



Bike Unit



Counterattack

Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report
December 2018 and January 2019
“Partners for a Safe Community”

Message from the Chief

Our units remained busy keeping Burnaby safe throughout the holiday season. Traffic section focused enforcement on Impaired Driving in December as part of the annual Counter Attack campaign, in addition to enforcing the importance of driving safety during winter conditions.

Our Strike Force successfully completed numerous investigations on Break and Enters and Robberies with charges being recommended against three adults and a youth. Our Prolific Offender Suppression team successfully pursued a file of cellphone theft resulting in charges against two adults and a youth.

Our Drug section disrupted two drug operations in the city seizing drugs, weapons, cash and a

vehicle. Drug section will be recommending charges against two adults.

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Our Bike Unit was also busy throughout December and January. In December the Burnaby Now met with the unit, the Mayor and myself to do a media stand-up to ensure all citizens are aware of our new Bike Unit. In addition, the unit was busy with proactive patrols and took part in several investigations.

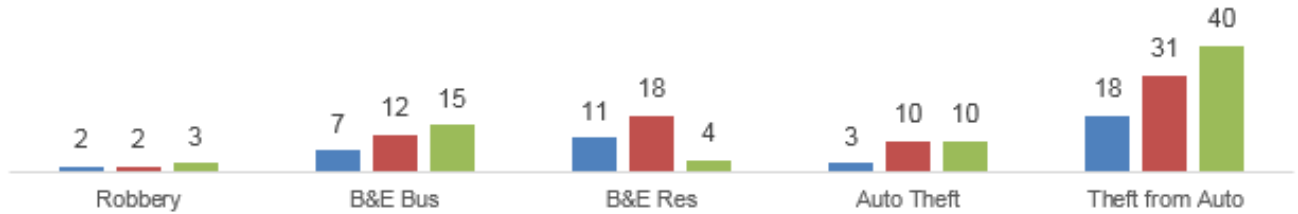
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment



Crime Reduction Stats Compared Over 3 Years

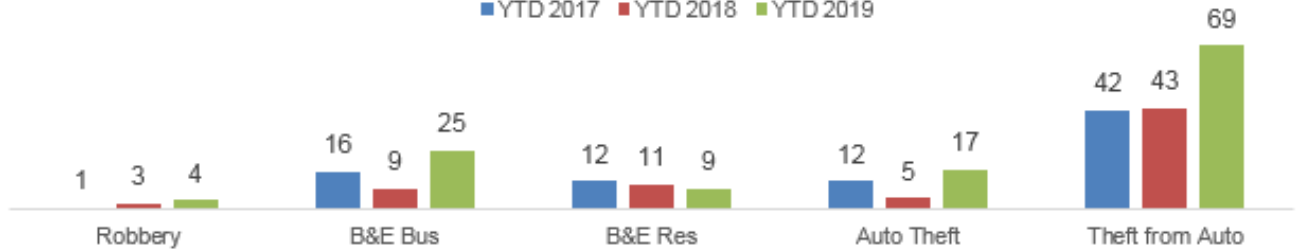
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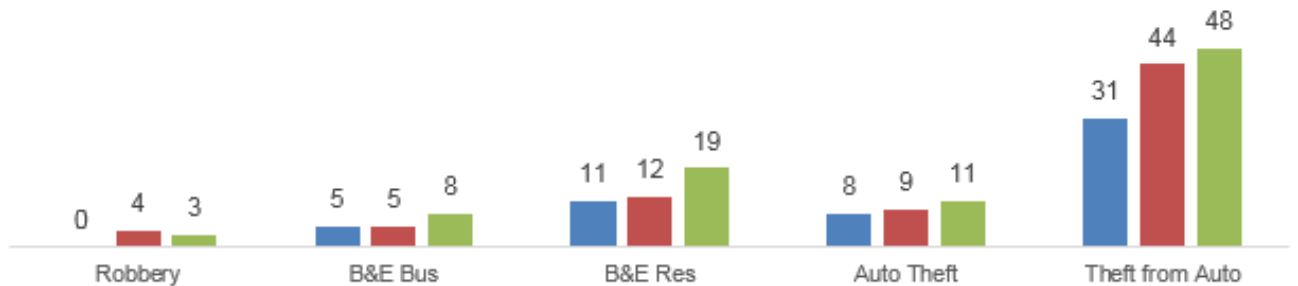
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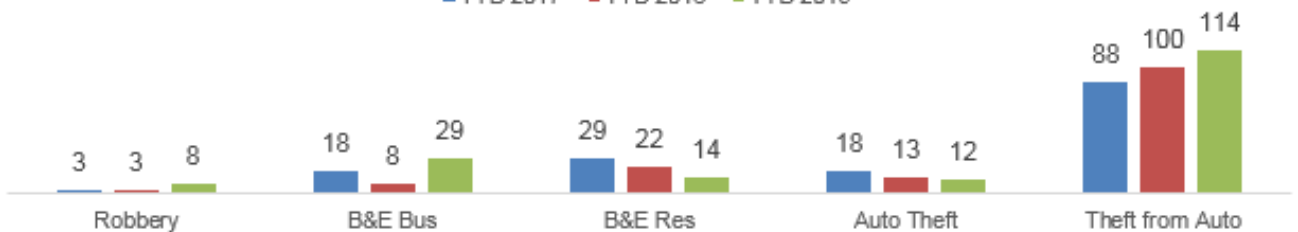
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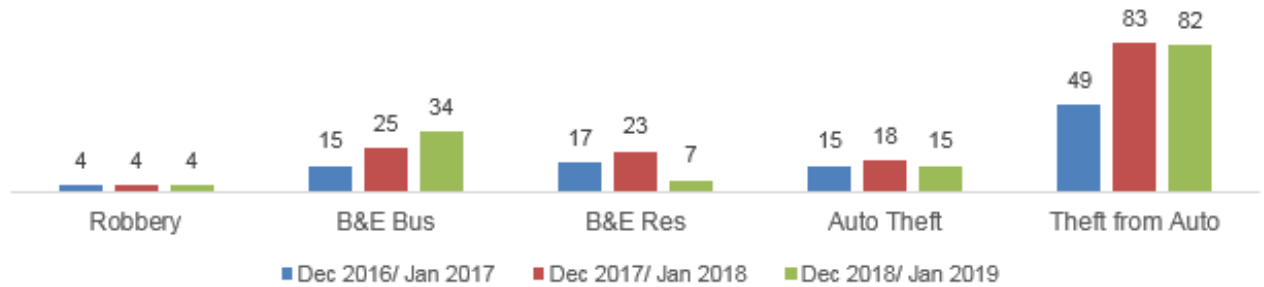
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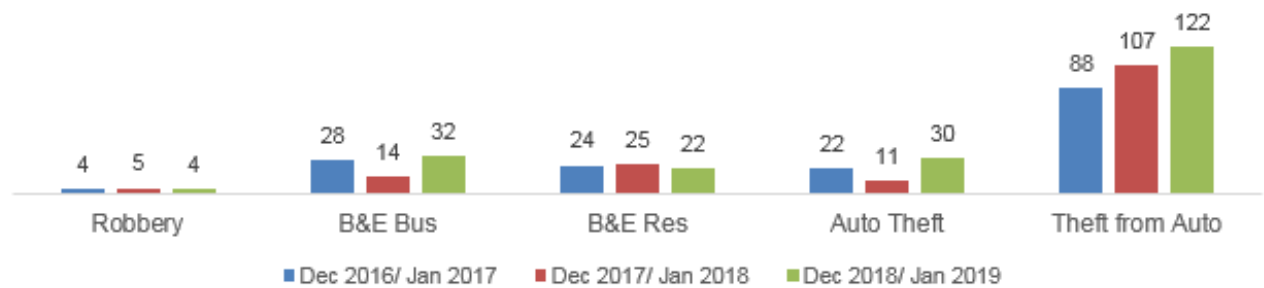


