



RCMP Musical Ride Returns to Burnaby

Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report: August & September 2017 “Partners for a Safe Community”



Message from the Chief



Burnaby RCMP members participated in a number of community initiatives through August and September; all of these events saw our members engaging the citizens they serve. These events, along with a number of operational victories through diligent and proactive policing resulted in a successful two months for the detachment.

Burnaby's Traffic Services issued 917 distracted driving tickets across the city in September. One of the distracted driving stops led police to the discovery of 21lbs of marijuana in the back of a vehicle. This timely proactive distracted driving enforcement ensured that drivers throughout our growing city are aware of the dangers associated with driving while using a cellphone.

A male, suspected of a number of bank robberies across the Lower Mainland is facing charges thanks to the work of Burnaby's Strike Force. The unit worked alongside other policing partners to track the male to a hotel where he was arrested in possession of a number of articles related to the robberies.

In September, Burnaby's Bike Section disrupted a street level drug distribution network. A two week investigation involving a number of policing partners resulted in Burnaby Bike Section arresting a male who now faces a number of serious charges. These files are a direct result of diligent proactive policing strategies consistently conducted by the Burnaby Bike Section. Enforcement action like this will have a significant effect on the Burnaby Crime Reduction Strategy.

A number of initiatives, undertaken by members have served to showcase Burnaby RCMP throughout the Lower Mainland. In September, three Burnaby members rode the Tour de Coast in aid of Cops for Cancer. After 803km in the saddle, they, along with other first responders raised an incredible \$600,000 for kids battling cancer. In August, Burnaby RCMP Cst. Kwame Amoateng organized a week long soccer camp for young people in Edmonds Park. The camp was attended by 18 young people from diverse multicultural backgrounds, all united by an enjoyment of soccer.

At the end of September, two Burnaby members accompanied Joe Roberts on the final leg of his walk across Canada to highlight the issue of youth homelessness. The two members had originally planned to walk with Joe to the Burnaby / Vancouver border but decided to walk alongside him for the remainder of his 9,064 kilometres into Vancouver to the finish.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome back the world famous RCMP Musical Ride to Burnaby. A sell out crowd of Burnaby residents attended the ride on August 18th and got the opportunity to see the talented RCMP members and their horses in action. Burnaby RCMP members worked to ensure the safety of all those attending and also mingled with the crowd throughout the evening with many being asked to pose for photos. Events like the Musical Ride allow Burnaby RCMP to showcase the talented people who work to serve the residents of our developing city on a daily basis.

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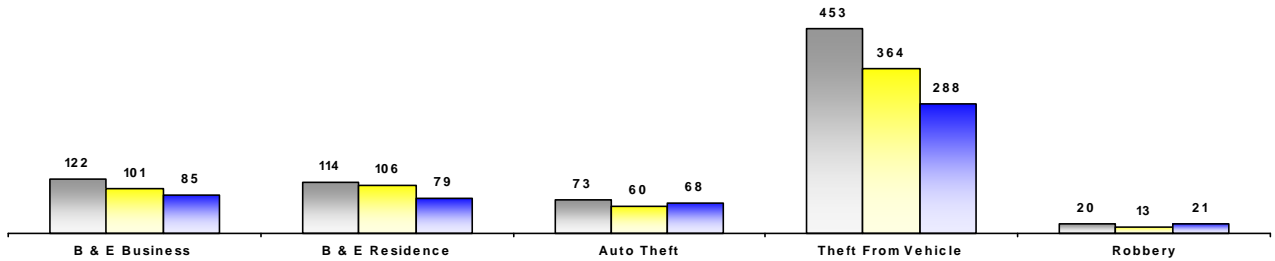




