



January/February



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#PINKSHIRTDAY

This year Burnaby RCMP detachment took part in Pink Shirt Day on February 24, 2016. The day was capped off with a staff barbecue hosted by the Burnaby Detachment Social Club.

Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report

“Partners for a Safe Community”





Message from the Chief



In my previous message to you, I spoke about the Burnaby RCMP's continued commitment concerning community engagement. Each year, we reach out to the public in many positive ways whether it's education about cyberbullying, a topical public safety issue or talking to newly arrived Canadians about the RCMP's role in the our justice system. We are always looking for ways to connect with the community we serve.

In January, we hosted two public safety events including one that was geared toward increasing safety for people with Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's is one of the most common factors in the missing person reports our police members receive. We wanted to do our part by providing information about how to protect loved ones who suffer from this unforgiving disease, especially in the event they go missing. The event was one part of the Burnaby RCMP's Safe Community Series that we will be hosting throughout the year.

The second event concerned kids and social media and when certain behaviours are considered crossing the line from acceptable activity into either dangerous or criminal ones. We informed parents about what they can expect if police became involved in an investigation and let them know what we can offer in terms of support and resources for families. This public outreach component is personally very important to me and we have more events coming up including a public forum on fraud with a special focus on frauds targeting senior citizens.

Another way we've reached out to our community is to increase awareness around pedestrian safety. It was indeed disheartening to learn of two fatal pedestrian accidents in as many days this past January. Oftentimes it is a senior citizen who is struck and tragically killed. Our traffic section targeted high risk cross-walks conducting enforcement, we issued a public plea to increase education and awareness and our volunteer Auxiliary Constables handed out reflective decals to pedestrians.

District by district our Crime Statistics are holding steady in many areas compared to the same time last year. These include Break and Enters to residences which may be in part due to the results of the property task force we initiated late last year. Some key arrests Resulted in fewer suspects involved in residential break and enters in Burnaby.

Auto theft and theft from auto is less steady with large increases or decreases depending on the district. For instance in District 1 and 3, we had a jump of 64 per cent and 59 per cent in auto theft respectively. In District 4 we also showed an increase of 96 per cent, while in District 2 we had a decrease of 29 per cent. We are down overall, however, in Robbery, Break and Enter to Businesses and Residential Break and Enters.

Our specialty units are targeting a number of individuals with regards to auto theft so we hope to see those numbers start going down in the near future as these investigations progress.

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Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment*

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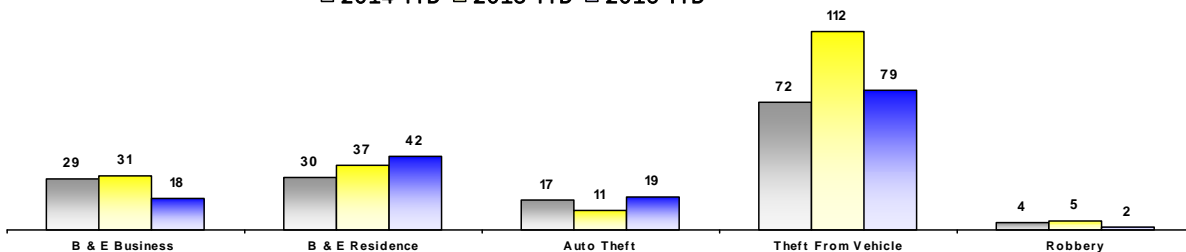




