		36.33	4.58												
YTD Totals	436			7	4	21	5	1919	45	69	2	58	139	7	93
									2.3%						
Total Events YTD	2021			0.3%	0.2%	1.0%		95%	2.2%	3.4%					

* Included in All Public Service

LPS Events Includes Assault, Drugs, Public Safety, Public Intoxication, Theft and Other Events

EMS Events Any time EMS is called.

Fire Events Any time Fire Services are called.

Public Service Includes Public Service Events and Other Public Service Assistance. Location checks, assist to business, wellness checks, deescalation, found ID, motor vehicle assistance, giving directions, minor first aid, parking meter assistance, social agency referral & other public service.

Safe Walks Any time a Safe Walk is provided.

Narcan Used Any instance when any Narcan is provided.

Transportation Any time Transportation is arranged by DOT, Streets Alive or SAGE ClanDiverison Outreach Team is accessed

Needle P/U Any time improperly discarded needles are located and ARCHES needle pick up is accessed.