

BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Partners for a Safe Community

OCT/NOV 2020



Drug Enforcement



Message from the Chief



As this pandemic continues to challenge us as a society, we carry on with our commitment to keep the City of Burnaby safe.

Our Drug Section officers have been working hard and have been successful at taking illegal drugs off our streets. As Fentanyl has been responsible for a large number of deaths in the Province and in our City, Drug Section makes these particular investigations a priority. Drug Section took Fentanyl off the streets of Burnaby in five separate investigations in October and November.

In October, our Traffic section added a fully equipped truck to their fleet, dedicated to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and deployed it in their continued outstanding work of ensuring commercial vehicles on our streets are roadworthy. During two enforcement sessions in November, 112 inspections were completed and 55 vehicles were deemed unsafe and removed from the

roadways.

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As a result of two separate investigations in October, our Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) provided a reminder of the importance of marking valuables for identification purposes. In one instance, a call was received from a victim of theft who located his stolen tools on a social media page. In another instance, POST was at a residence to assist on an unrelated call and observed a suspicious high end bicycle. In both cases, stolen items that had been properly marked were recovered by POST officers and returned to the rightful owners.

Our Bike Section officers were out, even in the darker, shorter days, conducting proactive patrols in busy areas. The same Prolific offender was arrested twice by Bike Section officers and subsequently identified by Bike Section Officers in a theft bulletin out of Surrey. During their proactive patrols, Bike section also located a number of suspects wanted on arrest warrants and served notices of prohibition to a number of drivers.

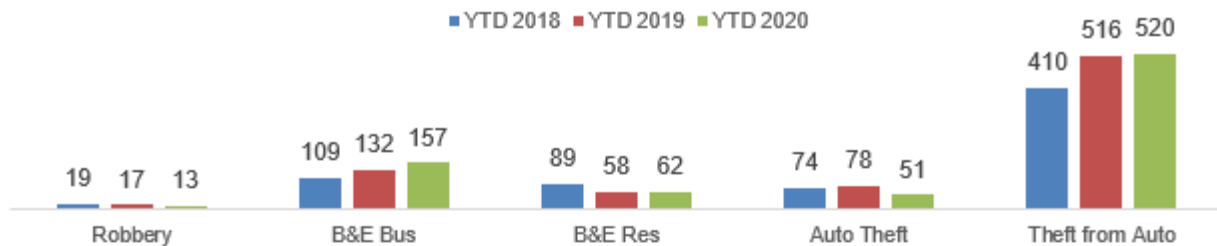
We have been working over the past few months with Burnaby By-law section to educate citizens on the most recent Public Health Orders and, at times, enforce these orders. It remains important that we continue to do everything we can to keep each other safe and be kind to one another in these unprecedented times.

