

BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Partners for a Safe Community

DEC—JAN 2020

Cram the Cruiser





Message from the Chief



December was a busy month for our Community Programs teams with our Community Response Team (CRT) and Youth Investigative Team (YIT) officers leading fundraising initiatives at the detachment.

CRT officers led a Cram the Cruiser event, the first held in Burnaby. This event took place at Metrotown Mall with officers and staff seeking food donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. These donations assist the food bank in what is a very busy holiday season for them. Over 725lbs of food and \$1,200 in cash donations were gathered at the event. My sincere thanks to everyone who came by, engaged with our officers and staff and donated.

YIT led a record breaking year for Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive. Throughout December, Burnaby RCMP officers and staff brought toy donations to the detachment for the toy drive. In addition to this, YIT officers took the toy drive to Metrotown Mall for the first time and thanks to the generosity of members of the public and our staff at the detachment, over 600 toys made their way to BC Children's Hospital in time for Christmas.

The dedication of the officers and staff at the detachment to these initiatives is truly inspiring and it's our hope that we continue to build on the success of these next year.

Operationally, two of our specialist units had significant successes with investigations in January. Our Economic Crime Unit (ECU) saw the conclusion of a three year investigation into a fraud which had taken place at a housing co-op in Burnaby. This fraud involved over two million dollars and impacted many people. In January the former president of the co-op was jailed for three years and nine months thanks to a diligent investigation by ECU.

Burnaby RCMP's High Risk Offender Unit (HRO) continued an investigation into alleged groping incidents that had taken place in 2019. After a six-month investigation, a man was charged with four counts of sexual assault in relation to these incidents. More information on both of these investigations can be found in the report.

Finally, in January we saw an increase in violent incidents in Burnaby with our officers responding to two homicides and one non-fatal shooting. In response to these incidents we have conducted an initiative aimed at disrupting this violence. Already this initiative has seen success with our officers taking weapons and drugs off of our streets. We want our community members to know that when we have violence on our streets, we are prepared to redeploy our resources in order to deal with it.

We are looking forward to continuing to provide excellent service to our community in 2020 and are excited about the rollout of our Strategic Plan. In 2020 you can expect to see even more of us in the community with events like Coffee with a Cop and National Police Week. Your continued engagement at these events and with our officers in Burnaby is much appreciated and we look forward to even more of this in 2020.

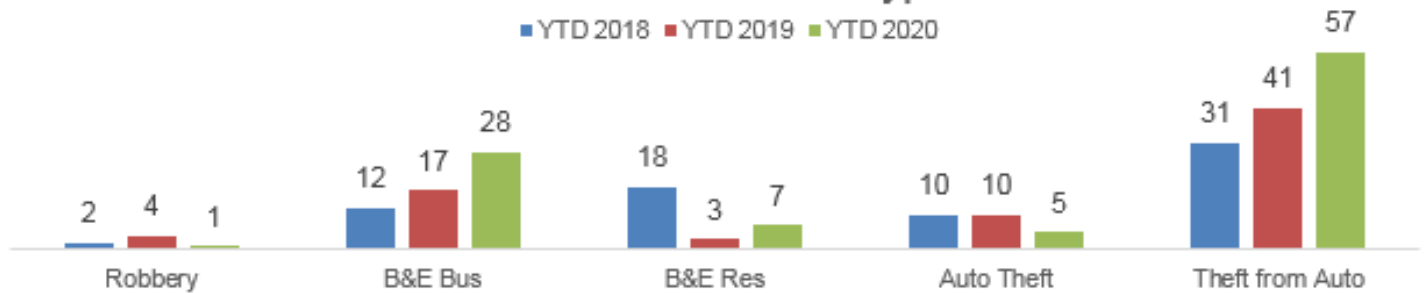
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment



