



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: October 13, 2010

From: Rendall Nessel
Officer In Charge,
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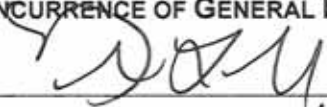
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report – September 2010 Activities

Staff Recommendation

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

for. 
Rendall Nessel
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(604-278-1212)

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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 – September 2010 Activities.

Noteworthy Files:

Food Bank Misrepresented

On September 7th the Detachment became aware of a report from a Richmond resident in the 11000 Block of 4th Avenue that a suspicious female showed up on his doorstep stating that she was accepting monetary donations for the Richmond Food Bank. The female was wearing a lanyard around her neck with a tag on it, however she was standing far enough away that the tag was not readable by the homeowner.

The resident cleverly offered to donate canned goods at which point the female stated that she could not accept them as they would be too heavy to carry. The female stated that she could only accept cash or cheques, which would then be used to purchase food for the less fortunate. When no money was handed over, the female stated that she would be collecting the following week as well and she departed. The female responsible for this incident is described as Caucasian, 25 to 30 years old, 5'8", medium build, with brown eyes and brown shoulder length hair. The female was wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with blue jeans and did not have any distinguishable marks.

The Detachment has since contacted the Richmond Food Bank and has confirmed that the Food Bank does not go door to door for collections in the Lower Mainland, nor do they solicit by telephone. Anyone who may have had a similar experience is being asked to phone the Detachment.

Five Kilos of Opium Seized at Vancouver International Airport

The Detachment, along with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), have intercepted and seized five kilograms of Opium at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

On September 5th, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Richmond RCMP stationed at YVR received a report from CBSA that a male was being held in custody after five kilograms of opium were located in his luggage. CBSA officers became suspicious of the male upon his entry into Canada from Tehran via Amsterdam and consequently directed him to the secondary screening area. It was at this point that CBSA officers located five kilograms of opium concealed in packages of tobacco and candy within the male's checked luggage.

A 21-year-old male, who resides in West Vancouver, was arrested and held for court on September 7th. The male was consequently remanded for court September 16th and has been charged with Importation of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Man Assaulted, Stolen Property Recovered

On August 30th, the Detachment received a report of an assault in the 11000 block of River Road. The report was that a man had been struck over the head with a pipe after returning to a business to complain about alleged substandard work that had been done on his vehicle. The 31-year-old was treated for minor injuries on scene. The suspect, an employee of the business, fled the scene prior to police arrival.

The Detachment's Property Crime Section obtained a search warrant for the business in hopes of locating the weapon used during the commission of the offence.

On September 21st a search warrant was executed in the 11,000 block of River Road at which time the weapon was not located. However, a stolen motorcycle along with \$12,000 worth of children's high chairs and strollers were recovered. Through further investigation it was determined that the high chairs and strollers had been stolen from a local business the night before. The suspect was also located inside the business and was arrested and taken into custody.

A 40-year-old male was arrested and held for his first court appearance September 22nd. The man has been charged with Assault With a Weapon, Assault Causing Bodily Harm and two counts of Breach of Recognizance. The man was released from custody and will be returning to court October 19th. He is known to police and has an extensive criminal record for a variety of offences. The investigation into the stolen property recovered is continuing.

Limo "Hooked" for Excessive Speed

On October 2nd around midnight a constable was patrolling westbound on Highway 91 observed a limousine traveling at 140 km/h. The posted speed limit on Highway 91 is 90 km/h. The limousine was consequently pulled over at which time the 62-year-old driver stated that she was in a rush as her clients were waiting for her. The limousine was impounded for seven days.

Under Section 148 of the Motor Vehicle Act police have the authority to impound vehicles for seven days if the driver is caught exceeding the posted speed limit by 40 km/h. In addition to the tow bill and storage fees drivers also face a violation ticket with fines that range from \$368 to \$483. Drivers also receive three penalty points on their license and are required to pay an ICBC driver-risk premium of \$320 per year for three years, which is in addition to their regular Auto plan insurance premiums.

The new legislation regarding excessive speed in British Columbia came into effect on September 20th at midnight. Since the introduction of this new legislation Richmond RCMP has

impounded one other vehicle for excessive speed. That vehicle was traveling 99 km/h in a 50 km/h zone.

Suspicious Occurrence

On October 11th around 4 p.m. the Detachment received a report of a suspicious occurrence in the 5200 block of Clifton Road. A 12-year-old girl was on Clifton Road talking on her cell phone when she noticed a vehicle nearby. A man exited the vehicle and walked towards her. The girl consequently ran to a friend's house nearby.

