

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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April 21, 2010

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report for February-March 2010

All Crime Statistics are featured on a separate attachment to this report. Statistics reflect monthly totals and comparisons for February and March, 2010.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU)

DEU is beginning to see the usual busy influx of homeless individuals in the downtown core. Adding to this is the fact that sentences are expiring on those that were charged in last years Undercover Operations. As the sentences are being served in full, the offenders are released without conditions and are returning to the city streets. The third factor is the Kelowna Drop-In Center (KDIC) being closed. While other agencies are trying to fill the gap that is left by the KDIC closure, the homeless now have to be re-educated on the facilities available in our community.

Bike Patrol is preparing to start for the summer season. The Entertainment District Enforcement Team continues to conduct licensed premise checks in downtown establishments. Entertainment District stakeholders have come together to create a Good Neighbour Agreement in an attempt to set up an agreed upon set of standards for licenced establishments to adhere to. Protocols similar to the highly successful Barwatch Program are being put in place in an attempt to make the Entertainment District safer than it has ever been. This will include the Treoscope Program, video surveillance and metal detection. It is anticipated this will be extremely successful, in terms of crowd behaviour, and a huge tool in revitalizing the downtown core.

As summer approaches, DEU will focus on liquor, drug trafficking and possession and general nuisance infractions. Several projects have been set up in order to target prolific and high profile offenders in the downtown core.

DEU Statistics									
Shifts:	158	Files:	213	Arrests:	53	RTCC's:	31	STATS:	117

Central Okanagan R.C.M.P. Victim Services Program

The Victim Services Program continues to be busy and the police based Victim Services contract, with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has been renewed.

Program staff are active participants on the Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) Committee, and the Community Critical Incident Response Committee.

February saw 68 new clients involved in the program, 14 of whom were involved as a result of family violence. In March, the numbers were 60 and 19 respectively.

Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section Stats

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 February: **560** March: **601**

Notice and Orders for February: **317** March: **270**

General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units

These sections have been extremely busy with heavy file loads for February and March. The following is a sampling of some of the files cleared by the various sections.

Property Crime Team:

- A search warrant resulted in the arrest of a male and the seizure of approximately \$250,000 in stolen property at the residence. Property included snowmobiles, motor vehicles, a jet boat and heavy equipment.
- A male responsible for 70 residential break and enters was arrested and, as a result, 75 investigational files were cleared. He faces charges which include Resist Arrest, Theft of Auto, Break and Enter, and Possession of Stolen Property.
- Three men were arrested under the Canada Immigration Act for working in Canada without a work Visa. All three were deported.

Crime Reduction Target Team (CRTT):

- A male was arrested for Breach of a Recognizance when he was found in possession of bear spray. He was also charged with Possession of a Weapon.
- A female is facing 160 charges, so far, in relation to Theft, Fraud, Theft of Mail, and Possession of Stolen Property.
- Members of the CRTT met with various ministry partners in order to formulate a plan dealing with prolific offenders that are released into the community with curfew conditions. The plan will examine and apply best practices from other communities that have enjoyed success in this area.

Drug Section:

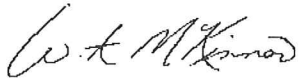
- A male belonging to the "Red Scorpions" gang was arrested after a drug search warrant was executed at a high rise apartment. A loaded handgun was seized along with cocaine, crack cocaine, marihuana, steroids, stolen property and a quantity of cash. He will face charges of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of a Weapon, and Proceeds of Crime.
- A member of the "Surrey Boys" gang was arrested in a vehicle that had previously fled from police. Cocaine and heroin were seized from the vehicle, as was a large quantity of cash. He was charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.
- Two males were arrested in possession of cocaine and heroin and charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. One of the men arrested was a member of the "UN" gang.

DARE

Sergeant Ann Morrison will make a brief presentation (5 minutes) to discuss the current status on the replacement for the DARE Program.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **140.5** full-time regular members for the months of February and March, 2010. Spring transfers have been ordered; as a result, Kelowna Detachment will have six (6) members leaving and eleven (11) experienced members transferred in from other detachments.



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Superintendent
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Crime Statistics **Kelowna RCMP Detachment** **February/March 2010**

	Last Year		This Year	
	February 2009	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010
Calls For Service (all 3 detachments)	4230	5174	4151	5107
				9258
Homicides	0	0	0	0
Robberies	13	7	7	13
Assaults	85	107	95	102
Sex Offences	6	7	8	10
Break & Enters	67	131	93	143
Thefts of Motor Vehicle	59	58	45	50
Thefts over \$5000	5	8	9	7
Thefts under \$5000	273	351	240	279
Drug Offences	33	58	54	41
Provincial Liquor Offences	53	90	73	106
Impaired Driving Offences	24	37	42	34
24-hour Driving Suspensions	48	41	37	75
Motor Vehicle Accidents	57	35	45	52
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0	0
Spousal Assaults	37	39	40	36
Domestic Disputes	22	28	21	34
				55
Prisoners Lodged (all 3 detachments)	453	485	392	379
				771
				938

Calls for Service counts were determined from Completed Calls on PRIME. File counts were determined using only founded General Occurrences and using only the primary UCR coding. Files were divided into the three different local detachments using the location (i.e. PRIME zone) of the file and Prisoners Lodged counts were obtained from Kelowna Cells.