

# VERNON NORTH OKANAGAN DETACHMENT

4th Quarter (October to December) 2023

# QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT

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

# Superintendent Shawna BAHER

Officer in Charge

# POLICING ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 4th 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 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. 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. I have been honoured to have been chosen to lead the Vernon North Okanagan since July of 2018 and know we have been successful in our work which makes our communities safer and amazing places to live. It is with sadness that I will depart in early February, but know there are so many capable people remaining that will continue to provide excellent policing services to our communities.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

With the holiday season upon us, the Vernon North Okanagan RCMP attended to many events in the community. In October frontline officers attended Cultural Safety Education with representatives from the Okanagan Indian Band. In November officers donned the red serge to participate in Remembrance Day events throughout our communities. December was busy with police participating in a Coffee with a Cop hosted at OKIB, the Christmas luncheon at the Senior's Center in Enderby, assisting with Sunshine Deliveries at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital and a Cram the Cruiser at Kidston Elementary which raised over 1100 lbs of food for the Salvation Arm Food Bank.









# **VERNON/COLDSTREAM**

## **OPERATIONS**

The table below highlights the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 4<sup>th</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	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	4189	18,686	321	1332	381	1761
% change	-8.8	-4.6	0	-5.7	-7.7	+1.7
Criminal Code	1346	6051	58	293	63	314
% change	+2.4	+3.3	+16	-6.6	+16.6	+26.6
<b>Property Offences</b>	795	3437	22	147	36	182
% change	+13.8	+1.1	-21.4	-21.8	+33.3	+15.9

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

Category	Vernon/Coldstream			
	Q4 YTD			
Report to Crown Counsel	194	781		
Prisoners	198	987		
Mental Health Calls	360	904		

#### FRONT LINE POLICING

#### Vernor

On October 6<sup>th</sup> an alert neighbor noticed a man pushing a wheelbarrow full of items down a residential street on East Hill in the middle of the night. Frontline officers attended the area and located a 37-year old man in possession of stolen property. The matter is before the courts.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> frontline officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the 1600 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and recovered stolen property including bicycles, a motorcycle and trailer. In addition, police seized firearms, a large quantity of cash and items related to drug trafficking. Police continue to investigate the incident.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> a frontline officer was seated in a police vehicle stationary on Old Kamloops Road, investigating an abandoned vehicle when a vehicle driving in the opposite direction crossed the centre line and collided head-on with the abandoned vehicle which caused a collision with the police vehicle. Minor injuries were sustained by all involved. Police located open liquor in the vehicle and the 61-year old driver refused a roadside screening device. The driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> a frontline officer was seated in a police vehicle stopped at a red light on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue when a vehicle made a right hand turn from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and collided with the police vehicle. The suspect vehicle then fled the scene in an attempt to evade police. The vehicle was located a short distance away and the driver was arrested. The 28-year old driver is charged with impaired driving and received a 90-day driving prohibition.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> a frontline officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle observed driving dangerously and, while arresting the driver, the police officer was assaulted. A 24-year old man faces numerous charges including resisting arrest, fail to comply to a recognizance and possession of stolen property. In addition, the driver received a 90-day driving prohibition, a 30-day vehicle impound and charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> police investigated a pedestrian motor vehicle incident which resulted in the death of a 54-year old man. A suspect vehicle was quickly identified and the 31-year old driver was arrested. The investigation continues.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> police responded to suspicious activity at a construction site in the 3000 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and arrested two suspects in possession of stolen property. A 52-year old man and a 31-year old woman are charged with numerous offences including break, enter and theft, resisting arrest and breach of a release order. The matter is before the courts.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> frontline officers attended a two-vehicle collision in the 4400 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue resulting in minor injuries. Police entered into an impaired driving investigation and a 48-year old woman is charged with refuse to provide a breath sample.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> police responded to a suspicious vehicle travelling on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue with no front tire and sparks flying from the vehicle. Police located the vehicle stopped and noted extensive damage to the vehicle. The 28-year old driver failed a roadside alcohol screening device and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and 30-day vehicle impoundment. In addition, the driver was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act for no insurance, defective motor vehicle and open liquor in a motor vehicle.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> frontline officers responded to a single vehicle collision on Pleasant Valley Road after a vehicle struck a tree. Police located the 36-year old driver and, when attempting to take him into custody, the man resisted arrest. The man was transported to the cellblock where he failed the breath test taken by a qualified technician. The matter is before the courts.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> police were advised of a suspicious man in a vehicle in the 2800 block of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. When frontline officers responded, they located what is believed to be a homemade explosive device in the vehicle and police cordoned off the area while awaiting the arrival of the RCMP's Explosive Disposal Unit. A 28-year old man was taken into custody and charged with failing to comply with a release order.