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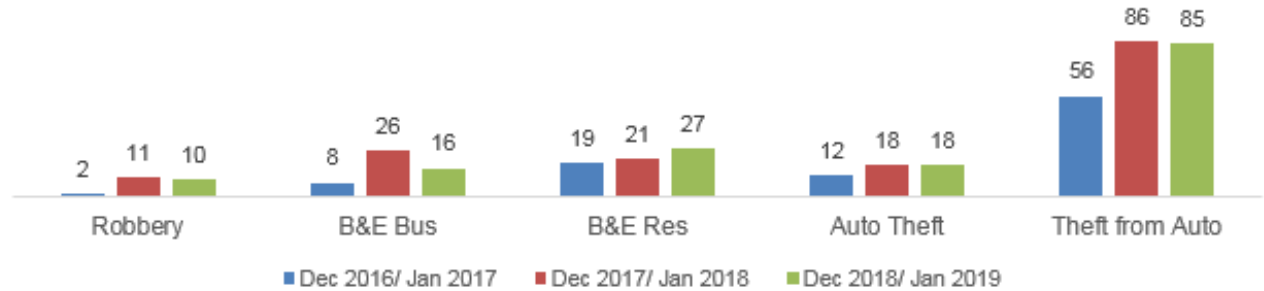
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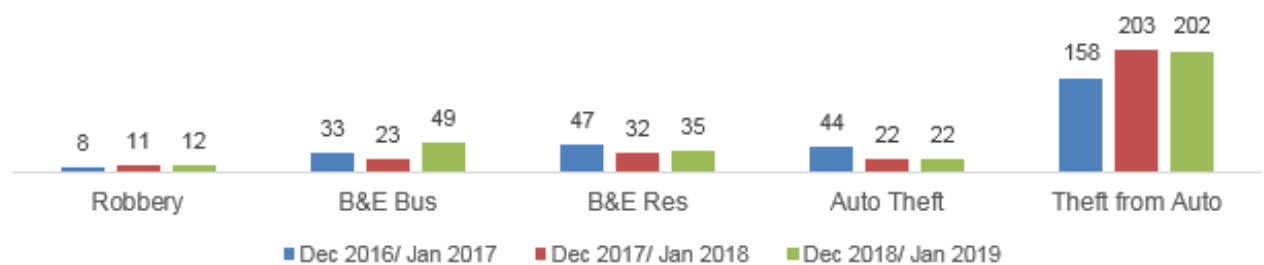
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