Crime Reduction Stats Compared
Over 3 Years

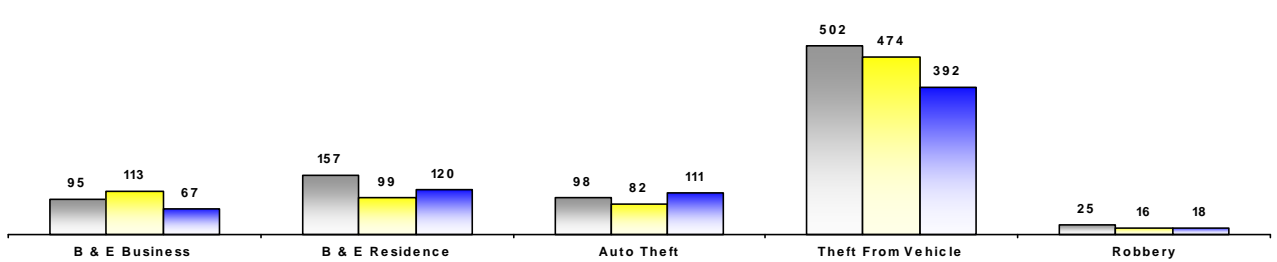
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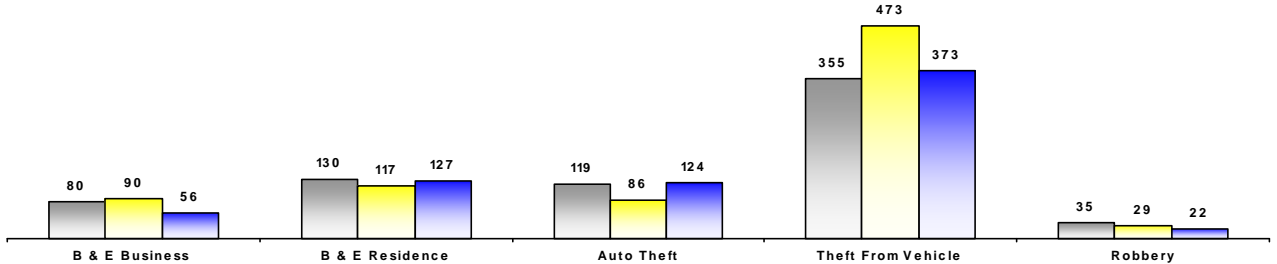
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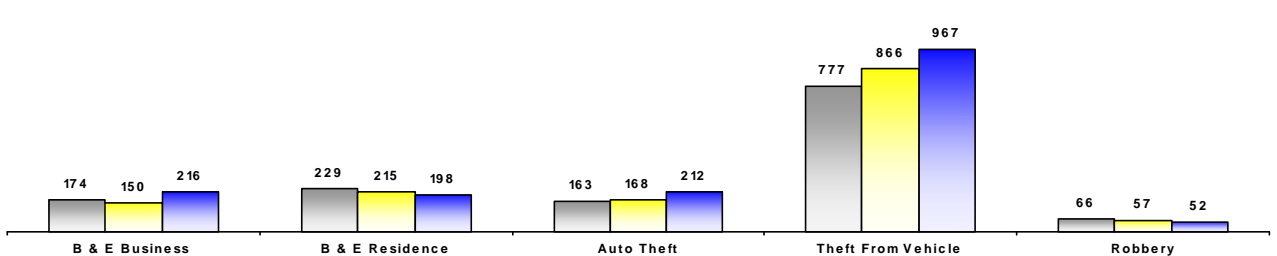
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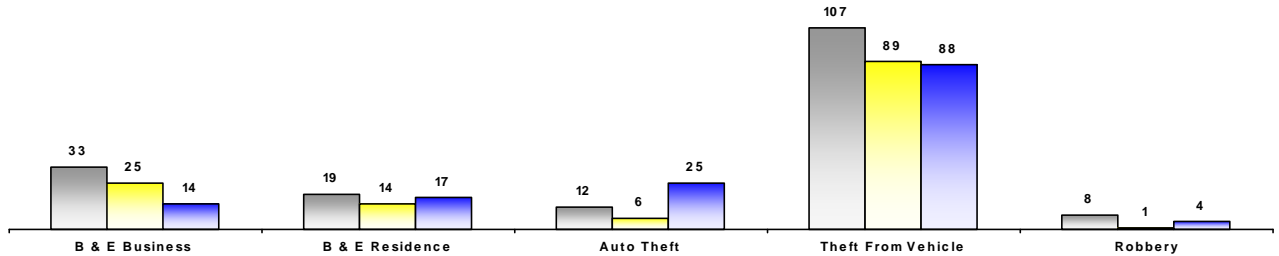