The man is described as a Caucasian male in his 50's, 5'5" tall, grey hair with a possible comb over, a large potbelly and chubby cheeks with no facial hair or glasses. At the time he was wearing a beige t-shirt and dark blue shorts. The vehicle in question is described as an older model silver SUV with a black roof rack and tinted windows.

The RCMP has issued a media release and notified the public if anyone may have witnessed this incident to contact the police. Parents are being advised to reinforce their messages to their children regarding walking alone and not talking to strangers.

Crime Prevention Unit

During the month of September the Crime Prevention Unit conducted a major security assessment on an international import/export company located on Mitchell Island including a customs-clearing house. This was completed over a 3-day period.

At the request of the Hamilton Community Center a presentation was made to 30 youths regarding a local "Walk Safe" program. Special emphasis was made on the identification of suspicious persons, pedestrian crosswalks, traffic and overall safety while returning home after school.

Steveston Community Police Station volunteers attended a presentation on "Seniors and Driving" hosted by a representative of B.C.A.A. This new program, which is offered at no cost, zeros in on safety and the driving skills of our seniors in the community. Local volunteers have expressed an interest in being trained to give such presentations locally.

The Crime Prevention Unit also took part in a charity-bowling tournament in support of the Richmond General Hospital Foundation, which raised \$10,000. Further to this, a constable of the Crime Prevention Unit attended an evening function in red serge where a cheque for \$1,000 was accepted from the local Lion's Club for Special Olympics.

Traffic Section

Back To School

The Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit 2010 Back To School Operational Plan was conducted September 7th to September 28th. Enforcement was conducted on regularly scheduled schools days, Monday to Friday at various elementary schools in Richmond. Violations consisted mostly of a mixture of speed, seat belt infractions, disobeying traffic signs and using electronic devices. There were 236 violations issued and 62 warnings issued. (These are included in the traffic statistic table below) Fifty-one school zone enforcement locations were utilized during 16 days of targeted enforcement and 103 person hours.

Automatic Licence Plate Operations

In addition to the school plan the Road Safety Unit also conducted 3.5 days of the Automatic Licence Plate Recognition Operations (ALPR). The ALPR is a vehicle that is equipped with specialized cameras and software that recognizes plates and can read them automatically. The plates are then run against a database and the system will alert the operator to any plates that are found in the data base and a general description of the offence. For example expired insurance, no driver's licence, prohibitions, stolen plate or vehicle.

The Automatic Licence Plate Recognition Operation resulted in:

23 No driver's license violations

2 Prohibited Drivers

8 No insurance violations

1 Possession of stolen property charge

3 Server prohibitions (driving privilege needs to be revoked)

4 Vehicle impounds

Electronic Devices

In the month of September 71 violation tickets were issued.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	July	Aug	Sept
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1407	1535	1660
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	542	506	628
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	87	65	74
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	22	27	29
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	9	5	4

Back to school statistics are included in the September statistics.

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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Lainie Goddard
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SEPTEMBER 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
	Sep-10	Aug-10	% Change	Sep-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	132	163	-19.0%	150	-12.0%	1232	1335	8.4%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	8	10	-20.0%	7	14.3%	64	78	21.9%	→
<i>Assault</i>	56	66	-15.2%	38	47.4%	467	499	6.9%	↗
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	10	13	-23.1%	19	-47.4%	143	110	-23.1%	↘
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	5	8	-37.5%	10	-50.0%	46	58	26.1%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	587	694	-15.4%	682	-13.9%	6177	6410	3.8%	↘
<i>Business B&E</i>	48	42	14.3%	38	26.3%	404	408	1.0%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	38	53	-28.3%	36	5.6%	372	407	9.4%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	38	42	-9.5%	35	8.6%	378	379	0.3%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	163	218	-25.2%	222	-26.6%	1635	1815	11.0%	↗
<i>Theft</i>	91	91	0.0%	90	1.1%	942	968	2.8%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	33	50	-34.0%	61	-45.9%	563	513	-8.9%	↘
<i>Metal Theft</i>	1	4	-75.0%	3	-66.7%	55	40	-27.3%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	53	60	-11.7%	43	23.3%	427	534	25.1%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	190	249	-23.7%	242	-21.5%	1960	2024	3.3%	↗
<i>Arson - Property</i>	6	7	-14.3%	14	-57.1%	104	73	-29.8%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	909	1106	-17.8%	1074	-15.4%	9504	9769	2.8%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	143	76	88.2%	94	52.1%	1009	952	-5.6%	→

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