



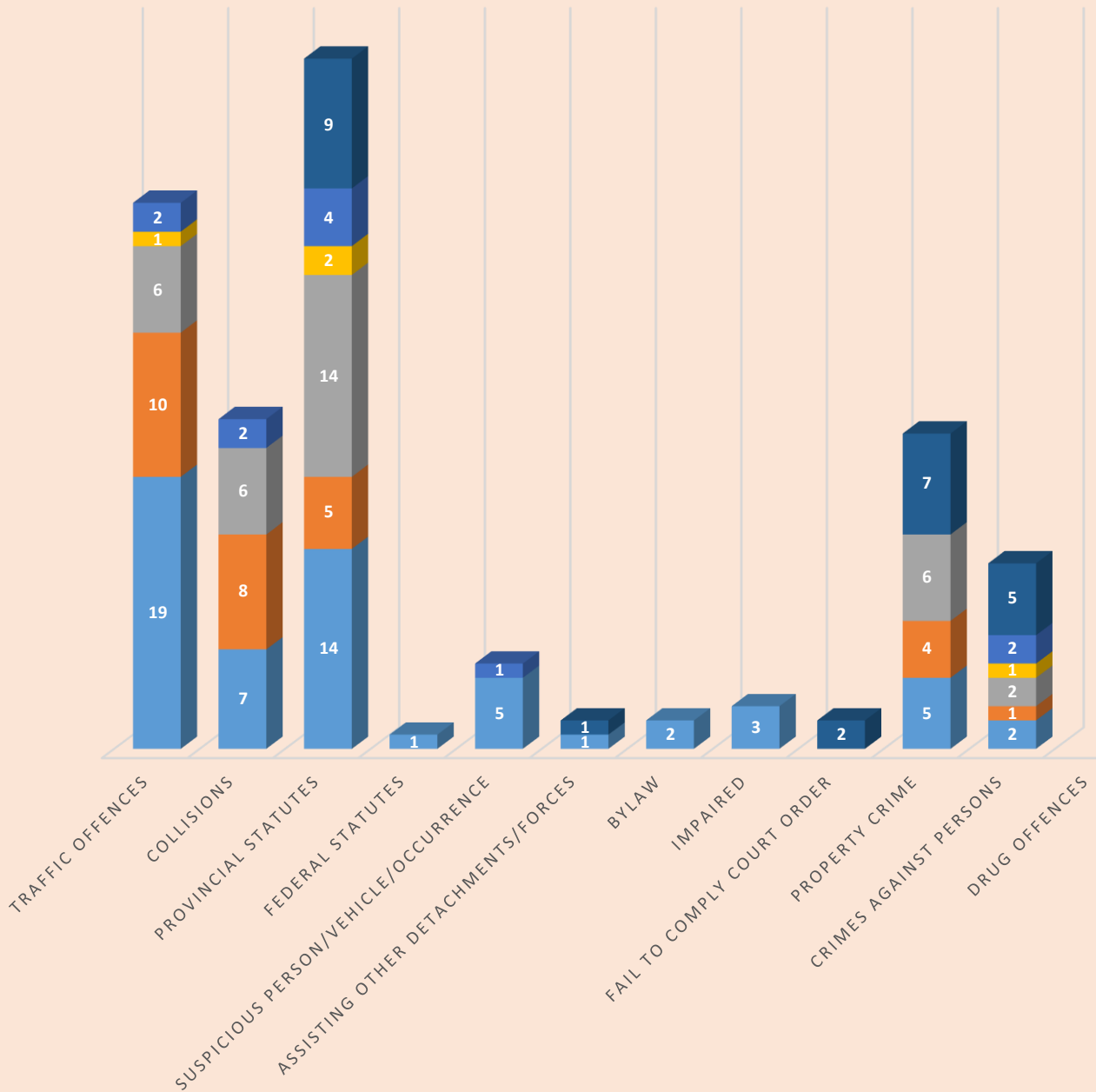
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FOOTHILLS COUNTY POLICING

RCMP TURNER VALLEY DETACHMENT

FOOTHILLS COUNTY POLICING 2021-09-27 TO 2021-10-03

- County Okotoks Area
- County High River Area
- County Turner Valley Area
- Turner Valley
- Black Diamond
- Longview
- Eden Valley



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On September 25, 2021, Foothills County RCMP responded to a complaint near a residence in Black Diamond of a male in possession of a handgun. Subsequently a residential Search Warrant was executed on October 7, 2021 with the assistance of the Calgary South Emergency Response Team without incident, where several firearms were seized. At the time of the Search Warrant execution, the Oilfields High School and C. Ian McLaren Elementary School were advised to put in place a “secure and hold” of the students for public safety. This matter is still under investigation and a warrant for arrest has been obtained in the public interest, for the suspect.

On October 10, 2021, Foothills County RCMP responded to a 911 complaint from the Oilfields Arena of a male yelling and screaming in relation to a vaccine cards. The male continued to act belligerently but complied with donning a mask. The male was subsequently escorted from the building. This matter is still under investigation.

On October 9, 2021, Foothills County RCMP and Fire/ EMS responded to a grass fire on Eden Valley First Nation. The investigation revealed that property owners were attempting to burn garbage which unintentionally had a hairspray bottle inside. The fire was quickly contained.

On October 5, 2021, Foothills County RCMP responded to a 911 complaint from the Oilfields Arena of a verbally abusive male refusing to provide proof of COVID vaccination when requested. The male was described as wearing a red sweater and dark colored pants or jeans. The male was escorted outside where he later calmed down. This matter is still under investigation and if anyone has information regarding this situation, they are asked to contact the Foothills Country RCMP (Turner Valley)

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Q&A WITH S/SGT LAURA AKITT

Within the last couple of weeks, the Foothills County RCMP have received complaints regarding verbal altercations within public arenas in relation to the Alberta Health mandates of mandatory masking and or showing proof of vaccinations.

Unfortunately, our province has become divided in relation to the mask/vaccination or not belief, but I do not want to speak in relation to that.

I want to speak to the altercations within public spaces within the Foothills County. All public indoor locations are currently mandated by Alberta Health to ensure that masking protocols are being followed and when required, proof of vaccination is shown, ie, hockey arenas.

I am asking everyone, when requested to wear a mask and or show your vaccination cards, to please comply with the request made. The individuals asking for this compliance did not make the rules and are solely following the direction they were given. Your disagreement with the policy does not warrant a verbal or physical assault on these employees and volunteers.

The Foothills County RCMP are taking all of these complaints extremely serious, and want to advice those individuals who are verbally aggressive, yelling, swearing or in any way “Causing a Disturbance” can be charged with a Criminal Code offence, requiring a court appearance.

The Criminal Code defines these activities, “ Every one who not being in a dwelling house, causes a disturbance in or near a public place, by fighting, screaming, shouting, swearing, singing or using insulting or obscene language.”

If an individual is asked to leave a public building and refuses, they can also be charged under the Petty Trespass Act and face a specified penalty of \$300.00.

I implore everyone to take a moment, and consider our actions moving forward. This is not a debate regarding a person’s personal belief on masking or vaccination but rather following policies put in place by Alberta Health Services. Let’s work together as a community rather than further divide it.

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