Crime Reduction Stats Over 3 Years

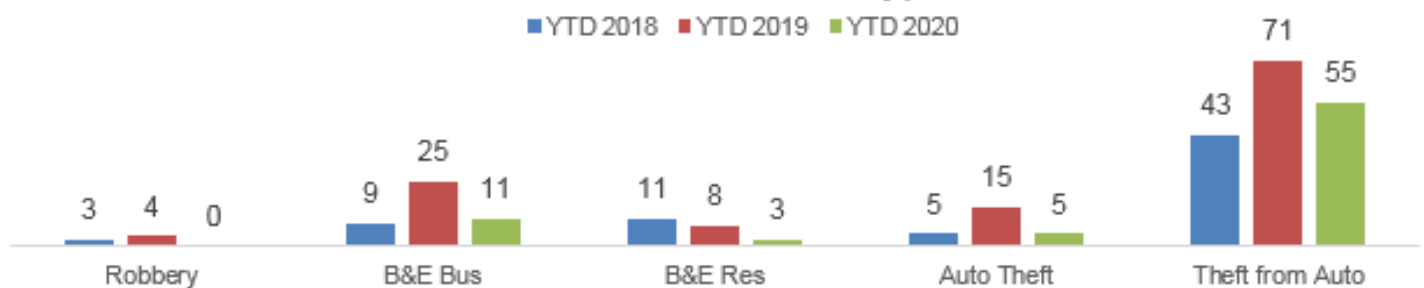
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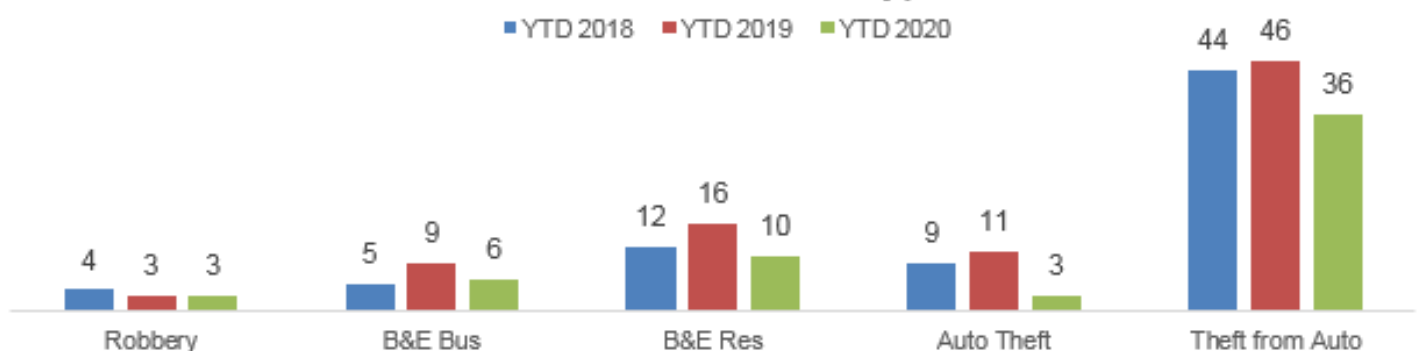
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