2022 Year in Review - Report to Council

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RCMP Strategic Plan Objectives

Strategic Enabler: Show up at our best for every citizen

Objective 1: Decrease the risk of property crime

Objective 2: Increase the sense of safety in our public spaces

Objective 3: Earn the trust of more citizens that have experienced persons crime

Strategic Enablers are capabilities, capacities, and resources that contribute to the operating effectiveness of an organization.

Decrease the risk of property crime

2022 Trends & Police Responses

Decrease in Persons Crime; Increase in Robberies

Increase in B&E Business, Shoplifting & Bike Theft

Traffic and Proactive Enforcement shifted to Frontline. Decreased violation tickets and project work

Advocacy on repeat and violent offender files

- Data-led Proactive Policing
- Collaborating with our Partners
- Enhanced Strategic Communications
- Aligning our resources with mandates
- Recommendations from Butler/LePard Report

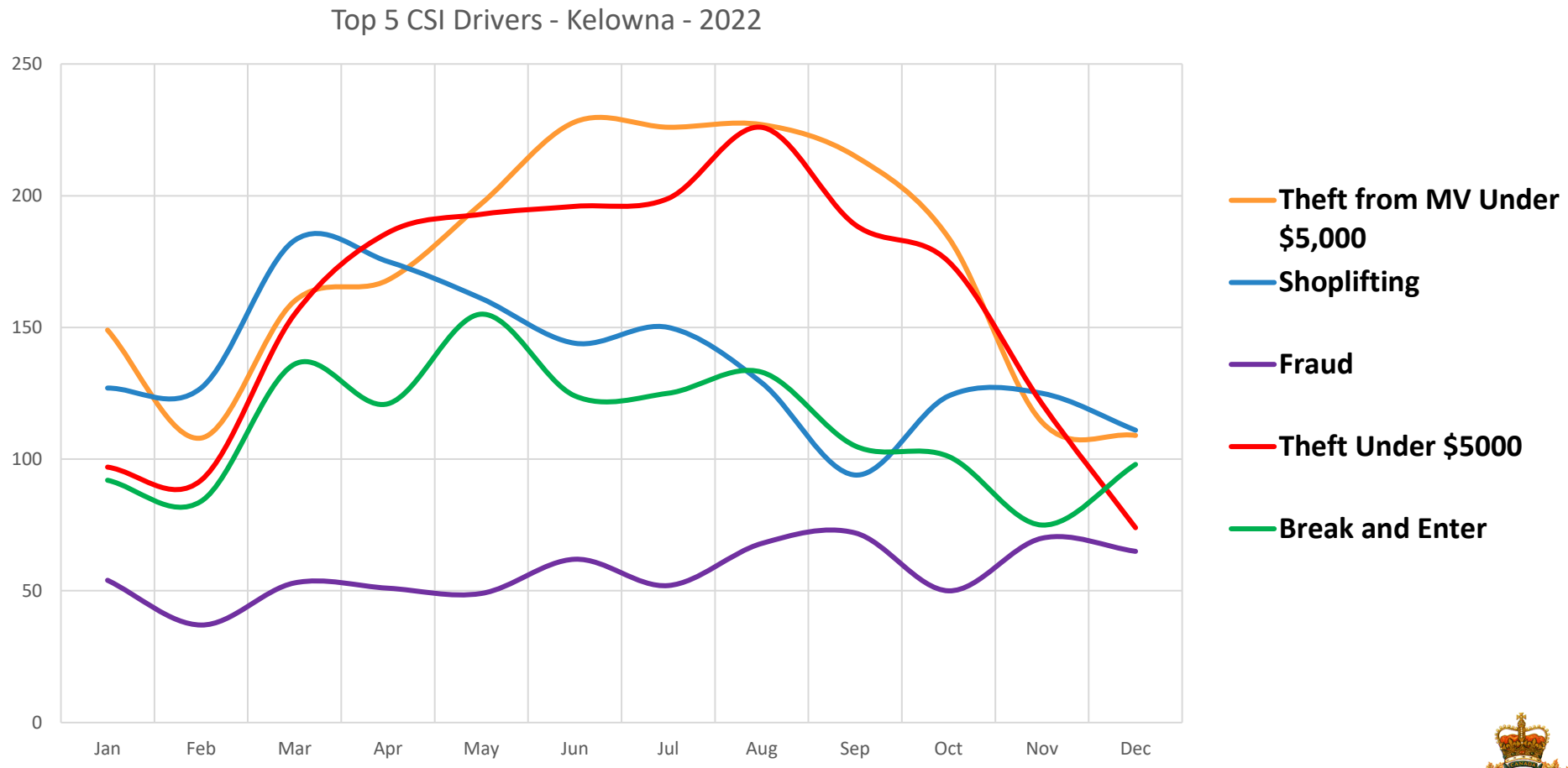
Decrease the risk of property crime

Property Crime Advocacy

Shoplifting is up 20%

Break and Enter is up 17%

Theft from Motor Vehicle Under $5000 is down 14%



