



Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Report August and September 2019 “Partners for a Safe Community”

Message from the Chief



Youth engagement is seen throughout this month's Public Safety Report with our annual Burnaby RCMP Soccer Camp being featured, along with great work being done by our Youth Investigative Team (YIT) officers in schools.

As young people returned to school in September, YIT officers were there to welcome them back to provide support and advice. Our officers gave a number of presentations in schools on topics such as cyberbullying and sexting. The engagement from school kids on these presentations was incredible and our officers plan to do more throughout the year.

Our Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) quickly shut down a stolen property operation that was operating out of a home in the City. Just two weeks after being notified of suspicious activity in the home, POST executed a warrant, locating a number of items of stolen property. This successful investigation shows how intelligence led enforcement of property offenders in our City continues to be a priority for Burnaby RCMP through our Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2022.

Our Traffic Services Unit has been busy focusing on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, noting a number of infractions on these vehicles which have resulted in some being taken off of Burnaby roads. Traffic Services officers have also been conducting speed and distracted driving enforcement, with a particular focus on school zones at the start of the school year.

In late July, carrying through to August, the City of Burnaby experienced some conflict related to two Lower Mainland gangs. In response to the potential for this conflict to continue in our City, we immediately implemented a project that utilized existing resources from our Community Response Team, Bike Section, Youth Investigative Team, General Duty, Strike Force, Criminal Intelligence Section, Crime Analysts and our Prolific Offender Suppression Team. This project was a success and statistics relating to the project can be read on page 10 of this report.

I would like for Burnaby residents to know that when serious events involving gang members occur in our City, we will immediately deploy our resources where necessary to ensure that criminal activity is not allowed to spoil the promise of our City.

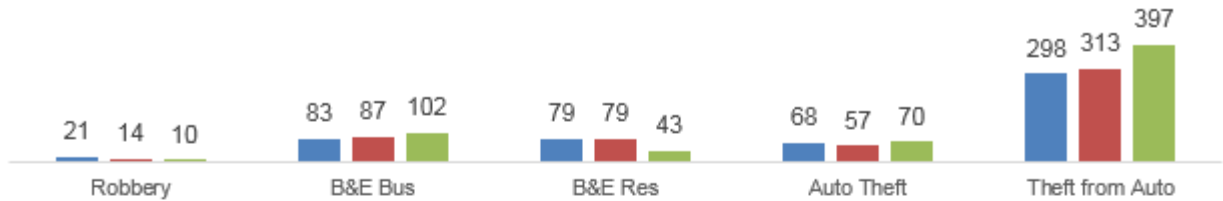
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment



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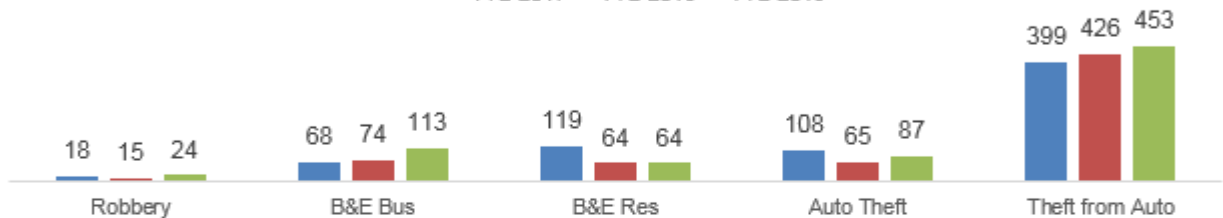
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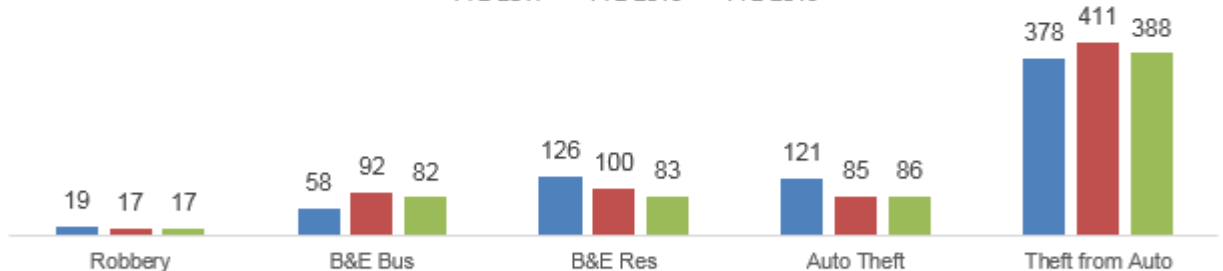
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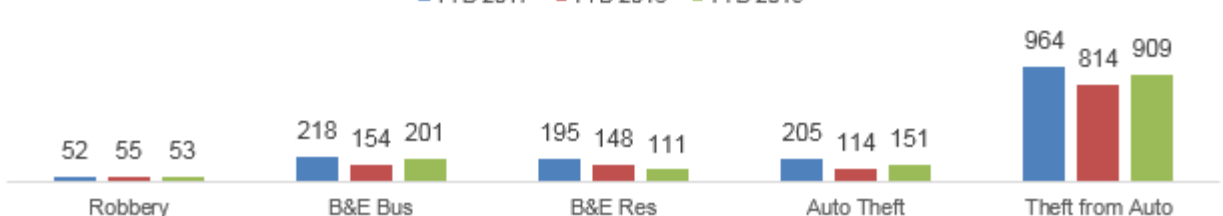
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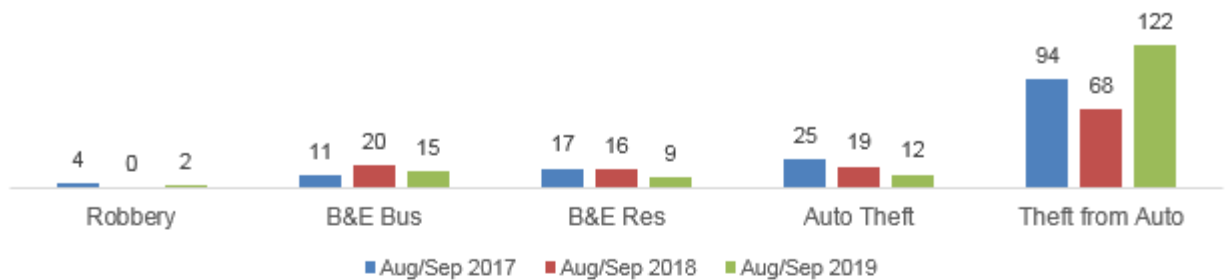
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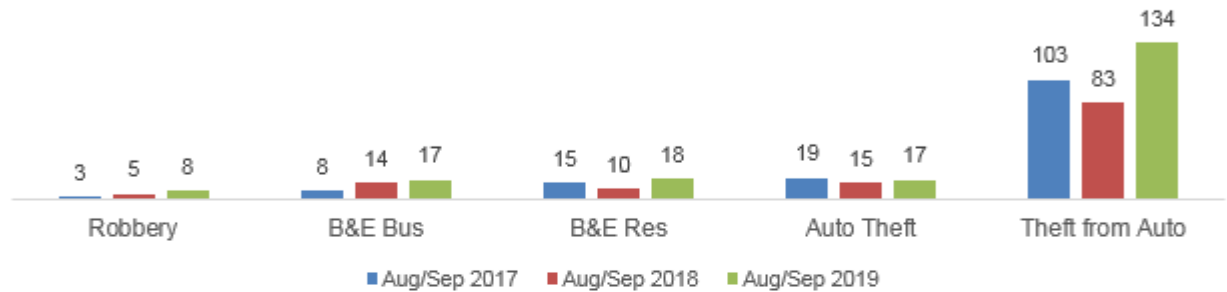


