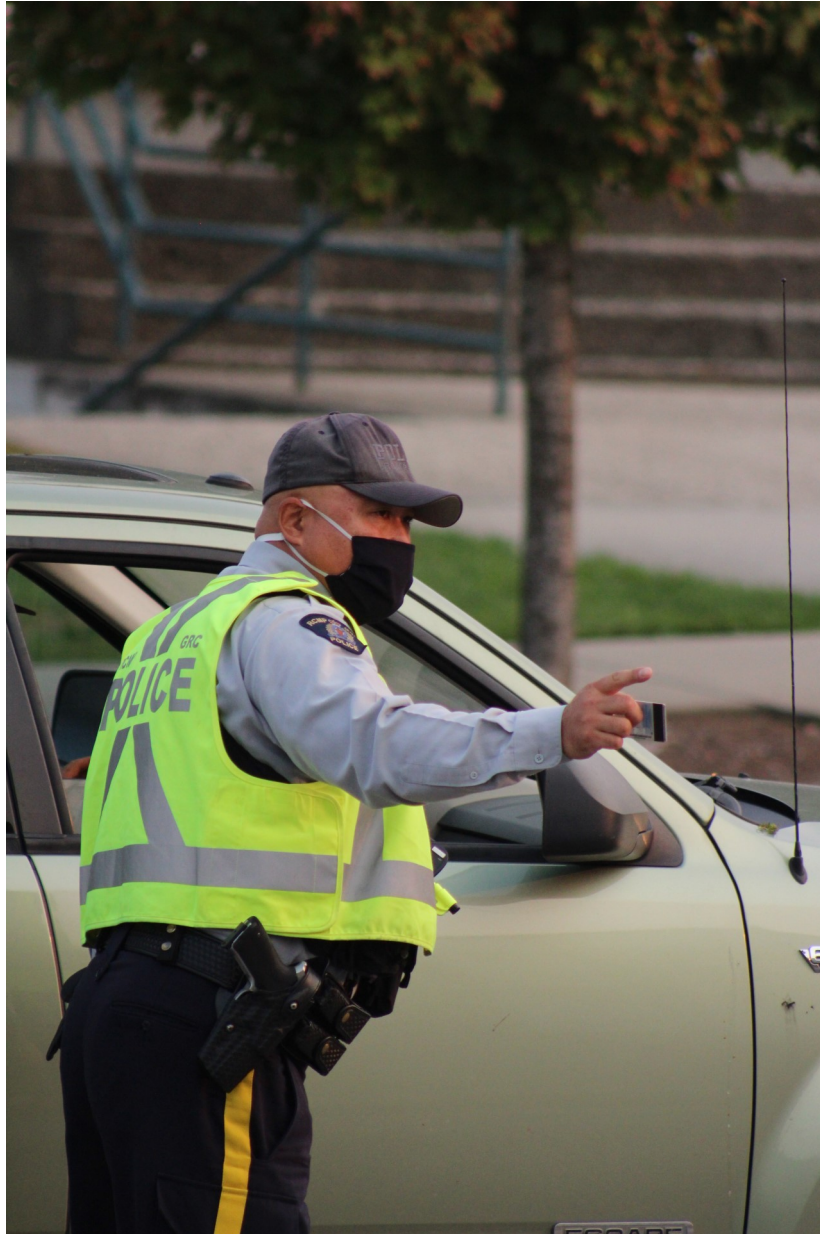


# BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

*Partners for a Safe Community*

AUG/SEPT 2020



## Distracted Driving Enforcement



# Message from the Chief



If there is one word that summarizes the work shown throughout this report it is “proactive.”

Our Traffic Services officers have increased cell phone and commercial vehicle enforcement through August and September. These officers have also been responding to a number of complaints from citizens in our City, particularly issues of speeding drivers on the roads approaching SFU and also drivers speeding through playground zones and school zones in Forest Grove. The enforcement initiatives carried out at these locations have been very effective and I would like to thank the members of our community who brought concerns forward to us.

Our Bike Section officers have been focusing much of their time in the Metrotown area and also along the Kingsway corridor. In doing so they have arrested a number of individuals who were either wanted on warrants or were breaching conditions of their release. Our Bike Section officers have also been patrolling trails and parks through the summer months.

Community Response Team officers have been disrupting drug traffickers as they have attempted to deal drugs through our community. These officers are consistently using their intuition and knowledge of Burnaby in order to locate these drug traffickers and disrupt their activity in our City. CRT officers have also been working on high visibility patrols through locations and businesses in our City where we have recently seen serious, violent incidents occurring.

An extensive three-year investigation led by our Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit came to a conclusion in September. A 37-year-old Burnaby man was arrested and charged with possession and distribution of child pornography. These are tough investigations for our officers and I am proud of the diligent investigation work that resulted in these serious charges being laid. Further information on this investigation can be found in the report.

Finally, as we continue to work our way through the pandemic I want to assure Burnaby residents that we are doing everything we can to keep our workforce healthy. We have implemented mandatory mask wearing around our detachment and are following provincial health orders as they are being updated.

If you enter any of our Community Police Offices (CPO) or main detachment I ask that you adhere to the physical distancing and mask wearing guidance in the lobbies.

