



Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report April and May 2019

Message from the Chief



April and May have been busy months both operationally and for our members and staff participating in events around our community.

Three of our specialized units had some significant successes through April and May. In May, Burnaby Drug Section wrapped up a six-month long investigation with the arrests of two suspects and the seizure of over two kilograms of Fentanyl and Cocaine.

A man alleged to have been stealing donation and tip jars is facing charges thanks to diligent work from our Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST). The team worked alongside other teams within Burnaby detachment to identify the man, arresting him and submitting a report to Crown Counsel in April.

Burnaby Strike Force arrested a suspect who is alleged to have committed break and enters to businesses not just in Burnaby but in other communities across the Lower Mainland. Our Strike Force members worked alongside other jurisdictions in identifying the man which led to the execution of a search warrant at a home in Surrey. The suspect was arrested and evidence potentially linking the suspect to the offences was located.

April and May were busy months for a number of our units providing presentations around the City. In May, our Community Response Team and Economic Crime unit teamed up to provided a presentation on Fraud Awareness to Seniors. In April, our Youth Investigative Team (YIT) provided a well attended presentation to parents on Social Media Awareness.

As the end of the school year approached, YIT members organized an initiative called “Choose Your Ride.” This event was held at all eight high schools in Burnaby and aimed to educated students on the importance of making good decisions around grad season. Members received great feedback on this event which was a big success.

Members and staff were out at locations around Burnaby for Police Week in May. My thanks to everyone who came to say hi and engage with us. It was wonderful for us to have an opportunity to speak with so many of you and answer any questions you had about policing in Burnaby.

Finally, in May I had the opportunity to honour those who have gone above and beyond in our community during the Annual Officer-in-Charge awards ceremony. 60 of our members and staff, a Burnaby Firefighter and some members of our community received awards on what was an excellent evening celebrating achievements.

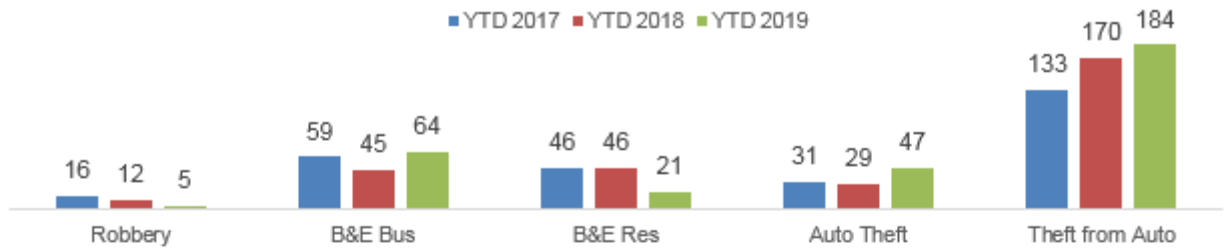
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment



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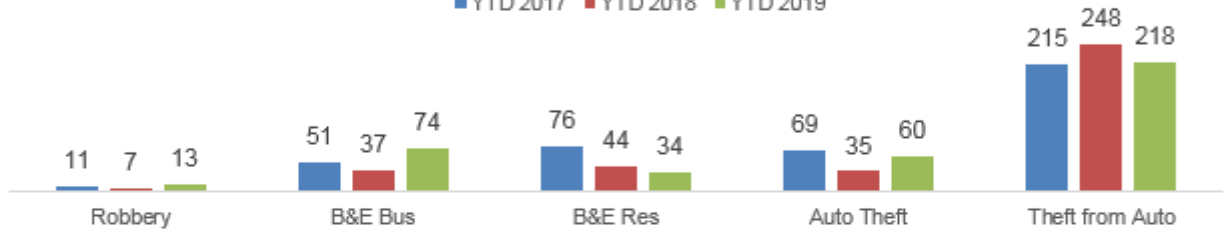
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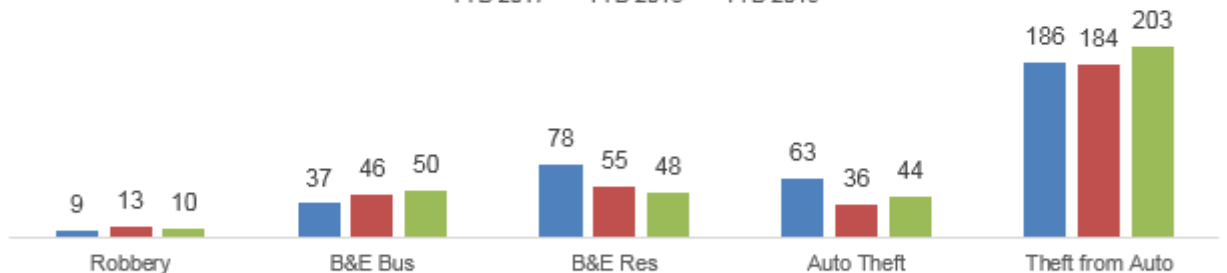
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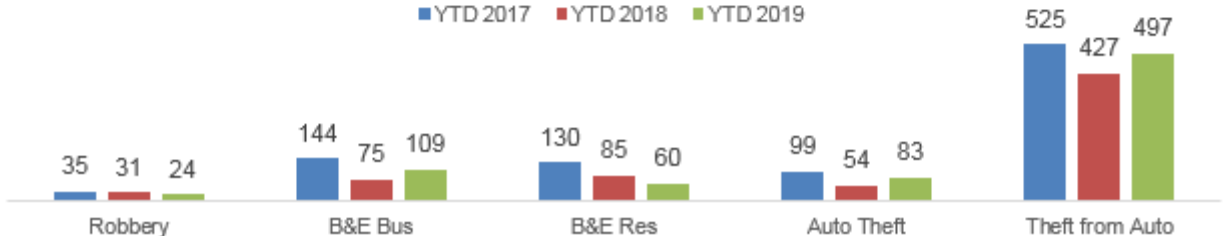
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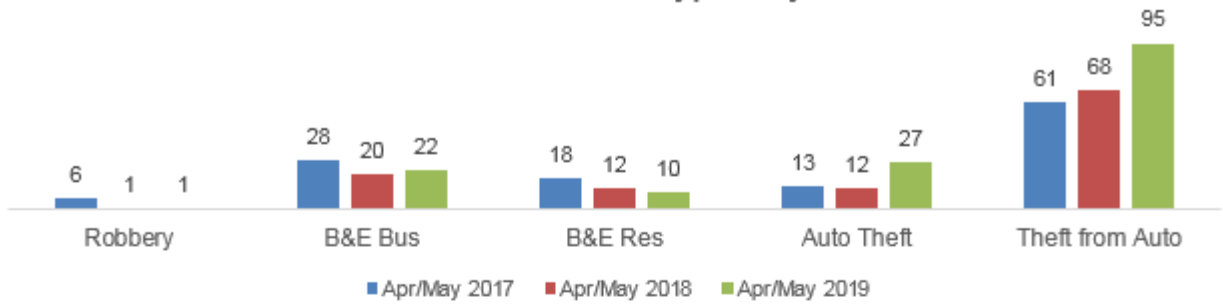
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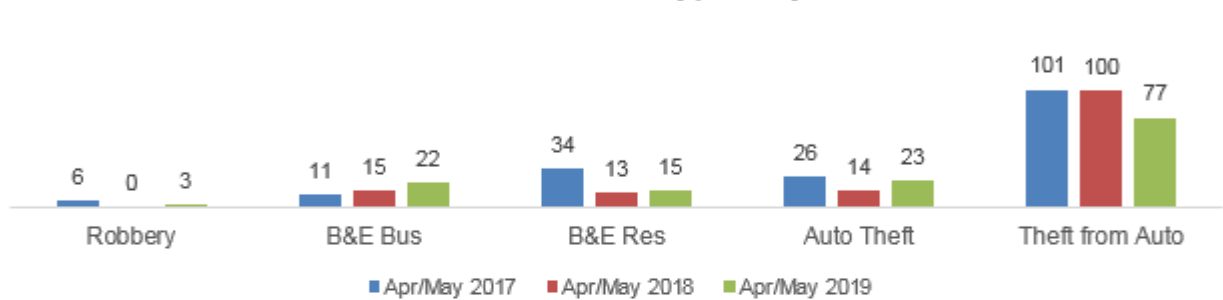


