

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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September 21, 2009

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report July & August 2009

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

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

The DEU / Bike Team have been extremely busy for the past two months. The DEU members have been focusing on the downtown core and conducted a very successful undercover operation that resulted in 23 criminal charges. The intelligence garnered by DEU's daily activities has also resulted in several search warrants being successfully executed. The bike members have spent their time patrolling the parks and beaches of Kelowna, working with the media to highlight their efforts, and supporting DEU in their role downtown. The Bike Team, which will be concluding their efforts as of mid-September, has been extremely well received by the business community as well as the general public.

DEU Statistics for the months of July-August (Total Number of Shifts) - 261			
Files: 511	Arrests: 162	RTCC's: 61	Stats: 357

Crime Stoppers Statistics	July / August 2009	July / August 2008
Tips	73 / 58	85 / 104
Cases Cleared	1 / 2	6 / 4
Arrests	2 / 2	8 / 4
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$0 / \$250.00	\$150.00 / \$1,125.00
Property Recovered	\$0 / \$0	\$40,685.00 / \$0
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$0 / \$650.00	\$200,000.00 / \$0
Total Recovered	\$0 / \$650.00	\$240,685.00 / \$0

KELOWNA MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC SECTION - Stats for July-August 2009

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

Kelowna City / Highway:

Violation Tickets	July: 627	August: 1099
Notice and Orders	July: 206	August: 271

GENERAL INVESTIGATION AND SERIOUS CRIMES UNITS

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

July 23-24: Three stolen vehicles recovered.
July 25: Prolific offender arrested; in possession of counterfeit currency and drugs.
July 31: Prolific car thief arrested on two outstanding warrants.
August 6: Drug warrant executed on a drug house; three females arrested. Cocaine, hashish, ecstasy and prescription narcotics seized.
August 7: Two females arrested; in possession of 13 ounces of cocaine and 2 ounces of crystal methamphetamine.
August 15: Prolific car thief arrested.

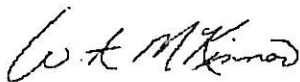
RCMP BOAT PATROL

The RCMP Zodiak was very busy on the lake this summer. Most notably was its extensive use in dealing with boaters who were continually interfering with the aerial firefighting craft who needed exclusive use of a defined area of the lake in order to refill their water buckets. The RCMP boat worked in conjunction with a Search and Rescue Craft and Conservation in order to ensure boaters were staying at least 400 metres from the shore line. The Emergency Operation Personnel defined the restricted area, and messages were continually sent to the public and boaters, via the media, to educate and warn them. It was clear that most boaters were either unable to visually assess, or were incapable of understanding the complex issues of the numerical distance requirement, so a geographical equivalent "middle of the lake" reference point was used. There appears to be no enforceable section in any provincial statute that effectively deals with this kind of event, which added to the difficulty in dealing with boaters.

The RCMP boat was also utilized in conjunction with the search of two males who drowned in the lake in the Kelowna area this summer. One of the victims was recovered by an outside underwater recovery agency, with the assistance of the RCMP.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **132.6** full-time regular members for the month of July and **139** for the month of August.



W.A. McKinnon, Superintendent
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