

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*

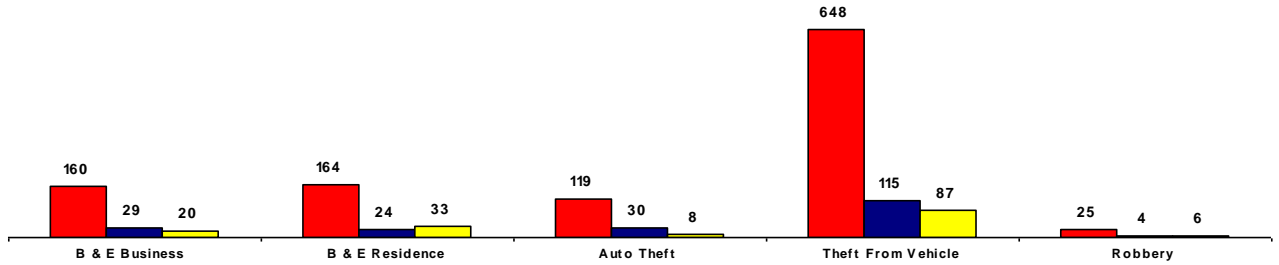
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Crime Reduction Stats

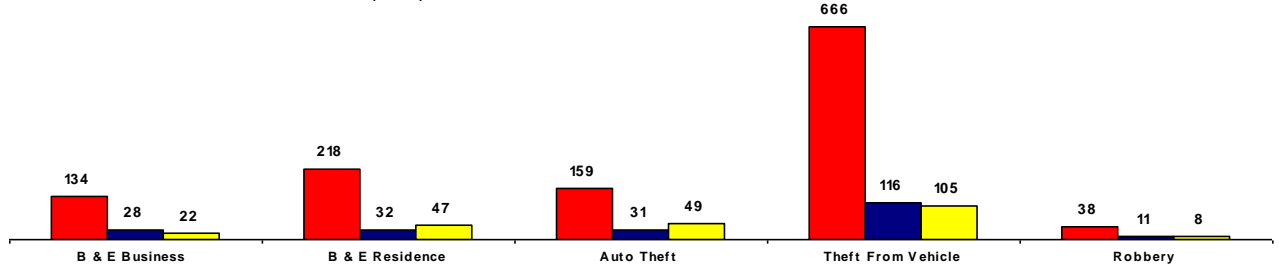
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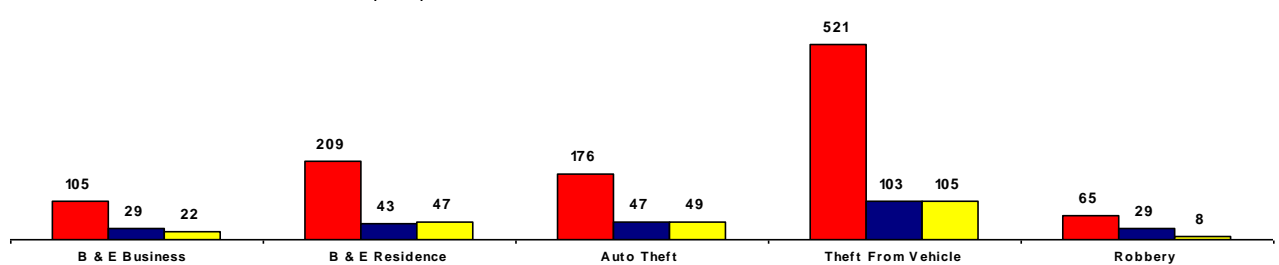
