



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

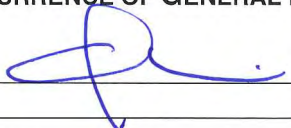
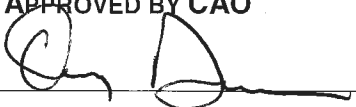
To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** April 27, 2017
From: Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2017-Vol
 Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP 01
Re: **2016-2017 Richmond RCMP Annual Performance Plan Fourth Quarter Results**
(January 1 to March 31, 2017)

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "2016-2017 Richmond RCMP Annual Performance Plan Fourth Quarter Results (January 1 to March 31, 2017)," dated April 27, 2017 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

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Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

On March 29, 2016, Richmond City Council adopted the priorities as listed in the report “2016-2017 RCMP Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities” dated December 4, 2015.

The priorities selected were:

1. Pedestrian Safety;
2. Property Crime-Break and Enters; Theft from Automobile; Mail Theft and;
3. Mental Health.

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond Community. This report supports Council’s 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

- 1.2. *Program and service enhancements that improve community safety services in the City.*
- 1.3. *Improved perception of Richmond as a safe community.*
- 1.4. *Effective interagency relationships and partnerships.*

Analysis

Community Priority 1 – Pedestrian Safety

Objective

This priority has two targets. The first is a 10 per cent reduction in pedestrian-related injuries. The second is a 25 per cent reduction in pedestrian fatalities.

Action

In the fourth quarter of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, Community Policing volunteers, in partnership with the City of Richmond’s Transportation Department, conducted Speed Watch at Cook Elementary School on January 10, 12, 17 and 18. Speed Watch was also conducted at McKinney Elementary School on January 23 and 27.

On February 16, the Road Safety Unit and Community Policing volunteers, in a joint initiative with ICBC, conducted a Pedestrian Safety Blitz, which was deployed from the City Centre Community Police Station. The campaign focussed on the No. 3 Road corridor and nearby hot spots including Lansdowne Mall and Kwantlen/Lansdowne Road. The event included a dozen volunteers and 405 reflective arm bands were distributed.

According to ICBC statistics, more than one quarter (27 per cent) of all crash fatalities in B.C. are a result of distracted driving¹. To raise awareness and increase enforcement, police agencies, the provincial government and ICBC identified March as “Distracted Driving Month” in BC. The Detachment’s Road Safety Unit, along with Community Policing volunteers, participated in key public awareness campaigns:

- March 9: Cell Watch blitz, ticketing drivers using an electronic device while driving.
- March 28: Operation Hang Up campaign was held in conjunction with ICBC. The campaign, which involved approximately 22 members and almost 20 volunteers, conducted enforcement and public awareness at ten locations in total.

Incidents

On March 17, 2017 two pedestrians were struck in separate incidents. The incidents occurred within ten minutes of each other and only blocks apart on Cooney Road. Driver inexperience appears to be the cause of both accidents. Neither pedestrian was seriously injured.

Analysis

There were 14 pedestrian-related injuries in the fourth quarter of 2016-2017. This represents a 44 per cent decrease in pedestrian-related injuries this quarter versus the same period last year. Year over year, there were 66 versus 82 pedestrian-related injuries, reflecting an overall 20 per cent reduction in comparison to the fiscal year 2015-2016. There was one pedestrian fatality during this quarter, which compares to the same period last year. The 2016-2017 fiscal year recorded one more fatality than the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The table below outlines the pedestrian-related injuries and fatalities for the years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017:

Quarter	Date Range	Pedestrian Injuries 2015-2016	Pedestrian Injuries 2016-2017	Pedestrian Fatalities 2015-2016	Pedestrian Fatalities 2016-2017
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	19	9	0	0*
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	10	21	0	0
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	28	22	1	2
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	25	14	1	1
Total		82	66	2	3

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics April 5, 2017. *One Fatality reported in April 1 to June 30, 2016 has been amended to Zero due to data/deceased event role change/update.

¹ ICBC Distracted Driving in BC infographic 2017

Community Priority 2 - Break and Enters, Theft from Automobile and Mail Theft*Objective*

This priority has three targets with the first being a 10 per cent reduction in both commercial break and enters and residential break and enters. The second is a 10 per cent reduction in theft from automobile, while the third is a 10 per cent reduction in mail theft.

