

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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February 23, 2009

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - January 2009

Please note below the year end policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for comparison of 2008 - 2007. I will highlight the key statistical data for the most common criminal activities, and provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources. Please keep in mind that statistics differ due to software conversion, and may not be 100 % accurate.

Activity Type	2008	2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	1742	2081	- 16.2 %
- Homicides	4	2	+ 100 %
- Robberies	141	126	+ 11.9 %
- Assaults	1488	1824	- 18.4 %
- Sex Offences	109	129	- 15.5 %
- Spousal Assault - M/F Offender	432	463	- 6.6 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	384	668	- 42.5 %
Break and Enters	960	1378	- 30.3 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	1120	872	+ 28.4 %
Theft Over \$5000	123	83	+ 48.1 %
Theft Under \$5000	4553	4795	- 5.0 %
Drug Offences	1201	3240	- 62.9 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	1620	2223	- 27.1 %
Impaired Driving	268	209	+ 28.2 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	920	710	+ 29.5 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2124	2620	- 18.9 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	7	+ 42.8 %
Calls for Service	68954	70327	- 1.9 %
Prisoners Lodged	6563	6387	+ 2.7 %

4th Quarter Stats - (October - December)			
Activity Type	2008	2007	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	366	463	- 20.9 %
- Homicides	2	0	+ 200.0 %
- Robberies	33	24	+ 37.5 %
- Assaults	308	421	- 26.8 %
- Sex Offences	23	18	+ 27.7 %
- Spousal Assault - M/F Offender	115	111	+ 3.6 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	116	139	- 16.5 %
Break and Enters	279	370	- 24.5 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	254	275	- 7.6 %
Theft Over \$5000	28	15	+ 86.6 %
Theft Under \$5000	1143	1118	+ 2.2 %
Drug Offences	157	571	- 72.5 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	243	374	- 35.0 %
Impaired Driving	76	47	+ 61.7 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	256	183	+ 39.8 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	535	630	- 15.0 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	0	+ 200.0 %
Calls for Service	15783	15698	+ 0.5 %
Prisoners Lodged	1570	1415	+ 10.9 %

DEU Statistics for the month of January - 2009				
SHIFTS	FILES	ARRESTS	RTCC'S	STATS
62	111	38	15	78

DEU has noticed a trend of "usuals" coming back to the downtown core. This may be a result of jail times expiring, slightly warmer weather, available emergency beds, etc. The new agreement with Probation and the exemption letters being standardized is paying off as clients are unable to misinterpret the exemption times and locations. The Willow Inn has started it's demolition process and should prove to cause a lot of activity while crews move in. As the summer season can be seen over the horizon, Entertainment District and homelessness plans are being formalized. DEU welcomed Constable Body as the latest rotation to the unit this month.

Victim Services

Regional District of Central Okanagan Victim-Witness Services *excerpts from 2008 Annual Report:*

The Regional District of Central Okanagan police-based Victim-Witness Services provides emotional and practical support including, but not limited to, information on the Victims of Crime Act in the Kelowna Detachment policing area; Peachland to Oyama. Office hours have been extended to Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The 24/7 on-call service for emergency police call-outs remains a top priority. Four staff and a complement of 8 volunteers are trained in carrying out the mandated services for the program.

2008 Statistics (January 2008 - December 2008)

Number of new clients	749
Average monthly caseload	309
New clients resulting from family violence	163
After hours crisis call-outs	61
Referrals made	817
Community Outreach	121

Due to the nature of the program, statistics on Domestic Violence Emergency Response Alarms (DVERS) are not available.

The Regional District of Central Okanagan police-based Victim Witness Services receives most referrals from the RCMP; however, self-referrals are always welcome. The office is located at the Kelowna RCMP Detachment, 350 Doyle Avenue. For more information, call Victim Services at (250) 470-6242.

Program partners include the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Regional District of Central Okanagan, and the RCMP.

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - January Highlights

Crime Stoppers Statistics - January 2009

	January - 2009	January - 2008
Tips	90	85
Cases Cleared	3	6
Arrests	2	7
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$800.00	\$250.00
Property Recovered (\$)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Total Recovered (\$)	\$0.00	\$0.00

(Statistics differ due to software conversion, however, these numbers are deemed correct.)

Statistics Since Inception (Thru January - 2009)

Cases Cleared	3040
Arrests	2130
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$155,736.00
Property Recovered (\$)	\$3,406,446.00
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$56,229,871.00
Total Recovered (\$)	\$59,636,317.00

Drug Section

9 ounces of ketamine was seized resulting in the arrest of three persons. Charges are being forwarded against one male for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

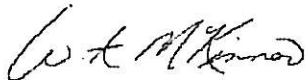
Traffic Stats for January 2009

A total of 479 Violation Tickets were served within the City of Kelowna during the month of January; as well as 96 Notice & Orders (warnings).

44 % of all Moving Violation Tickets issued in January were speed infractions (21 % of those in a school zone) and 20 % were intersection related offences. 36 % of Non-Moving Violation Tickets were for failing to wear a seatbelt.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **131** full-time regular members for the month of January, 2009.



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