# **BURNABY RCMP**

**ATTACHMENT 1** 

# **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

## Partners for a Safe Community

**DEC 2024-JAN 2025** 







Burnaby RCMP officers interacting with community members, at Masjid Al-Salam open house (above left), Cram the Cruiser event at a shopping centre (above right)

Traffic officers conducted many roadblock checks in **December leading to Christ**mas holidays, checking drivers for drinking and driving.









# Message from the Chief



# Chief Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment

During the months of December and January, Burnaby RCMP responded to over 8,000 calls for service, addressing a wide range of public safety concerns. In addition, our detachment employees engaged with various community groups and key partners in support of our city's residents. In December, leading up to Christmas holidays, our employees organized various fundraising and toy collection events in support of sick children and needy families.

Burnaby RCMP's Traffic Services Unit focused on high-risk driving, which is especially important at this time of year considering the shorter daylight hours and wintery weather. Traffic officers conducted numerous impaired driving roadblocks during the holidays in December. As well, the officers were out on the road to educate

drivers on how to drive safely during the winter months with snow and ice on the road.

Throughout December and January, Burnaby RCMP's Gang Enforcement Team (BGET) officers were focused on their core policing mandate to deter gang activity, which includes proactive intelligence-led patrols. BGET officers conducted numerous traffic stops of suspicious vehicles resulting in the seizure of various types of illegal drugs prepared for trafficking, as well as, cell phones, weapons and large amount of cash, in some cases.

Burnaby RCMP's Strike Force unit conducted several complex investigations during this report period. The unit took on several Robbery and Theft cases involving sale of electronic devices through Facebook Marketplace which led to theft of the items at the meeting location. Strike Force investigators have been busy with follow up investigations on several robbery cases trying to identify the suspects and determine if the cases are possibly linked.

The Community Response Team (CRT) continued with its crime reduction strategies during this reporting period. In December, CRT officers conducted two Boost and Bust anti-shoplifting operations in partnership with Metrotown mall security personnel and business owners which resulted in multiple arrests and recovery of close to \$10,000 worth of stolen merchandise. As well, CRT members completed an operation plan to secure funding for a special project to conduct enhanced patrols at Metrotown with aim of reducing violent crimes at Metrotown mall and the surrounding area.

Despite the cold weather, our Bike officers were on their newly acquired e-bikes patrolling the city hotspots. The officers spent some time conducting targeted enforcement patrols at the Station Square, adjacent to Metrotown, as that area has seen increased number of criminal incidents recently.

Our Police Mental Health Outreach Team (PMHOT) continued with its regular work of providing support to the vulnerable people in our community through collaborative efforts with our partner agencies. The Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Team Members kept busy during this period, attending numerous mental health related files.

Our Youth Section continued with attending Burnaby schools to provide support to students and staff as required. Like previous years, the officers took the lead on organizing the annual Keian's Toy Drive fundraising event in December.

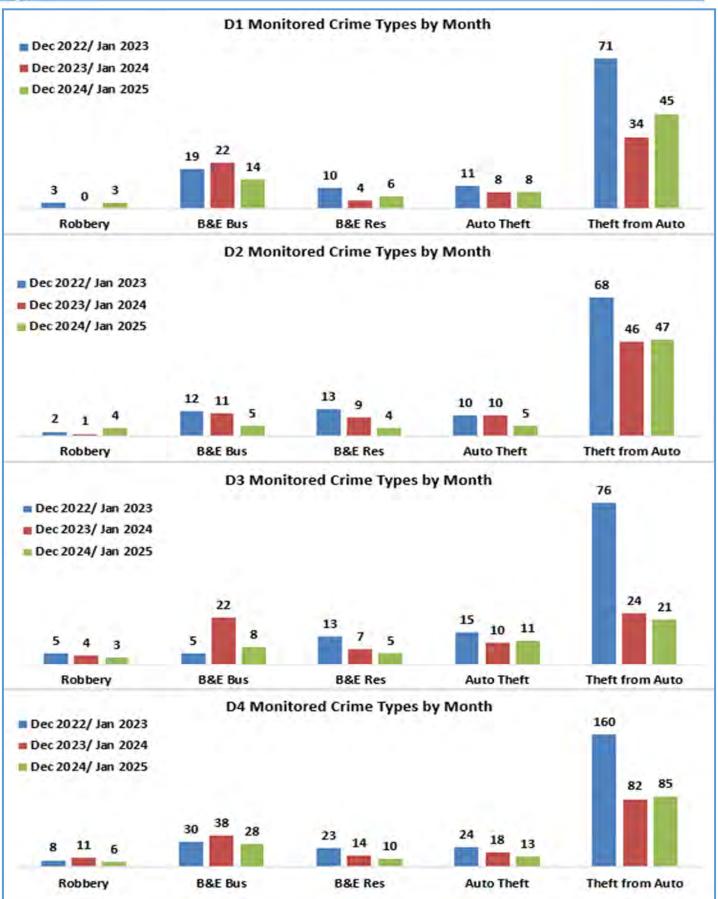
Our detachment's Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan are on-track to meet our set objectives.

