



VERNON NORTH OKANAGAN DETACHMENT

1st Quarter (January to March) 2025

QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT

Committed to preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

Superintendent Blake MacLeod

Officer in Charge

POLICING ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 1st Quarter 2025

The Vernon North Okanagan Detachment is committed to our four priorities of *Public Safety*, *Vulnerable Victims*, *Community Outreach* and *Employee Excellence* to ensure our communities remain a safe place to live. We are dedicated to providing an outstanding police service by developing strong mental health and resiliency in our members, and building and maintaining trust through timely and accurate communication. We work collaboratively with our partners to assist vulnerable persons in the community. Most importantly, we foster safer communities through evidence based, targeted and collaborative enforcement.

PRIORITY ONE: PUBLIC SAFETY

The Vernon North Okanagan RCMP's primary focus is on the safety of the public within the communities we police.

Operations

The table below highlights the total number of calls for service for the 1st quarter of 2025 as well as previous totals from 2024, 2023, and 2022 for comparison. The percentage changes are compared to the same quarter from the previous year.

Total Calls for Service – Quarter 1							
Area	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Vernon	4473	4319	4062	3991	-3.44%	-5.95%	-1.74%
Coldstream	284	277	287	297	-2.46%	+3.61%	-3.48%
Vernon Rural	375	352	359	365	-6.13%	+1.98%	+1.67%
Armstrong	228	206	258	271	-9.64%	+25.2%	+5.03%
Enderby	521	353	411	469	-32.2%	+16.4%	+14.1%
Falkland	133	152	143	176	+14.2%	-5.92%	+23.07%
Lumby	211	251	212	187	+18.9%	-15.5%	-11.79%
Spallumcheen	304	275	290	235	-9.53%	+5.45%	-18.96%
Westside	212	111	224	235	-47.6%	+101%	+4.91%
Total	6741	6296	6246	6226	-6.6%	-0.79%	-0.32%

The number of total calls for service will not equal the values reported below due to the location of where the offence occurred as it may be unknown or outside our policing jurisdiction.

Criminal Code Offences

The table below highlights the total number of Criminal Code offences for the 1st quarter as well as previous totals from 2024, 2023, and 2022 for comparison; percentage changes are compared to the same quarter from the previous year. Total Criminal Code offences include persons and property offences.

Criminal Code Offences– Quarter 1							
Area	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Vernon	1401	1337	1248	1321	-4.56%	-6.65%	+5.84%
Coldstream	71	54	53	77	-23.94%	-1.85%	+45.28%
Vernon Rural	58	71	52	63	+22.41%	-26.76%	+21.15%
Armstrong	80	58	63	72	-22.5%	+8.62%	+14.28%
Enderby	116	96	86	135	-17.24%	-10.41%	+56.97%
Falkland	20	20	25	39	0%	+25%	+56%
Lumby	39	73	45	53	+87.1%	-38.35%	+17.77%
Spallumcheen	63	60	34	41	-4.76%	-43.3%	+20.58%
Westside	45	36	60	66	-20%	+66.6%	+10%
Total	1893	1805	1666	1867	-4.64%	-7.7%	+12.06%

Criminal Code Offences include founded files only.

Violent Offences

The table below highlights the total number of violent crime offences for the 1st quarter as well as previous totals from 2024, 2023, and 2022 for comparison; percentage changes are compared to the same quarter from the previous year. Total violent crime offences include homicides, assaults, sexual assaults, uttering threats and criminal harassment.

Violent Offences – Quarter 1							
Area	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Vernon	258	253	259	237	-1.93%	+2.37%	-8.49%
Coldstream	20	20	13	28	0%	-35%	+115.38%
Vernon Rural	15	18	19	20	+20%	+5.55%	+5.26%
Armstrong	14	15	19	23	+7.14%	+26.66%	+21.05%
Enderby	43	31	25	52	-27.9%	-19.35%	+108%
Falkland	4	7	14	14	+75%	+100%	0%
Lumby	15	14	16	19	-6.66%	+14.28%	+18.75%

Spallumcheen	9	12	7	13	+33.33%	-41.66%	+85.71%
Westside	10	23	25	22	+130%	+8.69%	-12%
Total	388	393	397	428	+1.28%	+1.01%	+7.8%

Total Violent Offences (Founded Files Only) Include: (1000 Series UCR - Crimes Against Person) Murder, Robbery, Assault, Harassing Communications, Utter threats against Person.

