



Pink Shirt Day



Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report

February and March 2019

“Partners for a Safe Community”

Message from the Chief

In February we welcomed our new Operations Officer to Burnaby RCMP, Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere. Graham has worked his entire career in the Lower Mainland in RCMP detachments and integrated teams such as the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team and Major Crimes Units. His strong investigative background and familiarity with the Lower Mainland will enhance service delivery to our community.

A mail theft suspect is facing serious charges thanks to the hard work of our Prolific Offender Suppression Team who worked tirelessly through February and March. The suspect is alleged to have been active across the Lower Mainland and is charged with 12 offences in Burnaby.

Traffic Services members conducted enforcement through March focused on distracted drivers. Unfortunately, many drivers in Burnaby are still not getting the message about how dangerous distracted driving can be. A total of 253 violation tickets were handed out across the City.

Youth Investigative Team members were active in schools around the City for the incredible initiative that is Pink Shirt Day. At Burnaby detachment we held a barbeque and staff wore pink shirts to support the cause.

Our members, staff and Burnaby Mayor Mike Hurley also took part in the Polar Plunge. This event saw brave participants enter the cold waters off Kitsilano beach in order to raise funds for Special Olympics BC. Burnaby detachment raised \$1700 to help support Special Olympic sport programs and competitions for more than 4,800 individuals with intellectual disabilities in 55 communities around the province.

Finally, on March 15th the city of Christchurch in New Zealand was the scene of tragic shooting incidents at two Mosques which resulted in fifty people losing their lives and numerous others being injured. The effects of this incident hit our community immediately. In response to this, our police officers responded in stepping up patrols around Mosques in Burnaby to ensure those coming to their place of worship felt safe doing so in the days after the Christchurch incident. The welcome our officers received was very much appreciated as was the continued engagement in the days after the tragic incident had taken place.

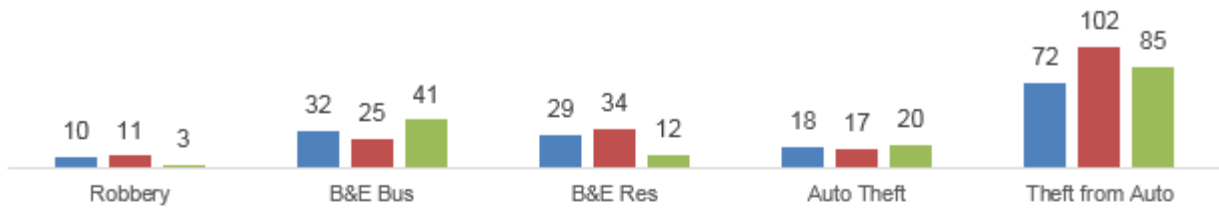
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment