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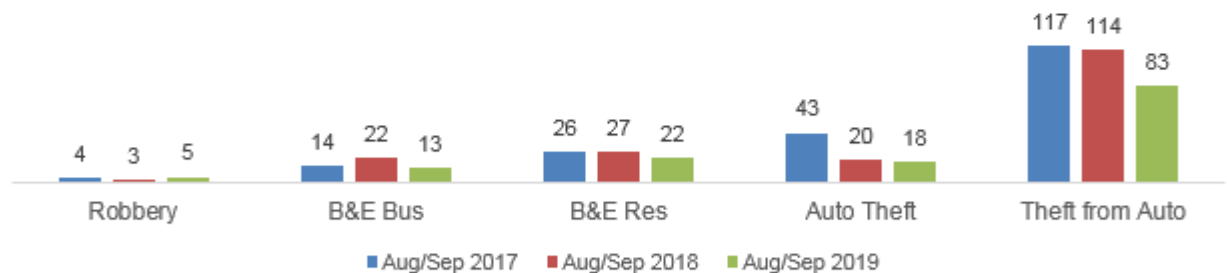
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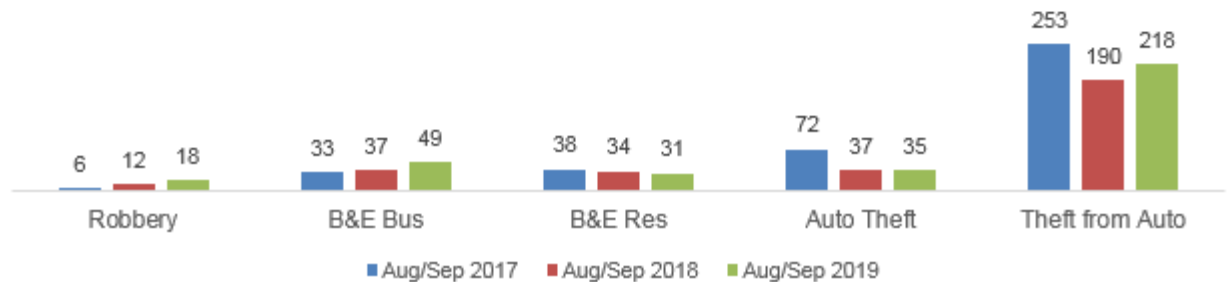