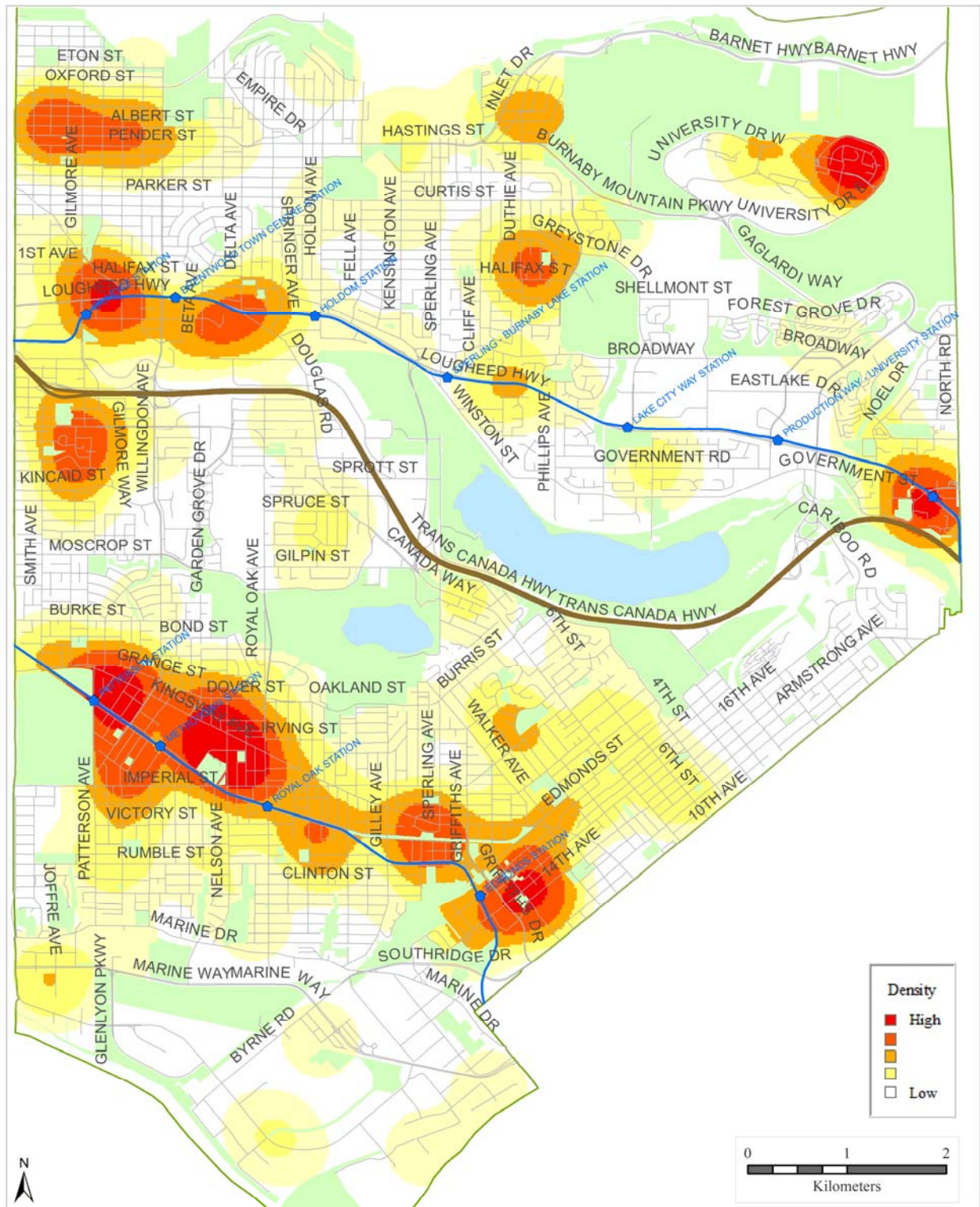
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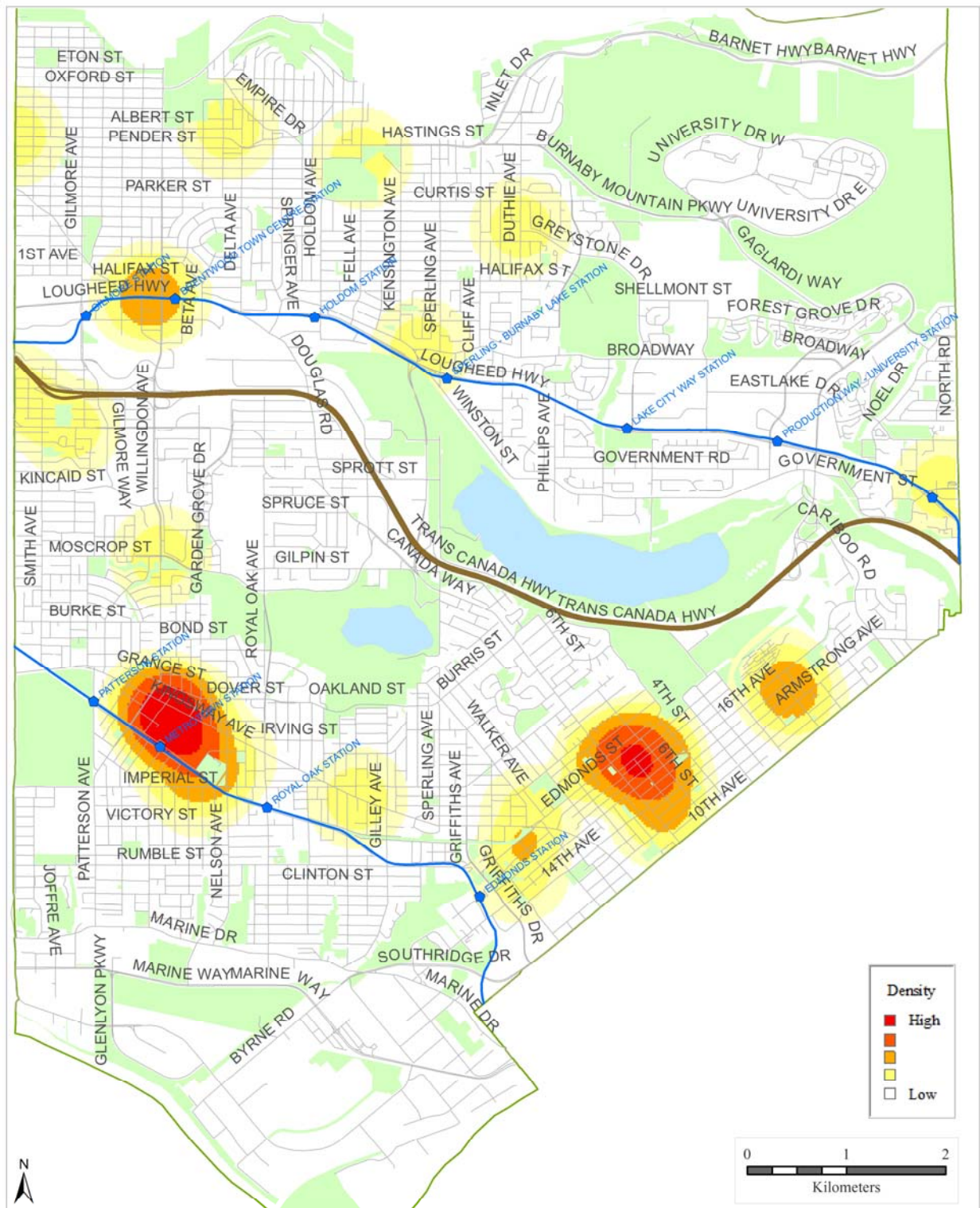
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B&E Density Map





