# **BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Partners for a Safe Community

**APR-JUL 2021** 



**Burnaby RCMP 2021 Soccer Camp!!** 







# Message from the Chief



# Superintendent Graham De La Gorgendiere Acting Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment

We started to see a phased lifting of Government imposed COVID-19 restrictions in this reporting period as immunization rollouts brought the number of COVID infections down in our communities across the Province. This changed some of our focus for the detachment from COVID 19 related patrols and enforcement to increased patrols in our parks and other pro-active work.

With the easing of restrictions we were able to put on our Annual Soccer Camp in August for Burnaby Youth. We had a tremendous amount of interest in the two camps and great fun was had by all.

Our Traffic Services section continued their important work with partners on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, which is an important initiative to improve road safety

in our City. In addition, with the warmer weather and lifting of restrictions, Traffic Services conducted a number of other enforcement sessions including those focused on Impaired Driving, which unfortunately we often see an increase of during holiday and summer seasons.

Our Gang Enforcement Team continues to work 7 days a week to discourage suspected Gang members and Gang activity from taking place in Burnaby. BGET issued 125 Violation tickets to suspected gang members, seized 11 vehicles and over \$40,000 in cash during this reporting period.

Our Drug Section members conducted a number of significant investigations during this period removing dangerous drugs and dealers from our streets.

Our Community Response Team was extremely busy this period executing arrest warrants, executing a search warrant on the residence of a mail theft suspect, arresting repeat offenders breaching court imposed conditions and identifying and stopping prohibited drivers. In addition, CRT stopped a known drug trafficking vehicle and uncovered a large amount of methamphetamine in the trunk of the vehicle. They also seized a vehicle and drugs from another drug dealer.

Our Bike Section was busy with proactive patrols during this period, also arresting a number of individuals for breaching court imposed conditions and a number of individuals with warrants of arrest. Bike Section also conducted five Bike Safety presentations for kids at schools in our City.

Youth Section remained engaged throughout this period with presentations, assisting with socially distanced Graduation Ceremonies and organizing events for children and youth for the summer holiday season.

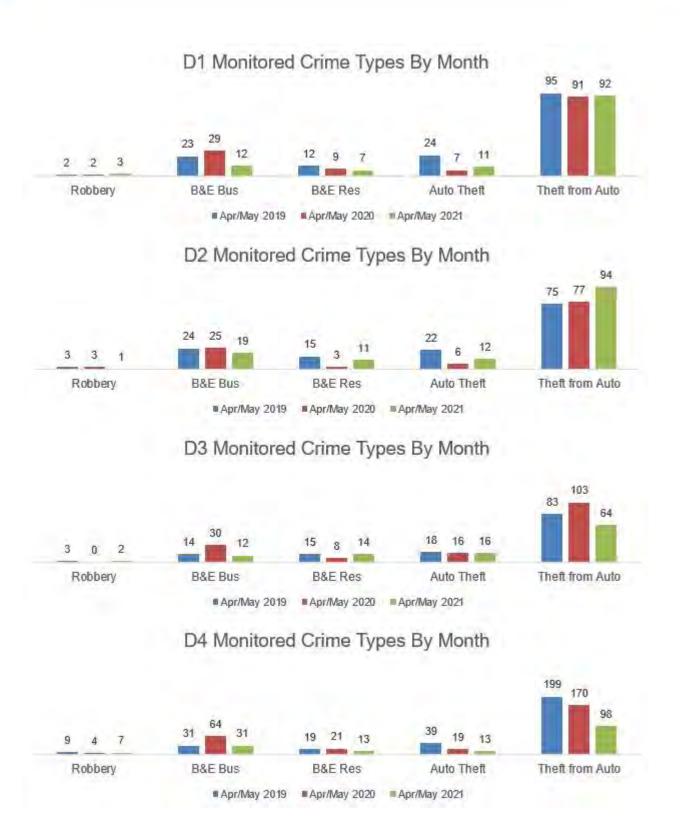
We continue to be successful working towards the goals we set in our Strategic Plan and Annual Performance plans and an update is found on pages 27 and 28 of this report. We will be starting soon to work towards our next Strategic Plan.

Finally, for the second year in a row, we proudly raised the Pride and Trans Flags to celebrate Pride Month in June.

Superintendent Graham de La Gorgendiere Acting Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment

