

Report to Council



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To: City Manager
From: Rob Mayne, Divisional Director Corporate and Protective Services
Brent Mundle, A/Superintendent Kelowna RCMP Detachment
Subject: RCMP Quarterly Update

Recommendation:

That Council receive the RCMP Quarterly Update report from the Acting Superintendent, Kelowna RCMP Detachment and the Divisional Director of Corporate and Protective Services dated November 14, 2016

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on the activities of the RCMP for the previous quarter and report out on the goals and outcomes as per the 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy

Background:

The 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy consists of four main goals each with multiple strategies within. The four goals include;

- Taking a proactive approach to crime
- To work with partner agencies for more effective policing
- To maximize the effectiveness of resources using an intelligence-led model
- Leveraging effective communications

Several proactive initiatives were programmed this past quarter, including the integrated RCMP/Bylaw Services bike patrol. These bike patrols not only gave the downtown and our waterfront daily police presence, it also led to the successful arrests of 12 prolific offenders.

Project 529 Garage was implemented with the goal of reducing bicycle theft and increasing the number of recovered bicycles that police can return to their rightful owner. Project 529 Garage is a website and mobile application which is a bicycle registration, reporting and recovery network that allows cyclists, bicycle shops, and police to join forces against bike theft. With its powerful search capabilities, the 529 Garage provides an investigative tool for police to determine the ownership of a bicycle when dealing with suspicious activity. This program was used in addition to the bait bike program.

One of the many partnerships the RCMP fosters is their relationship with Interior Health through the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team. The ACT team identifies clients who are not regularly accessing primary care, and reconnects the client with the services required to improving adherence to medication regimes and lifestyle changes that will lead them to a higher level of housing stability. A secondary benefit to this program is reducing calls for service for non-police incidents.

The effective use of data has continued to improve the effective deployment of resources. In the past quarter, analysis of commercial break and enters in the Hwy 97 corridor, led to strategies being implemented to reduce the frequency of these property crimes. The result was a 53% decrease in reported B&Es the following quarter.

Efforts to reduce the number of thefts from vehicles included a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of removing valuables and locking your vehicle. The "Don't Be an Easy Target" campaign reminds the public that theft is often a crime of opportunity and by rolling up windows and locking doors the public can be very effective in reducing these crimes.

Calls for service have risen nearly 9% in 2016 which represents an increase of 3,908 calls. As a result of the increase in calls, criminal code offences have risen in both property offences and other criminal code offences. Crimes against persons have risen slightly, but remains at the 5-year average.

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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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