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

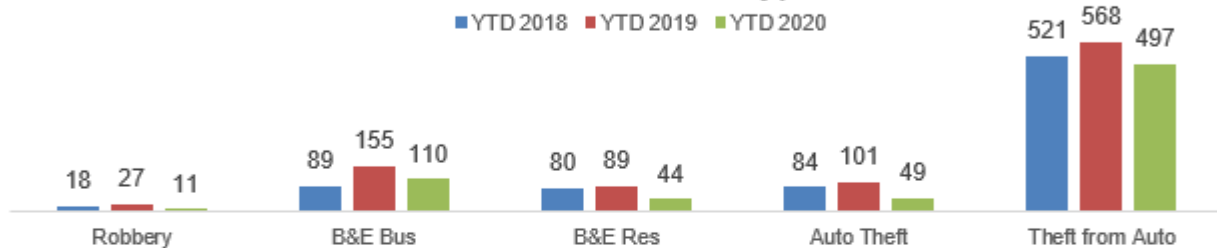


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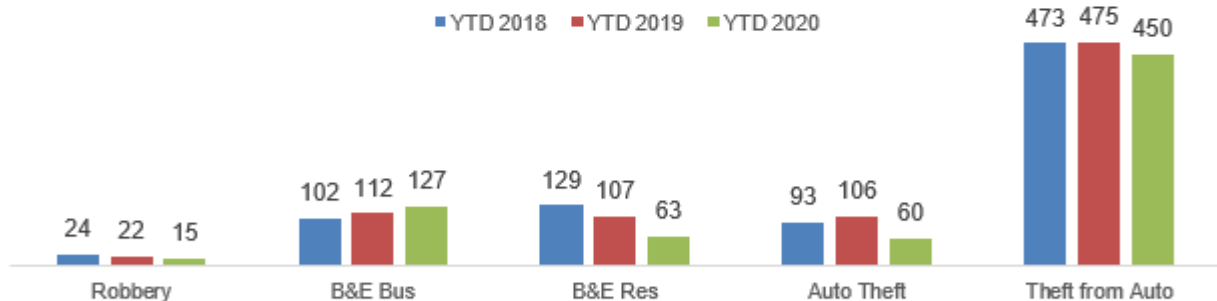
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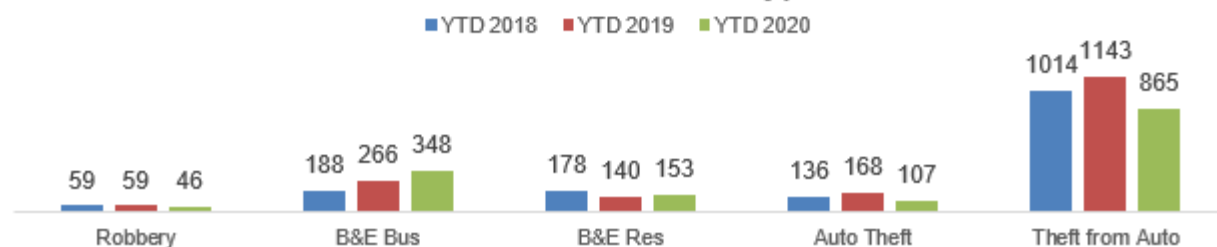
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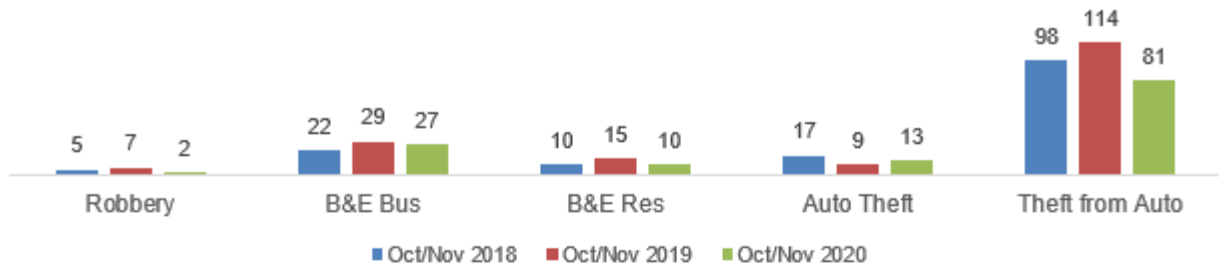
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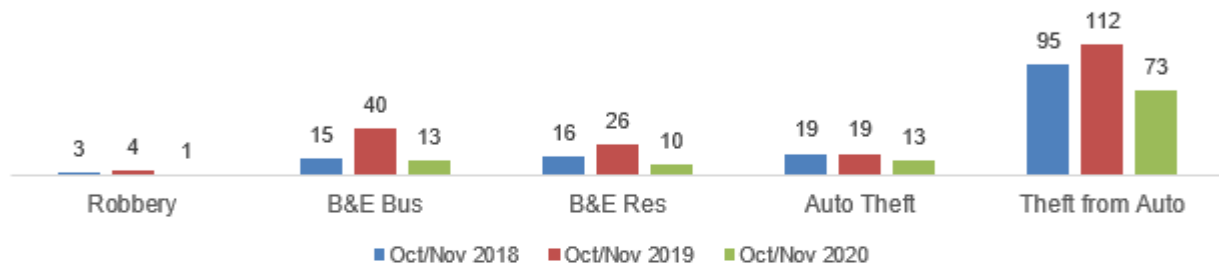


