

## Burnaby RCMP

### Public Safety Report

### October and November 2017

### "Partners for a Safe Community"

## Message from the Chief



This is my first Public Safety Committee Meeting as the new Officer-in-Charge of Burnaby Detachment and I would like to say what a privilege it is to come to Burnaby and lead a detachment in this growing City. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with the members of this committee to make Burnaby an even safer community.

On that note; Burnaby RCMP community volunteers have been working tirelessly alongside officers for many years in the City and we got the opportunity to honour them at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in November. Two of the volunteers, Donna Dawson and Fred Ellis were awarded with long service awards at the dinner, Donna for 30 years and Fred for 15 years. It was

great for the detachment to have an opportunity to honour not just Donna and Fred, but all of the volunteers for the amazing work they do.

Our volunteers and officers were out in the community for much of October as part of Pedestrian Safety Month. This initiative was well received by the community and is especially timely as we approach the winter months.

In November, Burnaby RCMP's Victim Services Unit had its busiest month to date. The work our Victim Services staff do is truly exceptional, opening 175 new files and providing 145 hour of direct crisis intervention in November alone.

A number of property crime offenders and bank robbery suspects are off our streets thanks to the hard work of our Prolific Offender Suppression Team and our Strike Force Unit. These units worked diligently, at times in partnership with other police agencies to ensure that charges were laid against these suspects.

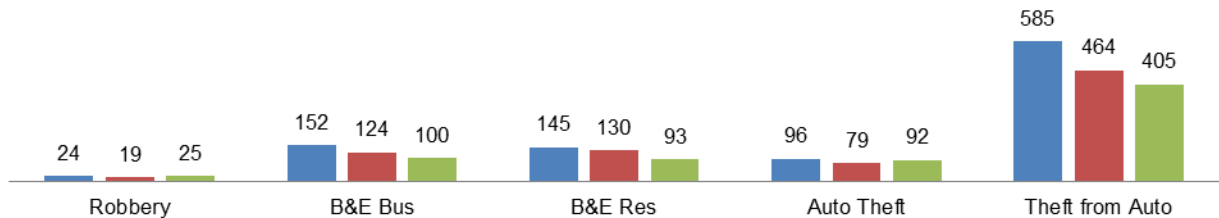
On a final note; on November 6th an officer from Abbotsford Police Department was murdered. The effect of the death of Constable John Davidson was felt across the policing community in the Lower Mainland, across BC and across Canada. I know I speak on behalf of Burnaby Detachment when I say that it was an honour for us to have an opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Cst. Davidson and to provide support to Abbotsford Police Department in the days and weeks that followed his death.

