

Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report April and May 2018 “Partners for a Safe Community”

Message from the Chief

In early May it was my honour to present Burnaby RCMP members, detachment staff and civilians with certificates during my first Officer-in-Charge (OIC) awards ceremony. Our police officers and detachment staff work hard each and every day to ensure Burnaby residents have a safe city to live in; these awards gave me an opportunity to recognise those who have gone above and beyond to make this happen.

The awards also highlighted civilians and school officials who have worked alongside police in difficult situations and have assisted us in our day to day work in the community.

Our community is vital to the work we do at the Burnaby RCMP and it was wonderful for both myself

and our members to get the opportunity to engage with you at our events during National Police Week in May. Some just wanted a tour of a police car, others had some great feedback on how we're policing the City, all of which I have taken back to our Senior

Management Team.

Burnaby RCMP's Strike Force Unit was busy through April and May tracking down an alleged serial bank robber. A comprehensive investigation led our officers to identifying a suspect who was tracked by our robbery unit to Vancouver where he was arrested. The suspect has since been charged with 12 counts of robbery in relation to alleged bank robberies that took place across the Lower Mainland. The dedication shown by our officers in helping to bring charges against this suspect is truly commendable.

Our Youth Investigative Team (YIT) play an important role in working alongside school staff to ensure Burnaby school kids have a safe and secure environment to learn in. Our YIT officers are always seeking new and creative ways to engage with youth in the City. This is best demonstrated by YIT officer, Cst. Frank Tarape who played the role of DJ to students during lunch hours at schools in Burnaby during mental health week. The connection our YIT officers retain with students and school staff is important and is something we intend to build on.

Finally, some of the work being done by our Traffic Services Unit was in direct response to concerns raised by the community. Our officers have been out in school zones conducting enforcement and in other areas where residents contacted us with issues relating to speed.

As your police force we are always listening and appreciate your engagement.

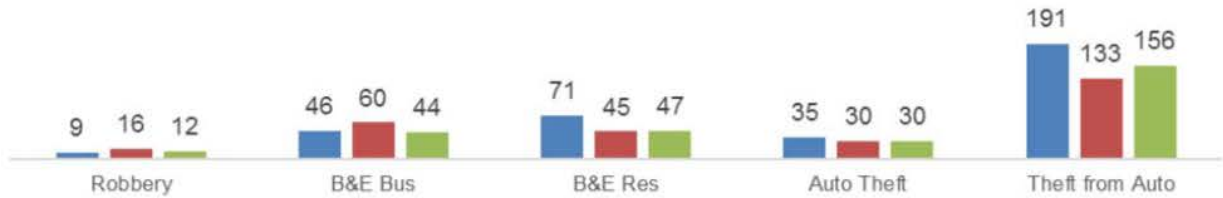
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment



Crime Reduction Stats Compared Over 3 Years

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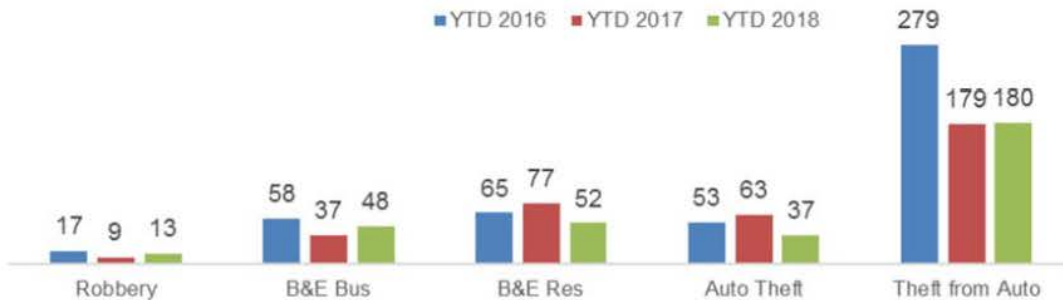
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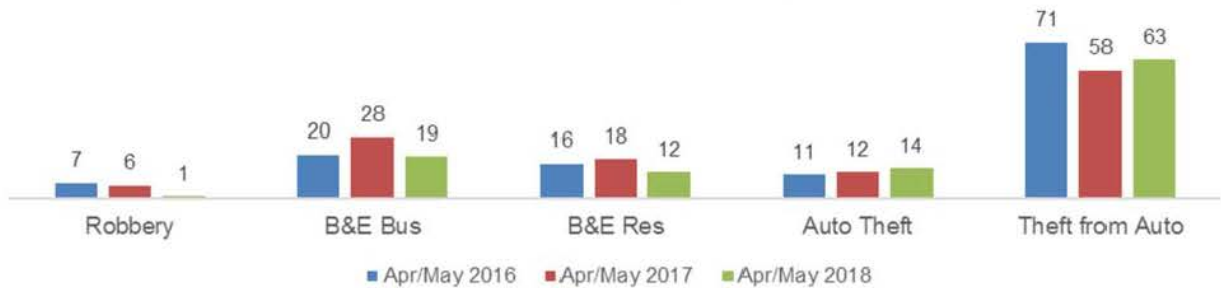
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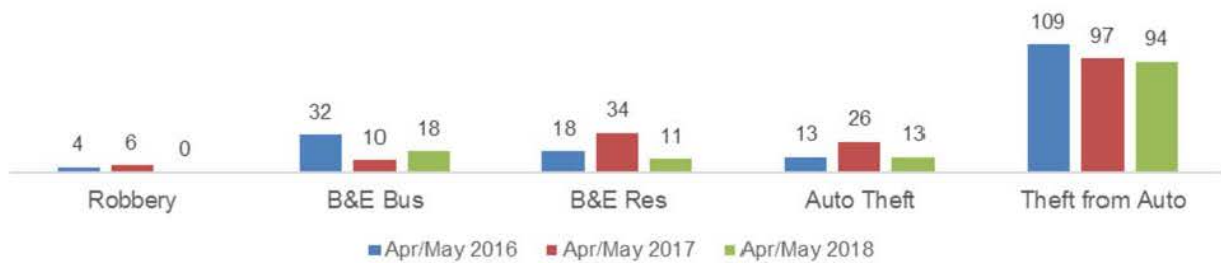


