



July/Aug/Sept/Oct

## Seized gang vehicle comes to Burnaby



On September 16, the Burnaby RCMP school and youth liaison officers revealed our latest tool in the fight against gangs—a seized gang vehicle from a former drug dealer. This forfeited gang vehicle from the Province of B.C. will be used to start the conversation about the dangers of gang life. Burnaby RCMP will have use of the vehicle for two years.

# Burnaby RCMP Public Safety 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 July to October.

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.

This year marked the RCMP's 65th year of policing in the City of Burnaby and we were pleased to mark this milestone in a number of ways.

Many of you know our Honorary Staff Sergeant Major Casey Wright who graciously assisted us in celebrating this year's anniversary. This photo of our Burnaby members with Casey was extremely popular on social media and was a fitting display for 65 years of policing in Burnaby.

I would also like to thank the Burnaby Village Museum for their assistance in helping us to mark the occasion by taking some wonderful photos that we will be able to keep in our archives.

Our signature anniversary event was our Regimental Dinner on September 24 at the Vancouver Hilton Metrotown Hotel in Burnaby. It was a great evening attended by many current and alumni members of Burnaby.



Burnaby's crime statistics showed robberies and personal robberies dropping over last year.

However, in recent weeks, Burnaby experienced a spike in personal robberies and since that time, a number of suspects were targeted and have now been arrested.

Historically, as we enter the winter months, residential break-ins often creep up and Burnaby saw an increase in commercial and underground storage locker break-ins in October. Members of Strike Force have identified two suspects and property has been recovered. We have also established a Break & Enter Task Force to specifically target potential spikes. Our Crime Analysts will work closely with the Task Force to monitor break-ins over the coming weeks in order to identify any trends or potential suspects.

Auto theft has also dropped significantly over this period when compared to last year. We are, however, concerned about a recent rash of theft from autos in which numerous vehicle windows are being smashed in several areas of Burnaby. This is unacceptable and our Prolific Offender Suppression Team has a number of leads they are working on.

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

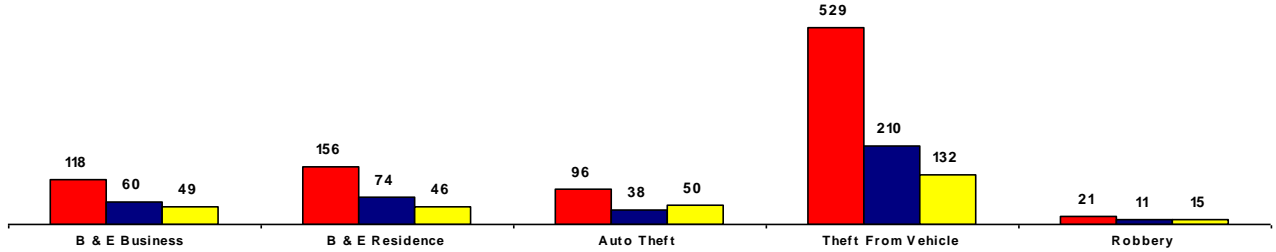
*D.T. (Dave) Critchley, Chief Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment*



