



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** THURSDAY, 2015 AUGUST 13  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, 2015 May 14**

An 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, 2015 May 14 at 6:00 PM.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair  
 Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair  
 Councillor Anne Kang, Member  
 Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade  
 Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society  
 Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative  
 Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair, District #2 – Burnaby Mountain  
 Ms. Lindy McQueen, Chair, District #3 – Southeast  
 Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, District #4 – Southwest

**ABSENT:** Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee  
 Ms. Emma Lee, Citizens' Representative  
 Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Dan De Santis, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood

**STAFF:** Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP  
 S/Sgt Major John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP  
 Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP  
 Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planner, RCMP  
 Const. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP  
 Mr. Lambert Chu, Deputy City Manager  
 Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator  
 Ms. Margaret Manifold, Social Planner  
 Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the 'Open' meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Councillor Calendino introduced Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator for the City of Burnaby.

Chief Supt. Critchley introduced three new RCMP members – Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planner, and Const. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### a) **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2015 March 12**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting held on 2015 March 12 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

### a) **Steve Elson, Police Coordinator Re: Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Speaker: Steve Elson**

Mr. Steve Elson, Police Coordinator, Crime Stoppers appeared before the Committee to provide information on Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. Mr. Elson noted that Crime Stoppers is an independent, non-profit society and registered charity managed by a civilian Board of Directors working in partnership with the police, the media and local citizens. Crime Stoppers operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crime Stoppers call centre (Tip Line) is located in Ontario, and they also have a translation service (115 languages). There are currently 30 member programs of BC Crime Stoppers (an umbrella organization for individual community-based Crime Stoppers programs in the Province). Last year, BC Crime Stoppers received over 4,000 tips.

The speaker noted that Crime Stoppers is a vehicle that allows citizens to *anonymously* supply the police with information about a crime or potential crime of which they have knowledge without fear of reprisal. Crime Stoppers provides a cash reward up to \$2,000 upon an arrest and charge for a tip.

*\*\*Councillor McDonell retired from the meeting at 6:34 p.m.\*\**

*\*\*Councillor McDonell returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and took his place at the Committee table.\*\**

Ms. McQueen inquired how an individual can claim a reward.

Mr. Elson noted that in order to claim a reward, the person receives a code (i.e. ABC123) and have 60 days to respond to Crime Stoppers.

Mr. McLean inquired regarding Crime Stoppers funding.

It was noted that 60% of funding is received from the government and 40% is obtained through fundraising (i.e. golf tournaments) and private donations.

Mr. Pereira inquired regarding statistics across Canada.

Mr. Elson noted that Crime Stoppers is third best program in North America.

Councillor McDonell inquired about different divisions of Crime Stoppers in BC.

The speaker noted there are 30 member programs in BC, i.e. Kamloops, Central Okanagan, Prince George, Williams Lake, etc., governed by BC Board of Directors. Metro Vancouver program is the largest and receives about 60% of the tips.

The Chair thanked Mr. Elson for very informative presentation.

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. HOLDEN:

SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN:

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### a) **Correspondence from Cathryn Palmer, President CAPG** **Re: Canadian Association of Police Governance**

*\*\*Councillor Kang retired from the meeting at 6:44 p.m.\*\**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Cathryn Palmer, President of Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) providing information on the CAPG. It was noted that CAPG was founded in 1989 and now represents over 75% of municipal police services in Canada. Ms. Palmer invited Burnaby RCMP to consider becoming a member of the CAPG.

## 5. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE:

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from Director Planning & Building and OIC, Burnaby  
RCMP  
Re: Public Safety Committee 2015 Workplan**

The Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP submitted a report providing an update on implementation of the Public Safety Committee's 2014 Workplan, and proposing a Workplan for 2015.

The Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to endorse its proposed 2015 Workplan, attached as Appendix 1.

*\*\*Councillor Kang returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and took her place at the Committee table.\*\**

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that the Appendix 1 – Action #3 – be revised to read as follows:

- a. Request updates on the implementation of the RCMP's Mental Health Intervention Program and identify possible gaps in service for people experiencing mental illness and report them to Fraser Health for action.
- b. Work towards reducing policing costs related to mental health calls for service.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE:

THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Supt. Critchley advised that RCMP, together with City staff, working on the updated website for Business Watch. The following information and links will be

available in the future – crime maps, workshops, crime alerts, public safety partners, tips and resources and contact us.

The Committee inquired how the information regarding a new website will be conveyed to businesses.

Chief Supt. Critchley suggested mail out, attach information when applying for business license, use media (print and TV) and social media, and press release.

Mr. Holden noted that Burnaby Board of Trade is hosting Business Showcase and Expo on Thursday, 2015 May 21 and suggested RCMP have a booth at the event.

RCMP undertook to investigate the feasibility to have static displays at the event with information about the upcoming Business Watch website.

## 6. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### a) **District #1**

There were no submissions for District #1.

### b) **District #2**

Ms. Oraziatti, Chair noted that the District #2 encourages youth participation. North Burnaby Secondary School established "Crime Prevention Club" and Burnaby Mountain Secondary School started "Graffiti Busters Club".

The Chair noted that some volunteers questioned changes in the Crime Watch Program, and inquired clarification.

Chief Supt. Critchley noted that work is underway on the mandate/terms of references in order to be consistent with RCMP policies and procedures. The main reason behind the changes is to ensure safety of all volunteers.

Councillor Calendino requested staff meet with members to convey the information about these changes.

Staff undertook to provide the necessary information to all members.

**c) District #3**

Ms. McQueen, Chair advised that Edmonds Spring Clean Sweep on May 02 was successful, with 52 people in attendance. It was noted Ms. Wipf and Const. Murphy assisted with graffiti removal.

The speaker noted that District #2 will be participating at the Edmonds Bike Fair on June 05 at the Edmonds Community School.

**d) District #4**

Mr. Gates, Chair noted that Speed Watch volunteers are looking forward to meet with new officer in charge of traffic safety.

The speaker noted rise of theft from autos and a \$10,000 theft of construction tools left on Anthem Properties.

It was noted that the ICBC focus for May 2015 is high speed offences. May 15 will highlight this activity with a traffic blitz conducted from Mission to Vancouver.

Ms. Gates inquired regarding the Citizen Complaint Forms at the City Hall.

Staff noted that the Citizen Complaint Forms are available at the City Hall or people can contact the City through the website.

**e) Graffiti**

Ms. Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator advised that the Anti-Graffiti Program was developed by the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti in 2007. The program consists of four main elements – eradication, education, prevention and identification and deterrence.

The speaker noted that development of Graffiti Busters Program (with cooperation of Burnaby Mountain Secondary students and Burnaby North Road BIA). This is a pilot program where student volunteers are being educated about graffiti and will be doing graffiti removal. In the fall, these students will go to their feeder elementary schools to educate the Grades 6 and 7 classes. The goal is to expand this program to all secondary schools in Burnaby.