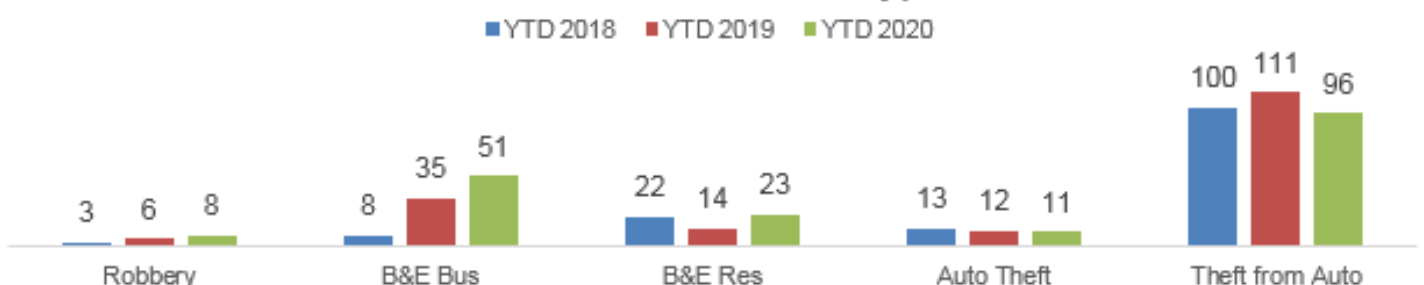
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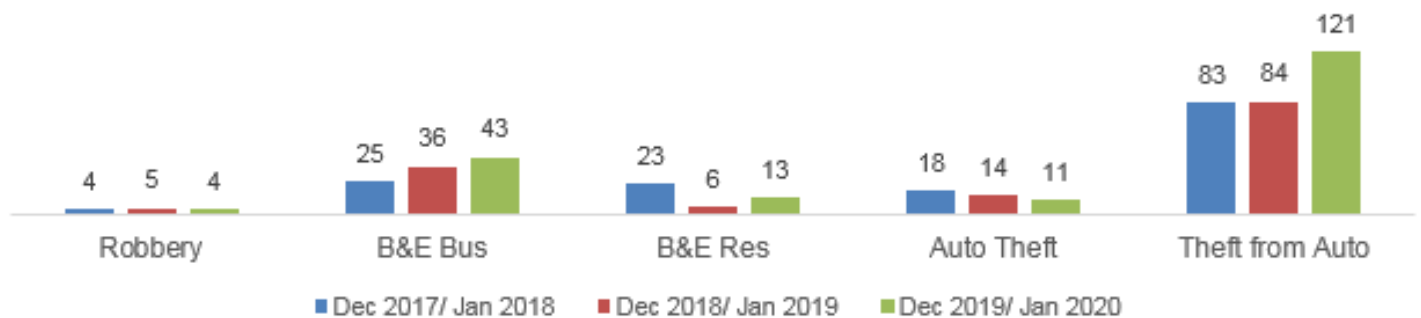
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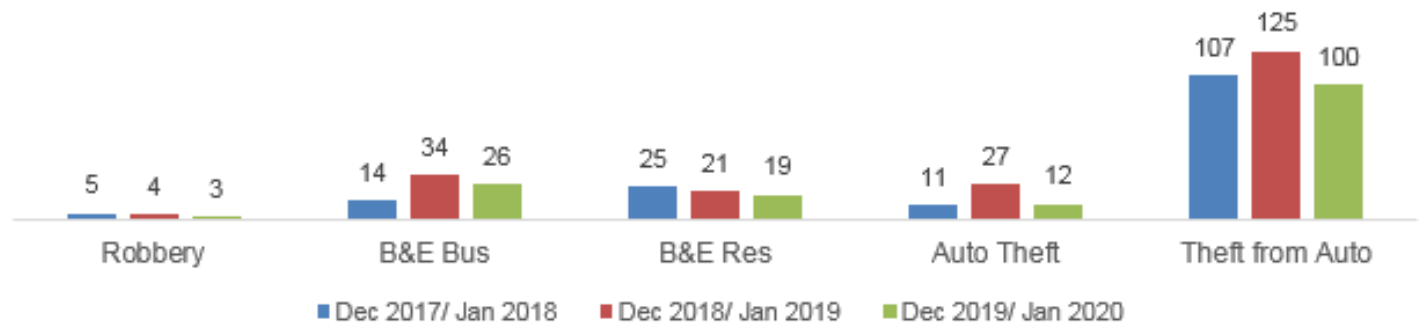


