



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
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Detachment

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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for May 2009

Staff Recommendation

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

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Staff Report

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 Activity Report for May 2009.

Noteworthy Files:

Identity Theft

Recently, two separate identity thefts have been reported to the Richmond Detachment. The first involved a man who received four separate calls to his cellular telephone. The caller stated they were from a technology company in Hong Kong and that the intended victim had won a prize and could pick it up at the Pacific Centre Mall. Personal information was asked for such as birth-date, marital status, driver's licence number and bank account information. Fortunately, the intended victim did not divulge any personal information, contacted Pacific Centre Mall and verified that this was not legitimate.

The second incident was very similar in that a man received four separate telephone calls and was told that he was the winner of \$150,000. The caller also requested personal information and provided a web site to refer to. Again, the intended victim did not provide the personal information and reported the incident to the police for investigation and follow-up.

Midget AAA Chuckers vs. RCMP

The Richmond Opening Day Ceremonies is an annual event in celebration of the start of the Richmond baseball season. This year the Richmond Midget AAA Chuckers held a food drive to help the needy and feed the hungry in our community. Over 44 Richmond baseball teams attended this year's event with non-perishable food items that had been collected for donation to the Richmond Food Bank.

This year Mayor Brodie, the Vancouver Canadians Mascot Bob Brown Bear, Richmond Food Bank volunteers and the Richmond RCMP attended the ceremonies on April 23rd in support of the Chuckers food drive initiative and the Richmond City Baseball Association. The feature ball game was the Richmond Midget AAA Chuckers vs. Team Richmond RCMP, the final score of 9-1, respectively.

Extortion

Since April 24, 2009 Richmond Detachment has been investigating several incidents where local residents and business owners have been receiving telephone calls from an unknown male caller. The caller demanded large amounts of money and threatened the victims if they did not comply with his demands. This crime is not isolated to the City of Richmond, and the police are aware of similar incidents throughout the Lower Mainland, Toronto and some areas of the United States.

Traffic Section:

During the month of April the Detachment Traffic Section participated in a joint operation with the CN Rail police and targeted train crossing infractions.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Feb	Mar	Apr
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1881	1455	1523
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	638	711	533
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	56	67	63
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	56	22	14
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	4	6	6

Community Policing Section

Adopt-A-School: During the month of April a total of 132 visits were made to local elementary schools.

Auxiliary Program: Auxiliary police officers are dedicated community volunteers for the City of Richmond. Each auxiliary commits to volunteer a minimum of 160 hours per year by speaking to school children, at various programs offered by the Richmond RCMP Community Police Stations and by riding along with regular members. Although auxiliary Police wear uniforms they don't carry a firearm, and have had extensive self-defence training.

Bait Locker Program: In partnership with the City, the Detachment implemented a crime prevention program to reduce the number of locker break-ins. Notices were posted in change rooms advising patrons that lockers in both male and female change rooms had been fitted with alarms. If a Bait Locker is forced open, a loud alarm sounds to notify staff to contact the police.

Block Watch: Recently the Community Policing Section held two Block Watch Captain training sessions on home security. Three regular members of the RCMP were on hand to provide participants with information on home security from their own experiences as police officers.

DARE: In the month of April, 74 DARE classes were taught, with the DARE Graduations to occur in late May or early June.

Youth Academy: Youth academy was held again this year in April at Stillwood Camp, Chilliwack. Youth Academy is a “mini-depot” environment for students that have an interest in policing. Cadets learn a lot about policing, including basic law, powers of arrest, police procedures, court briefs, scenario training, physical training, drill and much more.

The Academy is put on each year and includes members and students from Richmond, Surrey, North Vancouver, Burnaby and Coquitlam. Fifty students take part; 10 from each Detachment area. Students apply through their schools and are subject to a background screening, interviews and physical testing as part of the selection process.

Each Detachment supplies regular police officers to staff the camp. This year Richmond was well represented by Constables Bansi, Chapelle and Peralta. Other staff and officers were involved by assisting as actors for the scenarios.

The graduation is a big event, with the students marching in a basic drill presentation for their parents, Youth Academy instructors, and many dignitaries including the Commanding Officer for the Province of British Columbia. By all accounts this year’s Academy was a great success.

Crime Statistics:


March 2009 – see attachment “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 Community Safety Committee.


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MARCH 2009 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 Assault).

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
	Mar-09	Feb-09	% Change	Mar-08	% Change	2008 YTD	2009 YTD	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	94	92	2.2%	85	10.8%	244	275	12.7%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	6	5	20.0%	5	20.0%	21	18	-14.3%	→
<i>Assault</i>	50	50	0.0%	50	0.0%	154	146	-5.2%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	14	14	0.0%	21	-33.3%	40	37	-7.5%	→
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	4	3	33.3%	3	33.3%	12	11	-8.3%	↘
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	490	556	-11.9%	559	-12.3%	1561	1620	3.8%	→
<i>Business B&E</i>	27	41	-34.1%	61	-55.7%	135	105	-22.2%	↘
<i>Residential B&E</i>	31	59	-47.5%	55	-43.6%	139	163	17.3%	↗
<i>MV Theft</i>	35	33	6.1%	36	-2.8%	85	122	43.5%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	154	180	-14.4%	168	-8.3%	512	518	1.2%	→
<i>Theft</i>	100	106	-5.7%	130	-23.1%	362	327	-9.7%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	78	74	5.4%	34	129.4%	102	215	110.8%	↗
<i>Metal Theft</i>	5	3	66.7%	36	-86.1%	67	12	-82.1%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	40	36	11.1%	40	0.0%	130	97	-25.4%	↘
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	326	291	12.0%	391	-16.6%	1104	932	-15.6%	→
<i>Arson - Property</i>	2	3	-33.3%	13	-84.6%	32	8	-75.0%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	910	939	-3.1%	1035	-12.1%	2909	2827	-2.8%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	95	74	28.4%	98	-3.1%	278	244	-12.2%	↘

NOTES

- Residential B&E totals have been decreasing since the peak of 79 in October 2008, especially thus far in 2009; this month's total is the lowest in more than two years.
- Shoplifting offences are high compared to last year, but the totals for the first quarter of 2008 were unusually low. Looking back at the last 4 years (2005-2009), the trend line for Shoplifting is stable, with a slight decline.

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