

Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams



What is ALERT?

Established in March 2006, ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams) is a unique, integrated model that brings together Alberta's most sophisticated law enforcement resources to strategically tackle serious and organized crime.

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- *ALERT is the overarching umbrella organization of integrated provincially focused law enforcement activities that promote safe and secure communities in Alberta.*



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Corporate Objectives

- Provide a coordinated provincial focus to the strategic deployment of integrated law enforcement resources
- Promote intelligence led policing
- Promote common, standard business practices and procedures
- Ensure consistency and thoroughness in reporting on the activities of the integrated law enforcement resources
- Ensure fiscally responsible expenditure of financial resources available in accordance with a comprehensive business plan
- Conduct anything reasonably ancillary and incidental to the carrying out of the above

Goals

Four Core Business Lines:

- **Intelligence**

- Integrated, intelligence led policing is supported by strategic and actionable intelligence on serious and organized crime in Alberta.

- **Enforcement**

- Organized and Serious Crime is reduced in Alberta.

- **Support & Specialized Services**

- Law Enforcement Officers are supported in their efforts to effectively and efficiently combat serious and organized crime.
- Law enforcement activities reduce harm and support safe Alberta communities.

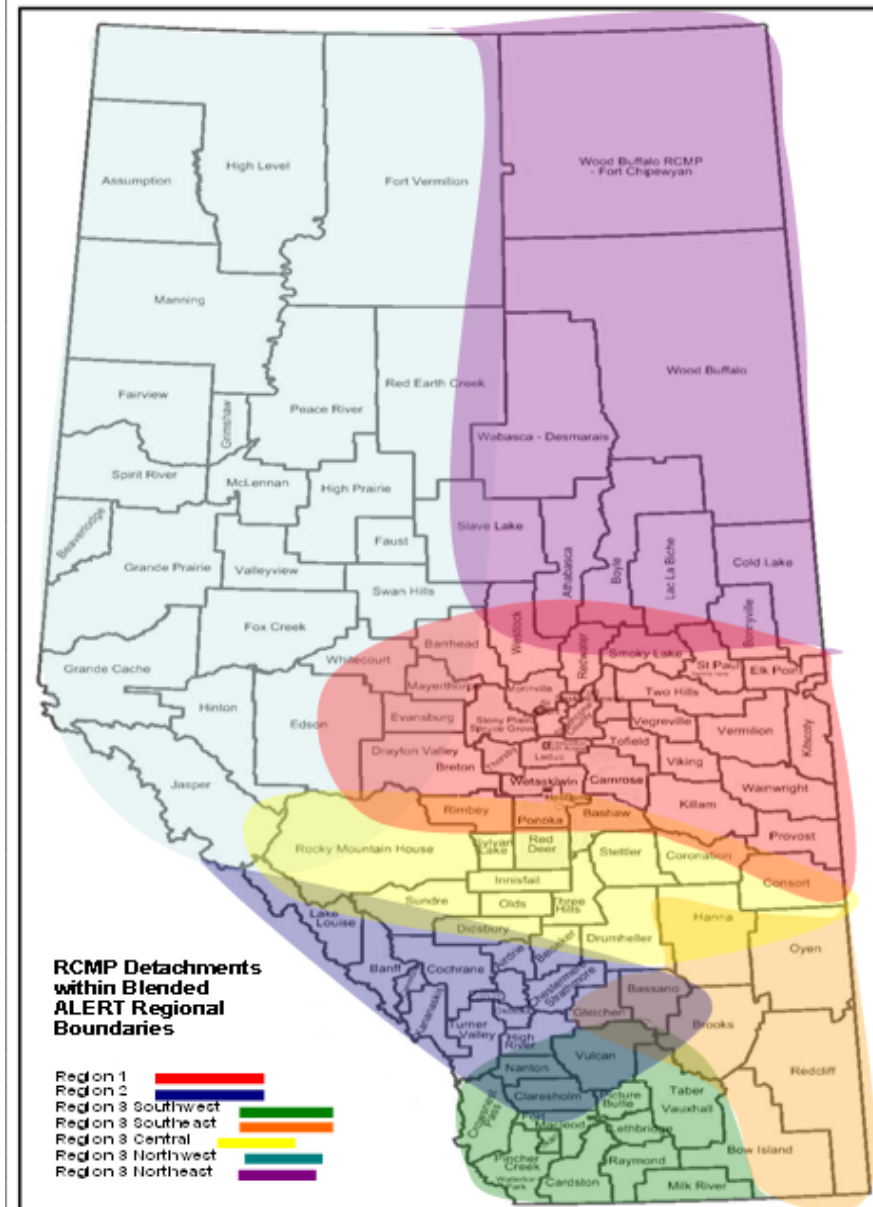
- **Advanced Police Training**

- Law enforcement officers possess an advanced level expertise, skills and knowledge to effectively and efficiently target gang, organized and serious crime in Alberta.