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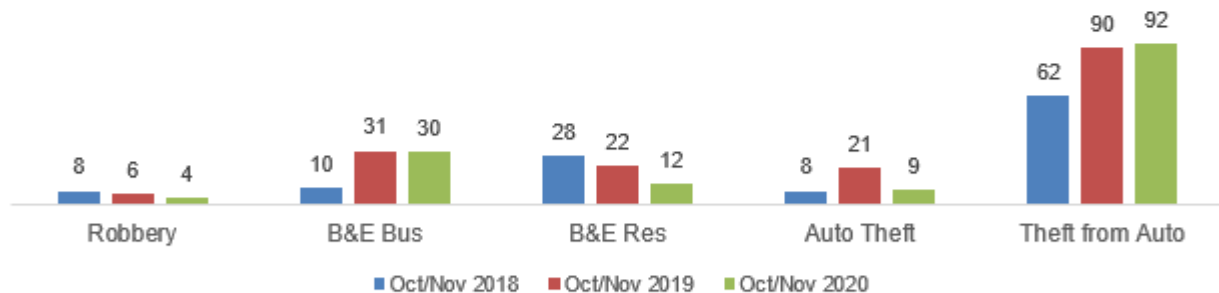
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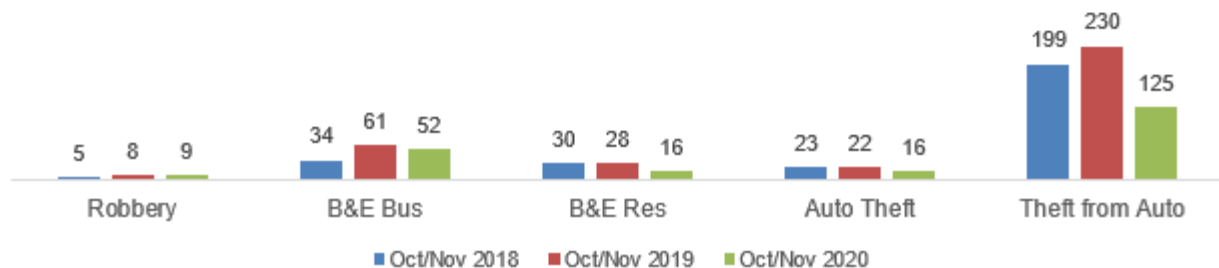
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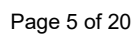


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Robbery Density Map



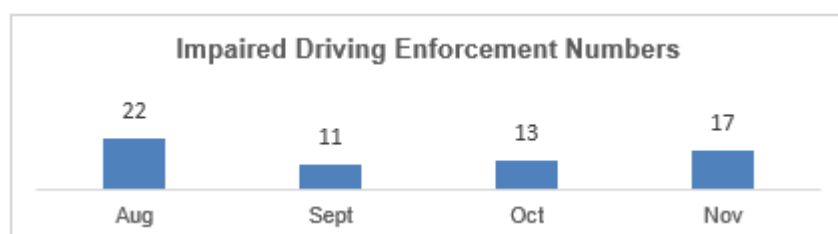
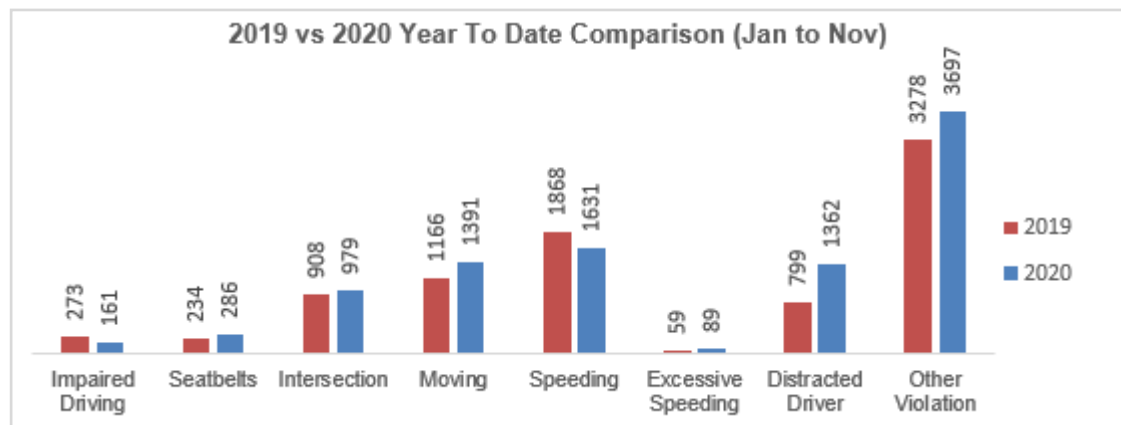
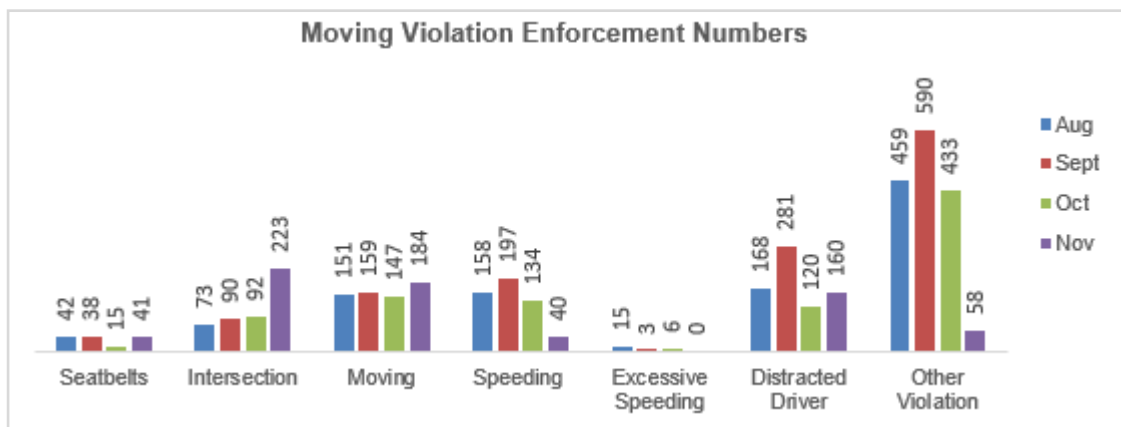


