



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for January 2010

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 January 2010.

Noteworthy Files:

Update: A Reminder When Traveling – No Nail Files, No Liquids and No Firearms

On November 17th, shortly after 6:00 am, a 34 year old male traveling to Ontario was attempting to go through the airport screening device. The male put his carry-on bag on the x-ray table and as the bag passed through the x-ray machine, an image resembling a handgun was seen by security. The Richmond RCMP was then called to the Vancouver International Airport by Canadian Air Transportation Security Agency. RCMP members were on scene within minutes and searched the bag which revealed a loaded .38 calibre Ladysmith revolver with extra ammunition packed as well. The male has since been convicted of 1) Carrying a Prohibited Weapon, 2) Storing a Firearm Contrary to Regulations, and 3) Possession of a Prohibited Firearm with Ammunition and has been given a 38 month jail sentence as well as a firearms prohibition for 10 years.

A reminder to all travellers: Please do not carry nail files, liquids or firearms in your luggage or on the airplane.

Education and Awareness Ramped Up For Cell Phone Users

On January 7th, Richmond RCMP Traffic Section was set up in two separate locations to pull over drivers who were using handheld devices, including cell phones, GPS units and MP3 players. All drivers using handheld devices during the month of January were issued warnings and information pamphlets. In February, drivers using handheld devices will be issued a violation ticket for \$167. They will also receive three points on their driver's license.

Studies have shown that using a cell phone slows driver reaction time as much as or more than having a .08 blood alcohol concentration (the legal limit). This increases the risk of a crash by up to four times. Text messaging while driving increases a drivers' risk of a crash by up to 23 times.

Charges Approved for Sex Offences On Youth

On December 21st, a 50 year old male was arrested for sexual exploitation and sexual assault on two boys aged 17 and 16. On December 22nd, the charges were approved and the male was released on strict conditions and is to appear back in court on January 19th, 2010.

The Richmond RCMP received information that the male was in care of several children and engaging in inappropriate behaviour with them. The 17 year old victim was identified at a foster care home where the male was a night relief worker. The 16 year old victim was identified and it was determined that this boy has known the male for several years. The Richmond RCMP Serious Crimes Unit is interviewing many children and youth who may have been in the care of this male. Further charges may be pending.

Traffic Section:

Recently, the Traffic Section conducted several intersection operations and criminal driving road check operations. This resulted in 6 charges for impaired driving, several 24 hour driving suspensions and numerous violation tickets. Traffic Section will continuing to target intersections to ensure driver and pedestrian safety.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Nov	Dec	Jan
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1235	1409	1396
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	583	513	636
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	73	99	70
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	70	36	48
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	2	2

Community Policing Section

Block Watch:

On January 26th, an announcement was posted on the City of Richmond's intranet offering to send City employees email notifications of residential break and enters that occur in their Richmond neighbourhood. The City employees can register with Block Watch through their email address and include their residential address. They were given the chance to register as many addresses as they want and for as many Richmond neighbourhoods as they want.

City employees who registered will receive information informing them that a residential break and enter has occurred, the date, time and hundred block of the address where it occurred. The point of entry will also be advised with crime prevention techniques specific to that point of entry.

Victim Services

For December 2009, Victim Services workers received 38 new client files and attended 22 crisis call outs. These new situations appeared to have had a greater impact on clients during the holiday season.

Crime Statistics:

2009 Year End Stats – 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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2009 YEAR-END 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		ANNUAL TOTALS			2-YEAR TREND
	Dec-09	Nov-09	% Change	Dec-08	% Change	2008	2009	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	169	144	17.4%	146	15.8%	1800	1818	1.0%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	13	11	18.2%	9	44.4%	116	98	-15.5%	→
<i>Assault</i>	57	60	-5.0%	64	-10.9%	630	619	-1.7%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	18	8	125.0%	13	38.5%	163	189	16.0%	↗
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	7	5	40.0%	2	250.0%	55	53	-3.6%	→
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	782	696	12.4%	651	20.1%	9282	8370	-9.8%	→
<i>Business B&E</i>	50	38	31.6%	42	19.0%	503	544	8.2%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	45	66	-31.8%	70	-35.7%	709	521	-26.5%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	38	32	18.8%	37	2.7%	503	512	1.8%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	291	271	7.4%	172	69.2%	2381	2431	2.1%	↗
<i>Theft</i>	108	81	33.3%	113	-4.4%	1388	1201	-13.5%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	51	46	10.9%	40	27.5%	567	714	25.9%	↗
<i>Metal Theft</i>	7	7	0.0%	1	600.0%	179	79	-55.9%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	43	33	30.3%	35	22.9%	544	558	2.6%	→
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	211	188	12.2%	187	12.8%	2243	2535	13.0%	↗
<i>Arson - Property</i>	9	6	50.0%	3	200.0%	119	130	9.2%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1162	1028	13.0%	984	18.1%	13325	12723	-4.5%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	79	93	-15.1%	71	11.3%	1172	1250	6.7%	→

NOTES: WEAPONS OFFENCES

- Year-end totals for Assault w/ Weapons incidents have increased in 2009; however, a more comprehensive study of weapons-related offences (Weapons Possession, Firearms Use or Seizure, Robbery w/ Weapons, etc.) indicates that there were a total of 283 weapons-related offences in 2009, a **10.1% decrease** from 2008. There were 69 Violent Crime incidents involving weapons in 2009, a **31% decrease** from the previous year. There were 2 more Robbery w/ Firearm incidents in 2009, but Robbery w/ Other Weapon incidents dropped from 54 in 2008 to 35 in 2009, a **19% decrease**.

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This data is operational and subject to change.