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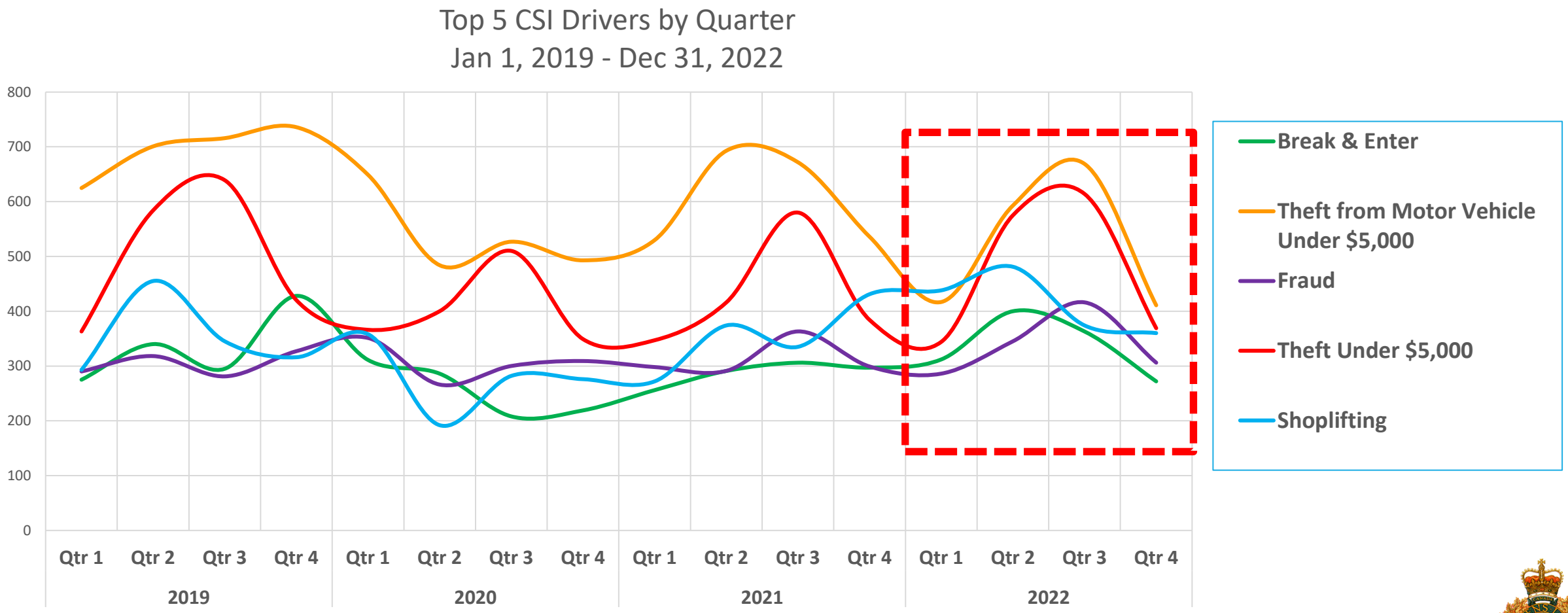
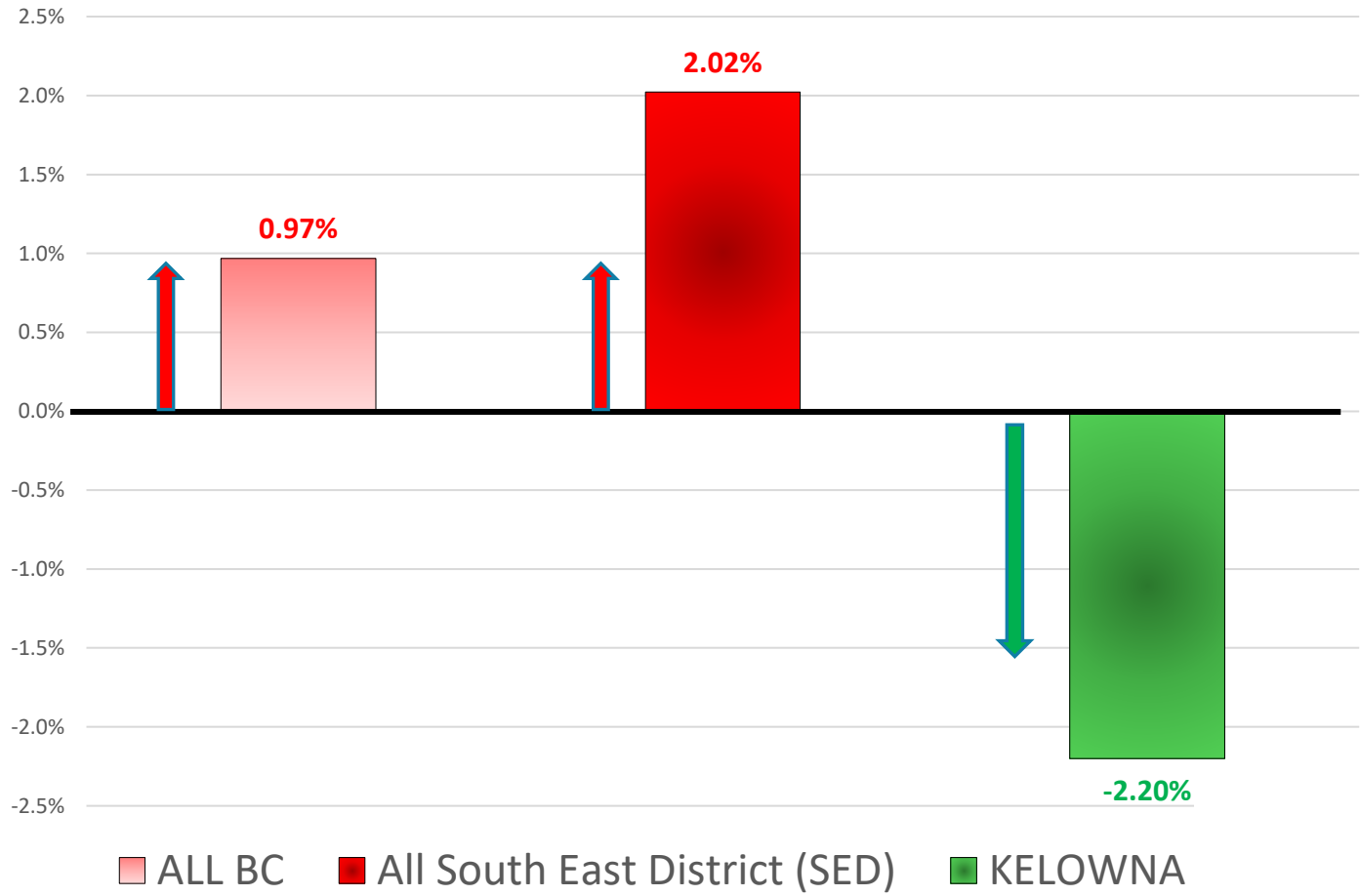


Earn the trust of citizens who have experienced persons crime

Kelowna – Persons Crime

Kelowna observed a **decrease** in persons crime in 2022 while the province saw an **increase**



Increase the sense of safety in public spaces in Downtown & Rutland

Community Safety Unit (CSU)

- Community engagement through strategic partnerships
- Vehicle, foot, and bike patrols help build community connections
- Manage and mitigate social disorder in public spaces
- Youth Officers - prevention, education and early intervention