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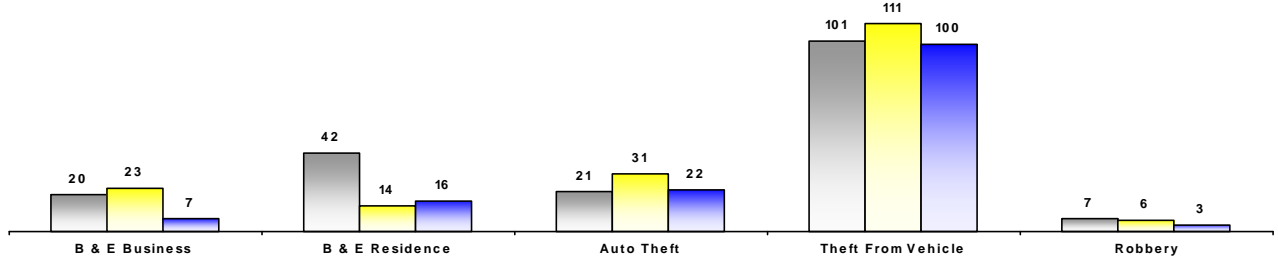
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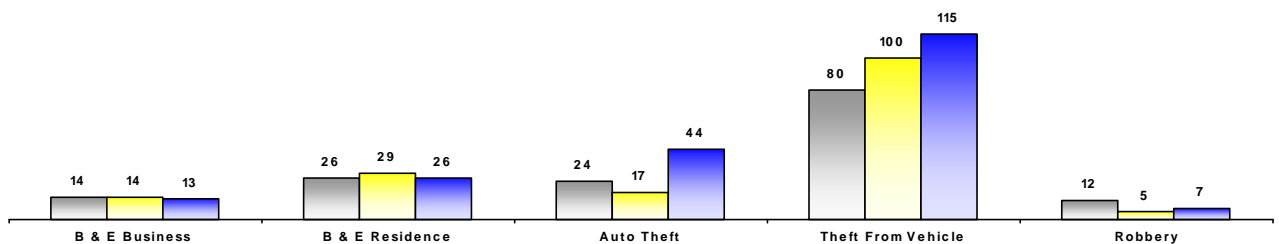
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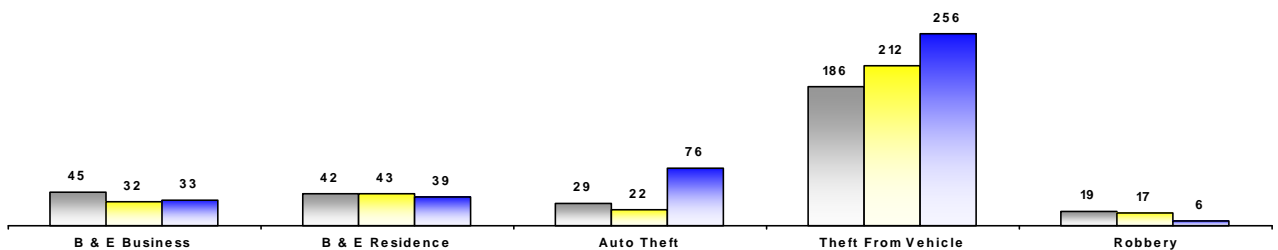
