



**CITY OF RICHMOND**

**REPORT TO COMMITTEE**

**TO:** Community Services Committee

**DATE:** December 11, 2000

**FROM:** Jim Bruce

**FILE:** 5375-02

General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

**RE:** **RCMP Monthly Report – October and November 2000**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the RCMP Monthly Report for the months of October and November 2000 be received for information.

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Jim Bruce  
General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

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# Monthly Police Report



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## October 2000

# RCMP Monthly Report

Volume 2, Issue 10

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## Richmond Detachment - October Report

### Monthly File Count

For the month of October, Detachment personnel generated 9,411 police records.

### General Duty Summary

In response to a noise complaint pertaining to a house on #2 Rd., attending members found a woman sexually assaulted and beaten inside. A marijuana grow-op was located inside the residence. Partial descriptions of two of the suspects led to a check of a taxi leaving the area which had been cordoned off and these two males and one other accomplice were subsequently charged in this home invasion.

Three arson fires were discovered in the area of General Currie School. One of the portables at the school, an abandoned house across the street and a stolen vehicle were all torched with major damage done to the house and vehicle.

Members investigated a shooting where a male was shot and the bullet grazed the top of his head. It required seven stitches to close wound. Two suspects arrested.

A male wanted to borrow money from parents for a heroin fix, they refused and he threatened to burn the house down. He also assaulted the father. The male was charged with extortion and assault.

During an Enhanced CounterAttack operation a vehicle was observed making an illegal U-turn on the Knight Street overpass in an attempt to avoid being stopped. The two male occupants were arrested without incident and charged with possession of break-in instruments. One of the suspects was also wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant for Conspiracy to Traffic in Heroin. Follow-up investigation also resulted in one of the suspects being charged for a home invasion offence in Vancouver.

### Bike Squad

The bike squad has seen a busy month, particularly with numerous drug and liquor related files. On their own accord, the bike squad generated 12 liquor related files and 7 drug related files. Of note, numerous liquor files were generated as a result of poor adherence to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act by some of the bars in Richmond. During the month, numerous bar patrols were made. Liquor inspections were subsequently completed and reports filed with the Liquor Control Branch for their continued follow up and assistance with enforcement of the rules. The bike squad independently investigated 42 files, ranging from Break and Enter to Armed Robbery, and assisted in 11 files, including Robbery and Home Invasion.

#### SPECIAL DUTIES

The Bike squad continues to frequently assist the Drug Squad, GIS and Fraud Section, conducting surveillance and helping with Grow Operation "Busts". The bike squad members are frequently used for their language skills, and this month have assisted other sections by taking statements in Mandarin. The bike squad offers a wide range of language skills, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Toi-San, some sketchy Dutch, and, of course, English.

#### COMMUNITY RESPONSES

The youth coordinator at the Cambie Community Center sent a letter of commendation to thank the bike squad for its participation in their school dance. The coordinator felt strongly that the bike squad's presence contributed to a peaceful event, which saw no fights, no criminal offences, and well behaved attendees. The coordinator also remarked that the bike squad's presence helped build a positive relationship between the police, the event coordinators, and the community's youth.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

The bike squad continues to build relationships with local businesses. In particular this month, the bike squad has made efforts to work in partnership with local liquor establishments in an effort to ensure Richmond's bars and clubs abide by the provisions of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. The bike squad also continues to build its relationship with the Richmond Hospital, assisting the hospital staff as they treat potentially

violent psych patients. The bike squad was also in attendance for two community meetings this month and consulted in dealing with issues surrounding the policing of Richmond's parks and the Dyke.

#### FUTURE ENDEAVORS

The bike squad anticipates a busy month in November, with upcoming projects including the Christmas time Shoplifter project. Members will be enhancing their skills with two courses next month as well.

### Serious Crime Section

The month of October, 2000 was extremely busy for the members of the Richmond Serious Crime Section. As such all available human resources were deployed from the entire General Investigation Section.

The following Serious Crime investigations are currently on-going:

2000 October 09- Homicide. Shooting death of a 20 year old male which appears to be drug and gang related. The investigation is progressing slowly as witnesses have generally been less than cooperative.

2000 October 12- Violent Home Invasion/Sexual Assault. Three adult males have been arrested and charged for assault causing bodily harm, sexual assault, and break and enter after a home invasion robbery in the area of # 2 road and Williams road. A Vietnamese woman in her 50's was taken to hospital with serious injuries as a result of a severe beating. She is currently in hospital. A marijuana grow operation in the residence was discovered as Serious Crime members continue to investigate. The suspects are currently still in custody and before the courts.

2000 October 15- Attempt Murder. A Vancouver adult male has been charged with attempt murder and use of a firearm while committing an offence. At approximately 3:00am a Surrey man sustained head injuries as a result of being shot during a fight outside a Richmond restaurant at # 3 road and Cambie. The victim required hospital treatment and was later released. This incident does not appear to be gang or drug related. Investigation continues.

2000 October 30- Release of untreated sex offender. A sixty four (64) year old untreated male sex offender was to be released on 2000-10-30 upon expiry of his warrant of committal. Police applied for a recognizance under the authority of the Criminal Code of Canada and he was remanded in custody pending a hearing on this matter. A recognizance would permit the court to impose a number of conditions on the

subject in order to manage his behaviour. He had served his full sentence, was denied parole on the basis that he was likely to violently re-offend if released without treatment.

ALGUIRE Homicide- This Major Crime is still under investigation.

### Police Service Dog Section

Files of interest for the month of October.

While pursuing the track of three home invasion suspects, Cst. Andre' Larouche broke several bones in his ankle. Despite his injuries, Andre and PSD Hammer continued to work the track resulting in the capture of all suspects. Cst. Larouche will return to work once he has made a full recovery.

Cst. Fox and PSD Gar attended a complaint of a bomb threat at a school in Grand Forks.

Cst. Fox assisted with security searches during the Prime Ministers visit.

Cst. McCarthy and PSD Ares attended the scene of an MVA where the female driver fled on foot. After a brief track the team located the woman hiding in bushes.

Cst. McCarthy and PSD Ares attended the Palace Banquet Hall as result of a non specific bomb threat.

Cst. McCarthy and PSD Ares were called upon to assist Burnaby Detachment in the investigation of a bomb threat to a local restaurant.

Cst. Stephanie Dittmann and PSD Casey successfully completed their week long six month follow up course in Langley.

PSD Casey had surgery to correct a stomach problem, she will be off duty recovering for four weeks before returning to duty. Casey is expected to make a full recovery. Cpl. Rick Chaulk NCO i/c Richmond PDS has adjusted his shift schedule to cover PSD Casey's shifts, thus providing Richmond with the best possible service.

Cst. Fox attended a two day Police Dog Services training seminar on Vancouver Island.

Richmond Police Dog Services are now located at 5755 Elmbridge Way. The Unit is enjoying their new office as quarters at the old office were extremely cramped.

## Ident Section

The Forensic Identification Section conducted 84 investigations in October. During the first week of October, Sgt. Burkinshaw attend Forensic Digital Image Processing Training at BCIT. The second week taxed the entire Forensic Identification Section with regular duties as well as a Homicide Investigation and a Home Invasion. Susan Highton prepared 16 line-ups which resulted in at least five identifications.

## Victim Services

October was a somewhat quiet month for Victim Services with regards to "new" cases. However, we continue to support a large number of persons through the justice system.

Total No. of New Clients this month	- 69
Total No. of Ongoing Cases	- 186
Total No. Services Delivered	- 580
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Contributed	- 155
Total No. Of cases awaiting court	- 142

## Meetings, Conferences and Community Liaison

Program Manager, Scott Vallance, program staff, Wendy Milford and Glenna Christensen, and 10 of our program volunteers, attended a two day provincial training symposium at the Delta Conference Centre in Richmond. The event was put on by Police Victim Services of British Columbia. It was a good networking opportunity and the workshops were well planned and comprehensive. Scott, as a voting member of the PVSofBC attended the annual general meeting of the association.

