

Report to Committee

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Community Safety Committee

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Rendall Nesset

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Re:

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment RCMP's Monthly Report – April 2013 Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – April 2013 Activities" (dated June 1, 2013, from the Officer In Charge RCMP) be received for information.

(Rendall Nesset) Superintendent

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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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 April 2013 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities:

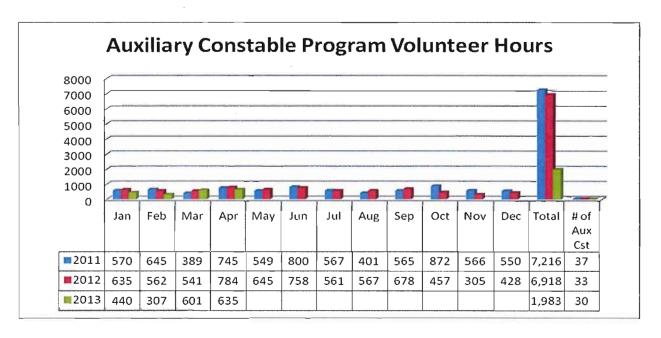
Residential Break & Enter Prevention

In Richmond, residential break and enters are the second most prevalent offence with theft from autos being the first most frequent offence. A news release was sent out to inform the public about incorporating a checklist of safety tips into a home security regime. This news release is available on the City of Richmond website. (Attachment 1)

Auxiliary Constables

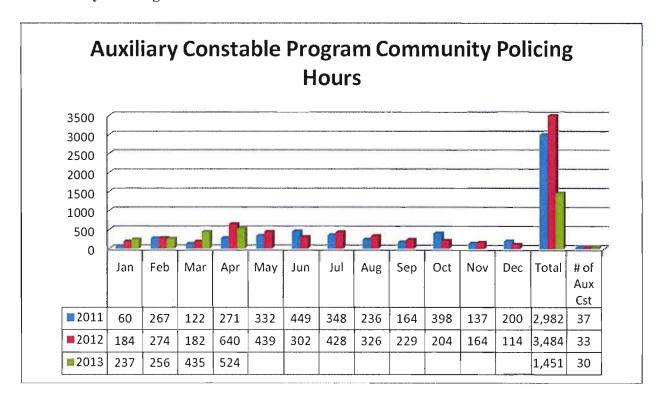
As of April 2013, Richmond Detachment's 30 active Auxiliary Constables recorded 1,983 volunteer hours in Training, Court, and Patrol Ride-Alongs as indicated in the chart below, which compares the hours of service for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Volunteer Hours



The Auxiliary Constables continue to dedicate themselves to ensuring that Community Events and Crime Prevention programs are a priority. The chart below compares the hours of service for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Community Policing



Summary of Duties for April 2013

- Property Crime Initiatives
- Safety Talks to Girl Guides & Beaver Scouts
- School Sports Program
- DARE Program
- Youth Academy
- Assisting with arrivals and departures at YVR
- Assisting general duty members
- Providing traffic control for the YVR exercise
- Providing support for detachment and district training sections

Summary of Training

- Police Defensive Baton, OC Spray and Carotid Control
- On-Line RCMP courses

Awards

The Auxiliary Constable program received a "Constellation Award" from Volunteer Richmond at this year's "Volunteers are Stars" gala for the Volunteer Group of the Year in the Richmond Community.

Community Policing

Block Watch

There were 189 letters sent to victims and their neighbours, informing them that a break and enter had occurred and encouraged them to start a Block Watch group. Similarly, 22 Business Link letters were sent to Richmond businesses that experienced a break and enter during this period. Both Business Link and residential break and enter letters offer crime prevention tips; directs them to the crime prevention web pages and encourages them to register for email alerts.

There were 37 residential and 24 business break and enter email alerts sent this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses respectively. These emails inform them that a break and enter has occurred, provides crime prevention information and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.

Youth Section

Over the school year there has been a higher focus on bullying in schools. This is largely attributable to the tragic and widely publicized death of 15 year old Amanda Todd. With misinformation and speculation trapped amongst the truth on social media sites, the Youth Section set out to work with the community.

