



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for December 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 September 2009.

Noteworthy Files:

Suspected Drug Lab Confirmed

On November 24, the Richmond RCMP received information that smoke was coming out of a sewer grate in the 11000 block of Williams Road. The smoke was described as having a sulphur type odour. Emergency personnel were on scene and some homes in the area were evacuated. The RCMP Clandestine Lab Team arrived on scene and made entry into the home. It was confirmed that a medium to large size meth lab was located inside the residence. The meth lab was dismantled in 24 hours. Two males were found inside the residence and arrested. They were cleared medically and transported to the Richmond RCMP. This is an excellent example of how taking those extra precautions pays off in the end. All of the emergency personnel that were on standby were necessary and played a very important role in seeing this potentially tragic situation to a safe end.

More Drugs Taken Off The Street

The Richmond Marihuana Enforcement Team has exhausted a month long project with a successful ending. Drugs totalling over an estimated \$500,000 have been taken off the street. Surveillance on a residence in the 6000 block of Williams Road led to surveillance of a residence in Burnaby. On November 12th a search warrant was executed on the Burnaby residence with the assistance of Burnaby RCMP, 350 marihuana plants were seized as well as 30 lbs of bud. Two males and one female were arrested in connection to this marihuana grow operation. On November 25th the Richmond Marihuana Enforcement Team executed a search warrant in the 6000 block of Williams Road. Two vehicles associated to the Williams Road address were stopped. One vehicle had 60 lbs of marihuana seized. The other vehicle which belonged to the home owner did not have any marihuana in his possession, but led to a search of his residence which revealed 80 lbs of packaged marihuana and 50 plants just off his garage. He was arrested and released on a Promise To Appear.

Traffic Section:

November was intersection safety month. There were 6 dedicated operations at various locations, with a significant number of infractions related to traffic lights, turns and seatbelts. One operation done in partnership with the Integrated Road Safety Unit.

Traffic Section is working on a media campaign to increase awareness for pedestrians and drivers.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Sep	Oct	Nov
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1484	1440	1235
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	520	507	583
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	81	93	73
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	25	40	70
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	1	4	0

Community Policing Section**Bridgeport Crime Prevention Center:**

The first week of November marked the completion of the new "Bridgeport Crime Prevention Center" at the River Rock Casino. The official opening date was November 16th. There was a steady flow of people making their way to the Canada Line from the Casino on a new bridge called "Star Walk" which had opened that day as well.

Crime Prevention Team:

On November 25th several representatives from the Community Policing Section held a Pedestrians Safety Blitz event. This was targeting pedestrians near the Skytrain stations to remind pedestrians to ensure drivers see them and encouraging them to wear one of the 200 reflective armbands that were given out. A safety brochure was also given out.

Hamilton Community Policing:

Speed Watch continues to be a strong program in this community warranting the efforts of local volunteers. I.C.B.C. is appraised of statistics monthly. This program has had a definite impact upon speed by motorists traveling on Westminster Highway.

Training for the Bike Patrol participants will be forth coming upon warmer weather. Four residents took part and successfully graduated from the Can-Bike 1 – Skills Course held in the South Arm Community Center.

A representative from the Hamilton Community Police Station continues to liaise with the local residents and the Hamilton Community Center. Block Watch is next on the list of programs to be introduced.

RCMP Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

On November 27th, RCMP Volunteers including: Auxiliary Constables, Crime Watch, Victim Services, Hamilton Community Policing, Airport, South Arm and Steveston Community Police Stations were honored at the Annual RCMP Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Crime Statistics:

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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NOVEMBER 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
	Nov-09	Oct-09	% Change	Nov-08	% Change	2008 YTD	2009 YTD	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	144	138	4.3%	111	29.7%	1032	1314	27.3%	↗
<i>Robbery</i>	11	10	10.0%	13	-15.4%	121	107	-11.6%	→
<i>Assault</i>	60	35	71.4%	45	33.3%	566	562	-0.7%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	8	20	-60.0%	17	-52.9%	150	171	14.0%	→
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	5	2	150.0%	8	-37.5%	53	46	-13.2%	→
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	695	712	-2.4%	595	16.8%	6551	6672	1.8%	→
<i>Business B&E</i>	38	52	-26.9%	54	-29.6%	461	494	7.2%	→
<i>Residential B&E</i>	66	38	73.7%	78	-15.4%	639	476	-25.5%	→
<i>MV Theft</i>	32	55	-41.8%	34	-5.9%	475	465	-2.1%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	271	234	15.8%	163	66.3%	2209	2140	-3.1%	↗
<i>Theft</i>	81	70	15.7%	117	-30.8%	1275	1093	-14.3%	↘
<i>Shoplifting</i>	46	54	-14.8%	62	-25.8%	663	527	-20.5%	↗
<i>Metal Theft</i>	7	10	-30.0%	7	0.0%	178	72	-59.6%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	33	55	-40.0%	49	-32.7%	509	515	1.2%	↘
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	180	173	4.0%	384	-53.1%	4705	3552	-24.5%	→
<i>Arson - Property</i>	6	11	-45.5%	11	-45.5%	116	121	4.3%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1019	1023	-0.4%	1090	-6.5%	12288	11538	-6.1%	→
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	93	94	-1.1%	86	8.1%	1101	1171	6.4%	→

NOTES

- The number of Assaults w/ Weapon in November 2009 (8) was the lowest monthly total in the past year.
- Incidents of Shoplifting appeared to be on the rise, but they have been steadily decreasing over the past three months.