



April



On April 28, as part of the National Day of Mourning for workers, Burnaby RCMP members joined with City of Burnaby employees to honour those who lost their lives on the job.



# Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report

## “Partners for a Safe Community”



## A Fond Farewell

I am retiring from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after 35 years of service and this will be my final message as the Officer in Charge of Burnaby Detachment. Numerous thoughts come to mind as I prepare this message, perhaps the most significant of which is the pride I have felt during my tenure as the OIC. My sense of pride arises from being part of something exceptional...a community called Burnaby.

Burnaby is a community like none other. I say this with confidence as I have lived and worked in numerous communities throughout our country and can speak firsthand as to how truly special Burnaby is. Great communities do not happen simply by chance. They evolve, grow and flourish due to the vision and contributions from a multitude of dedicated people who care about our community. These dedicated people include our elected officials, public servants, businesses, faith based institutions, schools and post-secondary institutions, and of course citizens who are passionate about our community.

The vitality and wellbeing of any community is built upon the freedom from fear. The ability to move freely throughout our community without fear as we live, work, learn and play is of critical importance and an aspect which I and many others have dedicated our lives to. Public safety in a community is absolutely vital, as the lack of public safety is insidious and a cancer which if left unchecked can spread with disastrous speed and horrific consequences. I believe Edward Burke put it best when he wrote “all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing”. I tip my hat to those of you who are not prepared to sit idle and let others determine the fate of our community, but are involved, engaged and contributing to something greater.

I also have a broader sense of community which encompasses much more than most would traditionally contemplate. Quite simply, I include all aspects of our daily lives not only within our City boundaries, but additionally those aspects outside our borders which impact our quality of life. It is my view that everything is connected, and I mean everything. Our world is a small place and getting smaller all the time. Although we must focus on the issues within our community, we must also not lose sight of what is occurring around us and make contributions when and where we can.

It has been a highlight of my career and an absolute honour and privilege to have finished my policing career as a member of our community and Burnaby detachment. Policing is a noble profession and I am more than confident, the success we have enjoyed over the years will continue on with our new OIC and the outstanding members, staff and volunteers of Burnaby detachment.

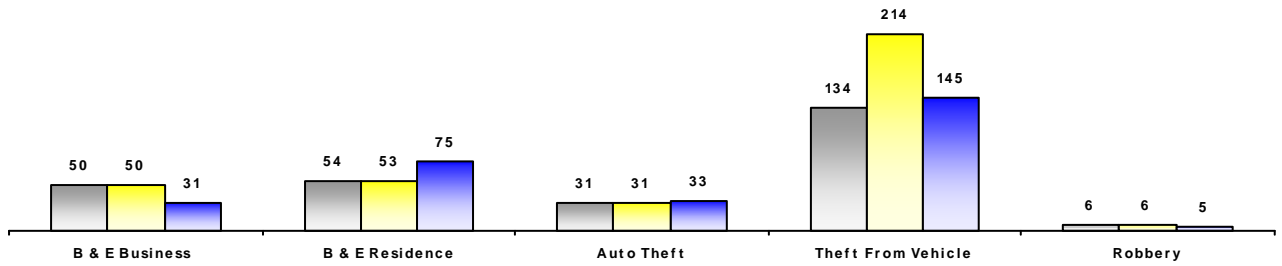
*D.T. (Dave) Critchley, Chief Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Burnaby*



