

# PRC Update

January 29, 2026

## A note from our CEO

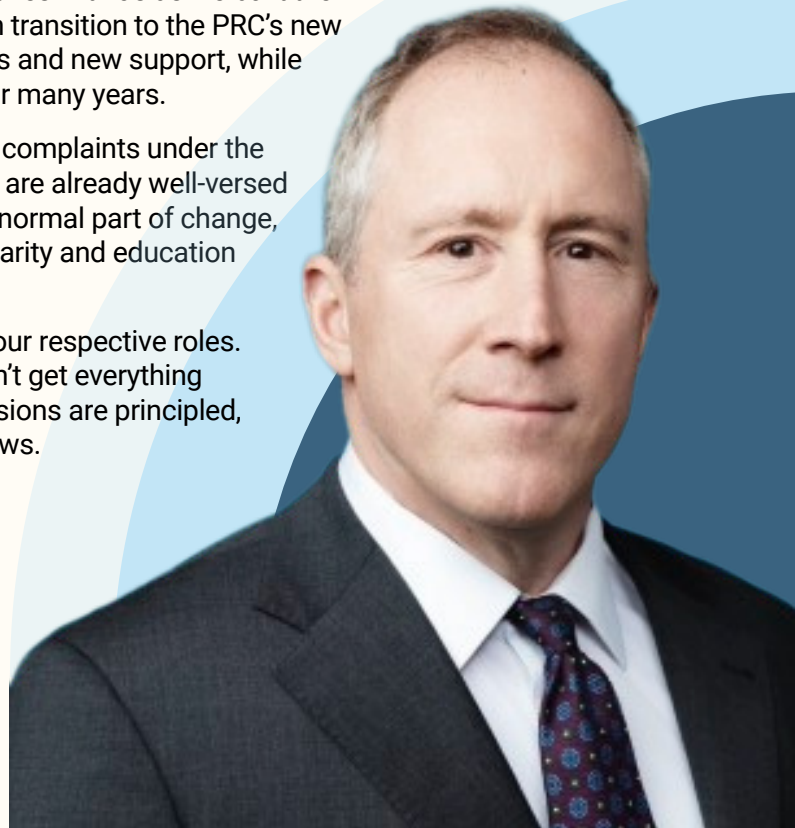
We are pleased to celebrate the official launch of the Police Review Commission (PRC) on December 1. This milestone reflects years of work and collaboration from hundreds of people. Thank you to our implementation team and to the law enforcement partners, communities and organizations that shared their perspectives with us as we built the PRC. Their outreach and planning helped ensure a smooth transition to the PRC's new role. Our ASIRT teams are getting to know many new faces and new support, while continuing the work they've been doing—and doing well—for many years.

Since launch, the PRC has begun receiving and assessing complaints under the new process. Early experience shows that some agencies are already well-versed in the new system, while others are still learning. This is a normal part of change, and the PRC is actively working with partners to provide clarity and education where needed.

Every day, we are all making a series of judgment calls in our respective roles. We hope those decisions are correct, but we know we won't get everything right the first time. So more importantly, we hope our decisions are principled, and that we learn from experience as the organization grows.

While it is still early days, the PRC is officially live and operating. Over the coming months, we will continue to assess workload, adjust resources as needed, and remain flexible as we build a strong, effective oversight body.

Michael Ewenson, KC  
Police Review Commission CEO



## The numbers

We received **404** submissions between Dec. 1, 2025 - Jan. 15, 2026. This includes submissions that were withdrawn, redirected, dismissed, and those awaiting classification. As we evolve, we will have the data to support additional reporting and context around the numbers.



## Initial Assessment Committee (IAC)

### What is it and what does it do?

The IAC includes PRC case managers, legal experts, and leadership. They review complaint summaries, confirm complaint level, category, allegations, and provide direction on next steps. The IAC ensures consistent decision making and investigative direction.



## CEO Rules

**Our work is governed by a hierarchy of processes and procedures, as set out in the *Police Act* and the *Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation*.**

CEO rules offer more specific instructions on how we implement requirements set out in legislation. We've published the two CEO rules outlined below, with more coming to the website soon.

