



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

TO Community Safety - NOV 10, 2009

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel
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Date: October 27, 2009
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for October 2009

Staff Recommendation

That the RCMP's Monthly Activity Report be received for information.

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for Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
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Staff Report

Origin

The Officer In Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment acknowledges and supports that the City of Richmond should be kept informed on matters pertaining to policing in the community and has developed a framework to provide regular reporting cycles.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for September 2009.

Noteworthy Files:

Male Claiming Attack in Mexico

The Richmond RCMP have advised the media and the public that the initial details regarding the male attacked in Mexico are not as they seem. A 20 year old male called his family from Mexico and stated he was kidnapped, forced to fight, shot in the shoulder, and dumped in the water where he was attacked by crocodiles. In speaking with the Mexican authorities, it was determined the male was attempting to use the lagoon as a urinal. The lagoon clearly marked in English and Spanish signs warns the public about the crocodile infested waters. The male received bite marks which possibly led him to fall and receive further injuries. The male was taken to hospital where he received basic first aid and refused further treatment. RCMP advised the public of a more truthful depiction of events as these kinds of false accusations can be detrimental to a country such as Mexico that thrive on tourism.

Siba Jewellers Robbery

The Richmond RCMP General Duty Members and Serious Crime Unit are currently investigating an armed robbery that occurred at Siba Jewellers just before 1030 in the morning on October 6th. Three suspects entered the store armed with firearms and dressed as construction workers. The suspects fled with an undisclosed amount of high end watches. Siba Jewellers was also the victim of a robbery that occurred on July 2, 2009. Investigators feel the suspects from this robbery and the one committed on October 6th are the same.

Purse Snatcher

On October 5th, 2009 Richmond RCMP received a call of a purse snatching that occurred in the 5900 block of #3 Road. A 36 year old woman had her purse taken. The description of the male matches that of the suspect who pushed a 70 year old woman on the ground and took her purse on September 28, 2009. This purse snatching also occurred in the 5900 block of #3 Road. Surveillance video has been pulled and photos of the suspect are attached to the media release on the City of Richmond RCMP News Releases website.

Traffic Section:

Richmond RCMP Traffic section was involved in numerous projects during the month of August including joint operations with the CN Police focusing on train crossing infractions.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Jul	Aug	Sep
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1742	1618	1484
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	699	541	520
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	88	59	81
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	35	37	25
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	6	0	1

Community Policing Section**Auxiliary Constables:**

Troop IV 2009 has started its training and are in their fourth week. They are slated to graduate December 2009. This brings the total up to 52 (33 trained and 19 in training). This will fulfill the RCMP's commitment to having a new troop trained prior to the 2010 Olympics.

Back To School:

As in the past, all Richmond Community Elementary Schools have been assigned an Adopt-A-School Member. These members are from General Duty or Youth Section. The members go to their assigned schools and visit with the students, speak to classes on chosen topics and do traffic enforcement. They liaise with the school on a proactive basis at least four times a month.

Crime Prevention Team:**Criminal Activity Maps:**

The Crime Prevention Team has recently enhanced their Criminal Activity Maps. After researching what other police agencies are posting on their web pages a request was presented to the City for funding to purchase the rights to use a locally designed software package. This software would show a pinpoint map with the hundred block location of the criminal activity on a map. The added feature of the pinpoint map (with clickable connections to crime prevention techniques) will benefit Richmond citizens by giving them a visual and in helping to protect themselves and their property.

Dare Program:

The Dare Program is being delivered to every grade 5 student both at public and private schools. It is a pillar of the RCMP's pro-active work with youth in this City. It is a 10 week program delivered by police officers in the Youth Section. The students are taught a decision making process and other strategic information that they can make healthy decisions in the future. The RCMP is teaching Dare in 27 classrooms this term. Every high school has an assigned Youth Section member.

We continue to participate in supporting parents and this community by building protective factors for our children through the Dare program. Although the Dare program is only one of the many ways we contribute to building a safe and healthy community it is the foundation of our Community Prevention Education Continuum.

Victim Services Unit:

The Victim Services Unit has been exceptionally busy and have now exceeded their total file count for the last year with just under 4 months left in this year.

Youth Intervention Program:

The Youth Intervention Program and Restorative Justice have been busy with a number of referrals from General Duty and ongoing clients. Restorative Justice referrals are steady and all files suitable for Restorative Justice are being referred and reviewed prior to going over to Touchstone Family Services.

Crime Statistics:

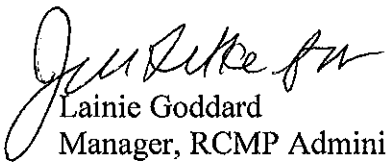
August 2009 – see attachment "A"

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Officer In Charge, Richmond Detachment has developed a framework and will continue to provide a monthly reporting cycle to Community Safety Committee.



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AUGUST 2009 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code offences, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offences are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) offences are included.

Percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in red, while decreases of more than 10% are blue. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Assault).

The arrows in the right-hand column reflect the overall trend (increasing/decreasing/stable) of the past two years. See the following pages for more detailed trend lines.

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH		SAME MONTH, PREVIOUS YEAR		YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			2-YEAR TREND
	Aug-09	Jul-09	% Change	Aug-08	% Change	2008 YTD	2009 YTD	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	159	99	60.6%	97	63.9%	717	882	23.0%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	10	10	0.0%	10	0.0%	74	57	-23.0%	→
<i>Assault</i>	59	43	37.2%	42	40.5%	429	429	0.0%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	19	14	35.7%	15	26.7%	100	124	24.0%	↗
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	7	3	133.3%	3	133.3%	35	30	-14.3%	↘
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	782	587	33.2%	589	32.8%	4508	4586	1.7%	→
<i>Business B&E</i>	45	74	-39.2%	24	87.5%	337	366	8.6%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	43	41	4.9%	49	-12.2%	415	336	-19.0%	→
<i>MV Theft</i>	66	44	50.0%	44	50.0%	337	343	1.8%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	205	178	15.2%	243	-15.6%	1479	1413	-4.5%	↘
<i>Theft</i>	105	116	-9.5%	110	-4.5%	932	852	-8.6%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	81	45	80.0%	44	84.1%	348	502	44.3%	↗
<i>Metal Theft</i>	2	11	-81.8%	13	-84.8%	160	52	-67.5%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	47	54	-13.0%	37	27.0%	349	384	10.0%	→
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	241	457	-47.3%	520	-53.7%	3425	2964	-13.5%	↘
<i>Arson - Property</i>	18	24	-25.0%	12	50.0%	88	90	2.3%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1182	1143	3.4%	1206	-2.0%	8650	8432	-2.5%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	128	150	-14.7%	172	-25.0%	766	890	16.2%	→

NOTES

- The inflated percentage changes in the UCR categories are due primarily to changes in statistical methodology rather than significant changes in crime rates. Some offences from Other Criminal Code have been moved to Property Crime and Violent Crime, but the yellow "Total" row indicates that overall Criminal Code activity is stable. The statistical changes are due to the introduction of the Canada Line; this report now includes Transit Police data as well as Richmond RCMP data.