

# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



## Kelowna RCMP Detachment



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Mayor and City Council  
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August 22, 2011

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report for June and July 2011**

**Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) Highlights**

DEU Statistics for June and July 2011		
Files: 334	RTCC's: 70	Provincial-Municipal Charges: 420

DEU's summer bike patrols have been working diligently in the downtown core, beaches and public accesses during the summer months. The above noted statistics reflect the increased illegal activities that DEU members have encountered, as a higher number of persons are conducting such activities outdoors where DEU members have opportunity to intervene.

**Community Operations Support Unit**

The Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) will be welcoming it's new Special Programs Coordinator, Bill Finney, who replaces Kerry Solinsky on August 15 and brings 30 years of service in the RCMP with him. Bill recently retired from the RCMP as a Sergeant in charge of the Fraser Valley Integrated Police Dog Services. Bill will be in charge of the Kelowna RCMP Auxiliary Program and all "in service" police training for Regular Members.

The Kelowna RCMP Auxiliary Program will begin training another troop of Auxiliary Members in January 2012. The call has gone out for any qualified persons interested in becoming Auxiliary Members to contact the Kelowna RCMP by the cut-off date of September 15, 2011.

Kelowna RCMP Auxiliaries have provided valuable policing assistance this summer in the areas of foot, bike and gator patrols, as well as crime scene security. Auxiliary Members involved in the canvass team were recently used in an aggravated assault file that resulted in a homicide.

**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, to offer guidance, and to investigate when necessary.

During the months of June and July 2011, Corporal Jones reviewed 325 VIR files, 249 of which were created within the City of Kelowna. As a result, 65 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.

### **Crime Stoppers Statistics**

	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>July 2011</b>
<b>Tips</b>	85	73
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	8	9
<b>Arrests</b>	9	9
<b>Rewards Paid</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Property Recovered</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Drugs Seized</b>	\$1,163,000	\$2,070,000
<b>Total Recovered</b>	\$1,163,000	\$2,070,000

### **Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section**

**A transition to a different traffic statistical recording and tracking system (TSMIT) is taking time to employ. The numbers below reflect activity in the entire enforcement area and not exclusively Kelowna.**

The below statistics reflect the total number of Violation Tickets issued:

**June 2011    unavailable                      July 2011    1445**

The following statistics reflect the total number of Notice and Orders issued by both Traffic Section and General Duty members combined within the City limits:

**June 2011    362    July 2011    423**

**General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units** have been extremely busy with heavy file loads.

### **General Investigation Section**

The General Investigation Section members continue to work on the Mission Greenway sexual assaults, recent arsons and aggravated assaults.

**Serious Crime Section** has been actively investigating the aggravated assault / turned homicide (Phillips) that occurred in mid June.

### **Crime Reduction Target Team / Property Crime Team**

In addition to assisting General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units with a number of investigations, the Target Team has worked on several drug and theft related files. Below is a sampling:

An investigation was conducted into a suspect selling drugs via dial-a-dope. Members targeted this individual and arrested him in possession of 3.8 grams of cocaine. The suspect is facing drug charges.

The Target Team located a vehicle with stolen licence plates. A subsequent search of the vehicle located marihuana and crystal methamphetamine. The driver faces charges of Possession of Stolen Property and Drug Possession. The driver is also the subject of a theft of copper wire investigation.

Acting on information received, members of the Property Crime Team executed a search warrant and arrested a male and female at a storage unit that housed a marihuana grow operation, crystal methamphetamine and two loaded handgun magazines. The male is facing drug related charges.

### **Municipal Drug Unit**

Drug Unit members assisted the Downtown Enforcement Unit in a street level undercover drug operation in the downtown core in July. 20 people; 12 males and 8 females, were arrested for 40 drug and breach related charges. All of those arrested are known to police and all have related criminal histories.

Members of the Drug Unit also assisted other units with drug and criminal code investigations and were involved in several marihuana growing operation take-downs in June and July.

### **Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for 139 full-time regular members for both June and July, 2011.



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Superintendent  
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**Crime Statistics  
Kelowna RCMP  
June / July 2011**

Total Jun 2010	5997	Total Jun 2011	6043	Total Jun 2010 & Jul 2010	13156	Total Jun 2011 & Jul 2011	12871	Percent Change * Jun & Jul 2010 vs. Jun & Jul 2011	-2.17%
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Total Jun 2010	7159	Total Jul 2011	6828
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Total Jun 2010	44	Total Jun 2011	41
	39		50
	445		453

Homicides	0	1	0	0	N/C
Robberies	11	12	10	10	4.76%
Assaults	106	103	118	146	11.16%
Sex Offences	6	7	9	10	13.33%
Break & Enters	62	79	124	62	-24.19%
Thefts of Motor Vehicle	76	47	66	62	-23.24%
Thefts over \$5000	11	6	9	15	5.00%
Thefts under \$5000	372	368	357	300	-8.37%
Drug Offences	59	68	78	118	35.77%
Provincial Liquor Offences	296	218	543	311	-36.95%
Impaired Driving Offences	44	22	27	20	-40.85%
24-hour Driving Suspensions	67	20	72	20	-71.22%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	170	144	172	153	-13.16%
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0	2	N/C

Spousal Assaults	44	41	47	44	-6.59%
Domestic Disputes	39	50	57	35	-11.46%
Prisoners Lodged (all 3 detachments)	445	453	514	534	2.92%

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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