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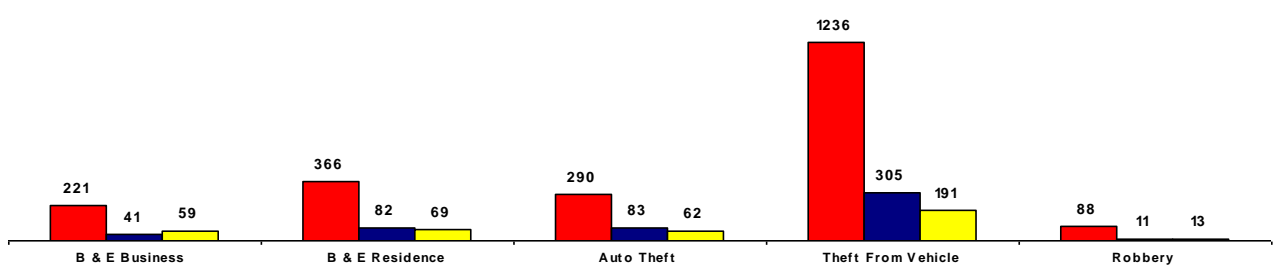
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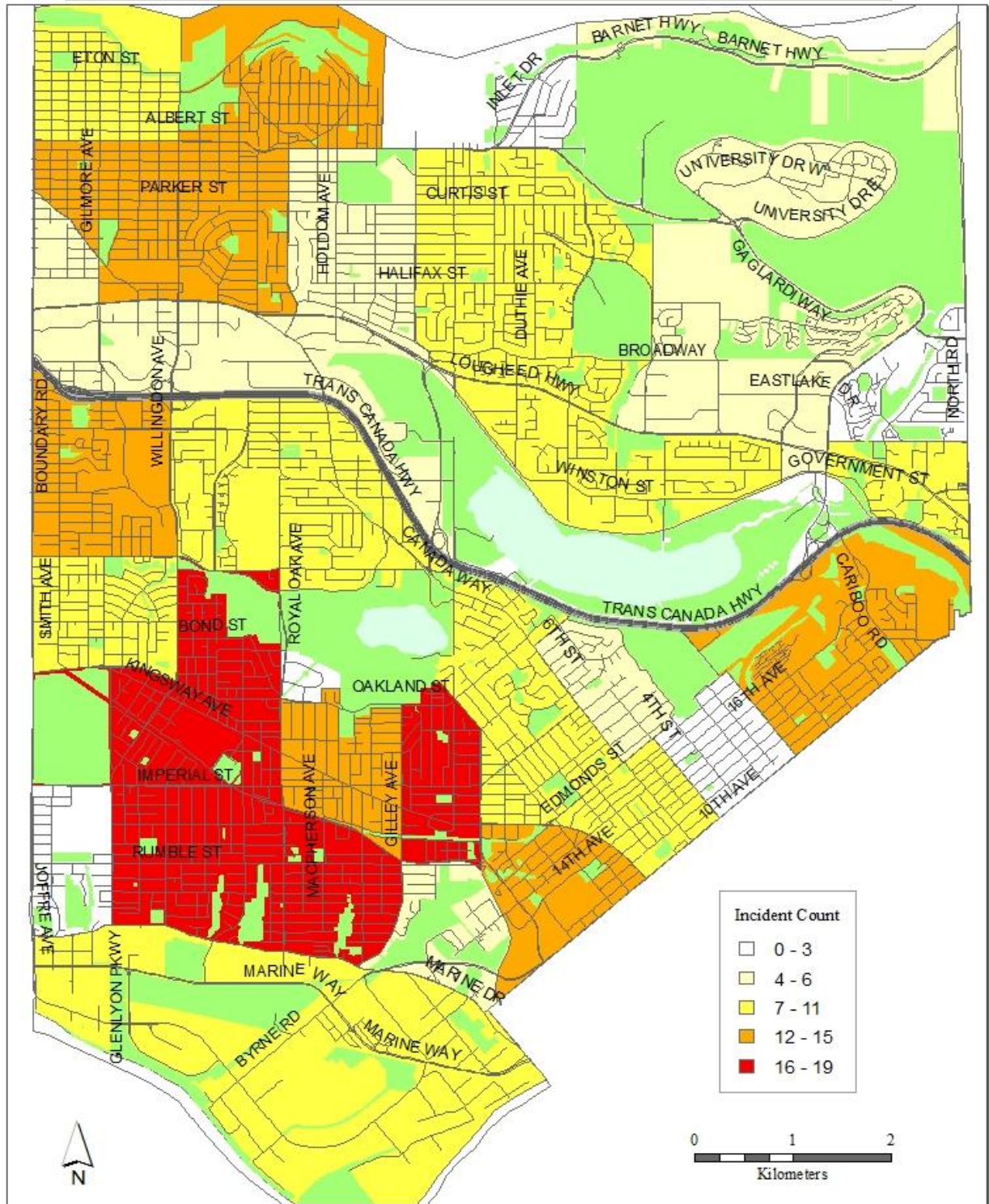
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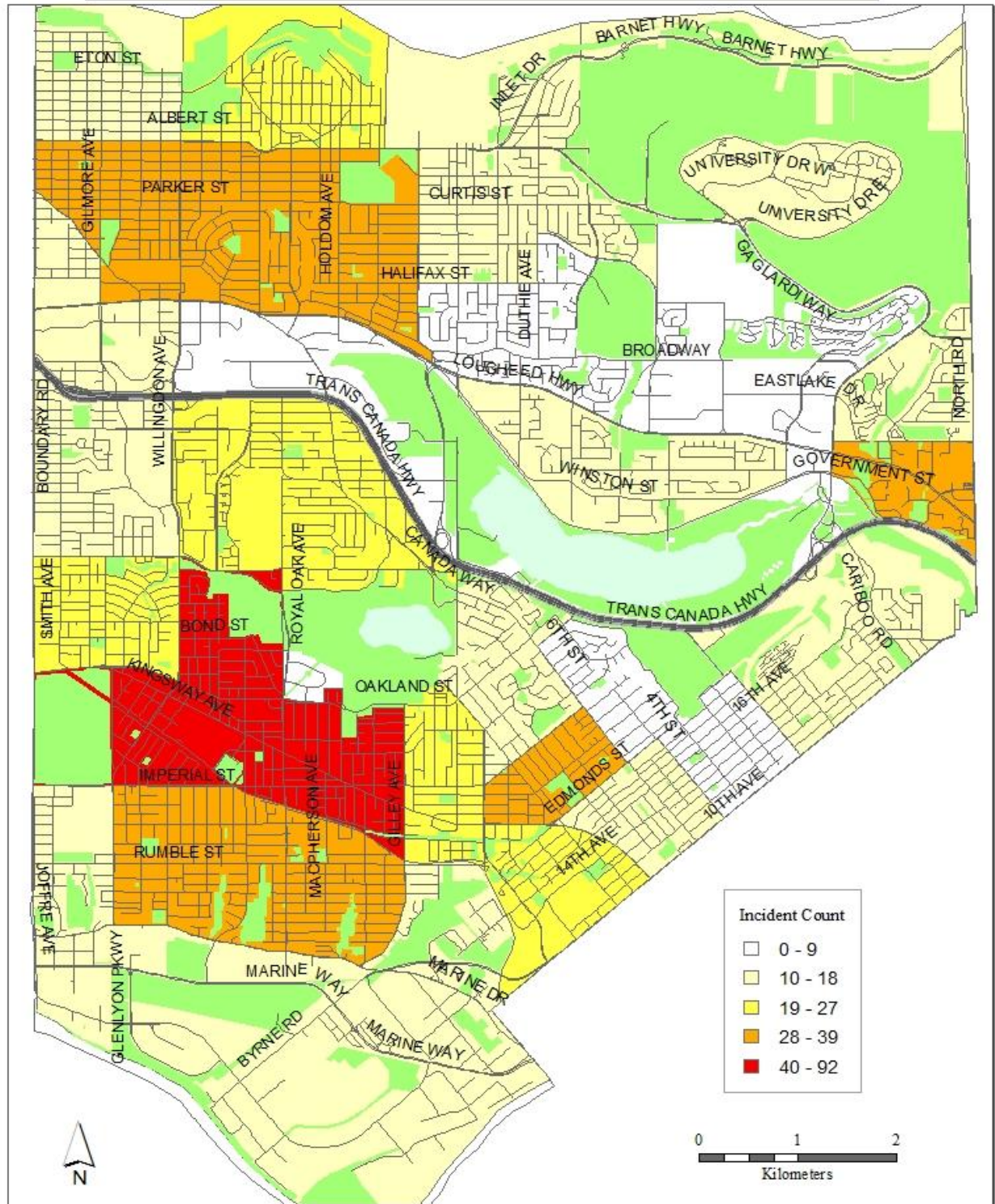
Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- November and December 2015





