



Foothills Enforcement Services

2025 First Quarter Report

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In the first quarter of 2025, Enforcement Services has increased capacity with the appointment of a second Peace Officer. In Mid March a Senior Officer was employed and appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Through a partnership with Mount Royal University, two practicum students completed their placement with Enforcement Services from January to March.

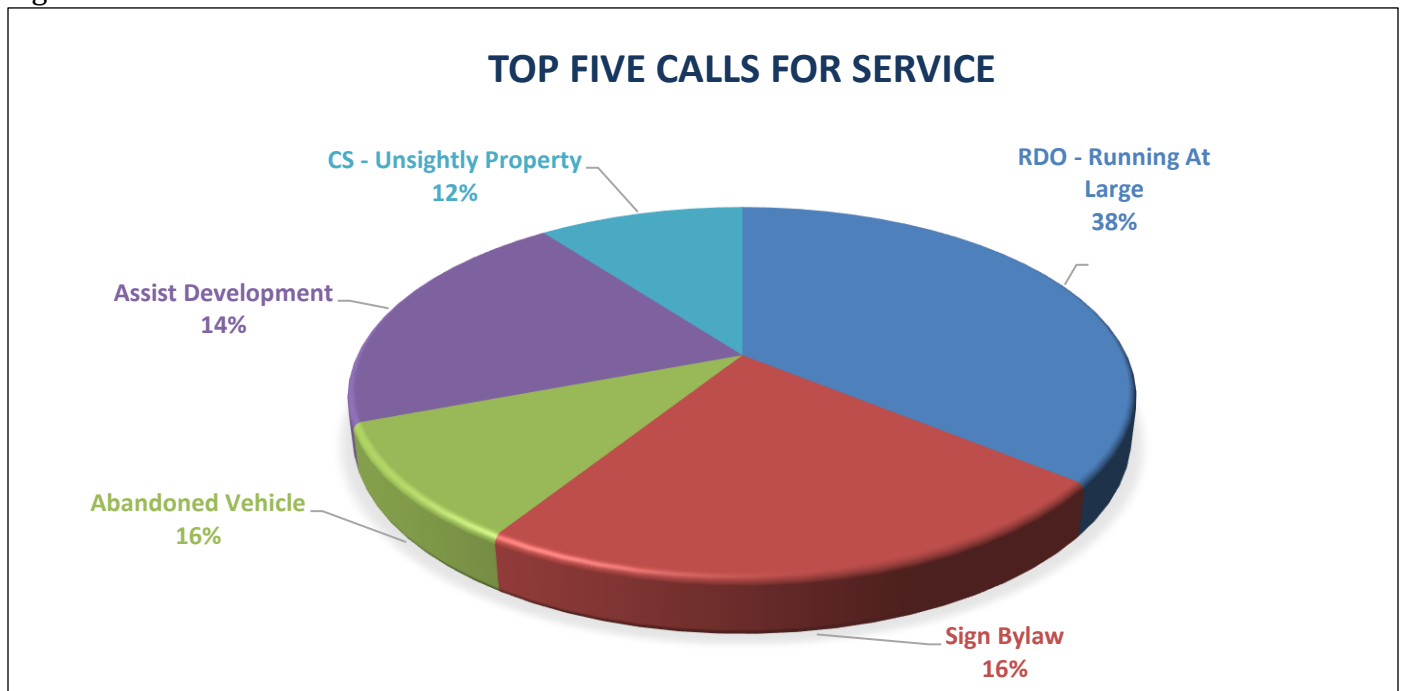
CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Fig. 1

Calls For Service – 1 st Quarter	58
Calls For Service – 2 nd Quarter	0
Calls For Service – 3 rd Quarter	0
Calls For Service - 4 th Quarter	0
Year To Date – Calls for Service	58

Review of calls for service shows a decrease in the number of calls received compared to the first quarter of 2024. Figure 2 below illustrates the top five types of calls for service.

Fig. 2



The top call for service in the first quarter was for dogs running at large which accounted for 24% of the calls for service. In total, the top five categories accounted for 67% of the total calls for service.

Figure 3 below provides a complete breakdown of all the calls for service received. Beginning in 2025, Responsible Dog Ownership and Community Standards have been broken out to better capture the nature of the calls received. Responsible Dog Ownership calls have been broken out to illustrate the number of animal attacks versus animals at large and barking. Community Standards have been broken out to illustrate unsightly properties, noise and other community standards concerns.

