

BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Partners for a Safe Community

OCT—NOV 2019



Pedestrian Safety Month



Message from the Chief



Units from Investigative Services at the detachment had very successful investigations through October and November.

Our Strike Force Unit worked alongside other RCMP agencies and Municipal Police Departments in locating a man who is alleged to have committed crimes across the Lower Mainland. The suspect stole cash registers from businesses, including four in Burnaby and is facing serious charges thanks to a diligent inter-jurisdictional investigation.

A six-month investigation led to two warrants being executed in late October which resulted in Burnaby Drug Section taking fentanyl, cocaine, replica handguns and an assault rifle off the streets. Three individuals are facing serious charges in relation to this investigation including drug trafficking.

A plan to reduce property crime is laid out in the Burnaby RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2022 and it has been great to already see this plan in action. In October, our Prolific Offender Suppression Team arrested a man suspected of stealing motorbikes and in early November, our Community Response Team (CRT) officers arrested a man and woman

who are alleged to have been in possession of stolen property including a pickup truck, power tools, camping gear and personal electronics.

In October, our CRT officers led the first “Boost and Bust” initiative in the City. CRT officers teamed up with Loss Prevention Officers in Metropolis at Metrotown and arrested four people in a targeted initiative. This resulted in the recovery of over \$2,000 worth of merchandise.

Our Youth Investigative Team (YIT) had a very busy end to October, conducting presentations in schools around the City educating young people on partying safely on Halloween night and also about dangers associated with fireworks. On Halloween night itself, YIT officers attended events around the City, engaging with members of our community and ensuring everyone was safe.

Finally, in November we launched our Strategic Plan for 2019-2022. This plan is available on our website and pamphlets which outline the plan are available at our Community Police Offices and at the main Burnaby RCMP detachment.

I encourage you to please take time to read this plan and get to know what the focus of your local police is going to be in the coming years. We are always open to feedback on the work we do in our growing City so if you have any questions or feedback then please contact the detachment or drop by one of our community events such as Coffee with a Cop and ask questions then.

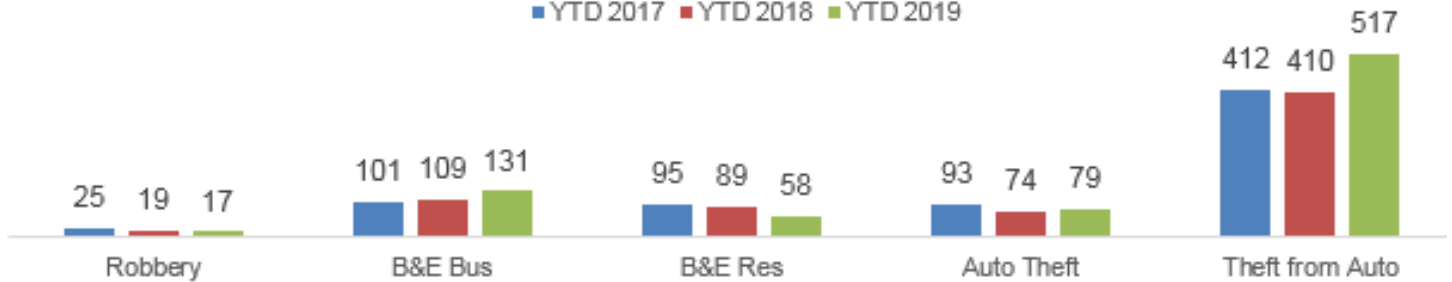
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment



Crime Reduction Stats Over 3 Years

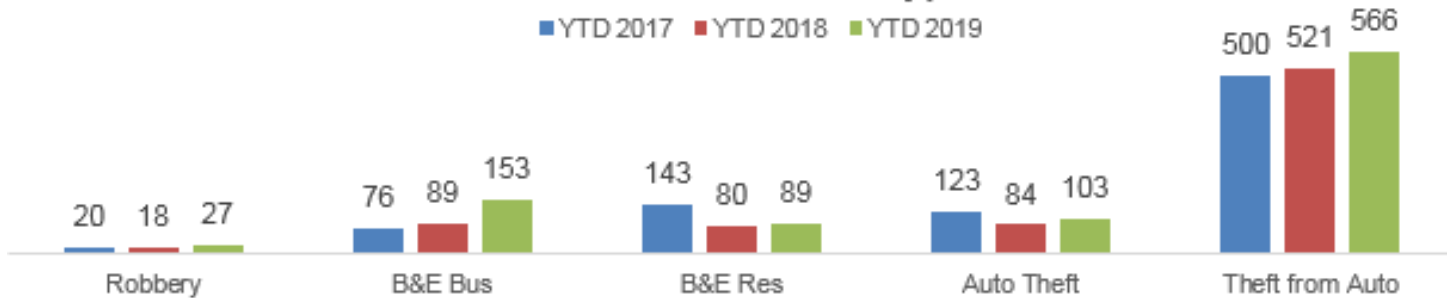
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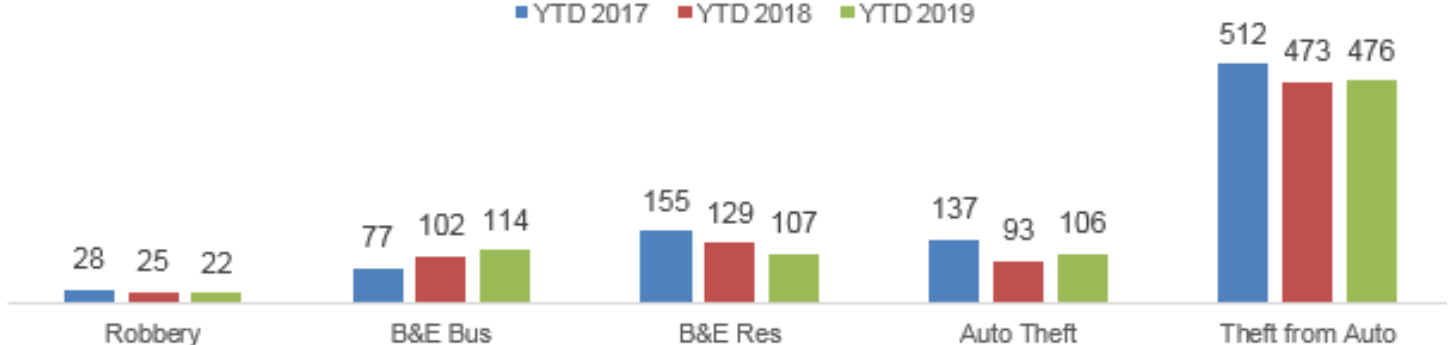
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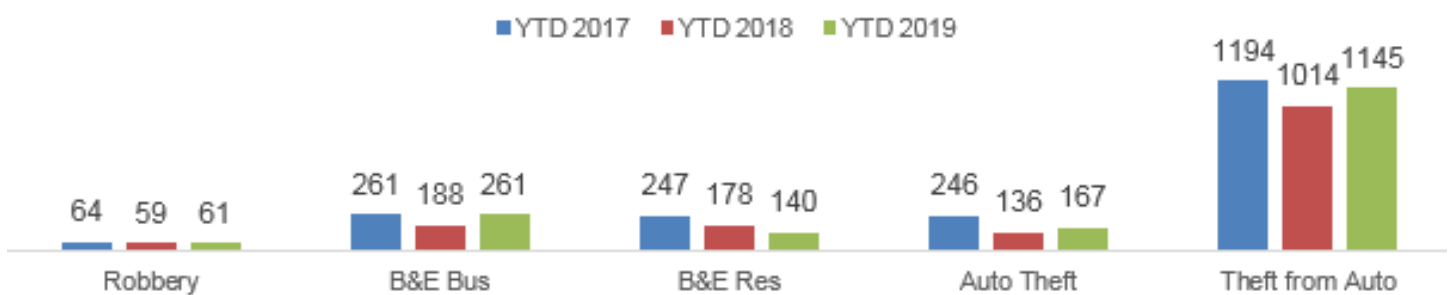
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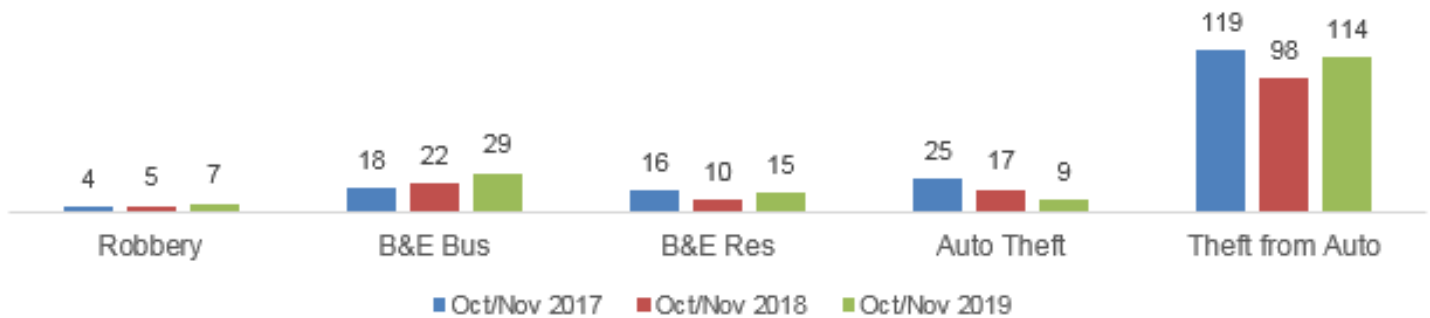
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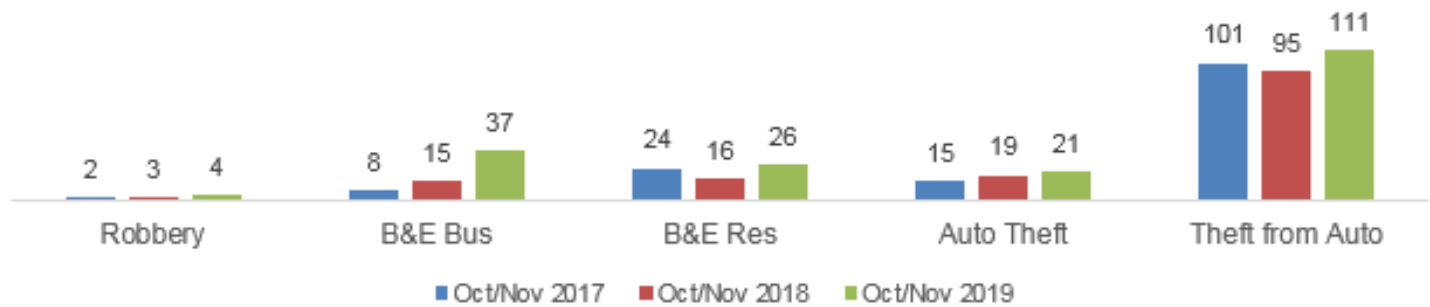


