



This September our own Staff Sergeant Major John Buis completed his fortieth year of service in the RCMP, much of which has been here in the city of Burnaby!

# Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report "Partners for a Safe Community"



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It has been just over four months since I assumed my new role as the Officer in Charge (OIC) at Burnaby and it has been a busy and exciting time. When I took over as the OIC I committed to continuing the tradition of community connection and engagement that has made the Detachment the success it is. In the last two months, with this in mind, I have ensured to have meetings with three of the four Community Policing Advisory Committees throughout our city, so as to hear their concerns first hand. And in the near future I plan on sitting down with the remaining one. I believe this consultation only helps strengthen our working partnerships across the city.

August and September were busy months for our Auxiliaries who helped out at a variety of concerts and events held throughout our city. Which included in September when we held our Annual Detachment Open House, this year in conjunction with the City of Burnaby's Open house. My heartfelt thanks to

those that braved the poor weather to prove again that there is great sense of community in Burnaby and despite the rain dampening a few attendees it didn't dampen the spirits of those who came. From an operational perspective the summer months are always busy and August and September this year were no different. Traffic Safety, in particular distracted driving, was one of the Detachment's annual priorities and in September our Traffic Section issued a large number of violation tickets for the offence of using an electronic device while driving. It appears there is still work to be done to drive home the perils of driving while distracted, which remains a significant danger to the motoring public.

There has been much media coverage lately regarding the scourge of fentanyl on our streets here in British Columbia and Burnaby is not immune. As has been widely reported this drug is highly dangerous and even miniscule amounts can result in an overdose, thus causing not only a risk to users of the drug but also first responders and citizens alike who may suffer accidental exposure. In order to provide a level of safety we issued Noloxone nasal inhalers to all of our officers. Noloxone can be given to reverse the effects of someone suffering an opioid overdose and can be an important lifesaving tool.

I am pleased to welcome our new Operations Officer and Assistant OIC, Superintendent Randy Marquardt. Randy comes to us with a depth of experience, following training he was first posted to Coquitlam where he worked both uniform and plainclothes. In 1989 Randy completed a comprehensive language course where he became completely fluent in French. Since then he has worked uniform at several Lower Mainland Detachments, in plain clothes at the Vancouver Airport, Drug Section, Criminal Intelligence Section, the Street Crimes Unit in Langley as well as the Serious Crime Section in Surrey.

Randy received his commission to the rank of Inspector in June of 2009 and served as one of the Duty Officers in Surrey, B.C. In June of 2012, he was transferred into the position of Operations Support Officer for North Vancouver Detachment.

Finally I would also like to give my congratulation to our own Staff Sergeant Major John Buis who, in September, completed forty years of service with the RCMP, much of which has been here in Burnaby where he has become a notable fixture for both his media work as well as his outreach in to the community. Not to mention his unique and memorable moustache. This is truly a notable milestone and one for which he should be proud!

Stephan (J.M) Drolet, Chief Superintendent Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment



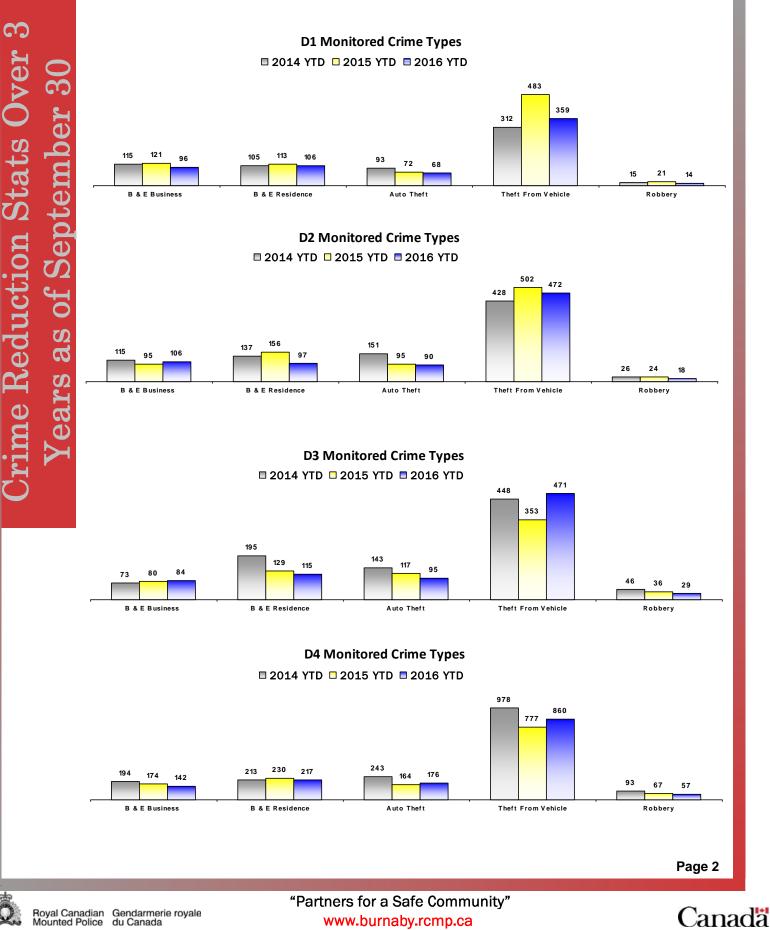
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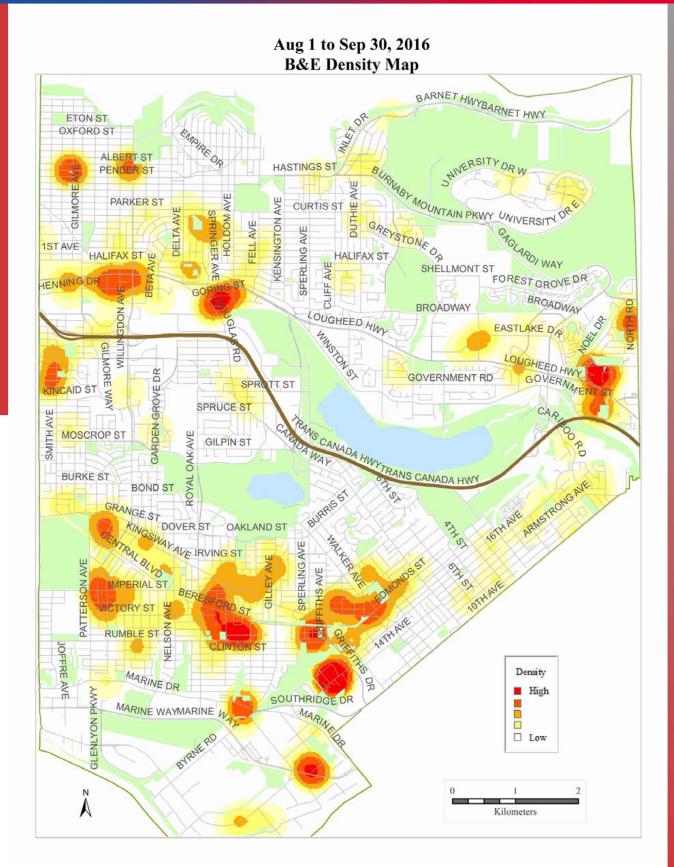
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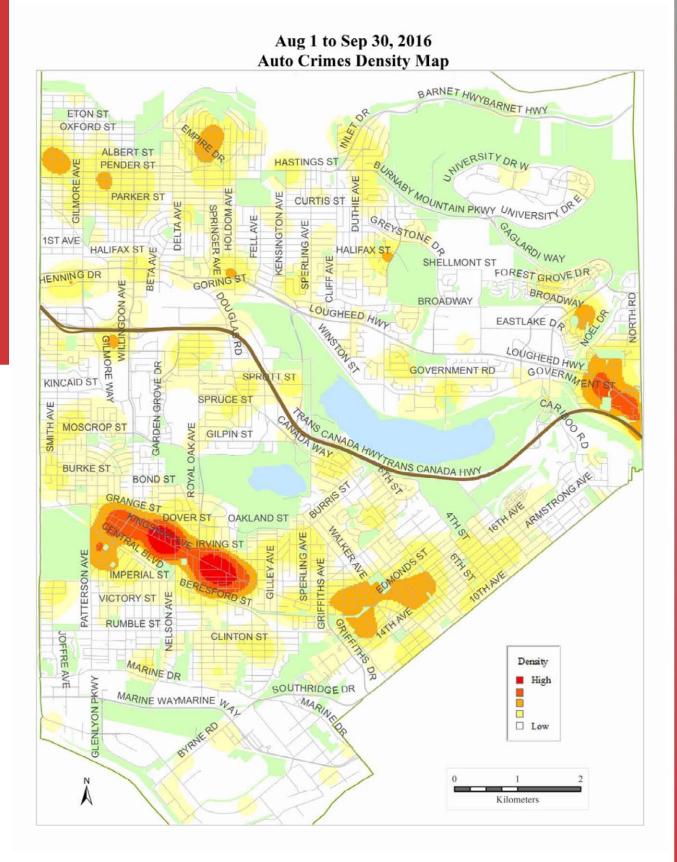


