



## Hats Off Day!



## Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report

June and July 2018

**“Partners for a Safe Community”**



**Message from the Chief**

Each year, the summer months bring a number of significant events to Burnaby which provide a great opportunity to engage with members of our community. Through June and July our members and staff from our Crime Prevention Unit attended events across Burnaby including Hats Off Day, the grand opening of Willingdon Linear Park and the dedication of a Cenotaph at George Derby Centre to name just a few. All of these events, in addition to Red Serge Tuesdays at Burnaby Village Museum have allowed us to hear from the community and receive valuable feedback on the work we are doing in the community.

Operationally, two of our specialist units had considerable successes in June and July. Back in April, Burnaby Strike Force began investigating a series of break and enters in garages across the City. They identified a 51-year-old man as their primary suspect. Further investigation of this man led Strike Force to executing a search warrant at his residence. Hundreds of stolen items were recovered during this investigation and efforts are ongoing to reunite the property with owners.

In July, our Prolific Offender Suppression Team arrested a man suspected of a number of robberies at businesses across multiple jurisdictions in the Lower Mainland. A thorough and diligent investigation by POST has led to charges being recommended against this man.

The summer months can bring more people to our parks so Burnaby RCMP has been continuing high visibility patrols and enforcement through parks around the City. These patrols have been conducted by a number of our units including General Duty, the Youth Investigative Team and the Community Response Team. These patrols will continue into the future.

Finally, it was wonderful to see our dedicated volunteers receive an award for the work they do each and every day to help us keep our City safe. In June, Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteers were presented with an award by the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team for their work in fighting vehicle crime in Burnaby. Between 2000 – 2017, these volunteers helped recover 1,796 stolen vehicles in Burnaby. Volunteers like these are invaluable to our detachment and we truly appreciate the incredible work they do.

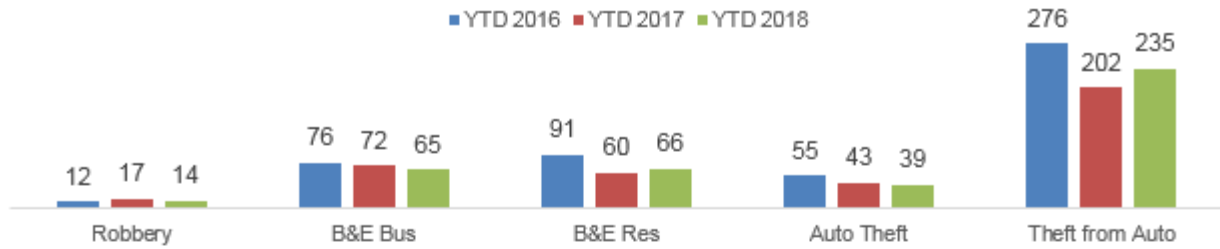
**Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment**