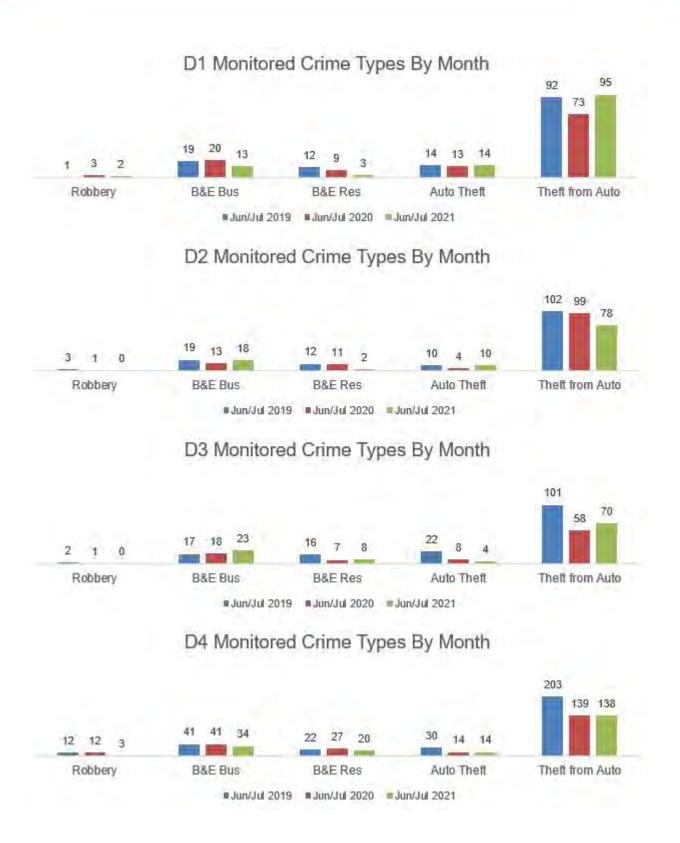


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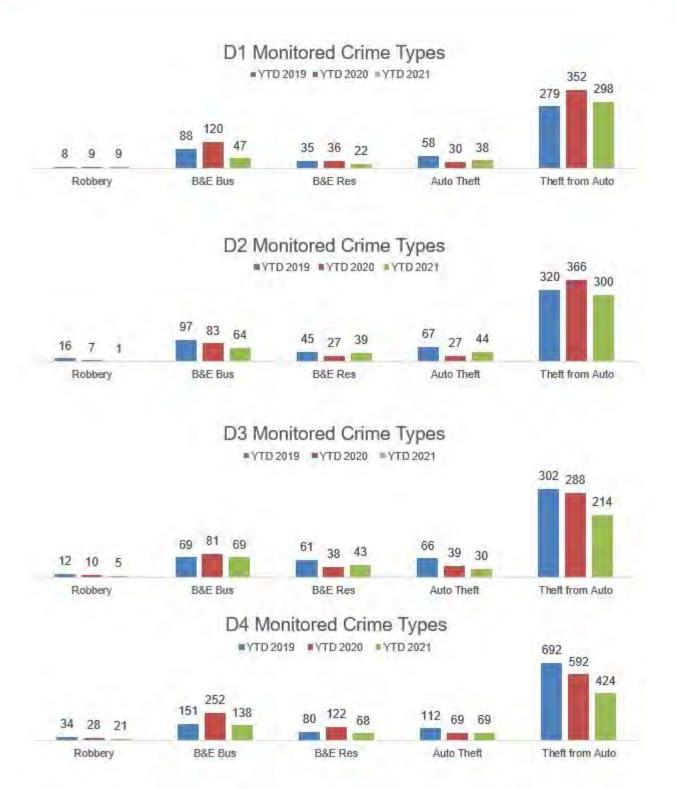


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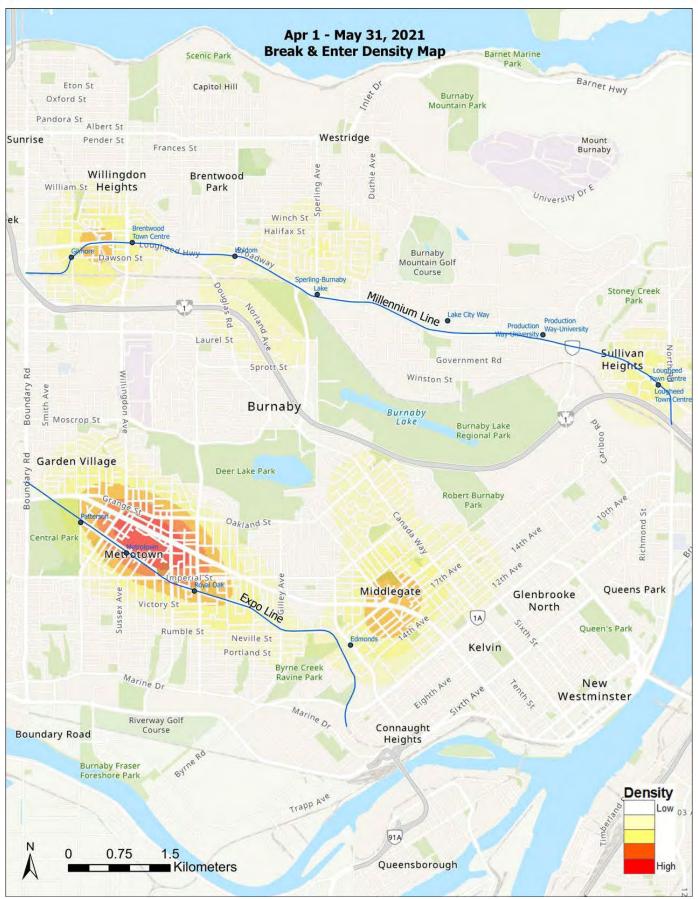




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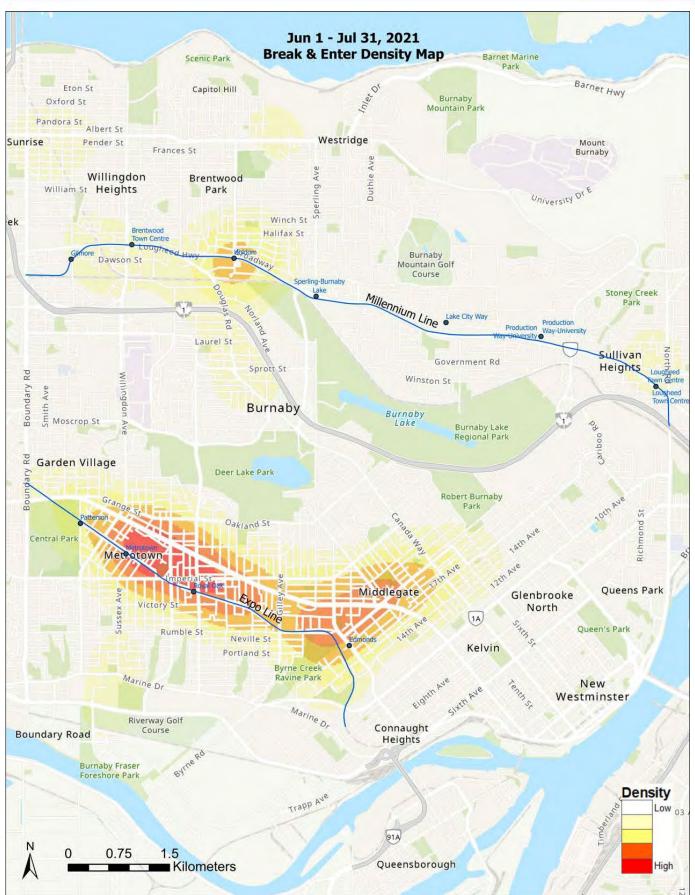






