



# VERNON NORTH OKANAGAN DETACHMENT

3rd Quarter (July to September) 2023

## QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT

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

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Officer in Charge

## POLICING ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023

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. We will build and maintain trust through timely and accurate communication. We work collaboratively with our partners to assist vulnerable persons in the community, and most importantly, we foster safer communities through evidence based, targeted and collaborative enforcement. One method used to track our performance is to compare crime statistics with the same quarter from the previous year. Featured at the end of the report is a statistical sampling of the 15 most commonly reported Crime Codes that have the greatest impact on communities for each specific area. This report is a synopsis of some of the recent investigations conducted by the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment and does not reflect all the tasks our police officers are working on, nor does it include information that could impact the integrity of ongoing police investigations.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

With sunny skies and hot weather, the Vernon North Okanagan detachment took part in many great community events this quarter including the Okanagan Military Tattoo in July and the Interior Provincial Exhibition on the Labour Day weekend. VNOD organized another successful Emergency Services Day in September with representation from the RCMP Emergency



Response Team, BCHP Traffic Services, RCMP Tactical Troops, Air Services as well as our partner agencies of Vernon Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance Service, Vernon Search and Rescue, and the BC Dragoons. The following day, the detachment hosted a pancake breakfast for the community in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCMP.



### VERNON/COLDSTREAM

#### OPERATIONS

The table below highlights the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter as well as the cumulative number for year to date. The percentage change is compared to the same quarter from the previous year.

Category	Vernon		Coldstream		Vernon Rural	
	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD
<b>Calls for Service</b>	5083	14,497	378	1011	544	1380
<b>% change</b>	-10.7%	-4.89%	-14.6%	-9.5%	+13.8%	+9.6%
<b>Criminal Code</b>	1638	4705	86	235	109	251
<b>% change</b>	-0.4%	+3.6%	-22.5%	-10.9%	+70.3%	+30.7%
<b>Property Offences</b>	883	2642	37	125	54	146
<b>% change</b>	-11.7%	-2.1%	-46.3%	-21.8%	+14.8%	+12.3%

The below table indicates the total calls for service, the total reports forwarded to Vernon Crown Counsel, the total prisoners held in the Vernon cell block and the total Mental Health calls.

Category	Vernon/Coldstream	
	Q3	YTD
<b>Report to Crown Counsel</b>	204	<b>587</b>
<b>Prisoners</b>	269	<b>789</b>
<b>Mental Health Calls</b>	328	<b>544</b>