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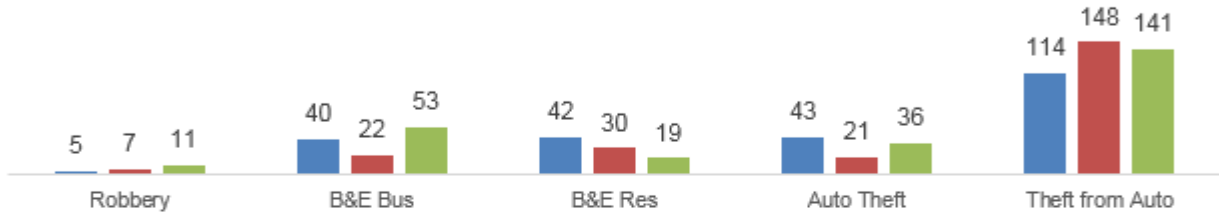
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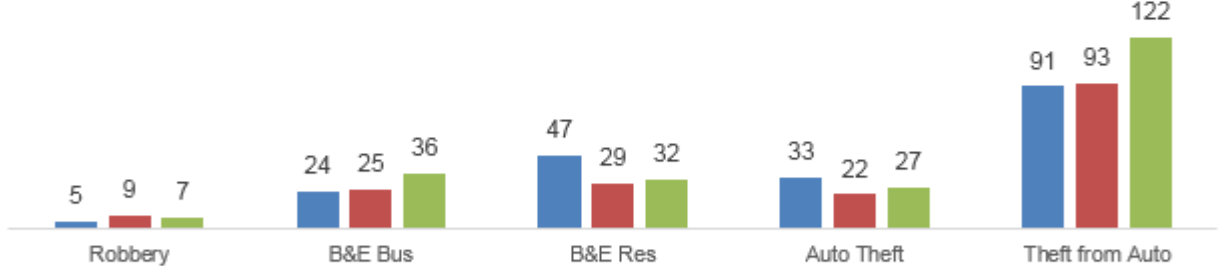
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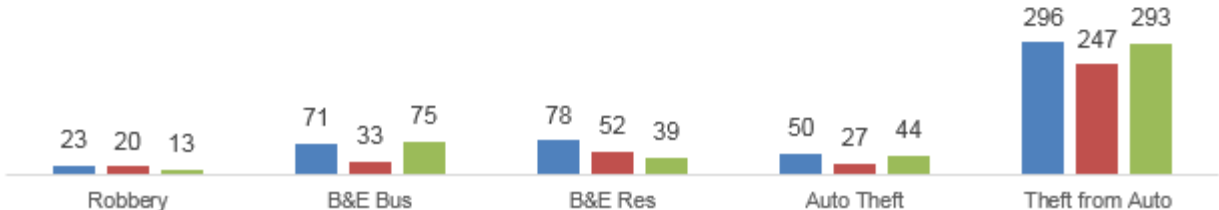
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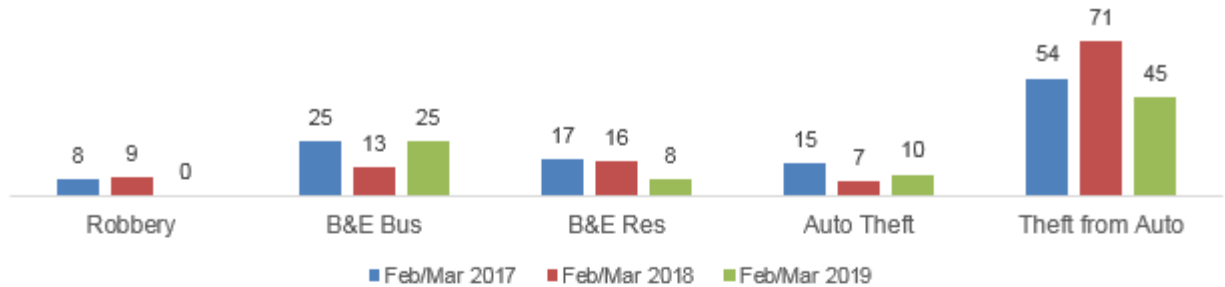
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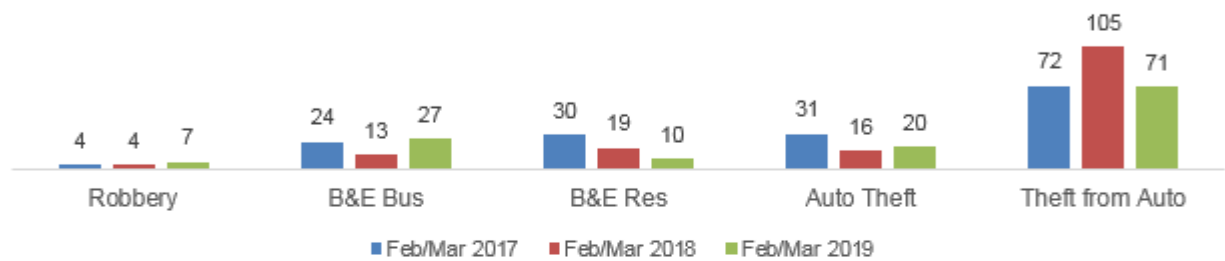


