



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

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From: Rendall Nasset
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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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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:

Skimming Site Shut Down

On May 29th, the Detachment's Economic Crime Unit arrested a 15 year old male at a local gas station after a lengthy investigation into a long series of credit card data compromises. This arrest ended a six month crime spree in which several hundred credit cards were compromised and well over a million dollars were put at risk. Actual losses are unknown at this time.

Commonly known as "skimming", the male was suspected of discretely copying customers' credit card data without their knowledge. The male then sold the stolen information to organized crime groups, ultimately for the purpose of making fraudulent credit card purchases.

Charges of Unauthorized Possession of Credit Card Data and Possessing Credit Card Forging Instrument will be recommended. The male faces his first court appearance August 18th, 2010.

Although it is not always possible to prevent payment card fraud, by following the tips below, it will be more difficult for criminals to succeed:

- Never lose sight of your payment card. Keep an eye on how your card is handled by employees at all times.
- Retain bank statements and scrutinize for any suspicious transactions.
- Shred all documents that contain personal information or account information.
- Examine ATMs or pin pads prior to use for obvious signs of tampering and cameras.
- Take note of any suspicious persons near ATMs and always protect your PIN.
- Keep personal information private and never provide any credit card information over the phone unless it is a trusted, reputable business.

Coffee for the Community

On June 2nd, Richmond Detachment staff participated in Tim Horton's annual charity event, Camp Day. Camp Day is the one day every year when Tim Horton's store owners across Canada and the United States donate every penny from coffee sales to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Last year, Camp Day raised more than \$9.4 million dollars.

Every customer who buys a coffee on Camp Day helps send more than 14,000 kids to a camping trip of a lifetime. Children between the ages of 9 to 12 are selected from communities where Tim Horton stores are located to attend either a ten day summer camp session or a seven day winter camp session. It is wonderful to see the community coming together for events such as Camp Day to help brighten a child's future.

Road Safety Campaign

On June 8th, the Road Safety Unit along with numerous Auxiliary Constables participated in an intersection campaign in an effort to make intersections safer.

The province-wide intersection safety awareness campaign was announced by ICBC on May 21st and ran until June 18th. The focus of the campaign was on driver behaviours that contribute to intersection collisions. Based on statistics from 2005 to 2009, on average, 250 collisions occur daily at intersections in B.C.

During our campaign, 30 violation tickets were issued in three hours. The violations included seatbelts not worn, drivers talking on cellular phones, excessive speed and equipment violations which included one commercial vehicle being removed from the road.

In addition, the Auxiliary Constables focused on pedestrian safety. Twenty-one pedestrians were spoken to as a result of crossing against a walk signal.

Tips for getting through an intersection safely:

- Slow down and drive defensively. Slowing down allows drivers to see more of the road.
- When making a left turn, always yield the right of way to oncoming traffic.
- Yellow lights mean prepare to stop, not speed up to get through the intersection.
- Leave enough space between your car and the one in front of you.
- When crossing the street, look both ways and cross only at a marked crosswalk. Never cross against a walk signal.
- Make eye contact with the driver of the vehicle coming towards you when crossing. Just because you see the vehicle doesn't necessarily mean that the driver sees you.
- Be aware of any oncoming traffic while crossing the road.

The RCMP says road safety is everyone's responsibility. By adopting safe driving habits, we can all make the community a safer place to be.

Passport Thieves Arrested

On June 8th, a 21 year old male and a 21 year old female in connection with passport thefts were arrested.

Between January to March 2010, nine complaints from victims in which their government-issued identity documents had been stolen by unknown persons were investigated. The documents

ranged from passports, citizenship cards, social insurance cards and British Columbia drivers licenses.

In these cases, the suspects posed as potential employers and requested identification from their potential victims. After receiving the documents, the suspect would leave the area, supposedly photocopy the information, but would never return.

After conducting a lengthy investigation, people were identified in relation to the offences. It was also determined that the suspects attempted to extort their victims by demanding money in return for the documents taken.

We are recommending five counts of Theft Under \$5,000, five counts of Fraud, one count of Extortion, five counts of Identity Theft and five counts of Trafficking in Identity Information for both the male and female. Both face their first court appearance on September 14, 2010.

Traffic Section

A selection of seat belt excuses that the Road Safety Unit has heard recently:

- I just drove from (over there, my house).
- I am just going to (my house, over there).
- I forgot.
- I was just reaching to grab something.
- I just took it off.
- I just left the gas station/parking lot/store and forgot to put it on.
- I just live 6 blocks away.
- It was too tight.
- I just had shoulder surgery.
- The strap hurts my neck.
- I thought the rear passengers don't need to wear seat belts.
- Sorry, I just took it off to reach for something in the back seat.
- I had to undo my belt (just for a second) to get my wallet out of my pocket.
- I unbuckled my belt because I saw you and I had to reach over to get my insurance out of the glove box.
- My baby's milk bottle fell on the floor in the back seat, so I had to undo my belt and reach down to get it.

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Mar	Apr	May
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1700	1676	1696
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	645	537	728
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	73	104	98
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	35	43	32
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	1	0	3

Victim Services Unit

Richmond RCMP Victim Witness Services

Report on Crime Scene Attendance for 2008, 2009, and 2010

Crime type	2008	2009	2010 (Jan 1- June 18)
Sudden Death/NOK	56	73	24
Family problems Domestic disputes	41	64	16
Assault & threats Sexual violence	37	33	13
MVA Fatal MVA Industrial accidents	6	11	7
Robbery	11	18	8
Suicide Attempted suicide	17	11	12
Major incidents: -homicide -attempt homicide -fires -missing persons	15	18	8
Yearly Total	183	228	88

Crime Statistics

May 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lainie Goddard', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lainie Goddard
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MAY 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
	May-10	Apr-10	% Change	May-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	199	147	35.4%	183	8.7%	757	767	1.3%	→
Robbery	13	8	62.5%	4	225.0%	27	44	63.0%	→
Assault	61	50	22.0%	55	10.9%	274	258	-5.8%	→
Assault w/ Weapon	16	11	45.5%	19	-15.8%	72	67	-6.9%	→
Sexual Offences	2	12	-83.3%	6	-66.7%	21	38	81.0%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	740	677	9.3%	748	-1.1%	3324	3648	9.7%	↘
Business B&E	51	42	21.4%	57	-10.5%	204	226	10.8%	→
Residential B&E	33	42	-21.4%	26	26.9%	224	236	5.4%	↘
MV Theft	41	24	70.8%	41	0.0%	202	214	5.9%	→
Theft From MV	168	216	-22.2%	186	-9.7%	902	1029	14.1%	→
Theft	121	102	18.6%	108	12.0%	520	570	9.6%	→
Shoplifting	56	51	9.8%	55	1.8%	326	314	-3.7%	→
Metal Theft	7	4	75.0%	11	-36.4%	31	28	-9.7%	↘
Fraud	59	49	20.4%	86	-31.4%	231	272	17.7%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	226	226	0.0%	207	9.2%	975	1075	10.3%	→
Arson - Property	12	6	100.0%	20	-40.0%	37	41	10.8%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1165	1050	11.0%	1138	2.4%	5056	5490	8.6%	↘
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	134	89	50.6%	118	13.6%	427	529	23.9%	→

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