



Kelowna RCMP Report to Council

May through August 2012

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Mayor and City Council
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October 1, 2012

Dear Mayor Gray and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report

All Crime Statistics are attached to the end of this report. Statistics reflect monthly totals for May through August of 2012, inclusive.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) Highlights

DEU Statistics from May through August 2012

Shifts: 301	Files: 1,059	RTCCs: 28	Provincial/Municipal Charges: 795
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The focus of the Downtown Enforcement Unit is street level enforcement of the downtown core. Common charges are possession and/or trafficking in controlled substances, intoxicated in public, and Breach of Court order/Breach of Probation, particularly persons found within the Red Zone.

Bike patrols once again supplemented the Downtown Enforcement Unit this summer from May Long weekend through mid-September. Two two-person teams alternated shifts with the Downtown Enforcement Unit to effectively cover days and evenings throughout the week, with the emphasis on weekends. Two school liaison officers were also folded into the Downtown Enforcement Unit as the Unit's responsibility also covered high-profile events such as Canada Day and Centre of Gravity.

In addition to their regular duties, members of the unit assisted the Southeast District Drug Section and Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit Gang Task Force on various tasks.

Stats from the Downtown Enforcement Unit from 2010 and 2011:

DEU Statistics for the period from May through September 2010

Files: 783	RTCCs: 68	Provincial/Municipal Charges: 1089
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DEU Statistics for the period from April through September 2011

Files: N/A	RTCCs: 152	Provincial/Municipal Charges: 729
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Community Operations Support Unit (COSU): May through August 2012

Corporal Andy Burpee took on the role of NCO i/c of the Community Operational Support Unit (COSU) in April this year and performed admirably to his retirement this month. We would like to thank Corporal Burpee for his dedication, and providing over 30 years of service to the RCMP. Corporal Burpee has been temporarily replaced by Corporal Tania Carroll until a replacement is named.

Violence in Relationships Coordinator

The Violence in Relationships Coordinator 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 May through August 2012, the Violence in Relationships Coordinator reviewed **693** VIR files, **582** of which were created within the City of Kelowna. As a result, **140** Reports to Crown Counsel were forwarded requesting various charges relating to Domestic Violence. Two B-SAFER Risk Assessments were also completed during this time period, and two new Domestic Violence Emergency Response System (DVERS) alarms were installed (currently monitoring 4 alarms). 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.

At the time of this report, there were no stats from the Violence in Relationships Coordinator for comparison to 2010 and 2011. During the 6 month period from April through September 2011, the Violence in Relationships Coordinator reviewed **592** VIR files within the City of Kelowna, with **136** Reports to Crown Counsel forwarded.

Crime Stoppers

The Crime Stoppers program continues to prove its effectiveness. So far this year, over \$9 million worth of drugs have been seized. Since the program's inception, over \$77 million worth of drugs have been seized, along with over \$3.5 million worth of recovered property, 2,372 arrests and 3,299 cases cleared; all thanks to nearly 20,000 tips.

Crime Stoppers Statistics: May through August 2012

	May	June	July	August
Tips	78	72	92	98
Cases Cleared	7	4	4	3
Arrests	7	4	5	2
Rewards Paid (\$)	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0
Property Recovered	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Drugs Seized (\$)	\$246,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Recovered	\$246,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$0

R.C.M.P. Auxiliary Program

The Kelowna RCMP's Auxiliary members have been involved in a number of activities over the summer. In addition to their regular shifts and training, Auxiliary members have worked enhanced policing patrols, E-Z Go patrols, Quick Response Team, Parks and Parties, Gator Patrols, Prisoner Van duties, the Afro Jack concert, Boat Patrols, the Black Mountain Elementary Family Fun Night, the Parkinson Rec Centre Family Fun Day, the Anne McClymont Primary Family Fun Night, the Relay for Life, Oyama Fun Days, the Annual Motorcycle Ride for Dad, the Special Olympics BC Freeze the Fuzz event, Westside Daze, Bike Patrols, Keloha, the Across the Lake Swim, the Snowbirds, Centre of Gravity, Centre of Gravity House, the Apple Triathlon, and conducted UBCO patrols at the beginning of September.

