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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### *NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING*

**DATE: THURSDAY, 2016 JANUARY 14**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**PLACE: Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall**

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Burnaby South Students

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## 9. **CLOSED**

Public excluded according to Sections 90 & 92 of the Community Charter

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, 2015 December 10**

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 December 10 at 6:00 PM.

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

**PRESENT:** Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair  
 Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair  
 Councillor Anne Kang, Member  
 Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society  
 Mr. Dan De Santis, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade  
 Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative  
 Mr. Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood  
 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. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative  
 Ms. Emma Lee, Citizen's Representative (Resigned)

**STAFF:** Mr. Lambert Chu, Deputy City Manager  
 Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP  
 Supt. Stephan Drolet, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP  
 S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP  
 Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP  
 Ms. Maureen Gulyas, Communications Media Strategist, RCMP  
 Cst. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP  
 Mr. Chris Bowcock, Deputy Fire Chief  
 Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator  
 Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner  
 Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Bowcock representing the Burnaby Fire Department as a *new* addition to the Public Safety Committee.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2015 August 13**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN  
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2015 August 13 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **DELEGATION**

### a) **Dixon Transition Society Re: Dixon Transition Society - Overview of Services Speaker: Pany Aghili**

The Dixon Transition Society's presentation will be **rescheduled** to January 2016.

## 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA  
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### a) **Correspondence from Administrative Officer Re: Social Sustainability Strategy - Phase 1 Report on Actions**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Burnaby City Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2015 October 05, received and adopted the Social Sustainability Strategy – Phase 1 Report on Action Items. Staff noted it was a living strategy which has been embraced by the community and provided to the Committee for information.

The Chair advised this Strategy will act as a guide laying the framework for planning the future direction of the City.

**b) Correspondence from the OIC, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment**  
**Re: Block Watch Status**  
***(Public Safety Committee Meeting 2015 August 13)***

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment responding to questions raised at the 2015 August 13 Public Safety Committee meeting regarding the status of Block Watch in District 4. The memo noted summer Block Watch events will be planned for 2016 and to date 141 volunteers have been trained and are involved in District #4.

**c) Correspondence from the OIC, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment**  
**Re: RCMP Monthly Reporting**  
***(Public Safety Committee Meeting 2015 August 13)***

A memorandum was received from OIC, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment regarding questions raised at the 2015 August 13 Public Safety Committee meeting regarding cell phone use while driving. The memo advised there was a 90% increase in violation tickets issued in 2015 for driving while using an electronic device (July through September) versus the same time in 2014.

The OIC noted that BC has the lowest fines for distracted drivers in Canada and advised this matter will be raised at the BC Chief's meeting in an attempt to push changes to legislation allowing stiffer penalties.

**d) Correspondence from Mr. Brian Cheung**  
**Re: Additional Regulations for Halloween Fireworks**

A letter was received from Mr. Brian Cheung requesting the City to consider additional regulations on the sale of Halloween fireworks and a complete ban on all fire crackers and noise makers.

The OIC advised calls for service increase when Halloween falls on a Friday or Saturday. In 2015, 246 calls were received of which 67 were firework related. The vast majority of complaints regarding firearm or shots fired are actually fireworks. The speaker noted the value of defusing these situations to lessen the drama rather than taking an aggressive response.

The Deputy Fire Chief emphasized the importance of removing the risk to personal health and safety by fires that may be created through the inappropriate use of fireworks. The speaker noted with the increase in density in Burnaby, this is an even greater challenge particularly for storage within commercial or mixed use spaces. The speaker advocated for a regional policy through discussions with Fire Chiefs throughout the area for consideration of an appropriate and consistent approach.

Arising from discussion, Mr. McLean was granted leave to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN  
SECONDED BY MS. ORAZIETTI

THAT the Fire Chief brings back a report banning fireworks in Burnaby.

The Committee raised the following points for consideration:

- Investigate a compromise to the licencing process that allows only organizations under stringent guidelines to use fireworks
- Provide an educational component including literature to the public through the licencing process
- Only certified professionals with approved permit applications under established regulations may use fireworks
- Fireworks are portable, consider discussions with other cities to have a regional policy for the ban of fireworks
- Consider controlled firework displays within the community – possibly by the Fire Department

Arising from discussion, the Committee inquired if other cities or Provinces have an existing full ban on the use of fireworks already in place.

The Deputy Fire Chief undertook to investigate and advise the Committee at the next meeting.

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN  
SECONDED BY MS. ORAZIETTI

THAT this matter be **REFERRED** to the Fire Chief for a report to the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested the report include recommendations on the sale and use of fireworks.

**e) Correspondence from Mr. Fred Ludwig**  
**Re: Halloween Fireworks**

A letter was received from Mr. Fred Ludwig regarding Halloween Fireworks seeking the City's consideration for the elimination of private fireworks in favour of publically sponsored and City controlled firework events.

This matter was reviewed under Item 4 (d).

**f) Correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Lee**  
**Re: Halloween Fireworks**

A letter was received from Ms. Jennifer Lee seeking Council's approval for amendments to the Bylaw that would restrict the use of Halloween fireworks.

This matter was reviewed under Item 4 (d).

**g) Correspondence from Ms. Emma Lee**  
**Re: Letter of Resignation**

A letter was received from Ms. Lee tending her resignation on the Public Safety Committee as she has recently moved to Vancouver.

The Chair expressed appreciation for Emma's contributions to the Committee and wished her every success in the future.

**5. MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY MS. MCQUEEN  
SECONDED BY MR. WONG

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) District #1 - November**

Mr. Wong, Chair, District #1 provided a verbal report advising that the District has been experiencing a rise in theft from auto with multi-vehicle incidents of broken windows in the Brentwood and Heights areas.

Mr. Wong conveyed the Heights Merchants Association have reported an ongoing concern for hypodermic syringes being left along Hastings and nearby streets in the shrubbery, on sidewalks, hidden in cracks or ledges. The Heights Merchants Association has hired a worker to clean along Hasting Street and collect any syringes he may find.

The speaker advised that residents continue to observe drivers ignoring stop signs and red lights. The OIC advised that someone from the Traffic Section would be in touch with Mr. Wong to obtain the dates, times, and locations for further follow up.

Mr. Wong noted a need to revisit the purpose of the D1 CPAC to re-energize and engage its volunteer members. The speaker noted a number of changes which includes the appointment of a new acting Corporal along with extending an

invitation to the CPO Manager to attend the meetings. The District Chair expressed confidence that these steps will assist in the rejuvenation and renewal of the CPAC in its efforts to serve community policing as it continues to evolve.

**b) District #2 – October & November**

Ms. Orazietti, Chair, District #2 provided a verbal report noting concern for the rate cars are speeding along Hastings and Sperling and requested approval for the purchase of a Speed Reader Board that would be shared between the four districts. The speaker noted that the Speed Watch volunteers have expressed an interest in using the Speed Reader Board as an Educational tool. In addition, Mr. Wong expressed support for the purchase from funds allocated annually to the districts.

Staff recommended an RCMP presence when CPAC volunteers operate the Speed Reader Board. In addition, the OIC noted that Speed Reader Boards are available on loan through ICBC. The OIC advised he will discuss this matter further with the CPACs.

Ms. Orazietti raised concern of inadequate street lighting levels on Fell Avenue between Frances and Hastings.

The Deputy City Manager advised a memo was forwarded to the Committee in 2014 supporting the installation of interim street light between Holdom and the westernmost light at mid-block Frances. A request was then forwarded to BC Hydro in 2014 June, seeking consideration for their action in this matter.

The Deputy City Manager undertook to forward a copy of the memo to Ms. Orazietti.

Ms. Orazietti advised that Burnaby Mountain Secondary students have initiated Graffiti Busters Club and a CSI Club. These youth are acting as ambassadors for the District by spreading the word at the public high school level on the fight against crime and graffiti in the area.

The speaker advised District #2 is collaborating with the Transit Police, SFU Security and the UniverCity representatives to provide education through a program called 'See Something, Say Something'.

**c) District #3**

Ms. McQueen, Chair, District #3 provided a verbal report noting concern regarding the CPO Office signage which is faded and does not clearly identify the police office.



Arising from discussion, this matter has been **REFFERED** to staff to investigate appropriate enhancements for the sign.

The speaker advised that Byrne Creek School is interested in starting a CPAC group for students. A proposal was put before the Principal and School Coordinator for their consideration.

**d) District #4**

Mary Gates, Chair, District #4 provided a verbal report outlining activities taking place within the District and noted advising that 1800 reflectors to heighten visibility had been distributed by CPO volunteers.

In addition, the speaker noted the positive effects of the safety fence in deterring pedestrians from crossing at Nelson Avenue between Bennett and Kingsway, and requested consideration for a similar fence down Willingdon between Kingsborough and Kingsway.

**e) Graffiti - November**

A report was received from Cst. Shelby Murphy, Burnaby RCMP and Kathy Wipf, City of Burnaby Anti-Graffiti Coordinator outlining activities during the fall as they continue to work together on the four elements of the Anti-Graffiti Strategy which includes:

1. Eradication
2. Education
3. Prevention
4. Identification and Deterrence

Cst. Murphy advised that in November, 23 students from Burnaby Mountain Secondary joined the first Graffiti Busters team with the first meeting held to introduce graffiti education. The speaker noted that subsequent meetings will begin the process of having the students create graffiti programs for their elementary feeder schools.