Crime Reduction Stats By Month

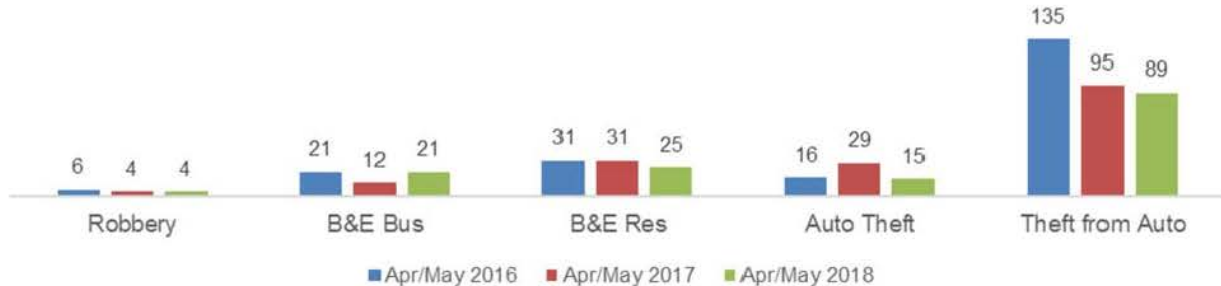
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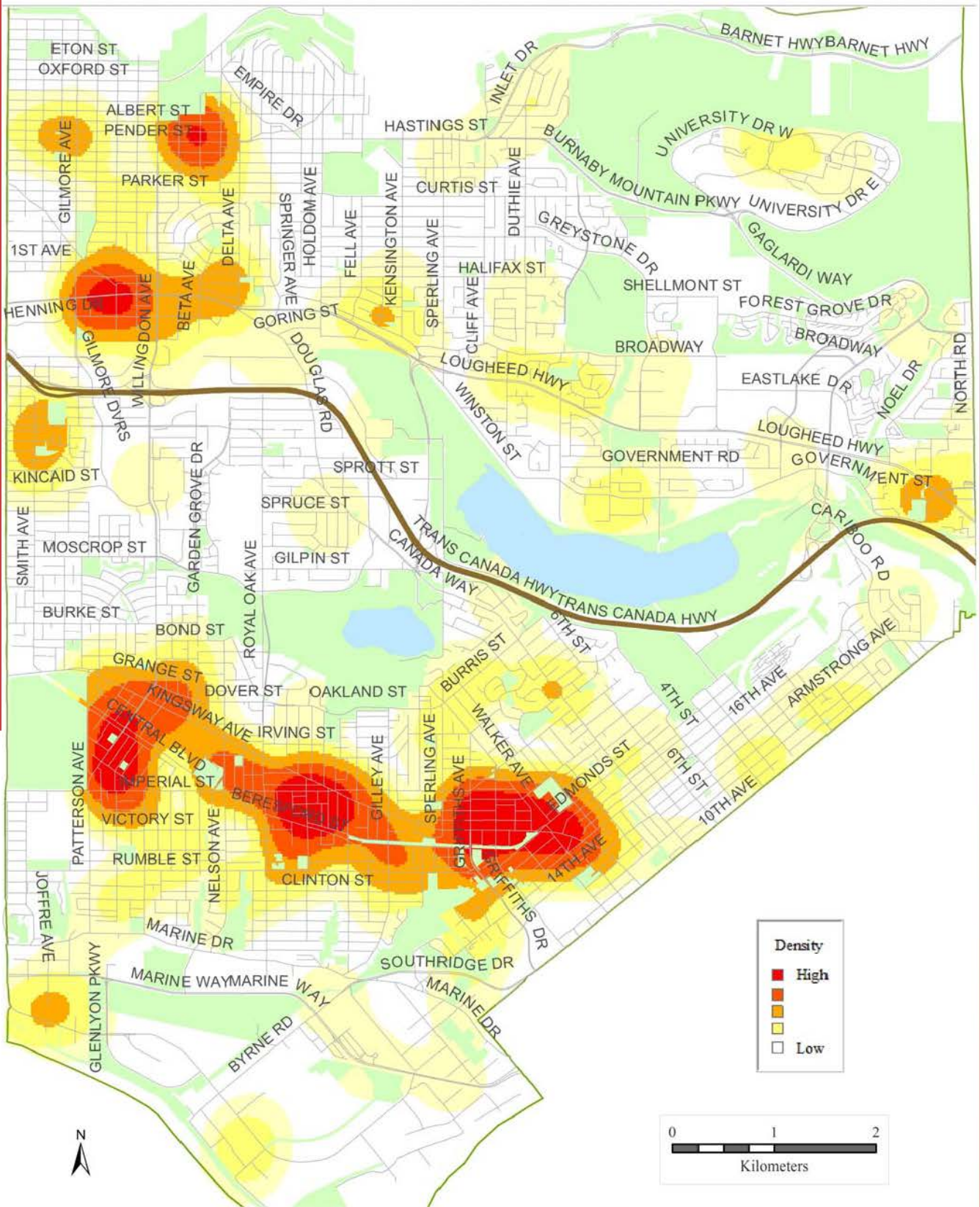
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April 1 to May 31, 2018 B&E Density Map

