



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: Community Services Committee

DATE: November 30, 2000

FROM: Jim Bruce
General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

FILE: 5375-02

RE: RCMP Monthly Report – September 2000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the RCMP Monthly Report for the month of September 2000 be received for information.

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Jim Bruce
General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services

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Monthly Police Report



September 2000

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Richmond Detachment - September Report

Monthly File Count

For the month of September, Detachment personnel generated 9,139 police records.

General Duty Summary

General Duty members attended to a variety of service calls during September, the following occurrences represent some of the types of calls dealt with by our response personnel.

Watch members had to deal with suicidal male who had a knife held to his stomach. He was accused in a domestic violence case which was before courts. After a three hour standoff with negotiators the taser gun, owned by Delta PD, was used to immobilize the man. The suspect was taken to Richmond Hospital and then to court. He was sent for a 30 day psychiatric remand.

Watch members attended a residence in Richmond in response to a man laying on the floor in a pool of blood. Subject had been murdered and the scene was secured. Members eventually turned this file over to GIS.

A call was received that 10 Asian males were taking down a grow-op on Montana Dr. Previous to this call a bulletin had been broadcast by Richmond Drug Section that there was a van from Alberta with 4 armed Vietnamese males possibly in the area to collect marihuana from different grow-ops in Richmond. Because of this, Drug Section was called and the operation involved taking down 3 separate vehicles away from the house, obtaining a search warrant and eventually searching the house. 23 plants and grow-op equipment seized and 2 males charged. This incident was not related to bulletin referred to above.

A vehicle was checked on Granville Ave. as it was driving around the area with its lights off. The subsequent check revealed the car to be stolen, plates stolen and the suspect was in possession of house-breaking tools. The suspect had an extensive criminal record so this arrest undoubtedly saved many B&E investigations in the Richmond area.

Watch members responded to a report of a robbery which had just occurred at LE SWISS in the Richmond Centre Mall. A single male suspect had gone into the washroom nearby, put on a mask and then went into the store where he used a hammer to break a number of display cases, taking a number of Rolex

watches. He then threw an orange smoke flare into the store, sprayed the area with pepper spray and ran out. He had been carrying a silver hand gun. No arrests have been made.

Watch members were doing a check of one of the local massage parlors and found a nude female giving a massage to a client. The client had come in at 3am, well after business hours, another room was locked and had to be forced, the owner was present and uncooperative - bylaw charges to be laid.

Watch members responded to a Robbery at the Subway on Bridgeport at 2am. The lone male suspect was armed with a garden trowel and got \$30 to \$40 in change. He left on foot and was tracked to a nearby parking lot where he apparently got into a vehicle and left.

Watch members responded to a reported Break & Enter in progress at a residence. The members were met by a tenant who claimed he had forgotten his keys and had to break a window to get in. There was damage to both the front and back doors and the smell of a huge amount of pepper spray in the air. The members, being extremely suspicious of the explanation given by the tenant entered the residence, and found a marihuana grow operation. Subsequent investigation revealed that 3 males had attempted to break into the residence to steal the marihuana and were repelled by the tenant with pepper spray. One of the suspects fired a 9mm at the tenant causing a minor wound in the arm. The tenant was very uncooperative during the investigation.

Drug Squad

During the month of September the section was committed to almost three weeks of court testimony on three separate trials. Two of the trials were major investigations both lasting a week each. Numerous investigations for marihuana grow-ops and cocaine/heroin trafficking are ongoing but, due to the court commitments for this month, the section was able to execute only one search warrant for a marihuana grow house. It is anticipated that the section will be quite busy with court commitments over the next several months due to the high number of charges involving grow operations this year.

B&E Squad

TERRA NOVA
The Bike Squad has recently begun a special project in response to residents' concerns about unruly youths in the Terra Nova area during the weekend evenings. The youths' activities include driving on park property, consuming liquor and drugs, and generating a lot of noise. The Bike Squad intends to blitz the area during the evening of the weekends and "flush" out the problem by exercising a zero tolerance campaign, moving the kids out of the area and issuing violation tickets to discourage them from coming back.