## Crime Reduction Stats Compared Over 3 Years

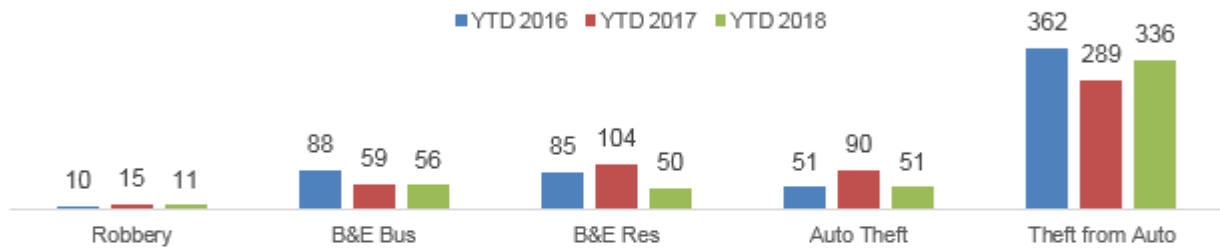
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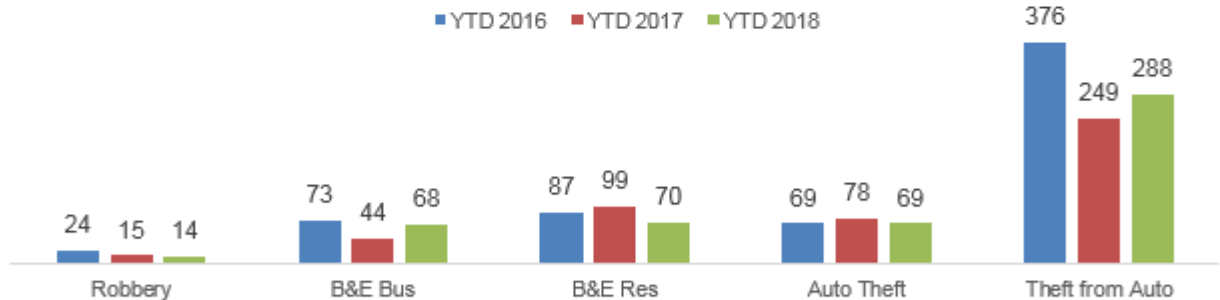
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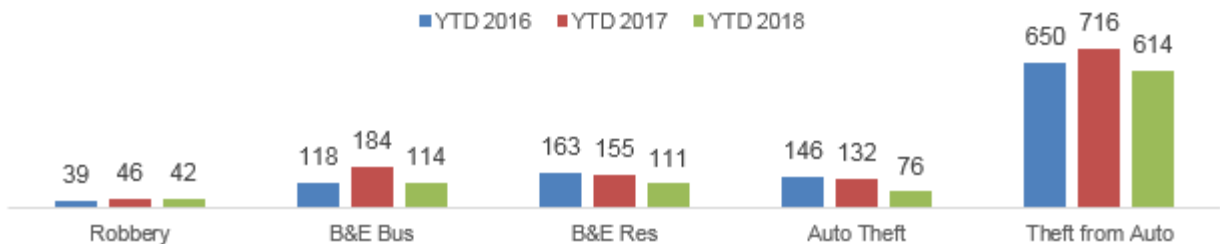
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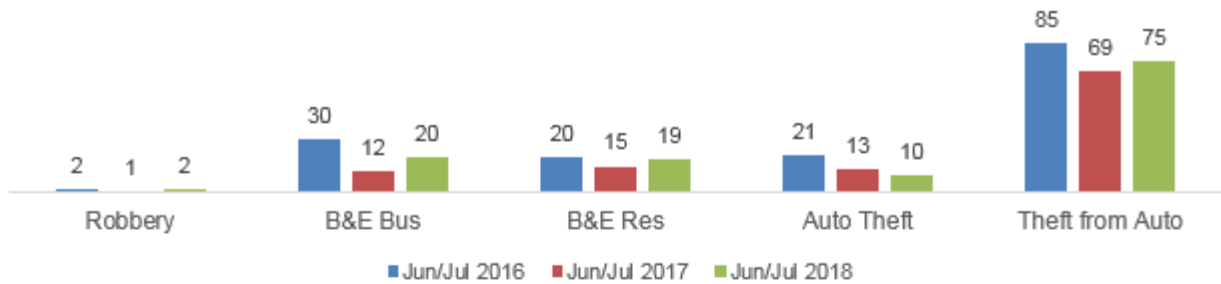
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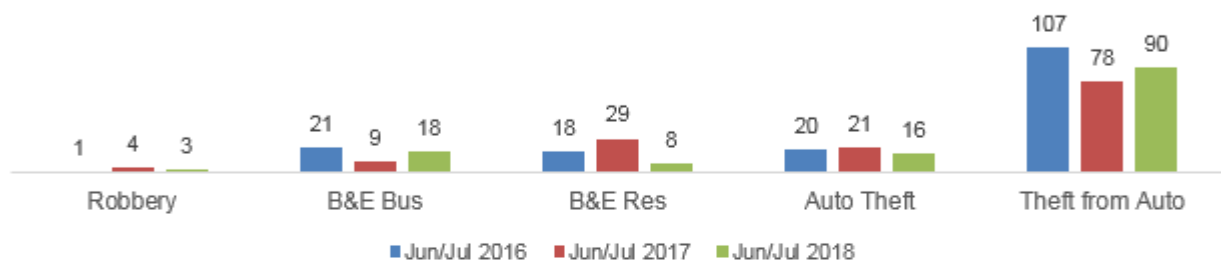