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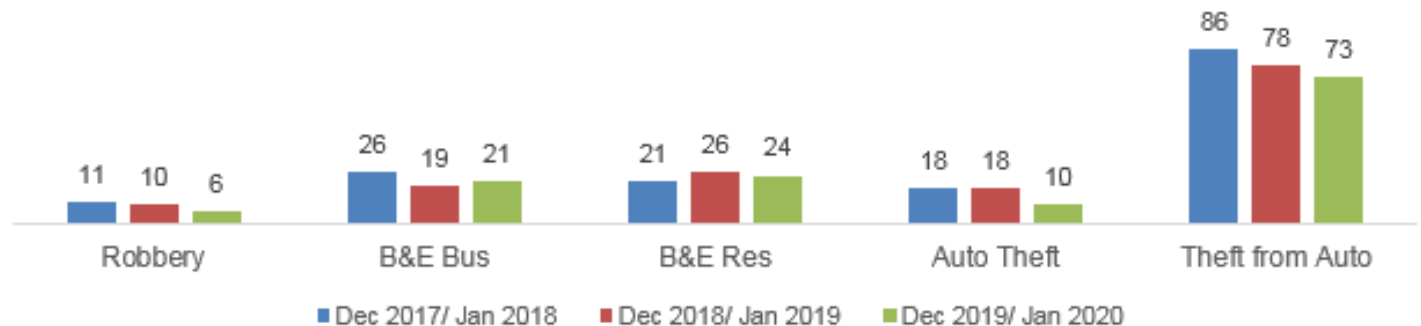
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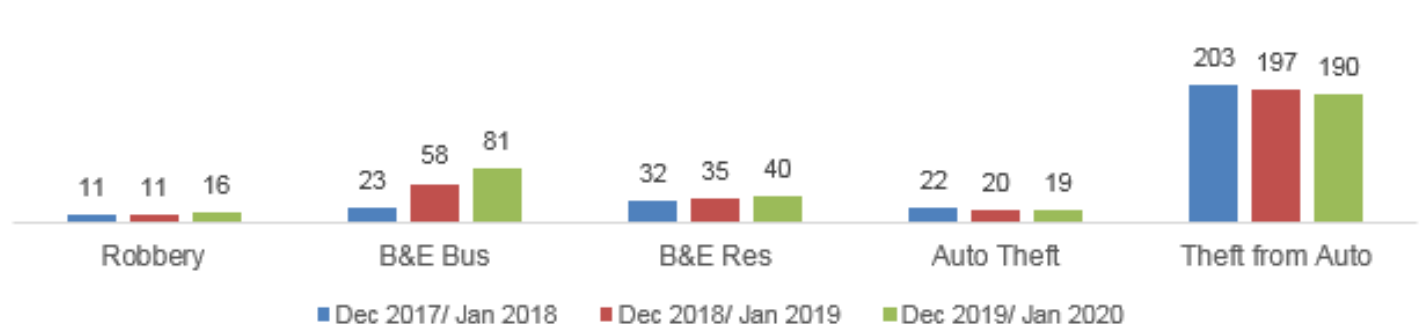
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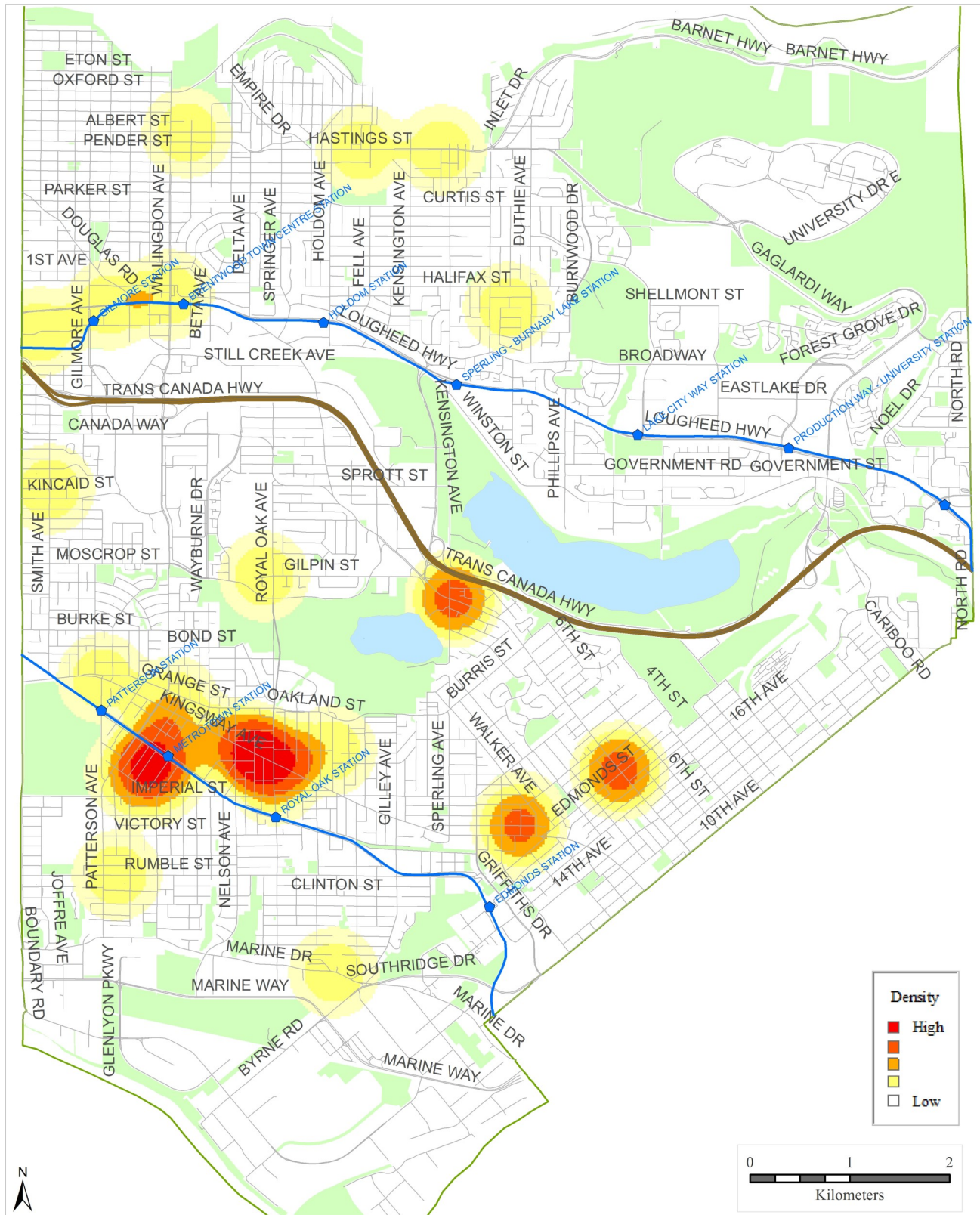
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Crime Density Map

