



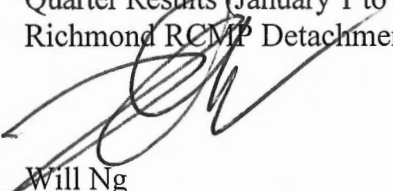
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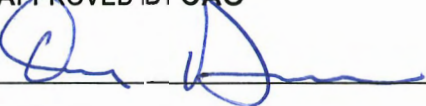
Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
Date: May 17, 2018
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Re: 2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Fourth Quarter Results (January 1 to March 31, 2018)

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Fourth Quarter Results (January 1 to March 31, 2018)", dated May 17, 2018 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.


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Staff Report

Origin

On April 11, 2017, Richmond City Council adopted the priorities listed in the report “2017–2018 RCMP Richmond Detachment Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities”, dated March 6, 2017.

The priorities selected were:

1. Property Crime
2. Organized Crime – Drug Offences
3. Vulnerable Persons Unit (Mental Health, High Risk Missing Persons, Domestic Violence)

This report supports Council’s 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

1.2. Program and service enhancements that improve community safety services in the City.

1.3. Improved perception of Richmond as a safe community.

1.4. Effective interagency relationships and partnerships.

Analysis

Community Priority 1: Property Crime

Objective

- i. A two per cent reduction in total property crimes from the last five years’ average totals.¹

Actions

Throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year, Richmond Detachment employed various strategies to target property crime offenders. In the fourth quarter these efforts included the deployment of bait cars and bait bikes, patrols of crime hot spots and collaborations with partner agencies. One of the primary continuous efforts involves the use of evidence and intelligence-based offender management. The integrated use of these strategies has contributed to the significant arrests of prolific and priority offenders. In total, three priority offenders and two prolific offenders were arrested this quarter.

¹ Five year average of 7,946- Revised from the 2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Community Priorities, dated March 6, 2017, which was based on projections for the last quarter of 2016-2017.

In January 2018, police officers from Richmond Detachment's Prolific Offender Suppression Team, with assistance from General Duty police officers, coordinated a vehicle stop of a well-known prolific offender. The offender was arrested for driving while prohibited. Moreover, the individual's vehicle was towed and impounded for seven days.

In February 2018, a female suspect was observed exiting a building after a mail theft incident had occurred. RCMP officers searched the area and the Integrated Police Dog Services deployed a police dog to assist in locating the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple offences, including theft of mail and break and enter. This individual was the primary suspect in a series of mail thefts in Richmond and this arrest contributed to a reduction in the number of commercial break and enters for the month of February. This offender was also a suspect in other jurisdictions for the same crime types.

The arrest of another prolific offender occurred after the activation of a bait car. Police located the suspect shortly after the bait car was stolen and the vehicle was stopped. A female passenger was also arrested on an outstanding warrant. It was later determined that the male had also breached two of his probation conditions during the course of the vehicle theft.

On March 14 and 15, 2018, RCMP officers from the Crime Reduction Unit partnered with local Loss Prevention Officers to target crime at multiple retail locations in central Richmond.² Twenty-six suspects were arrested over a two day period, including an arrest which occurred as a result of a bait bike activation. Other arrests were for outstanding warrants, theft, commission of fraud and breach of undertaking.

Volunteer engagement is another important component of the Detachment's crime reduction strategy. This quarter there were nine volunteer bike patrol deployments and 115 volunteer foot/van patrol deployments, resulting in 1,110 volunteer patrol hours for suspicious activities. In a joint partnership with ICBC, volunteers were also deployed to distribute Lock Out Auto Crime prevention notices. A total of 10,319 notices were issued during this quarter.

² Crime Reduction Unit includes Property Crime Unit, Prolific Offender Suppression Team and Bike Squad.

Results

The following table outlines the total property crime files for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018:

Quarter	Date Range	Total Property Crime Files 2016-2017	Total Property Crime Files 2017-2018	Quarterly Goal 2017-2018 ³
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	2,057	1,868	1,947
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	1,944	1,766	1,946
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	1,839	1,982	1,949
4	Jan. 1 – Mar.31	2,163	1,993	1,945
Total		8,003	7,609	7,787

Source: PRIME Statistics April 6, 2018

The Detachment achieved notable success targeting the objective of reducing property crime. The total number of property crime files decreased by four per cent compared to the five year average. Year over year, the decline was even more considerable, marking a five per cent reduction from the 2016-2017 year.

In addition, certain crime types saw even more substantial decreases. For example, compared to the previous fiscal year's totals, mail theft declined by 46 per cent, commercial break and enters declined by 14 per cent and theft of auto declined by 13 per cent. Offender management was a key factor in this success as many reductions in property crime were as a result of prolific offenders brought to custody for extended periods of time. The Detachment plans to build on these successes through the continuous implementation of a robust crime reduction strategy.

Community Priority 2: Organized Crime – Drug Offences

Objectives

This priority has two targets:

- i. A five per cent increase in total drug offences from the last five years' average.⁴
- ii. Deliver DARE to every fifth grade class in the Richmond School District.

Actions

This quarter, 676 students in 18 classes across 17 Richmond schools graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE). Police officers from the Youth Section, including the program facilitator, attended these graduations.

Another initiative, which promotes the reduction of youth in conflict with the law, is the Youth Intervention Program (YIP). This program prevents and reduces incidents of crime involving

³ The target for the 2017-2018 fiscal year of 7,797 has been divided into quarters in order to facilitate progress updates.