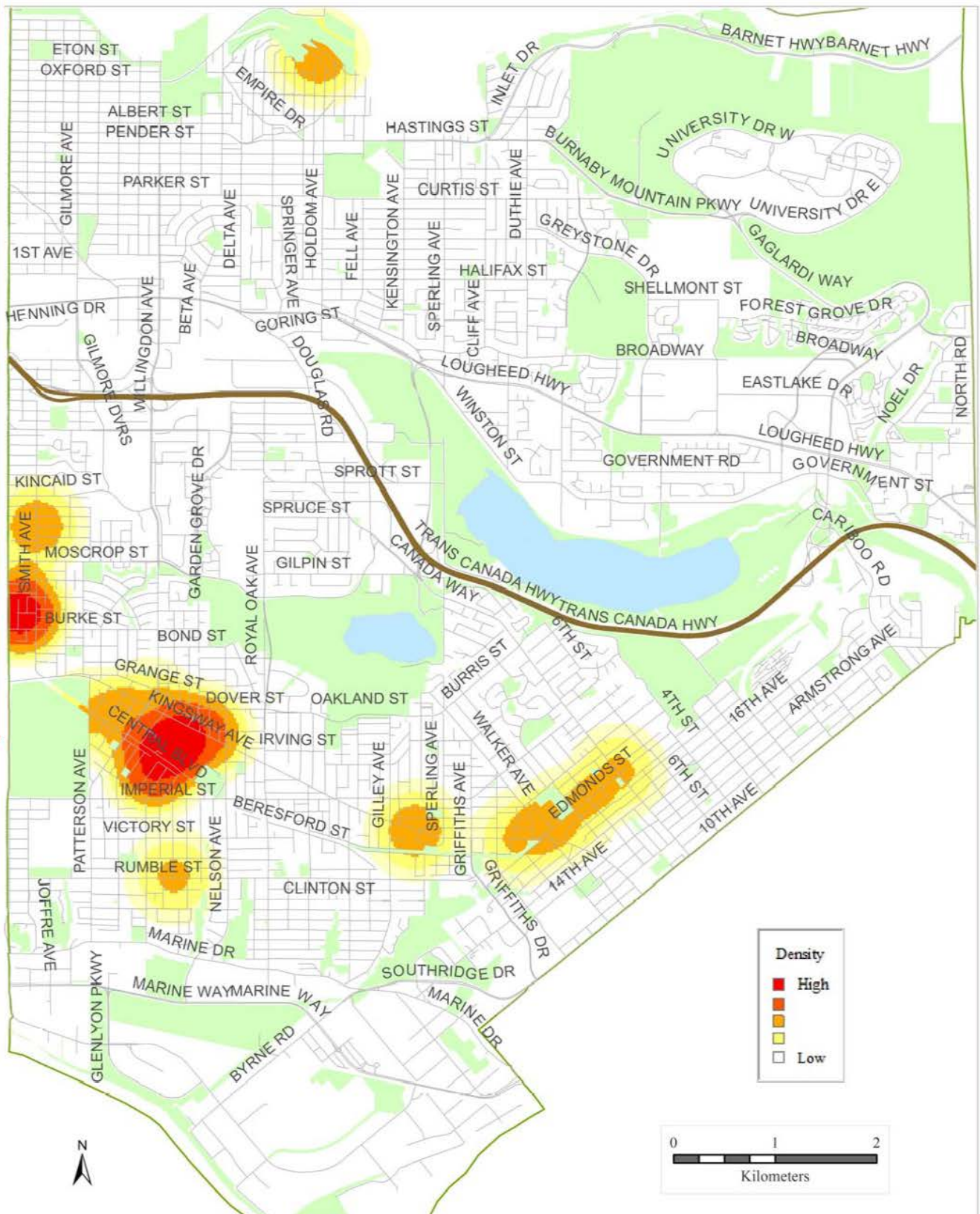
Crime Density Map





April 1 to May 31, 2018 Robbery Density Map

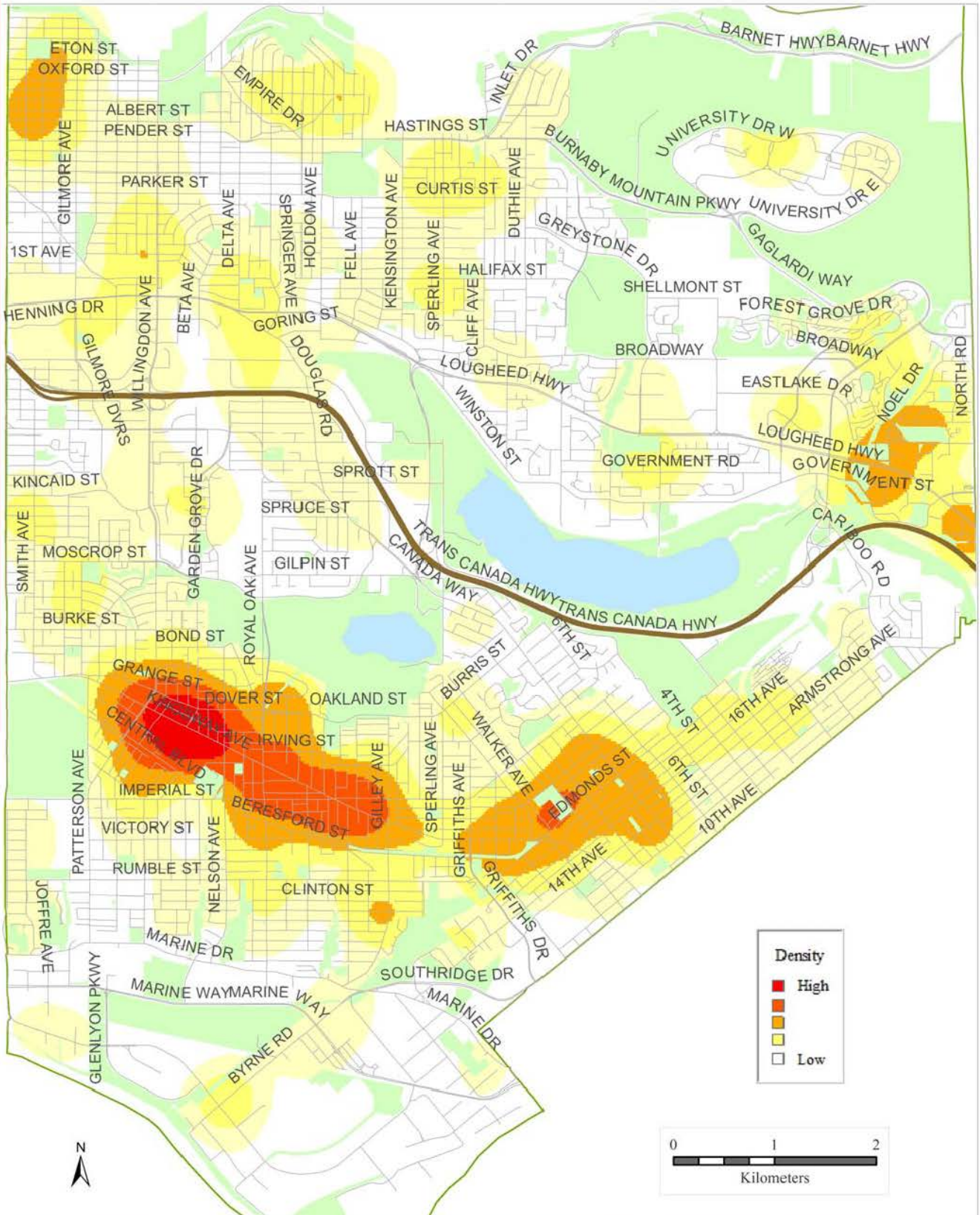