Victim Services also moved to a new office this month. The move was smooth and our level of service was not disrupted. We are now located in the former City Hall building.

The long awaited Victim Service file access policy was formalized this month as well. Briefly, the policy limits volunteer access to files, and requires the victim's consent prior to contact. We anticipated these changes and made the appropriate alterations to our SOP's in 1999, so we would be "on-line" well in advance of the policy being implemented.

## Media Liaison

Total News Releases issued: 11

Types of incidents requiring media coverage:

- Murder
- Attempt Murder
- Armed Robbery
- Attempt Abduction
- Grow Op Home Invasion X 2
- Street Racers
- Child Link Survey
- Pedestrian MVA
- Fatal Pedestrian MVA

News Releases resulted in countless interviews by telephone and in person. In the future the number of interviews resulting from news releases will be scored.

Total after hours request for service from media requiring interviews: 23

## School Liaison

The section has gone through some changes with Cst Payne leaving and adding Cst. Sullivan. What has not changed is that the section has been busy with a more proactive approach with 15 School Talks done in the schools, as well the SLO officers attended 6 Halloween dances that occurred in the high schools after school hours. Also the liaison officers dealt with the usual files of threats, bullying, and intimidation. We were fortunate enough to attend two seminars, one on Safe Schools and the other on Bullying in the schools.

With the proactive approach the files that are generated may be decreasing, however for the month of November we are planning to work on a project on information of drugs being sold in and around the schools. This info has come from the schools and they are eager to see us put this initiative forward and see its effect. The SLO's are formulating an action plan for the project to be implemented at the end of November.

## South Arm Community Station

This month was highlighted by the Annual Volunteer Dinner which took place on the 21st of this month. South Arm Station recognized the efforts of our volunteer program coordinators with the presentation of certificates of appreciation to: Margaret Allin, Roy Bennett, Stu Carlyle-Smith, Angela Cianni, & Marco Sallinen.

**Speed Watch Program:** Speed Watch volunteers concentrated most of their efforts on two files, that were initiated to address concerns presented by members of the public. The first was as a result of a letter sent requesting their services in regards to speeding vehicles in the Westminster Highway/ Highway 91 overpass area of Richmond, and the school zone at Choice Learning Centre on Westminster Highway. Traffic section has also initiated a POPS project for this area. Speed Watch teams set up on three separate occasions, providing service for both areas of concern. The result was a very satisfied client, who sent a letter of appreciation to the Speed Watch Team.

The second file was at the request of the principal of Spul'u'kwuks Elementary School. The school was opening at the end of the month, and concerns existed for the safety of the students, for drivers weren't accustomed to slowing down for a school zone. Speed Watch went out twice in the week prior to the school opening in order to raise drivers awareness of the school and school zone. There will be follow up visits to continue the awareness process.

The regional Speed Watch statistics were also released. For cars checked, South Arm Speed Watch was #1 for the GVRD East Region, and #5 for the Province, clearly demonstrating the strength of the program.

Speed Watch Volunteers donated **65 hours** to the program this month.

**Lock Out Auto Crime:** Poor weather hampered efforts of the Lock Out Auto Crime program. The volunteers did get out once in Oct., and almost 100 vehicles were checked. In an effort to expand the program, follow up letters have been sent out to a number of agencies previously contacted, and with the opening of a Canadian Tire Store in the South Arm area, a letter was also sent to the store requesting permission to audit their parking lot.

**Volunteer Bike Patrol:** The Bike Patrol was out in force on Hallowe'en night. Their ability to work effectively was enhanced by the extra portable radios that were obtained through a grant from community partner ICBC. Working in conjunction with the Community Constables, they patrolled South Arm area schools, and notified the Community Constables of locations where youth were gathering. Hallowe'en also marked the debut of the Bike Patrols new, exceptionally high visibility vests, which received positive comments from the Bike Patrol members, Richmond RCMP Members, and the general public.

**Home Security:** No Home Security checks were requested this month.

Total volunteer hours given for South Arm desk duties, **366 hours**.

**POPS Projects:** South Arm continues to follow up with the file concerning a resident of the South Arm area with mental health problems. The protocol that was established during meetings with the care givers seems to be having a positive effect. Calls for service have significantly dropped. Councillor Linda Barnes commented favourably on this project at a recent meeting with the city.

A new POP project has also been initiated to deal with the recent spate of bush fires that have been occurring. In the first instance, this project will collect information from all agencies involved. The Community Constables will then follow up on any leads that come out of this information. On the prevention side of this project, Community Constables will liaise with Richmond Fire Department, and the School Liaison Section about the possibility of setting up education programs in the schools.

Members also worked on a variety of complaints including, assist general public, theft under, wilful damage, fireworks, possible animal abuse, lost & found property, suspicious persons/vehicles, assisting watch members, and assisting at a grow op.

Members were also busy working on interviews, and security checks for potential volunteers, and one member attended a fraud course. A letter of appreciation was also received thanking the South Arm Station members and volunteers, for taking part in last months church fair, and inviting the station to take part again, at next years event.

## YVR Community Station

Vancouver International Airport Members responded to 28 pre-board screening alarms, 30 false alarms and conducted 74 checks for the US Foreign Inspection Service.

During the month of October, 2000 Zone One Members attended to 308 calls for service on Sea Island.

### Files of General Interest

On October 1, 2000 Zone One Members facilitated the well being of a 70 year old traveler suffering from Alzheimer's.

On October 3, 2000 Zone One Members assisted the Airport Authority with Crowd control during the return of Olympic wrestler Mike "Ignali".

On October 5, 2000 Zone One Members attended to and investigated a reported case of " Road Rage" resulting in an alleged assault.

On October 7, 2000 Zone One Members responded to a structural fire on Miller Road.

The investigation is on going.

On October 12, 2000 Zone One Members responded to a complaint alleging that a change machine in the South Terminal had been stolen. According to the complaint the replacement value of the machine was \$15000 dollar. The machine reportedly contained approximately \$5000 in cash. The investigation is ongoing.

On October 16, 2000 Zone One Members were advised that a male was currently on the Arthur Laing Bridge possibly contemplating suicide. Richmond Detachment Members attended and escorted the individual in question to Richmond Hospital.

On October 24, 2000 Zone One Members received a complaint alleging the loss of \$6,000 worth of diamonds. The investigation is ongoing.

### Store Front VIA

In October the RCMP volunteers dedicated hundreds hours of their time serving the Airport Community. Our volunteers responded to 1753 general enquiries of these a total of 19 files were generated, 13 of which a members attendance was required.

### Lock It of Lose It Program:

In the month of October Airport Community Policing Volunteers participating in the Lock It or Lose It program checked a total of two hundred and ninety nine vehicles (299)

### Operation Satellite

On October 26, 2000 the Vancouver International Airport Authority in conjunction with the RCMP conducted a Major Disaster Exercise. The Exercise "Operation Satellite" was designed test the Airport Authority Operations Staff and the RCMP's ability to handle a specific bomb threat and evacuation of the Vancouver Airport.

### Synopsis of Exercise

The RCMP was advised on the afternoon of October 26, 2000 of intelligence relating to a potential terrorist presence at the Vancouver International Airport. At 20:30 hours, as a result of the receipt of a telephone bomb threat Cpl. Davis WENDELL and Cst. Peter SONNICHEN attended the YVR Emergency Operations Center in participate in a threat assessment relative to the receipt bomb threat. The Threat Assessment Group (TAG) decided to treat the threat as genuine, eminent and escalating. The RCMP mobilized the Mobile Command Post, seconded additional human resources (25 Members) , Police Service dogs, Serious Crime and the Explosive Disposal Unit. The scenario presented involved both investigative and security activity. The investigation resulted in the location and protection of four crime scenes which included three pay phone areas and an explosive device. The Security activity involved sealing off the United States Secure area of the Terminal commonly referred to as the Barn. As well, the safe evacuation of passengers was simulated.