On December 15 frontline officers investigated a robbery at a business in the 1500 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The suspect had fled the scene prior to police arrival, however, was identified through video surveillance. The 31-year old man was later arrested by police.

On December 25<sup>th</sup> police arrested a 61-year old man breaking into a vehicle in the 3100 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue after he was observed loading contents from the vehicle into a shopping cart. He is charged with mischief and possession of stolen property.

On December 31<sup>st</sup> frontline officers observed a stolen utility trailer on a residential property located in the 3500 block of Okanagan Avenue. Police obtained a search warrant and recovered a stolen trailer. The investigation continues.

#### Coldstream

On October 6<sup>th</sup> frontline officers responded to a single vehicle roll-over on College Way after the vehicle collided with the curb. The 47-year old driver refused a roadside screening device, was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days. The four passengers were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> police investigated a report of a firearm on school property. A hold and secure was put in place while police located the suspects. Two youths, a 16 and an 18-year old, were arrested and the firearm, believed to be a pellet gun, was recovered.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> frontline officers attended to a single vehicle collision on Aberdeen Road after the vehicle left the roadway and collided with a power pole. Police were unable to locate the driver or any occupants of the vehicle on scene and the Police Dog Section conducted a thorough search of the area with negative results. Police later located the 23-year old driver at the hospital. The investigation continues.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> frontline officers responded to a suspicious vehicle which was stationary in the northbound lane of Hwy 97 south of Vernon. On arrival police located the vehicle running and discovered an intoxicated person in the driver's seat. The 36-year old man refused an ASD demand and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition, the vehicle was impounded for 30-days and the driver was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act for not having a driver's licence.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> a police office on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle speeding in a school zone on Kalamalka Road and upon learning that the 52-year old driver was unlicensed, the vehicle was impounded.

# **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 had conduct of the following investigation:

On October 28 Vernon SCU assisted with an investigation into the death of an infant who was taken to hospital and pronounced deceased. No criminal offences were identified during the course of the investigation which has been turned over to the BC Coroners Service.

On November 6 Vernon SCU assumed conduct of an investigation into the death of a toddler who was taken to hospital and later died in the BC Children's Hospital. No criminal offences were identified during the course of the investigation which has been turned over to the BC Coroners Service.

On December 19 Vernon SCU assisted with an investigation into the suspicious sudden death of a vulnerable person living a high-risk life-style. During the course of the investigation, foul play was ruled out and the investigation was turned over to the BC Coroner's Service.

## 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.

#### **Sex Crimes**

During this quarter, the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) advised of six 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 a highly trained interviewer, the Sex Crimes investigator conducts all interviews with vulnerable child victims of crime. From October to December Sex Crimes conducted four victim interviews with regards to sexual assault or sexual interference crimes against children.

## TARGETED POLICING

Targeted Policing works closely with partner agencies and stakeholders including Interagency, Integrated 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 and, because of their association to gangs or organized crime, pose a safety risk to the community. There are currently five individuals/groups identified in the Vernon area.

## 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**

The Drug Section continues to complete tasks on numerous large-scale investigations including working with the RCMP laboratory regarding drug, firearm and phone exhibits seized during the execution of search warrants. Each investigation requires the preparation of lengthy disclosure to Crown Counsel to ensure successful prosecution in court.

# Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)

The Crime Reduction Unit encompasses the plainclothes investigators in our Prolific Offender Unit and the uniformed officers in our Downtown Enforcement Unit. CRU performs a significant role in the bi-weekly comparative statistics meeting where emerging crime trends, hots 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.

In November Crime Reduction investigated a suspect believed to be responsible for several commercial break and enters. The team worked closely with investigators from neighbouring jurisdictions which resulted in the approval of numerous criminal charges. The 35-year old man is currently in custody in another province on unrelated matters.

In December Crime Reduction assisted in several investigations related to a string of stolen vehicles and a robbery in Vernon. The two men, aged 32-years and 22-years, were arrested in a stolen vehicle and are currently in custody.

#### 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 offences, 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 14 Prolific Offenders identified for monitoring in the Vernon North Okanagan. Of those, seven are currently in custody and seven are not in custody. Of the seven not in custody, three reside or are known to frequent the City of Vernon, one resides in Enderby and three 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 22 warrants of arrest and recommended seven investigations for charge approval including several incidences of failure to comply with release conditions and driving while prohibited.

# Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT)

The Integrated Crisis Response Team was created in November as a response to an increase in Mental Health related occurrences in the Vernon North Okanagan. The unit consists of a police officer partnered with nurse from Interior Health and respond to calls for service where there is a mental health component. Of the 360 Mental



Health Occurrences in the Vernon area from October to December, the ICRT team were the lead on 88 files and conducted follow up requests from frontline officers. ICRT attends to check the well being of persons with mental health concerns, apprehends persons in crisis under the Mental Health Act and connects persons in need with the appropriate community resources. In addition, the ICRT teams meet with partner agencies to ensure valuable working relationships are cultivated.

# 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
October	55	0	0	0	40
November	39	0	0	0	61
December	14	0	0	0	15
Total (Quarter)	108	0	0	0	116
Year to Date	503	9	8	8	766

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023. The totals are for the community and surrounding area.

Category	Armstrong		Spallumcheen		Enderby	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	267	1113	282	1319	406	1876
% change	+5.1	+1.6	-14.5	-9.0	-12.8	-20.9
Criminal Code	69	257	49	216	64	383
% change	+15	-22.5	-28.9	-36.4	-48.3	-45.2
<b>Property Offences</b>	11	54	17	94	13	96
% change	-60.7	-60.5	-45.1	-36.4	-67.5	-57.5

Category	Falkland		Lumby		Westside	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	189	843	237	1064	85	489
% change	+58.8	+27.7	-0.8	-1.4	-61.1	-56.9
Criminal Code	24	115	42	223	24	271
% change	+9.0	-10.8	-42.4	-30.9	-65.2	-12.8
<b>Property Offences</b>	11	54	17	94	13	96
% change	+37.5	+8	-22.7	-22.3	-56.6	-31.4

Below is a table of the total charges forwarded to Crown Counsel, the total prisoners held in the North Okanagan cellblock and the total mental health calls for service.

Category	North Okanagan			
	Q4	YTD		
Report to Crown Counsel	51	209		
Prisoners	24	95		
Mental Health Calls	76	257		

#### FRONT LINE POLICING

#### Armstrong

On October 25<sup>th</sup> frontline officers conducted a traffic stop of a new driver on Smith Drive and determined the driver had consumed alcohol in contravention of the license restrictions. The driver was issued a 12-hour driving suspension and arrangements made for a sober adult driver to attend to operate the vehicle.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver where a passerby was preventing the vehicle from leaving the parking lot. Once on scene, police determined the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and demanded a breath sample. The driver refused and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> police investigated a break and enter to a business in the 3100 block of Smith Drive. The unknown suspects caused significant damage to the building and stole numerous items. The investigation continues.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> police conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver's ability to operate the vehicle was impaired by alcohol. The 72-year old driver provided a sample of breath and was issued a three-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded.

#### Enderby

On October 19<sup>th</sup> frontline officers investigated a report of intimate partner violence which resulted in the execution of a search warrant and the seizure of evidence. The matter is before the courts.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> police responded to a report of a suicidal man armed with a firearm. Frontline officers located the man at his residence and requested the Southeast District Emergency Response Team assist. With

the use of crisis intervention and de-escalation tactics, the man surrendered to police and was apprehended under the Mental Health Act.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> a police officer on patrol on Old Vernon Road conducted a traffic stop which lead to the arrest of the 40-year old prohibited driver and the arrest of the 52-year old passenger on outstanding warrants. The driver was issued charges under the Motor Vehicle Act for no insurance, the vehicle was impounded and was released from custody with a future court date. The passenger was held for court.

#### **Falkland**

On October 29<sup>th</sup> frontline officers attended to a single vehicle incident when a vehicle went off road and down an embankment in the 4400 block of Hwy 97. The 22-year old driver exhibited signs of alcohol impairment and failed a road side screening device test. The driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle impounded for 30-days.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> police responded to a single vehicle collision on Chase-Falkland Road after a truck and trailer hauling an excavator went off road into the lake. The driver was uninjured.

#### Lumby

On October 10<sup>th</sup> police initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 126 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone. The 28-year old driver was charged with excessive speeding and the vehicle was impounded.