Chief Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere

Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment



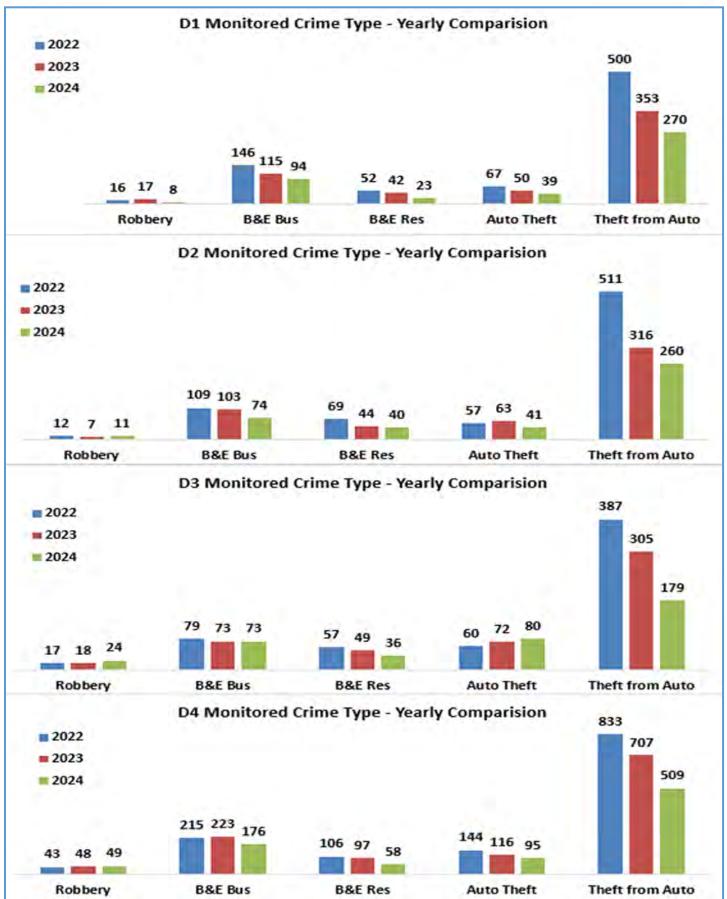
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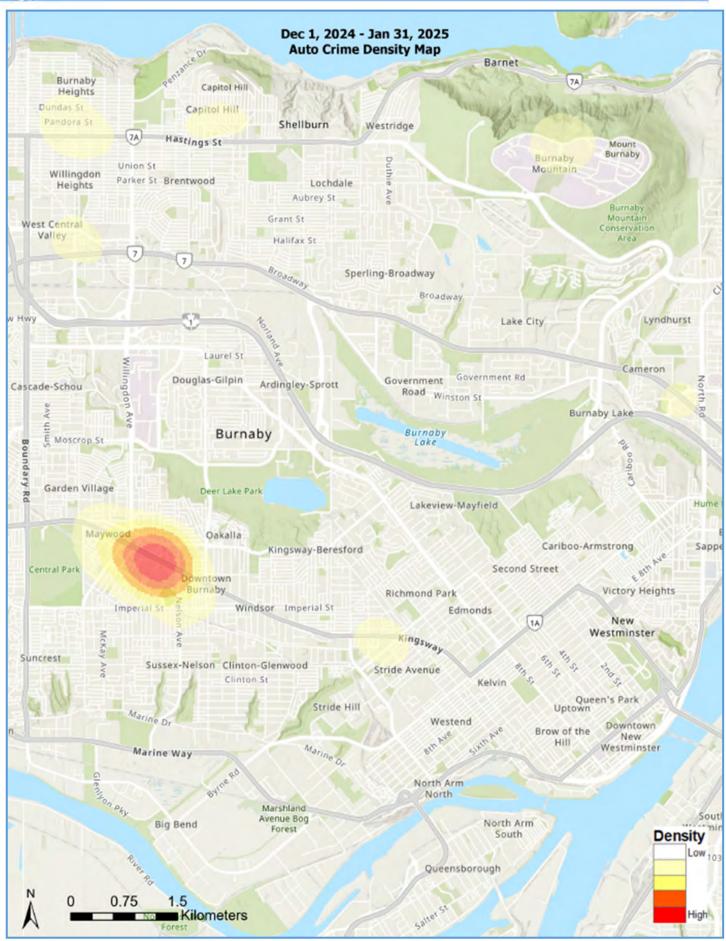
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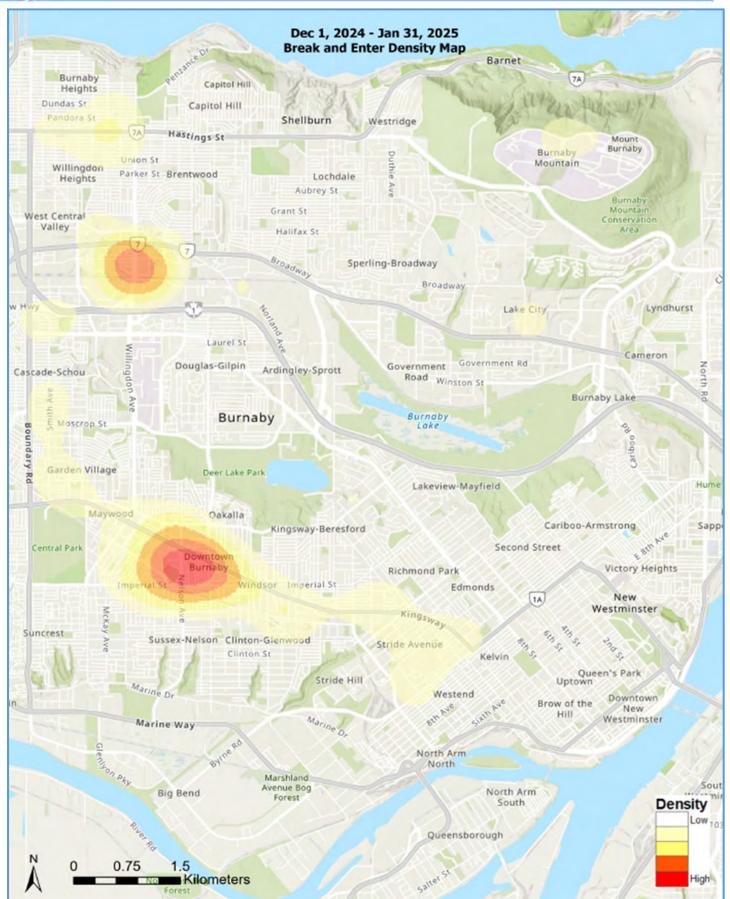