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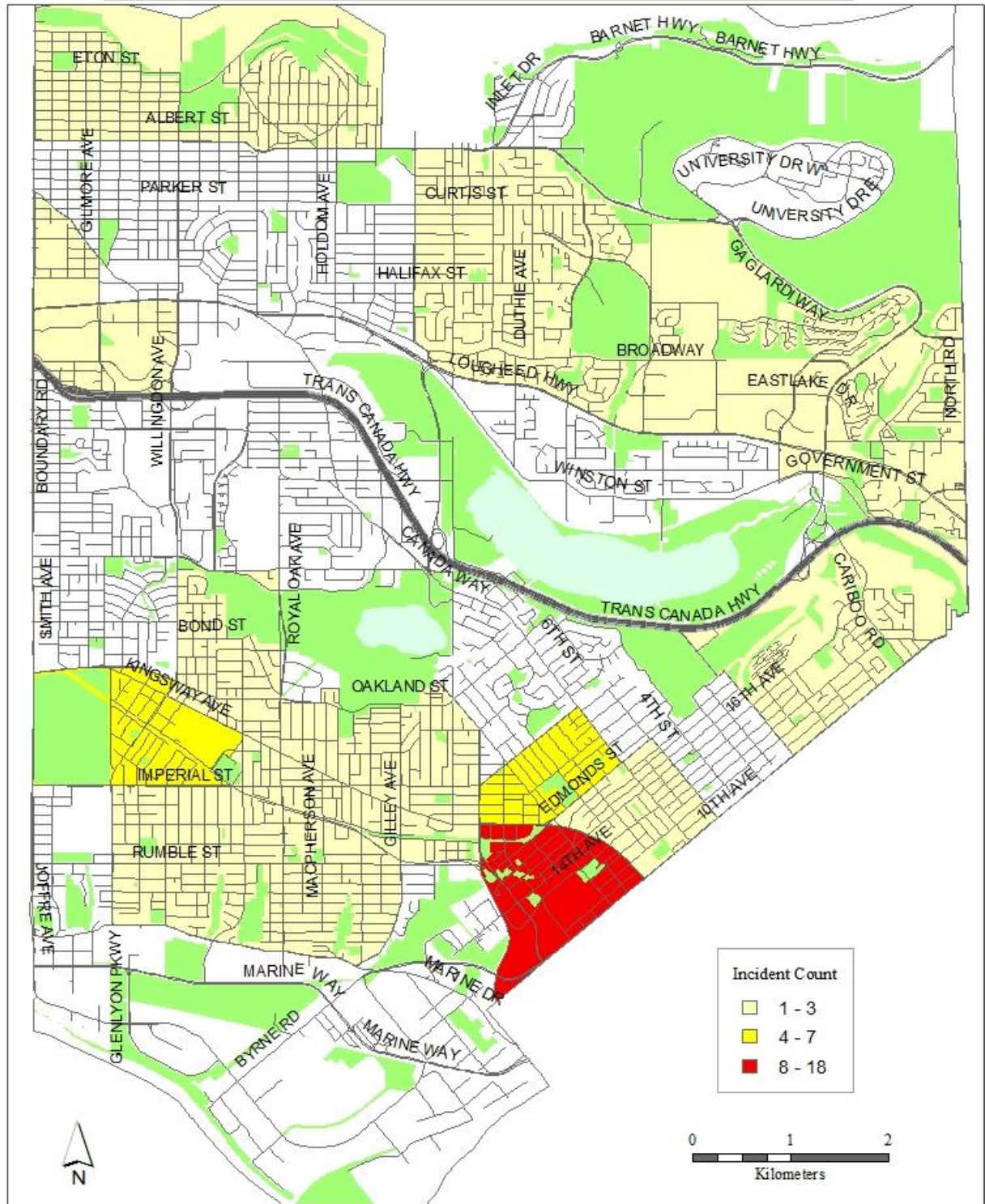
Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- November and December 2015