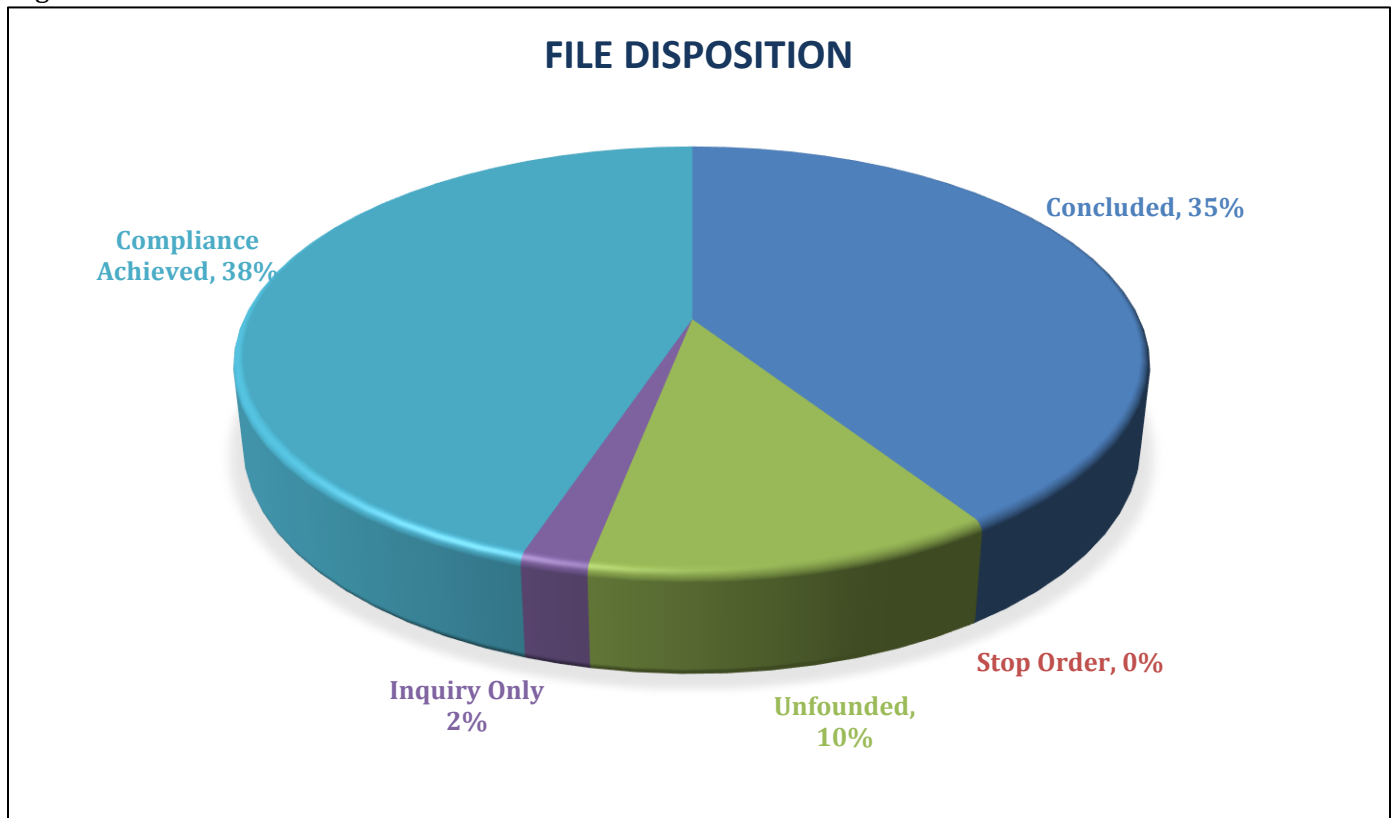
Of all the calls for service, Bylaw related calls accounted for 66% of the calls for service. Calls requiring provincial authority's accounted for 34% of the calls for service.

Fig. 3

Bylaw Related calls		Provincial Statute Related Calls	
Business License	0	24 Hour Suspension	0
Community Standards Other	0	Abandoned Vehicle	4
Community Standards - Noise	1	Animal Complaint	0
Community Standards - Unsightly	4	Comm. Vehicle Weight Enforcement	0
Dark Sky	0	Commercial Vehicle Other	0
Fireworks Bylaw	0	Driving - Other	0
Inquiry Only - Bylaw	2	Joint Force Operation	0
Responsible Dog Ownership Other	1	Highway Development & Protect Act	0
RDO – Dog Attack Animal	2	Impaired Driver	0
RDO – Dog Attack Person	2	Motor Vehicle Collision	0
RDO – Dog Barking	1	Off Highway Vehicle	0
RDO – Dog Related Information File	1	Provincial Parking Offence	1
RDO - Running At Large	14	Provincial Offence - Other	1
Sign Bylaw	9	Pass School Bus Lights Flashing	0
Special Events	0	Petty Trespass Act	0
Traffic Bylaw	1	Provincial Statute Inquiry Only	0
Water Conservation	0	Request For Patrol: General	2
Assist Agency/Department		Request For Patrol: Speed	2
Assist Fire	0	Shot Gun Deployment	0
Assist Police	0	Trespass to Premises Act	0
Assist Public	0		
Assist MD Department	2		
Assist Development Department	8		

Disposition of Calls for Service in the first quarter show 85% have been concluded. Of the 49 concluded files, Six were unfounded and one was an inquiry only file. None of the files concluded in the first quarter resulted in prosecution. Figure 4 on the following page illustrates the File Dispositions.