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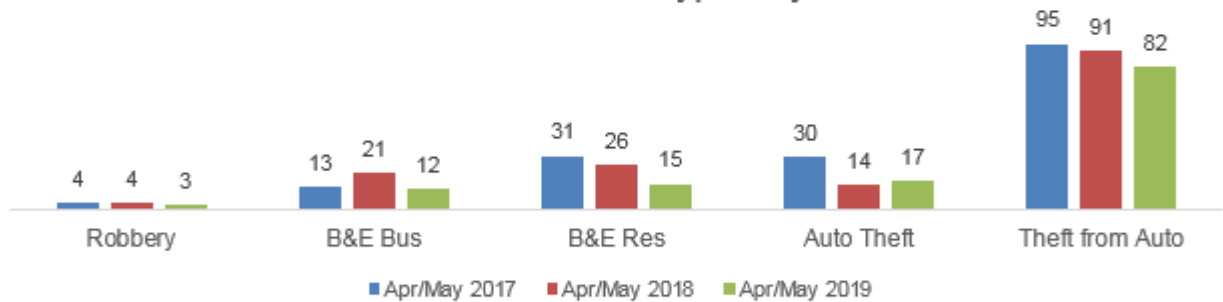
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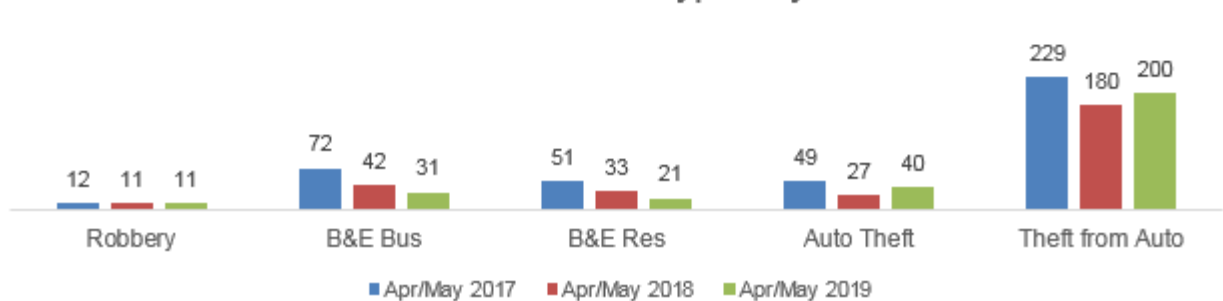
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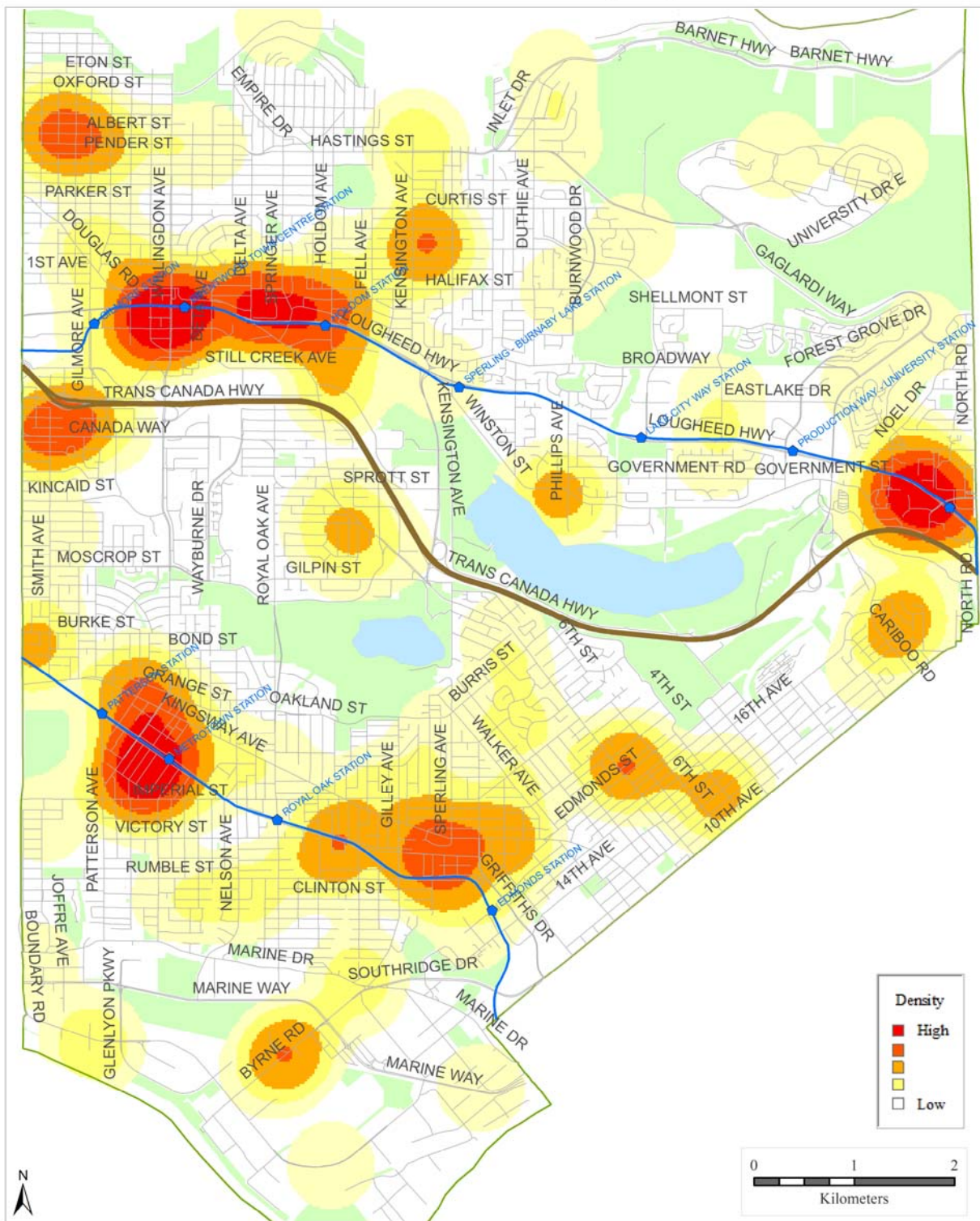