The Chair emphasized if Committee members observe any graffiti tags around the City to immediately notify the Anti-Graffiti Coordinators.

**f) RCMP - July, August, September & October**

A report was received from the OIC, D. Critchley providing an overview of activities taking place during the past four months and noted concern for the rash of theft from auto in which numerous vehicle windows were smashed. These incidents have taken place in a series where cars are parked together. The speaker advised some bait cars have been triggered where finger prints may have been left on the outside of the vehicles.

The OIC noted a rash of residential B&Es and personal robberies by a number of individual having a significant impact on resources with some staff from CPOs being reallocated to increase the RCMP presence on the street. The OIC advised staff are working with schools and reaching out to parents to engage and educate.

The OIC advised that bike patrol targets were not reached in 2015; however, in the spring 2016, four (4) full time members will patrol hot spots to engage citizens in support of crime reduction.

#### **g) Fire Department**

The Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Bowcock provided an overview of operations within the Fire Department some of which included:

- Fire Prevention
  - New construction, permits (e.g. building), fire education, routine inspections (code compliance)
- Fire Operations
  - 7 Fire Stations delivering; fire, medical, motor vehicle, advance technical rescue, public service (e.g. response to gaps for public safety hazards)
- Training Division
  - Fire Officers Program (only one in the Province)
  - Mentorship program

The speaker highlighted statistics from the third quarter and month of November for 2015 advising medical emergencies were up considerably given the impact of ambulance response codes. The Deputy Fire Chief noted motor vehicle accidents were up due to the highway expansion and efforts were taking place with Burnaby Fraser Health Authority to address the needs of the elderly and people with special needs.

In closing, the speaker advised one fatality by fire early in 2015 and staff have undertaken work on risk benefit analysis to further improve this already low national standard.

#### **h) Role of the District Community Policing Office Coordinators**

The Committee inquired into the role of the CPO Office Coordinators and if they were able to provide support for submissions of the District Monthly Reports (e.g. minute summaries).

*\*\* Councillor Kang retired from the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and did not return. \*\**

Arising from discussion, the Deputy City Manager, Councillor Calendino, Chair and Chairs from the four (4) Districts will meet to review this matter further.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

No items of new business were brought before the Committee at this time.

**7. INQUIRIES**

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

**8. CLOSED**

Public excluded according to Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter.

MOVED BY MS. MCLEAN  
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE

THAT the Open meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m.

MOVED BY MR. RITCHIE  
SECONDED BY MR. WONG

THAT the Open meeting do no reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MS. ORAZIETTI  
SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Lynne Axford  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Pietro Calendino  
CHAIR

Axford, Lynne

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**From:** Mahaffey, Rebekah  
**Sent:** December-02-15 10:55 AM  
**To:** Axford, Lynne  
**Cc:** Manifold, Margaret  
**Subject:** Request to appear as a delegation to Public Safety Committee

Hi Lynne,

The Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce for Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth (the 'Taskforce') is requesting permission to appear before the Public Safety Committee as a delegation at its 2016 January 14 meeting. The Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Public Safety Committee and wishes to update Committee members as to the activities and projects of the Taskforce.

Speaking will be Ms. Alison Grauer, Director of Youth and Residential Services at St. Leonard's Youth and Family Services Society and Ms. Bridgette Ebing, Coordinator of Odyssey 1, Substance Abuse Services for Youth and Families – Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC. Both individuals are members of the Taskforce.

They'll provide you a copy of the presentation closer to the time. I'm also working on an update report about the Taskforce's activities that I'm aiming to have on the Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Cheers,

Rebekah Mahaffey | Social Planner, MCIP, RPP  
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Axford, Lynne

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**From:** Katie Trace <operations@dixonsociety.ca>  
**Sent:** June-03-15 2:31 PM  
**To:** Axford, Lynne  
**Subject:** RE: Community Policing

Hi Lynne,

We would like to appear as a delegation for the meeting in September if possible. The speaker will be Pany Aghili, and she will require a laptop to do a power point presentation. The topic will be an overview of what services Dixon Transition Society provides. We can provide a brief overview of our services in the past and how community policing can be a part of what we do today.

When do you need the information by? If we send it a month in advance is that good?

Walk, run, or wheel on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> to support women and children survivors of violence. [Join me or support my efforts today!](#)

Katie Trace  
Operations Coordinator  
Dixon Transition Society  
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Public Safety Committee  
Office of the City Clerk

D. Back, City Clerk  
K. O'Connell, Deputy City Clerk

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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE      DATE: 2016 January 05

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER      FILE: 2410-20  
Reference: PSC

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 2015 DECEMBER 10 -  
MONTHLY REPORTS - DISTRICT 3 – CPO SIGNAGE**

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At the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2015 December 10, Ms. McQueen, District #3 Chair, raised concern regarding the readability of the CPO Office signage. This matter was referred to staff to investigate appropriate enhancements.

Ms. Laurel DiBartolomeo, Manager Community Programs and City Services confirmed that the awning was faded and difficult to read and noted a request had been made to have the awning repainted. Further measures would be taken by staff if this action does not meet the required result.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne Axford".

Lynne Axford  
Administrative Officer  
[lynne.axford@burnaby.ca](mailto:lynne.axford@burnaby.ca)  
604-294-7295

**RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT**

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**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM****TO: CHAIR COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE****DATE: 2015 DECEMBER 17****FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT****FILE: 2410-20****SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 2015 DECEMBER 10  
-MONTHLY REPORTS - DISTRICT 1 – DRIVERS IGNORING STOP  
SIGNS AND RED LIGHTS.**

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At the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 10, 2015 a concern was raised by Mr. Tony Wong, Chairperson of the District 1, Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) about drivers ignoring stop signs and red lights in the District 1 area.

As a part of our 2015 Annual Performance Plan (APP) Road Safety was identified as a priority, within which Intersection Enforcement was one of the Initiatives. I have asked S/Sgt. SOKOLOWSKI, the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of our Traffic Services Section to contact Mr. Wong and pinpoint specific problem areas and activities so together they can identify a solution to the concerns raised.

  
D. T. (Dave) Critchley, C/Supt.  
Officer in Charge  
Burnaby Detachment

**RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT**

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**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM****TO: CHAIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE****DATE:****FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT****FILE: 2410-20****SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 2015 DECEMBER 10  
MONTHLY REPORTS - DISTRICT 2 – SPEED READER BOARD  
PURCHASE**

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At the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 10, 2015 a concern was raised by Ms. Oraziotti, Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) Chair from District #2, on the rate of speed cars are driving along Hastings and Sperling and that Speed Watch should be deployed more in this area. Mr. Wong of the District #1 CPAC requested approval for the purchase of a Speed Reader Board to be shared between the four Districts and the Speed Watch program to facilitate a more frequent deployment of Speed Watch. Furthermore it was requested that, on occasion, there be an RCMP presence when the Speed Reader board is deployed.

I have spoken with S/Sgt. SOKOLOWSKI, the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of our Traffic Services Section and he advised they have conducted similar operations in the past, most recently three months ago. He indicated that it is a simply a matter for the Speed Watch Program to liaise with the Traffic Services Section and determine the feasibility and logistics of deploying Traffic Section resources in this manner.

In regards to the purchase of a Reader Board for Speed Watch it is recommended that the CPAC's consult with the Traffic Safety Committee, specifically Tom Webster who is the ICBC Road Safety Coordinator and a member of the committee.

  
D. T. (Dave) Critchley, C/Supt.  
Officer in Charge  
Burnaby Detachment



## 2015 Fireworks Survey

City	Prohibit/Ban Sale of Fireworks (yes/no)	Prohibit/Ban Discharge of Fireworks (yes/no):	Is a Fireworks permit required (yes/no):	Is there a fee for Fireworks required (yes/no):	If a fee is required what is the cost of the fee? (\$)
Abbotsford	Yes	Yes** Natural Resources Canada Fireworks supervisor	Yes		
Burnaby	No	No	Yes for large Public Displays	Yes For Large Displays	100
Chilliwack	Yes	Yes (No to Display)	Yes for Display	Yes	50
Coquitlam	Yes	Yes Discharge Permit by adult	Yes	yes	50 - 100
Hemlock Valley	Yes	Yes	N/a	N/A	N/A
Hope	Yes	Yes	Yes only Professional Pyrotechnicians		
Langley (City)	Yes	Yes** Natural Resources Canada Fireworks supervisor	N/A	N/A	100
Langley Township	Yes	Yes** Natural Resources Canada Fireworks supervisor	Yes	Yes	100
Maple Ridge	Yes	Yes** Natural Resources Canada Fireworks supervisor	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Westminster	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
North Vancouver (City)	Yes	Yes			
North Vancouver (District)	No	No	Yes	Yes	2
Port Coquitlam	Yes	No only on private property	Yes	Yes	30 Small display/ 250 larger events require site and safety
Squamish	Yes	No	Yes		No Fee
Sunshine Valley	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surrey	Yes	Yes** Natural Resources Canada Fireworks supervisor card \$2,000,000. Liability ins Permission from the landowner Permission from the adjacent properties Notification of the appropriate RCMP district office		yes for permit	103
Vancouver	No	No	Yes	On line Permit	No Fee
West Vancouver	No (Firecrackers Yes)	No	Yes	Yes	52.50 (\$5.00) Oct 25-31)
White Rock	Yes	Yes ** Display only and requires permit, clearances so basically only on City lands will work	Yes	yes for permit	50