Crime Reduction Stats by Month

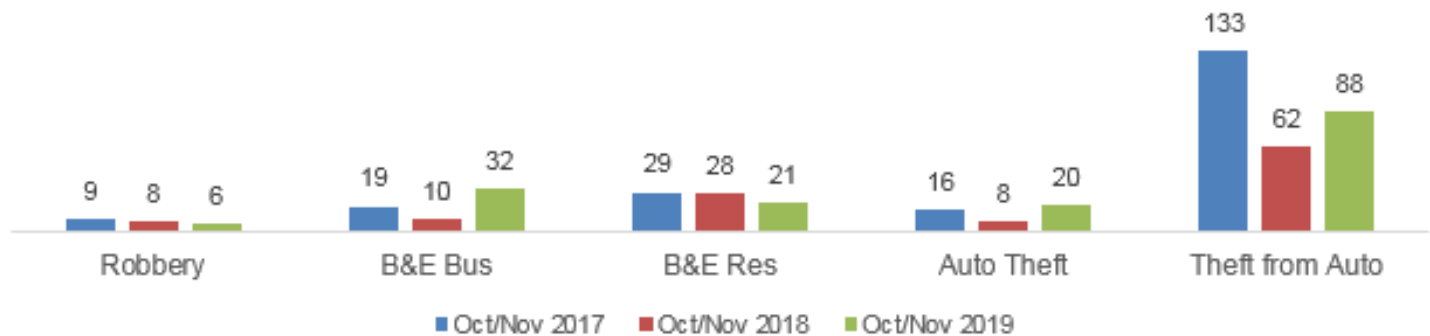
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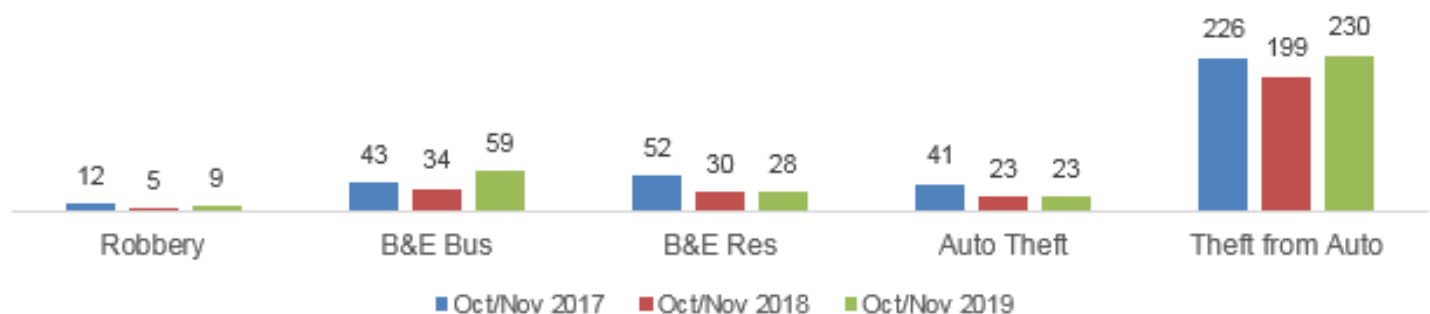
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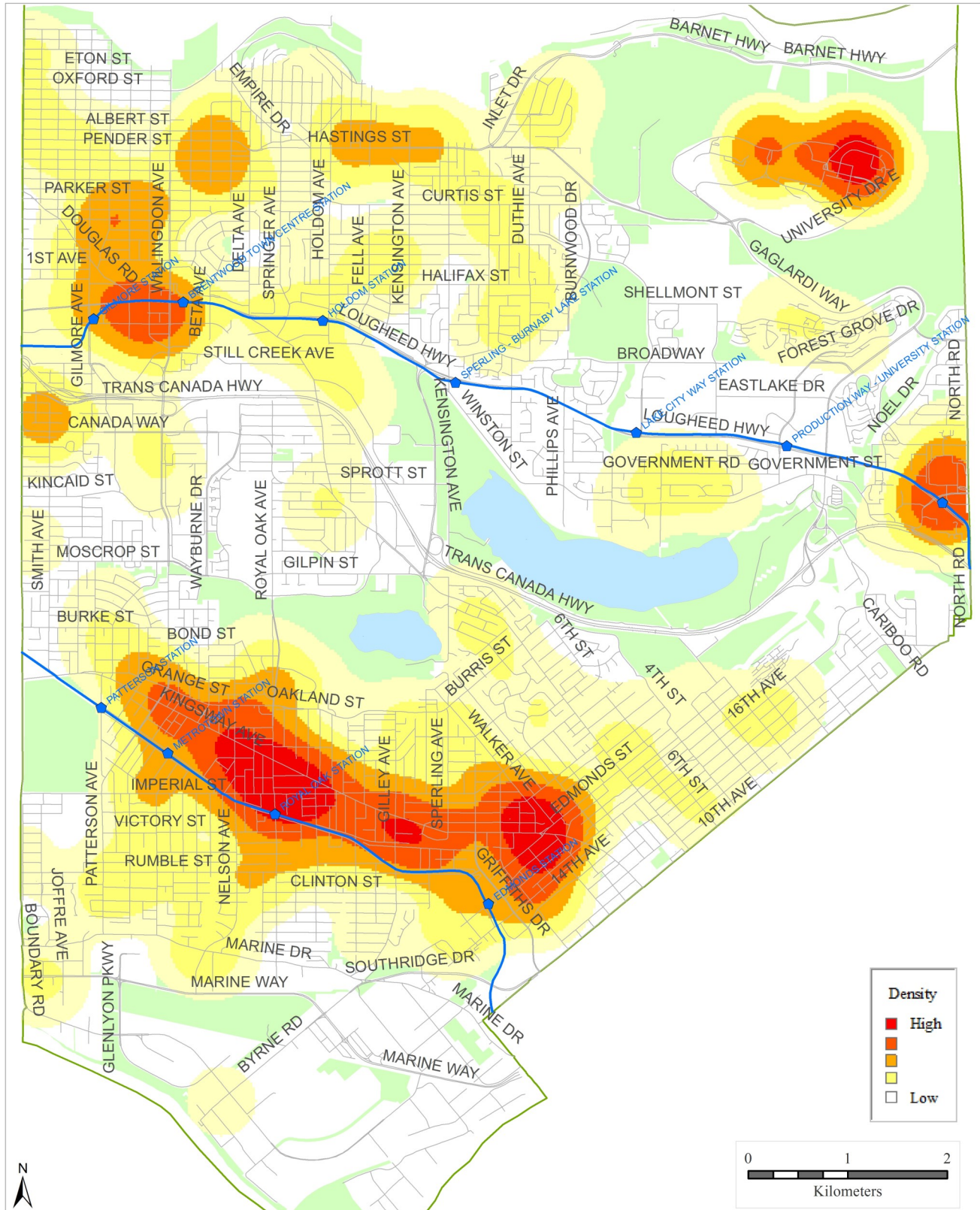
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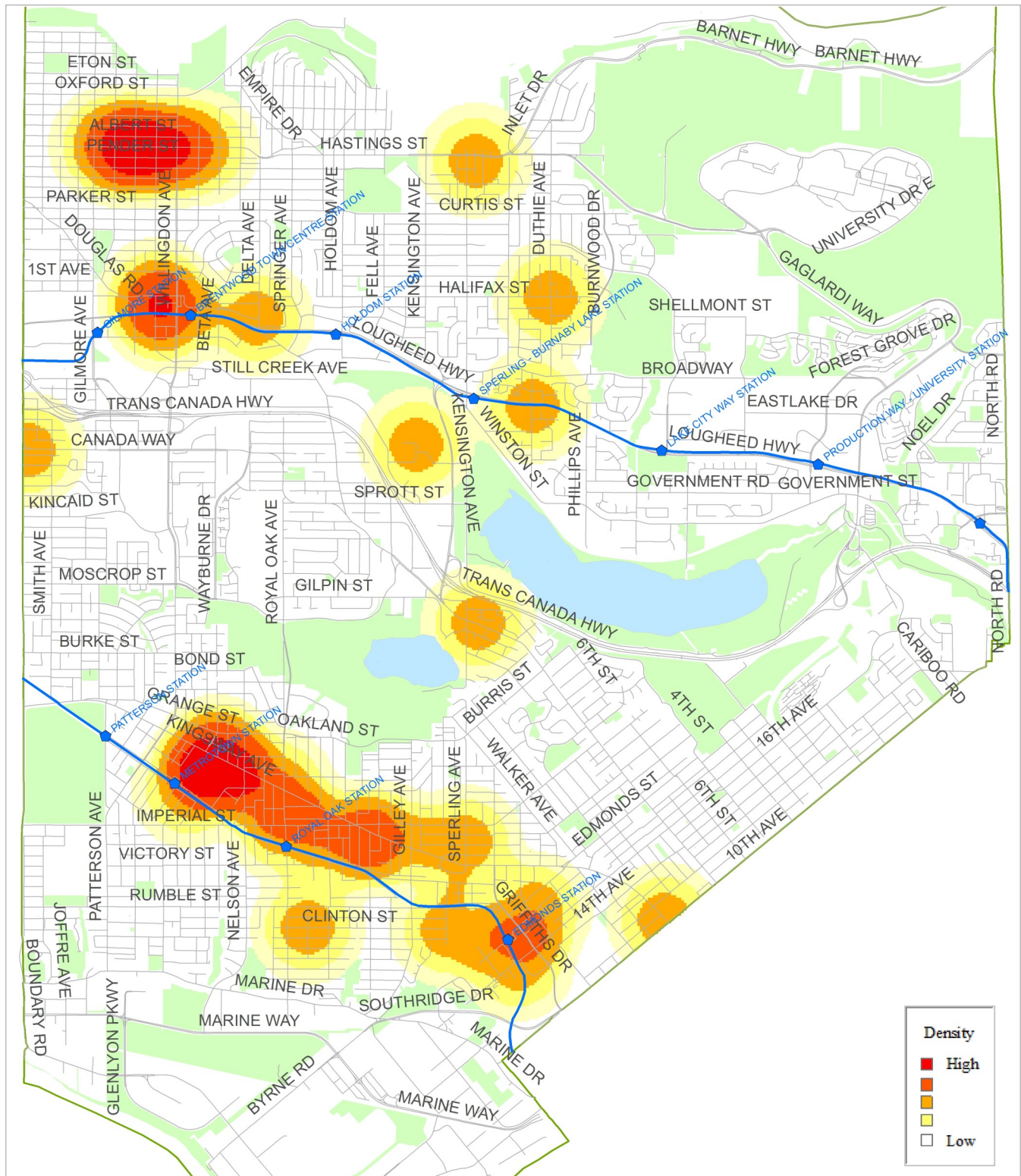
Crime Density Map