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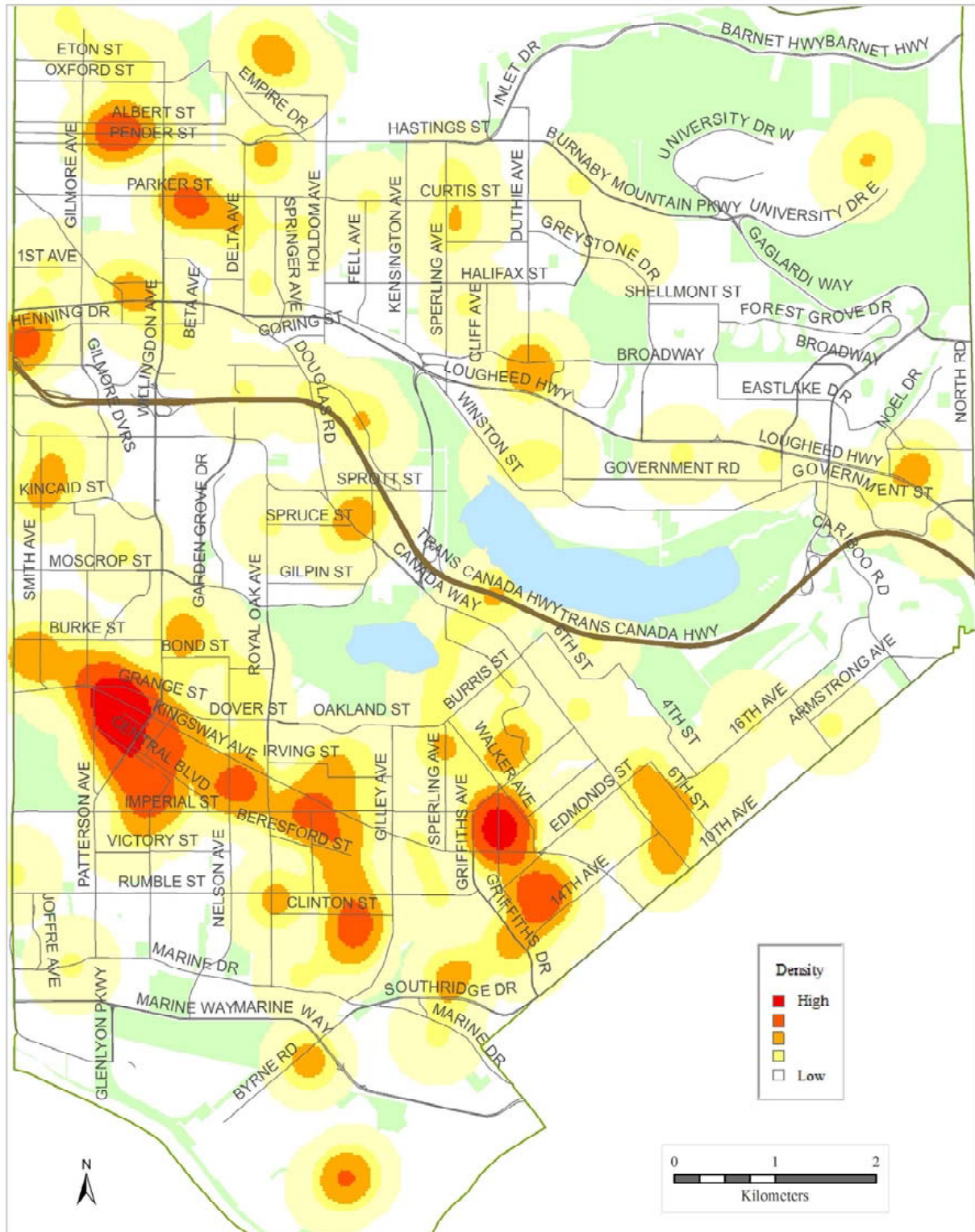
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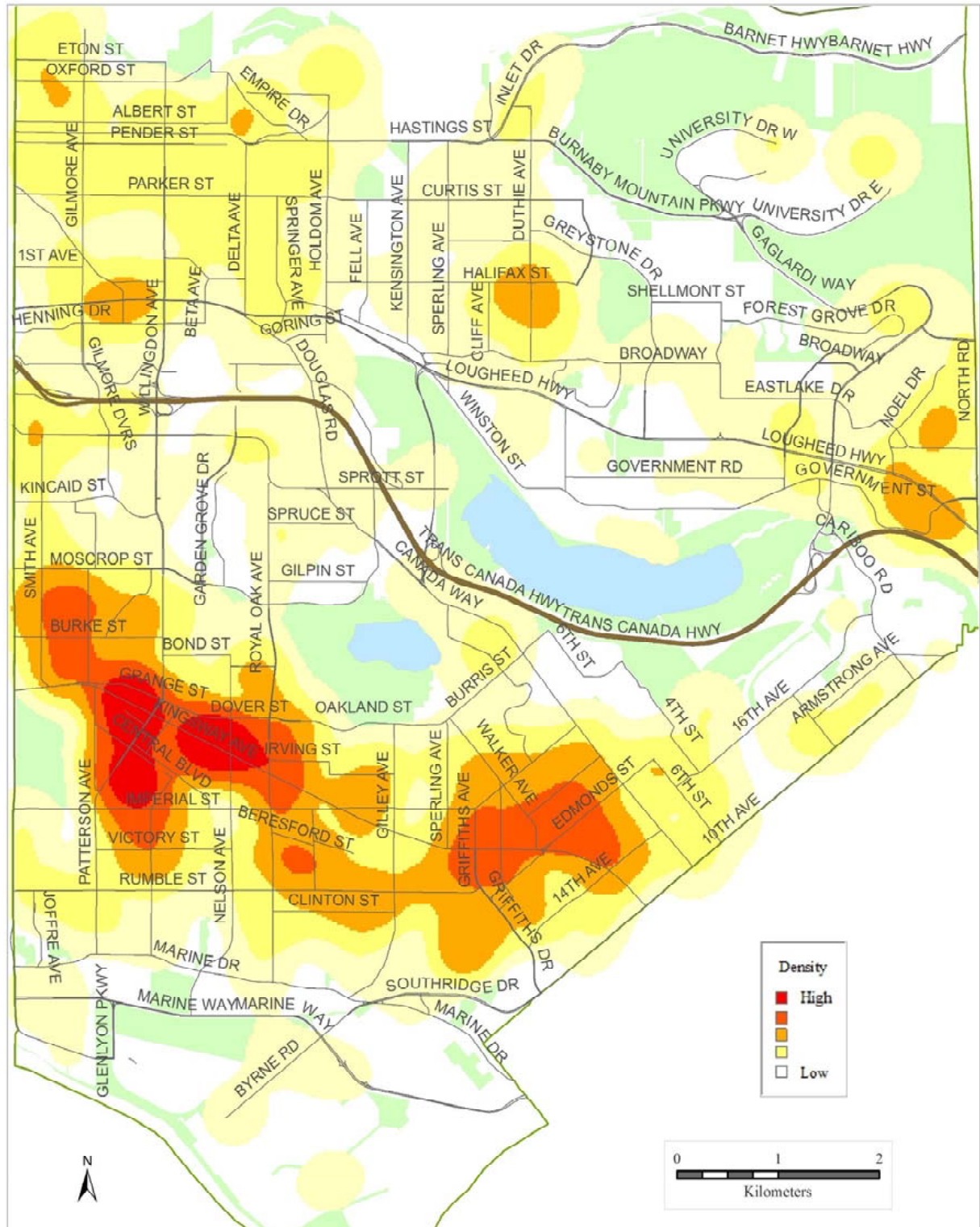
August 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017
Break & Enter Density Map