Kelowna Municipal Traffic Section-Stats for May through August 2012

These stats reflect the total Violation Ticket and Notice and Order numbers for Kelowna Municipal Detachment and Central Okanagan Traffic Services.

Kelowna City/Highway 2012

	May	June	July	August
Violation Tickets	1009	615	1040	836
Notice and Orders	351	324	489	358

Kelowna City/Highway 2010

	May	June	July	August
Violation Tickets	673	855	642	729
Notice and Orders	281	794	440	660

General Investigation and Serious Crimes Units

General Investigation Section

The General Investigation Section (GIS) has been busy with arsons, serious assaults, home invasions and robberies. Of significant note, GIS apprehended two men in connection with a string of robberies that occurred in April. GIS was able to solve a recurring indecent act at local beaches this summer and continues its efforts on another at the YMCA in Rutland. GIS and Serious Crime Sections are also tasked with reviewing high-risk missing person cases which seem to increase dramatically during the summer. Arsons, such as one at the Carpi Hotel in late June, also kept GIS busy.

Serious Crime Section

The Serious Crime Section has taken lead roles in a number of serious cases over the summer, including the tragic death of an infant and, more recently, an attempted murder.

Crime Reduction Target Team/Property Crime Unit

The Crime Reduction Target Team (CRTT) and Property Crime Units (PCU) continue to use an intelligence-lead, research-based approach to reducing crime by targeting efforts toward high-volume offenders and known crime hot spots. In early May, a string of auto thefts affecting Honda Civics saw a quick response by the teams and an equally quick resolution by targeting a known prolific offender with a penchant for Hondas. While targeting street level dealers, the PCU and CRTT arrested 11 alleged drug dealers for 12 counts of trafficking. The accused have a combined total of 198 convictions, 46 of which are drug related, 6 outstanding unrelated charges, and one who has been placed on the National High Risk Offender List.

In another investigation spanning the past 6 months, the CRTT and PCU targeted a property trafficking operation, seizing over \$750,000 in stolen property. The investigation revealed that the operation had significant ties to organized crime, and charges against members of the Hell's Angels may result. Of significance, is the positive effect the search warrants and arrests had on crime reduction as vehicle thefts, specifically Ford F350's, virtually dropped to zero for nearly a month afterwards.

Municipal Drug Unit

June saw the conviction of a West Kelowna man nearly seven years after he was arrested for trafficking 18 kilos of cocaine.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for full-time regular members according to the following chart. Please note that resource statistics for May and August 2012 were unavailable.

2012 Resources

May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
N/A	144.5 / 148	147.8 / 153	145.3 / 153

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**KELOWNA CITY DETACHMENT
MAYORS REPORT
May 1 to August 31, 2012**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	MAY - AUG 2010	MAY - AUG 2011	MAY - AUG 2012	% CHANGE 2011 AND 2012
All 3 Detachments	24,242	23,894	26,857	12.40%
KL3 & KL4	18,231	17,674	19,665	11.27%

OFFENCES (KL3 & KL4)	2010	2011	2012	% CHANGE
Homicides	1	1	1	0.00%
Robberies	67	45	35	-22.22%
Assaults	447	469	450	-4.05%
Sex Offences	24	34	16	-52.94%
Break & Enters	357	298	328	10.07%
Auto Theft	248	241	237	-1.67%
Theft over \$5,000	20	21	29	38.10%
Theft \$5,000 or under	438	416	483	16.11%
Drugs	290	328	321	-2.13%
Provincial Liquor Offences	1321	984	1020	3.66%
Impaired Driving	94	61	83	36.06%
24 Hr Driving Offences	202	8	36	350.00%
IRP - Fail / Refuse	N/A	199	93	53.27%
IRP - Warn	N/A	18	11	-38.90%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	673	563	589	4.62%
Fatal MV Accidents	2	4	2	-50.00%
911 False/Abandoned	251	624	1192	91.03%

Spousal Assaults	151	137	126	-8.03%
Domestic Disputes	247	235	191	-18.72%

PRISONERS LODGED (All 3 Detachments)	1203	1194	1053	11.81%
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Calls for service 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 in more than one category. (PRIME unloads 2012-09-17).