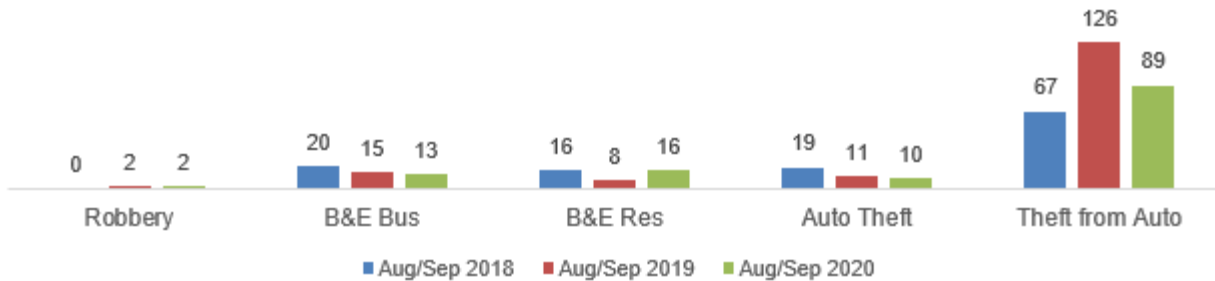
Thank you as always for the kind messages that you have sent recently to our CPOs and detachment, we really appreciate them.

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

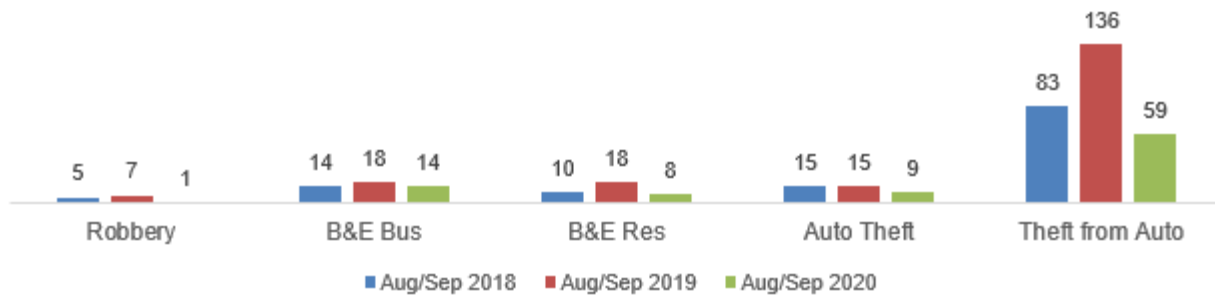


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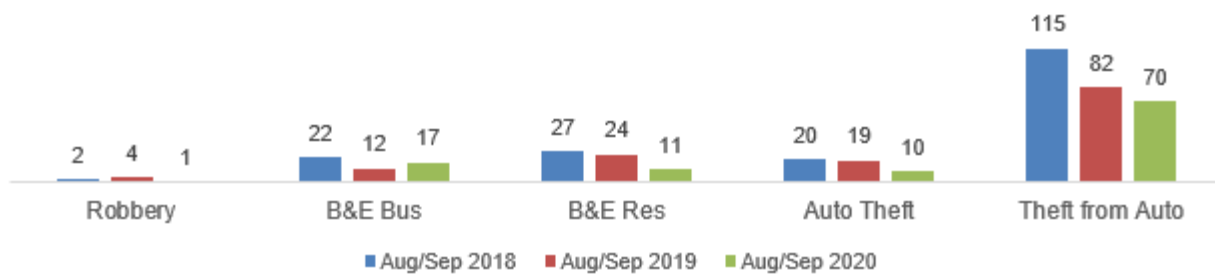
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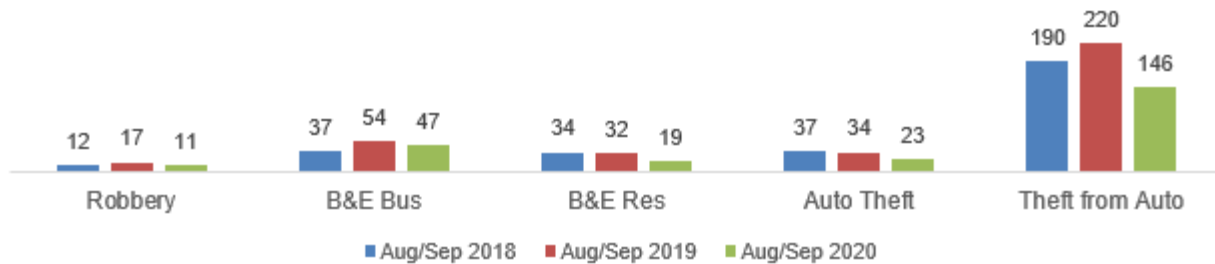
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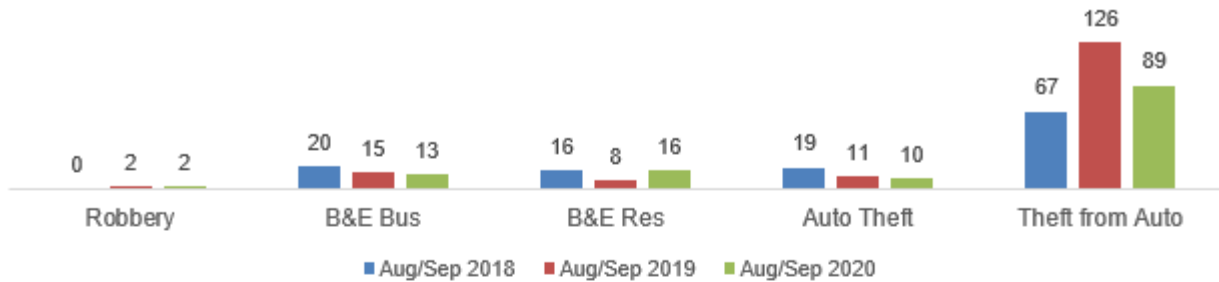
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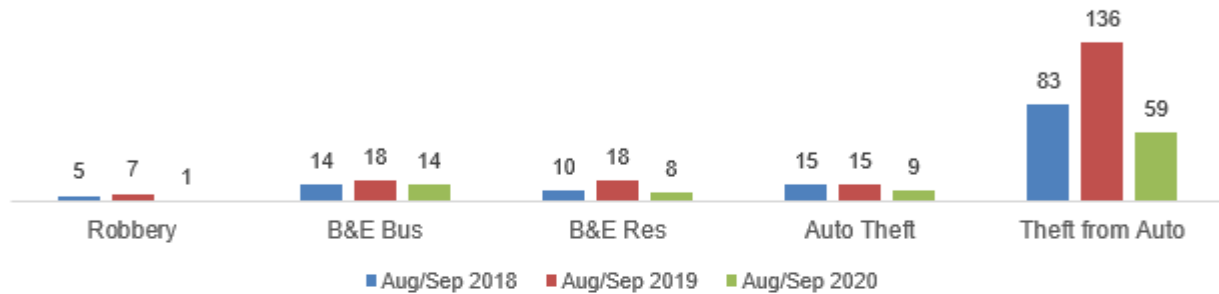