Traffic Services Statistics

Traffic Section was busy throughout October and November on numerous initiatives including Roadsafety “Drive for Conditions”, Metrotown Enforcement Project and Impaired Driving roadblocks. In addition, Annual Performance Plan and Strategic Plan initiatives including Distracted Driving, Pedestrian enforcement and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement took place.

Statistics

During the months of October and November, 228 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 57 involved non life-threatening injuries and there was one fatality.





Traffic Services

The Roadsafety BC initiative for October was “Drive Relative to Conditions”, such as during rain, snow and shorter daylight hours. Burnaby Traffic stepped up to ensure motorists were driving safely and that vehicles were properly equipped to meet winter driving conditions. In order to achieve this, Burnaby Traffic Services adjusted their shifts to enhance their productivity.

On one occasion in early October, Traffic section was conducting speed enforcement relative to conditions in the 1000 block of Gagliardi Way. The location is a high fatality crash zone and a high traffic complaint area for speeding. Night time driving conditions is an aggravating factor to this mix. A vehicle was stopped travelling at 118 km/hr in the 60 km/hr zone. The driver was a learner driver with no supervisor and driving distracted. The driver was issued a ticket citing 6 separate violations.

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- 548 Violation tickets – the majority were issued for U-turns and distracted driving (cell phone)
- 74 Written warnings
- 25 Notice and Order for defective vehicles
- 2 Immediate Roadside prohibitions from driving
- 3 Cannabis in vehicle

In November, Burnaby Traffic Services took possession of a new marked pickup truck specifically dedicated for commercial vehicle enforcement. This truck will greatly enhance our response abilities and create efficiencies of operation. Symbolically, the truck decked out with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement decals will send a strong message to the community and road users, especially commercial truckers, that Burnaby RCMP takes commercial vehicle safety seriously. Two dedicated commercial vehicle check enforcement sessions took place in November, resulting in the following:

- 112 Inspections
- 55 vehicles deemed unsafe and removed from the road
- 194 violations
- 120 Mechanical defects



Burnaby RCMP @BurnabyRCMP · Oct 2

We stopped this 🚗 tonight in @CityofBurnaby doing 118 km/hr in a 60 km/hr zone, the driver was a 'L' driver with no supervisor and on their cellphone #RoadSafety #SlowDown #DriveSmart



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Burnaby RCMP @BurnabyRCMP · Nov 23

With driving conditions deteriorating, we partnered with @PortMoodyPD, @CityofSurrey Bylaws and Passenger Transportation Officers today to target 🚚 to ensure every vehicle we inspected was safe to be on @CityofBurnaby roadways and all headlights and tail lights were working





Investigative Services

Drug Section

The Burnaby Drug Section was extremely busy throughout October and November. The following highlights some of the investigations that were conducted.