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Stats Over 3 Years

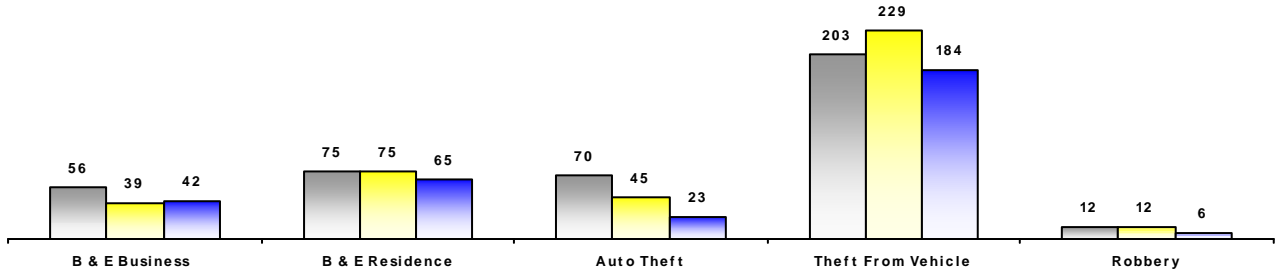
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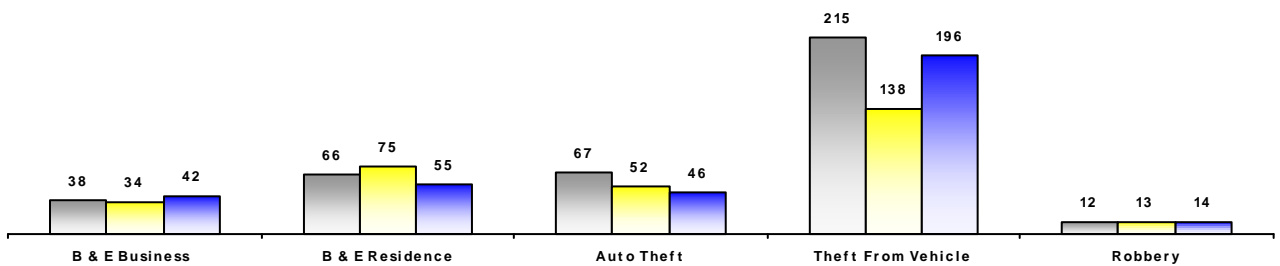
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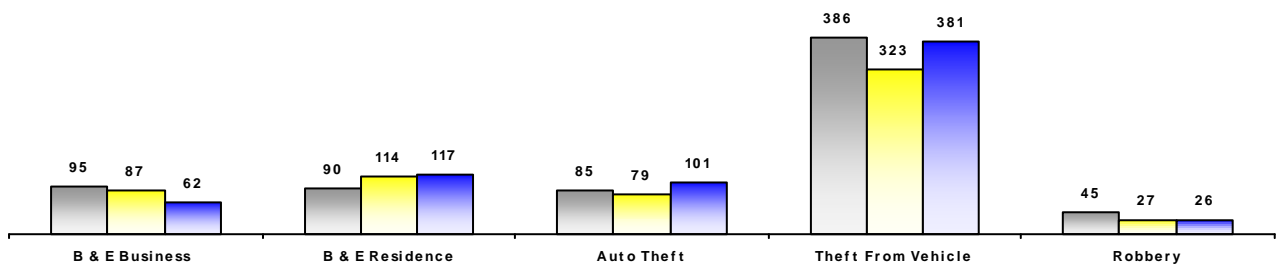
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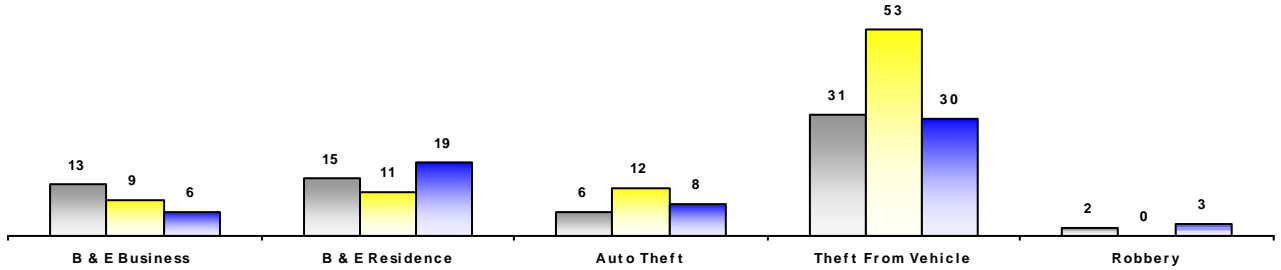
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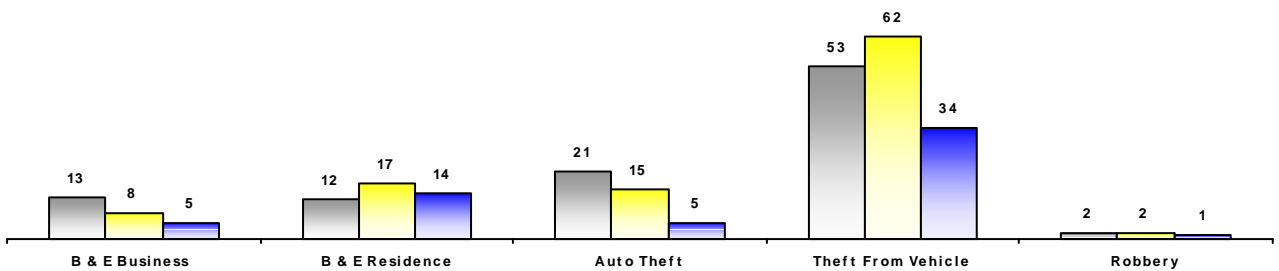