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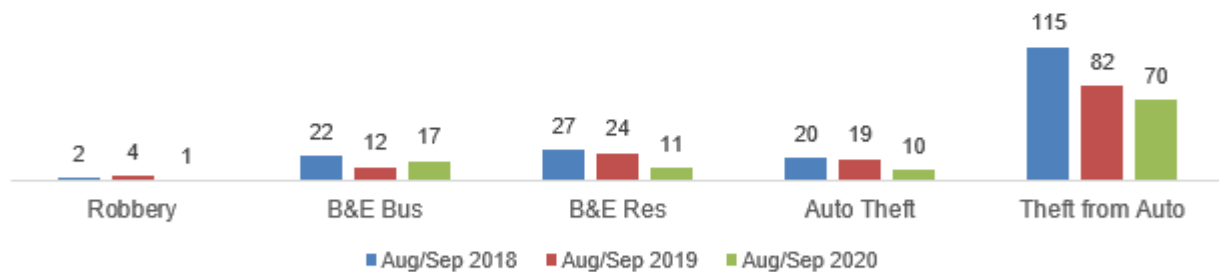
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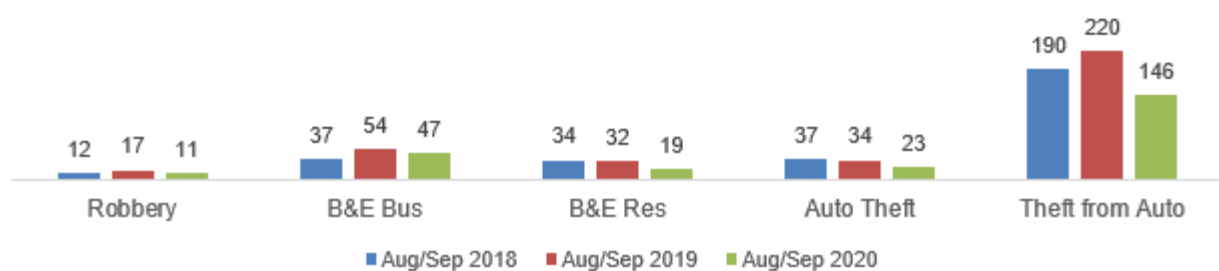
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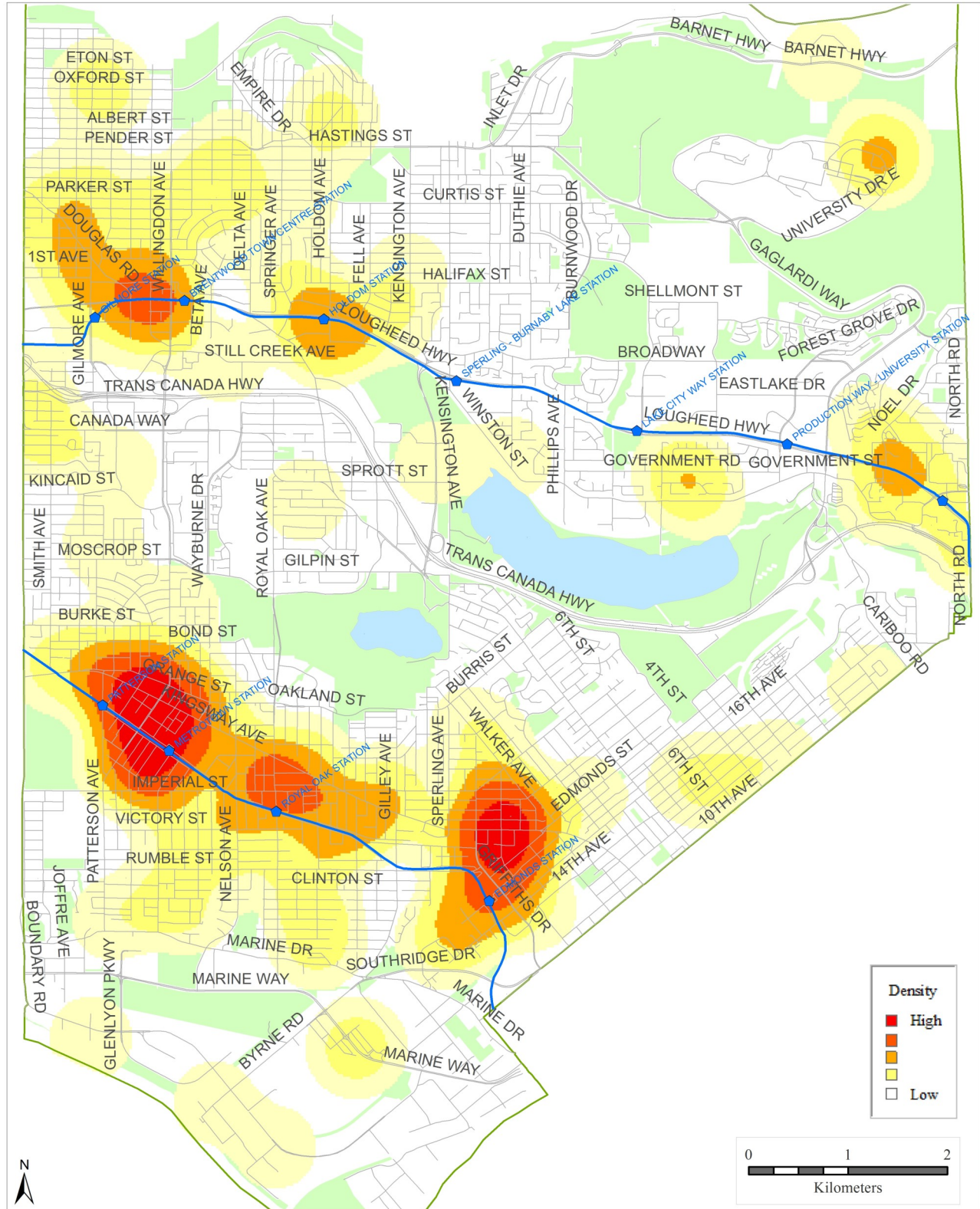