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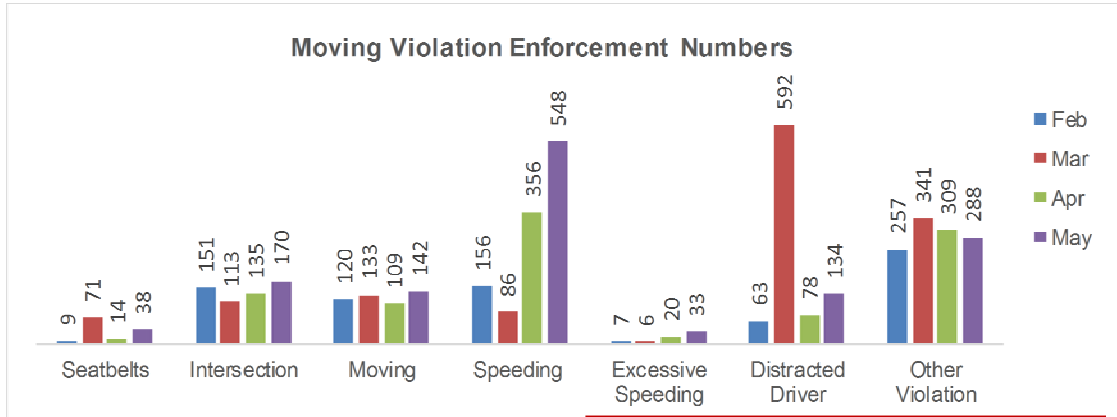
April 1 to May 31, 2018 Auto Crime Density Map

