



**City of  
Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** November 6, 2015  
**From:** Renny Nesset **File:** 09-5000-01/2015-Vol  
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**Re:** **2015/2016 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan (APP)  
 Second Quarter Results (July 1 to September 30, 2015).**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the report titled "2015/2016 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan (APP) Second Quarter Results (July 1 to September 30, 2015); dated November 6, 2015 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

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## Staff Report

### Origin

On February 23, 2015 Richmond City Council adopted the priorities as listed in the report 2015 - 2016 RCMP Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities dated January 19, 2015.

The priorities selected were:

1. Pedestrian Safety;
2. Break and Enters & Theft from Automobile; and
3. Mental Health.

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 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 - Pedestrian Safety

##### *Objective*

This priority has two targets: a 10 percent reduction in pedestrian-related injuries and a 25 percent reduction in pedestrian fatalities.

##### *Action*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, the Detachment's Road Safety Unit (RSU) along with volunteers conducted several public awareness campaigns. On July 7, 2015 the Detachment conducted Pedestrian Safety Awareness campaigns in collaboration with ICBC partners and volunteers at Brighthouse Station and on July 14, 2015 at No.3 Road. The Detachment delivered a Bike Safety Awareness presentation on August 8, 2015 to James Gilmore Elementary School where the children interacted by going through a bicycle course to reinforce the presentation topics. RSU chaired the inaugural Pedestrian Safety Community meeting on August 26, 2015 with the Detachment media relations officer, ICBC, Emergency Services, Transit Police, and Richmond Fire-Rescue.

With the commencement of the new 2015 - 2016 school year, road safety enforcement operations were held across Richmond schools. Only a few violation tickets were issued along with some written and verbal warnings; mostly related to parking and stopping infractions. Overall, the Detachment observed good road safety compliance.

RSU conducted Speed Watch training for volunteers in September and conducted Project SWOOP with ICBC on September 24, 2015. Project SWOOP is a partnership between officers, Speed Watch volunteers, and ICBC. It is focused on confronting high-risk driving behaviour such as speeding and distracted driving; in collision-prone areas and school zones. On September 25, 2015 due to William Cook Elementary School administration's concerns, RSU conducted an additional traffic enforcement block at the school.

### *Results*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, there were 10 pedestrian-related injuries. This represents a 54.5 percent reduction in pedestrian-related injuries this quarter over the same period last year. Year over year, there were 29 versus 37 pedestrian-related injuries, reflecting an overall 22 percent reduction. There were no fatal<sup>1</sup> pedestrian incidents this quarter which is on par with the second quarter of 2014/15. Year over year, pedestrian fatalities remain on par at zero.

The table below outlines the pedestrian-related injuries and fatalities for the years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016:

Quarter	Date Range	Pedestrian Injuries 2014/15	Pedestrian Injuries 2015/16	Pedestrian Fatalities 2014/15	Pedestrian Fatalities 2015/16
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	15	19	0	0
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	22	10	0	0
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	39		2	
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	36		1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics Oct 9, 2015.

### Community Priority 2 - Break and Enters & Theft from Automobile

#### *Objective*

This priority has two targets; a 10 percent reduction in commercial break and enters; a 10 percent reduction in residential break and enters; as well as a 10 percent reduction in Theft from Automobile.

<sup>1</sup> 1 pedestrian fatality that was reported for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter fatality was amended in PRIME statistics as it was confirmed to be a cyclist fatality. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report of zero fatality became a fatality. Total for the year 2014; remains at 3 fatalities.

*Action*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, the Detachment made several successful arrests of prolific property crime offenders. In July, the Detachment arrested a 21-year old prolific residential break and enter offender after a long and successful investigation. He was charged with six counts of break and enter and one count of attempted break and enter. This was followed with the successful sentencing of a 51-year old prolific purse snatcher for five charges of theft under \$5,000.

On August 14, 2015 a second prolific residential break and enter offender was arrested and charged with six counts of break and enter and one count of possession of stolen property. On August 3, 2015 a mail theft offender was apprehended with Landsdowne Mall security personnel and the Detachment Quick Response Unit working in collaboration.

Also in July, the Detachment conducted a Theft from Auto and Locker Break-in project at Watermania which resulted in the successful arrest of three prolific offenders in August. Although the proceeds of crime gained from Theft from Automobile and Locker Break-ins may seem small compared to other types of property crime; it is often the secondary crimes that occur downstream from the original crime that are of concern to the Detachment. Locker Break-ins often lead to Theft from Automobile then on to Garage Break and Enters, Credit Card Fraud/Identity Theft etc.

On September 9, 2015 the Detachment apprehended a well-known prolific offender who allegedly specializes in stealing Apple products. Richmond Mall security personnel flagged down a Detachment Patrol member after the suspect fled on a bicycle. The Detachment Property Crime Unit and Quick Response Team were able to quickly apprehend the alleged iPhone thief and this garnered much media attention.

Through partnership with ICBC, the Detachment conducted a "Lock Out Auto Crime" awareness campaign July 13, 2015 around the Steveston Community Centre area and another campaign at the McArthur Glen Outlet Mall on August 6, 2015.

*Result*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, there were 87 commercial break and enters. This represents an 18 percent decrease compared to the first quarter of 2014/2015. Year over year, this reflects a 12 percent reduction. There were 179 residential break and enters in the second quarter of 2015/2016, reflecting a 25 percent decrease compared to the same period last year. Year to date comparisons indicate a 9.5 percent decrease in residential break and enters overall.