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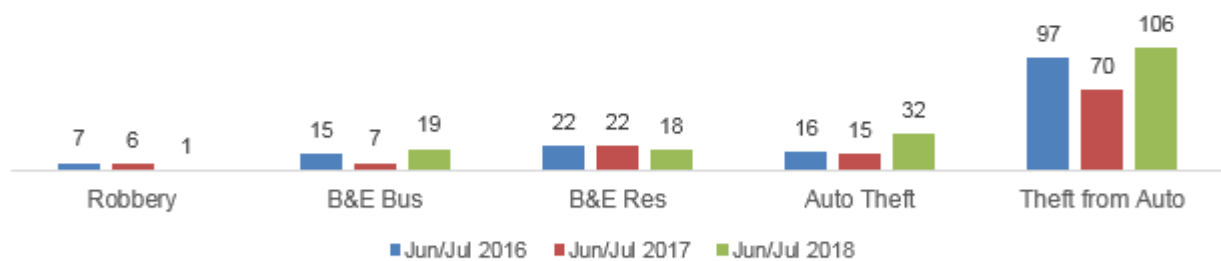
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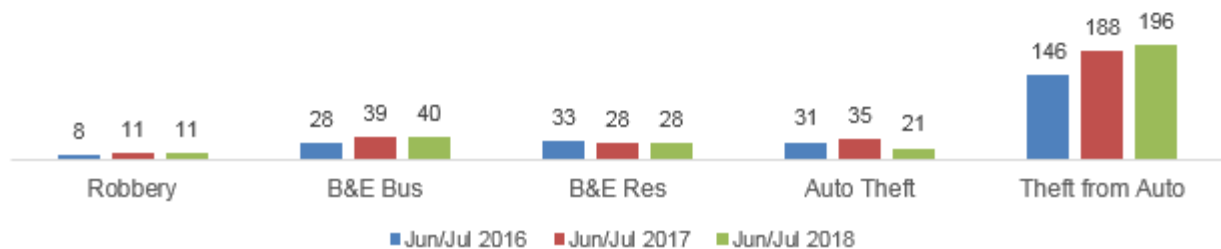
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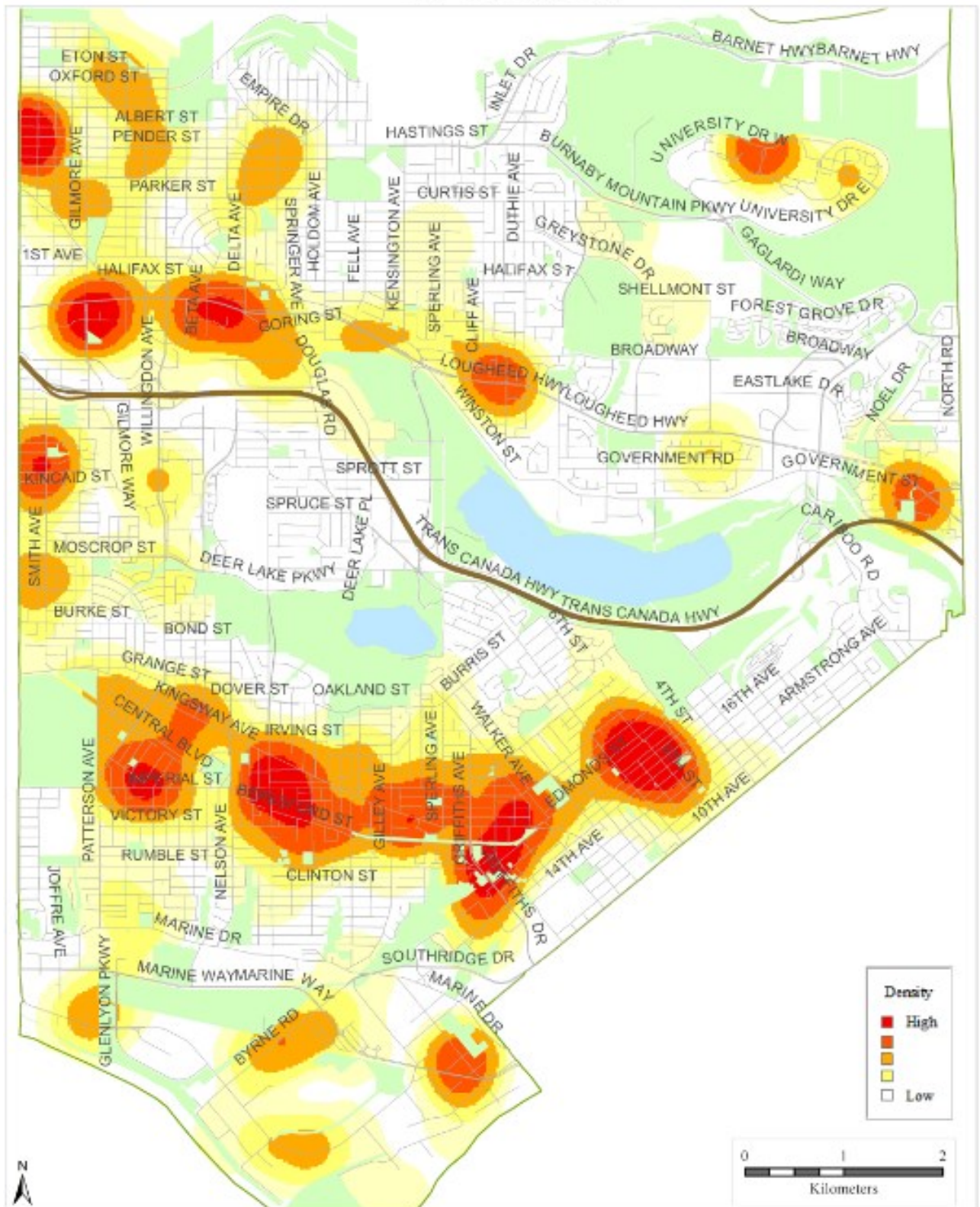






