



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel
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Re: **RCMP's Monthly Activity Report for November 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:

Beyond the Act of Bullying

On November 4th, the Richmond RCMP were called by an anonymous caller of what appeared to be an assault. Police arrived at an open field on Alexandra Road at Hazelbridge Way and saw a young male in the fetal position stripped of his clothing who had been badly beaten. The victim, age 16, was kicked several times. The kicks were hard enough to leave shoe impressions on his body. One of the suspects located at scene had a push stun device that was used on the victim's head and left burn marks as a result. The suspects demanded money from the victim, which he did not have. The victim was transported to hospital for a medical assessment and released the same evening. Cpl. Jennifer Pound says, "this is not a random act, it appears to be motivated by revenge as the victim was described as a bully himself. This act of violence is a retaliation for the bullying and now the youths are finding themselves with a court date." All suspects were released to their parents as their ages range from 14 to 17 years old. One of the males was a cooperative witness to the incident, and the other three were released on a Promise to Appear with an Undertaking. Charges have been recommended for Assault, Possession of Prohibited Weapon and Extortion.

Bike Section:

A letter was received from Vancouver Coastal Health Primary Care/Addictions located on Cook Road. The letter was written by one of the staff thanking the RCMP General Duty, Bike Patrols, and Cst. Ronda Remple for their assistance. The location of this clinic is often at the center of high risk behaviour on the street and on many occasions the RCMP has been called. The Bike Section is aware of the personal situation of many of the homeless clients. On one occasion a member visited the clinic to wish one of the homeless clients a happy birthday. The author of the letter writes "I want you to know that these kinds of actions are, in my view, well above the call of duty." "Such actions make me feel that the bicycle squad is part of the team of people at our clinic trying to assist our staff and clients." Cst Ronda Remple has assisted the staff on some clinical matters that also involved the Police and Crown. Cst. Remple has been a great partner in planning a community response to some of the challenges posed by these clients.

Traffic Section:

Traffic section is continuing with school zone enforcement around the City and has conducted two operations: one with CN Police targeting rail crossing infractions, and a dedicated operation on the “pull-over-slow-down law”. This law requires the public to slow down and move to the adjacent lane when emergency vehicles are stopped or parked in a lane and the emergency equipment is activated. November is Pedestrian Safety Month and will be doing enforcement with the Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU).

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

| Name | Act | Example | Aug | Sep | Oct |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Violation Tickets | Provincial Act Offences | Speeding | 1618 | 1484 | 1440 |
| Notice & Orders | Equipment Violations | Broken Tail-light | 541 | 520 | 507 |
| Driving Suspension | Motor Vehicle Act | 24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs | 59 | 81 | 93 |
| Parking Offences | Municipal Bylaw | On or off the street Municipal parking offences | 37 | 25 | 40 |
| MTI's | Municipal Ticket Information | Any other Municipal Bylaw offence | 0 | 1 | 4 |

Community Policing Section**Auxiliary Constables:**

In October 2009 the Auxiliary Constables participation with the Richmond Business Watch program was re-activated. Uniformed Auxiliary Constables go door-to-door in commercial areas and give each business an envelope containing crime prevention materials. The material offers a free security assessment: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). By emphasizing modifications to the physical environment, it complements community-based policing, Block Watch, and social programs that address some of the root causes of criminal behaviour.

Dare Program:

**Richmond RCMP
Drug Abuse Resistance Education**

D.A.R.E. was first piloted in the Richmond Public School System in the 2003/2004 School Year. It was taught at several Elementary Schools to both Grade 5 and Grade 6 students. Based on the success of the Program, the School District mandated that all Grade 5 students would receive D.A.R.E. training. The Program was implemented District-wide in the 2004/2005 School Year.

After the rollout in the Public School System, the program was also offered to the Private Schools within Richmond. In 2005/2006 the Program was officially launched at the Private Schools.