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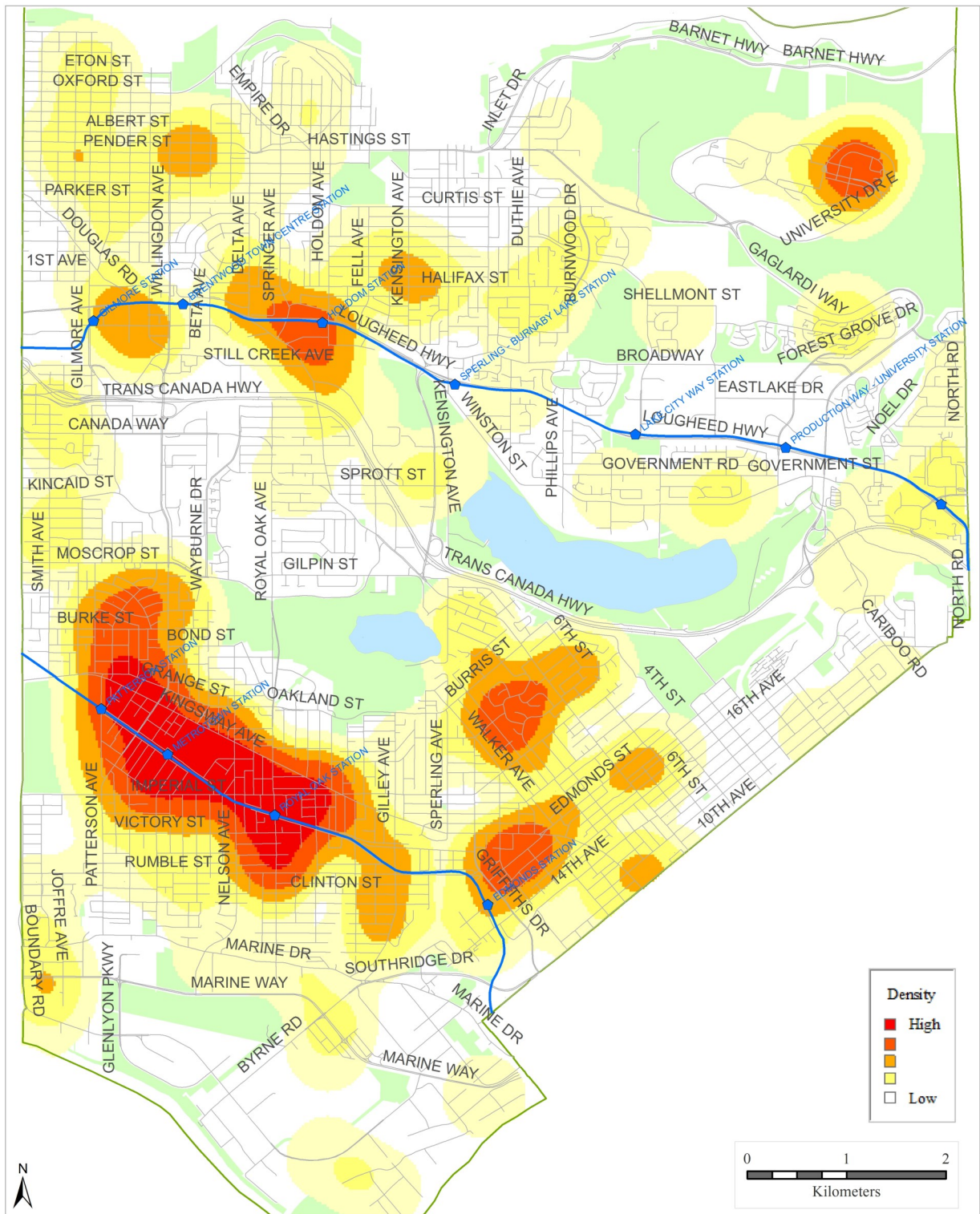
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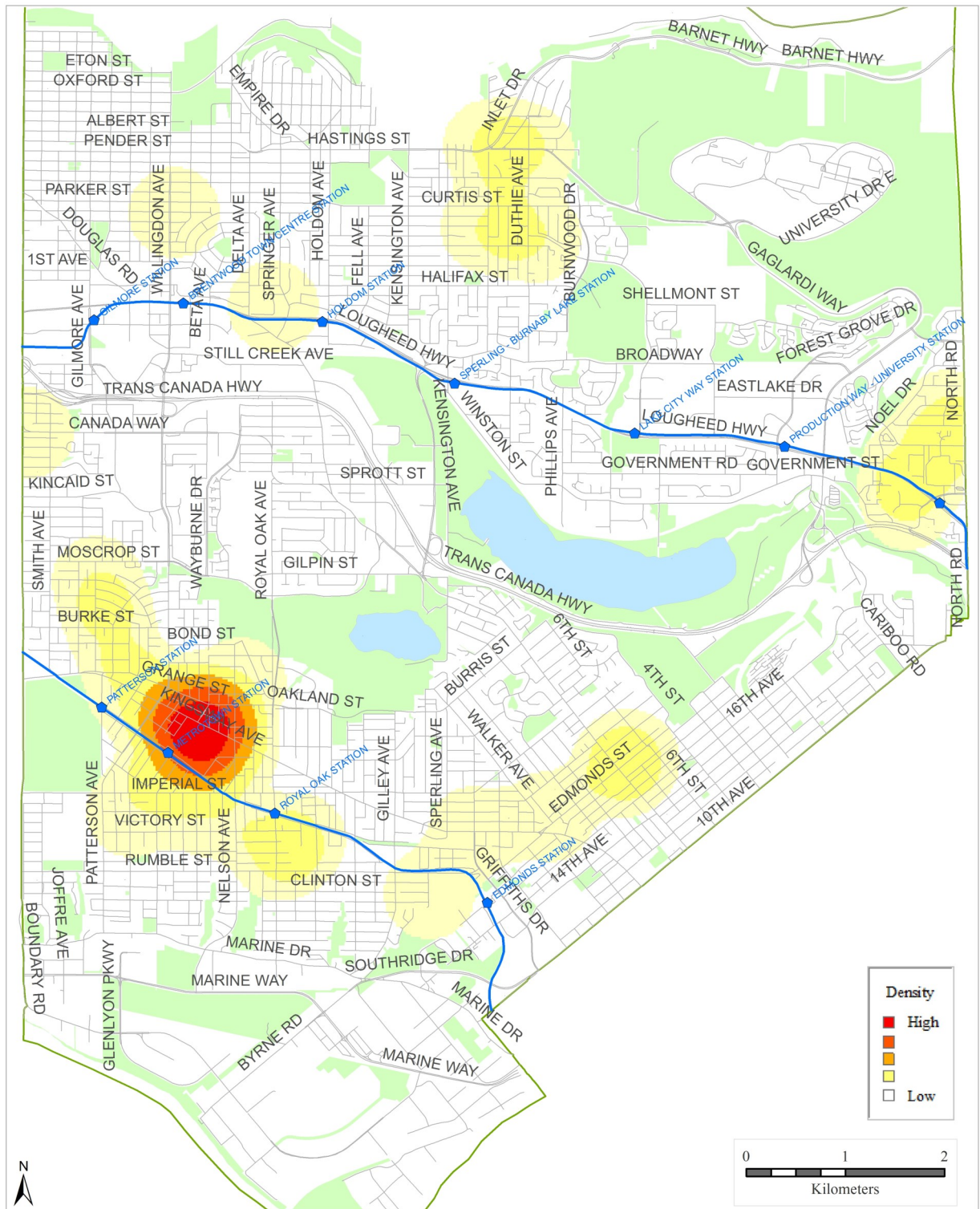
Aug 1, 2019 to Sep 30, 2019
Break & Enter Density Map