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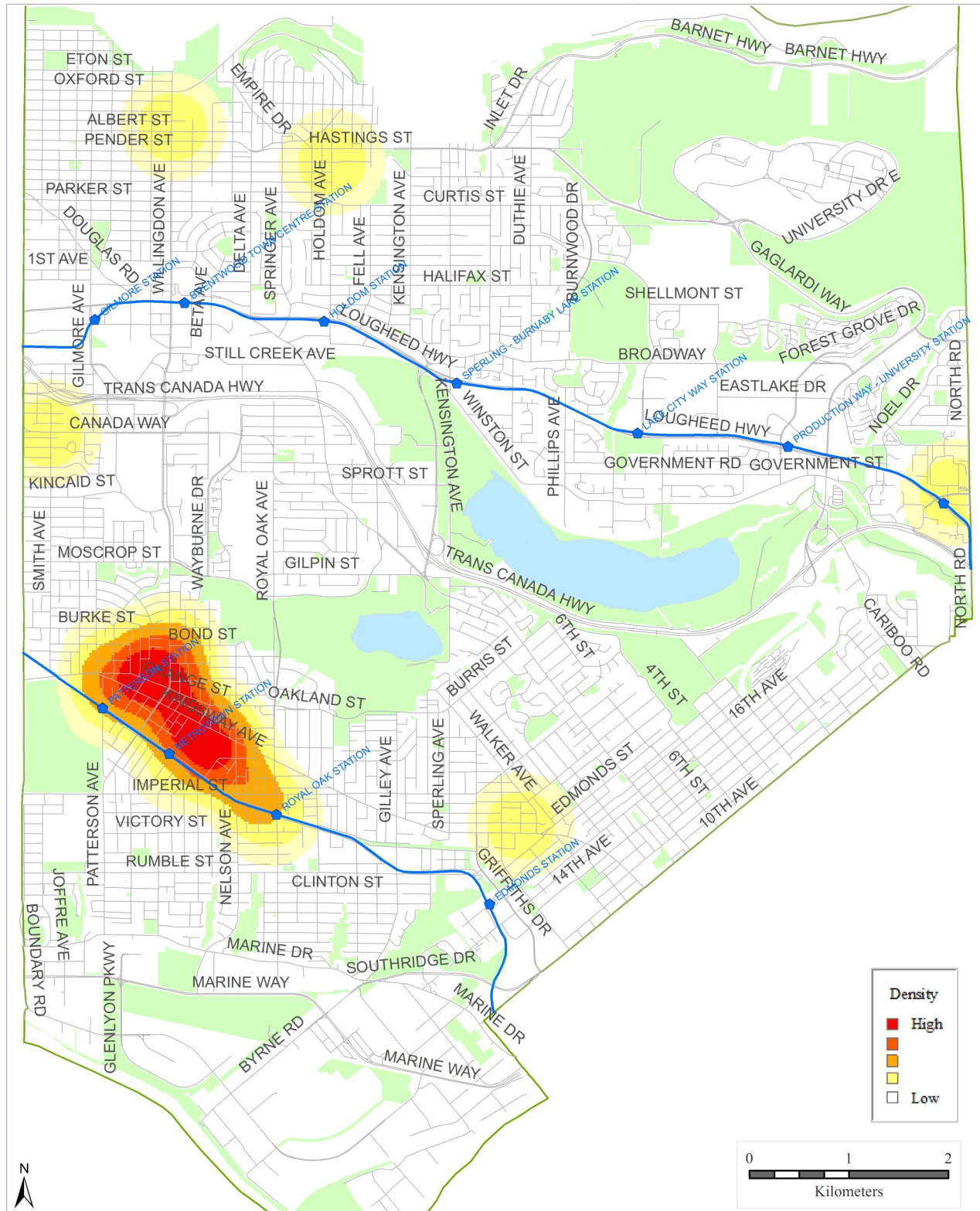
Aug 1 to Sep 30, 2020  
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# Crime Density Map