## Crime Reduction Stats

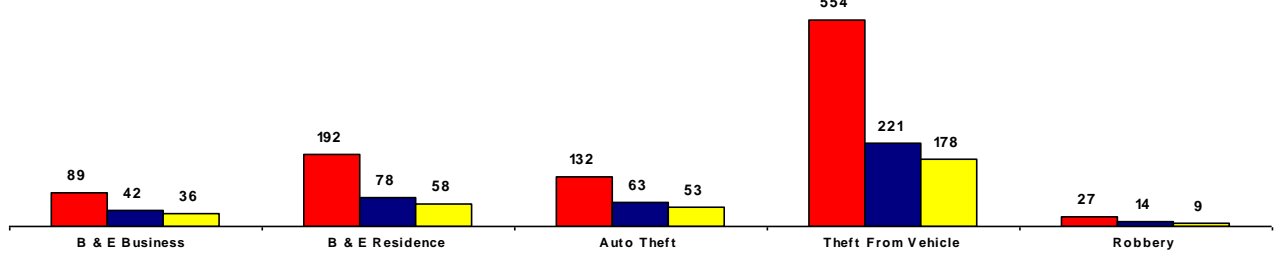
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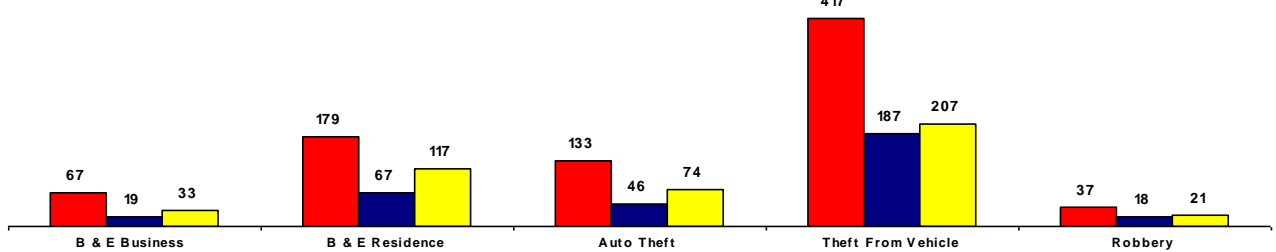