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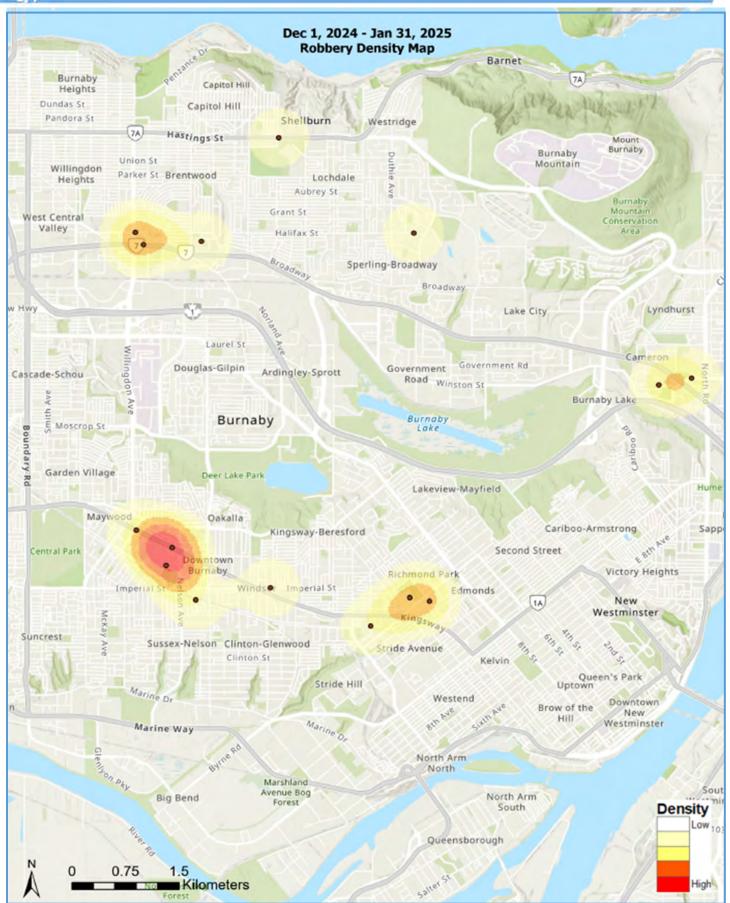
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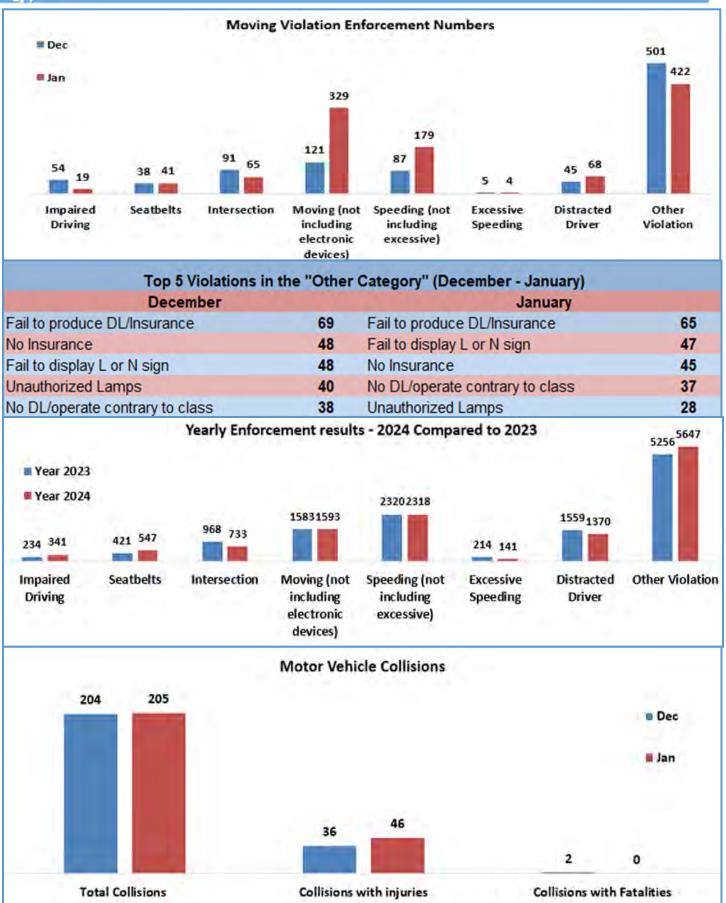
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## **Traffic Services Statistics**





## **Traffic Services**

During the months of December and January, Traffic Services continued conducting enforcement initiatives in line with the detachment Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan (APP). December was designated as the Winter Impaired Driving Campaign month. Traffic Services joined the Dec 7th large joint agency campaign kick-off called "Light up the Province", coordinated by the BC Hwy Patrol. In January, there was no designated provincial enforcement campaign, however, the Traffic officers conducted various enforcement and educational initiatives in line with the harm reduction strategies and improving road safety.

#### **Speeding Enforcement**

During the month of December, Traffic Services conducted 13 speed enforcement operations set up in varying strategic locations, including enforcement in school and playground zones. In January, with return students to school, Traffic officers were able to conduct 7 back to school speed operations in school zones to remind drivers that schools were back in session after the Christmas holidays. A total of 45 Violation Tickets were issued for speed in school zones. One notable school zone speed operation held on Jan. 9, during which 15 speeding VTs were issued to drivers in front of Alpha Secondary school on Parker St. Another 4 school zone speed operations were held by the end of January with a total of 62 school zone speeding VTs being issued during the month.