## June 1 to July 31, 2018 B&E Density Map

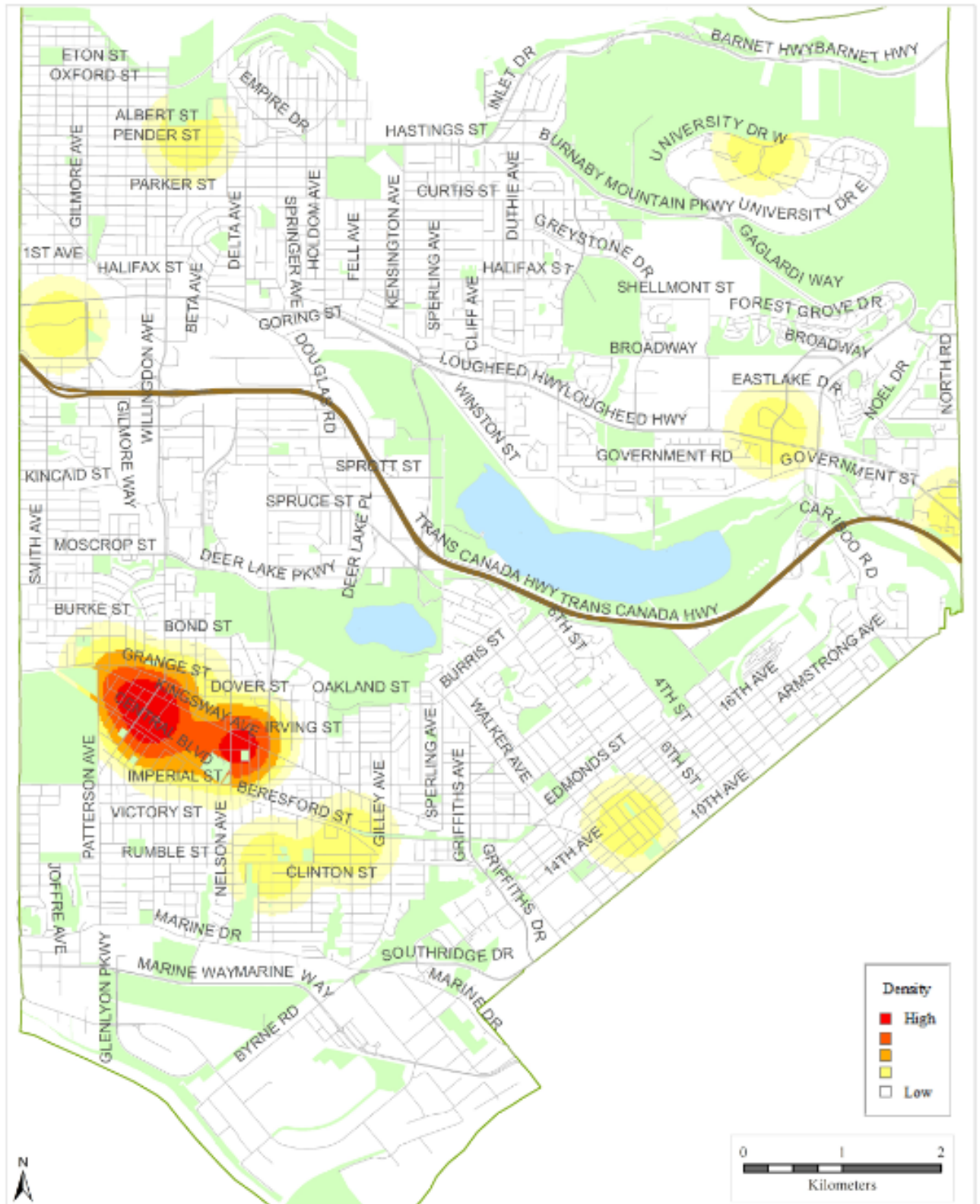
### Crime Density Map





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**June 1 to July 31, 2018**  
**Robbery Density Map**

