



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** March 4, 2013
From: Rendall Nasset **File:** 09-5000-01/2012-Vol
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01 (13.05)
Re: **RCMP's Monthly Report – February 2013 Activities**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “RCMP’s Monthly Report – February 2013 Activities” (dated March 4, 2013, from the OIC RCMP) be received for information.

(Rendall Nasset) Superintendent
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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the community of Richmond.

Council Term Goals for 2011-2014 identify the desire to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report regarding February 2013 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities:

Help Combat Residential Break and Enters

Property crime has always been a priority in Richmond's crime reduction strategy with dedicated resources allocated to identify and arrest those responsible. As much as officers have the tools and training required to catch the criminals, the ever watchful neighbour is always helpful.

Break and enter hot spots vary from time to time without any reason. In January the majority of incidents occurred along No. 2 Road between Steveston Highway and Granville Avenue and they occurred between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. The detachment sent out a news release on February 7 with the following tips:

- Install motion sensor lights on the exterior of the home at the front and back. Check that they are functioning properly on a regular basis and maintain the exterior lighting.
- Leave a light on when leaving the home and using timers on the radio and interior lights will also make people believe that someone is inside.
- Refrain from storing large amounts of cash or jewellery in the house. Store jewellery in a safety deposit box.
- Check the home frequently if it is up for sale, both inside and out. Do a complete walk through around and then proceed inside only if it appears that no one has entered.
- Have someone park in the driveway during long periods of being away. Invite a neighbour or friend to occupy the driveway and collect mail and flyers.
- Phone the police when lights are seen in a normally dark and abandoned residence. Take note of vehicles and the licence plates in the area that are not usually present.

The detachment is a strong supporter of the Block Watch Program. The captains and co-captains and their groups work together to reduce crime in their neighbourhoods.

Two More Chinese Nationals Go Missing From Tour Groups

The detachment is investigating the third and fourth instances since last August where Chinese Nationals have been reported missing from tour groups. The two incidents are as follows:

On January 22 at around 10:30 pm, the detachment received a report from a tour guide that a female in their groups was missing. The tour group was staying at the Hampton Inn located at 8111 Bridgeport Road and was scheduled to return to China that morning. A 61 year old female from China was last seen at the hotel on January 21 at around 8 p.m. Investigators confirmed that the female did not board her flight back to China and noted that her luggage was missing from the hotel as well.

The most recent incident occurred on February 19th at around 11:00 pm. The detachment received a report from a tour guide that a female in their group was missing. The tour group was staying at the Holiday Inn Express located at 9351 Bridgeport Road and had been invited to a martial arts event. The group was scheduled to return to China on February 22. The 52 year old female from China was last seen at the hotel on February 19 at around 3:00 am by her roommate. When her roommate awoke at 8:00 am, the female and her luggage were gone. Video surveillance indicates that she left the hotel on her own accord with her luggage around 4:00 am.

While foul play is not suspected in any of the incidents, it is a concern that tourists are being reported missing from tour groups.

Auxiliary Constables

As of February 2013, Richmond Detachment’s 31 active Auxiliary Constables recorded 692 volunteer hours in Community Policing, training and Patrol Ride-Along hours as indicated in the table below:

Volunteer Hours

Time Period	Community Policing Hours	Training and Administrative Hours	Patrol Ride-Along Hours	Total Hours
Jan-Feb 2013	279	285	128	692

Summary of Duties for February 2013

- Coastal Watch Presentations
- School Sports Events
- Property Crime Initiatives
- On-Side Program
- Pedestrian Safety Education
- DARE Program
- Assisting Regular members

- Assisting the detachment training section

Summary of Training

- Incident Management Intervention Model (IMIM)
- Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear Response (CBRN)

Recruiting

The Suitability Interviews are being completed for the next troop of 25 Auxiliary Constables. Candidates have been selected for over 70% of the available positions and expect to complete this stage shortly. All selected candidates have now begun the required security screening process, which is expected to take an additional 4-6 months. Training for the new troop will commence in September 2013.

Community Policing

Block Watch

There were 312 residential break and enter letters that were sent to victims and their neighbours. This letter informs the reader that a break and enter had occurred in their area and encourages them to start a Block Watch group. Similarly, 30 Business Link letters were sent to Richmond businesses that experienced break and enters during this period. Both Business Link and residential break and enter letters offer crime prevention tips; directs readers to the crime prevention web pages and encourages them to register for email alerts.

There were 79 residential and 32 business break and enter email alerts sent in this period to registered Richmond residents and business owners respectively. This email alert provides crime prevention information and directs them to the crime prevention web pages.

Crime Maps

On February 13, the new Criminal Activity Maps was presented to the Community Safety Committee which demonstrated the enhancements. This included pin point locators for residential and commercial break and enters and theft of auto. The site is unique in providing up-to-date neighbourhood crime summaries and providing crime prevention techniques targeting specific points of entry. (www.richmond.ca/safety/police/crime)

Community Police Stations

Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) Blitz

The LOAC Blitz was held on February 14 from the South Arm Community Police Station. All 3 Community Police Stations participated. There were 293 vehicles checked on Palm Pilot, 646 vehicles checked and 621 crime prevention notices were given out.