Action

In February 2017, the Detachment's Property Crime Unit was successful in apprehending two men suspected in a series of break and enters. This occurred after members tracked two vehicles which were stolen from local residences. In the month of February there were twelve arrests made for property crimes.

Mail theft continues to be a significant concern in the fourth quarter of 2016-2017, in addition to ancillary crimes such as fraud and identity theft. Richmond Detachment continues to collaborate with other stakeholders including Canada Post and building property managers to identify hot spots and prolific targets. The majority of mailboxes are located at the exterior of buildings, making them more easily accessible. This trend also affects neighbouring municipalities including Vancouver, Delta and Surrey.

During the fourth quarter of 2016-2017, members were required to change the way they flag mail theft in PRIME, to ensure an accurate measurement of how these crime types are captured. This resulted in an increase in the number of crime events identified as mail theft. Additionally, a de-confliction initiative with Canada Post identified that mail theft was being underreported to the police. This collaboration also resulted in an increase in the reporting of mail theft. As Canada Post increases the security of its communal mailboxes, there could be a shift in targets for this crime type.

On February 7th, 2017, RCMP regular members and volunteers were deployed on foot patrols to an area determined to be a hot spot for mail theft. The goal was to encourage face to face engagement with residents and building property managers. An assessment of their mailbox consoles and the level of security was also performed. This form of outreach and engagement is ongoing.

The Community Response Team (CRT) was deployed on Monday, February 13, 2017 (BC Family Day), to various sites, including Steveston, Hamilton and City Centre to provide outreach on key Crime Prevention issues including mail theft and theft from auto.

On March 29, 2017, the CRT was deployed to the Broadmoor area to provide residents with information on Community Policing programs and distribute information on topics including Block Watch and Mail Theft Prevention.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Detachment launched Richmond Help Identify on its website². This page began featuring surveillance footage images of persons of interest. Since its inception, information provided by the public has led to the identification of three individuals.

Analysis

In the fourth quarter of 2016-2017, there were 152 commercial break and enters. This represents a 77 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. Year over year there were 453 versus 366 commercial break and enters; reflecting an overall 24 per cent increase in comparison to the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The criteria for recording commercial break and enters is quite inclusive and includes theft of work tools, new developmental properties, construction sites and mail theft in strata buildings.

In the fourth quarter of 2016-2017, there were 194 residential break and enters. This represents a 14 per cent increase compared to the same period last fiscal year. Year over year, there were 622 versus 660 residential break and enters, reflecting an overall six per cent decrease in comparison to the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The table below outlines commercial and residential break and enters for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017:

Quarter	Date Range	Commercial Break & Enters 2015-2016	Commercial Break & Enters 2016-2017	Residential Break & Enters 2015-2016	Residential Break & Enters 2016-2017
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	81	78	181	144
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	87	96	179	128
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	112	127	130	156
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	86	152	170	194
Total		366	453	660	622

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics April 5, 2017.

In the fourth quarter of 2016-2017 there were 627 thefts from automobiles. This represents a 13 per cent decrease compared to the same period last fiscal year. Year over year, there were 2,345 versus 2,548 theft from automobiles, reflecting an overall eight per cent decrease when compared to the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

In the fourth quarter of 2016-2017 there were 117 mail thefts. This represents a 125 per cent increase compared to the same period last fiscal year. Year over year, there were 260 versus 209 mail thefts, reflecting an overall 24 per cent increase in comparison to the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

² www.rcmp.ca/richmondidentify

The table below outlines theft from automobile and mail theft statistics for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017:

Quarter	Date Range	Theft from Automobile 2015-2016	Theft from Automobile 2016-2017	Mail Theft 2015-2016	Mail Theft 2016-2017
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	585	627	48	56
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	628	576	49	43
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	618	515	60	44
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	717	627	52	117
Total		2548	2345	209	260

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics April 5, 2017.

