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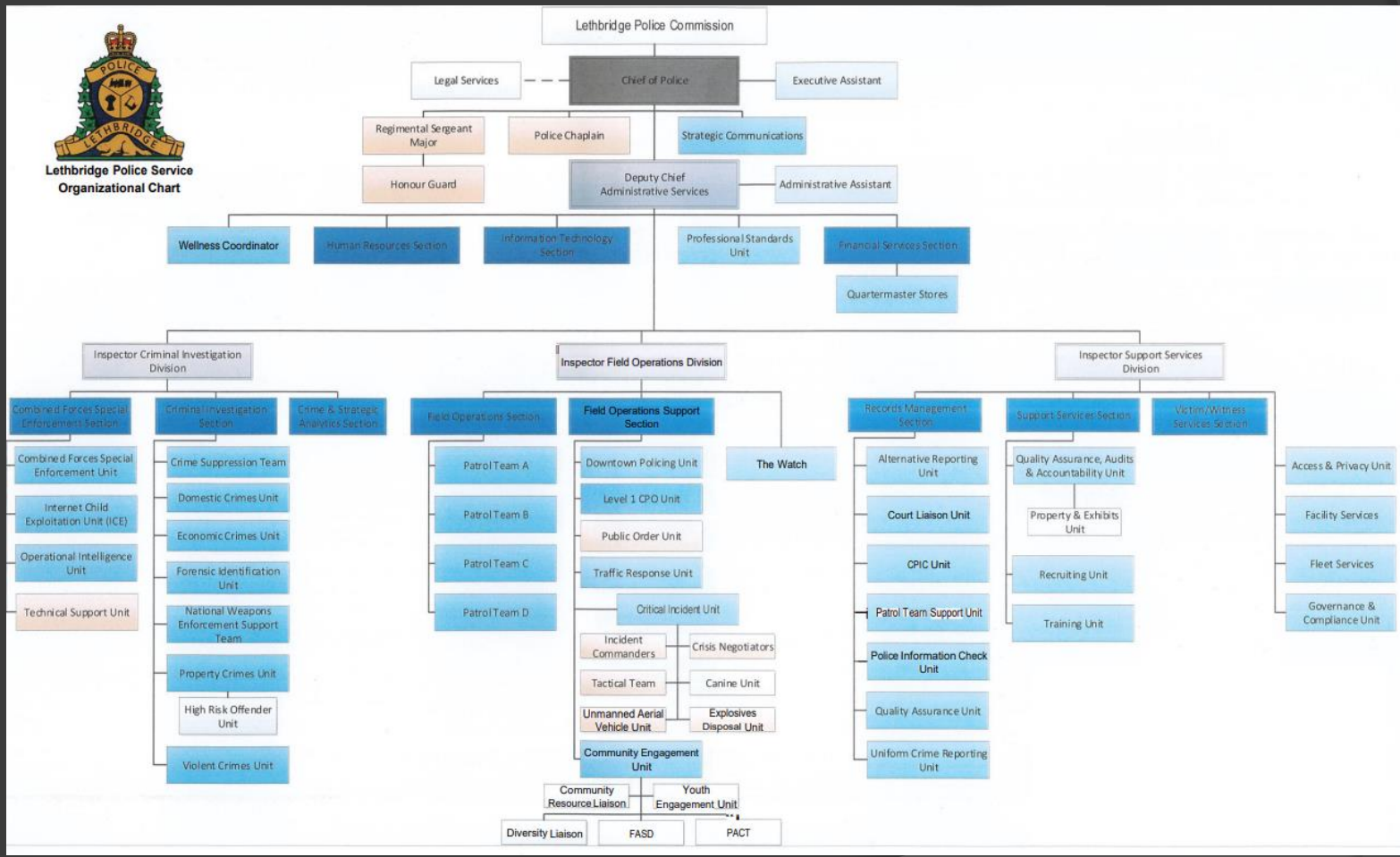