## FRONT LINE POLICING

### Vernon

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, frontline officers attended to a suspicious death on Rogers Road (Vernon Rural). The Southeast District Major Crime Unit has conduct of the investigation.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, police assisted Vernon Fire Rescue with a structure fire in the 2800 block 30<sup>th</sup> Street which was determined to be suspicious. The incident remains under investigation.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers assisted with a wildfire in Ellison Provincial Park between Predator Ridge and the Outback Subdivision. Members conducted traffic control as campers left the park. Fortunately, the fire was contained to the campground and with the assistance of air support was extinguished and the campground re-opened.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to an aggravated assault with a weapon on an individual in Polson Park. The victim was transported to hospital with serious injuries and the incident is still under investigation.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, police observed a suspicious vehicle in the 1500 block of 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and when police attempted to conduct a check on the vehicle, the driver rammed the police car and fled the scene. The heavily damaged vehicle came to a stop shortly thereafter and police arrested three occupants. The driver is charged with flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and fail to remain at the scene of an accident.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, police received a report of a person purposely lighting a fire in front of businesses in the 3600 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Police identified a suspect and arrested a 34-year old man who is charged with arson.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended to an assault causing bodily harm at a business in the 3200 block of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue after the victim was assaulted with a rock and sustained significant injuries. A 14-year old teen was arrested and placed on numerous conditions pending court.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, police were advised a fishing trawler capsized during a storm and the boat captain was missing. After weeks of searching by Vernon Search and Rescue, the RCMP Dive Team and utilizing specialized sonar equipment recovered the body of the captain.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, a pedestrian operating a motorized mobility scooter was struck by a tractor trailer at the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street while making a right turn. The driver and several witnesses remained on scene and were cooperative with police. The pedestrian succumbed to injuries in hospital. The incident is still under investigation.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, police responded to an assault and theft of a vehicle from the parking lot in the 2200 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The stolen vehicle fled the scene and was later recovered in another jurisdiction. No suspects were identified.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, police assisted Vernon Fire Rescue with a brush fire in the 4800 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street after the body of a deceased person was located at the scene. Investigation determined an unattended campfire was the source of the fire and there were indications of a possible drug overdose. The BC Coroner Service has conduct of the incident.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, frontline officers responded to a serious motor vehicle incident involving a motorcycle on Hwy 97 north of Vernon. The motorcycle turned left from Hwy 97 in front of a southbound vehicle and was struck. The driver remained on scene and was cooperative with police. No criminality was suspected. The motorcyclist was transported to hospital and succumbed to injuries.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, police responded to a break and enter in progress at a business in the 4600 block of 27<sup>th</sup> Street. A 36-year old woman was arrested and charged with numerous offences including resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a motor vehicle incident in the parking lot of 4300 32<sup>nd</sup> Street after a vehicle collided with three parked unattended vehicles. The driver of the offending vehicle was deceased on scene and the BC Coroners Service assumed conduct of the investigation into the cause of death.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, police attended a report of a theft and fight at a business in the 2400 block of 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The suspect was tracked by the Police Dog Section and arrested after attempting to flee the scene. A 32-year old man is charged with robbery and was released from custody pending court.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, police investigated a suspicious vehicle pulling a travel trailer in the area of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Pleasant Valley Road. Police located the vehicle and learned the trailer was stolen. Police arrested two suspects for possession of stolen property over \$5000 and they were held for court.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, multiple frontline officers responded to a report of gunshots in the 4000- block of 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Police determined no injuries were sustained and the incident is under investigation.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When the driver refused to identify himself, police requested the driver exit the vehicle. Police

located weapons and drug trafficking paraphernalia. A 26-year old man faces numerous criminal charges.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, police responded to multiple reports of an undressed man attempting to gain entry to residences in the 4200 block 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Police arrested a 23-year old man who is being charged.

Coldstream

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, a kayaker on Kalamalka Lake was caught in a squall and went missing. After weeks of searching, the body of the 26-year old man was located by search crews which, this included a couple from the United States who specialize in finding victims who have drowned.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, a motorcycle travelling in the 9500 block of Hwy 6 crossed the center line and collided with a vehicle. The driver of the motorcycle sustained serious life-changing injuries and was transported to hospital. The incident remains under investigation.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, police received a report of an erratic driver on Hwy 6 and located the vehicle in Lavington. Police conducted an impaired driving investigation and the 69-year old driver failed a roadside screening device. He was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, police responded to a hit and run involving a pedestrian on Hwy 6 near Aberdeen Road. The suspect vehicle was located a short distance away and the driver was arrested for failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Police demanded a sample of breath from the driver who failed the roadside screen device. The 24-year old driver is facing numerous criminal charges including impaired driving. The pedestrian was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, police were advised of a paraglider incident on the King Edward Forest Service Road. As the beginner paraglider was coming down to land, the operator flared too early causing the incident. The paraglider sustained minor injuries.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of paddle boarders attempted to cross Kalamalka Lake in choppy conditions. During the voyage, the group lost sight of one of the paddlers and the boat escorting could not locate the paddler. Frontline officers, RCMP Air Services and Vernon Search and Rescue were deployed to the scene and fortunately, the paddleboarder was able to safely make it to shore

#### GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

The following is a synopsis of some of the recent investigations conducted by the General Investigation Section and does not reflect all the tasks the officers are working on, nor does it include information which could impact on-going police investigations.