Crime Density Map

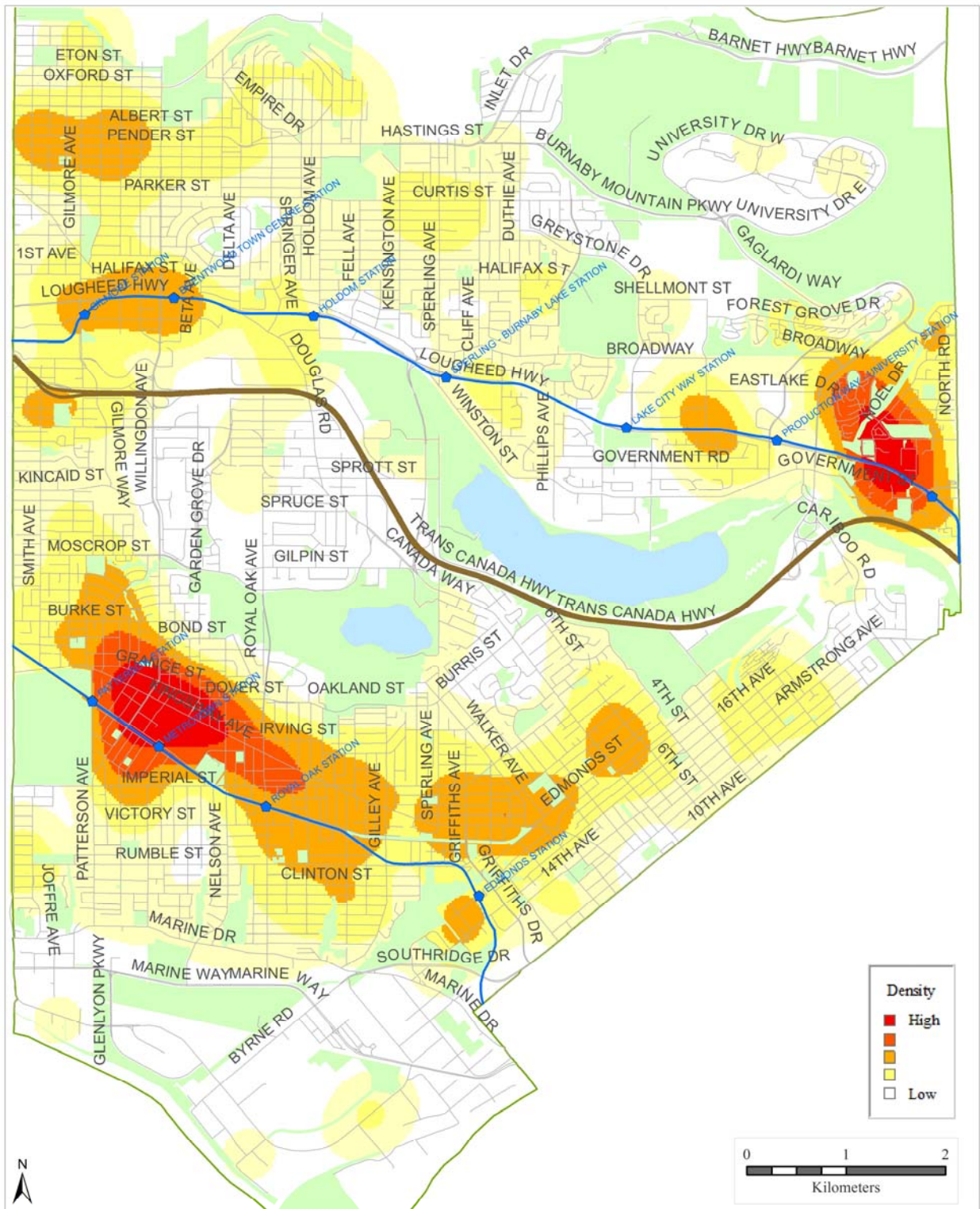
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Robbery Density Map





Crime Density Map

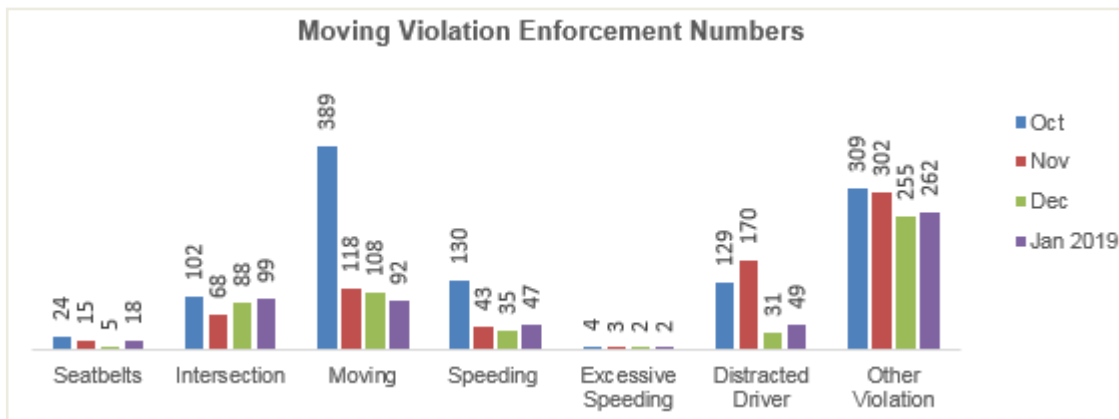
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Auto Crimes Density Map



Traffic Operations Statistics

The Traffic Section conducted focused enforcement on Impaired Driving and Winter Driving Safety during December.

