




City of Richmond

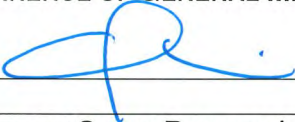


Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** August 8, 2019
From: Will Ng, Superintendent **File:** 09-5000-01/2019-Vol
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01
Re: **2019-2020 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan First
Quarter Results (April 1 to June 30, 2019)**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "2019-2020 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan First Quarter Results (April 1 to June 30, 2019)", dated August 8, 2019 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

for/ 
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Staff Report

Origin

On May 14, 2019, Richmond City Council adopted the policing priorities listed in the report “2019–2020 RCMP Richmond Detachment Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities”, dated April 11, 2019.

The priorities identified were:

1. Property Crime;
2. Organized Crime;
3. Vulnerable Persons; and
4. Road Safety.

The Annual Performance Plan (the plan) outlines initiatives which support these community priorities as well as a commitment to meeting established performance objectives. This report provides an update on the plan’s progress.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1: A Safe and Resilient City:

1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

Analysis

Community Priority 1: Property Crime

Objective

A five per cent reduction in the number of residential Break and Enters, compared to the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Actions

The Richmond RCMP Detachment (Richmond Detachment) targets property crime through a multi-faceted crime reduction strategy. This consists of a strong focus on offender management, which includes conducting targeted surveillance of known offenders in order to apprehend them while they are committing offences or breaching their probation/bail conditions. The Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) collaborates with Crown Counsel, who compiles charges allowing for more severe sentences. During this quarter, five prolific and priority offenders were arrested.

In June 2019, POST spearheaded a two-day retail theft operation, which combined the efforts of police and loss prevention officers, resulting in 32 arrests. The initiative occurred in collaboration with the Richmond RCMP Property Crime Unit, Metro Vancouver Transit Police, and security representatives from large retailers in central Richmond and RCMP patrol units.

Volunteer engagement is an integral component of Richmond's crime reduction strategy. This quarter, there were 16 volunteer bike deployments and 85 volunteer foot/van deployments, resulting in 739 volunteer patrol hours for suspicious activities. In a joint partnership with ICBC, volunteers were deployed to distribute Lock Out Auto Crime prevention notices. A total of 11,315 notices were issued.

Results

The following table outlines the total residential break and enter files for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020:

Table 1: Residential Break and Enters

Quarter	Date Range	Residential Break and Enters 2018-2019	Residential Break and Enters 2019-2020	Percentage Decrease
1	Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	137	117	-15%
2	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30			
3	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31			
4	Jan. 1 - Mar.31			
Total				

Source: PRIME Statistics July 4, 2019

There were 117 residential break and enter files in the first quarter of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This represents a 15 per cent decrease from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. Richmond Detachment is on-track to meet the target objective.

Community Priority 2: Organized Crime

Objectives

Establishing new programs to combat organized crime and money laundering.

Actions

Richmond Detachment continues to actively support and promote the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program (DARE) in Richmond schools as part of its commitment to prevent youth drug use and gang involvement. In addition to being a youth drug prevention program, DARE empowers youth to use critical thinking and make positive choices. This quarter, a total of 616 students in 21 classes across 15 schools participated in the program.

This quarter, dedicated uniform gang suppression patrols resulted in 110 commercial business checks. These patrols serve as both an enforcement initiative and a deterrent to criminal activity. The locations checked included: restaurants, bars, licensed body rub studios and the casino. These patrols led to street checks and bylaw referrals. An unlicensed drinking establishment was also disrupted.

The Organized Crime Unit has also begun connecting with local Money Service Businesses (MSBs). The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) requires businesses to register their businesses, identify clients, keep records, report to FINTRAC and to have a compliance program.¹ During this quarter, Richmond RCMP uniformed members attended 27 MSBs and conducted money laundering outreach and education.

Richmond Detachment has also been working towards the implementation of an Inadmissible Patrons Program. Similar programs have been effected across the Lower Mainland, including Surrey, Vancouver and Delta and serve to make restaurants and bars safer by enabling police to remove individuals who are deemed “inadmissible” due to dangerous criminal behaviour, including organized crime affiliations. There is wide support for this program and discussions with industry stakeholders have occurred. Further discussions regarding implementation logistics are ongoing.

