

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP  
Detachment



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Mayor and City Council  
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June 27, 2011

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report for April and May 2011**

**All crime statistics reflecting monthly totals for April and May are attached to the end of this report.**

**Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) Highlights**

April and May 2011		
Files: 175	RTCCs: 58	Provincial-Municipal Charges: 100

The focus of the Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) 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.

DEU members conducted a minor undercover project in the downtown core in May. As a result, 45 charges of Trafficking and Breach of Probation were laid against 19 persons who ranged in age from 17 to 69 years. Six of the eight females charged were engaged in prostitution. A male was also arrested and charged in connection with an armed robbery of a bicycle.

**Community Operations Support Unit**

The Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) was involved in several events in the community in May.

"So You Want To Be A Cop" Day occurred on May 12 in cooperation with School District 23. The purpose was to present interested students with a firsthand look at police work in action. Simulations of a high risk arrest and a serious crime scene were presented. The students were introduced to precision marching by an RCMP Drill Instructor and had a chance to see RCMP members perform the Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation (PARE) test, which simulates a foot chase and takedown of a suspect. Members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT), Tactical Team and Traffic Unit were also in attendance.

Superintendent McKinnon, along with Sergeant Morrison, Constable McKinnon and Constable Slade participated in the Mayor's Youth Forum on May 25. The forum was a valuable experience. The final report to Council was on June 20.

On May 27-28, Constable Steve Holmes and Constable Cheryl McKinnon hosted the Law Enforcement Torch Run's 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Freeze the Fuzz" fundraiser for Special Olympics at the Kelowna Wal Mart. This two day event, which featured the appearance of sports celebrities Shea



Weber, Blake Comeau and Kelsey Serwa, as well as musical tribute artists and a "polar plunge" pool, raised \$16,000 in support of Kelowna and area's Special Olympic athletes.

### **Violence in Relationships Coordinator**

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, and to offer guidance and investigate when necessary.

During the months of April and May 2011, Corporal Jones reviewed 132 VIR files that were created within the City of Kelowna. As a result, 21 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 a presentation to the CFUW Women's Group, and assisted on 19 General Duty domestic violence files. She also attended the Violent Offender Behavior Course in Ottawa.

### **Crime Stoppers Statistics**

	<b>April 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
<b>Tips</b>	81	84
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	8	5
<b>Arrests</b>	7	7
<b>Rewards Paid (\$)</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Property Recovered</b>	\$20,000	\$0
<b>Drugs Seized (\$)</b>	\$770,000	\$417,000
<b>Total Recovered</b>	\$790,000	\$417,000

### **R.C.M.P. Auxiliary Program**

The Kelowna Auxiliary Constable Program is gearing up for the Enhanced Summer Policing Program; Auxiliary Constables will be augmenting the foot, gator, quick response team and bike units. Auxiliary Constables have also been working on Project Protect, a business fraud awareness program, by handing out information booklets to businesses during April and May until the booklets ran out. The project will resume in the fall when more information booklets arrive.

### **Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section**

The transition to a different traffic statistic recording and tracking system has taken time to employ. As a result, it is taking longer to compile the appropriate municipal traffic stats. These stats will be forwarded once they are properly compiled.

### **GENERAL INVESTIGATION AND SERIOUS CRIMES UNITS**

These sections have been extremely busy with heavy file loads for April and May 2011.

### **General Investigation Section**

General Investigation Section officers have been working on the recent rash of Mission Park Greenway groupings, and continue to work on a shooting that took place on March 7, 2011.

### **Serious Crime Section**

Serious Crime has been actively investigating the homicide of Christopher Hetu which occurred in October 2009 in Milbridge Park. They have also been busy investigating a stabbing which took place in front of a downtown night club in April.

### **Crime Reduction Target Team**

In addition to assisting General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units with a number of investigations, the target team has worked on several drug related files.

The team arrested a male in possession of crack cocaine and methamphetamines and later recovered a 9mm handgun.

A search warrant executed at a known drug house culminated in the arrest of 4 individuals and the seizure of cocaine.

Three suspects were arrested in connection with a rash of break and enters and were in possession of a stolen vehicle.

Three males were arrested after a search warrant on a residence. Cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines were seized, and a number of stolen items were recovered.

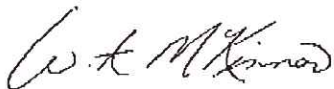
### **Municipal Drug Unit**

Drug Unit assisted the Downtown Enforcement Unit in a street level undercover drug operation in the downtown core in May.

They also assisted other units with drug and criminal code investigations, and were involved in several marihuana grow operation take downs in April and May.

### **Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for **140** full-time regular members for April 2011, and **139** for May 2011.



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**Crime Statistics  
Kelowna RCMP  
April / May 2011**

	Total Apr 2010	Total May 2010	Total Apr 2011 May 2011	Total Apr 2010 & May 2010	Total Apr 2011 & May 2011	Percent Change * Apr & May 2010 vs. Apr & May 2011
Calls For Service (all 3 detachments)	5155	5536	5591	10691	10715	0.22%
<b>ANY LINE OF SCORING</b>						
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Robberies	6	19	9	25	16	-36.00%
Assaults	118	122	126	240	208	-13.33%
Sex Offences	6	5	15	11	24	118.18%
Break & Enters	83	71	79	154	143	-7.14%
Thefts of Motor Vehicle	56	56	54	112	102	-8.93%
Thefts over \$5000	9	7	8	16	16	0.00%
Thefts under \$5000	284	274	273	558	502	-10.04%
Drug Offences	55	70	84	125	139	11.20%
Provincial Liquor Offences	174	196	168	370	296	-20.00%
Impaired Driving Offences	47	27	15	74	26	-64.86%
24-hour Driving Suspensions	60	80	14	140	35	-75.00%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	163	147	106	310	207	-33.23%
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%
Spousal Assaults	51	66	46	117	75	-35.90%
Domestic Disputes	38	53	39	91	89	-2.20%
Prisoners Lodged (all 3 detachments)	464	477	505	941	951	1.06%

*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