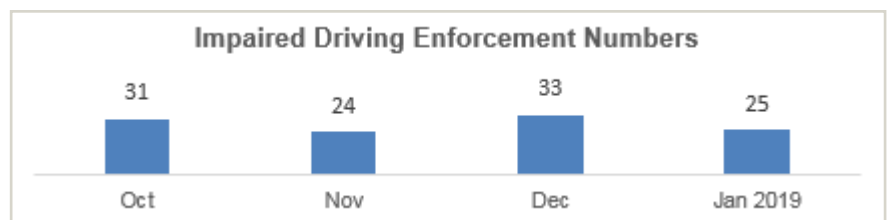
During the month of January, Burnaby Traffic Services investigated a pedestrian fatality. There was also an increased number of serious injury and pedestrian incidents throughout Burnaby. We would like to remind the public to be more aware when they are driving in wet weather and to watch for pedestrians especially around intersections. Pedestrians should be wearing reflective clothing and using marked crosswalks when available, for their safety. Pedestrians must remember to look both ways before crossing and not be looking at electronic devices even if they have the right of way.



Counter Attack in December



During the months of December 2018 and January 2019, 373 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section Officers. 74 involved non-life threatening injuries and there were 2 fatalities.



Major Investigations

Investigations of a more complex or longer term nature are handled by Burnaby RCMP's plainclothes units. Examples of the types of files our plainclothes units, such as Strike Force, Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) and Drugs, conducts follows.

Strike Force

A youth who cannot be named (under the Youth Criminal Justice Act) was identified as a suspect in a series of residential break ins and personal robberies which occurred in October and November in and around the Edmonds Skytrain area. Strike Force conducted an investigation which lead to a Search Warrant being executed at the youth's residence. Stolen property from at least one break in was recovered and charges have been recommended against the youth.

On January 3rd, 2019, a residence in north Burnaby was broken into resulting in the theft of approximately \$100,000 worth of property as well as the theft of the property owners vehicle. On the 4th of January the property owner was advised by their bank that a credit card in their name had been used fraudulently on several occasions that day. Strike Force initiated an investigation and identified a male and female suspect. Through various investigational techniques they were able to obtain a Search Warrant for a residence in Surrey, which was executed on February 1st of 2019. This Warrant resulted in the seizure of evidence linking the male and female suspects to the break and enter as well as the fraud. Various charges have been recommended against both individuals.

In the evening of January 7th, 2019 an unknown male robbed the Subway restaurant located at 7215 Canada Way. The male produced a handgun and at gunpoint attempted to take cash from the register however was unable to do so and as such fled empty handed. Shortly thereafter a similar robbery occurred at a Subway restaurant in New Westminister. Strike Force was able to develop a suspect profile and through investigative techniques confirm the identity of the suspect. This information was shared with our policing partners in both New Westminister and Coquitlam, who had also had robberies with a similarly described suspect. As a result of the investigation, a Search Warrant was executed at a residence in New Westminister where police located and items linking the suspect to the robberies. Charges have been forwarded and approved by Crown Counsel against the male for several counts of Robbery with a firearm.

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

On September 26th, 2018, two males attended a cellular phone kiosk in the Lougheed Mall area of District 2 in Burnaby and stole a cellphone valued at \$979.00 from the kiosk. The theft was witnessed by an employee and police obtained security video surveillance from the kiosk. At the same time two other males attended a cellular phone store located nearby and stole two cellphones, valued at approximately \$2000.

Burnaby POST took conduct of the file. Through an extensive video canvass by Burnaby POST, security video of both thefts was located. One of the security videos was sent for enhancement for the purposes of identifying the four males. The enhanced video footage was distributed to Police Officers throughout Western Canada, as it was believed that these males had committed offences in other jurisdictions. Three of the four males were identified.

In January 2019, A Report to Crown Counsel was submitted requesting charges for the three males. Three (3) counts of Theft Under \$5000, contrary to Section 334 of the Criminal Code of Canada have been recommended against two 18-year-old males and a young person.

This is an example of the extent and effort Burnaby POST will go to in order to hold those who wish to commit crime in Burnaby accountable for their actions.

Drug Section

On January 19, 2019, Burnaby RCMP Drug Section conducted targeted enforcement in the Lougheed Mall area. One person was arrested while trafficking drugs at the Burnaby Public Library parking lot located north of Lougheed Mall. Thirty grams of suspected fentanyl, heroin and crack cocaine, several knives, two cans of bear spray, several hundred dollars cash, and cell phones were seized. Charges are being recommended against one adult.

On January 24, a drug trafficker was arrested on Enterprise Street after a two-month investigation. Twenty thousand dollars cash, 215 grams of cocaine, 1141 capsules of Cannabis extract, a machete, a spiked baseball bat and a vehicle were seized. Charges are being recommended.

Cocaine

Heroin

Bear Spray



Community Response Team (CRT)

Coffee with a Cop

On December 19th, 2018, members of the Youth Investigative Team (YIT) and CRT co-hosted a Coffee with a Cop event at the Tim Hortons at Northgate Mall on North Road. The event was a chance for the public to mingle with police over a coffee to discuss policing and community safety issues. The event was well-received from the public with positive interactions. Of note were conversations with a number of new Canadians who were surprised by the ability for members of the public to speak freely with police without fear of arrest or repercussions as they had immigrated from countries where police and the state were oppressive to the citizens. The event could not have been a success without the help and support of Tim Hortons and the North Road Business Improvement Association.



Recover Stolen Scooter

On December 17th, 2018, members from CRT were conducting proactive enforcement in the area of 6th Street and 16th Avenue, Burnaby. While on patrol members observed an electric scooter being driven away from a residence. Queries of the license plate on the scooter showed that it was not associated to the scooter observed. Through further investigation, the scooter was found to be stolen from Vancouver. The registered owner was notified and the scooter was later returned.

Proactive Patrols

In the lead up to Christmas, CRT members conducted proactive patrols in and around the Metrotown area due to the increased volume of people doing Christmas/holiday shopping.

Community Response Team (CRT)

Community Building—Movie Night

On December 27th, 2018, CRT and YIT members hosted a movie night at the District 3 Community Police Office (CPO) with funds that were left over from the Civil Forfeiture Grant for the Summer Soccer Camp. 15 children attended the CPO and were able to watch a holiday movie, have pizza and popcorn, and interact with police. The youth present enjoyed the opportunity to hang out with police in a casual atmosphere and have positive interactions.