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## COMMITTEE REPORT

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2016 January 4

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**FILE:** 1750 20  
*Reference: Sexual Exploitation*

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER  
TASKFORCE ON SEXUALLY EXPLOITED AND AT-RISK YOUTH

**PURPOSE:** To provide an overview of recent and planned activities of the Burnaby-New Westminister Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2016 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2017 Boards, Committee and Commissions budget to the Burnaby-New Westminister Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth to support its two-year workplan, as detailed in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Burnaby-New Westminister Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth (the Taskforce) has been working since 1998 to address the sexual abuse of children and youth in the sex trade. The Taskforce, a subcommittee of the Public Safety Committee, is a multi-sectoral coalition, with staff representation from the City of Burnaby, the City of New Westminister, the Burnaby and New Westminister School Districts, the Burnaby RCMP, the New Westminister Police, the Fraser Health Authority, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and a number of non-profit agencies who provide services to youth. Over the years, the work of the Taskforce has focused on two goals:

- to ensure provision of adequate support, services and treatment for sexually exploited children and youth; and
- to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth.

To: *Public Safety Committee*  
 From: *Director Planning and Building*  
 Re: *Update on the Activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster  
 Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth*  
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The Committee and Council were last updated on the overall work of the Taskforce in 2014 March. This report provides an overview of the Taskforce's key activities since that time, and outlines the Taskforce's priorities for its next two-year workplan (2016 – 2017).

## **2.0 OVERVIEW OF RECENT TASKFORCE ACTIVITIES**

Since 2014, the Taskforce focused its efforts on two main areas: targeted service delivery for exploited and at-risk youth; and community/youth engagement and education.

### **2.1 Targeted Service Delivery**

In order to advocate for appropriate and effective services and supports for sexually exploited youth and their families, the Taskforce undertook its third "count" to gain a greater understanding of the scope and nature of youth sexual exploitation locally.

The Taskforce conducted its third one-month "count" of at-risk and sexually exploited youth in February 2015. The count was conducted by local service providers who, for the entire month, tracked the youth they worked with who were at-risk of being lured into sexual exploitation, were suspected of being sexually exploited, or were known to be so. The intent of the count was to identify the number of local youth meeting those criteria, and to obtain information about them including age, gender and ethnicity; methods of recruitment being used; living situations; habits with regards to substances such as alcohol and drugs; and degree of connections to schools or other supports. The total number of youth identified in the count in 2015 was 180. Approximately 20 youth service locations took part in the count, which was a follow-up to similar counts conducted in February 2011 and in February 2014. The 2011 count identified 146 youth, and the 2013 count identified 217 youth. The count provides valuable information about youth experiencing sexual exploitation in our community, including that:

- 24 youth (13%) were "confirmed" as being sexually exploited and another 40 youth (22%) were suspected of being exploited. The remaining 116 youth (65%) were at-risk;
- most of the youth (74%) were aged 17 years and younger, with 21% younger than 15 years;
- 66% of the youth lived with their families;
- 75% attended school, at least occasionally;
- 23% of the youth counted noted regular use of drugs and/or alcohol;
- 41% of the youth were Caucasian, while Aboriginal youth represented 23%. The remaining percentage represented a range of ethnicities; and
- 48% of youth counted identified as being from Burnaby, 36% identified as being from New Westminster, and 16% identified as being from other communities (e.g. Surrey).

The trend, first noticed in 2011, away from street exploitation and towards internet and boyfriend/pimp exploitation continues. It would appear that those under 17 years are more vulnerable to being exploited via the internet, while those aged 18 – 24 years, for both males and females, are more vulnerable to boyfriend/pimp exploitation. These results continue to inform local service provision and have strengthened partnerships between Taskforce member agencies.

To: Public Safety Committee  
 From: Director Planning and Building  
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The results of the count have been shared with Burnaby's and New Westminster's Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in 2015 November/December at meetings with Taskforce representatives. The intent of the meetings was to raise awareness about sexual exploitation of youth among the MLAs and to engage their assistance in advocacy efforts regarding youth outreach, substance abuse, mental health, and housing services. The MLAs requested additional information on current and past service levels, particularly in relation to youth safe house and detox beds. The Taskforce continues to work on this request. The results of the count were also shared with the local media, and both local bi-weeklies, *The Burnaby Now* and *The New Westminster Record*, featured articles on the results in 2015 September.

## 2.2 Community/Youth Engagement and Education

The intent of the Taskforce's work in youth engagement and education is to promote fun and healthy activities for youth in order to build self-esteem and trusting relationships with adults, and to educate/raise awareness among youth – via the technology favoured by them – of the dangers of participation in the sex trade. To this end, the Taskforce – with the help of Youth Voice<sup>1</sup> – has hosted an annual youth-oriented awareness raising activity in conjunction with annual Youth Week activities in early May.

As well, the Taskforce sponsored a service provider education/networking session in 2014, as a means of enhancing service delivery. Over 50 local service providers attended a half-day session in 2014 November focused on social media, its role in sexual exploitation, and how to stay connected with youth.

In addition, the Taskforce partnered with the Burnaby School Board's District Parent Advisory Council (SD41-DPAC) to host a parent's education evening in 2015 April. This event was hosted at Burnaby Central and included a panel of Burnaby RCMP and relevant service providers. The content focused on awareness and prevention/intervention measures. Approximately 40 parents attended this event. The partnership is continuing, as the Taskforce will be participating in an early 2016 general meeting of DPAC to participate in parent education and discussion/feedback regarding 'safe' relationships, consent, and the appropriate use of technology by youth.

Finally, the Taskforce conducted a 'refresh' of its youth services website "Where to Find 411"<sup>2</sup>, which was launched in 2011 October. The independently-hosted website, which averages at 300 – 400 visits per month, provides information on the work of the Taskforce, the issue of youth sexual exploitation, relevant local programs and services, and links to other pertinent supports and resources, and is maintained by Taskforce members. The refresh included a new colour

<sup>1</sup> Youth Voice is a facilitated, regularly-scheduled advisory group of local youth created by the Taskforce in 2007. This group's role has now expanded and it also assists with the planning and delivery of annual Youth Week activities, as well as providing input to youth-related programs and services as required.

<sup>2</sup> The website can be found at: [www.wtf411.ca](http://www.wtf411.ca)

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scheme, a reorganization of the home page, and updated content. The website is designed for youth, but is also a resource for youth service providers.

### **2.3 Taskforce Operations and Representation**

The final primary area of focus for the Taskforce over the past two years has been to further expand its membership in order to ensure appropriate and broad representation. For example, representatives from newcomer settlement organizations have been invited to participate in order to ensure these perspectives are represented. As well, the Taskforce has endeavored to remain briefed on current legislative changes and updates which may impact its initiatives.

### **3.0 2016 – 2017 WORKPLAN**

Over 2015 October/November, Taskforce members reviewed the previous workplan and identified updated priority themes. The Taskforce will continue to work toward advancing the main goals of service provision, community and youth engagement, education and advocacy, with particular focus on two priority areas.

#### **3.1 Leadership on Service Delivery**

As a follow-up to the 2014-2015 priorities, the Taskforce hopes to re-establish a community-based integrated case management committee in Burnaby and New Westminster that will meet regularly to discuss integrated supports and care coordination for particularly at-risk and sexually exploited youth. The Taskforce sponsored similar committees in the past, whereby service providers, based on strict confidentiality, would meet regularly to discuss youth of particular concern. These direct conversations permitted enhanced and coordinated service delivery between providers, and further added to the protection of community youth. One of the Taskforce's main tasks in 2016-2017 will be to ascertain how the proposed committee can be re-established and operate within the scope of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and any other related legislative requirements.

As well, in order to ensure that this integrated case management approach is properly informed by the local context, the Taskforce is planning to facilitate a fourth "count" of sexually exploited and at-risk youth in Burnaby and New Westminster in 2017.

#### **3.2 Expansion of Community/Parent Education Involvement**

The Taskforce has been encouraged by the 'uptake' and success of its collaborations with the Burnaby School Board's District Parent Advisory Council (SD41-DPAC) and intends to continue these efforts, and to expand them into New Westminster. The direct opportunities for parent/community education that these partnerships enable are invaluable in providing information, training, and awareness regarding the prevention of sexual exploitation of youth.

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To complement these direct and targeted education efforts, the Taskforce hopes to continue its broader community education efforts including working with Youth Voice, and maintaining and promoting the 'Where to Find – 411' website. The Taskforce also intends to investigate the creation of an "app" to widen the website's appeal and usage. Finally, Taskforce members are proposing to continue working together to host relevant and engaging service provider continuing education events on the topic of sexual exploitation, and to encourage further collaboration and service delivery coordination.

To ensure adequate funds are available to complete the activities described above, the Taskforce is requesting an allocation of \$2,000 from the 2016 Provisional Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and \$2,000 from the 2017 Provisional Boards, Committees and Commissions budget. For accounting purposes, these requests are required to be separated between the two fiscal years.

