



Our 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy Retrospective and 2020 Review

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Today's Agenda

- 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy Retrospective
- 2020 Response to Community Priorities



Background

- The 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy built on the success of the 2012-2015 plan in achieving significant decreases in Kelowna's crime rate.
- In 2016, the Kelowna citizens experienced marked increases in auto theft (26% increase over previous year) and bike theft (43% increase). In the following years, our Detachment doubled down on these concerns, bringing auto and bike thefts lower than 2016 levels.
- In 2019, we saw increases in property crimes. The City of Kelowna's community safety needs continue to evolve.



Our 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy

GOAL 1	Prevent crime before it occurs through a proactive approach
GOAL 2	Work with partner agencies for more effective policing
GOAL 3	Maximize the effectiveness of resources using an intelligence-led model
GOAL 4	Effectively communicate public safety



2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy Retrospective

	Goal	Measure	Baseline	Target	2019 Results
GOAL 1	Prevent crime before it occurs through a proactive approach	Crime rate per 1000	Not available	(-5.0)	106.8 (2019)*
		Volunteer hours	9164 (2015)	9300 per year	8213 (2019)
GOAL 2	Work with partner agencies for more effective policing	Update nuisance bylaws	--	--	Completed (2017)
GOAL 3	Maximize the effectiveness of resources using an intelligence-led model	Priority Call response time	Priority 1: 7.5 mins Priority 2: 9.6 mins (2015)	Priority 1: 7 mins Priority 2: 10 mins	Priority 1: 7.5 mins Priority 2: 9.8 mins (2019)
GOAL 4	Effectively communicate public safety	Citizen perception of safety	94% (2015)	≥94%	98%+ (2019)

*Due to a Jan 1 2019 change in reporting definitions across Canada we cannot make reliably comparisons between pre and post 2019 crime rates. For this reason, we are reporting 2019 results only.





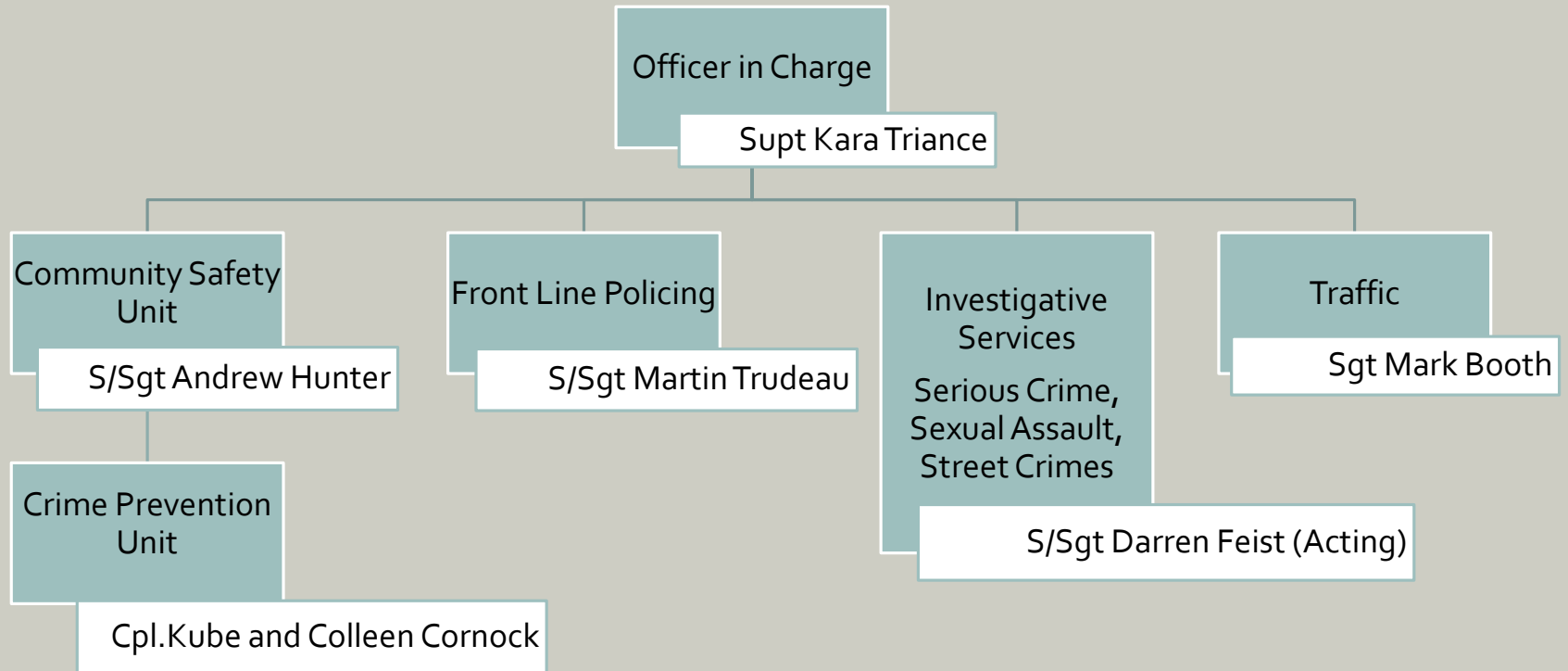
2020 Response to Community Priorities



Here to Listen, Here to Lead

My vision for Kelowna is that citizens feel safe here — that they feel able to come forward and report crimes to the police and be able to know that we are strategically deploying our resources to the areas of highest crime and utmost importance.

