

THE WATCH

December 2023 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



Community Events



The Watch team leads attended Lethbridge Hurricanes Teddy Bear toss game on December 04th and helped with the collect of all the bears thrown onto the ice.

The teddy bears were donated to 20 different organizations around the city. There were over 3,764 bears collected that night.



On December 19th Watch members attended Galt Gardens and took in some drumming while enjoying a nice outdoor fire. Thanks to Heidi from Spirit Café for the invite and hosting this event.



Monthly Highlights.

- While out patrolling The Watch attended 2 calls requesting EMS for clients and 2 emergency medical events. Watch members were involved in deploying 4 units of Narcan nasal spray. Members gave lifesaving intervention in these overdoses and called EMS to ensure additional medical care was provided. One of these incidents involved a 14-year-old female.
- While out patrolling The Watch was involved in 11 police events. Watch members reported a mischief to a parked vehicle, located Fentanyl twice, reported an intoxicated driver, two domestic assaults, alarm from business, unlocked vehicle with purse inside.
- The Watch is always accepting applications so if you know someone who is interested please go to Lethbridge Police website and look at process under The Watch tab.

December Stats.

Total Volunteer Hours	176
Number of Volunteers	22
Watch Events	
Police Events	11
Emergency Medical Events	4
Fire Events	2
Safe Walks	36
Public Service Events Total	601
Public Service Event - Location Check*	389
Public Service Event - Assist to Business*	22
Public Service Event - Wellness Check*	28
Found ID*	2
Motor Vehicle Assistance*	0
Non CAD Other Public Service*	104
Giving Directions	6
Minor First Aid	1
Parking Meter Assistance	3
Social Service Agency Ref	1
Detox / Treatment Intake	0
VODP Intake	0
Telephone Assistance	38
Other Public Service	55
Calls for Transportation	31
Found Needle Pick Up Calls	85
Events Where Nasal Narcan Administered	2
PSCC Dispatched Street Behaviour Calls	3