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

# Crime Reduction Stats Compared Over 3 Years

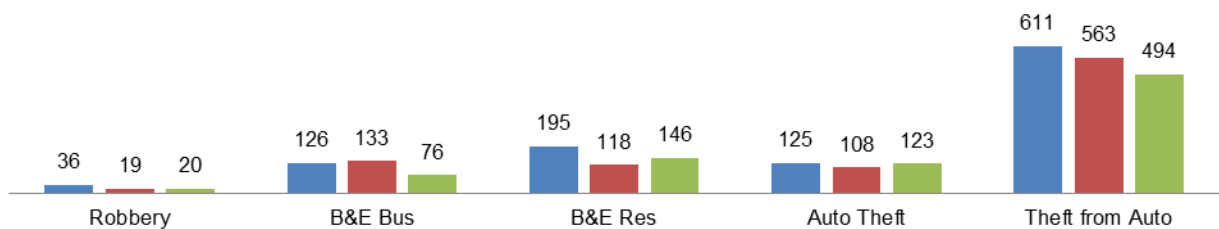
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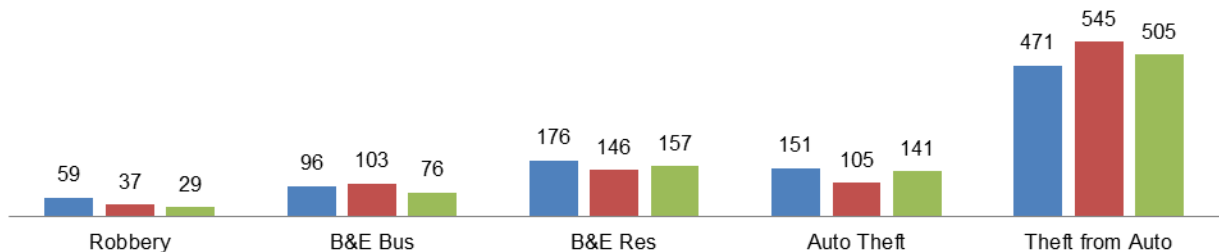
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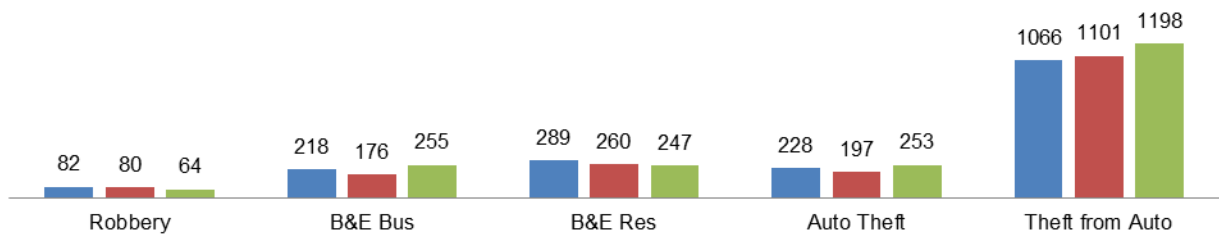
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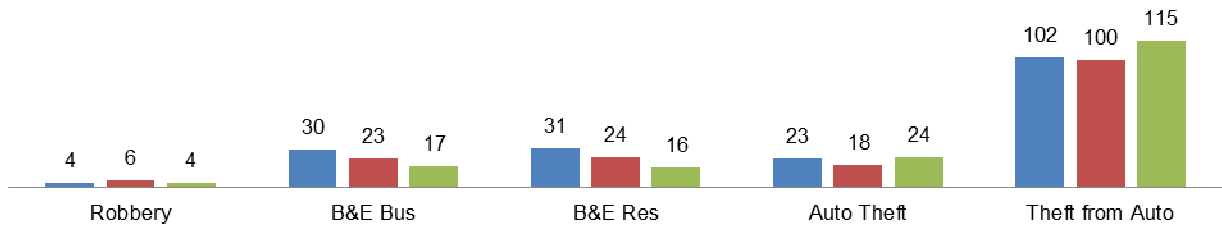
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# Crime Reduction Stats By Month