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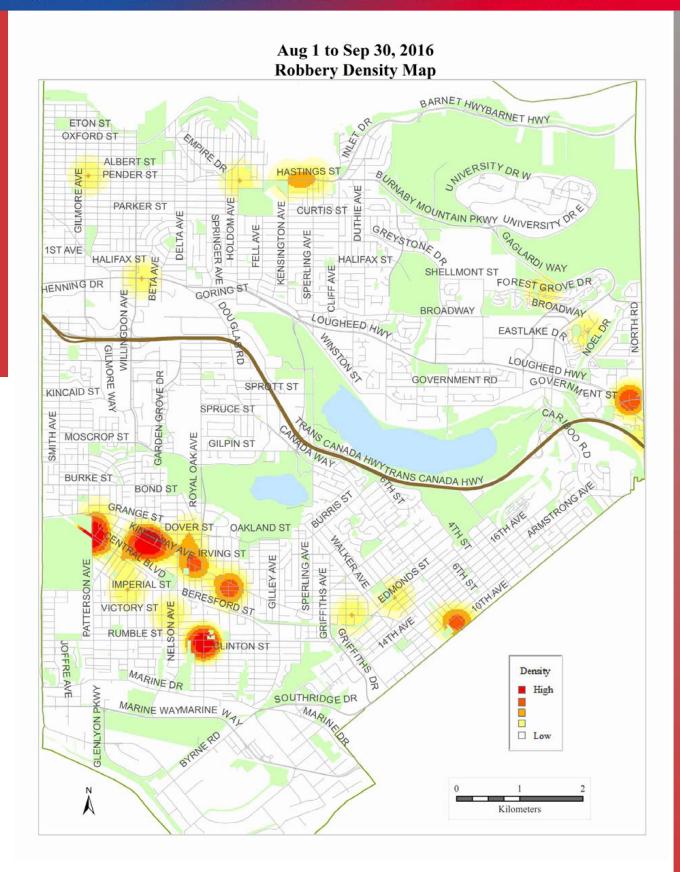
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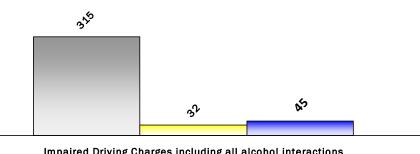


# **Traffic Services**

During the months of August and September Burnaby Traffic Services responded to a total of 498 collisions, of those 90 involved non life threatening injuries.

September was distracted driving month in BC as well the kids were back to school and as such enforcement was stepped up in both these areas. Our traffic section wrote over 900 Distracted Driving tickets in the month of September, making them again, by far the most active of any traffic unit in British Columbia.

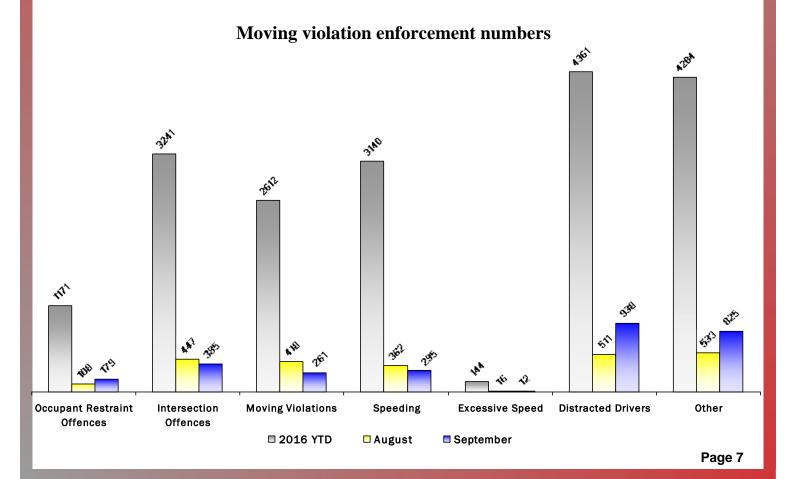
# **Impaired driving enforcement numbers**