Ms. Wipf advised regarding development of the Lower Mainland Enforcement Team which consists of police officers and municipal staff in Metro Vancouver area. This enforcement team will be targeting prolific graffiti vandals.



It was noted that the City's Anti-Graffiti Program continues with ongoing community paint outs, bylaw enforcement, responding to complaints and monitoring neighbourhoods with mapping out problem areas.

**f) RCMP**

Chief Supt. Critchley noted recent escalation of violence and shooting in Surrey and Delta. It was noted that Burnaby RCMP members targeted individuals at the street level drug trade, and as a result, an arrest was made with attempted murder charges pending.

The speaker noted that a number of investigations are underway regarding member involved shooting, and advised that member acted according to a policy; however, further details cannot be released.

Chief Superintendent noted that in the first four months of 2015, the number of crime types in the community significantly decreased. The most significant drop was in theft from auto in District #3 by 38% and auto theft by 18%. A number of robberies also decreased.

It was noted that the detachment is experiencing challenges in the break and enter to residencies, due to warmer weather and longer daylight hours.

S/Sgt Major Buis advised that 2015 August 15 marks 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Burnaby RCMP. There will be a number of activities planned, i.e. barbeque at the City Hall, displays at the Burnaby Village Museum, regimental dinner, etc.).

Chief Supt. Critchley noted that a new Media Relations Officer will start in June.

Chief Superintendent also noted that a report on Cell Watch and Speed Watch Programs will be submitted at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

*\*\*Ms. Dawson retired from the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and did not return.\*\**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

**8. INQUIRIES**

**Stephen McLean**

Mr. McLean inquired regarding a violent incident on Bryant Street, where his neighbour's 16 year old son was hit over the head with a pipe, injured and robbed.

Chief Superintendent advised he is aware of the incident; however, does not know more details, and also cannot comment on the case. The speaker also noted that he believes this is an isolated incident.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Pietro Calendino  
CHAIR



MAY 14 2015

SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE  
 City Manager  
 Dir. Planning & Building  
 Public Safety Committee ✓

His Worship Derek Corrigan  
 Mayor of the City of Burnaby  
 4949 Canada Way  
 Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Corrigan:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2015, regarding the report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction, "Getting Serious About Crime Reduction". I appreciate Burnaby Council, and its Public Safety Committee, endorsing the report and providing detailed comments on each of its specific recommendations for our consideration.

The recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel are complex, broad in scope and require further consultation with other ministries and key stakeholders. While this is underway, and in addition to the existing programs and strategies that are already targeting many of the challenges identified to the Blue Ribbon Panel through the stakeholder consultation process, Ministry staff will continue to consider new opportunities to action the recommendations from the report that fall within the Ministry of Justice.

With regard to your comments regarding addictions treatment and mental health services, I am forwarding your correspondence to my colleague, the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health, for his consideration.

I look forward to future opportunities for the Ministry of Justice to work with local government and community stakeholders to further develop collaborative approaches to the public safety needs of all British Columbians.

Yours very truly,

Suzanne Anton QC  
 Attorney General  
 Minister of Justice

pc: Honourable Terry Lake

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**City of Burnaby**

**District #3 Community Policing Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Summary**

**April 22, 2015**

An open meeting of the District 3 CPAC was held at Community Police Office, 7191 Arcola Way, Burnaby, B.C. on April 22, 2015, at 4:30 pm.

**Old Business/Upcoming Events:**

EPIC Edmonds Spring Clean Sweep – May 2 – 30 people confirmed to attend. Those that attend could assist Kathy Wipf with graffiti removal.

Edmonds Bike Fair – June 5 – at Edmonds Community School starting at 4:00 pm. Discussed attending and promoting bike safety tips. Would look into obtaining reflectors.

July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at Edmonds Park – members expressed an interest in attending and CPAC members took on the role of ordering supplies and manning the booth doing removable tattoos; hand out small flags, etc.

**ComSafe Committee Update:**

No update at this time. Lindy McQueen inquired if some other member would like to take on this role.

**Police Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cpl. Neil Body:

- Types of crimes vary between average and below average in occurrence.

**CPO Volunteer Report:** Speaker John Neilsen

- Cell Watch, Crime Prevention Notices, Community Hours were carried out in April.

**Community Reports:**

- A dog lost for several weeks was found on a neighbour's porch and successfully returned to owner.
- A member reported a large growth of homeless in the area and is currently working to remind them that they need to be respectful and continue to follow the law.
- A member reported that by a natural park there appears to be some drug dealing.
- A member reported an increase in graffiti in their area
- A member reported that an aggressive panhandler in the Highgate Mall area has been reported
- A member reported the growing pedestrian danger at the intersection of Imperial and Walker during school times
- An unsightly premises was reported

**New Business:**

Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be held at our May, 205 meeting. Nominations can be made at that time.

Two guests indicated that they wish to join CPAC D3 and will do so at our May, 205 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm

Drafted by Lindy McQueen – District 3 CPAC Chair

**City of Burnaby****District #3 Community Policing Advisory Committee****Meeting Summary****May 27, 2015**

An open meeting of the District 3 CPAC was held at Community Police Office, 7191 Arcola Way, Burnaby, B.C. on May 27, 2015, at 4:30 pm.

**Old Business/Upcoming Events:**

EPIC Edmonds Spring Clean Sweep – May 2 – 54 people attended including 15-18 youths from Byrne Creek Secondary School learned how to removed graffiti and cleaned up along Edmonds/Kingsway corridor. BBQ was well attended.

Edmonds Bike Fair – June 5 – at Edmonds Community School starting at 4:00 pm. We discussed attending and promoting bike safety tips along with looking into obtaining reflectors for handing out.

July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at Edmonds Park – members expressed an interest in attending and CPAC members took on the role of ordering supplies and manning the booth doing removable tattoos; hand out small flags, etc.

**ComSafe Committee Update:**

Lindy McQueen stepped down from this Committee and Tazul Ali has taking on this role as the new Committee member from CPAC D3.

**Police Report:** Cpl. Neil Body:

- No report.

**CPO Volunteer Report:** Speaker John Neilsen

- No numbers available at this time. A few volunteers are leaving the team. Speed Watch will have at least one weekly deployment. Cell Watch is changing from foot patrols to other methods that are generating better results.

**Community Reports:**

- A house on Morley Drive that has been mentioned before as a problem house is going to be torn down.
- A member reported that the problem of large unleashed dogs at St. Thomas More has not stopped.
- A member reported that two homes in their area look to be empty and neglected have been the centre for suspicious activity.
- A member reported an increase in graffiti in their area
- A member reported suspected drug dealing in their neighbourhood.

**New Business:**

Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were held and:

Chair – Lindy McQueen

Vice-Chair – Susan Silveira

Secretary – Jared Mah

and were confirmed by unanimous vote.

