

# **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

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Officer In Charge,

Richmond RCMP Detachment

Re:

RCMP's Monthly Report -November and December 2010 Activities

### **Staff Recommendation**

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

Rendall Nesset

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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# 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 Report – November and December 2010 Activities.

### **Noteworthy Files:**

### Vancouver Teacher Faces Charge of Sexual Interference

Crown Counsel has approved a charge of Sexual Interference against a Vancouver teacher. The offence occurred against a 16-year-old Vancouver student in a Richmond field near the airport in August of 2010. The incident was brought to the attention of the Vancouver School Board who immediately suspended the teacher from his regular position with Sir Winston Churchill School, and referred the matter to the Detachment. The male was arrested on September 25, 2010 and was released on a Promise To Appear. Charges were approved by Crown on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

At this time the Detachment is not aware of any further allegations regarding this teacher. The Detachment is advising students and their parents that if they have any concerns about their interactions with this individual, to contact the police in their jurisdiction.

# "Shady" Shoplifter at Staples

On October 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7 p.m., the Detachment received a report of a shoplifter at the Staples store located at 110-2780 Sweden Way. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. The suspect is described as a Caucasian male 25-30 years of age, short brown hair, scruffy facial hair and medium build. The suspect was wearing a black short sleeve t-shirt with the word "Shady" written in white across the front of the t-shirt and was wearing dark jeans.

The Detachment has sent out a news release requesting the public's assistance in identifying the male responsible.

# Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Detachment and the City of Richmond's Law and Community Safety Department hosted their annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize volunteers who give tirelessly of themselves. Recognition was given to volunteers serving at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), the Bridgeport, Hamilton, South Arm and Steveston Community Police Stations, Crime Watch and Victim Services along with the Auxiliary Constable Program.

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Below is a list of the top ten volunteers and the hours they served in 2010:

- 1. Walter Tyrrell, YVR's RCMP Sub Detachment 1154 hours
- 2. Auxiliary Constable Catterina Rios 830.5 hours
- 3. Auxiliary Constable Darren Bygrave 730 hours
- 4. Auxiliary Constable Alan Cheng 669 hours
- 5. Vic Atkinson, Steveston Community Police Station 550 hours
- 6. Auxiliary Constable Michael Wong 528 hours
- 7. Dianne Olivier, Victim Services 526 hours
- 8. Auxiliary Constable Cindy Stevens 522.5 hours
- 9. Auxiliary Constable Bruce Curtiss 495.5 hours
- 10. Lindy MacKinnon, victim Services 483 hours

# RCMP Investigate A Series of Armed Vehicle Thefts

The Detachment is currently investigating three thefts of vehicle files involving a weapon. The thefts took place in the early morning hours of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In all three thefts the victim had parked their vehicle in a public place and were approached by a male suspect who produced a weapon and demanded the keys to the vehicle. None of the victims were injured. Richmond Detachment investigators are working with Langley Detachment because of a car jacking that took place in Langley on December 23, 2010, and the possibility that these incidents are connected.

The Detachment has asked the public's assistance in locating the vehicle that was stolen during the first of the three armed vehicle thefts that occurred in Richmond. The vehicle is described as a White 2009 Honda Accord 4 door with a sunroof and BC licence plate 983 TJD. The public has been advised not to approach the vehicle, as the occupants may be armed and dangerous but to phone 911 immediately. The two suspects are described as a Caucasian male and a South Asian male both in their 30's.

This is a good safety reminder to be observant and aware of your surroundings.

#### Safety Tips:

- Always park in a well-lit area.
- Lock your car doors upon entering your car.
- If someone demands your keys please do what is asked. It's not worth getting hurt.
- When out, if you feel something is not right it's probably not. Don't hesitate to call 911.

### Auxiliary Constables

At present, the City of Richmond has strength of 41 Auxiliary Constables. As of November, Auxiliary Constables have volunteered over 6300 hours, with 60% of all hours dedicated to community policing activities. As of December, Auxiliary Constables have recorded over 7400 volunteer hours, with 57% of all hours dedicated to community policing programs and events. At the recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, it was noted that six of the top ten volunteer hour contributors in 2010 were Auxiliary Constables.

In December 2010, Steve Ilott, a long serving Auxiliary Constable himself, began the duties of the City's new Auxiliary Constable Coordinator. This upcoming year the Auxiliary program will be focused on expanding connections with community and continuing to fulfill the core mandate - to strengthen community and police partnerships in support of strategies to address the causes of, or reduce the fear of, crime and disorder.