Such a request is consistent with requests made previously through the Public Safety Committee to support Taskforce activities in past years.<sup>3</sup> Sufficient budget funds are available in the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for this purpose, and would support the proposed workplan over the next two year period, including costs related to hosting community/parent education events and ensuring the Taskforce's informational website remains current. All Taskforce members contribute in-kind support to workplan initiatives, including members' staff time, provision of event venues, and contributions towards the development of educational content.

#### **4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth has been working since 1998 to address the sexual exploitation of children and youth in the sex trade. In 2014-2015, the Taskforce focused on activities that:

- Undertook research to better understand the scope and nature of youth sexual exploitation in the community;
- built a foundation for advocacy for services to adequately support vulnerable youth;
- raised awareness among youth of the dangers of the sex trade and resources available to support vulnerable youth; and
- raised awareness among the general public, particularly parents, of methods of preventing sexual exploitation of youth.

Within its next two-year workplan (2016 – 2017), the Taskforce will continue to promote these goals, while also focusing on activities that demonstrate Taskforce leadership on service delivery (e.g. re-establishment of a community-based integrated case management committee), and that further promote community/parent engagement on these important issues.

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<sup>3</sup> Similar requests were made, and approved, in the years 2001, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014.

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To support these Taskforce priorities it is recommended that the Public Safety Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2016 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and \$2,000 from the 2017 Boards, Committee and Commissions budget to the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth to support its two-year workplan, as described in Section 3.0 of this report.

It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

  
 Lou Pelletier, Director  
 PLANNING AND BUILDING

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## COUNCIL REPORT

**TO:** PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2016 January 04

**FROM:** FIRE CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** FIREWORKS

**PURPOSE:** To provide the Committee with information related to fireworks

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** this report be received for informational purposes.

**REPORT**

At the Public Safety meeting held on 2015 December 10, the Fire Department was requested provide information related to fireworks.

In a report to the City Manager dated November 15, 2012 Fire Chief Shaun Redmond provided a brief history of nuisance fireworks in Burnaby, current initiatives and methods for dealing with the problem and potential remedies for the future.

Beginning in 2005 cities and municipalities across British Columbia began to make changes to their bylaws in an effort to reduce availability and/or limit the use of fireworks, and a number of cities in the Lower Mainland enacted outright bans. In spite of these measures fireworks usage continues region wide and consensus on a regional firework strategy remains unresolved. In 2005, a proposed regional fireworks ban was placed before UBCM delegates and but was not endorsed. Since 2008 there has been little change in regards to the regulation and restriction of fireworks from Lower Mainland jurisdictions.

In Burnaby there are few remedies available to control fireworks use, so the Fire Department attempts to enforce and regulate fireworks use through the business license process and building code compliance. In many cases a fireworks vendor will temporarily rent space and set up shop in contravention of current zoning requirements, which causes much extra work for Fire and City staff.

The Fire and Licensing Departments have collaborated to address these issues and most recently have discussed modifications to the current licensing system which revolve around allowing only established Burnaby businesses with valid licenses being allowed to sell fireworks. This would eliminate vendors who come in once per year, rent space, sell fireworks and then leave within a week of Halloween.

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These temporary businesses provide a unique challenge, and there are currently no restrictions on how many of these business licenses are issued. An inspection is required for every license, so depending on the number of applicants there can be a significant amount of extra work for Fire Prevention staff over and above their regular duties. In addition, the short operating life of the business makes bylaw enforcement very difficult. By the time violations are reported and investigated the business is usually closed and there was no way to enforce compliance.

Staff from the two departments will revisit this issue in order to provide recommendations to Council for implementation in 2016, with the goal of allowing staff to better monitor, educate, enforce and mitigate any issues that arise regarding the selling of Fireworks.

Attached is a fireworks survey done by the Greater Vancouver Fire Chief's Association in 2015 that compares all Lower Mainland jurisdictions. Currently only Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver and Burnaby allow fireworks for sale. Most jurisdictions do not allow the sale of fireworks to the public, and they also require a firework supervisors or a licensed pyrotechnician with a permit for any type of fireworks display.

## 2. CONCLUSION

In 2005, consideration for a region wide fireworks ban was proposed at the UBCM but was not endorsed. From 2005 to 2008 most jurisdictions, including Burnaby, amended their firework bylaws in an effort to restrict and regulate the availability, usage and purchase of fireworks. These amendments have reduced firework related incidents.

Some municipalities have adopted complete fireworks bans, but since residents can obtain fireworks in other jurisdictions they must still contend with fireworks-related problems including fire instigation and noise complaints. There remains a strong demand for fireworks for events such as Halloween, Chinese New Year and other cultural celebrations with a significant, ready supply available from many sources.

If a regional ban is desired it must be initiated by a higher level of government, since achieving consensus at the local government level remains problematic.

The Fire Department will continue to monitor the effectiveness of our fireworks bylaws, and will consult with other jurisdictions regarding the status and effectiveness of their fireworks bylaws.

Doug McDonald  
FIRE CHIEF

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District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report  
For the January 14, 2016 meeting  
Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

**District 1 Report for the January 2016 PSC meeting**

- District 1 CPAC members would like to a return of CPO volunteers and RCMP members to the neighbourhoods interacting with residents and businesses. We realize and appreciate the success of the Community Response Team strategy. If possible, a return of interaction with citizens and visibility of CPO volunteers in the District has benefits to crime reduction as well. We understand the constraint to having CPO volunteers out in the community is now they need direct eyes-on supervision by city staff or RCMP members.
- Suggestion made at CPAC table that as time and priorities allow, for RCMP members to periodically stop drivers for traffic infractions (running stop signs, right turns at red lights or stop signs without stopping first, failing to yield to pedestrians, etc.). The suggestion is this need not be a full-on program, but done randomly and infrequently with the objective that drivers know there is a chance they could be ticketed at anytime with the result they change their driving behaviour.
- Merchants are reminded to leave visible signs that there is no cash on the premises when closed, such as leave till open or cash register tray visible in window and empty. A merchant unfortunately left the till closed and suspects broke, wrenched the cash register off the counter hoping there was cash.
- District 1 CPAC members will volunteer in Pedestrian Accessibility Assessments when program comes to District 1. The assessment is to document barriers and hazards to pedestrian walkways and sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted  
Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC  
January 6, 2016

## District 2 CPAC Overview for December & January 2015

### **Cost sharing of speed reader board:**

Last month we had asked about the feasibility of cost - sharing a speed reader board with the other CPO's in the City, to help patrol the traffic / speeding hot spots as needed. As per the instructions from the PSC Chair at the last committee meeting, we have been looking into the costs of purchasing a board.

We have gathered some information regarding what type of supplies would be needed, namely the board, the power source and a trailer to carry the power source. The City Engineering Department estimated that the cost of this would probably be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000. They explained that we would need our own power source because we wouldn't be able to access power from poles because power is not available during the day and suggested that we purchase a trailer to transport the power supply. We made inquiries from Valley Traffic Systems and Econolite Canada and are waiting for those quotes.

### **Burnaby North Secondary**

The student rep from this school has his Community Policing Club up and it is running really well. They are planning to have a community walk in the coming weeks. This would include the student representative, the school and youth liaison officer, Constable Javorovic and if possible the CPAC Chair going to look at safety concerns that the students have raised.

It is anticipated that the liaison officer will be the guest speaker at one of the club's meetings in February.

### **Transit Police and Lougheed Mall North Road BIA area**

All agencies working the North Road corridor have experienced many problems with street entrenched homeless. One of the main problems is the amount of 'squeegee kids' who are always panhandling at the intersection of North Road and Lougheed Hwy. This is a source of tremendous frustration for commuters who are always under siege.

In the City of Langley they have signs reading "Panhandling is dangerous and illegal" at some of the busier intersections along the by-pass area. The BIA did reach out to Councillor Dhaliwal about the chances of getting such signage earlier in 2015, but were told that there wasn't a by law in place yet and that we should keep letting the RCMP know about the issue so that they can attend and chase the people off of the corner.

Homelessness is constantly a problem in the North Road and Lougheed Mall area. We know that many homeless would love to have the chance to rehabilitate and have a roof over their heads. The homeless in the North Road area seem to be street entrenched drug addicts who don't want help. They want to keep doing what they are doing, which is low level crime against businesses to get their basic living supplies and items for resale, as well as squeegeeing for money to buy drugs.

The RCMP have been constantly dealing with the many problems associated with the ongoing homeless situation in the BIA area and have taken many steps to help over the years. They clean up camp after camp and attend countless calls for problems caused by homeless.

The impact on business is also significant, as some businesses are closer to the camps and are intimidated by the constant begging and theft from the homeless individuals and have responded to the haranguing by placing 'by appointment only' signs in their windows. This seriously cuts down on business because it virtually wipes out any walk in's.

A couple of years ago the North Road BIA initiated and worked on a study with the Burnaby Board of Trade, regarding the impact of Homeless on businesses in Burnaby, but the timing was off (it was an early summer questionnaire) and we didn't get many responses except from North Road merchants. This made it look like a North Road only problem, but we know for a fact it is not, from our conversations with different groups around the City.