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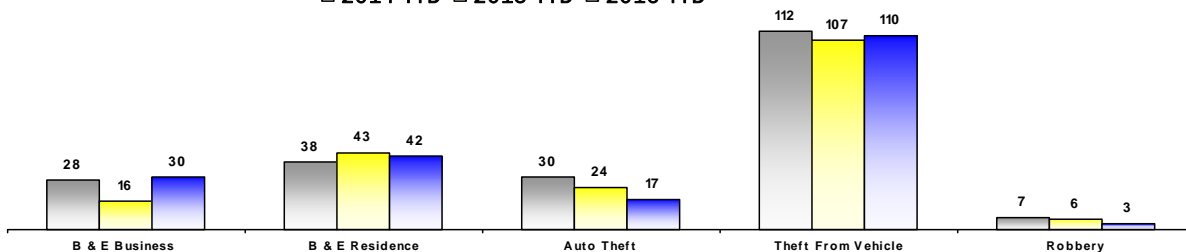
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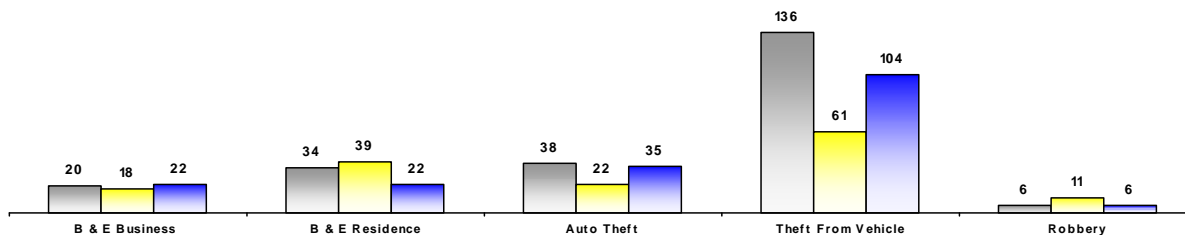
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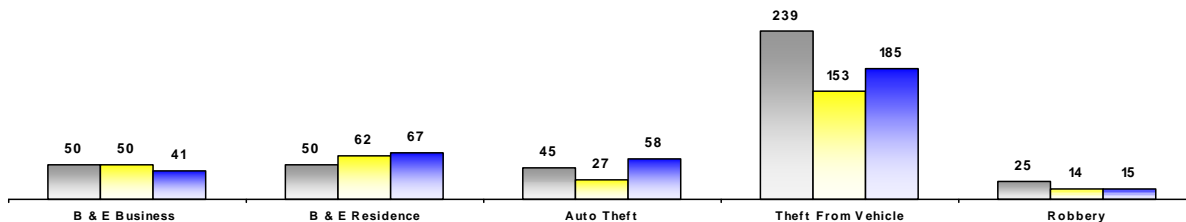