Crime Density Map

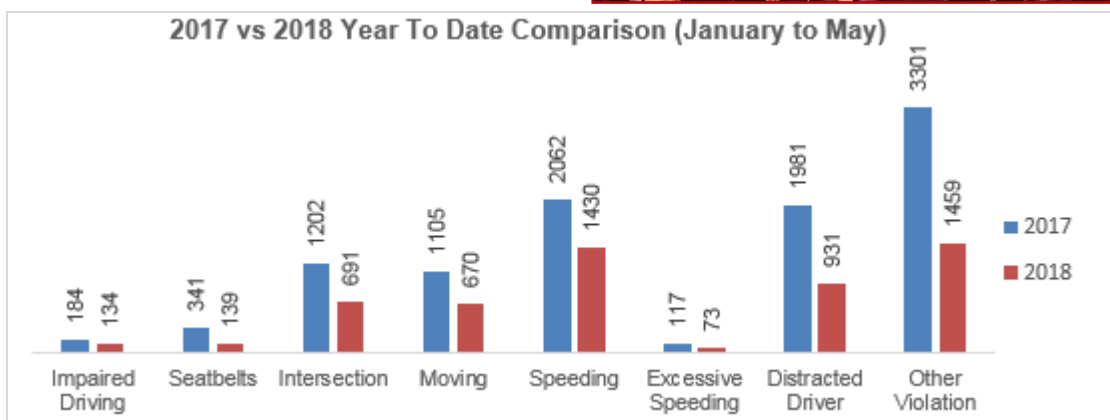


Traffic Operations Statistics

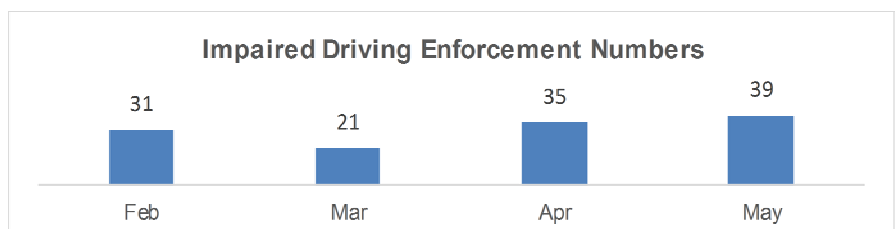
After engagement with members of the community, traffic enforcement initiatives during April and May included the targeting of strategic locations based on public complaints. In addition, impaired driving enforcement operations took place in late evenings and early mornings at road block stop checks.



Burnaby members Cst. Diane Marsh, Cpl. Jason Bayer, Cst. Michael Gardner and Cst. Brad Potter (now with Coquitlam RCMP) were named to Alexa's Team for their work in getting impaired drivers off the road. Cst. Gardner made the All Star team with 53 impaired drivers nabbed!



During the months of April and May, 307 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section officers. 79 involved non-life threatening injuries and there was one fatality.



Major Investigations

Investigations of a more complex or longer term nature are handled by Burnaby RCMP's plainclothes units such as the Burnaby RCMP's Strike Force Unit and Economic Crime Section.

Strike Force

On March 23 and March 26, a male dressed as a woman robbed two banks in Burnaby. The male suspect was identified by Strike Force and he was later arrested in another jurisdiction committing another robbery. The suspect is currently incarcerated and additional robbery charges are being recommended.

After a lengthy investigation led by the Burnaby RCMP Robbery Unit, Sean Bishop of Vancouver was charged with 12 counts of robbery in relation to an alleged bank robbery spree that encompassed multiple Lower Mainland jurisdictions. In late February, Bishop was identified by investigators as a suspect for a robbery that occurred on February 24, 2018 at a financial institution in Burnaby. A warrant for his arrest was issued at that time. Bishop remained at large and between February 24, 2018 and April 26, 2018, Bishop would go on to commit an additional eleven robberies at financial institutions in the cities of Burnaby, Vancouver and Coquitlam before being arrested on May 3, 2018.

During the complex investigation, the Burnaby RCMP Robbery Unit worked closely with the Vancouver Police Department, Coquitlam RCMP, the Real Time Intelligence Centre as well as the Lower Mainland Integrated Forensic Identification Services. The strategic coordination of information between partner agencies played a significant role in the success of this investigation. This is a great example of the work the Burnaby RCMP Robbery Unit does on a daily basis to ensure people committing crime in Burnaby are held accountable.

Economic Crime

In January of 2017 Western Union reached a settlement with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in which they agreed to forfeit \$586 million USD due to their failure to protect customers against wire fraud. The money was set aside for fraud victims who had sent money to scam artists via Western Union from 2004 to 2017. The deadline for making a claim against the company was set at May 31, 2018.

By May of 2018 the Economic Crime Unit (ECU), with assistance from a Burnaby Crime Analyst, identified approximately 180 historical fraud files in Burnaby in which the victims had wired money through Western Union. ECU attempted to contact each of the victims to notify them of the settlement to forward information on how to register for possible compensation prior to the deadline.

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

Theft of Automobiles

In early April an Automotive Repair Shop located in Southwest Burnaby, reported that their business was broken into and that five vehicles were stolen using keys taken from inside the business. POST took conduct of the investigation. Investigators seized security video from the business and took several victim and witness statements. Through surveillance video and information received from Coquitlam RCMP, investigators were able to link the suspects to several other break and enters and auto thefts in Burnaby. Four of the five vehicles have been recovered throughout the Lower Mainland.

