

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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April 28th, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of March, 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.

*Please note that the Kelowna RCMP Detachment underwent a major change in records management (PRIME) on March 31st. Therefore, the statistics outlined below do not include investigations that were reported or investigated on March 31(after 8:00 am), thereby causing the percentages to be marginally less than accurate.

Activity Type	March - 2008	March - 2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	153	153	0 %
- Homicides	1	0	+ 100 %
- Robberies	12	10	+ 20.0 %
- Assaults	126	137	- 8.0 %
- Sex Offences	14	6	+ 133.3 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	20	25	- 20.0 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	8	9	- 11.1 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	29	63	- 53.9 %
Break and Enters	86	134	- 35.8 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	97	71	+ 36.6 %
Theft Over \$5000	6	5	+ 20.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	299	387	- 22.7 %
Drug Offences	206	221	- 6.7 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	N/A	N/A	N/A
Impaired Driving	16	12	+ 33.3 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	67	50	+ 34.0 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	109	123	- 11.3 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0 %
Calls for Service	5183	5455	+ 4.9 %

Prisoners Lodged	551	530	+ 3.9 %
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Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

With the introduction of "PRIME", DEU members feel that they will be more efficient in their tracking of downtown clients and that this new system will assist members in keeping up to date on current "hang-outs". It is anticipated that the data obtained through this new records management system may very well assist DEU in their enforcement through the downtown core.

DEU Statistics for the month of March				
47 Files	33 Arrests	7 Reports to Crown Counsel	51 Tickets Issued	42 Shifts

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

Crime Stoppers Statistic - March Statistics

	March 2008	March 2007
Tips	86	63
Cases Cleared	14	16
Arrests	9	9
Rewards Paid	\$0	\$1175
Property Recovered	\$0	\$48,000
Drugs Seized	\$50	\$
Total Recovered	\$50	\$48,000

Traffic Services - March Statistics

# Tickets	Violations
947	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
292	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
84	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

Annual Performance Plan (APP) - Year End Report

1. Reduce illegal drug crime
 - Members of the Kelowna RCMP "Target Team" and "Downtown Enforcement Unit" have continued to focus attention on suspected drug houses and those prolific offenders involved in the trafficking of drugs.
 - Members of DEU continue to work very closely with Kelowna City By-Laws in utilizing enforcement tools (ie. By-laws) to discourage drug-related activities from occurring in the downtown core.

2. Increase awareness of organized crime

- During this fiscal year, the City of Kelowna authorized an increase in police resources, which includes a position specific to organized crime issues. This position is expected to be occupied during 2008.
- The Kelowna RCMP is continuing to utilize our Crime Analyst who has the capabilities of streamlining information gained through intelligence gathering, thereby assisting members in keeping up-to-date on those individuals linked to organized crime.

3. Reduce Violent Crime Against Persons

- The City of Kelowna has authorized increased resources, on of which will be deployed to the Domestic Violence Target Team in 2008.
- The Kelowna RCMP, through the media relations officer, continues to deliver public safety reminders. These advisories are consistently provided to the public when information is released to the media about crimes within our community.

4. Contribute to safer youth

- The School Liaison Program is continuing with a variety of initiatives, including an anti-bullying initiative.
- "Project Hope", a drug prevention initiative, was introduced at the middle school level this past year.
- Members of the Kelowna RCMP regularly participate in a variety of educational forums by speaking about safety related topics.

5. Reduce community crime levels (property and persons)

- The Prolific Offender Target Team was formed during this past quarter. The two-person team has been very busy focusing on those individuals/residences that are consistently on the Police radar.
- The Rutland NIRC Committee did meet during this past quarter and the consensus of the members was that there has been drastic improvements in the area. They have decided that no further meetings at this time.
- The Kelowna RCMP Property Crime Section and Target Team combined efforts to locate a suspect wanted in connection with the theft of several vehicles, dangerous driving , and an incident involving a firearm. Surveillance of this suspect, who was driving a stolen vehicle, was conducted with the assistance of the RCMP Helicopter. A spike best was utilized to disable the stolen vehicle at which point the suspect attempted to car-jack a vehicle located behind him in traffic. This male was arrested by police and a handgun was seized from the stolen vehicle.

6. Increase police visibility

- During the past quarter, there has been a change-over in police personnel within the Downtown Enforcement Unit. This new team of officers are continuing 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.
- Over the past year, members of the Kelowna RCMP have continued to participate in a variety of community events and fundraisers.

7. Increase the sense of public safety and security in the community
- Members of the Community Operations Support Unit have continued to provide valuable information and assistance to business and community groups alike.
 - Those involved with the Entertainment District Enforcement Initiatives are continuing with their research in order to define and implement strategies that will assist the Kelowna RCMP in meeting the policing challenges of the Entertainment District. The month of March saw the implementation of uniformed enforcement strategies from all four Watches. Evaluations of this enforcement will be assessed during the month of April.

General Information

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 the usual statistical data for the next couple of months.

Annual Performance Plan:

March 31st marked the end of the fiscal year for the Kelowna RCMP Detachment. On March 27th, Kelowna RCMP's Senior Management Team held a meeting to review the Annual Performance Plan for this Detachment. The priorities agreed upon for the next fiscal year (2008/2009) are Violent Crime, Property Crime, Organized Crime, Street Level Drug Problem, and Youth. A brainstorming session took place which focused on objectives and initiatives associated to each of the priorities. They will be further developed and articulated in future reports to Mayor and Council.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **134** full-time regular members for the month of February, 2008.



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