Community Priority 3 – Mental Health

Objective

This priority has a target of a five per cent reduction in mental health related calls for service. In May 2015 Lower Mainland District implementation of a PRIME Mental Health Issues Study Flag Code triggered an increase in mental health calls for service data for the fiscal year 2015-2016 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016). As a result, this report uses the fiscal year 2016-2017 (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) as a base line to track mental health related calls for service.

Incidents

During the fourth quarter of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were four suicides and 65 calls for suicidal people. The number of suicidal persons files, including attempting suicide, talking about committing suicide, or committing suicide, accounts for 20 per cent of Mental Health Act (MHA) calls for service this quarter, illustrating the volume of police resources that are allocated to these calls.

Action

This fiscal year, The Detachment's Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU) was featured in the RCMP *Gazette* magazine. The article, entitled "High risk homes: Inter-agency collaboration helps address family violence" highlighted Richmond's participation in the Inter-Agency Case Assessment Teams (ICAT) model³. Since 2012, the Richmond Inter-Agency Case Assessment Team (RICAT) meets on a monthly basis. This collaborative approach fosters open discussion among agencies and addresses immediate risk factors for victims of high risk domestic violence, often linked to addiction and mental health issues. The team currently has several cases in its portfolio.

As part of the Detachment's crime reduction strategy, the "Wrap Around" project continues to be pursued. One of the current clients, a young woman, who has continually been involved in police calls for service, is successfully following a community safety plan and is checking in with her

³ Gazette magazine, Vol. 78, No. 2 High-risk homes

support team. This has led to a reduction in the required police hours dedicated to these calls for service.

This quarter also marked an important first for the VPU as the first referral from Richmond entered into the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver (DTCV). The DTCV is an alternative to regular criminal court and has several eligibility requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to enter into the program⁴. Above all, there needs to be the willingness, on the behalf of the participant, to be fully engaged in the 14 month program. This program offers individuals resources and opportunities to engage with addiction counsellors and public health officials and has the potential to reduce future criminal activity.

Analysis

In the fourth quarter of 2016-2017, there were 324 MHA related calls for service. This represents a one per cent decrease compared to the same fiscal period last year. Year over year, there were 1387 MHA related calls versus 1300. This reflects an overall seven per cent increase in comparison to the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The table below outlines MHA related calls for service statistics for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017:

Quarter	Date Range	MHA Related Calls for Service 2015-2016	MHA Related Calls for Service 2016-2017
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	283	358
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	344	309
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	346	396
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	327	324
Total		1300	1387

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics January 4, 2017.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The priorities established in the 2016-2017 Annual Performance Plan continue to be pursued. There was a 20 per cent reduction in the number of pedestrian-related injuries in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, meeting the 10 per cent target reduction identified in the 2016-2017 Annual Performance Plan. Year over year, pedestrian fatalities reflect a 50 per cent increase (resulted from one additional fatality) from the previous fiscal year.

A 24 per cent increase in commercial break and enters was observed in the 2016-2017 fiscal year when compared to the 2015-2016 fiscal year. It has been noted that the increase of mail theft in strata buildings, which is considered a commercial break and enter, affects this number. The number of commercial break and enters is within the five-year average range.

⁴ Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver – Jurisdiction Expansion, Updated June 11, 2014


Year over year totals represent a six per cent reduction in residential break and enters.

An overall eight per cent decrease was recorded in theft from automobiles this fiscal year when compared to the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Year over year, there was an overall 24 per cent increase in mail theft in the 2016-2017 fiscal year when compared to the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The theft of mail can lead to other offences, including fraud and identity theft and this trend, which has also been observed in neighbouring municipalities, continues to be a priority. Reasons for this increase have been identified, including changes in crime reporting and how police files are coded.

There was an overall seven per cent increase in MHA related calls in the 2016-2017 fiscal year when compared to the previous fiscal year. The Detachment continues to have collaborative approaches with mental health stakeholders to address mental health issues in a collective way, enhancing the strategies to target clients' needs while managing the most effective use of police resources.

Active crime types have been identified through the Detachment's Crime Reduction Strategies and are prioritized in a coordinated approach to effectively address these priorities. The Detachment is aware of target thresholds and the monitoring of these crime types and initiatives is on-going.



