



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.

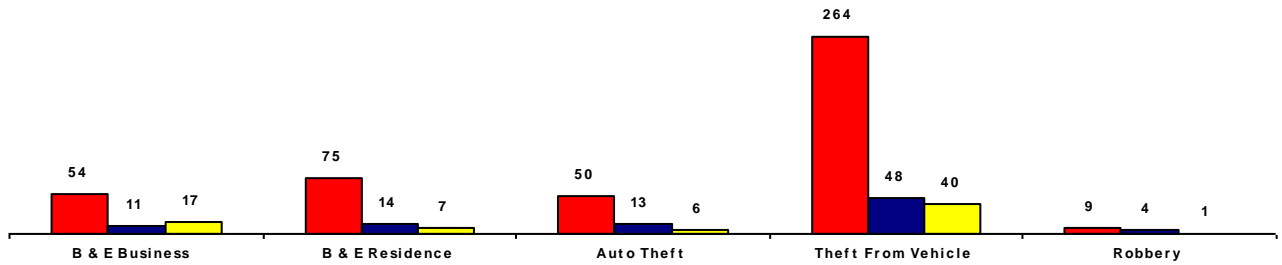
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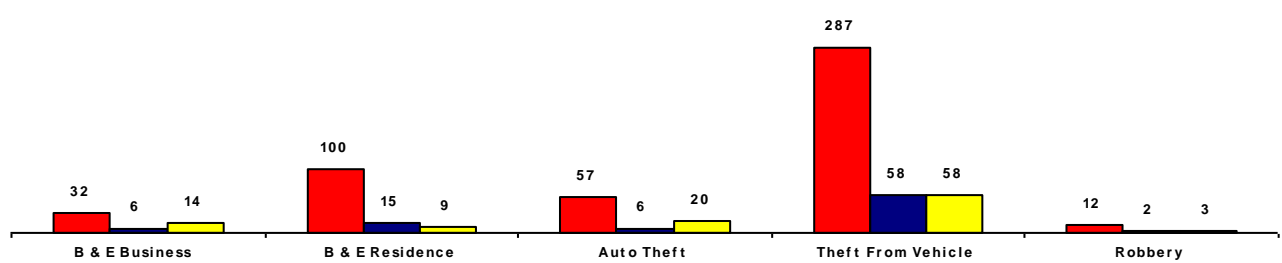
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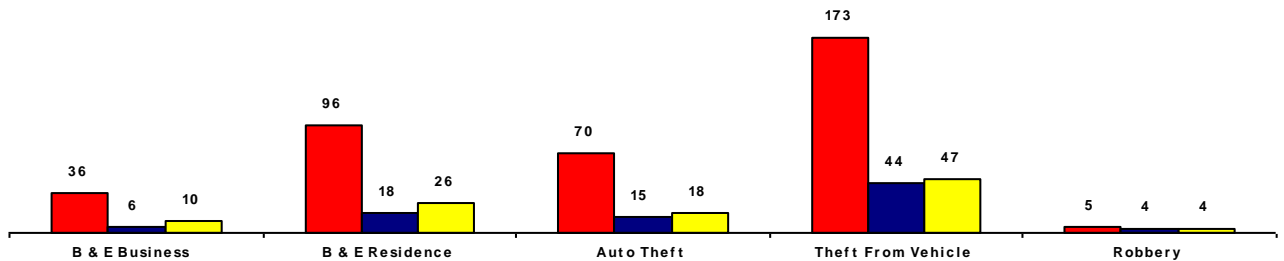
