

# **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

March 28, 2014

From:

Rendall Nesset

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Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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Re:

RCMP's Monthly Report - February 2014 Activities

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – February 2014 Activities" (dated March 28, 2014, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP) be received for information.

(Rendall Nesset) Superintendent

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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#### **Staff Report**

#### Origin

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

This report supports Council's Term Goal #1:

To ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

#### **Analysis**

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report regarding February 2014 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities:

#### Shooting on McKim Way

On February 1, 2014, one man was taken to Richmond General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries after an early morning shooting on McKim Way. Richmond RCMP Serious Crime Unit along with the Forensic Identification Unit were at the scene gathering evidence trying to find out what happened. It was quite a while before the scene was cleared and all the witnesses who came forward were interviewed. This event is still under investigation.

#### **Drinking on Airlines**

There were two separate incidents regarding passengers drinking excessively onboard flights arriving at the Vancouver International Airport. On February 2, 2014, an Australian man was charged with causing a disturbance, mischief and assault after he became violent while intoxicated during a China Southern Airlines flight inbound from Australia.

In the second incident, one man has plead guilty to causing a disturbance when he became aggressive on a plane while intoxicated. The man was arrested by two-off duty police officers from Winnipeg and Saskatoon who assisted flight staff when the man refused to leave the plane. The male was escorted off the flight where he was held by the officers until the Richmond RCMP arrived.

#### Suspicious Death

On February 8, 2014 just after 9:00 pm Richmond RCMP was called to St. Edwards Street after a report of a suspicious death. The matter has been turned over to the coroner's office as it has been determined that death was not a result of foul play.

#### **Auxiliary Constables**

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention, including support of community and special events, as well as participating in a variety of crime prevention programs within the City of Richmond.

An Annual Report for the 2013 Richmond RCMP Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program is attached as Attachment 1.

#### **Community Policing**

#### Highlights

On February 12, 2014, three Community Police members and four volunteers conducted a two hour Jaywalking/Pedestrian blitz where they talked to approximately 250 people and educated them about being safe as a pedestrian. The locations where the blitz took place were: Cook Road, Saba Road, Buswell and No. 3 Road at Westminster Highway.

The volunteers, along with Victim Service members, Traffic and Community Policing members from the Richmond RCMP participated in a one day Distracted Driver's campaign on February 14, 2014. There were ten deployments altogether, 2,739 vehicles were checked during the campaign and 52 letters were sent to drivers that were distracted.

On February 27, 2014, volunteers conducted a Jaywalking/Pedestrian Safety Campaign with Community Police members, Victim Service members and Translink Police. The campaign attracted approximately 250 people, who walked away with information on practicing safety as a pedestrian.

#### Block Watch

There were 407 letters and 65 emails sent to victims and their neighbours, informing them that a residential break and enter had occurred in their neighbourhood, and encouraging residents to start a Block Watch group. Similarly, 17 Business Link letters and 24 emails were sent to Richmond businesses that experienced a break and enter during this period. Both residential and Business Link break and enter letters and emails offer crime prevention tips and direct Richmond residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages and encourage them to register for the email alerts.

#### Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics

Notices supplied by ICBC are issued by a community volunteer and left on every car in local parking lots. The notice will have the Community Police Station name, crime prevention tips, location and date written on it, as well as a list of questions that have been checked "yes" or "no". These notices will indicate to the reader what issues need to be addressed in order to keep his or her vehicle safe.

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#### Example questions:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device? (e.g. alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel lock)
- Are there any personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all suitable steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

Figure 1 provides a comparison by year for vehicles viewed or issued a notice.