Dec 1, 2019 to Jan 31, 2020

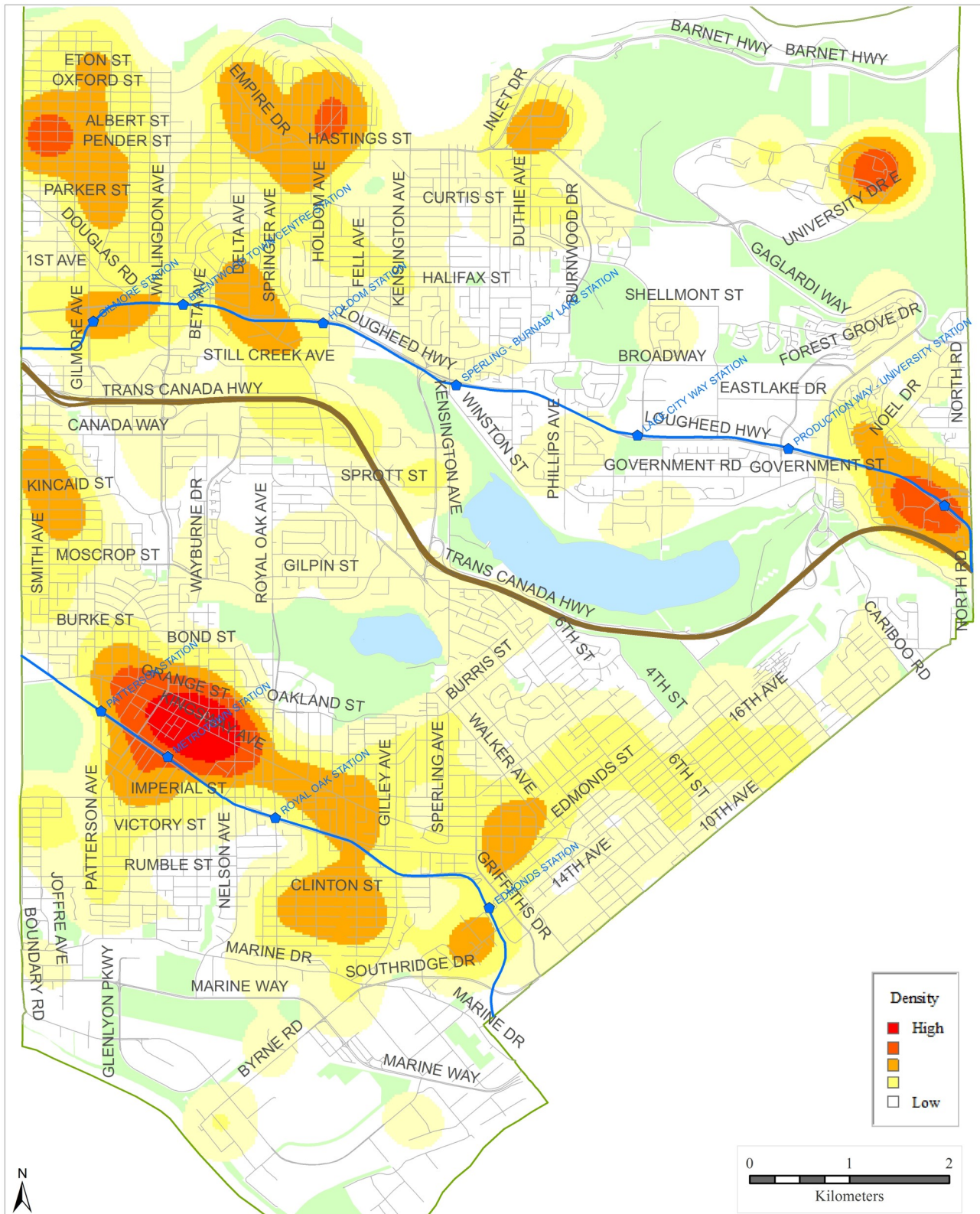
Robbery Density Map





Crime Density Map

Dec 1, 2019 to Jan 31, 2020
Auto Crimes Density Map





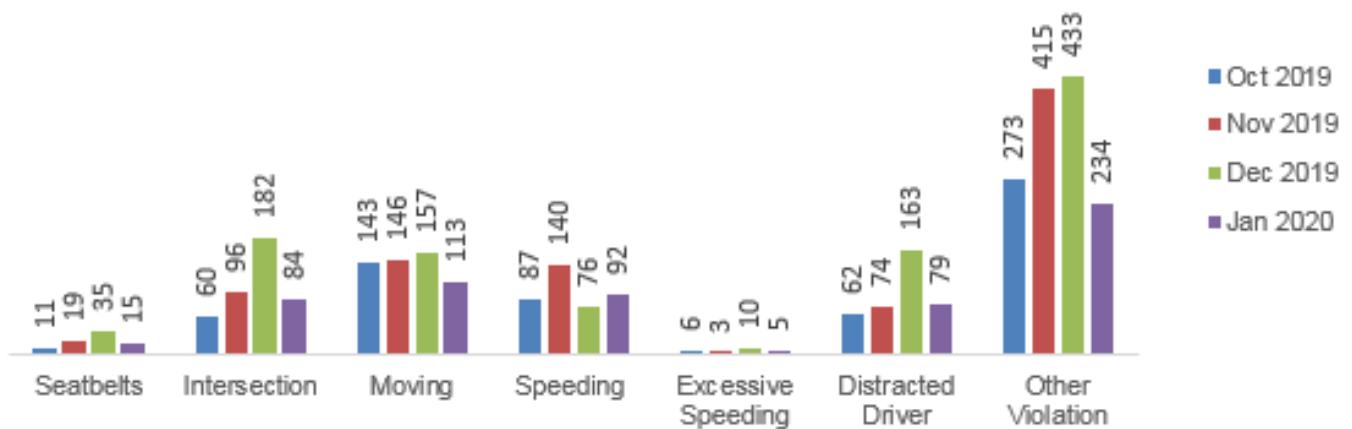
Traffic Services Statistics

During the month of December, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers including impaired driving roadblocks and pedestrian safety for the holiday season. The public is reminded to enjoy the winter months responsibly and prepare your vehicle for winter with winter rated tires.

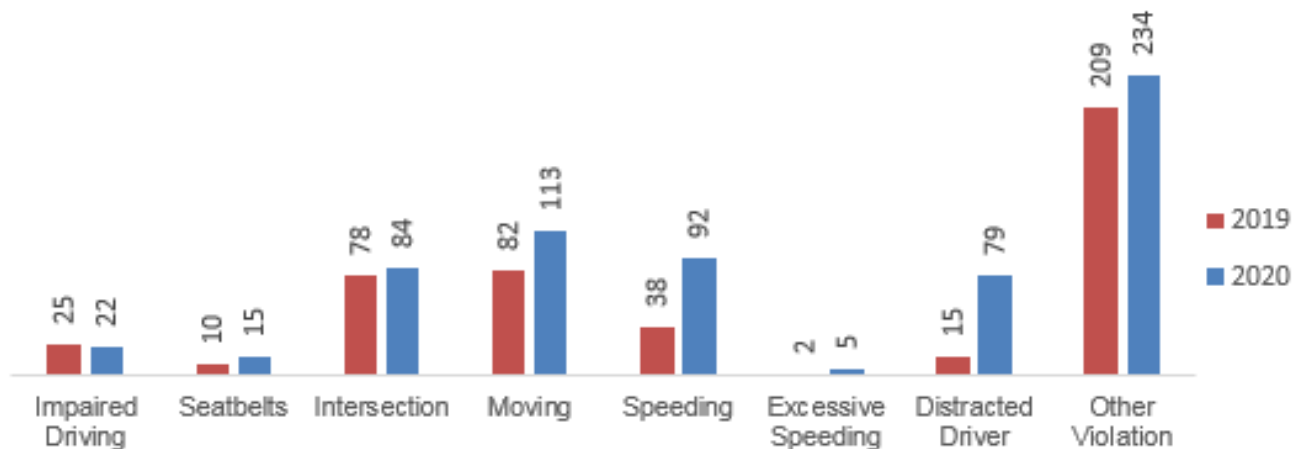
Statistics

During the months of December and January, 311 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 56 involved non life-threatening injuries and there was one fatality.

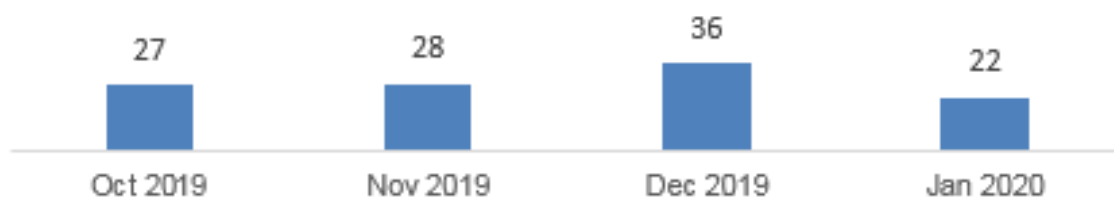
Moving Violation Enforcement Numbers



2019 vs 2020 Year To Date Comparison (January)



Impaired Driving Enforcement Numbers





Investigative Services & Community Programs

Economic Crime Unit

In January, the former president of a low income housing cooperative was sentenced to three years and nine months in jail after an extensive investigation by Burnaby RCMP's Economic Crime Unit. The ECU investigation showed that the former president was writing cheques and creating invoices for work that had not been done. These cheques, totalling over 2 million dollars were then being deposited into her own account over a number of years.

High Risk Offender Unit (HRO)

In December, an investigation by HRO resulted in a Burnaby man being charged with four counts of sexual assault. The investigations related to four separate incidents which occurred in April, May, September and November of 2019. Two of these incidents involved alleged groping of teenage girls and others involved workers assigned to assist the man after his initial arrest and release.

