

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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July 22, 2009

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report May-June 2009**

Due to circumstances involving the increased summer file load and other related issues, the crime statistics will not be available for June and July. Efforts will be made to supply these stats when they become available.

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

DEU has experienced two very busy months. Bike Patrol started up for the summer season as the busy season for the night-time 'Entertainment District' also began. Partnerships with city staff, as well as other agencies, has resulted in a Public Compliance Team being formed to increase the safety and population of the Entertainment District. Liquor infractions have nearly doubled since this time last year in the parks and beaches, but has been dealt with efficiently by Bike Patrol. DEU was occupied with numerous calls for service and have conducted a very successful undercover street level drug sweep. DEU/Bike Patrols have received numerous phone calls and emails regarding the general appearance of downtown and the renewed feelings of a safe downtown. Constable Mark Slade and Garth Letcher worked in an advisory capacity with the downtown bar owners and Partners for a Healthy Downtown in order to create unified signage that prohibits any gang member to wear their 'colors' inside any local bar or nightclub which displays the sign. The recent attendance by a large number of Hell's Angels was a successful test of this rule as no incidents of refusal to remove colors was reported.

<b>DEU Statistics for the month of (Total Number of Shifts) - 224</b>			
Files: 501	Arrests: 110	RTCCs: N/A	Stats: 384

**Crime Stoppers Statistics - May 2009**

	<b>May 2009</b>	<b>May 2008</b>
<b>Tips</b>	70	92
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	0	7
<b>Arrests</b>	2	8
<b>Rewards Paid (\$)</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Property Recovered</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Drugs Seized (\$)</b>	\$1,500,100	\$603,000
<b>Total Recovered</b>	\$1,500,100	\$603,000

## **Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)**

11 MONTH REVIEW: September 2008 to July 2009

A confident and reliable quality assurance process has been established in short order to ensure that all files meet with RCMP, Solicitor General, and Attorney General policies, as well as Statistics Canada and the Canadian Criminal Code. The latest audit showed a significant increase in compliance, which ultimately results in better management of the victims of domestic abuse. Internal policy has been updated along with a project initiated to update RCMP reporting forms.

DVU officers have obtained formal education on dealing with aspects of domestic violence. As well, the unit continues to provide education and training to the members of the RCMP and to external partners, thus improving upon the exchange of information and breaking down barriers to the RCMP. Liaising with external partners is critical to the betterment of the community and to the detachment to share information and ideas with many external agencies, other detachments and internal sections of the Kelowna Detachment. This unit is a member of the VAWIR Committee and is a standing order of business for the Womens Advisory (Mayors Committee) Committees. As well, this unit chairs the KFILE Meetings (a group comprising of the RCMP, Probation, Crown Counsel and MCFD).

This unit has worked with the OCC to create a Standard Operating Procedure for DVERS alarms in an effort to make these situations safer for our members to attend to. Control of these high risk files has been assumed by the DVU with a review of each file being conducted. Total numbers of DVERS alarms cannot be disclosed due to the high risk nature of these files.

As of September 2009, Corporal Hamilton will be transferred to the Municipal Traffic Section. The new coordinator will be Corporal Amanda Jones, who brings with her a wealth of operational and supervisory experience.

### **FILES REVIEWED IN EACH DETACHMENT AREA:**

KELOWNA - 553  
WESTBANK - 203  
LAKE COUNTRY - 43  
TRAFFIC - 1  
COSU - 1

TOTAL FILES REVIEWED : 801  
TOTAL FILES WORKED ON : 52  
TOTAL RTCC'S FORWARDED : 6

## **Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section - Stats for 2009**

These statistics reflect the total number of Violation Tickets and Notice and Orders given by both Traffic Section and General Duty members combined.

Kelowna City/Highway:

Violation Tickets for May: 798	June: 813
Notice and Orders for May: 355	June: 220

## CODE 3 RESPONSES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES:

RCMP have been receiving numerous complaints from the public with respect to the proliferation of sirens from emergency units responding Code 3 (lights and sirens). As a result, discussions have begun involving Emergency Service Partners to find an effective way of reducing the number of sirens used as the Emergency Partners attend to a common scene. This could be accomplished by a Risk Assessment Protocol where the Emergency Service responder who is first to arrive on scene will assess the risk and communicate to other responders if it is necessary for them to continue at Code 3, or attend routine.

The Kelowna Detachment Senior Management Team has recently applied a new detachment policy that requires any patrol units that are responding to a complaint to notify the Watch NCO of the decision to attend Code 3. This will give the responding unit an opportunity to first assess the situational factors including call priority and risk to police, as well as public safety. It also allows the Watch NCO to better advise and direct members as they respond.

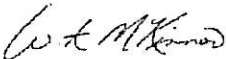
### **General Investigation and Serious Crime Units**

The General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units have been busy with respect to investigational files, unit projects and prolific offenders. The following is a sampling of activities and results:

May 28, 2009	Female prolific offender arrested and charged with probation violation.
May 28, 2009	Male arrested and charged in connection with heroin trafficking.
May 30, 2009	Male arrested on Canada Wide Warrant; sent back to Ontario.
June 19, 2009	Prolific offender (Break and Enter/ Theft) arrested and charged.
June 24, 2009	Two males arrested inside a stolen vehicle.
June 25, 2009	\$37,000 worth of stolen property recovered; local gang member arrested and charged.
July 5, 2009	\$100,000 in stolen property recovered; one male arrested and charged.

### **Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for **134** full-time regular members for the month of May and **134.5** for the month of June, 2009.



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