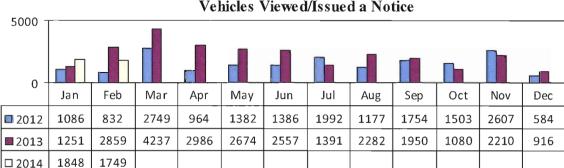
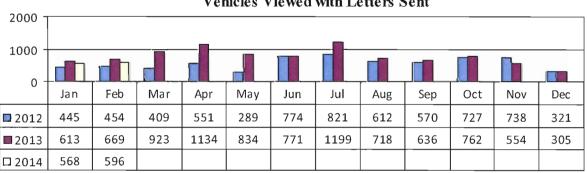


Figure 1: Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery/Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Viewed/Issued a Notice

#### Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives driver's instant feedback regarding their speed. Once the volunteers record the licence plate number and the speed, a letter is sent to the vehicle's registered owner of the driving infraction, including, date, time, location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket.

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.



Vehicles Viewed with Letters Sent

Figure 2: Richmond Detachment Speed Watch

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#### Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics

While volunteers are doing bike/foot patrols or on Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones; talking or texting, using electronic devices, reading a newspaper or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is then sent a letter with the date, time and location. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount of the fine had the driver received a violation ticket. Figure 3 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

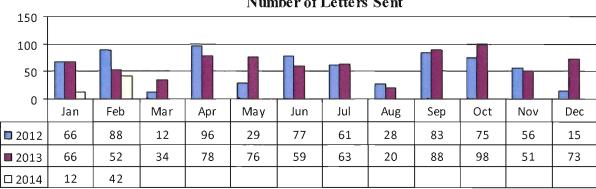


Figure 3: Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers
Number of Letters Sent

#### Community Police Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

In February 2014, there were seven bike patrols totalling 41 hours as well as 14 foot/van patrols totalling 99 hours. The volunteers assisted the general public with directions and general questions, witnessed minor vehicle collisions and offered assistance, reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run licence plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. They visited local parks and schools making sure that everything was secure and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

#### Road Safety Unit

#### Road Safety Unit Service Demand - Month to Month Comparison

Figure 4 compares the Road Safety Unit tickets and categorized them by type for the month of February 2013 and February 2014. In February, 2013 there were a total of 1,368 tickets compared to February, 2014 which had a total of 1,503, an increase of 9.8%. This increase is due to more traffic members being available to conduct those particular duties as they weren't focused on any fatalities or major motor vehicle accidents, which takes up a lot of the Road Safety Unit's resources.

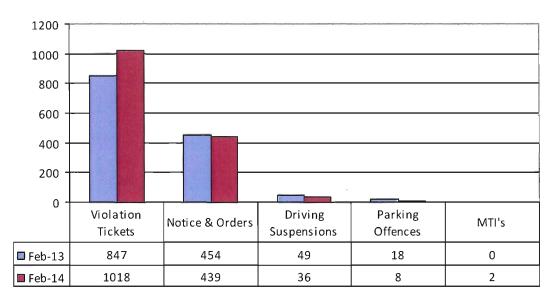


Figure 4: Service Demand Month-to-Month Comparison

#### Victim Services

From February 1, 2014 to February 28, 2014, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 28 new clients, attended 8 crime and trauma scenes in addition to the active caseload of 140 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of complicated files this month which involved issues of mental health and substance abuse by some or all parties, as well as a number of medical related sudden deaths.

#### Crime Statistics

Crime Stats – see Attachment "2" Crime Maps – see Attachment "3"

#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

#### Conclusion

For the month of February 2014, policing in Richmond has been steady but quiet. February was right on trend for the amount of calls that the detachment had in 2011, 2012 and 2013 which are typically calm due to the colder weather.

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Attachment 1: Annual Report for the 2013 Richmond RCMP Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program

Attachment 2: Crime Stats Attachment 3: Crime Maps

# Richmond RCMP Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program



# **Annual Report - 2013**

• <u>Summary:</u> The mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention within the City of Richmond. The primary focus of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to work at community and special events, provide traffic control, and participate in crime prevention programs.

Additionally, Auxiliary Constables are authorized to accompany Regular Members on patrol and can perform other police functions under both general and direct supervision; such as office duties, special events, property checks, traffic and crowd control, gathering information and assisting with minor reports, and assisting Regular Members at emergency call-out and disaster response situations.