#### **Impaired Enforcement**

Burnaby Traffic Services participated in the Light up the Province event by contributing several resources in support of this operation which included sobriety check-points from Chilliwack to West Vancouver. Burnaby members set up at all Burnaby off-ramps (7 locations) along with partners from various other police agencies and ICBC. There was a large media presence. In total, this large-scale impaired driving operation resulted in:

31 - 90 Day IRP's

18 - 3 Day IRP's

14 - 215 (24 hr) Suspensions (Alcohol)

11 - 215 (24 hr) Suspensions (Drugs)

1421 - ASD tests with Pass results

190 - Violation Tickets

20 - Other Criminal Code offences

252 - Members working

75 – Check Points

101 - Civilians (Volunteers, ICBC, Road Safety BC, MADD Canada, and BC Coroners)

35,537 - Vehicles Checked

Outside of this large-scale operation, Burnaby Traffic officers set up another 15 Sobriety Roadblocks in December pulling another 14 impaired drivers off Burnaby roadways. In January, Traffic officers conducted 10 Sobriety Roadblocks at various locations which resulted in 8 impaired drivers being pulled off the road.

#### **Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR)**

During the month of December, Traffic officers deployed the ALPR devices 3 times which resulted in 14 violation tickets being issued for No Insurance and 6 for No Driver's Licence. In January, the ALPR device was deployed 3 times which resulted in 14 VTs being issued for No Insurance and 7 for No Driver's Licence.







## **Traffic Services**

#### **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE):**

In December, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted 3 large joint Commercial Vehicle Enforcement operations with partner agencies, at 3 different locations in Burnaby, which resulted in 91 vehicles being placed out of service, 232 violations being identified and 211 violation tickets being issued to violating drivers. In January, there was no large scale CVE joint operations. However, a meeting was held in late January to schedule the LMD CVE calendar of joint operations for the year with many expected to be held in Burnaby. This will be the second full year Burnaby Detachment will see a dedicated CVE enforcement member focussing on enforcement, education and intelligence led policing to keep commercial vehicle operations and company owners accountable. During this month, Burnaby Traffic officers conducted 4 CVE operations resulting in taking 32 trucks off the road due to having defects and issuing 93 violation tickets to the drivers.

#### Intersection and Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety:

High risk driving includes running red lights, disobeying stop signs and disobeying Traffic Control Devices at or near intersections. These risky driving manoeuvres put pedestrians and other vulnerable road users at risk. Intersection safety in general tends to increase pedestrian safety. In December, Burnaby Traffic officers conducted 19 intersection focused enforcement operations. Due to a complaint and first-hand observations made by officers, the



intersection at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Canada Way was deemed a significant safety concern due to drivers flagrantly disobeying the 12<sup>th</sup> Ave stop signs at the pedestrian activated light controlled intersection. The drivers causing the most problems were those taking their children to school on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Traffic officers took an escalating approach by first making a visible presence in marked vehicles, and then, as the violations continued, the officers began stopping drivers to educate them on stop sign requirements at a pedestrian controlled intersection. During this month, Traffic officers attended to this intersection on 9 occasions and issued a total of 13 violation tickets to drivers. In January, Traffic officers conducted 7 pedestrian Safety operations, including one operation at the intersection of Deer Lake Parkway and Willingdon Ave on Jan 7 which resulted in 6 violation tickets being issued for drivers going through red light.

#### **Distracted Driving Enforcement**

Cell phone use while driving continues to be a problem and a leading cause of collisions. As such, this initiative remains a Burnaby detachment Traffic priority. However, due to other priorities only 2 dedicated Distracted Driving enforcement operations were conducted during this report period. A total of 13 violation tickets were issued to the violating drivers.

#### **Collaboration with Partner Agencies and Community Outreach:**

In December, Traffic officers met with the City Engineering department to discuss priority chronic traffic safety problems from an enforcement and road design perspective. Metrotown Skytrain crosswalk and 12th Ave/Canada Way intersection were the primary concerns. Also, Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services met with ICBC representative to discuss end of the month sobriety roadblock operations. In January, Traffic Services met with the City of Burnaby Engineering department to follow up on chronic traffic safety problems from an enforcement and road design perspective. As well, Traffic Services CVE officer attended the LMD CVE yearly meeting to set the yearly joint CVE enforcement calendar.



# **Investigative Services**

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

During the months of December and January, Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team (BGET) officers continued with their investigative operations and proactive patrols in crime reach areas. These operations led to several criminal investigations which resulted in the seizure of weapons, drugs and other crime related items. Below are some highlights:

#### **Drugs Trafficking / Drugs Seizure**

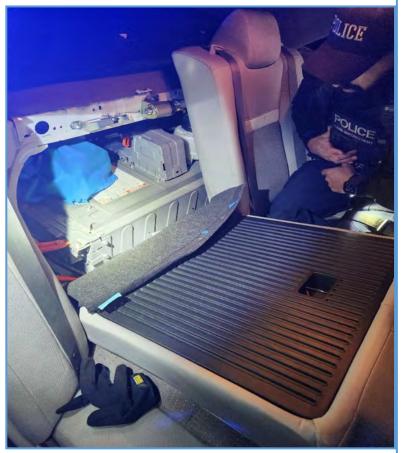
-On December 9th, BGET initiated a traffic stop for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver was identified and police data queries revealed they were flagged as armed/ dangerous, and associated to several individuals known for drug trafficking. Members observed indications of drug trafficking, and based on the totality of the situation, the driver was detained for further investigation. The officers seized the vehicle under the Armoured Vehicle Act and later executed a search warrant resulting in discovery of an aftermarket-compartment containing a dial phone and a bag of drugs for street level drug trafficking. The items were seized.

-On December 10, BGET conducted a vehicle stop of a suspicious vehicle and found the driver in possession of illegal drugs. A search of the vehicle incidental to arrest resulted in officers finding indicators of a hidden compartment. As a result the vehicle was seized and transported to the exhibit storage for further search. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and an after-market compartment was located in the rear seat. The officers located and seized two gold rings and CAD\$3250.00 from the vehicle.

