

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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June 23rd, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of May, 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	May - 2008	May - 2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons			
- Homicides	1	0	+ 100.0 %
- Robberies	7	5	+ 40.0 %
- Assaults	125	182	- 31.0 %
- Sex Offences	7	13	- 46.0 %
- Spousal Assault	22	54	- 59.0 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	20	74	- 72.0 %
Break and Enters	57	120	- 52.0 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	127	61	+ 108.0 %
Theft Over \$5000	19	13	+ 46.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	377	370	+ 1.0 %
Drug Offences	75	369	- 79.0 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	146	201	- 27.0 %
Impaired Driving	11	21	- 47.0 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	58	59	- 1.0 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	150	240	- 37.0 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0 %
Calls for Service	6282	6609	- 4.0 %
Prisoners Lodged	600	548	+ 9.0 %

* 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. We cannot provide comparison stats for "crimes against persons" as a general category because a search of this nature in PRIME would encompass a different

grouping of crime categories than a similar search under the old information management system.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

The RCMP Bike Patrol Unit was initiated in the middle of May which compliments the Downtown Enforcement Unit contingent. The Bike Unit will be concentrating their enforcement efforts primarily in the various parks around the City, as well as at the beaches and beach access points. Meetings have been held with the Kelowna City Parks Department to identify key enforcement areas. The City Parks Department has also hired beach ambassadors to assist the RCMP in monitoring the behaviors of beach patrons.

DEU Statistics for the month of May (Total Number of Shifts - 91)			
105 Files	34 Arrests	10 Reports to Crown Counsel	174 Tickets Issued

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

Kelowna RCMP's Citizen's Patrol, as well as those from Citizen's Patrol programs throughout British Columbia, participated in a weekend symposium hosted by the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the City of Kelowna. The symposium featured several workshops to enhance the education and training of patrollers. There are over 60 volunteers with Citizen's Patrol in Kelowna alone, and over 90 volunteers in Peachland, Westbank, and Lake Country. They have contributed over 6800 hours of volunteer time in efforts to help keep our communities safe.

During the month of May we welcomed Colleen Cornock to COSU as the new Mission Community Policing Coordinator. Her new duties will include the organization of volunteers, managing the Senior's Contact and Child ID Program, and dealing with safety and security issues at park and beach accesses while still performing her role of Graffiti Eradication Coordinator.

Crime Stoppers Statistics - May 2008

	May 2008	May 2007
Tips	92	95
Cases Cleared	7	13
Arrests	8	10
Rewards Paid	\$0	\$375
Property Recovered	\$0	\$
Drugs Seized	\$603,000	\$120,000
Total Recovered	\$603,000	\$120,000

Traffic Services - Highlights for May 2008

# Tickets	Violations
677	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
162	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)
230	Municipal Bylaw Violation Tickets

*Please note that the total for Municipal Bylaw tickets only includes completed investigations and not files that remain under investigation.

During the month of May, Kelowna Traffic Services targeted aggressive driving, focusing on

recently improved arterial routes in several locations in Kelowna. Additional enforcement shifts were added to target problem areas on arterial routes. In addition, police conducted several enforcement operations stopping motorcyclists to ensure proper licencing and compliance with equipment regulations. Due to the cooler weather motorcycle activity was not as high as the same month in previous years.

General Information:

The Entertainment District Enforcement Initiatives are continuing with education being provided to officers regarding the importance of Licenced Premise Checks to ensure compliance from establishment owners. The City of Kelowna has assisted with the Entertainment District Enforcement initiatives with parking signs being erected in front of downtown night clubs that are marked for "Emergency Vehicles Only" from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Members of the Kelowna RCMP dressed up in red serge for Senator Ross Fitzpatrick's retirement celebration on May 17th. Members greeted and led the procession of distinguished guests including the Honorable Jean Chretien.

Several police officers, civilian members, and volunteers with the Kelowna RCMP supported Free the Fuzz 2008 on May 23rd and May 24th. We were very fortunate to have the support of several local celebrities, including Mayor Shepherd, Councilor Letnik, and Councilor Rule. The event raised over \$21,000 for BC Special Olympics.

D.A.R.E./Project Hope Program - Here is a synopsis of the 2007/2008 school year:

GRADE 3:

10 Elementary Schools (accounting for 40% of the District).

These are single presentations, using the D.A.R.E. K-5 Curriculum. Presenters are Cadets working within their Cadet Field Training program.

GRADE 5 Curriculum:

29 schools within School District 23.

3 private schools.

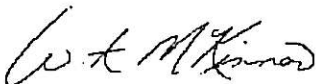
1 French School, L'Ecole de L'Anse Au Sable, utilizing the French D.A.R.E Curriculum.

GRADE 7 Middle School Curriculum:

Spring Valley Middle School was chosen for the Introduction of this curriculum.

Resources

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



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