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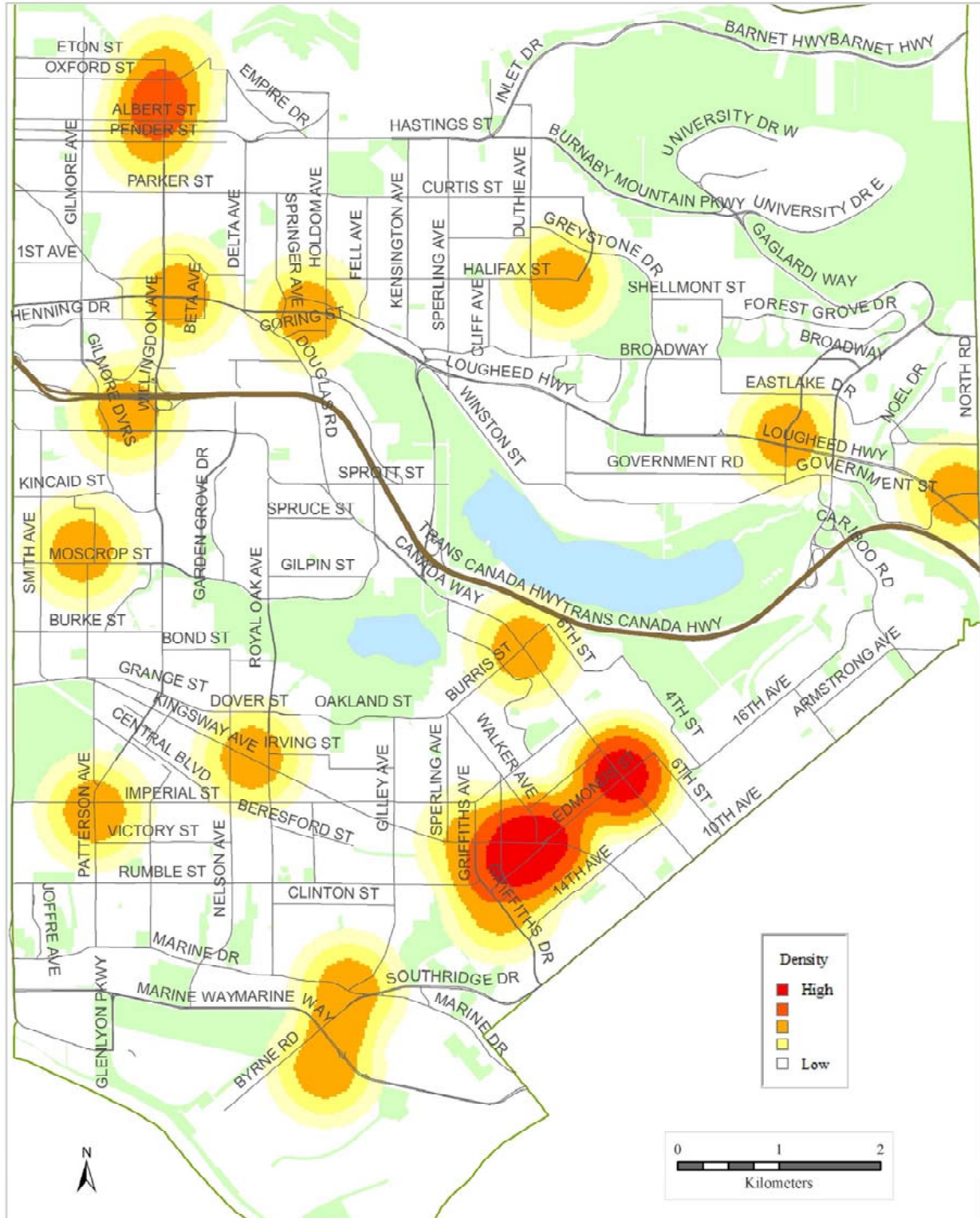
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Auto Crime Density Map





