

Business Plan

2023-24

CORRECTIONS, POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Saskatchewan! 

Statement from the Minister



The Honourable Christine Tell
Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety’s business plan for 2023-24.

This plan focuses on how we will support Saskatchewan’s Growth Plan by protecting communities, facilities, and our workforce to deliver on our goals.

In 2022-23, the Ministry focused on building safer communities through innovative and targeted initiatives. These included the creation of Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Teams, Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Teams, as well as four new Crime Reduction Teams in Meadow Lake, La Ronge, Lloydminster, and Moose Jaw. The Provincial Protective Services (PPS) Branch was established to strengthen public safety services by uniting provincial peace officers and special constables (e.g., conservation officers, highway patrol and court deputy sheriffs) into a single organization. PPS works with the RCMP and municipal police agencies to provide a unified approach to public safety in the province.

This year, the Ministry is taking steps to further enhance public safety by establishing the Saskatchewan Marshals Service to supplement and complement the services provided by the RCMP—both urban and rural—and municipal police agencies. Additionally, we will implement a Warrant Intelligence Team to help police apprehend prolific violent offenders with active warrants. This Team will also work to ensure offenders are not using government benefits such as income assistance and social housing to fund criminal lifestyles.

For 2023-24, the Ministry is proposing several expansions and new initiatives to build on its commitment to safe communities. These include expansions to the Internet Child Exploitation unit and Police and Crisis Teams in Regina and Saskatoon. Additionally, investments to the Saskatchewan Police College and the Saskatchewan Police Commission will ensure required structures are in place to train new officers and oversee a modern and sophisticated system of policing. We will also continue the construction of the Provincial Remand Centre in Saskatoon to safely hold accused individuals in custody. These initiatives will ensure Saskatchewan remains safe and secure for its citizens to live, work, and raise a family.

We are committed to enhancing public safety by building on the positive results we have seen from previous investments in policing and public safety services. We will continue to work with our partners to ensure the successful reintegration of offenders back into our communities. Our partnerships with community and Indigenous organizations will be essential in helping us meet the needs of Saskatchewan people. Additionally, we will use targeted recruitment, training and wellness initiatives to ensure our workforce remains engaged in our ongoing mission to keep Saskatchewan people and communities safe.



2023-24 Budget Highlights

1	\$7M of initial funding to create the Saskatchewan Marshals Service to conduct proactive investigations and support existing police services in rural and remote communities.
2	\$3.195M to the RCMP to expand the Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team and Crime Reduction Teams to further target public safety concerns, including gang violence.
3	\$475K to engage with First Nations in developing the First Nations policing model.
4	\$355K to the RCMP to expand the operational communications centre.
5	\$229K to expand the Police and Crisis Teams to meet the increased demand for specialized policing responses to people experiencing mental health crises in Saskatoon and Regina.
6	\$200K to create the Warrant Intelligence Team to help police apprehend prolific violent offenders with active warrants, and ensure offenders are not using government benefits to fund criminal lifestyles.
7	\$147K to enhance the Internet Child Exploitation unit to continue to address sexual exploitation of children and youth.

Government Vision and Goals

Saskatchewan's Vision

“...to be the best place in Canada – to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life.”

>> Government Goals

A Strong Economy

Strong Communities

Strong Families

Saskatchewan's vision and three goals provide the strategic direction for organizations to align their programs and services to build a strong Saskatchewan.

All organizations will report on progress in their 2023-24 annual reports.

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Overview

Mandate

The Ministry provides supervision and rehabilitation services for adult and young offenders, promotes appropriate and effective policing, and supports community and public safety services throughout Saskatchewan.

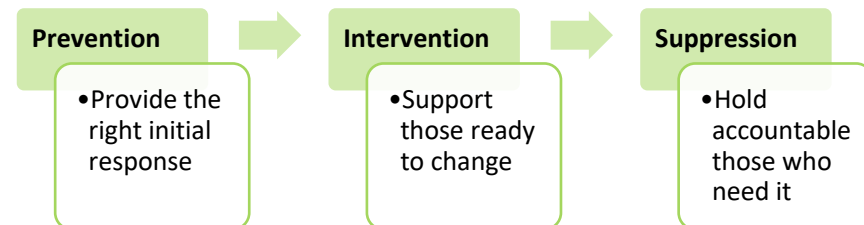
Mission

The Ministry delivers programs and services to help ensure safe communities, safe facilities, and a safe and engaged workforce.

Vision

All people in Saskatchewan live in safe communities.

Pillars



Ministry Goals



Ministry Goal: Safe Communities, Safe Facilities, Safe and Engaged Workforce

Our goal is to create and maintain safe and secure communities in Saskatchewan. We understand public safety is of the utmost importance, and that is why we are committed to providing targeted prevention, intervention, and suppression initiatives. We will strive to collaborate and work in partnership with stakeholders to ensure community safety. We are always reviewing and evolving our services to ensure we provide an effective and appropriate policing response. We continue to modernize our correctional system to ensure communities, staff and offenders are secure and safe.

Strategy - *the approach we will take to achieve our goals:*

Evolve public safety and protective services for today and into the future.

