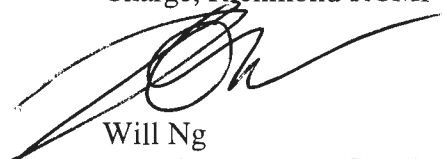






To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** November 7, 2019
From: Will Ng, Superintendent
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment **File:** 09-5000-01/2019-Vol
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Re: **2019-2020 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Second
Quarter Results (July 1 to September 30, 2019)**

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “2019-2020 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Second Quarter Results (July 1 to September 30, 2019)”, dated November 7, 2019 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



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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.

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:

Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.

1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

Analysis

Community Priority 1: Property Crime

Objective

- i. 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) continues to target 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. This quarter, five prolific and priority offenders were arrested.

Richmond’s Property Crime Unit (PCU) plays a key role in the investigation of property crime files at Richmond Detachment. This quarter, PCU arrested a major property crime offender after a lengthy and complex investigation. Investigators were able to connect multiple break and enters spanning from August 2018 to January 2019. The accused faces 12 charges, including nine counts of break and enter to a dwelling house.

In September 2019, the Richmond RCMP Strike Force Team spearheaded a two-day retail theft operation, which combined the efforts of police and loss prevention officers and resulted in 34

arrests. This initiative occurred in collaboration with the Richmond RCMP PCU and patrol units, Metro Vancouver Transit Police and security representatives from large retailers in central Richmond.

Volunteer engagement is an integral component of Richmond's crime prevention strategy. This quarter, there were 22 volunteer bike deployments and 78 volunteer foot/van deployments, resulting in 766 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 10,757 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 | 222 | 110 | -50% |
| 3 | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 | | | |
| 4 | Jan. 1 - Mar.31 | | | |
| Total | | 359 | 227 | -37% |

Source: PRIME Statistics October 4, 2019

There were 110 residential break and enter files in the second quarter of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which represents a staggering 50 per cent decrease from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. Year to date, residential break and enters are down 37 per cent from the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Richmond Detachment is on-track to meet the target objective.

Community Priority 2: Organized Crime

Objective

- i. 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. This quarter marked the start of the first term of the 2019-2020 school year with Grade 5 students in 18 classes across 13 schools participating in the program.

This quarter, dedicated uniform gang suppression patrols resulted in 125 commercial business checks. The locations checked included: restaurants, bars, licensed body rub studios, the

Richmond Night Market and the casino. These patrols led to street checks of persons suspected of organized crime involvement, a drug seizure and two bylaw referrals.

The Organized Crime Unit has also continued connecting with local Money Service Businesses (MSBs). The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) requires MSBs to register their businesses, identify clients, keep records, report to FINTRAC and have a compliance program.¹ This quarter, Richmond RCMP uniformed members attended 31 MSBs to conduct money laundering outreach and education. There were multiple visits to locations that have had distraction thefts against their customers and the businesses were provided with crime prevention information. Bitcoin locations were also inspected. The regular police presence at these locations also serves as a deterrent to criminal activity in and around these businesses.

Results

This quarter, significant progress was made in establishing new programs to combat organized crime and money laundering including MSB patrols and outreach while the Inadmissible Patrons Program remains in development. Community partners have been consulted and further discussions regarding implementation logistics are ongoing.

Community Priority 3: Vulnerable Persons

Objective

- i. Full implementation of a frontline Mental Health car.

Actions

Richmond Detachment made significant progress on the deployment model for the Richmond Mental Health Crisis Team, also referred to as Fox 80. This quarter police candidates for the unit were identified and received training. Frontline police officers also initiated training, which will continue into the next quarter. September 12, 2019 marked the “soft” launch of the program, which has received daily calls since its inaugural deployment. This shared initiative with Vancouver Coastal Health will continue to facilitate a joint response to police calls in Richmond where mental health is a concern. The team is comprised of a mental health nurse and an RCMP officer.

The Detachment’s Vulnerable Persons Unit (VPU) continues to conduct weekly Homeless Outreach with staff from the Ministry of Social Services and Poverty Reduction. A plainclothes police officer engages with vulnerable clients and offers referrals to different programs and support services in the community, including providing application assistance for supportive housing. The Richmond RCMP is also a member of the Alderbridge Supportive Housing Community Advisory Committee and is represented by a member of the VPU. This quarter there were no concerning calls arising from the housing complex.

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

Results

Mental health-related calls for service have been trending upwards the last five years. In the first half of 2019, the number of mental health-related files increased 46 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 Fox 80. The Mental Health Car became operational this quarter, indicating that Richmond Detachment is on-track to meet this objective. Future reporting will provide progress updates on the rollout of the program.

Community Priority 4: Road Safety

Objective

- i. 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 121 Fail to Stop deployments, which resulted in 3,837 letters being mailed to registered vehicle owners.³ In addition, 682 Speed Watch letters were issued. There were two large-scale Distracted Driving projects in September. During the course of these deployments 24,543 vehicles were checked for signs of distracted driving. A total of 154 information letters were sent to registered vehicle owners, in addition to enforcement notices issued by the RSU.⁴ There has also been a strong focus on increased road safety media communications.

In addition to regular road safety enforcement projects, this quarter the RSU conducted several Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) operations, which resulted in prohibited driver investigations as well as 12 vehicle impounds. The ALPR system uses infrared colour cameras, which are mounted on police vehicles and special software to read up to 3,000 licence plates per hour.⁵ ALPR focusses on reducing crime, including auto theft and motor vehicle violations, with a focus on prohibited, suspended, unlicensed and uninsured drivers.

² Road safety enforcement includes Violation Tickets, Notice and Orders and Written Warnings. 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.

⁴ Number of enforcement notices issued is part of quarterly total.

⁵ Province of BC, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/road-safety-auto-crime/auto-licence-place-recognition>

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 | 3,348 | 4,543 | 36% |
| 3 | Oct. 1 – Dec. 31 | | | |
| 4 | Jan. 1 – Mar. 31 | | | |
| Total | | 6,696 | 9,191 | 37% |

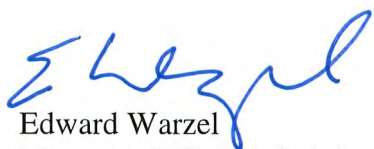
The number of enforcement notices issued this quarter is up 36 per cent over the quarterly average from the last three fiscal years. A total of 4,543 notices were issued in the second quarter of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Year to date, the number of enforcement notices is up 37 per cent over the last three years' average. This total exceeds the two per cent target identified, indicating 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 on-track to meet the identified targets and continues to support the City of Richmond's public safety strategy using evidence-led approaches to target criminality.



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