

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - January 2008

Our goal is to tie our Mayor's Report to those initiatives outlined in our **Annual Performance (APP)** plan. What follows is our APP priorities and initiatives undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP Detachment during our 3rd APP reporting period (October, November, December 2007);

1. REDUCE ILLEGAL DRUG CRIME

- The Kelowna City Drug Section conducted a two month undercover project (Project EPARSEC). This is the latest phase of an ongoing undercover operation which saw 13 individuals charged with trafficking, primarily in the downtown core of Kelowna. This project ran in three separate phases over this past year and led to trafficking-related charges being laid against a total of 56 individuals over a 10 month period.
- The Downtown Enforcement Unit executed 7 drug search warrants from October 1st through December 31st within the City of Kelowna. These known drug houses are "feeders" for the street level drug trafficking that is apparent in the downtown core of Kelowna.
- Members of the Downtown Enforcement Unit have been working very closely with Kelowna City By-Laws and utilizing enforcement tools (ie. By-laws) to prevent drug-related activities from occurring within the downtown core.
- DEU has formed a close partnership with the Urban Outreach Centre downtown in order to provide various forms of assistance to those who face addiction issues. This assistance can be in the form of medical assistance, housing, or aid. Inevitably, these issues need to be addressed to successfully tackle the problems associated to the street level drug trade.

2. INCREASE AWARENESS OF ORGANIZED CRIME

- During this quarter, the City of Kelowna authorized an increase to police resources, one of which will be deployed to a position specific to organized crime. This position is expected to be occupied sometime in 2008.

- The Kelowna RCMP Detachment continues to utilize our Crime Analyst on a regular basis. The intelligence we obtain through our police interactions is updated regularly and assists us in being more effective in our dealings with criminals involved in organized crime.

3. REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSONS

- The City of Kelowna authorized an increase to police resources, one of which will be deployed to the Domestic Violence Target Team in 2008.
- "Date Rape" Drug Awareness Campaign (Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Committee) was launched in November 2007. The RCMP, City of Kelowna, Kelowna Alcohol and Drug Services, Elizabeth Fry Society and Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers partnered with local social agencies to raise awareness of "date rape" drugs in our community.
- Several members of Kelowna RCMP attended a Gang violence symposium in Montreal where emerging gang related trends were explored.
- Extensive meetings were held with City bylaws, City Parks, and security firms to increase partnerships and effectiveness.
- RCMP Media communications continued to deliver public safety reminders, particularly during the Christmas holiday season.

4. CONTRIBUTE TO SAFER YOUTH

- In November, Sgt. Tim Shields was the recipient of the silver pin for "Meritorious Service" at the annual awards ceremony held at Government House in Victoria. This honor relates to his work on the documentary "Stolen Lives" which gained School District 23's approval this past year.
- The Kelowna RCMP, with the assistance of other local agencies, staged a mock car crash at Kelowna Secondary in October. This was done in an effort to bring heightened awareness to youth of the consequences of drinking and driving. A survivor of a fatal collision presented to the grade 12 students.
- Anti-bullying initiative is ongoing in the School Liaison Program
- Project "Hope", is a drug prevention initiative, which was recently introduced at the middle school level in Kelowna.
- DARE, a program which falls under Project "Hope" is continuing to be introduced into various schools within Kelowna. The first middle school program was recently initiated at SpringValley Middle School. All DARE instructors are now trained to teach the Middle School program in addition to the Elementary School program.
- There were 14 DARE graduations attended to by our members over this past quarter.
- The "Birthday Party", a DARE program designed for High School students which addresses the issues surrounding drinking and driving has been utilized in several schools within Kelowna.
- An initiative is underway to collaborate with Kelowna Rockets in a combined

effort to deliver drug awareness talks to local kids.

