

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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May 26th, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of April, 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	April - 2008	April - 2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	148	179	- 17.3 %
- Homicides	0	1	- 100.0 %
- Robberies	6	20	- 70.0 %
- Assaults	133	145	- 8.2 %
- Sex Offences	9	13	- 30.7 %
- Spousal Assault	16	33	- 51.5 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	6	64	- 90.6 %
Break and Enters	54	103	- 47.5 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	76	57	+ 33.3 %
Theft Over \$5000	9	0	+ 900 %
Theft Under \$5000	304	367	- 17.1 %
Drug Offences	132	260	- 49.2 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	80	169	- 52.6 %
Impaired Driving	7	15	- 53.3 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	56	57	- 1.7 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	statistics	unavailable	
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	+ 100.0 %
Calls for Service	5244	5561	- 5.7 %
Prisoners Lodged	489	461	+ 6.0 %

* Please note that there are a few issues with the statistics as a result of the implementation of

PRIME. The scoring of files may take some time to become more accurate as the categories are different in the new system. Beginning recently, we have not been attending/investigating motor vehicle collisions where there are no injuries. Therefore, we now will only be keeping statistics on those collisions where there is a Criminal Code offence or someone is transported to hospital with injuries. Also, our new information management system does not allow to separate those domestic assault files into "female offender" versus "male offender".

Year End Statistics for 2005, 2006, and 2007			
Activity Type	2005	2006	2007
Crimes Against Persons	1713	1767	2070
Break and Enter	1790	1719	1377
Theft of Motor Vehicles	1458	989	873
Theft Over \$5000	56	64	82
Theft Under \$5000	5693	5356	4781
Drug Offences	2355	1966	3203
Calls For Service	69582	69908	70327
Prisoners Lodged	5390	6237	6387

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

Members of the Downtown Enforcement Unit have found that the new computer software system PRIME has resulted in the more time required for data input. However, as the members become familiar with the system, it is anticipated that this time requirement will decrease. DEU has become aware of several new transient individuals frequenting the downtown core. Downtown-On-Call has been extremely helpful in moving the transient individuals around downtown, therefore allowing DEU members to do more selective enforcement (ie. target street level drug dealers, focus attention on specific locations, etc.).

DEU Statistics for the month of April (Total Number of Shifts - 55)			
47 Files	34 Arrests	4 Reports to Crown Counsel	49 Tickets Issued

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

Crime Stoppers Statistics - April 2008

	April 2008	April 2007
Tips	104	51
Cases Cleared	4	8
Arrests	3	7
Rewards Paid	\$200	\$750
Property Recovered	\$0	\$93,000

Drugs Seized	\$0	\$850,000
Total Recovered	\$0	\$943,000

Crime Reduction Unit (Target Team) - Highlights for April 2008

Members of the Crime Reduction Unit have been focusing their efforts on prolific offenders, particularly those involved with chronic drug trafficking activities. The two person unit conducted two search warrants during the month of April, pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, which resulted in two well known drug houses being searched by Police. Several individuals were arrested during these investigations, and drugs, drug paraphernalia, and weapons were located and seized by Police.

One particular investigation involved a problem premise on Cawston Avenue. Police arrested two individuals leaving the residence for possession of a controlled substance on the same day a CDSA search warrant was executed. Also, an individual was arrested on an outstanding Canada Wide Warrant leaving this residence the day prior to the execution of the search warrant. This is a clear example of the activities associated to these "problem premises" which will continue to be the focus of the Crime Reduction Unit.

Traffic Services - Highlights for April 2008

# Tickets	Violations
1211	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
371	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
1	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

*These statistics may not be %100 accurate due to the changes involved with the implementation of the new information management system (PRIME) which took place the beginning of April.

In addition to their regular enforcement shifts, Kelowna Traffic Services worked additional overtime shifts to address the complaints received from area residents about person speeding on newly opened or expanded arterial routes. Additional enforcement was conducted on the Skyline/Clifton corridor, Benvoulin Road, South Gordon Drive, KLO Road, Springfield Road, and Glenmore Road. Kelowna Traffic Services will be continuing their enforcement pressure in these locations during regular enforcement operations in the coming months.

General Information:

The Entertainment District Enforcement Initiatives are continuing with the delivery of a Bar Flush Enforcement Strategy to all members within the Kelowna RCMP Detachment. Members are seeing a difference with their enforcement efforts. It is anticipated that the Bar Flush situation will ramp up with the summer season quickly approaching.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **132** full-time regular members for the month of April, 2008.



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