Serious Crime Unit (SCU)

The Serious Crime Unit investigates serious person victim crimes including homicide. This unit consists of a Corporal and four Constables. The Serious Crime Unit continues to conduct follow up investigation on previous files and assisted with other complex investigations which occurred outside of this reporting period.

This quarter, the Serious Crime Unit conduct of the following investigation:

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of an aggravated assault with a weapon on an individual in Polson Park. The victim was transported to hospital with serious injuries and the incident is still under investigation

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, SCU assisted the Surrey RCMP with a missing children investigation who were later located in another jurisdiction.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of a suspicious death in Vernon and the investigation continues.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of a firearms incident in Vernon. No injuries were reported and the investigation continues.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of a high-risk missing person investigation where criminality is suspected in the disappearance.

#### *Special Victim Unit (SVU)*

The Special Victim Unit investigates crimes relating to vulnerable victims. The SVU is comprised of a Corporal and two Constables who are responsible for high-risk investigations relating to domestic violence, sex crimes and missing persons.

#### *Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)*

For high-risk intimate partner violence investigations, the Domestic Violence Unit assist frontline investigators, conduct file reviews as well as facilitates Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) meetings to support a high-risk victim through the process. Currently, DVU has six ICAT files requiring file management, monitoring, and victim support.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, DVU assisted frontline officers with the statement from a victim of a high-risk domestic violence investigation. The accused remains in custody pending trial.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, DVU obtained a statement from the victim of a domestic assault with regards to a breach of court-imposed conditions investigation. DVU executed a production order to obtain evidence to support the criminal charges. The accused is currently in custody.

#### *Sex Crimes*

During this quarter, the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) advised of 10 reports of possession of child pornography. 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 highly trained interviewers, the Sex Crimes investigators conduct all interviews with vulnerable child victims of crime. From July to September, Sex Crimes conducted nine victim interviews with regards to sexual assault or sexual interference crimes against children.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Sex Crimes assisted with the arrest an individual wanted on outstanding warrants from Alberta. The accused was remanded into custody and transported back to the area of jurisdiction.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sex Crimes investigated a Sexual Interference and breach of imposed court conditions. The suspect, who was known to police, was arrested and remains in custody. The matter is before the courts.

### *Missing Persons*

The Missing Person coordinator provides support and guidance to front line officers on high-risk missing person investigations. The Corporal supervisor is responsible to monitor all missing person investigations daily for quality assurance and provide follow up action, as necessary.

### TARGETED POLICING

Targeted Policing work closely with partner agencies and stakeholders including Interagency, Community Outreach and Mentally Disordered Offenders. Targeted Policing continues to participate in a policing priority of identifying, profiling, selecting and targeting individuals or groups that are involved in criminal activity. These individuals or groups tend to have an association to gangs or organized crime and pose a safety risk to the community. There are currently five individuals/groups identified in the Vernon area.

During this quarter, Targeted Policing provided additional resources in support of three Serious Crimes investigations. The team also assisted the South East District Major Crime unit with regards to a homicide that occurred July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### *Repeat Violent Offender Initiative (ReVOII)*

ReVOII is a newly established Provincial initiative directed at repeat offenders that are committing violent offences in public places against strangers. There are currently two subjects identified in the Vernon area and one is currently in custody.

### *Drug Section*

In August, Drug Section investigated a repeat downtown street level drug trafficker and seized fentanyl, methamphetamine, and prescription pills. A report was forwarded to Federal Crown Counsel for charge approval.

In August, Drug Section investigated a street level drug trafficker and seized a quantity of fentanyl. The matter is before the courts.

In September, Drug Section completed a Duty to Warn investigation in response to a reported threat to a person's safety.

### *Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)*

The Crime Reduction Unit encompasses the plainclothes investigators in Prolific Offender Unit and the uniformed officers in Downtown Enforcement Unit. CRU performs a significant role in the bi-weekly comparative statistics meeting where emerging crime trends, hot spots of criminal activity, problem premises, priority prolific offenders and social chronic offenders are identified and tasks are assigned to various units to help reduce crime.

