

## ETS Bike Patrol is back and ready to respond

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Transit Peace Officers are enhancing customer safety by patrolling Edmonton Transit System property on bike. Members of the Transit Peace Officer Bike Patrol monitor Churchill Square and surrounding areas during special events, including transit centres, park and ride lots and paths along LRT lines.

The Transit Peace Officer Bike Patrol is an enhanced safety service that was successfully piloted last year and resumed in April. Over approximately four months in 2015, the Transit Peace Officer Bike Patrol responded to 962 calls (or an average of eight calls per day), including 574 planned events and 388 incidents, ranging from alarms to misdemeanors to trespassing on LRT tracks. Each bike patrol member has successfully completed specialty training through the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association and uses a police model TREK bike while on patrol.

As part of Bike Month and Clean Air Day, ETS is re-introducing the environmentally-friendly bike patrol so members of the public recognize officers if they require assistance on or near ETS property. ETS customers also had the opportunity to learn how to safely mount their bikes onto the <a href="mailto:bike racks">bike racks</a> on ETS buses in order to enjoy multi-modal transportation.

Customers seeing unusual or suspicious behaviour on ETS property are encouraged to call Transit Watch at 780-442-4900.

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