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Att. 1: Richmond RCMP Detachment Public Safety and Awareness Programs

Richmond RCMP Detachment Public Safety and Awareness Programs

Crime Prevention Programs

- **Auxiliary Program**

The Auxiliary Program is a three tiered volunteer program:

1. Tier 1 supports community policing activities such as public education and crime prevention.
2. Tier 2 supports major events, foot and bicycle patrols, crowd and traffic duties, training support and delivery, disaster assistance, search and rescue assistance.
3. Tier 3 supports Tier 1 and Tier 2 activities and includes the performance of General Duty Patrols and Check Stops.

- **Block Watch and Business Link Program**

The Block Watch and Business Link programs are free, community-based, crime prevention programs aimed at helping residents and businesses organize their neighbourhoods to help prevent crime in the community. Both programs work if neighbours get to know one another. Neighbours are often the first to notice a suspicious person in the neighbourhood. When neighbours work together, they can combat crime in their neighbourhood in the most effective way - before it happens.

- **Richmond RCMP Email Alerts** –Residents and business owners can register their email addresses at blockwatch@richmond.ca and rcmp_business_link@richmond.ca, respectively, to receive emails alerting them to recent break and enters in their neighbourhoods. These alerts contain incident details, prevention tips, and links to the Richmond RCMP Criminal Activity Maps.

- **BaitCar Programs**

The BaitCar Program is a component of British Columbia's Enhanced Traffic Enforcement Program (ETEP). Bait vehicles are provided by the program to the Detachment to deploy in crime "hotspots" that the Detachment Crime Analysts have identified in order to catch Theft from Automobile and Theft of Vehicle prolific offenders.

- **Community Response Team**

Launched in January 2016, the Community Response Team (CRT) is a team of specially trained volunteers, equipped to conduct dynamic outreach on both a pro-active and responsive basis. The team supports the City of Richmond and the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit by acting as crime prevention ambassadors and liaisons. The team is deployed to support the integration of crime prevention programs and in response to emerging crime trends, based on analytical crime data. Members of the CRT engage in community outreach, provide advice, including home/business and personal security, and share information on crime prevention programs offered by the

City of Richmond. The main objective of the CRT is to help educate and empower members the community while linking them to the local police, all in the interest of preventing victimization by crime. The CRT members are highly visible and easily recognizable in their Community Response Team uniforms and work alongside uniformed Auxiliary Constables and Police Officers. The specific nature of the outreach is directly tailored to the particular issue afflicting that neighbourhood. The outreach activities may involve:

- Coordinated placement of a marked police vehicle at a strategic location in Richmond;
- Community volunteer patrols;
- Direct engagement with residents and businesses; and
- Dissemination of crime prevention and awareness literature.

Further, the CRT promotes the recruitment of new members for related programs such as Block Watch and Business Link. In active Block Watch neighbourhoods, the Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains are invited to accompany the CRT on scheduled patrols.

- **Crime Prevention Guide**

The Crime Prevention Guide was first issued in July 2014. It is a free, community-focused guide providing personal, home and property, neighbourhood, and business safety information to encourage active participation in crime prevention techniques. The guide is available for download from the City of Richmond Crime Prevention website and paper copies are made available to the Public at Richmond City Hall and any Richmond RCMP Police Station.

- **Crime Watch**

Crime Watch is a team of specially trained volunteers, equipped to conduct non-police surveillance to observe and report to the Detachment. Crime Watch have proven successful in locating stolen vehicles and other items.

- **Online Crime Reporting**

The program launched in Richmond in August, 2014. The program allows the Public to report property crimes of a value of under \$5,000 and traffic violation crimes.

- **Lock Out Auto Crime**

The Lock Out Auto Crime program was created as a joint venture between the RCMP, crime prevention volunteers, and ICBC, to reduce theft from autos. It is designed to be an educational and awareness campaign that highlights the safety measures the Public can take to help protect vehicles from theft or vandalism. Police and their partners hand out Lock Out Auto Crime brochures and checklists, noting things such as valuables left out in the open and unlocked vehicles. If a vehicle owner receives one of the brochures or checklists on their car windshield, there is no fine to pay, it's simply meant to be

educational. However, under the Motor Vehicle Act police can issue a ticket to owners who leave their vehicle unsecured.