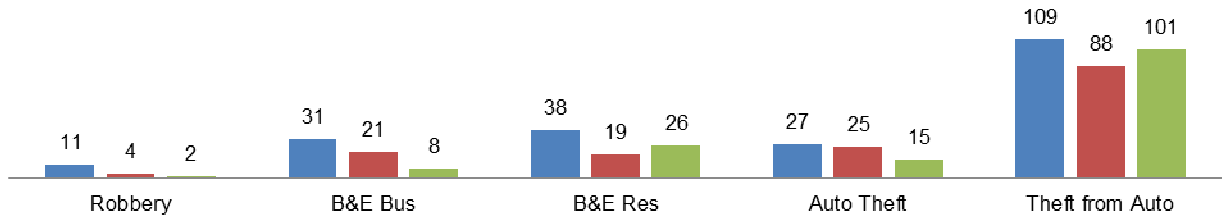
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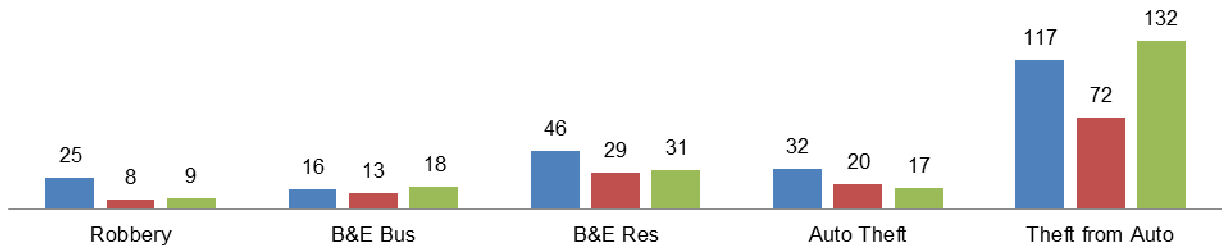
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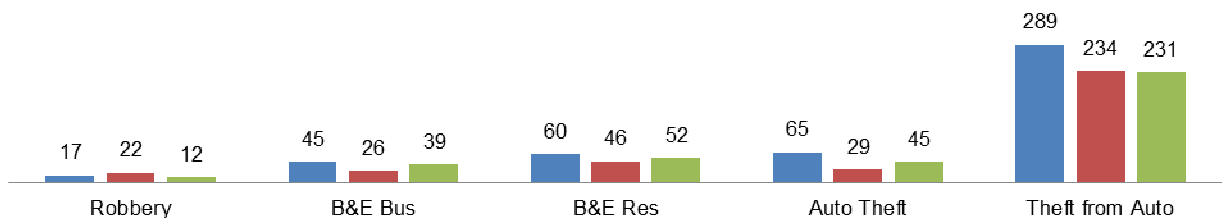
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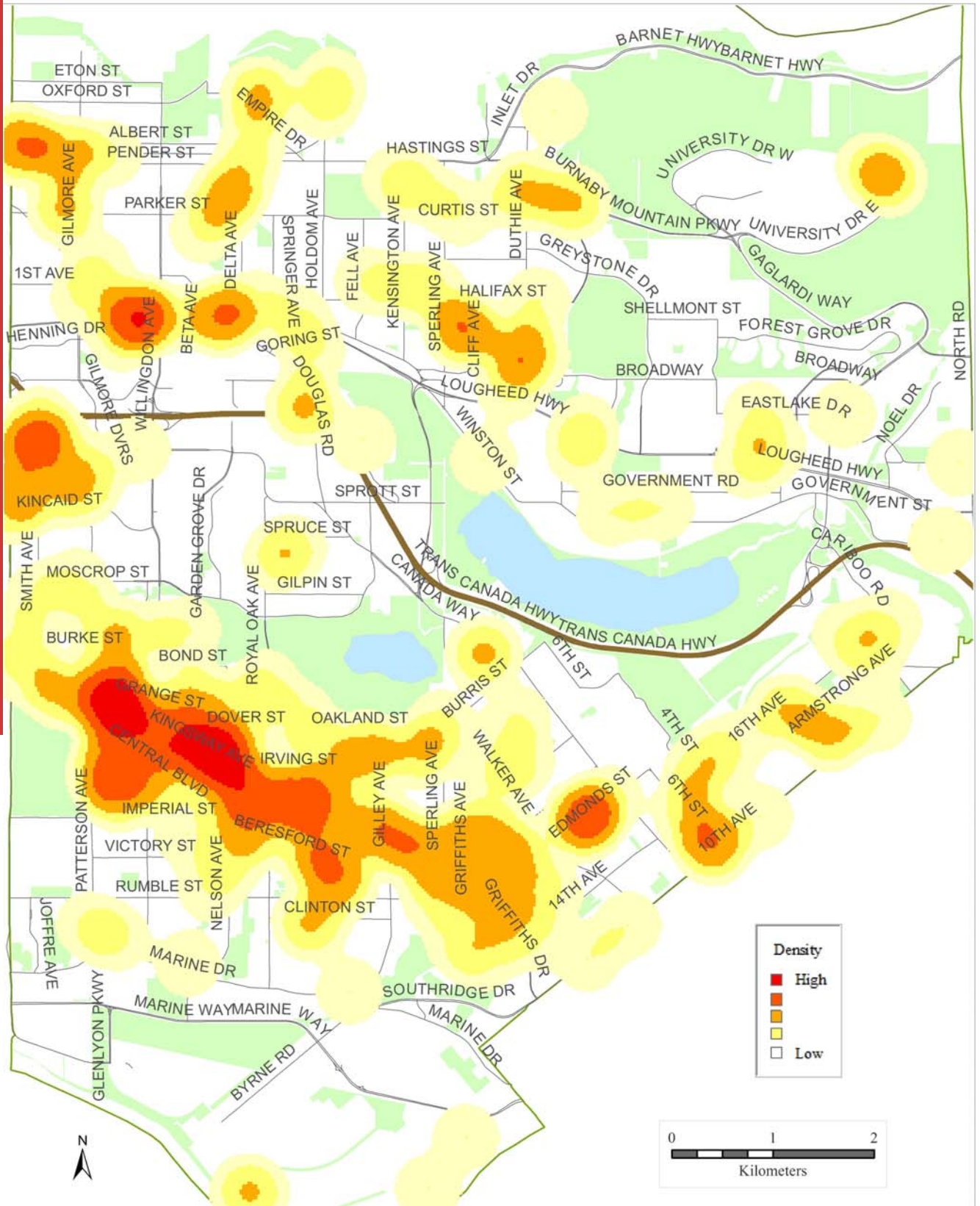