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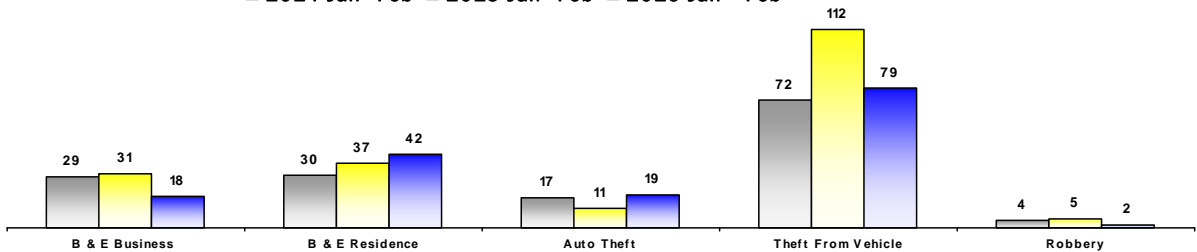
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**Crime Reduction
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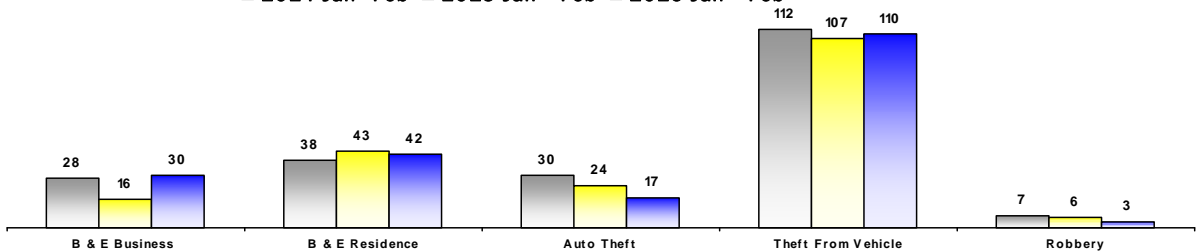
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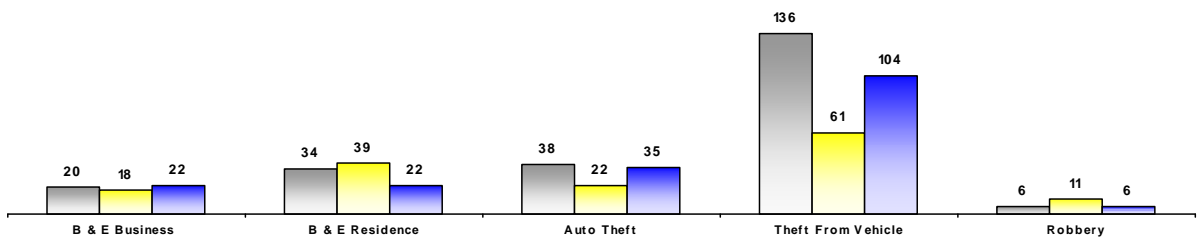