One suspect has been identified and a report to Crown Counsel is been prepared for several charges of break and enter and auto thefts. The investigation is ongoing as new files are linked to the same suspect.

During the month of May, POST targeted thefts from autos and theft of autos. In doing so, extra patrols were made in hot spot areas identified through the Burnaby RCMP Crime Analysts. As a result of these patrols POST Members seized / recovered two vehicles parked on city streets with no insurance, two sets of stolen licence plates and one stolen vehicle in the Sullivan Heights and Metrotown areas.

Bait Car Deployment

Burnaby POST deployed a bait vehicle in an area of recent theft from autos. A bait car activation occurred and a male was captured on video attempting to steal the bait vehicle using keys that had been altered to fit the vehicle. The Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) was contacted and still photographs from the bait vehicle were disseminated amongst other police agencies for identification purposes. A male suspect is being sought.



Catalytic Converter Thefts

There have been several theft of catalytic convertors from vehicles parked on both the street and parking lots of commercial and industrial areas throughout Burnaby. POST reviewed files in Burnaby and the rest of the Lower Mainland and were able to identify a suspect vehicle and suspect address. POST conducted night time surveillance of the suspect and identified the male as breaching his probation conditions. This investigation is ongoing with attempts to observe the suspect committing catalytic convertor thefts.

Community Response Team (CRT)

Some of the more notable investigations involving Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team in April and May are outlined below.

Surveillance and Foot Patrols

During the month of April, CRT members conducted numerous proactive, self-generated patrols and enforcement action on persons with outstanding arrest warrants. During these patrols new offences were often observed and / or suspects were caught breaching existing court ordered release conditions.

Proactive foot patrols were conducted in a number of areas including Metrotown, Lougheed Town Center, Highgate and Edmonds Parks.

Drug Arrests

On April 6, CRT members conducted enforcement action on a suspect they had previously identified as participating in street level drug activity. After trying to flee from police, this person was apprehended and was found in possession of a small bag of drugs, three cell phones, cash, and a bullet. Numerous charges are pending against this individual.

In May, CRT members conducted enforcement on a number of vehicles associated to the `dial-a-dope` drug trade. Seizures of cash and narcotics were made and in some cases the drivers were charged with Prohibited Driving, Fail to Stop For Police, Possession of Stolen Property and Trafficking.

Graffiti Investigation

CRT members are currently working with the City of Burnaby Anti-Graffiti Coordinator to locate and arrest an individual believed to be responsible for a significant amount of vandalism to two buildings in the North Burnaby area.

Missing Elderly Female

In mid-April, CRT members assisted in searching for a 77 year-old female who had gone missing in Southwest Burnaby. Along with general duty members and the Burnaby RCMP's missing persons unit, CRT conducted searches throughout Burnaby for the female. The elderly female was located safely over 24-hours after going missing by an off-duty Burnaby RCMP member. Family members of the elderly female contacted Burnaby RCMP to express their gratitude saying their "family has been reunited because of your great efforts."

Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

The Burnaby Citizen's Crime Watch were out in force during the month of April, with two or more marked vehicles patrolling for stolen vehicles and suspicious incidents.

The Crime Prevention Unit continues to recruit new members for this dedicated volunteer team. Candidates must be 19 years of age or older, maintain a clear police information check and driver history, and have other associated skills and abilities. If you're interested you can email crimeprevention@burnaby.ca for a volunteer application and further information.

Crime Prevention unit staff attended the Western Conference on Safety on April 9 and 10. This conference is one of many ways Crime Prevention unit staff keep abreast of new policy and training in a variety of prevention fields.

The Burnaby Crime Prevention Unit worked to coordinate National Police Week events on behalf of Burnaby Detachment. From Monday May 14 to Friday May 18 (inclusive) Burnaby police officers and Municipal Staff attended daily "pop-up" events at community and shopping centres throughout Burnaby. Each event included a marked police vehicle with two banners identifying the attendance as related to Police Week. Themed police pins were handed out at the events and our ever popular stickers and temporary tattoos were a hit with kids.



Community Police Offices

The Community Police Offices were busy in April and May. Members from the District 3 and District 4 offices conducted Speed Watch programs in school zones. Over 3000 vehicles were observed during the checks.

May was high risk drivers month and District 4 Speed Watch volunteers worked along with Burnaby RCMP Traffic members along Kingsway. A total of 961 motorists were observed.



April included Volunteer Appreciation Week. District 4 volunteers, RCMP Members, Transit Police, and mall security were invited to Metrotown Mall for an appreciation breakfast to thank them for all of their hard work and service in the Metrotown area.



District 4 volunteers conducted five foot patrols in neighbourhoods around Southwest Burnaby. The volunteers checked 2821 plates total with Stolen Auto Recovery and no stolen vehicles were recovered.

Additionally, volunteers checked for unsecure vehicles, expired decals, missing plates, and other suspicious activity in the neighbourhood.



Mental Health and Homelessness

The Homelessness Coordinator, Constable Samuel Bowen, attended the “Building Wellness in Burnaby and the Primary Care Network” event on May 31 2018.

The purpose of the event was to bring community leaders together to discuss the great work being done to ensure health and wellness in the City of Burnaby. Presenting partners included; the Healthier Community Partnership, the Burnaby Division of Family Practise and Burnaby Health Services (Fraser Health).