In October, a Search warrant was executed by Drug section with assistance of General Duty on a residence in North Burnaby after a 911 call from the residence where attending officers observed what they believed was a lab. Officers seized approximately 5 kg of cocaine, 100 pounds of suspected GHB, 60 pounds of psilocybin (magic) mushrooms and packaging, and about 500 Cannabis plants which were not authorized. Also seized was numerous other bulk quantities of cannabis extract and edible products, vape products, tens of thousands in cash and a prohibited weapon. The total amount of drugs seized is valued at over \$500,000. Charges are being forwarded for the owner and resident of the premises. Drug section was previously aware of the man, the address and the man's links to gangs.

On October 21, 2020, a man who attempted to flee in a stolen vehicle was apprehended after a minor collision with a police vehicle. A large amount of packaged for street sale fentanyl and crack as well as a bulk quantity of Methamphetamine, an illegal shotgun and ammo were found under the driver's seat along with a prohibited knife. This man was an obvious threat to public safety. The man was held in custody for a bail review.



On October 24, 2020, a drug trafficker who attempted to flee was apprehended after a minor motor vehicle collision. Seized was several thousand dollars in drugs (fentanyl and cocaine), \$1700 cash and a rental car. Charges are being forwarded to Crown Counsel.



Investigative Services

Drug Section

On October 29, 2020, a man who had been arrested almost one year prior in Burnaby for trafficking was arrested again for trafficking and a search yielded 50 pieces of fentanyl and crack cocaine and some cash. Fentanyl is responsible for several overdose deaths per month in Burnaby alone currently and takes priority for Drug Section resources. Charges are being forwarded to Crown Counsel.



On November 6, 2020, a man was arrested for Possession for Purpose of trafficking. The arrest resulted in the seizure of several ounces of cocaine, grams of fentanyl, several hundred dollars cash and a vehicle. Charges are being forwarded.

On November 21, 2020, a gang member was arrested for Possession for Purpose of trafficking. The arrest resulted in the seizure of approximately \$1500 worth of fentanyl and crack, approximately one thousand in cash, a vehicle and a prohibited weapon. Charges are being forwarded.



Investigative Services

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

Recover Stolen Goods

A complainant called the Burnaby RCMP to report that he located his stolen tools posted for sale on a social media webpage. The stolen tools were taken from his company work van a few days prior. The stolen tools were identifiable because they were marked with the company name. POST took conduct of the file and through their investigation they identified the seller and the location of the tools. The residence where the tools were being sold from was a residential dwelling house with several tenants. A search warrant was obtained for the house. Stolen tools were located during the search and several persons of interest were identified. POST worked with the property manager towards evicting the problem tenant. The complainant recovered some of his work tools.

Possession of Stolen Property

Burnaby RCMP received a 911 call where the caller could be heard asking for help. POST officers were on proactive patrols in the area and responded to assist General Duty officers. Upon attendance, it was determined that the original distress call was a medical issue. However, while in the home a near new electric bike valued at over \$2500.00 was observed in the living room. After speaking with another tenant in the residence, it was believed that the electric bike was stolen. The serial number on the electric bike was queried on police databases and confirmed to have been stolen from an apartment in Vancouver. The electric bike was returned to the rightful owner the next day. Through further investigation, it was determined that two individuals involved in property crime were squatting at the residence without the landlord's knowledge. POST contacted the landlord and provided information on how to legally remove the squatters from his property.



These two files highlight the importance of marking valuables for identification purposes. In the event they are stolen or lost, the police can reunite them with the rightful owner.



Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

Arrest Warrant

On October 2, 2020, CRT officers were conducting patrols in the 4700 block of Kingsway when they spoke with a man in the alley. The man identified himself to police and checks revealed two arrest warrants from Surrey from 2018. The man was arrested, transported to cells and held for court.