**Crime Reduction  
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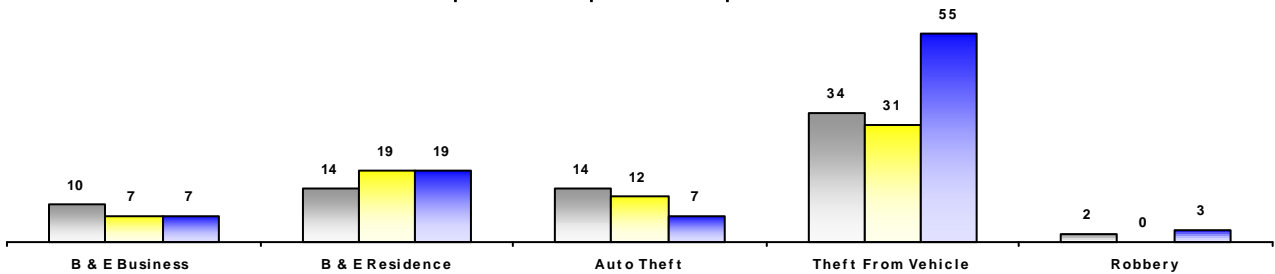
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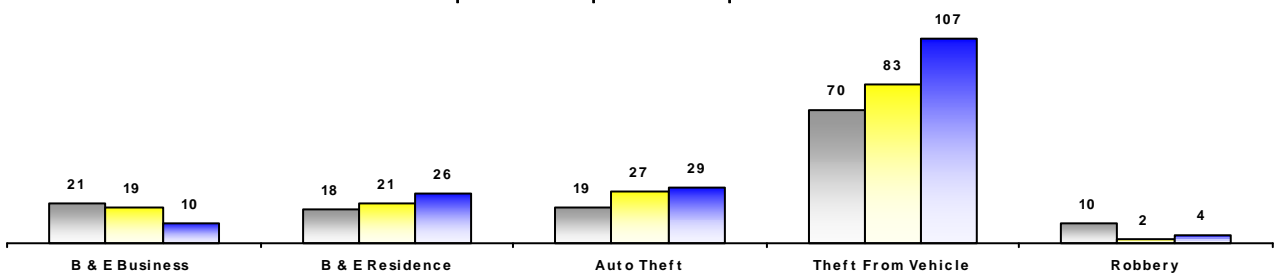
