



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

From: Rendall Nessel
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report – October 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 – October 2010 Activities.

Noteworthy Files:

Mail Theft At Canada Post

On October 1st at approximately 4 p.m. the Detachment received a report from Canada Post that an employee had been found with numerous pieces of mail stored in lockers in the men's change room at Canada Post located on River Road. A search of his residence yielded additional pieces of mail as well as five unregistered, improperly stored firearms, which were consequently seized. Canada Post has since suspended the employee, a 61-year-old Richmond resident, who had been with Canada Post for 40 years. The employee was arrested by police and was released from custody with his first court appearance on November 25th. The man is charged with Theft From Mail, five counts of Careless Use Of A Firearm and five counts of Unauthorized Possession Of A Firearm. It has been estimated that approximately 12,000 pieces of mail were recovered, some dating back several years ago.

Theft of Monies And The Mounties' Response

On October 16th around 4 p.m. the Detachment received a report of a theft in progress at the Richmond Center Mall. Members of Richmond's 655 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets were collecting money for an annual fund-raising drive when their collection tin was stolen. A male approached the cadet collecting donations and gestured as if he was going to donate money. However, the male grabbed the collection tin and fled on foot. An area check was conducted with assistance from the RCMP's Police Dog Services but unfortunately the suspect was not located. The suspect is described as an Asian male 17 to 18 years old, 6' tall with spiky hair in the front. At the time he was wearing black jeans, a white hoody and a black jacket.

About an hour later a similar report was received at the Real Canadian Superstore located in the 4600 block of No. 3 Road. Members of Richmond's 655 Squadron were also at this location when another collection tin was stolen. Again the suspects fled on foot, however the RCMP's Police Dog Services located a pile of coins nearby. The suspects in this instance are described as two Caucasian males in their 20's, 6'2" tall wearing black jeans and black hoodies.

In addition to the coins that were recovered, officers on patrol dug into their pockets and donated over \$100 in support of their fund-raising drive.

Search Warrant Yields Drugs

In early October the Detachment's Drug Target Team initiated a street level drug trafficking investigation, which focused on a group selling Methamphetamine within Richmond and the south slope of Vancouver. Through the course of the investigation two individuals were identified as the heads of the street level organization.

On October 14th the Drug Target Team, with assistance from the Detachment's Marihuana Enforcement Team, Quick Response Team and Police Dog Services, executed a search warrant on a residence in the area of No. 5 Road and Montego Road. During the execution of the warrant a 41-year-old male, and 30-year-old female were located inside and arrested. These 2 individuals were identified as the heads of the street level organization. 228.8 grams of Methamphetamine and 10.9 grams of Crack Cocaine were seized along with several thousand dollars in Canadian currency. The two have been charged with 2 counts of Possession For The Purpose Of Trafficking A Controlled Substance. Their court appearance was November 16th. This is the second Methamphetamine trafficking group targeted and dismantled by Richmond's Drug Target Team this year.

Fraudster Selling Fake Gold

The Detachment has sent out a news release to warn the community about a male who has been approaching people for the purpose of selling them fake gold. Three reports have now been received from individuals who have been victimized. In each instance the male has approached health care providers asking for assistance in treating his headaches. During the treatment the male claims that he is from China and is working as a construction worker in Vancouver. The male explains that he has found gold, a will and Chinese calligraphy while digging at a construction site and offers to sell the gold to the health care provider. The male is able to convince his victims to meet him in outdoor open areas to purchase the gold, which is later found to be fake. He is described as an Asian male in his early thirties, 5'7" tall, slim build with short, dark hair. The Detachment has advised the public that this is a perfect example that if something is too good to be true it usually is. It is unusual for gold to be sold in parking lots out of vehicles.

