

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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March 31st, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of February, 2008. 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	February - 2008	February - 2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	154	137	+ 12.4 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	13	13	0 %
- Assaults	128	116	+ 10.3 %
- Sex Offences	13	8	+ 62.5 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	21	29	- 27.5 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	13	6	+ 116.6 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	26	54	- 51.8 %
Break and Enters	65	94	- 30.8 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	82	58	+ 41.3 %
Theft Over \$5000	5	7	- 28.5 %
Theft Under \$5000	274	332	- 17.4 %
Drug Offences	158	222	- 28.8 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	N/A	N/A	N/A
Impaired Driving	15	14	+ 7.1 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	43	42	+ 2.3 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	152	174	- 12.6 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0 %
Calls for Service	4721	4630	+ 1.9 %
Prisoners Lodged	494	474	+ 4.2 %

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

DEU has undergone a near seamless transition with the addition of two new members to the section. This month also saw the NCO i/c take over the coordination of the Entertainment District Enforcement efforts.

DEU Statistics for the month of February				
88 Files	47 Arrests	11 Reports to Crown Counsel	47 Tickets Issued	56 Shifts

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

North West Rutland NIRC

The Rutland "NIRC" committee had yet another meeting. The consensus was that there has been a drastic reduction in terms of issues plaguing the area. At this time they feel that further meetings are not necessary unless problems arise. There are potential plans for development in the area, and residents have expressed their desire to have input. It is widely felt that Kelowna City By-law Officers, in conjunction with RCMP Officers, have effectively made a presence and impact in the area and continue to do so.

Crime Stoppers Statistic - February 2008 Statistics

	February 2008	February 2007
Tips	79	77
Cases Cleared	16	6
Arrests	9	5
Rewards Paid	\$0	\$1950
Property Recovered	\$0	\$0
Drugs Seized	\$32,000	\$180,300
Total Recovered	\$32,000	\$180,300

Traffic Services - February 2008 Statistics

# Tickets	Violations
832	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
317	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
52	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

Property Crime Section - Highlights

Kelowna RCMP's newly formed "Target Team" assisted by other plainclothes officers and general duty officers, executed a search warrant at a local Motel in which a significant quantity of crack cocaine (2 ounces), stolen property, and two handguns were seized. One of the handguns was found to be loaded. During this incident, one individual well known to Police, attempted to flee by jumping out the rear window. He has been charged with numerous offences (related to drugs and weapons) and remains in custody. This is an example of how the Kelowna RCMP intend on utilizing a crime-reduction strategy to focus on prolific offenders and high crime areas. We are anticipating that this unit will grow over the course of the year which will in turn see more strength towards reducing the crime generated at the hands of prolific offenders.

General Information

Youth Forum on Parks and Open Spaces

Although the Mayor's Youth Forum on Parks and Open Spaces identified "safety" as the primary barrier to park use by youth it is important to acknowledge that the summary of comments revealed some consistency of opinion that park rules, the presence of authority figures, combined with lack of youth-appropriate activities, posed equally significant barriers.

Having said that, a number of initiatives undertaken by the RCMP will ensure our parks are afforded the resources necessary to ensure they remain a safe environment for everyone in our community:

Coordinated Enforcement Committee:

This committee has been brought together by Corporal Lee Hamilton of our Downtown Enforcement Unit and Garth Letcher, Community Policing Coordinator, to pro-actively deal with the problems within the downtown core of the City of Kelowna, as well as parks and beach accesses throughout the city.

The committee's stated mission is "To ensure a high level and consistent policing strategy that will reduce the number of complaints pertaining to problems within the downtown core, on the beaches, beach accesses and city parks and in return making these areas a safer location for all people to attend while allowing the City of Kelowna to demonstrate to the residents and tourists alike that these areas are safe to enjoy."

The committee consists of representatives from Parks Department, private security companies, Downtown On Call (formerly Downtown Patrol), Bylaw Department and RCMP.

The Coordinated Enforcement Committee will direct the following resources to address identified targets or "hot spots":

1. Officers dedicated to the Downtown Enforcement Unit
2. Foot patrol officers
3. RCMP and Bylaw Bicycle Patrol officers
4. Gator Patrols, enhanced to include Ben Lee Park & Rutland portion of Greenway
5. Auxiliary Constable Program - increased number of A/Csts will permit greater visibility
6. Target Team (Targets prolific offenders)
7. Drug Enforcement - continued use of random undercover operations.

Prime

Due to a significant change in our records management with the implementation of a new program (PRIME), we will be unable to provide Mayor and Council with statistical data for the next couple of months.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **133** full-time regular members for the month of February, 2008.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.A. McKinnon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W.A." and last name "McKinnon" clearly distinguishable.

W.A. McKinnon
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