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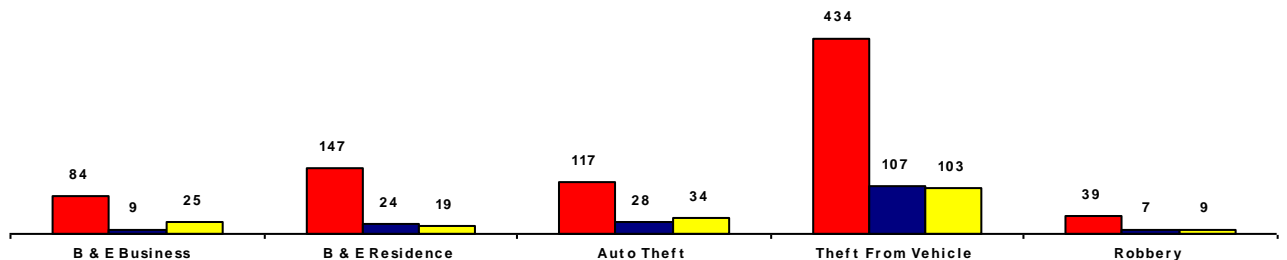
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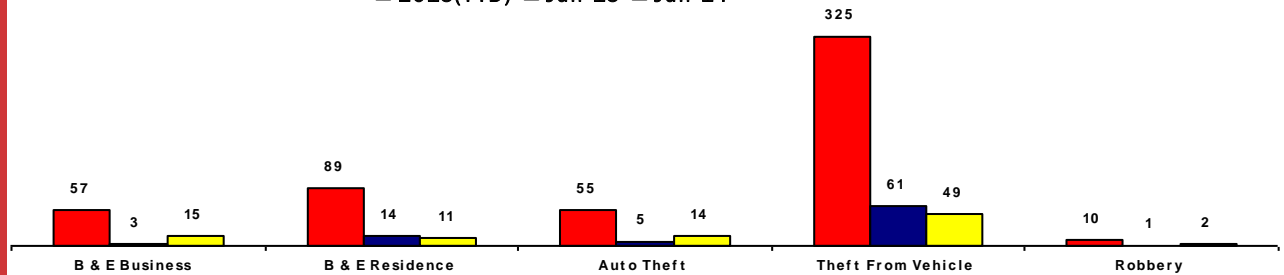