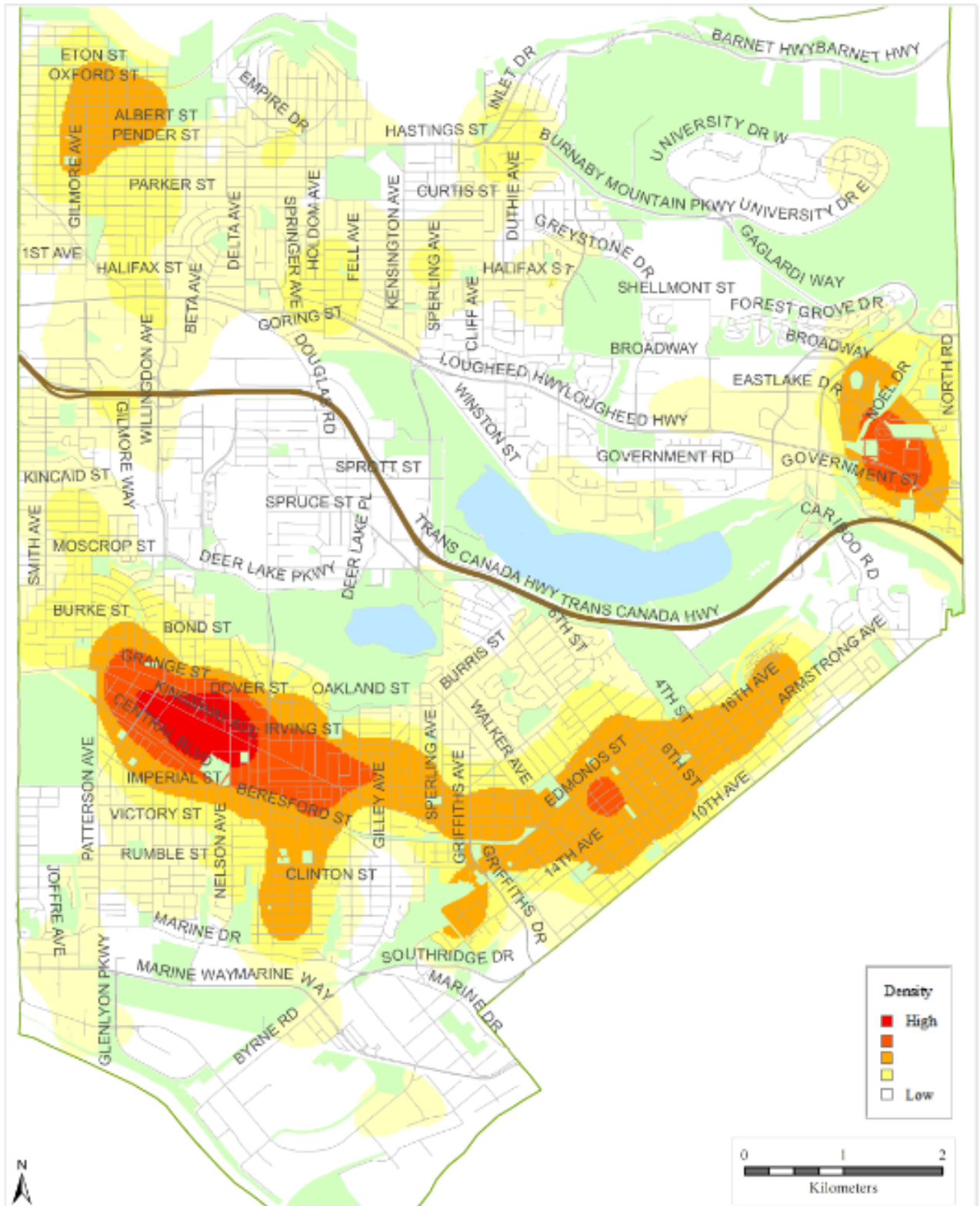






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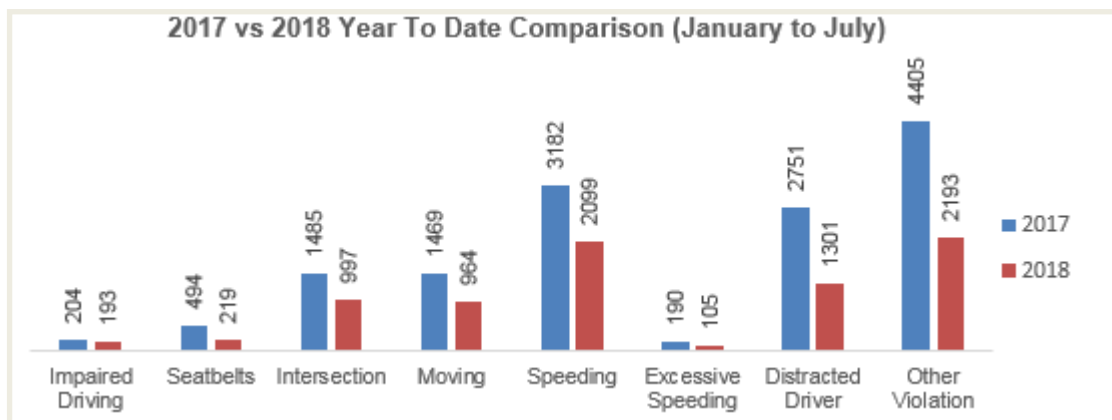
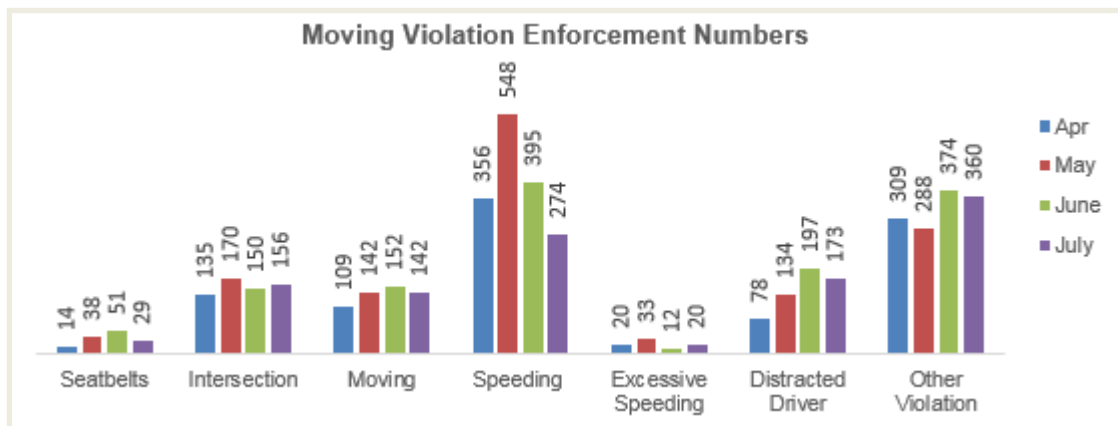
**June 1 to July 31, 2018**  
**Auto Crimes Density Map**



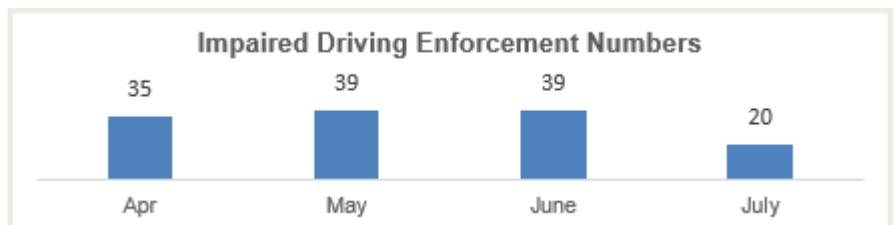
# Traffic Operations Statistics

During the month of July, Burnaby Traffic Services and the Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT) continued investigations on a number of files along with two fatalities involving motorcycles that occurred in Burnaby in the month of June.

The Traffic Section also continued focused enforcement on distracted drivers and impaired drivers.



During the months of June and July, 389 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section officers. 92 involved non-life threatening injuries and there were two fatalities.