Aug 1 to Sep 30, 2020  
Robbery Density Map







**Density**

- High
- Low

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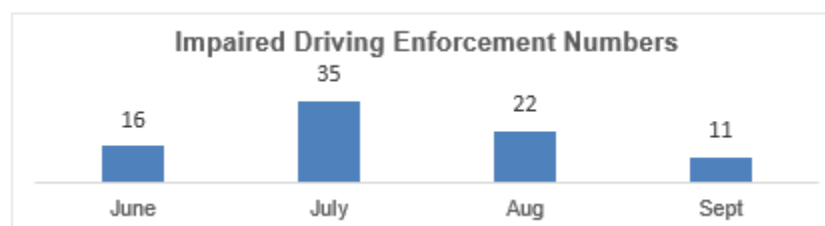
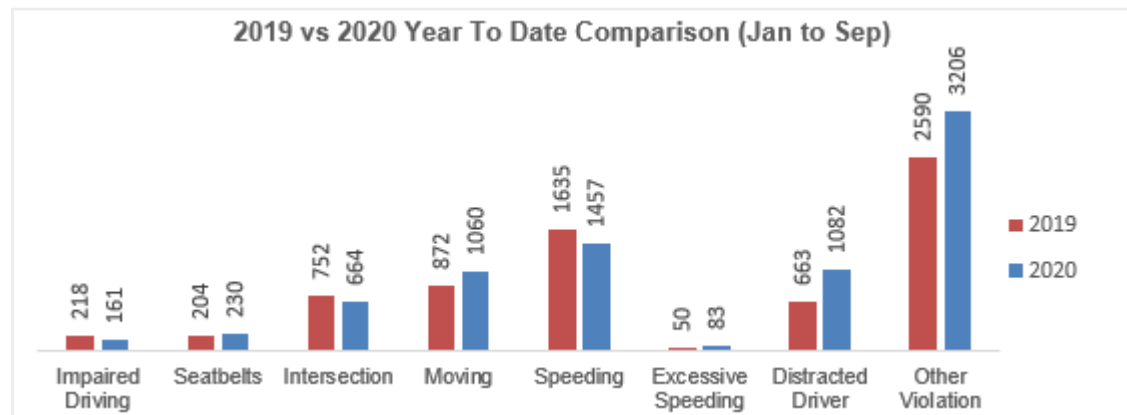
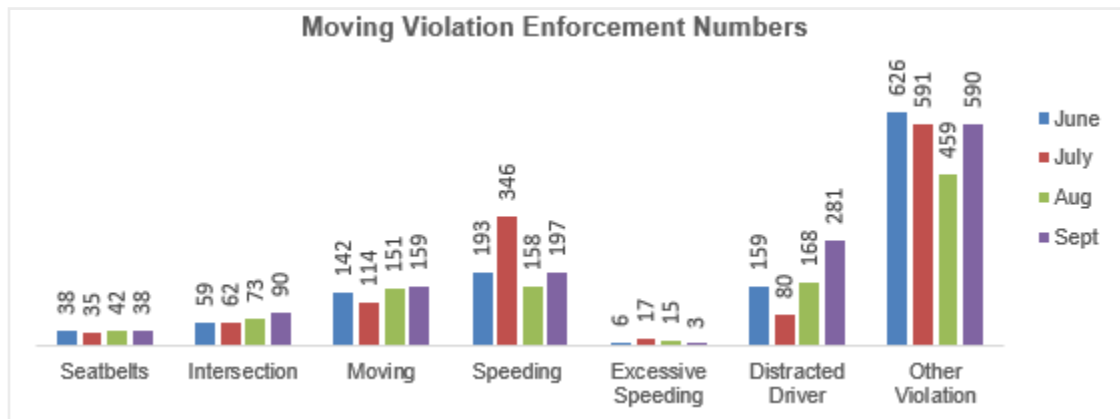
# Traffic Services Statistics

Traffic Section conducted Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) enforcement in August and September in Burnaby. In September, joint initiatives were conducted with Vancouver, New Westminster, Port Moody, Coquitlam, BNSF Railway Police, Surrey Bylaws and the Passenger Transportation Branch. In total for August and September, 152 commercial vehicles were checked, 346 violations were identified and 86 commercial vehicles were removed from the roads.

Traffic section members also conducted several initiatives throughout August and September in support of the Detachment Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance plan including distracted driving and pedestrian enforcement.

## Statistics

During the months of August and September, 216 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 43 involved non life-threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.