As part of his release, the man must abide by 22 conditions including no contact with anyone under the age of 16, not to travel on any public bus unless travelling to an approved meeting or appointment and to keep the peace and be of good behaviour.



Burnaby Bike Section



In December, Bike Section officers were at Metrotown mall assisting with a fundraising event when they were approached by a loss prevention officer and advised that there was a person shoplifting in a store. Bike Section officers attended the store and detained the male suspect. While they were at the store another shoplifting suspect was observed and detained. All of the merchandise was returned to the retailer.

In late December, Bike Section officers were conducting proactive patrols on foot near the Metrotown Skytrain Station when they observed a man who attempted to flee after observing them. The officers pursued the man on foot and detained him. Queries conducted showed that the man had an outstanding warrant from Transit Police and he was arrested.



Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

In December and January, there was an increase in violent incidents in Burnaby including two homicides and one non-fatal shooting. In response to these violent incidents, the Community Response Team commenced an initiative focused on known gang members in the City.

This initiative involved Community Response Team members who used their knowledge and experience of the City to conduct full uniform high visibility patrols in areas where gang members and those involved in crime are known to congregate. This included street patrols as well as patrols through and around restaurants and bars in the City. This high visibility enforcement has been successful in disrupting crime related to drug trafficking and has resulted in a number of investigations being commenced.

In early January, three traffic stops conducted by CRT resulted in the seizure of multiple weapons. On Friday January 3, 2020, at 5 p.m., CRT officers on patrol stopped a vehicle they had observed speeding at Marine Drive and Strathearn Avenue with multiple occupants. During their investigation one of the occupants advised police that he was carrying a knife. A subsequent detention and search of the three men resulted in officers locating a knife and a can of bear spray.



45 minutes later, at 5:45 p.m., CRT officers observed a vehicle that they believed was being used for drug trafficking in the area of Beresford Street and McKay Avenue. Based on the behaviour of the driver and those approaching the vehicle, officers conducted an investigation and while no drugs were located, officers did locate evidence associated with a dial-a-dope trafficking operation and also two folding knives. Officers seized the two knives and the driver was released at scene.

One hour later, just before 7 p.m., CRT officers stopped a vehicle that was speeding on Kingsway Avenue and Russell Avenue. A check of the vehicle revealed that the owner had a history of committing break and enters. As police approached, both male occupants got out of the vehicle and one of them was observed to have a knife in the waistband of his pants. A search was conducted on the men and an airsoft replica pistol was also found. Both weapons were seized by officers and the two men were released at scene.



Community Programs

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

As part of its educational and preventative strategies, YIT officers have become involved in the Boys Club Network, a privately funded charity organization that works with at-risk youth with the objective of preventing these young people from getting involved in criminal activities. Despite being relatively new in Burnaby schools, YIT officers were quick to get on board with this initiative, in collaboration with Burnaby School District to support the organization by facilitating presentations at the participating schools.

These presentations are held weekly, for groups of young people who are selected by their school and involve speakers from various backgrounds telling their life stories in hope of giving their audience courage and inspiration to lift themselves onto the right path.

In December, YIT officers took charge of organizing the detachment's annual Keian Holiday Wish Toy Drive. As part of the fundraising event, YIT set up a booth at Metrotown mall for a day and took donations of toys and cash from shoppers. This fundraising tradition was started by Keian Blundell, a six-year-old boy who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2012. To put a smile on other kids faces at the hospital, Keian collected toys during the weeks leading up to Christmas and donated them to Children's hospital.

Keian died in 2014 but his legacy of kindness remains. Burnaby RCMP has been involved in the Toy Drive event for the past several years. This year's event was a success and a record for the detachment so far raising \$2,300 in cash and collecting 600 toys, all of which were donated to BC Children's hospital.

The International Education Program of Burnaby School District attracts many foreign students from various countries every year. Some of these students come from countries where perception of safety and security might be different from that of Canada, which might expose them to unexpected risks. Occasionally, police encounter situations where international students get victimized by criminals, or become a suspect in a file, simply as a result of not being aware of laws and rules of the land. As such at the beginning of each semester, at the School District's request, YIT officers attend the International Students Orientation Day and deliver a presentation on safety to the students.

On January 22, 2020, Burnaby Central Secondary School held a career fair for students and parents to provide an opportunity for students to learn about various jobs and professions. In coordination with Burnaby School District, YIT officers attended the event and set up a booth. YIT officers provided information to students and adults wanting to know more about the RCMP and perhaps seeking a career in policing. The event was well attended with approximately 100 people attending the RCMP booth seeking information. The occasion gave our officers another chance to engage with young people and their parents to promote policing in Burnaby and answer many questions they had.





Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

In December, Crime Prevention Unit staff conducted three security assessments for businesses and residences in Burnaby. 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.