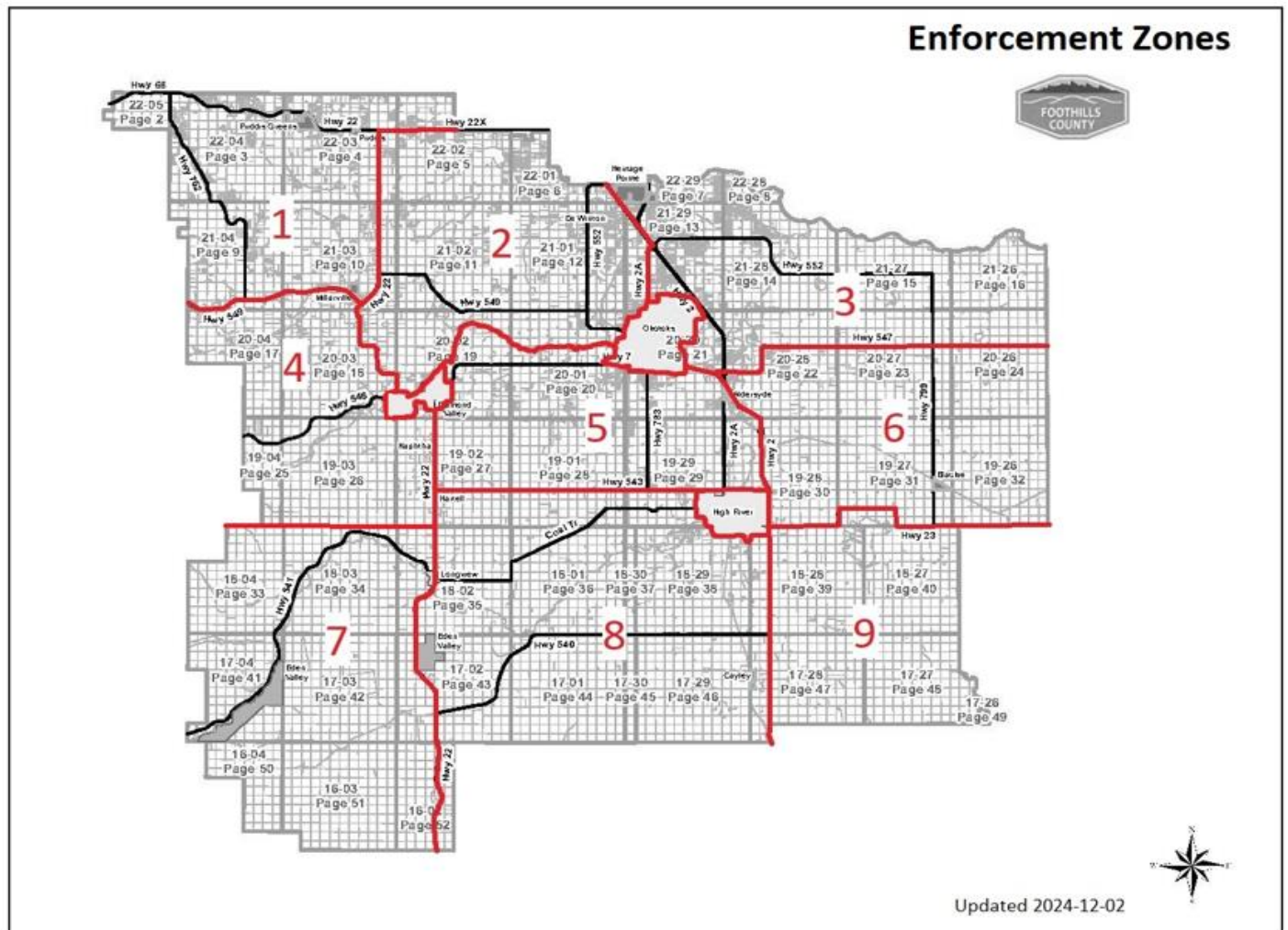
Fig. 4



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY ZONE:

New enforcement zones were implemented in December of 2024 to provide better statistical tracking. Figure 5 illustrates the zones established along geographical boundaries such as roads and rivers.

Fig. 5



Overall calls for service are trending similar by month as in 2024, despite a 23% reduction in total calls. The method of reporting for the first quarter has witnessed an increase in emailed concerns rising from 21% of calls received to 29%.

Calls by zone appear to be trending similar to 2024 with the North Central and Northeast zones receiving the most calls for service. The West and Southwest zones received no complaints the first quarter of 2025.

Calls by day of week shows an increase in calls for service received on Saturday. For all of 2024, one call for service was recorded on Saturday, whereas last quarter four calls were received on Saturday. This change could be the result of data entry practice changes or to officers working Saturday shifts beginning in March 2025.

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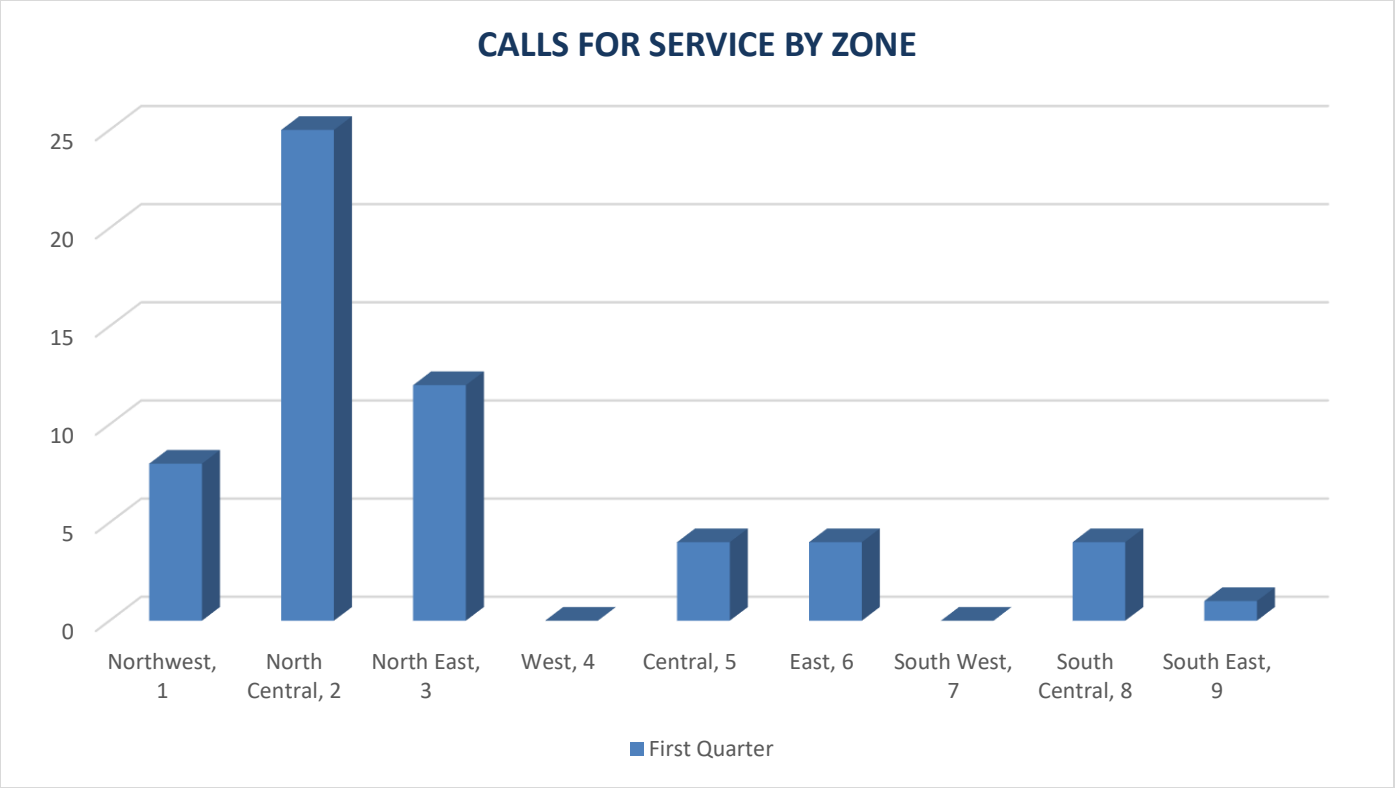