Crime Density Map

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Robbery Density Map



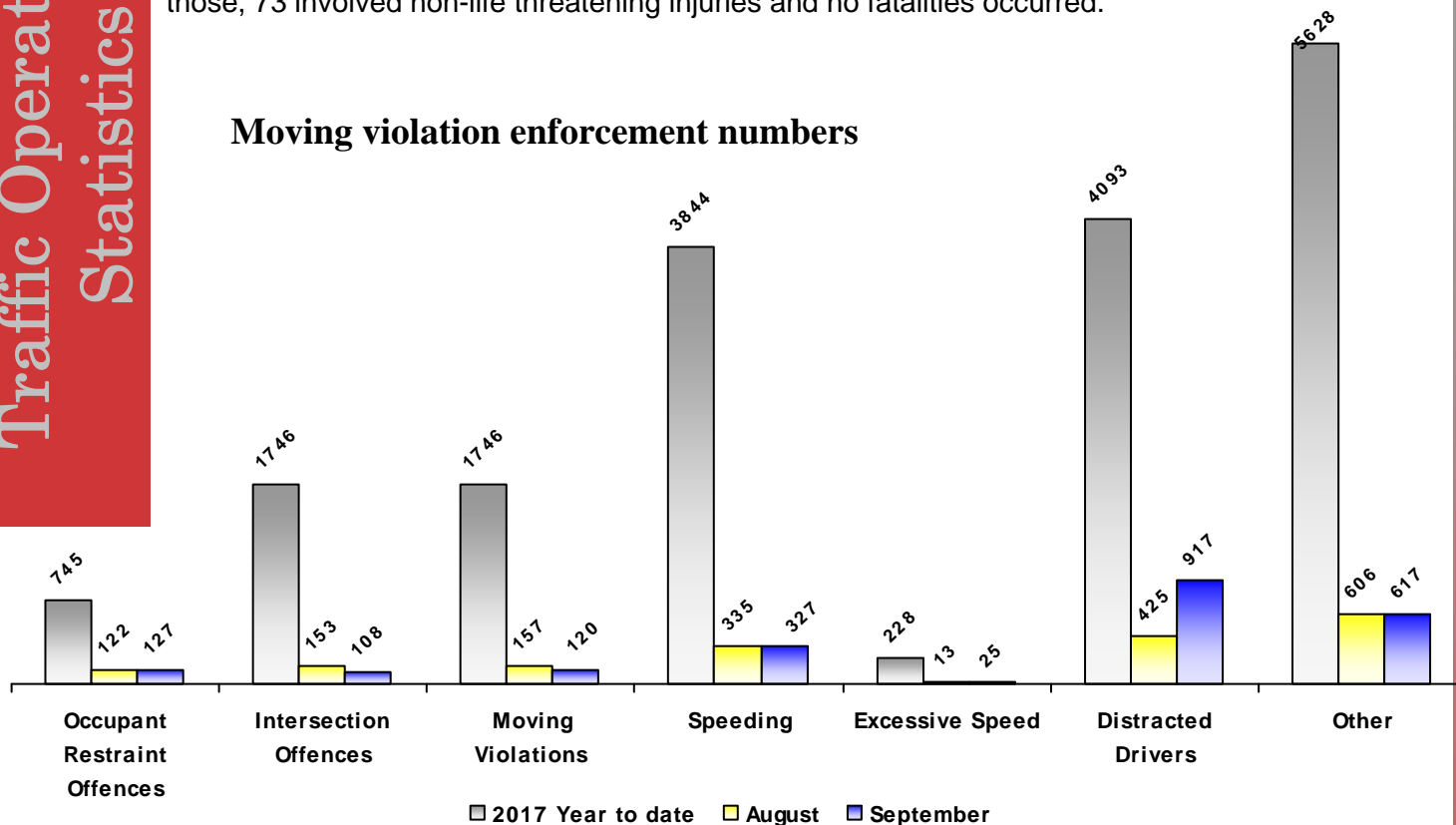


Traffic Operations Statistics

Traffic Services

Due to the wild fires in the interior the Burnaby Traffic Section saw a slight decrease in its activity as it deployed several members to the interior as part of the Provincial response to that crisis. During the months of August and September, 350 collisions were investigated. Of those, 73 involved non-life threatening injuries and no fatalities occurred.