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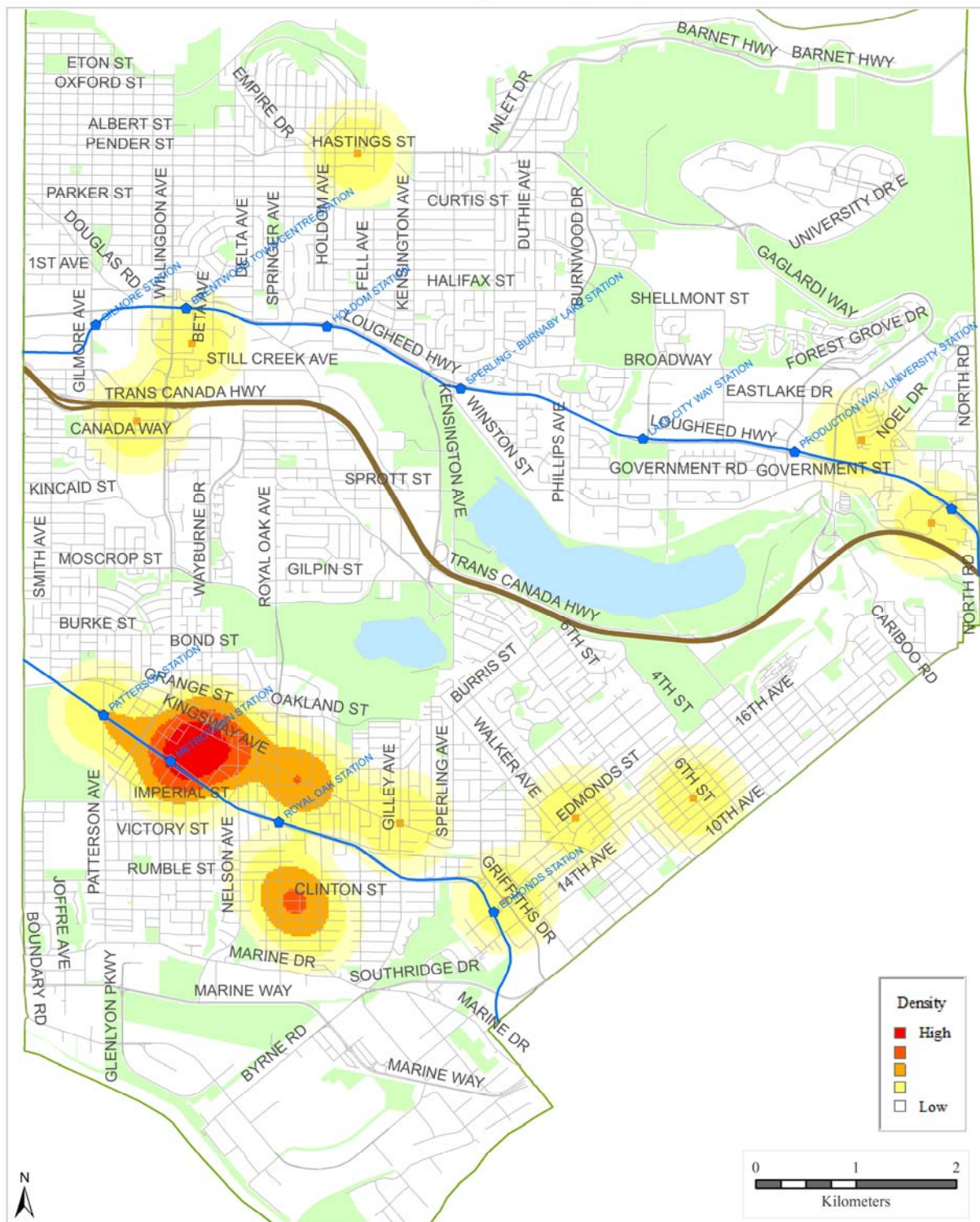
Crime Density Map