-On January 11, BGET investigators conducted a vehicle stop which led to arresting the driver after forming grounds for drug trafficking. Investigators conducted a search of the vehicle and found 10 vials of suspected powder cocaine, meth, a scale, and cell phones.

-On January 12, BGET investigators conducted a vehicle stop on a suspicious vehicle. Upon checking the driver, it was determined the driver had an extensive history related to drug trafficking, attempt murder and discharge firearm with intent. The officers observed suspected cocaine in plain view and proceeded to arrest the driver. A search yielded over \$20,000 in cash which was seized as Property Obtained by Crime.







# **Investigative Services**

## **Strike Force Unit**

The Burnaby RCMP Strike Force is a multi-facetted investigative unit which focuses on investigating robberies involving financial institutions and jewelry stores, serial robbery investigations and multi-jurisdictional robberies. As well, the unit is responsible for investigating complex property crime such as serial break & enter offences. Below are the highlights of investigations by Strike Force Unit during the months of December and January:

#### Theft of Smartphone

On December 5, Burnaby RCMP responded to a personal robbery in the 6500 block of Bonsor Ave, Burnaby. The victim explained he advertised a smartphone to sell over the Facebook Marketplace. The suspect selected the location for the exchange and was waiting for the victim to arrive. During the meeting, the victim presented his smartphone for the suspect to inspect. The suspect then grabbed the smartphone and fled.

Strike Force Unit has conducted follow up on this file as part of its mandate trying to determine if this matter is linked to other similar incidents that have been occurring



recently. Investigators are continuing their efforts trying to identify the suspect (S) responsible for this offence.

#### Theft of Laptop

On December 11, Burnaby RCMP responded to a theft in the 6500 block of Bonsor Ave, Burnaby. The victim said he organized the sale of his laptop with the suspect via the Facebook Marketplace. Once at the meeting place, the victim allowed the suspect to inspect the laptop. The suspect then fled with the laptop without offering payment.

Strike Force has taken conduct of the above investigations. These files are currently under investigation.

#### Robbery

On January 26, Burnaby RCMP received report of a personal robbery where the victim was pepper sprayed after meeting the suspect through the Facebook Marketplace to sell some items. Strike Force took conduct of the file and after a thorough investigation, identified the suspect. The investigators obtained a judicial authorization to search the suspect residence which resulted in arresting the suspect for Robbery and seizing the evidence they were searching for.



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

CRT officers continued with their great work conducting proactive and investigative policing during the months of December and January. The following are some examples of files investigated and events attended by the unit during this period:

**Boost and Bust:** On December 18 and 19, CRT worked closely with Metrotown Security and Management on a Boost and Bust project aimed at prolific and violent shoplifting. During these two days the Team generated 38 files, recovered close to \$10,000 worth of merchandise and arrested multiple people for theft, breaching court conditions and having outstanding warrants. These projects take time to organize, plan and execute and take a commitment from CRT and their community partners.

**Theft:** On Dec 10, while District 1 CRT officers were on patrol, they observed a prolific offender who had just stolen from Home Depot store. The officers arrested the male right away. The same male was determined to be responsible for four other thefts from the same store. The store was thankful for CRT's quick response.

**Check Wellbeing:** On December 4, CRT and Bike officers located a naked male covered in his own feces near 6300 Mckay Avenue. Police checks revealed that the male had an outstanding warrant out of Quesnel, BC. The male was taken to BGH for medical assessment as he had indicated that he had taken drugs. After being medically cleared, the male was taken to Cells at the detachment to be dealt with for his warrant.

On December 5, a CRT officer was on patrol in the 6700 block of Hastings Street, where he observed 3 people sleeping in the TD Bank vestibule located at 6710 Hasting St. The officer observed drugs paraphernalia at the spot where the three individuals were sleeping. The officer confirmed that each person was conscious and breathing. Then he woke them up, had them clean the area and asked them to leave the premise. None of the parties had any outstanding warrant. They were also provided with information on shelters and how to call the outreach line for assistance.

**Prohibited Driver:** On January 23, CRT officers were on patrol near Gatineau Place in Burnaby when they observed a blue Chevrolet Blazer speeding. The officers checked the vehicle licence plate and found out the registered owner was prohibited from driving. The officers conducted a vehicle stop and arrested the driver, who was also the registered owner, for driving while prohibited. Vehicle was towed and impounded.

Project Planning: CRT Members completed an operations plan and secured funding for a special project to conduct

enhanced patrols at Metrotown. There had been an increase in violence and threats at Metrotown and CRT recognized a need to increase police presence at the location. Ops plan was approved and the increase patrols began at the end of December.

**Public Engagement Events:** CRT and Bikes organized and carried out Cram the Cruiser to raise money and food items for Neighbourhood House. There were two locations, outside Safeway on Hastings St and outside Superstore at Metrotown. Both locations yielded a large amount of food and money. Neighbourhood House was very thankful for the engagement. Members of the public were very generous with their donations.





## **Police Mental Health Outreach Team (PMHOT)**

The Burnaby RCMP PMHOT officers continued their efforts to support their clients during the months of December and January.

During this reporting period, PMHOT visited numerous vulnerable individuals at homeless camps throughout the City of Burnaby. PMHOT and the City of Burnaby are currently managing more than 18 camps. There has been an increase in the number of camps and people who are unhoused and living in trailers or motorized vehicles. PMHOT worked closely with the City crew in an effort to find solutions for each individual. At times, this means clearing out the camp and restoring the forest to its natural way. PMHOT also assisted Burnaby Mental Health with supervised injections for several patients, both in their homes and at a Burnaby Mental Health office. During this report period, the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) team attended 149 files. Below are some examples of files handled by MICR:

#### **Mental Health Act**

-On December 6, MICR assisted with a check wellbeing file. The client had been making concerning comments about implants in his brain and not wanting to take his medications. The person is well-known to Fraser Health and the RCMP. They conducted a mental health assessment and determined the patient did not need to go to hospital as they had an appointment scheduled with their doctor.