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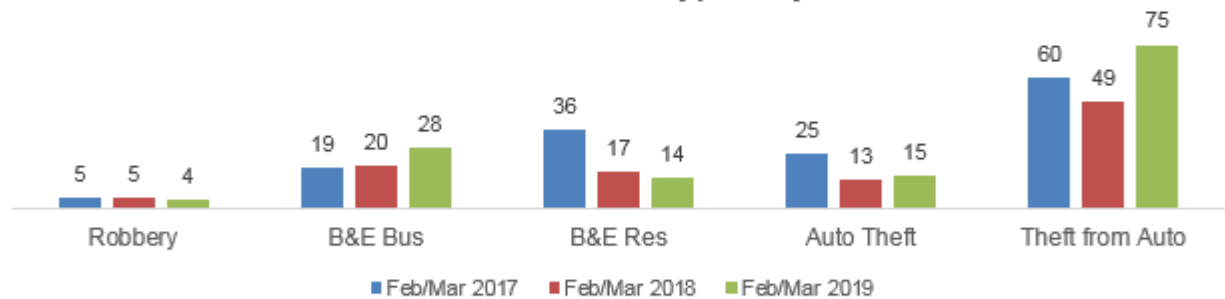
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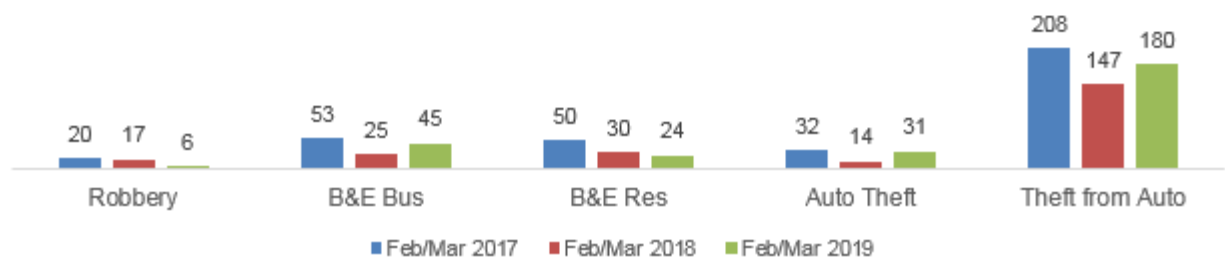
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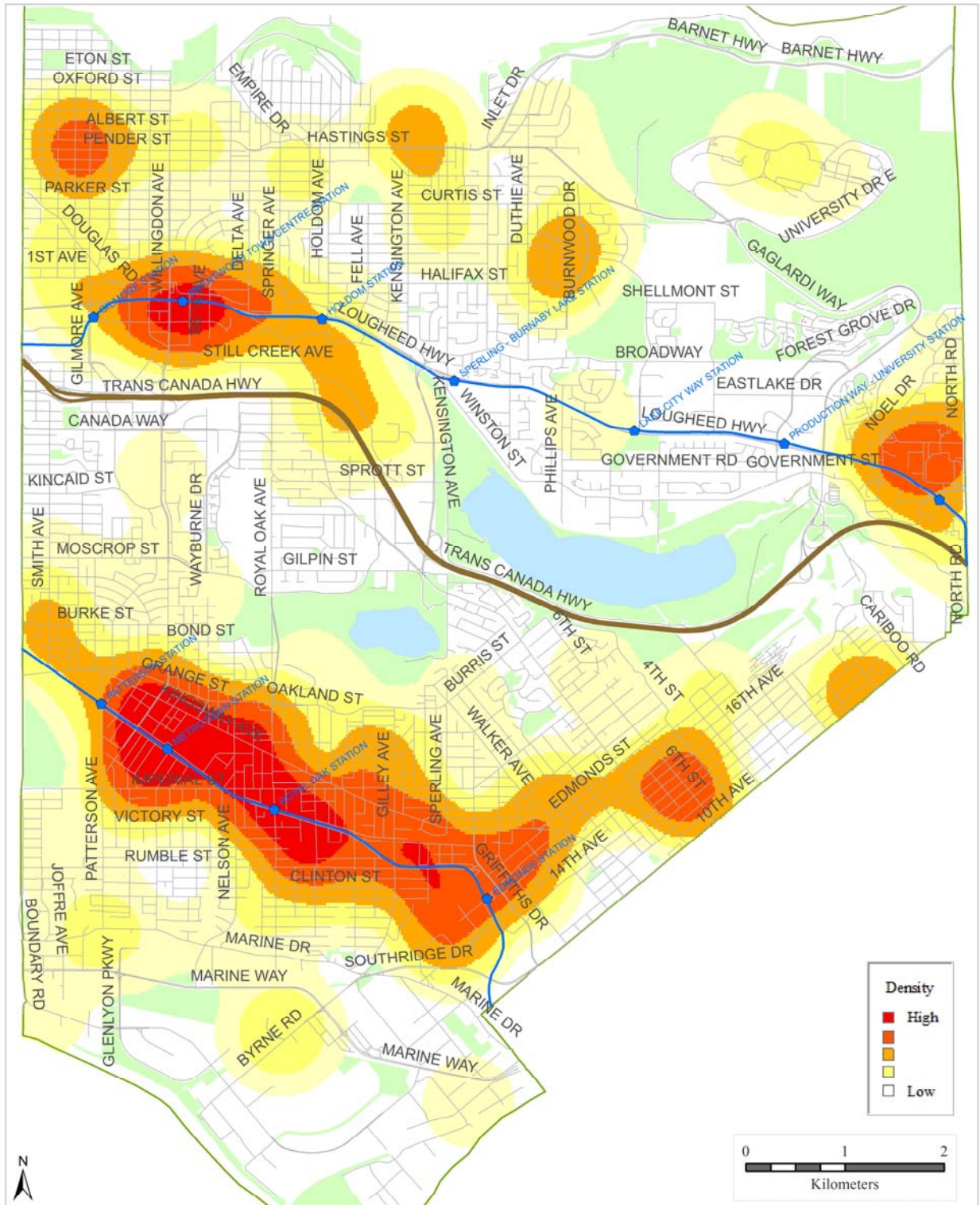