April 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019
Break & Enter Density Map



Crime Density Map

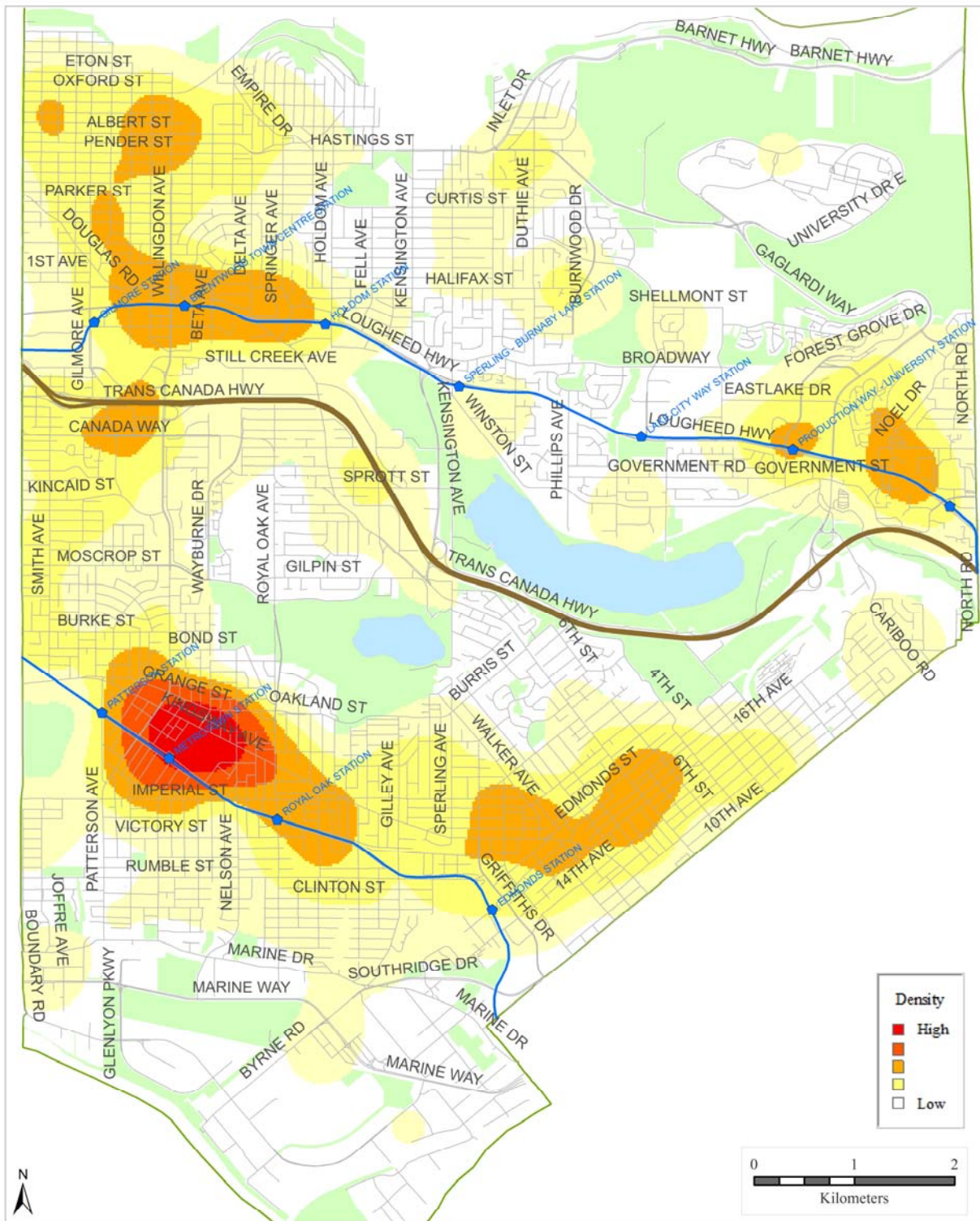
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Robbery Density Map