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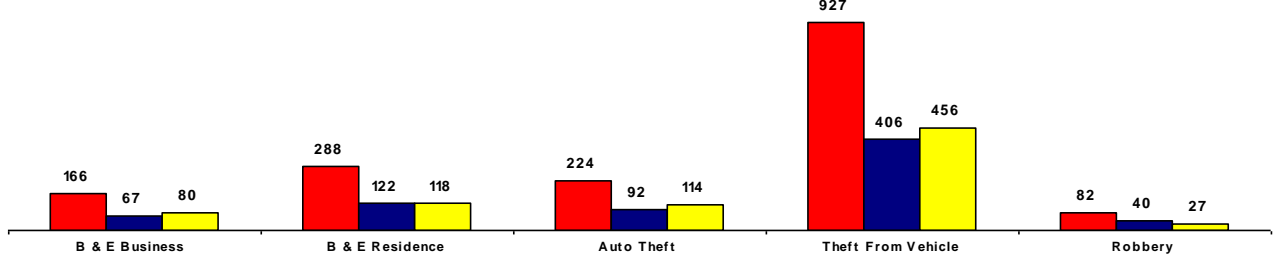
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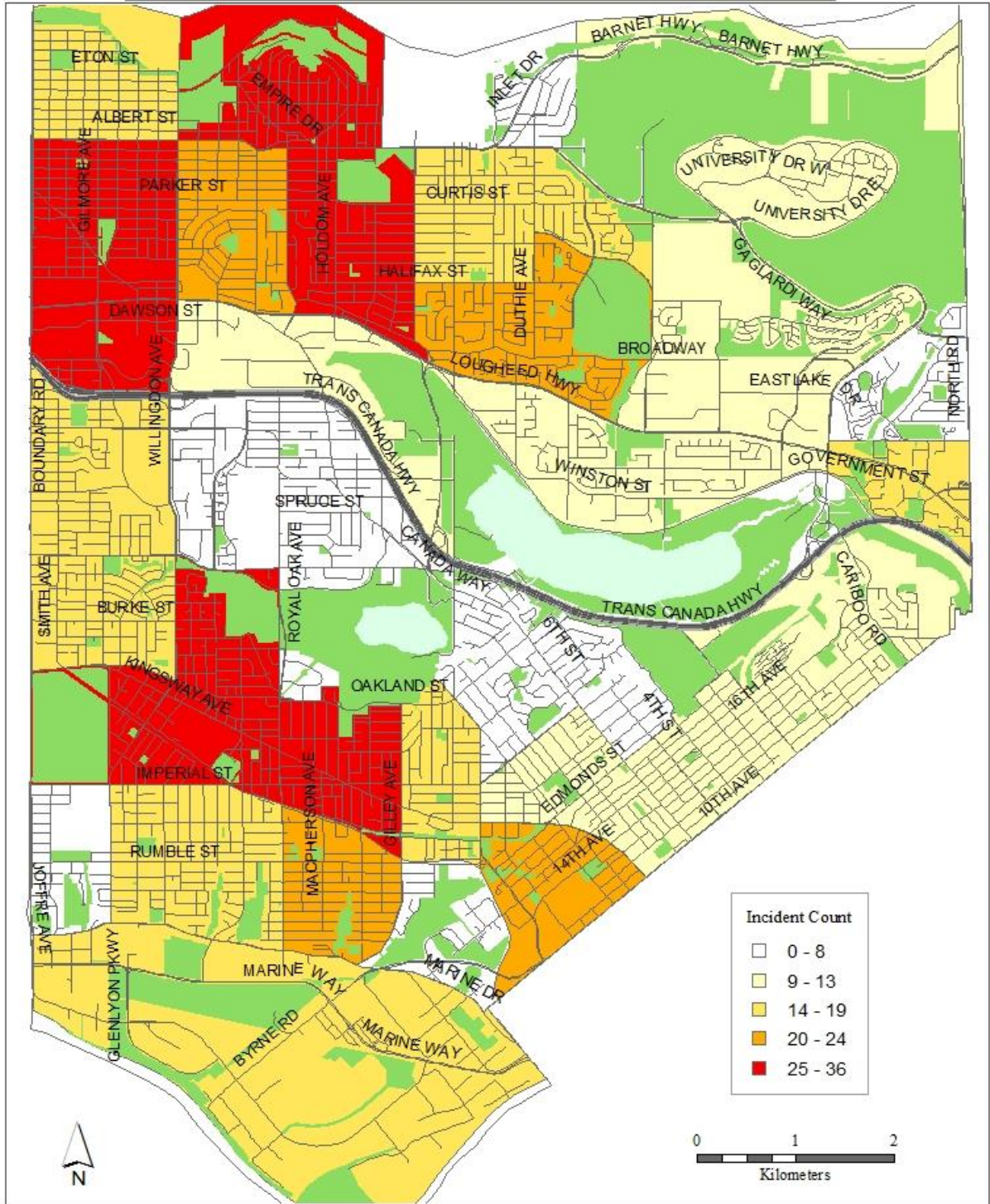