2013 was an active year for the Auxiliary Constable program in Richmond, with a renewed commitment from our current members to contribute to community safety and to assist the detachment wherever possible. Highlights included:

- A significant increase in the annual volunteer hours contributed by each of our active Auxiliary Constables.
- The addition of new troop of 17 cadets that started training in September, and are expected to graduate in April.
- A significantly increased focus on Community Events and Crime Prevention Programs as the core activities of the program in Richmond.
- An increased use of Auxiliary Constables by the Watches, to assist with large incidents, providing traffic control, crowd control and scene security. Additionally, Auxiliary Constables were called in to assist with urgent searches for missing persons.

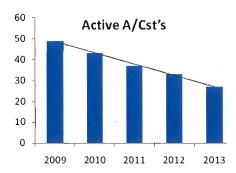
# **Membership Updates**

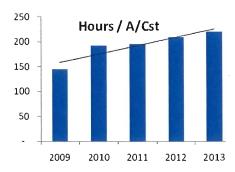
 <u>Manpower:</u> The following chart is a Summary of Richmond's Auxiliary Constable membership for the past 5 years:

YEAR	JOINED	LEFT	on LOA	ACTIVE A/Cst's	TOTAL Hours	Hours / /Cst
2009	18	4	. 2	49	7,080	139
2010		6	2	43	8,286	193
2011		5	3	37	7,216	195
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2013	17	3	6	27	8,200**	221*

As of December 2013, there were 27 active Auxiliary Constables in Richmond detachment, with 6 additional members currently on Leaves of Absence (LOA) and an additional 17 cadets currently in training.

<sup>\*\* (</sup>The total of 8,200 hours in 2013 includes 2,244 hours of training for the 17 new cadets. The 27 active members completed 5,956 hours, which equates to 221 hours per Auxiliary Constable.)





Through the ever-increasing efforts of a reduced number of active Auxiliary Constables, we have been able to maintain a consistent level of service to the City of Richmond and to the Richmond Detachment. Specifically, although we have 45% less active Auxiliary Constables than in 2009, our remaining members have increased their individual hourly contributions by 59% over the same period.

• Recruiting: A new troop of 25 Auxiliary Constables was approved by the OIC in 2012. We had a total of 175 citizens register for Recruiting Information Sessions, resulting in 74 completed application packages. After the application review, interview and security clearance processes, 17 citizens were invited to participate as cadets in the RCMP Auxiliary Constable training program.

The cadets will each complete a total of approximately 500 hours of training over 7 months, and are expected to be sworn-in as Auxiliary Constables in April.

This will bring us to 44 actively serving Auxiliary Constables for 2014. These additional Auxiliary Constables will allow us to expand the Crime Prevention programs that we assist with, and increase our attendance and visibility at Community Events in 2014.

## **Program Activities**

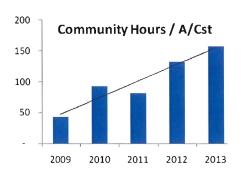
• <u>Summary:</u> Auxiliary Constable volunteer hours and activities for 2013, compared to the previous 2 years (complete data available only since 2011):

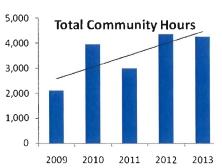
REPORTING CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	2011	2012	2013
_	Community Crime Prevention Programs	1,482	1,879	1,602
Community Policing	Community Events	1,500	1,605	1,850
Folicing	Program/Detachment Support Duties	1,200	879	810
Training	Required & Optional Training Courses	1,144	1,149	2,805
Court	Required Court Appearances	10	6	0
Ride-a-longs	General Duty Ride-a-longs	1,383	1,077	679
	Call-outs, & other Ride-a-long Duties	497	329	455
	Total Annual Hours :	7,216	6,918	8,200

• <u>Community Policing:</u> RCMP Auxiliary Constable programs in "E" division are mandated to ensure a maximum ratio of 70% for Ride-a-long duties (including call-outs) as compared to total hours. This is to ensure that a significant percentage of on-duty time is committed to Community Policing events and Crime Prevention programs.