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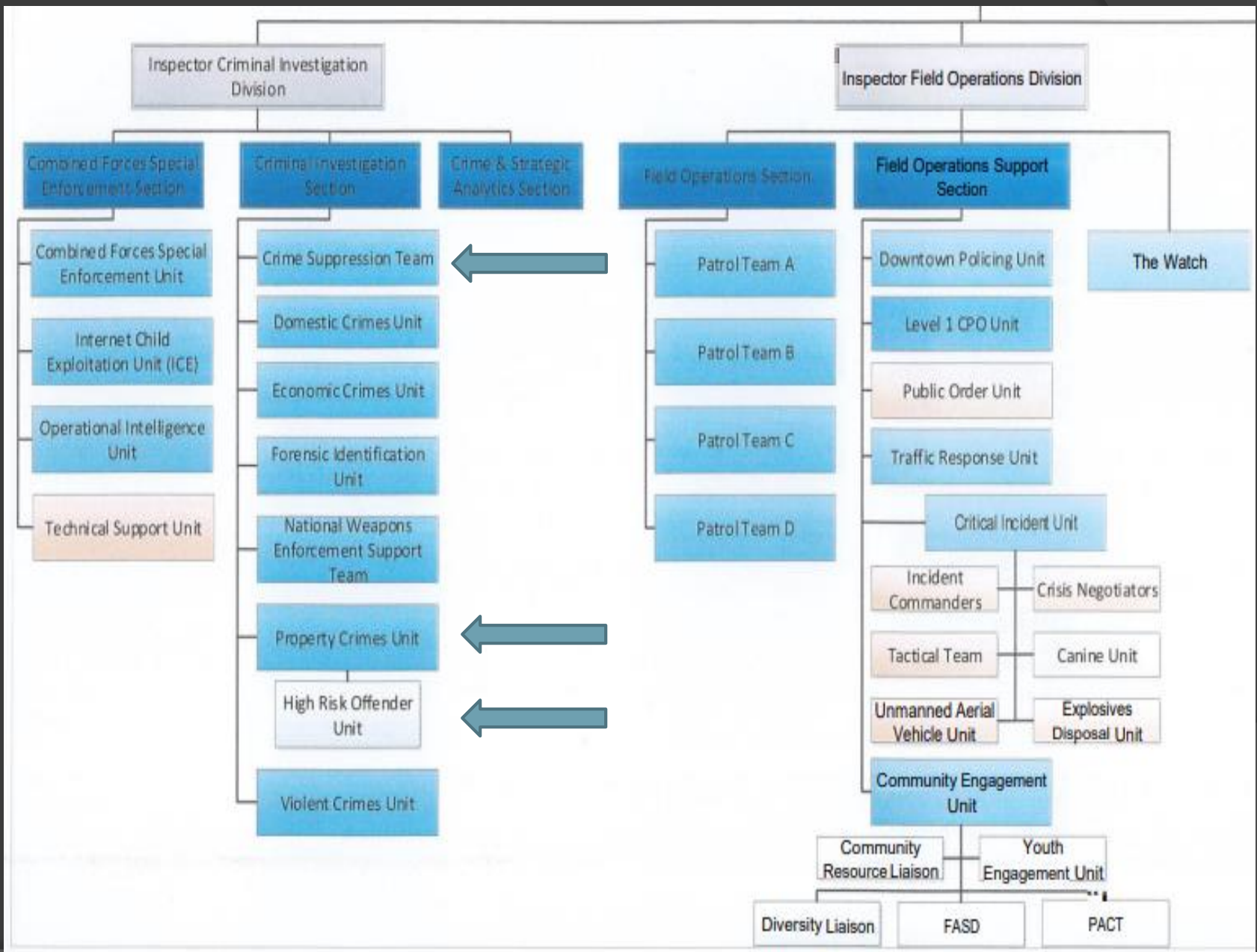