Overall, the exercise was deemed to be a success.

### General Information

The following is a sampling of statistics that impact on Aviation Security and the Security of the Aerodrome in general for the month of October.

- 7 Assault
- 4 Property Damage
- 2 Auto Thefts
- 1 Truck Theft
- 15 Theft from vehicles.
- 45 Weapons Offenses
- 2 Aeronautics Act Offenses
- 28 Pre-Board Screening Alarms
- 30 False Alarms
- 31 Thefts

## Steveston Community Station

The following is a synopsis of Station activity for the months of August, September and October.

For the month of August the Station handled 104 inquiries, of this total 99 were Detachment generated files and 5 Information (Bulk) files.

89 inquiries for the month of September were handled by the Station These resulted in the creation of 77 Detachment files and 12 Information (Bulk) file entries.

In the month of October there were 108 inquiries handled by the Station which saw the creation of 107 Detachment files, a large jump from the previous months, and 1 Information (Bulk) file entry.

### COMMUNITY ISSUES:

#### Crime Mapping:

The 6 month pilot project to map specific crimes that occur in the Steveston Station catchment area is continuing with the month of November still to follow. The target crimes are: Mischief, Residential B&E's, Theft from Auto, Theft of Auto, Mischief to Auto and Noise Complaints. The map is to be used for resource deployment. The statistics have been gathered and mapped by the volunteers under the supervision of Cst. GILHOLME.

Colonial Drive was quickly identified as a hot spot for stolen vehicles but that trend seems to have dropped off possibly with the effects of Crime Watch targeting the area with their patrols. A definite pattern in all areas of the statistical reporting (IE: vandalism, thefts) is notifiable but no specifics will be available until the end of the project period.

#### File Trends:

File numbers remain on par with July statistics however, there was a noticeable jump in files for the month of October possibly due to pre-Halloween pranks and the actual day of Halloween. The most common complaints for the months of August, September and October were: 26 assist to general public files, 41 lost & found property files, 38 suspicious person/vehicle and 28 mischief under (damage / vandalism) files. Noise complaints were on par with the month of June averaging 6 complaints per month over the three months.

### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers completed 320 regular shift hours for the month of August, and 46 extra hours including shifts for the RCMP 50th Anniversary. In the Month of September a total of 248 regular shift hours were completed by volunteers.

In October the volunteers completed a total of 310 regular shift hours. An extra 39 hours including shifts with Crime Watch.

#### Community Patrol:

The Community Van Patrol program has disbanded for the present. This is largely due to the return of our leased van to the Richmond Auto Mall. Their very generous one year lease expired in May. Given that this program is similar in format to Richmond Crime Watch, the programs may amalgamate in the autumn. To date there hasn't been any word on whether this program will be reinstated.

#### Home Security Program:

In August a total of 4 hours was given to this program with another 2 hours in October.

#### Volunteer Bike Patrol:

Volunteer Bike Patrol members spent a total of 78 hours in August on the road patrolling neighbourhoods, schools, shopping malls and of course Garry Point Park. Some of these members were newer patrollers wanting to hone in their skills.

In October the hours were up considerably. A total of 47 hours were recorded. With school being in place now for a month, the younger patrollers have found out what their scheduling is like for the upcoming months and have been able to dedicate a lot time for the Bike Patrol Section.

#### Speed Watch:

In August Speed Watch completed 10 operations and clocked approx. 2400 vehicles. Regular members working the days of the operations often joined Speed Watch Volunteers to write warnings and tickets.

In September Speed Watch Volunteers completed one operation and again this is probably due to the younger Volunteers returning to school.

In October, Speed Watch saw an increase in the operations with a total of 10 operations being recorded and a total of approx. 950 vehicles being clocked on radar.

#### Business Watch:

Volunteers Jim Murray and Cindy Roberts streamlined our Win Fax program to make it user friendly by creating address groupings. We can now target specific areas with timely information. Jim Murray plans to train additional volunteers in the Win Fax program this autumn.



## Crime Stats

### Comparison of Selected Crime Statistics Year To Date

<u>Activity</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Traffic Accidents	4638	4154	- 10%
Fatal Accidents	2	9	+ 350%
Homicides/Att. Hom.	3	2	- 33%
Robberies	165	135	- 18%
Assaults	832	769	- 8%
Break & Enters			
(Bus.)	543	581	+ 7%
(Res.)	752	876	+ 16%
Auto Thefts	656	813	+ 24%
Thefts	4491	4634	+ 3%
Frauds	448	450	0%
Drugs	690	1311	+ 89%
Traffic Tickets	25821	21764	- 16%
Impaireds	147	167	+ 14%

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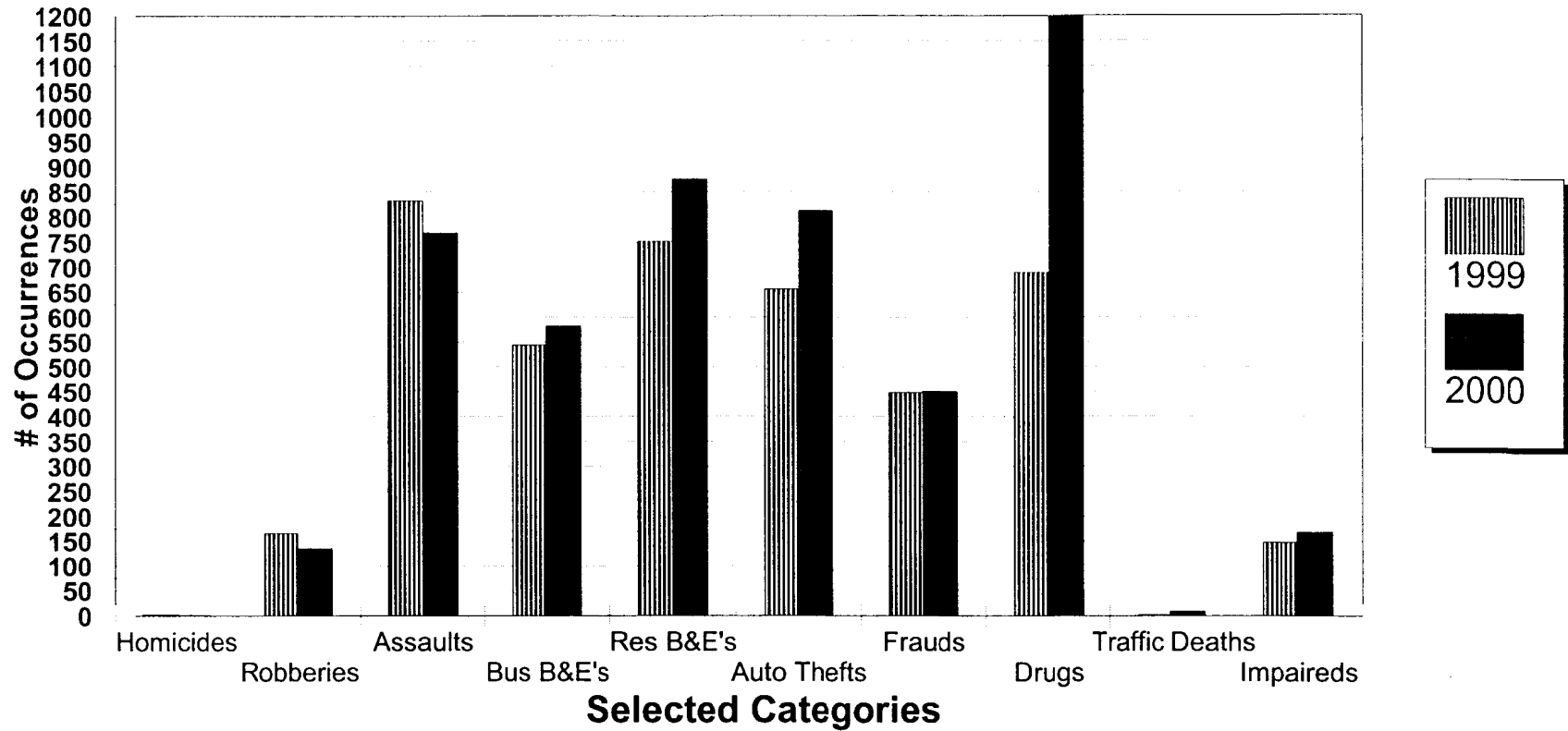


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Officer In Charge,  
Richmond Detachment.