Property Crime

The table below highlights the total number of property crime offences for the 1st quarter as well as previous totals from 2024, 2023, and 2022 for comparison; percentage changes are compared to the same quarter from the previous year. Total property crime offences include break and enter, theft, mischief, arson, fraud, and possession of stolen property.

Property Crime – Quarter 1							
Area	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Vernon	826	740	694	744	-10.41%	-6.21%	+7.2%
Coldstream	40	39	29	41	-2.5%	-25.64%	+41.37%
Vernon Rural	36	53	19	35	+47.22%	-64.15%	+84.21%
Armstrong	49	20	25	27	+59.18%	+25%	+8%
Enderby	58	33	32	63	-43.1%	-3.03%	+96.87%
Falkland	9	4	10	19	-55.55%	+150%	+90%
Lumby	21	19	18	26	-9.52%	-5.26%	+44.44%
Spallumcheen	33	18	20	21	-45.45%	+11.11%	+5%
Westside	26	14	29	35	+46.15%	107.1%	+20.68%
Total	1098	940	876	1011	-14.38%	-6.8%	+15.41%

Total Property Crime (Founded Files Only): Include B&E (Residential, Business, Other, Seasonal Residence), Theft Over \$5000, Theft Under \$5000, Theft of MV, Theft from MV, Possession of Stolen Property, Fraud, Mischief, Arson.

Targeted Policing

Due to personnel restructuring and the re-deployment of investigators to Serious Crimes, the Targeted Policing unit is comprised of drug investigators and the Crime Reduction Unit. Targeted Policing manages many offender programs including prolific offenders, the Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority (PTEP) and the Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (ReVOII). During this quarter, the unit continued current on-going investigations as well as completed disclosure on previous investigations including:

- Investigators completed disclosure from a 2023 investigation involving an identified PTEP Group where a large quantity of privately manufactured firearms and drugs were seized. Crown Council approved criminal charges including Criminal Organization offences, Conspiracy, Drug Trafficking and Firearm Manufacturing and Trafficking resulting in arrest warrants being issued for five

individuals. Police executed warrants on three of the subjects and efforts are underway to locate the remaining persons.

- Investigators assisted the Ontario Provincial Police with the arrest of a subject wanted for a recent impaired driving causing death investigation.

Crime Reduction Unit

During this reporting period, the Crime Reduction Unit conducted enforcement action and executed 55 warrants of arrest and recommended three investigations for charge approval including failure to comply with release conditions and driving while prohibited.

Prolific Offenders

A Prolific Offender is identified as an adult or youth offender with an established pattern of persistent Criminal Code and/or Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offenders, identified by current intelligence to be criminally active and assessed by police and partner agencies as medium to high risk to re-offend. These offenders reside within our detachment area and are capable of causing a disproportionate amount of crime in the community.

At the conclusion of this reporting period, there were 12 Prolific Offenders identified for monitoring in the Vernon North Okanagan. Of those, four are currently in custody and eight are not in custody. Of the eight not in custody, five reside or are known to frequent the City of Vernon, two reside in the North Rural and one relocated outside of our jurisdiction.

Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (ReVOII)

ReVOII is a coordinated multi-agency initiative designed to intervene and address repeat violent offenders in communities across BC. The program is comprised of dedicated Crown prosecutors, probation officers and correctional supervisors, and includes enhanced investigation and monitoring of repeat violent offenders by police agencies. There are currently four subjects identified in the VNOD area with all four currently in custody.

Road Safety

The Vernon North Okanagan frontline officers contribute to safer roads through documented contacts with motorists to enforce the Province of British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act which include disobey traffic control device, distracted driving and speed related offences.

