

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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September 17th, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of August, 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	August 2007	August 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	191	167	+ 14.3 %
- Homicides	0	1	- 100 %
- Robberies	16	16	0 %
- Assaults	158	143	+ 10.4 %
- Sex Offences	17	7	+ 142.8 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	25	17	+ 47.0 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	7	9	- 22.2 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	42	44	- 4.5 %
Break and Enters	101	176	- 42.6 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	66	84	- 21.4 %
Theft Over \$5000	6	9	-33.3 %
Theft Under \$5000	446	571	-21.8 %
Drug Offences	330	237	+ 39.2 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	N/A	N/A	N/A
Impaired Driving	16	14	+14.2 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	74	52	+ 42.3 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	224	266	- 15.7 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	0	+ 200 %
Calls for Service	6974	7358	- 5.2 %
Prisoners Lodged	566	622	- 9.0 %

Auto Theft Statistics			
	2007	2006	Increase/Decrease
Month of August	66	84	- 21.4 %

There were no Bait Cars stolen during the month of August.

City Drug Section Highlights

The resources of the City Drug Section were significantly reduced during the summer months. The remaining resources of this Section did, however initiate some large scale drug investigations during this time period of which they are continuing to focus on.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

Members of DEU conducted 2 drug search warrants near the Red Zone of Kelowna. Bike Squad assisted with policing the downtown area while DEU conducted the warrant files and conducted a higher presence in the City Parks. All parks have been heavily monitored during this time with more attention given to City Park and Gyro Beach as more complaints were being generated for belligerent drunk people. The downtown city core appears to have fewer prolific offenders currently hanging around causing problems, which has been noted by downtown business owners as well as the Public.

DEU Statistics for the month of August (Total Number of Shifts - 140)			
155 Files	83 Arrests	16 Reports to Crown Counsel	102 Tickets Issued

Traffic Services - Highlights

# Tickets	Violations
989	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna (August, 2007)
244	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
118	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

Property Crime - Highlights

Members of the Property Crime Section assisted General Duty members with an investigation involving the recovery of stolen property and the arrest of a well known suspect involved in property crime.

Kelowna's Property Crime Section is actively investigating several rooftop-style break and enters that have occurred over the past several months.

Community Operations Support Unit COSU - Highlights

The Graffiti Coordinator Colleen Cornock spear-headed several clean-ups throughout the City of Kelowna during the month of August. The clean-ups involved the participation of various community based groups including Church groups, students, as well as neighborhood associations.

The "Big Picture project", a mural painted on the grounds of Spring Valley Middle School in support of the Graffiti Eradication Program, was completed. There will be an official dedication scheduled for the beginning of October.

Community Policing Coordinator Garth Letcher participated in a meeting with representatives of the City Parks Department, including the Parks Manager. This initial meeting focused on issues raised by the Parks Department in relation to flagrant drug and alcohol use in various Parks throughout the City of Kelowna (ie. Gyro Beach). The participants agreed to work with each other in a coordinated effort to address these issues in the coming months.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **123.5** full-time regular members for the month of August, 2007.

W.A. McKinnon
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