

July 2, 2019

## **Investigation continues into EPS arrest**

On June 29, 2019, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a 43-year-old man who went into medical distress following an arrest by Edmonton Police Service (EPS) officers on June 28, 2019. As required by the *Police Act*, EPS notified the director of law enforcement that same night.

Shortly after 10:30 p.m. on June 28, 2019, EPS officers responded to a complaint that a man had started a number of small fires in the area of 100 Ave and 114 Street. Officers located the man on the east side of 114 Street, walking northbound. When officers placed the man under arrest for arson, a physical struggle ensued.

When the man was carried to a police van, it was determined that he had gone into medical distress. He was removed from the police vehicle and officers performed CPR until EMS arrived and provided immediate emergency medical attention and transport to hospital. The man was admitted to hospital. On the evening of July 1, 2019, the man died in hospital surrounded by family.

As ASIRT's investigation is underway, no further information will be released at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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