The table below outlines commercial and residential break and enters for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016:

Quarter	Date Range	2014/15 Commercial	2015/16 Commercial	2014/15 Residential	2015/16 Residential
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	85	81	160	181
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	106	87	238	179
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	117		351	
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	94		222	
<b>Total</b>		<b>402</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>360</b>

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics Oct 9, 2015.

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, there were 628 Theft from Automobiles. This represents a 14.6 percent increase compared to the first quarter of 2014/2015. However, year over year totals show a 4.6 percent reduction overall.

The table below outlines Theft from Automobile statistics for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016:

Quarter	Date Range	2014/15 Theft from Automobile	2015/16 Theft from Automobile
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	723	585
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	548	628
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	554	
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	542	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2367</b>	<b>1213</b>

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics Oct 9, 2015.

### Community Priority 3 –Mental Health

#### *Objective*

This priority's target is to reduce the number of negative police interactions with mentally ill clients.

#### *Action*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, the Detachment continued to populate the Mental Health Referral database that tracks referrals made to the Detachment's Mental Health Coordinator. A second Mental Health Profile database collects profiles of high-risk mental health clients.

On August 8, 2015 a male at the Detachment front counter of the Richmond RCMP Detachment announced that he wanted to speak to police. The male produced his driver's license to the front counter clerk. The male was erratic and rambling about the Canadian government and how he is a Canadian citizen. He was observed to go from angry to calm, apologetic, and kept looking at the Member's duty belt. The male stated that he wanted to shoot people. The situation was de-escalated and he became co-operative, relinquished a small pocket knife, and was apprehended by the Detachment under Section 28 of the Mental Health Act (MHA).

On July 27, 2015 the Detachment supported the Pathways Clubhouse in an outdoor movie night fund-raiser. Pathways Clubhouse helps members recover from mental illness and rebuild their lives through a supportive environment. Pathways Clubhouse creates opportunities for members to return to school or university, gain employment, have a place to live, connect with their families, make new friends, and create multiple successes. They also provide mental health public education to increase awareness and understanding of issues and concerns about mental illness and mental health.

On August 13, 2015 Auxiliary Constable Dally received two awards from the BC Ministry of Justice and Richmond RCMP in recognition of over 1,000 hours of voluntary service for 2014. Most of his hours had been spent on the Pathways Clubhouse positive outreach to People living with Mental Health challenges. Historically, Mental Health interactions with Police have always been through Crisis Intervention and De-escalation incidents. Police are historically never included in a Mental Health Wellness Journey. With Detachment outreaches such as these, people living with Mental Health challenges no longer view the Richmond RCMP uniform as something to be feared and avoided. In one situation, an overly exuberant and "perceived to be potentially threatening" person living with Mental Health challenges excitedly approached a patrol car with his hand flaying. His only intention was to ask if the uniformed member in the car knew Officer X. He then informed the member that Officer X and him were good friends. This interaction speaks to the success of the Detachment's positive outreach.

Most people living with Mental Health challenges are aware of their illness. They often make themselves invisible members of society or the public chooses to avoid interactions with them. One person with schizophrenia disclosed to the Detachment that it had been over one year before he had held a conversation with anyone due to the stigma surrounding his condition.

The Detachment also provides presentations on "Vulnerability" and "Safety Awareness" to these vulnerable members of our community.

### *Result*

In the second quarter of 2015/2016, there were 344 Mental Health Act (MHA) Related Calls for Service. This represents a 23 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2014/2015. Year over year totals also reflect a 6.3 percent increase.

The table below outlines MHA Related Calls statistics for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016:

Quarter	Date Range	2014/15 MHA Related Calls for Service	2015/16 MHA Related Calls for Service
1	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30	311	283
2	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	279	344
3	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	260	
4	Jan. 1 – Mar. 31	249	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1099</b>	<b>627</b>

Source: Richmond Detachment PRIME Statistics, Oct 9, 2015.

As a result of the meetings with the aforementioned mental health stakeholders and the development of the two mental health databases; Richmond Detachment continues to enhance its understanding of the needs of clients with mental health issues which will in turn empower its ability to assist clients, mitigate public risk, and reduce repeat calls for service.

### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

### Conclusion

The priorities established in the 2015/2016 APP continue to be pursued. In the second quarter, there has been a 54 percent reduction in the amount of pedestrian-related injuries and zero pedestrian fatalities this quarter. Year over year, there was an overall 22 percent reduction of pedestrian-related injuries. There were no fatal pedestrian incidents this quarter which is on par with the second quarter of 2014/2015. Year over year, pedestrian fatalities remain on par at zero.

There has been an 18 percent decrease in residential break and enters with year over year totals indicating a 12 percent decrease. There has been a 25 percent decrease in business break and enters with year over year totals reflecting a 9.5 percent decrease overall.

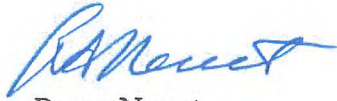
Theft from Automobile increased by 14.6 percent in comparison to the same period last year, however year over year totals show a 4.6 percent reduction overall. This will remain a focused priority due to secondary downstream crimes that often occur as a result of the initial Theft from Automobile.

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The Mayor and Council will continue to receive quarterly progress reports. The next quarter will end on December 31, 2015.



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