

Road Safety and Vision Zero: The creation of a fully dedicated team of 18 officers focused on road safety and Vision Zero priorities.

Gun & Gang Prevention: Assigning specialized officers focused on reducing gang membership and violence through an approach centered on education, prevention, intervention, and suppression activities in partnership with impacted communities.

Increased Focus on Hate Crime Teams: In response to a concerning 42% increase in hate crimes, the Service is assigning additional officers to increase investigative capacity and strengthen the relationship between the Service and vulnerable communities.

Chief Ramer added, "Fighting crime and keeping people safe will always be our singular focus. These reallocations reflect what we've heard loud and clear from Torontonians over the past year, and we are making real progress in responding to the public's needs and expectations across a range of issues."

Achieving a flat year over year budget in 2021, required the Service to absorb \$46M in budget pressures (including \$17M to meet collective agreement obligations) and will result in 50 fewer officers and 90 fewer civilians being funded this year.

Since last June, the Service has been working intensively with the Board, the City and other key stakeholders to implement the 81 recommendations for police reform aimed at improving public trust, community relationships and accountability.

"I am accelerating the implementation of all 81 recommendations because modernizing the Service ahead of schedule will help us become more responsive to the needs of Toronto's diverse communities," said Chief Ramer.

Implementation costs for police reform initiatives will be funded from the Service's modernization reserve and as a result, no additional funds have been added to the Service's budget request for this vital and ongoing work.

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