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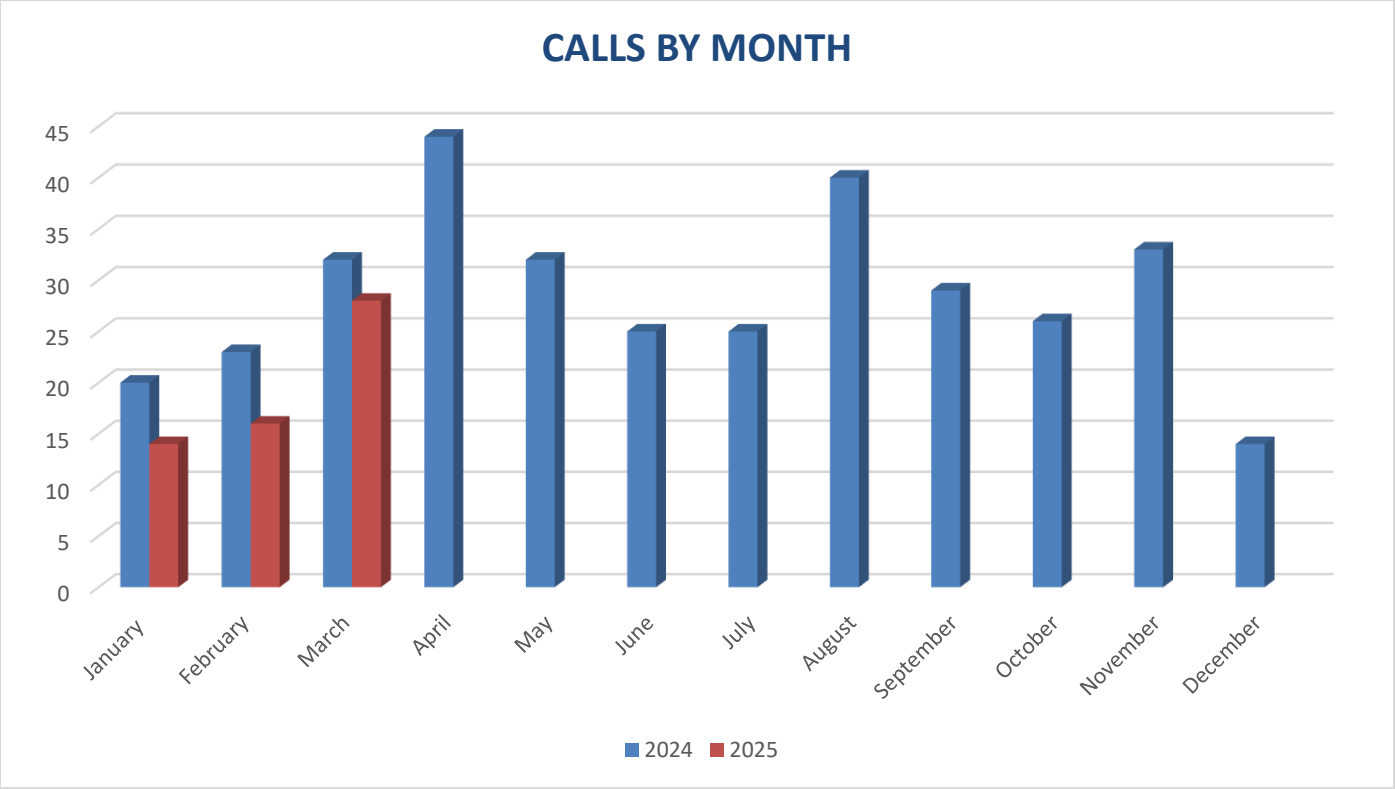


