



**City of
Richmond**

Report to Committee *Tabled to Next CS meeting*
To CS - Nov. 9 2010

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nessel
Officer In Charge,
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Re: Transit Police In The Community Report

Staff Recommendation

That the report entitled Transit Police In The Community Report (attached to the report dated October 21, 2010 from the Manager, RCMP Administration) be received for information.

for
Rendall Nessel
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
(604-278-1212)

Att: 1

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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER <i>[Signature]</i>		
REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Origin

At the Community Safety Committee meeting October 13, 2010 a report was presented on Canada Line Statistic Overview: September 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010. It was decided at the Community Safety Committee meeting that the Richmond RCMP would report to the Committee on the statistical information regarding other major transportation infrastructure in the lower mainland.

Analysis

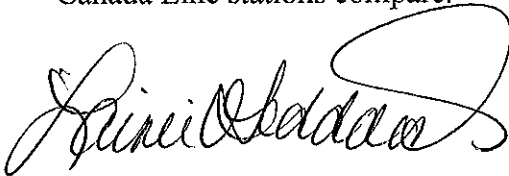
The report “Transit Police In The Community” (Attachment 1) was prepared by Transit Police to report findings of other major transportation infrastructure in the lower mainland to help determine how well Richmond’s Canada Line stations compare.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The report “Transit Police In The Community” was prepared to determine how well Richmond’s Canada Line stations compare.



Lainie Goddard
Manager, RCMP Administration
(L.4767)



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Bi-Monthly Report

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ACTING CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTED

Change in Leadership

The Transit Police Board appointed George Beattie as Acting Chief Officer of Transit Police on September 23rd.

ACO Beattie left the RCMP a year ago after a 30-year career and joined Transit Police as Deputy Chief Officer. Beattie has worked in a variety of communities in Alberta and BC as a front line police officer and as a police dog handler. After moving to the lower mainland in 1995, Beattie took on unit command positions in North Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Richmond, Surrey, and the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit. He was commissioned in 2004 to the rank of Inspector and was promoted to Superintendent in 2008.

Beattie grew up in Nanaimo and has been married for 30 years to wife Carlene. They have two grown daughters, a granddaughter and grandson.

The Board cited the need for a "philosophical management change", stating that they believed Ward Clapham's management philosophy wasn't consistent with their strategic direction. The Board will be deciding on the process for the selection of a permanent Chief Officer shortly.

Following his appointment, Acting Chief Officer Beattie announced the Board's approval of the appointment of Inspector Brian MacDonald as Acting Deputy Chief Officer.



Acting Chief Officer George Beattie



Our Newest Recruits

The pursuit of excellence is a key measure of character and an important one in recruiting new people to Transit Police. Five recent new recruits all have backgrounds and the kind of experience that exemplifies the pursuit of excellence and that reinforces their character.

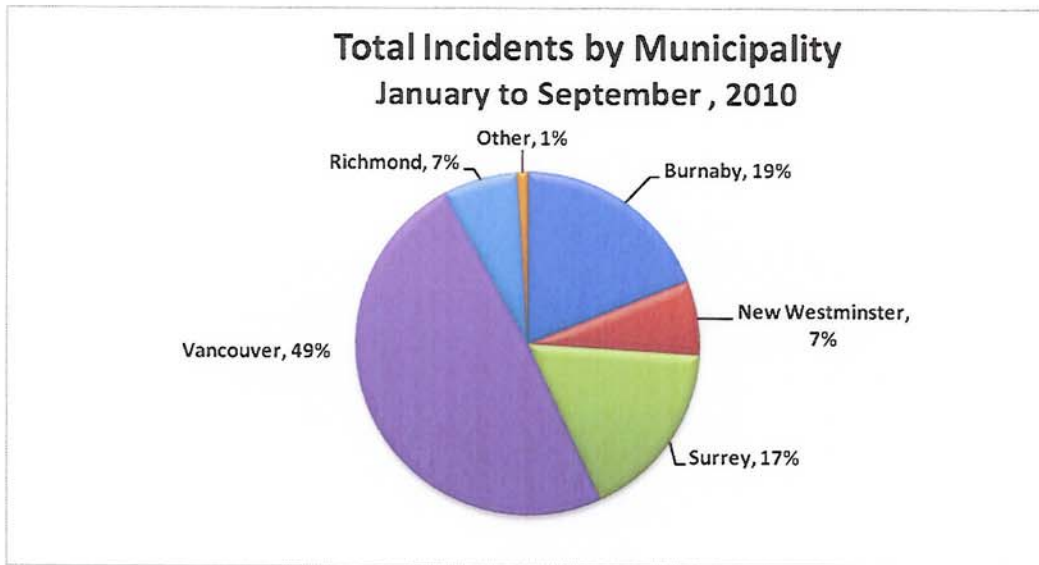
These recruits have backgrounds as diverse as banking, international finance and dog handling and skills and knowledge ranging for multiple languages to human performance. They will soon be bringing to our team this diverse and rich experience and the new skills they acquire during their current training at the Police Academy at the Justice Institute of BC.