## Prolific Offender

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 are 15 Prolific Offenders identified for monitoring in the Vernon North Okanagan. Of those, 11 are currently in custody and four are not in custody. Of the four not in custody, one resides or known to frequent the City of Vernon, one resides in Enderby and 1 relocated outside of our jurisdiction.

## Downtown Enforcement

During this reporting period the Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) liaised with the street entrenched population, provided referral information and conducted enforcement action. During the course of their duties, DEU executed 53 warrant of arrests and recommended 15 investigations for charge approval including several incidences of failure to comply with release conditions and driving while prohibited.

In August, the Crime Reduction Unit initiated a process to extend a Yukon arrest warrant to British Columbia for execution in order to facilitate the arrest of an individual involved in local criminal activities.

In September and in response to a recent spike in theft of vehicles, the Crime Reduction Unit identified a suspect which resulted in possession of stolen property charges. The matter is before the courts.

## Toxic Drug Crisis Response

Frontline officers in the Vernon North Okanagan work to improve service for people suffering from addiction issues, which often leads to their involvement in criminal behaviour. Partnered 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. In addition, frontline officers provide referrals to and information regarding local harm reduction services. The goal of the project is to save lives and reduce crime associated to addiction.

Month	Card given	Referral made	Video shown	Nurse to Cells	Kit provided
July	37	0	0	0	44
August	39	1	1	1	69
September	29	0	0	0	40
<b>Total (Quarter)</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>630</b>



## NORTH OKANAGAN RURAL

### OPERATIONS

The below tables are the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. The totals are for the community and surrounding area.

Category	Armstrong		Spallumcheen		Enderby	
	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD
<b>Calls for Service</b>	348	<b>846</b>	399	<b>1037</b>	549	<b>1469</b>
% change	+5.7%	+2.1%	-5.6%	-5.2%	-22%	-20.3%
<b>Criminal Code</b>	67	<b>188</b>	63	<b>167</b>	119	<b>319</b>
% change	-27.1%	-32.1%	-37.6%	-39.2%	-44.6%	-45.8%
<b>Property Offences</b>	31	<b>80</b>	26	<b>67</b>	63	<b>155</b>
% change	-8.8%	-37.9%	-40.9%	-42.7%	12.5%	-16.6%

Category	Falkland		Lumby		Westside	
	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD
<b>Calls for Service</b>	272	<b>654</b>	305	<b>827</b>	147	<b>404</b>
% change	+32.6%	+19.1%	-4%	-2.5%	-61.2%	-54.8%
<b>Criminal Code</b>	34	<b>91</b>	50	<b>181</b>	96	<b>162</b>
% change	-17%	-20.1%	-56.5%	-31.1%	-15%	-35.7%
<b>Property Offences</b>	17	<b>43</b>	29	<b>77</b>	48	<b>83</b>
% change	+6.2%	+2.3%	-39.5%	-22.2%	-2%	-24.5%

Below is a table of the total charges forwarded to Crown Counsel, the total prisoners held in the North Okanagan cellblock and the Police Dog Service intervention.

Category	North Okanagan	
	Q3	YTD
<b>Report to Crown Counsel</b>	56	<b>158</b>
<b>Prisoners</b>	35	<b>99</b>
<b>Mental Health Calls</b>	82	<b>181</b>

### FRONT LINE POLICING

#### Armstrong

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a possible impaired driver in the 3400 block of Smith Drive Frontline officers on patrol located the vehicle a short distance away and the driver failed a roadside screening device. The 65-year old driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, first responders attended to the 3300 blocks of Pleasant Valley Road for an unresponsive 35 -year old man attending a concert. The man was taken to hospital in critical condition and he did not survive. Police investigated and determined no criminality was involved. The BC Coroner Service assumed conduct of the investigation to determine the cause of the sudden death.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, police were advised of a suicidal man who was in possession of a firearm in Armstrong. Police located the man in a wooded area and, with the assistance of the RCMP Emergency Response Team, safely apprehended the man and seized a rifle with ammunition. Police transported the 46-year old man to the hospital to be assessed by a physician under the Mental Health Act. The incident is still under investigation.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, multiple police responded to a business in the 2100 block of Harding Road after a customer took a knife from a prep-station and was attempting self harm. Frontline officers successfully de-escalated the situation and safely apprehended the 39-year old man under the Mental Health Act.