Shoplifter with Knife

On October 29, 2020, a man brandished a knife while trying to steal items from a store. CRT officers in the area conducting foot patrols at the time ran to the store then out to Kingsway following the suspect who had fled. Officers caught up to the suspect and made the arrest. A search of the man resulted in the seizure of a knife.



Gang Enforcement

Throughout October and November, CRT spent much of their time focusing on prevention and disruption of gang activity in the City. In October, CRT adjusted their schedules and officers worked 6 shifts per week. The overt and proactive enforcement focused on areas of Burnaby frequented by known gang members. Some of the contacts of note include the following:

On November 3, 2020, CRT officers conducting proactive patrols observed a vehicle speeding on Willingdon Avenue. Officers stopped the vehicle and the driver had a history for production and trafficking drugs. The driver was issued a ticket for Motor Vehicle Act violations and released.

On November 3, 2020, CRT officers conducting proactive patrols in the area of Imperial Street and Salisbury Avenue, recognized a vehicle associated with drug trafficking. The vehicle was stopped for a Motor Vehicle Act infraction, the occupants were identified and were found to be associated to drug activity. Officers spoke with the registered owner who advised that no one had permission to drive the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and the driver was issued a ticket under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On November 4, 2020, CRT officers were conducting proactive patrols in the area of Kingsway and McKay and observed a vehicle swerving in a lane. The vehicle was stopped and checks on the driver showed he was to be served a driving prohibition. Officers served a 7 month driving prohibition to the driver.

On November 25, 2020, CRT officers conducting proactive patrols near Marine Drive recognized a known gang member walking to a vehicle. Officers checked the man on the police database and learned of an active warrant for his arrest. Suddenly the man ran and officers gave chase. Officers caught the man and recovered a loaded firearm that was tossed into the bushes during the foot chase. Charges will be forwarded to Crown Counsel for approval.



Community Programs

Burnaby Bike Section

Breach – Prolific Offender

On October 09, 2020, a prolific offender known for shoplifting was observed at Metrotown, where he was prohibited from attending. Bike officers obtained a statement from witnesses at Metrotown and recommended criminal charges.

On October 14, 2020, the same prolific offender was back at Metrotown where he had court conditions not to be. Bike officers attended Metrotown and took custody of the man. Custody of the man was transferred to General Duty who were going to recommend charges.

On October 20, 2020, Bike officers viewed photographs of a suspect shoplifting in Surrey. Bike officers identified the man to be the same prolific offender from October 9 and 14, 2020 in Burnaby. As a result of the identification, Surrey RCMP is forwarding charges on the prolific offender.



Fail to Stop

On October 23, 2020, Bike officers were on patrol when they observed a vehicle with a history of fleeing from police. Officers observed some Motor Vehicle Act infractions and attempted to stop the vehicle but it fled. Knowing the risk to the public outweighed the offence, officers did not pursue. On October 29, 2020, Bike officers went to the home of the registered owner of the vehicle that failed to stop 6 days prior and issued several violation tickets.

Arrest Warrant

On November 10, 2020, Bike officers learned that other investigative units in Burnaby were looking for a man suspected of committing multiple criminal offences. That same morning, Bike officers were patrolling a City Library and located the man and arrested him for the outstanding warrants for break and enter and possession of break in tools.

Arrest Warrants

On November 17, 2020, Bike officers responded to an in progress break and enter in the 6900 block of Balmoral Street. While maintaining the perimeter, Bike officers observed a man walking down the back alley of Balmoral Street. Bike officers checked the man and learned he had ten warrants for his arrest. The man was arrested and held for court.



Community Programs

Burnaby Bike Section

Prohibited Driver

On November 18, 2020, Bike officers were patrolling the area of Byrne Road/Market Crossing when they checked a vehicle where the male registered owner had an expired drivers licence. Officers spoke with the woman driver who was not the registered owner but was still unlicensed and prohibited from driving. The driver was arrested for prohibited driving and issued paperwork to attend court at on a later date. The vehicle was impounded.

Prohibited Driver

On November 24, 2020, Bike officers were patrolling along Kingsway when they checked a vehicle. The registered owner was to be served driving a prohibition notice. Officers stopped the vehicle, confirmed the registered owner was the driver and served a 4 month driving prohibition.

Arrest Warrant

On November 25, 2020, Bike officers were patrolling Metrotown Skytrain and observed a man suspected of smoking drugs. Officers arrested and identified the man who had an arrest warrant for theft. The man was arrested and held for court.