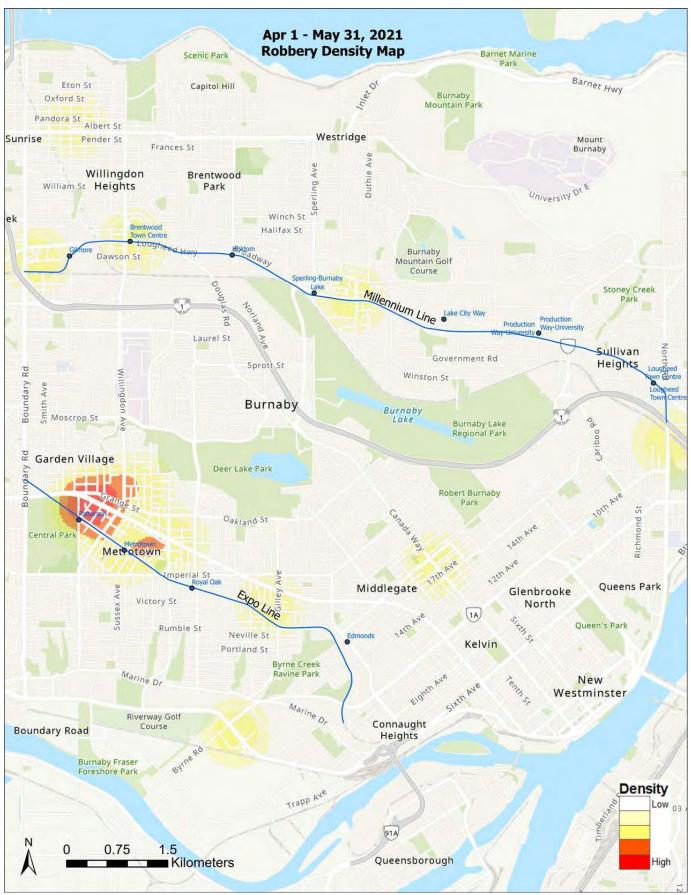
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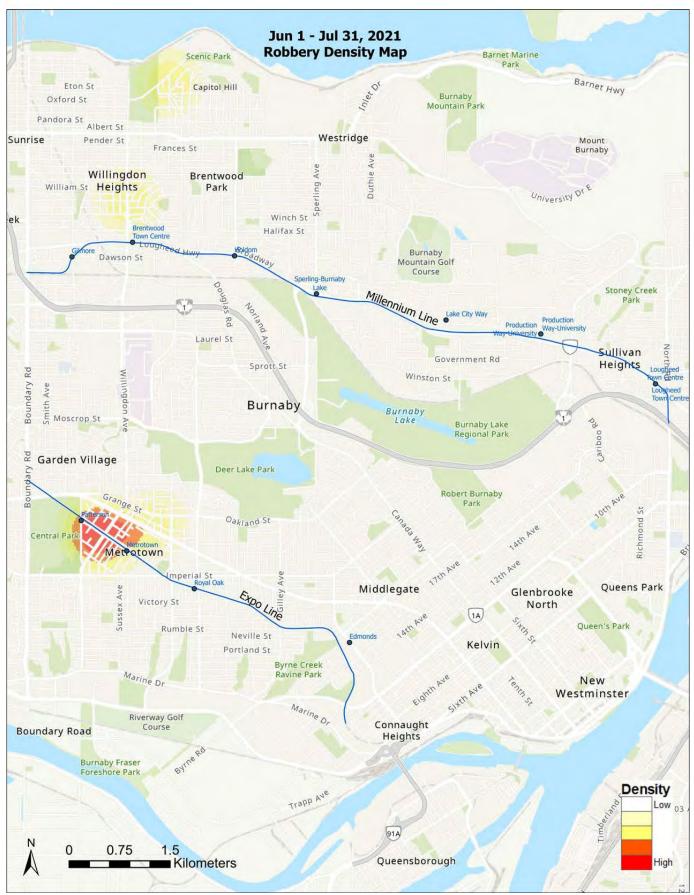
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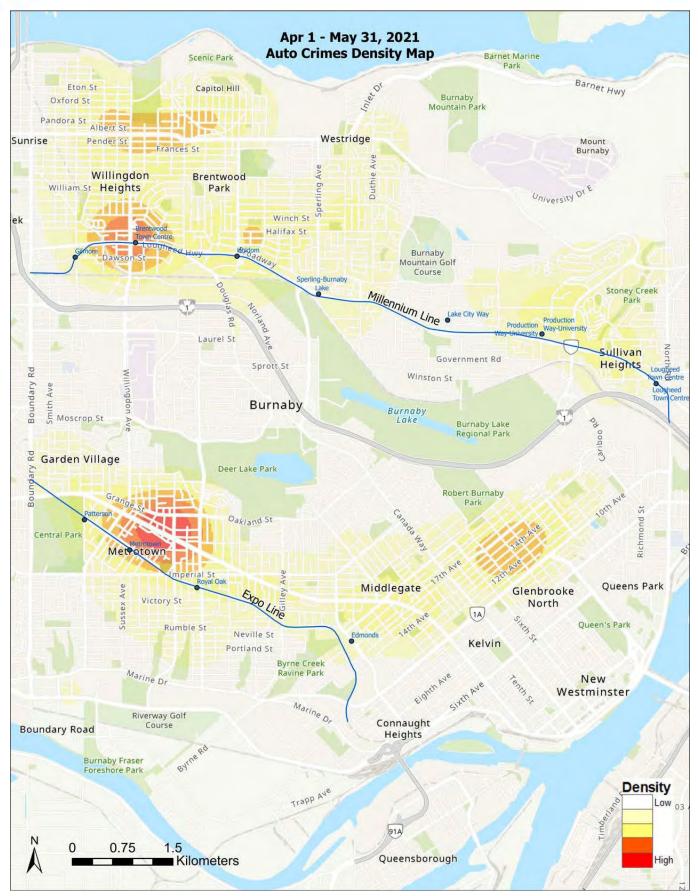