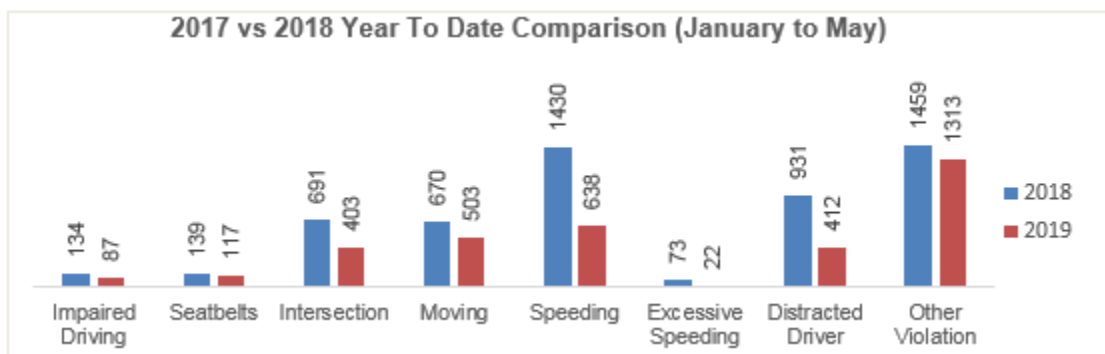
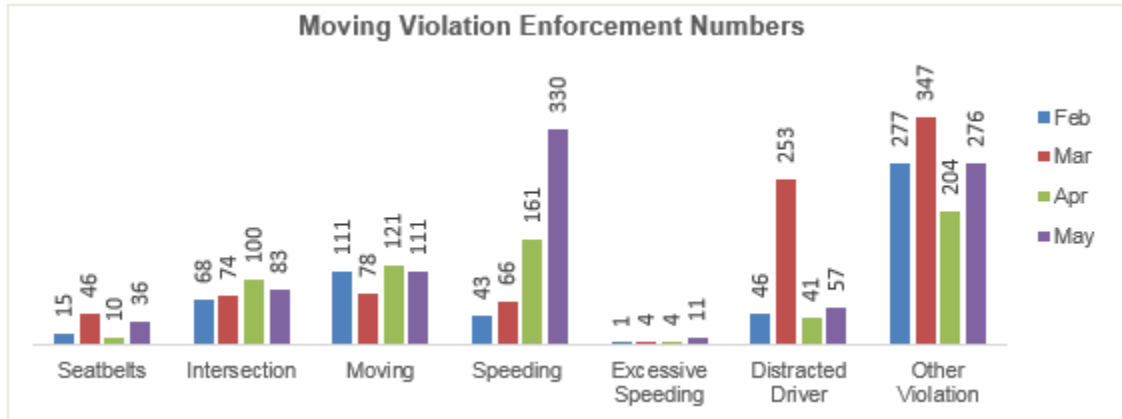
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Auto Crimes Density Map

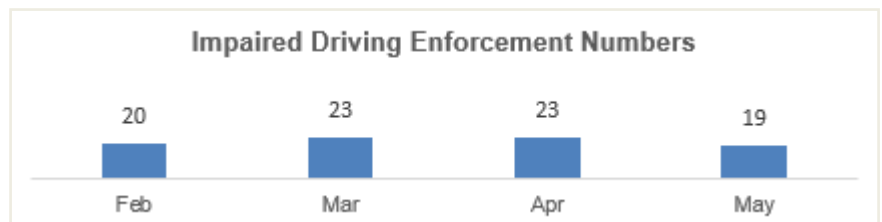


Traffic Operations Statistics

During the months of April and May, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at speeding vehicles including school and playground enforcement.



During the months of April and May, 287 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section officers. 50 involved non-life threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.



Drug Section

On May 30, 2019, Burnaby Drug section arrested two people and seized over two kilograms of prepackaged and bulk fentanyl and cocaine as well as \$50,000 cash, two vehicles as part of a sophisticated mid-level drug ring. The drugs and evidence was seized in two search warrants in Burnaby apartment buildings after a six month investigation. The people involved in this drug ring are believed to have been supplying street level drugs to numerous other organizations in the Lower Mainland.

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In February, 2019, POST members were made aware of a suspect had committed a number of thefts in the prior months. In many cases, the suspect would walk into a business and steal the tip jar / donation jar, including in one instance, a poppy donation jar. Through the assistance of other sections within Burnaby Detachment, the suspect was identified and POST investigators were able to identify five separate incidents in Burnaby linked to this suspect. In April, 2019, a comprehensive Report to Crown Counsel was submitted for charge approval review. Burnaby RCMP are currently awaiting a decision regarding charges.

In March, 2019, members from POST began investigating after a number of lottery ticket thefts occurred in the City.

POST members were able to learn the identity of the suspect based on an identification by police officers from another jurisdiction. Once the identity of the suspect was determined, it was learned that he was wanted on arrest warrants from multiple jurisdictions within the Lower Mainland and was under house-arrest. On April 4, 2019, POST members were able to locate the suspect who was out in public with his associates, contrary to his house-arrest conditions. The suspect was arrested by POST members for outstanding warrants, theft offences and the breach of house arrest.

On April 2, 2019, Burnaby RCMP received a report that a break-in that had taken place in a secure underground parking lot of a residential apartment building. Further investigation revealed that several high-value items were stolen from a car inside the underground. Burnaby RCMP General Duty members conducted the initial investigation and were able to retrieve video surveillance of the suspect. Based on the circumstances of the file, members from the Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) took over the investigation. Police learned that a suspect was arrested in North Vancouver on an unrelated investigation, and items from the vehicle break-in were recovered. POST investigators liaised with North Vancouver RCMP, who were able to identify the suspect from the surveillance footage. On May 23, 2019, Crown Counsel approved charges of Break and Enter and Possession of Stolen Property.

Strike Force

Between March 7 and March 23, 2019 a break and enter series occurred along the Burnaby and New Westminster border. During that time a total of eight break and enters were committed along with several others in Vancouver, Surrey, Richmond and Delta. A suspect was identified through surveillance images. The break and enters occurred at small businesses in Burnaby in the early morning hours when staff were not present. All offences had similar modus operandi where a large yellow pry bar was used to pry the frame around doors causing the locking mechanism to break open. In every offence the suspect was inside the business for a minute or less targeting the cash registers. In several of the offences, a dark colored sedan was observed leaving the scene after the break in.

On March 27 2019 information led investigators to an address in Surrey which was believed to be the location where the suspect was currently residing. Burnaby RCMP Strike Force investigators set up surveillance in the area in an attempt to locate the suspect who was also wanted on outstanding warrants for breaching a conditional sentence order. On March 28, 2019 a search warrant was executed at a residence in Surrey. The suspect was located inside the residence and arrested. A search of the residence and the crime vehicle yielded clothing that appeared to match clothing from some of the offences. The suspect is currently in custody for breaching his Conditional Sentence Order and awaiting court on a number of charges.