Crime Density Map

February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019

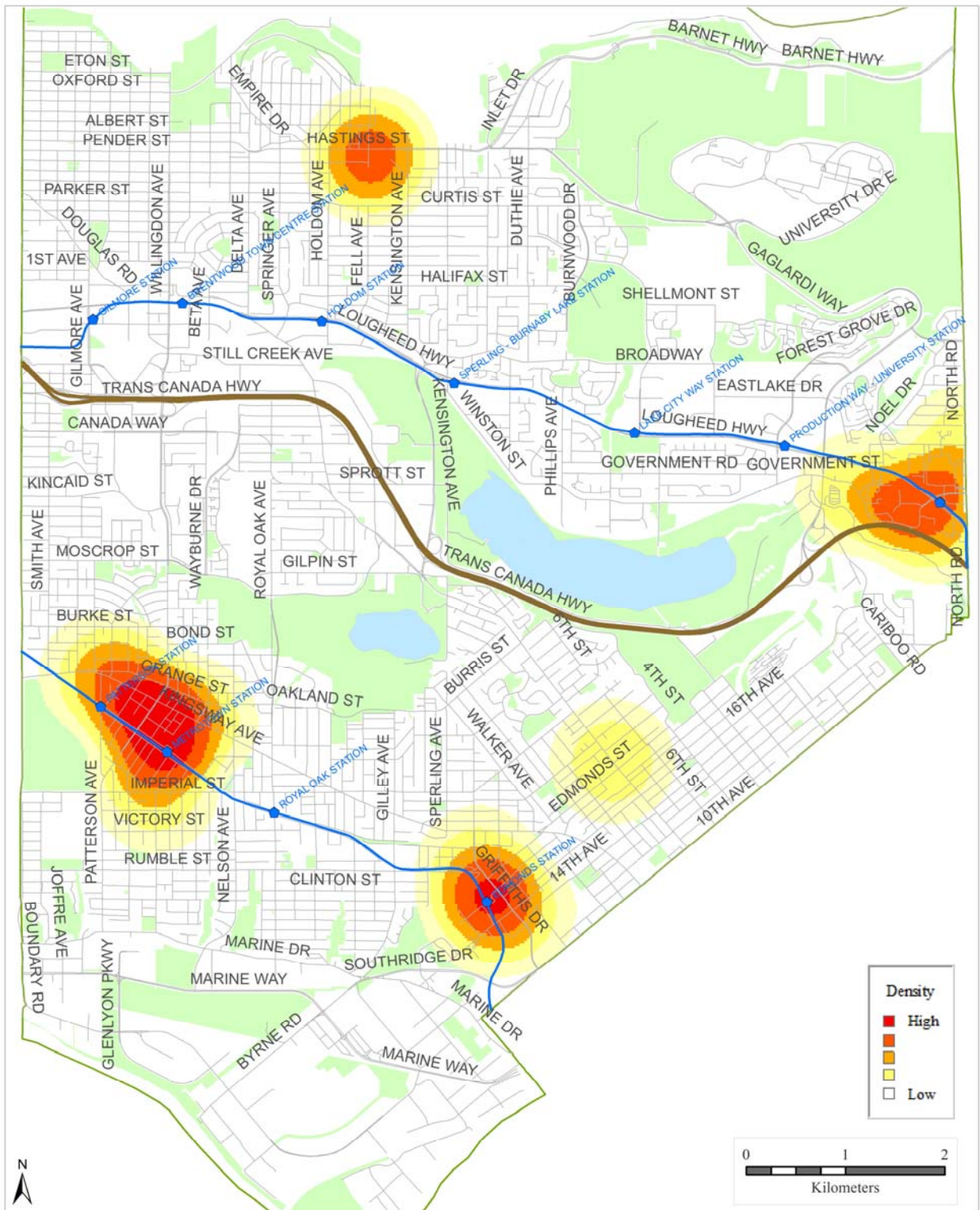
B&E Density Map





February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 Robbery Density Map