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 4th, 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 Operations

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.



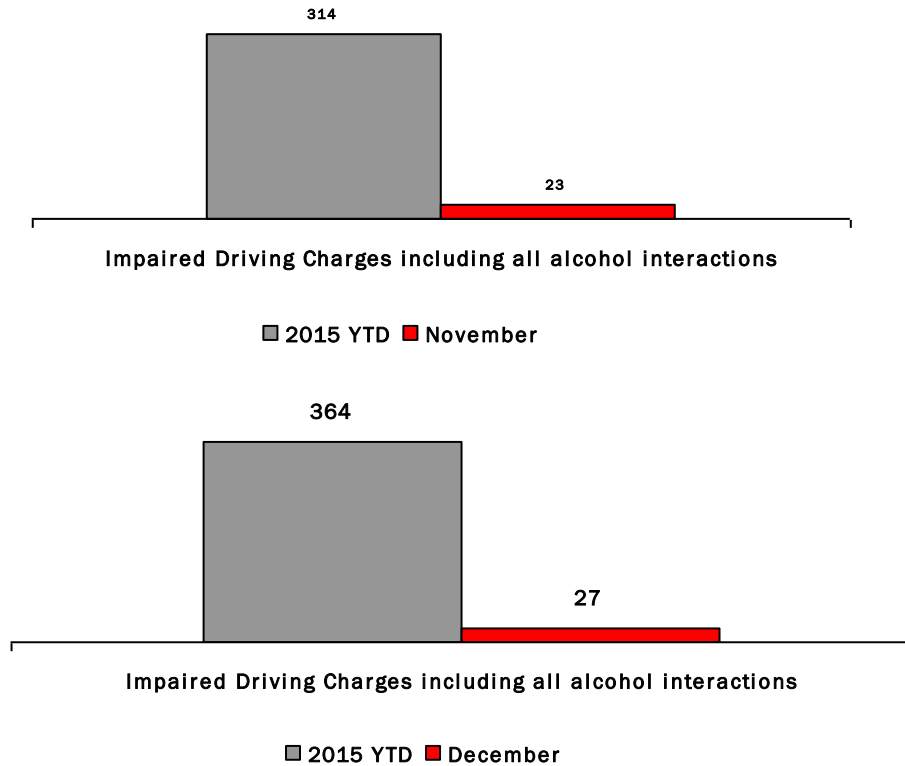
Burnaby's "Traffic Santas" were out in force over the December holiday season running CounterAttack enforcement throughout the month.