Lethbridge Police Organizational Chart



Lethbridge Police Service Organizational Chart



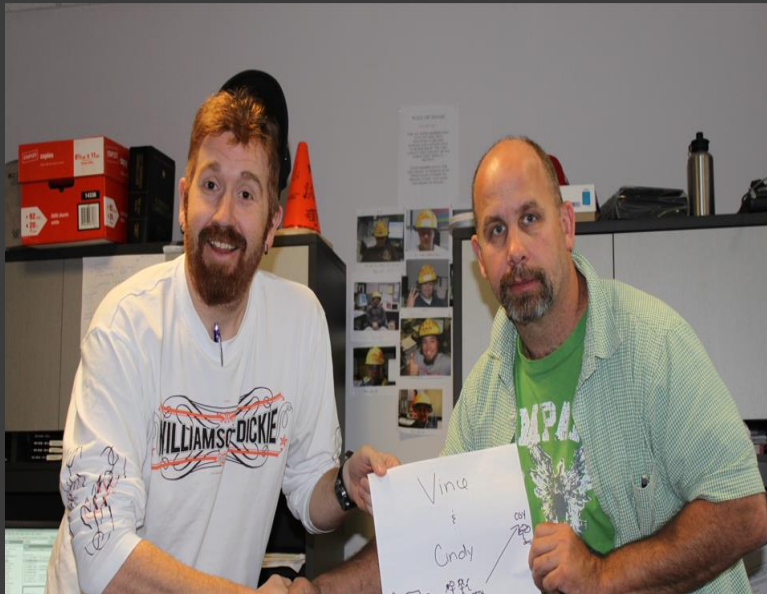




COVERT TO OVERT – PROPERTY CRIME IMPACT



Covert Cops



STOP THE CRIMINALS



Working Together.....It's kinda Fun!!



Working Together IS Success!



MEDIA RELEASE

July 30, 2024

Drug trafficking charges laid as part of ongoing enforcement project to target crime and disorder downtown

Lethbridge Police charged one man and one woman with separate incidents of drug trafficking as part of an enforcement project targeting crime and social disorder downtown that took place on July 29.

Martin Spiegelberg, 54, of Lethbridge, is charged with two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, one count of possession of the proceeds of crime and three counts of failing to comply with release order conditions. He is currently awaiting a Judicial Interim Release hearing.

Stacey Hubbard, 33, of Lethbridge, is charged with two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, one count of resisting arrest and one count of failing to comply with release order conditions. Following a Judicial Interim Release hearing, Hubbard was remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear in court August 1.

During the operation, police also executed 34 outstanding warrants, arrested 14 people, laid 20 criminal charges, seized nearly 200 doses of fentanyl and methamphetamine, recovered one stolen vehicle and issued various tickets.

The targeted enforcement project, which was initiated in March and will continue throughout 2024 as part of the Service's Annual Policing Plan, involves a combination of uniform and covert officers actively targeting offenders engaged in criminal activity and other negative behaviours in the city centre. Businesses and visitors in the downtown area can expect to see an increased police presence on the days the teams are deployed as officers actively target high frequency offenders and areas with a high volume of crime.

Police also remind the public to continue reporting all suspicious and criminal activity downtown – or anywhere in the city – by calling 403-328-4444. LPS uses CompStat, a data-driven model where analytics are used to identify high-crime areas, prolific offenders and the most effective deployment of police resources. Knowing what is occurring, where it is happening and how often, helps give police an accurate picture of crime and disorder in the community, and enables more effective deployment of resources and enforcement strategies.

Some crimes can also be reported online, including theft under \$10,000, mischief, theft from vehicles and damage to vehicles. There is also a category for 'information only' reports where citizens can report nuisance and non-criminal matters. Visit www.lethbridgепolice.ca and click the online reporting icon.

Great Question !

- Additional Officers;
- Covert Presence;
- Intelligence on other Offenders / Crime Persons;
- Different Optic for Everyone DT (Positive Interactions);
- Develop intelligence on “*Bona Fide*” areas (vs reasonable suspicion)



“Policing Landscape” ~ 2023-2026 LPS Strategic Plan

Impacts of the drug crisis on crime and disorder

The community continues to be impacted by drug use and abuse resulting in spin off property crime targeting citizens.

Opportunistic crimes, including break-ins and thefts, are committed to fund the addiction.....

Perception of Safety ~ 2023-2026 LPS Strategic Plan

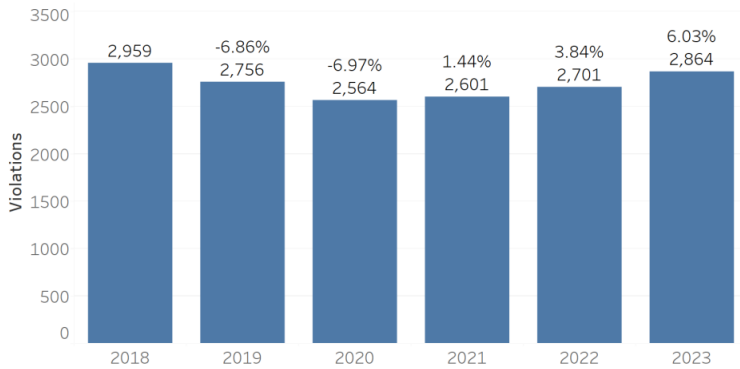
(2022 Community Survey)