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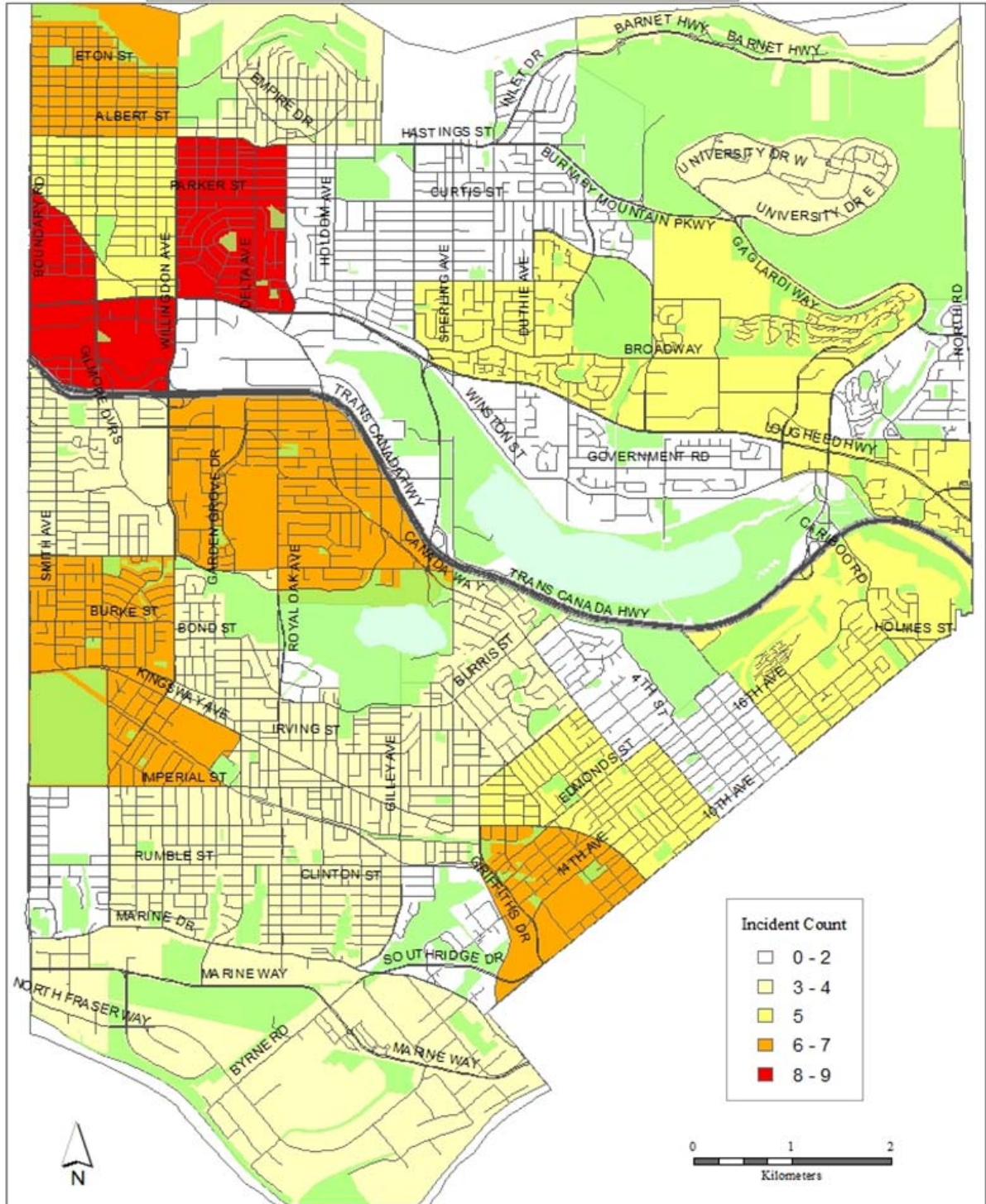
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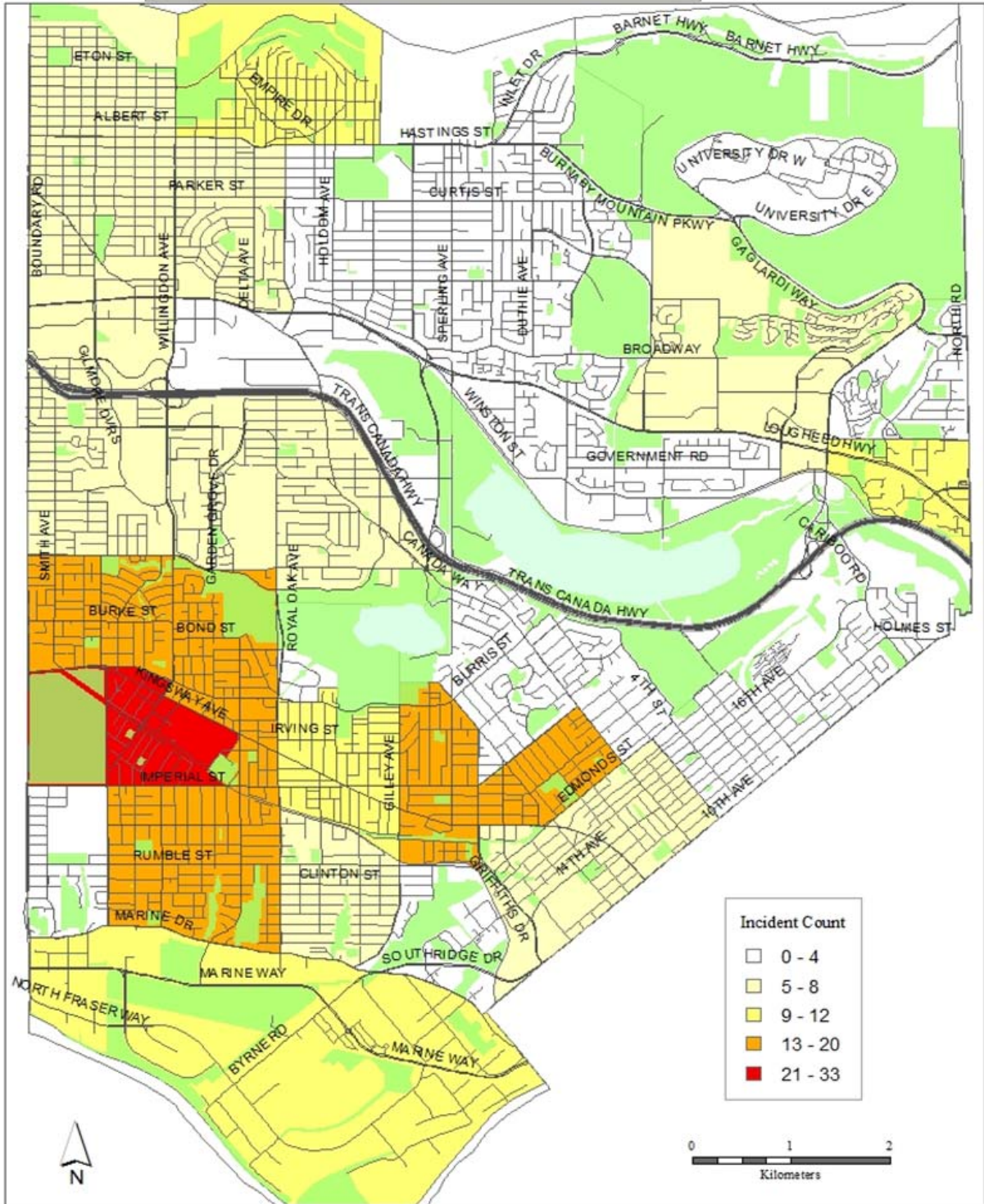
### Break & Enter by Neighbourhood -- April, 2016