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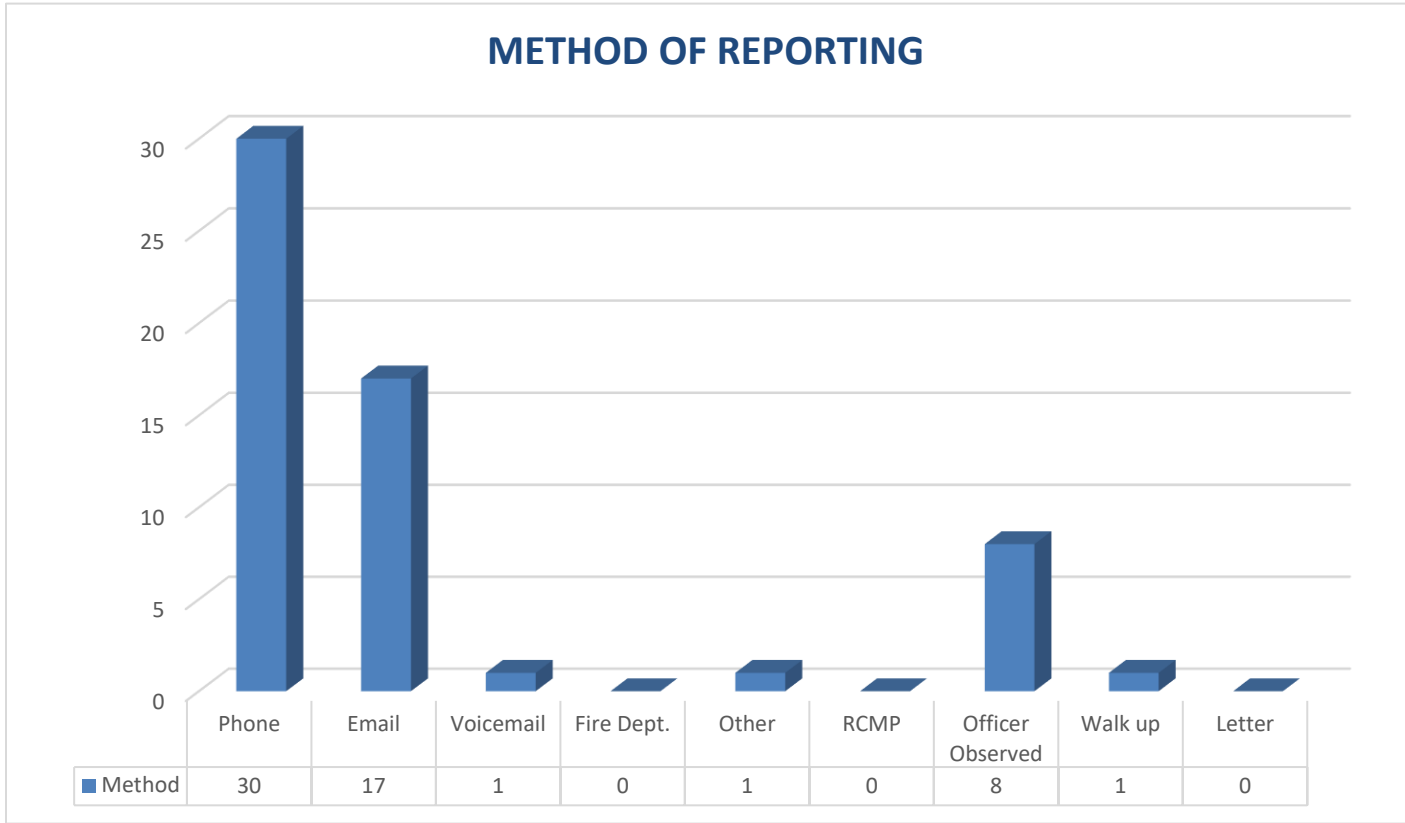
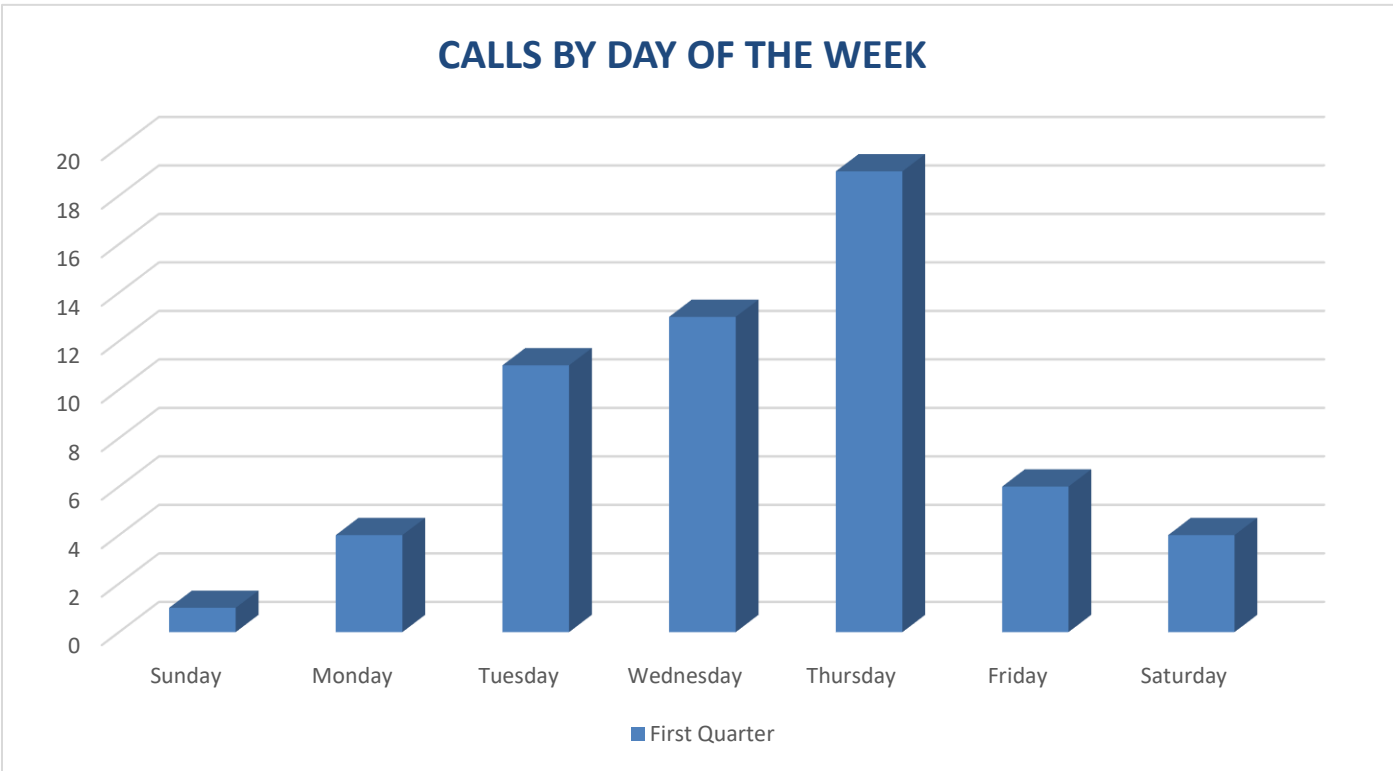