Breach of Probation

On November 26, 2020, Bike officers worked a joint Boost and Bust Project with Transit Police. During the project, a well known prolific thief was observed in the area and breaching his conditions. Bike officers arrested the prolific thief and forwarded paperwork to Crown Counsel for charge approval.

Burnaby Bike Section Officers on patrol in the darker days of winter



Community Programs

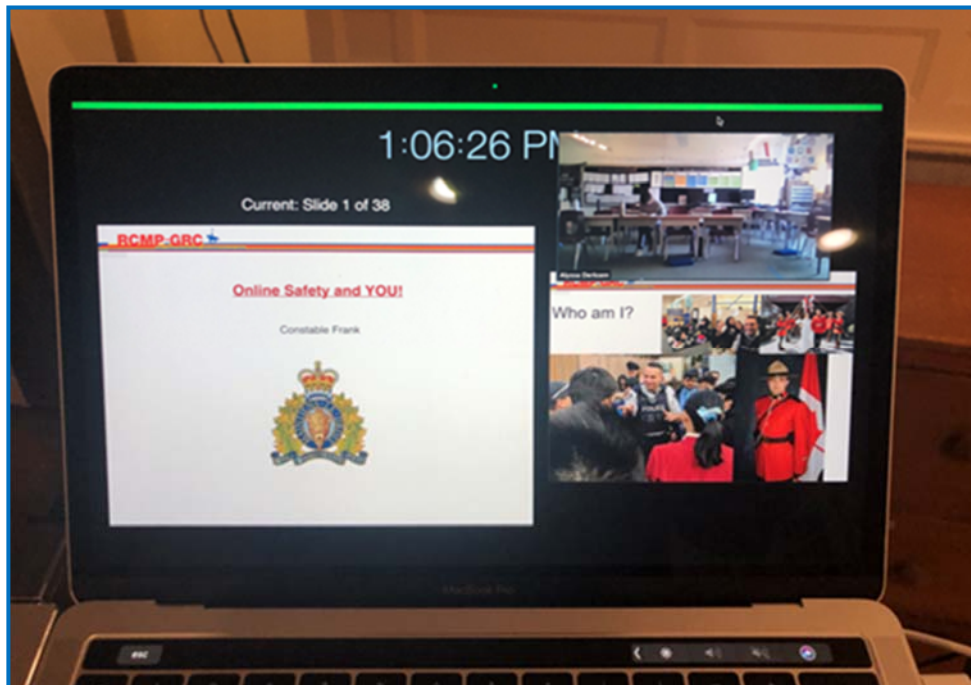
Burnaby Youth Section

Presentation through Social Media

With the COVID-19 Pandemic at its peak and all the restrictions put in place by the government throughout the country preventing gatherings, including at schools, it has made it impossible for Youth Officers to attend their schools and provide presentations in person to large groups of students. However, through the use of technology, Burnaby Youth Section officers have been working with the School District and staff at schools to provide presentations to students while complying with Public Health Orders and ensuring safety.

On November 25, one of Youth Section's officers presented, virtually, to a group of Grade 7 students at Inman Elementary. This presentation was titled "Online Safety and You!", which was meant to address cyberbullying, sexting awareness and maintaining online privacy. While the presenter was at his desk in front of a camera conducting the presentation, the students were in their classroom watching the presentation on a screen and could interact with the officer. The presentation was well received by everyone and as a result, a similar presentation was requested for another group of grade 6/7 students of the same school for the following week.

The Officers in our Youth Section are continuously improving their knowledge and skill to find the most effective way to deliver their presentations on various topics to students, thus providing students with the awareness they need to stay safe.





Community Programs

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In October and November, VSU created 345 files, responded to 57 call outs and provided 135 hours of direct crisis support.

During this reporting period, VSU continued to see an increase of overdose deaths. The VSU has also seen an increase in Domestic Violence files.

In October, VSU along with Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) completed a ZOOM training with our partnering agency Community based Victim Service Program (Vancouver Lower Mainland Multicultural Support Services). The training focused on ICAT (Integrated Case Assessment Team) for the highest risk domestic violence files. The training discussed the Criminal Code changes to domestic violence to include dating, common law, intimate partner/spouse assaults. In addition, the Canadian Victim Bill of Rights was discussed, Domestic Violence Risk Assessment was reviewed along with how to report breaches on these types of files/incidents.