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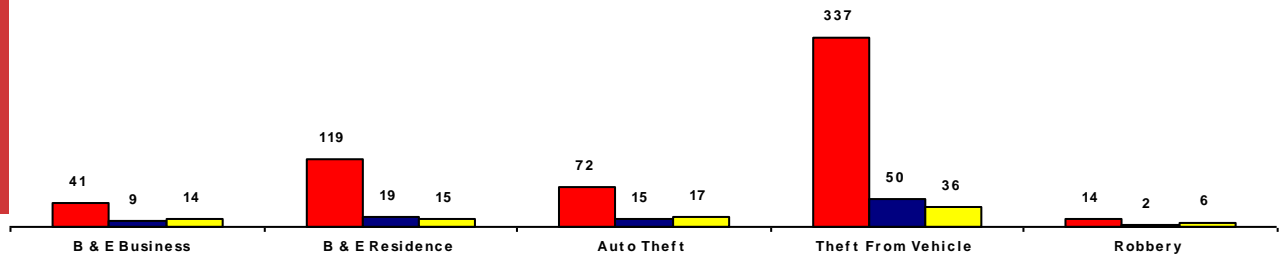
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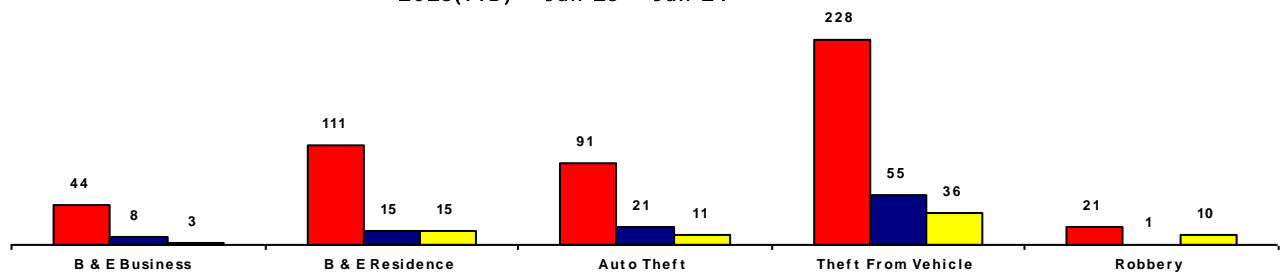
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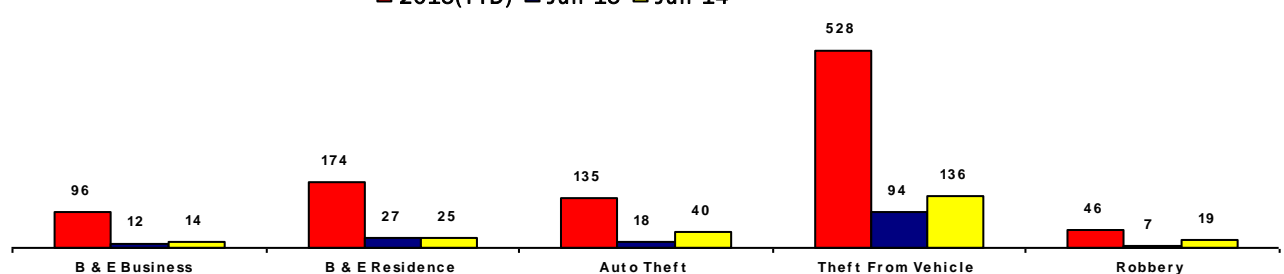