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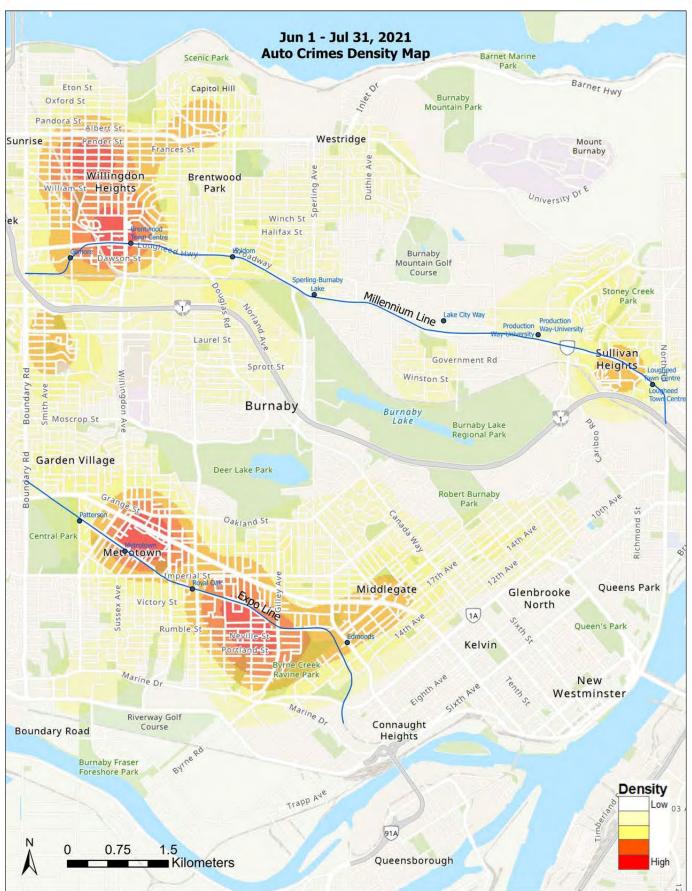












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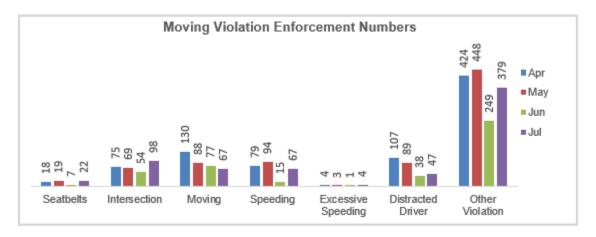
## **Traffic Services Statistics**

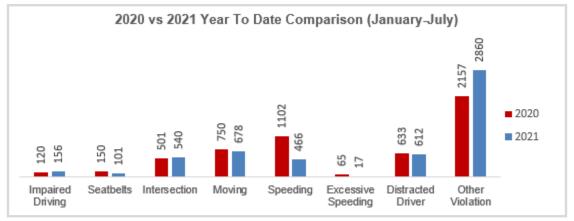
Traffic Section continues their great efforts conducting Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in our City. During the four months covered in this report, 233 inspections were conducted, 149 Commercial Vehicles Removed from the roadways, 455 offences observed, 54 mechanical defects noted and 77 bylaw tickets issued for being off truck route.

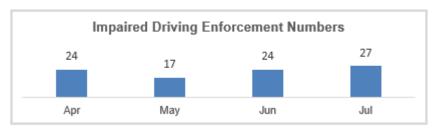
Traffic section members also conducted various initiatives throughout April to July in support of Road Safety BC campaigns, the Detachment Strategic Plan and the Detachment Annual Performance plan. More information on these iniatives is detailed on the following pages.

#### **Statistics**

During the months of April to July, 474 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers, 77 involved non life-threatening injuries and there were three fatalities









### **Traffic Services**

The month of April did not have a designated BC Roadsafety campaign so members of Burnaby Traffic Services utilized their time to focus on Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR) operations, Commercial vehicle inspections, illegal ride share hailing and other enforcement including speeding (school zones with the new hours), distracted driving and pedestrian safety.



On April 4, during Static speed enforcement at Marine Way and Joffre Avenue, 33 violation tickets were issued including 2 excessive speeding VT's along with both vehicles being impounded



for 7 days. One vehicle was taken off the road for going 102 km/h in a 50 km/h zone and another for travelling 103 km/h within the 50 km/h area .

The Road Safety BC Calendar initiative for May was High Risk Driving. As a result, Traffic Services focused on speeding, aggressive lane changes, distracted driving, impaired driving and other risky driving behaviours including stop sign/red light violations and modified vehicles. Burnaby Traffic Services utilized various strategic initiatives in partnership with external law enforcement agencies to target high risk driving behaviours. The results of these enforcement efforts paid off with an increased number of speeding tickets being issued during the month.

On May 5, a Traffic Section Officer stopped and impounded a vehicle for 7 days after the driver was observed to be travelling 103 km/h in a 50 km/h zone.

On May 18, Traffic members stopped a Tesla at an impaired roadblock. The driver exhibited signs of impairment and refused to provide breath sample. The driver acted suspicious and police observed boxes in the vehicle with a packaged substance resembling illicit mushrooms. The vehicle was seized and a search warrant was executed. Several bags of illicit mushrooms and vials of cannabis resin were seized along with over \$5,000 cash. The driver received a driving prohibition and is facing charges of possession of controlled drugs and will likely lose his vehicle to Civil Forfeiture.