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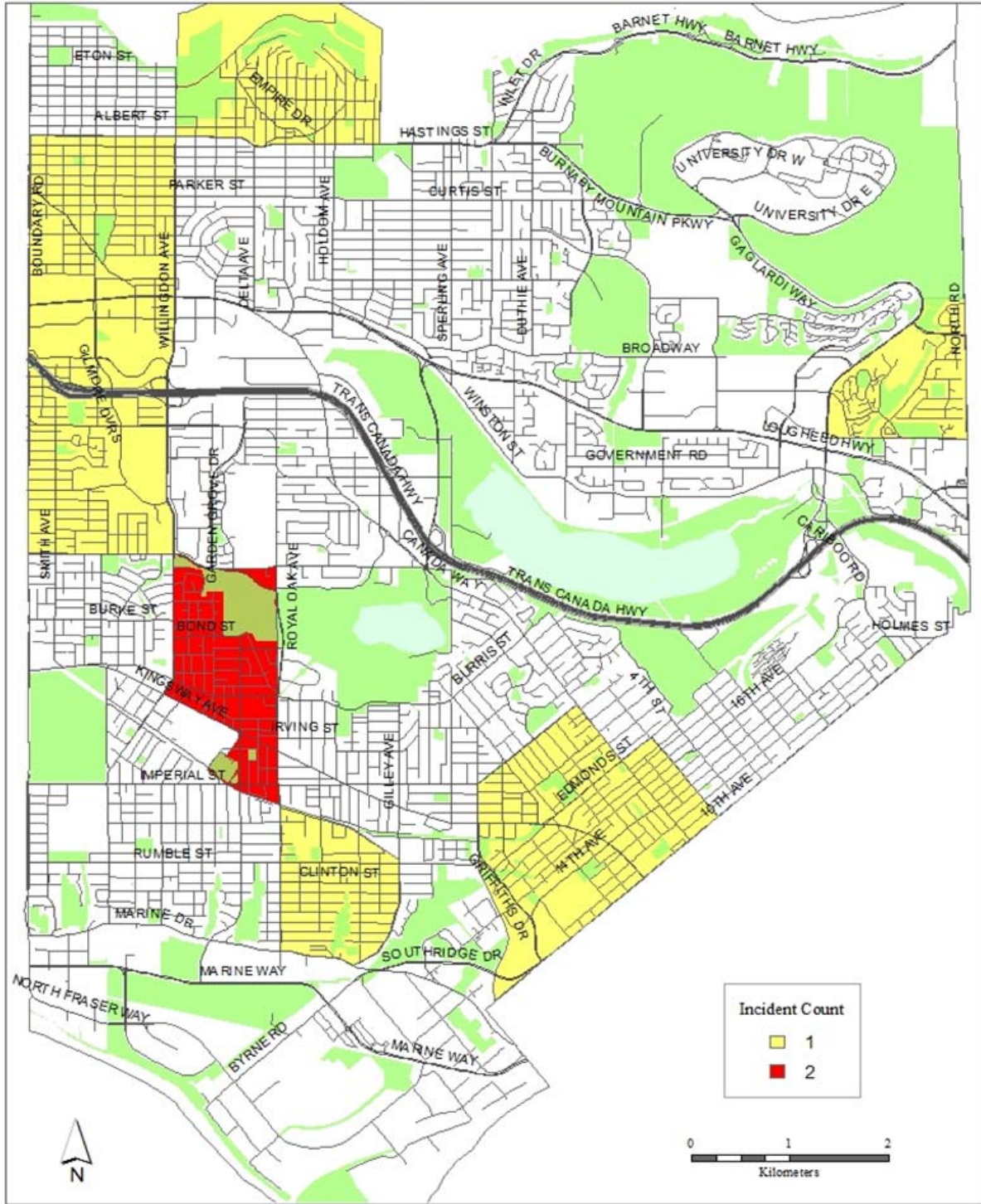
### Auto Crime by Neighbourhood -- April, 2016