CPU staff also attended a strata council meeting for a complex that was experiencing an increase in criminal activity. CPU attended to listen to concerns and provide expertise on security measures that could be taken around the complex.



Block Watch training was held in December and January for new captains. This program continues to be successful in deterring crime in Burnaby. If you are interested in starting a new block watch for your area, contact

BlockWatch@burnaby.ca

In December, CPU staff took part in Cram the Cruiser which was a very successful event, raising much needed funds and food donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

Youth Services Unit (YSU)

The trend of a higher than average number of referrals continues for the Youth Services Unit Counselling Program. This has led to the generation a waitlist for therapy and counselling services.

Following previous year's popular prevention circles, the Restorative Justice Program has seen an increase within Burnaby schools for requests in prevention circles and programs, which have been running in multiple schools since the beginning of the school year.

The Counselling Program continues to see an increase in complex file referrals for services, as referral sources realize the long-term benefits in addressing the root causes of certain behavior patterns among youths.



Community Programs

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In December, VSU completed the year with a total of 1,681 files and 1,887 hours of direct crisis support in 2019. This marked a 5% increase in files and an 18% increase for crisis intervention support from 2018.

In January, VSU opened 140 files and provided 120 hours of crisis intervention support. Staff attended a number of courses focused on personal development at the City of Burnaby through the month.



Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW)



Our dedicated BCCW volunteers conducted patrols throughout December and January covering 550 kilometres around the City. Patrol areas focused on reported incidents of theft from autos and areas that have seen an increase in problematic loitering.

In addition to the above, nearly 3,000 license plates were checked against the Stolen Auto Recovery database.



Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

Over the last few months, counter barriers have been installed at all of our Community Police Offices in order to ensure the safety of staff working at the front counter. This work was completed in December.



**Cell Watch: 4 hours,
588 vehicles checked**



**Speed Watch: 28 hours,
2,725 vehicles checked**



Foot Patrols: 26 hours

In December, volunteers conducted foot patrols in mall parking lots, issuing 645 Crime Prevention Notices to people at the mall. These notices bring better awareness to people around the safety of their vehicle and anything located in plain sight in the vehicle itself.



Events & Initiatives

Cram the Cruiser

In December, Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team led an initiative called "Cram the Cruiser." As part of the initiative, officers collected over 725lbs of food and \$1,200 in donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.





Events & Initiatives

Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive

In December, Burnaby RCMP's Youth Investigative Team did incredible work in getting toys donated from detachment staff and members of the public for Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive.





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Coffee with a Cop

In January, officers from our Community Response Team hosted a very successful Coffee with a Cop event at Metrotown Mall.



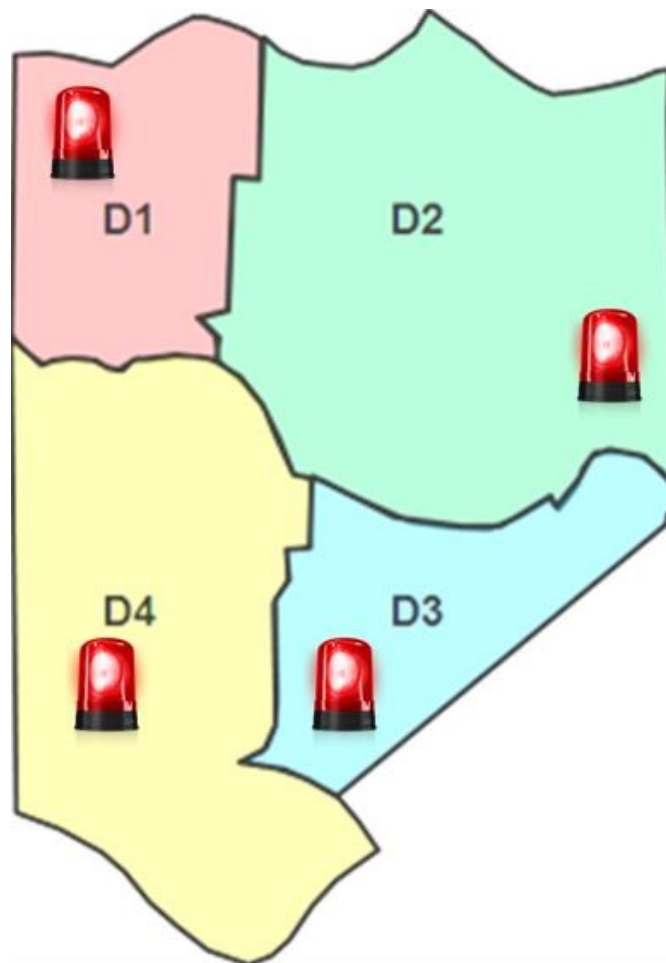


Contact Us

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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