Break and Enter

On January 8th, 2019, CRT was monitoring the police radio and became aware of an assault with a weapon in progress where bear spray was deployed on the victims. CRT was able to respond, locate and arrest the suspect fleeing the area. With the assistance of the Integrated Police Dog Section, additional evidence was recovered that had been discarded by the suspect. The investigation revealed the suspect was trying to break into a car when he was confronted. Further investigation revealed the suspect was also responsible for a break and enter at a nearby business. Charges have been recommended against the suspect.

Shoplifter

On January 15th, 2019, CRT members responded to a request for assistance of a shoplifter that had stolen items from a store in the 4900-block of Kingsway. In addition, the male was in contravention of court-imposed conditions not to attend the store. While conducting patrols, the suspect was located and arrested.

Missing Person

On January 16th, 2019, CRT members assisted with an investigation into a missing, high-risk vulnerable person. Based on the information obtained, police learned the missing person was in the Metrotown area. With the assistance of Metrotown Security, the person was located in the mall, where they were apprehended under the Mental Health Act.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Boys Club Network

In December, the Youth Investigative Team (YIT), in collaboration with the Burnaby School District, started the process of bringing the Boys Club Network to Burnaby schools and will work together to make it a successful program.

The Boys Club Network is a mentorship program for vulnerable boys of high school age that started in North Vancouver over 10 years ago and that has more than 15 chapters throughout the province. The Network creates a safe space for boys to build connections in the community. Successful businessmen, professional athletes and other successful professionals are invited to speak to the boys and be positive role models. The Boys Club Network also offers the boys opportunities to attend sporting events and meet with local political leaders.

The Boys Club Network has been a very successful program in other communities, helping boys find confidence, direction and positive relationships. Burnaby South, Byrne Creek, Learning Pathways and Fraser Park secondary schools have been selected by School District 41 as pilot sites for the program.

YIT members will have a mentorship role supporting at risk/vulnerable youth at their schools and youth centres.

Safety Presentation for International Students

The International Education Program of Burnaby School District attracts many foreign students from various countries every year. Some of these students come from countries where the perception of safety and security might be different from that of the western world, which might expose them to unexpected risks. Occasionally, police encounter situations where international students get victimized by criminals, or become suspects in a file, simply as a result of not being aware of Canadian Law. As such, at the beginning of each semester and at the School District's request, members of Burnaby's Youth Investigative Team attend the International Students Orientation Day and deliver a presentation on safety to the students. In late January, YIT members attended Alpha, Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby North, Burnaby Central, Burnaby South, Byrne Creek, Moscrop and Cariboo Secondary schools separately and provided Safety presentations to groups of students.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Online Safety Presentation

YIT works with Burnaby schools to provide awareness to students regarding the usage of social media. Despite having many benefits, social media can seriously put users' safety at risk especially when it comes to the youth. Students end up spending more time on social media than on their school subjects, with their families or on sports. In addition, it is becoming more and more common to see youth use social media to commit offences against

other youth such as making threats, bullying, and distribution of nude pictures without consent. This can lead to victims being driven into depression and suicidal thoughts. These investigations often involve a lot of time and police resources.

To help alleviate the problem, YIT members delivered a presentation on this topic to a combined group of Grade 6/7 Students at Nelson Elementary during the month of January. This one-hour interactive presentation generated and answered many questions that the students had. YIT members plan to give similar presentations at other schools on a regular basis during the upcoming year.



Youth Services Unit

The Restorative Justice program closed out restorative circles at three elementary schools in December, all to a successful conclusion. The unit was fortunate to have the additional assistance of RJ facilitator Shawn Kangro the last few months of 2018, which enabled YSU to run these circles.

The counselling unit continued to operate without a waitlist, despite being down both the Auxiliary counsellor and the Youth Services Supervisor counselling capacity. The unit received a greater than average number of referrals in December.

	December	2018 Total
Counselling	9	100
Restorative Justice	18	148

The trend of higher than average number of referrals continued for the Youth Services Unit for January. Restorative Justice and Counselling staff worked hard to ensure that there was no waitlist for new clients; Burnaby youth, their families, and impacted persons.

The Restorative Justice program continued to see an increase in complex files referred for service. These files can include several participants and be of a more serious nature. Complex files referred in January included robbery and a serious threat incident.

In January, two previous clients to the counselling program self-referred in order to access services during a time of need. This speaks to the quality of support offered by the counselling program in that previous clients see it as an important resource in their wellness.

	January 2019
Counselling	9
Restorative Justice	10

Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

In December the Crime Prevention Unit held their annual goal setting session. During the session the past year's accomplishments and challenges were reviewed. In addition, future challenges were forecast and goals for the upcoming year were determined. The goals included those related to human resources (eg. Training, certification, filling of positions), the unit or the program based on current and projected needs. Each staff person played an active part in accounting for the previous year, as well as setting meaningful goals for themselves and their work for the upcoming year. The following goals were set for the upcoming year:

- Enhanced coordination with other crime prevention professionals in neighbouring lower mainland jurisdictions. This will give CPU a chance to share best practices and learn from one another.
- Increase CPU online service and content. CPU anticipates being able to launch the level one Blockwatch training via video in early 2019. Additionally, CPU is working with colleagues in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department to add the general location of existing Blocks to the mapping platform.
- Recruit and train additional Burnaby Citizen's Crime Watch volunteers, thereby increasing CPU's ability to conduct more frequent patrols.

In the month of January, CPU conducted several security site assessments for different properties in Burnaby as part of the Block Watch and Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program mandates. The assessments were very well-received by both owners and building managers respectively. A wide range of additional security recommendations were provided.



Community Police Offices (CPO)

In January, D1 volunteers conducted cell watch on Lougheed at Beta Ave.

December D2 volunteers conducted foot patrols in Lougheed Mall. In January, speed watch was out at Westridge Elementary School and Burnaby North. Volunteers also participated in a distracted driving session with Traffic Section on North road and Austin in January.