SCHOOL ZONE ENFORCEMENT

September heralds the beginning of the new school year. With this in mind, and recognizing that school zone speeders are a continuing concern for parents, teachers and students, the bike squad has begun speed enforcement on Cook Rd at Cook Elementary School. In order to address this concern more effectively, all members of the bike squad have completed the laser speed calculator course. This tool provides the bike members with a more accurate means of enforcing speed limits.

COURSES

In addition to the laser speed calculator course, the bike squad has also completed both the Emergency Vehicle Operators course and the "Alcosensor" roadside screening device course, qualifying as certified operators.

OTHER DUTIES

In the month of September, the bike squad independently investigated 37 files, assisted other sections in 10 files, conducted 3 traffic operations, and issued 90 traffic violations.

COMMUNITY RESPONSES

Teachers at Station Stretch School recently commented on the bike squad's presence, noting that their "no-nonsense" image has made a noticeable impression on the students. Other feedback has come from members of the public who have taken the time to let the squad know that their high visibility in the busy city center has made them feel confident that the police are indeed present, and near at hand if needed.

PARTNERSHIPS

The bike squad continues to build partnerships with the businesses and residents of the central district of Richmond. Frequent street level contact has bred familiarity with numerous businesses who subsequently feel comfortable sharing their concerns with the squad, including the seasonal Night Market, Garage Pub, Havana Club, Goose Loonies, The Foggy Dew, and the Union Square complex.

Traffic Section

The Traffic Section continues to be very busy with various enforcement activities for the month of September. The Traffic Section attended numerous schools for the kick off of the new school year, this was aided with advanced media releases.

Enhanced Counter Attack and Corridor enforcement is progressing well which aid in the selection of additional sites for intersection cameras. Three additional sites have been approved by council; No.4Rd. and Cambie, No.4Rd. and Alderbridge, No.3Rd. and Francis.

Counter Attack had 18,061 vehicles checked with two impaired driving charges, twenty-five 24 hour suspensions, 251 provincial charges, 475 warnings, four drug charges and twelve vehicles impounded for prohibited drivers. Counter attack still proves to be an effective deterrent.

South Arm Speed Watch monitored 4411 vehicle putting in 44 volunteer hours, this group is very well received by the public. They continue to have huge impact on awareness and education to the public.

Police Service Dog Section

Files of interest for the month of September

Domestic dispute involving a violent male who was pointing a firearm at members on scene. Suspect male threw firearm into bushes. PSD "Casey" conducted a search of the area and located the gun, which turned out to be a toy gun. Police managed to end the domestic dispute peacefully. Charges were laid.

General duty members conduct routine traffic stop on a vehicle, computer queries reveal the vehicle was stolen. The male youths (3) fled in the stolen vehicle and a short pursuit ensued. Youths abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene. PSD "Casey" tracked and apprehended all three youths with out incident. Charges were laid.

Break and enter to a home. PSD "Casey" was deployed at the residence and immediately established a track. Along the track various items of evidence and stolen property were located, such as, pearl necklace, music cd's, liquor, wedding photo album, cheque books. The track ended at a busy main intersection and the suspect was not located.

During baggage checks at VIA PSD "Casey" indicated a package containing various grow operation paraphernalia.

General Duty member requested PSD team attend and search a vehicle. PSD "Casey" indicated a coffee grinder containing narcotic residue.

Ident Section

The Forensic Identification Section (FIS) has been very busy over the last six months with a number of changes occurring.