However, since restarting the program in Richmond in 2002, our Auxiliary Constables have been striving towards a target of 70% for Community Policing duties. In 2009, Community Events and Crime Prevention programs accounted for 31% of the on-duty time of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables. In 2013, this percentage has increased to 71%.

Year	Active A/Cst's	Total Hours	Hours / A/CsT	Community Programs & Events	Community Hrs / A/Cst
2009	49	7,080	139	2,104	43
2010	43	8,286	193	3,953	92
2011	37	7,216	195	2,982	81
2012	33	6,918	210	4,363	132
2013	27	8,200	221*	4,249	157





- <u>Crime Prevention Programs</u>: Specific programs that Auxiliary Constable's have participated in during 2013 have included:
  - O Block Watch: Auxiliary Constables attend Block Watch meetings with the Block Watch Coordinator to provide presentations on Home Safety and target hardening, as well as addressing policing questions for citizens.
  - Coastal Watch / Marine Patrols: Auxiliary Constables have promoted the Coastal Watch program throughout the marine community. Activities have included Boat Safety Checks at McDonald Beach, dock patrols in marine communities, program promotion at marine-based events, and giving presentations to marine groups including RCM-SAR, Power Squadron, and Yacht Clubs.
    - Several Auxiliary Constables also participated in scheduled Boat Patrols to compliment the marine presence and response of our detachment. This activity also provides an excellent platform to engage the marine community directly to promote the Coastal Watch program.
  - O CPO Volunteer Ride-a-longs: Auxiliary Constables are providing an orientation session to CPO Volunteers that have approved to participate as a civilian ride-a-long with the Watch. The Auxiliary provides each CPO volunteer with a detachment tour, equipment and vehicle familiarisation, expectations, and "do's & don'ts", as well as introduces the volunteer to the Watch Commander, and escorts the volunteer to briefing.
  - O DARE: We now have 2 Auxiliary Constables providing regular assistance to the Youth Section in delivering the DARE program to grade 5 youth in Richmond. This is a weekly program, and the Auxiliary Constables have each committed to be the lead instructor for one school per term.
  - Home Security Checks: Auxiliary Constables continue to provide Home Security Checks for single family residences which have been referred to us by the CPO's or Regular Members. These checks provide target hardening information to citizens to help them reduce the fear of crime.
  - On-Side Program: Auxiliary Constables, along with Regular Members have accompanied atrisk youth to professional sporting events. This program allows for an informal interaction to encourage communication between the youth and the police.

- Pedestrian Safety: Auxiliary Constables have been attending key pedestrian areas, including Canada Line stations, to provide targeted education to pedestrians; primarily addressing safety concerns that are observed to be occurring. Additionally, Auxiliary Constable's have participated in ICBC Pedestrian Safety blitzes, assisting in distributing safety information to the general public.
- Property Crime Programs: Auxiliary Constables provide regular assistance, several times per week, to the Property Crime Unit's initiatives for Crime Reduction in the community.
- SAFE School Plans: Auxiliary Constables had continued to assist in the surveying & photographing of Richmond schools, and uploading the pictures and information to the SAFE School Plan database. However, Auxiliary Constable participation in this program was discontinued in 2012, as the SAFE School Program was taken over by the Youth Section.
- Safety Patrols: Auxiliary Constables have provided a high-visible uniformed presence, engaging with the general public, in areas of regular pedestrian activity. This has included parks, trails, dykes, and specific areas such as Steveston Village and Hamilton. Safety patrols are conducted via foot, bicycle, ATV, or Kubota, and occur primarily through the warmer months were there is an increase in outdoor activities throughout the city.
  - Often, these patrols are also incorporated with other programs such as Pedestrian Safety, Lockout Auto Crime, or Coastal Watch activities.
- Safety Talks: Auxiliary Constables have been typically responsible for most Safety Talks during evening and weekend hours, while weekday talks have been provided by Regular Members in the Crime Prevention Unit. Safety talks are provided for community non-profit groups from preschoolers to seniors, and include such topics as "When to call 9-1-1", "Role of Police", Personal Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Bicycle Safety, Internet Safety, Home Safety, and several other talks as requested.
- School Sports Program: Auxiliary Constables have participated in several of these events, where RCMP members play sports such as basketball or floor hockey against the students of local elementary schools. This event allows for interaction with the youth in an informal atmosphere to encourage open communication.
- Speed Watch / Lock-out Auto Crime: Auxiliary Constables continue to assist with Speed Watch and Lock-out Auto Crime programs, sometimes working with non-uniformed CPO volunteers. Having uniformed members present greatly enhances the effectiveness of promoting immediate speed reduction by passing vehicles. Speed Watch has also been actively targeting distracted drivers.
- Youth Academy: Auxiliary Constables participate in this annual program for high-school youth to experience the world of policing in a residential setting. Auxiliary Constables participate as actors in scenario training exercises, providing feedback and guidance for participants over several days.
- <u>YVR Patrols</u>: Auxiliary Constables have conducted foot patrols in and around the Main Terminal at YVR to provide and enhanced uniformed presence. Patrols allow for positive interaction with travellers, providing a safe atmosphere, as well as creating a deterrent for criminal activity. Auxiliary Constables have also been participating in Bike and ATV Patrols of Sea Island with Regular Members.
- <u>Community Events:</u> Some of the larger events that Auxiliary Constable's have participated in during 2013 have included the following:
  - Alzheimer's Walk for Memories: Auxiliary Constables helped man an RCMP display table focussing on Senior's safety.