We are looking for more solutions – long term solutions. We are aware that the City doesn't operate any permanent homeless shelters, but are looking for some support, whether infrastructure or otherwise that can help us out with our problem.

**City of Burnaby**  
**District #3 Community Policing Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**September 23, 2015 and November 25, 2015**

**September 23, 2016:**

D3 CPAC's participation at the Canada Day celebrations was well received by all that attended. Will look at some activities for Canada Day 2016 that will engage the parents while the children get tattooed.

Discussed our attendance at George Derby on Remembrance Day for their service. Some members said that they would attend.

Discussed CPAC's participation at the Festival of Lights – to be decided at the next meeting.

**Police reported:**

Due to the nice summer weather the Burnaby RCMP were able to conduct numerous bike patrols.

A residence that had numerous calls of service was cleaned up with the assistance of the City of Burnaby.

A prolific property offender was successfully arrested and charged.

Burnaby RCMP CRT attended the Edmonds City Fair.

**Community Reports:**

A member has spoken to some local churches in regarding to individuals sleeping on their grounds and causing some problems. Housing has been provided for some of them.

A member reported that their area has a few small incidents this summer. RCMP were called and dealt with the issues.

A member reported that there is a non-aggressive but persistent beggar around the High Gate area.

It was discussed how we could look into partnering with the Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit in regards to the new Business Watch Program and getting the word out to the local businesses in the D3 area.

**October 28, 2015** – quorum not met

**November 25, 2015:**

RCMP Volunteer Dinner was reviewed and everyone's impression was that the event was wonderful.

Attended George Derby Care Facility on Remembrance Day wearing our Burnaby RCMP Volunteer Vests so show support to the veterans that reside at the facility.

**Police reported:**

The CRT was kept busy investigating and forwarding charges on some property crime files. The D3 CRT is working with local strata's in regards to the green space at their buildings and working toward long term solutions.

Community reports were brought forward:

A local Mosque is busy preparing for the arrival of Syrian refugees and will be holding a fundraiser.

A member is looking into forming a CPAC like group at the local high school. Discussions are underway between the member and the School Administration.

A member would like more teeth in Burnaby's bylaws in regards to disturbing loud noise late at night so that the RCMP have more power.

A member mentioned a park closed to where they work and the suspicious behavior of the young people congregating there. They requested that an eye be kept on this area.

A member reported that some unknown individuals discharged fire extinguishers in the parking lot of his church and covered a car and some steps leading up to the church. This activity has been reported.

A member mentioned that the sign outside of CPO D3 needs attention. This will be looked into.

**From:** Mary [mailto:marygates@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** January 07, 2016 8:11 AM  
**To:** Zeinabova, Blanka  
**Subject:** RE: Public Safety Committee

Good morning, Blanka,

CPO District 4 CPAC has not met since November 24, 2015 as there was no meeting in December. Our next meeting is January 26, 2016. The volunteers continue their foot patrols, cell watch and speed watch programs, dependent on suitable weather conditions. During the busy Christmas season volunteers spent time in the Metrotown Mall area distributing ICBC reminders on windshields of vehicles to remind drivers to secure any articles in the trunk to help keep their vehicle from being a theft from auto statistic.

Hope this summary will help you create a submission for the next Public Safety Committee. I will be out on patrol with Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch this morning. I can be reached at 604-889-3750. Have a good day.

Mary Gates CPAC Chairperson CPO District 4





## November/December

Officers attended the Burnaby Firefighters Angel Breakfast this year, dropping off gifts. They also had their photo taken with Santa. He heard they were on the nice list.



Another successful Adrian Oliver Run in November. Over \$35K was raised. All proceeds go to Honour House.

This year Burnaby RCMP Constable Sam Bowen with help from Burnaby City employees Terri Wilson and Jennifer Yost collected toys to honour Keian Blundell's legacy. Over 300 toys and \$112 in cash and gift certificates were collected and donated by staff at the Burnaby RCMP detachment and delivered to Children's Hospital on Dec. 16.



# Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report

## "Partners for a Safe Community"





# Message from the Chief



Once again, a new year is upon us providing for a fresh outlook and the potential for new challenges and accomplishments to come. I gratefully accept and embrace these new possibilities as moving forward is an essential part of successfully delivering policing services to our community. It is a part of who we are and the members, staff and volunteers of the Burnaby RCMP Detachment are proud to serve our community each and every day.

As we greet 2016, we will continue to move forward and with your assistance, seek out innovative new ways to address our community priorities, which include property crime, substance abuse, youth issues, road safety, violent crime, community engagement and crime reduction.

Looking back at 2015, there was much to celebrate including our enduring legacy of 65 years of policing in Burnaby, concluding a number of high-profile investigations, and increasing our public safety commitment to you through such road safety events as the Motorcycle Safety Skills Challenge held in June.

Transparency and community engagement continues to be key commitments of the Burnaby RCMP, and one of our objectives this past year was to increase public awareness by providing the business community with public safety information in a timely way. To that end, we launched Business Watch in September in partnership with the City of Burnaby. Business Watch, accessed through the City of Burnaby and Burnaby RCMP websites, provides up-to-date information about crime trends and crime hot-spots. The hotspots are identified on a map and are accompanied by tips to improve safety around our business core.

But we can't leave 2015, without addressing two specific concerning trends we experienced towards the conclusion of the year. These trends were a significantly higher number of personal robberies which included violence, as well as a shocking number of vehicles being broken into by having their windows smashed out.

The significant impact of these increased crimes on our community is not lost on me. As a parent, I can only imagine the fright of receiving a phone call from police telling you your son or daughter has just been robbed. Our comprehensive investigations have subsequently revealed that in many of these robberies across Burnaby, it was a gang of young people using violence to get nothing more than a cell phone or a backpack.

Thankfully, we've identified several suspects and our investigative teams are working through the evidence and expect to have charges approved soon.

I also understand the frustration of heading out the door to work in the morning only to find your car window smashed in, glass everywhere and on some days, a drenched front seat thanks to the pelting rain. ICBC tells us that a break-in and theft from a vehicle can cost a driver on average, \$1,000 before it is settled and I understand how that can be not only an emotional toll but also a financial toll.

We are closing in on the individual believed to be responsible for these vehicle "smash and grabs" and are working our way through a number of public tips. Whenever a series of crimes occur such as these Robberies and Theft from Autos, we respond immediately and at times create specialized teams tasked with identifying suspects and gathering the evidence needed to secure convictions. I am pleased to say that we have continued to meet the challenges no matter the hurdles.

So, as we say goodbye to 2015 and welcome 2016, the Burnaby RCMP Detachment looks forward to addressing the coming public safety issues and reporting our crime reduction successes and we know all of our community is right there with us. Our commitment to you is as important as your commitment is to us because we are all partners in a safe community.

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

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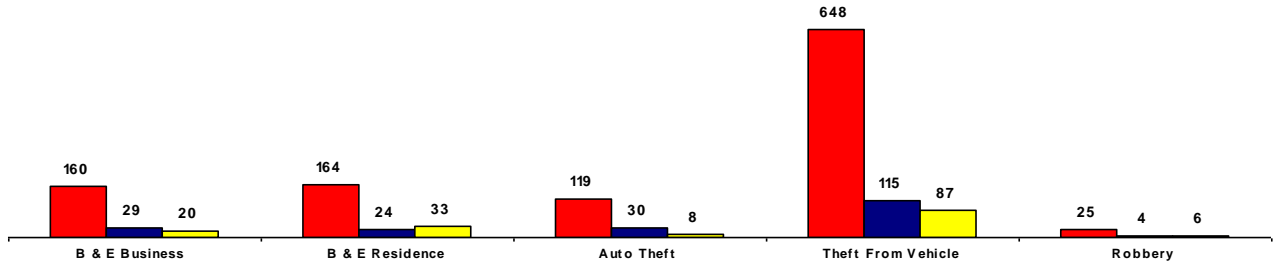




