



RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: BURNABY RCMP MENTAL HEALTH CAR

At the Public Safety Meeting on November 13, 2019, Sgt Rostie presented the 2019-2023 Burnaby RCMP Strategic Plan. Following the presentation, the Committee expressed concern regarding the Detachment's available resources to support community mental health issues, in particular a dedicated mental health car.

The Public Safety Committee requested that the Burnaby RCMP provide information as to how it can support acquisition of a mental health vehicle.

Response:

From 2016 to 2018, mental health apprehensions have increased 13% (649 to 731), with 72% of these apprehensions resulting in hospital admission.

Burnaby Detachment's first step towards improving response to mental health calls for service was to partner with the City of Burnaby for the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART). Now that BMART is operational, we are exploring the need for a mental health car. This exploration includes data analysis, partnership exploration, analysis of service delivery models and the ability to initiate and sustain such an initiative from within. At this time, we are still acquiring and analyzing all available information and working to solicit partnerships and commitments.

The Burnaby RCMP has been in conversation with other RCMP detachments that have a mental health vehicle. Both Surrey RCMP and Richmond RCMP have a mental health car, however Richmond is part of Vancouver Coastal Health while both Surrey and Burnaby are a part of the Fraser Health Authority. Burnaby RCMP currently has one member dedicated to a partnership with one member of the Fraser Health Authority to discuss clients needing mental health assistance and to triage who they visit together in the community on an as needed basis.

As we continue to develop initiatives to address and support mental health issues in our City, the Burnaby RCMP will communicate with the Committee on any additional supports required to further our efforts.



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