



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

From: Rendall Nasset
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report - August and September 2010 Activities

Staff Recommendation

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

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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 – August and September 2010 Activities.

Noteworthy Files:

Ageless Wisdom: Personal Safety

Safety At Home And In The Community

No matter what a person's age or physical status, personal safety is important. Here are just a few suggestions on how you can keep yourself safe at home and in the community. It's not just good advice, it's Ageless Wisdom.

Around The House

- Keep doorways and windows visible to neighbours.
- Leave lights on outside after dark.
- Keep shrubs cut back.
- Install good locks and always use them.
- Close drapes or shades after dark.
- When answering the door, do not open it, ask: "Who is there?", use your peephole or check through a window.

On The Telephone

- Do not give out any personal information.
- If a telephone solicitor contacts you and you are not interested in the product or offer, simply decline and hang up.
- If you are contacted by a telemarketer that you feel is fraudulent, contact Phone busters, a police associated program to combat telemarketing fraud.
- Do not give your credit card number over the phone unless you are absolutely certain the caller is legitimate.

On The Internet

- Do not give out personal information over the Internet or email.
- Do not open email, files, or links from people you do not know and trust.
- Use caution when providing your credit card number on-line, contact your bank or credit card company for tips for online shopping safety.

When Walking

- Walk in well-lit areas away from doorways and bushes.
- Avoid alleys.

- Carry your keys and personal identification in your pocket.
- Do not wrap your purse strap around your wrist or wear it across your chest.
- If you think you are being followed, cross the street and walk in the opposite direction, go to the nearest public place.

Travelling By Car

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Place valuables on the floor not on the seat next to you.
- Keep car doors locked at all times.
- Have your keys ready before approaching your car.
- Look around, then inside, your car before entering.
- Park in well-lit and open areas.
- Use an anti-theft device.
- Do not leave purses or other valuables in your car.
- If you are being followed, do not go home; go to the nearest public place.

On A Scooter

- Always travel slowly on the sidewalk -- if sidewalks are not available travel on the edge of the road facing oncoming traffic.
- Cross the road only at crosswalks or corners.
- Use reflective tape on all sides of the scooter and a reflective flag to make yourself visible.

In The Event Of An Emergency

- Stay calm.
- Cooperate with the criminals; no amount of money is worth getting hurt over.
- Look carefully for any unusual traits such as tattoos, scars, and clothes.
- Call the police when it is safe to do so.

Back To School Traffic Safety

School has re-commenced and as such there is an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic in areas near schools. The public has been asked to keep this increase in traffic in mind and adjust routines accordingly.

The Traffic Unit was out in full force patrolling areas around schools during this time, and a zero tolerance approach was taken regarding enforcing traffic rules and regulations. Enforcement also included pedestrian traffic, focusing on infractions such as failing to obey crossing signals.

Children are unpredictable to motorists at the best of times and drivers were encouraged to take extra care during this time.

Drivers are encouraged to take extra care and beware of the following rules of the road:

- Marked school zones have a speed limit of 30 km/h during the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
- Speeding in a school zone will result in fines from \$196 to \$483.
- Failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian will result in a fine of \$167.
- Pedestrians failing to obey crossing signals or who cross at locations other than a crosswalk can be fined \$109.
- Use of a hand-held electronic device while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited and will result in a fine of \$167.
- Failing to wear a seat belt will result in a fine of \$167.
- A driver failing to ensure a child is properly restrained will result in a fine of \$167.

Bank Card Compromised

In June of this year an investigation began involving an automated teller machine (ATM) debit card that had been compromised. A report was received from a 22-year-old Vancouver resident after he attempted to withdraw money from his bank account at an ATM and was informed that he had already withdrawn his limit for the day.

Preliminary investigation was determined that the victim never received his permanent debit card after he opened a new bank account. It is believed that the debit card was stolen from the victim's mail prior to him receiving it. After the victim contacted the bank he also learned that a fraudulent deposit had been made at an ATM in Richmond with two withdrawals made after that. Fraudulent purchases were also made at local Richmond merchants. The suspect obtained a total of roughly \$1400.

Arrest Made For Copyright Act Infringements

On September 1st, officers from the Richmond RCMP's Station Targeted Action Response Team as well as officers from the Economic Crime Section arrested a 31-year-old male for allegedly selling pirated copies of video games at a local Richmond business.

In April of this year Richmond's Economic Crime Section received information from investigators at IPSA International that a video game retail business located in the Parker Place Mall was selling pirated copies of video games. IPSA International is an independent firm, which provides clients with investigative consulting and risk advisory services in areas such as anti-money laundering and fraud.

On September 1st a search warrant was executed at Penguin Village Hobbies and Entertainment located in the Parker place Mall. A search warrant was also executed on a vehicle associated to the business, which was located outside the store. Numerous copies of infringed video games were seized along with electronic devices of evidentiary value.

A 31-year-old Richmond resident was released from custody and will face his first court appearance on December 2nd. The Richmond RCMP will be forwarding a charge of selling or offering for sale an infringing copy of a work or other subject matter in which a copyright subsists for Crown's approval.

Auxiliary Constables

The City of Richmond will be hiring a new Auxiliary Constable Coordinator which will begin sometime in the near future. At present Richmond currently has a strength of 42 Auxiliary Constables, 18 of which are just completing their Recruit Field Training. Auxiliaries have been very active over the summer months volunteering their time to support every event and program that has been asked of them. As at August, Auxiliary Constables have volunteered over 5300 hours, with 61% of all hours dedicated to community policing activities.