Oct 1, 2019 to Nov 30, 2019
Break & Enter Density Map





Robbery Density Map





Density

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- Low

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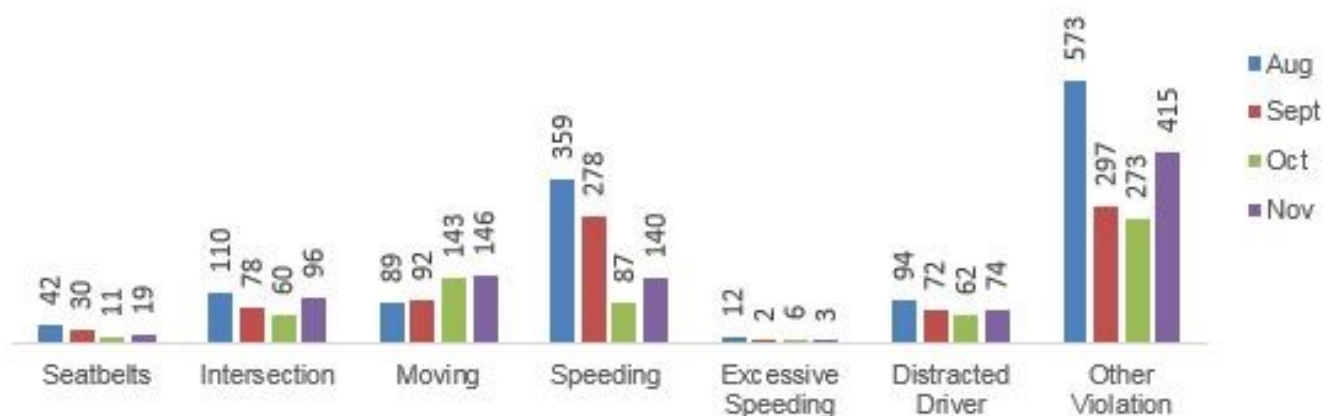
Traffic Services Statistics

During the months of October and November, Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers as well as educational initiatives involving pedestrians. Officers were reminding the public of the importance to watch for cyclists and pedestrians in the darker winter months and also for drivers to prepare their vehicles for Winter with Winter rated tires.