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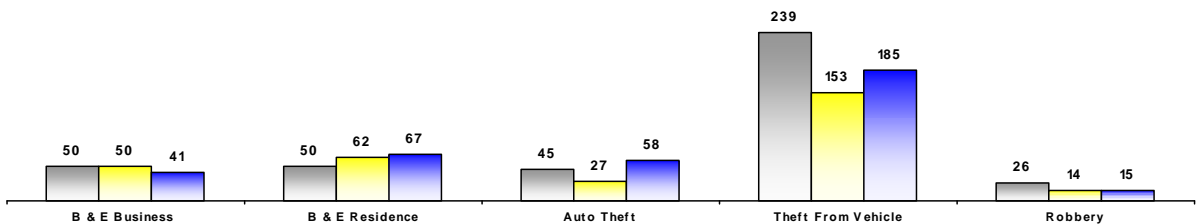
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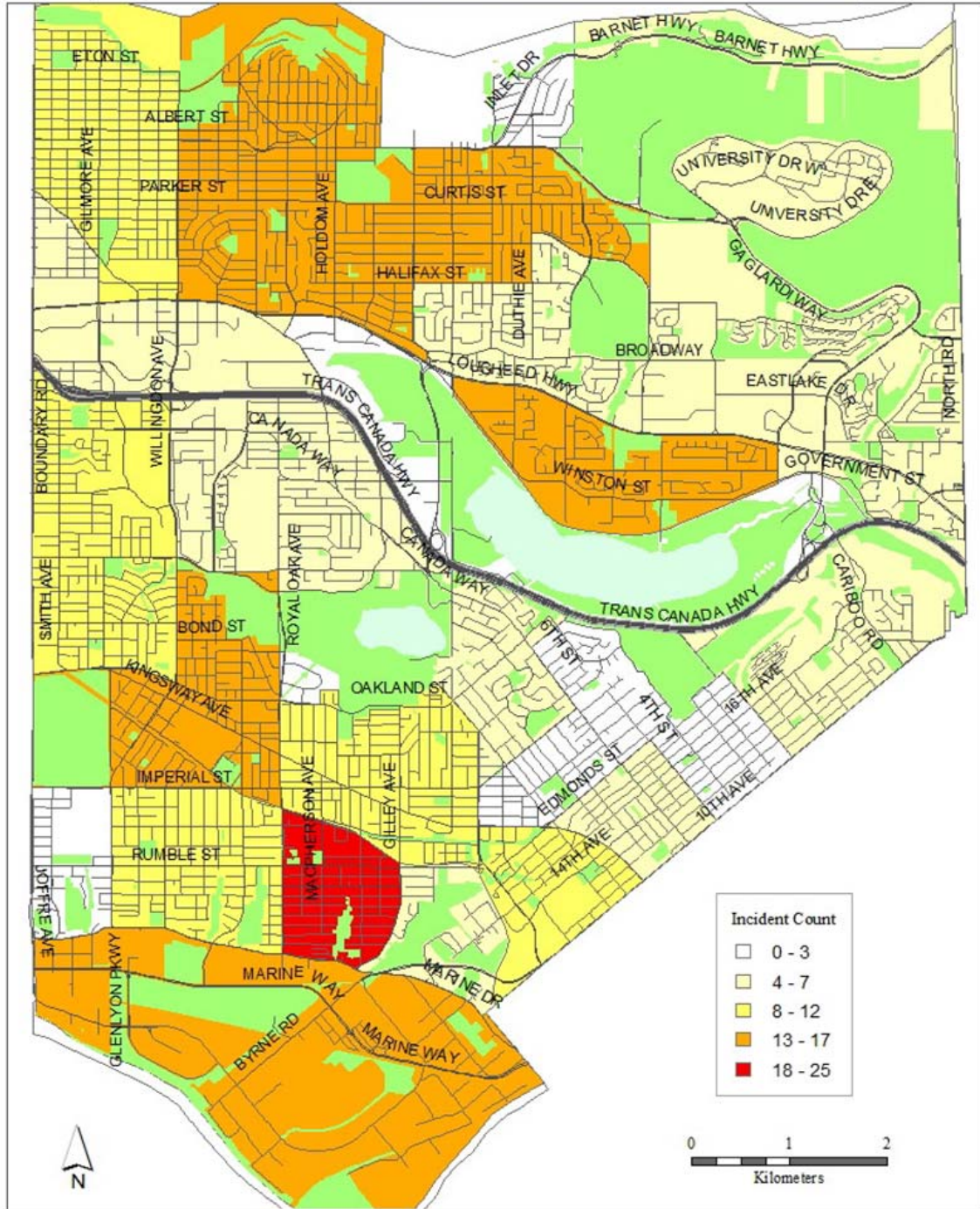
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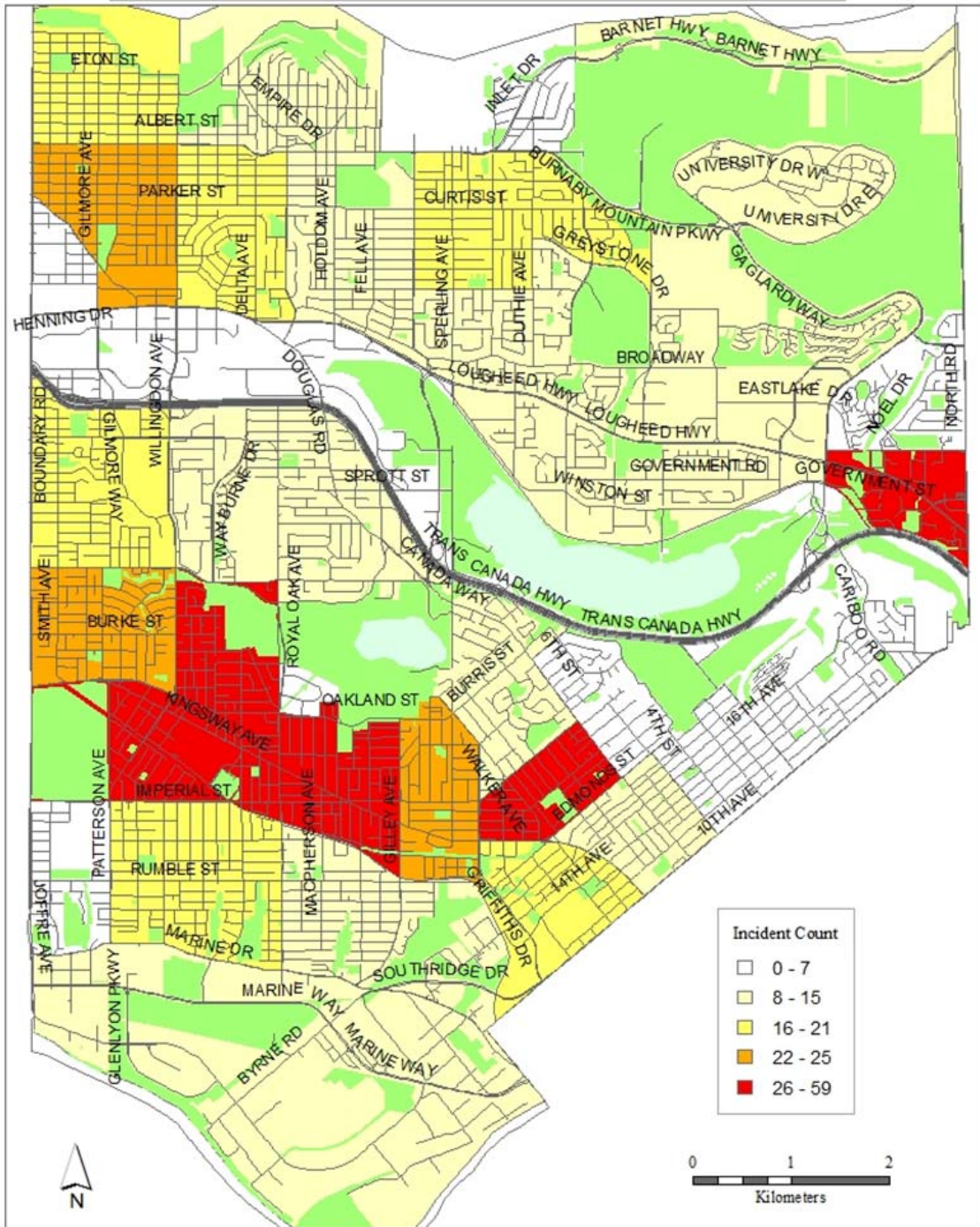
Crime Density Map

Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- January & February 2016



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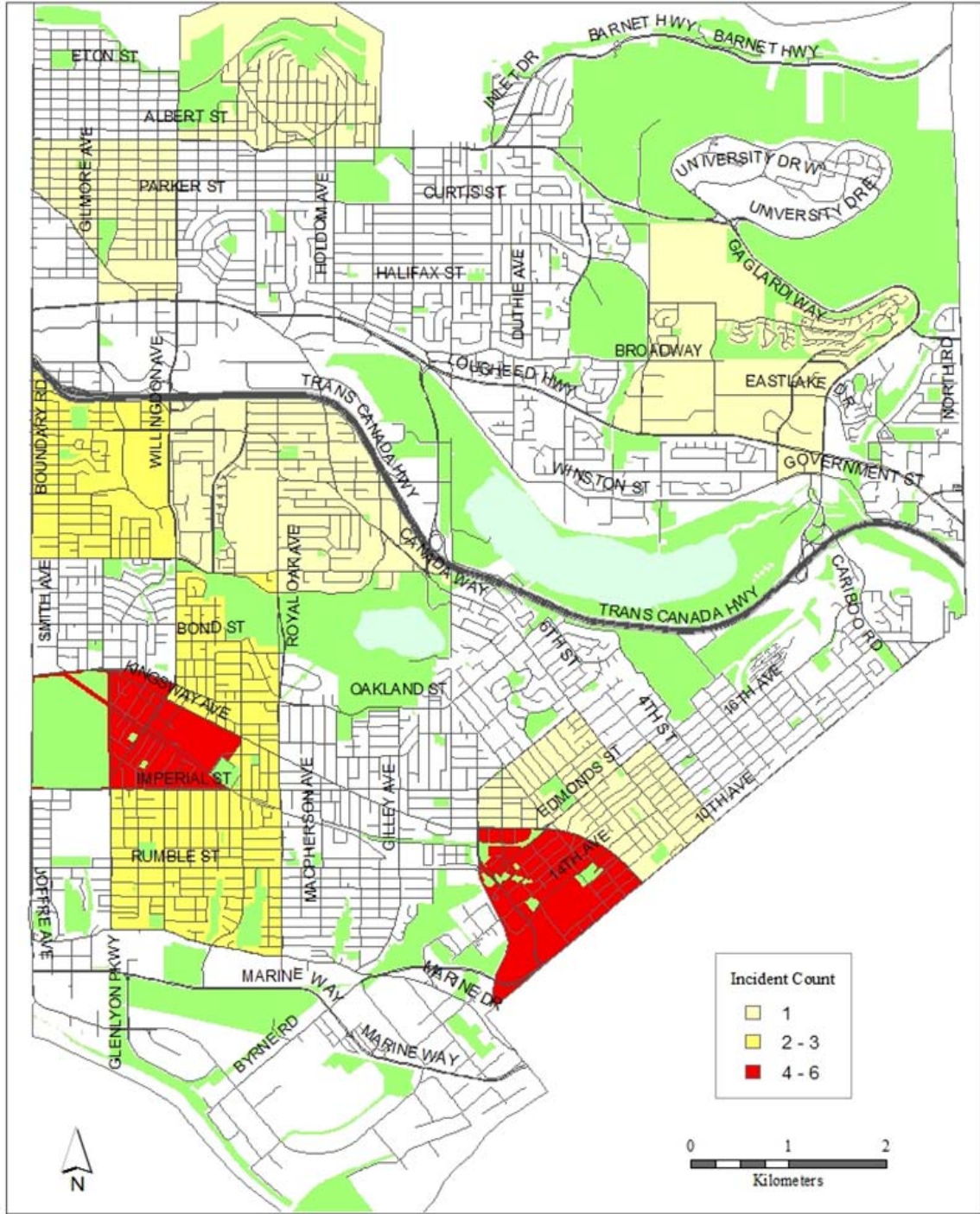
Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- January & February 2016





Crime Density Map

Robbery by Neighbourhood -- January & February 2016





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.

Possible kidnapping turns out to be false, but results in a significant draw on resources

On February 24, 2016, an Alberta police service received a complaint of a text message from a cell phone that stated an unknown person had a female held hostage somewhere in British Columbia. The text originated in B.C. At that point, the Vancouver Police Department became engaged and tracked the message to a location in Burnaby. The file was then turned over to Burnaby's Serious Crime Unit. A suspect apartment was identified and police attendance confirmed the kidnapping to be false and the so-called victim, safe. The woman had indeed sent the text message but as a joke intended to only go to a close circle of friends. However when the subject had sent the message out to numerous contacts they had failed to note that one of the contact's no longer subscribed to the phone number she had and the message was received by an unknown third party, who would not have realized the attempt at humour and who sounded the alarm. Because the subject acted with no malicious intent for that reason charges were not considered.

The investigation involved three police agencies, all of which made the matter a top priority and worked quickly together to verify the safety of the alleged victim, who had not realized the impact of her joke. It is a reminder to the public that a joke can quickly turn into a serious police matter that takes up valuable resources.

Economic Crime Unit

In late January 2016, the Burnaby Economic Crime Unit began investigating a series of fraudulent vehicle purchases where the suspect posed as a car wholesaler and provided the victims with what appeared to be a legitimate cheque from his business. The victims found out later that the cheques were fraudulent, however, the suspect had already registered the vehicles in his company's name. As a result of the ongoing investigation the police were able to locate and seize both vehicles and facilitated their return to the rightful owners. The investigation is still ongoing and police will be recommending a series of charges against the accused.

