



COLD LAKE VICTIM SERVICES

2018 Stats

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COLD LAKE VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY

Cold Lake Victim Services is proud that we have been serving the community of Cold Lake and area for 27 years. Assisting those impacted by crime or tragedy in our community. Cold Lake VSU once again had a record breaking amount of referrals with 1078 files in 2018. Cold Lake VSU seeks to ensure that our clients work towards a state of well-being after experiencing a crime or tragedy.

Cold Lake Victim Services is a not for profit organization, which operates under the guidance of the RCMP. Our Program consists of an RCMP and a Military Liaison Officer, a volunteer Board of Directors, a group of volunteer advocates and three staff members. Cold Lake Victim Services helps people through difficult times. Under the guidance and direction of the Cold Lake RCMP, we provide support, information, and referral services to crime/tragedy victims and their families. Our services are available on a 24-hour basis, they are free and confidential.

We also provide resource material and information on crime information as well as Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Victims Programs, such as the Financial Benefits, the Victim Impact Statement and the Request for Restitution. Another important aspect of the victim service program is assisting victims going through the Judicial System. Many victims of crime have never been inside a court house. This can be a confusing and traumatic experience which can go on for many months or even years. Trained victim service advocates offer court preparation, court support and keep victims up to date on court proceedings.

A very important piece of victim service work in the Cold Lake region is Victims of Crime Indigenous outreach programming. Cold Lake Victim Services has collaborations between the Cold Lake First Nations and Elizabeth Métis Settlement that are long standing, and are built on strong partnerships. We pride ourselves on our outreach programming in these two communities. We are considered a trusted and accepted “community resource”, by leaders in these Indigenous communities. Building on this trust, we, at Cold Lake Victim Services are dedicated to moving this program forward through our tried and tested team approach.

In 2018, our accomplishments include the National Victims of Crime Awareness week in May – June, the third annual RCMP vs Fire-Rescue Charity Hockey Game. Also, our ongoing involvement with community initiatives that include: Cold Lake Bully Free, Child Find ID kits at the Parent Link centre at FCSS Cold Lake and District, Bike Rodeos for the City of Cold Lake, Cold Lake First Nations and the Elizabeth Métis Settlement, various community presentations and Pack the Patrol Car in December. 2018 also marked our final season hosting Operation Red Nose, Cold Lake Victim Services would like to thank all of our partners, volunteers, sponsors and clients for their support over the past eight seasons. We know that our program, run by the community, for the community, has made a significant and lasting impact in helping to reduce impaired drivers and creates greater awareness about obtaining a safe ride home during the Christmas season.

Cold Lake is a not-for-profit organization and our services are free and confidential. For more information, to become a volunteer, to make a contribution or for a presentation about our organization people can inquire at 780-594-3302 ext.3. People can also visit our website at: <http://www.coldlakevictimservices.com>.

Following are some of the notable statistics for Cold Lake Victim Services for the 2018 calendar year.

2018 Victim Service Files

Type of Incident	Number of files (2018)
Domestic & Family Violence	494
Theft/Fraud	121
Assault/Weapon	119
Break & Enter	57
Threats/Harassment	52
Sexual Assault	50
Mischief/Property damage	48
Suicide/Threats of	29
Sudden Death	27
Robbery	21
Non-Criminal Assistance	20
Fire/Arson	13
Motor Vehicle Related	12
Homicide/Attempted Homicide	7
On Line Related	5
Impaired Driving	3
Total File Count	1078

Comparing the Previous Years

Type of Incident	2016	2017	2018
Domestic & Family Violence	384	407	494
Theft/Fraud	107	156	121
Assaults/Weapon	122	117	119
Threats/Harassment	35	70	52
Break & Enter	32	56	57
Sexual Assault	49	55	50
Mischief/Property damage	76	43	48
Suicide/Threats of	31	32	29
Sudden Death	37	26	27
Non-Criminal Assistance/Other	24	43	19
Motor Vehicle Related	24	19	12
Robbery	15	13	21
Fire/Arson	6	11	13
Missing Person	3	9	1
Homicide/Attempted Homicide	2	9	7
On Line Related	5	5	5
Drug related	0	2	0
Traffic Causing Death	2	2	3
Indecent Act	2	1	0
Totals	956	1076	1078