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.

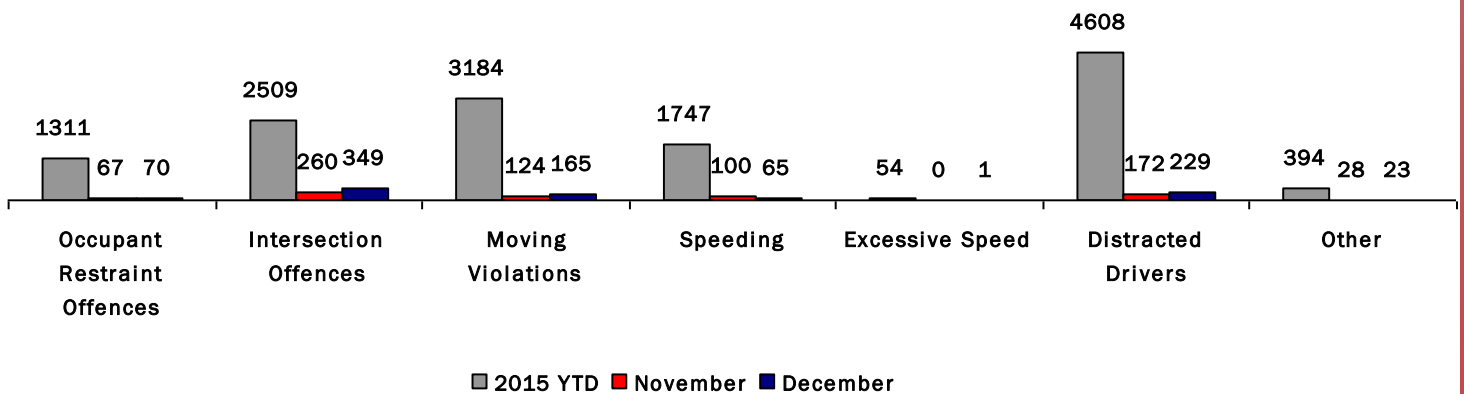
November 11, Traffic Services conducted a vehicle stop with a driver who was observed talking on his cellular phone. The driver initially provided a false name to police, before correctly identifying himself. While police conducted checks of the driver, the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot. 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

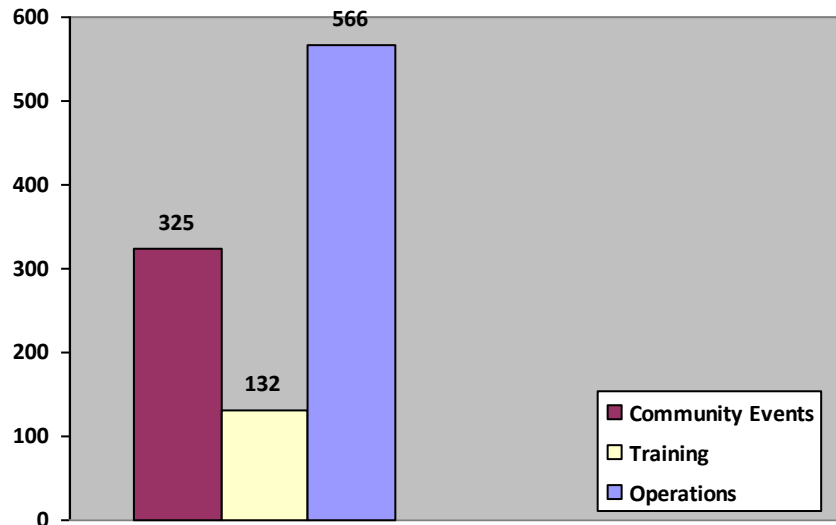


Moving violation enforcement numbers





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.