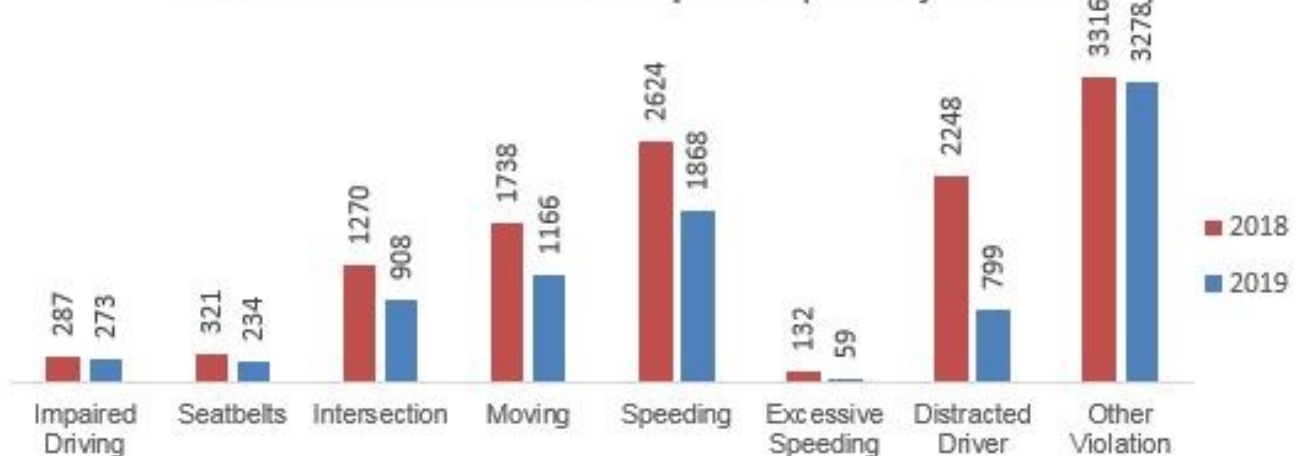
Statistics

During the months of October and November, 361 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 91 involved non life-threatening injuries and there was one fatality.

Moving Violation Enforcement Numbers



2018 vs 2019 Year To Date Comparison (January to November)



Impaired Driving Enforcement Numbers





Investigative Services

Strike Force

In early October a male suspect stole cash registers at a number of businesses throughout the Lower Mainland, including four in Burnaby. A multi-jurisdictional investigation which included Burnaby RCMP, Coquitlam RCMP, Surrey RCMP, Langley RCMP and New Westminster Police Department was initiated and a suspect was identified.

Police began working to locate the suspect, with Coquitlam RCMP arresting him on October 20, 2019. The suspect is facing a number of robbery charges in relation to this investigation.

Drug Section

In late October, after a six-month investigation into a drug trafficking network suspected of selling fentanyl and cocaine, Burnaby RCMP's drug section executed two search warrants in Burnaby and Maple Ridge. The investigation resulted in the seizure of several ounces of suspected cocaine and fentanyl, \$20,000 cash, numerous replica handguns and an assault rifle. Three individuals were arrested and are facing a number of charges, including trafficking, possession for the purpose of trafficking and various weapons charges.



Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In October, proactive investigative work by POST resulted in the arrest of a suspected prolific offender.

Through a review of calls for service, ongoing investigations and information analysis conducted by the Burnaby RCMP Crime Analysis section, a crime trend emerged where motorcycles were being stolen in an industrial / commercial area of Southwest Burnaby. A residence was located in the area that was potentially being frequented by a Burnaby Prolific Offender suspect.

Burnaby POST members conducted proactive surveillance on the area as the suspect had active arrest warrants for a number of offences. Through surveillance, POST members were able to recover a stolen motorcycle but were unable to locate the suspect at that time. On October 2, 2019, POST members were conducting surveillance in the area of the Gilley Avenue and Kingsway. While conducting surveillance, a male on a motorcycle matching the features of the suspect was seen behaving in a suspicious manner.

With the assistance of the RCMP Air 1 helicopter and the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Section, the motorcycle and rider were watched as they entered a parkade in the area of Royal Oak Avenue and Imperial Street. Police vehicles converged on the area and the suspect abandoned the motorcycle. After a short foot chase, the suspect was arrested without incident for the outstanding warrants. Police database queries on the motorcycle confirmed the vehicle was stolen, and a stolen set of licence plates were found on the vehicle as well. The suspect was held for court the following day for the outstanding arrest warrants. A Report to Crown Counsel is being prepared for the offence of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime.



Community Programs

Burnaby Bike Section

In November, proactive patrols by Burnaby Bike Section enabled a quick response to a number of robberies and also resulted in suspects being arrested on outstanding warrants.

In early November, Burnaby Bike Section and Frontline officers responded to a robbery in progress at a business in the 7000-block of Kingsway Avenue. The female suspect entered the business and attempted to steal property from a staff member. When she was stopped, she assaulted the staff member and fled. Officers quickly located the suspect just past the Burnaby / New Westminster border and arrested her.

In mid November, Bike Section officers attended to a reported theft at a grocery store at Metrotown Mall. The complainant stated that a male suspect had entered the store and stolen meat products. The man was quick located by Bike Section officers and Community Response Team officers on the platform of Metrotown Skytrain Station. He was arrested and charged with theft.