#### Enderby

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, police attended to a collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian near the intersection of Highway 97A and Canyon Road. Despite the efforts of responders, a 62-year old man succumbed to his injuries on scene. The file is still under investigation.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, frontline officers responded to a commercial break and enter in progress on Hwy 97B. After a review of the video surveillance, police identified a suspect operating a stolen vehicle. The matter is still under investigation.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, police investigated of a report of an assault with weapon on Riverside Drive. A 46-year old man was arrested and faces numerous criminal charges.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a motorist on Mable Lake Road travelling at 152 km/hour in a 90 km/hour zone. The 25-year old driver was charged with excessive speeding and the vehicle was impounded.

#### Falkland

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended to a single vehicle collision after a motorcycle left the roadway on a straight stretch of Hwy 97. It was determined the driver may have fallen asleep while operating the motorcycle and was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, police responded to numerous reports of a suspicious person wandering in traffic in the 5800 block of Hwy 97 and located an intoxicated man on the roadway making suicidal comments. When police attempt to apprehend the man, he resisted and assaulted the police officer. The 42-year old man was transported to hospital and assessed by a physician under the Mental Health Act.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, police responded to shots fired complaint in the area of Yankee Flats Road and conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle in the area with bullet holes in the door. The driver and passenger exited the vehicle and police located firearms in the vehicle. The matter is still under investigation.

## Lumby

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, police investigated a suspicious death on Mabel Lake Forest Service Road after a 71-year old woman was discovered and determined no criminality was involved. The next of kin were notified and the BC Coroner Service is involved.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a fatal motor vehicle incident involving an all-terrain vehicle on Shuswap Falls Road. The driver, 48-year old man, failed to navigate a curve in the road and travelled over a steep embankment colliding with a tree.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, police were advised of an abandoned campsite in Monashee Provincial Park. It was believed the owner of the camping gear, determined to be from out of province, had headed further into the back country but failed to return. Vernon Search and Rescue conducted a thorough search of the area and located the couple safe.

## Spallumcheen

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a three-vehicle motor vehicle incident on Hwy 97A at Powerhouse Road after the driver of a pickup turned left in front of on-coming traffic. Two people were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the pickup was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, police assisted with issuing evacuation alerts to the residences near the Horseshoe Lake Wildfire.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 142 km/hr in the 90 km/hr zone. The driver was issued a charge under the Motor Vehicle Act for excessive speeding and the vehicle was impounded.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a motor vehicle incident involving a motorcycle on Salmon River Road. The operator failed to negotiate a curve and went off road right, down an embankment and into a barbwire fence. The driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended a two-vehicle incident in the 9500 block of Hwy 97 after a north bound vehicle crossed the centre line and collided head-on with a southbound vehicle. The driver of the north bound vehicle was trapped and required extraction. Both drivers transported to hospital with serious non-life-threatening injuries.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 153 km/hr in a 90 km/hr zone. The driver was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act and the vehicle was impounded.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the family of an 82-year old woman reported her missing from her rural acreage on Chamberlaine Road. The RCMP Police Dog Section was called to the scene and located the woman safe and unharmed at the back of an adjacent acreage.

## Westside

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a report of shots fired off Westside Road and were confronted by the property owners who demanded police leave the area. When police attempted to

speak with the occupants of the vehicle, the vehicle was driven aggressively toward the police officers narrowly missing them. The driver of the vehicle was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, police assisted the OKIB Fire Department with a residential fire on Tonasket Road. The subsequent investigation determined no criminality involved.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a firearms complaint on Pebble Park Lane after an alleged neighbourhood dispute. The accused had left the scene which was later located unattended by police. The investigation continues.

