



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report For June 2010

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 June 2010.

Noteworthy Files:

Onside Program Receives Donation

The Richmond RCMP is pleased to announce that the Detachment's Onside Program was recently selected to receive funding in the amount of \$3,500 from the RCMP foundation. The RCMP Foundation was formed in 1994 to support the work of RCMP members across Canada who work tirelessly in their communities in order to transform the lives of Canada's youth at risk. The RCMP Foundation raises funds to develop local community programs to support areas such as Community Policing, child safety, drug awareness, crime prevention, literacy, internet safety, anti-bullying and victim assistance programs.

The Detachment's Onside Program is a community policing initiative that offers an opportunity for young people to connect with the police outside the traditional police environment and move towards being "onside", living a healthy, productive lifestyle. The program also encourages young people to make positive choices.

Often times young people see the police when there is trouble. A gap forms and over time the police and young people become disconnected. The Onside Program allows police officers to build bridges and reconnect with youth. This bridge building initiative involves police officers escorting a group of young people to a professional sporting event, namely the Vancouver Canucks and the BC Lions. Tickets for the event are purchased or donated in conjunction with the support and assistance of local corporate partnerships. The young people selected to participate can be youth at risk, troubled youth or young people that were never recognized in the past for being "onside" with the law. This provides young people with an opportunity to see police officers as more than just a "cop". This positive experience is a stepping stone towards developing trust and mutual respect.

Police Incident at YVR

On May 15th at 10:43 in the morning the Richmond RCMP received information of a bomb threat on a Cathay Pacific flight. The flight was escorted to YVR Terminal by two Canadian forces aircraft. The plane landed safely at 1:35 in the afternoon, all passengers were removed from the plane and all necessary screening procedures were carried out where nothing of concern was identified aboard the aircraft. No one was injured during this incident. The Richmond RCMP is actively partnering with all agencies involved to identify the person(s) responsible for issuing this threat. Every investigational avenue is being pursued at this time.

Armed Robbery at Convenience Store

On May 18th at 4:00 a.m. a masked man entered the 711 store located in the 9000 block of Number 2 Road. The male produced a firearm, demanded cash, transit passes, cigarettes and then fled. Richmond RCMP were on the scene within minutes conducted extensive patrols of the area with the assistance of the RCMP Police Dog Services. No one was injured during this incident. The suspect is described as male, 5'9, medium build, wearing a balaclava, baseball cap, black hooded jacket, blue jeans and white running shoes and carrying a black, grey and blue backpack.

Armed Robbery in Richmond Centre Mall

Richmond RCMP, in cooperation with policing partners are currently investigating an armed robbery that occurred on May 18th at approximately noon at Siba Jewellers in the Richmond Centre Mall. Four masked males entered the store, one brandishing a firearm and demanded that employees open the display units. The suspects fled with an undisclosed amount of jewellery prior to police arrival. Surveillance footage of the incident is being reviewed by investigators.

Traffic Section

On May 13th at #3 and Lansdowne Road, Richmond RCMP Traffic Section conducted a vehicle check with the following traffic charges:

- 21- fail to wear seatbelts
- 2 - cell phone usage
- 7 - vehicle equipment defects
- 4 – child restraint violations
- 3 – drivers licence violations
- 2 – no insurance
- 2 – other moving violations (ie unsafe lane change).

The intention is to continue these vehicle checks to target cell phone usage and seat belt infractions.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Feb	Mar	Apr
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1964	1700	1676
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	889	645	537
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	144	73	104
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	45	35	43
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	1	0

Property Crimes Unit

In September 2009, the City of Richmond Public Works Department contacted the Detachment and reported that lamp posts in the city were being targeted by copper wire thieves. The thieves had caused approximately \$85,000 damage and were leaving high voltage wire exposed to the public, which cost approximately \$1,000-\$3,000 to repair.

Richmond Detachment Property Crimes Unit (PCU) members met with the employees of the City to investigate these offences. PCU attended several local metal recycling plants and reviewed the customer logs in order to identify a suspect. In January 2010 the Property Crimes Unit arrested William Nezezon and charged him with seven criminal offences of theft under \$5,000, mischief over \$5,000, and breach of undertaking. On May 12, 2010 he was convicted and sentenced to a jail term of 6 months followed by 2 years probation as well as a court condition prohibiting him from being within the City of Richmond for 2 years.

Crime Statistics:

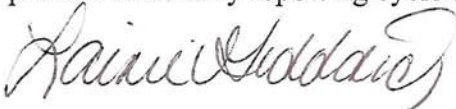
April 2010 - see attachment "A"

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Officer In Charge, Richmond Detachment has developed a framework and will continue to provide a monthly reporting cycle to the Community Safety Committee.



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APRIL 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
	Apr-10	Mar-10	% Change	Apr-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	147	134	9.7%	165	-10.9%	574	568	-1.0%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	8	8	0.0%	5	60.0%	23	31	34.8%	→
<i>Assault</i>	50	47	6.4%	73	-31.5%	219	197	-10.0%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	11	7	57.1%	16	-31.3%	53	51	-3.8%	→
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	12	9	33.3%	3	300.0%	15	36	140.0%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	677	718	-5.7%	648	4.5%	2576	2908	12.9%	↘
<i>Business B&E</i>	42	41	2.4%	42	0.0%	147	175	19.0%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	42	41	2.4%	35	20.0%	198	203	2.5%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	24	42	-42.9%	39	-38.5%	161	173	7.5%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	216	196	10.2%	198	9.1%	716	861	20.3%	↗
<i>Theft</i>	102	102	0.0%	85	20.0%	412	449	9.0%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	51	71	-28.2%	56	-8.9%	271	258	-4.8%	→
<i>Metal Theft</i>	4	2	100.0%	8	-50.0%	20	21	5.0%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	49	64	-23.4%	48	2.1%	145	215	48.3%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	226	210	7.6%	222	1.8%	768	849	10.5%	→
<i>Arson - Property</i>	6	11	-45.5%	9	-33.3%	17	29	70.6%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1050	1062	-1.1%	1035	1.4%	3918	4325	10.4%	↘
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	89	94	-5.3%	56	58.9%	309	395	27.8%	→

NOTES:

- Auto Theft was unusually low in April, with only 24 stolen vehicles.
- The total number of Sexual Offences has increased, but that includes historical incidents and recent additions to UCR scoring. The rate of Sexual Offences committed by strangers remains quite low.

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