## Crime Density Map

**Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- July to October 2015**

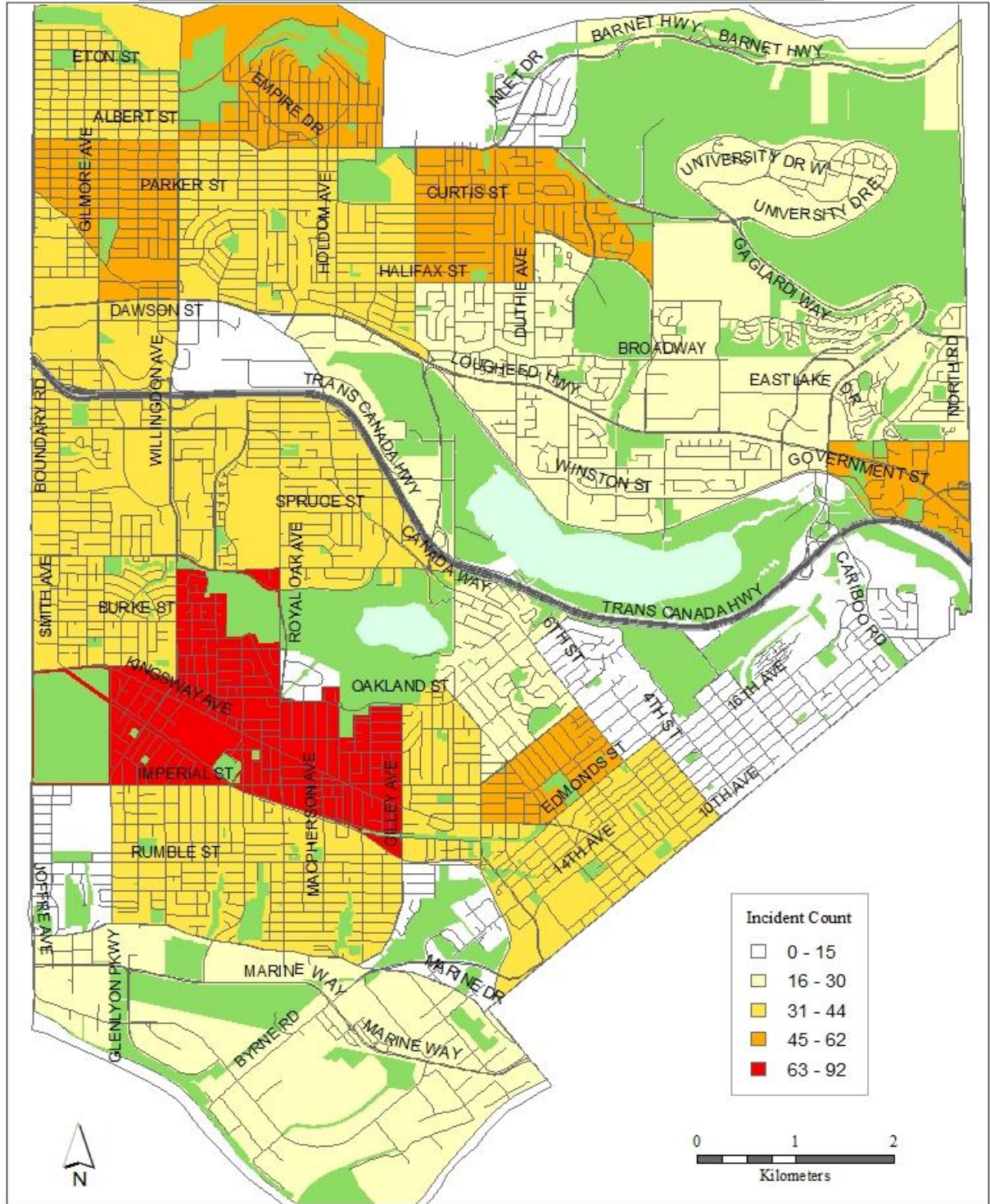






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### Auto Crimes by Neighbourhood -- July to October 2015