71% believe Lethbridge is a safe community overall, however in comparison on past years (pre-2020) that percentage tracked OVER 90%. Top reasons attributed to safety concerns include:

- Drugs;
- Increase in Crime;
- Homelessness;
- Police Staffing.

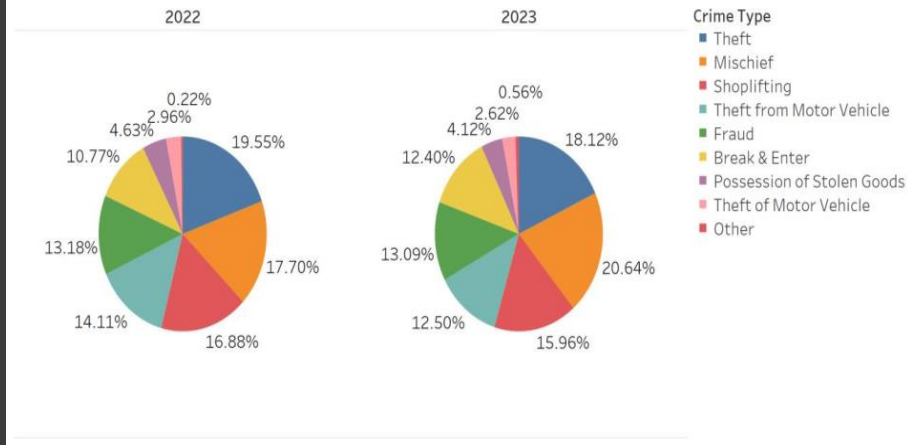
So what do the #'s look like??

Property Crime - Downtown



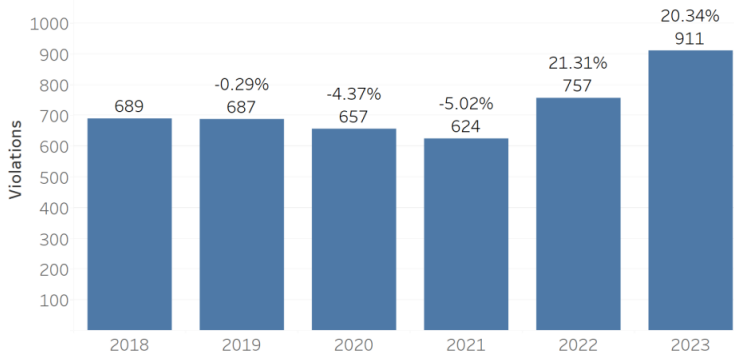
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Violations	2,959	2,756	2,564	2,601	2,701	2,864
% Difference in Viol..		-6.86%	-6.97%	1.44%	3.84%	6.03%

Property Crime by Crime Type – Downtown



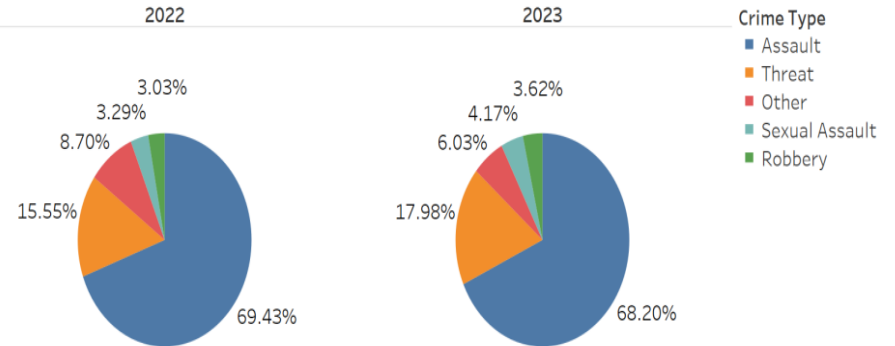
#'s Continued.....