Investigative Support Team

On the evening of January 23, 2016, a male suspect randomly stabbed two persons in the area of Kingsway Avenue and Mackay Street, near Metrotown. The stabbings took place in the same vicinity, approximately one hour apart. Following the second stabbing, Burnaby RCMP members located the suspect hiding two blocks away from the crime scene. The suspect was arrested for two counts of assault causing bodily harm and held for court. Investigators have requested a forensic examination of the physical evidence seized during the investigation in order to secure a conviction at trial.





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

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In early February 2016, the Burnaby Prolific Offender Suppression Team became aware of a theft of valuable kiteboarding equipment. The suspect had contacted the victim and attempted to sell the stolen items back to the victim.

POST was able to intervene and subsequently arrest three males for possession of the stolen equipment. During the arrests the stolen kiteboarding equipment was recovered, although there was some missing equipment. A search warrant was executed at a residence in Surrey and the remaining stolen items were recovered. During the search the team also located several pieces of stolen mail and items to link the suspects to multiple break and enter offences across the Lower Mainland.

Four Surrey residents are facing several counts of break and enter, identity theft and possession of stolen property.



Burnaby RCMP were able to reunite the rightful owner with his kite boarding after the suspects tried to “sell” it back to him.

The Community Response Team (CRT)

In advance of scheduled National Energy Board (NEB) hearings on possible oil pipeline expansion, CRT members worked hard to develop a plan that would ensure the hearings would be conducted in a safe manner that facilitated peaceful protests while allowing the board to conduct its hearings. Three people were arrested for trying to block access to the hearing. Overall the protesters were respectful and the NEB was able to safely conduct the public hearings over the proposed pipeline.

Meet Burnaby RCMP’s new Mental Health Coordinator

Our current Mental Health Coordinator, Cst. Mike Kalanj, will be away for nine months and we have selected Cst. Toby Rompf to fill in for Cst. Kalanj. Cst. Rompf has five years with Burnaby Detachment and is excited about his new role saying, “I look forward to the new challenge helping a different segment of the community.”

Support Safety at City Recreation Centres

CRT wants to recognize the great job City of Burnaby staff do at Operating the community centres while ensuring the safety of all patrons. Unfortunately, on occasion criminals will target these centres and attempt to victimize patrons. CRT has worked closely with City of Burnaby staff to ensure the centres are safe and that criminal activity will be dealt with quickly. Recently, one male that was causing problems was located by CRT members and charged with breaching conditions. Alert City of Burnaby staff contacted CRT members after seeing a second male looking inside vehicles. CRT members located the male and he was found to be in breach of his conditions and was charged. CRT members are committed to working with City of Burnaby staff to deter any negative activity in and around Burnaby Recreation centres.

Traffic Operations

Traffic Section is responsible for investigating major traffic related files such as pedestrian/vehicle collisions, serious collisions and fatals. Road safety is one of Burnaby’s top policing priorities and traffic services make every effort to ensure safe streets for Burnaby.



Burnaby RCMP and NWPD commercial truck enforcement officers inspect the dump truck which not only had a cracked frame, but also bad brakes.



Cracked frame found on dump truck taken out of service, Feb. 25.

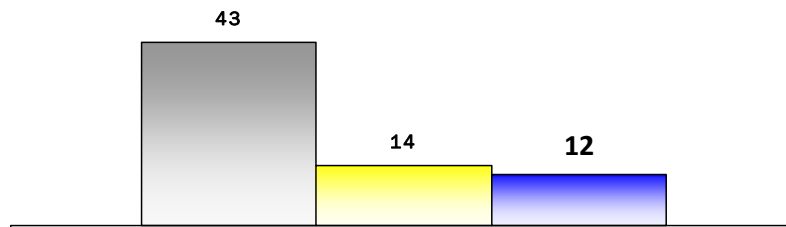
On February 25, 2016, Burnaby traffic Section along with Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement officers (CVSE) and New Westminster Police Commercial Vehicle Unit, conducted commercial vehicle checks on Marine Way and North Fraser Way in the south of Burnaby. Twenty-four were inspected: Twelve were taken out of service; eleven had violations present and only one truck passed with no issues. Vehicles of note were a dump truck trailer with a broken frame, three vehicles with no insurance and one unlicensed driver.

On the morning of January 7, 2016, Burnaby Traffic Services attended to a report of an injured pedestrian near the intersection of Rumble Street and Gilley Avenue. It was reported that the pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle and thrown a large distance. The 22-year-old pedestrian sustained serious head injuries and was taken to Royal Columbian Hospital where she is slowly recovering from her injuries. The investigation continues.