Two new members were voted on and received with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm

Drafted by Lindy McQueen – District 3 CPAC Chair

**City of Burnaby****District #3 Community Policing Advisory Committee****Meeting Summary****June 24, 2015**

An open meeting of the District 3 CPAC was held at Community Police Office, 7191 Arcola Way, Burnaby, B.C. on June 24, 2015, at 4:30 pm.

**Old Business/Upcoming Events:**

Edmonds Bike Fair – June 5 – at Edmonds Community School starting at 4:00 pm. Huge turnout. Obstacle course that CPAC D3 manned was a bit tricky for the younger bikers, but we made sure all made it through the courses without incident and all had a good time.

July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at Edmonds Park – members expressed an interest in attending and CPAC members took on the role of ordering supplies and manning the booth doing removable tattoos; hand out small flags, etc.

**ComSafe Committee Update:** Tazul Ali

Meeting was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the article in Info Burnaby will be coming out on July 27 and will feature Bike Safety. There was discussion about youth communicating with youth. Proposition that students could possibly attend the meetings in the future.

**Police Report:** Cpl. Neil Body was away therefore Cpl. Scott Bressette attended:

- No report.

**CPO Volunteer Report:**

No report.

**Community Reports:**

- A member reported an incident to 911 and did not receive a good response to his concerns.
- A member reported an issue about a stolen car and issue is yet to be resolved.

**New Business:**

A new member was voted on and received by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm

Drafted by Lindy McQueen – District 3 CPAC Chair





May/June 2015



June 3, the Burnaby RCMP marked the 48th anniversary of the tragic death of 19-year-old Cst. Terry Tomfohr, who died while on-duty at Burnaby just three weeks into his career.

Each year, members, employees, volunteers and guests commemorate this anniversary with a service at the memorial cairn and flag poles at the Burnaby detachment to honour our fallen colleague.

## Burnaby RCMP Community Police Report “Partners for a Safe Community”



## Message from the Chief



On behalf of the members, staff and volunteers of the Burnaby RCMP Detachment, I am very pleased to present our Public Safety Committee Report for May and June.

This report is a snapshot of the work undertaken by our Detachment team, in partnership with numerous stakeholders and the citizens of our community, to keep our city safe and secure.

As we enter into the summer season, Burnaby plays host to

many wonderful community events and festivals. These events offer our members and municipal staff the opportunity to engage with the public in an informal setting. There are so many events in which our members participate including student graduation ceremonies throughout May and in June at the unofficial kick-off to summer—Burnaby's Hats Off Day. Attendance at these events are often voluntary, which makes me extremely proud of the commitment shown by our officers on a regular basis.



We are half way through the year now, and Burnaby's crime reduction initiatives continue to provide positive dividends with crime rates showing a steady decline compared to last year. Of the eight crimes we monitor as part of our monthly CompStat, just two showed an increase at the end of June—residential break-ins at 2 per cent and other break ins at 28 per cent. These include detached garages, construction sites and vacant properties. The rise in this type of break-in while unacceptable, isn't surprising given the warmer weather when people may accidentally leave garage doors open or leave valuables outside. We provided the public with Top Five Tips to reduce summer break and enters in May when these kind of break-ins tend to occur over the summer.

While we are seeing a drop in some crime, there are areas where theft from autos remain a concern particularly in District 1 and District 2. District 1 is showing a 46 percent jump and District 2, a 14 percent increase. Residential break-ins have increased by 17 per cent in District 4 and business break ins are rising in District 3, up by 13 per cent, which is above the three year average.

As always, through the work of the Community Response Team, Strike Force and the Prolific Offender Suppression Team we continue to monitor the few who are responsible for the majority of these crimes.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. The weather has been spectacular.

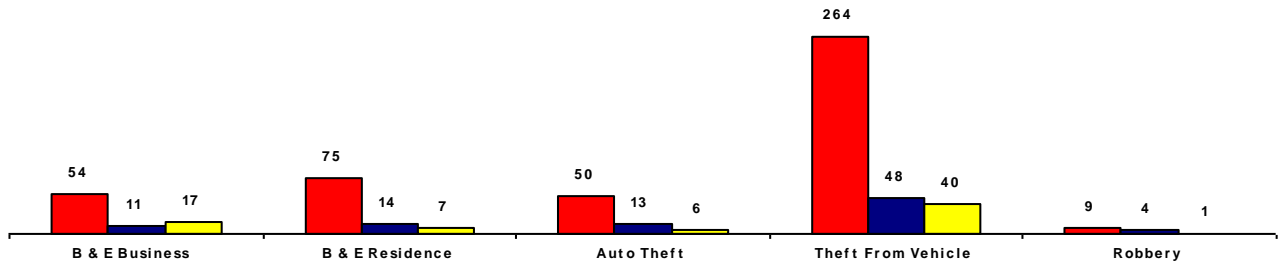
*For information about our Annual Performance Plan, Crime Reduction Strategy, programs and services, current events and contact details, please visit our website at [burnaby.rcmp.ca](http://burnaby.rcmp.ca).*

*D.T. (Dave) Critchley, Chief Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment*

