

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Kelowna RCMP Detachment

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Mayor and City Council
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July 21st, 2008

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - June 2008

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of June, 2008. The key statistical data for the most common criminal activities will not be available during this monthly/quarterly report due to statistical errors which have arisen as a result of our change in records management. The statistics generated would not be an accurate depiction of the actions taken by the Kelowna RCMP Detachment for the month of June, as well as for this first quarter. I will, however, provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) - Highlights

Members of the Kelowna Detachment's Downtown Enforcement Unit assisted the City Drug Section with the arrest of several individuals charged as a result of an under cover drug operation. They were also involved in operational plans that involved the Canyon Falls Park area and Cedar Creek Park.

DEU Statistics for the month of June (Total Number of Shifts - 91)			
116 Files	88 Arrests	15 Reports to Crown Counsel	173 Tickets Issued

Community Operations Support Unit (COSU) - Highlights

Victim Services

A volunteer with our Police Based Victim Services Program received a recognition award for Outstanding Volunteer in the Thompson/Okanagan at the annual Police Victim Services of British Columbia Training Symposium held June 6th and 7th in Richmond, BC. Cary Berger, program Supervisor, presented volunteer Hanni Gebauer with the award. This volunteer has been with the Victim Services Program for 10 years.

Auxiliary Program

We had 10 new recruits graduate from the Auxiliary class on June 14th, 2008. That brings the total of Auxiliary Constables with the Kelowna Detachment to "62". Three serving Auxiliary Constables were also presented with the Detachment Commander's Commendation for Outstanding Service during the month of June in relation to a stabbing incident on the Westside back in November 2007.

Traffic Services - Highlights for June 2008

# Tickets	Violations
935	Violation Tickets issued within the City of Kelowna
150	Notice & Orders (warnings or vehicle defects)

*Please note that as a result of our new records management system, the statistics for Municipal

Bylaw tickets are not readily available as they now generate a Police file when issued.

Central Okanagan Traffic Services continue to focus their enforcement in the high crash areas within the City of Kelowna.

Property Crime Section and Crime Reduction Team - June Highlights

During the month of June, members of the Property Crime Section combined efforts with members of the Crime Reduction Team (Target Team) to target a lone male operating a dial-a-dope business from his vehicle. As a result of this initiative, one male now faces charges of Prohibited Driving, Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking, and Possession of Proceeds of Crime.

Annual Performance Plan (APP) - First Quarter Report

1. Reduce illegal drug crime

-Members of the Kelowna RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (Target Team), as well the Downtown Enforcement Unit, have continued to focus attention on the prolific offenders involved in the trafficking of drugs and other drug-related crimes.

-The City Drug Section wrapped up their four day undercover project, entitled Project EPROTASIS, which saw 23 individuals charged with drug related offences (Trafficking). 22 of those individuals have to date been arrested on warrants relating to this project, most of which took place during the month of June. Some of these individuals were later charged with Breaching Bail Conditions already in place for previous criminal activities. All 23 individuals have criminal records, some of which are very extensive.

During this project, undercover Police Officers purchased crack cocaine from those Individuals charged. This initiative is one of many ongoing activities of the Drug Section in their efforts to curb the drug related activities in the city of Kelowna.

-The Drug section, with the assistance of the Downtown Enforcement Unit and Target Team, will continue with their efforts to control the open trafficking of drugs in this City, and particularly in the downtown core.

2. Increase awareness of organized crime

-The Kelowna RCMP continues to utilize our Crime Analyst to assist members in keeping up-to-date on those individuals linked to organized crime. The Crime Analyst has the capabilities of streamlining information gained through intelligence gathering and presenting it to the Officers in an accessible format.

3. Reduce violent crime against persons

-The Kelowna RCMP, through the media relations Officer, continue to deliver public safety reminders. Advisories and safety messages are regularly conveyed to the Public with respect to acts of violence brought to the attention of Police.

-The Kelowna RCMP continue to be very active participants in the Entertainment District Enforcement Committee. There has been several initiatives put in place to deal with the "Bar Flush" in the Entertainment District. There is hope that these efforts will help to reduce the violent crime associated to downtown nightlife activities.

4. Contribute to safer youth

-The School Liaison Program wrapped up another successful school year. The School Liaison Officers provided a strong presence in the various schools and attended various school functions throughout the year.

-The D.A.R.E. program was presented to several Elementary Schools at the Kindergarten and Grade 5 level. Project Hope, a drug prevention initiative, continued at the Middle School level.

- Members of the Kelowna RCMP regularly participate in a variety of educational forums by speaking about safety related topics.
5. Reduce community crime levels (property and persons)
-The "Target Team" continues to focus their attention on prolific offenders of both drug and/or property crimes.
- The Kelowna RCMP Property Crime Section regularly combines forces with the Target Team to conduct enforcement and surveillance on criminals involved with property crimes.
- A members of the Kelowna Detachment "Target Team" received honorable mention for Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers "crime stopper of the year" at the BC Crime Stoppers training symposium in May.
6. Increase Police visibility
-The Downtown Enforcement Unit continues to provide a presence in the downtown core. Their efforts are focused on decreasing the visible drug activities and providing a safe place for citizens to enjoy.
- Members of the Kelowna RCMP continue to participate in numerous community events. During the past quarter, local Police attended several events in red serge.
- Kelowna RCMP Officers are focusing on making their presence known in the local nightclub scene. They are actively enforcing the laws under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act and charging where appropriate.
- Members of Central Okanagan Traffic Services continue to focus on high crash areas within the City of Kelowna in an attempt to deter drivers from driving aggressively.
- The RCMP Patrol boat has been out on Okanagan Lake during the past couple of months encouraging boating safety and providing a police presence on the water.
7. Increase the sense of public safety and security in the community
-The Community Operations Support Unit continue to provide valuable information and assistance to both business and community groups. They also provide training to the numerous volunteers so that they also can assist the public by way of education.

General Information:

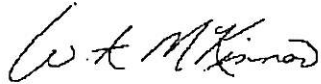
The Entertainment District Enforcement Committee has introduced a Kelowna City Planner to the team. Signs indicating "Taxi parking only" were erected in the downtown area in efforts to help alleviate the pressures associated to the Bar Flush. Presentations to all Watches were completed which included information about Licensed Premise Checks, and as a result there has been an increase in the number of Liquor Control and Licensing Act contraventions being identified at the local liquor establishments.

Through the local media outlets, the Kelowna RCMP Detachment has attempted to educate the community about the role of Police with respect to the issue of "boat noise". Cpl Gerry Guilteneane, who coordinates/operates our local RCMP Patrol Boat, provided a brief presentation to the local media about the applicable laws and enforcement options available. Cpl Guilteneane has graciously agreed to attend here today to present his information to Mayor Shepherd and Council. Gavin Brown, the Senior Marine Safety Inspector from Transport Canada, is also present to answer any questions in relation to technical issues on behalf of Transport Canada.

Colleen Cornock, the Mission Community Policing Coordinator and Graffiti Eradication Coordinator is present today to discuss the issue of graffiti in our community.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **130.6** out of a maximum of **141** full-time regular members for the month of May, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.A. McKinnon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and "M".

W.A. McKinnon
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Officer in Charge
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