

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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June 25th, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of May, 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	May - 2007	May - 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	197	119	+ 65.5 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	5	9	- 44.4 %
- Assaults	177	102	+ 73.5 %
- Sex Offences	15	8	+ 87.5 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	130	85	+ 52.9 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	55	29	+ 89.6 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	301	307	- 1.9 %
Break and Enters	122	126	- 3.1 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	68	85	- 20.0 %
Theft Over \$5000	11	10	+ 10.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	375	480	- 21.8 %
Drug Offences	357	173	+ 106.3 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	146	302	- 51.6 %
Impaired Driving	20	25	- 20.0 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	56	67	- 16.4 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	242	167	+ 44.9 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0 %
Calls for Service	6608	6081	+ 8.6 %
Prisoners Lodged	548	550	- 0.3 %

<b>Auto Theft Statistics</b>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
Month of May	68	85	- 20.0 %

There were no thefts of the bait vehicle during the month of May, 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.

### **City Drug Section Highlights**

Members of the Kelowna RCMP City Drug Section executed 2 substantial CDSA Search Warrants in the month of May which led to the arrest of a known drug trafficker as well as to the seizure of a variety of drugs and weapons. The following chart depicts the items seized as a result of these searches:

Heroin	1.5 ounces
Meth	3.0 ounces
Cocaine	8.0 ounces
Loaded handguns	2
Edged weapons	numerous
Money seized	\$14,000.00 cash
Value drugs seized	\$17,550.00

Undercover operation:

From May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 27, members of the Kelowna RCMP City Drug Section also conducted an undercover operation which targeted drug traffickers. As a result, 18 individuals have been charged with drug related offences and 4.74 grams of cocaine was seized (worth an estimated \$650).

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

Members of DEU assisted with an undercover drug operation and the round up of those individuals involved. DEU continues to monitor and deal with drug related complaints in the red zone area and are currently seeing a trend for the criminally transient to use the corners of Bernard and Bertram and Bernard and Richter. This area is within the Red Zone. Through efforts with Probation and Bail supervisors, DEU is being rewarded with changing numerous Red Zoned people to the Ethel Street boundary. Bike squad commenced on May 15<sup>th</sup> and will be assisting in patrolling the parks along with downtown.

<b>DEU Statistics for the month of May (Total Number of Shifts - 63)</b>			
209 Files	131 Arrests	30 Reports to Crown Counsel	246 Tickets Issued

## Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

### Crimestoppers Program

- New website is up and running **www.crimestoppers.net**
- Statistics May 2007 are:
  - 95 Tips
  - 10 arrests
  - 13 cases cleared
  - 2 rewards approved
  - 24 persons wanted tips
  - 8 persons wanted arrested
  - \$120,000.00 value of Narcotics seized

### Free the Fuzz 2007

Members of the Kelowna RCMP in conjunction with Wal-Mart staff and Special Olympics BC combined their efforts to raise \$33,000.00 for BC Special Olympics Athletes. They had the overwhelming support of this community and could not have achieved this without the numerous volunteers and community leaders who made guest appearances to assist in the fund-raising efforts. These leaders include Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councilor Michele Rule, Councilor Norm Letnik, and Maxine Dehart with the assistance of MLA Cindy Hawkins.

Representatives from Crime Free Multi Housing Program (CFMHP) presented their efforts to members of COSU. This program aims to create safer apartment communities and to facilitate a co-operative effort between apartment owners, managers, residents and police to minimize crime. This may include the effective screening of prospective residents and showing residents crime prevention techniques to maintain a safe and secure home. The representatives hope to start a similar program in the City of Kelowna. A two-year survey they conducted revealed that Kelowna RCMP members spent approximately 4,648 hours investigating complaints at multi-family housing complexes between 2004 and 2006. An implementation of this program would hope to reduce the time spent on these investigations.

### Traffic Services - Highlights

# Tickets	Violations
2621	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna (May, 2007)
745	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)

\*These statistics do not include Criminal Code files.

### Property Crime - Highlights

Members of Kelowna RCMP's Property Crime Section arrested a Kelowna man located in a vehicle in the downtown area who was found to be in possession of crack cocaine, \$1005.00, and loaded shotgun. This man was subsequently charged with a variety of offences, including numerous weapons offences.

### Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **124** full-time regular members for the month of May, 2007.

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