On May 16, a break and enter occurred at a car dealership compound where the suspect stole a number of brand new tires. On May 17, Strike Force established surveillance on a suspect and later that day arrested him and executed a Search Warrant at the his residence. As a result of the search, the stolen tires were recovered and returned all within a 48 hour period. Charges are pending.

Community Response Team (CRT)

Coffee with a Cop

On Tuesday, April 16, 2019, CRT and Bike Section members hosted a Coffee with a Cop event at La Foret Café, located at 6848 Jubilee Avenue. RCMP Community Programs has begun hosting these events around Burnaby on a monthly basis. The goal of these events is to foster an environment where the community and the police come together with the opportunity to interact socially. The intent of this is to make the public feel more free to approach and chat with police informally.

Barricaded/Suicidal male

On Wednesday, April 10 2019, at approximately Burnaby RCMP CRT members assisted Burnaby General Duty members with a barricaded individual inside the washroom at a Starbucks location on Kingsway near Metrotown. The individual, who was later determined to be suicidal and suffering from mental health issues, barricaded themselves inside a washroom and set the washroom on fire. This caused the fire alarm to go off and set off the sprinkler system for the store. CRT members evacuated the store and began to break-down the door. The individual was arrested under the provisions of the Mental Health Act and was transported to hospital. Burnaby Fire Department was able to quickly extinguish the fire in the washroom.

Hospital Visit

On Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Burnaby District Four CRT members went to BC Children's hospital to visit an eight-year-old boy who recently had a tumour removed from his brain. In support, a member from Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) personally donated a drone as a gift for the boy. The youngster really loves the RCMP and the visit really lifted his spirits.

Fraud Awareness and Prevention Presentation

On May 1 2019, CRT members along with a member from the Burnaby Economic Crime Unit attended Seton Villa Retirement home to deliver a "Fraud Awareness and Prevention Presentation" to seniors. Over 60 seniors attended the presentation. Members remained after to answer as many questions as possible related to fraud and other various issues. Staff at Seton Villa were very impressed and thankful for the time spent with the participants. CRT will be conducting this presentation in several other retirement facilities in the Burnaby area.



Fail to Remain

On May 26, 2019, during proactive patrols, CRT members located a parked vehicle that had been associated to gang members. The vehicle suddenly sped away. Moments later, the vehicle crashed and the driver fled into nearby bushes. The driver was located shortly afterwards and issued violation tickets in relation to the crash and tickets in relation to unlawful marihuana possession.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

“Choose Your Ride” Initiative

As the end of school year approached and secondary schools prepared for graduation ceremonies, the Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) planned and implemented an initiative, called “Choose Your Ride”, to provide awareness to the graduating students on safety issues during these important events.

“Choose Your Ride” is a Police coordinated initiative to promote safe decision making around students’ graduation celebrations. It is an interactive presentation to high school Students held outside during the lunch break, bringing together Police, Ambulance and Transit. The initiative started on April 30 at Alpha Secondary School and was presented at all eight high schools during a two- week period. This was a proactive approach to the graduation season through a visual interactive presentation. At the event, Police, with associated partners, encouraged youth to make safe decisions while celebrating their graduation. By including the associated partners, all aspects of “choosing their ride” could be covered. Police represent the “legal” aspect of driving, the new cannabis legislation and experimenting with hard drugs. Ambulance services represent the “medical” aspect of overdoses, mixing drugs and/or drugs and alcohol. Transit options represent the safe option for youth if they need to arrange transportation home. The initiative was a big success and received great feedback from the schools involved.



Social Media Awareness for Parents

Social media is readily available and accessible to today’s youth. Although there are many benefits in being able to use the technology, some students misuse it to cause problems for others. Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) takes this matter seriously and, working with the School District, engages in discussions with students and parents to provide awareness regarding the issue. It is important that parents have the knowledge and skills to be able to monitor their children’s activities on line.

On April 25, YIT members sat on a panel, which included several school administrators, at a parents gathering at Inman Elementary school. Approximately 60 parents attended to engage in a conversation about Social Media use amongst teens. The attending YIT member provided a 30-minute presentation which acted as a foundation for the discussion. The presentation included youth trends, cyberbullying, best practices for parent dialogue and some useful tech tips.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

High School Graduation Ceremonies

Burnaby Secondary schools held their graduation ceremonies at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre starting with Moscrop Secondary on May 22 and ending with Burnaby Central on Wednesday, May 29.

Members of Burnaby RCMP YIT were invited to take part in Red Serge and to lead the dignitaries and students onto the stage at each ceremony. In addition, YIT members, with some assistance from Burnaby RCMP Community Response Team (CRT), provided resources to be present at the location to ensure the security and safety of the events and the attendees.

Gang Presentation – District Level for Parents

Burnaby RCMP YIT works with the School District to provide awareness to students and parents regarding the risk of youth getting involved in gang activities. Burnaby is not excluded from this problem, especially at youth level. Providing presentations on this topic to students and parents is an effective way to reduce the risk of gang involvement.

On May 16, a YIT member, along with a member of Burnaby Criminal Intelligence Section (CIS), took part in a presentation arranged by Burnaby School District for parents. The evening event, which was held at Burnaby Central Secondary School, was attended by a large group of parents coming from all over Burnaby. The School District brought speakers from Safer School Together, VPD and CFSEU. After the presentation, YIT members fielded questions regarding local gang issues and explained about Burnaby involvement in gang prevention in schools, initiatives like Mini Blue program (working with At-Risk youth) and Boys Club as well as efforts for targeted intervention.

Sport events at schools

On May 2, 2019, several YIT members attended Burnaby Mountain Secondary in response to an invitation to play soccer against a team of students. The event contributed to the good spirit between schools and Police and was watched by a crowd of students. Although the police team lost the game, it was evident that both sides had a wonderful time and talked about having similar events in the future.