- Superintendent Kara Triance, Officer in Charge, Kelowna RCMP Detachment



Our Detachment Structure

Overview

1. 2020 Decreases in Property Crime; Upward Pressure on Persons Offences
2. Cross-Sector Approach to Community Safety



Responding to Reports on Kelowna's Crime Rate

- In Q3 of 2020, Stats Can reports spotlighted increases in Kelowna CMA's increasing crime rates.
 - We did indeed see an increase in property crime in 2019.
 - Our units have been doubling down on proactive and intelligence-led policing.
 - Targeted efforts together with pandemic-related factors resulted in a **16% decrease in property theft in 2020.**



Our Changing Context

- By mid 2020, major police services across Canada were reflecting similar shifts, namely:
 - Notable decreases in most types of property theft (except break and enter to businesses)
 - Increases in domestic disturbance calls, with many cities later reporting increases in domestic violence reports
- Kelowna has also observed and will continue to monitor increases in domestic violence plus serious assaults as our new social and economic context continues to evolve.
- It is time for a new strategy – one that is intentionally designed to bring down Kelowna CMA crime rates and address new social and economic challenges.

Source: Statistics Canada, Police-reported crime incidents down during the early months of the pandemic, while domestic disturbance calls increase.



Targeted Property Theft Initiatives

The Kelowna RCMP Target Team uses crime analytics and sources to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of property crime prevention efforts.

It is actively monitoring 11 Persistent Offenders

Results in 2020:

45 individuals arrested

6 Persistent Offenders charged

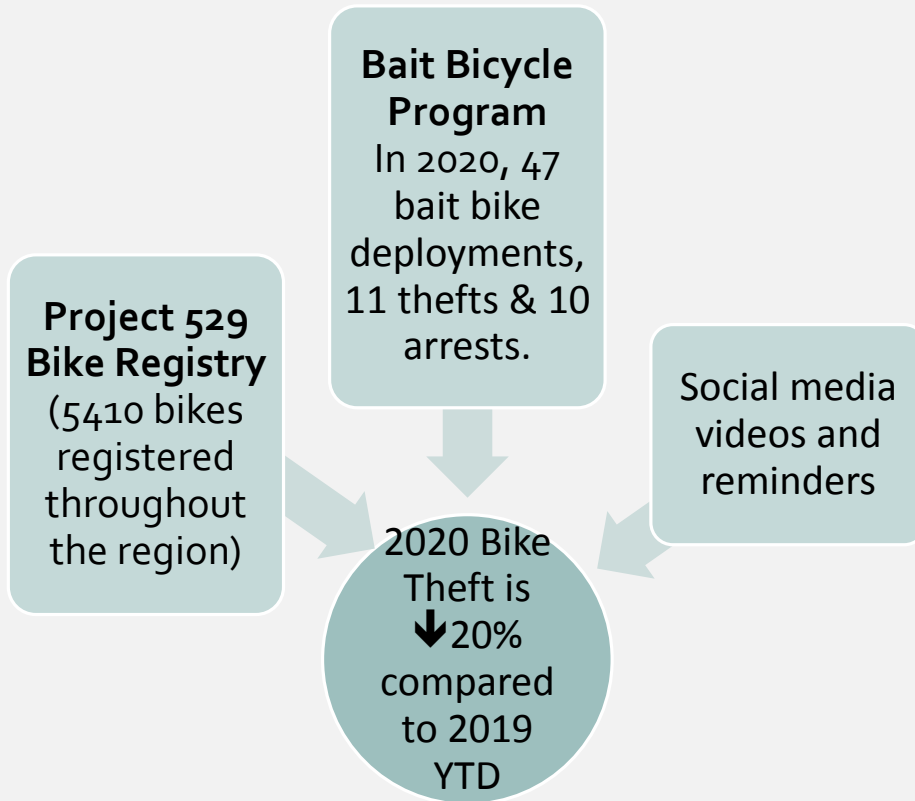
61 stolen vehicles recovered

Auto Theft is **↓25%** compared to 2019

Theft from Auto is **↓23%** compared to 2019



Targeted Property Theft Initiatives



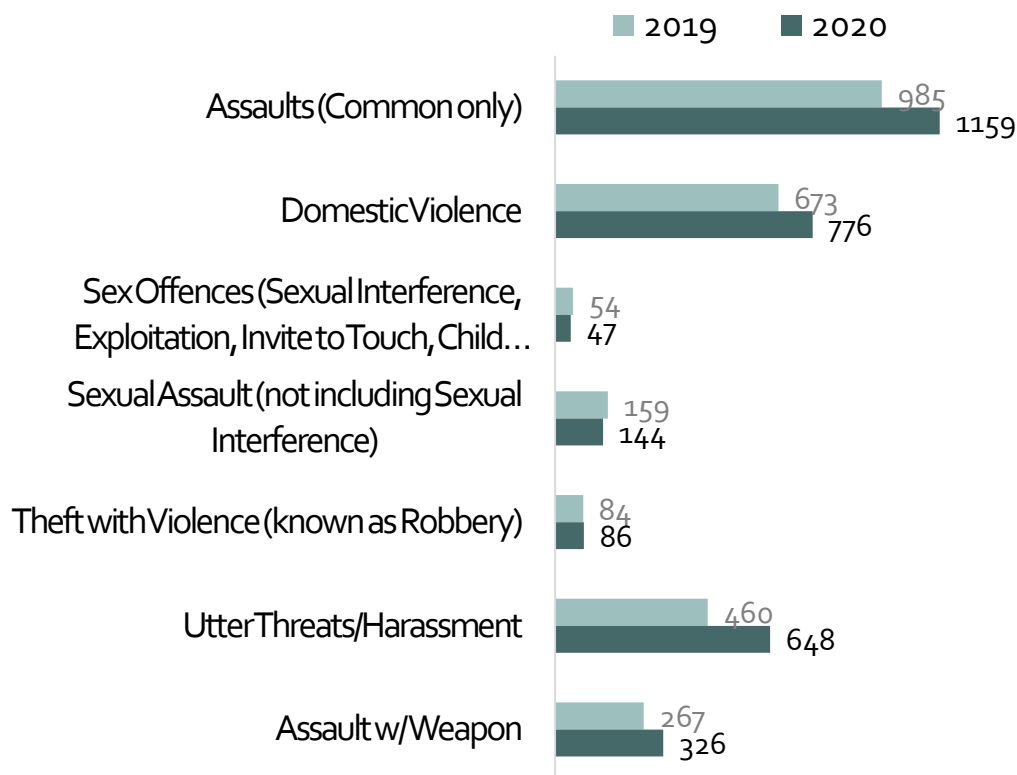
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On a daily basis, our officers are locating stolen bicycles. Cst. Boutin and Cst. Gauthier of the Kelowna RCMP Community Safety Unit were happy to return a bicycle stolen from a local 10- year-old boy. His mom shared that her son is ecstatic to be reunited with his bike.



Persons Offences have risen in 2020

Continuing to monitor in 2021



- In particular, national victimization surveys show rates of reporting to the police are lower for sexual assaults and spousal violence than for other types of crimes.
- Mindful of historical concerns over the classification of sexual assaults in Kelowna, we are committed to earning the trust of victims.



1 in 10 of these Offences Occur Downtown

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Nothing beats the visibility of the uniform, plain & simple
– Operations Officer,
Front Line Policing

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Prevention requires a cross-sector approach



In 2020, the **Kelowna Outreach & Support Table** (KOaST, est 2019) received 46 referrals, connected 34 individuals/families to services with remaining 12 unreachable.



In 2020, we secured commitment from Interior Health for availability of a Community Response Team outside working hours of our **Police and Crisis Team** (PACT) – mobile dyad of police officer with *mental health* training & psychiatric nurse.



We have 4 **School Resource Officers** and have updated Safe School Plans for SD23 schools and have expanded to online and extra-curricular forums for youth engagement.



Meet Cpl Mike Kube, the Officer at the Helm of our Community Policing Unit



About Mike's Career

- Drawn to policing and early intervention during first few years of his career at the Correctional Services of Canada
- 22 years of diverse rural and urban policing, all within BC's South East District
- Career spans Front Line Policing, Auto Theft Investigations, Crime Reduction and Targeted Enforcement, Serious and Major Crime investigations, and now Community Policing and Crime Prevention

About Mike

- Lived in 4 Canadian provinces and Germany
- Graduated from a Kelowna high school and also did post-secondary education locally
- Committed to his family and his community... and his curling and golf skills!



Crime Reduction Strategy Reflections

1. Property crime will continue to be a priority for the Detachment in 2021-2024, not only as a means to reduce our overall crime rates but also in light of the economic challenges facing our communities.
2. We are committed to our role in co-creating and delivering on the City's future Community Safety Plan.
3. We will need innovative, cross-sector approaches to prevent persons offences given today's unique social stressors.
4. We will be inviting insights from Council and community partners as we develop our 2021-24 Strategic Plan.



Next Steps for 2021-24 Strategic Plan

- Invite feedback from Council on Detachment's 2021-24 Strategic Plan on April 12th