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Provincial in Scope



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ALERT Teams

ALERT Teams Include:

- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Units (CFSEU) provincial marihuana & drug teams;
 - organized crime & gang enforcement teams
 - surveillance teams
- Integrated intelligence units including:
 - Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta
- Internet Child Exploitation teams (ICE)
- Integrated Threat Risk Assessment Centre (I-TRAC)
- Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods teams (SCAN)
- Fugitive Apprehension Sheriff Support Teams (FASST)
- Sheriffs Investigative Surveillance Units (SISU)

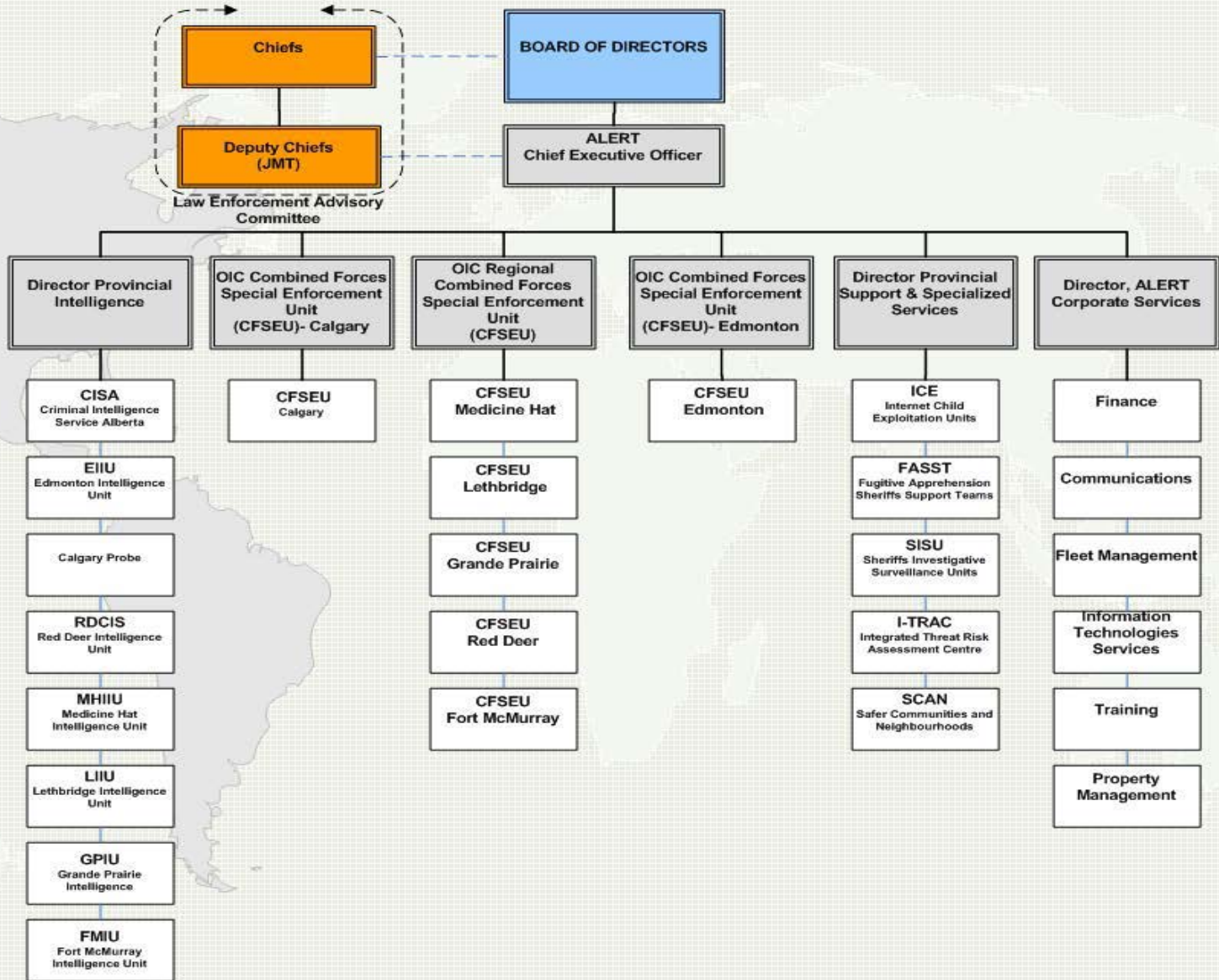


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Integrated Resources

ALERT is currently comprised of 411 Resources

- 319 of those positions are funded directly by SGPS
- 5 through special short term grants from SafeCom
- 87 resources are contributed by partner agencies
 - RCMP federal resources 28
 - RCMP municipal resources 20
 - Edmonton P.S. resources 13
 - Calgary P.S. resources 8
 - Medicine Hat P.S. resources 6
 - Lethbridge Regional P.S. resources 12



Partnerships

ALERT currently supports 8 partner agencies:

- Camrose Police Service
- Calgary Police Service
- Edmonton Police Service
- Lethbridge Regional Police Service
- Medicine Hat Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Alberta Sheriffs Branch
- Alberta Justice