Crime Density Map

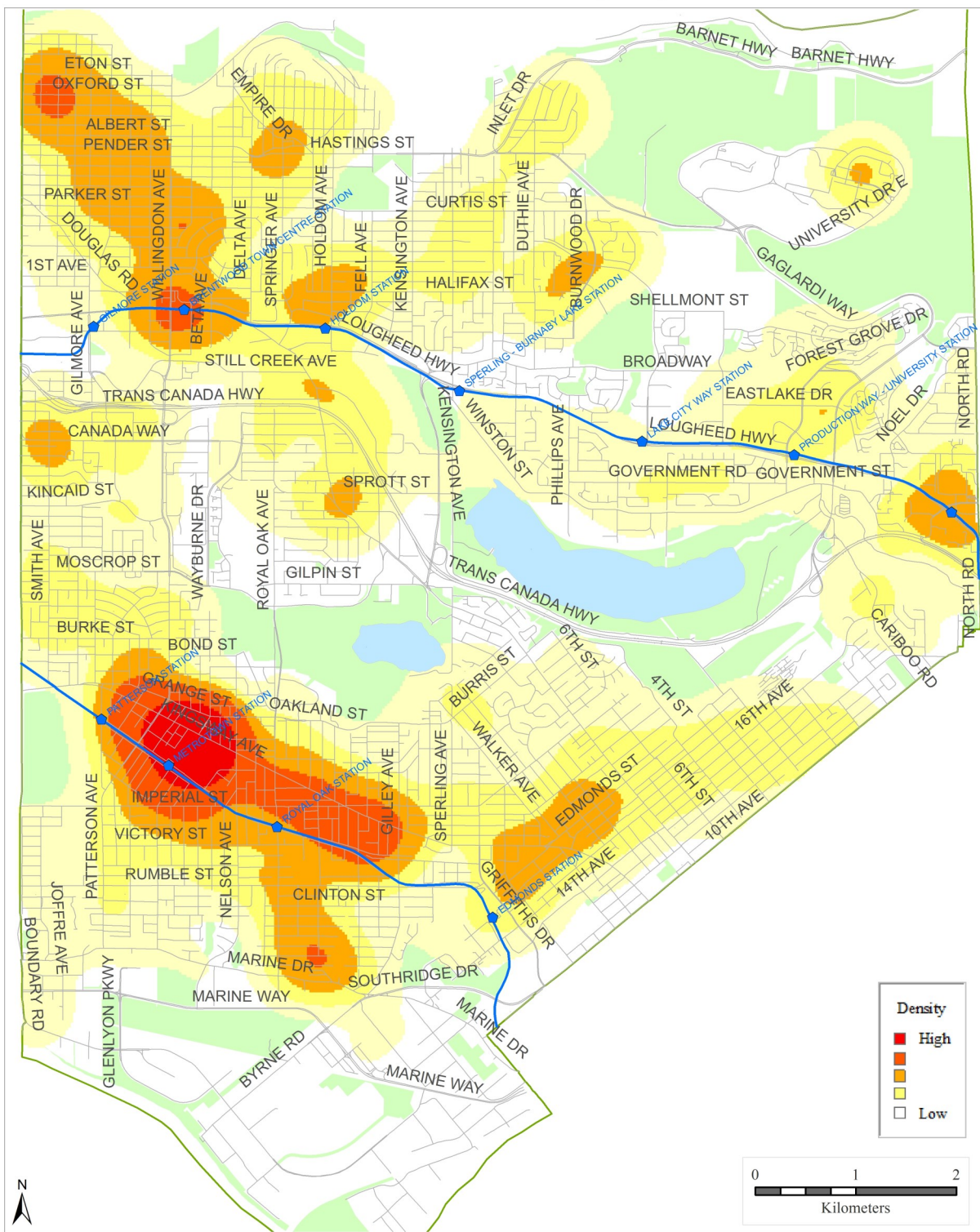
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Robbery Density Map