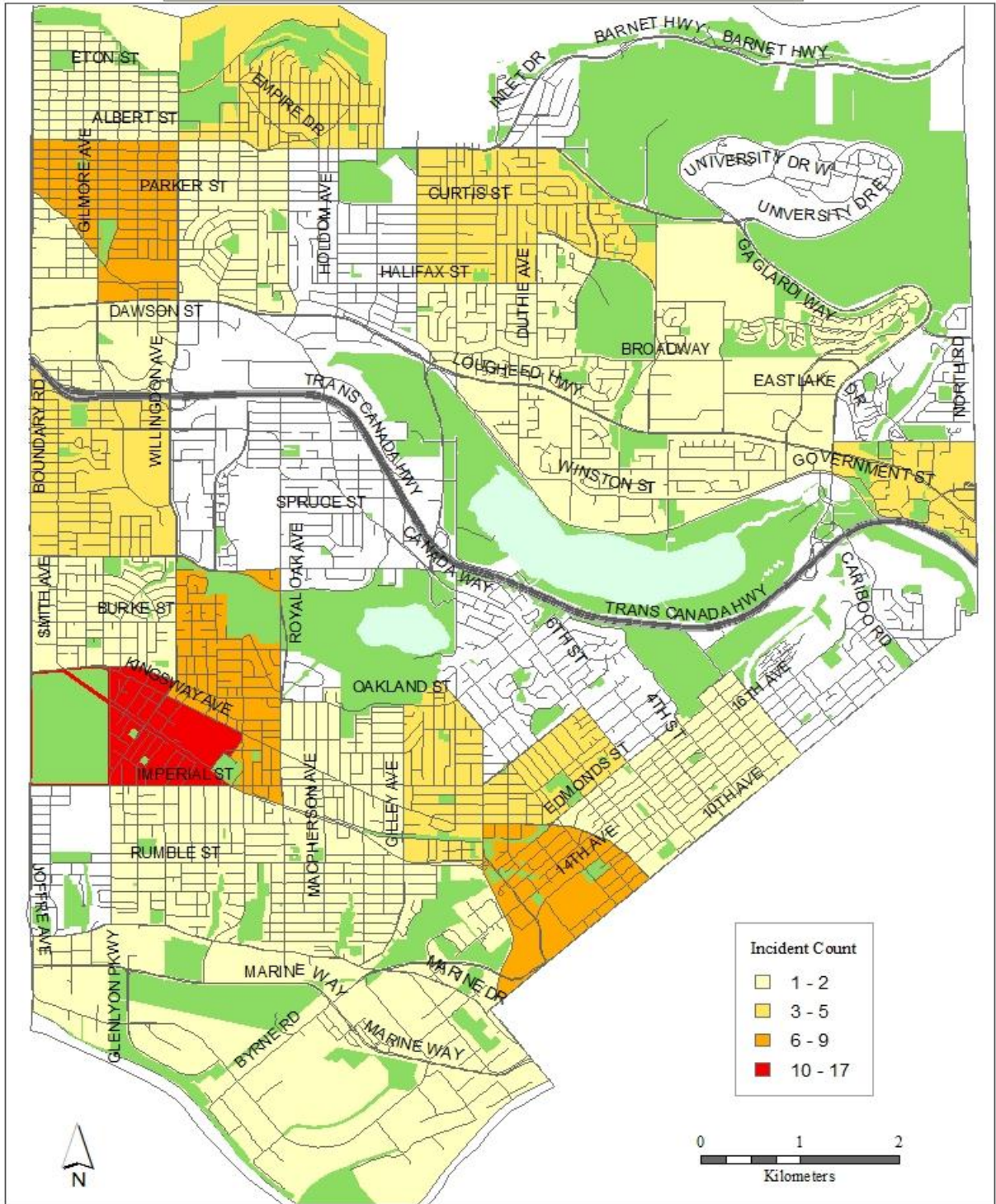






## Crime Density Map

### Robbery by Neighbourhood -- July to October 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.

### Investigative Support Team

On August 1, 2015 a Burnaby resident was on his own walking home when he became involved in a verbal confrontation with a group of males. Things quickly turned physical and the male was struck and fell to the ground.

One of the male suspects produced a large knife which he waved around during the altercation. Burnaby RCMP responded to the incident and located the victim on the sidewalk with serious injuries. The primary male suspect was found two blocks away in possession of a weapon that was produced during the assault.

One male has been charged with Assault Causing Bodily Harm and a second suspect has been identified.



### Drug Section – What goes around comes around

On August 28, 2015 following a three month investigation, Drug Section with the assistance of General Duty, Criminal Intelligence Section and Strike Force executed two search warrants at two Surrey residences associated to a Burnaby 24 hour - 7 day a week dial-a-dope operation.

Four suspects were arrested including two Burnaby residents. Arrest warrants are outstanding for the other two suspects.

As a result of the search warrants, police seized three imitation firearms, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, cash, multiple cell phones and one vehicle.

Charges of Trafficking in Cocaine and Heroin have been laid against all six suspects.

Of note, two months later, Burnaby Drug Section arrested and charged three suspects who were the same suspects previously arrested on Aug. 28.





**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



### **Mental Health Coordinator**

Cst. Mike Kalanj, Burnaby Detachment’s dedicated Mental Health Coordinator partners with Fraser Health to work with high-risk mental health clients to ensure they are staying safe and receiving the appropriate resources. Recently a male had been causing some issues at several city facilities making comments that alarmed staff. Cst. Kalanj along with his Fraser Health partners was able to find the male, discuss the issues, and assess his mental well-being offering support if required. The male understood the concerns and agreed to change his behaviour. This is another example of the Mental Health Team and Community Response Team effectively dealing with an issue that had a mental health component. This type of intervention and response from Community Programs frees up the general duty first responders to respond to other calls for service.

**Personal Property Theft:** A local male was victimizing students who were leaving their valuables unattended at various post-secondary schools in Burnaby. With the assistance of campus security, CRT members were able to identify a suspect who was victimizing post-secondary institutions by committing thefts of personal property throughout the Lower Mainland. CRT members were able to catch the suspect in the act with a stolen laptop. CRT followed up with a search warrant at the male’s residence which turned up more stolen property. Charges are pending.