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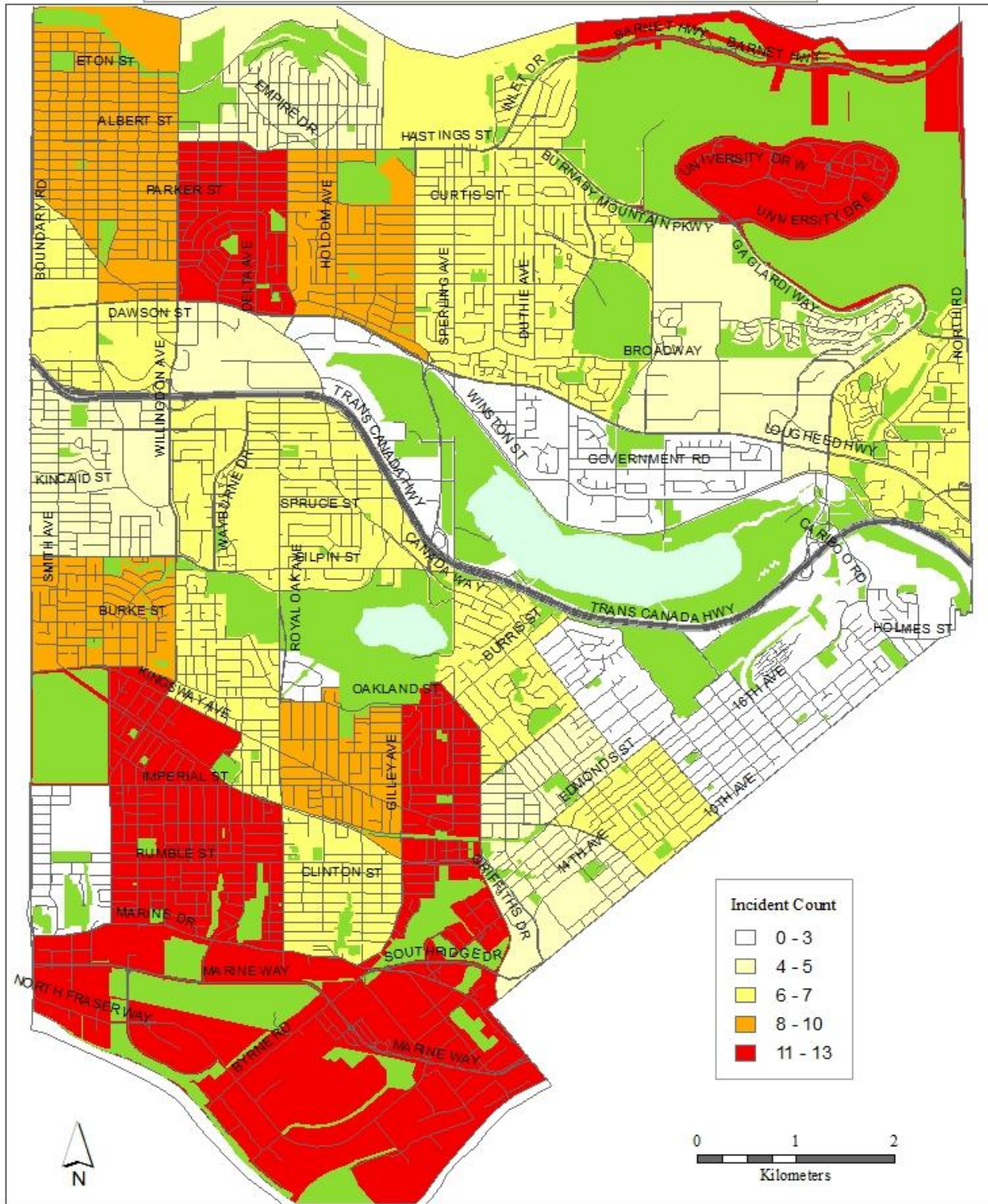
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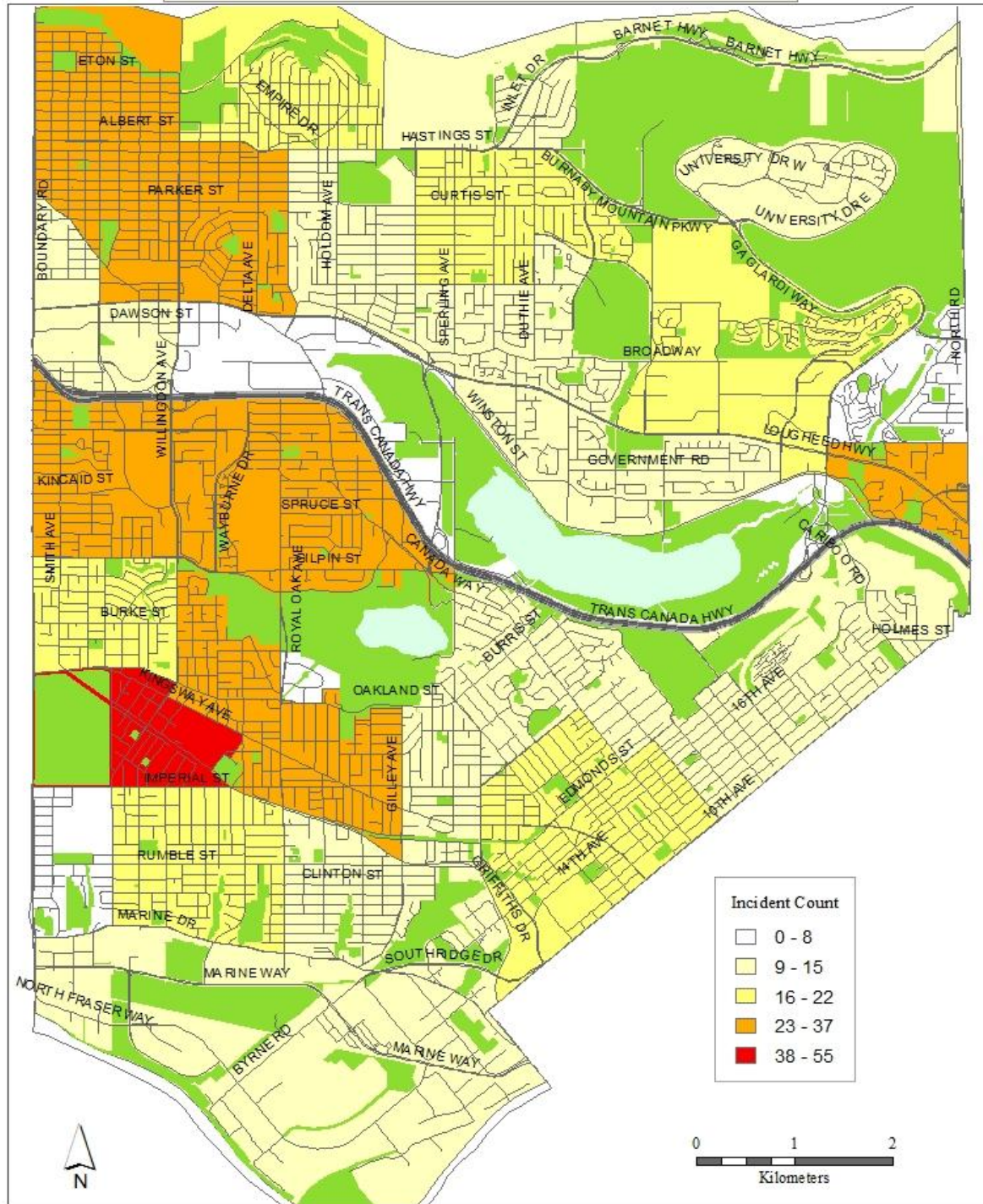
Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- May & June 2015





