



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for August 2009

Staff Recommendation

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

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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 August 2009.

Station Targeted Area Response (STAR) Team

On August 18, 2009 the Canada Line rapid transit system became operational, connecting Vancouver with Central Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport.

The presence of uniformed police officers, made up of the Richmond RCMP Detachment's (STAR) Team working in partnership with South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) is an initiative that will most certainly assist to minimize the crime profile near the Richmond stations.

The mandate of the STAR Team will be responsible to monitor and review crime trends provided by the Richmond RCMP Crime Analysts as they relate to the Canada Line and, if there is an identified trend, to target enforcement with potential assistance from SCBCTAPS or other Richmond RCMP units such as General Duty, Bikes, Plain Clothes, Serious Crimes etc.

The Star Team will also foster partnerships with volunteer groups and other Canada Line agencies for the benefit and safety of its Canada Line users and neighbours.

Booze Can Bust – Recent Court Disposition.

The Richmond RCMP, with City staff, attended K Square Karaoke located at 220, 4351 – No 3 Road on three separate occasions in the summer of 2008. This is a karaoke establishment without a liquor licence. This investigation was initiated as a result of public complaints as well as previous police inspections.

On June 18th, 2009, the owner, Simon Leung, pled guilty in Richmond Provincial court to "Did unlawfully change the use of a building", contrary to Section 2.2.1(b) of the Building Regulation Bylaw.

A fine of \$8,000 was imposed along with the forfeiture of all the liquor seized.

Business Watch Blitz

On June 18th, 2009 the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit organized a Business Watch Blitz in an effort to raise business security awareness. Richmond Crime Prevention officers,

staff, volunteers and auxiliary constables visited merchants throughout the City of Richmond and provided information on business security and crime prevention techniques.

The City of Richmond RCMP Business Watch Program aims to enhance communications between the police and the business community and to educate businesses in long-term crime prevention strategies in order to reduce crime.

Merchants received an information package including a height strip sticker that is installed in the main entrance doorway to assist with identification of suspects, a business security tips information sheet, and a Richmond Business Watch Program brochure.

Robbery at a Richmond Home

Just before midnight on July 23rd, the Richmond RCMP received a 911 call from a distraught female calling from her home in the 3700 block of River Road. It was initially thought that RCMP members were attending a domestic but upon scene attendance it was determined that we were dealing with a robbery type situation.

Police arrived on scene and noticed several men fleeing in all different directions. Containment was quickly established and three of the men were apprehended.

The female victim did not sustain any injuries. The male victim sustained minor injuries. They are not known to police. This was a collective effort between Richmond General Duty members, Bike Section, Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team, Air 1, Police Dog Service and Deas Island Highway Patrol

Traffic Section:

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	May	Jun	July
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1861	1776	1742
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	699	592	699
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	72	67	88
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	74	66	35
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	3	4	6

Community Policing Section

Auxiliary Program:

Currently Richmond Detachment boasts 33 dedicated Auxiliary Constables who, to date in 2009, have volunteered a total of 2000 hours serving the community of Richmond. June and July were busy for the Auxiliaries as the coordinator has scheduled 13 events for the auxiliaries to take part in during the summer months.

The new Auxiliary troop is scheduled to be starting on September 9, 2009. Over 70 applicants applied for the 20 open positions. Over the next 4 months the new Auxiliary Constables will be taking various courses on policing, law, drill, self defence and use of force.

Crime Watch

The Richmond Citizens Crime Watch is currently accepting applications from members of the community interested in volunteering their time to make the community a safer place to live, work and play.

Richmond Citizens Crime Watch Volunteers contribute to the safety and well-being of the community by volunteering a minimum of five hours per month. Volunteers assist police, ICBC and the City by observing and reporting suspicious activities while making vehicle patrols.

The primary objective is to reduce criminal activity in Richmond including auto crime, criminal driving behavior, commercial and residential crimes, metal and wire thefts, parking meter thefts and vandalism. The program also aims to promote public awareness, safety and community involvement.

In partnership with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Crime Watch members utilize the Stolen Auto Recovery System during patrols and at ICBC Counter Attack Road Checks. Volunteers are equipped with laptop computers loaded with an up-to-date list of stolen vehicle information.

The program is utilized by Citizens Patrol groups throughout BC and has become a tremendous success.