## Crime Density Map

### Robbery by Neighbourhood -- April, 2016





## Community Programs

Community Programs is the face of Community Operations in Burnaby. The mandate 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 April, the Burnaby Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) began to investigate multiple fraud offences occurring across several jurisdictions in the Lower Mainland. The suspect committed the offences by impersonating victims and stealing funds from their bank accounts, which totalled approximately \$60,000.

During the investigation, POST identified a female suspect who is also identified as a prolific offender in Burnaby. A search warrant was executed at the suspect’s Surrey residence and several exhibits related to the fraud offences were seized. The suspect was arrested during the execution of the search warrant.

A 49-year-old Surrey woman has been held in-custody and is facing nine counts of identity fraud and nine counts of failing to comply with a probation order.

### School and Youth Services Section

School and Youth Liaison members Sgt. Tess Landry and Cst. Jari Koskelainen participated at many events in April including the Edmonds Block Party where they drove the End Gang Life car and spoke to kids about the negative aspects of a criminal life.

They also were escort to long-time hockey mentor George Hollinger who was being honoured at Burnaby 8 Rinks for encouraging many beginners to the great game of hockey including many Burnaby RCMP officers over the years. George, who started a father/son hockey tournament is still playing hockey at 86!







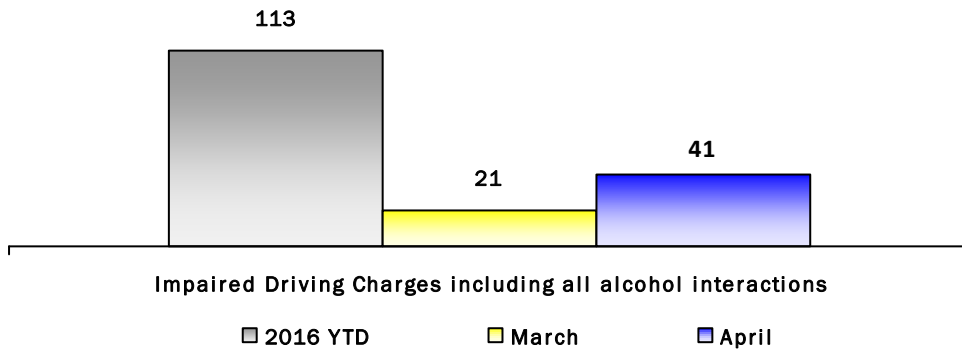
## Traffic Services

The Primary focus of the Traffic Services Section is harm reduction on the streets and roads of Burnaby. Each month they conduct various targeted operations with this in mind.