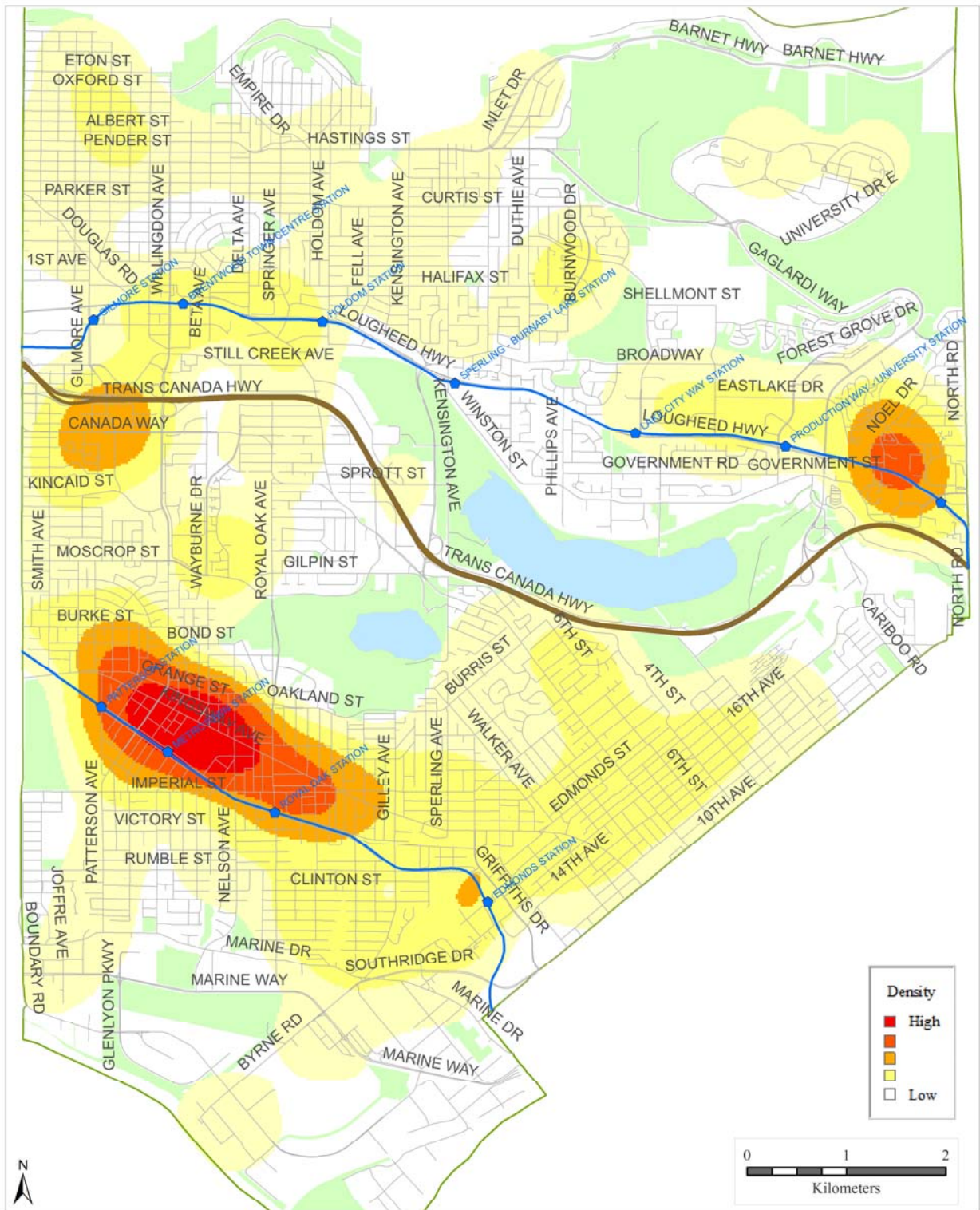
Crime Density Map





February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 Auto Crimes Density Map

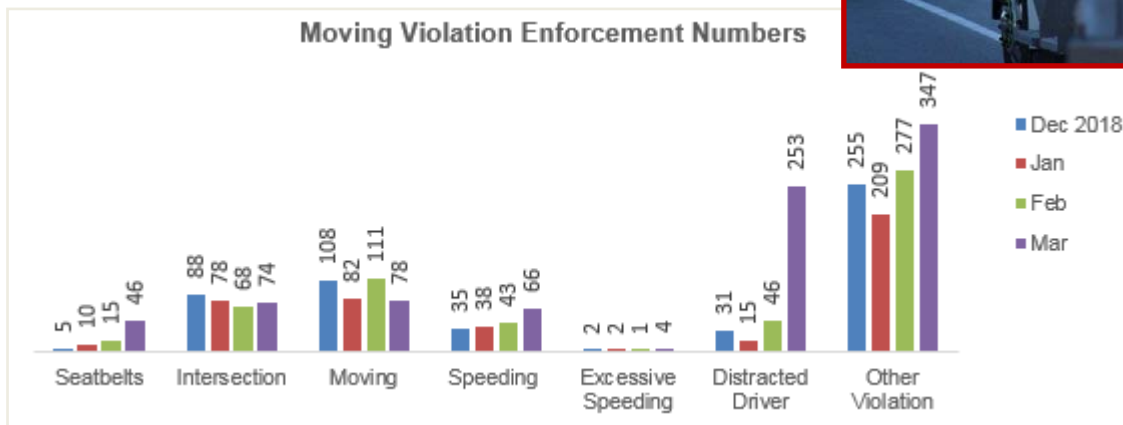
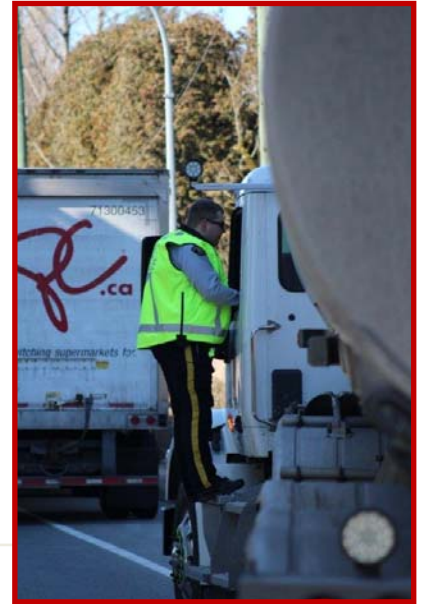
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Traffic Operations Statistics

In February, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a four-day commercial vehicle inspection and enforcement blitz. This initiative involved conducting safety and mechanical checks on commercial vehicles around Burnaby. Together with other partner agencies, a total of 530 commercial vehicles were checked resulting in 207 violations being identified.