- **Project 529**

The program launched in Richmond in April 2016. At the time, the Vancouver Police Department and the Richmond RCMP Detachment were the only two jurisdictions in Canada to have the program; however, many jurisdictions are now on board or contemplating the launch of the program. The program is the brainchild of James Allard, one of Microsoft's founders who oversaw the company's first foray into the videogame industry (Xbox). It allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes online and broadcast a "missing bike bulletin" to the 529 community and social networks in a bid to recover a stolen bike. Project 529 holds a database of registered and stolen bikes. Additionally, the 529 program generates a detailed report that can be provided to police and an insurance company in the event of a theft.

Commencing January 1, 2017, Project 529 Bicycle Registrations are available at the three Community Police Offices in the City.

Traffic Safety Programs

- **Distracted Driving enforcement campaigns**

The Distracted Driving CounterAttack enforcement campaigns held in March and September of each year, are part of the British Columbia Enhanced Traffic Enforcement Program (EETEP) mandates. EETEP is the only program of its kind in Canada and is a collaborative effort between Policing and the security Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) and the RCMP. In addition the Detachment Road Safety Unit, the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers and ICBC conduct similar distracted driving campaigns to encourage drivers to plan ahead for a safe ride home, arrange a designate driver, call a taxi or take transit. The Detachment Road Safety Unit conducts road checks to enforce campaign messages.

- **High risk driving enforcement campaigns**

Launched in May 2015, the High Risk driving enforcement campaign is an initiative between the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), the B.C. government, and police. Failing to yield, speeding, and unsafe lane changes are high risk driving behaviours that put everyone at risk. According to the ICBC, "Failing to yield the right-of-way — whether it be to other drivers, motorcyclists, pedestrians or cyclists — is a leading cause of crashes that result in injuries or deaths in B.C."

- **Impaired Driving (alcohol/drugs) enforcement campaigns**

Impaired Driving (alcohol/drugs) EETEP campaigns are conducted during July and December and supplemented by the Detachment Road Safety Unit's year round enforcement. When a suspected alcohol or drug impaired driver is identified by the

Detachment, police can request the assistance of a trained drug recognition expert to conduct a specialized investigation.

- **Intersection Enforcement campaigns**
Intersection enforcement campaigns are conducted during the high risk month of May of each year and is part of the ETEP program.
- **Light Up the Highway**
The “Light Up the Highway” distracted driving campaign aims to raise awareness of the human costs of impaired driving. The program is held in partnership with the Detachment Road Safety Unit, the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit and volunteers, ICBC and the B.C. government. Police vehicles light up the highways to ensure police visibility.
- **Occupant Restraint enforcement campaign**
Campaigns conducted during the months of March and September are part of the ETEP program but the Detachment Road Safety Unit continues to conduct year-round enforcement.
- **Operation Hang Up**
Operation Hang Up is held in partnership with the Detachment Road Safety Unit, the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers and ICBC. The Operation Hang Up campaign reminds motorists to put down their phones and electronic devices. Drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a crash while using their phone. The program is a combination of education, awareness and enforcement. A large display of high visibility signs are placed in locations to remind drivers to stay off their phone. The Road Safety Unit uses a high-powered scope to spot people holding electronic devices long before they are aware of a police roadside presence. A driver caught holding an electronic device can be fined \$167 and receive three points against their driver’s license. The campaign was piloted in the City of Surrey in the Fall of 2015 and as a result of the success was launched in the City of Richmond in February 2016.
- **SLOW Pedestrian Safety campaign**
Launched in October 2014 by the Detachment, SLOW stands for Stop, Look, Observe then Walk. Pedestrian Safety campaigns such as these are held in partnership with the Detachment Road Safety Unit, the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers, and ICBC. The program is a combination of education, awareness and enforcement that provides pedestrians in high volume usage areas with pedestrian safety tips and a reflective armband to increase their visibility in the dark.
- **Project SWOOP (Speed Watch Out on Patrol)**
Project SWOOP is held in partnership with the Detachment Road Safety Unit, the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers, and ICBC. The program is a combination of education, awareness and enforcement that reminds drivers about the

dangers of speeding. The Detachment Road Safety Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers, and auxiliary constables set up digital reader boards to remind motorists of their speed. Road Safety Unit led police officers then use radar to record the excessive speed and hand out tickets and warnings for various traffic violations.

