

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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May 28th, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - April 2007**

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of April, 2007. I will highlight the key statistical data for the most common criminal activities, and provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

Activity Type	April - 2007	April - 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	176	127	+ 38.5 %
- Homicides	1	0	+ 100 %
- Robberies	19	6	+ 216.6 %
- Assaults	143	111	+ 28.8 %
- Sex Offences	13	10	+ 30.0 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	19	22	- 13.6 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	14	5	+ 180.0 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	59	64	- 7.8 %
Break and Enters	98	113	- 13.2%
Theft of Motor Vehicles	59	56	+ 5.3 %
Theft Over \$5000	1	4	- 75.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	366	412	- 11.1 %
Drug Offences	256	155	+ 65.1 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	125	197	- 36.5 %
Impaired Driving	16	18	- 11.1%
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	59	63	- 6.3 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	210	137	+ 53.2 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0 %
Calls for Service	5561	5329	+ 4.3 %
Prisoners Lodged	461	455	+ 1.3 %

<b>Auto Theft Statistics</b>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
Month of April	59	56	+ 5.3 %

There were no thefts of the bait vehicle during the month of April, 2007. So far this year the bait vehicle has been stolen 6 times, with one additional attempted theft and 2 theft from vehicles, resulting in various charges being pursued against 17 different individuals.

<b>Breakdown of Seizures by Drug Squad for the month of April</b>	
Marihuana	872 plants
Cocaine	870 grams
Persons Charged	7
Value of Seizures	\$786,859.00 (calculated per gram)

#### Drug Section Highlights:

Three separate marihuana grow operations were dismantled this past month; five individuals have been charged as a result of these investigations.

Two individuals were charged after selling drugs (cocaine) to undercover police officers.

#### Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

Members of DEU have continued to maintain a high level of enforcement in the downtown core. The members were involved with 2 more prostitution stings that saw another group of females being arrested and Red Zoned. Members also confirmed with crown that the new Red Zone area would now be bordered on the east by Ethel Street and no longer use Richter Street as the east boundary. Members were also involved in meetings with the downtown patrollers to ensure a consistent enforcement plan is in place. Furthermore, they have been involved in compiling a current list and photos of offenders who are currently Red Zoned for easier recognition to other detachment members.

<b>DEU Statistics for the month of April (Total Number of Shifts - 63)</b>			
134 Files	73 Arrests	21 Reports to Crown Counsel	97 Tickets Issued

#### Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

##### School Liaison Program

- A meeting was held with the Superintendent of School District 23 and several principals on intruders in the schools and police response as a result of a recent investigation involving a man who attended several elementary schools. Very positive meeting focused on what went right according to protocols and where, if SD23 and the RCMP could improve.

## Police Based Victim Services

- There were eight call-outs for the month of April. Participated in Victims of Crime Week with displays at Orchard Park Mall and a Kelowna courthouse tour.

## Graffiti Eradication Program

- The end of April saw the annual one day graffiti spring cleanup which kicked off the week long cleanup campaign proclaimed by the Mayor of Kelowna and was sponsored by the Downtown Kelowna Association.
- There are currently 115 volunteers with the adopt-a-spot program.

## Crimestoppers Program

- The recent British Columbia Crimestoppers Conference held in Kelowna was well attended by delegates from across Canada and the USA. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Crimestoppers in Central Okanagan was attended by approximately 115 guests.
- New website is up and running **[www.crimestoppers.net](http://www.crimestoppers.net)**
- Statistics from Jan-Apr 2007 are:
  - 259 Tips
  - 39 arrests
  - 57 cases cleared
  - 24 rewards approved
  - 74 persons wanted tips
  - 19 persons wanted arrested
  - \$147,550 value of property recovered
  - \$4,830,700 value of drugs recovered

## The Entertainment District Enforcement Plan

- The Entertainment District Enforcement Plan is being rolled out which includes soft closings for the bars, taxi stands outside the Leon corridor, enforcement strategies for police officers and Auxiliaries Constables. All Watches of the Kelowna RCMP were briefed so that a consistent enforcement strategy is in place.

## Auxiliary Constable Program

- Sunday May 13 saw 10 new Auxiliary Constables sworn in to commence duties in Kelowna. This brings the total number of Auxiliary Constables to 60.
- As of the end of April 2007 the auxiliaries donated 5,800 hours to assisting the Kelowna Detachment this year. They are very busy and a very valuable resource for the detachment.

## False Alarm Reduction Program

It has been approximately one year since this program has been up and running. To date, calls for service to alarm calls have been reduced by 60%.

## Traffic Services - Highlights

The Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section has been authorized for 11 regular members. During the month of April they had 8 active members of this section, leaving 3 vacancies.

# Tickets	Violations
925	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna (April, 2007)
309	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)

\*These statistics do not include Criminal Code files.

### **Property Crime - Highlights**

Members of the Property Crime Section combined efforts with the Downtown Enforcement Unit to work on two Vice projects in the month of April. 15 individuals were arrested for prostitution, and some were also arrested on warrants and in breach of conditions.

Property Crime Section continued with two major investigations involving stolen property and fraud in attempts to identify numerous items of stolen property and seek further charges.

### **Detachment Performance Plan Forum, April 26, 2007**

Priorities (in no particular order)

- Drugs & Alcohol
- Crime Prevention
- Organized Crime
- Violence (Assaults, Domestic Violence, Youth Violence)
- Visibility

One of the strategies identified was Crime Reduction. Crime Reduction is a strategy and not a priority. Crime Reduction strategies will be utilized in all priorities.

Action Plans will be formulated in the next couple of months. Reporting to City Council will focus on these priorities.

### **Upcoming Events**

The RCMP Veterans AGM will be held here in Kelowna from June 1 - June 3, 2007.

### **Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for **125** full-time regular members for the month of April, 2007.

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