## RICHMOND DETACHMENT PROFILE for 3RD QUARTER, 2000

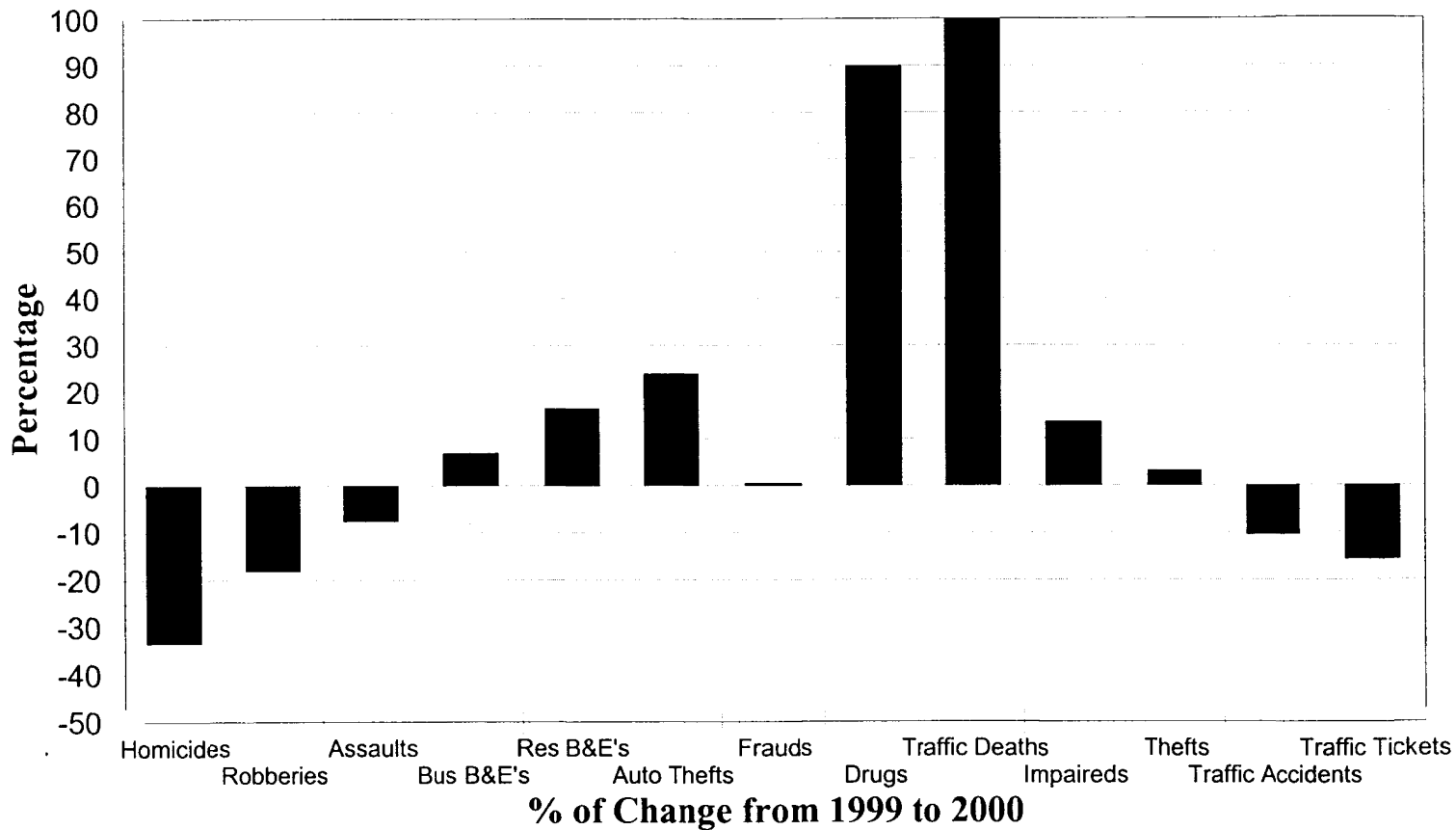
<u>Activity</u>	<u>1999 (YTD)</u>	<u>2000 (YTD)</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Serious Crimes</b>			
Homicide	2	1	- 50%
Sex Offences	40	41	+ 2%
Serious Assaults	95	87	- 8%
Robbery	151	123	- 19%
<i>Serious Crimes Indicator</i>	288	252	- 12%
<b>Property Crimes</b>			
B&E	1235	1420	+ 15%
Theft M/V	592	710	+ 20%
Thefts from M/V	2181	2219	+ 1%
Mischief/wilful damage	1254	1442	+ 15%
<i>Property Crimes Indicator</i>	5,262	5,791	+ 10%
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>			
Other Assaults	615	562	- 9%
Disturb Peace	185	227	+ 23%
Serious MVAs	778	655	- 16%
Hit/Run CC	101	105	+ 4%
Hit/Run Prov	1,974	1559	- 21%
<i>Public Order Indicator</i>	3,653	3,108	- 15%
<b>Discretionary Enforcement</b>			
Drug Enforcement (excl. Airp. Spl. Sd.)	480	990	+ 201%
Impaired Drivers	124	153	+ 23%
Liquor Enforcement	371	483	+ 30%
<i>Discretionary Enforcement Indicator</i>	975	1,626	+ 67%
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>			
Hazard. Mov. Violations	18,328	14,311	- 22%
Written Warnings	12,948	9,692	- 25%
Persons Killed/Injured	1,097	925	- 16%
<i>Traffic Enforcement Index</i> (Ratio of H/MV / Serious MVA)	23.06	21.08	

# Year to Date Comparison of Statistics January to October 1999 & 2000



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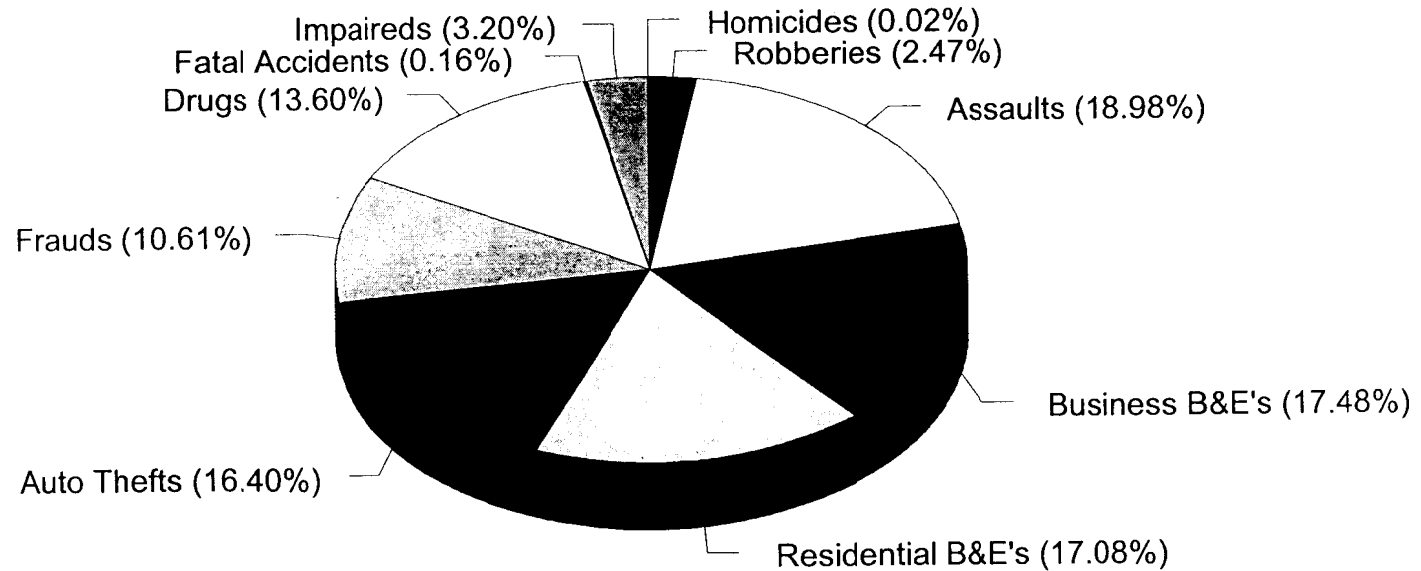
### Selected Crime Statistics Year to Date for January to October