Crime Density Map

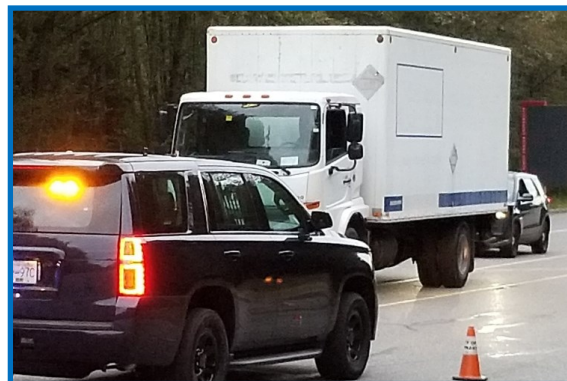
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Auto Crimes Density Map



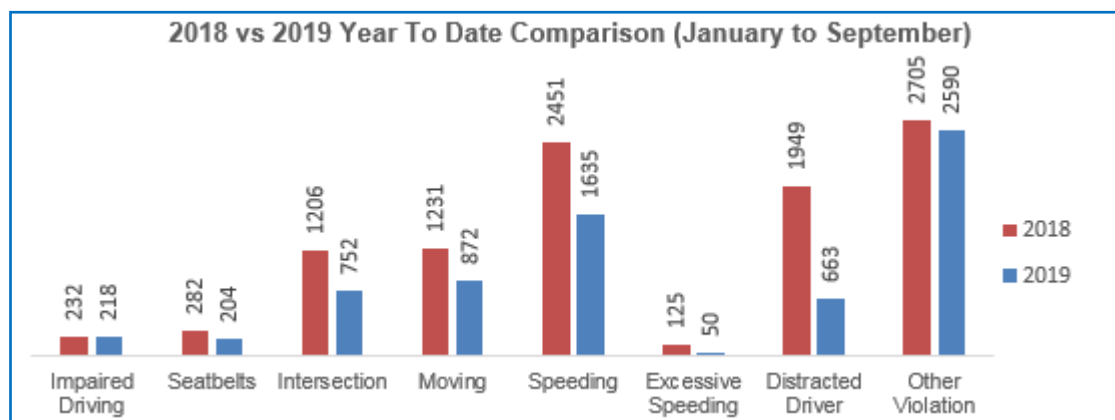
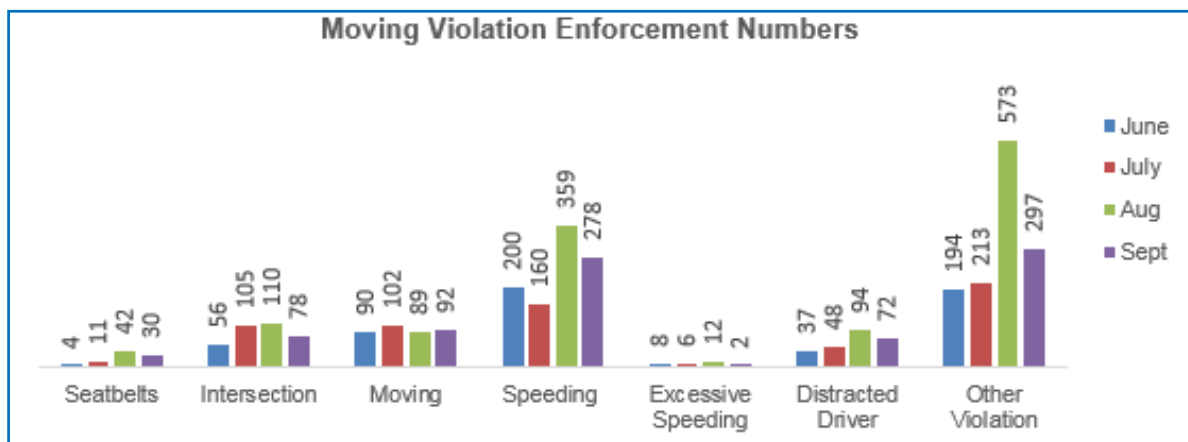
Traffic Operations Statistics

During the month of August, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers and commercial vehicles.

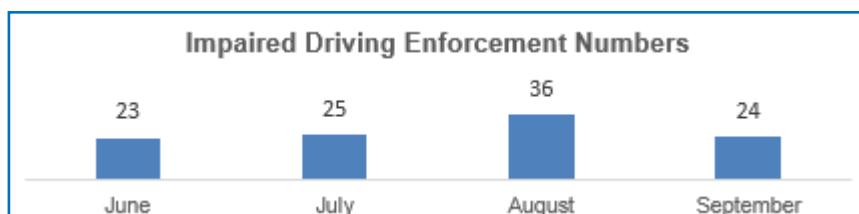
This included a Commercial Vehicle Blitz between August 13 to 16. Numerous commercial vehicles were checked and 58 commercial vehicles were taken off the road for safety defects.



During the month of September, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers in school zones, as well as distracted drivers.



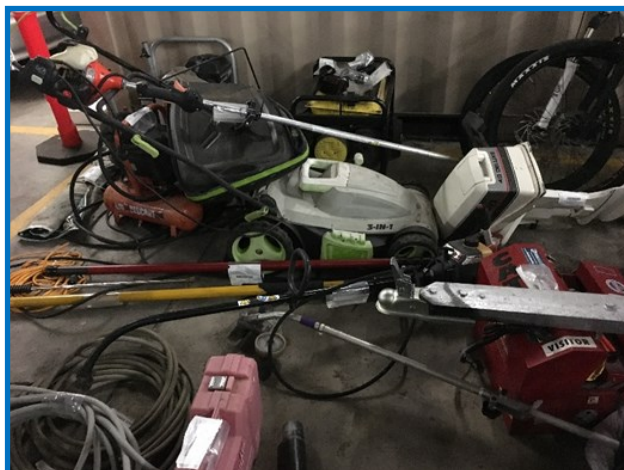
During the months of August and September, 258 collisions were investigated by General Duty and Traffic Section Officers. 53 involved non life-threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.



Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

Through the strong working relationship between the Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST), General Duty, and the Crime Analysts, POST investigators were made aware of a problem residence in the 8300-block of 14th Avenue where the occupants were believed to be selling stolen property online

In September of 2019, POST investigators discovered recently stolen items were being advertised for sale online. Using various conventional investigative techniques, investigators were able to develop grounds that led to an application for a Search Warrant on the residence. The Search Warrant was approved and executed on September 29, 2019 with the assistance of the Community Response Team, Strike Force, and Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Section.



During the execution of the Search Warrant, the male suspect was located inside the residence and arrested. Investigators were able to search for and locate the stolen property being sought in addition to a number of other items that were believed to be stolen. The male suspect was interviewed, admissions were obtained from him, and he was later released on a Promise to Appear in Court.

Through police database queries and a media release, owners of some of the stolen property were located and property was returned to them. The stolen property included a custom built trailer, hand held tools, a boat motor, yard maintenance equipment, pressure washers, bicycles and generators.

This investigation has demonstrated how the various sections within the Burnaby Detachment work seamlessly together to have a positive impact on community safety.

Drug Section

In August, Burnaby's Drug Section conducted a six-month investigation on a dial a dope organization selling deadly fentanyl and crack cocaine in Burnaby. As a result of the investigation, three people were arrested for Possession for the Purposes of Trafficking Fentanyl and Cocaine and a search warrant was executed in Surrey on a Provincial Targeting Enforcement Priority (PTEP) target. Charges are being recommended against the three people.

Community Programs

Gang Project

There were a number of gang-related incidents in mid-July in Burnaby, New Westminister and Squamish that resulted in Burnaby detachment making a decision to start a project aimed at disrupting the conflict that was taking place.

The project was very successful. Results were achieved through targeted, uniform enforcement utilizing existing resources from our Community Response Team, Bike Section, Youth Investigative Team, General Duty, Strike Force, Criminal Intelligence Section, Crime Analysts and our Prolific Offender Suppression Team. The project started in late July and ran to the end of August.

As a result of the project there was a noticeable decrease in gang-related violence. In fact, since the project finished there have been no known police reports of violence between the two groups.

The following enforcement efforts were documented during the project:

- 32 curfew checks
- 10 traffic stops where intelligence was gained directly relating to the conflict
- 3 people were found to be breaching conditions of their release from custody
- 16 street checks of those involved with the conflict
- 7 violation tickets were issued
- 2 driving prohibitions were served
- 45 community contacts with staff at bars, restaurants, community centres and shopping malls where those involved in the conflict were known to frequent.
- 1 referral was made to the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART)
- 1 arrest warrant was executed

This Gang Project showed that Burnaby is not immune when it comes to gang violence. Our community can be confident that when it does take place in Burnaby that resources are immediately deployed to ensure it is quelled as quickly as possible.

Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

Weapons Seizure / Possible Drug Dealing

In August, Burnaby CRT officers on routine patrol observed a grey Mazda 3 parked in the 8000-block of 10th Avenue in Burnaby. Officers approached the vehicle and knocked on the driver window to chat with the driver. When the driver opened the door, officers immediately observed the trigger and the top part of what appeared to be bear-mace protruding from under the driver's seat. As a result of this, the driver was arrested for Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purposes. Shortly after, another male arrived on foot and admitted to carrying a pocket knife. A rear vehicle licence plate was located in the Mazda during a search incidental to the arrest.

The driver was found to be in possession of two cellphones and stated that he had approximately \$300 in his wallet. The second male stated that the licence plate found in the vehicle belonged to his friend. Both males were released with a warning and signed a relinquishment form for the bear-mace and the knife. No drugs were located but signs indicate possible drug dealing.

CRT members subsequently increased patrols in the area.

Weapons at Metrotown

Also in August, Burnaby RCMP received a call from Metrotown security reporting that two males believed to be interest of police were near the entrance of the McDonalds restaurant located at Metrotown mall. The group of youth was seen yelling and being abusive towards the driver of a vehicle. In addition, Metrotown security reported that one of the youth appeared to be carrying a concealed weapon in his waistband. Burnaby RCMP CRT attended the Metrotown security office and reviewed the images from the incident involving the group of youth.

While reviewing the images, CRT officers were told that the group were entering Metrotown and were going towards the bus loop or Skytrain area. Via the CCTV cameras, officers observed two of the youths walking with the characteristics of someone carrying a concealed weapon. The group was located and detained. For officer safety reasons, one of the youths was patted down and a switch blade knife was located concealed in his waist band. The knife was seized by police. No other weapons were located on the youths.

Suspicious Activity at Cameron Rec Centre

In September, suspicious activity was reported at the Cameron Recreation Complex. Two individuals involved in the activity were confronted by staff and moved along.

It was subsequently reported that there has been an increase in the amount of homeless people frequenting the Cameron Recreation Complex during the night and day. Needles have been located near the facility and in the surrounding area. As a result of these events Burnaby RCMP and the manager at the facility have organized a "CPTED" (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) evaluation in order to recommend improvements in security and safety measures around the complex.

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Burnaby RCMP Annual Soccer Camp

Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) held the third-annual Soccer Camp from August 26 to 31. The six-day event was held in two separate locations, Bonsor Park in District 4 on August 26 to 28, and Edmonds Park in District 3 on August 29 to 31. Over 100 young people took part in both camps.

