

Provincial Protective Services Branch

Provincial Protective Services (PPS) unites conservation, highway patrol, Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) officers, prisoner transport and court security deputy sheriffs, and Wascana Park community safety officers under a single organizational structure.

The PPS will ensure the protection of people, natural resources and infrastructure.



Conservation Officers provide frontline law enforcement services as part of the provincial Protection and Response Team (PRT) to help ensure public safety in rural communities. Conservation officers help protect the environment, manage natural resource use, provide enforcement services in provincial parks, and ensure compliance related to aquatic habitat protection and unauthorized drainage. The service collaborates with several domestic and international law enforcement agencies to fulfill its mandate and achieve its range of objectives.

Saskatchewan Highway Patrol (SHP) is dedicated to saving lives, reducing injuries and protecting infrastructure on Saskatchewan highway systems through commercial vehicle enforcement, education and prevention techniques. As part of the provincial Protection and Response Team (PRT), SHP officers respond to Criminal Code offences, and support other law enforcement agencies to help ensure public safety. SHP targets the movement of illegal commodities on provincial roadways and watches for signs of drug and human trafficking. SHP operates a strategic network of commercial weigh scales throughout the province to better protect Saskatchewan roadways.

Safer Communities and Neighborhoods (SCAN) is an investigative unit responsible for the enforcement of *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*, targeting properties used for illegal activities, or activities which pose a serious and immediate threat to public health, safety and security. These activities could include drugs, prostitution, gang or criminal activities, child sexual abuse or the unlawful sale or consumption of alcohol.

Prisoner Transport and Court Security Deputy Sheriffs are dedicated to keeping Saskatchewan courts safe, secure and open. Ensuring the wellbeing of citizens, court

employees and visitors, as well as the building structure, is a fundamental priority. The team is trained to address duress alarms, threats, assaults, emergency evacuations, and many other situations that require security or medical attention. Saskatchewan's court security program has been designed to provide deterrence, effectively limiting opportunities for malicious acts, to anticipate and prevent possible harm, and detect potential danger.



Prisoner transport balances the safety of prisoners, the public, staff, and deputy sheriffs with the timely delivery of prisoners between court and custodial facilities.

Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers (CSOs) perform designated enforcement duties within the boundaries of Regina's Wascana Centre. The CSO program enhances local policing efforts by delivering low-risk

community safety services including enforcement of some provincial statutes.

Witness Protection provides protection services to witnesses and associated persons at risk pursuant to *The Witness Protection Act*. This unit receives applications from police agencies, endorsed by Crown counsel, to assist prosecution during court proceedings in the province.

The Security Intelligence Unit (SIU) is a highly specialized unit focused on supporting safety and security within Provincial Correctional Centres, and public safety through the generation, analysis and sharing of information related to street gangs, their affiliates, and other high-risk violent offenders.

Private Investigators and Security Guards (PISG) program is responsible for the regulation of the private security industry in Saskatchewan in accordance with *The Private Investigators and Security Guards Act, 1997* and its Regulations 2000. In an effort to provide oversight over the PISG industry in Saskatchewan, the PISG program carries out the following functions:

- makes decisions pertaining to the licensing of security, private investigation and armored vehicle businesses and individuals;
- investigates public complaints related to the activities of licensed private security individuals and businesses;
- establishes minimum training requirements for private security guards; and
- ensures compliance with *The Private Investigators and Security Guards Act (1997)* and its Regulations.