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# Richmond RCMP Detachment

## YTD % of Selected Crime Categories



Year To Date Percentage of Crime Type in Relation to the Total Crime Reported for the Selected Crime Types based on the data collected to the end of the month noted in this Monthly Report to Council.

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# Monthly Police Report



**November 2000**

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## Richmond Detachment - November Report

### Monthly File Count

For the month of November, Detachment personnel generated 7,461 police records.

### General Duty Summary

Several uniform members were requested to standby by while a Landlord inspected his rental premises after serving the occupant notice. An Asian male answered the door, refused the landlord entry and then, upon seeing the officers, ran out of the back door. A strong smell of marihuana came out of the residence, and the officers discovered 100 plants and a hydro bypass. A warrant was obtained & executed.

Uniform officers were called to a car dealership where the employees were holding a male who had assaulted several employees and was found in possession of stolen keys for one of their vehicles parked in the showroom. A 19 year old youth was arrested. He had stolen 2 sets of keys on the 6th of November and then stole a car off of their lot with one of the sets of keys. He then returned on the 14th and went for a test drive with a similar vehicle and tried to switch the keys at the end of the test drive so that he could return and steal this vehicles. Both of the vehicles were expensive imported vehicles. The keys for another stolen vehicle which was parked in front of their lot was also found in the youths pocket. The suspect has a record for car theft, has obviously been stealing cars to order. He also is employed at a business which gives him access to keys of expensive vehicles.

A member was responding to an alarm in an industrial area and observed a stolen vehicle fleeing from the area where the alarm came in. The officer pursued the vehicle into Vancouver & lost it. It was later spotted near the residence or a possible suspect, followed out to Coquitlam area where it was again lost. A short time later the vehicle was found abandoned in Burnaby and a male was checked on foot who was leaving the area and found to be a suspect wanted for a break in Burnaby.

Watch members responded to a robbery at the Bank of Montreal located at No2 rd and Blundell. A lone Asian male in his 20s produced a note and obtained a large amount of money. He left the area on foot but was not located.

There was an armed robbery at Tiffany Grocery, 5188 Westminster Hwy. Male suspect entered the store and produced a rifle-type firearm and demanded money and cigarettes. Fled on foot.

At DaVinci Jewelers in Richmond Centre Mall, a suspect tried on 2 rings valued at \$110,000.00 then bolted from the store still wearing them. He jumped into an older model white 4-door sedan driven by an accomplice and left the scene.

A male approached an 11-year old girl near Dixon Elementary School on Diamond Rd. and asked directions to Gary Point Park. He did this twice and the girl ran away. Suspect was an East Indian male but no physical contact was attempted.

There was an armed robbery at Jan Phil Market, 9951 Williams Rd. Suspect produced a knife and fled the scene on a 10-speed bicycle. \$150.00 in bills stolen.

A grow-op was discovered at 6120 Riverside Dr. Search warrant was obtained and over 200 plants discovered. One suspect in custody.

A routine check of two male pedestrians in the area of Shell and Shellbridge Roads led to a foot chase and the capture of two suspects in numerous vehicle break-ins. Some stolen property was recovered and charges are pending against the two juvenile suspects.

A very sophisticated grow-op was taken down at 5340 Walton Dr. Search warrant was obtained and over 200 plants were seized. Three suspects in custody.

A victim was approached by a native male, early 20's and approx. 5'9", near #3 and Cook Roads. Suspect claimed to have a gun and escorted the victim to the nearest Bank of Montreal where \$20.00 was removed from the ATM machine.

The parents of male youth reported their son was possibly kidnaped and being held hostage. GIS was called in and spent the entire day searching for the youth. It was eventually determined that he was not the subject of any criminal wrongdoing.

A 16-year old female reported she was raped by a friend of her boyfriend's. Victim was escorted to VGH for sexual assault examination. Numerous statements have been taken and the investigation is still continuing.

## Serious Crime Section

**L**a Swiss armed robbery, July 9, 2000  
Jeremy Joseph GLOVER charged with robbery and use of a firearm during the commission of an offence. GLOVER is currently serving time for an unrelated robbery and has yet to appear for a bail hearing.

DU - Parental abduction , November 15th, 2000

Serious Crime Section assisted General duty members in the parental abduction of an 8 months old baby by his mother , Feranita LAN, from the father. LAN flew the country with the baby and is believed to be in Indonesia.

ONG et al , Car-jacking X2 , June 2000

Christopher ONG plead guilty to numerous charges and will be sentence in January 2001. Sammy PANTELIS and Gordan PARKER were committed to trial.

Investigations in regards to Robberies, homicides and other serious crimes are still ongoing .

## School Liaison

**N**ovember was a busy month for all SLO's with approximately 30 plus school talks done in the elementary and secondary schools ( varying topics i.e.. careers, drugs, weapons, stranger danger, and bullying). Also Cst. Vermeullen held a Student Leadership Conference at Steveston High which proved very successful and beneficial for the students involved. The files that were taken included assaults, threats, harassment, Possession of Stolen Property, dangerous driving, drugs and various boards of review stemming from suspensions in above files.

The SLO's also attended two dances at McMath and Richmond High after school hours and participated in Red Serge Duties at Steveston, McRoberts and Richmond High for Remembrance Day. Cst Uppal along with Cpl Scott Rintoul did a seminar at RADAT on Raves and Rave Drugs where Cpl. Rintoul proved to be very knowledgeable, informative, and an excellent resource. The SLO's will try to have him speak to the parents and students in the Richmond School District after the Christmas break or prior to summer

Various Recruits on Field training have been through the section who have recognized the importance of the SLO program and the work that is done. Cst Denstedt has been busy working in the elementary schools as well as showing Cst Sullivan around the high schools.

## Ident Section

**T**he Forensic Identification Section conducted 112 investigations in November, with a total of 1189 from January 1st to November 30th. The investigations conducted in November included 41 Break & Enters, 22 Recovered Stolen Autos, 5 Grow Operations and four Armed Robberies

Forensic Identification members made six identifications of suspects during the month of November with a total of 64 identifications to date. Susan Highton prepared 16 photo line-ups which resulted in five identifications.

## Traffic Section

**O**ctober 17, 2000 at 1900 hours Richmond recorded its' sixth fatal collision. The collision occurred at Lucas and Gilbert Road as the grandfather, mother, and the deceased were crossing at the crosswalk. The pedestrians were crossing from the west to the east side. A vehicle was stopped waiting for them to cross the street, when the deceased a 22 month old was struck by a southbound vehicle. The child was taken to Richmond General Hospital by the driver of the vehicle that struck the child along with the mother. The child succumb to his injuries a short time after being taken to the hospital. This file is still under investigation.