2023 Focus

- ✓ **Integrated Crisis Response Teams (ICRT) increased to proactively focus on high-risk individuals**
- ✓ **Divert calls for service to appropriate response agencies**
- ✓ **Collaborative relationships to improve safety**

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Traffic Unit

- Collisions decreased despite past pandemic returns to roadways
- Prosecution & Police MOU changes to operations with disclosure demands
- Crash data reveals opportunities for roadway and intersection improvements
- Assigned additional full-time resources to traffic section
- Traffic Unit is fully staffed and anticipating increased enforcement in 2023

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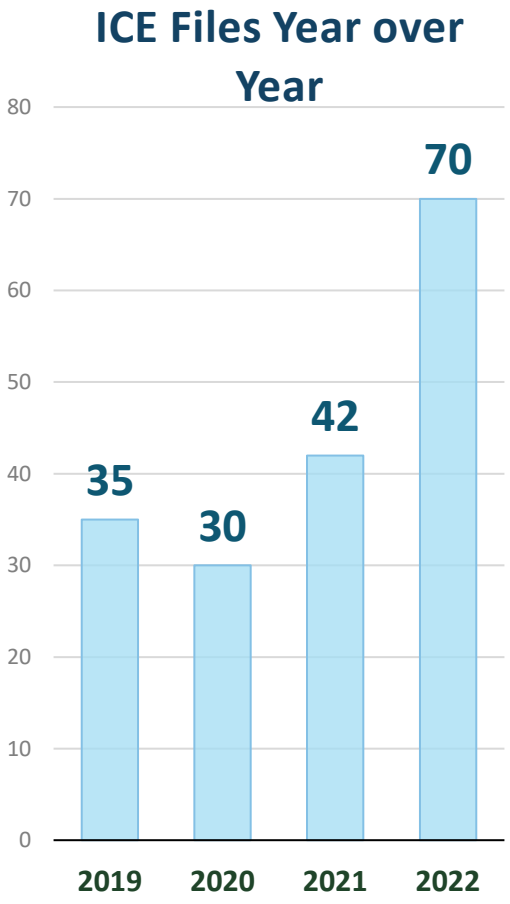
Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (ICE)



- Possessing and accessing child sexual abuse material is up 21% nationwide
- Possessing and accessing child sexual abuse material is up 67% in Kelowna
- BC ICE receive National reports and assign cases to local police of jurisdiction
- Locally, police work in partnership with child protection, probation, and community services

Decrease the risk of property crime

Repeat Offender Advocacy

CBC NEWS

Investigative report on serial offenders in B.C. calls for more mental health supports

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B.C. government releases full prolific offenders report, works on 3 of 28 recommendations

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

How B.C.'s 'catch and release' system is failing victims of random assaults and repeat offenders

Global NEWS

B.C. launches Crown prosecutor hiring drive to help address repeat violent offending

2023

Local Initiatives in Action

- ✓ Repeat Offender Working Group
- ✓ Continue to be advocates for complex care
- ✓ Data led policing
- ✓ BC Association of Chiefs of Police committee on Repeat Offenders

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2023 Way Forward

Operational Excellence + Leadership

Decrease the risk of property crime

- Divisional lead in “repeat offender” advocacy and methodology development.
- Continued collaboration with BC Prosecution Services, compliance monitoring.
- Repeat & Violent Offender Working Group
- Crime Severity Index reduction, targeted projects

Show up at our best for every citizen

- B.C. Women in Law Enforcement Conference
- International Association of Chief of Police Leadership training
- Leadership Symposium
- Emotional Body Armour Training

Earn the trust of citizens who have experienced persons crime

- Child Advocacy Centre National Conference
- Human Trafficking training for BC police and child protection.
- Community Safety Plan: mental health diversion, intimate partner violence prevention.
- Enhancing work with health & social services to eradicate system barriers for persons impacted

Increase the sense of safety in public spaces in Downtown & Rutland

- Collaborating with Interior Health to deliver upstream interventions
- Special Events Planning
- Summer Resourcing: Boots; Bikes; & Boats

Questions
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