Bike Unit

Training with VPD

In May, the Burnaby Bike Unit members attended a three day Public Order training session with the Vancouver Police Bike Unit.

The Bike Unit worked with members of the Public Safety Unit, Vancouver Fire and Rescue, and two members from Richmond RCMP. The first and third day were held in Vancouver and the second day was in Chilliwack.

Members worked on developing commands and tactics while mounted on bikes. The tactics were developed by the Seattle Police Department and are used to manage large congregations of persons.



The 3rd day of training provided downtown Vancouver with a large show of presence of police during a group ride that took the group down around Stanley Park, Olympic Village, and the Downtown Eastside.



Mischief Under \$5000

On May 2 2019, Burnaby RCMP received a report of a theft at a cell phone store at Metrotown Mall. Staff reported observing a male cutting the security cables of demonstration phones and trying to steal them. The phones were broken in the process and abandoned by the suspect. The damaged phones valued approximately \$4500. The suspect was located by the Bike Unit while they conducted bike patrols in the area. Once located, the suspect was arrested for Mischief under \$5000. The suspect was released with conditions and is awaiting court.

Community Programs

Youth Services Unit

In April, the Restorative Justice program continued to be quite busy, with an increase in annual referrals to date over the previous year. Further, the files are increasing in both complexity and number of impacted persons per file.

The Counselling program continues to support youth through issues of bullying and harassment, childhood trauma, grief and loss among many other issues.

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

As a testament to the tremendous value of this service, in April, our Counselor had clients refer a friend to them, and past clients came back for support through additional difficulties.

In May, The Burnaby RCMP Youth Counselling program was pleased to welcome a new auxiliary youth Counsellor to the unit who comes with many years of experience working with at risk youth. Her addition to the Youth Services team means that we can continue to provide timely valuable counselling service to our waiting clients.

Restorative Justice staff are busy closing out prevention circles in the schools before the end of the school year. Youth Services Unit staff are regularly advised by school staff and students alike that their engagement with restorative justice has brought about deep learning and positive change.

Restorative Justice staff remained busy working on police file referrals, which include matters such as cyber bullying, sexting and robbery.

Monthly Referrals:

	April	May
Counselling	14	13
Restorative Justice	26	23

Community Programs

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In April 2019, VSU opened 145 files and provided 130 hours of direct crisis intervention support. VSU is currently in the process of hiring Auxiliary Victim Service Caseworkers and have short listed eight candidates. The Auxiliary VSU workers will assist with office and on-call for evening, weekends, and holidays.

A staff meeting was held in April with training provided by Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services. The training will help better understand how VSU can support our clients on the process of making arrangements through a Funeral home. The second half of the staff meeting was facilitated by one of the Auxiliary staff who has a Masters Degree in clinical counselling. The focus was on simple self-care strategies that VSU members can work on. The session provided work on grounding strategies, energizing strategies and relaxing strategies. The tools that were provided focused on things VSU members can do before, during and after call outs. It was very practical and easy to implement advice.

PAD Puppies

With the assistance one of our long time Auxiliary VSU workers and the full time staff, four PAD puppies were brought in to the Detachment for two hours on April 25th. Over 40 staff in the detachment came to see the puppies and to take some time for some self-care.



In May 2019 VSU opened 107 files and provided 115 hours of direct crisis intervention support. Also in May, VSU attended various training sessions that will help with their service provision including:

- Psychosocial Resilience in Disasters
- Third Party Reporting
- Community Based Victim Services programs
- Counter Terrorism Response from a Canadian Perspective
- Traumatic Stress and Resiliency-Survivors of Gun Violence
- Victim Awareness Training

Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

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

The month of May was definitely another busy one for the Crime Prevention Unit! Our staff participated in several large-scale public outreach events including the Choose Your Ride initiative in partnership with our Youth Investigative Team to help educate students to make safe transportation choices around grad time.

The following week, CPU unit coordinated and provided their full support during National Police Week! The outreach was a success, with an estimate of interactions with more than 900 people in Burnaby. This gave the Burnaby RCMP a lot of good opportunities for positive public engagement!



Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

Throughout April and May, 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: 17 hours / 3393 vehicles checked



Speed watch: 47 hours / 4187 vehicles checked



Foot patrols: 100 hours / 7858 Vehicles checked / 232 crime prevention notices issued

In May, the District 4 office welcomed 2 new volunteers. Welcome Kevin and Danny to the team of amazing volunteers at Southwest Community Police Office!



Auxiliary Members

During the month of April, Auxiliary Members contributed 545 hours to community events and completed 200 hours of training.

This year's RCMP Youth Academy was held between April 15 and April 21 and as per previous years, our Burnaby Auxiliaries provided a very strong presence and contribution. Seven Auxiliaries volunteered their time and efforts and collectively they volunteered over 500 hours.

On April 7, three Auxiliaries assisted during the Nagar Kirtan Parade. The Auxiliaries were primarily assigned to community relation duties.



As a continuation of last month's on-line training, this month Auxiliaries conducted the physical and practical components of the Use of Force re-certification. The training was held at the Burnaby Detachment and conducted by Burnaby RCMP members.

On May 1, 2018, The Officer-in-Charge hosted the 2018 OIC's Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize members, staff, volunteers and citizens of our community for their accomplishments and/or contributions to the success of our Detachment and community during the last year.

Auxiliaries Jeff Jivani and Michael Wu were nominated for awards for notable contributions that went above and beyond their roles and duties.

Three Auxiliary members assisted in running the event.

2019 OIC Awards

The annual OIC awards ceremony was held on May 1, 2019. 60 awards were presented to members, staff, volunteers, a Burnaby Firefighter and one citizen for going above and beyond the call of duty.