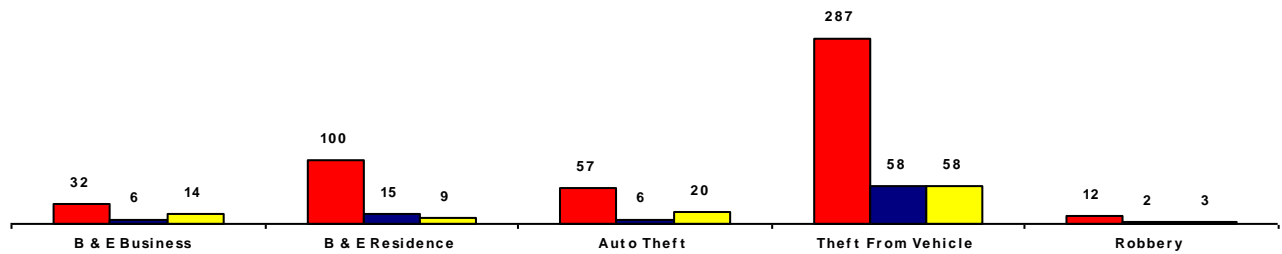
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Crime Reduction  
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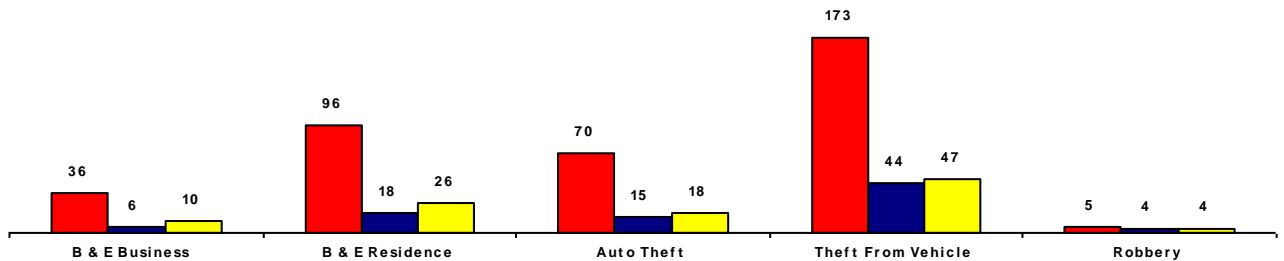
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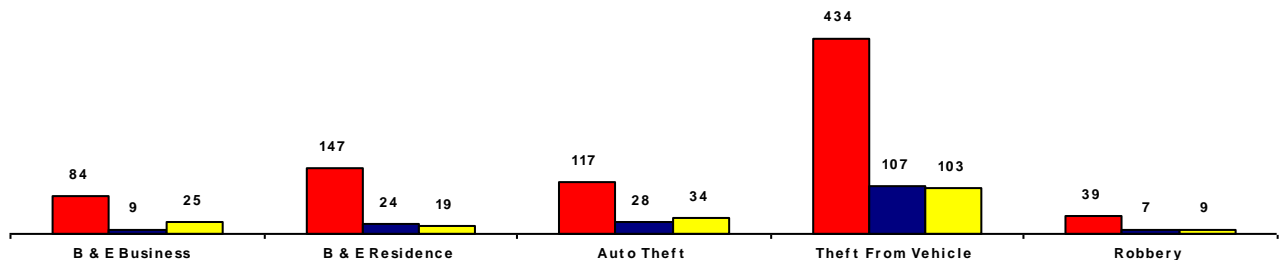
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**D3 Monitored Crime Types (Year to Date)**