- -On December 6, MICR attended a residence for a male who was threatening suicide by jumping off his balcony. MICR contacted the male and was able to de-escalate the situation. They assisted the male to go to the hospital.
- -On another case in December, MICR assisted other officers with assessing a patient. MICR was able to de-escalate the situation as the patient was very anxious by the police presence. The nurse was able to discuss the many concerns the patient had and assist them with navigating further care. No apprehension was required.
- -On January 28, MICR attended to assess someone who thought their spouse had hired someone to steal their car. It turned out the spouse had sold the car. The client was queried on Fraser Health's database and was found to be connected to home health. It was noted that the individual had a mild delusion for the case worker to follow up.

#### Collaboration with partner agencies

-On December 31, Burnaby RCMP PMHOT attended 3300 block of Gilmore way to attend an encampment with the City of Burnaby Intervention team (outreach). PMHOT was requested to clear the encampment and to remain on scene to keep the peace. PMHOT officers located some camps on the west side of Gilmore way, in the woods near the stream.

The officers cleared 3 different encampments with no occupants and drenched from the rain. Lots of garbage surrounded the encampments. The City crew were informed to attend for clean up.

-On January 10, Burnaby RCMP PMHOT attended Gilmore way, Burnaby to assist Parks and Intervention team (outreach). Members attended and cleared all tents with no occupants located. Camps were drenched from the rain but it appeared transients had attended the location. City Parks conducted their inspection and informed city bylaw officers to attend at a later date to post proper signage prior to cleanup.





## **Burnaby Bike Unit**

The Burnaby RCMP Bike officers continued with their proactive patrols in hotspots throughout the City despite the cold weather in December and January. The unit conducted a number of criminal investigations during this report period.

Below are some highlights:

#### Seizure of Weapons / Theft

On December 11, two Bike officers were conducting targeted enforcement at Silver Ave/ Beresford St area when they observed two individuals in the alleyway, next to a doorway, about to ignite a glass pipe drug paraphernalia with a blow torch. The officers arrested both individuals for drugs offences. Upon search incidental to arrest, the officers found a butterfly knife and oth-



er knives, as well as a debit card in someone else's name. The debit card was seized and the two suspects agreed to relinquish the knives to police before being released without charges.

On January 9, Bike unit officers joined other officer searching for a male shoplifter who had fled from Save-On-Foods store on Lougheed Hwy, after stealing several items. Bike officers attended the store and were able to identify the suspect after viewing the incident's video footage. This information was passed on to the lead investigator for further follow up. This suspect has been responsible for multiple criminal acts in Burnaby, mainly in the north side of the city.

#### **Check Wellbeing / Arrest for Outstanding Warrant**

On January 7, Bike officers were conducting targeted enforcement patrols at the Station Square, around Metrotown. The officers found two individuals on the ground, appeared to be unconscious. It became known that the individuals had just consumed illicit drugs from a glass pipe. The officers checked the individuals and confirmed their well-being. After obtaining their information, the officers found out one of the individuals had an outstanding warrant. Subsequently, the person was arrested to be dealt for his warrant.

On January 22, Bike officers were conducting proactive patrols at Bonsor Recreation Complex as they had received reports of multiple thefts from the recreation centre recently. The officers observed an unknown male slumped over a bench and appeared to be under the influence of unknown drugs. The officers conducted a check wellbeing and found the male to be able to walk on his own and that he was coherent. The male declined any medical or police assistance. Police database check confirmed the male was clear of any warrants or court conditions.

#### **Community Engagement**

The Burnaby Bike Unit met with several business owners in the area of Willard and Spur following receiving multiple reports of break and enter to businesses. The business owners were concerned with the constant crime in their area, criminals breaking into their fenced compounds and stealing metal, propane, gasoline, vehicles' parts and causing damage to properties. Bike officers have increased their patrols in this area focussing on intelligence gathering, crime disruption and community engagement in order to improve the situation. There is a homeless encampment in the area as well that Bike officers are aware of and they are assisting the unhoused individuals to get access to support services and more permanent housing.



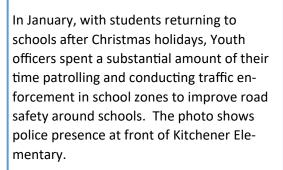
## **Burnaby Youth Section**

Youth Section officers continued with their proactive policing as well as criminal investigations during the months of December and January. The table (right) reflects the unit's activities during this report period:

In December, similar to the previous years, Youth Section took the lead on Keian's Toy Drive, a fundraising campaign, to collect toys and money to help kids fighting cancer. Youth officers spent multiple days in major shopping centres for this campaign, as a result of which they collected 770 toys and \$1755.60 in cash. All toys and the cash collected were taken to BC Children's hospital and, in a ceremony, were delivered to the authorities at the hospital. The photo below shows Youth officers, some in Red Serge, at the ceremony at the hospital.

Months of December-January	Total
Calls for Service (mandate)	51
Assist Frontline Files	14
Assist Other (not Frontline)	3
Meet with At Risk Youth	40
Pro-Active School Visit	85
Curfew Checks	1
Internet Safety Presentations	0
School Presentation Other	12
Traffic Enforcement/School Zones	19
Foot Patrols	0
Community Partner Engagement	4









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## **Crime Prevention/Victim Services Unit (CPVS)**

Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention/Victim Services Unit is the primary unit to coordinate the detachment's outreach activities with community groups. Members in this unit often work with other units at the detachment to attend various community events to interact with the public, promote recruitment, provide awareness sessions and etc. Below are some highlights of the unit's outreach activities during the months of December and January:

#### MOSAIC newcomers to Canada (Chai Time Workshop)

-On December 10, CPVS Member presented at the Chai Time Workshop organized by MOSAIC at their office on Boundary Road. The attendees were Iranian newcomers to Canada. CPVS Member provided a Newcomers to Canada presentation which was translated to Farsi by MOSAIC. The presentation also included some personal safety tips and when to call 911 vs non-emergency. The presentation was well received and Burnaby RCMP will be asked to provide additional presentations in the future.