### **Prolific Offender Suppression Team**

In early September 2015, the Burnaby Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) began an investigation into a rash of thefts from coin-operated parking machines and meters. This activity had a significant impact on the community and between June and August there were close to 150 thefts to coin-operated parking machines across the Lower Mainland including Burnaby, Surrey, New Westminister, Richmond and Vancouver. Damages were estimated at \$200,000. A thorough investigation of these thefts led to the identification of a 43-year-old suspect who was arrested as he left a motel room in Burnaby where he was residing. A search warrant was executed and several key pieces of evidence were recovered. The arrest has had a significant impact in reducing the number of thefts from coin operated machines and meters in the Burnaby area and across the Lower Mainland. The suspect is facing charges on several counts of theft, mischief and possession of break-in instruments.



Damaged parking meter





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.



### Distracted Driving

This year, Burnaby Traffic Services lead the province in the number of distracted driving tickets issued during September's campaign.

During this annual event, Burnaby Traffic Services, along with ICBC and other law enforcement partner agencies participate in the Provincial Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign. The entire month was highlighted by media coverage as well as increased enforcement. This was intended to remind all motorists of the consequences of distracted driving which is a leading cause of serious injury collisions and fatalities. Police will continue to conduct roadblocks and enforcement activities to interdict distracted drivers. The Burnaby Traffic Unit issued 924 Distracted Driving Violation Tickets during September's month-long campaign.

On September 11, Burnaby Traffic Services attended a report of an injured pedestrian lying on the sidewalk at the intersection of Edmonds Street and Mary Avenue. The early-afternoon accident was initially reported that the pedestrian may have been struck by a vehicle, but he had in fact been struck by an enclosed motorized chair. The pedestrian sustained serious head injuries and was taken to Royal Columbian Hospital where he tragically succumbed to his injuries. The investigation continues.

During the month of September, Burnaby Traffic Services investigated several other serious injury pedestrian incidents. We would like to remind the public to be more aware when they are driving, and for pedestrians to make sure they are seen.

During the months of July, August, September and October 703 collisions were investigated. Of those, 147 involved non-life threatening injuries and one fatality.

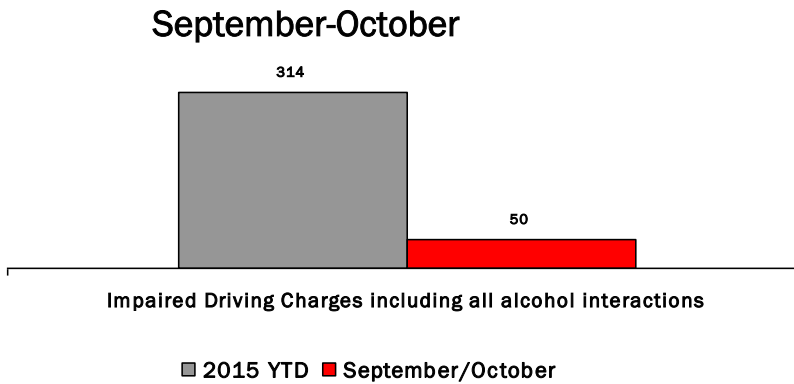
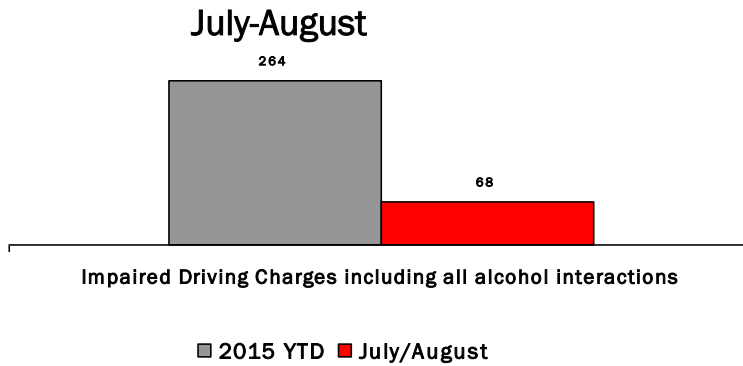