Over the course of the two camps, besides receiving training and playing soccer, the kids also learned about the work being done in the community by the police through our partners from the Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Services and Burnaby Bike Section. Burnaby Fire Department were also on hand to give tours of their trucks and teach local kids about what it's like to work as a fire fighter.

YIT will continue to be the lead on hosting this annual event in the future, hoping to expand the event to include more sports.



Community Programs

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) officers had a busy schedule during the month of September with the start of the school year.

Officers attended as many schools as possible and provided presentations to students on different topics mainly on safety, safe usage of social media and cyber bullying. Below are examples of presentations provided to students at schools:

On September 18, Cst. Frank Tarape worked with the school district health promotion and substance use counsellor to create and provide a 30-minute presentation on “Healthy Decisions”. During this presentation, Frank encouraged students to be mindful of safety while inside and outside their school, to avoid getting involved in illegal activities and to not make friends with individuals who are involved in violent, illegal or suspicious activities such as using and dealing drugs. This presentation was provided to a total of 200+ grade 8 students in four groups of 50.



On September 26, two one-hour presentations on intimate images sharing (also known as Sexting) were provided to groups of Grade 8 students. Two more similar presentations were held for two Grade 8 classes the next day.

The content of the presentation focused on the danger of sharing nude photos to friends on social media and how they could be distributed to other people without consent. In collaboration with the Safe School specialist, several more presentations on this topic will be held for students at schools by YIT members in the coming months.

Bike Unit

Breach of Conditions

In late August, officers from Burnaby Bike Section were conducting patrols in Central Park. Officers located a black Honda, south of the Central Park swimming pool with one occupant apparently searching the vehicle with a flashlight.

Queries conducted on the vehicle indicated the registered owner was a male with convictions for sexual assault, administering a drug to commit indictable offence, making or publishing child pornography and possession of child pornography. The suspect had conditions not to be in the area of a public park, swimming area, daycare centre, school ground, playground or community centre where persons under 16 years of age can be present.

Bike section officers approached the male to verify that the vehicle was not stolen and confirmed that the male was the registered owner. They observed a crack pipe and a 'loaded' syringe with suspected drugs inside the vehicle. The male was subsequently arrested for possession of a controlled substance and for breach of probation. Charges were subsequently laid for breach of probation. The file is awaiting court.

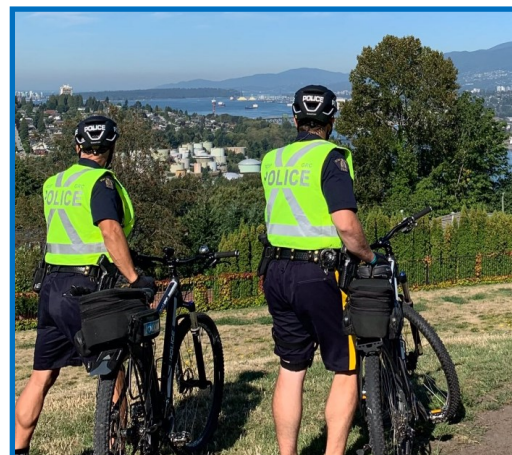
Drug Seizure

In August, Burnaby Bike Section officers were conducting overt gang enforcement in the area of Patterson and Kingsway Avenues. Officers observed a suspicious vehicle occupied and parked near Patterson Skytrain station. The lone occupant appeared to be nervous and waiting for someone.

Queries conducted on the vehicle indicated it was typically driven by a male with extensive police history for drug trafficking, weapon possession and gang associations. The driver started the engine on the vehicle and officers initiated a roadside stop immediately.

The driver was detained for officer safety and his identity was confirmed through his driver's licence. The driver told officers that he was waiting for his friend who was in the park high on drugs, to "get sober". The friend was located by members in the nearby area of the park. Police checks indicated that the friend had a history of drug trafficking and methamphetamine use. The friend admitted having drugs in his backpack and he was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. A quantity of suspected methamphetamine and cocaine was seized. The vehicle driver advised that he did not have any drugs on him and consented to a vehicle search in which no drugs were found.

Due to the small amount of drugs seized, the individuals were released without charges. However members were able to glean valuable intelligence about drug dealing in the area which is being followed up on.



Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Many of our Crime Prevention team are trained in providing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews. These security reviews assist property owners and representatives to make meaningful changes to their property, in order to improve safety and security. Often after a location has had notable criminal or nuisance behaviour, property representatives will contact the Crime Prevention team for this service. Staff will conduct in person assessments (sometimes both daytime and night-time), and review the police records database for additional background on the location. We will also connect with users of the space, to determine any additional concerns.

This valuable service is provided to both business and residential properties, free of charge. Due to high demand, we prioritize the requests based on the level or frequency of reported crime and nuisance activity.