## October 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017 Break and Enter Density Map

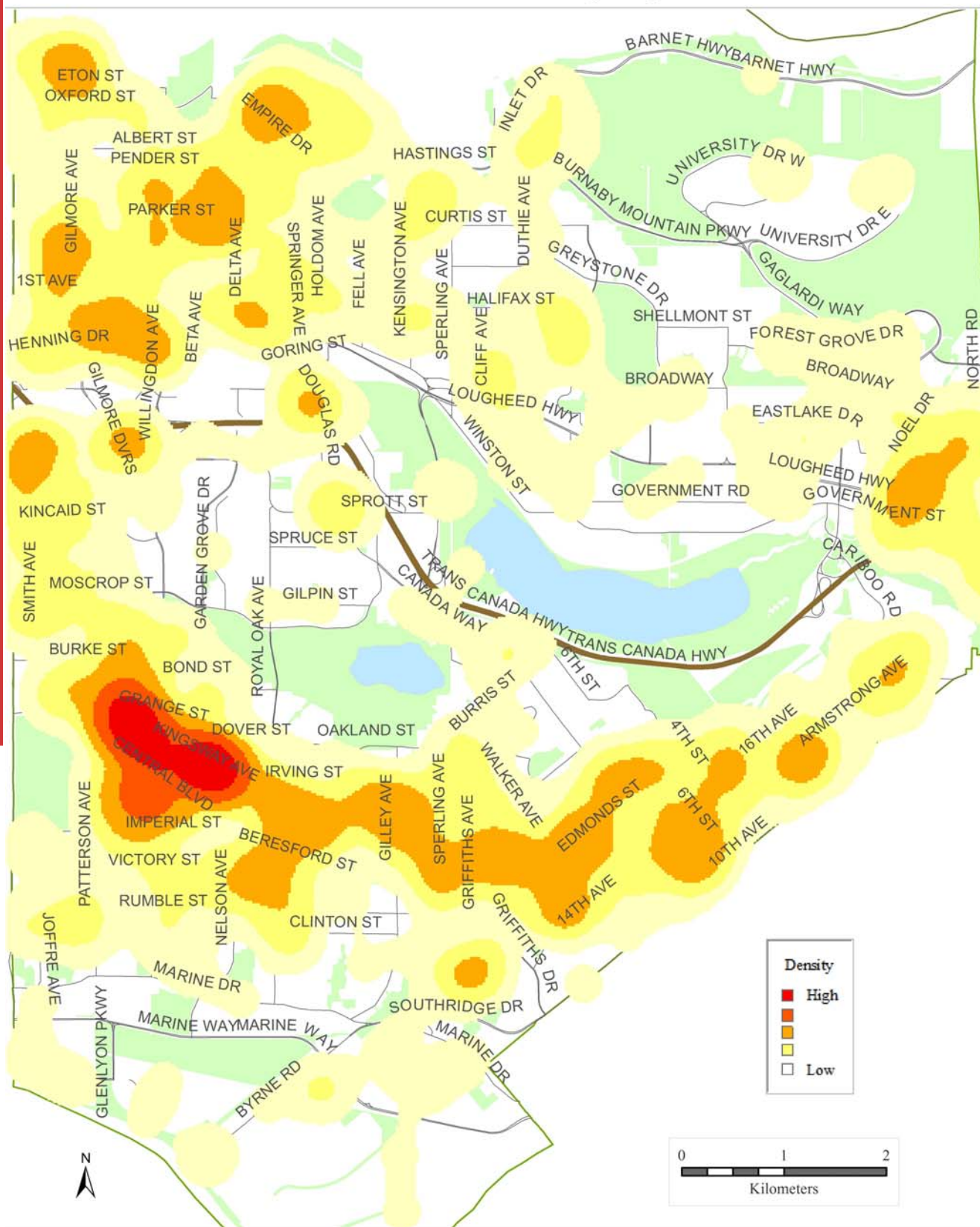
### Crime Density Map





**October 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017**  
**Auto Crime Density Map**

# Crime Density Map

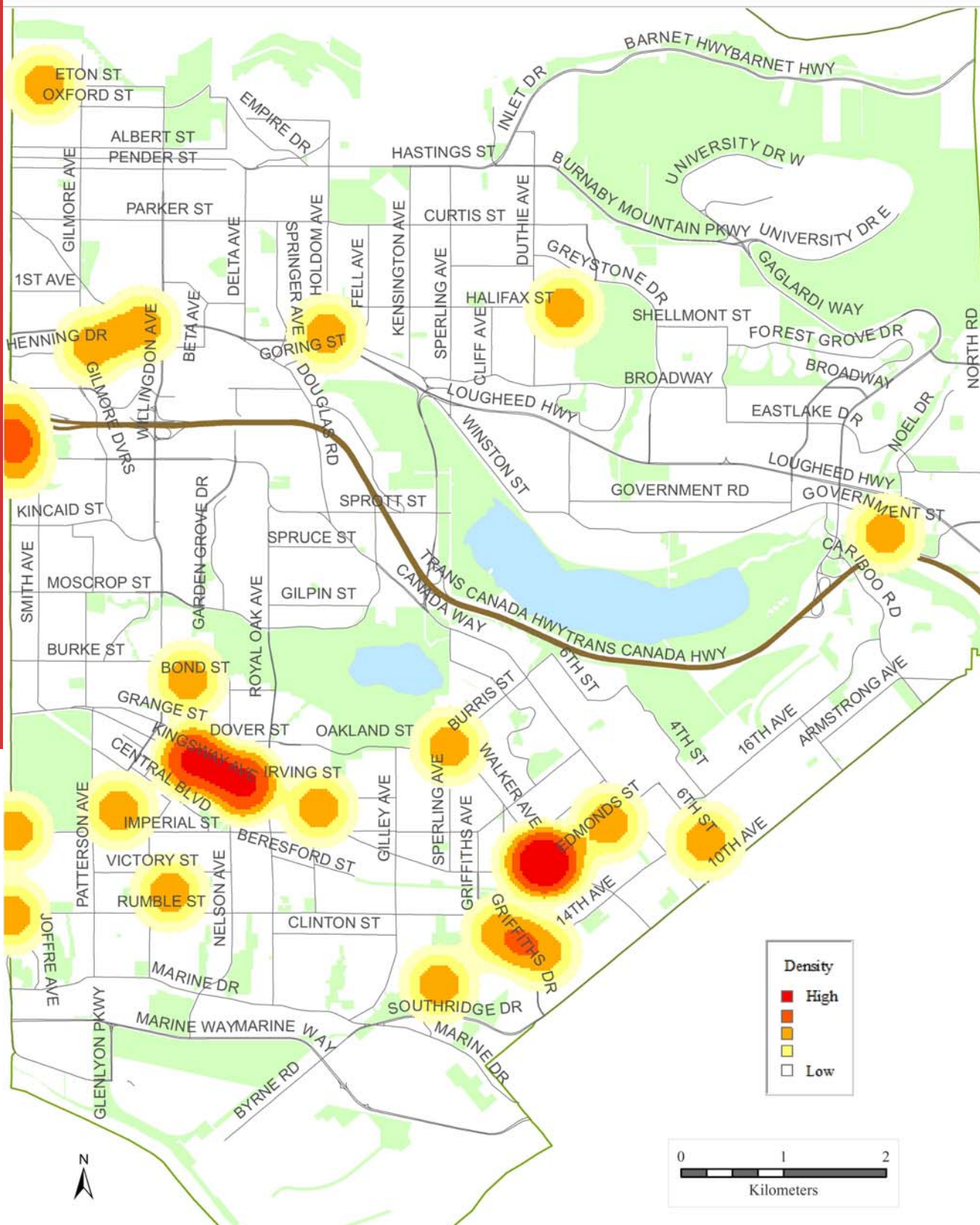




October 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017

## Robbery Density Map

### Crime Density Map

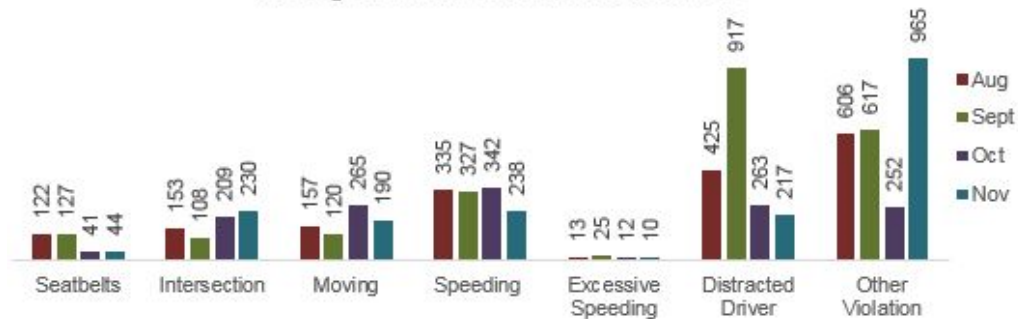




## Traffic Operations Statistics

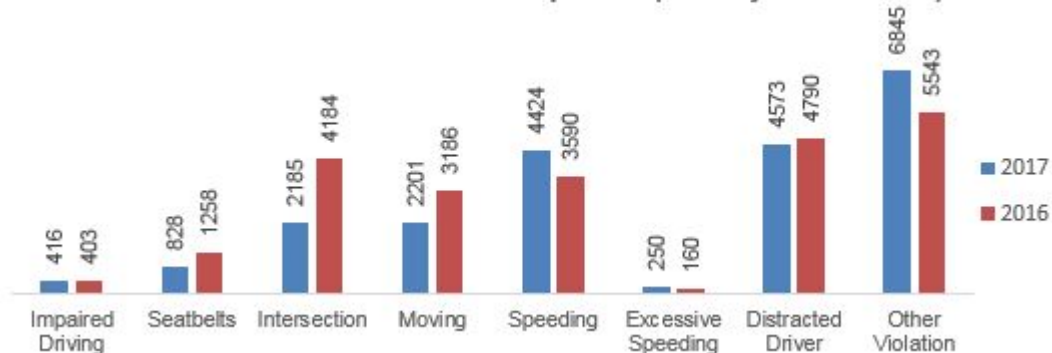
October was Pedestrian Safety Month. During this month Traffic section issued 205 violation tickets to pedestrians.

**Moving Violation Enforcement Numbers**



In October, Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services helped thousands of Christmas gifts get to their destination safely for the Lower Mainland Bureau Annual Motorcycle Toy Run.

**2016 vs 2017 Year To Date Comparison (January to November)**



During October and November, 466 collisions were investigated by the General Duty and Traffic Sections. 152 involved non-life threatening injuries and there were two fatalities.

**2017 Impaired Driving Enforcement Numbers**





## Major Investigations

Investigations of a more complex or longer term nature are handled by Burnaby RCMP's plainclothes units. The following are some of the investigations conducted or completed by these units in October and November.

### Economic Crime Unit (ECU)

A suspect in a number of acts of credit card fraud and identity theft which took place throughout the Lower Mainland from April to June 2016 was identified. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was a prolific fraudster. Charges were recommended to Crown Counsel in October.