The Traffic Section has worked in partnership with Richmond Fire and Safety to set up Child Restraint Safety Checks. Cst. Sandi Scott from traffic worked with the RFD to have the No. 1 Fire Hall available for inspections for the child restraints for the second Wednesday of the month. Three other members of the Traffic Section have also received the training to inspect, and properly install the restraints.

Enhanced Counter Attack for Richmond ending November, has recorded 145,000 vehicles checked, 17 impaired drivers, 356 twenty four hours suspensions, 965 traffic tickets, and 58 criminal code charges.

South Arm Speed Watch monitored 2517 vehicles, and recorded 111 hours of volunteer time.

Steveston Speed Watch monitored 1040 vehicles, and recorded 9 hours of volunteer time.

Members of the Traffic Section have completed the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course.

New roadside alcohol screening devices have arrived. Training for the Detachment is on going, and with the purchase of ten units it will assist the members in the detection of drinking driving subjects.

Cst. Turcotte will be working with a lower mainland task group with members from each Detachment, and freeway patrols targeting street racers. Also the section is working in partnership with other detachments, I.C.B.C., and groups from the lower mainland to come to a solution with "drop of the hat" racing.



## Victim Services

November was a somewhat quiet month for Victim Services with regards to "new" cases. Of note, one very troubling case involving teens fighting with weapons, resulting in serious injury, was attended by Victim Services. As well, we continue to support a large number of persons through the justice system.

Total No. of New Clients this month	- 58
Total No. of Ongoing Cases	- 187
Total No. Services Delivered	- 618
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Contributed	- 87
Total No. Of cases awaiting court	- 135

### Meetings, Conferences and Community Liaison

Program Manager, Scott Vallance, attended a meeting of the "Justice Subcommittee" of the "Stopping the Violence Committee". The group is continuing to study and seek solutions to the problem of children being violent towards their mothers. It is a very complex problem and solutions will not be easily arrived at. A number of the families identified by the police, victim services, mental health, and social services usually have extensive histories and the violence is only a dire "symptom" of many greater problems.

Scott attended a meeting of the Lower Mainland Committee of the Police Victim Services of British Columbia (PVSoFBC), hosted by West Vancouver Police. The committee is continuing to develop the framework for sharing human resources on very serious police cases. Though we all dread the day, an event of great magnitude might happen whereby a particular jurisdiction may not have enough people to handle the problem themselves and need to elicit help from another police force.

Victim Services is planning our annual awards night and Christmas dinner for mid December.

## Crime Prevention

The month of November was a busy month for the Crime Prevention Section. The Vancouver Metropolitan Club partnered with the Crime Prevention Section and the BC Crime Prevention Association and put on a fund raising dinner and dance at the Radisson Hotel. It was a very successful event and approx \$16,000 was raised. 25% of the fund will be coming to the Crime Prevention Section and will be utilized to translate Crime Prevention material into minority languages.

A new member Cst Powroznik was transferred to the section from Jasper. She will be job sharing with Cst MARTIN one of the two Cst positions in the section.

Several presentations were done this month. Of note presentations were made at three Community Centres. The presentations were on "How to Street Proof Your Child" for parents and "How to Keep Safe" for the children.

All three sessions were very well attended with approx. 200 adults and children participating at each session. The community Centres did an extremely good job of finding partners and advertizing the event.

Cst Martin is still struggling to get a Business Watch Program up and running. Some progress has been made this month and we are hopeful that we will get the tools needed in the New Year to start entering the businesses into a data base.

## South Arm Community Station

This month was highlighted by the ICBC Vancouver East Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This was a thank you for the South Arm CoPS Volunteers who were involved in the Speed Watch and Lock Out Auto Crime programs. It was greatly appreciated by the volunteers and the following volunteers were mentioned and presented with Certificates of Appreciation by ICBC:

Lock Out Auto Crime:  
Margaret ALLIN

Speed Watch:  
Roy BENNETT  
Stuart CARLYSLE-SMITH  
Jim LAVERY  
Desmond FOWLER  
Marshell DASS  
Jennifer SMITH  
Andy GARDINER

Tuesday Nov. 14th, Volunteer Training Night.

Guest speaker - Garrit Bilkes of the Bank of Canada gave a very informative talk on Canadian Currency and how to spot a phoney. The training was extremely well received by the volunteers. Good turnout.

Nov. 18th & Nov. 19th.

The Annual Christmas Craft Fair took place at South Arm Community Centre. This event attracts thousands of people to the centre every year. The volunteers from the station organized and set up a display table in the centre to promote our various OutReach programs and to provide materials and information to the citizenry of the South Arm.

Nov. 18th.

Training for New Volunteer applicants. A small group of new applicants for volunteering at the Community Police station participated in a one-day workshop which provides instruction and orientation to new volunteers. The workshop is run in cooperation with the Steveston COPS in bringing new volunteers on board.

**Speed Watch:**

The speed watch volunteers donated 79.5 hours to the program this month. During this month no specific requirements were requested for the teams by the RCMP. The speed watch set up in numerous areas throughout the South Arm Area, that are known hot spots. At the conference a particular mention was made by ICBC towards the dedication and effectiveness of the South Arm CoPS Speed Watch.

**Lock Out Auto Crime:**

There were three Lock Out Auto Crime Audits done in November. Two separate audits were conducted at the South Arm Community Centre and one done at the Broadmoor Shopping Centre. 7 hours was donated for these surveys and approximately 300 vehicles were checked.

**Volunteer Bike Patrol:**

The Bike Patrol managed 4 outings during the month, mainly during the day light hours. These led to high visibility patrols around the South Arm Area and especially around the Schools. Due to the inclement weather the Volunteer Bike Patrol activities were curtailed. A proposal is being forwarded to ICBC for further equipment, including the possibilities of the volunteers having use of their own radios. This will increase their effectiveness and increase their ability to work in conjunction with the Richmond Crime Watch.

**Home Security Checks:**

The Volunteers provided three visits to members of the community this month. Both Richmond Community papers ran advertising for the Home Security Checks, and there has been an increase in the calls for service, with more applications for visits awaiting coordination

**Total Volunteer Hours given for South Arm CoPS desk duties, 446 hours.**

**POPS Projects:**

There is starting to be an increase concerning the male with mental health problems. Another meeting is being set up with the Mental Health Services helping care for this male, and further actions will be completed to assist this male.

The other POPS projects have been maintained, and information is being correlated.

Members provided Red Serge Duty for the B.C. Crime Prevention Association fund-raiser, as well as for Remembrance Day. Participants from Big Sisters attended S.A. COPS for a tour and talk about policing. The 13-year-old is interested in becoming a police officer. Her "big sister" had arranged with Big Sisters and the Community Policing Section for them to come to South Arm for a tour.

Members also worked on a variety of complaints including assist general public, theft under/over, wilful damage, child abuse, lost and found property, handing over of weapons for destruction, suspicious persons/vehicles and assisting watch members.

**YVR Community Station**

**D**uring the month of November, 2000 Zone One Members attended to 292 calls for service on Sea Island. Vancouver International Airport Members responded to 15 pre-board screening alarms, 31 false alarms and conducted 59 checks for the US Foreign Inspection Service.

Members attended to a complaint alleging that unknown person(s) were flashing laser lights at departing aircraft from Flight Way Park. Members attended and made patrols, however, the perpetrators were gone on arrival. In response to this incident all Zone One Members were directed to attend Flight Way park every night shift and to identify all persons and vehicles located in same. The patrols are on-going.

Zone One Members in assistance to Richmond Fraud Section arrested three persons suspected of "Skimming" Credit card data at the Airport Improvement Fee booths.

Zone One Members provided crowd control during the return of the 2000 Grey Cup Champions, the BC Lions.

In November, as in previous months, a marked decrease in narcotic detection was noted.