## 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.

### Strike Force

Strike Force had been investigating a series of break and enters into garages across North Burnaby which began occurring in April of 2018. They identified a suspect, a 51-year-old male Burnaby resident who is now facing multiple charges of possession of property obtained by crime;

On June 22 Strike Force executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence and recovered hundreds of stolen items of which many of which are alleged to have been stolen in break and enters.



As the suspect is alleged to have been using his truck to commit the crimes, Burnaby Strike Force have seized the vehicle and submitted it to the Civil Forfeiture office for disposal. Efforts are ongoing to reunite the property with owners.

## Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

### Prolific Thief

In early June, Burnaby RCMP received a complaint of an interrupted theft in progress. The complainant stated that a male suspect in a grey Ford pick-up truck was attempting to steal a trailer from a closed business in the area of Ingleton Avenue and Kitchener Street. The complainant took a picture of the suspect before the suspect fled the scene. Burnaby POST took conduct the file.

POST conducted some background checks and determined that the suspect and grey Ford pick-up truck were connected to a number of other incidents throughout the Lower Mainland. POST seized surveillance video from several different scenes and were able to identify a suspect.

A number of charges have been recommended against a 47-year-old man from Langley.

### Bait Vehicle Activation

Burnaby RCMP POST continuously receives data regarding auto crime trends in the City of Burnaby from the detachment Crime Analysts. This data is then used to identify auto crime “hotspot” areas within the City. POST deploys bait vehicles in the “hotspot” areas as a means of catching auto crime offenders in the act.

In the early morning hours of July 7, Burnaby RCMP received a notice of a bait vehicle activation in the Edmonds area. Information stated that someone entered the cab of the bait vehicle and departed. Police containment was set-up in the area and a male suspect was observed leaving the area. The male was detained in regards to the bait vehicle activation. It was later determined by Burnaby POST that this male was in possession of property stolen from the bait vehicle.

Burnaby RCMP POST completed a report to Crown Counsel recommending theft charges against a 23-year-old man of no fixed address.





## Community Response Team (CRT)

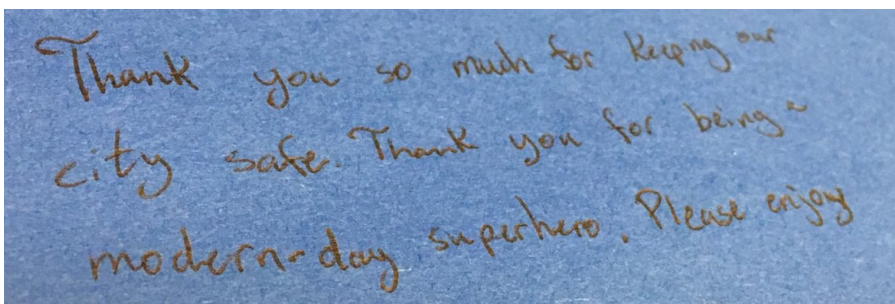
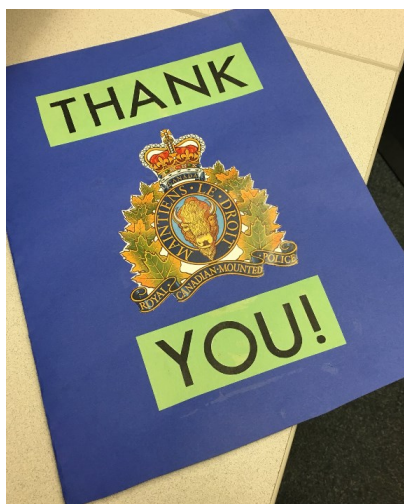
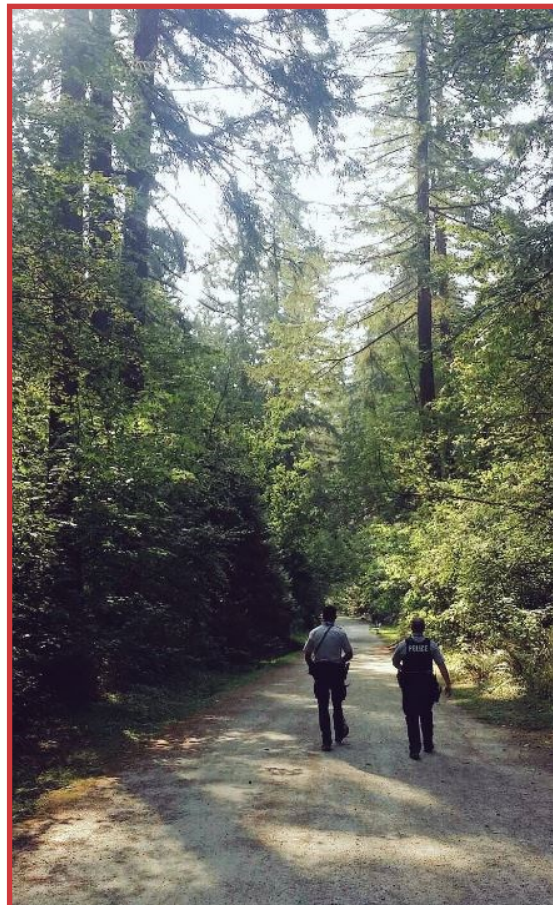
Some of the more notable investigations involving Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team in June and July are outlined below.