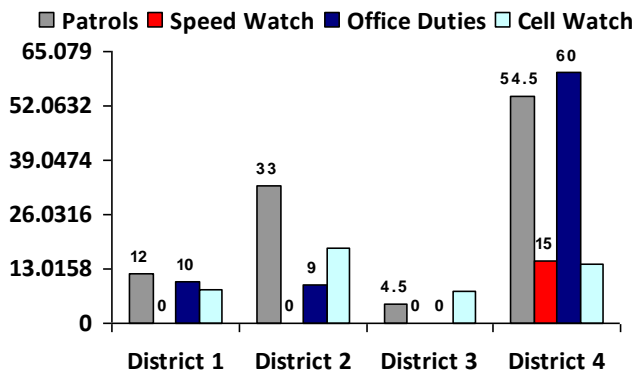
CPU hosted the Crime Free Multi-Housing Phase I workshop on November 25, in partnership with New Westminster Police Department and BC Crime Prevention Association. About 36 rental property managers attended the session. Managers from across the Lower Mainland attended, which included Burnaby, New Westminster,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

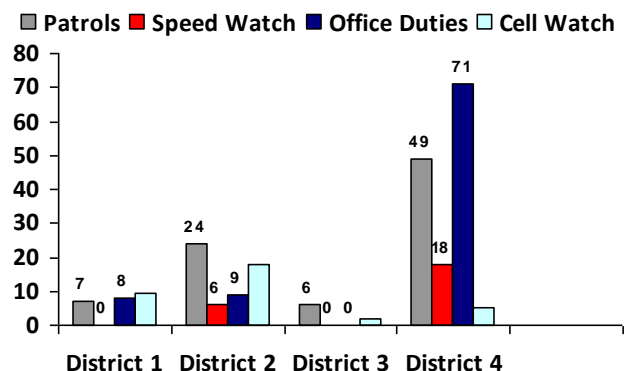


CPU partnered with the City of Burnaby Licence Department to mail out Business Watch information. Scheduled the first week of December the mail-out went to 13,000 Burnaby businesses. In addition, CPU met with the City of Burnaby web communications team in December and reviewed the Campaigner tool for 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.

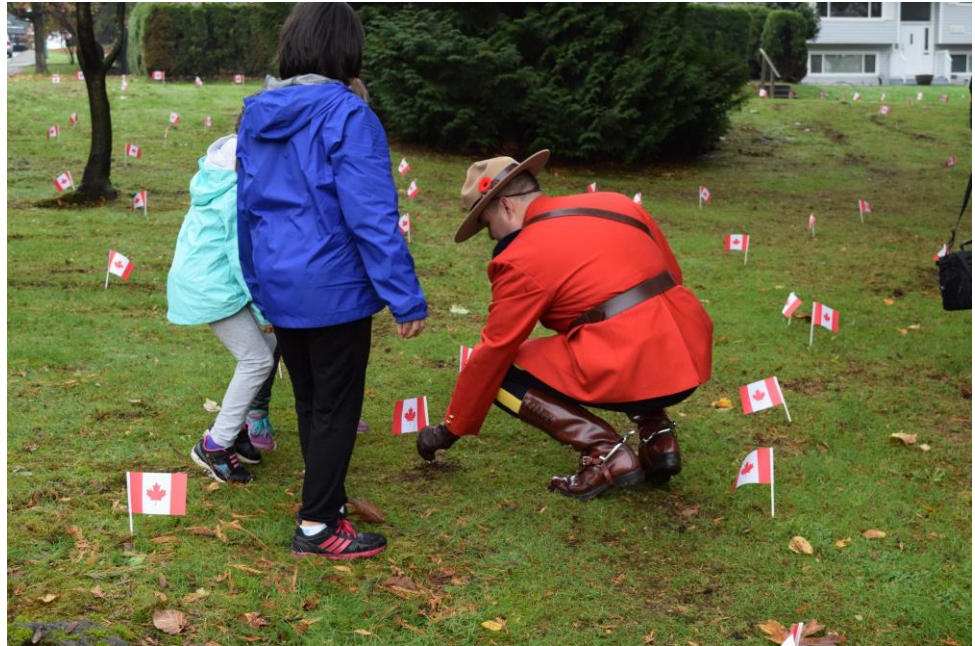
**Volunteer Hours by District
November 2015**



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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?

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

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