- o <u>Hockey Day in Richmond</u>: Auxiliary Constables provided foot patrols to provide an enhanced uniformed presence. Auxiliary Constables also assisted with traffic control at intersections.
- YVR Multi-Agency Training Exercise: Auxiliary Constables provided traffic control and scene security for this large-scale exercise simulating a downed aircraft at the airport. Several Auxiliary Constables also participated in the exercise as actors.
- Chinese Community Safety Fair: This fair was hosted by Aberdeen Mall, and was focussed on a theme of a safe community. Auxiliary Constables manned a booth and interacted with participants to promote crime prevention programs.
- o <u>Big Bike Event</u>: Auxiliary Constables escorted the Big Bike through the streets of Steveston Village during this annual 3 day event.
- BLIA Conservation Fair: Auxiliary Constables provided foot patrols to provide a uniformed presence at this annual fair for families in Richmond.
- o <u>Elementary School Fairs</u>: Auxiliary Constables attended school fairs at several Elementary Schools to promote positive communication and interaction with police to students and families.
- o <u>Police Week Displays and Demonstrations</u>: Auxiliary Constables manned displays of equipment at Richmond Centre, interacting with the public and answering questions.
- o <u>Jimmy Ng Road Hockey Tournament & Safety Day</u>: Auxiliary Constables provided a uniformed presence throughout the event. Additionally, Auxiliary Constables manned the displays of various police vehicles that were present for the accompanying Richmond Safety Day.
- o <u>Island Bike Tour</u>: The Auxiliary Constable Bike Team assisted with this event, helping to ensure participant safety in areas of high traffic.
- Burkeville Daze: Auxiliary Constables assisted YVR RCMP members in providing a police presence and positive interaction with participants at this popular event. Auxiliary Constables provided patrols on foot, bike and ATV.
- Ships to Shore: Auxiliary Constables provided a uniformed presence throughout the Steveston Village area during the initial 2 days of this event, as well as assisting with crowd and traffic control as required.
- Salmon Festival / Canada Day: Auxiliary Constables were paired with Regular Members and assigned to duties such as Traffic Control and Foot Patrol. Coverage included the Parade, the Ships to Shore site, the Salmon Festival grounds, as well as the entire surrounding Steveston Village area. Additional Auxiliary Constables also marched in the Canada Day Parade as part of the RCMP Troop.
- Community Outdoor Movie Nights (various locations): Auxiliary Constables attended all outdoor movie nights in 2013, providing a police presence and promoting community safety.
- Onstables provided a uniformed presence at these events throughout the weekend.
- Vancouver Fireworks Nights: Auxiliary Constables assisted with marine vessel safety checks at Woodwards Landing Boat Launch, as well as with providing a presence at Canada Line Stations. These activities occurred prior to the events in Vancouver, to proactively promote public safety.
- Steveston Dragon Boat Festival: Auxiliary Constables provided foot and ATV patrols throughout the Steveston Village area to provide a uniformed presence and assist with traffic and pedestrian safety.