■ 2015(YTD) ■ May-15 ■ May-14

**D4 Monitored Crime Types (Year to Date)**

■ YTD 2015 ■ May-15 ■ May-14



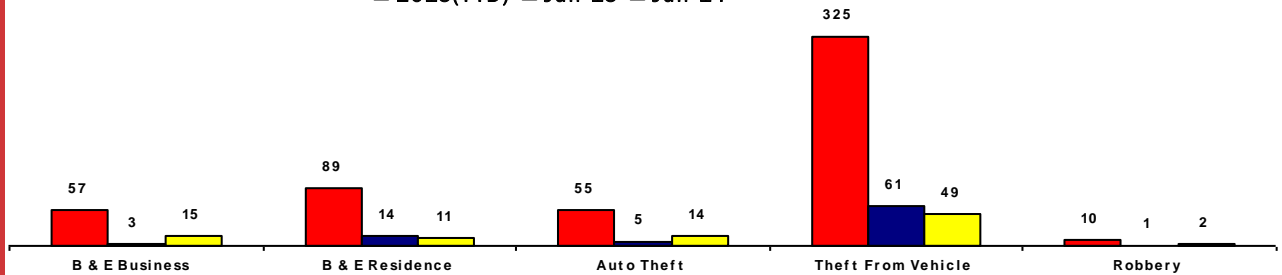




## Crime Reduction Stats

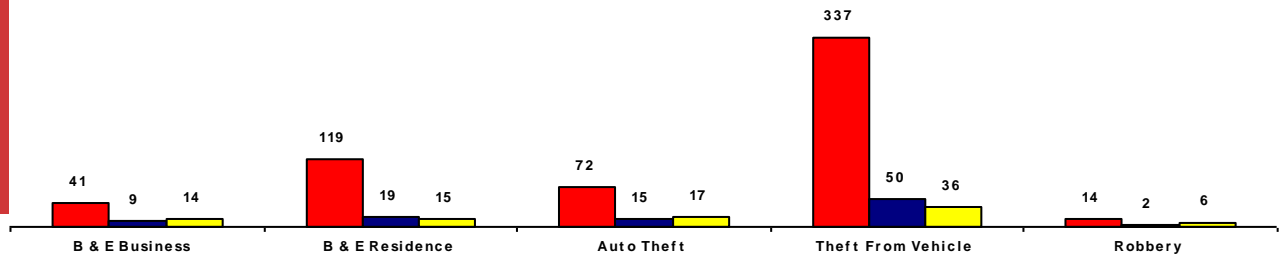
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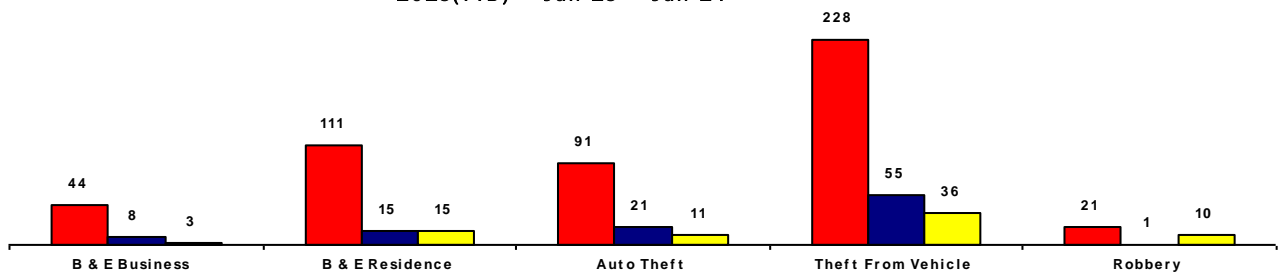
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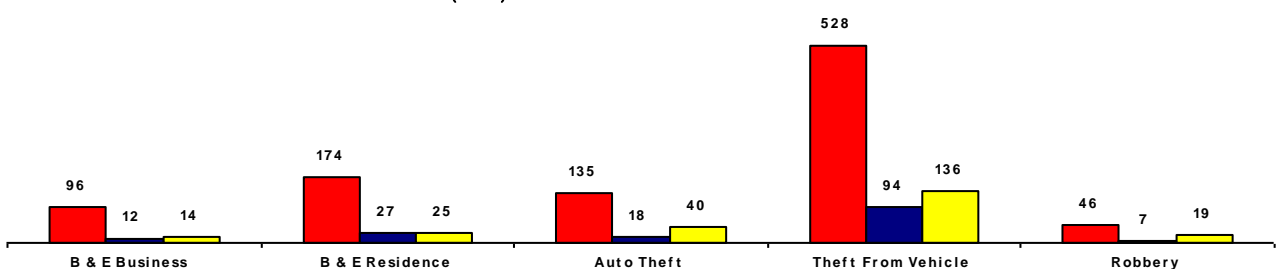
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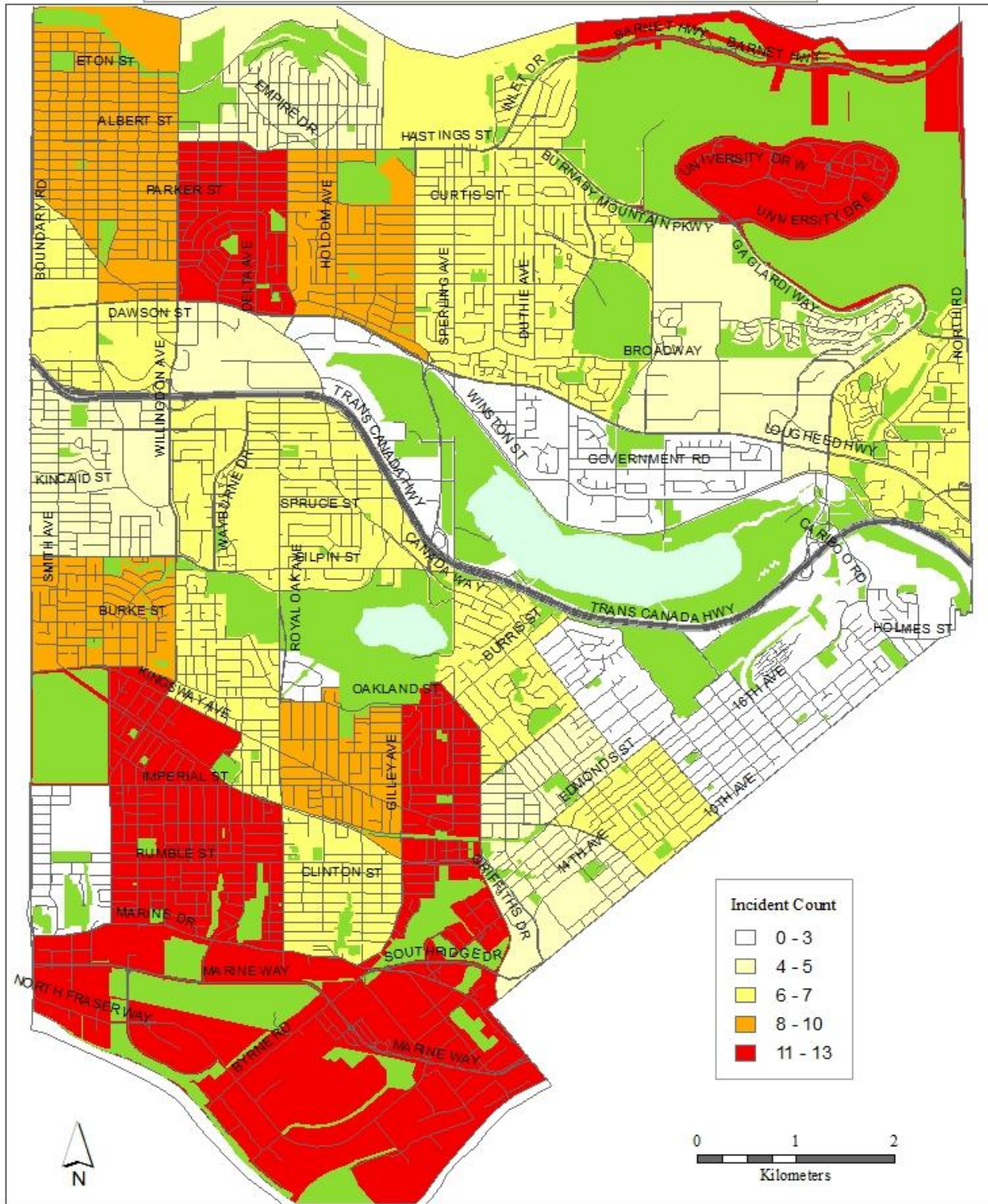
### D4 Monitored Crime Types (Year to Date)

