

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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August 20th, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - July 2007

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of July, 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	July - 2007	July - 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	247	196	+ 26.0 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	12	11	+ 9.0 %
- Assaults	212	168	+ 26.1 %
- Sex Offences	23	17	+ 35.2 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	28	36	- 22.2 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	9	12	- 25.0 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	69	58	+ 18.9 %
Break and Enters	90	163	- 44.7 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	70	58	+ 20.6 %
Theft Over \$5000	10	3	+ 233.3 %
Theft Under \$5000	472	561	- 15.8 %
Drug Offences	383	184	+ 108.1 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	N/A	N/A	N/A
Impaired Driving	25	20	+ 25.0 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	68	75	- 9.3 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	235	263	- 10.6 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0 %
Calls for Service	7462	7039	+ 6.0 %
Prisoners Lodged	788	678	+ 16.2 %

Auto Theft Statistics			
	2007	2006	Increase/Decrease
Month of July	70	58	+ 20.7 %

During the month of July there were two thefts of Bait Cars. On July 12th, there was a Bait Car stolen from the downtown resulting in the arrest of two individuals. One individual was also arrested after stealing a Bait Car from the downtown area on July 31st.

Furthermore, there were two theft from Bait Cars in July, and Police are currently working on identifying three suspects from the videos. Charges will be forwarded once the suspects have been identified.

City Drug Section Highlights

The City Drug Section was very limited in resources during the month of July due to the reallocation of resources in the Detachment. They continue to follow up with on-going files involving active participants of the drug trade in our community.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

Members of DEU conducted 11 drug search warrants in a variety of areas within Kelowna. More predominantly, they were conducted near or within the Red Zone area of Kelowna. Bike Squad assisted with policing the downtown area while DEU conducted the warrant files. All parks have been heavily monitored during this time with more attention given to City Park and Gyro Beach.

DEU Statistics for the month of July (Total Number of Shifts - 116)			
220 Files	128 Arrests	31 Reports to Crown Counsel	109 Tickets Issued

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

Citizens Patrol

There are approximately 60 Citizens Patrol volunteers who are prepared to assist us whenever possible. They are on patrol Friday and Saturday evenings from 2000 hrs to 0100 hrs and will attend Watch briefings on those nights. the OCC is able to contact them should we require assistance. While keeping in mind the mandate of Citizens Patrol is to observe and report (and not get personally/directly involved), if there are circumstances that require things such as a search or surveillance, we can initiate a fan out for assistance.

Rutland NIRC Committee

On July 12th, 2007 14 individuals met to begin discussing objectives of their newly formed neighbourhood issues resolution committee (NIRC). This meeting involved representatives from the Kelowna RCMP, Community Policing, Parks, City By-laws, as well as a number of citizens in and around the area of concern (namely the Hein Road area). The committee meeting was chaired by Kevin MacDougall, the Community Policing Coordinator for the Rutland area. Four main priorities were established for the Hein Road area as a result of this meeting (in no particular order):

- 1) Speeding vehicles
- 2) Neighbourhood clean-up
- 3) Drug issue

4) Graffiti eradication

A second meeting was held at the end of July which resulted in some favourable comments from the residents of the area. They advised that they had observed a noticeable reduction in drug and related activity in the neighbourhood. They attributed this to the work of City By-Law Officers in the area, as well as the RCMP executing a number of drug search warrants in the area. A third meeting is scheduled for mid September. Eventually, the goal is for the community members to take over the reins of this committee and for the service providers to play a secondary and assisting role.

Crime Stoppers Statistic - July 2007

	July 2007	July 2006
Tips	107	83
Cases Cleared	12	1
Arrests	13	5
Rewards Paid	\$125	\$0
Property Recovered	\$2,300	\$0
Drugs Seized	\$600,000	\$50,000
Total Recovered	\$602,300	\$50,000

Traffic Services - Highlights

# Tickets	Violations
538	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna (July, 2007)
99	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
5	Impaired Drivers charged
13	24 hour license suspensions (alcohol)
4	24 hour license suspensions (drugs)
19	Criminal Interdictions
318	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

*Criminal interdictions are criminal investigations arising from a traffic stop by a traffic member and include drug seizures, property seizures, warrants executed and other criminal matters that arise during traffic enforcement.

Property Crime - Highlights

The Property Crime Unit arrested a man for Possession of Property Obtained by Crime where the value of stolen items was \$30,000. There were two theft of Bait Cars during the month of July, in which three individuals are facing a variety of charges.

Resources

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

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