



Policing Transition: Information for Residents of East St. Paul

What number do I call for police service?

If you have an emergency, dial 911. The non-emergency number remains 668-8322.

Where will the police be located?

The RCMP is working out of the East St. Paul police office and will continue to do so. Arrangements are being made to lease the office after the transition. East St. Paul will have its own detachment, located in the heart of the community. The RCMP recognizes the value of being accessible and present in the community, along with providing timely local service.

What kind of service can we expect?

The RCMP is committed to working with the community to ensure that the level of police service in the community is not only maintained, but enhanced. RCMP detachments must meet strict performance standards, and in East St. Paul that means:

- response times are expected to be maintained, and potentially improved
- current staffing levels have remained the same, with an additional four RCMP transition team members
- police respond to emergency (911) calls on a 24-hour basis
- front counter service will remain unchanged – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
- the RCMP standard for a detachment of this size is four cars
- all the specialized units of the RCMP provincial police service, such as Major Crimes, Serious Crimes, Dog Section and Forensic Services are available at no cost to the rural municipality

Who pays for what, and how does this affect my taxes?

This change will affect how policing is paid for, but the financial impact should be neutral for the rural municipality. This year, the rural municipality received a grant of \$984,000 from the province to help pay for police, and the municipality also received revenue generated from provincial fines on tickets written by the service.

That grant will end and the municipality will no longer receive fine revenue; however, as of January 1, 2009, the rural municipality will no longer have to pay for its police service. As a rural municipality under the RCMP Provincial Police Service Agreement, the province pays 70% of the policing costs and the federal government pays the remaining 30%. Nothing is billed back to the rural municipality. The RCMP will have more officers in place in Manitoba than was previously the case, adding slightly to the province's total policing costs.

What's happening with the people who worked for the East St. Paul Police?

Steps have been taken to minimize the impact on the staff and officers working for the East St. Paul police service. RCMP Staffing is currently working with all of the employees to explore employment opportunities with the RCMP.

When will this be in effect?

The transition is now underway and as of January 1, 2009, the rural municipality will no longer pay for its policing.