- Musical Ride: Auxiliary Constables assisted in all aspects of this event, including crowd direction, traffic control and parking, display and site set-up and take-down, assisting with participant inquiries, and supporting the organising committee.
- <u>Ride for Refuge</u>: Auxiliary Constables provided traffic control at several high-traffic locations to help ensure participant safety at this very large cycling event held simultaneously on 3 different routes throughout Richmond.
- Remembrance Day: Auxiliary Constables provided Traffic Control for the parade and service.
   Additionally several members participated in the RCMP Parade Troop.
- o <u>Philipine Relief Walkathon</u>: Auxiliary Constables provided traffic control to ensure participant safety at this last-minute event to raise funds for typhoon victims.
- Santa's Arrival / Christmas in Steveston: Auxiliary Constables were present to provide a
  uniformed presence and assist with traffic and pedestrian safety as required for the multiple
  events occurring in Steveston Village.
- (Events in Other Jurisdictions): Richmond Auxiliary Constables have also assisted at several events in neighbouring detachments. Some of these events include: UBC Block Party, Victoria Day Weekend, Vaishaki Parade, Hats Off Day, Giro de Burnaby, Pride Parade, Dreams for Kids, and the Police Memorial Parade. (We have also reciprocally called in assistance from other detachments for larger events in Richmond.)
- **General Duty Ride-a-longs:** Regular GD Ride-a-longs are on weekend night shifts, providing extra support for the watch on-duty. Auxiliary Constables are partnered individually with Regular Members for all Ride-a-long activities. Other duties included regular shifts with Traffic, YVR, and PDS.

Some specific duties of note included:

- o <u>TOIFA Arrivals</u>: Auxiliary Constables assisted with crowd and traffic control at YVR for the arrival and departures of celebrities for the Times of India Film Awards.
- o <u>Halloween</u>: Auxiliary Constables were used to compliment Regular Members during the normally busy Halloween evening. Additionally, several Auxiliary Constables provided an enhanced uniformed presence in the busy Burkeville area on foot and ATV.
- Bylaw / Liquor Enforcement Team: Auxiliary Constables provide support to this multi-agency team in checking businesses for legal compliance.
- Night Market: Auxiliary Constables pair with Regular Members to provide a regular presence at both of Richmond's Night Markets.
- <u>Call-outs</u>: Auxiliary Constables were used to assist with scene security, traffic control and
  ensuring public safety at major incidents throughout the year to help free regular members to
  attend to the investigations or to return to patrol duties. Auxiliary Constables were also called
  out to assist with searches of missing persons that required an urgent response.
- <u>Counter-Attack Roadblocks</u>: Auxiliary Constables provided assistance and support to Traffic members at roadblocks throughout the holiday season to help to reduce the impact of impaired driving.
- New Years Eve: Auxiliary Constables were used to compliment Regular Members during this
  usually very busy night shift.

### **Training**

- New Recruits: As indicated above, much of the latter part of 2013 was dedicated to the training of the 17 Auxiliary Constable recruits. The complete training program consists of 500 hours, and includes:
  - 192 hours of classroom study (Law, Police Responsibilities, Legal Issues, Common Offenses, Powers of Arrest/Search/Seizure, Use of Force, Ethics, Discretion, Tactical Communications, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Protection, Radio Communications, Reporting, Traffic Control, Officer Safety, etc.)
  - 124 hours of practical training (including Use of Force, Drill, First Aid, Self-Defense Training, Arrest Techniques, traffic direction, etc.)
  - o 24 hours of online courses
  - 160 hours of Recruit Field Training requirements (with a field trainer)
- Other Training: Other training completed by Auxiliary Constables included:
  - Operation SECURUS 6 Auxiliary Constables have been initially trained to deliver this counterterrorism public reporting program to targeted businesses in the community.
  - Re-certification training for regulatory requirements:
    - Use of Force (Baton / OCS / Carotid Control),
    - IMIM (Incident Management Intervention Model),
    - CBRN (Gas Mask Training)
    - EMRT (Emergency Medical Response Training)
  - Several full-day specialty courses Mobile Command Post Operation; AED Operation, Marine Enforcement & Water Safety
  - o Several online courses, both mandatory and optional, offered through AGORA.