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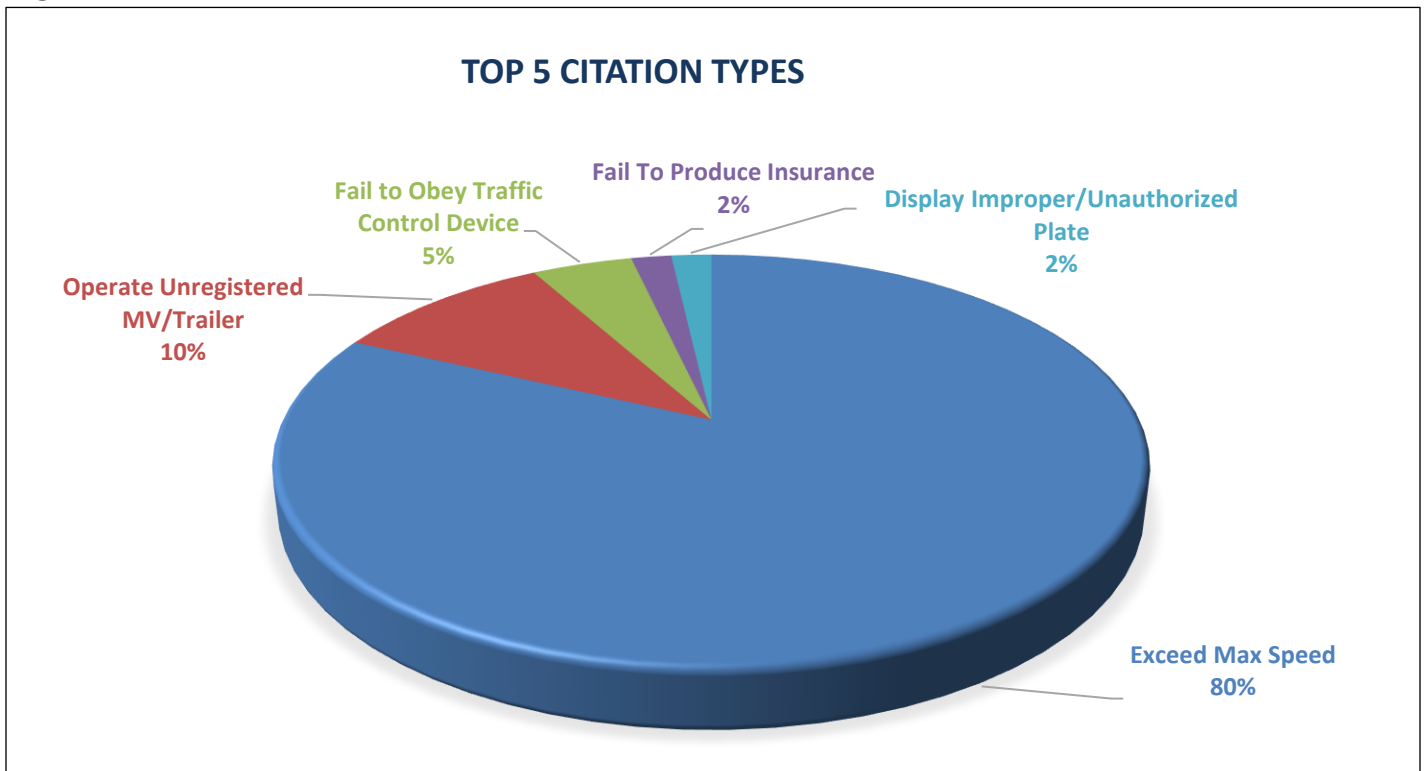
CITATIONS:

The first quarter of 2025 has shown a significant increase in traffic enforcement activity. Primary focus for traffic safety has been local roads and infrastructure protection. Beginning in 2025, Officers have begun tracking the number of warnings issued for traffic offences in addition to citations issued. Figure 10 below illustrates a break down of bylaw, mandatory court and total citations and warnings issued.

Fig. 10

CITATIONS AND WARNINGS ISSUED					
	Bylaw	Mandatory Court	Total Citations	Total Warnings	Total
CITATIONS ISSUED 1 QUARTER	0	1	114	122	236
CITATIONS ISSUED 2 QUARTER					0
CITATIONS ISSUED 3 QUARTER					0
CITATIONS ISSUED 4 QUARTER					0
YEAR TO DATE CITATIONS ISSUED	0	1	114	122	236

Fig. 11



For the first quarter, exceeding the speed limit accounted for 80% of the citations issued. One violation was issued for mandatory court. This citation was issued for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on 176 Street West. Figure 11 accounts only for citations issued and does not include warnings.