Sgt. Craig Kirkpatrick was transferred to Chilliwack on May 3rd. Cpl. Dan Burkinshaw was promoted to Sgt. i/c FIS. Cst. Franci DuPerron arrived at the section May 25th to start her understudy apprentice program, by June 2nd she had made her first criminal identification with fingerprints located on a paint can left at a scene. Cpl. Bryan McLean arrived from Burnaby FIS on Jul 3rd. Sgt. Burkinshaw traveled to Gainesville Florida to give evidence at the trial of two suspects in an international drug conspiracy. These accused were found guilty but have not as yet been sentenced. In early June Cst. DuPerron attended an evaluation and introduction to "EFIT", a computer assisted suspects sketch program, which included a full day of training on cognitive interviewing.

The Forensic Identification Section (FIS) has conducted 660 investigations over the last six months, an increase of 121 investigations over the same period last year. Marijuana grow operations continue to contribute significantly to this section's work load. There were three times the number of Grow Operation investigations over the same period of time last year.

Susan Highton has prepared photograph line-ups on 81 investigations, obtaining a total of 21 identifications.

New equipment that will keep us current with updated technology, assist and expedite the collection and distribution of information includes a MCS-400 mini-crime scope alternate forensic light source, a photographic negative scanner, AVIO digital video editor and a Nikon digital camera.

Victim Services

September was a fairly 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	- 56
Total No. of Ongoing Cases	- 182
Total No. Services Delivered	- 629
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Contributed	- 120.5 hours
Total No. Of cases awaiting court	- 135

Meetings, Conferences and Community Liaison

Program Coordinator, Scott Vallance, attended a meeting of the Justice Subcommittee of the "Stopping the Violence Committee." Issues for discussion included parents being victimized by their teens and the lack of resources available to them. This is a topic some would reason should be addressed by child serving organizations, but when one looks deeper into the problem the majority of victims are single females and the

violence patterns/dynamics (be the suspect male or female), are exactly the same as those of domestic violence. Historically, even when the "system" has intervened in these situations, the success rate has not been too high due to poor coordination of service. The committee is attempting to figure out how we can serve these persons better.

Scott, as well as program staff, Wendy Milford and Glenna Christensen, attended a workshop on improving customer service, as per the guidelines established by the corporate strategy of the City of Richmond.

Youth Intervention Program

September was a busy month for the Youth Intervention Program, as school reconvened and youths exhibiting problem behaviour became more apparent to teachers and SLOs. Violence and the threat of violence in the schools remains a concern, and a high priority in terms of developing strategies and policies for assessing these situations. Program staff attended two workshops presented by the FBI Behavioural Sciences Unit related to school shootings. A lengthy Monograph was subsequently obtained which outlined methods for assessing threats and the youth who make such threats in the school.

This published research was the result of an extensive investigation and two-day conference which brought together both individuals, staff and other professionals who had been involved directly in any way with 18 school shootings in the U.S. This publication has provided some excellent insight into the risk factors when assessing such threats.

On a more positive topic, our program has once again been offered the opportunity to send five young people who are disadvantaged on a one day trip to Disneyland through the Dreams Take Flight program sponsored by Air Canada. The children we are sending are from families in which the means does not exist to take or send the children on any holiday let alone to Disneyland. Last year's trip was an incredible experience (one program staff member has to accompany the children), and I am certain this year will be just as amazing for the children we are sponsoring.

South Arm Community Station

South Arm welcomed Cst. Lisa McMullin to our community policing office during September. In Cst. McMullin's background, there has been some previous experience in community policing in Alberta.

Several of the Detachment's new cadet arrivals also spent time at the stations as part of their training rotations. This allows cadets to familiarize themselves with the station, and provides hands on experience to what community policing in Richmond is all about.

Speed Watch:

Speed watch volunteers were busy again in September. With school beginning again, the volunteers spent part of their time setting up in school zones, as a visual reminder to drivers to be aware of school zones, and their speed driving through them. Speed Watch volunteers spent a total of 59 1/4 hours working this month.

Home Security Checks:

There were three requests from the public for home security volunteers to visit their homes, this September.

Lock Out Auto Crime:

Our lock out auto crime volunteers got out once this month, and checked a total of 174 vehicles.

Subpoena/Summons:

A total of 11 subpoenas and summons were served within the South Arm area.