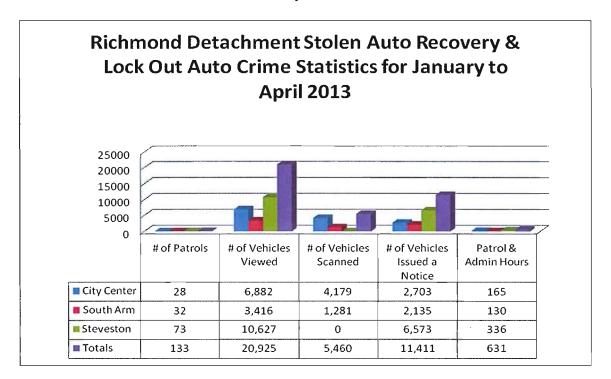
In order to do address the issue, the Youth Section worked with the Richmond School District and Mental Health agency partners to better define bullying and peer group conflict. Then, the teams developed strategies to address various situations.

The information was rolled out to the various schools and partners through newsletters, meetings, and presentations. The Youth Section continues to speak with parents, educators, administrators, and other community partners to identify problems and facilitate solutions.

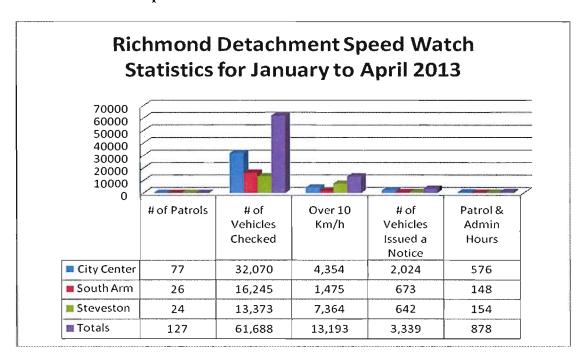
Community Police Stations

The following charts identify the activities of the Community Police Stations for the month.

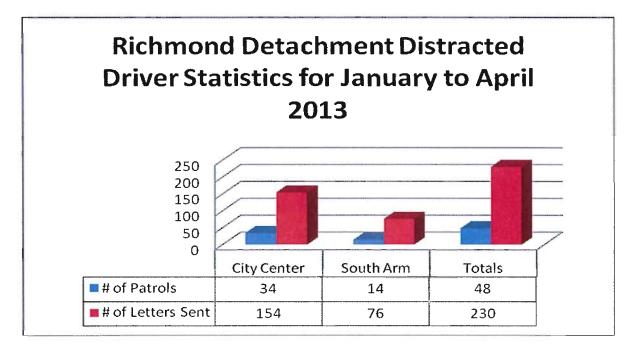
Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics



Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics



Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics



Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrols

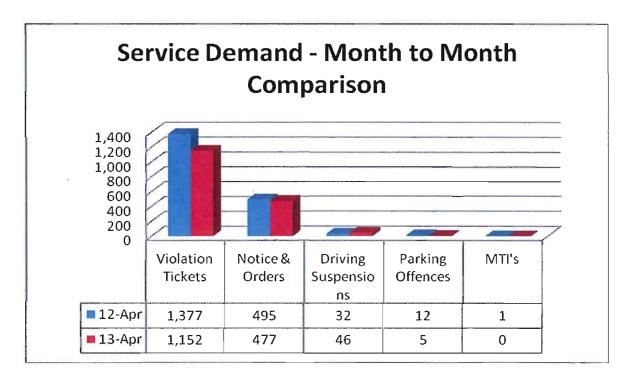
The main objectives of the Volunteer Bike Patrol and Foot Patrol are to observe and report suspicious activity, abandoned houses, grow operations, graffiti and distracted drivers. For January to April, there were 22 bike patrols totalling 171 hours as well as 24 foot patrols for a total of 144 hours.

Road Safety Unit

The following charts compare Road Safety Unit service demand by type for April 2013 and April 2012, as well as year over year.

