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Esquimalt Policing Statistics

- At a Council Meeting on January 21, 2019, the Victoria Police Department stated during a budget presentation that 25% of all Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls for service received by VicPD occur in Esquimalt.
- This number was also tweeted out by a VicPD staff member in attendance at the meeting.
- This number is inaccurate. According to VicPD's own information posted to their website the numbers for dispatched calls for service in Esquimalt are 14.7% for Priority 1 and 10.2% Priority 2 for the years since the implementation of the Policing Framework Agreement.
- Definitions of Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls are as follows:
 - Priority 1 – There is present or imminent danger to life, or there is major damage to/loss of property.
 - Priority 2 – When a crime is in progress or has just occurred, and there are injuries, the potential for injury, or the suspect is still present in the area.
- In correspondence to the Township on January 24, 2019, VicPD accepted there was a mistake in presenting the information and that Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls were erroneously added together to arrive at the 25% number.
- In addition, VicPD included calls for service from 2014 in their analysis. This has the effect of contributing to the increased average for Priority 1 calls. As the Framework Agreement took full effect on January 1, 2015, the Township believes that it is inappropriate to use statistics prior to the time period covered under the Agreement.

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