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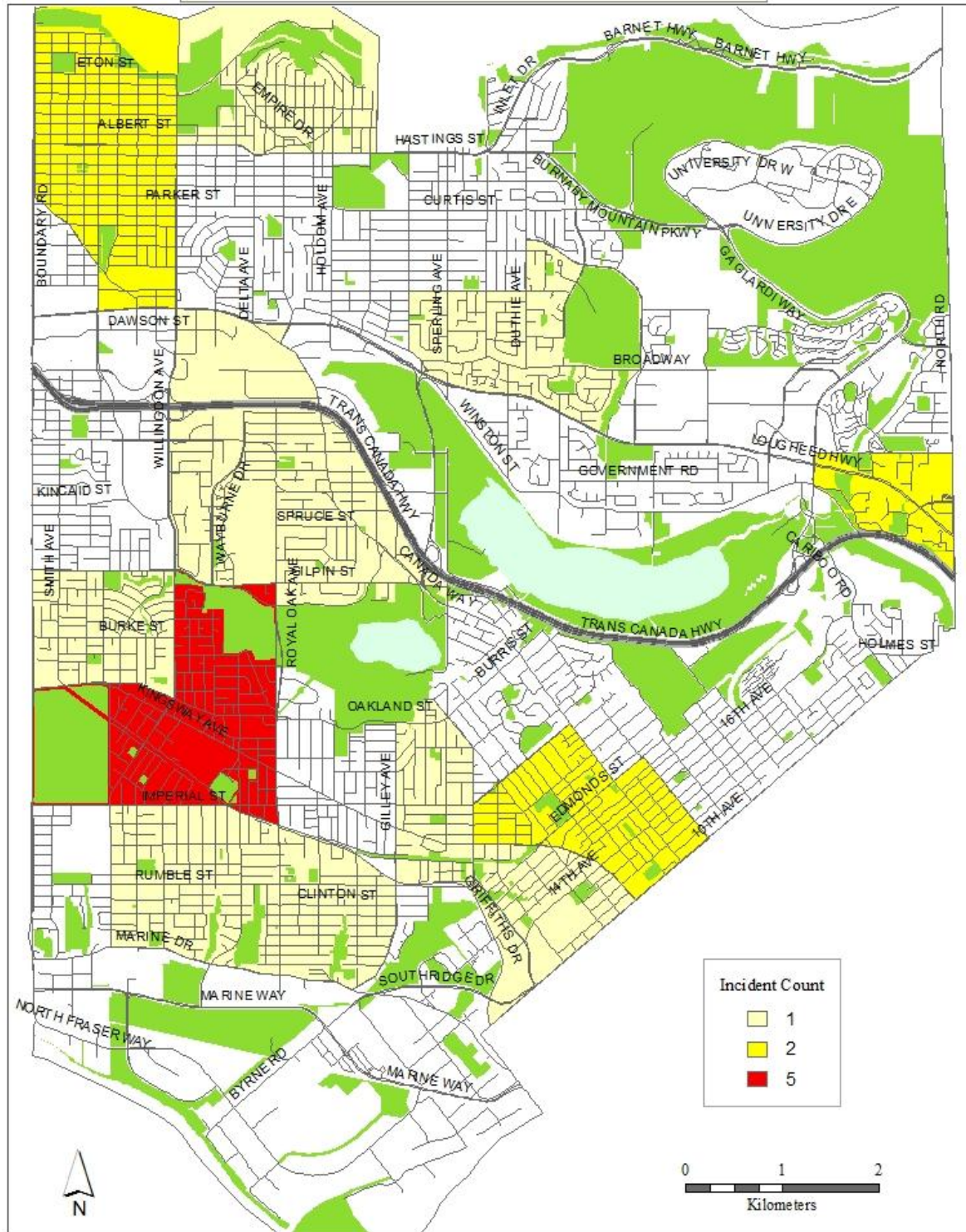
Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- May & June 2015