Traffic Contacts– Quarter 1							
Area	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Vernon	751	1009	676	691	+34.35%	-33%	+2.21%
Coldstream	155	207	141	137	+33.54%	-31.88%	-2.83%
Vernon Rural	25	86	14	17	+244%	-83.72%	+21.42%
Armstrong	51	63	73	104	+23.52%	+15.87%	+42.46%
Enderby	31	22	42	64	-29.03%	+90.9%	+52.38%

Falkland	22	18	17	18	-18.18%	-5.55%	+5.88%
Lumby	62	63	50	111	+1.61%	-20.63%	+122%
Spallumcheen	89	81	85	88	-8.98%	+4.93%	+3.52%
Westside	27	25	122	133	-7.4%	+388%	+9.01%
Total	1213	1574	1220	1275	+29.76%	-22.49%	+4.5%

Total Traffic Contacts include violations tickets and written warnings.

During this quarter, frontline officers removed 93 impaired drivers from the roadway; 51 within Vernon/Coldstream and 42 from the surrounding areas.

PRIORITY TWO: VULNERABLE PERSONS

The Vernon North Okanagan RCMP works collaboratively with partner agencies to assist vulnerable persons in the community who are in the greatest need and are at risk of harm or exploitation.

Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)

In high-risk intimate partner violence investigations, the Domestic Violence Unit assists frontline investigators, conducts file reviews as well as facilitates Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) meetings to support a high-risk victim through the process. During this quarter, DVU opened two new ICAT files and currently has an additional six previous ICAT files requiring file management, monitoring and victim support. As well, DVU is actively investigating a high-risk criminal harassment investigation involving persons with a history of intimate partner violence.

Sex Crimes

During this quarter, the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) advised of ten reports of possession of child pornography within our jurisdiction. Investigators believe that four of those reports involve the distribution of self taken images and possible on-line luring. Each investigation requires a significant amount of time to complete production orders, execute search warrants and, where the evidence supports, prepare charge packages for Crown Counsel.

As a highly trained interviewer, the Sex Crimes investigator conducts interviews with vulnerable child victims of crime. From October to December, Sex Crimes interviewed 14 victims with regards to sexual assault and sexual interference crimes against children.

Mental Health Calls

The Integrated Crisis Response Team is comprised of a regular member partnered with a nurse from the Interior Health Authority who responds to calls for service involving persons in crisis. This quarter, ICRT responded to 190 calls for service and assisted frontline officers with follow up on an additional 56 investigations.

Vernon/ Coldstream	MENTAL HEALTH FILES – Quarter 1						
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Mental Health Files	232	296	485	454	+27.58%	+63.85%	-6.39%

Emergency Apprehension Sec 28 (by Police)	43	55	36	31	+27.9%	-34.54%	-13.88%
Form 21, 10, 4 Apprehension (Issued by a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner)	20	26	47	14	30%	+80.76%	-70.21%

North Okanagan Rural <i>(Armstrong, Enderby, Falkland, Lumby, Spallumcheen)</i>	MENTAL HEALTH FILES – Quarter 1						
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022-2023 % change	2023-2024 % change	2024-2025 % change
Mental Health Files	51	95	75	75	+86.27%	-21.05%	0%
Emergency Apprehension Sec 28 (by Police)	12	8	8	7	-33.33%	0%	-12.5%
Form 21, 10, 4 Apprehension (Issued by a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner)	2	4	3	2	+100%	-25%	-33.33%

Toxic Drug Crisis Response

Frontline officers in the Vernon North Okanagan work to improve service for people suffering from addiction issues which often lead to an increased involvement in criminal behaviour. Through partnership with Interior Health, Mental Health and Substance Use and the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Vernon North Okanagan RCMP offer Naloxone kits to those at risk of overdose. During the course of their duties, frontline officers provide referrals to and information regarding local harm reduction services within the community.

PRIORITY THREE: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Vernon North Okanagan RCMP work to build and maintain relationships within our communities to increase public trust and confidence.

Youth Connection

The Vernon North Okanagan detachment is committed to connecting with youth in the community and are currently planning the 25th annual Constable John Minguy Memorial Youth Academy. This year, facilitators received applications from 52 students throughout the South East part of the province. After

completing background checks and fitness testing, 36 students were accepted into the program which will be held at the Vernon Army Camp at the end of May.