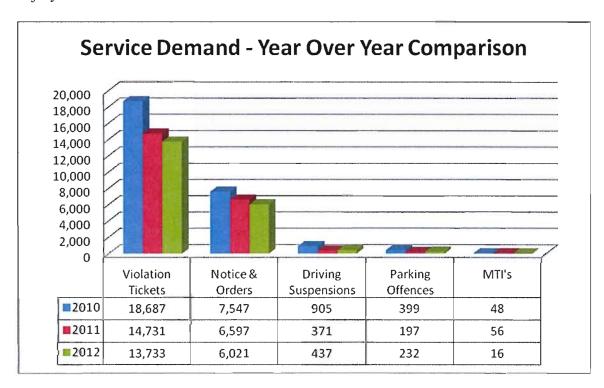
Month to Month Comparison

The chart below compares the Road Safety Unit tickets categorized by type for the month of April 2012 and April 2013. In April 2012 there were a total of 1,917 tickets compared to April 2013 which had a total of 1,680; a decrease of 12.36%. Ticket volumes fluctuate from month to month as they are primarily driven by manpower increase or decrease.



Year to Year Comparison

The chart below compares the service demand by type for the years 2010, 2011, 2012. There was a decrease of 20% in the number of tickets written from 2010 to 2011 and a decrease of 7% from 2011 to 2012. These decreases are largely the result of manpower decrease due to illness and injury.



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Victim Services

In addition to an active caseload of 126 ongoing files, RCMP Victim Services provided services to 26 new clients and attended 9 crime and trauma scenes in April. Calls for service included: suicide, sudden deaths and domestic situations.

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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AT MEWS RELEASES

Residential Break & Enter Prevention

3 May 2013



Richmond RCMP and the City of Richmond continue to work together to help prevent crime and make Richmond a safe community. With your help, we can make Richmond an even safer place to live.

When it comes to property crime in Richmond, residential break and enters are the second most prevalent offences with theft from autos coming in first. Criminals that break into houses often look for easy targets so securing your home properly is of utmost importance. By incorporating the following checklist into your home security regime, thieves will think twice before breaking into your home.

Exterior doors

- Should ALWAYS be locked.
- Install deadbolts with a one inch throw (the part that enters the door frame), a strike plate secured with three inch screws and a door reinforce for maximum support.
- Install a 180 degree peephole so you can see who is knocking before opening the door.
- Install motion detector lights and anti-tampering devices to protect the integrity of the bulbs.

Sliding windows

- Should ALWAYS be closed or locked in place when not at home.
- Install a window lock (that does not use a key) or use a piece of wood snugly fit into the bottom track to prevent the window from being forced open.
- Drill a small screw into the top and bottom tracks to prevent the window from being lifted out of the frame.
- If installing window bars, ensure they have quick release devices in case of emergencies.

Sliding glass doors

- Should ALWAYS be closed or locked in place when not at home.
- Install a patio locking bar at waist level to prevent prying.
- If your door opens on the inside of the frame, install a wooden stick in the bottom of the frame to prevent prying.
- If it opens on the outside of the frame, install anti-lift guards in the frame above and below the closed sliding door to
 prevent it from being lifted out of the frame.

For more home security tips please go to www.richmond.ca/homesafety.

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APRIL 2013 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.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in red, while below-average numbers will be noted in blue.

Year-to-Date 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).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Apr-13	April		2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	Change in # of Offenses
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	99	138	115-162	439	411	-6.4%	-28
Robbery	4	8	6-11	52	25	-51.9%	-27
Assault	37	50	36-63	147	152	3.4%	5
Assault w/ Weapon	7	12	9-16	48	32	-33.3%	-16
Sexual Offences	5	6	2-9	19	24	26.3%	5
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	543	656	570-742	2431	2408	-0.9%	-23
Business B&E	29	40	33-47	119	170	42.9%	51
Residential B&E	42	46	33-58	230	262	13.9%	32
MV Theft	21	33	22-45	83	98	18.1%	15
Theft From MV	109	181	143-219	672	516	-23.2%	-156
Theft	111	99	84-115	481	422	-12.3%	-59
Shoplifting	70	53	48-57	232	308	32.8%	76
Fraud	35	45	36-53	159	172	8.2%	13
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	154	190	162-218	741	606	-18.2%	-135
Arson - Property	2	6	4-9	12	5	-58.3%	-7
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	796	984	889-1080	3611	3425	-5.2%	-186
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	61	76	57-95	335	247	-26.3%	-88

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