Results

This quarter, significant progress was made in establishing new programs to combat organized crime and money laundering. Richmond Detachment is participating in a number of working groups related to money laundering investigations and anti-money laundering legislation. MSB patrols continue and have expanded to include Bitcoin locations. The Inadmissible Patrons Program is in development.

Community Priority 3: Vulnerable Persons

Objective

Full implementation of a frontline Mental Health car.

Actions

Richmond Detachment is continuing to work on the deployment model for the Richmond Mental Health Crisis Team, which has been named Fox 80. This shared initiative with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will facilitate a joint response to police calls in Richmond where mental health is a concern. The team will be comprised of a mental health nurse and an RCMP officer. VCH has identified nurses for participation in the initiative and Richmond Detachment is in the process of identifying RCMP candidates for the unit. Team member selection is expected in July 2019 with training scheduled the following month.

The VPU has also conducts weekly Homeless Outreach with staff from the Ministry of Social Services and Poverty Reduction. The initiative allows plainclothes police officers to engage with vulnerable clients and offer referrals to different programs and support services in the community, which includes providing assistance in applying for supportive housing. This quarter marked the opening of the temporary modular housing at 6999 Alderbridge Way. The Richmond RCMP is a member of the Alderbridge Supportive Housing Community Advisory Committee

¹ <https://www.fintrac-canafe.gc.ca/msb-esm/intro-eng>

and is represented by a member of the VPU. There have been no significant calls arising from the housing complex and police interactions with tenants have been positive.

Results

Mental health-related calls for service have been trending upwards during the last five years. In the first half of 2019, the number of mental health-related files increased 42 per cent over the same period in 2018. Analyst projections indicate these elevated numbers will likely continue, which underscores the importance of the implementation of the Richmond Mental Health Crisis Team. Significant progress has been accomplished this quarter including scheduling training for members who will be participating in the initiative. Richmond Detachment is on-track to meet this initiative.

Community Priority 4: Road Safety

Objective

A two per cent increase in the rate of road safety enforcement.²

Actions

This quarter, the Crime Prevention Unit promoted a number of road safety initiatives with the collaboration of volunteers, the Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit (RSU) and ICBC. There were 126 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 3,968 letters being mailed to registered vehicle owners.³ There were two large-scale Speed Watch blitzes in May, which included the deployment of 25 volunteers and the collaboration of the RSU and ICBC. In total 27,782 vehicles went through a Speed Watch deployment this quarter, which resulted in 1,352 Speed Watch letters. There has also been a strong focus on increased road safety media communications, with messaging involving social media tweets.

In addition to regular road safety enforcement, there were also specific speed-related enforcement projects. For example, there were 88 vehicle impounds due to excessive speeding. Other enforcement initiatives include late-night road blocks throughout Richmond and areas near the Vancouver International Airport. These strategic road blocks have resulted in violation tickets and impaired driving investigations.

² Road safety enforcement includes Violation Tickets, Notice and Orders and Written Warnings. A comparison using the average of the last three fiscal years.

³ These information letters advise the registered owner of the safety risks associated with not coming to a full stop at stop sign intersections.

Results

Table 2: Road Safety Enforcement Notices

Quarter	Date Range	Average of Last Three Fiscal Years	Enforcement Notices Issued 2019-2020	Percentage Increase
1	Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	3,348	4,648	39%
2	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30			
3	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31			
4	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31			
Total				

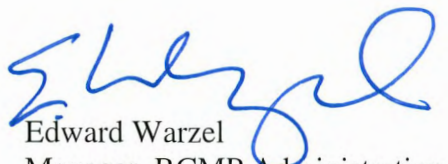
The number of enforcement notices issued this quarter is up 39 per cent over the first quarter average from the last three fiscal years. A total of 4,648 notices were issued, which exceeds the two per cent target identified. Richmond Detachment is on pace to meet this objective.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment has implemented various initiatives to support the community priorities and objectives established in the 2019-2020 Annual Performance Plan. Richmond 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 criminal issues and safety in the community.



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