The ECU has been actively involved in a public awareness campaign around a scam which involves a suspect, pretending to be a police officer, contacting a victim and telling them that they are facing imminent arrest unless they pay back-taxes. The victims in these cases are being asked to pay via Bitcoin which is difficult to trace. In October, a media release was issued for public awareness and the ECU placed warnings by all Bitcoin ATMs in Burnaby.



## Strike Force

In September, Strike Force responded to an incident where a male had entered a bank, hid from staff and robbed the bank once it was closed. Investigation revealed the male had a history of these offences and was also responsible for two other robberies in the Lower Mainland. A Canada wide warrant was issued and in late November the male was arrested in Toronto after committing a similar robbery. Strike Force is working with Provincial Crown to have charges transferred to Ontario where the suspect remains in custody.

In early November, four suspects conducted a robbery at a Vape store in Burnaby where a firearm was used. Later in the month, a grocery store was robbed by a suspect believed to be one of the people involved in the Vape store robbery. As a result of follow up investigation, the suspect was arrested as he attempted to board a bus to leave the province. A search warrant executed at a residence of a second suspect resulted in the seizure of multiple pieces of evidence. The investigation in to the other suspects continues.

In early November, Strike Force identified a prolific bank robbery suspect who was becoming increasingly aggressive in robberies across the Lower Mainland. They liaised with the banking community and a public appeal with a large cash reward issued. The suspect was subsequently arrested and remanded in custody until his inadvertent release in early December. Burnaby RCMP, Coquitlam RCMP and Transit police subsequently located and arrested the suspect and returned him to custody.

## Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services

### Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

Two prolific property crime offenders are facing charges thanks to the work of POST.

In the first case, with the assistance of data from Burnaby RCMP Criminal Analysts, POST identified and conducted patrols in an area frequented by a prolific property crime offender who had an outstanding warrant. The offender was located and found to have what appeared to be illegal drugs in her possession. The 22 year old female is facing charges of failing to comply with probation conditions and also faces new charges of possession for the purposes of trafficking for the various drugs that were seized.

In the second case, officers received information that a known property crime offender was staying at a residence in Burnaby and was in possession of a stolen vehicle. POST members conducted surveillance on the vehicle and when the suspect used it, POST arrested him. The 24 year old male was wanted on a number of existing warrants and is now facing an additional new charge of possession of property obtained by crime.

### Community Response Team (CRT)

In early November, members from CRT were conducting proactive patrols in the Metrotown area when they were alerted to a prolific offender breaching his conditions. Based on previous investigations and familiarity with the prolific offender, CRT was able to quickly locate him and arrest him without incident. Charges were forwarded.