The second blitz was held on February 20 from the City Center Community Police Station. All 3 Community Police Stations participated. There were 405 vehicles checked on Palm Pilot, 683 vehicles checked and 278 crime prevention notices were given out.

Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics

CPS	YTD	# Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock out Auto Crime Deployments	Vehicles Viewed For Signs Of Auto Crime Only	Vehicles Scanned Through Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR)	Vehicles Issued A Crime Prevention Notice	Patrol And Admin Hours
City Center	Jan-Feb	15	3,658	2,227	1,431	88
South Arm	Jan-Feb	9	967	160	807	30
Steveston	Jan-Feb	37	5,926	-	1,872	160
Totals		61	10,551	2,387	4,110	278

Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics

CPS	YTD	# Of Speed Watch Deployments	Total Vehicles Checked	Over 10 Km/h	Admin Hours For Office Duties	Number of Warning Letters Issued
City Center	Jan-Feb	33	13,633	1,973	250	897
South Arm	Jan-Feb	5	5,726	348	30	134
Steveston	Jan-Feb	9	5,930	2,030	56	251
Totals		47	25,289	4,351	336	1,282

Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Number of Letters Sent
City Center	January-February	16	93
South Arm	January-February	5	25
Totals		21	118

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrols

The main objectives of the Volunteer Bike Patrol and Foot Patrol are to observe and report suspicious activity, abandoned houses, grow operations, graffiti and distracted drivers.

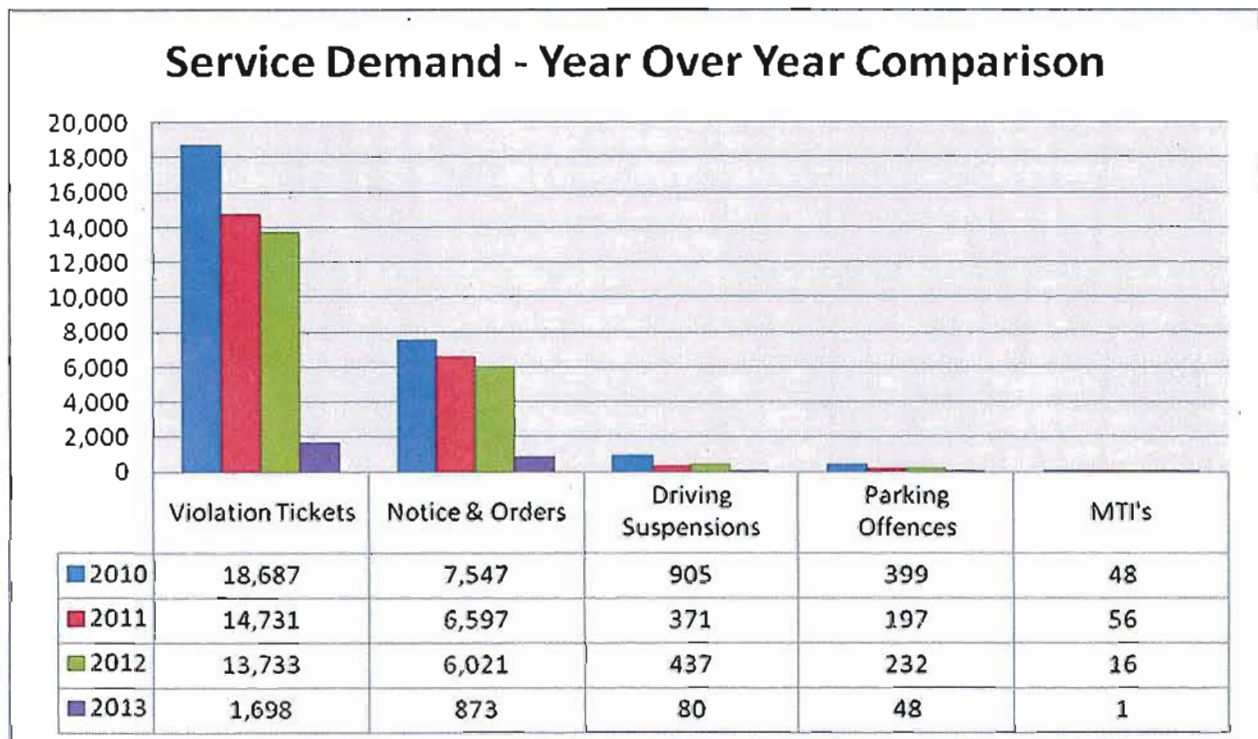
Volunteer Bike Patrols

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Hours
City Center	January –February	10	70

Volunteer Foot Patrols

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Hours
City Center	January-February	14	105

Road Safety Unit



Victim Services

In addition to an active caseload of 140 ongoing files, RCMP Victim Services provided services to 43 new clients and attended nine crime and trauma scenes in January. Medical related sudden deaths, family dysfunction and suicides dominated the calls for service.

Crime Statistics

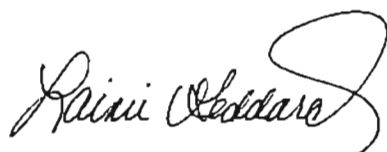
Crime Stats – see Appendix “A”
Crime Maps – see Appendix “B”

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report

Conclusion

The RCMP continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

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