May 22 was National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day. Two Burnaby Frontline Officers joined Traffic section along with members of the Passenger Transportation Branch to conduct an initiative. In addition to 3 impaired drivers being removed from the roadway, a total of 9 Alcohol Screening Device (ASD) tests were performed with pass results, and various violation tickets (VT's) under the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) and Passenger Transportation Act (PTA) were issued.





### **Traffic Services**

In June, Burnaby Traffic Services utilized their time to focus on various proactive campaigns to increase road safety in Burnaby.

With the easing of Covid restrictions and licenced premises opening up again, Traffic services members set up four dedicated sobriety roadblocks at strategic locations and times. One impaired roadblock included a large scale, multi-agency initiative to support the summer impaired driving campaign kick-off. This year that event was held on Highway 1 in Burnaby and several law enforcement partners, ICBC and the media attended. These impaired driving efforts contribut-

ed to 24 drivers being investigated for impaired driving during the month of June.

As the school year ended, Traffic members conducted speed enforcement in school zones and playgrounds. Lyndhurst Elementary was one location focused on due to complaints about speeding. Several warnings were given out and parents dropping off kids were spoken to about safe driving habits. The school staff and parents were very supportive of the Traffic officers' efforts over two days at this school.

Traffic services continued to utilize the ALPR not only to identify driving infractions but also to assist the gang suppression efforts of the detachment in support of the Lower Mainland gang conflict investigations. ALPR training held in June means that more members of the detachment are now qualified to utilize this highly technical piece of equipment which should result in the detection of more stolen vehicles, prohibited drivers, drivers with outstanding warrants and other indicators of a nexus to gang activity.

The month of July 2021 was designated as the Summer Impaired Driving BC Road Safety Campaign. Members of Burnaby Traffic Services devoted time to dedicated enforcement efforts on detecting and deterring impaired driving in Burnaby. As a result, there were 27 impaired investigations conducted during July. In order to

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achieve these numbers Traffic Services members set up several dedicated sobriety roadblocks at strategic locations and times including early morning 4 am shift starts on weekends.



In July, a Traffic Services member completed the RCMP Motorcycle course and is now actively patrolling the streets of Burnaby on the motorcycle. It is more nimble and maneuverable through congested traffic which can aid in improved call response time and can be utilized for enforcement activities that are not suited for full sized vehicles. The RCMP motorcycle also helps improve community relations as many citizens approach the officer to ask questions.



# **Investigative Services**

## **Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team (BGET)**

Burnaby's Gang Enforcement Team continues their excellent work 7 days a week. In addition to the statistics below, over 60,000\$ in cash believed to be associated to criminal activity was seized from suspected gang members.

| JANUARY - JULY 2021 BGET STATS |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|--|--|
| FILE TYPE                      | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | TOTAL |  |  |
| Vehicles Checked               | 59  | 147 | 100 | 113 | 134 | 158  | 107  | 818   |  |  |
| Persons Checked                | 65  | 218 | 155 | 177 | 206 | 224  | 150  | 1195  |  |  |
| Premise Checks                 | 14  | 12  | 12  | 1   | 24  | 23   | 32   | 118   |  |  |
| Curfew Checks                  | 17  | 29  | 27  | 11  | 12  | 12   | 9    | 117   |  |  |
| Violation Tickets              | 5   | 14  | 18  | 26  | 34  | 40   | 25   | 162   |  |  |
| Files Created                  | 31  | 69  | 85  | 87  | 69  | 74   | 69   | 484   |  |  |
| Arrests                        | 0   | 9   | 8   | 23  | 3   | 9    | 0    | 52    |  |  |
| Weapons Seized                 | 2   | 5   | 3   | 7   | 5   | 4    | 10   | 36    |  |  |
| Vehicle seizure                | 0   | 2   | 1   | 5   | 5   | 1    | 0    | 14    |  |  |







# **Investigative Services**

### **Drug Section**

In November 2020, an investigation was started by Drug Section after a 20 year old Burnaby Resident died of a drug overdose. The resulting 6 month long investigation identified a male believed to be the person who sold the deceased the drugs which caused his death. On April 23, 2021 a search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence in New Westminster. The search resulted in the seizure of ounce level quantities of fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine, over \$30,000 cash, a new luxury vehicle and luxury items believed to be purchased with proceeds of crime. The suspect was arrested and will face charges in court.



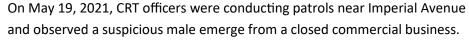
On June 3, 2021, a search warrant was executed and one male was arrested. The search netted multiple ounces of crack cocaine and fentanyl as well a unregistered handgun polymer 80 "ghost gun" along with cash and a vehicle. The residence was associated to an organized crime group. One arrest was also made as part of this investigation on March 31 and at that time several hundred pieces of street level fentanyl, crack cocaine and a vehicle were seized.



### **Community Response Team (CRT)**

#### **Arrest Warrants**

On April 1, 2021, CRT officers were conducting patrols around Boundary Road and Hastings Street when they checked a suspicious male and learned he had three arrest warrants from Vancouver. The male was arrested for the warrants and taken into custody. The warrants were for Possession of a Weapon, Identity Documents and Theft Under \$5000.





CRT officers spoke with the male and learned he had an arrest warrant from Transit police. The male was arrested and taken to cells.

On June 2, 2021, at the request of Hamilton Police, Burnaby Community Response Team officers located and arrested a male for multiple sexual assaults. CRT officers secured the male who was then transported back to Ontario to face the charges.

#### **Hate Speech**

On April 8, 2021, CRT officers learned of a female publicly communicating racial propaganda (nothing violent) outside a local MLA office two days prior (April 6). The MLA and staff were uncomfortable with the speech and concerned for their safety. CRT officers collected evidence and identified the female who had a history of Mental Health problems. The female suspect was spoken to by CRT officers and safety plan discussed with the MLA office.