November saw the appointment of S/Sgt. John A. BUIS to the Zone One Commanders Position. Staff BUIS is a twenty-four year veteran of the RCMP and comes to the Airport Commanders role with an extensive policing background. Staff BUIS previous to this appointment was a Watch Commander in Burnaby, BC.

In October the RCMP volunteers dedicated hundreds hours of their time serving the Airport Community.

Our volunteers responded to 1584 general enquiries of these a total of 20 files were generated, 13 of which a members attendance was required.

The following is a sampling of statistics that impact on Aviation Security and the Security of the Aerodrome in general for the month of November.

- 2 Assaults
- 3 Property Damage
- 8 Auto Thefts
- 2 Truck Theft
- 1 Disturb the Peace
- 26 Weapons Offenses
- 6 Aeronautics Act Offenses
- 15 Pre-Board Screening Alarms
- 31 False Alarms
- 39 Thefts
- 10 Theft from Motor Vehicle

## Steveston Community Station

For the month of November the Station handled 77 inquiries, of this total 55 were Detachment generated files and 22 Information (Bulk) files.

### COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Cst. Harrison is using a Problem Orientated Policing approach and has formed partnerships between the youth, his parent, a tutor and an employer. The youth in question has recently returned from a program especially designed for youths with social problems and it's to soon to tell if he has received any benefit from the program.

On the 24th of November a news release was made by the main detachment to Richmond residents concerning James Samuel WALLER, a documented pedophile who had expressed an interest in living within the Steveston Community area. The news release brought in a flood of calls from residents from the Steveston area who were expressing their outrage and concerns about Mr. WALLER wanting to move into their community. The calls were handled in a very professional manner by listening to their concerns about safety for their children and by setting their minds at ease. With Mr. WALLER walking free, people were genuinely concerned but with his recent arrest in Vancouver, the calls to the Steveston COPS office became less frequent.

### Crime Mapping:

At a recent meeting between the Station members, it was agreed that the mapping project would continue. This was a 6 month pilot project to map specific crimes occurring in the Steveston Station catchment area. November was to have been the cut off time for the project but it has proven successful thus far and with the new year approaching, an agreement was made to continue on with the project. The statics were gathered and mapped by the volunteers under the supervision of Cst. GILHOLME. The map was set up as a tool to be used for resource deployment, targeting areas of crime such as Mischief, Residential B&E's, Theft from Auto, Theft of Auto, Mischief to Auto and Noise Complaints.

### File Trends:

File numbers remain on par with the fall statistics.

### VOLUNTEERS:

With 52 active Volunteers, a total of 485 hours were completed for the month of November, 19 hours of that total were completed doing in Station tasks. Included in the 485 hour total were 38 hours of training for the newest of our Volunteers.

### PROGRAMS

#### Speed Watch:

In November Speed Watch completed 4 operations, logging a total of 16 hours in Volunteer time and clocking a total of approx. 1051 vehicles.

#### Business Watch:

Volunteer Jim Murray made preparations in November for a December Volunteer seminar concerning counterfeiting and credit card fraud. The quest speakers were to be Mr. Gerrit BILKES of the Bank of Canada and also Cst. Karen BEST of the Richmond Detachment Fraud Section.

### ACTIVITIES

The Station was closed for Remembrance Day. Members of the Station commemorated the event by turning out in Red Surge at the ceremony held at the cenotaph at Richmond City Hall.

On the 18th of November, Cst. GILHOLME hosted the New Volunteer Training session which saw a total of 17 new Volunteers attend the session which lasted 6 ½ hours. This training time was to give the new Volunteers a better understanding of the role of the Community Police Station and the duties of the Volunteers within the community

With the summer holidays over and the return of school, November seemed to the month for Pre-school tours. On the 24th of November Cst. COLVILLE hosted three Pre-school tours of the Station of children ranging in ages of 3 to 5 years of age. Another three tours of Pre-school toddlers were also hosted by the other members of the Station.

**Marijuana Grow Operations - Richmond Statistics**

	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Unfounded</u>	<u>Charged</u>	<u>Cleared Oth</u>
Oct 2000	28	1	8	2
YTD			63	22

Drugs' active backlog of SUI files stands at just over 100 grow-ops.

**Background Info:**

A recent review of 278 grow op files between 1997 and June 2000 was done. In the first six months of 2000, we uncovered more grow ops (64) than in all of 1999. And there were another 54 reports of grow ops that were untouched.

90% of grow op tips are genuine grow ops. The projected number of tips for 2000 is 254. That's up from 69 reported in 1999!

The seizures have varied from zero to 2,800 plants per grow op, with the average over 200 plants...a fairly large average grow. Grow Ops with more than 200 plants were higher in 2000 than in any previous year, which also means grow ops are getting bigger. Theft of hydro at these grow ops was more than double 1999. 4 1/2% of grow ops were discovered because of a fire, which is a significant public safety concern. 7% of grow ops have children living in the residence.

**Crime Stats**

**Comparison of Selected Crime Statistics Year To Date**

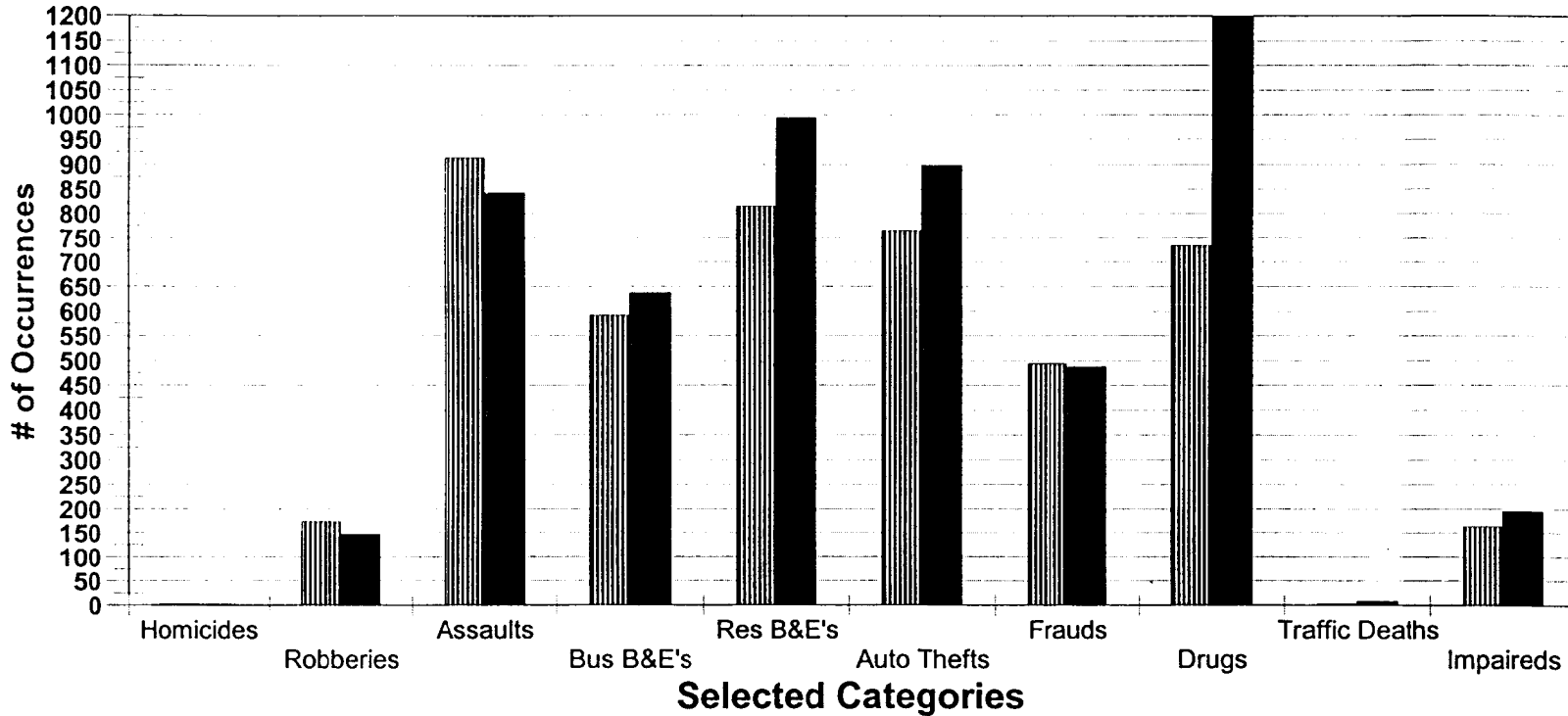
<u>Activity</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Traffic Accidents	5106	4567	- 11%
Fatal Accidents	3	9	+ 200%
Homicides/Att. Hom.	3	2	- 33%
Robberies	174	147	- 16%
Assaults	914	844	- 8%
Break & Enters			
(Bus.)	592	638	+ 8%
(Res.)	816	994	+ 22%
Auto Thefts	765	898	+ 17%
Thefts	4977	5134	+ 3%
Frauds	494	487	- 1%
Drugs	734	1516	+ 107%
Traffic Tickets	28244	23378	- 17%
Impaireds	163	195	+ 20%

