



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** July 24, 2018
From: Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2018-Vol
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01
Re: **2018–2019 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan First
Quarter Results (April 1 to June 30, 2018)**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “2018–2019 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan First Quarter Results (January 1 to March 31, 2018)”, dated July 24, 2018 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

for/ *Siml Ng (msp)*
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Staff Report

Origin

On March 13, 2018, Richmond City Council adopted the priorities listed in the report “2018–2019 RCMP Richmond Detachment Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities”, dated February 14, 2018.

The priorities selected were:

1. Property Crime
2. Organized Crime – Drug Offences
3. Vulnerable Persons Unit (Mental Health, High Risk Missing Persons, Domestic Violence)

This report supports Council’s 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

1.1. Policy and service models that reflect Richmond-specific needs.

1.2. Program and service enhancements that improve community safety services in the City.

1.3. Improved perception of Richmond as a safe community.

1.4. Effective interagency relationships and partnerships.

Analysis

Community Priority 1: Property Crime

Objective

- i. A two per cent reduction in the total property crime rate, using 2017-2018 as the baseline year.¹ The target property crime rate is 34.

Actions

Many successful crime reduction initiatives were carried forward from the previous fiscal year with a strong focus on prolific and priority offenders. As part of the Richmond RCMP Detachment’s (the Detachment) offender management strategy, targeted surveillance is conducted on known offenders in order to apprehend them while they are committing offences or breaching their probation/bail conditions. This quarter six prolific and priority offenders were arrested.

¹ Crime rate is calculated as crimes per 1,000. The property crime rate in 2017-2018 was 34.66.

The Detachment's Property Crime Unit concluded a two year investigation of a multi-jurisdictional offender, which culminated in an arrest in Surrey by the Prolific Offender Suppression Team on April 12, 2018. The offender was convicted of 19 offences, including five counts of break and enter and received a 19 month sentence. The majority of the crimes occurred in Richmond.

Volunteer engagement continues to be an integral component of Richmond's crime reduction strategy. This quarter, there were 37 volunteer bike deployments and 109 volunteer van patrol deployments, resulting in 817 volunteer patrol hours for suspicious activities. In a joint partnership with ICBC, volunteers were deployed and distributed 11,024 Lock Out Auto Crime prevention notices.

Results

The following table outlines the total property crime files for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019:

Figure 1: Property Crime

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Date Range</i>	Total Property Crime Files 2017-2018	Total Property Crime Files 2018-2019	Projected Yearly Property Crime Rate
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	1,868	1,846	33.29
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	1,766		
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	1,982		
4	Jan. 1 – Mar.31	1,993		
Total		7,609	1,846	

Source: PRIME Statistics July 10, 2018

There were 1,846 property crime files in the first quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This represents a one per cent decline from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. The property crime rate is currently projected at 33.29, indicating that this objective is on track to meet the target identified.

Community Priority 2: Organized Crime – Drug Offences

Objectives

- i. A two per cent increase in charges laid for all Controlled Drugs and Substance Abuse (CDSA) offences, using 2017-2018 as the baseline year. The target number of drug charges for the current fiscal year is 105.

Actions

The Detachment continues to actively support and promote the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Richmond schools. This quarter concluded the final classes of the 2017-2018 school year. A total of 622 students in 20 classes across 13 schools participated in the program. The Youth Section has also coordinated the School Sports and Positive Tickets

programs, which promote positive behaviours and the well-being of youth in the community. This quarter, RCMP officers attended four events at local schools. Training on the Positive Ticket program was also provided to the entire Detachment.

In partnership with the Richmond School District, the Detachment began establishing a schedule for the “Adopt-a-School” program for the 2018-2019 school year. Under this program each elementary school is assigned a uniformed police officer to act as a liaison. Through regular visits, officers engage in formal and informal interactions with youth, helping to build positive relationships. These interactions help to promote crime prevention while also allowing police to be more aware of public safety issues affecting youth in the community.

In this quarter, 10 proactive gang unit patrols were conducted, resulting in 126 business checks. The businesses checked included restaurants, bars, massage parlours and the casino. These patrols lead to two impaired driving investigations and eight drug investigations, including the arrests of two suspected drug traffickers. In addition, two illegal gaming locations were shut down.