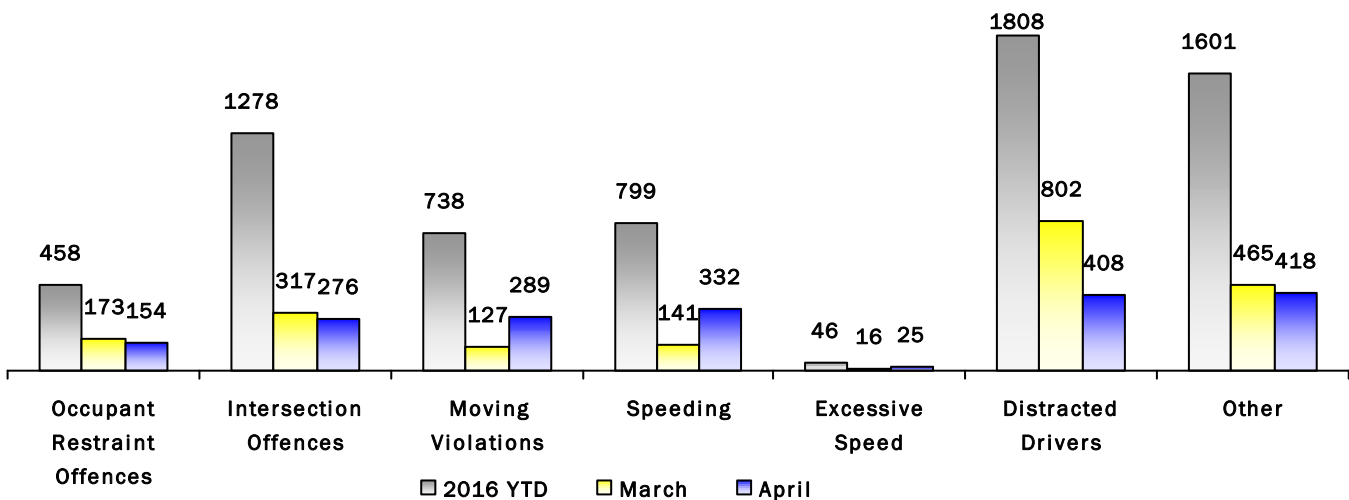
During the month of April, 172 collisions were investigated in Burnaby. Of those, 29 involved non-life threatening injuries and thankfully no fatalities.

*Please Note: This data also contains March for comparison purposes*

### Impaired Driving Enforcement numbers



### Moving violation enforcement numbers





## Drug Section

Burnaby Drug Section has several ongoing investigations including a three month MDMA (commonly known as ecstasy) investigation confirming suspects trafficking in multiple commodities of illegal drugs. The investigation continues to identify additional suspects involved in drug activity. Additionally, a five-month investigation into a residence associated to street level dial-a-dope trafficking also continues.



File photo: Ecstasy

The drug section is also investigating several illegal chemical dumps around the City of Burnaby believed to be associated to a number of clandestine labs in the Lower Mainland. The suspects are believed to be associated to a well-known criminal group. The investigation is ongoing.

## Economic Crime Unit

A known credit card fraudster was released from prison on January 1, 2016 and since his release has fraudulently registered and insured a vehicle and committed mailbox thefts. The suspect stole mail in order to obtain credit card numbers which he used to make several large fraudulent credit card purchases at Lougheed Mall, Brentwood Mall and Metropolis at Metrotown. He has also been using fraudulent credit cards to book hotel rooms in Richmond under a female's name.

Burnaby ECU has been working with Vancouver Police Identity Theft unit and the Richmond RCMP Economic Crime Unit on the investigation. Charges are being prepared for Crown Counsel for theft under \$5,000, identity theft and fraud.