Other Activities:

On September 12th the monthly volunteer training session resumed after the summer break. The session was held at the Steveston Community Centre, and was well attended by each stations volunteers. The volunteers were extremely receptive to the main guest presenter Cpl. Rick Chaulk, of our police dog service, and his partner, Jake. After learning about the police dog service, a number of the volunteers have decided to organize a fund raising campaign in order to buy bullet proof vests for Richmond Detachment's police dogs.

South Arm Station was once again invited to be a part of the South Arm Community Church display. The event took place on September 16th, with members and volunteers taking part. The station set up a display which included a police car, Speed Watch equipment, and plenty of handouts, and information. In an active demonstration of one of the stations programs, Lock Out Auto Crime volunteers patrolled the parking lots, and provided information to car owners on preventing thefts from autos.

Members have also been busy with preparations for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which will take place on October 21st.

Total volunteer hours this September for South Arm was 382 hours.

Members also continue to work on a variety of investigations. They included, MVA, theft under, found property, suspicious occurrences, suspicious vehicles, neighbourhood disputes, assist general public, assisting the watches, and dealing with a problematic person with mental health issues. The POPS project working with the Mental Health Community also continues, along with a project involving noise complaints around South Arm Park.

YVR Community Station

During the month of September Zone 1 members attended 412 calls for service on Sea Island.

At Vancouver International Airport Members responded to 24 pre-board screening alarms, 56 false alarms and conducted 94 checks for the US Foreign Inspection Service.

Store Front VIA

Again in September the RCMP volunteers dedicated hundreds of hours of their time serving the Airport Community. Our volunteers responded to 1903 general enquiries of these a total of 18 files were generated, 6 of which a Members attendance was required.

Training

Cpl. Fortin is currently coordinating a training session with Health Canada to have members trained in Quarantine Act procedures and safety.

Cst. Sutherland is coordinating a Bike course which is to take place from October 30 to November 3, 2000

Cst. Ogurian is coordinating a Hand Search Course expected to take place on October 22,23, and 24.

Cst. Hunwicks is coordinating the October Bomb Protocol Training.

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 August.

- 1 Assault
- 10 Property Damage
- 10 Auto Thefts
- 1 Truck Theft
- 16 Theft from vehicles.
- 45 Weapons Offenses
- 8 Aeronautics Act Offenses
- 24 Pre-Board Screening Alarms
- 56 False Alarms
- 37 Thefts
- 9 Shoplifting

Block Watch

Atended 12 Block Parties the largest gathering was at the "Oaks" where the Block Watch participation has grown 75% since last year, there were 340 in attendance. Facilitated a workshop at the BC Crime Prevention Symposium in Surrey as well as the AGM of the Block Watch Society as Lyn Scott is the Treasurer of this Board.

Four information talks in the community and one Captains and Co-Captains training at City Hall. Cst Au from Fraud and Jo-Ann Shannon were our presenters - we added 28 new Captains to our program..

Crime Trends

The following is a synopsis of Crime Trend information provided by the Police Services Division of British Columbia's Ministry of the Attorney General.

In the second quarter of 2000, there was a 3% decline in the number of reported offences in B.C. More crimes are reported in the summer months than during the rest of the year. As a result, the number of crimes reported peaks in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of each year.

Criminal Code offences are divided into three major categories: crimes against persons (or violent crimes), crimes against property and other crimes.

Violent crimes include homicide, attempted murder, sexual offences, assault, robbery and abduction. In 1999, there was a 4% drop in violent crimes reported compared to 1998. Similarly, there was a 5% decrease in the violent crime rate.

Property offences include motor vehicle theft, break and enter, fraud, theft and have stolen goods. In 1999, there was a 5% drop in property crimes reported. The property crime rate declined by 6% compared to 1998.

Other crimes is comprised of those Criminal Code offences which do not fall into the violent or property offence classifications. The number of other crimes declined by 2% during 1999 compared to 1998.

