

RICHMOND RCMP ANNUAL
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2003 marked the first year of the Richmond
RCMP's Five Year Policing Plan.

Here are our achievements.

Neighbourhood Services

Community Safety Chaplains

- Victim Services in partnership with the Richmond Fire Department trained four chaplains in emergency support service.

Neighbourhood Services

Volunteer Appreciation – Sept 14, 2003

- Block Watch in conjunction with the City of Richmond honoured all City of Richmond volunteers with an outdoor picnic.
- Over 10,000 volunteers are involved in the Block Watch program.

Neighbourhood Services

Island Beat

- A monthly column is published once a month in the Richmond Review focusing on safety and activities of the various sections with the Detachment.

Neighbourhood Services

Auxiliary Constable Graduation – May 2003

- 15 new auxiliaries from Richmond and UBC began working with Detachment members on various initiatives.
- A second group of auxiliaries will begin training in the new year.

Neighbourhood Services

Asset Building Workshop – May 2003

- Crime Prevention Section hosted this workshop to teach police officers, youth workers and educators the benefits of the 'Asset Building' philosophy
- Richmond will be hosting the 'National Conference on Asset Building' on Feb 26-29, 2004.

Neighbourhood Services

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) – Sept 2003

- Crime Prevention Section hosted a training workshop aimed at using building design to prevent crime.
- Participants included RCMP members, City of Richmond staff, private contractors & developers.

Neighbourhood Services

South Arm Community Station

- Auxiliary Cst. conducted home security checks
- Dedicated patrols to schools and strip malls increased visibility and improved the communication between police and merchants

Neighbourhood Services

Steveston Community Station

- Developed and carried out an action plan to reduce youth related crime in Steveston area parks. Members on quads and bikes increased the accessibility to remote areas.
- This initiative targeted liquor and noise related offences.

Neighbourhood Services

Steveston Community Station

- Resolved traffic congestion and improved safety at Homma Elementary School through education, enforcement and a change in traffic flow design.

Traffic Services & Road Safety

Criminal Driving Behavior Project

- Files directly related to street racing have been reduced from '5' in 2002 to '0' in 2003
- Traffic Services Section are now targeting school PAC Committees in an effort to get the message out that criminal driving will not be tolerated.

Traffic Services & Road Safety

P.A.C.E.R. Program

- The Traffic Services Section is working with the Vancouver Police Dept. and other non-profit agencies to bring a heightened sense of awareness, education and safety to the whole issue of illegal street racing.

Technology

Technological Crime Unit

- Richmond is the first RCMP Detachment in Canada to have its own Tech Crime Unit. This Unit provides solutions to the community and the Detachment regarding tech crime issues.
- Continuing to expand to ensure that the police are abreast of new technology related crime trends.

Technology

PRIME

- Richmond Detachment has moved into the first installation of a provincial electronic records sharing system.
- Enhancements are now in motion which include document scanning, electronic booking of prisoners & more efficient computer aided dispatching

Technology

Video Conferencing

- YVR, South Arm Community Station, Steveston Community Station, and Community Policing at the annex are all connected to the main Detachment through video conferencing.

Technology

ECOMM

- In July 2003 Richmond RCMP switched their radio dispatch from the Detachment to ECOMM.
- Operationally, it has been working extremely well.

Violent Crimes Against People

Integrated Homicide Investigation Team – June 2003

- Chan homicide – saved half a million dollars in investigational costs
- Detachment investigators are able to concentrate their investigations other serious crime such as robberies, extortions and sexual assaults

Violent Crimes Against People

Urban Crime Analyst

- Has been approved and will be starting early in the new year.
- Com Stat model of Intelligence.
 - Using statistics and intelligence to pinpoint problem areas, assign target teams and be accountable.

Violent Crimes Against People

Serious Crime Section

- Through hard work and dedication of the investigators, Robert Bonisteel was charged in the 1975 double murder of Judy Dick and Elizabeth Zeschner.
- Both girls had died of multiple stab wounds.
- Trial to continue in April 2004

Violent Crimes Against People

Serious Crime Section

- Four suspects were charged and convicted in the murder of Vi Soi Hoang.
- Mr. Hoang was involved in the marijuana grow industry.

Property Crime

Economic Crime Unit

- Targeted the Night Market to reduce the amount of pirated and counterfeit products sold.
- This initiative has expanded to include all businesses with the Richmond area.
- One business has been shut down

Property Crime

Break & Enter Unit

- Six car burglaries occurred during a two week period in September. A 23 yr old male was identified and charged.
- An 80 yr old business man had his \$15,000 night deposit stolen while he was attending his bank in Steveston. A suspect was identified and charged.

Property Crime

- 18 purse snatchings were reported throughout the Lower Mainland during a four month period starting in January. The majority occurred in Richmond.
- The group responsible were identified by Richmond members and 13 charges have now been laid.
- The investigation is ongoing.

Property Crime

- The City of Richmond experienced the largest drop in auto thefts in the Province, down 44%.
- Negotiations are under way for Richmond to be part of the 'Bait Car' program, a popular and successful anti vehicle theft program.

Drugs

Marijuana Production Enforcement Team

- Recognized throughout the Lower Mainland as experts in apartment building marijuana grow ops.
- Invited to speak at several conferences geared towards property managers, putting Richmond Detachment on the map.