5. REDUCE COMMUNITY CRIME LEVELS (PROPERTY AND PERSONS)

- The Prolific Offender target team will soon be in place as a result of additional resourcing.
- The media was utilized extensively over the past few months to educate the public about safety precautions.
- The Rutland NIRC Committee has continued, and made plans to meet this month to further establish priorities.
- The Downtown Enforcement Unit initiated the "BAIT Bike" program this past quarter. Over a two-day period 7 individuals were arrested for theft under \$5000 and possession of stolen property under \$5000. From January 2007 until mid October, the Kelowna RCMP had received 908 bike theft files.
- Several members of the Kelowna RCMP received training on offence related property in October.

6. INCREASE POLICE VISIBILITY

- The members of the DEU (Downtown Enforcement Unit) have continued to keep a strong Police presence in the downtown core of Kelowna, while also targeting those involved in the illicit drug trade at the street level.
- The Kelowna RCMP Detachment has a compliment of 53 Auxiliary Constables who are an invaluable aid. During the past few months they have participated in Police Patrols, Mall Christmas patrols, traffic control for Snowfest, as well as ski patrols for the Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. Our community volunteers also continue to offer their services to the city of Kelowna through the delivery of a wide range of activities, duties, and responsibilities.
- For the year 2007, Kelowna Detachment Auxiliary Constables volunteered a total of 13,429 hrs of service.
- During the same time period, members of Kelowna RCMP's Police Based Victim Services Program contributed a total of 5,521 volunteer hours. They are an invaluable resource and provide an essential service to Police and victims of crime. Our Victim Services handle an average caseload of 198 files per month.
- Members of the Kelowna RCMP have continued to participate in a variety of community events and fundraisers.
- The Kelowna RCMP Detachment has recently purchased the EZ GO to be utilized to increase Police visibility. It will be used in patrols of areas such as Lion's Park, Ben Lee Park and throughout the Greenway.

7. INCREASE THE SENSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- CPTED and Safety training to businesses on a request basis
- The media is utilized on a regular basis to pass along pertinent information to the community on public safety issues and initiatives.
- There is ongoing consultation between the Kelowna RCMP and Kelowna

General Hospital Staff in order to make MHA protocols more efficient.

- Kelowna Detachment received City approval for a significant increase to human resources. This translates to more police visibility within the community as well as the ability to handle calls for service in timely fashion.
- A business case is currently before City of Kelowna to place additional safety cameras in the entertainment district, the Leon Avenue corridor and the Rutland area.

PRIORITIES

As we are entering into our final quarter of this APP year, it is our intention to re-assess our priorities as identified by our community representatives. We have conducted an internal risking process to assess where we feel our priorities should be focused for the 2008/2009 reporting year. Based on our increase to human resources, and balancing National, Divisional, District, and community priorities, we see the following to be our focus of attention:

1. Reduce Violent Crime against persons/youth/domestic violence/ assaults.
2. Reduce Community Crime Levels (Property and Persons)
3. Target organized crime.
4. Target prolific offenders.
5. Reduce illegal drug crimes
6. Contribute to safer youth
7. Traffic enforcement??

MONTH OF DECEMBER STATISTICS:

As with past Mayor's reports we will provide monthly "stats" for comparison. All the stats that will be presented for the month will be tied to the priorities found in the APP. These will be followed by statistics for the 3rd quarter reporting (for the purposes of the APP, this is October 207 through December 31st, 2007). They will be compared with the same reporting period in 2006. This will be followed by additional stats for the year 2007.

Statistics for the month of December

Activity Type	December 2007	December 2006	Increase/ Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	131	149	- 12.0 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	2	22	- 90.9 %
- Assaults	120	116	+ 3.4 %
- Sex Offences	9	11	- 18.1 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	27	23	+ 17.3 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	7	11	-36.3 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	50	63	- 20.6 %

Break and Enters	129	120	+ 7.5 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	122	85	+ 43.5 %
Theft Over \$5000	2	4	- 50.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	381	423	- 9.9 %
Drug Offences	124	133	- 6.7 %
Calls for Service	4814	5125	- 6.0 %
Prisoners Lodged	444	441	+ 0.6 %

3RD QUARTER (APP) STATISTICS

The following Statistics show the overall statistical information for the 3rd APP reporting period of October 1st, 2007 to December 31st, 2007. It also includes the statistical information for the same reporting period in 2006 for comparison.