Auxiliaries Michael Wu and Jeff Jivani received awards



Recipients march across the stage

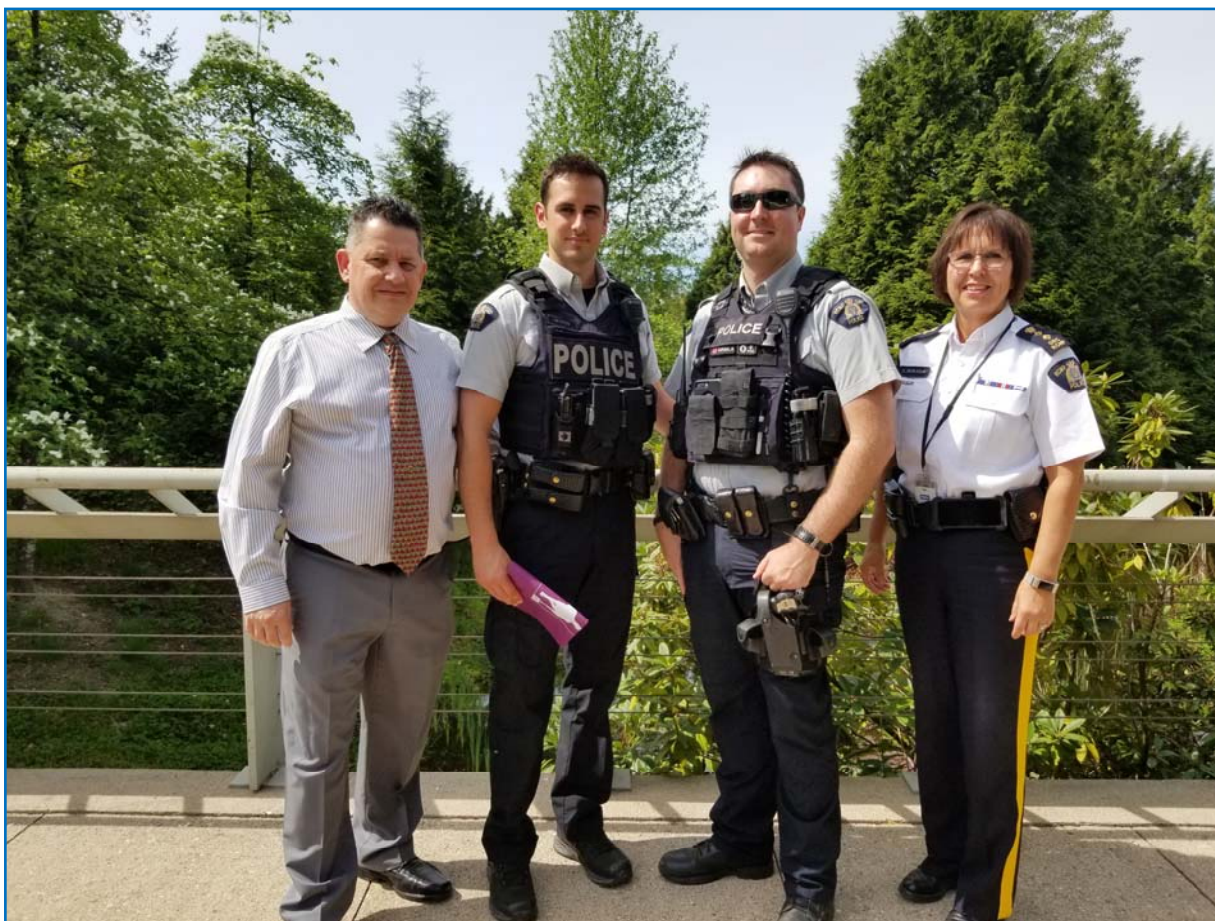
Alexa's Team

Two Burnaby members became part of Alexa's Team this year and were celebrated at a ceremony at the Justice Institute.

Alexa's Team is named after four-year-old Alexa Middelaer, who was struck and killed by an impaired driver on May 17, 2008.

In 2010, the Middelaer family challenged the RCMP, Municipal police officers, and the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General of British Columbia to reduce the number of deaths caused by alcohol impaired driving by 35 per cent by the end of 2013, the year Alexa would have turned 10-years old.

To be named to Alexa's Team, officers have to get at least a dozen impaired drivers off the road in a year.



Constable Matthew Jones and Constable Michael Gardner were named to Alexa's Team

Detachment Community Events

Police Week



From May 13 to 17, Burnaby RCMP Detachment members and Staff celebrated National Police Week. Events were held at Metrotown Skytrain station, Save-On Foods North Road, Highgate Plaza, Whole Foods Market and at Metropolis at Metrotown.



Contact Us

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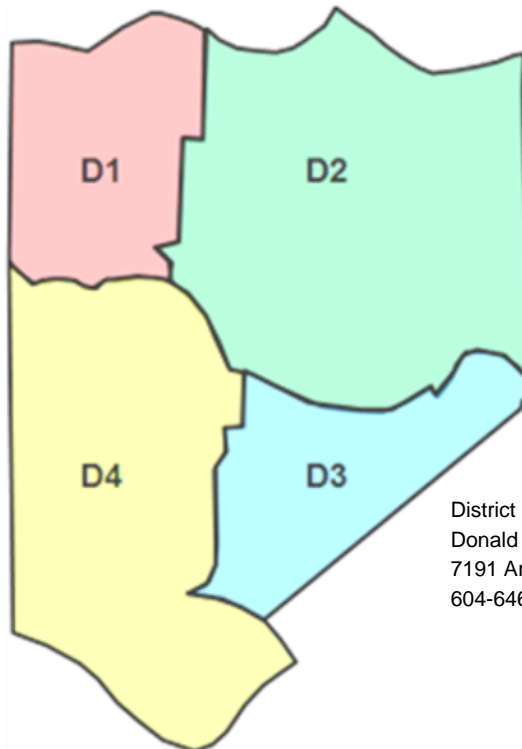
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