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Crime Density Map

Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- May & June 2015

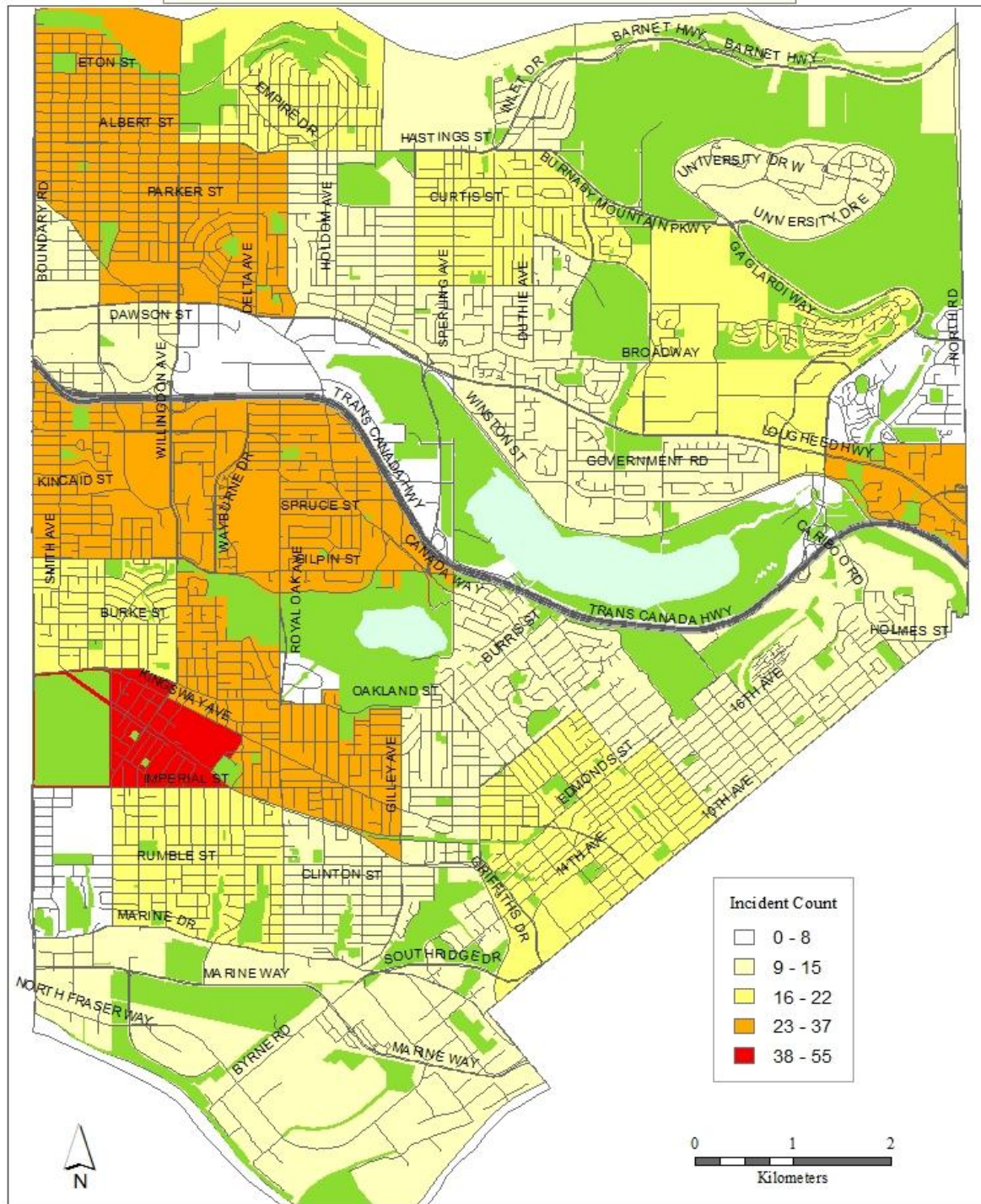






## Crime Density Map

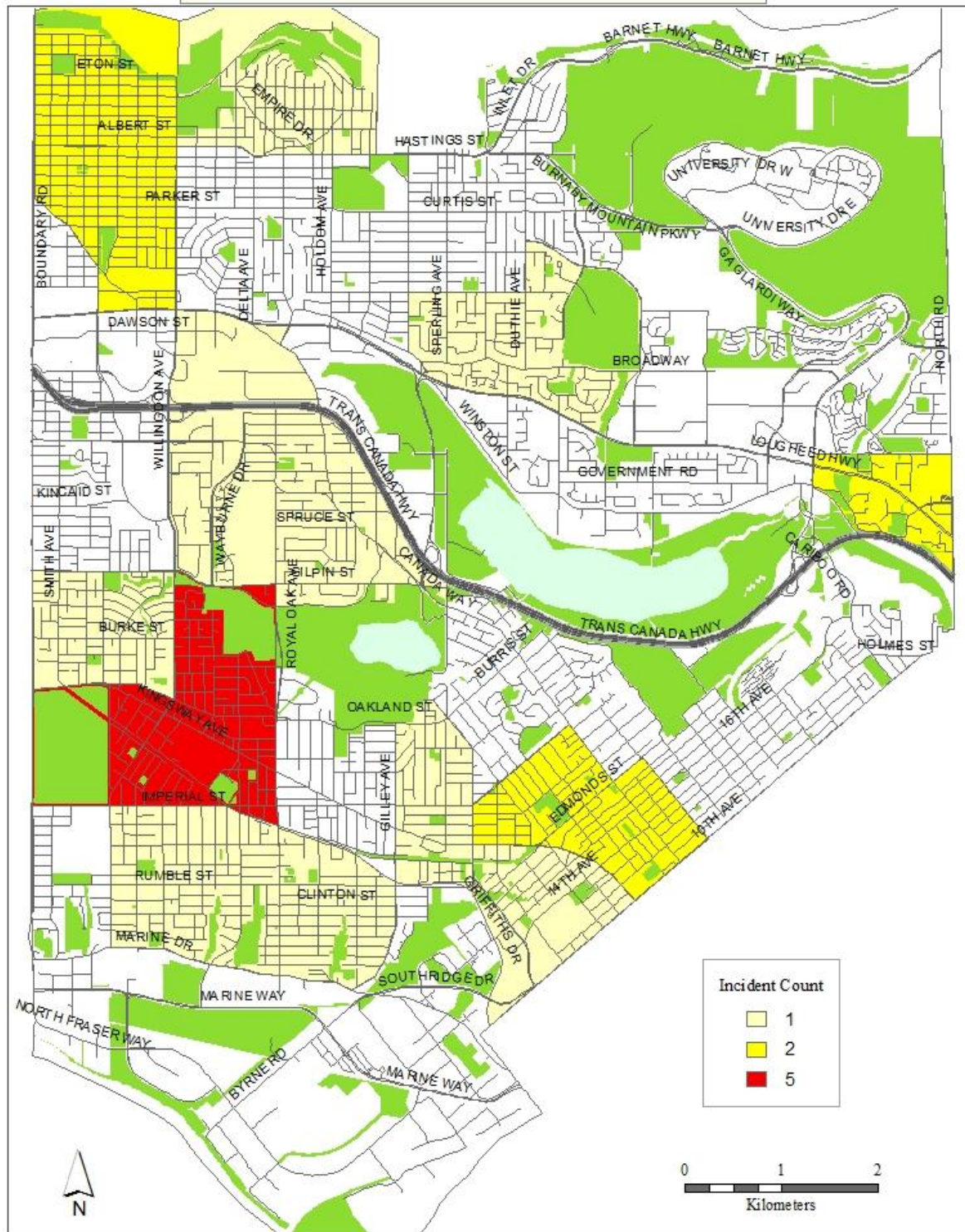
Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- May & June 2015





## Crime Density Map

**Robbery by Neighbourhood -- May & June 2015**





# Major Investigations

**Burnaby Detachment** members respond on average to over 170 calls for service per day. Many involve extensive investigations over a long period of time and often require detailed witness interviews, undercover operations and lengthy court preparation. As such, major files are turned over to our plainclothes units, usually after first response by General Duty.

## **Prolific offender arrested in the act**

In June, members of the Burnaby RCMP Strike Force arrested a man believed to be involved in a series of break and enters in South Burnaby over a two-month period. A thorough investigation of these break and enters led to the identification of a person of interest. On June 4th, Burnaby RCMP Strike Force arrested, a 38-year-old Burnaby man as he was observed allegedly breaking into a residence on Marine Drive. When arrested, this man was found in possession of jewelry, a laptop and other property suspected to be stolen.

The arrest had a significant impact in reducing the number of break and enters in South Burnaby and the ability of Strike Force to focus on such targets continues to make a substantial difference to Burnaby citizens. It also results in reduced calls for service.

A 38-year-old Burnaby man is facing charges of break and enter.



**Burnaby's High Risk Offender Unit** identified and arrested a suspect who had committed two offences involving the same female victim. The woman reported that on two separate occasions a man exposed himself as she walked past him in the area of Holdom Avenue and Lougheed Highway. Taking information from the victim, investigators reviewed police files and the suspect was successfully located in the same area and promptly arrested. Police credit the victim with contacting police and providing specific details, which resulted in the identification and ultimate arrest of this individual.

**Investigative Support Services** arrested a 32-year-old male in connection with the sexual assault of a Burnaby woman. The pair were briefly known to each other. The suspect fled and all efforts to locate him were negative. A few months later, the North Vancouver RCMP reported a similar offence committed by the same suspect. The male suspect was finally located on Vancouver Island with investigators from Burnaby and Victoria City Police arresting him. He has since pleaded guilty, due in part to the DNA evidence collected at the scene of these crimes.