Sincerely,



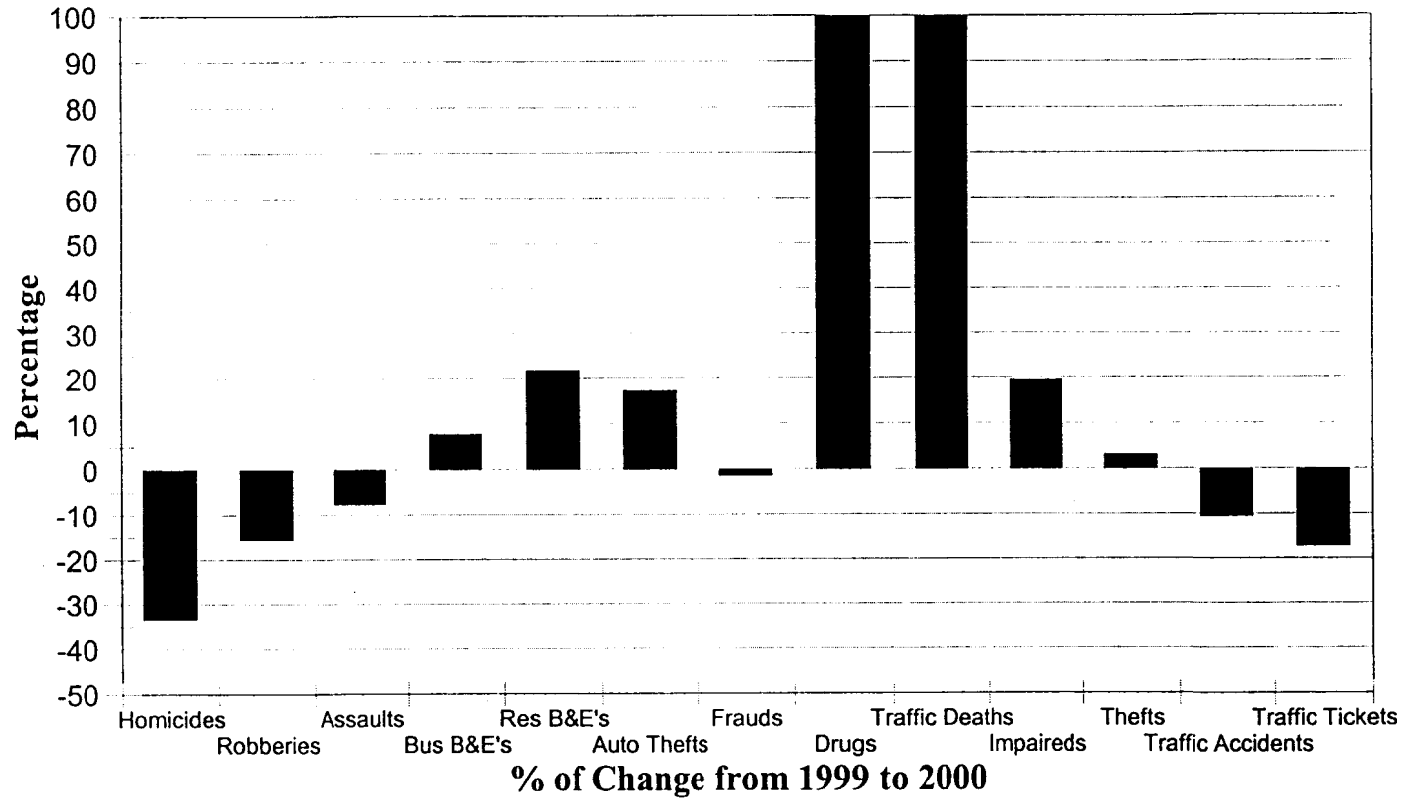
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Officer In Charge,  
Richmond Detachment.

### Year to Date Comparison of Statistics January to November 1999 & 2000



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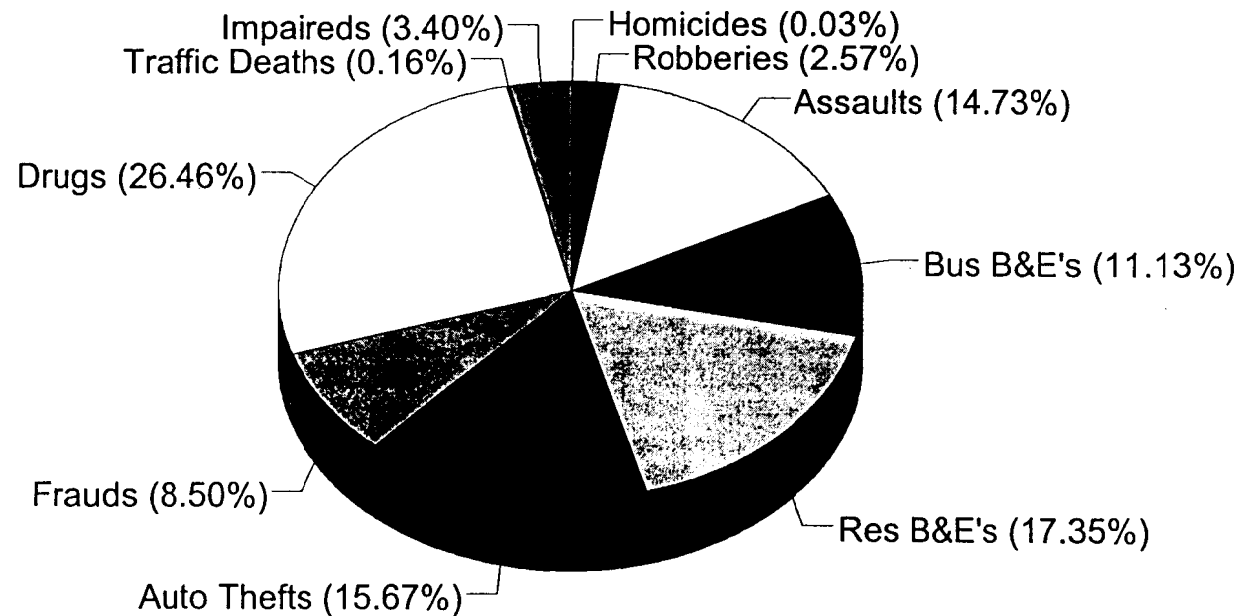
### Selected Crime Statistics Year to Date for January to November



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## YTD % of Selected Crime Categories



Year To Date Percentage of Crime Type in Relation to the Total Crime Reported for the Selected Crime Types based on the data collected to the end of the month noted in this Monthly Report to Council.