Community Engagement

During this quarter, the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment participated in many community events. Our officers were challenged to a basketball game against a talented group of athletes with Special Olympics (top left photo) and received recognition from organizers of the RCMP Appreciation day (top right photo). In March, officers from the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment partnered with Vernon Fire Rescue to hold the first “Guns and Hoses” charity hockey game held at Kal Tire Place. The event was well attended and raised thousands of dollars for the ‘Cops for Kids’ charity (bottom photo).



Community Safety Office (Vernon)

The ten active volunteers of the Community Safety Office (CSO) assisted 543 members of the public, fielded 105 phone calls and returned over 212 Police Information Checks. The CSO coordinator conducted presentations to the community with regards to Biohazard/Drug Awareness and Disposal, Home/Personal Safety, Fraud, and Digital Safety. In March, the volunteers were involved in the Guns vs Hoses charity hockey game.

Vernon RCMP Volunteers

A new class of six volunteers recently completed classroom training bringing the total number of volunteers to 33 people. The six new volunteers now enter the field training portion of the curriculum as they participate under supervision with community events and safety patrols while awaiting their security clearances.

During this quarter, the Vernon RCMP Volunteers completed a total of 775 hours of work through their participation with the program. They drove 2270 kilometers, worked 38 Community Safety Patrol shifts and ran 3631 licence plates on the Stolen Auto Recovery program. Volunteers provided a presence at the Vernon Winter Carnival conducting road blockades for the parade, conducted foot patrols at the BX Elementary Family Fun Day and assisted with ticket sales for the Guns vs Hoses charity hockey event.

Lumby RCMP Volunteers

The Village of Lumby and Electoral Area D supports a small RCMP volunteer program consisting of five (5) operational volunteers and the program is facilitated by the Village of Lumby Community Safety Officer, Lee Elliott. These dedicated volunteers committed 14 hours over six Speed Watch operations in the school zone at JW Inglis Elementary on Shuswap Avenue, 400 block of Mable Lake Road, and the 500 block of Whitevale Road. Through their efforts, the volunteers slowed down 1110 vehicles.

PRIORITY FOUR: POLICING EXCELLENCE

The Vernon North Okanagan RCMP is committed to supporting our police officers and support staff to build confidence, resiliency and empower our employees to reach their full potential.

Detachment Level Training

The Vernon North Okanagan is committed to providing local training opportunities for our police officers in order to enhance their skillset. During this quarter, our officers participated in training in Initial Critical Incident Response, ballistic shields, Immediate Roadside Prohibitions, Personal Protective Equipment and workshops to assist with the promotion process. As well, a two-day workshop was facilitated by E Divisions Conflict Resolution unit on civility in the workplace.

Pacific Regional Training Centre (PRTC)

During this quarter, five regular members attended to PRTC for various RCMP courses including impaired driving and field sobriety, phased interview model for suspects, operational skills training, and the manager development program.

Human Resources - Established Levels

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment is currently at 107 Regular Members: 60 City of Vernon; 30 Provincial; 4 City of Armstrong; 7 District of Coldstream; 4 Township of Spallumcheen, 1 Splatins First Nation and 1 Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB).

RCMP MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Our Mission:

To preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

Our Vision:

The RCMP is a healthy and inclusive organization trusted by employees, partners and the public that keeps Canada safe by consistently delivering exceptional policing services and continually striving to grow and improve.

Our Values:

- **Act with integrity:** We conduct ourselves ethically, and do so with honesty, dignity and honour.
- **Show respect:** We treat all people with fairness. We value and promote reconciliation, diversity and inclusion by being considerate of the democratic rights, history and lived experiences of others.
- **Demonstrate compassion:** We care for each other and the communities we serve by approaching each situation with empathy and a genuine desire to help.
- **Take responsibility:** We are transparent about our decisions and actions and hold ourselves accountable for the results and impacts.
- **Serve with excellence:** We commit to continuous learning and work collaboratively with colleagues, communities and partners to provide and support innovative and professional policing services.