From its inception through to the end of the 2008/2009 School year more than 9,000 Grade 5 students have been taught D.A.R.E, and these numbers are expected to exceed 10,800 by the end of the 2009/2010 School Year

| Year | Public Schools | Private Schools | Total |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2004/2005 | 1699 | 0 | 1699 |
| 2005/2006 | 1680 | 200 ** | 1880 |
| 2006/2007 | 1680 | 200 ** | 1880 |
| 2007/2008 | 1596 | 200 ** | 1796 |
| 2008/2009 | 1632 | 200 ** | 1832 |
| 2009/2010 | 1516 * | 200 ** | 1716 |

* Projected Numbers based on current figures provided by Richmond School Board.

** These numbers are approximated as no formal record exists.

Hamilton Community Policing:

On October 20th, a detachment representative was invited to attend an open house and information evening in Hamilton sponsored by the Hamilton Community Association. Eight speakers were on hand to update residents on the various programs and efforts being made by Richmond Detachment in the community.

Victim Services Unit:

In the month of October, the Victim Services Section saw 39 new clients. Of those 39, 14 required attendance at the crime scene. Included in the files was a very volatile armed robbery at a jewelry store in Richmond Center Mall.

The Victim Services Unit participated in a mock disaster exercise on November 3 in partnership with the City.

Overall, the case load for 2009 eclipsed the 2008 level back in September. It has been a record year for referrals. From January 1, 2009 – October 26, 2009, 412 new cases have been opened.

Youth Section:

The B.C. RCMP Junior Police Academy was held on October 13th and was sponsored by the RCMP National Security Program, who work with communities to reach our youth. Richmond RCMP's Youth Section assisted by providing two members, and members from several other Lower Mainland Detachments also assisted. This event was hosted by Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy and also attended by Bibleway Christian Academy and Richmond Jewish Day School. Richmond RCMP facilitated classes in drill, crime scene investigation and an obstacle course. Two RCMP officers from the Richmond Police Service Dog Section brought in one police service dog for a presentation and the students had a first hand opportunity to meet Police Service dog "Buster". RCMP Air Services participated and provided the students an opportunity to see the RCMP helicopter. Students participated in a full day of these activities. All of the students received a special t-shirt with a logo especially designed for the event. This program has been popular with participating Muslim schools in the past, but this was the first time Jewish and Christian students also attended the same program. One of the principals said it was wonderful seeing the kids from all 3 schools mixing together so easily and naturally and playing soccer together.

Crime Statistics:

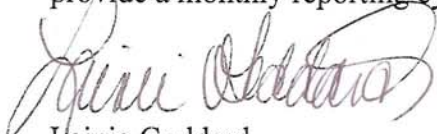
Sept 2009 and Oct 2009 – see attachment "A:

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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SEPTEMBER 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 |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | Sep-09 | Aug-09 | % Change | Sep-08 | % Change | 2008 YTD | 2009 YTD | % Change | |
| VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences) | 150 | 159 | -5.7% | 94 | 59.6% | 811 | 1032 | 27.3% | → |
| <i>Robbery</i> | 7 | 10 | -30.0% | 11 | -36.4% | 85 | 64 | -24.7% | → |
| <i>Assault</i> | 38 | 59 | -35.6% | 43 | -11.6% | 472 | 467 | -1.1% | → |
| <i>Assault w/ Weapon</i> | 19 | 19 | 0.0% | 16 | 18.8% | 116 | 143 | 23.3% | ↗ |
| <i>Sexual Assault</i> | 9 | 7 | 28.6% | 5 | 80.0% | 40 | 39 | -2.5% | → |
| PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences) | 679 | 782 | -13.2% | 705 | -3.7% | 5213 | 5265 | 1.0% | → |
| <i>Business B&E</i> | 38 | 45 | -15.6% | 32 | 18.8% | 369 | 404 | 9.5% | → |
| <i>Residential B&E</i> | 38 | 43 | -11.6% | 67 | -43.3% | 482 | 372 | -22.8% | → |
| <i>MV Theft</i> | 35 | 66 | -47.0% | 49 | -28.6% | 386 | 378 | -2.1% | → |
| <i>Theft From MV</i> | 222 | 205 | 8.3% | 292 | -24.0% | 1771 | 1635 | -7.7% | → |
| <i>Theft</i> | 90 | 105 | -14.3% | 105 | -14.3% | 1037 | 942 | -9.2% | ↘ |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 61 | 81 | -24.7% | 56 | 8.9% | 404 | 563 | 39.4% | ↗ |
| <i>Metal Theft</i> | 3 | 2 | 50.0% | 6 | -50.0% | 166 | 55 | -66.9% | ↘ |
| <i>Fraud</i> | 43 | 47 | -8.5% | 53 | -18.9% | 402 | 427 | 6.2% | → |
| OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences) | 235 | 241 | -2.5% | 425 | -44.7% | 3850 | 3199 | -16.9% | → |
| <i>Arson - Property</i> | 14 | 18 | -22.2% | 7 | 100.0% | 95 | 104 | 9.5% | → |
| TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series) | 1064 | 1182 | -10.0% | 1224 | -13.1% | 9874 | 9496 | -3.8% | → |
| CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences) | 94 | 128 | -26.6% | 120 | -21.7% | 886 | 984 | 11.1% | → |