Key Actions - *what we will do to get there:*

- Create the Saskatchewan Marshals Service to provide an additional law enforcement presence to respond to areas with high crime rates, apprehend offenders with outstanding arrest warrants, provide support to other police agencies and investigate farm-related offenses like trespassing, and cattle and chemical theft.
- Expand the Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team and Crime Reduction Teams to continue targeted enforcement initiatives.
- Create a Warrant Intelligence Team to work with other government agencies to collect information to support the police in apprehending prolific violent offenders with active warrants and suspend their benefits such as income support and social housing.
- Enhance the Internet Child Exploitation unit to continue to address sexual exploitation of children and youth.
- Increase capacity of Saskatchewan's RCMP Operational Communications Centre to meet growing needs.
- Invest in the Saskatchewan Police College to meet increased demand for training, recruitment, information technology, and managing operational resources.
- Expand the Police and Crisis Teams to meet the increased demand for specialized policing responses to people experiencing mental health crises in Saskatoon and Regina.
- Fund the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

Strategy - *the approach we will take to achieve our goals:*

Partner with the community and Indigenous organizations to provide pathways from the criminal justice system.

Key Actions - *what we will do to get there:*

- Support the Saskatoon Tribal Council to operationalize the Īkwēskīcīk iskwēwak program that provides female offenders with safe and successful reintegration back into communities.

Īkwēskīcik iskwēwak is Cree for “women turning their life around” and is pronounced ah-gwee-ski-chick Isk-way-wuk.¹

- Develop reintegration programs delivered exclusively by First Nations persons to support those leaving incarceration at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.
- Establish responsive, community-based policing models to meet the needs of First Nations communities.
- Implement community consultative groups to support governance and strengthen First Nation community relationships with the RCMP.

Strategy - the approach we will take to achieve our goals:

Focus on correctional services fundamentals.

Key Actions - what we will do to get there:

- Implement new technology to increase the effectiveness of bail supervision.²
- Maintain the Dedicated Substance Abuse Treatment Units in correctional centres by providing support and treatment to offenders dealing with addiction issues.
- Enhance videoconferencing to support remote court appearances and reduce escort and supervision costs.
- Operationalize the Inmate Health Records System in correctional facilities.
- Continue the construction of the remand centre expansion at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.
- Operationalize the Urban Camp program at Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

Strategy - the approach we will take to achieve our goals:

Recruit and retain employees.

Key Actions - what we will do to get there:

- Establish a unit responsible for recruitment and training.
- Support physical and psychological wellness in the workplace.

Performance Measures - What success looks like:

Employee engagement index (EEI) scores

The EEI measures employees’ engagement and is conducted every two years.

Facility incidents

The number of violent episodes in facilities and a reduction of injuries.

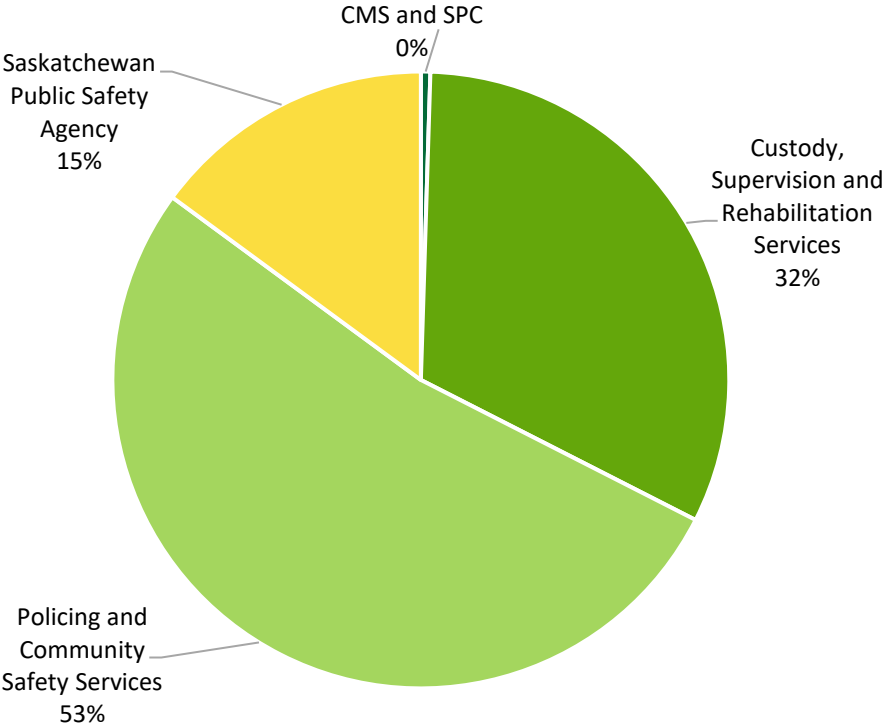
Psychological and physical safety scores

Annual safety survey measures employees’ perception of safety in the workplace.

^{1,2} This key action is funded in Integrated Justice Services and advances the priorities of the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

Financial Summary

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety 2023-24 Estimates (\$615 million)	(in thousands of dollars)
Central Management and Services (CMS - CP01)	\$939
Saskatchewan Police Commission (SPC - CP12)	2,103
Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services (CP13)	196,976
Policing and Community Safety Services (CP15)	323,583
Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (CP06)	91,773
Total Appropriation/Expense	\$615,374



Links to More Information

- [Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety](#)
- [Government of Saskatchewan Budget, Planning and Reporting](#)
- [Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency \(saskpublicsafety.ca\)](http://saskpublicsafety.ca)