# Traffic Services

## Distracted Driving Enforcement

In August and September, Traffic Services officers conducted a number of cell phone enforcement initiatives around the City including:

- Willingdon Avenue - 24 drivers ticketed for cell phone use
- Grandview highway – 36 drivers ticketed for cell phone use over two separate enforcement initiatives
- Boundary Road and Kingsway Avenue – 14 drivers ticketed for cell phone use over two separate enforcement initiatives
- Kingsway Avenue and Willingdon Avenue – 27 drivers ticketed for cell phone use over two separate enforcement initiatives
- Lougheed and Willingdon Avenue – six drivers ticketed for cell phone use



Through August and September, Burnaby Traffic Services officers incorporated a multi-faceted approach to their enforcement efforts by utilizing static and roving patrols, setting up in high frequency collision areas and known high offender areas. They also performed some public education via high visibility enforcement and hosted several multi-agency distracted driving operations.

Traffic Section also continued with many Commercial Vehicle Enforcement initiatives, many of which were done in conjunction with other police agencies in the Lower Mainland. These initiatives resulted in roughly half of all commercial vehicles inspected through the two months being taken off the road due to safety concerns.





# Traffic Services

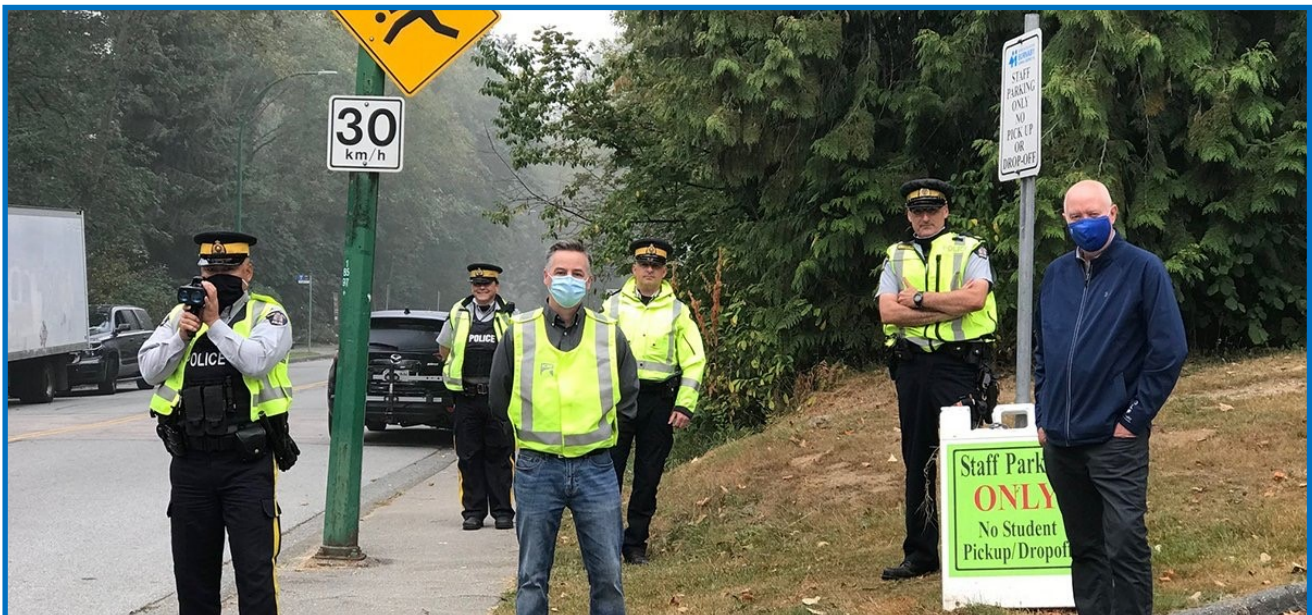
## Responding to complaints

Traffic Services officers regularly respond to complaints from our community in relation to traffic issues in the City. In August and September, Traffic Services officers conducted enforcement in the following areas in response to complaints;

Roads into and out of SFU – Traffic Services officers were made aware of speed issues and areas where drivers were cutting across bicycle lanes. During enforcement, nine drivers were ticketed for speeding, including two for excessive speed and two distracted drivers were ticketed.



In the 8400-block of Forest Grove Drive, Traffic Services officers were made aware of speeding through playground and school zones. During enforcement in August and through September, 34 drivers were ticketed for speeding and eight others were ticketed for various offences including one person who was found to be driving while impaired.







# Investigative Services

## Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit (CASO)

In September, after an extensive three-year investigation led by Burnaby RCMP's Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit (CASO), 37-year-old Burnaby man, Michael Grondine (also known as Michael Grondines) was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

In September 2017, Burnaby RCMP was contacted by the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children and made aware that images and videos of child sexual abuse had been uploaded by an individual in Burnaby. Throughout 2018 and 2019, police investigated a number of similar reports which were allegedly linked to the same individual.

Through investigation of this information, police identified a suspect living at a residence in Burnaby and over the last year have executed warrants and seized a number of electronic devices as part of the investigation.

The investigation was forwarded to the BC Prosecution Service in July 2019 for consideration of charges which were approved in late August of this year.

This was a tough investigation for our officers and it was their diligent investigative work that resulted in serious charges being laid.

## Strike Force

In March, Burnaby RCMP's Strike Force Unit began investigating a break and enter to a business which resulted in thousands of dollars worth of phones being stolen. As the investigation progressed, Burnaby Strike Force identified a well known property offender as a suspect.

Throughout the last few months, Strike Force continued to investigate in an operation which also included Coquitlam RCMP and Surrey RCMP. This investigation led to the suspect being arrested.

Charges have been recommended against the suspect.