September

Impaired Driving Charges including all alcohol interactions

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#### **Community Programs:**

Community Programs is the face of Community Operations in Burnaby. Their 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 August the Prolific Offender Suppression Team began an investigation into a series of Keno Lottery ticket thefts. POST had previously investigated a similar set of thefts where a suspect was arrested and several charges forwarded. Following a review of video seized from the different crime scenes they were able to quickly identify the suspect as the same person previously arrested for the same type of thefts. POST liaised with the BC Lottery Corporation as well as several other jurisdictions in the lower mainland after it was determined the suspect had also committed thefts in those locations.

The investigation and collection of evidence has lead to five counts of theft being laid against the suspect, a 32 year old male of no fixed address.

#### **Community Response Team (CRT):**

On September 2, CRT members were conducting proactive surveillance in an area that had seen an increase in property crime and drug offences, thought to be associated to a problem apartment. While conducting surveillance, a witness in the neighbourhood called to report a theft of mail offence that just occurred nearby. Surveillance witnessed the suspect enter the problem residence and depart a short time later. Police were able to arrest the suspect, and executed a Search Warrant on the problem residence and as a result the stolen mail and other stolen property as well as a small quantity of drugs.

#### **Bike Squad:**

During the months of August and September the Burnaby RCMP Bike Section conducted 843 patrol hours of known hot spots around the city. During this time they also assisted our General Duty Members with in excess of 44 files, conducted 180 street checks of suspicions persons as well as engaged in multiple self generated files. Amongst these files were the following:

Bike Squad Members assisted on a call where General Duty responded to a break and enter in progress. The suspect fled in to the area around and Deer Lake however Bike Squad, due to their enhanced mobility in that type of terrain, was able to track the suspect down and arrest them hiding in the bushes. They then re-attended the area the next day and located items discarded from the break and enter which were returned to the owner.

As a result of patrols in the 7100 block of Linden which resulted in frequent contacts with the public and business owner in the area an apartment was identified as a problem residence. Bike members engaged in surveillance and were able to establish evidence to support drug transactions from an apartment within 7177 Linden. Members advised Drug section of surveillance results, which enabled our Drug Section to obtain a warrant to search the apartment. Bike Squad members then assisted with the entry in to the unit and arrest of a subject. Drugs, money, three replicas and one real firearm were seized. Various charges have been forwarded on one individual.

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# **Major Investigations:**

While our General Duty Members respond to the daily calls for service those investigations of a more complex or long term nature are handled by the plainclothes units. The following are a just some of the investigations conducted or completed this summer.

# **Drug Section:**

On September 29, following a three week investigation in to a male operating a drug distribution operation, Drug Section executed a Search Warrant at a local motel resulting in the seizure of methamphetamine, crack, fentanyl, a collapsible baton and a replica handgun. One male is charged with a variety of offences, including Uttering a Forged Document as he had used a fraudulent identity to secure the room, and remains in custody.





# **Economic Crime Unit (ECU):**

In August the Economic Crime Unit investigated a series of frauds involving the same unidentified male. The male had used the identification from an individual from Mission to fraudulently purchase a \$26,000 vehicle and rent two other vehicles. He also used several different fraudulent credit cards to purchase high dollar Visa gift cards at a Burnaby gas station. Once the person was identified it was further learned that he had three outstanding warrants.

This individual was finally arrested in Winnipeg, after he was involved in a domestic assault and fled from the Winnipeg Police, where it was discovered that he had committed further frauds in this jurisdiction, including hotel and vehicle rentals. Incidental to his arrest, numerous stolen identity documents were located. The male is now in custody in Winnipeg and is facing multiple charges from both jurisdictions. This type of file goes to show that despite criminals such as this respecting no geographic boundaries that is no challenge when faced with dogged police work.