## NORTH RURAL (PROVINCIAL) GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

The North Rural (Provincial) General Investigation Section is comprised of a Corporal and a Constable and are responsible for serious, complex incidents that occur in Armstrong, Enderby, Falkland, Lumby, Spallumcheen, and Westside.

In July, North Rural GIS assisted Vernon Serious Crimes with a video canvass of the downtown Vernon area regarding an on-going homicide investigation.

In July, North Rural GIS assisted Vernon Serious Crimes with the investigation of the sinking of a commercial vessel during a storm on Okanagan Lake resulting in the death of the captain. Investigation determined the death to be non-criminal.

In August, North Rural GIS assisted frontline officers with an investigation into a helicopter incident on the Shuswap River. The investigation continues.

In August, North Rural GIS assumed conduct of an assault with a weapon investigation in Spallumcheen. The incident is still under investigation.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

### Vernon/Coldstream

- Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge:

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	250	906	333	1412
Coldstream	98	242	71	295
Vernon Rural	6	52	15	126

### North Okanagan Rural

- Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge:

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Armstrong	23	61	25	85
Enderby	21	26	14	48
Falkland	8	19	14	30
Lumby	13	32	27	93
Spallumcheen	168	237	30	67
Westside	5	22	9	32

## Reserve Constable Traffic Enforcement

- The Reserve Constable Program consist of retired police officers in good standing who supplement the detachment's resources with enhanced traffic enforcement, scene security and other police related duties.

Area	Patrols	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	17	78	<b>358</b>	26	<b>153</b>
Coldstream	19	85	<b>212</b>	40	<b>163</b>

## FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION

The Vernon North Okanagan Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) is operating with three members in a full-time rotation. During the third quarter, IFIS provided investigative assistance for 57 files, identified 10 fingerprints and supplied 8 preliminary associations. As well, IFIS collected 40 friction ridge impressions, 111 DNA swabs, 15 Footwear impressions, 5 tire impressions and 1 tool mark.

Call for Service	Vernon/Coldstream	North Rural
Break and Enter	10	2
Possession of Stolen Property	1	0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	8	6
Theft from Vehicles	3	0
Robbery	1	0
Theft over \$5000	0	1
Theft under \$5000	3	0
Mischief	3	0
Pedestrian MVI	1	0
Coroners Act	1	1
Homicide	1	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0
Sexual Assault	0	1
Firearms Offences	3	1
Arson	1	1
Drug Offences	1	0
Other investigations	4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>

*Vernon FIS Calls for Service encompass Vernon, Vernon Rural and Coldstream.*

*The North Rural calls for service include Armstrong, Enderby, Falkland, Lumby & Westside.*

## POLICE DOG SERVICE (PDS)



The Vernon Police Dog Service unit consists of two handlers and their police dogs who attended to seven calls for service within the Vernon North Okanagan. This summer, Cpl Kyle and PDS 'Phantom' spent a month in Alberta on the Human Remains Detection course to learn how to identify subsurface anomalies that contain human decomposition compounds. While PDS 'Phantom' was away training, various police dogs and their handlers from the Lower Mainland assisted with calls for service in the area including female PDS 'Loni' and her handler Constable Carter (image) as well as Constable Di Paola and PDS 'Mavrick' who were instrumental in locating a missing elderly woman in Armstrong.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Due to staffing shortages on the frontline, the School Resources Officer is deployed to a general duty in order to assist with the response to calls for service. Nonetheless, the Vernon North Okanagan detachment remain committed to providing a presence in the schools with impromptu visits and plans are underway to offer the Constable Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy in the spring.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

### Community Safety Office

The ten active volunteers of the Community Safety Office (CSO) assisted 1198 members of the public, fielded 133 phone calls and returned over 255 Police Information Checks. The coordinator conducted presentations on fraud prevention, internet safety and wilderness safety. In addition, the volunteers were involved in community events including the Okanagan Military Tattoo and the Emergency Services Showcase at Polson Park. The coordinator conducted two Crime Prevention through Environment Design (CPTED) audits of businesses and residences. As well, volunteers ensured 23 entries were made to the Operation Cat's Paw pawn program data base. The CSO Folks on Spokes and Anti-tag Team for the summer months.