#### **Security Assessment with Crime Prevention**

The Crime Prevention Unit received a referral from the Victim Services Unit for a security assessment at a residence that recently had a break and enter. CPVS Member often attend



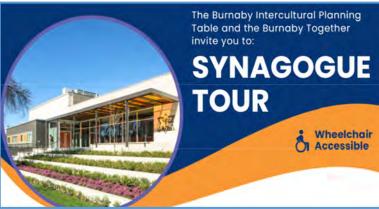
victim's residences at their request to provide the required assistance, including tips on security of the residents.

#### Visit to Cultural/Religious Centres

In line with the detachment public engagement priority, the CPVS unit attends tours of cultural and religious locations where Members get the opportunity to meet with community groups and interact with members of the public. On December 4, a CPVS Member attended a tour of Sikh temple in Vancouver. The tour consisted of an introduction to the Sikhism and the Sikh community, listening to Kirtans, lunch and a Q&A session.

On January 28, CPVS Member attended a Synagogue Tour in Vancouver. The tour consisted of a presentation on Judaism, a tour around the Synagogue and refreshments.







## **Youth Services Unit**

#### Highlights:

Counselling programs at Youth Services received **16** appropriate referrals during the months of December and January.

Some of the reasons for referrals to the counselling program are as the following:

- -Parent-Teen Conflict
- -Assault
- -Mood Disorders
- -Anxiety Disorders
- -Addictive Behaviours
- -Trauma- Related Disorders

During the aforementioned months, both new and existing clients have been actively engaged in their care plans and intervention plans supported by therapists. These children, youth and their parents got therapy, psycho-education and case-management through which clients were referred to some other services in the community as well.

Restorative justice team members were fully engaged in offering intervention circles for files referred to Youth Services by the RCMP on a one-on-one and case-by-case basis as well as intervention and prevention circles at schools within the Burnaby School District.

In this reporting period, the RJ Program also received **12** intervention referrals followed by exploratory meetings with youth and their families to prepare them for an RJ process. Of note, before we hold an RJ conference/circle we have multiple exploratory meetings with each participant involved to prepare them to come together which often results in each file taking an average of 10-12 hours before the circle is completed. During this time Restorative Justice program held **18** classrooms circles and **6** classroom Conflict Resolution Worksop sessions.

Through collaboration of counselling and restorative justice program staff, some of the clients got services in both areas, following needs analysis and assessments, while also engaging their parents and/ or school support teams, as well as community members. This has happened through active team consultations and case sharing meetings within the Youth Services Unit and under clinical supervision.



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

The Burnaby RCMP Victim Services Unit continued their great work during the months of December and January, providing support to those in need. VSU consists of 10 active auxiliary workers, 3 full time caseworkers, an assistant coordinator and the program coordinator. Victim Services attends a variety of in–office and after-hours crisis callouts.

During this report period, a total of 338 files were created, staff members attended 58 crisis callouts supporting 77 clients, for a total of 119 hours of immediate crisis support.

During this report period, VSU staff attended various meetings and training sessions at the detachment and in the community in support of operational and non-operational tasks. These meetings and training sessions included:

- -Interagency Case Assessment Team (ICAT) & Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART)
- -2025 Open House Planning Committee Meeting
- -Monthly coordinators meetings
- -City of Burnaby Respectful Workplace training
- -Project International Safety Planning Seminar
- -Wellness Committee & Health & Safety Committee meetings

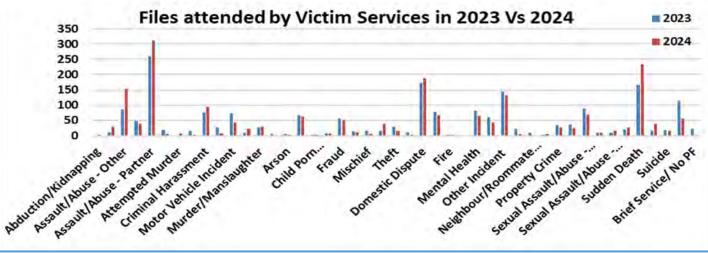
#### **Community Events**

Victim Services staff members joined the Community Response Team (CRT) Members to hold a two-day Cram the Cruiser event in December to help raise funds & food.

#### **Resources Update**

- -Victim Services continued interviews for 5 auxiliary/after hours caseworkers.
- -One of the caseworkers begun their training with the program in January.
- -Due to schooling commitment, an auxiliary caseworker resigned in December.







# **Strategic Plan Update**

#### Burnaby RCMP Detachment Strategic Plan, 2023 - 2026, at a glance

#### IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1.1 Work with Fraser Health and other partners to provide and expand mental health response programs and services for people suffering from mental health issues (e.g., mental health car).
- 1.2 Continue conducting gang suppression activities, interdicting organized crime and violence related to the illegal drug trade in the community.
- 1.3 Implement trauma-informed practices and interventions to address domestic violence, working in partnership with community agencies to reduce incidences and minimize risk to victims.
- 1.4 Reduce motor vehicle violations and collisions through enhanced traffic enforcement

#### ENHANCE COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1 Expand the detachment's community outreach activities to vulnerable populations in Burnaby.
- 2.2 Strengthen the detachment's existing working relationships with key partners in service delivery, including Burnaby's Mayor and Council, municipal departments, Fraser Health, and others.
- 2.3 Develop a communications strategy to guide detachment reporting and information sharing, and support communication systems and tools that improve access to information.

#### SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE

- Boost the detachment's complement of human resources and optimize alignment.
- Supplement training opportunities for regular members and municipal employees.
- 3.3 Prioritize employee wellness.
- Enhance internal communications to strengthen cohesiveness and alignment.
- Prepare for transition to new detachment headquarters.

#### **Strategic Priority 1: Improve Public Safety**

Our Police Mental Health Outreach Team (PMHOT) continued actively collaborating with their partner agencies to provide support for their clients affected by homelessness and/or mental health issues. PMHOT officers actioned 31 files in January and visited numerous homeless encampments visits with the City of Burnaby and homelessness agencies. Considering the cold weather during this report period, PMHOT officers worked closely with the City crew to make sure the unhoused individuals living in encampments received the necessary support. The Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) assisted with 150 calls during this report period.

Our Gang Enforcement Team continued with their targeted and proactive policing during this period. In December, while on proactive patrol, BGET investigators conducted numerous traffic stops of suspicious vehicles and ended up seizing drugs, weapons, cell phone and cash. On one occasion, the officers' investigation into drug trafficking led to executing a search warrant on the suspect's vehicle resulting in the discovery of a hidden after-market compartment containing a bag of drugs prepared for street lever drug trafficking. In another case which occurred in January, BGET officers conducted a vehicle stop and after observing cocaine in plain view, they executed a search warrant on the vehicle and found over \$20,000 in cash which was seized as fund obtained by crime and the suspect was arrested. Please see more details on page 11 of this report.

Our Community Response Team (CRT) members, in partnership with our Bike officers, have increased their presence and patrols in the Metrotown mall and the nearby Skytrain station to help improving the public safety in side the mall and in the surrounding area, in view of the recent series of criminal activities that have been reported.

Our Traffic section continued with their enforcement initiatives during this period. The officers were busy conducting sobriety roadblocks in December leading to Christmas and New Year holidays. As well, the officers conducted other traffic enforcement initiatives such as speed enforcement and commercial vehicle checks towards improving road safety in Burnaby.



# **Strategic Plan Update**

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

Burnaby RCMP PMHOT officers continued with proactive engagement with their partner agencies and support groups in the community in order to provide the needed service to the vulnerable people more effectively. During the two cold months of December and January, PMHOT officers were busy to ensure the unhoused individuals living in tents in various locations received support to keep warm and, when appropriate, assisted the vulnerable individuals to move to warm shelters. PMHOT officers in partnership with the City Crew were managing an average of 18 unhoused encampments during this report period providing the necessary support to the occupants. More details are provided on PMHOT collaborative activities on page 14.

Youth Section continued with their proactive policing engaging youths at schools and in the community. In addition to investigating numerous files, Youth officers spent substantial amount of time at schools participating in various events with students. In December, Youth officers organized the annual Keian's Toy Drive fundraising event in support of kids with cancer. As part of their fundraising campaign, the officers partnered with local department stores and set up kiosk at shopping centres to collect toys and money which were delivered to the BC Children's hospital. In January, Youth officers intensified their school zone traffic enforcement and educations to ensure the safety of students, their parents and school staff upon return to school after the holidays.

As part of the detachment's community outreach efforts, detachment staff members, including the Senior Management Team (SMT), attended several public events. To provide some examples; In December, our Crime Prevention and Community Response Team held two Cram the Cruiser events at Metrotown to raise money and food for the Neighbourhood house. In January, Burnaby RCMP Members, including a member of SMT, attended an open house event held at the local mosque and interacted with the community members. As well, group of the detachment employees took part at the Lunar New Year celebration held during lunch hour at the City hall on January 22. Please see more details on page 17.

Burnaby RCMP issued 19 news releases and 31 social media posts during this two-month reporting period. In December, the communications team published a news release advising the public of a new bank card scam involving a fraudulent taxi. Also in December, the communications team published a release asking for public assistance in identifying a vehicle involved in a hit and run that left a pedestrian with serious injuries. In January, the communications team updated the December hit and run with a release advising of the arrest of a suspect involved in the incident. The team published a release advising of charges being approved against a suspect in relation to a bank card scam that they had warned about in February 2024. Throughout this reporting period, the communications team posted photos and updates of bike and foot patrols. They also informed the public of a food drive, a toy drive and several significant incidents that had occurred, via their social media accounts.

#### Strategic Priority #3: Support our People

During the months of December and January, the detachment Wellness activities continued. These activities included: Continuous messaging to all employees through OIC Weekly emails to inform everyone on current issues; communication to employees using Infoweb, continuous use of email and reader boards to provide information to employees, Weekly lunch time yoga sessions for all staff for free. As well, the Wellness Committee holds monthly meetings trying to set up activities for the year focusing on different aspects of wellness.

The Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) team continues to work on design development for the new detachment. This is a detailed and well thought out process. Kinetic Construction has been working on the site since December and actual foundation construction was scheduled to begin by the beginning of March 2025.

Training Section offered several discretionary training sessions to a number of Members during this report period, which included, but not limited to, 1 Member receiving new Field Coach course, 1 file coordinators, 1 Handling Principles of Human Source Management, 2 Laser Speed Detection Course, 4 Basic Search Warrant Drafting, 1 Internet for Investigators, 2 Operational Surveillance, 1 Human Trafficking, 4 Investigator Development Program, 1 Victim Safety Planning, 1 Phased Interview Model for Suspects, 3 Phased Interview Model for Children, 4 Illicit Trafficking of Pharmaceuticals, 3 Understanding Mental Health and Violence Risk, and 2 Members received the Drug Investigative Techniques course. Training Section continued sending members through their mandatory trainings trying to bring the compliance rate higher. The current compliance rate on Annual Firearm Qualification is at 72% and on Operational Skills training is at 86%.



# Report Crime Online!

The Burnaby RCMP Online Crime Reporting, launched around mid 2020, continues being used by members of the public. The online reporting makes it easier for people to file some of their non-emergency complaints through the online reporting. This initiative 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.





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