### Surveillance and Foot Patrols

During the months of June and July, CRT members were regularly involved in conducting foot patrols in the areas of Brentwood Mall, Lougheed Mall, Metrotown Mall, Highgate Park, Central Park, Confederation Park and the Bob Prittie Library area.

In June, CRT members also engaged in surveillance activity actively targeting some property crime and dial-a-dope targets. This resulted in a number of arrests. Charges are pending.

In July, CRT members conducting a proactive patrol observed a white SUV parked suspiciously near Halley Avenue in Burnaby. This vehicle was determined to be stolen and police were able to recover it. Further investigation didn't shed any light on the identity of the culprits responsible for the theft of the vehicle. The vehicle was returned to the very grateful registered owner.

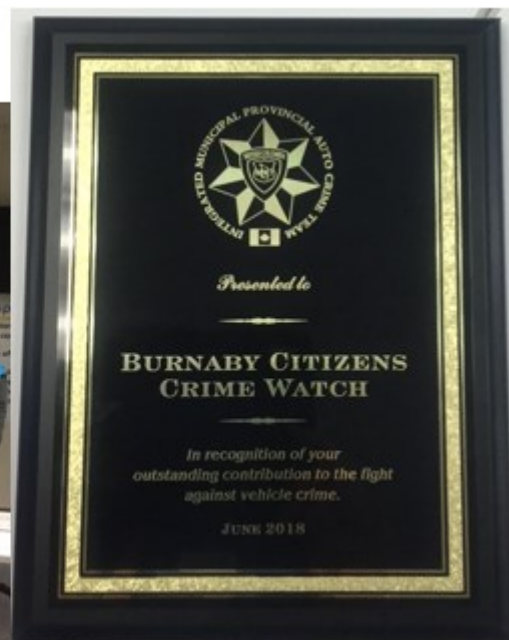


It's always wonderful to hear from the public and we were so grateful to Metro Baptist Church for dropping off this card to thank our officers for the work they do on a daily basis to keep our growing City safe.

## Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services

### Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

The Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW) have been extremely productive in recovering stolen vehicles during their monthly patrols. Our volunteers are truly exceptional and definitely have an eye for suspicious vehicles! On June 26, our BCCW volunteers had their quarterly meeting where they were presented with an award from the Officer in Charge of I.M.P.A.C.T. (Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team) recognizing their outstanding contribution to the fight against vehicle crime. Keep up the good work, BCCW!



In July, our Burnaby Citizen's Crime Watch volunteers had another successful month, locating several stolen vehicles as well as a vehicle of interest to a police investigation. The volunteer team has been increasingly sent out to patrol in identified crime hotspots.

Crime Prevention unit staff were delighted to represent the Burnaby RCMP detachment at the Willingdon Linear Park grand opening. A great event, with plenty of engagement with Burnaby residents.





## Community Police Offices (CPO)

Volunteers from our Community Police Offices conducted cell checks, speed watch and foot patrols through June and July.

667 vehicles were checked at speed watch locations and 675 vehicles were checked at cell watch locations.

In July, District 3 CPO volunteers participated with the Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team and Traffic Services in a joint education and enforcement around “Summer School Speed Zones”. Volunteers set up with the Speed Watch van and a “School zone please slow down” sign while police officers stationed their marked vehicles in very visible locations along Moscrop and Willingdon.



Also in July, four volunteers participated in CAN-BIKE Level 3 training held out in the parking lot of the Lougheed Community Police Office. The course instructor Chuck Glover, is a retired Police Officer and has been providing the training to our volunteers for the past several years.



Chuck is a certified CAN-BIKE National Examiner and Instructor. Participation and ability to pass this course is mandatory as a safety training course in order for the volunteers to participate in the Bike Patrol crime reduction program operating out of the Community Police Offices. All volunteers were successful in the completion of this eight-hour skills course.

## Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

### Year-end Pranks at Schools

The Youth Investigative Team, in coordination with School District officials, took extra proactive steps to be prepared for the expected pranks and possible criminal activities by students during the last couple of weeks of the school year. YIT members visited certain local stores and warned store owners and managers against selling fire crackers and smoke bombs to students. The members spent a substantial amount of time at their schools for police presence and to also speak to students to provide awareness against breaking rules and laws by playing pranks on school ground. YIT members partnered with members from the Community Response Team during the last week of school to provide service coverage to all eight secondary schools. These proactive steps and preventive measures resulted in substantial reduction of prank activities at schools this year. There were only a couple of minor incidents which were quickly attended to by YIT members and taken care of.

### School Zone Safety Blitz

School zone safety, especially at elementary schools, is one of the important tasks that is often discussed amongst members of the Youth Investigative Team as it deals with safety of younger students who are more vulnerable to being victims of unsafe driving. To optimize their efforts and efficiency, YIT members occasionally team up with members of Traffic Section and volunteers to conduct school zone safety blitzes. On Thursday, June 14,



YIT member, Cst. Tarape organized a School Zone Safety Blitz with Burnaby RCMP YIT and Traffic Section. Members from both teams saturated different schools zones in the city to provide a very overt presence to remind motorists to slow down. The goal was to enforce traffic laws in an obvious manner so that those who were not stopped still got the message that "This area is a school zone and

Police are present." Lots of positive feedback was received from elementary school parents, school administrators and motorists.



