

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment



Officer in Charge
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Mayor and City Council
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April 18, 2011

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report for February and March 2011

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) Highlights

DEU Statistics are for February and March 2011		
Files: 182	RTCCs: 27	Provincial-Municipal Charges: 182

Summary:

The focus of the Downtown Enforcement Unit is street level enforcement of the downtown core. Common charges are possession and trafficking in controlled substances, intoxicated in public, and Breach of Court Order/Breach of Probation, particularly persons found within the Red Zone.

Community Operations Support Unit

The SOAR (Substance Options Awareness Respond) Program has replaced DARE and has been piloted in two grade six classrooms. The students, teachers and the PAC at Quigley Elementary are pleased with its content and relevance. Grade six teachers from School District 23 along with some of our police officers will participate in training sessions this week.

Violence in Relationships Coordinator (DVU)

Corporal Amanda Jones is tasked with reviewing every Violence In Relationship (VIR) file that is created to ensure consistency with respect to the adherence of VIR policy, to offer guidance, and to investigate when necessary.

During the months of February and March of 2011, Corporal Jones reviewed 332 VIR files that were created within the City of Kelowna. As a result, 117 Reports to Crown Counsel were forwarded requesting various charges relating to Domestic Violence. The number of files reviewed during this period does not reflect the total number of files generated, as there are a number of files yet to be reviewed.

Corporal Jones conducted 3 different presentations to Kelowna Women's Shelter and UBCO on the DVU role and domestic violence in general.

Crime Stoppers Statistics:

	February 2011	March 2011
Tips	84	89
Cases Cleared	9	11
Arrests	9	13
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$300	\$650
Property Recovered	\$8,000	\$5,900
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$130	\$122,550
Total Recovered	\$8,130	\$128,450

R.C.M.P. Auxiliary Program

Sixteen (16) new Auxiliary Constables graduated the Kelowna Auxiliary Constable Program on February 27, bringing the total complement to 60. Auxiliary members have been busy delivering pin pad fraud and counterfeiting prevention materials to local businesses. The Auxiliary Program Manager, Kerry Solinsky, has taken on the new role of Police Services Manager as of March 14 and will continue to oversee the program, along with two auxiliaries, until his previous position is filled.

Kelowna Municipal Traffic

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

Violation Tickets February 2010: **560** February 2011: **923**

Notice and Orders February 2010: **317** February 2011: **1012**

Stats for the month of March are unavailable as they had not yet been compiled.

General Investigation Section:

General Investigation Section members have been working on a variety of investigations such as: an aggravated assault involving a known Hell's Angel member, the arson at the City Park Pavilion, a serial sexual predator involved in a rash of indecent acts throughout the city, extortions, historical sexual assaults, child abuse investigations, multiple frauds of substantial financial loss, and robberies.

Serious Crime Section

Serious Crime members have been actively investigating the homicide of Christopher Hetu which occurred in October 2009, in Milbridge Park.

Crime Reduction Target Team

The Target Team continues to investigate prolific offenders.

The Target Team has been working with Property Crime members on the numerous thefts of copper wire. The teams have been successful in arresting 2 suspects, but there are other larger groups also stealing wire.

The Target Team also arrested a prolific auto theft suspect who was found in possession of a stolen vehicle, stolen property, and who was driving while prohibited with no insurance.

A rash of theft from vehicles have taken place over the last couple of months, particularly in the park areas. The Target Team has arrested and charged an adult male with a series of these offences and have already noticed a decline in credit card and identity fraud since the arrest.

Property Crimes Unit

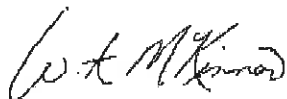
Property Crime members executed a search warrant at a storage locker in Kelowna where \$20,000 worth of stolen property was recovered, including a shotgun and ammunition.

While conducting surveillance on two copper wire theft suspects, two individuals were caught in the act of breaking into SHARE on Gaston Avenue. Both individuals were arrested and placed on numerous conditions.

The execution of a Search Warrant in Beaverdell resulted in the recovery of stolen property which included a boat and trailer worth \$80,000, a Dodge Ram worth \$40,000 and 35 foot flatdeck trailer.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **142** full-time regular members for February 2011, and **141.5** for March 2011.



W.A. McKinnon
Superintendent
Officer in Charge
Kelowna Detachment

**Crime Statistics
Kelowna RCMP
February / March 2011**

Total Feb 2010	4151	Total Feb 2011	4073	Total Feb 2010 & Mar 2010	9258	Total Feb 2011 & Mar 2011	8913	Percent Change * Feb & Mar 2010 vs. Feb & Mar 2011	-3.73%
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Calls For Service
(all 3 detachments)

ANY LINE OF SCORING	
Homicides	0
Robberies	7
Assaults	105
Sex Offences	6
Break & Enters	98
Thefts of Motor Vehicle	50
Thefts over \$5000	7
Thefts under \$5000	253
Drug Offences	46
Provincial Liquor Offences	90
Impaired Driving Offences	44
24-hour Driving Suspensions	71
Motor Vehicle Accidents	124
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0

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	11	5	12
	107	88	166
	7	11	20
	147	72	150
	54	34	66
	8	5	9
	284	258	515
	51	61	114
	131	124	233
	46	19	37
	99	18	37
	154	97	188
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	18	12	12
	212	166	166
	13	20	20
	245	150	150
	104	66	66
	15	9	9
	537	515	515
	97	114	114
	221	233	233
	90	37	37
	170	37	37
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	71	19	37
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Spousal Assaults
Domestic Disputes

	51	51	97
	23	28	62

	53	46	97
	36	34	62

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Prisoners Lodged
(all 3 detachments)

	771	707	-8.30%
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	379	399	
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	392	308	
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Calls for Service counts were determined from Completed Calls on PRIME. File counts were determined using only founded General Occurrences and using UCR codings from any position, so a file may fall into more than one category. 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.

*N/C = Not Calculable