Throughout the month of November, CRT responded to a variety of calls for service involving protests against Kinder Morgan and the proposed pipeline expansion. In each file, CRT members remain impartial and let the evidence dictate the direction of the investigation, regardless of who the victim or suspect may be. CRT have under taken a measured approach in responding to the calls for service, and ensure that the

rights of the public to lawful protest are respected and encouraged.

CRT and Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) staff also attended a “Coffee with a Cop” event, hosted by the North Road Business Improvement Association. Meeting with local area business contacts; CPU staff, Transit Police and a Burnaby RCMP Community Response Team officer were available to answer any crime prevention and safety related questions the participants had.





## Bike Section

Throughout the month of October, Burnaby's Bike Section actively patrolled Burnaby "Hot Spots" in an enforcement capacity. Through the proactive patrols, Bike Section members made a number of drug seizures. These seizures typically took place in public areas that would be considered high pedestrian traffic areas with children present.



In early October, Burnaby Bike Section took part in a "Twitter Takeover" which highlighted the work they do in the community. Throughout the day, their work was shared on social media for people to see.



**Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)**

During October, the CPU hosted a Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships workshop at Fraser International College at Simon Fraser University. Burnaby's Domestic Violence and Victim Services Units attended as presenters. There were 20 students that attended, young women and men from different cultural backgrounds.

Crime Prevention staff also attended Block Watch meetings in October delivering personal safety and home security information to Burnaby residents.

Over the next few months, Burnaby CPU will be working with students from Burnaby North High School to provide straightforward pedestrian safety messages. Students will be using these tips in their Re-Think Road Safety projects. This initiative from the Public Safety Committee Communications Sub-Committee will have the students create messaging to their youth peers around safe pedestrian behaviour.



**Dave Rawnsley** @dsrawnsley · Oct 10

ReThink @BNS students working with City of Burnaby, RCMP and ICBC to create pedestrian safety campaigns



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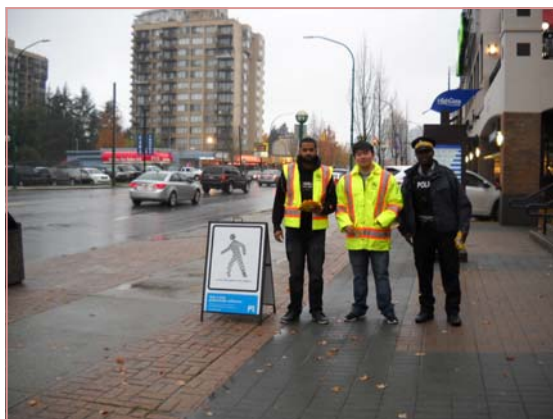


November was busy for the Crime Prevention Unit. In addition to regular unit presentations, trainings, and meetings with the community, the Crime Prevention Unit hosted a fall Detachment Safety Forum. This event featured a series of four presentations by RCMP and public safety partners, with a focus on senior safety. Topics included fraud prevention for seniors, safe relationships and mental wellness in older adulthood, as well as a pedestrian safety for seniors session provided by ICBC.



## Community Police Offices

In October, all four of the Community Police Offices took part in Pedestrian Safety Month. Volunteers and Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team members attended a number of high pedestrian traffic locations and handed out reflectors and important pedestrian safety tips to the public.



Throughout October and November volunteers in the community also engaged in work that is hugely important in helping Burnaby RCMP keep our growing city safe. This work has included foot patrols across the city, thousands of checks on vehicles on the Stolen Auto Recovery application. In addition to this, volunteers have been assisting Burnaby RCMP traffic services in initiatives such as Speed Watch and Cell Phone Watch.



On October 31st, the District 1 office welcomed ghosts, ghouls and superheroes! Hundreds of kids came by for Hallowee'en and left with handfuls of candy!

## Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

In October, the Burnaby RCMP Youth Investigative Team launched a new tool to help educate youth on the dangers of impaired driving. 'Fatal Vision' goggles help show youth how alcohol and marijuana impair motor skills and cognitive ability. YIT members attended Burnaby Mountain Secondary over 3 days to educate students on the negative effects of marijuana and drug impairment with a goal of providing youth with information to help them make smart choices to keep themselves and their friends safe.



**Burnaby RCMP** @BurnabyRCMP · 5m  
Students @BbyMountainSec learning about the effects drugs and alcohol have on driving through goggles used to demonstrate impairment



Students wore the impairment goggles while engaging in activities and were surprised at the outcome. It was a fun and engaging activity that was effective in getting the message across to students on the dangers associated with drug impairment. We look forward to continuing this initiative in Burnaby Schools.