At about 6 a.m. on January 9, 2016, Burnaby Traffic Services attended to a report of a serious Motor Vehicle Incident involving two taxi cabs at Canada Way and Ulster Street. The taxi cabs collided head-on. Initial investigation revealed that one of the taxi drivers was not wearing a seatbelt and this contributed to his death. The second driver who wore a seatbelt survived with minor injuries. The investigation is still under way, but motorists are reminded of the importance of always wearing their seatbelts.



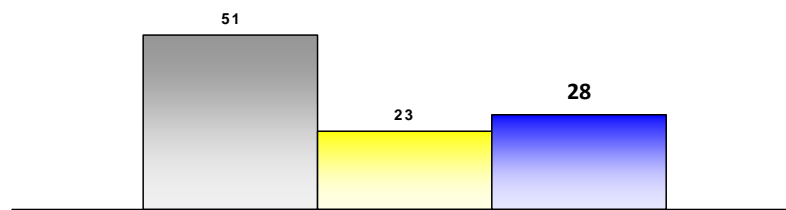
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement numbers



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement checks

- 2016 YTD vehicles checked
- January vehicles removed from service
- February vehicle removed from service

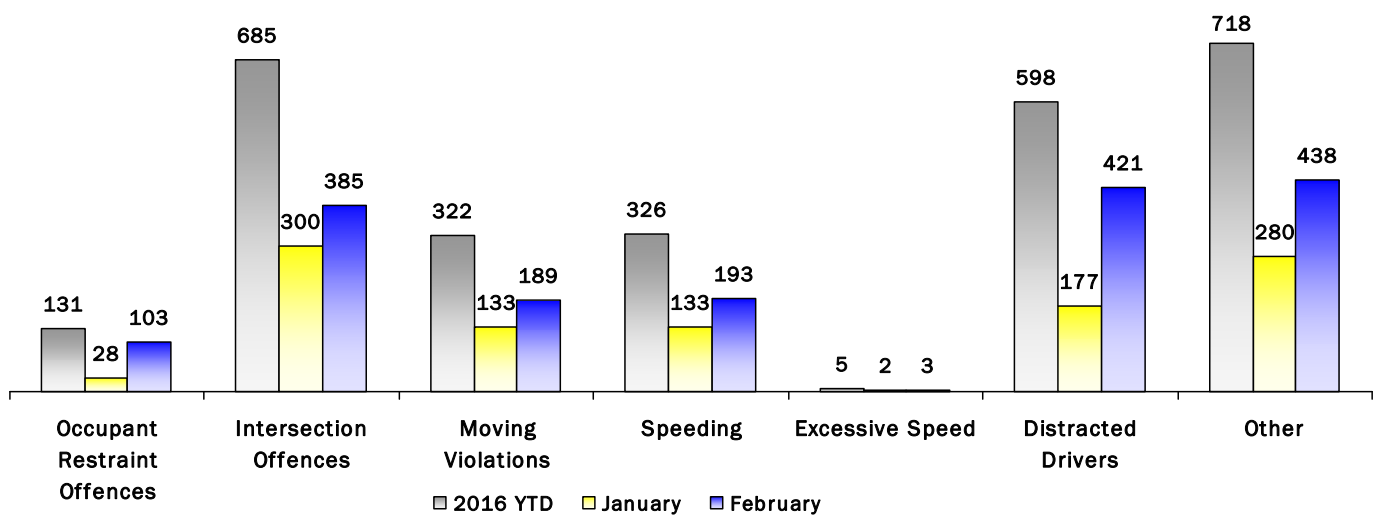
Impaired Driving Enforcement numbers



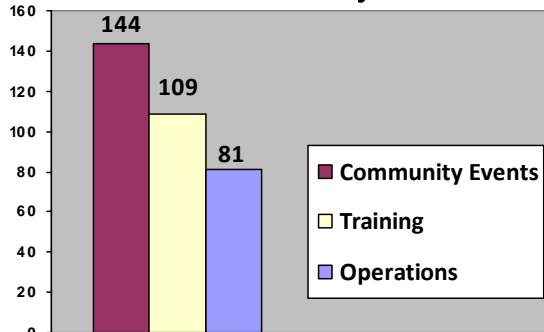
Impaired Driving Charges including all alcohol interactions

- 2016 YTD
- January
- February

Moving violation enforcement numbers



Auxiliary hours – January to February



In January we celebrated our annual Auxiliary Constable Appreciation Dinner. The reception was held at the Burnaby Mountain Clubhouse and it was well attended. Mayor Corrigan, several Councillors and various dignitaries from the City of Burnaby joined members of our Burnaby RCMP's Senior Management Team.