Fig. 12

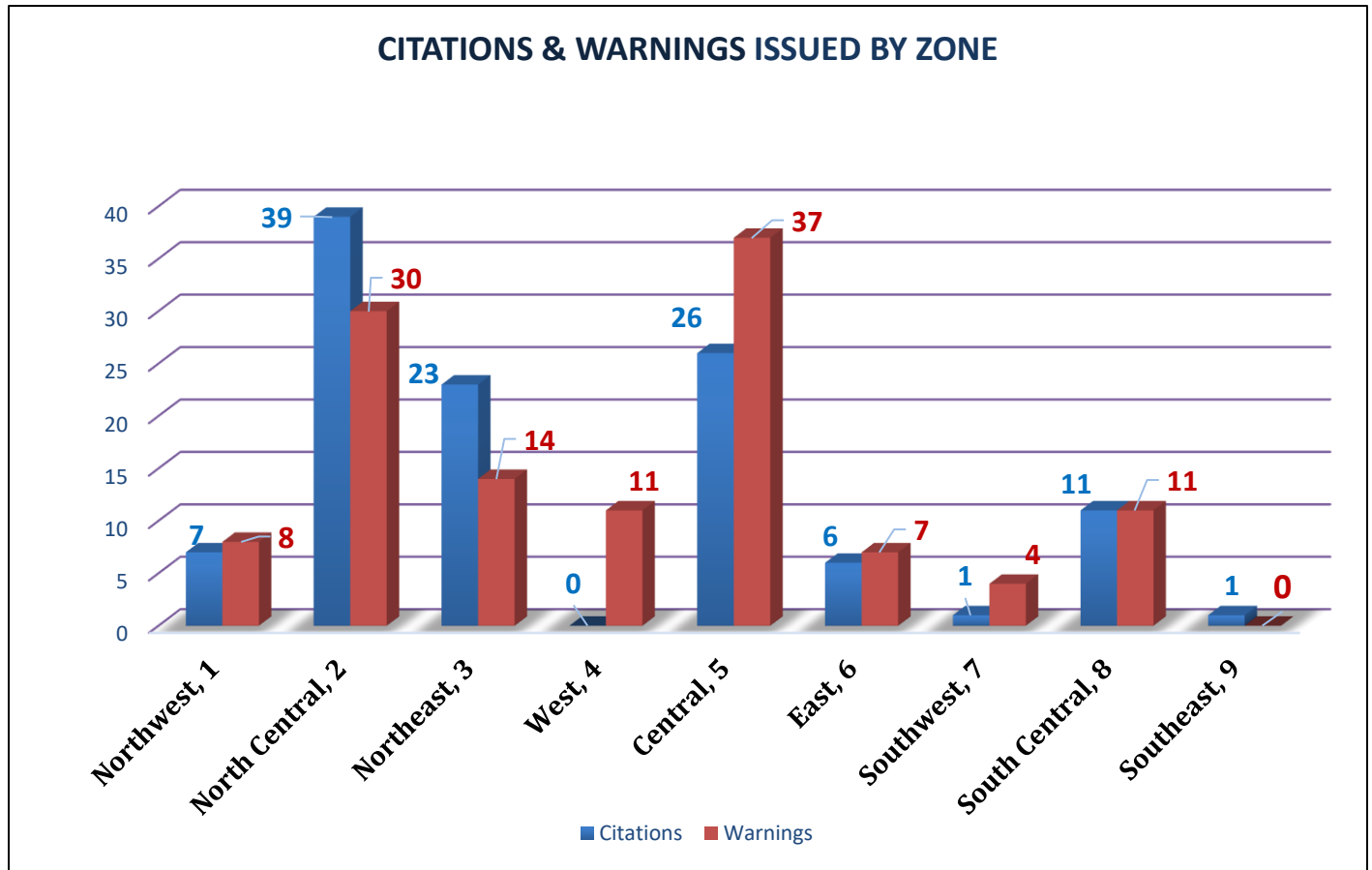


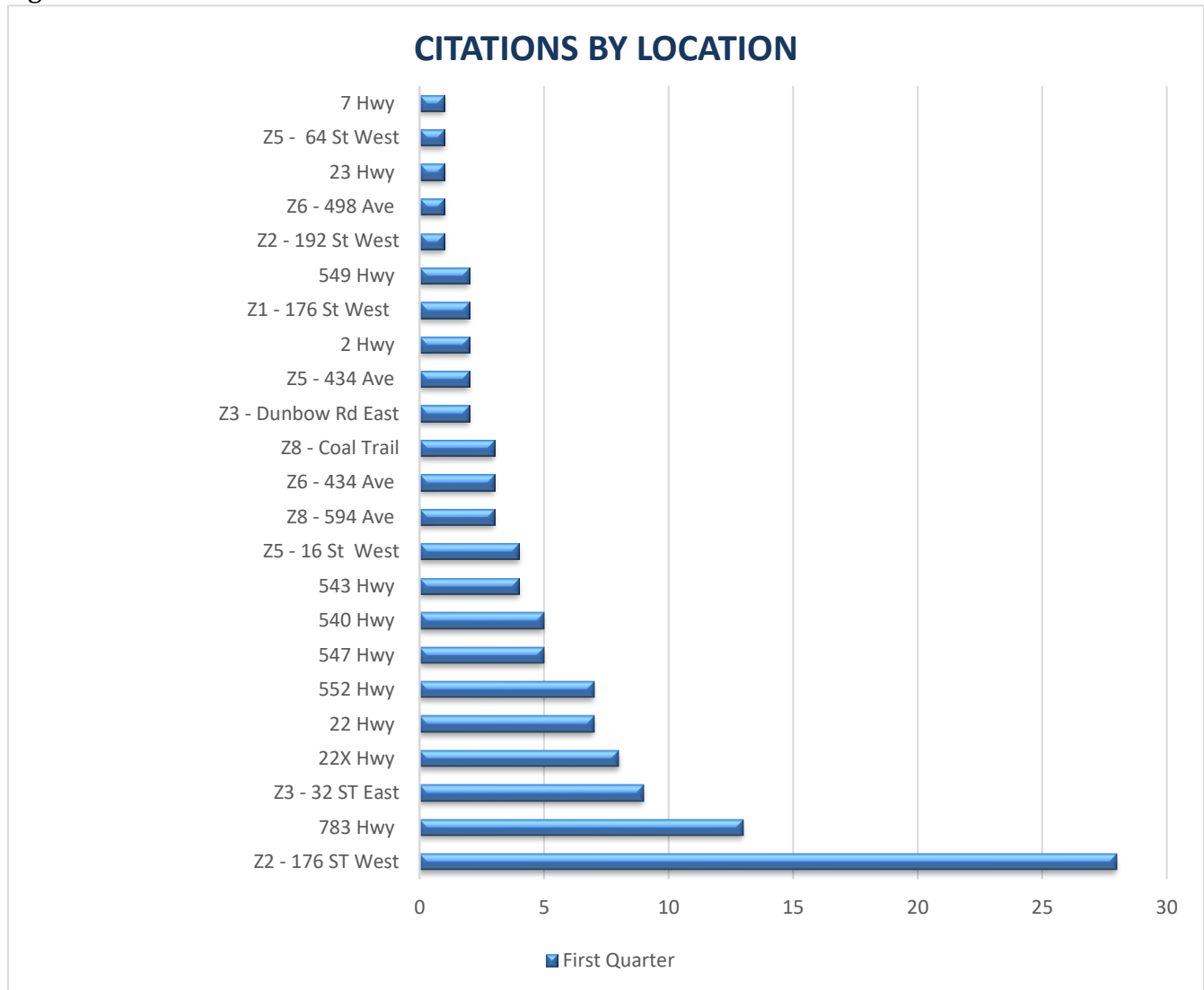
Figure 12 provides a break down of warnings vs. citations issued by zone. The decision to issue a warning vs a citation is based on Officer discretion.

Figure 13 on the following page shows all roads and locations where citations have been issued in the first quarter.

The top location for citations issued was 176 Street West between 402 Ave and 338 Ave. This location has become a prominent location as a traffic study was conducted between January 30 and February 6, 2025. The study revealed 85% of the vehicles were travelling at 99km/h or slower with an average speed of 87.4 km/h. Peak times of violation concerns were identified and provided to officers for proactive enforcement.

Of the 114 violations issued 48% (55) were issued on Primary Highways. Highway 783 accounted for 24% of the violations issued on a primary highway as officers regularly travel the road to access northern parts of the County. In reviewing the citations on primary highways, the average speed stopped was 34 km/h over the speed limit. Three of the violators were recorded at speeds of 50 (HWY 547), 51 (HWY 543) and 53 (HWY 22X) KM/H over the posted speed limit.

Fig. 13



MOUNT ROYAL PRACTICUM:

During the fall of 2024, Foothills County entered a partnership with Mount Royal University to host practicum placements. Students compete through an application process to be selected by various agencies for placement over a three-month period. For the first quarter, two students were selected to complete their placement with Enforcement Services. Each student completed 280 hours of work with Enforcement Services resulting in 560 hours of service provided. The students took on lead roles with several projects while they were with the County.