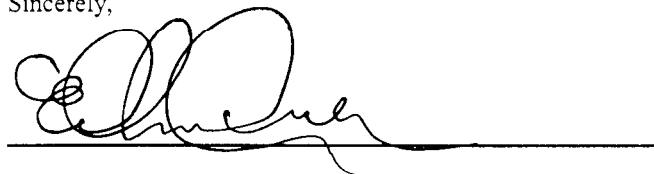
Although this is a provincial trend, the data for the City of Richmond indicates that the crime rate is rising based on the statistics for the first two quarters of the year 2000.

Crime Stats

Comparison of Selected Crime Statistics Year To Date

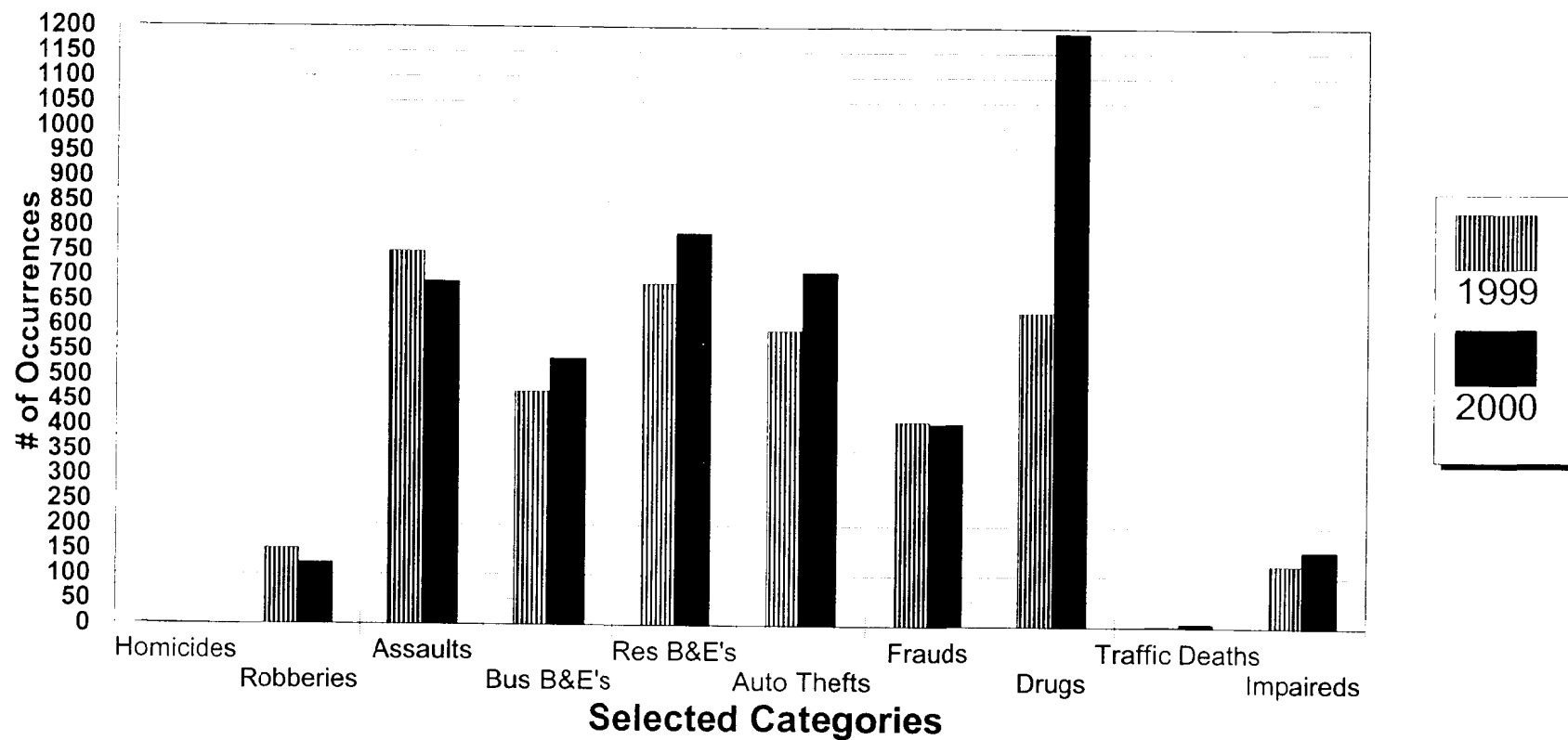
<u>Activity</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Traffic Accidents	4144	3726	- 10%
Fatal Accidents	2	8	300%
Homicides/Att. Hom.	2	1	-50%
Robberies	151	123	- 19%
Assaults	750	690	- 8%
Break & Enters			
(Bus.)	468	535	+ 14%
(Res.)	686	788	+ 15%
Auto Thefts	592	710	+ 20%
Thefts	4013	4163	+ 4%
Frauds	410	407	- 1%
Drugs	630	1190	+ 89%
Traffic Tickets	21599	17810	- 18%
Impaireds	124	153	+ 23%