Person Crime – Downtown



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Violations	689.0	687.0	657.0	624.0	757.0	911.0
% Difference in Violatio..		-0.29%	-4.37%	-5.02%	21.31%	20.34%

Person Crime by Crime Type – Downtown



Project Prevail successes



- Warrants – 190 +
- Criminal Code Charges – 90
- Drugs Seized – 850 street doses of Fentanyl / 400 street doses of Meth
- “Positive Interactions” Too Many to Count 😊
- Lethbridge Drug Treatment Court (LDTC) referral!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LDTC – Another Option

Calgary

'I don't want drugs anymore,' says first Blackfoot graduate from drug treatment court

Family supported young man on long journey to sobriety



Saloni Bhugra · CBC News · Posted: Nov 03, 2022 7:40 PM MDT | Last Updated: November 4, 2022



Armande Good Rider, 25, is the first Blackfoot graduate of the Lethbridge Drug Treatment Court. He graduated Wednesday after 21 months in treatment. (Saloni Bhugra/CBC)

Drug treatment court celebrates first female grad

BY LETHBRIDGE HERALD ON JUNE 19, 2024.

Justin Sibbet – LETHBRIDGE HERALD –
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Over the past four years, the drug treatment court in Lethbridge has aimed to help non-violent offenders seek rehabilitation.

The program offers offenders an opportunity to avoid jail and instead work with experts to become clean and clear from drugs.

Since the program opened in 2020, seven people have managed to go through the treatment to completion. On Wednesday, the seventh graduate and first female to complete the program, Jasmine Csada, celebrated with family, friends and support workers at the Lethbridge Court House.

Csada voluntarily chose to take the program, choosing 940 days of treatment instead of 240 days in jail. She said she can easily see how far she has come over the past two and a half years as if she is looking at her old self through a mirror.

"I can still very vividly see that person and I remember who I used to be and the things that I did, but I'm not that person anymore," said Csada. "I've changed and it's not even something that can be explained, it's not like an A-B-C. I just function differently now."

Csada said the drug treatment court offered her a new beginning, something jail could not have done.

"This program has changed everything for me."



Jasmine Csada (back row, centre) is surrounded by court officials and supporters on Wednesday at the Lethbridge Court House as she celebrated her graduation from the drug treatment court program. Herald photo by Justin Sibbet

Partnering to Succeed

- Safer Communities and Neighborhoods (SCAN);
- LDTC;
- Lethbridge Bylaw;
- RCMP CRU;
- AHS;
- Community Peace Officers (CPO);
- Crime and Strategic Analytics Section (CSAS);
- The WATCH;
- LFD;
- CFSEU.

SCAN shuts down southside drug house

BY LETHBRIDGE HERALD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2024.

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Residents in a neighbourhood in the Southgate area of Lethbridge can breathe easy now – for at least 90 days – after the Alberta Sheriffs shut down a house where drug activity prompted frequent police visits.

The large two storey modern home, located at 4518 28 Ave. S., is situated on a street just south of 24 Ave. S. and east of 43 St. Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary School is just a short walk south of it.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods unit of the Alberta Sheriffs obtained a court order in Court of King's Bench last month against the home's owner which gives investigators authority to close the property for 90 days starting Wednesday. Any tenancy or lease agreement was terminated effective Wednesday with the owner and all tenants required to vacate the home.

The community safety order is in effect until Dec. 3.

On Wednesday, it was being boarded up and fenced and all the locks were being changed. SCAN members will continue to monitor the home while their investigation continues.

Concerns about the property were first raised with SCAN just over two years ago – on June 20, 2022 – when the first of 13 complaints about drug activity were received.



A southside home is boarded up and fenced on Wednesday after the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods unit of the Alberta Sheriffs obtained a Community Safety Order and had the home closed until Dec. 3 due to drug activity that had been occurring there for at least two years. Herald photo by Al Beeber

Two Covert Officers!



*“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much”
~ Hellen Keller*



The Lethbridge Police Service says members took part in a successful enforcement blitz on June 19, 2024. (Photo: Lethbridge News Now)

By David Opinko

LPS seize drugs, thwart bike theft during enforcement blitz

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LETHBRIDGE, AB – The Lethbridge Police Service (LPS) says June 19 was busy for its officers.



Questions



Thank
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