In December, D4 volunteers conducted Speedwatch near Moscrop Elementary and Victory Street between Royal Oak and Nelson. In January, near Moscrop Secondary, Clinton Elementary, Windsor Elementary, Nelson Elementary, and Burnaby South Secondary. In January, Patrols were also conducted in Imperial, Willingdon, Dow, Metrotown skytrain station, Metrotown/Walmart underground parking lots, and Crystal mall parking lots. Additionally, volunteers patrolled Grange, Wilson, Olive, Barker, James, Patterson, and Beresford St.

Volunteers worked for a total of 126 hours in December and January on stop watch, foot patrols, speed watch, distracted driving and in the office and checked **13,114** vehicles.



Bike Unit

Meet the Mayor

On December 12th, in collaboration with Burnaby NOW, Chief Superintendent Burleigh, Mayor Mike Hurley the Burnaby RCMP Bike Unit, and reporter Cornelia Naylor attended the Metrotown area and held a media stand-up taking photos of the group. The purpose was to make sure all Burnaby Citizens were aware of the newly formed permanent Bike Unit. An article appeared in the newspaper outlining what the Bike Unit can do and how they are effective patrolling on bikes. All four bike members were in attendance and it was a great way to introduce the new Bike Unit to the people of Burnaby.



Assault

Bike unit members were on patrol in the Metrotown area and assisted Metrotown Mall security with an aggressive female who had assaulted one of the security guards while they were attempting to escort the female off the property for smoking marijuana.

Bike members attended, gathered statements and collected video evidence. As a result, charges of assault and mischief are being forwarded. Bike members being nearby on their bikes played a major role in the timely police attendance and their ability to locate the security guard and provide assistance.

BC Wide Warrant

On December 6th, the Bike Unit learned that a male with an outstanding warrant was in the area of the Bob Prittie Library. The Bike Team conducted patrols around the Bob Prittie Library. During this time, security had requested police deal with unwanted persons on the property. Simultaneously to this broadcast, after dealing with the unwanted persons, members observed a male matching the description of the male with the warrant in the library walking up the stairs. Members followed him up the stairs, intercepted him and took him into custody. Incidental to arrest, members located trace amounts of suspected Fentanyl in a small zip lock baggie. The male was processed for his warrant and charged for the possession of Fentanyl.

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In December, VSU continued to focus on training opportunities to assist the staff with enhancing their skill set and increasing their confidence, especially when dealing with crisis intervention support. Burnaby and Coquitlam Victim Services held joint training for the frontline staff on Human Trafficking Training (Anti-Human Trafficking Programs). This was a five hour session focusing on indicators of a person being trafficked. The focus was also on resources and programs that are currently in place through The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs for persons who have been trafficked,.

VSU also trained all General Duty Members on best practices for delivering NOK (Next of Kin Notification). This happened during the last two weeks of December. In total, eight presentations were completed. Since that training, VSU has seen an increase in requests to attend with police to conduct NOK's.

In January, VSU reviewed the overall successes that took place in 2018. VSU opened over 1600 files and completed 1765 hours of direct support.

Since 2012, VSU has had an increase of 116% in files created; 120% increase in the number of call outs and increase of 143% in hours spent providing direct crisis intervention.

Factors contributing to the increase in VSU requests include educating members and the public on Victim Services; policy changes at the Coroner Services relating to transporting bodies and scene attendance which increased VSU attendance for sudden death calls; and the Canadian Victim Bill of Rights which came out in July 2015.

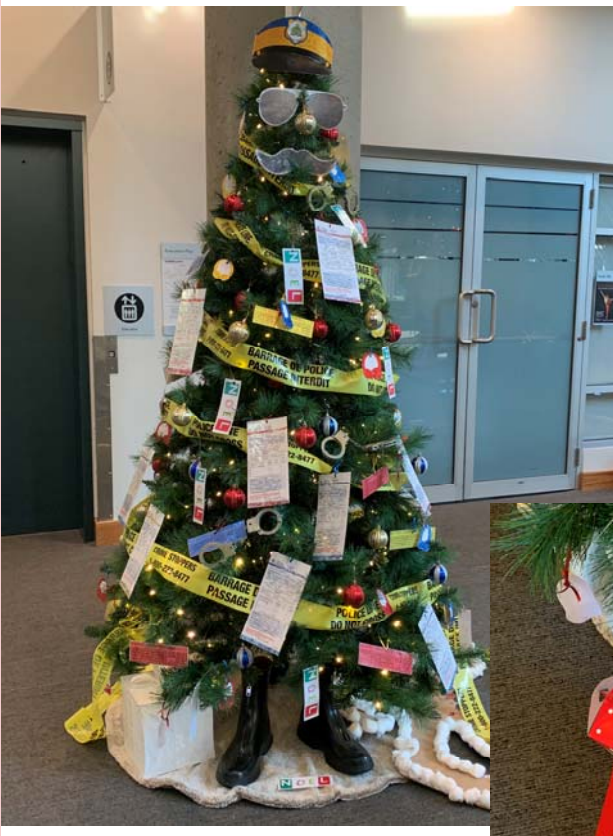
Auxiliary Program

In December, Auxiliaries contributed 45 hours to community events. In addition, the Auxiliary coordinator conducted file reviews and annual assessments for Auxiliary members.

In terms of program activities and opportunities to volunteer, January is typically one of the slowest months of the year for Auxiliaries, and this year was no exception.