In April, in light of events targeting the Asian community, CRT increased patrols around 4501 North Road. This area of Burnaby consists of mostly Asian businesses and the patrols were a way for the Burnaby RCMP to show support for the Asian Community. CRT officers engaged with the Asian businesses who welcomed and appreciated the police visibility.

#### **Assault**

On May 13, 2021, Burnaby RCMP received a report of an assault in the 4100 block of Lougheed Highway. The victim provided a description of the suspect and based on regular foot patrols in the area, CRT officers were able to identify a suspect. Based on area knowledge and familiarity with the suspect, CRT officers located the male and arrested him for assault. The male was served paperwork to attend court and face charges.

#### **Mail Theft**

On May 27, 2021 CRT officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Vancouver. CRT officers were searching for evidence related to multiple mail thefts in Burnaby. CRT officers were able to collect evidence and arrest a female suspect. The suspect was served paperwork to attend court to answer to the charges.



### **Community Response Team (CRT)**

#### **Breach Conditions**

On June 3, 2021, CRT officers checked a vehicle with the driver slouched over the steering wheel. When officers spoke with the female in the driver seat, tools were observed near the male passenger. Police database checks on the male showed the condition "no possess tools". The male was arrested and release with paper work to attend court at a future date.

On June 16, 2021, CRT officers checked a suspicious male near Boundary and Hastings Street. In speaking with the male, officers learned he was breaching conditions not to possess tools. The male was arrested and issued paperwork to attend court at a later date.

On July 9, 2021, CRT officers responded to the Brentlawn area for a report of a female trying to break into vehicles. Officers conducted patrols and located the female at the London Drugs at Brentwood Mall. Officers identified the female and learned she was breaching conditions. The female was arrested and served paperwork to attend court.



#### **Prohibited Driving**

On April 21, 2021, CRT officers were conducting proactive patrols near Lougheed Highway and Holdom Avenue when they observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. CRT officers stopped the vehicle and learned the driver was to be served a driving prohibition. The driver was issued a 3 month driving prohibition and his drivers licence was seized.

On May 18, 2021, CRT officers observed a vehicle with a female driver known to police as a prohibited driver. CRT officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the female. The vehicle was impounded and charges are being recommended.

On June 2, 2021, CRT officers observed a vehicle in the 4100 block of Albert Street. CRT officers recognized the driver and knew her to be prohibited driver. The vehicle was checked and officers confirmed the woman's identity and the driving prohibition. The driver was arrested and issued paperwork to attend court at a future date and the vehicle was impounded.

On July 7, 2021, CRT officers were patrolling the new Brentwood Mall and observed a vehicle parking. Checks of the vehicle registration indicated that the owner was a prohibited driver. Officers spoke with the male after the car was parked and confirmed him to be the registered owner. The male was arrested and served paperwork to attend court. The vehicle was towed and impounded for seven days.



### **Community Response Team (CRT)**

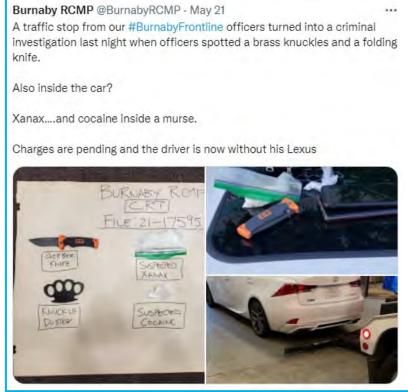
#### **Drug Trafficking**

On July 7, 2021, CRT officers patrolling the area of Metrotown checked a vehicle with a history of cannabis. In speaking with the driver, officers learned there was illicit cannabis in the trunk of the vehicle. Upon opening the trunk and seizing the illegal cannabis, officers observed another unknown substance in the vehicle. The purple/tar like substance was seized from the vehicle and later determined to be illegal methamphetamine.





On May 20, 2021 at 19:30, CRT was conducting proactive patrols when they observed a vehicle fail to signal while making a left-turn. Surveillance was maintained to determine if the vehicle was involved in drug activity. A traffic stop was conducted in Vancouver. Police checks on the registered owner indicated association to drug traffickers. Brass knuckles and a suspected spring loaded knife were located in plain view on the center console. An officer safety check was conducted and police located a quarter full clear plastic sandwich bag containing suspected Xanax. Another small bag of suspected cocaine was located inside a handbag. The driver was arrested. The Lexus IS350, weapons, drugs and a cellphone were seized. The driver was subsequently released pending charge approval.





### **Burnaby Bike Section**

#### **Arrest Warrants/Weapons Possession**

On April 20, 2021, Bike officers were conducting patrols around Metrotown and checked two people in an alley. Both people (male and female) had arrest warrants from Vancouver and Surrey for possession of stolen property, driving while disqualified and assault with a weapon. In addition to the warrants, an airsoft pistol and brass knuckles were also located. Both the male and female were arrested and held for court.

On May 13, 2021, Bike officers checked a vehicle being driven by a known Burnaby offender. Bike officers learned that the driver had three arrest warrants for drug trafficking. The driver was arrested and held for court.

On June 16, 2021, Bike officers conducting patrols in Ron Mclean Park came upon a tent with someone living inside. Checks on the female in the tent revealed two arrest warrants from Vancouver for theft. Bike officers arrested the female and turned her over to Vancouver Police.

On June 29, 2021, Bike officers conducting patrols near Willingdon Avenue observed a person slouched over from possible from drug use. Bike officers checked on the male who was holding drug paraphernalia in his hand. Bike officers arrested the male and learned he had arrest warrants from Langley and Richmond for Theft and Breach. The male was transported to police cells and held for court.