Sincerely,

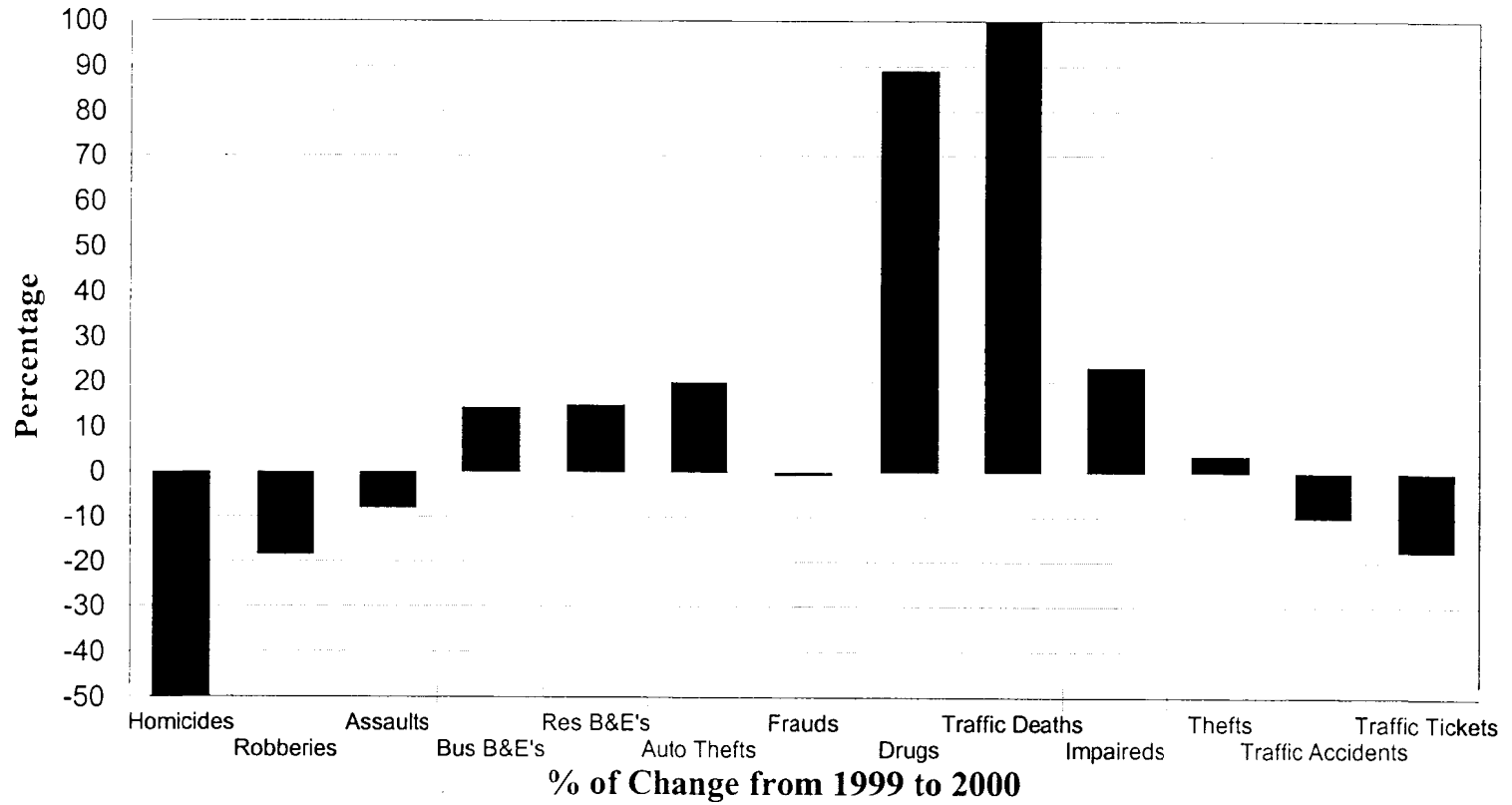


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Officer In Charge,
Richmond Detachment.

Year to Date Comparison of Statistics January to September 1999 & 2000