**The Community Response Teams (CRT)** are the face of Community Operations in Burnaby. The mandate of the CRT is to target specific neighbourhood and community problems such as problem properties, repeat calls for service, social chronic offenders and crime hot spot problems in Burnaby with the goal of enhancing public safety and reducing calls for service



### Problem Residences

A problem property in North Burnaby received special attention from Community Response Team members during May and June. The home and its occupants were generating a significant number of calls for service with police responding frequently to the area. There were also concerns about public safety and the structural integrity of the building. The Burnaby RCMP are working with the City of Burnaby to ensure the property is safe and that the owner is addressing safety issues. The RCMP and the City will also work with the landlord to ensure tenants do not continue to have a negative impact on the surrounding community.



A very happy return! Burnaby RCMP reunited an Australian tourist with his valuable mountain bike which was stolen shortly after he arrived in Canada for an extended biking holiday. Pictured above, Cst. Toby Rompf of CRT and Media Relations officer Cpl. Daniela Panesar talk to a very pleased Andrew Cameron outside the detachment in June after officers returned his bike. Two people, a Burnaby man and women have been charged in connection with the incident.

### Burnaby Bike Patrols

Summer is here and the bike patrol is back in action. Bike patrol members will be patrolling high crime areas as well as areas such as parks not easily accessible by car. Bike patrols are an effective crime tool as unsuspecting criminals are usually on the look-out for police cars. Patrolling on bicycles also gives members a chance to stop and interact with Burnaby citizens in a more casual way.

Traffic Section is responsible for investigating major traffic related files such as pedestrian/vehicle collisions, serious collisions and fatalities. Road safety is one of Burnaby's top policing priorities and traffic services make every effort to ensure safe streets for Burnaby.

### **Ticketing with a twist**

Officer-in-Charge Dave Critchley put his own stamp on public engagement when he decided it was time to thank Burnaby motorists for driving safely much to the delight of those community members. He handed over a personalized thank-you and a pin.



### **A great catch**

While conducting speed enforcement in 30 km playground zones after receiving public complaints, the Burnaby Traffic Section pulled over a speeding driver using an Ontario driver's licence which turned out to be invalid. Further checks found he was prohibited from driving indefinitely in British Columbia. While the driver was being arrested, the officer smelled liquor on his breath and conducted a roadside impaired driving test, which the driver failed. He was issued a 90-day driving prohibition, ticketed for speeding in a playground zone and presented a court date for driving while prohibited.

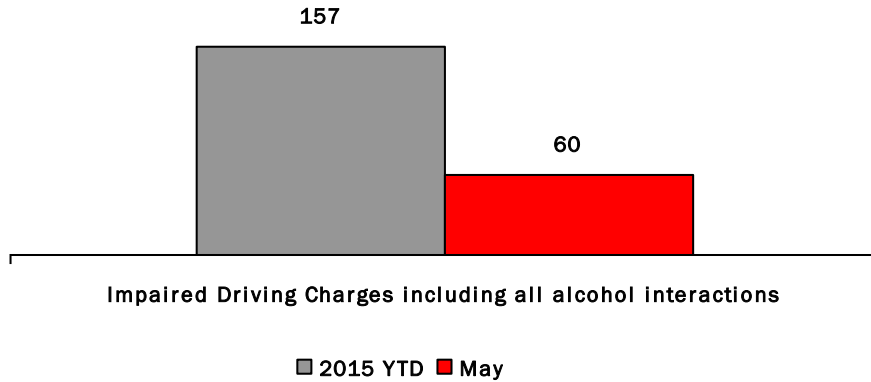
**Enforcement:** Responding to public complaints about large crowds of people with performance vehicles attending the Market Crossing on Thursday nights, the Burnaby Traffic Section and its partners—Burnaby Crime Reduction Unit, Greater Vancouver Integrated Road Safety Unit, Canadian Pacific Railway Police and the Canadian National Railway Police—have been conducting proactive enforcement in the area. While many motorists use the event to share information about their vehicles, some of the drivers have been involved in racing and stunting. Because of the growing crowds, patrons attending the Market Crossing to shop have sometimes felt intimidated by the activity. By conducting check stops at all entrance locations and issuing violation tickets when appropriate, we have diminished the crowds to a more manageable level.

**Community engagement:** On June 27, Burnaby Traffic Section conducted a motorcycle obstacle course allowing the general public to attend and test their driving skills. No other detachment or police department has presented this option to the general public before. It was a great opportunity for riders and the police officers to interact in a positive way by discussing motorcycle safety. A raffle draw was done, where a rider received \$1,000 worth of safety equipment. The day was a success and plans are in the works for next year.