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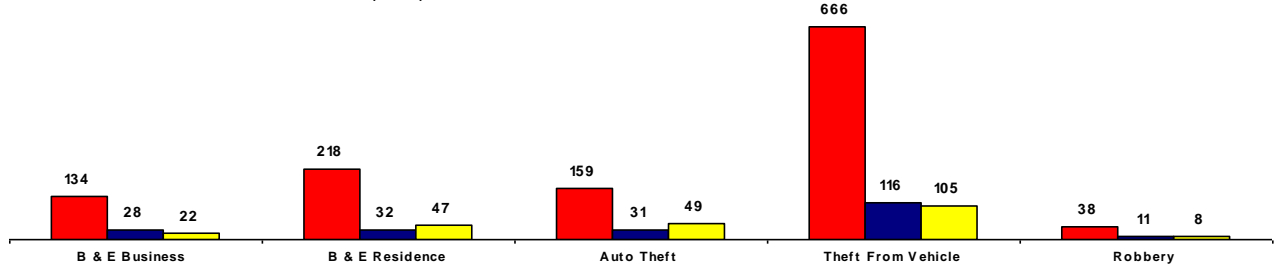
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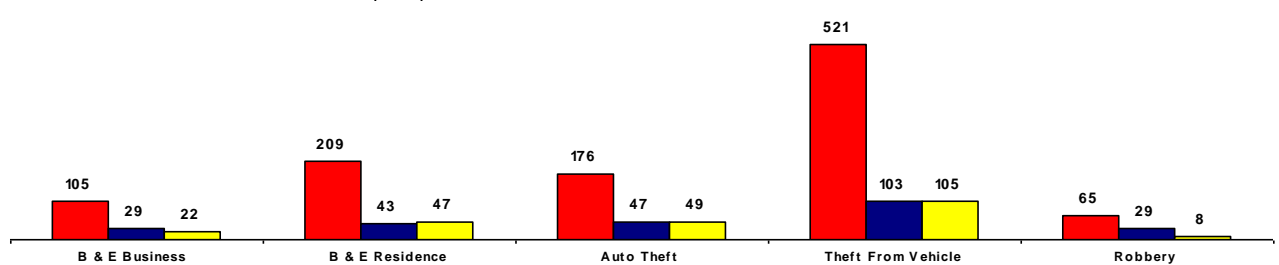
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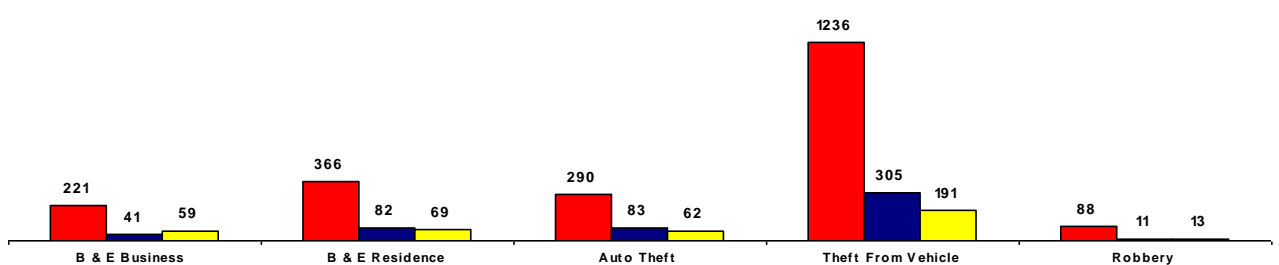
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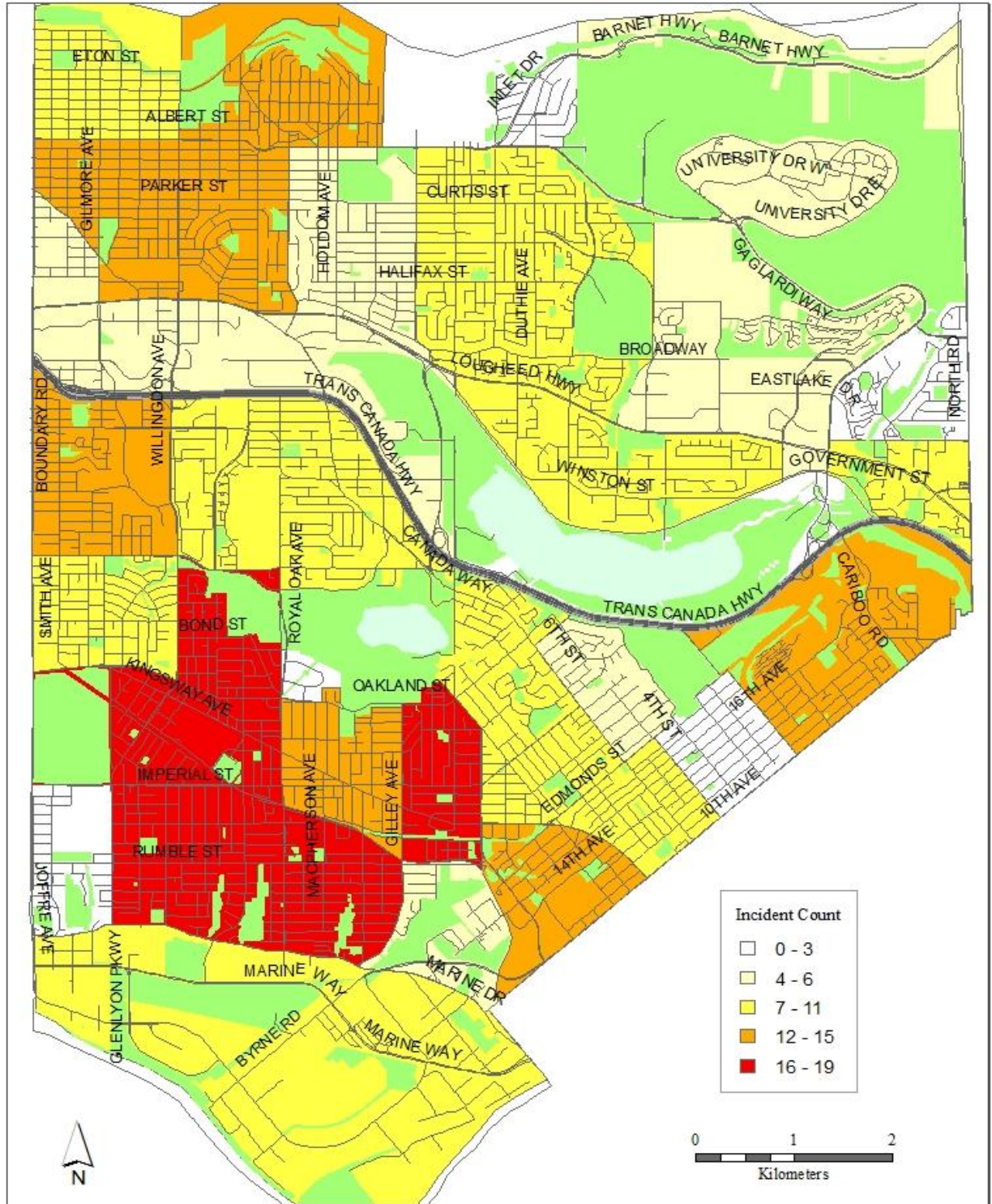
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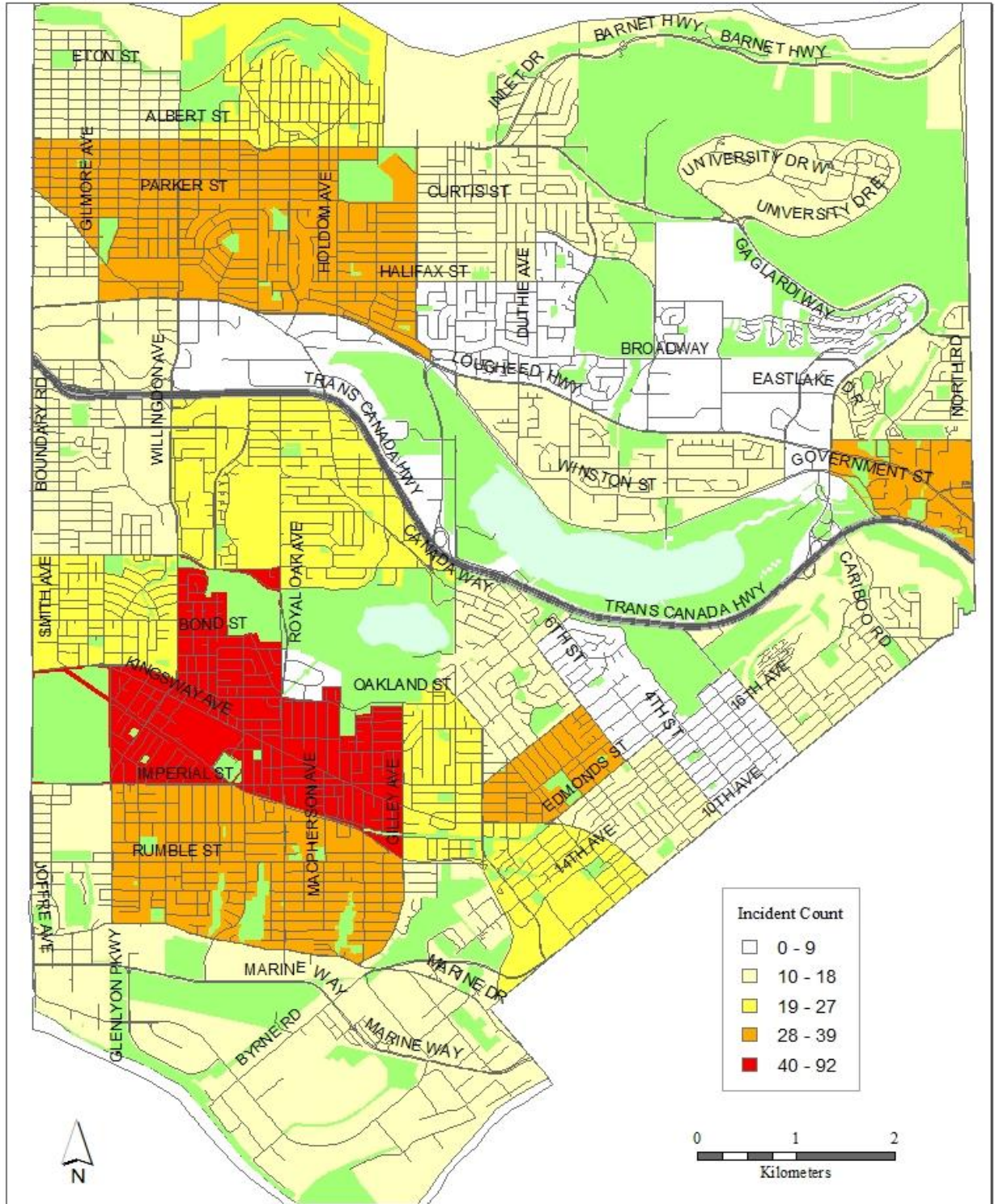
Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- November and December 2015





