

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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January 21, 2009

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

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

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

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

December was somewhat slower for statistics. This is most likely due to the extremely cold temperatures, as our transient population appeared to decrease. As the temperature dropped, several homeless individuals were forced into the Red-Zone, contrary to their conditions. This resulted in an increase in Breach charges. More Red-Zone offenders had exemption letters from the Probation Office, allowing them windows of time to enter the Red-Zone. This matter will be dealt with in the upcoming weeks.

DEU Statistics for the month of December (Total Number of Shifts - 53)			
107 Files	44 Arrests	7 Reports to Crown Counsel	164 Tickets Issued

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - December Highlights

Crime Stoppers Statistics - December 2008

	December 2008	December 2007
Tips	92	85
Cases Cleared	3	6
Arrests	3	7
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$700.00	\$250.00
Property Recovered	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Recovered	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Auxiliary Constable Program - Overview of 2008

Kelowna Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program has once again been very busy during the year. The Program commenced the year with a compliment of 53 A/Csts. Ten new members were sworn in June, bringing the compliment to 63 A/Csts as of July 01, 2008.

Over the course of the year, two A/Csts have been off for the entire year. One, due to a back injury and one on a leave of absence. Eight A/Csts have left the program for various reasons.

Eight new recruits commenced their training on Dec 6th, 2008, with an anticipated completion date of April 25, 2009. Presently, Kelowna Detachment has a compliment of 55 A/Csts and, if all 8 recruits complete their training, the number should be 63 A/Csts.

As stated above, the program has been very busy. The A/Csts at Kelowna Detachment have volunteered 13,496 hours of service to the community, which is consistent with other years. The A/Csts have secured a third vehicle for the Program which allows for moere efficient service when participating in different activities. The A/Csts were the main security detail for the B.C. Summer Games held in Kelowna this past summer. A/Cst Darryl Hazell was the assistant Security Director for the Games. Several other A/Csts assisted with security for the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, held at Kelowna City Park.

The following operational activities were undertaken by the Kelowna Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program:

Unarmed accompaniment of Regular Members on patrols in Kelowna, West Kelowna, Lake Country and Big White, both in police vehicles, and on foot.

Preventative patrols undertaken by A/Csts through the use of patrol vehicles, mountain bikes and the two utility patrol vehicles.

Assistance to the Detachment Bike Squad, Drug Section and Serious Crime Unit on different projects.

Traffic Control duties for the Apple Triathlon, Okanagan Marathon and Remembrance Day Parade.

Three Auxilliary Csts are D.A.R.E. officers and have taken on approximately 15 classes of the year.

The following training activities took place with the Kelowna Detachment Auxiliary Constable Program in 2008.

-S.A.F.E. Schools: This program was presented to the Auxiliary Csts. Four A/Csts have volunteered to assist with taking photographs of the Secondary and Middle Schools within the Central Okanagan.

-PRIME: 19 A/Csts received training in regards to query and browse features of the PRIME program, as well as Mobile Work Station training.

-D.E.U.: Cpl. Lee Hamilton, NCO in charge of D.E.U., presented the program to the A/Csts on what the Downtown Enforcement Unit has for a mandate, and how the Auxiliary Program can assist in completing their mandate.

-FIRST AID: Several A/Csts, who were due for update training, took the St. John Ambulance course. All A/Csts. Were up to date on first aid training as of December 31, 2008.

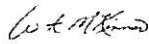
-USE OF FORCE: All A/Csts were updated on the Incident Management Intervention Model (IMIM), Pepper spray, Defensive baton, Carotid control and Handcuffing techniques, over the course of the year.

-STATEMENTS/NOTEBOOKS: Cpl. Bill Parmar, Kelowna Serious Crime Unit, presented a course on the taking of witness statement, charter of rights and proper use of notebooks.

-DRILL: A drill class was held just prior to Remembrance Day Parade. Several A/Csts participated in the parade at various locations in Kelowna.
-D.A.R.E.: A/Cst Darrel Hazell, D.A.R.E. officer, delivered a presentation to the Auxiliaries on the D.A.R.E. program and the need for others to assist with instruction.

Resources.

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



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