## October Traffic Highlights

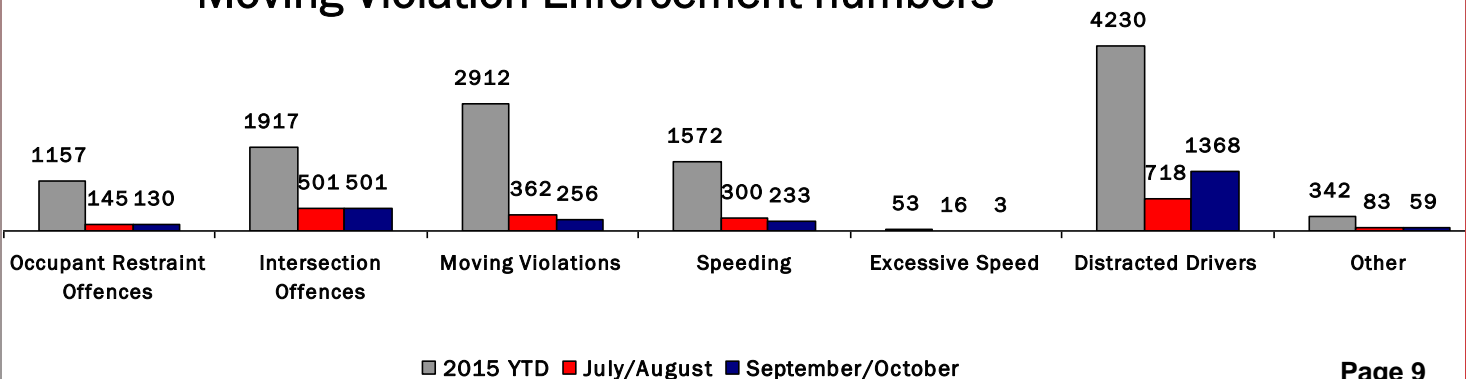
October was Pedestrian Safety Month and with winter quickly approaching and the days getting shorter members from the Burnaby RCMP and ICBC along with citizen volunteers hit the streets to educate pedestrians and motorists about road safety. They handed out ICBC pedestrian safety reflectors and other educational material to assist with increasing awareness about pedestrian safety.



## Impaired Driving Enforcement numbers



## Moving Violation Enforcement numbers



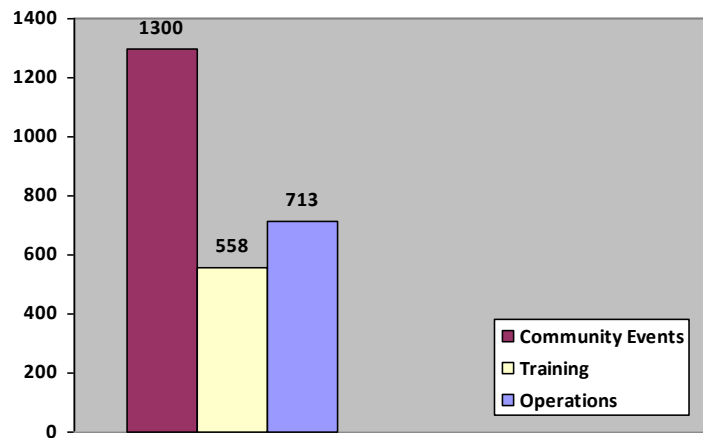




### Auxiliary Constable Program

Over the last four months the Auxiliary Constables were yet again an integral part of several community events such as the annual Giro di Burnaby and Vancouver Symphony of Orchestra this past summer. The Auxiliary Constables also attended many cultural festivals such as Korean and Chinese at Swangard Stadium

Auxiliary hours July - Oct

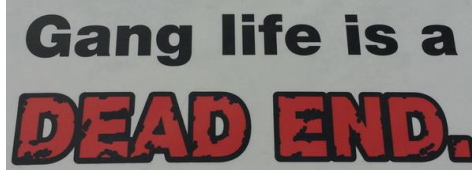


### **Victim Services**

Victim Services Coordinator Cynthia Helgason is on an educational leave until December 2015 and Amandeep Gill is the Acting Coordinator for Victim Services.

Over the summer, we assisted with three homicide files that had all victim service case workers assigned to those files. We provided over 70 hours of crisis intervention to the families and we continue to provide on-going services.

Overall the unit has seen an increase of referrals and services for crisis intervention, since the Canadian Victim Bill of Rights came into effect July 23, 2015. We have provided over 260 hours of crisis intervention, on various files such as, sexual assaults; domestic violence; property crime and sudden death. We also hosted a workshop on Domestic Violence Worker Well-Being: Enhancing your Emotional and Physical Safety, which is part of the Annual Performance Planning priorities.