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.

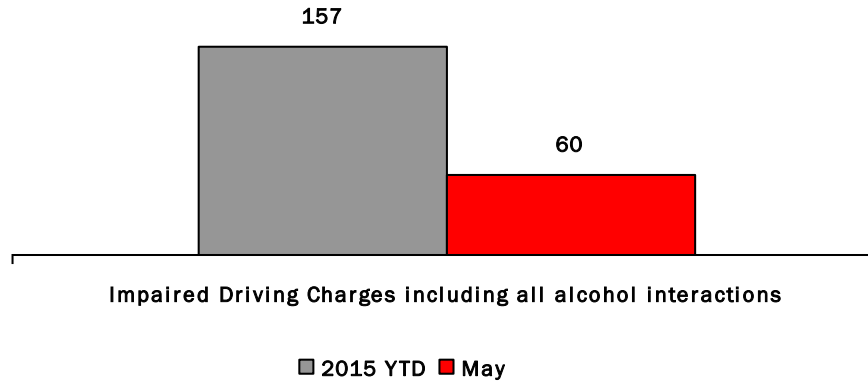
Enforcement: Responding to public complaints about large crowds of people with performance vehicles attending the Market Crossing on Thursday nights, the Burnaby Traffic Section and its partners—Burnaby Crime Reduction Unit, Greater Vancouver Integrated Road Safety Unit, Canadian Pacific Railway Police 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.