### Public reporting when investigations exceed 180 days

The CEO will publicly report when complaint investigations exceed 180 days. The reports will ensure transparency about the efficiency of PRC investigations and may help identify resourcing challenges and external barriers to the timely conclusion of investigations.

### Information sharing

This rule governs the process we may use to access and handle information/evidence from police services, commissions, or the oversight board for conducting investigations.

For more details on CEO Rules, visit the Rules and Regulations section of [this page](#) on our website.



## PRC In the Community

**Michael Ewenson presents to John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights**

### JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE for PEACE and HUMAN RIGHTS

On Dec.12, our CEO Michael delivered a virtual session titled *Strengthening Oversight in Alberta*, taking an in-depth look at the PRC and the broader provincial system for handling police complaints. The session offered an important opportunity for community members, legal professionals, advocates, and anyone committed to justice and human rights to engage with our leadership as an emerging organization.



**The Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC) at RCMP K-Division headquarters in Edmonton.**  
Photo Credit: Edmonton Journal.

### PRC visits RCMP Real Time Operations Centre in Edmonton (RTOC)

On Jan. 7, PRC representatives visited RTOC at RCMP K-Division headquarters in Edmonton. The RTOC is a 24/7 tech hub that provides real-time support, live video from drones and helicopters, and intelligence to officers during critical incidents. The centre offers instant situational awareness and is the first of its kind for the RCMP in Canada. "We attended to build a better understanding of RTOC since there's a number of us that will work with that team to assess whether a notification meets the threshold for being assigned to ASIRT. It was a relationship/awareness building exercise and we all left blown away by what they have (which is the only one in Canada)," reported PRC Executive Director Jessica Thomson.

### PRC meets with Edmonton Police Association and Alberta Federation of Police Associations

CEO Mike Ewenson, along with representatives from ASIRT, Case Management and Resolution, and the Community Connections team met with the Edmonton Police Association (EPA) as part of an orientation session for new EPA board members, as well as members of the Alberta Federation of Police Associations also in attendance. The CEO provided an update on the PRC's operations, thanked the associations for their dialogue with the PRC, and fielded questions from the audience along with members of the PRC team.





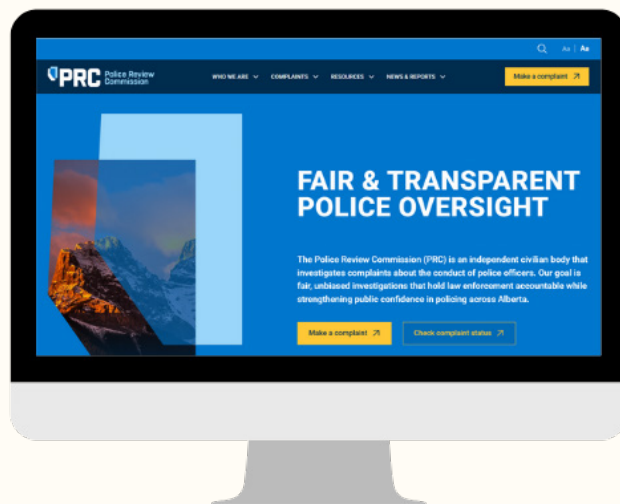
## Hiring on track

Prior to launch, we anticipated having 157 full-time staff when fully operational. As of January 15, we have 100 full-time staff in place, and 57 positions are on hold, in process of requisition, or under offer. We have deliberately held back certain positions so we can adjust staffing levels in response to any emerging trends or patterns. You can find PRC job listings through the Government of Alberta job board [here](#).

## Have you visited our website?

[www.albertaprc.ca](http://www.albertaprc.ca) offers extensive information about the legislation governing our organization, the complaint process, an FAQ section, printable resources, news releases, and more.

*If you notice missing or incorrect information on our website, please contact us at [prcmedia@gov.ab.ca](mailto:prcmedia@gov.ab.ca).*



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