During their practicum placement, the students undertook and completed 27 deployments of the traffic counters on 22 different County roads. The study's assisted with identifying areas of concern for traffic violations. Data from the study's is shared with public works who assisted with training the students on equipment use. Further violators count histograms are created from the data collected and provided to both enforcement officers and RCMP detachments for targeted enforcement activities.

The students also undertook researching and developing an educational pamphlet. The pamphlet focuses on cyclists and motorists sharing the road and provides information on legislation. The pamphlet will be utilized by the summer practicum student and the Seasonal Summer Student position.

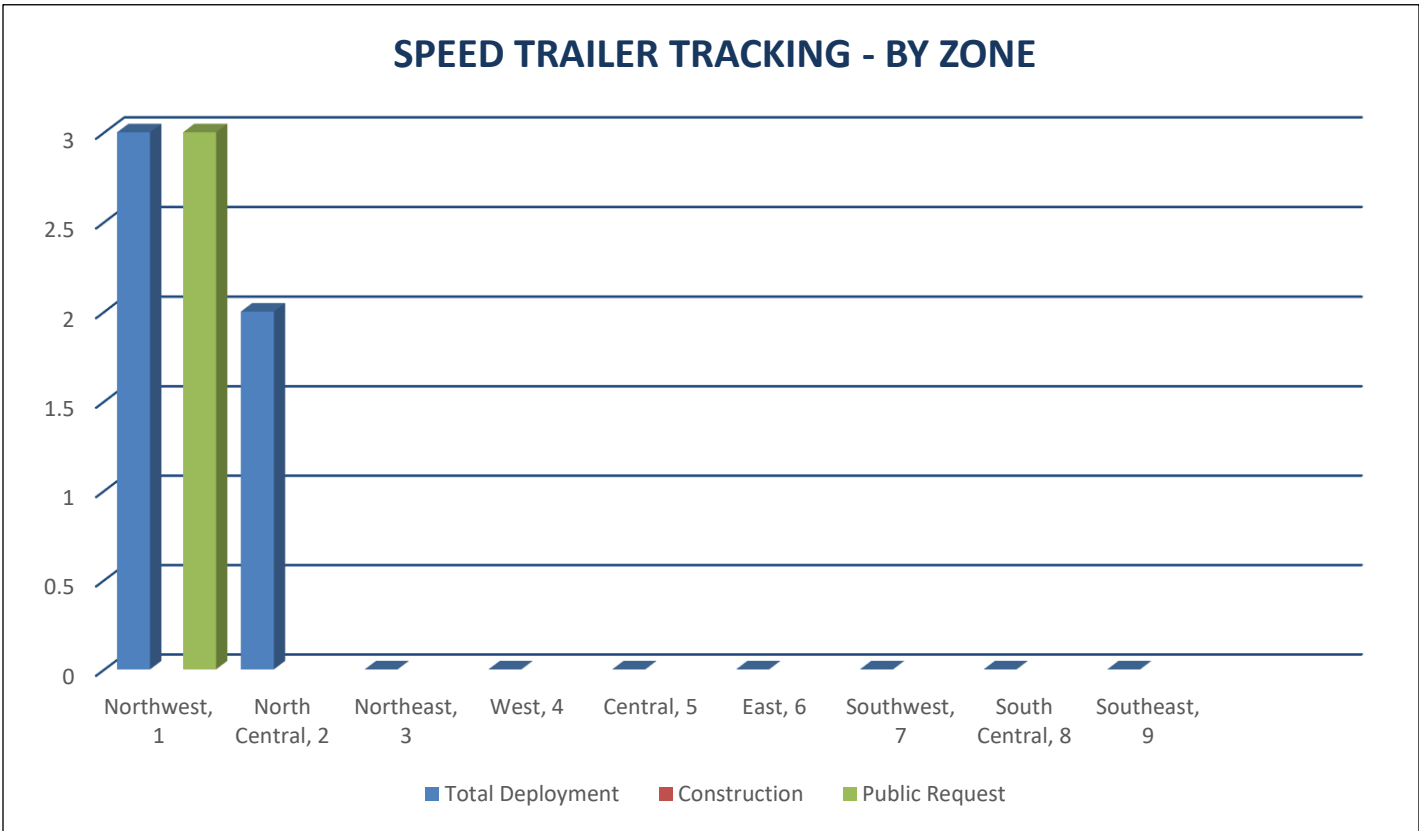
Other activities conducted by the students during the time with Enforcement services included speed trailer deployment when weather permitted and ride along opportunities with the peace officers and development compliance officer. Additionally, the students undertook initiatives to identify and assist officers with eight files associated to illegal signs posted in County Road right of ways.

The practicum placement ended the first week of April. Mount Royal University provided very positive feedback indicating that both students spoke highly of the experience, lessons learned, and challenges faced. One student indicated that she had lost interest in Criminal Justice and stated this about their time with Foothills County; “It really made me remember why I decided to pursue Criminal Justice in the first place.”

The University is eager to have students return to Foothills County and has already lined up candidates for both the fall of 2025 and winter of 2026 placements.

SPEED TRAILER

Fig. 14



The practicum students deployed the speed trailers five times as weather permitted during the first quarter. Three deployments were to zone 1, due to public requests associated to speeding concerns. Two deployments were made to 176 Street West and 192 Street West in Zone 2 because of the speeding concerns noted in the speed study along 176 Street West.

Figure 14 shows the number of deployments by zone while Figure 15 captures the number of deployments and time deployed by Month.

Fig. 15

Month	Construction Deployments	Time	Public Request Deployments	Time	Total Deployments	Total Time
January	0	0	1	48 hrs	1	48
February	0	0	1	24 hrs	1	24
March	0	0	3	72 hrs	3	72
Total	0	0	5	144	5	144

FINAL COMMENTS

The trends noted in Calls for service is consistent with previous years. The decrease in calls was unexpected but is expected to increase with warmer weather as previous years have shown.

The trend in increased traffic enforcement is expected to continue with the addition of a Peace Officer and Senior Officer. The use of traffic studies for targeted enforcement is expected to assist with effective use of officer time in areas of known concerns. The primary focus will remain with local roads and infrastructure protection. Additionally, officer time will be spent working within or around construction zones to ensure staff safety.