Moving violation enforcement numbers

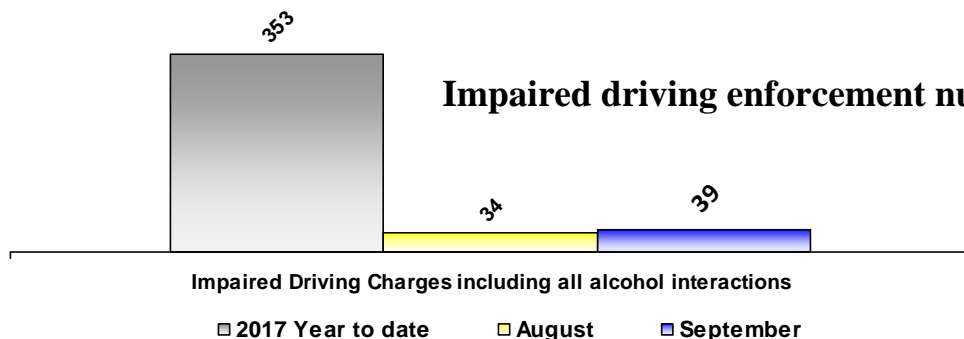


Distracted Driving Enforcement

In September, Burnaby Traffic Services issued 917 tickets to distracted drivers in enforcement around the city. One distracted driving violation stop also led to the seizure of 21lbs of marijuana.



Impaired driving enforcement numbers





Investigative Services

Major Investigations:

Investigations of a more complex or long term nature are handled by Burnaby RCMP's plainclothes units. The following are some of the investigations conducted or completed by these units in August & September.

Economic Crime Unit

Through August and September the Economic Crime Unit has continued investigation into an embezzlement scheme that targets foreign nationals. This scheme is prevalent across the Lower Mainland and the ECU has been working closely with policing partners in the investigation.

In late August, following an arrest earlier in the year, a female was sentenced to 12 months probation following an investigation by ECU. The female was caught using a stolen credit card to purchase \$4,000 worth of goods.

Strike Force

In early September a bank in the Brentwood Mall area was robbed by a male. After being identified by police, the male was linked to a number of other bank robberies in the Lower Mainland.

Burnaby Strike Force, working with policing partners from Surrey and West Vancouver located the suspect at a hotel in Surrey. The suspect was subsequently arrested by Burnaby Strike Force. A search of the suspects room uncovered evidence linking him to the Burnaby robbery and the others across the Lower Mainland.

Crime Prevention Unit & Victim Services

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In late August, POST was conducting surveillance on a residence known to house a number of property crime offenders. This surveillance was part of a broader proactive policing strategy aimed at reducing property crime in Burnaby.

During their surveillance, POST observed a male, known to be a property crime offender arrive at the residence. When he left the residence, the male fled from police in a nearby vehicle.

Shortly after this, POST located the stolen vehicle the male had been driving. Subsequent investigation allowed POST to gather the necessary evidence to forward a number of serious charges and have them approved by Crown Counsel.

Community Response Team (CRT)

Through August & September Burnaby's CRT responded to a number of serious incidents throughout the city.

In late August, CRT members responded to complaints or criminal activity in the Capital Hill area. Two males were arrested and a subsequent search of their vehicle led members to the recovery of a substantial amount of drugs, all intended to be sold in the community.

In late September, CRT members on foot patrol were flagged down close to the District 3 Community Police Office. A male had been observed walking around, wearing a mask and brandishing a crowbar that he used to smash a bus stop window. The male was arrested without incident. This event may not have led to such a timely arrest had CRT members not been in the area on foot patrol.



Crime Prevention Unit & Victim Services

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit Staff provided several instructive presentations in the community during the months of August and September. These small group presentations provide audiences with the opportunity to hear about policing and learn more about personal safety and security. The intimate presentations are well suited for attendees who wish to ask personal questions and learn about a topic in particular detail.

Burnaby Citizen's Crime Watch volunteers assisted the Crime Prevention Unit to host a fun, interactive booth at the Musical Ride in August. Here, event attendees of all ages had the opportunity to have their photo taken using charming police photo props, spin the prize wheel, and have their safety knowledge tested through trivia questions.

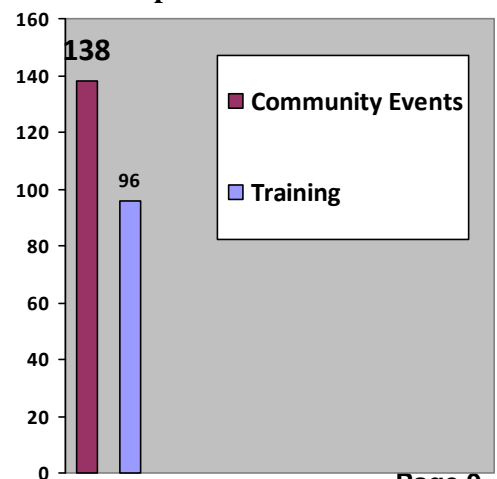


Auxiliaries

Burnaby RCMP Auxiliary Constables provided operational support on a number of events through August and September including the RCMP Musical Ride and the Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival. Twelve Auxiliary Constables were also re-certified in mandatory First-Aid in September. This training will ensure they are prepared to respond to any potential medical emergencies that take place at events they are attending in Burnaby.