In April 2018, 18 police officers in General Duty and the Road Safety Unit participated in enhanced training regarding drug offences to better recognize street-level drug traffickers. The Organized Crime Unit is currently conducting drug-trafficking investigations in Richmond using intelligence-led targeted enforcement of drug trafficking groups.

On June 22, 2018, Richmond RCMP officers and the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Services seized a large quantity of drugs at the Vancouver International Airport. A man from Ontario was attempting to depart from Vancouver International Airport when he was arrested for 23 kilograms of marijuana located in his suitcases.

Results

The following table outlines the total drug offences for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018:

Figure 2: Drug Offences

Quarter	Date Range	Total Drug Offences 2017-2018	Total Drug Offences 2018-2019	Year to Date Drug Charges 2018-2019
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	218	195	18
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	168		
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	148		
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	134		
Total		668	195	

Source: PRIME Statistics July 10, 2018

There was an 11 per cent decline this quarter in the number of reported drug offences compared to the same period last fiscal year. Drug investigations led to 18 charges this quarter. The Detachment is not on track to meet the annual target of 105 drug charges however; drug trafficking investigations are led by specialized teams where investigations can take several

months to lead to an arrest. Due to the nature of the investigations, the number of drug charges can vary significantly from quarter to quarter.

Community Priority 3: Vulnerable Persons Unit (Mental Health, High Risk Missing Persons, Domestic Violence)

Objective

- i. A 10 per cent reduction in mental health-related calls for service generated by high volume clients. The target is to remain below 246 calls for service.²

Actions

This quarter, members of the Detachment Senior Management Team worked with Vancouver Coastal Health on a Memorandum of Understanding for the Mental Health Crisis Team. This initiative will facilitate a joint response to police calls in Richmond involving a mental health or domestic violence component and will be comprised of a mental health nurse or social worker and an RCMP officer. This enhanced service delivery model is planned for the second half of 2018.

Richmond Detachment has also been successful in promoting the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team. Since recently expanding to include Richmond in its service area, ACT has been able to offer a true wrap around service delivery model to assist clients with complex social needs, requiring specialized ongoing support in the community. Regular meetings have been established with the outreach lead and regular updates are provided between stakeholders regarding mutual clients. The Detachment's Mental Health Coordinator has provided names of clients as referrals to ACT and there is continuing dialogue regarding these referrals. Future reporting will offer a better indication of how many referrals result in ACT involvement.

The Detachment's Vulnerable Persons Unit continues to be active in the Richmond Inter-Agency Case Assessment Team (RICAT). Meetings are held monthly and on an as-needed basis to address immediate risk factors for victims of high risk domestic violence. RICAT has been meeting since 2012, promoting a collaborative approach which fosters open discussion among partner agencies.³ RICAT manages the highest risk domestic violence cases, ensuring safety for victims by strengthening domestic violence safety planning and early collaborative case management.

² High volume clients have been determined to be the top one per cent of individuals generating mental health-related calls for service. Last fiscal year 14 high volume clients generated 273 mental health-related calls for service.

³³ Partner agencies include the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond School District, Richmond Addiction Services Chimo Community Services and Victim Services as per provision in provincial and federal legislation.

Results

The following table outlines the total mental health related calls for service for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019:

Figure 3: Mental Health Calls

Quarter	Date Range	Mental Health Related Calls 2017-2018	Mental Health Related Calls 2018-2019	Calls from High Volume Clients ⁴ 2018-2019
1	Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	370	403	72
2	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	356		
3	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	360		
4	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	329		
Total		1,415		

Source: PRIME Statistics July 10, 2018


The total number of mental health-related files this quarter is nine per cent higher than the same quarter last fiscal year. High volume clients accounted for 72 of the 403 mental health files in the first quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Detachment is currently not on track to meet the annual target of 245 or less calls for service. Year to date, this means the top one per cent of clients are responsible for 18 per cent of the mental health-related calls for service.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment has implemented various initiatives to support the community priorities and objectives established in the 2018-2019 Annual Performance Plan. The Detachment is committed to achieving the identified targets and continues to support the City of Richmond’s public safety strategy using evidence-led approaches to target criminality, offender management and crime prevention.


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⁴ Year to date totals have been presented in order to more accurately capture the proportion of high volume clients.