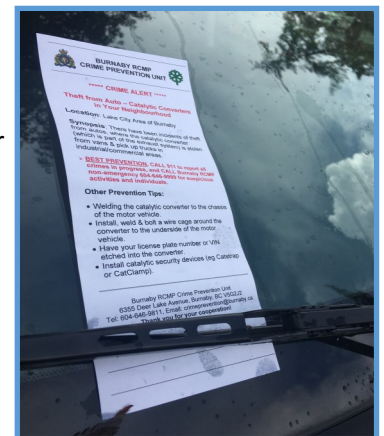
On November 21, Bike Section officers on patrol in the area of Crystal Mall located a female who was known to them from previous encounters. The female was found to be wanted on an outstanding warrant for robbery and was arrested.



Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW)

Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteers conducted patrols through the months of October and November, focusing on areas where thefts from vehicles have been occurring. BCCW volunteers also assisted in raising awareness about catalytic converter thefts by placing crime notices on vehicles in areas where these thefts are an issue.

BCCW also welcomed one new member and a current member, Mary Gates was recognized as one of the 2019 Burnaby Local Heros at a ceremony in late October.





Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

In October, CRT engaged in the first ever Boost and Bust program in Burnaby. The Boost and Bust initiative involves our officers working inside of shopping malls to identify and arrest shoplifters. Using statistical information, officers were able to identify days and times when thefts were likely to occur which assisted with determining when the program should be initiated.

The first Boost and Bust took place in Metropolis at Metrotown on October 23, 2019. CRT officers working in conjunction with loss prevention officers arrested four people over a four-hour period at the mall. These arrests resulted in the recovery of over \$2,000 in merchandise. The initiative was a big success and there are plans to continue it into the future.

In late November, CRT officers on proactive patrols in the area of McKay Avenue and Central Boulevard assisted a man experiencing a mental health crisis. Officers attended a local coffee shop after receiving a report that a man was in a washroom yelling and screaming. Officers quickly located the man outside the coffee shop where he was swinging a golf club potentially endangering members of the public. CRT officers managed to safely apprehend the man under the mental health act just before he tried to run into traffic on Central Boulevard.

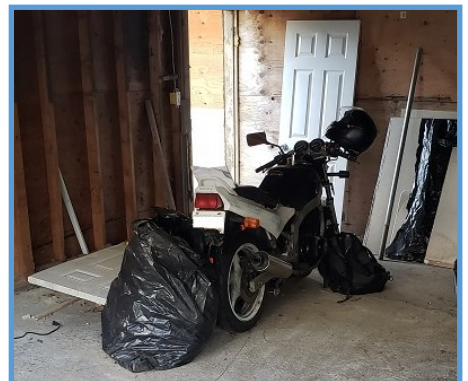
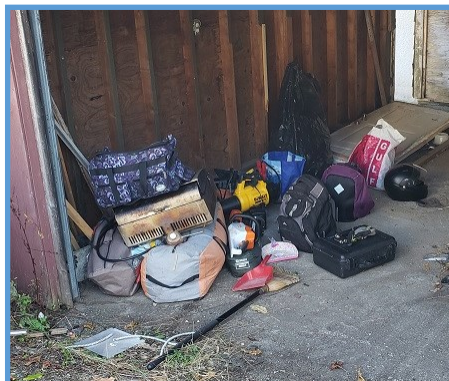


In early November, CRT officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 5000-block of Keith Road in Burnaby. The complainant stated that there was a pickup truck parked near an open garage at an abandoned residence and that a man and woman were loading items into the truck.

Upon arrival, CRT officers approached the two people, both said they were doing clean up work at the residence. When asked to identify themselves, the man gave a false name and was arrested for obstruction. After learning of his real name, officers discovered the man was wanted on a warrant from another jurisdiction.

CRT officers then checked out the pickup truck that was at scene and quickly learned it was stolen. As a result of this, the woman on scene was also arrested. Police found additional stolen property in both the stolen truck and the residence including a motorcycle, power tools, hand tools, suitcases, camping gear and personal electronics.

Both suspects are facing charges of possession of stolen property in relation to this investigation.





Community Programs

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

YIT officers were involved in working with school staff to prepare for Halloween this year. As much as Halloween is fun and a time to enjoy for young people, it can also result in them getting in trouble or seriously injured.

In the days leading to Halloween night, YIT officers engaged in conversations with students at schools talking about how to party safely during Halloween. Officers provided presentations to large groups of students, in elementary and secondary schools, on this topic to help them understand the dangers and legal aspects of using fireworks. YIT officers worked until late through Halloween night to enjoy the occasion with young people and also prevent any potential criminal activity from occurring.

Events attended by YIT officers included:

- Halloween at Lougheed Mall where hundreds of young people were trick and treating.
- Halloween Dance at Alpha Secondary school. Officers were at the event until it ended to provide police presence and support to students and school staff.
- YIT officers attended a firework event arranged by 2nd Street Community School on Halloween night. Hundreds of students and parents attended the event.
- YIT officers provided a presentation to a large group of students at Marlborough Elementary talking about trick-or-treating safety.



In early November, YIT officers organized a Take Our Kids to Work Day at the main Burnaby RCMP detachment. 19 students attended the six-hour program which included informative classroom sessions and presentations, relative to policing, by various police specialized sections such as Forensic Identification, Traffic Services and Police Dog Services.



This group included nine students whose parents were not employees of the detachment, but had been identified by YIT officers at their schools and given the opportunity to join the event.

Overall, based on feedback received by attendees and their parents, the event was informative and appreciated by everyone.



Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

October was a busy month for the Crime Prevention Unit with a number of presentations and awareness sessions organized and attended by staff.

As part of the Safe Community Series, CPU staff gave a presentation on Incident Reporting at Tommy Douglas Library. The presentation was well attended and covered topics such as when to report an incident and which agency to report certain incidents to.



Senior Safety and Fraud Prevention was another topic covered by our CPU staff in October. 41 people attended a presentation at a seniors living facility in Burnaby and feedback from attendees was very positive.