Summary of Auxiliary Constable Activities for July 1st to September 14th

Recent community events have included:

- Steveston Salmon Festival.
- “Pulling Together” Canoeing Event.
- Jami’a Mosque Family Day.
- Dolphin Classic Basketball Tournament.
- City Centre Celebration.
- Kids Safe Day.
- Maritime Festival.
- Sockeye Spin Bicycle Race.
- River Rock MMA Event.
- Philippine Summer Festival.

Auxiliary Constables continue to be a vital resource for many community policing programs, including:

- Lockout Crime Blitz.
- Pedestrian Safety Campaigns.
- Home Security Checks.
- YVR Foot Patrols.
- Child/Youth Safety Talks.
- Block Watch Meetings.
- Coastal Watch.

In addition to community policing activities, continuous training is critical to ensure that Auxiliary Constables remain fully prepared for any duties that may be requested of them. Auxiliary Constables keep their skills current by assisting RCMP Constables on their general duty shifts, as well as specialized training sessions. During the summer season at least 2 Auxiliary Constables have been on duty almost every Friday and Saturday night.

Crime Prevention Unit

In August 2010, the Crime Prevention Section began promotion of the revitalized Home Security Checks program by sending over 175 letters to targeted Richmond neighbourhoods that had experienced a break and enter. The letters advised the home owners of a free Home Security Check performed by a trained RCMP Auxiliary Constable. The Auxiliary Constable would offer suggestions to homeowners on home security improvements. The Home Security Check

information was published in the Richmond Review, added to the City of Richmond's Intranet, and sent to all Detachment staff. The Home Security Checks brochures were distributed for display at Richmond City Hall and all Richmond community centres and libraries.

As part of the Crime Prevention mandate, security assessments are conducted upon request to businesses within the Richmond Community. These assessments are based on the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). In August one of the members of the Crime Prevention Unit conducted a comprehensive assessment at the North Arm Transport located on Mitchell Island.

Members of the Crime Prevention Unit rescheduled from their normal duties and shifts to attend the Maritime Festival on August 20th to August 22nd. There were very few problems reported or dealt with during the festival.

On August 24th a member of the Crime Prevention Unit lectured at the Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society on personal safety and the RCMP history and policing culture, which was well received. On August 29th the same member attended a meeting with the Richmond Mandarin Lions Club who have been very supportive community partners. This is a regular meeting as part of the member's duties, which includes attending and speaking at a variety of functions.

Risk Management Unit

Community Safety Vehicle (Mobile Command Post) Deployment to Community Events

July 2010

Event	Date	Use
Salmon Festival on Canada Day	July 1	Command Post for police operations
Kids Safe Day	July 25	Open for public display

August 2010

Event	Date	Use
Maritime Festival	August 20-22	Command Post for police operations

Traffic Section

During September the Traffic Section will be concentrating on school zones and school areas. The goal is to ensure that the students have a safe return to school and reinforce the drivers the rules of the road especially those involving school zones. The focus will be speed zones and limits, pedestrian crossings and the use of electronic devices.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	June	July	Aug
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1942	1407	1535
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	836	542	506
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	95	87	65
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	45	22	27
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	5	9	5

Victim Services Unit

In July and August of 2010, Victim Witness Services provided services to 80 new clients in addition to the active caseload of over 180 ongoing files. Victim Services personnel attended to 30 crime and trauma scenes over this 2-month period. Robberies, suicides and family conflict seemed to dominate the calls for service.

Of significant note, Victim Services received a hearty “congratulations” and “thank-you” from the principal of Aragon High School in San Mateo California, for the work the team carried out with their students adversely affected by the death of a student in Lynn Canyon. Though the tragedy happened in North Vancouver, the deceased’s classmates were staying in Richmond whilst in Canada.

In addition, a team of Victim Services personnel was also deployed to assist the evacuees of the Heather Lee Apartments fire in conjunction with Emergency Social Services (ESS). Victim Services and ESS work very effectively together as a tandem. Victim Services handles the “emotional” component and ESS the “logistical” component.

Crime Statistics

Crime Stats – see Appendix “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 the Community Safety Committee.

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AUGUST 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
	Aug-10	Jul-10	% Change	Aug-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	163	133	22.6%	159	2.5%	1217	1203	-1.2%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	10	8	25.0%	10	0.0%	57	70	22.8%	→
<i>Assault</i>	66	59	11.9%	59	11.9%	429	443	3.3%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	13	8	62.5%	19	-31.6%	124	100	-19.4%	↘
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	8	4	100.0%	10	-20.0%	36	53	47.2%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	694	745	-6.8%	785	-11.6%	5495	5823	6.0%	↘
<i>Business B&E</i>	42	32	31.3%	45	-6.7%	366	360	-1.6%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	53	49	8.2%	43	23.3%	336	369	9.8%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	42	37	13.5%	66	-36.4%	343	341	-0.6%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	218	226	-3.5%	205	6.3%	1413	1652	16.9%	→
<i>Theft</i>	91	116	-21.6%	105	-13.3%	852	877	2.9%	→
<i>Shoplifting</i>	50	57	-12.3%	81	-38.3%	502	480	-4.4%	→
<i>Metal Theft</i>	4	3	33.3%	2	100.0%	52	39	-25.0%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	60	80	-25.0%	47	27.7%	384	481	25.3%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	249	257	-3.1%	224	11.2%	1718	1834	6.8%	↗
<i>Arson - Property</i>	7	11	-36.4%	18	-61.1%	90	67	-25.6%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1106	1135	-2.6%	1168	-5.3%	8430	8860	5.1%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	76	111	-31.5%	128	-40.6%	915	809	-11.6%	→

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