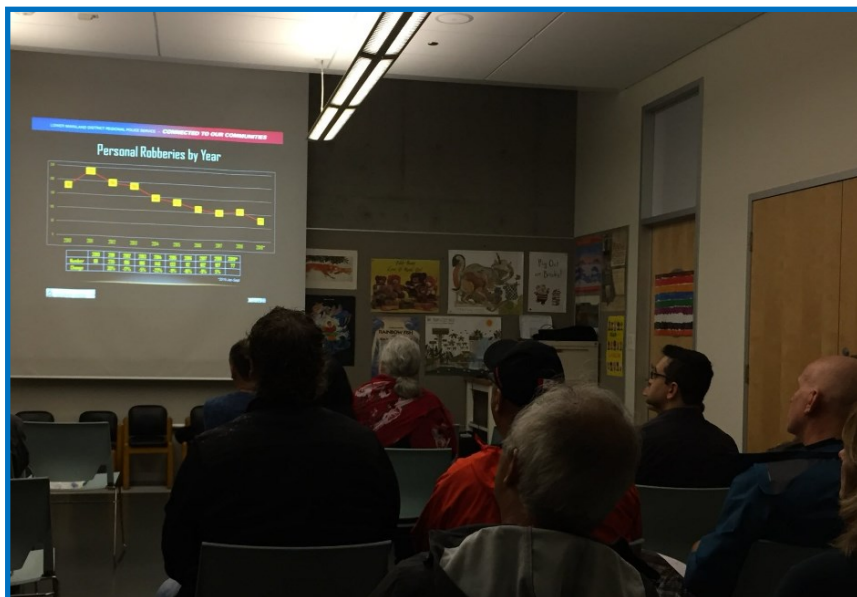
During the month of August, Crime Prevention staff conducted five such CPTED assessments, for three large multi-family apartment buildings, one residential neighbourhood and one single family residence.



The Crime Prevention team also collaborated with the Burnaby Public Library to host a successful “Robbery Prevention Workshop” on September 12. Feedback for the two Strike Force presenters was overwhelmingly positive, with audience members noting among other things that they learned a lot of new information about policing in their community.

Staff also presented on “Senior Safety and Fraud Prevention” at Cameron recreation centre. These are always engaging presentations, with a lot of excellent questions from attendees!

The team attended several events this month, including SFU Streetfest, Burnaby Mountain’s official community street festival. At these engagements, staff set up a booth and were able to connect in person with community members, to hear directly about any concerns and provide relevant resources and referrals.



Auxiliary Program

In August, our Auxiliary members contributed 62 hours to community events. Auxiliaries Robert Tan, Rhett Moffat and Terry Rankin assisted with the week long Burnaby RCMP Soccer Camp.



In September, two of our Auxiliaries joined the Burnaby contingent to Victoria to support and participate in the 2019 British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.



Community Programs

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In August, VSU opened 177 files and provided 125 hours of direct crisis intervention support.

This month the focus was on teambuilding with the new staff that have started at VSU over the last few months. Our unit had a staff meeting on August 17, the focus of this meeting was for our entire team of 14 to meet and discuss a range of topics. The topics of discussion included; the safety checklist that Victim Services workers use before attending crisis calls, self care, establishing healthy boundaries with clients and staff, daily operations in the office, crisis call out procedures and documentation on Victim Service files.

Other activities that our unit was involved in included meeting with the Burnaby Hospice Society for making referrals to the agency for clients who require additional support through their grief.

In September, VSU opened 147 files and provided 115 hours of direct crisis intervention support. Our program was also very busy with a number of different initiatives.

The Coordinator's met with the Coordinator's for VPD Victim Services, to discuss best practices in files sharing and the parameters and boundaries in supporting clients.

Our Unit trained new members from the Burnaby RCMP on the Canadian Victim Bill of Rights and how to call Victim Services to assist on these files and types of service that Victim Services provides on police files.

Burnaby RCMP Victim Services was asked to conduct roll call training for Transit Police. This training was done to educate Transit Police on how to utilize Police Based Victim Services in the jurisdiction on where the incident takes place. VSU also educated them on Canadian Victim Bill of Rights and what VSU can do on their files to support Victims of Crime.

One of the Auxiliary Victim Service workers is a Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS) owner and handler. She has offered her services to support RCMP members and Municipal Staff in the detachment as part of a self-care service. The response to PADS dog Roma's visits has been really positive!



Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

In August, CPO 3 and 4 Volunteers participated in the 2019 Burnaby RCMP Youth Soccer Camps. Volunteers played soccer, engaged with the public and provided information pamphlets and stickers. In September, CPO 3 volunteers supported Byrne Creek Secondary School for their Terry Fox Run.



Cell watch: 27 hours / 582 vehicles checked



Speed watch: 18 hours / 2263 vehicles checked



Foot patrols: 73 hours / 3872 Vehicles checked

In addition, volunteers contributed 19.5 hours to bicycle patrols and 30 hours to work in the CPO.



Detachment Community Events

Rail Safety Week

In late September, Traffic Section officers worked with CN Police for Rail Safety Week. The officers educated the public on rail safety, asking that everyone take it seriously and to help us bring railway crossing and trespassing accidents down to zero.



Detachment Community Events

Cops for Cancer 2019



Burnaby RCMP Detachment supported four riders on the Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast this year which marked the 20th Anniversary of the Tour.

Together, all four riders raised over \$41,000!

The City of Burnaby also declared September 23 as Cops For Cancer day.

Cst Lee Marten @Canuckula · Sep 21

Cst Steve Roney from @BurnabyRCMP just raised \$675 for @TourdeCoast by shaving his beard!



Burnaby RCMP @BurnabyRCMP · Sep 19

Our @BurnabyRCMP riders on this years #CopsForCancer @TourdeCoast are all set for day two of the ride! More info on our riders and how you can support such an incredible cause ➡ bit.ly/2J82U4N



Orange Shirt Day

On September 30, Burnaby RCMP police officers and staff joined together for Orange Shirt Day to recognize and honour all residential school survivors and to bring awareness to the residential school system.



British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial

Burnaby members and Auxiliaries attended the British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial in Victoria in September.



Detachment Community Events

Summer Reading Club

Along with Burnaby Fire Department, our Officer-in-Charge, Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh had the honour of presenting a number of children with Summer Reading Club medals. The club is run by Burnaby Public Library and rewards children who read for 15 minutes a day for 50 days.



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?

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