

CPO 4 Community Policing Advisory Committee Report for January and February, 2016

- Thefts of autos average and thefts from autos reported as average or below average. Several chronic offenders apprehended. Prolific offender apprehended with help of Bonsor staff and their video.
- Office manager able to attend our meetings currently with front counter coverage being provided. Currently scheduling interviews from applications for additional CPO4 volunteers. New Office Coordinator for CPO 3 has been hired but has not started the position yet. The budget for our committee was not available.
- Circulated the information received in January regarding the sexually exploited and youth at risk and the distracted driving information comparison across Canada. Discussed the request for speed reader board from District 1 and 2. Tom Webster noted that these work to reduce speeds but have to be moved around or they become part of the landscape. RCMP support can be given to ticket near speed reader boards but it is not always effective because news spreads of police presence and people slow down and then speed up once passed the zone.
- Discussion regarding the impact of homelessness throughout Burnaby and the impact on all four districts. RCMP is working with City to do a stepped approach and provide contacts for community support as they do not immediately remove and discard their belongings. At both meetings the impact of individuals with mental health issues continues to be a major concern in their work places: Bonsor Community Centre, Bob Prittie Library, Metrotown Mall. Staff for these places has been receiving training for working with the public with mental health issues. Library has recently done full day training with all front line staff in responding to disruptive behaviours with Arete Safety and Protection. They are also creating a manual (in addition to our emergency procedures manual) that recommends strategies to respond to specific problem behaviours and recommends ban lengths for types of behaviours. Constable Rompf has proved to be very helpful to library issues. Mental health remains a big and increasing concern in Burnaby. The RCMP can only apprehend the person if he or she is a danger to themselves or others. Agreed that a strategy to address the problem is needed—locally, provincially and federally.
- During the Speed Watch patrol incidents of dangerous driving were observed. The question arose as how to report this. It was noted that it is the driver that needs to be identified to be charged not the vehicle. Company cars could be reported to the business. Awareness could be done with schools to stop parents jaywalking with their kids.

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