- **Speed Watch**

The Speed Watch program is held in partnership with the Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers, and ICBC. The program is a combination of education, awareness and enforcement that reminds drivers about the dangers of speeding.

The Detachment Crime Prevention Unit, volunteers, and auxiliary constables use radar to record drivers' speed and set up digital reader boards to remind motorists of their speed. The license plate number and speed is recorded and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter describes the date, time, location and applicable fine amounts if the driver had received a violation ticket at the time of the offense.

Youth Programs

- **Adopt-a-School Program (Elementary)**

Richmond elementary schools are assigned a uniformed police officer to act as a liaison. Through regular visits, officers engage in both formal and informal interactions with youth and school staff, thereby building positive relationships. Such relationships afford an enhanced awareness of public safety issues affecting youth, enrich the compliment of developmental assets of students, and increase community confidence.

- **School Liaison Program (Secondary)**

Every Richmond secondary school has a Detachment Youth Section member assigned to it. The liaison officer conducts regular proactive visits, delivering crime prevention and public safety education, and early identification and intervention with at-risk youth. There is also a focus on Internet safety initiatives, including "Delete Day" wherein students are asked to become safer, more responsible Internet users.

- **Camp Courage**

Richmond RCMP, Richmond Fire-Rescue, and the City of Richmond host summer one-day camps to give children the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a police officer and firefighter. The camps enable youth 9 to 12 years of age to personally interact with first responders and learn about the training, responsibilities, skills and equipment involved in policing and firefighting through hands-on activities. Camp Courage is a great opportunity for police and fire personnel to communicate with youth and their parents, acting as positive role models and mentoring youth towards goals of social responsibility and civic mindedness. Richmond Detachment and Richmond Fire-Rescue will collaborate to offer local youth an opportunity to participate in RCMP Summer Youth Camps.

- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)**

In partnership with the Richmond School District and private schools, Richmond Detachment delivers the DARE program to approximately 1,700 fifth graders each year. The DARE program is an Internationally recognised drug prevention program based on Socio-Emotional Theory. Youth learn to control their impulses and to think about risks and consequences. The program is taught over a 10-week period to school children in Grades 5 and 6. An off-shoot of the program is that it provides opportunities to establish positive relationships among the police, teachers, parents, and children. The program has been so successful in British Columbia that it has become the foundation of the RCMP's Community Prevention Education Continuum (CPEC).

- **On-side Program**

Richmond Detachment police officers take school-aged youth to local professional sporting events. This program provides a fun and informal environment wherein youth

- **Richmond Restorative Justice Program**

Restorative Justice consists of a Community Conference that brings together those affected by an incident where a child or youth has admitted guilt for committing a criminal offence. Conferences include the victims, offenders, their support persons, witnesses and the referring police officer. Trained facilitators assist the participants in building an agreement that addresses the harm, and holds the child or youth accountable for their actions. This program has been coordinated by Touchstone Family Association since January 2004. The goal is to reduce youth crime in Richmond.

- **School Action for Emergencies (SAFE)**

The SAFE (School Action for Emergencies) Plan is an operational computer database that was released nationally in September 2007. This police tool delivers site-specific emergency response plans to help the Detachment respond efficiently and effectively to critical incidents. The initiative is part of the RCMP's ongoing commitment to youth and to building safer communities. The SAFE Plan can be applied in any school event or situation that requires police deployment. A SAFE Plan also includes school contacts, floor plans, aerial photos, maps, lockdown procedures and other site-specific emergency response information. All emergency response plans, including School Action for Emergency (SAFE) Plans, are considered "living documents," and therefore need to be reviewed each year. SAFE Plans expire on September 1st of each year. At the start of the new school year, members liaise with their schools partners to re-validate plans to ensure operational readiness. This also provides a good opportunity to review school lockdown plans with Principals.