3rd APP Quarter Statistics (October - December)

Activity Type	2007	2006	Increase/ Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	461	472	- 2.3 %
-Homicides	0	0	0 %
-Robberies	23	46	- 50.0 %
-Assaults	418	380	+ 10.0 %
-Sex Offences	20	46	- 56.5 %
-Spousal Assault - M Offender	78	68	+ 14.7 %
-Spousal Assault - F Offender	26	24	+ 8.3 %
-Domestic Dispute - No Assault	133	180	- 26.1 %
Break and Enters	371	424	- 12.5 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	276	285	- 3.1 %
Theft Over \$5000	14	20	- 30.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	1106	1366	- 19.0 %
Drug Offences	554	413	+ 34.1 %
Calls for Service	15698	16652	- 5.7 %
Prisoners Lodged	1415	1361	+ 3.9 %

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2007

The following statistics show the overall statistical information for the year 2007. It also includes the statistical information for the same reporting period in 2006 for comparison.

January 2007 to December 2007

Activity Type	2007	2006	Increase/ Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	2070	1767	+ 17.1 %
-Homicides	2	1	+ 100.0 %
-Robberies	124	128	- 3.1 %
-Assaults	1813	1483	+ 22.2 %
-Sex Offences	131	155	- 15.4 %
-Spousal Assault - M Offender	324	264	+ 22.7 %
-Spousal Assault - F Offender	127	92	+ 38.0 %
-Domestic Dispute - No Assault	659	712	- 7.4 %
Break and Enters	1377	1719	- 19.8 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	873	989	- 11.7 %
Theft Over \$5000	82	64	+ 28.1 %
Theft Under \$5000	4781	5356	- 10.7 %
Drug Offences	3203	1966	+ 62.8 %
Calls for Service	70327	69908	+ 0.6 %
Prisoners Lodged	6387	6237	+ 2.4 %

GENERAL INFORMATION:

DEU - Highlights for the month of December

Members of the Downtown Enforcement Unit have found that the "hot spot" for drug activity is currently behind the Safeway downtown and are therefore concerting most of their enforcement efforts in that area in order to curtail drug crimes. DEU has also continued to focus efforts on drug houses in and around the downtown core of Kelowna. Police have noticed a definite link between the drug houses, the number of "clients" loitering downtown and the associated crime. Three drug search warrants were executed by DEU on Gordon Drive during the month of December which resulted in several arrests and drug seizures.

DEU statistics for the month of December 2007

SHIFTS	FILES	ARRESTS	RTCC'S	STATS
72	50	45	11	10

Traffic Services statistics for December 2007

# Tickets	Violations
766	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
348	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)

Property Crime Section - Highlights for the month of December

- Several individuals were the target of surveillance by Kelowna's Property Crime Section. One individual was charged with 10 counts of auto theft in addition to charges relating to a police pursuit.
- A one day surveillance operation resulted in the recover of 6 stolen vehicles worth an estimated value of \$40,000-\$50,000. This investigation is ongoing.
- An individual was arrested and charged with 13 residential break and enters. The Property Crime Section continues to investigate this person as he is suspected of more.
- One Bait Car activation during the month of December has resulted in 2 persons charged with possession of stolen property and auto theft.
- The Kelowna Property Crime Section has several parallel investigations which involve prolific offenders believed to be responsible for a variety of business and residential break-ins.

Christmas 2007

Kelowna RCMP members and support staff took part in a number of Christmas initiatives this past December. The Teddy Bear Campaign saw another successful year as Southeast District and Kelowna City members and support staff teamed up to donate new bears to those in the Pediatric and Geriatric Wards of Kelowna General Hospital. Numerous bears were handed out by our very own Santa Claus and helpers in an attempt to bring some Christmas cheer to those in hospital.

The Kelowna Detachment also participated in raising money and food items for needy families who were identified by our Detachment Chaplain, Leon Throness. Numerous gifts and food items were given to each family.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for 125.5 full-time regular members for the month of December.

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