#### **Breach of Probation/Conditions**

On July 09, 2021, Bike officers responded to a complaint from Metrotown that a prolific shoplifter was on the premises. The suspect male left the mall prior to police arrival but was located by the Bike officers hiding in a neighbouring building. The male was in possession of stolen property and arrested and served paperwork to attend court.

On July 13, 2021, Bike officers responded to a complaint of a shoplifter at a store in Metrotown. Bike officers conducted patrols and located the suspect on a transit bus in possession of unpaid merchandise. The suspect was arrested and held for court.

On July 27, 2021, Bike officers on patrol near Metrotown recognized a prolific offender near the bike trails. The male was in possession of tools which the officers knew was in breach of his release conditions. The male was arrested and served paperwork to attend court.



Late last week during proactive patrols of the Metrotown area, #Burnaby RCMP's Bike Section located a man doing drugs in a loading bay and stopped to check on him.

He had outstanding warrants, was arrested & searched.

Several items were seized.

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## **Burnaby Bike Section**

In June, the Bike Unit conducted five Bike Safety Presentation to schools throughout Burnaby. A 7-11 store graciously provided several hundred Slurpee vouchers for the children attending the presentations. Presentations included information on cycling safety and injury prevention. The presentations also discussed general safety information that would apply to scooting, roller blading and skateboarding.

Within in each presentation, helmet fit, daily bike checks, riding safety and other topics were covered.









### **Burnaby Youth Section**

#### **Burnaby Youth Thanking Frontline Health Care workers**

In May, Burnaby RCMP Youth Section members took on a project with their schools to celebrate this year's National Nursing Week (May 10-16) in appreciation of the continuous and hard work the health care workers have been doing during the current global pandemic.

Youth Section members coordinated with their elementary schools' staff to have their students to create a piece of art work/drawing to be collected and delivered to local health workers in appreciation for the service they provide to communities. Despite the short notice, almost 30 schools participated in this project and helped make it a successful and memorable event. Members collected approximately 1000-1200 post cards, messages and letters from students with heartfelt comments for members of the health care community and thanking them for what they do.

A representative from Burnaby RCMP Youth Section, along with one of school teachers involved in the project, delivered the students' gifts to Burnaby General Hospital, BCIT Covid Testing site, Fortius Vaccination site, and RCH in New Westminster. The Frontline health workers at each site were extremely appreciative of the messages and many were in tears when they received them.







### **Burnaby Youth Section**

#### **High School Graduation Drive Parade**

Burnaby Youth Section Officers proudly participate in graduation ceremonies held by high schools in Burnaby to celebrate with graduating students, parents and school staff. Usually, officers participate in these events in Red Serge together with the students whom they have gotten to know over several years and see them graduate and move on to the next part of their lives.

This year's celebrations were affected by COVID-19 restrictions and as a result schools celebrated graduations with a vehicle parade in which students, their parents and school staff were able to celebrate the occasion safely and socially distanced. Youth Section officers were honoured to be part of the celebrations held at Moscrop and Burnaby Mountain Secondary schools. Members assisted with safety and security of the events.

On Friday June 18, Moscrop Secondary held their graduation drive parade event. Four Officers from the Youth Section, attended in marked police cars and assisted with traffic control throughout the parade route to ensure all participating vehicles and their occupants finished the parade safely. Approximately one hundred vehicles took part in the parade, traveling on a route in vicinity of the school, which included at least ten intersections. Throughout the route, officers managed the flow of traffic on all roads and controlled the intersections in order to facilitate safe passing of the vehicles in the parade.

On Tuesday June 29, Burnaby Mountain Secondary held their graduation vehicle parade in which approximately 60 vehicles took part, while another group of 50-60 parents had gathered at front of the school to celebrate the occasion. Youth Section officers were at the event to assist with traffic control throughout the parade route.



Moscrop School Graduation Parade



### **Burnaby Youth Section**

#### **Summer Proactive Youth Engagement**

Burnaby RCMP Youth Section Officers continuously plan and implement crime prevention initiatives throughout the year to keep youth engaged in positive activities and encourage them to stay away from criminal activity, both on and off school grounds.

During the summer months, although some summer school programs are on, the majority of youth are out of school. As a result, youth spend their time gathering in parks, malls, recreation centres and their residential complex court-yards, where they might come in contact with criminals and possibly be recruited into crime groups. The Youth Section members, as part of their summer youth crime prevention strategies, planned a series of youth engagement events to be held Thursday afternoons, weekly, during summer. Burnaby RCMP Youth Section collaborated with partners from St. Leonard Youth and Family Services, Burnaby Parks and Recreation Centres and SUCCESS BC to organize these events with the primary goal of helping build rapport with youth, establish long term positive relationships with youth-at-risk, provide whatever support they require and most of all, helping them make better life choices.

On Thursday July 8, three officers from Youth Section, along with representatives from the participating partner agencies, attended the Hillside Gardens residential complex in District 3 and hosted a youth engagement event for a group of approximately 40 youth and parents. Officers provided snacks, played sports with youth and engaged them in talks providing advice on lifestyle choices. On Thursday July 15, a similar event was held at the Edmonds Community Centre for a group of 20 youth. Three officers from the Youth Section and representatives from the partner agencies hosted the event, during which the youth had a great time playing soccer, billiards and video games with police officers. Again, officers took the opportunity to engage youth in conversation about choosing a positive lifestyle. Several parents expressed their appreciation to officers for organizing such events.



Hillside Garden Children getting a dance lesson



## **Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)**

In recent months Crime Prevention services staff have noted an increase in requests for site assessments (some proactive but primarily post-crime requests).

It is anticipated that increased promotion of the program both internally to other detachment units as well as publically has created this additional demand.

During our site assessment visits, Crime Prevention services staff often hear from the property owners about the devastating impacts of this victimization is to their sense of safety and security.

To that end, our site assessment visits go far beyond the physical examinations of the premises and the CPTED based recommendations we provide. Victims are reassured to hear that still live and work in a safe community. They are also eager to learn what they can do to mitigate future re-victimization.

