

Springfield Police



The RM of Springfield was established in the mid-1870s; however, was incorporated in 1880 with the Springfield Police Service coming into formation in 1876. The Force's first two members were Constable Stephen Young and Constable William Knipe.

Between 1876 and the early 1970s, there were eleven Constables for the RM of Springfield, Stephen Young, William Knipe, James Orr, John Baker, Paul Kuzie, R.H. Grapentime, Alex Jacques, Reginald Anderson, George Enns, Alex Klatt and Jack Holland.

Of particular interest was Constable George Enns, who worked Part-time as a Constable for the RM of Springfield between 1956 and 1962; however, was required to utilize his own vehicle a 1956 Chevy with a siren and fireball on the dash. Between 1963 and 1974, Constable Enns was employed Full-Time and the RM purchased a 1963 four-door royal blue Ford for him to conduct his routine patrols.

Throughout the years, the role and mandate of the Springfield Police Service have changed; however, today's Police Service looks nothing like that of earlier years.

Currently, the Springfield Police work very closely with the RCMP, Winnipeg City Police and the Motor Carrier Enforcement Division of Manitoba Infrastructure. Springfield Police has five members who have come together from various policing agencies throughout Canada, such as Edmonton City Police, Canadian National Police and the Canadian Forces Military Police. Each of these members brings a unique skill set to Springfield, where they have come together to work together as one.

As of 2016, the RM of Springfield, which is located directly to the East of Winnipeg, has a population of approximately 15,342, making it the second-most populous RM in Manitoba; however, this number rises substantially in the summer months due to all that the RM has to offer.