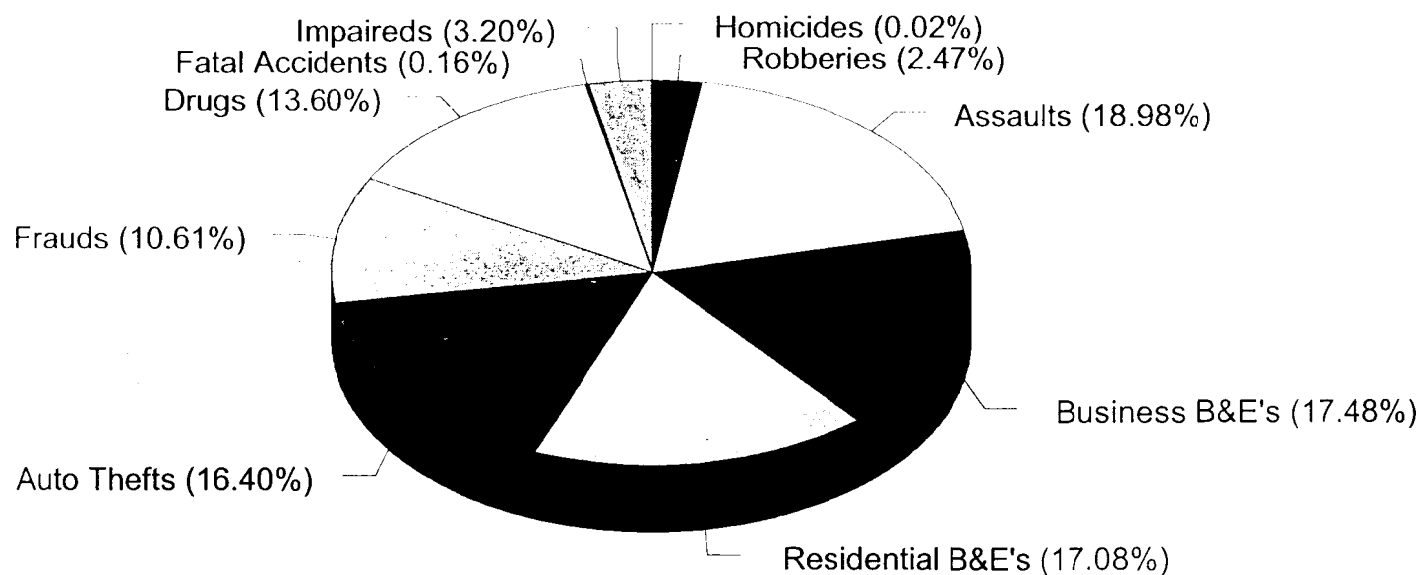


Selected Crime Statistics Year to Date for January to September



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.