# **Investigative Support Team (IST)**

In September our General Duty Members responded to a call where a group of males had lured a male youth to a nearby schoolyard where they then pepper-sprayed and stabbed him several times. The youth's shoes were stolen during this incident. The victim was taken to hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. Police immediately responded to the crime scene and located the suspect males walking in the area - they were still in possession of the victim's shoes. All three males were arrested for assault with a weapon and robbery. IST was engaged and after an extensive investigation charges have now been laid.

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Community Programs

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### **Auxiliary Constables:**

Our Auxiliaries again showed what an invaluable asset they are to the Detachment Operations participating, in this reporting period, in such events as the Blues and Roots Festival, the Korean festival and the Detachment Open House.

In addition, on four different weekends they again participated in the Detachment Anti-Graffiti initiative.





### Auxiliary hours - August and September



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### **Crime Prevention Unit (CPU):**

Over the last two busy summer months, Crime Prevention Unit staff has coordinated numerous community events and presentations. Chief among these have been several Block Watch socials, where CPU staff provide interactive presentations on home security and neighbourhood building in the interest of creating safer communities.

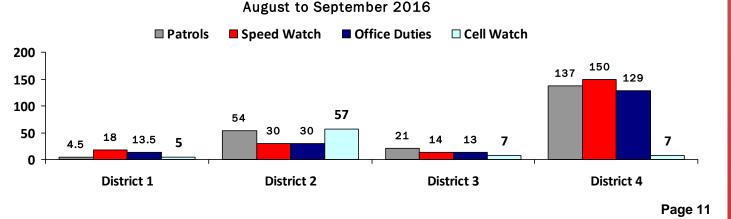


#### Victim Services:

In September Diane Irwin of our Victim Services Unit was honoured with a Commanding Officer Commendation for her outstanding work in providing assistance during a long running sexual assault investigation. It was noted that the compassionate and empathetic manner in which she comforted and supported the witness during this ordeal was integral to obtaining a conviction. Diane, who has been at Burnaby for ten years, started out as a volunteer before working full time at our Victim Services Unit.

Diane's story is just one of the many from this invaluable part of our Detachment.





Volunteer Hours by District

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# 2016 Cops for Cancer Ride

Every year police officers and emergency services personnel from across British Columbia participate in the demanding undertaking of cycling across various portions of this province, braving a variety of terrain and weather. The reason? To raise money for children suffering from cancer.

This year our own S/Sgt. Shauna MacDonald and Sgt. Tess Landry proudly represented Burnaby Detachment and over a nine day period cycled 800 kilometers and raised an impressive \$13,000 between them!



S/Sgt. MacDonald and Sgt. Landry receiving the official Proclamation declaring September 26, 2016 as Cops for Cancer day in Burnaby.



#### **Burnaby Open House**

September 17 saw the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby RCMP host complementing events that despite a little bit of inclement weather were still well received by those that braved the rain.



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

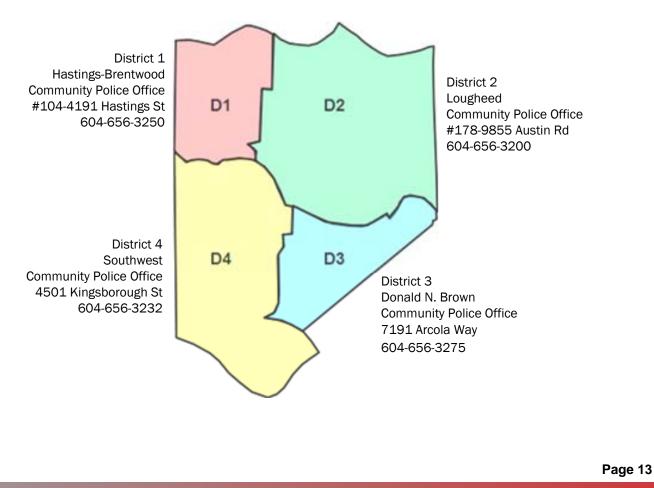
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