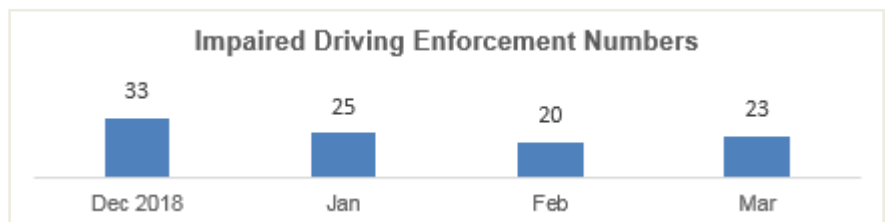
Traffic Services also dealt with a significant number of motor vehicle incidents which were directly related to snowfall which occurred through the month of February. Drivers are reminded to have appropriate tires on all types of vehicle throughout the winter months.



In March, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at distracted drivers. This initiative involved looking for distracted drivers in all types of vehicles including commercial vehicles. A total of 253 violations were issued to distracted drivers through the month.

Traffic Services also dealt with a significant number of speeding offences directly related to the nice spring weather throughout the month of March. Drivers are reminded to slow down and obey the speed limit.

During the months of February and March 2019, 272 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section Officers. 60 involved non-life threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.



Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In December of 2018 and January 2019, a male known to police, along with several accomplices, went on a crime spree in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver. He and accomplices are alleged to have broken into multiple condo buildings, pried mailboxes open to steal mail, and broke into storage lockers to steal other property.



Burnaby RCMP POST took conduct of the Burnaby files and began the laborious process of connecting the Burnaby offences to the suspects, through similar modus operandi. Investigators conducted dozens of witness interviews, seized and reviewed hours of surveillance video, had forensic examinations completed of the crime scenes, created identification bulletins and worked extensively with other police agencies.

Burnaby RCMP POST were able to positively identify the male as a suspect at 13 separate crime scenes. In March 2019 a Report to Crown Counsel was completed, recommending several charges for the Burnaby offences. This led to a total of 12 charges being laid for the offences in Burnaby. The suspect is also facing a number of additional charges in jurisdictions across the Lower Mainland.

This investigation shows that criminals work across municipal boundaries to commit their crimes and the Burnaby RCMP are committed to working with our policing partners to pursue them accordingly, as this investigation spanned Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver.

Strike Force

A series of eight commercial break and enters occurred between March 7th and March 23rd 2019 along the Burnaby / New Westminster border. The suspect targeted small businesses, gaining entry by prying open either the front or rear doors and then stealing cash registers left in the business with whatever money that was left in them.

Burnaby RCMP's Strike Force Property Crime Team quickly identified a male subject who was arrested on March 28th 2019. A search warrant was also executed on the suspect's home and an associated vehicle. The suspect, a 50-year-old Surrey resident, was arrested for Breaching his Conditional Sentence Order and held in custody. Burnaby RCMP are working on completing a charge package for the offences in Burnaby as well as several other potential related offences across the Lower Mainland.

Community Response Team (CRT)

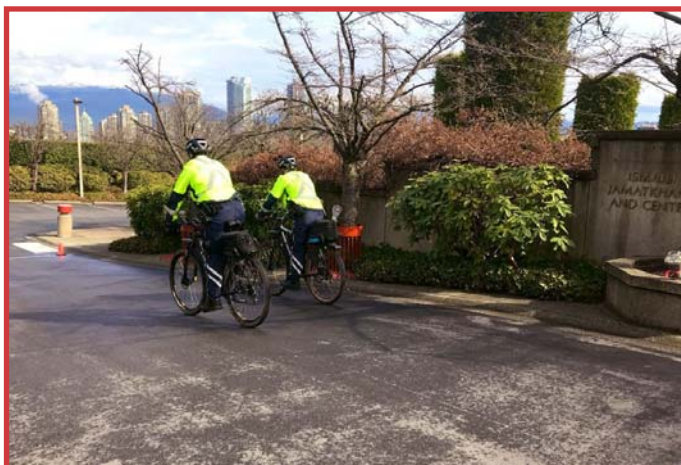
In early March, Community Response Team members and General Duty members were dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 7700 block of 11th Avenue in Burnaby. The complainant stated that his business's black van had been stolen with keys in Vancouver. The complainant had then tracked the vehicle via GPS to an alley off of 11th Avenue and Newcombe Street in Burnaby.

Upon police arrival in the area the suspects had abandoned the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered with a number of stolen items inside. Upon processing the items found inside the vehicle it was determined they had been stolen after a break and enter in Vancouver. The items were returned to the business they were stolen from.

The vehicle was forensically examined by Burnaby Forensic Identification Section who located multiple fingerprint identifications of known suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

In late March, Community Response Team members provided uniformed security and patrols at various religious institutions in the City of Burnaby in light of the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 16th, 2019.

Both Ismaili Centres were very active with a large attendance from about 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CRT members alternated between sites conducting patrols in fully marked vehicles, on foot and on bikes. Police learned both centres had their own security detail working and reported nothing suspicious. Congregations at both sites were pleased with the police presence and thanked the RCMP for attending.



Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Pink Shirt Day

Anti-Bullying Day first began as Pink Shirt Day in Nova Scotia. A student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt the first day of school and as a response, 50 pink shirts were distributed in support of that student. The event was formally recognized by Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald as “Stand Up Against Bullying Day.” Since then, this event has been celebrated in numerous countries and is mainly emphasized throughout Schools and Youth Centres.

The Burnaby Youth Investigative Team (YIT) takes a leading role to celebrate this event throughout Burnaby schools by taking part in school based activities



and assists with holding a fundraising BBQ event at the Burnaby detachment to support this important cause. The week leading to Pink Shirt Day is typically the busiest week for proactive engagement with students as YIT members wear pink shirts, decorate their police vehicles with anti-bullying decals, participate in sport events, guest speaking engagements, restorative justice circles and other celebrations. The highlight of this year's events



was a lunch hour ball hockey game at Burnaby Central Secondary, arranged by YIT members to promote the anti bullying message. Several RCMP members, wearing pink shirts, in their uniforms took part in the game at the gym in front of a cheering crowd.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

School Zone Crosswalk Safety

Ensuring and maintaining students' safety in school zones is very important, especially at elementary school level.

Members of Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) take this matter seriously and often make the time to be present in school zones during drop off and pick up time to help maintain everyone's safety.

Following complaints from residents in the area of Stoney Creek Elementary school reporting erratic driving, speeding and running red lights at the intersection leading to the crosswalk used by students, the YIT liaison officer responsible for the school conducted an investigation to confirm the problem. In early March, the member started a project with objective of resolving, or at least minimizing this issue.

The project includes frequent police presence and enforcement in the area, coordinating efforts with the crossing guard supervisor, providing presentations to students on safety and letters to parents, who often drive in the school zone to remind them of traffic laws.



The YIT member responsible for this project has already conducted several presentations for students, grade one through three, frequently patrolled the school zone and he is in process of arranging a meeting with City officials regarding speed bumps.

So far, the feedback from the crossing guard suggests that the driving behaviour in the school zone has improved since the start of this project. It is expected that the project will achieve its objective of increasing safety in the school zone as the time goes on. YIT will look at implementing similar projects in other school zones in the future should there be a need for same.

Youth Services Unit

In February, Restorative Justice staff worked with YIT members and Armstrong Elementary school to bring cyber-bullying circles to all classes in grades five through seven. Staff facilitated in-depth discussion regarding the youth's experiences with cyber-bullying, as well as how to support each other and seek help if it happened to them.

The Restorative Justice program continues to grow, with additional prevention work being done in the elementary schools around conflict resolution and communication skills. In March we welcomed a previous employee back to the program, in a part time auxiliary capacity to assist with these increases.

After a long lead-up, we now have a provincial Restorative Justice Association to provide general leadership and support to local RJ programs such as ours. We were happy to send several staff to the inaugural networking and training event this month.



Youth Services counselling staff continue to work hard to ensure that no youth or their family has to wait to receive much needed services and support. Almost fifty young people and their families are currently receiving direct clinical counselling services through this important program.

The Youth Services Clinical Counselor provided therapeutic services to clients in our office, but also in the schools as necessary through March. She continues to work with youth through a broad continuum of concerns, including sexual abuse, depression, attachment trauma, as well as bullying and anxiety among other things.

Testament to the tremendous value of this service, in March our Counselor had clients refer a friend to them, and past clients who came back for support through additional current difficulties.

Referrals

	February	March
Counselling	2	9
Restorative Justice	9	7

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Our Burnaby Citizen's Crime Watch were out in force this month, conducting evening and extended daytime patrols. The team located an occupied stolen, which resulted in three arrests. We are greatly appreciative of the hard work by this amazing group of people. Further to the increased patrols, we have also added a new volunteer to the group this last month, and have two more in the process of joining.

Crime Prevention Unit Staff also hosted our first Safe Community Series presentation of the year, on the topic of Robbery Prevention. Strike Force members provided an excellent presentation on what to do to stay safe and help police in the event of a robbery.

In March, Crime Prevention Unit staff conducted community training, several apartment building security assessments, and assisted our detachment colleagues to promote Coffee with a Cop outreach to our Block Watch groups. We were pleased to see so many participants from Block Watch come out to meet in person with us and other members of the Community Programs team!

Community Police Offices (CPO)

Throughout February and March, our volunteers were focused on speed watch, cell watch and foot patrols. A breakdown of these initiatives is below. Many of the speed watch initiatives took place in School Zones around the City.



Cell watch: 22 hours / 3,974 vehicles checked



Speed watch: 42 hours / 3,541 vehicles checked



Foot patrols: 70 hours / 93 crime prevention notices issued



Bike Unit

Open liquor leads to arrest

On March 22, 2019, a Bike unit member was conducting patrols in the area of Telford Ave and Beresford St in Burnaby. The bike member observed a male and female in possession of open liquor. Given the open liquor offence, the parties were asked to identify themselves. Both parties initially attempted to provide false names and eventually provided their correct names. It was determined the male had two outstanding warrants out of Terrace. The male was also in breach by being in contact with the female. The male was arrested and transported to court to deal with his warrants and new breach charge the following morning.