# Summary of Auxiliary Constable Duties for September 2010 to November 2010:

In addition to ongoing community policing programs, such as Home Security Checks, Speed Watch, YVR Patrols, and Coastal Watch; recent duties have included the following:

- Lockout Crime Auto Blitz
- South Arm United Church Fair
- Terry Fox Run
- Lingyen Mountain Temple Anniversary
- Richmond Night Market
- Safe Communities Day
- Counterattack Roadside Checks
- Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Brighouse Science Bash
- Halloween Patrols
- Remembrance Day Parade
- Funeral of David Lam
- Santa's Arrival in Steveston

# Summary of Auxiliary Constable Duties for December 2010:

- Counterattack Roadside Checks
- Pedestrian Safety Campaigns
  - No. 3 Road "Beat" Patrols
  - Steveston Santa Claus Parade
  - New Year's Eve Patrols

Throughout the fall, Auxiliary Constables have continued their training. This takes the form of regular formal courses and presentations on both general and community policing topics. Training in December has included re-certification training on Public and Police Safety Qualifications. As well, Auxiliary Constables have continued to keep their skills current, assisting regular members during weekend 'General Duty' shifts.

#### Victim Services

In November of 2010, Richmond RCMP Victim Witness Services provided services to 44 new clients in addition to an active caseload of over 176 ongoing files. Victim Services attended to 13 crime and trauma scenes over this time period. Family problems and sudden deaths dominated calls for service. The Program Coordinator made a presentation on "Crisis Intervention" to over 100 delegates from North American call centers at the International Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conference in Vancouver.

In December of 2010, Victim Witness Services provided services to 44 new clients in addition to our active caseload of over 179 ongoing files. Victim Services attended 7 crime and trauma scenes over this time period: threatening behaviour, family problems, and one fatal accident with multiple witnesses dominated calls for service.

### Crime Scene Call-Outs and Total Number Of Files For 2006-2010:

Year	Crime Scene	Total Number		
	Call-Outs	Of Files		
2006	130	323		
2007	146	330		
2008	183	370		
2009	224	498		
2010 (Jan1-Dec9)	178 (to date)	504 (to date)		

### **Road Safety Unit**

#### **Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics**

Name	me Act Example				Dec	
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1534	1135	1042	
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	617	399	584	
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	20	53	22	
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	23	21	29	
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	11	2	6	

For the November Violation Tickets statistics, the total of 1135 includes the following:

- 45 Seat Belts
- 223 Speeding
- 62 Electronic Device
- 6 Excessive Speed with Impound

# Youth Section

Youth Section investigated several serious files in the past month. These included assaults, thefts and sexual assaults. Youth Section also conducted surveillance at a school and arrested a youth for dealing ecstasy. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (Dare) Program is being taught with many of the 21 classes graduating from the program in the last month.

# **Crime Statistics**

Crime Stats – see Appendix "A". Crime Maps – see Appendix "B"

# **Financial Impact**

None.

# Conclusion

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

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# **DECEMBER 2010 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 Offences).

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
	Dec-10	Nov-10	% Change	Dec-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	121	140	-13.6%	169	-28.4%	1818	1734	-4.6%	<b>→</b>
Robbery	13	8	62.5%	13	0.0%	98	116	18.4%	-
Assault	45	63	-28.6%	57	-21.1%	619	656	6.0%	<b>→</b>
Assault w/ Weapon	6	5	20.0%	18	-66.7%	189	130	-31.2%	~
Sexual Offences	6	8	-25.0%	13	-53.8%	67	75	11.9%	~
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	668	538	24.2%	782	-14.6%	8370	8444	0.9%	<b>→</b>
Business B&E	24	37	-35.1%	50	-52.0%	544	523	-3.9%	-
Residential B&E	71	46	54.3%	45	57.8%	521	580	11.3%	-
MV Theft	40	29	37.9%	38	5.3%	503	495	-1.6%	-
Theft From MV	197	157	25.5%	291	-32.3%	2431	2405	-1.1%	-
Theft	108	81	33.3%	108	0.0%	1201	1270	5.7%	
Shoplifting	73	47	55.3%	51	43.1%	714	698	-2.2%	<b>→</b>
Metal Theft	0	3	-100.0%	7	-100.0%	79	46	-41.8%	_
Fraud	56	44	27.3%	43	30.2%	558	704	26.2%	×
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	159	154	3.2%	211	-24.6%	2535	2541	0.2%	<b>→</b>
Arson - Property	4	7	-42.9%	9	-55.6%	130	94	-27.7%	-
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	948	840	12.9%	1162	-18.4%	12723	12719	0.0%	<b>→</b>
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	94	103	-8.7%	79	19.0%	1275	1252	-1.8%	<b>→</b>

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