CPU staff worked alongside Burnaby Traffic Services officers and ICBC on a pedestrian awareness campaign in mid-October. Events took place around Burnaby with a launch at Simon Fraser University aimed at better educating the public on their safety on the roads.



In addition to the events listed above, CPU staff conducted nine security assessments in October and November. Seven of these were at multi-residential condo complexes and two businesses. Security assessments are conducted by trained CPU staff. After an assessment, a recommendations report is generated and presented to the property representative. The report provides guidance and suggestions for property representatives on making meaningful changes to their property in order to enhance overall safety and security. Security assessments are offered free of charge to both businesses and residential properties. Due to the high demand, requests are prioritized based on the level or frequency of reported crime and nuisance activity.



Community Programs

Crime Prevention & Victim Services Liaison

In November, the Burnaby RCMP's Crime Prevention and Victim Services Liaison, Corporal Abby Yep participated in two Youth Forums hosted by MOSAIC. The "Moving Forward" program, which is a MOSAIC initiative, specifically created this event for Redirecting Youth Through Empowerment (RYTE) students. RYTE offers at-risk youth aged 14-24 the opportunity to engage in activities that promote the development of pro-social skills and facilitate peer and community connections.

For each of these events Corporal Yep provided information on topics such as the law in Canada and how it pertains to youth. Corporal Yep also focused on topics such as alcohol consumption, cannabis legalization, illicit drug use, driving laws and incident reporting.

On each day there were approximately 25 young people in attendance along with MOSAIC staff. Interpretation in Arabic and Tigrinya was provided by MOSAIC. The presentations varied in length from a half hour to an hour and provided an opportunity for the young people to ask questions and create conversation.

The majority of the young people were Burnaby residents and attend Burnaby schools. There were also a few older attendees who are no longer in the school system. The event was well organized and the attendees were very receptive and engaged in the presentations.



Victim Services Unit (VSU)

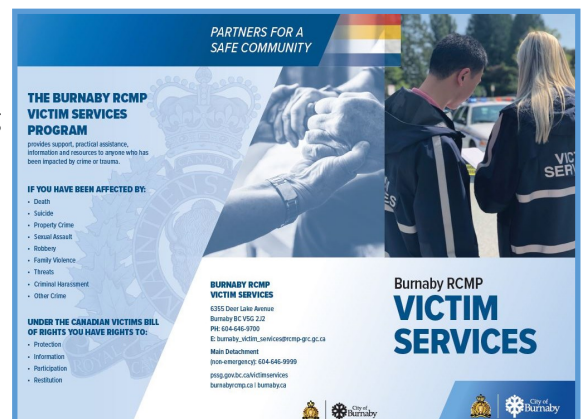


In October and November, Burnaby RCMP's Victim Services Unit (VSU) opened 289 files and provided 230 hours of direct crisis intervention support.

In October, VSU staff took part in a meeting with the Ministry of Public Safety to speak about how the program has flourished in recent years and to also speak about increases in files being generated. Staff also took part in a number of training sessions to better expand on their skill set.

In November, VSU staff hosted a shoe and clothing drive at the detachment to help a local transition house and Progressive Housing during the cold winter season.

In addition to the above, in collaboration with graphic designers at the City of Burnaby, VSU finalized pamphlets which continue to be distributed around to Community Police Offices and to partners at Community Based Victim Services.





Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

In October and November, CPO Volunteers took part in Pedestrian Safety Month, accompanying officers and staff as they handed out reflectors and gave advice to the public about their safety on the roads in the Winter months.



**Cell Watch: 27 hours,
7769 vehicles checked**



**Speed Watch: 12.5 hours,
1255 vehicles checked**



**Foot Patrols: 42 hours,
2986 vehicles checked**

Much of the speed watch outlined above was done in school zones around the City where volunteers also educated members of the public about the importance of slowing down through school zones.

In addition, volunteers also took part in Halloween at the Heights, handing out Candy to kids from our Community Police Office on Hastings Street and they also assisted with the Festival of Lights at Edmonds Park in late November.



Events & Initiatives

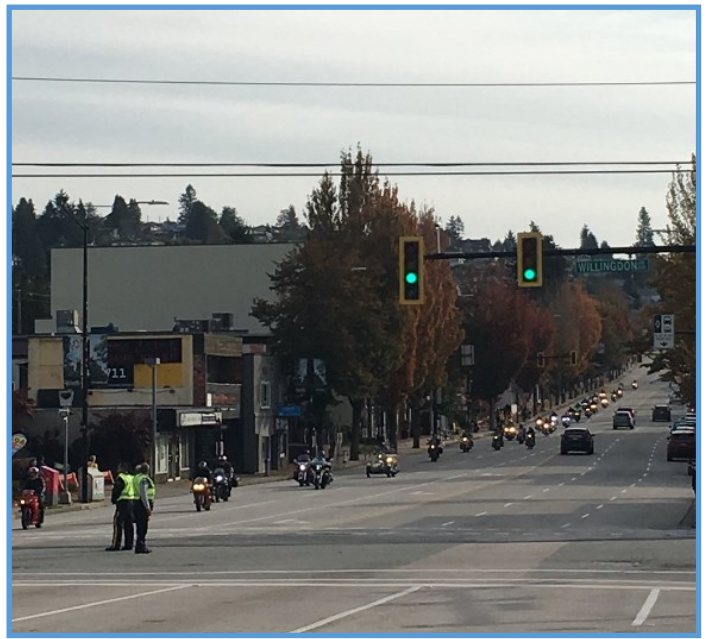
Girls Can Fly Event

In early October, C/Supt. Burleigh was a keynote speaker at the Girls Can Fly event at Abbotsford Airport. A number of Burnaby RCMP officers also attended in Red Serge.



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau Toy Run

Each year Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services Unit ensure that Santa, the Grinch and thousands of others on motorcycles get the toys they are carrying safely to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau.





Events & Initiatives

Pedestrian Safety Month

Throughout October and November Burnaby RCMP officers, staff and volunteers were out across the City providing safety advice and reflectors to members of the community for pedestrian safety month.





