



2021 Taber Police Service Annual Street Check Review

In April of 2021, the Government of Alberta passed Bill 63, the Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021, to reform policing in Alberta and to formally ban carding and regulate the collection of information from members of the public. This helps to ensure that police seek and preserve public trust, confidence, and support by exercising impartial service to the law

The Taber Police has historically collected information from the public through police officer observation and/or interaction which has been important for investigations and generally to keep our officers informed of trends or issues in geographical areas of our community. In most instances what information we had historically captured as a street check in PROS is no longer considered a street check as per the regulation. We will continue to glean information via officer observation and record it for investigative purpose and we will ensure we capture the actual street check information and report the same to the Taber Police Commission, the Director of Law Enforcement, and the public on an annual basis.

Upon review of the 58 instances that we had listed on our records management system as a street check in 2021, all of them have been deemed to be information lawfully gathered through authorities or by simple officer observation with no contact initiated.

SECTION 17 – ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Number of Attempts to collect information from members of the public (Street Check)

0

2. Number of attempts to collect information for each operational division

0

3. Aggregate data for each operational division on the gender, age, race and indigenous identity, if any, of the member of the public from whom a police officer attempted to collect information, with separate reporting for:

(a). Number based on personal information collected from members of the public

No data collected

(b.) Number based on officer observation

No data collected

4. Analysis, by operational division, if possible, of whether the members of the police service collected or engaged in attempts to collect information disproportionately with respect to members of the public of a certain gender, age, race or indigenous identity, or any combination of gender, age, race, or indigenous identity, which must include statistical tests using census data

There was no data available to suggest that Taber Police Service members attempted to obtain information disproportionately.

5. Number of Attempts (Requests for Information) that did not meet the requirements of the Act under Section 6

There was nothing to report in this area

6. Number of public complaints related to attempts to collect information (including unresolved complaints)

In 2021 there were no registered complaints regarding officer attempts to collect information.

7. Number of times that access to restricted information was permitted and the reason the access was permitted.

0

In 2022, a review is underway of our policy to ensure it is current with the new legislation. Further to this, all members and communications officers will complete the mandatory training as provided on CPKN. This is underway and will be completed by August 31, 2022. A review of PROS reporting is also occurring to ensure proper record retention of information obtained from the public.

The annual report shall be submitted to the Taber Police Commission and to the Director of Law Enforcement prior to March 31 of each year.

The annual report shall be made available to the public within 6 months of the completion of the report.

Respectfully submitted,


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Taber Police Service