

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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September 29th, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of August, 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 August. I will, however, provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

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

This was a relatively quiet month. The drug addicted clients, who have been red zoned, have moved to the Capri Mall area causing problems for area residents. Consultation with Crown has resulted in the creation of an "Orange" zone to aid enforcement efforts in that area in order to mitigate the problems only if the problems downtown are negligible.

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 - 94)			
114 Files	57 Arrests	13 Reports to Crown Counsel	153 Tickets Issued

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

**Crime Stoppers Statistics - August 2008**

	August 2008	August 2007
Tips	104	99
Cases Cleared	4	4
Arrests	4	8
Rewards Paid	\$1125	\$150
Property Recovered	\$0	\$200
Drugs Seized	\$0	\$0

<b>Total Recovered</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200</b>
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### **Auxiliary Constable Program - August 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 August. We are currently in the process of interviewing for 10 new recruits to begin the Auxiliary Training Program scheduled to begin December 06,2008.

### **BAIT CAR/STOLEN VEHICLE COMPARATIVE STATISTICS-August 2008**

**Number of files to the End of August 2008: 656**

**Number of file to the End of August 2007: 602**

### **2008 Kelowna RCMP Bike Section Overview and Statistics for August 2008**

The Bike section worked predominantly in the parks this year and formed a great working relationship with the Kelowna Parks Department Beach Patrol team. The interaction between the two groups allowed for more presence on the beaches and parks which at the same time allowed for a quicker response by the Bike section to problem locations. The Bike section also continued an enforcement presence in the downtown core during the down times on the beaches and parks, thus increasing the overall presence of the Police in the downtown core. The Bike section also concentrated on park problems away from the downtown core which allow the GD members to concentrate on their respective investigations. Two of the more notable files would be at Canyon Falls Park and Cedar Creek Park. Canyon Falls Park was in relation to the high number of youth drinking and causing problems in the park and Cedar Creek was in relation to the high number of people sunbathing in the nude. Both files were controlled and investigated by the Bike members which included partnering with external partners, the use of undercover operations, enforcement and educational tactics being employed. Overall this was a successful year of the Bike section in Kelowna.

### **STATISTICS:**

**Shifts: 212**

**RTCCs: 39**

**Files: 304**

**Traffic Stats: 480**

**Arrests: 131**

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

Members of the Drug Section were involved in phase two of an undercover operation, EPARSEK, which targeted the trafficking of crack cocaine in the downtown area of Kelowna. The week long project was completed on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Police arrested 18 individuals for trafficking in a controlled substance and warrants were issued for an additional 5 people. A total of 23 different people sold crack cocaine to undercover operators during this phase of the ongoing undercover operation.

The majority of those arrested are known to police and 6 of those charged had faced similar charges in previous undercover operations. Though the majority of the drug transactions took place in the "red zone" area, police also focused on several new trafficking hot spots within the city and the Westside.

With two phases now complete, police have arrested and charged a total of 46 different people with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance.

The Drug Enforcement Section continues to view the low level crack trafficking in the downtown area as priority, and has no plans to reduce enforcement efforts. Similar projects are anticipated in the immediate future.

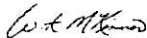
**General Information:**

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, a meeting of watch commanders and delegates was held to solicit feedback with respect to this summer's implementation of the new bar flush strategy. Overall, the bar flush initiative met with some measure of success but, like any pilot project, will require fine tuning and shaping in order to increase in effectiveness and elicit a result that meets the objective needs of all stakeholders. From this meeting, the following suggestions were made;

- 1) We continue to meet with bar owners to discuss areas of concern.
- 2) That we continue to monitor the taxi queues and drop off/pick up restrictions. That the limosine companies are part of the taxi system.
- 3) That we attempt to move the hot dog vendors again for a longer trial period. The hot dog vendors have rented parking spots but the City decides where they are.
- 4) That the street lights on Leon and Lawrence Avenues be monitored for their effectiveness and to see if more lighting is required in these areas, perhaps in partnership with the Downtown Kelowna Association.

**Resources.**

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



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