

**RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT**

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**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM****TO: CHAIR COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE****DATE: 2015 OCTOBER 30****FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT****FILE: 2410-10****SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 2015 AUGUST 13  
ITEM 5(E) - RCMP MONTHLY REPORTING**

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Regarding the questions raised at the 2015 August 13<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Committee Meeting by Councillor Calendino on cell phone use while driving.

The following information has been provided by Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services and Community Programs Section on these types of incidents:

- During the months of July, August and September the following number of Violations were issued for Distracted Driving while using an electronic device,
  - July and August: 718; and
  - September: 924.
- A comparison of the second quarter (July through September) numbers for 2015 versus 2014 show that there was a 90% increase in the issuing of violations tickets for this specific offence; and
- Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services lead the Province for Distracted Driving enforcement for the month of September, issuing more Violation Tickets than any other jurisdiction.

Of note is the number of collisions has remained consistent with last year, with there being 519 occurring in the second quarter of 2014 and 518 occurring in the second quarter of 2015. There has, however, been a notable reduction in the severity of collisions, with the number of collisions resulting in injury dropping from 195 in the second quarter of 2014 to 119 occurring in the second quarter of 2015.

Regarding the manner of investigation into these events, the following information is provided by Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services and Community Programs Section;

- As part of the administration of distracted driving laws Traffic Services employed both targeted enforcement, using regular Burnaby RCMP Traffic Serves Members, as

well as volunteers such as Cell Watch and Speed Watch to provide public awareness via roadside signage;

- Only RCMP Members issue Violation Tickets. Community Police Offices no longer send letters to individuals observed by Cell Watch volunteers using an electronic device while driving; and
- A more detailed breakdown of the Community Police Offices hours, by District, is contained within the Public Safety Committee Report dated November 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, however, for the months of August and September there were 113 hours dedicated to Speed Watch across Burnaby.



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