On February 23, eight Auxiliary Constables attended a graffiti training seminar and will be taking over the Graffiti Busters Program at Burnaby Mountain Secondary and working with our Graffiti Program to expand the program in to other schools,

Victim Services

In January and February, 153 files were opened and assigned to Victim Services. In January, Victims Services spent considerable time with victims of a residential file and nearly 57 hours in court on a homicide and assault causing bodily harm in support of the victims involved in that file. Victim Services also met with a group of immigrant women to explain the police role in Canada on domestic violence and personal safety investigations.

Youth Services Section

Youth Services welcomed three new staff members to our team: Melissa Schmalz, RFT Youth and Family Counsellor, Bahareh Hossein-Pour, Auxiliary Youth and Family Counsellor and Zach Saunders, Auxiliary Restorative Justice Facilitator. During this period, Youth Services received 12 referrals, eight for counselling and four under the restorative justice program.

Youth Services Supervisor, Kelly-Anne Breen and the RCMP Mental Health Coordinator, Cst. Kalanj attended a roundtable meeting on Youth Suicide Prevention, hosted by the Ismaili Council for British Columbia. The principal objective was to bring together important stakeholders such as public service providers, civil society advocates, community leaders and government officials to share ideas on how to best address issues related to suicide and mental health.

School Liaison Section

School liaison officers and Burnaby's Youth Liaison Supervisor attended a District Parent's Advisory Committee meeting to speak about Child Sexual Exploitation.

The talk was held in collaboration with the Burnaby/New Westminster Task Force for Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth and the Burnaby School District 41. There was a high degree of interest from parents and there have been further requests for future talks.



Elementary school students thanked school liaison Sgt. Tess Landry after she took part, along with Burnaby RCMP's Senior Management Team, in Youth Literacy Month. It was a great day spent reading to students.

Crime Prevention Unit

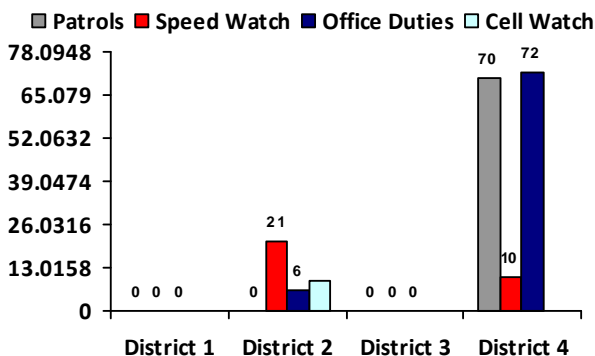
On January 28, CPU held its first Safe Community Series of 2016 on Dementia and Alzheimer's Awareness. This presentation was in partnership with Fraser Health, Alzheimer's Society of BC, Coquitlam Search and Rescue, Burnaby RCMP Missing Persons Unit, and Burnaby RCMP Mental Health Coordinator. Approximately 60 community members were in attendance including Public Safety Committee Chair and Councillor Pietro Calendino.



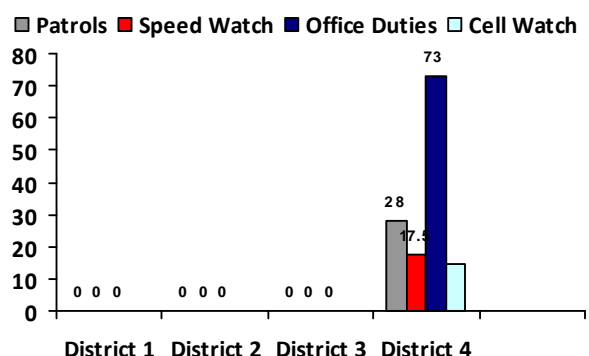
The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) held its second Safe Community Series of 2016 on February 18 on Social Media and Cyberbullying. This presentation was in partnership with Burnaby RCMP Youth Services, Victim Services, and School/ Youth Liaison Unit. Approximately 34 community members were in attendance including a Social Planning Committee member and School Trustee Baljinder Narang. (See photo)

In addition, CPU launched its first Business Watch e-newsletter on January 27 and a sign-up campaign is underway for those wishing to receive it. The newsletter will highlight current trends impacting the business community, safety tips and upcoming presentations. Interested business owners can sign up for the newsletter online on the City of Burnaby website.

Volunteer Hours by District
January 2016



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Detachment/Community
Events



Auxiliary officers fanned out in January handing out free reflector decals to pedestrians following two fatal pedestrian accidents in two days.



As part of our continued commitment to public safety in Burnaby our Crime Prevention Unit has planned an upcoming Senior Financial Fraud Awareness Forum. The public forum will be held on Thursday, March 17 from 12:30 – 3:30 pm at Bonsor Recreation Centre.

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?

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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