

# Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency



## Annual Report for 2018-19

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# Letter of Transmittal



*The Honourable  
Warren Kaeding  
Minister Responsible for  
the Saskatchewan  
Public Safety Agency*

Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

May it Please Your Honour:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

As at March 31, 2019, the SPSA had no assets or liabilities and processed no financial transactions for the year then ended.

No formal financial statements have been prepared for the SPSA for the year ended March 31, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren Kaeding".

Warren Kaeding  
Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency

# Obligation to Report

By statute, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is obligated to report each year on its activities, in accordance with *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*. The SPSA was created on November 16, 2017 by Order in Council 525/2017 with its headquarters in Regina Saskatchewan. Its mandate is to deliver unparalleled emergency communications using innovative partnerships that support public safety and security across Saskatchewan.

The SPSA operates under *The Emergency 911 System Act*, which guides the operations of the province's Sask911 system. The Sask911 system refers to the province-wide emergency telephone service that connects a person dialing the telephone digits 911 to emergency service providers through a public safety answering point, and includes the province-wide radio communication network to be used by emergency service providers also known as the Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications Network.

# Service Delivery Changes

For the last 10 years, the Prince Albert public safety answering point (PA PSAP) was staffed and managed in partnership with the City of Prince Albert. The City expressed an interest in ending the partnership. The Government of Saskatchewan respects the City and its desire to end the agreement, and thanks them for all that they have done to support the Sask911 system.

An open competition process resulted in the selection of the Canadian Public Safety Operations Organization (CanOps) as the operator of the PA PSAP, which was formally agreed to in April 2018. Operations and staff of the PA PSAP successfully transitioned from the City of Prince Albert to CanOps July 22, 2018 with no interruptions to services being provided to the people of Saskatchewan.

Funding for the CanOps agreement continues to be paid from the province's Sask911 special purpose fund (Sask911 account) as it has in past years with the City of Prince Albert. The legislative mandate for the collection of those funds rests with the Saskatchewan Telecommunication Corporation through *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Act*. The funds in the Sask911 account are to be used for the purpose of delivering those services noted in *The Emergency 911 System Act*.

# Expansion of the SPSA

On January 9, 2019 it was announced that the Government of Saskatchewan will be enhancing and expanding the mandate of the SPSA by transferring in the Wildfire Management Branch from the Ministry of Environment, and the emergency management and fire safety responsibilities from the Ministry of Government Relations. This will allow for greater internal co-ordination and co-operation, while providing a more streamlined provincial response when emergencies strike.

Work on the transition began within 2018-19 with the majority of the transfers occurring in 2019-20 to ensure there is no impact to provincial emergency services for the 2019-20 flood or wildfire season.