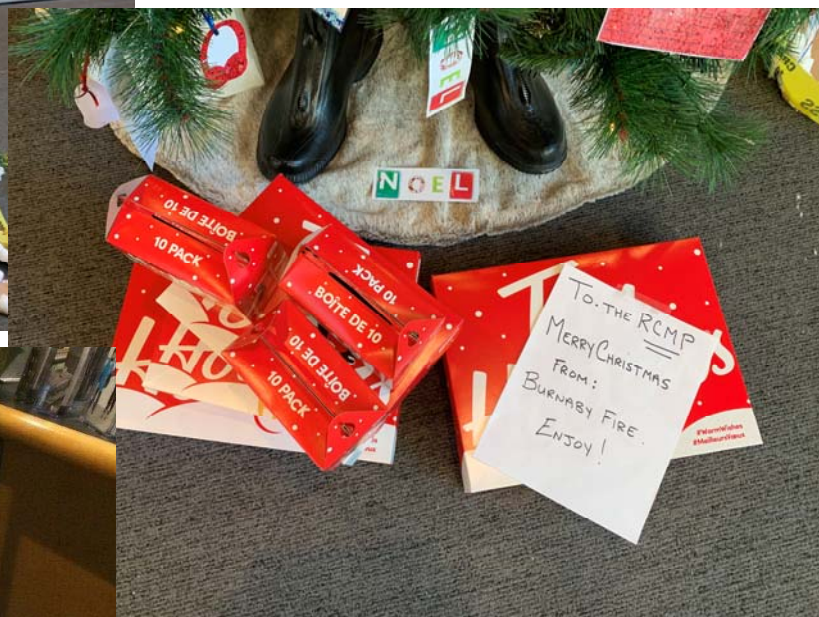
That said, a few Auxiliaries reported to the Detachment for the purpose of completing their annual file reviews. Others came in to get a head start on mandatory online training that will need to be completed before this coming April. Auxiliaries contributed 11 hours to community events and completed 38 hours of training in January.

Shadbolt Christmas Tree Contest



Left: Burnaby Clerk's Entry

Below: Burnaby Fire Department's Gift!



Left: Gift from Burnaby Clerks back to Firefighters - Teddy bear for their naps!

Keien's Toy Drive

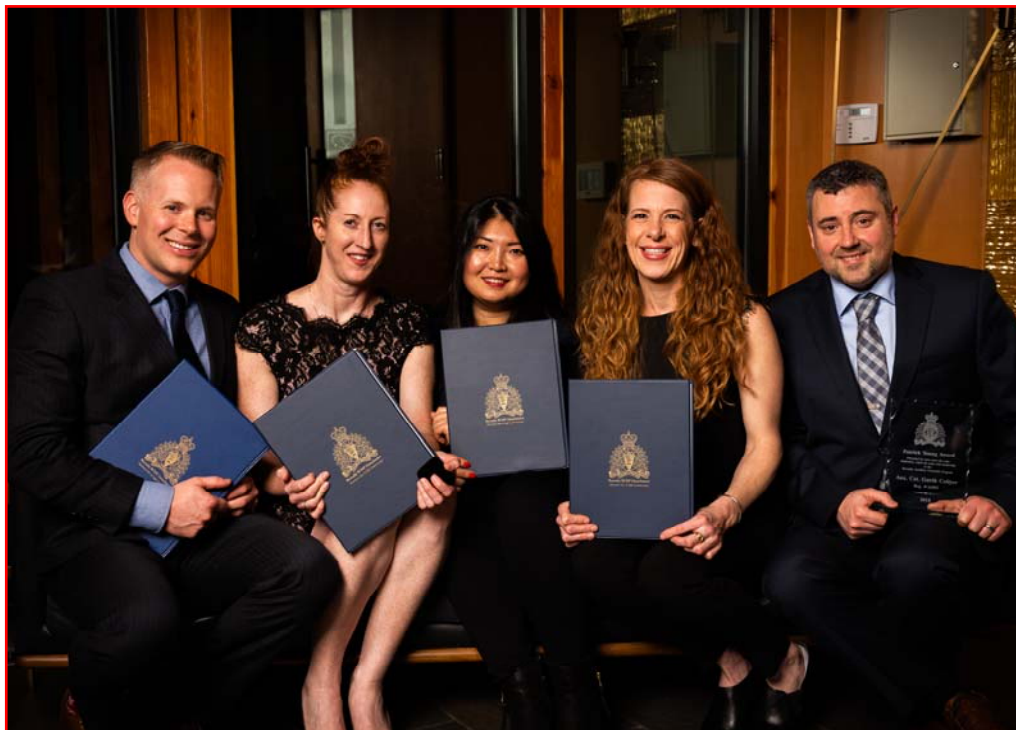
The drive began in 2012 when five year old Keian Blundell was battling cancer and spending a lot of time at Children's Hospital. Keian felt the need to give back and help other kids that couldn't make it home for Christmas and began gathering toys to give away. Every year since then, the Burnaby RCMP has been humbled to help out in the memory of Keian who sadly lost his battle with cancer in 2014.



Constable Sam Bowen
and
Constable Jonathan Killin
at BC Children's Hospital



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Auxiliary Members Chad Hey, Maggie Koeberling, Teresa Cha, Erin McElroy and Garth Collyer



Volunteer Fred Ellis received an award for 20 years of volunteering!

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

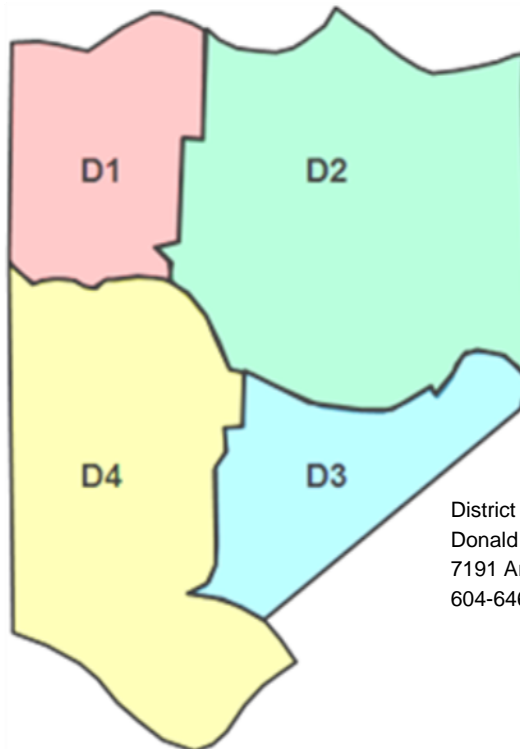
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