

Talking Rural Crime Questionnaire Cypress- Medicine Hat

General Questions (Please circle your response)

I am a:	MALE / FEMALE
I live on/in a:	FARM / RURAL MUNICIPALITY
Please rate how serious you feel the level of crime is in your community (with 1 being not severe at all and 5 being very severe).	1 2 3 4 5
In the past three years would you say the level of crime in your community has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased?	INCREASED STAYED THE SAME DECREASED
Have you been a victim of rural crime?	NEVER ONCE 1-3 TIMES MORE THAN 3 TIMES
If yes, have you been victimized over the last:	1 YEAR 2 YEARS 5 YEARS OTHER

Community Safety and Policing

Do you feel there needs to be more police patrols, about the same number of police patrols, or less police patrols in your community?	MORE ABOUT THE SAME LESS
Does your community have a neighbourhood crime watch program?	YES NO
Do you feel safe in your community? (With 1 being very safe and 5 being very unsafe.)	1 2 3 4 5

On a scale of 1 - 5, where 1 is never and 5 is very often, how often have the following crimes occurred on your property:

	1	2	3	4	5
Farm equipment & supply theft					
Vehicle theft					
House theft					
Shop/warehouse break in					
Business break in					
Trespassing					
Fuel theft					
Poaching					

Crime Reduction Measures

- Please rank the following crime reduction measures based on how effective you feel each would be, with **1 being least effective and 5 being most effective** at reducing crime.

Hire additional Crown Prosecutors	1	2	3	4	5
Increase funding to Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) in order to increase its effectiveness	1	2	3	4	5
Expand the use of Drug Treatment Courts	1	2	3	4	5
Develop harsher penalties for rural offenders	1	2	3	4	5
Lobby the federal government for amendments to the Criminal Code	1	2	3	4	5
Update the Crown Prosecutor's Policy Manual to require prosecutors to provide the court with an offender's past criminal record and outstanding charges during bail hearings	1	2	3	4	5
Expand the Sherriff's mandate to assist in crime enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Improve cross jurisdictional sharing of information between enforcement departments	1	2	3	4	5

Which of the following have you accessed as a source of crime prevention advice/support:

- Government websites
- Police website or another police information source
- Rural crime watch organizations
- Product manufacturer's website or another manufacturer's info source
- Independent security company or advisor
- I have never accessed any crime prevention advice
- Other (please specify) _____

Supplemental Commentary

Thank you for participating in this survey. In the space below, please feel free to provide us with any additional comments or suggestions.

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