In November, VSU has been working through the hiring process to obtain more staff to assist with the volume of files and to meet operational needs, as the unit has seen a 20% increase per month in the volume of work this year.



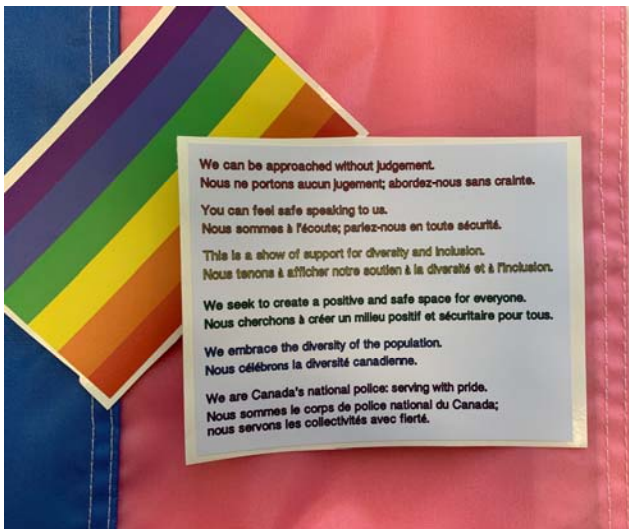


Community Engagement

Project Rainbow

In October, the RCMP E Division launched Project Rainbow as a Pilot for the Division. The purpose of Project Rainbow is to:

- Increase public confidence in the RCMP with a visible demonstration that we are an organization that can be approached without judgement
- Send an overt message to anyone who feels unsafe or unsupported, to let them know they can speak to us
- Demonstrate that the RCMP is an open and accepting modern employer, putting us at the forefront of the law enforcement community in regards to diversity and inclusivity
- Deliver on the commitment of the RCMP to diversity and inclusiveness





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An online crime report can be completed through our website at Burnaby.rcmp.ca or through the City of Burnaby website online services at <https://www.burnaby.ca/Online-Services.html>.

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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

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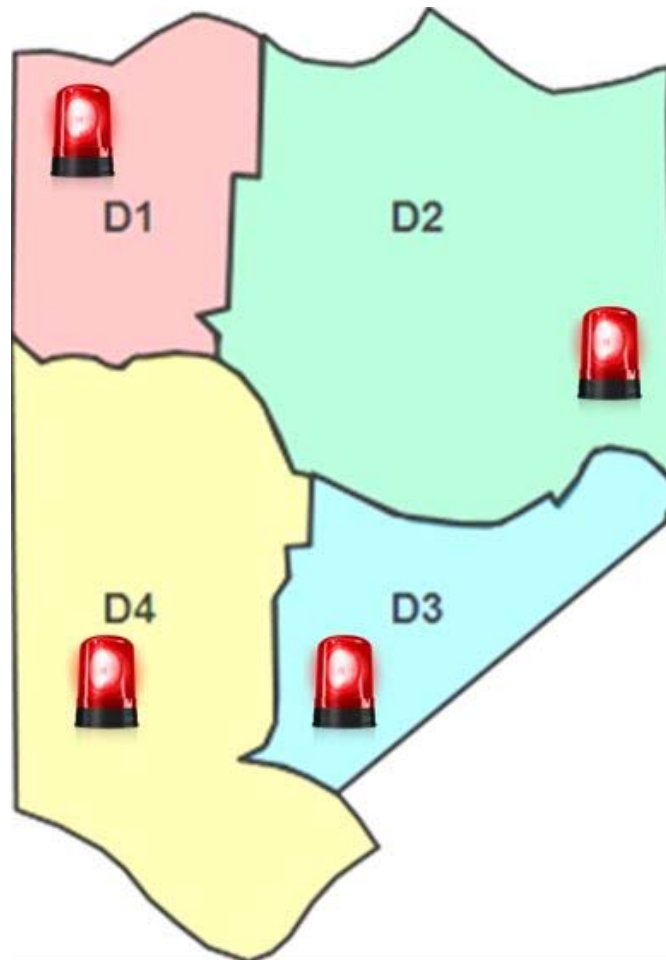


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