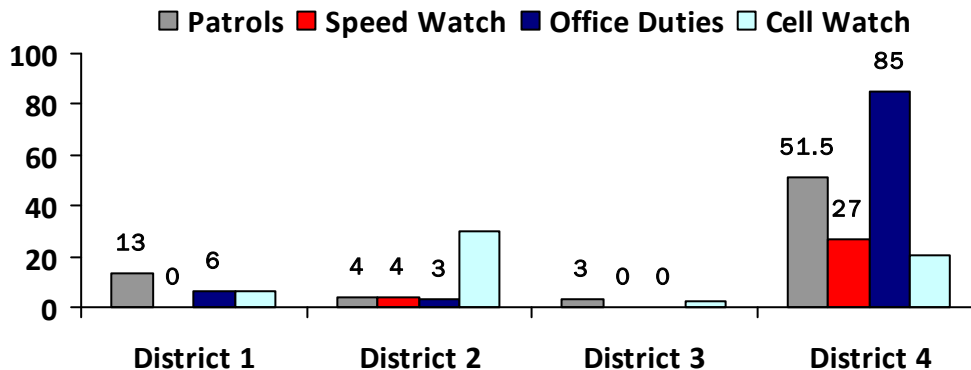
**Crime Prevention Unit**

The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) hosted its fourth Safe Community Series of 2016 on Business Watch and Personal Safety on the transit system. The session was held on April 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Windsor Elementary School in partnership with Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association. Approximately 10 community members were there including a representative from City Council. Sgt. Wendy Hawthorne from Transit Police was the keynote speaker.

In addition, as part of National Volunteer Week April 10 – 16, CPU hosted three workshops for Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains on April 14, 15 and 16. These sessions were a great opportunity for Block Watch members to discuss best practices and to network with each other.



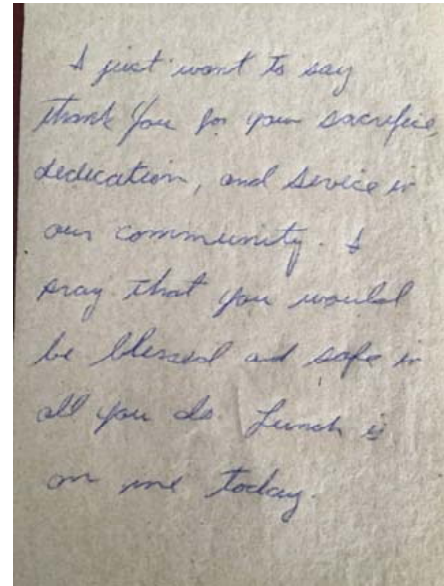
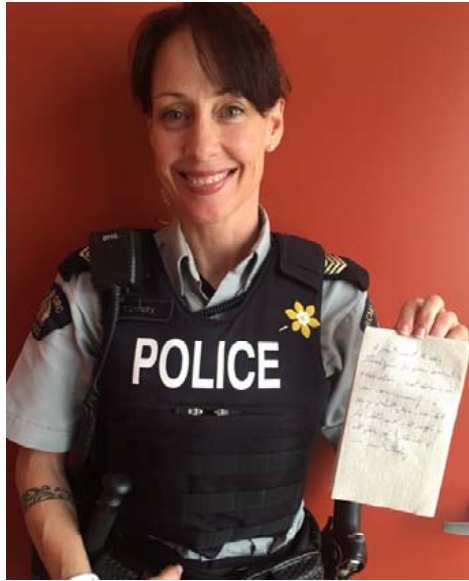
Volunteer Hours by District  
April 2016





## Detachment/Community Events

Sergeant Tess Landry was surprised and humbled by a kind gesture from a Burnaby resident. Sergeant Landry, who leads the School and Youth Services section, was paying for her lunch when the cashier told her that a Burnaby resident paid for it and left her a note.



In April, Burnaby RCMP's Crime Prevention Unit hosted a Community Safety Forum on behalf of the Officer-in-Charge, Chief Superintendent Dave Critchley. The forum was held on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Ismaili Centre in Burnaby.

Approximately 40 community members were in attendance including a representative from City Council. Keynote speakers included City of Burnaby Emergency Management Program, Burnaby RCMP Mental Health Coordinator, Crime Stoppers, and Burnaby RCMP Youth Services.





**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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