Events & Initiatives

Remembrance Day

Along with our colleagues at Burnaby Fire Department, a number of our officers took part in Remembrance Day events around the City.



Operation Red Nose Launch

Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services Sergeant Dwayne Beckerleg spoke about the importance of not driving impaired and planning a safe ride home at the launch of Operation Red Nose in November.

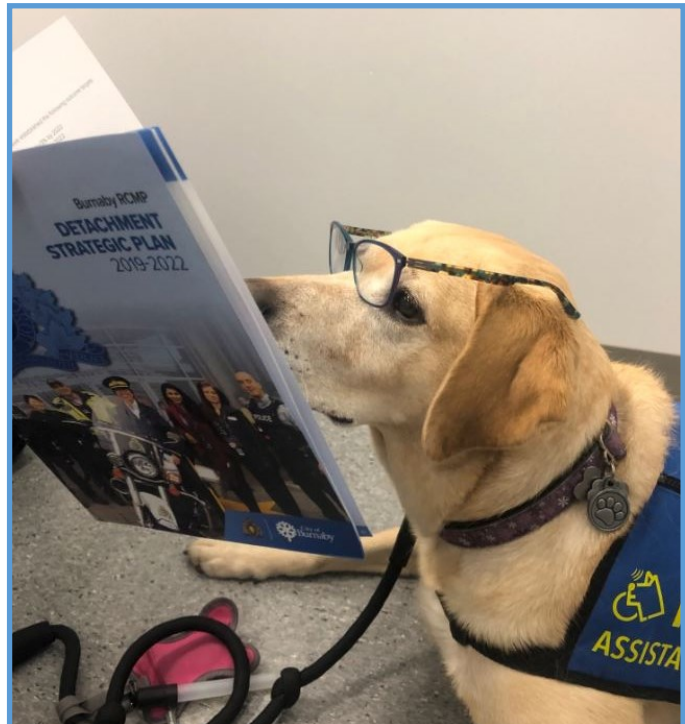
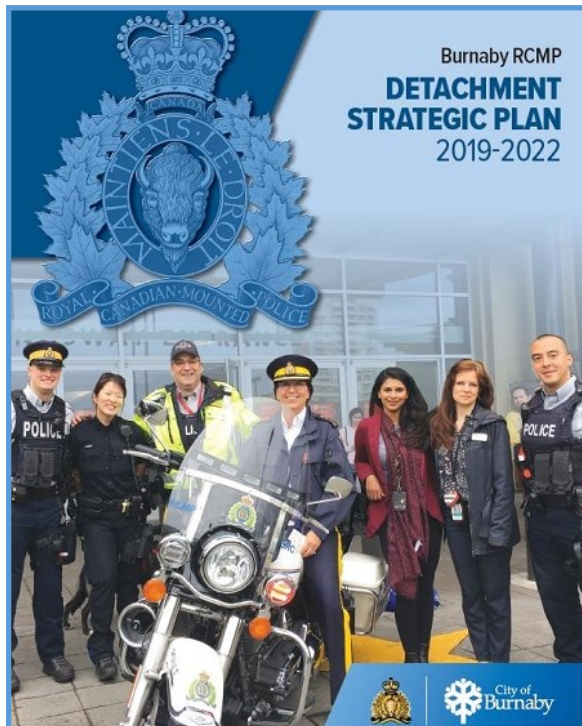




Events & Initiatives

Burnaby RCMP's Strategic Plan

After months of community consultations, conversations with stakeholders, research, planning and speaking with our people at the detachment, in November we launched our Strategic Plan for the period of 2019—2022. If you would like a copy of the plan check out the Burnaby RCMP Website, Twitter page or drop into our main detachment or any of our Community Police Offices.



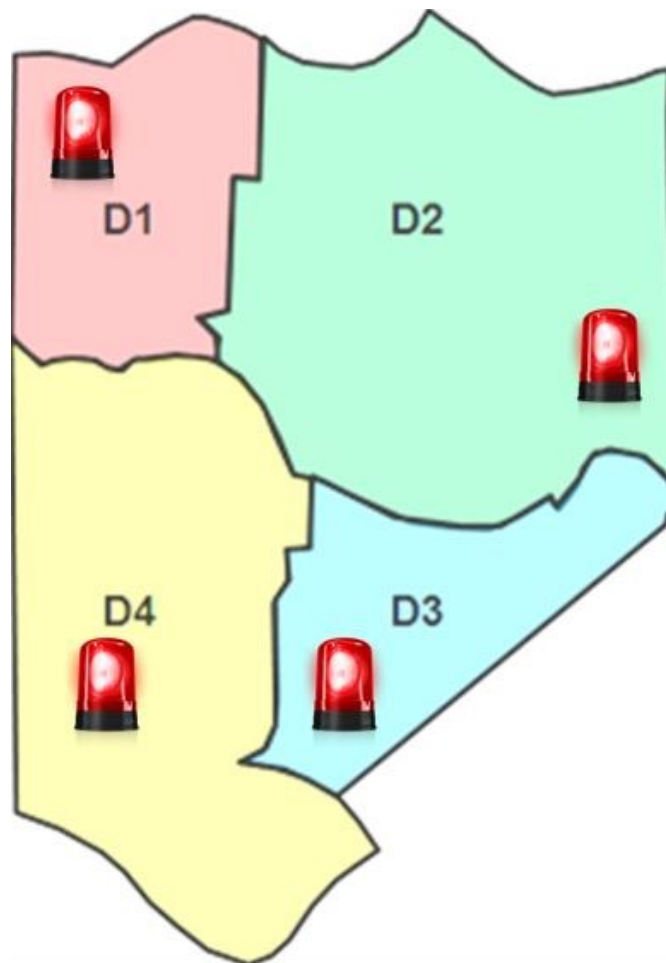


Contact Us

If you have any questions about this report or if you're interested in volunteering with Burnaby RCMP then please contact us at any of the locations below.

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