⁴ Five year average of 747- Revised from the 2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Community Priorities, dated March 6, 2017, which was based on projections for the last quarter of 2016-2017.

youth through intervention and Richmond School District partnerships. In this quarter there were 28 YIP referrals, of which six involved drug counselling issues.

During this quarter, eight proactive uniform gang patrols were conducted by the Organized Crime Unit (OCU). Patrols resulted in 107 commercial business checks of various bars, restaurants and the casino, as well as street checks of individuals identified in the current Lower Mainland gang conflict. The primary objective of these checks is to display a consistent police presence and to deter gangs/violence.

As part of this priority, illegal drinking establishments continue to be addressed. Three illegal drinking establishments were disrupted and shut down during this quarter. The Detachment's commitment to the prevention of this illegal activity is rooted in public safety concerns such as gambling, fire hazards, overcrowding, congregation of the criminal element, unlicensed liquor service and impaired drivers leaving these premises.

The dangers of fentanyl have been highlighted in the last couple of years, including its contribution to exponential increases in illicit drug overdose deaths across the Lower Mainland. This quarter, a provincially funded project which targeted fentanyl and gang-related drug trafficking was concluded by Richmond's Organized Crime Unit (OCU). The investigation resulted in charges against three suspects for drug trafficking cocaine, heroin and fentanyl. In a separate investigation, Richmond Detachment's OCU arrested a known gang associate for drug trafficking.

Results

The following table outlines the total drug offences for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018:

Quarter	Date Range	Total Drug Offences 2016-2017	Total Drug Offences 2017-2018	Quarterly Goal 2017-2018 ⁵
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	262	218	196
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	207	168	196
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	163	148	196
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	189	134	196
Total		821	668	784

Source: PRIME Statistics April 6, 2018

The number of drug offences in the 2017-2018 fiscal year declined by nine per cent from the previous year. Compared to the five year average, the number of drug offences this fiscal year declined by 11 per cent. This could be largely attributed to a 24 per cent decrease in drug offences in Zone 1 (Sea Island). A more formal analysis would be required to determine the cause of this decrease.

⁵ The target for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has been divided into quarters in order to facilitate progress updates.

While the objective of increasing the number of drug offences was not realized, the Detachment continues to promote increased enforcement measures and offered additional drug related training to General Duty police officers.

Community Priority 3: Vulnerable Persons Unit (Mental Health, High Risk Missing Persons, Domestic Violence)

Objectives

This priority has two targets:

- i. A five per cent reduction in mental health related calls for service.⁶
- ii. A 10 per cent reduction in mental health related high volume individuals.⁷

Actions

The introduction of Vancouver Coastal Health's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team during the previous quarter has helped to supplement the capacity of the Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU). Richmond Detachment played an active role in collaborating services for vulnerable clients. During the fourth quarter of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, ACT received several clients who are high risk and high users of emergency services.

Community partnerships play a prominent role in addressing the issue of vulnerable clients in Richmond. A recent police file involved a victim of domestic violence, who also faced mental health challenges, addiction issues and homelessness. Through intervention provided by the VPU, and the victim's family, the victim was directed to mental health and addiction services provided through VCH. This connection involved assistance from Atira, which is a local not-for-profit organization that provides support and housing for female victims of violence.

The VPU has taken steps to identify more accurate processes to capture the volume of mental health-related calls for service for the purpose of accurately capturing statistics. A high volume client generated upwards of 100 files last year as a result of mental health related calls for service. Many of the files generated by this individual were due to a medical condition affecting her memory. More appropriately identifying these types of files will result in a more accurate representation of mental health related incidents for the future.

⁶ Using 2016-2017 as the baseline year. Revised from the 2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Community Priorities, dated March 6, 2017, which was based on projections for the last quarter of 2016-2017.

⁷ Individuals with three or more negative role codes in mental health-related calls. 58 individuals were used as the baseline for the 2017-2018 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Community Priorities, dated March 6, 2017. Based on the updated statistic of 67 individuals, the target was revised to seven.

Results

The following table outlines the total mental health related calls for service for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018:

Quarter	Date Range	Mental Health Related Calls 2016-2017 ⁸	Mental Health Related Calls 2017-2018	Quarterly Goal 2017-2018 ⁹
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	354	370	330
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	313	356	329
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	396	360	330
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	365	329	329
Total		1,428	1,415	1,318

Source: PRIME Statistics April 6, 2018

The number of mental health related calls for service in the 2017-2018 fiscal year decreased by one per cent from the previous year's total. While the Detachment did not meet the target of reducing the number of mental health-related calls for service by five per cent, the decline experienced in the 2017-2018 fiscal year indicates a positive trend. This is significant as the Detachment provided training sessions and audits throughout the year which were designed to help members recognize mental health related files. Therefore better training has led to a better representation of calls for service.

The Detachment was successful in reaching the second objective by reducing the number of high volume clients. Out of the 67 individuals who had been identified as high volume clients, 31 did not generate any calls for service in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This indicates that 46 per cent of individuals who had generated four or more calls for service last year did not have a single file in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Financial Impact

None.

⁸ In order to take into consideration file reviews and quality assurance audits, this number was recently revised based on current PRIME data. This number is a more accurate representation of the mental health-related files generated in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

⁹ The target for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has been divided into quarters in order to facilitate progress updates.

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment implemented various initiatives to support the community priorities and objectives established in the 2017-2018 Annual Performance Plan. The Detachment experienced significant success in achieving most of these targets. Where targets were not met, analysis was conducted to develop future strategic policing initiatives, which will be implemented in the 2018-2019 Annual Performance Plan. The Richmond RCMP continues to support the City of Richmond's public safety strategy using evidence-led approaches to target criminality, offender management and crime prevention.



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