### Vernon RCMP Volunteers

During this past quarter, the 30 volunteers participated in 968 hours with the Vernon RCMP Volunteer Program. The volunteers drove 3768 kilometers, worked 40 Community Safety Patrol shifts, and ran 2740 licence plates on the Stolen Auto Recovery program. Over the past three months, volunteers spent 128 hours conducting 32 Speed watch operations to slow down 10,511 vehicles. With summer boating underway, volunteers spent 119 hours on 11 days to conduct pre-safety checks of 124 vessels and, fortunately did not locate any invasive mussels. In addition, volunteers participated in the Ducks for Dogs, Ride Don't Hide and the Emergency Service Showcase events.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Established Levels

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment is currently at 103 Regular Members: 56 City of Vernon; 30 Provincial; 4 City of Armstrong; 7 District of Coldstream; 4 Township of Spallumcheen, 1 Splots'in First Nation and 1 Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB).

### Funded Levels

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment billed 51.47 City of Vernon; 25.78 Provincial; 4 City of Armstrong; 7 District of Coldstream; 3.17 Township of Spallumcheen, 0.05 Splots'in First Nation and 1.0 Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB).

## QUARTERLY STATISTICS

The following pages contain the police statistics for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023, July to September, with a comparison for the same month of the previous year. The activity types selected are a sampling of the 15 most commonly reported Crime Codes which have the greatest impact on communities and provide police with valuable insight into crime activities and trends. Currently, there are over 700 Crime/Survey Codes utilized by Canadian policing agencies in the reporting of crime to the Canadian Centre for Justice in Ottawa.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Vernon (NQ5000 to NQ5013)

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Sep 2023
Total Files	1,997	1,769	1,820	1,759	1,637	1,643
Robbery	3	3	5	4	4	2
Assault (Includes DV)	52	62	72	51	46	45
Domestic Violence	12	6	15	10	10	9
Sex Offence	9	11	8	4	6	12
B&E Residence	6	3	10	16	8	9
B&E Commercial	13	16	10	14	7	12
Theft of Vehicle	15	9	12	17	13	10
Theft from Vehicle	50	16	65	36	48	68
Theft Over \$5000	4	4	3	2	4	2
Theft Under \$5000	111	112	92	116	106	115
Drug Offence	22	11	17	8	17	11
Liquor Offences	16	8	10	12	17	2
Impaired Driving	6	11	16	11	7	6
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	3	5	5	7	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43	56	49	57	40	35

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Vernon Rural (NQ1001 to NQ1002)

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	136	225	151	172	142	162
Robbery	-	-	-	1	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	7	1	4	3	2
Domestic Violence	1	2	1	-	2	-
Sex Offence	-	2	-	1	-	1
B&E Residence	-	-	1	1	-	1
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	3	-	3
Theft of Vehicle	2	1	1	2	-	4
Theft from Vehicle	1	4	1	2	3	3
Theft Over \$5000	1	1	-	2	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	4	-	-	4	2	4
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	-	2
Liquor Offences	2	2	2	1	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	2	2	2	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	1	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	6	6	12	4	7



3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Silver Star (NQ1003 Silver Star resort area)

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	9	7	4	7	5	10
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft from Vehicle	1	-	1	-	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1	-	-	-	-

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – District of Coldstream (NQ3000 and NQ3001)

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	155	158	164	132	116	93
Robbery	1	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	4	2	4	2	3	3
Domestic Violence	2	-	1	1	-	-
Sex Offence	2	1	1	-	1	4
B&E Residence	1	-	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	2	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	2	3	1	1
Theft from Vehicle	-	-	19	2	2	2
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	5	5	3	7	2
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	4	2	1	2	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	2	1	2	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	6	3	7	3	1