# Community Programs

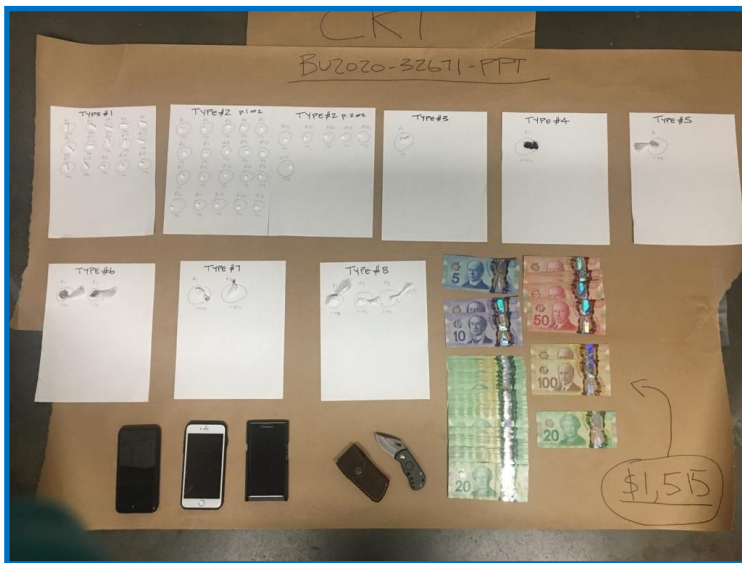
## Community Response Team (CRT)

Through August, Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team stepped up patrols through Hookah Lounges, restaurants and bars in the City. This was done in response to an increase in violent crime occurring in and around these types of establishments during the summer.

CRT has also been engaged in proactive enforcement targeting known gang members in the City of Burnaby. This enforcement continues to be successful in disrupting crime.



Additionally, CRT officers had a lot of success in August and September in intercepting and taking dangerous drugs off our streets.



In early August, after witnessing activity consistent with drug trafficking, CRT officers stopped a vehicle on Norland Avenue. Upon speaking with the driver and searching the vehicle, police located large bags of psilocybin mushrooms, an iPhone and just under \$18,000 in cash. Charges are being recommended by police.

The next day, while conducting proactive patrols in the area of Canada Way and Wayburne Drive, police again witnessed drug trafficking activity which led to them stopping a vehicle. Cocaine, heroin and suspected fentanyl, along with \$1500 cash was located in the vehicle.



# Community Programs

## Burnaby Bike Section

Through August and September, Burnaby Bike Section continued pro-active community patrols through crime hotspots in the City. Much of their time has been dedicated to the Metrotown area, the Kingsway corridor and also to parks and trails around the City.

Due to the proactive nature of their work, Burnaby Bike officers often locate a number of people who are either wanted on a warrant or are breaching conditions of their release. This continued into August and September and included investigations such as:

In mid-August, Bike Section officers observed a man and woman stopping people and acting aggressively toward them near the north entrance of Metrotown mall. After identifying both people, officers learned that the man was breaching conditions as he was to have no contact with the woman who had also been stopped. The man was arrested and charges are being recommended.



While conducting patrols in parking lots in the Metrotown area, bike section officers stopped a man who was riding a bike without a helmet. The man was stopped so that police could speak with him about the importance of wearing a helmet. Upon learning of the man's name, officers learned that he had conditions to not be in possession of bicycles. The man was arrested and charges are being recommended.

Again, in late August, after stopping a man who was riding a bicycle without a helmet, police observed what appeared to be tools in the man's possession. After identifying the man, bike section officers learned that he had conditions to not be in possession of tools. The man was arrested and a further search located additional tools.

While on patrols near the Patterson Skytrain Station, Burnaby Bike Section officers observed a woman who was in clear possession of drug paraphernalia. The woman was arrested and when identified, police learned that she had a total of five outstanding arrest warrants from Burnaby, Surrey, Coquitlam and Ridge Meadows.



# Community Programs

## Burnaby Youth Section

Due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions on attending schools, Youth Officers have adjusted how they are continuing to engage with young people at schools and around our City.

Despite all the restrictions preventing pro-active activities at schools, Youth Officers were available to support school staff and students, both on school grounds and outside, whenever required at the start of the school year. This is being done on a continuous basis and Youth Section officers are working on new ways to engage young people through presentations on various topics, to ensure their safety and security.

In addition, Youth Section members took every opportunity to engage youths in their communities. Below are some of the examples where Youth Officers worked with community partners to engage at risk youth:

- On September 16, 2020, two members of Youth Section visited a youth group home and met with the site manager. They discussed the possibility of a collaboration between police and the group home, which is specifically for girls at risk, to come up with initiatives toward helping these young people to get out of a high risk lifestyle. This initial meeting was welcomed by the group home staff. There will be follow up meetings in the future.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Youth Section members conducted pro-active visits with three high risk young females. Members conduct periodic visits or, if in-person visits are not possible, talk on the phone, to check on these vulnerable young people trying to keep them out of risky activities, encouraging them to finish their education and/or find employment. The result of these pro-active visits has been an increased level of trust between the young people involved and Youth Section officers. Young people are observing curfew restrictions more often and there has been an overall reduction in their criminal activities.
- On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, Youth Section members attended the Hillside Gardens for a last occasion of celebrating the summer. Community partners from St. Leonard Society provided snacks for the children, and members were able to borrow equipment (speaker and outside games) from the Edmond Community Center. Observing COVID-19 protocols, the activity took place outside, members were wearing masks and the children and parents were reminded to keep two meters distance.