Drugs

Marijuana Production Enforcement Team

- Video clip from the Pearl Report

Drugs

Drug Unit

- Dial-a-Dope initiative was very successful. A number of informants were developed who provided valuable information regarding homicides, robberies and extortions at the local and provincial levels.

Drugs

Drug Unit

- Project was initiated to address the rising conflict between two well known rival organized crime groups.
- As a result, valuable intelligence was gathered which assisted Vancouver Police Dept in solving a number of high profile cases.

Airport Policing

YVR

- Luggage theft is an ongoing problem with \$250,000 in losses during the summer alone.
- Losses are expected to reach \$1M by the end of the year.
- An integrated target team between YVR members and the Border Integrity Unit was established to determine internal conspiracies behind the scene and target known and unknown luggage thieves.

Gang Violence

Gang Unit

- Target teams have concentrated on gang activity within bars/clubs, YVR and Internet Cafés to generate intelligence surrounding organized crime groups.
- Has prevented at least one life threatening assault and reduced the potential for violence at other events.

Youth

Positive Ticket Initiative

- ✓ Play video clip

Youth

First Annual Jimmy Ng Memorial Road Hockey Tournament

- Steveston Community Station in partnership with the Steveston Harbour Authority and the Rotary Club of Steveston hosted a two day road hockey tournament in honour of Cst. Jimmy Ng.

Youth

Police Dog Service

- An increase in the interaction between PDS and youths through a series of classroom visits.

Youth

Youth Investigators

- Dedicated to connecting with the youth in schools and the community
- Investigate criminal matters, provide guidance regarding disciplinary issues, teach law and raise awareness about public safety

Restorative Justice

- With the implementation of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, Richmond RCMP initiated the Community Justice Forum, a form of restorative justice.
- To date, seven forums have occurred and the process is being managed by Touchstone Family Assc.

Continuous Learning

Morning Training

- Sessions this year have been presented by both members of the community and the Detachment.
- Topics have included: PDS containment, High Voltage Hazards, Mental Health issues & Human Source Management
- Very successful

Continuous Learning

Leadership

- Supervisor Promotion Study Sessions
- Senior Management Promotion Study Sessions
- '7 Habits of Highly Effective People' – Dr. Stephen Covey
- Change Management – Dr. Terry Anderson
- New NCO Training – Mr. Bill King, Nova Group

International Policing

Turkey – Summer 2003

- Two members of the Turkish Police Force came to Richmond to view our best practices.
- In exchange, two members from Richmond Detachment spent two weeks in Turkey lecturing on community policing.

International Policing

Bahamas – April 2003

- Superintendent Evans of the Royal Bahamas Police Force traveled to Richmond to gain insight on our best practices revolving around community policing.

International Policing

Germany – August 2003

- Richmond RCMP hosted three German police officers who had traveled to Canada to observe Canadian policing practices.

Recognition

Regimental Ball – May 25, 2003

- Richmond RCMP hosted a Regimental Ball attended by both police and members from the community.

Recognition

911 Award Winners

- Police Officer of the Year –
Community Nomination
Cpl. Betty Gilholme
- Community Safety Initiative
Award of the Year
Cst. Jack Harrison & Louise
Harrison

Recognition

911 Award Winners

- Community Safety Partner Agency
Award
Richmond Citizen Crime Watch
- Community Safety Career
Achievement Award of the Year
S/Sgt. Jim Provost

Recognition

911 Award Winners

- Municipal Employee of the Year
Elaine Pederson
- Police Officer of the Year –
Internal Nomination
Sgt. Davis Wendell

Recognition

Superintendent Ward Clapham

- Order of Merit of the Police Forces
April 2003
 - Awarded by Governor General
Adrienne Clarkson in Ottawa
- Head of Public Service Award
December 2003
 - Awarded by the Clerk of the Privy
Council in Ottawa

Recognition

Cst. Jimmy Ng Plaque

- A plaque honouring Cst. Jimmy
Ng was unveiled at Richmond
Detachment during a special
ceremony in September.

Media

Police Week

- Displays from Traffic Services,
Police Dog Services, Crime
Prevention Unit, Restorative
Justice and Victim Services were
set up at Richmond Center Mall
and Parker Place Mall.

Media

Indo-Canadian Community

- Cst. Chakal appeared on Punjabi Talk Radio show which is aimed at Indo-Canadian youth.
- Public forums were held with the Indo-Canadian community over fears of gang activity.

Media

Asian Community

- Cpl. Thiessen traveled to the RCMP Training facility, 'Depot' Division in Regina, Sask, with a group of Richmond Asian media to provide insight into recruit training.

Looking to the Future

- Over the next seven years, the City of Richmond projects that the population will increase to 186,240.
- An increase of 20 officers is necessary to ensure adequate police response.

Looking to the Future

East Richmond / Hamilton

- As a result of our Core Review, we will be rolling out officers into East Richmond who will utilize the Mobile Command Center as their base.

Looking to the Future

West Fraser Area

- The business plan discussing the integration of Richmond, UBC and YVR is in its final stages and will be presented to all stakeholders in the new year.

Richmond RCMP continue to work towards their five year goals and look forward to the second year of the Five Year Policing Plan.

Thank You