## Youth Investigative Team

### Hot Spot Patrols

The month of July was a busy month for Youth Investigative Team (YIT) members as they conducted proactive, preventive policing in various areas of Burnaby. With the end of school year and start of summer holidays, YIT adopted a modified work schedule to provide coverage until midnight on certain days of the week. This modified schedule allowed members to give attention to summer schools in session, help General Duty members during busy hours, conduct bike and foot patrols in crime hotspots and conduct curfew checks during late hours in the evening.

### Summer School

YIT members attended Moscrop Secondary School and spoke to a group of 100 students who are 7th graders soon to be entering the high school system.

The students were on a tour of Moscrop Secondary School to become familiar with their new school. The YIT members' attendance for this event had been arranged by the Safe School Specialist. The members gave an overview of the Police role in the school system, how to treat each other

respectfully and how to reach out if a student needs help from Police. The majority of these students will be attending Moscrop or Burnaby Central Secondary Schools in the fall.



## Victim Services Unit

In June VSU opened 125 files for the month and completed 128 hours of Crisis Intervention.

VSU also took part in the Burnaby Senior's Resource Society Educational Community Event that took place on Thursday June 21. VSU attended the event to meet with the public to provide them with information and resources regarding Senior Abuse and Neglect. For this event, the focus was on technology fraud (banking and internet). VSU focused on providing information to seniors on safety planning.



In July VSU opened 145 files for the month and completed 116 hours of Crisis Intervention. In comparison with July 2017, VSU has had an increase of 14% in file load. This month, VSU focused on making sure that all new hired (Auxiliary) staff, passed their probation, and continued to assist with after-hours crisis intervention and assistance in the office in the evening and weekends.



## Youth Services Unit

In June, Burnaby RCMP Youth Services attended a meeting with other police based youth counselling programs (Surrey RCMP, VPD, Richmond RCMP, Langley Youth and Family Services). The purpose of this meeting was to network, as well as share best practices in order to enhance service delivery for youth and their families.

A new Auxiliary Restorative Justice Facilitator is joining the team. This position was filled in order to increase program capacity and be able to provide timely support for youth and families receiving our Restorative Justice intervention.

Youth Services staff attended a presentation facilitated by the Ministry of Family and Child Development (MCFD) on Duty to Report. Information with regards to making child/youth protection reports and what happens after a call is made were shared. The purpose of attending this presentation was to obtain the most up-to-date information from MCFD. During our meetings with youth and families, concerns involving their safety may emerge and we need to make decisions on making child protection reports. Therefore, receiving this knowledge directly from MCFD was very useful and relevant to keeping our clients safe.

In July, Youth Services participated in the Burnaby-New West Sexually Exploited Youth Task Force Strategic Planning focus group. The purpose of the group was to understand the realities of front line work. Various topics of discussion took place pertaining to areas needing further support, raising awareness around current and future prevention programs, strengths of the taskforce, and what positive change would look like.

The chart below is a snap shot of the types of referrals Youth Services Unit received in the months of June and July. Depending on the issues at hand, youth's history, and further information we receive, we decide whether the youth and their family will be offered support through Counselling or through our Restorative Justice (RJ) program.

Number of Referrals per Month		
Type of Offense	June	July
<b>Assault</b>	2	1
<b>Break and Enter</b>	0	0
<b>Theft Under \$5000</b>	1	0
<b>Mischief</b>	3	3
<b>Threats</b>	2	0
<b>Other</b>	3	1
	(suspicious occurrences / mental health / possession)	(suspicious occurrences)

## Auxiliary Program

June was a busy month for the Auxiliary Program. On June 2, thirteen Auxiliaries assisted with the annual Hats Off Day Parade.

On June 30, two Auxiliaries helped with the Vance Joy Concert held at Deer Lake Park. Both Auxiliaries were paired up with RCMP officers and conducted community engagement on foot in and around the site.



July is one of the busiest months for our Auxiliaries. During the month of July, twelve Auxiliary Constables collectively contributed 202 hours to events including Canada Day, VSO, Giro di Burnaby, Fiji Festival, Edmonds City Fair, Willingdon Linear Park Grand Opening and the Chinese Festival.





## Detachment/Community Events

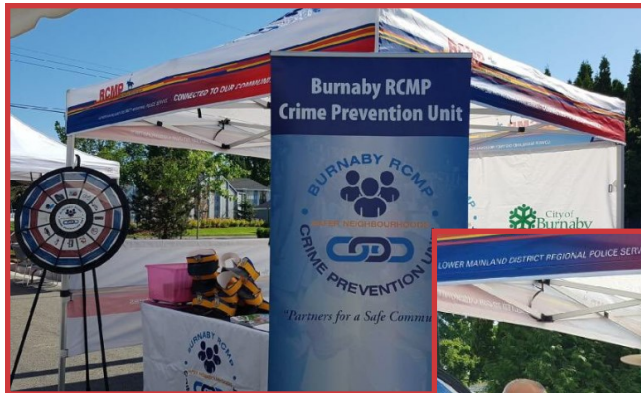
### Red Serge Tuesdays at Burnaby Village Museum





## Detachment/Community Events

### Willingdon Linear Park Grand Opening



### Canada Day at Burnaby Village Museum







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### Remembering Cst. Terry Tomfohr



### George Derby Centre Cenotaph Dedication



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