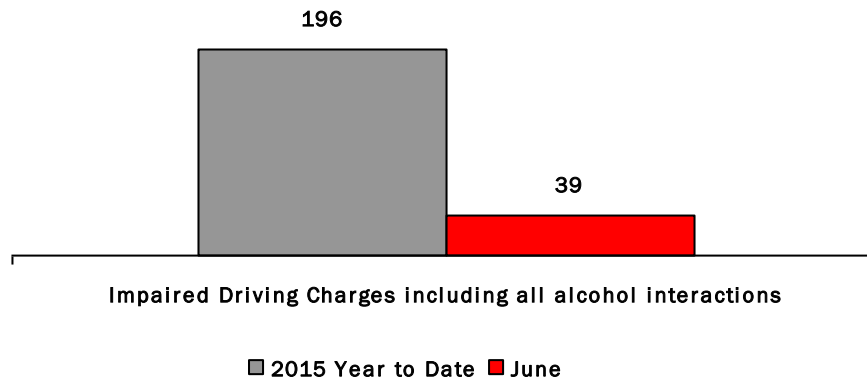


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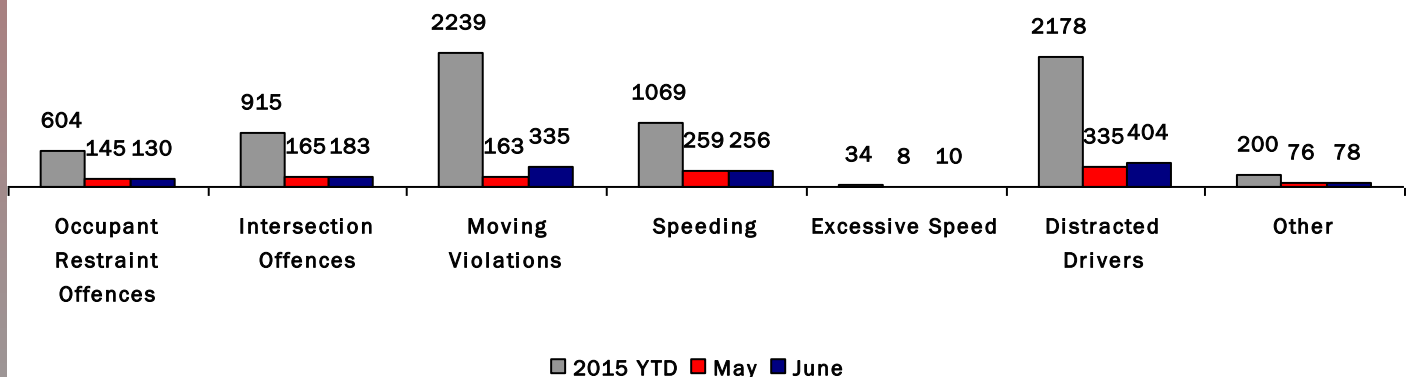
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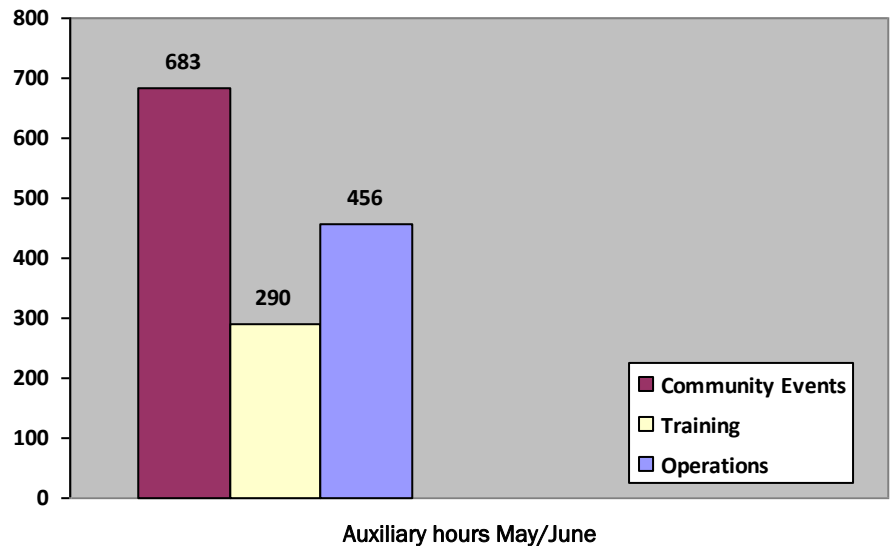


Crime Prevention Unit

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

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.



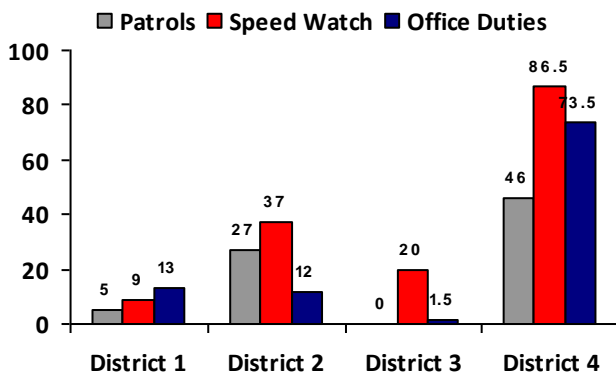
June was busy with various personal safety presentations, reaching out in particular to recent immigrant populations through a partnership with different language and immigrant service agencies in Burnaby. Well over a hundred attendees learned about policing in Canada and domestic violence laws in seven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

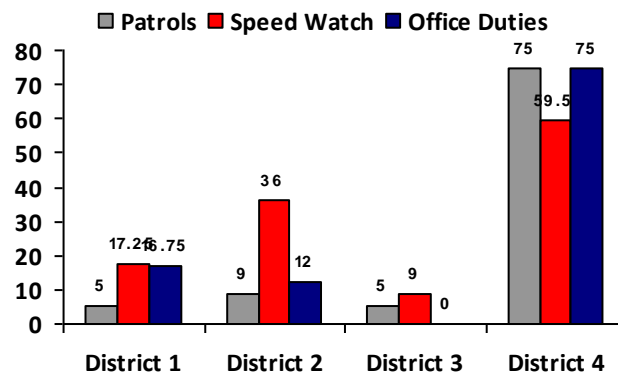


Through a partnership with the Burnaby Seniors' Resource Society, Unit staff also provided the immensely popular Seniors Safety Presentation to a keenly interested audience at Bonsor Community Centre. The focus of the presentation, "Knowledge is power" encourages attendees to shift their perspective 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?

Are you interested in volunteering or becoming more involved in your community's safety?

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