

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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August 18th, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - July 2008**

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of July, 2008. The key statistical data for the most common criminal activities will not be available during this monthly report due to statistical errors which have arisen as a result of our change in records management. The statistics generated would not be an accurate depiction of the actions taken by the Kelowna RCMP Detachment for the month of July. I will, however, provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

**Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights**

Members of the Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) have recently found that the transient population downtown have been loitering in the area of Gordon Drive and Sutherland Avenue which, in turn, appears to be creating an increase in the number of complaints, particularly from residents living in the area. As a result, members of DEU will be assisting General Duty Officers with Police responses to that area when the activities in the downtown core allow it.

Members of the Bike Patrol Unit continue to focus their attention on the beaches and parks and we believe they have had an impact as calls for service are down from the Manager of the Parks Department.

DEU Statistics for the month of July (Total Number of Shifts - 106)			
171 Files	62 Arrests	42 Reports to Crown Counsel	181 Tickets Issued

**Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - July Highlights**

**Crime Stoppers Statistics - July 2008**

	July 2008	July 2007
Tips	85	107
Cases Cleared	6	12
Arrests	8	13
Rewards Paid	\$150	\$125
Property Recovered	\$40,685	\$2,300
Drugs Seized	\$200,000	\$600,000

<b>Total Recovered</b>	\$240,685	\$602,300
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#### **Auxiliary Constable Program - July 2008**

We presently have over 60 Auxiliary Constables on strength of which 55 are active. They have been heavily involved with the Gator/E-Z-Go patrols, foot patrols, traffic control, and special event policing throughout the month of July. To date, the Auxiliary Constables have volunteered 8323 hours of service (2008) with 1303 hours tallied in July alone.

#### **Kelowna Detachment Target Team - July Highlights**

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> respectively, members of the Kelowna RCMP Target Team executed search warrants on a residence in the 1100 block of Pacific Avenue which was believed to be harboring drug related activities. Over the past couple of months, the Kelowna RCMP have received numerous complaints about this residence and the suspected criminal activities associated to it. During the first search eleven individuals, all known to Police, were arrested. Drugs, drug paraphernalia, stolen property, and weapons were seized. During the second search warrant, ten individuals were arrested. In the second instance, drugs, stolen property and drug paraphernalia were seized.

#### **Kelowna RCMP City Drug Section - July Highlights**

Members of the Drug Section executed a search warrant on a residence in Kelowna and located a marihuana grow operation in the basement. Seized from the house were 86 "mother" plants and approximately 3000 immature "clone" plants. Police believe the house was being used to produce the clones for distribution to other locations (possible marihuana grow sites). Also seized in this effort was approximately \$40,000 in cash, 8 pounds of prepackaged dried marihuana bud, drug trafficking paraphernalia and a sawed off pistol grip shotgun. This operation is suspected to be linked to the Hells Angels organized crime group. Two individuals are facing charges in relation to this investigation.

#### **General Information:**


Kelowna RCMP held meetings with the local Taxi Cab owners/Managers and established some expectations to pass along to the Taxi drivers in Kelowna in order to assist with the effective dispersal of bar patrons downtown. To date, this strategy has produced some positive results.

An out of town Liquor Inspector conducted inspections of 14 local liquor establishments. Three of the establishments were cited for various contraventions.

The creation of the police parking zones in front of all liquor primary establishments in the Entertainment District, as well as in front of Flashbacks Night Club, has proven to be advantageous. This provides the membership with clear sight lines for those exiting the night clubs and we believe it will reduce assaults and victimization of targeted individuals leaving the bars.

#### **Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for **132.44** full-time regular members for the month of July, 2008.



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