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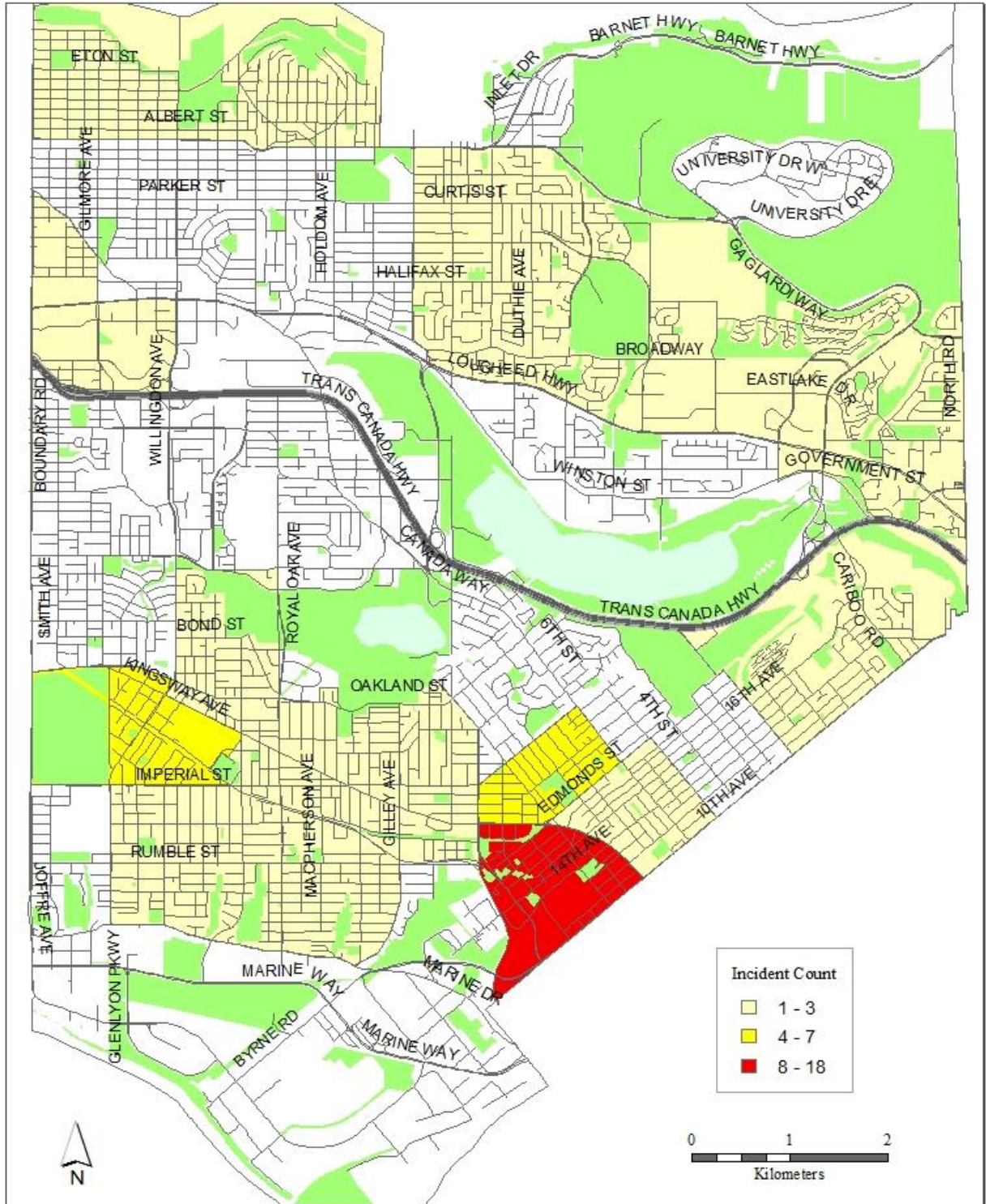
**Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- November and December 2015**





Crime Density Map

**Robbery by Neighbourhood -- November and December 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.

Drug Traffickers Arrested – over \$100,000 seized!

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, following a two-month investigation in which Burnaby RCMP Drug Section worked with the New Westminster Police Street Crime Unit targeting two Dial-a-Dope lines, search warrants were executed at a Burnaby and a New Westminster residence. As result of the search warrants, police arrested four drug traffickers and seized three imitation firearms, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, \$100,000 in cash, multiple cellular phones and three vehicles. Charges of Trafficking in Cocaine and Heroin and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking in Cocaine, Methamphetamine and Heroin are pending.

On December 17, Drug Section members conducted surveillance on a large shipment of chemicals that are used in the production of Methamphetamine. This chemical had been imported legally into Canada and delivered by a courier company to a Burnaby residence. They were later transported to a Public Storage Locker in the City of Vancouver. Investigators are of the opinion that the Burnaby residence in question does not contain a Clandestine Laboratory and was only used as a transshipment point. The investigation continues.

## **Economic Crime Unit**

Several residents in the Lower Mainland had reported that they never received their replacement bank credit cards in the mail. It was discovered the mail had been stolen from a community box. The suspects used the cards to withdraw funds using an ATM at a casino in Burnaby. The Economic Crime Unit worked closely with the banking institution and the BC Lottery Corporation and were able to identify three individuals involved. The three suspects had obtained over \$17,000. All three were arrested and charged with Fraud over \$5,000. They were sentenced to three months in jail and received eighteen months probation.

## **Financial Controller Fraud**

The Burnaby RCMP Economic Crime Unit has been investigating a fraud where a licensing agency lost over \$300,000. A former financial officer for the agency used her power to hide missing funds, transfers funds into her own account and use business funds for personal travel. A lengthy investigation was conducted and charges have been approved against the former financial officer.



# Community Operations

**Community Programs** is 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

In early November 2015 Burnaby's Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) began an investigation into two suspects who were breaking into residential buildings and committing thefts of mail and thefts from storage lockers.

A thorough investigation over the next month led to the identification of two female suspects. On November 12, POST executed a search warrant at the residence of the two suspects and several key pieces of evidence to support the investigation were recovered. The suspects were not located during the search warrant execution, but Crown Counsel approved several counts of property-related offences and issued warrants for the arrest of the two suspects.

A 32-year-old Burnaby woman is facing 10 counts of break and enter, seven counts of theft, three counts of mischief, two counts of identity fraud and one count of possession of break-in instruments.

A second Burnaby woman, 34, is facing five counts of break and enter, three counts of theft, one count of mischief and one count of possession of break-in instruments.

During the months of November and December, POST was fully involved in working with the Investigative Services Teams of Strike Force on the Property Crime Task Force. Several suspects were successfully investigated with numerous charges pending.

The Community Response Team (CRT) members made every effort this past Christmas season to ensure Burnaby residents had a safe shopping experience. Working with mall security, a man and woman were captured on video stealing a car from an underground mall parking lot. CRT members were able to recover the vehicle, identify the pair and charges are now pending. Throughout November, CRT members supported Burnaby's Property Crime Task Force in a number of targeted investigations.

Cst. Sam Bowen who is with the CRT was instrumental in organizing Keian Blundell's Children's Hospital Toy Drive this year. Cst. Bowen is seen speaking with Keian's mom and dad on December 16, just before the 300 toys were loaded into vans for the trip to Children's Hospital.





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.



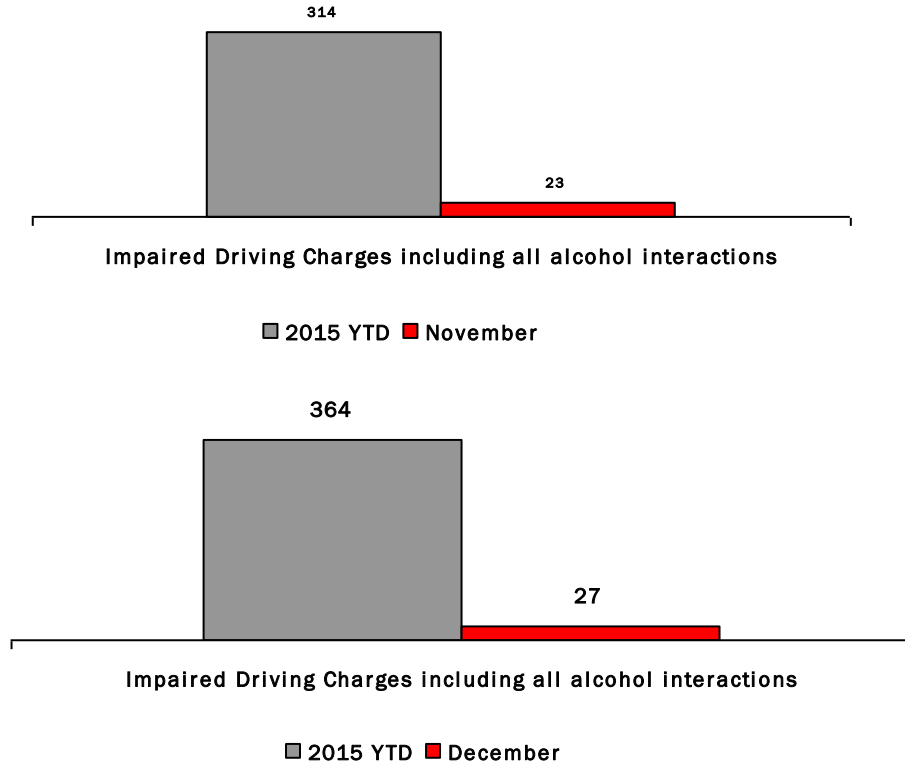
Burnaby's "Traffic Santas" were out in force over the December holiday season running CounterAttack enforcement throughout the month.