Fire near gas station

Just after 10 p.m. on March 8th 2019, Burnaby RCMP's Bike Team were conducting bike patrols in the 3900 block of North Road. Members observed three people sitting behind a gas station/car wash area. Members observed a small fire made from scrap papers being used for warmth. Members identified the two males and a female. The group extinguished the fire using a small amount of water they had on site. All parties were provided information about the location of the warming shelters that are available in Burnaby.

Assist in shots fired call

On March 6th 2019 at around 8:40 p.m., Bike Team members assisted with a shots heard call north of Confederation Park. When arriving, bike members observed other RCMP members running toward an SUV in the darkness of the parking lot. Bike Team members ran to the parking lot from the street and observed a Burnaby RCMP member detaining a male and female. Bike Team members assisted with these arrests. A third suspect was located by a police dog soon after. Firearm related charges have been forwarded against all three.

Liquor theft

In mid- February, bike team members were patrolling around the Old Orchard Shopping Centre located on Kingsway in Burnaby. They witnessed a male walking away from a liquor store holding a large backpack which seemed full. The male was being followed by two people who identified themselves as loss prevention officers. The male was arrested and stolen liquor was located in the backpack. The suspect was arrested and officers discovered he had just been released from police custody earlier that morning for a similar offense.

Victim Services Unit (VSU)



260 files & 250 hours of crisis intervention in February & March

In February and March, Burnaby RCMP's Victim Services Unit opened 260 files and provided 250 hours of direct crisis intervention.

Since July 2017, VSU supported a family whose loved one was a victim of a homicide. The court concluded this month and the total hours spent providing direct one on one support over the course of the last two years was 200 hours. This took two caseworkers who spent time assisting the family with support by liaising with Burnaby RCMP, Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, along with Courts, Crown Counsel, etc. VSU assisted with explaining the Criminal Justice Process and also supported the family during court. This is just one file that has been highlighted, however, this is the normal practise for VSU on all files where the victims request our support helping them navigate through the Criminal Justice System.

VSU attended the 11th Annual Gangs and Guns Symposium from February 13th to 15th, 2019, which was hosted by Safer Schools. The focus of this symposium for VSU was to discuss the Crime prevention initiatives that the Surrey School district has taken on with the assistance of E-Division Ending Gang Life exiting programs, CFSEU (Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit), and Her Time - assisting young women from steering away from gang life. This was a great educational training initiative where VSU networked with various agencies.

In March, VSU was invited by IHIT (Integrated Homicide Investigation Team) to attend an IHIT Victim Services training day. This was the first of its kind and involved all Victim Services Units including Municipal Police departments, such as Vancouver and Abbotsford Police. This training focused on how VSU and IHIT can continue a good working relationship and also to help VSU workers understand how IHIT investigates a file, and to understand their processes.



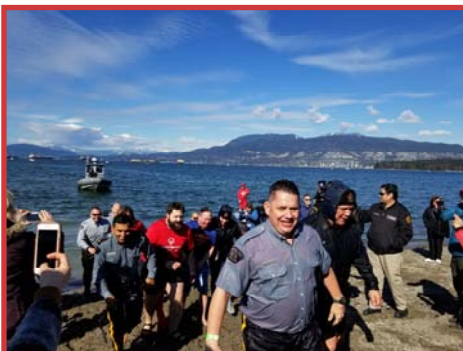
Coffee with a Cop

Throughout February and March there were a number of Coffee with a Cop events around the City. These events are a great opportunity for us to engage with Burnaby residents.



Polar Plunge

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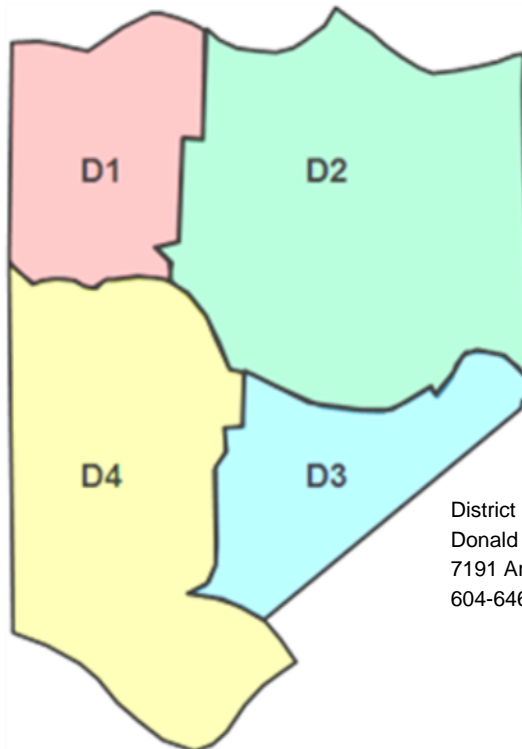
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