### Awards / Appreciation / Achievements

- In 2013, Provincial Awards have been received for the following members:
  - Auxiliary Constable Darren BYGRAVE Service Award: Glass plaque & letter from the Minister of Justice for 567 hours of volunteer service in 2012
- Additional awards and recognition for Auxiliary Constables included:
  - Volunteer Richmond Constellation Award for Volunteer Group of the Year: This was awarded in April to recognise the ongoing contributions to community safety in Richmond by our dedicated group of citizens willing to act as sworn, uniformed volunteer Peace Officers.
  - o 50th Anniversary of Auxiliary Constable Program in BC: Several Auxiliary Constables represented Richmond Detachment at an event at the Pacific Regional Training Centre in Chilliwack to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Auxiliary Constable program in BC. All current Auxiliary Constables have been presented with a unique Challenge Coin that was minted for this celebration.

# Uniform, Kit & Equipment

<u>Kubota</u>: For the third year, we again leased the off-road 4-seat Kubota for use during the warmer months. The vehicle was outfitted with RCMP decals, markings and lights, and was used by Auxiliary Constables for community events, and to provide an enhanced presence in parks, dykes and pedestrian areas. The Kubota was again very successful, as the presence of the vehicle in public areas and parks promoted many individuals and families to engage with the Auxiliary members, providing for very positive interactions.

- <u>Bicycles</u>: We are continuing with an ongoing plan to replace all the existing Auxiliary program bicycles
  with new models that will meet our requirements. All remaining bicycles have been serviced and have
  had missing and damaged equipment replaced, and will remain in service until replaced. Retired
  bicycles will be donated to the CPO's for their use.
- Working Uniform (Service Order): All currently active Auxiliary Constables have had their service order upgraded to include the Velcro duty belt and the soft-shell patrol jacket. Additionally, we have equipped all members with a standard duty flashlight (Fenix TK15).
- <u>Dress Uniform (Review / Walking Out Orders)</u>: The nationally approved Review / Walking Out orders
  for Auxiliary Constables have now been updated to include trousers with the yellow stripe, and service
  awards for the tunic. These items are in the process of being ordered for all active members and will
  provide for a more professional representation of the RCMP when attending dinners, presentations, or
  when participating in parades or memorial events.

Submitted by:

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Auxiliary/Reserve Constable Coordinator Richmond City Detachment



#### **FEBRUARY 2014 STATISTICS**

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents are included.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in red, while below-average numbers will be noted in blue.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in red, while decreases of more than 10% are blue. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Feb-14	February		2013	2014	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	91	109	95-123	196	195	-0.5%	-1
Robbery	2	7	5-10	17	14	-17.6%	-3
Assault	34	41	34-48	68	68	0.0%	0
Assault w/ Weapon	9	11	7-15	18	18	0.0%	0
Sexual Offences	4	4	3-6	10	7	-30.0%	-3
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	623	591	547-636	1227	1344	9.5%	117
Business B&E	40	38	27-49	93	70	-24.7%	-23
Residential B&E	73	57	48-66	169	163	-3.6%	-6
MV Theft	31	28	19-37	45	55	22.2%	10
Theft From MV	196	156	120-191	273	443	62.3%	170
Theft	88	102	88-116	206	201	-2.4%	-5
Shoplifting	56	65	56-74	150	106	-29.3%	-44
Fraud	44	40	32-49	96	89	-7.3%	-7
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	167	150	126-175	281	347	23.5%	66
Arson - Property	5	4	1-7	1	8	700.0%	7
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	881	851	772-930	1704	1886	10.7%	182
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	40	71	58-85	110	99	-10.0%	-11

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