- **School Sports Program**

When he was a general duty police officer, Richmond RCMP Corporal Kevin Krygier saw the issues that police and communities were dealing with every day — kids getting involved in drugs, gangs and bullying. Corporal Krygier believed that the Richmond RCMP could better connect by engaging youth through sports, deterring their

involvement in crime and promoting pro-social behaviours. In 2012, he implemented the School Sports Program, spending countless volunteer hours getting this program up and running, forming a partnership with the Richmond School District, the Rick Hansen Foundation, and community "Ambassadors". Ambassadors have included local Olympic and Paralympic athletes (such as Councillor and Olympic snowboarder Alexa Loo) as well as prominent members of the community. The goal of the School Sports Program is to help students build positive relationship with police, and supports the RCMP's national strategic priority related to and the Richmond RCMP's strategic policing plan. The program provides local youth with the opportunity to play sports with police officers they might not otherwise interact with and also helps police officers and, otherwise sedentary youth, get physically active. RCMP members and the students square off in a friendly sporting activity, such as floor hockey, basketball and volleyball while other children and school faculty cheer them on in a show of school and community spirit. The environment is both positive and exciting for all who are involved. Students often talk about this program with a lot of positive comments.

- **Difference Maker Project**

In 2015, the School Sports Program started a pilot program at two elementary and two secondary schools. The program has elementary school students, mentored by local secondary school students and supported by RCMP members and community ambassadors, take on a "Difference Maker Project." The program engages and empowers students to make a positive difference in their community and to prevent youth involvement in crime. The School Sports Program and the Difference Makers Projects are inspiring hundreds of local youth and many members of the community and is an example of how sport can help to bridge differences and influence in young lives and strengthen ties with youth in the community.

The elementary school Difference Maker Program introduces students to the concept of a Difference Maker and to the different ways young people can be Difference Makers in their homes, their school and their communities. It includes lesson plans, resources and classroom projects, and is easily incorporated into existing curriculum, timetables and lessons. The Program culminates in an award ceremony to recognize students who have made a difference in the school or local community. The Program builds key skills such as communication, team building and leadership.

The secondary school Difference Maker Program teaches students to identify and act upon their vision for creating positive change. It includes lessons that teach goal setting, analysis, and planning and presentation skills, with a strong emphasis on collaboration and inclusive teamwork. Students build towards creating and carrying out their own campaign to create positive change in their school or local community.

- **Youth Academy**

Directed at Grade 11 and 12 students gives candidates an opportunity to experience police training and to partake in police work simulations. The program is built on a partnership between Surrey, Richmond, Burnaby, North Vancouver, and Coquitlam Detachments and their respective School Districts to provide a mentoring and police youth relationship building program. The focus is centered around policing and for a period of eight days, 10 students from each district (50 total) who are selected through a stringent process, attend the Youth Academy where they experience a week of classes on a myriad of subjects in law and physical Training. The students are often exemplary representatives among their peers and demonstrate their new found knowledge through scenario training.

- **Youth Intervention Program (YIP)**

The Youth Intervention Program, provides assessment, counselling and/or referral services to youth who are 17 years and younger who have been identified as having actual or potential conflict with the law and are referred by an RCMP officer. For those referrals that fall under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the police officer can make the decision to give the youth an opportunity to learn more productive and socially acceptable behaviours and to understand the consequences of continued criminal behaviour. Referrals from the community, schools, and other agencies are accepted on a case-by-case basis. This program has been fully funded by the City of Richmond since 1980. Program staff have completed a Master Degree in Counselling Psychology.

The goals of the YIP program are to:

1. Prevent the youth from committing further offenses
2. Assist the family with resolving any underlying issues which may be contributing to problematic behaviour.

- **Youth Squad**

This eight week program offers grade 10-12 students an opportunity to explore a variety of emergency services careers. Students are given the chance to meet police officers working in specialized units and learn about their day-to-day work in Road Safety, Police Dog, Drug, Emergency Response, and Forensic Services units. The Canadian Armed Forces, BC Ambulance Service, and Richmond Fire-Rescue also participate in this program.