



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for June 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 June 2009.

Police Week Fundraiser for Special Olympics B.C.

On May 13th, the Richmond RCMP Detachment invited the public to attend a B.B.Q. held in the front of the Detachment during the lunch hour. For a minimum donation of \$5.00 everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch in support of the Special Olympics B.C. Music was provided by Virgin Radio and burgers and hotdogs were graciously donated by M & M Meat Shop. Other sponsors included Save-On-Foods for beverages, Old Dutch for chips and Costco for the condiments. In total \$1,645.00 was raised for this worthy cause.

Police Chief for a Day

On May 8, 2009 the Richmond RCMP had a new Police Chief for the Day. Ben Minci, age 12, who attends one of Richmond's local elementary school was chosen due to his outstanding grades by his principal to fill this big role.

Ben arrived at the Detachment for 9:00 to start his shift and receive his "Police Chief" certificate from Superintendent Rendall Nessel and Safety Bear. His day consisted of a Detachment tour where he visited the various sections and learned about areas such as seized property, cells, records and administration. Ben was introduced to a variety of people while assuming his prominent role in the community and was pleased to be able to have an audience with Mayor Brodie. The day was rounded off with lunch at the local Boston Pizza with Inspectors Burleigh and McKenna and Cst. Edwards.

Marihuana Enforcement Team Tackles another Grow Op

On May 20, 2009 at approximately 1030 am the Richmond RCMP Marihuana Enforcement Team (MET), with the assistance of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) executed a search warrant in the 12000 block of Rowan Place. Upon entry, one male was found inside and subsequently arrested. Once the Emergency Response Team had made sure that the building was safe, the Marihuana Enforcement Team located a marihuana grow operation, what appeared to be a small clandestine lab, two loaded handguns and two rifles along with several thousand dollars in cash and over a dozen vehicles. Three of the vehicles had been stolen, which may suggest that the business was also being used as a 'chop shop'.

Home Safe – Be Proactive

The Richmond Detachment reminds the public to exercise caution this summer when it comes to home and personal safety. As the days become warmer, many residents try to find relief from the heat by opening their doors and windows. Although this is an effective way to cool down a home, is not recommended for main floor windows and doors or areas where the home could be easily accessed.

The Detachment Block Watch Municipal Staff and the RCMP Auxiliary Constables have been trained by the RCMP in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) techniques. Staff will walk with the property owner, through the property, checking lighting, windows and doors and other areas in and outside the home. Although each home is different, things like high bushes in front of doors or windows, short screws in locks, and inadequate locks on sliding glass doors, are a concern. Staff are able to provide citizens with tips and suggestions on how to make homes safer and more secure. At the end of the visit a completed home security checklist will be left with the home owner as an easy reference guide.

For more information or to request a home security check, please call the Richmond Detachment Block Watch Office at 604 207-4790. Some personal information will be requested such as full name, address, birthdate and driver’s license number for the purposes of a RCMP background check before scheduling an appointment.

Traffic Section:

May 12 – 18 marked Canada Road Safety Week, a national campaign to make Canada’s roads the safest in the world. Strategically chosen as it is the first “summer” long weekend as the May long weekend typically sees more travellers and traffic collisions are more frequent. Police vehicles were stationed at key locations to remind people that safe driving habits save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Mar	Apr	May
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1455	1523	1861
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	71	533	699
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	67	63	72
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	22	14	74
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	6	6	3

Community Policing Section

Adopt-A-School: During the month of May a total of 139 visits were made to local elementary schools.

Auxiliary Program: Currently Richmond Detachment boasts 33 dedicated Auxiliary Constable volunteers who have logged a total of 1069 hours serving the community of Richmond for the first quarter of 2009. Security clearances are being finalized for the new troop at this time and we look forward to the training in the near future.

Block Watch: Block Watch is a free, community-based, crime prevention program aimed at helping residents organize their neighbourhoods to prevent crime in the community. Participants report suspicious activities to the Police. Block Watch is a great way to get to know your neighbours and is a cornerstone to a safe and vibrant community. The Richmond Block Watch Team have continued to update the City of Richmond's web pages: <http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/cprograms/blockwatch.htm>

Criminal Activity Maps: At the April 30, 2009; 9-1-1 Awards the Block Watch/Crime Prevention Team were nominated for a Community Safety Initiative award by the Chamber of Commerce for the interactive Criminal Activity Maps that had recently been implemented. The maps allow visitors to view Richmond neighbourhoods for current crime summaries of residential and commercial break and enters, auto thefts, and theft from motor vehicles. The site links visitors to specific information about securing various residential entry points and to help to reduce auto-related thefts, the site is located at: <http://www.richmond.ca/crime>

Crime Statistics:

April 2009 – see attachment “A”

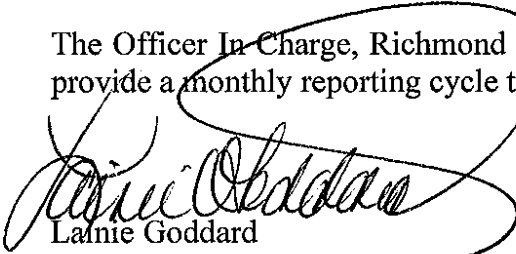
DARE: In the month of May, 80 DARE classes were taught, with the DARE Graduations to occur in June before the end of school.

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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APRIL 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
	Apr-09	Mar-09	% Change	Apr-08	% Change	2008 YTD	2009 YTD	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	116	94	23.4%	77	50.6%	321	391	21.8%	→
Robbery	5	6	-16.7%	12	-58.3%	33	23	-30.3%	→
Assault	73	50	46.0%	47	55.3%	201	219	9.0%	→
Assault w/ Weapon	16	14	14.3%	12	33.3%	52	53	1.9%	→
Sexual Assault	3	4	-25.0%	2	50.0%	14	14	0.0%	↘
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	516	490	5.3%	588	-12.2%	2149	2136	0.6%	↘
Business B&E	42	27	55.6%	38	10.5%	173	147	-15.0%	→
Residential B&E	35	31	12.9%	67	-47.8%	206	198	-3.9%	↗
MV Theft	39	35	11.4%	49	-20.4%	134	161	20.1%	↘
Theft From MV	198	154	28.6%	195	1.5%	707	716	1.3%	→
Theft	85	100	-15.0%	112	-24.1%	474	412	-13.1%	↘
Shoplifting	56	78	-28.2%	47	19.1%	149	271	81.9%	↗
Metal Theft	8	5	60.0%	17	-52.9%	84	20	-76.2%	↘
Fraud	48	40	20.0%	39	23.1%	169	145	-14.2%	↘
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	391	326	19.9%	424	7.8%	1528	1323	13.4%	→
Arson - Property	9	2	350.0%	9	0.0%	41	17	-58.5%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1023	910	12.4%	1089	-6.1%	3998	3850	-3.7%	→
CDSA DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	56	93	-39.8%	98	-42.9%	376	296	21.3%	↘

NOTES

- The number of Arsons tends to increase toward the summer months, usually peaking in July and August when youth offenders are not in school.
- Residential B&E totals are quite low again this month following the peak in late 2008.

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This data is operational and subject to change.