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Armstrong NR4100 and NR4101

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	102	117	110	117	112	114
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (includes DV)	2	5	3	3	3	3
Domestic Violence	1	3	1	1	1	1
Sex Offence	-	1	1	1	1	1
B&E Residence	-	3	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	1	1	1	3
Theft from Vehicle	2	5	-	1	3	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	3	3	2	5	1
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	-	2	1	-	4	2
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	1	1	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	2	2	7	4

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen NR4200

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	123	133	161	152	113	114
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	5	2	7	3	1	2
Domestic Violence	1	1	2	1	1	-
Sex Offence	-	1	1	1	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	2	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	2	3	3	1	1
Theft from Vehicle	-	-	1	-	1	-
Theft Over \$5000	1	1	2	-	1	-
Theft Under \$5000	4	3	1	1	1	3
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	1	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	2	1	1	1	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	1	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	9	5	10	6	4

2<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen Hwy 97/97A

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	16	30	27	22	15	16
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	3	2	1	1	-
Collision over \$10000	-	-	2	1	1	-
Collision non-fatal injury	1	3	1	-	1	-
Collision Fatal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traffic moving offences	13	11	23	11	17	8

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Enderby NR1200 and NR1201

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	146	101	107	97	94	83
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	4	2	4	5	4	2
Domestic Violence	1	1	-	3	1	-
Sex Offence	-	1	1	-	1	1
B&E Residence	-	1	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	1	-	2	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	1	1	-
Theft from Vehicle	-	1	2	-	3	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	2	2	6	2	1
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	1	3	1	-	2	-
Impaired Driving	-	5	-	1	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	1	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	2	2	2	4	2

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Enderby Rural NR1202 to NR1204

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	76	92	97	109	65	67
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	5	6	1	2	3
Domestic Violence	1	1	2	1	1	-
Sex Offence	1	1	1	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	1	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	2	-	3
Theft from Vehicle	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	2	1	-	1	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	2	1	7	1	-
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	1	-
Impaired Driving	-	3	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	2	1	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	4	5	1	3	9

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Village of Falkland NR1300 and NR1301

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	16	17	15	18	6	11
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	1	1	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	-	1	-	-
Theft from Vehicle	1	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	1	1	-	1

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Falkland Rural NR1302 and NR1303**

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
<b>Total Files</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	-	1	-	-	1
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	1	-	1	1
Theft from Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	2	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	1
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	6	4	1	2	3

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Village of Lumby NR1400 and NR1401**

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
<b>Total Files</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	2	2	-	5	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	1	-	2
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	2	-
Theft from Vehicle	1	-	1	-	1	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	3	-	-	3	-
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	1	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	3	1	2	-	1

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Lumby Rural NR1402 and NR1403

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	72	63	55	54	46	54
Robbery	-	-	1	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	5	2	2	1	1	1
Domestic Violence	4	1	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	1	-
B&E Residence	-	1	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	2	1	-	5	-	1
Theft from Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	2
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	1	2	-	1	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	5	3	6	3	5

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – OKIB NR8000, NR8001, NR8101, NR8102

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	85	87	80	78	66	64
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	3	2	2	6	2	1
Domestic Violence	2	-	2	-	-	2
Sex Offence	-	1	-	2	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	1	-	-	1
Theft from Vehicle	1	-	2	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	3	1	3	-
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	1	1	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	4	-	4	1

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Splats'in NR8100 and NR8200

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	47	36	53	46	40	39
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	2	2	-	1	1
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	1	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	-	-	-	-
Theft from Vehicle	-	1	1	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	1	-	3	-
Drug Offence	1	-	2	-	3	-
Liquor Offences	-	1	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	2	-	1	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3	1	3	1	2

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Westside Road NR1000

ACTIVITY TYPE	July 2022	July 2023	August 2022	August 2023	Sept 2022	Sept 2023
Total Files	63	64	56	52	42	31
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	1	-	-	-	1
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	1	3	-	-	-	1
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	-	-	-	-	-
Theft from Vehicle	2	3	-	2	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	2	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	3	-	1	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	1	-	1
Liquor Offences	-	1	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	3	1	1	2