In June, through partnership with the Block Watch Society of BC, the Crime Prevention team were able to disseminate 70 "Slow Down Children Playing" signs from BCAA to Block Watch groups throughout the City. These are intended to be a visible reminder to drivers to be alert to children playing outside near streets during these summer months.

Also in June, Crime Prevention staff coordinated several zoom meetings with Block Watch groups, providing general personal safety and security information



The Crime Prevention team coordinates several public pro-

grams on behalf of the City / RCMP, including our many resident watch and education initiatives. An important element of all these programs is the coordination between police and the public; working together to improve community safety.

The value of this coordination was highlighted during the July heatwave. Crime Prevention staff leveraged our existing public program communication networks to spread information about cooling centres, and encouraging neighbours to check on those they knew to be vulnerable in the extreme conditions. Many residents expressed appreciation for this neighbourhood outreach.



## **Victim Services Unit (VSU)**

The following is a breakdown of some of the work conducted by the Victim Services Unit over the for month reporting period.

|                              | April | May | June | July |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Files Opened                 | 199   | 229 | 283  | 211  |
| Crisis Calls                 | 28    | 34  | 63   | 23   |
| <b>Hours Crisis Response</b> | 47    | 45  | 70   | 27   |

In May, there were very public gang shootings that have taking place all over the Lower Mainland. Burnaby had shootings resulting in the public being quite impacted. The Burnaby RCMP launched a Burnaby Neighborhood Incident Response Program (BNIRP) to reach out to the public to address public safety and the emotional impact on some the communities the incidents took place in. Victim Services, Crime Prevention, IHIT, BGET and Youth Section (RCMP) all took part in order to help assist the public with the concerns they had. The BRNIP was successful, received a lot of participation and media coverage.

In June, the province faced an extreme heatwave (dome) that lasted for over a week. From June 19th to June 30th, VSU responded and attended to over 35 Sudden Deaths. This was due to the delay that citizens were waiting over an hour to get through to 911. Emergency Health Services (EHS) was short staffed and could not keep up with the volume of calls. The Coroner Services were not prepared for the influx of deaths happening across the province. This left police and Victim Services assisting and supporting families and neighbours who found their loved ones dead because of the heatwave.

Also in June, we hired two of our auxiliary staff to fill the two regular full time positions we had from February and May of this year. The two selected candidates have both been with the program since 2019. We welcome and congratulate our two new candidates on their selection for the full time positions.

In July we focused on continuing the hiring process to get more staff to keep up with the volume of files the unit is receiving. We have seen an increase of files due to a new referral system called Road hub, which launched in February of this year. To this date, our unit received over 400 referrals through the Roadhub, which accounts for 34% of our file load.



## **Strategic Plan Update**

We are well into our Strategic Plan and while the Covid-19 Pandemic has required us to adjust some of how we do business, we have had a lot of success in meeting the goals we set out in our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

During the quarter encompassing April to June 2021, we accomplished the following in support of our Strategic Plan:

#### Strategic Priority 1: Improve Public Safety

Our drug section continues to exceed their enforcement targets supporting our objective of Preventing and Reducing Crime and working on Interjurisdictional Cooperation Initiatives.

Our Traffic section has conducted numerous enforcement initiatives during the quarter. 18 Sobriety Roadblocks were held, 16 distracted driving enforcement sessions were conducted, 7 commercial vehicle enforcement sessions completed and 17 pedestrian safety enforcement sessions were conducted.

Our Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team has been busy reducing the ability of Gangs to continue their activity in Burnaby, as can be seen on Page 11 of this report, 818 vehicles were checked, 14 vehicles were seized and over \$60,000 was seized from suspected gang members.





# **Strategic Plan Update**

#### Strategic Priority #2: Enhance Community Engagement

Our Mental Health Outreach team has been conducting home visits with a mental health nurse and exceeded the established targets for the number of visits for the year. Burnaby's Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART) has restarted and 9 referrals were made by RCMP in this quarter. Our Mental Health Outreach Team completed 16 visits with the mental health nurse and conducted 8 visits at homeless shelters.

During this past quarter, Youth Section delivered 44 presentations on Cyber Crime/Bullying, participated in 2 Restorative Justice Processes, monitored 23 at risk youth, conducted 7 curfew checks and delivered 9 Safe Driving Presentations.

Our Communications Team continued to build strong partnerships with local media and expand the use of the Burnaby Twitter account to reach the community and provide important police and public safety information and education.

#### **Strategic Priority #3: Ensure Good Governance**

Our established Space and Efficiency Committee continues to meet weekly on aligning work teams to increase efficiencies.

#### Strategic Priority #4: Support our People

We continued with Wellness Initiatives throughout the Quarter including Wellness Walks, Food Trucks at the Detachment, and broadcasts and information dissemination on Mental health, language training and other training opportunities available to members and staff. 59% of police officers completed their learning plan as part of their Annual Assessment.



# **Community Engagement**

## June—Pride Month







# **Community Engagement**

## **Remembering Cst Terry Tomfohr**

On June 3, 1967, Constable Terry Tomfohr died while working at Burnaby Detachment. He fell from a cliff during a foot pursuit. Cst Tomfohr was 19 years old and had only served 3 weeks as a police officer at the time of his death. Each year we hold a ceremony to remember Cst Tomfohr and honour his sacrifice.









## **Report Crime Online!**

The Burnaby RCMP launched Online Crime Reporting on June 1, 2020. 466 reports were received through this system up until the end of 2020. A total of 291 reports were received from April to July of 2021 with a total of 467 online reports received for the year up to the end of July. We continue to be 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 or through the City of Burnaby website online services at https://www.burnaby.ca/Online-Services.html.





## **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 2**

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#### **District 3**

Donald N.Brown CPO 7191 Arcola Way 604-646-9577

#### **District 4**

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