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Governance

Governance is provided through:

- Civilian Board of Directors
- Law Enforcement Advisory Committee
- The ALERT Management Team

Board of Directors - Composition

- Medicine Hat Police Commission – Ryan Jackson (Chair)
- Calgary Police Commission – Diane Colley-Urquhart
- Edmonton Police Commission – Arlene Yakeley
- Lethbridge Regional Police Commission – Lorne Armstrong
- RCMP Urban Representative – Wayne Ayling
- RCMP Rural Representative – Don Johnson
- SGPS –Assistant Deputy Minister – Bill Meade

2011-2012 Financial Support

Support for the ALERT model is provided through all three levels of government, as highlighted below:

- Federal Government (PSC) \$10.3 million
- Government of Alberta (SGPS) \$24.5 million
- Municipal Governments Contributed Personnel
(Approx. Contribution in kind - \$8.85 million)
- Annual Operating Budget \$50 million

Results

Since 2006 ALERT has:

- arrested more than 4,000 individuals and laid about 12,000 charges;
- seized more than 400 firearms;
- In 2010-2011, ALERT laid 2,005 charges against 1,001 people and took over \$115 million worth of drugs off the streets & seized more than \$3.6 million in cash and proceeds of crime.
- In 2010-2011, CFSEU teams seized more than 100,000 marijuana plants from illegal grow operations throughout the province. If grown to maturity these plants had the potential to produce 50 million joints.
- In 2010-2011, CFSEU teams seized nearly 30 kilograms of cocaine through targeted gang/organized crime investigations.
- SCAN has concluded more than 1,000 investigations based on public complaints & utilized community safety orders to close 13 problem properties;
- FASST has cleared in excess of 5600 warrants and arrested more than 1,000 fugitives;
- •I-TRAC has assisted on nearly 500 cases, provided more than 200 formal threat assessments & assisted on providing new identities to 5 high-risk victims.



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Significant Changes

- Redeployment of positions across the 7 regions to bring about increased balance to Alberta
- Implementation of the Regional Teams (Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Red Deer)
- Colocation in one facility (Edmonton, Calgary)
- Advancing an internal integrated ALERT network
- Implementing the API3 – Records Management System
- Implementing the AFRRCS-Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System
- Application of status change from a private to public entity (FOIP)
- Governance Review of Board, Chiefs and Management Roles



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Integration is Not Easy But it is Effective

February 2012

- [February 6: Police charge 12 people in Brooks cocaine bust](#)
- [February 6: ALERT arrests wanted man](#)
- [February 6: Twelve arrested in ALERT bust](#)
- [February 6: Medicine Hat police integral in ALERT bust](#)
- [February 6: Bust dents Brooks' drug supply](#)
- [February 6: Target Team nabs man wanted on drug charges](#)
- [February 10: Funds to target gangs, organized crime, but increase may not 'trickle back to big cities'](#)
- [February 10: Calgary man faces dozens of child pornography charges](#)
- [February 10: Cops bust Calgary cyber perv](#)
- [February 10: Man faces dozens of child porn charges](#)
- [February 10: Dozens of child porn charges laid against Calgary courts security guard](#)
- [February 10: Calgary man facing 77 child porn charges, accused of communicating with victims in chat](#)
- [February 11: Ex-court guard faces child porn charges, Contacted kids online, say investigators](#)
- [February 11: Crime tumbled in 2011 in nearly every category, Calgary police statistics show, But falling rates no reason to trim police force, officials agree](#)
- [February 13: Local victim included in Calgary man's porn charges](#)
- [February 15: Police seize drugs, two people charged after raid near Medicine Hat](#)
- [February 16: Major drug bust lands Redcliff residents in deep](#)
- [February 16: Major Drug Bust In Redcliff](#)
- [February 17: Officials shutter legal grow-op](#)
- [February 18: St. Albert home raided in drug ring bust](#)
- [February 23: RCMP Briefs – Drug Trafficking](#)
- [February 26: Police issue warning after online predators approach Edmonton area kids](#)
- [February 29: Calgary man facing charges after \\$400,000 cocaine bust](#)
- [February 29: Calgary man charged after 'significant' cocaine seizure](#)
- [February 29: Cops make dent in Calgary drug trade with major coke bust](#)
- [February 29: Cocaine bust cases return to court](#)
- [February 29: Police make big cocaine bust](#)
- [February 29: Major cocaine seizure](#)
- [February 29: 'Baseball Team' still on first](#)
- [February 29: Possible gang member facing a handful of drug charges](#)
- [February 29: Police seize more than \\$400,000 worth of cocaine](#)
- [February 29: Charges for Grande Prairie man in weekend ALERT bust](#)

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Leadership of ALERT is Critical For Integration to Continue to Happen

- Board of Directors
- Chiefs of Police (Municipal and RCMP)
- Joint Management Team (Deputies)
- Police Commissions and Committees

Discussion



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