In November, YIT received the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), provided by the Canadian Mental Health Association. ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide intervention and safety planning. The

training was completed alongside the Burnaby School District (SD41). RCMP officers were intermixed in groups with School Board employees, allowing for relationships to build while learning.

## Homelessness Coordinator & Mental Health Liaison Officer

Burnaby's Homelessness coordinator was busy throughout October and November. This member's role is to monitor homeless camps in Burnaby, check the welfare of camp residents, provide information on housing assistance and assist By-Law Officers in the execution of their duties, for example issuing notices and evictions when necessary. 10 different locations were attended on a number of occasions in October and November with offers of emergency health services and information was provided for housing alternatives.

Burnaby's RCMP Mental Health Liaison Officer (MHLO) presented to seniors in the community at Confederation Community Centre. The presentation was part of the "Burnaby RCMP Public Safety Forum: Focus on Senior Safety & Security." The MHLO, along with the Burnaby Mental Health Older Adult Unit, presented: "Recognizing Mental Health Symptoms & Risk Factors to Adult Safety" The presentation was taken in by several seniors, including some South Burnaby Senior Ambassadors. This information was well received and appreciated.



## Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Services

### Youth Services Unit (YSU)

Our Youth Services Unit was busy in October and November participating in a number of programs including a Youth Summit and a Learning Circle for school teachers, administrators and staff.

Four Alternate School Learning Circles for students and one for teachers, administrators, and staff were held in November.

A Retail Theft Circle was held in late October with 7 participants present. This initiative allows youth who have been involved in crime such as theft to take part in a discussion with police and loss prevention officers to hear what their experience and opinions are about shoplifting. Some of the involved youth mentioned that the circle gave them a chance to learn to be more aware and that they will use what they have learned for future decision making. Additionally, some youth have said that they won't get peer pressured by friends, and that they will not [shoplift] again as they want a good life and a good job in the future. YSU has had 184 referrals to the Retail Theft Circle so far this year.

### Victim Services Unit

October continued to be a busy month for Victim Services. The Unit opened 133 new files, with a total number of 135 hours of direct crisis intervention hours for October. VSU took part in a Safe Community Series with the Burnaby RCMP Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) and Crime Prevention Unit (CPU).

VSU had its busiest month ever in November opening 175 new files and providing a total number of 145 hours of direct crisis intervention hours for November. Last year at this time (Year to date), Victim Services had opened a total number of 1071 files and completed 1021 hours of direct crisis intervention. This year so far, VSU have opened close to 1329 files and completed 1313 hours of direct crisis intervention hours. VSU have had an increase of 24% on file load and 29% for crisis intervention hours of service, as of November 2017.

In addition, VSU attended court sentencing on a Homicide file that took place in 2015. VSU provided over 100 hours of support to the Victim's family and the witnesses through the investigation and court proceedings.

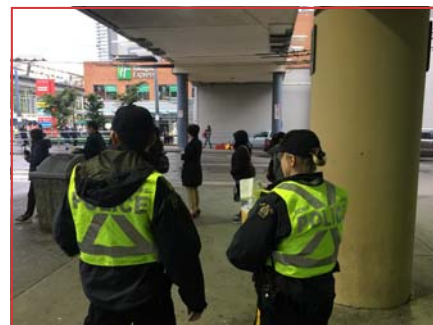
## Burnaby Remembers/Remembrance Day Events

Burnaby RCMP Members attended George Derby Center on November 6 along with students from schools in the area. The goal was to plant 10,000 flags on the grounds of the Center. The event aims to raise awareness in the lead up to Remembrance Day.



## Pedestrian Safety Month

Throughout October, Burnaby RCMP officers and volunteers were out passing on safety information to pedestrians around the City.





## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On November 16, the City of Burnaby and the Burnaby RCMP hosted the annual 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This gave Burnaby RCMP the opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers for the work they do in helping us keep the City safe.



Pictured above: Volunteers from the District 3 Community Police Office  
Front row L-R: Gagan Singla, Michelle Tibig, Estee Ip, Ming Kao  
Back row L-R: Sajin Parmar, Jasmeet Randhawa, Pravind Rajoo, Liubou Zmeyerova



Community Volunteer Donna Dawson was presented with a 30 year long service award



Community Volunteer Fred Ellis was presented with a 15 year long service award



## Stories from the 2017 Wildfires



Constable Fan Wu was deployed to Williams Lake in August. While guarding a checkpoint, he noticed a grouse that had lost its home in the fire decided to live by the checkpoint tent for at least a week. The grouse liked to hang out on top of the police car.



**Contact Us**

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**Are you interested in volunteering or becoming more involved in your community's safety?**

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