On November 9, Burnaby Traffic Services attended a three vehicle motor vehicle collision at Norland Avenue and Canada Way. As a result of this investigation, a loaded hand gun, knives, drugs and money were seized from inside one of the vehicles involved. The driver was arrested at scene. Approximately thirty charges were forwarded to Crown Counsel against the driver of that vehicle.

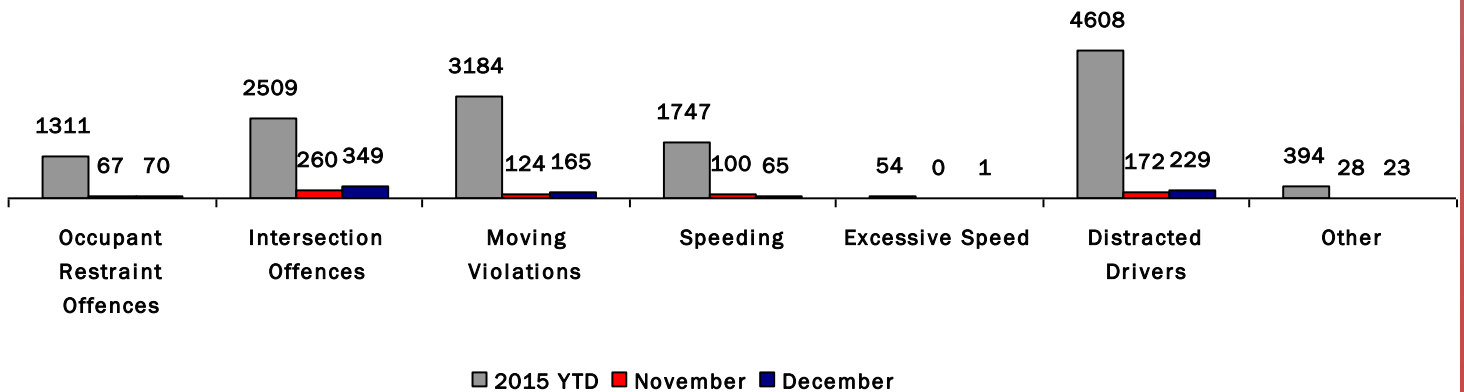
November 11, Traffic Services conducted a vehicle stop with a driver who was observed talking on his cellular phone. The driver initially provided a false name to police, before correctly identifying himself. While police conducted checks of the driver, the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Search of the vehicle located fraud and impersonation documents, \$34,100.00 Canadian Currency, a clear plastic bag containing 232 grams of Cocaine and a cellular phone. The investigation is ongoing.



## Impaired Driving Enforcement numbers



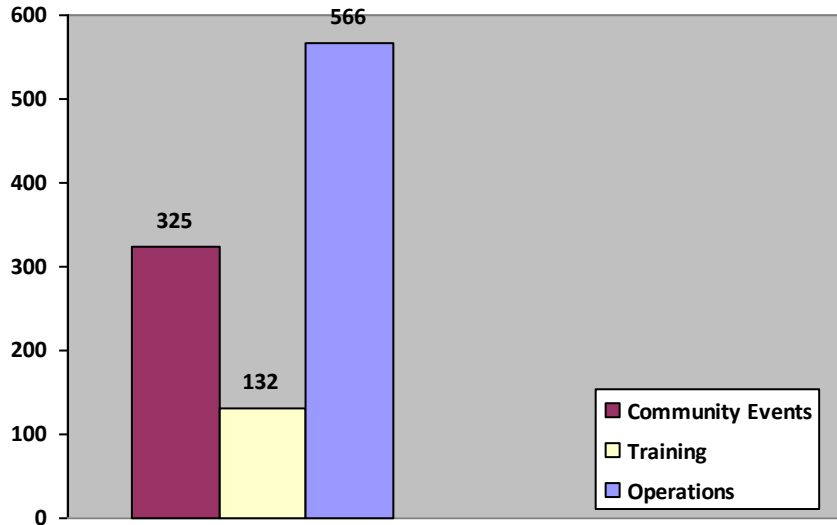
## Moving violation enforcement numbers





Community Programs

Auxiliary hours November-December



Auxiliary Constable Program

In November our Auxiliary program welcomed a new coordinator. And for the first time, this function has been assigned to a civilian employee. In November and December, in addition to the usual and typical duties performed by our volunteers, some of them distributed Operation Red Nose material to our local businesses, while others participated on the operational side of this initiative.

Victim Services

In November, Victim Services provided support to the family of a missing man. Thankfully, he was located a few hours later, safe and sound. These missing person files take a great toll on families, nonetheless, the family of the missing man took time to write a letter of appreciation praising the services provided by the Victim Service caseworker. “She managed to keep us focussed and relatively calm and was an enormous source of comfort,” the family said in their letter.

Christmas is a difficult time for victims of crime and trauma, especially those who have lost a loved one. Our caseworkers reached out to our clients from throughout the year, to provide them support at this difficult time.

Christmas is also a time when many people give thought to the people they appreciate. We were grateful and humbled to receive many cards and letters from people we had served throughout the year, who expressed their appreciation.





The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) hosted a Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain training session on November 19 to enroll new blocks in the program and provide refresher training to existing Captains and Co-Captains. About 52 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains attended the session.



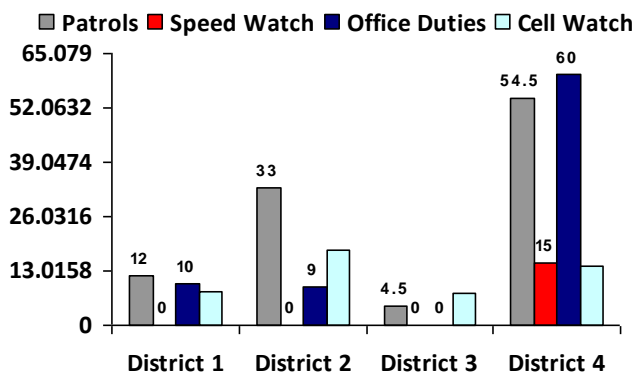
CPU hosted the Crime Free Multi-Housing Phase I workshop on November 25, in partnership with New Westminster Police Department and BC Crime Prevention Association. About 36 rental property managers attended the session. Managers from across the Lower Mainland attended, which included Burnaby, New Westminster, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Richmond, Maple Ridge, Abbotsford, and Mission. About 11 managers were from Burnaby properties.

The last Safe Community Series for 2015 was presented in November. The Robbery Prevention presentation was held on November 26 in partnership with Burnaby RCMP Strike Force Unit. About 47 community members and crime prevention program contacts attended the session.

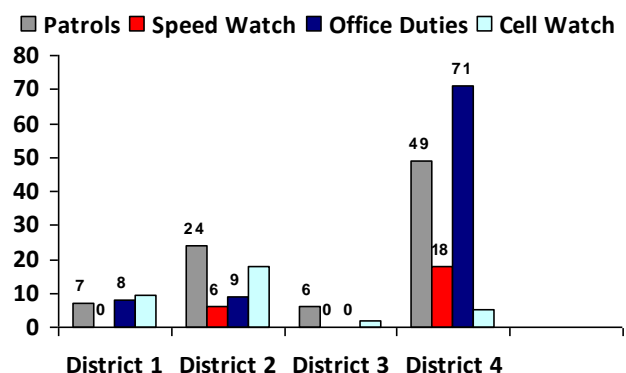


CPU partnered with the City of Burnaby Licence Department to mail out Business Watch information. Scheduled the first week of December the mail-out went to 13,000 Burnaby businesses. In addition, CPU met with the City of Burnaby web communications team in December and reviewed the Campaigner tool for the Business Watch Program. Following the meeting, CPU purchased the Campaigner tool in mid-December in order to have an effective email distribution system and reach out to more community members. Stay tuned for email and social media campaigns in January of 2016.

Volunteer Hours by District  
November 2015



Volunteer Hours by District  
December 2015





# Detachment/Community Events



Burnaby members took part in Pledge a Flag Day during the 2015 Remembrance Day events.



C/Supt. Dave Critchley and Supt. Stephan Drolet were among many who volunteered to drive for Operation Red Nose in December



# Contact Us

**Do you have questions or comments concerning this report?**

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in your community's safety?**

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## Main Detachment

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