

Community Policing Advisory Committee Report District 4

Submitted by Mary Gates, CPAC Chair

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Discussion of issues that are current focus for detachment:

- Targeting prolific break and enter offenders which has lead to decrease in this crime
- Auto thefts are down as are thefts from auto due to apprehension of offender
- Personal possession theft in malls also decreased
- Tips for protecting mail delivered to group mailboxes
 1. Have mail picked up regularly
 2. Report any suspicious activity, have your Blockwatch participants involved
 3. Post notices that the area is monitored

Blockwatch representative reported on Drug Trafficking seminar sponsored by CPU. She found these sessions worthwhile and is looking forward to attending the Negative Impact of Graffiti Vandalism on Your Community session on March 3. A fire was observed burning in an alley. It was reported to the RCMP non-emergency number, was told to call fire department whom arrived to say they should have called the police to attend. Issue is to be brought to the attention of dispatch.

A member questioned, what is stalking and was told that repeated and ongoing instances of unwanted attention can be "criminal harassment". First step is to make sure that the person giving the attention knows that it is unwanted.

BCIT has had recent spate of thefts from vehicles. Return of aggressive individual scrounging through containers for refundable drink containers and leaving trash scattered around.

ICBC sponsored some Lunch and Learn sessions at CPO offices reviewing the Cell Watch program. Posters are available and will be posted at some of our community facilities. The purpose of Cell watch is to gather data of observed incidents of distracted driving at high risk areas and forward them to ICBC. This is a very successful program throughout the province which gathers the information to base the changes to the law.

Bonsor Community Centre has had good success at reducing theft of personal valuables through their campaign to educate the users. They are now having issues with drug use, especially Meth use, and are developing strategies to reduce this... signage to say video monitoring is in place.