**The Burnaby RCMP School Liaison and Youth Section** are back in their schools and off to a positive start for the year ahead. We have held our first Youth Intelligence meeting, which aims to increase the sharing of information between the Burnaby RCMP, the Burnaby School District, New Westminister and Transit Police Youth Liaison Officers as well as other partner agencies. The goal is prevention driven and the aim is to work together to help support youth at risk in our communities. Knowledge is power and much more can be learned and accomplished when we work together.

We recently introduced a new gang prevention initiative at Burnaby Central School. A specially wrapped 2008 BMW M3 was displayed to help bring awareness to the perils of being involved in criminal activity and gangs. The vehicle was seized by B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Office as it was previously used to participate in the drug trade. Now it is being used to help start meaningful conversations with youth around gang prevention and the dangers of the gang lifestyle. For more information about the End Gang Life initiative please visit [www.cfseu.bc.ca](http://www.cfseu.bc.ca)



## Crime Prevention Unit

The **Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)** along with Auxiliary Constables attended many Block Watch socials throughout the busy summer months. CPU also attended community festivals including the Fiji Festival and Korean Festival to promote Burnaby’s community crime prevention programs.

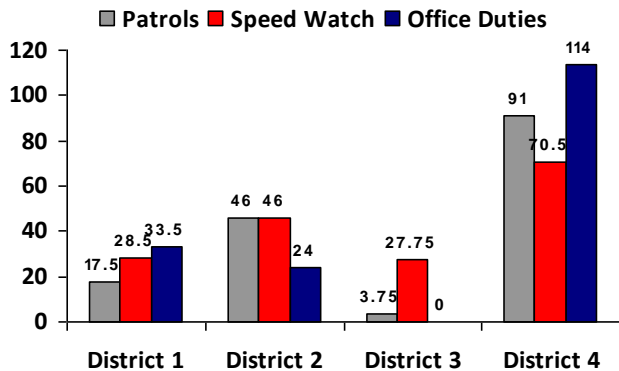
CPU also hosted a Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain training session on September 10 to enroll new blocks in the program and provide refresher training to existing Captains and Co-Captains. About 30 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains attended the session.

In addition, CPU recently launched its web-based Business Watch Program and held the program launch event on September 17 at City Hall Council Chambers. Over 25 community members, stakeholders, and public safety partners attended and took part in the interactive presentation.

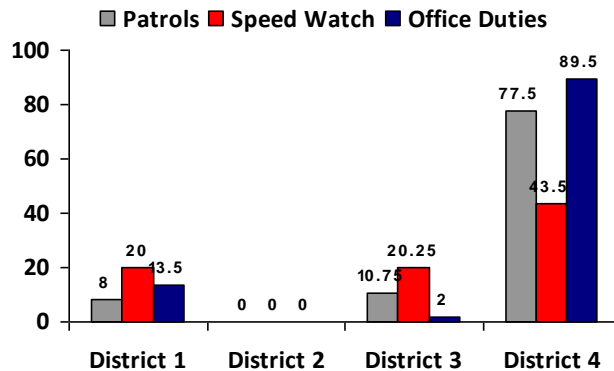


OIC Dave Critchley gives the new business watch online program a go with Councillors Calendino, McDonell, MLA Raj Chouhan, Burnaby Board of Trade’s Paul Holden, Carolyn Orizetti from the North Road Business Association and Isobel Kolic from Burnaby Heights Merchants Association looking on.

**Volunteer Hours by District**  
July - August 2015



**Volunteer Hours by District**  
September - October 2015







## Detachment/Community Events

Many members of Burnaby RCMP detachment took to their bikes this past



On October 26<sup>th</sup> the OIC presented 29 police officers, municipal employees and citizens with Certificates of Appreciation for their actions.



This seized gang car will be used to open the conversation with youth about the perils of gang life.

Members of Burnaby’s Traffic Section were at the Lougheed SkyTrain station handing out information and safety reflectors during Pedestrian Safety Month in October.





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

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

**Contact us at any one of the Community Police Offices below, call our main line at (604) 294-7922 or explore our website at:**

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