Auxiliary hours – August and September 2017





Crime Prevention Unit & Victim Services

Youth Services Unit

Burnaby RCMP's Youth Services Unit facilitated two retail theft circles, one in August, and another in September.

These workshops are aimed at young people who have come into contact with police due to shoplifting. The workshop is focused on making the young people attending aware of the consequences of shoplifting.

The workshops were really well received with many of the young people saying that they will use what they have learned for making future decisions and letting others know about the impacts of shoplifting.



Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Through September, the Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team has been busy setting the stage for a safe school year ahead.

Safety presentations were conducted with all new international students to introduce them to our Youth Officers and Burnaby School District Safe School Specialists. Over 500 students were briefed on the Youth Officer Program, basic safety tips, internet safety, drugs, and Canadian laws.

Victim Services Unit

So far this year Burnaby victim services has opened a total number of 1027 files, an increase of 30% on last year's total.

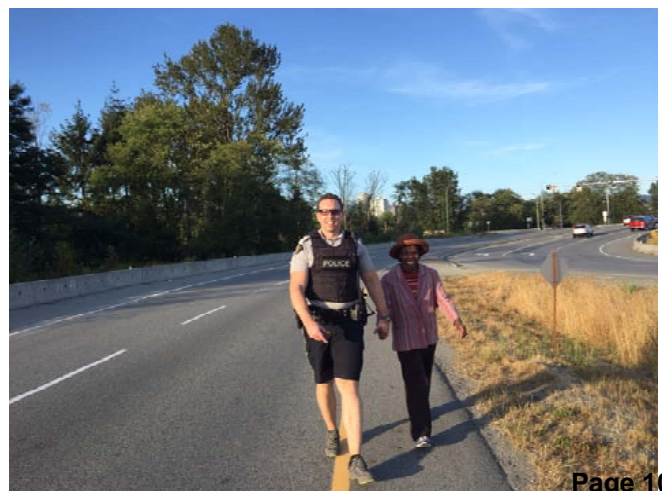
In August, Burnaby Victim Services opened 116 new files and provided 140 hours of Crisis Intervention which is an increase of 57% year on year.

In September, 108 new files were opened. Through September, Burnaby RCMP's victim services unit also assisted a family through the court process in a homicide investigation.

Burnaby Bike Section

Burnaby's Bike Section continues to be effective in disrupting street level drug distribution and also in ensuring that prolific offenders are kept off the streets of Burnaby. In August and September, the section arrested a number of people who were wanted on warrants both in Burnaby and other jurisdictions. Additionally, the section has been proactively patrolling a number of parks which are associated with anti-social behaviour.

The bike section also came to the aid of an elderly female who took a wrong turn and ended up walking along Highway 1. Burnaby Bike Section ensured the elderly female got home safe.





Detachment/Community Events



Youth Soccer Camp

From August 28th until September 1st, Burnaby RCMP Cst. Kwame Amoateng organized a soccer camp for Burnaby youth. 18 young people from diverse, multicultural backgrounds attended the camp across the week which gave them an opportunity to get to know their local RCMP members in a fun environment.



RCMP Musical Ride

On Friday August 18th, the world famous RCMP musical ride came back to Burnaby. Prior to the Musical Ride performance, attendees got a chance to learn more about a number of different RCMP sections that were at the event including the Emergency Response Team and the RCMP Dog Section.

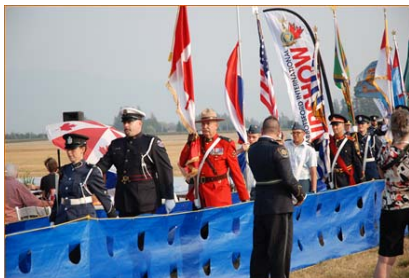


Detachment/Community Events



Cops for Cancer, Tour de Coast

From September 20th to 28th, Burnaby RCMP members Sgt. Tess Landry, Sgt. Derek Thibodeau and Cpl. Mike Kalanj, along with a number of other first responders rode 803km around BC and in doing so raised \$600,000 for kids living with cancer. The tour stopped by City Hall on September 25th which was proclaimed Cops for Cancer day in the city.



In August, Burnaby RCMP was part of the colour party for the Abbotsford Air Show.



On September 29th, Burnaby members Cst. Leleux and Cst. Cheng accompanied Joe Roberts on the final leg of his 9,000km **Push for Change** walk across Canada to raise awareness of youth homelessness.



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