Key Statistics on Occurrences

	JANAURY - SEPTEMBER 2010	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	% Change
Crimes Against the Person			
Transit Police Files	462	425	9%
Assist Files	624	448	39%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,086</i>	<i>873</i>	<i>24%</i>
Property Crime <i>(data still being reviewed for verification of classification to a category)</i>			
Transit Police Files	956	558	71%
Assist Files	382	231	65%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,338</i>	<i>789</i>	<i>70%</i>
Other Criminal Code Violations			
Transit Police Files	956	978	-2%
Assist Files	389	329	18%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,345</i>	<i>1,307</i>	<i>3%</i>
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act			
Transit Police Files	804	796	1%
Assist Files	27	20	35%
<i>Total</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>816</i>	<i>2%</i>
Other Federal Statute Violations			
Transit Police Files	36	24	50%
Assist Files	33	25	32%
<i>Total</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>41%</i>
Provincial Statute Violations			
Transit Police Files	21,083	21,348	-1%
Assist Files	446	334	34%
<i>Total</i>	<i>21,529</i>	<i>21,682</i>	<i>-1%</i>
Other Occurrences			
Transit Police Files	7,405	6,491	14%
Assist Files	484	190	155%
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,889</i>	<i>6,681</i>	<i>18%</i>
Traffic Violations			
Transit Police Files	30	41	-27%
Assist Files	18	9	100%
<i>Total</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>-4%</i>
Total			
Transit Police Files	31,732	30,661	3%
Assist Files	2,403	1,586	52%
Grand Total	34,135	32,247	6%
<i>These activity statistics are for files created by Transit Police arising from incidents Transit Police responded to or assisted jurisdictional police in responding. The calculations are for actual occurrences, rather than reported incidents. Reported incidents determined to be unfounded are not included in these statistics. Also excluded from these statistics are incomplete files where classification to a category was not able to be determined.</i>			
NOTE: These statistics do not reflect an accurate measure of activity for a given jurisdiction. These are Transit Police activity statistics only and they do not include statistics for the activities of jurisdictional policing agencies. These statistics should not be solely relied upon when attempting to accurately portray crime rates.			

Municipality	Total Incidents	SkyTrain and Canada Line Stations	Ratio
Burnaby	6,456	11	22% of Stations / 19% of Incidents
New Westminster	2,375	5	10% of Stations / 7% of Incidents
Richmond	2,411	7	15% of Stations / 7% of Incidents
Surrey	5,771	4	8% of Stations / 17% of Incidents
Vancouver	16,500	22	45% of Stations / 49% of Incidents
Other	469	0	0% of Stations / 1% of Incidents
TOTAL	33,982	49	

NOTE: Files generated with the location of Transit Police Headquarters (307 Columbia Street, New Westminster) are not included in municipal incident statistics.



Transit Police Board

In July, the members of the Transit Police Board were re-appointed by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Judge Pedro deCouto (third from right) administered the oath of office to the five members of the Board.

(From the left):
 Baj Puri
 Bill Brown
 Virginia Hasselfield
 (Judge Pedro deCouto)
 Peter Webster
 RCMP Assistant Commissioner Peter German.

CRU Officers Receive VPD Deputy Chief's Commendation



Cst Doug Sales and Cst Neal Paddon recently received a Deputy Chief's Commendation from the Vancouver Police Department for their involvement in a joint project with the VPD's Sexual Offences Squad (SOS) that resulted in the arrest of a suspected stalker, linked to nine files that the VPD were able to clear.

Cst Sales was assigned to work directly with the VPD's SOS, coordinating Transit Police's Crime Reduction Unit involvement in "Project Limestone". Cst Paddon was the acting CRU Sergeant at the time. Our members located the suspect and his vehicle and obtained surveillance photos that were forwarded to VPD for their investigations. They also assisted by obtaining CCTV footage from some of our downtown stations.

This is an example not only of great investigative work, but also of the close cooperation we constantly strive for with our jurisdictional policing partners.

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New Headquarters in the Works

Meeting Our Current and Long-term Needs

Transit Police are actively involved in working with TransLink to plan a new Police Headquarters.

TransLink and Wesgroup Properties have reached an agreement on a 20-year lease that will see TransLink's head office and Transit Police relocated to a new shared building on Columbia Street in New Westminster, adjacent to the Sapperton SkyTrain Station. This means Transit Police will occupy new purpose-built premises that will fulfill our current and long-term needs, consolidating into one new integrated building both our operational and executive facilities.

It has been a struggle to make our two existing facilities efficiently meet our current operational needs.

Our new Headquarters will be in a new building, which will also contain TransLink's head offices, in Wesgroup's "Brewery District" development currently under construction adjacent to the Royal Columbian Hospital and the Sapperton SkyTrain Station. The Brewery District is a master-planned transit-oriented development, strategically located in the centre of Metro Vancouver, on the transit line and in close proximity to regional thoroughfares and major highways.

These new premises will allow us to meet our specific current and long-term facility needs as a police agency and they will also bring us physically closer to our key partner, TransLink, allowing us to leverage many further benefits. One benefit will be the opportunity for Transit police and TransLink to work more closely together in meeting the expectations of transit riders and the public at-large.

This leasing arrangement by TransLink was forged during a tenant-favoured market, locking in an attractive lease rate for a longer term and allowing all of us to achieve greater efficiencies and effectiveness. The move-in to the new building is scheduled for early 2013.

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International Police Planning Conference

Transit Police have joined with the Vancouver Police Department to co-host the 2011 **International Association of Law Enforcement Planners (IALEP)** Conference to be held in Vancouver September 11th through 16th next year.

IALEP is a professional organization that has been helping train law enforcement planners for 20 years. Membership in the organization stretches across North America and into Europe, Africa and South Africa.

The IALEP conference is a 5-day training and networking event that brings together law enforcement planners from across the globe to learn about innovations in law enforcement planning. The Vancouver Police and Transit Police organizations work closely with each other on a day-to-day basis and collaboration on the IALEP conference provides an opportunity to enhance our partnership.

The 2011 conference theme is "Going for Gold", taking advantage of lessons from the 2010 Winter Olympic Games planning. For more information contact Beth Nielsen/Transit Police at 604-516-7404 or Tim Szkopek-Szkopekowski/Vancouver Police Department at 604-717-3207.