NOTES

- Data from both Richmond RCMP and Transit Police is included in this report.
- The recent increase in Sexual Assaults in August and September cannot be attributed to the Canada Line. One incident occurred at a bus stop in August, but all other Sexual Assault files were unrelated to transit property.



OCTOBER 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.

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| | CURRENT MONTH | PREVIOUS MONTH | | SAME MONTH, PREVIOUS YEAR | | YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS | | | 2-YEAR TREND |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | Oct-09 | Sep-09 | % Change | Oct-08 | % Change | 2008 YTD | 2009 YTD | % Change | |
| VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences) | 138 | 150 | -8.0% | 110 | 25.5% | 921 | 1170 | 27.0% | → |
| <i>Robbery</i> | 10 | 7 | 42.9% | 9 | 11.1% | 94 | 74 | -21.3% | → |
| <i>Assault</i> | 35 | 38 | -7.9% | 49 | -28.6% | 521 | 502 | -3.6% | → |
| <i>Assault w/ Weapon</i> | 20 | 19 | 5.3% | 17 | 17.6% | 133 | 163 | 22.6% | ↗ |
| <i>Sexual Assault</i> | 2 | 9 | -77.8% | 5 | -60.0% | 45 | 41 | -8.9% | → |
| PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences) | 712 | 679 | 4.9% | 743 | -4.2% | 5956 | 5977 | 0.4% | → |
| <i>Business B&E</i> | 52 | 38 | 36.8% | 38 | 36.8% | 407 | 456 | 12.0% | → |
| <i>Residential B&E</i> | 38 | 38 | 0.0% | 79 | -51.9% | 561 | 410 | -26.9% | → |
| <i>MV Theft</i> | 55 | 35 | 57.1% | 55 | 0.0% | 441 | 433 | -1.8% | → |
| <i>Theft From MV</i> | 234 | 222 | 5.4% | 275 | -14.9% | 2046 | 1869 | -8.7% | ↗ |
| <i>Theft</i> | 70 | 90 | -22.2% | 121 | -42.1% | 1158 | 1012 | -12.6% | ↘ |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 54 | 61 | -11.5% | 61 | -11.5% | 465 | 617 | 32.7% | ↗ |
| <i>Metal Theft</i> | 10 | 3 | 233.3% | 5 | 100.0% | 171 | 65 | -62.0% | ↘ |
| <i>Fraud</i> | 55 | 43 | 27.9% | 58 | -5.2% | 460 | 482 | 4.8% | → |
| OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences) | 173 | 235 | -26.4% | 471 | -63.3% | 4321 | 3372 | -22.0% | → |
| <i>Arson - Property</i> | 11 | 14 | -21.4% | 10 | 10.0% | 105 | 115 | 9.5% | → |
| TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series) | 1023 | 1064 | -3.9% | 1324 | -22.7% | 11198 | 10519 | -6.1% | → |
| CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences) | 94 | 94 | 0.0% | 129 | -27.1% | 1015 | 1078 | 6.2% | → |

NOTES

- The overall trend line for Shoplifting offences has been increasing since Spring 2009, but the activity is distributed fairly evenly across various malls and retail stores; no particular location(s) show evidence of a spike in Shoplifting offences.