Patrols take place on Friday and Saturday nights

Qualification for the program:

- Must live, work or attend school in Richmond
- 19 years of age or older
- Submit to a criminal record check
- Commit to a minimum of one patrol shift (approximately 5 hours) per month*

For more information on volunteering for Crime Watch please contact The Coordinator at 604-551-8596 or email: richmond_crime_watch@yahoo.com

Crime Statistics:

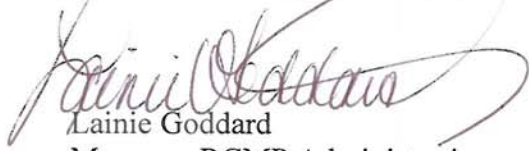
June and July 2009 – see attachment “A”

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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APPENDIX 'A'

JUNE 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
	Jun-09	May-09	% Change	Jun-08	% Change	2008 YTD	2009 YTD	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	116	117	-0.9%	87	33.3%	500	624	24.8%	→
Robbery	10	4	150.0%	9	11.1%	52	37	-28.8%	→
Assault	53	55	-3.6%	54	-1.9%	316	327	3.5%	→
Assault w/ Weapon	19	19	0.0%	13	46.2%	79	91	15.2%	→
Sexual Assault	3	3	0.0%	5	-40.0%	23	20	-13.0%	↘
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	480	601	-20.1%	605	-20.7%	3340	3217	-3.7%	→
Business B&E	43	57	-24.6%	36	19.4%	277	247	-10.8%	→
Residential B&E	28	26	7.7%	58	-51.7%	331	252	-23.9%	→
MV Theft	31	41	-24.4%	53	-41.5%	242	233	-3.7%	↘
Theft From MV	128	186	-31.2%	201	-36.3%	1038	1030	-0.8%	→
Theft	111	108	2.8%	107	3.7%	707	631	-10.7%	↘
Shoplifting	50	55	-9.1%	55	-9.1%	252	376	49.2%	↗
Metal Theft	8	11	-27.3%	21	-61.9%	125	39	-68.8%	↘
Fraud	52	86	-39.5%	49	6.1%	258	283	9.7%	→
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	525	418	25.6%	476	10.3%	2382	2266	-4.9%	→
Arson - Property	11	20	-45.0%	8	37.5%	56	48	-14.3%	↘
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1121	1136	-1.3%	1168	-4.0%	6222	6107	-1.8%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	194	122	59.0%	87	123.0%	534	612	14.6%	→

NOTES

- The high number in CDSA offenses in the past two months is due to an increased number of incidents at YVR.



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VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	99	116	-14.7%	120	-17.5%	620	723	16.6%	→
Robbery	10	10	0.0%	7	42.9%	59	47	-20.3%	→
Assault	43	53	-18.9%	71	-39.4%	387	370	-4.4%	→
Assault w/ Weapon	14	19	-26.3%	6	133.3%	85	105	23.5%	→
Sexual Assault	3	3	0.0%	9	-66.7%	32	23	-28.1%	↘
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	587	480	22.3%	579	1.4%	3919	3804	-2.9%	→
Business B&E	74	43	72.1%	36	105.6%	313	321	2.6%	→
Residential B&E	41	28	46.4%	35	17.1%	366	293	-19.9%	→
MV Theft	44	31	41.9%	51	-13.7%	293	277	-5.5%	→
Theft From MV	178	128	39.1%	198	-10.1%	1236	1208	-2.3%	→
Theft	116	111	4.5%	115	0.9%	822	747	-9.1%	↘
Shoplifting	45	50	-10.0%	52	-13.5%	304	421	38.5%	↗
Metal Theft	11	8	37.5%	22	-50.0%	147	50	-66.0%	↘
Fraud	54	52	3.8%	54	0.0%	312	337	8.0%	→
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	457	525	-13.0%	523	-12.6%	2905	2723	-6.3%	→
Arson - Property	24	11	118.2%	20	20.0%	76	72	-5.3%	↘
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1143	1121	2.0%	1222	-6.5%	7444	7250	-2.6%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	150	194	-22.7%	60	150.0%	594	762	28.3%	→

NOTES

- Beginning in August 2009, the method of calculating monthly statistics will change slightly due to the introduction of the Canada Line on August 17, 2009, and the fact that data from both Richmond RCMP and Transit Police will be included in future reports. Individual offence totals will remain consistent, but there will be changes in the UCR Category totals: some offences currently tallied under Other Criminal Code will move to the Violent Crime or Property Crime categories.