Occurrence of VSU 2018 Files

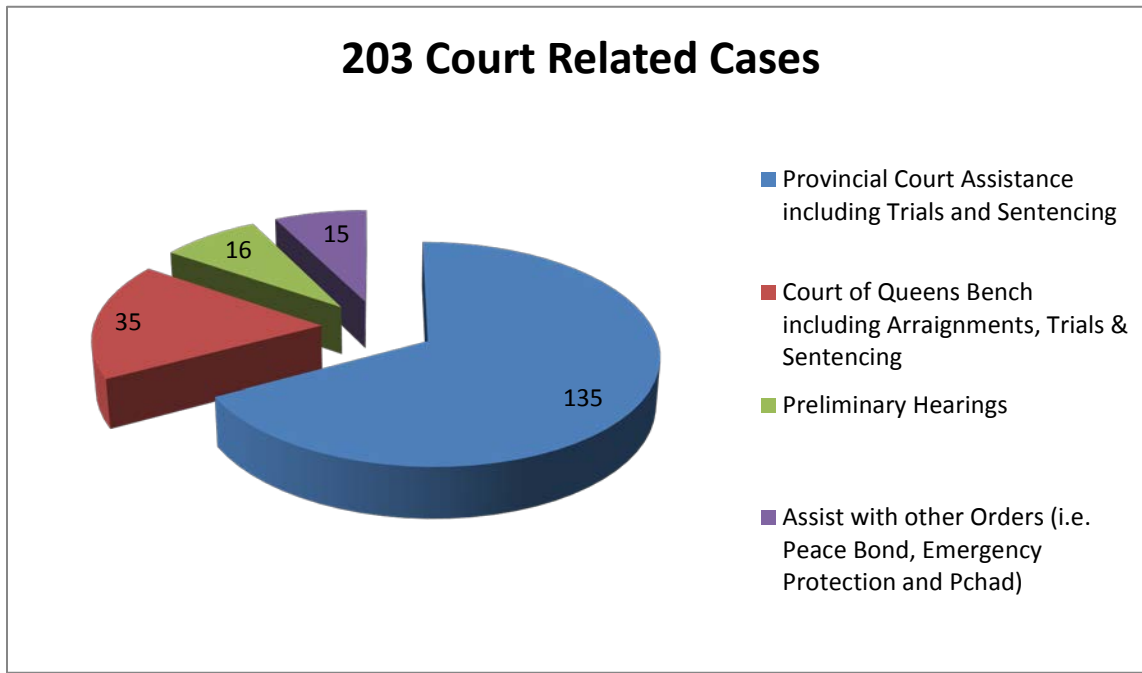
CASES BY AREA			
PLACE	Files in 2016	Files in 2017	Files in 2018
City of Cold Lake	617	686	647
MD of Bonnyville (Eastern part)	87	121	138
Cold Lake First Nations	166	138	180
Elizabeth Métis Settlement	40	97	53
Outside Referrals	46	34	60
TOTAL	956	1076	1078

	Cold Lake	MD Bonnyville/	Cold Lake First Nations	Elizabeth Settlement	Other
Domestic & Family Violence	331	30	96	20	17
Theft/Fraud	64	33	14	3	7
Assault	67	29	16	3	4
Threats/Harassment	31	1	16	2	2
Sexual Assault	24	6	8	5	6
Break & Enter	19	10	5	3	19
Mischief/Property damage	25	7	8	8	0
Non-Criminal Assistance/Other	9	4	4	1	2
Suicide/Threats of	19	3	4	3	0
Sudden Death	14	3	5	5	0
Fire/Arson	5	7	1	0	0
Missing Person	0	1	0	0	0
Robbery	19	2	0	0	0
On Line Related	2	1	0	0	2
Motor Vehicle Related	11	1	0	0	0
Homicide Related	7	0	0	0	0
Traffic Causing Death	0	0	3	0	0
Total Number of files for Area	647	138	180	53	60

People Served by Victim Services in 2018

People Served	2016	2017	2018
Adults Assisted	951	1196	1090
Child and Youth	522	499	424
Total Persons Assisted (this does not include on-going cases)	<u>1473</u>	<u>1695</u>	<u>1514</u>

2018 VSU Court Assistance Files



Total Cold Lake Victim Service Volunteer Hours – 1510 hours

Advocates – Meetings, Advocate – Client interactions, Call-outs, and Community events	Board Members – Meetings, Community events & administration duties
<u>1245 hours</u>	<u>265 hours</u>