With the key agencies and knowledgeable partners in attendance, a strong conversation about the current and future needs of the community emerged. Ideas for a healthier tomorrow were shared and celebrated by all.

Youth Investigative Team

During the month of May, members of the Youth Investigative Team (YIT) patrolled known gathering locations of several youths who have recently been involved in criminal activities or have the potential to fall deeper into committing more serious violent criminal activities. These patrols allowed YIT members to proactively engage with youth in Burnaby and to potentially prevent further crime taking place.

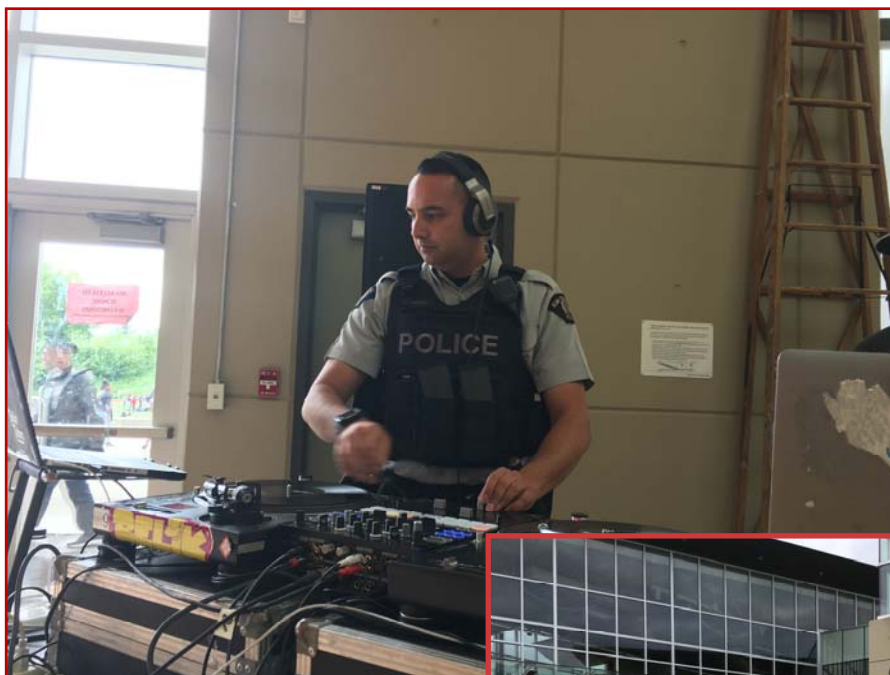
Possession and use of Marijuana

Members of Youth Investigative Team often deal with youths who possess and/or use Marijuana. Youth officers take this matter seriously as this type of behaviour can have a negative effect on other youths and their families, especially when it occurs around school grounds.

In April, a YIT member was in the area of Confederation Park when he observed a male and a female standing near the youth centre in the area smoking what appeared to be Marijuana. As the member was getting closer to the couple’s location and trying to confirm they were smoking Marijuana, they entered a vehicle and prepared to take off. The member conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and arrested both occupants for possession of illegal drugs. A search of the vehicle incidental to arrest, yielded 3.5 grams of Marijuana sealed in a bag located in the glove compartment. Both youths were dealt with and the seized Marijuana was sent for destruction.

Mental Health Awareness Week

YIT member Cst. Frank Tarape coordinated three lunch hour DJ events at Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby Central and Moscrop Secondary school for mental health awareness. He put the schools in touch with the Table Tutors Academy which is a DJ school in Burnaby and worked with them to coordinate these events. The DJ school provided music and a sound system to have a small party and lighten the mood over lunch hour. The schools had a mental health or student council club that partnered and passed out pamphlets about monitoring your own mental health and reaching out for assistance. Overall the goal of the event was to bring some levity to the schools and raise awareness about mental health issues among the students. Cst. Tarape did an excellent job being the DJ himself during all three events in an effort to further strengthen the relationship between police and students at our schools.



Victim Services Unit

In April, Victim Services attended the Police Based Victim Services Symposium which took place in Burnaby. Staff were able to attend different workshops and had a great experience learning and networking with other Police Based Victim Service agencies.

VSU has had an increase of 13% in file load and an increase of 35% in Crisis Interventions hours for the month of April alone, compared to April 2017.

May 27 to June 2 was the Victims and Survivors of Crime Week. VSU spoke at the Vancouver Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society (VLMFSSS) on the benefits of cultural specific services for Immigrants and refugee families.

VLMFSSS is a community agency that Burnaby RCMP VSU has a protocol agreement with when it comes to domestic violence and sexual violence files. When a language and cultural barrier is encountered, clients (victims) are referred to VLMFSSS for on-going support. In attendance at the talk were other support workers who work with Victims of Domestic Violence. The goal of the talk was to educate attendees on the services that Burnaby RCMP Victim Services provides to Victims.

	April	May
Files Opened	120	164
% Increase compared to 2017	13	16
Crisis Intervention Hours	110	150
% Increase compared to 2017	35	26

Crime Prevention Victim Services Unit Liaison (CPVS)

In April, a Coffee with a Cop event was held at the Still Creek McDonalds location. Members attended and served coffee to customers and sat and engaged in conversation with them. We covered many topics such as concerns in the community, and general policing information. It was a great event with lots of positive feedback from both staff and citizens.