These proactive measures taken by Youth Section officers, keeping in touch with community members, especially young people has a positive impact on the safety and security of our community resulting in less crime in the society.





# Community Programs

## Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In August and September, VSU created 397 files, were involved in 88 crisis call outs and provided 141 hours of direct crisis support to clients.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, many clients are requesting that VSU follow up on their files via email and phone. This has resulted in staff spending a lot more time on files in the office due to the volume of incoming calls and referrals.

Due to the volume of client's being assisted by Burnaby VSU, in the coming month's Auxiliary staff will be hired to help support the workload.

In September, VSU have had two ZOOM meetings with Police Based Victim Services in the Lower Mainland; along with meeting with partner agencies with Community Based Victim Services. VSU discussed some of the challenges the programs are facing with less staffing and the concerns with operations related to COVID-19.

The Burnaby Victim Services Unit is setting the example of practising safety measures and still continuing to provide support to citizens of Burnaby with little impact on services.

## Youth Services

Youth Services continued offering phone counselling and in-person counselling to clients.

The counselling program received referrals on a steady manner through August and September. Both new and existing clients have been actively engaged in their care plans and Youth Services therapists continued to work with all 50 active clients as per their existing and emerging needs in the areas of:

- Trauma-Related Disorders
- Substance-Use Disorders
- Anxiety-Related Disorders
- Mood Disorders



# Community Programs

## Crime Prevention Unit

Despite the limitations to providing regular services in-person, Crime Prevention Staff continue to work with Burnaby residents and businesses in a safe, distanced manner.

In August and September, staff signed up five new neighbourhood blocks for Block Watch, which includes 40 new participants for the program.



Crime Prevention staff have worked to ensure that all block captains are security cleared and that training has been done remotely.

Staff have also updated practices in order to continue to offer security assessments to single family residences, multi-family buildings and businesses during this time. We are temporarily increasing our capacity to offer this service.

## Community Police Offices

The four Community Police Offices resumed regular front counter services in mid July. COVID safety measures have been implemented and adapted for the particular size and layout of each office. This keeps staff and the public safe. Office Coordinators remain busy with non-emergency police reporting, as well as an increased number of security clearances for employment and school parent volunteer positions.



# Cops for Cancer



In September, three Burnaby RCMP officers, Sergeant Tess Landry, Constable Leslie Smith and Constable Thinh Do took part in Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast. This year's tour was different and shorter in order to abide by COVID-19 restrictions. First responders from across the Lower Mainland raised a total of \$285,000 for Cops for Cancer with Burnaby riders raising over \$11,000.







# Report Crime Online!

The Burnaby RCMP launched Online Crime Reporting on June 1, 2020. 263 reports were received through this system up until the end of September. We are excited by the success of this initiative which provides our frontline officers with more time to respond to higher priority calls that require police officer attendance. An online crime report can be completed through our website at [Burnaby.rcmp.ca](https://burnaby.rcmp.ca) or through the City of Burnaby website online services at <https://www.burnaby.ca/Online-Services.html>.

*Now Available!*

## REPORT CRIME ONLINE

### What can you report online?

- » Damage to property under \$5,000
- » Hit and run to an unoccupied vehicle or property
- » Theft of property under \$5,000
- » Traffic complaints

*Let's Go Online!*

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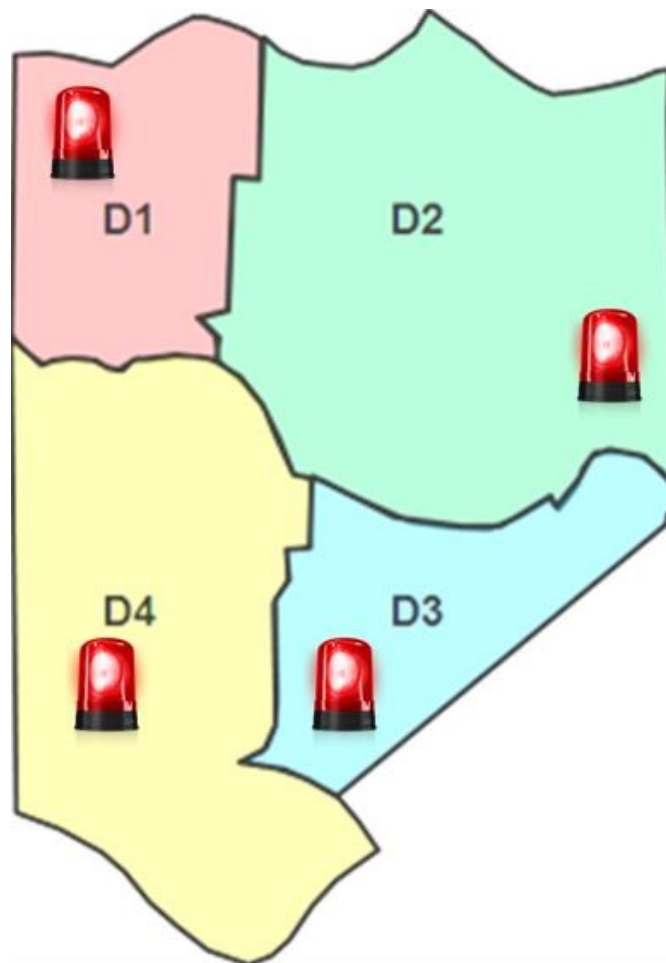


# Contact Us

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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## District 4

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