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit deployed a Counter Attack project during the Thanksgiving long weekend and checked in excess of 600 vehicles. 22 Approved Screening Device (ASD) tests were conducted. This produced 19 passes, 1 warn that resulted in a 3 day Immediate Roadside Suspension (IRP), and 1 fail that resulted in a 30 day IRP. One prohibited driver was charged and 11 additional violations (mostly drivers license infractions) were issued. Four vehicles were towed. When a warning on an ASD is recorded a vehicle impound and drivers license suspension occurs. Drivers license and vehicle impounds are suspended for the same amount of time. For example on the first offence it is a 3-day suspension on the second offence it is a 7-day suspension and subsequent offences are 30-day suspensions. A fail on an ASD could result in, if warranted, a criminal code investigation. The IRP could be used with a 90 days driver's license

prohibition and a 30-day vehicle impound. The Road Safety Unit continues to conduct enforcement at school zones and is concentrating on intersection offences including seat belts and electronic device enforcement.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Aug	Sept	Oct
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1535	1660	1534
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	506	628	617
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	65	74	16
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	27	29	23
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	5	4	11

Youth Section

Youth Section has taught 21 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) classes at numerous elementary schools in Richmond. The classes are 45 minutes to one hour in length and all grade five students in Richmond receive this 10-week course. The D.A.R.E graduations are scheduled for the end of November, early December.

D.A.R.E. is the first pilot in the Richmond Public School System in the 2003/2004 School Year. It is taught at several Elementary Schools to both Grade 5 and Grade 6 students. Based on the success of the Program, the School District mandated that all Grade 5 students would receive D.A.R.E. training. The Program was implemented District-wide in the 2004/2005 School Year. After the rollout in the Public School System, the program was also offered to the Private Schools within Richmond. In 2005/2006 the Program was officially launched at the Private Schools. From its inception through to the end of the 2008/2009 school year more than 9,000 Grade 5 students have been taught D.A.R.E, and these numbers are expected to exceed 10,800 by the end of the 2009/2010 School Year.

D.A.R.E. is a key component of the RCMP's Crime Reduction Strategy. It provides age-appropriate, critical-thinking skills so youth can make healthy choices.

Victim Services

In September and October of 2010, Victim Services section provided services to 81 new clients in addition to the active caseload of over 181 ongoing files. Victim Services personnel attended 34 crime and trauma scenes over this 2-month period. Robberies and sudden deaths dominated the calls for service. Most of the robberies were attacks on young adult males in the late evening and usually involved the theft of cash and personal electronics. Of significant note, Victim

Services provided service to a young woman who was integrally involved in an apparent targeted shooting of two males.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lainie Goddard".

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OCTOBER 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
	Oct-10	Sep-10	% Change	Oct-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	138	132	4.5%	138	0.0%	1505	1473	-2.1%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	17	8	112.5%	10	70.0%	74	95	28.4%	→
<i>Assault</i>	49	56	-12.5%	35	40.0%	502	548	9.2%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	9	10	-10.0%	20	-55.0%	163	119	-27.0%	↘
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	3	5	-40.0%	3	0.0%	49	61	24.5%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	828	587	41.1%	715	15.8%	6892	7238	5.0%	→
<i>Business B&E</i>	54	48	12.5%	52	3.8%	456	462	1.3%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	56	38	47.4%	38	47.4%	410	463	12.9%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	47	38	23.7%	55	-14.5%	433	426	-1.6%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	236	163	44.8%	264	-10.6%	1869	2051	9.7%	↗
<i>Theft</i>	113	91	24.2%	70	61.4%	1012	1081	6.8%	→
<i>Shoplifting</i>	65	33	97.0%	54	20.4%	617	578	-6.3%	→
<i>Metal Theft</i>	3	1	200.0%	10	-70.0%	65	43	-33.8%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	70	53	32.1%	55	27.3%	482	604	25.3%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	204	190	7.4%	176	15.9%	2136	2228	4.3%	↗
<i>Arson - Property</i>	10	6	66.7%	11	-9.1%	115	83	-27.8%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1170	909	28.7%	1029	13.7%	10533	10939	3.9%	↗
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	103	143	-28.0%	94	9.6%	1103	1055	-4.4%	→

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