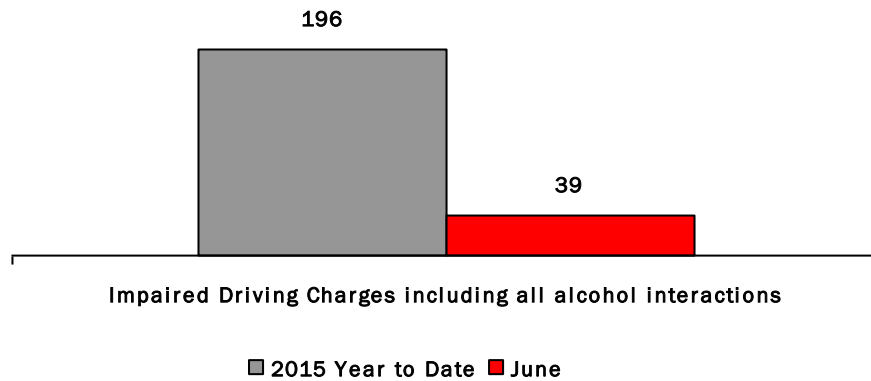


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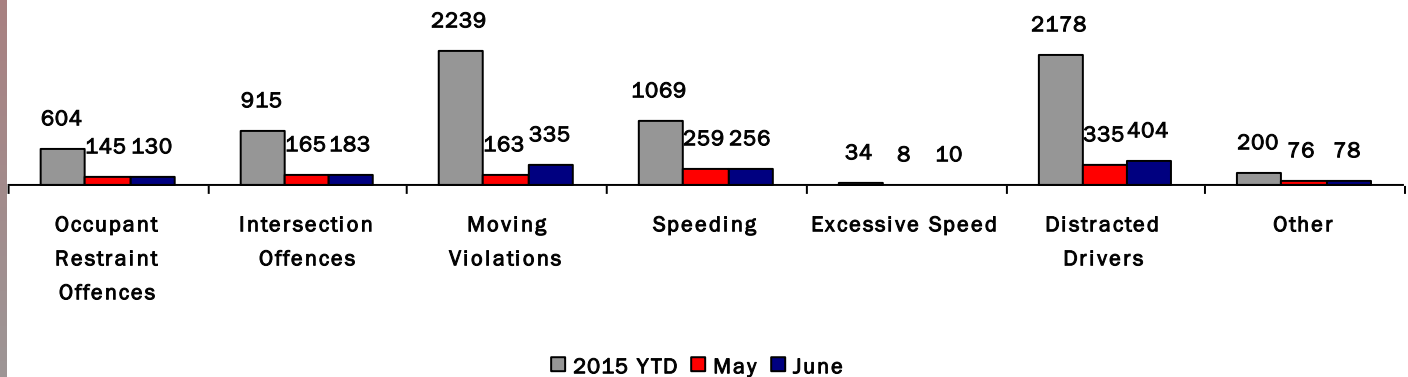
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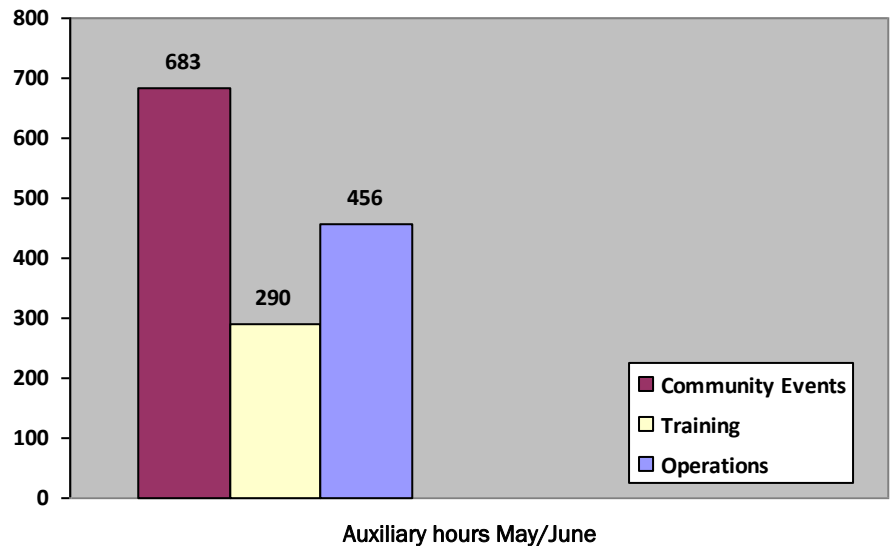




**Crime Prevention Unit** provides support to members of our community through information sessions, the Auxiliary Constable Section, Block Watch, Crime Free Multi Housing and Youth Services. Their invaluable support relies on the efforts of volunteers and staff throughout the city. A full description of the services they provide can be found at [www.burnaby.rcmp.ca](http://www.burnaby.rcmp.ca)

### Auxiliary Constable Program

May/June highlights include attendance at the Hats Off Day. A total of 25 Auxiliary Constables attended the event along with regular members to ensure it was a great success. Hats Off is the unofficial kick-off to many summer events in Burnaby and assistance from the auxiliary team is an integral part of the planning and organization of this and other events.



### Victim Services

Victim Services has welcomed a new auxiliary employee, Geeta Badesha who will be providing after hours crisis counselling. A number of high profile incidents has kept Victim Services busy including a partnership with the school district to provide support following a critical incident. Victim Services team members also attended the Police Victim Services of B.C. conference where they heard speakers from Air India and 9/11 talk about the long term effects of trauma on communities.

In June, a new electronic filing system, the Victim Services Information System (VSIS) was created and implemented by RCMP E-Division. It offers a more efficient and reliable way to create, manage and retrieve files and comes with standard operating procedures that bring consistency to the process.

**School Liaison and Youth Section** School liaison members attended all of Burnaby's secondary school dinners, dances and graduations this year with each event a positive and fun experience for the students and members alike. School may be out for students, but the Burnaby School Liaison / Youth Section members are helping out in other areas including the Prolific Offender Suppression Team and Community Response Teams.



These busy Summer months keep Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) staff quite active with community outreach and education work. With assistance from dedicated Auxiliary Constable volunteers, crime prevention staff participated in several major community events including Fiji Fest, Hats Off Day and European Fest. Here staff engage with members of our community, providing security and personal safety information.



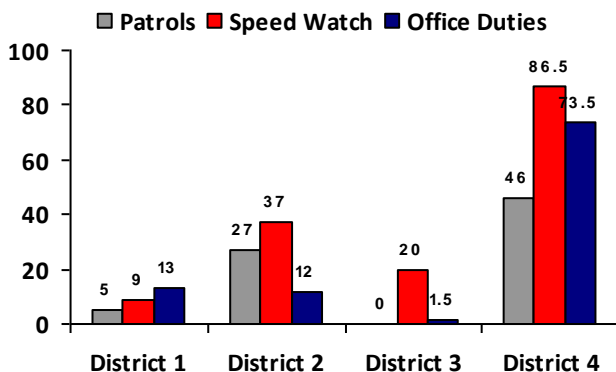
June was busy with various personal safety presentations, reaching out in particular to recent immigrant populations through a partnership with different language and immigrant service agencies in Burnaby. Well over a hundred attendees learned about policing in Canada and domestic violence laws in seven such workshops.

**The Burnaby RCMP Blockwatch** program arms Burnaby residents with the knowledge and information to work together to combat crime and nuisance behaviour in their neighbourhoods. In July, crime prevention staff provided training to 33 Block Captains and Co-Captains. Feedback from the one night workshop training was outstandingly positive.

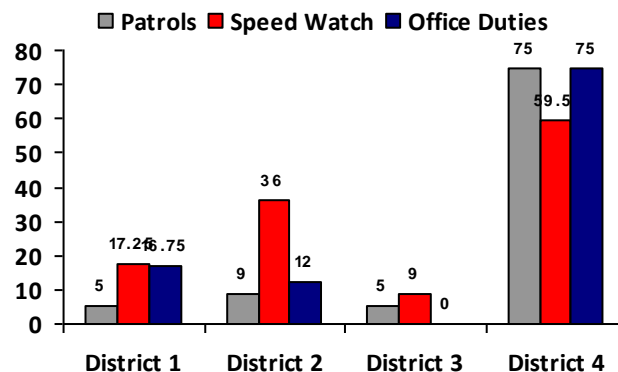


Through a partnership with the Burnaby Seniors' Resource Society, Unit staff also provided the immensely popular Seniors Safety Presentation to a keenly interested audience at Bonsor Community Centre. The focus of the presentation, "Knowledge is power" encourages attendees to shift their perspective to those areas of their own personal safety and security where they can effect meaningful change, reducing their chances of being victimized by crime.

Volunteer Hours by District  
May 2015



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## Detachment/Community Events

Kick off to summer annual staff barbecue. Each year the Burnaby Social Club hosts an affordable barbecue for detachment and city staff.



First Annual Motorcycle Safety Skills Challenge June 27. Great turnout with an estimated 250 in attendance and over 100 riders taking the challenge.

Chinese Police University students visiting with Staff Sgt. Major John Buis at Burnaby detachment.

## Contact Us

Do you have questions or comments concerning this report?

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