In late April the CPVS Liaison and Burnaby's Crime Prevention Unit attended a Community Block Watch meeting on Marine Drive in Burnaby. There were approximately 20 neighbours in attendance. Members spent time fielding questions and talking about what the neighbours can do to look out for each other.

They also discussed ways to make their homes safer and less attractive to prowlers including motion lights, video cameras and trying to trim foliage. Members provided some information on speed radar signage. There was good feedback about the information provided to block watch participants.

Youth Services Unit

The Burnaby Youth Services Unit participated in a number of initiatives throughout the months of April and May.

Mental Health Week

One of the counsellors provided short presentations on the importance of mental health awareness to RCMP members and municipal employees at the detachment. This presentation was focused on increasing awareness of the importance of self-care and was very well received by all.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Level 1 Training

The Youth Services supervisor attended a two day VTRA training held by the school district. This assessment training is an important aspect of working with youth by being able to evaluate and assess threat risk levels and work in collaboration with RCMP, School District and community service providers to maintain safety of the community and schools.

The May Retail Theft Circle (RTC) took place at the end of May. This month's RTC was attended by four young people. There were three professionals in attendance (Restorative Justice Coordinator, RCMP constable, and a Youth Worker).

The attendees stated that they liked talking about feelings, that they could speak and have their thoughts heard in a small group. When asked about utilizing what they have learned, attendees stated that it will help with future decision making, they'll help others, and that they will not let the past consume them (indicating moving on in a positive light).

Youth Services Number of Referrals 2018			
	Apr	May	YTD
Counselling	5	7	40
Restorative Justice	14	10	77
- Retail Theft Circle	13	5	55
- Community Justice Forum	1	5	22

Auxiliary Program

During the months of April and May, Auxiliary members contributed 270 hours to community events.



Auxiliary members attended the Nagar Kirtan Parade and the Bon Iver Concert in Burnaby.





National Police Week

Burnaby Detachment Members were out and about around the City during National Police Week in May.



Officer-In-Charge (OIC) Awards Ceremony

The OIC awards ceremony was held on May 2. This was an occasion to recognize members, staff, volunteers, community partners and civilians for their contributions to the detachment and the community.



Staff Sergeant Major John Buis received an award for 40 years of service with the RCMP

Mall security guard Carlos Alvarez-Delgado received an award for his assistance in capturing a sexual predator.



Officer In Charge (OIC) Awards Ceremony

School District 41's
Crisis Intervention
Team were
commended for their
dedication to service
and assistance to
Burnaby RCMP



Burnaby Firefighter Stephen Hay
was presented a certificate of
appreciation for assisting in the
apprehension of a robbery
suspect.

Big Bike for Heart and Stroke Foundation

Along with Burnaby Fire Department and other community groups, Burnaby members and staff participated in the Big Bike Ride to help raise funds and awareness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Victoria Day at Burnaby Village Museum



McHappy Days

In April, Burnaby RCMP members took part in McHappy Days. They served customers at a McDonald's restaurant, raising funds for Ronald McDonald House and a number of other charities in the process.



Day of Mourning

On April 27, Burnaby RCMP members and staff joined with City of Burnaby staff and Burnaby Fire Department to honour those who lost their lives or have been injured at work.



6th Annual Fighting Hedge Sparrows Invitational Hockey Tournament

In mid April, Burnaby played host to the 6th Annual Fighting Hedge Sparrows Invitational Hockey Tournament. The tournament is organized by Sergeant Steve Hoi-vik and this year raised \$10,370 for two great charities; Cops for Cancer and the Fight to End Spinal Muscular Atrophy.



Humboldt Broncos Tribute

On April 12, Burnaby RCMP members and staff paid tribute to those who died and suffered injury in the tragic crash involving the Humboldt Broncos hockey team.



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) 646-9999 or explore our website at

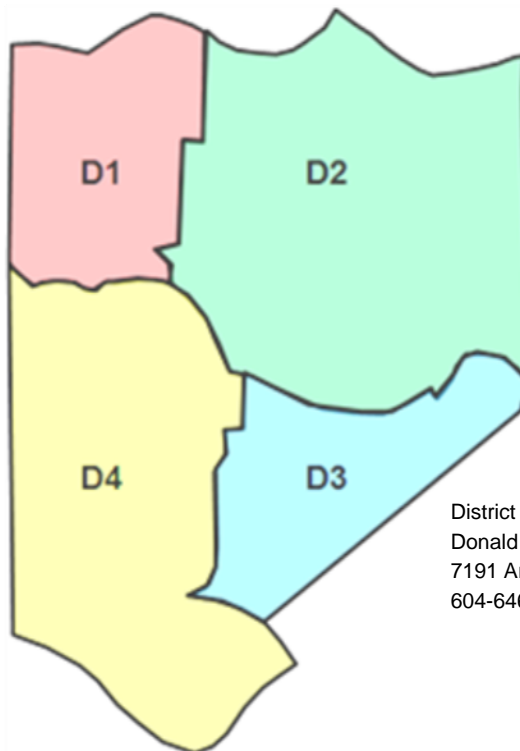
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