On October 24<sup>th</sup> a 41-year old hiker became disorientated and contacted police for assistance. Police attended to the area and located the hiker who happened to be wanted on numerous outstanding criminal warrants. In addition, the hiker was in possession of firearms and ammunition contrary to court-imposed conditions. The matter is before the courts.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> police assisted with a structure fire on Creighton Valley Road. Two persons were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> frontline officers attended to a single vehicle fatal collision on Hwy 6 near Dure Meadow Road. The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and went down an embankment. The 66-year old driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

## Spallumcheen

On October 8<sup>th</sup> police attended to a single vehicle incident on Otter Lake Cross Road where a vehicle was located in field. The vehicle's airbag was deployed and all four tires were flattened. A witness reported seeing an intoxicated man leave with two other people. Police located the registered owner and issued fines under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> frontline officers responded to a single vehicle collision after a vehicle went off road and rolled numerous times, coming to rest on the side on Swanson Mountain Road. The 60-year old driver was extracted from the vehicle with the assistance of the Armstrong Spallumcheen Fire Department and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> police conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle with inactive licence plates on Hwy 97A at Wagner Road and suspected the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. The driver failed two roadside screening device tests and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> police investigated the theft of a vehicle parked roadside overnight in the 4700 block of Hwy 97A. The vehicle was not licenced and was not located. This incident is still under investigation.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> police investigated a vehicle abandoned in the bush off Jackpine Road. It appears the vehicle had been stolen from a gravel lot two-days prior and had became stuck in the bush. No suspects were identified.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> frontline officers attended to a three-vehicle motor vehicle incident on Hwy 97A after a pick-up attempted to cross the highway at Pleasant Valley Road. All occupants of the vehicles received non-life-threatening injuries, however, a small dog was deceased on scene and a second small dog was transported to the vet with life threatening injuries.

#### Westside

On October 10<sup>th</sup> police received a report of an overdue hunter in Whiteman's Creek. An extensive search of the area was conducted with the assistance of the RCMP Air Services who successfully located the 66-year old hunter who was found safe and uninjured.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> frontline officers attended to a single vehicle motor vehicle incident on Westside Road where the vehicle went off road and sheared off a power pole. Police formed the opinion the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and read a breath demand. The 44-year old driver provide breath samples in excess of the legal limit and was issued an Administrative Driving Prohibition. The driver was issued a future court date with regards to the criminal charges.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> a police officer on patrol stopped to assist a motorist who appeared to be having vehicle issues on the side of Westside Road. It was apparent the motorist did not want assistance since he yelled profanities at the officer and then walked away. The officer recognized the man and, after a search of the police data system, learned the individual had outstanding warrants of arrest. When police attempted to stop the man, he fled over a fence and through a field. Despite numerous patrols, the individual was not located. Police towed the vehicle which did not have valid registration or insurance.

# 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. The North Rural GIS continues to complete tasks on numerous large-scale investigations as well as prepare lengthy disclosure to Crown Counsel to ensure successful prosecution in court.

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

## Vernon/Coldstream

• Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: 59

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	297	1185	425	1837
Coldstream	95	337	80	375
Vernon Rural	1	53	1	127

# North Okanagan Rural

• Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: 26

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Armstrong	17	78	43	128
Enderby	20	46	35	83
Falkland	6	25	9	39
Lumby	5	37	6	99
Spallumcheen	71	308	31	98
Westside	59	81	85	117

## Reserve Constable Traffic Enforcement

The Reserve Constable Program consists 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	21	109	467	27	180
Coldstream	20	82	294	44	207

# FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION

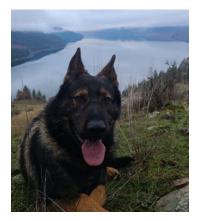
The Vernon North Okanagan Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) is operating with three members in a full-time rotation. During the fourth quarter, IFIS provided investigative assistance for 34 files, identified 9 fingerprints and supplied 8 preliminary associations. As well, IFIS collected 27 friction ridge impressions, 72 DNA swabs, 1 footwear impressions, 6 tire impressions and 2 tool mark.

Call for Service	Vernon/Coldstream	North Rural
Break and Enter	8	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	10	0
Theft from Vehicles	2	0
Mischief	2	0
Impaired Driving	1	0
Firearms Offences	1	1
Arson	1	0
Drug Offences	1	0
Other investigations	2	1
Total		

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 23 calls for service within the Vernon North Okanagan; 8 calls within Vernon/Coldstream and 15 calls for the Rural. Cpl Kyle and PDS 'Phantom' conducted a successful track and apprehension of a prolific offender in December and assisted Vernon Serious Crimes with numerous area searches regarding a high-risk missing person. In addition, the team successful completed an avalanche course and has progressed for further assessment. The photo is of PDS Phantom stopping for a rest and to enjoy the views during regularly scheduled training session.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Due to staffing shortages on the frontline, the School Resources Officer is deployed to a general duty position 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 764 members of the public, fielded 92 phone calls and returned over 250 Police Information Checks. The coordinator conducted presentations on fraud prevention, personal safety, drug awareness and digital citizenship. In addition, the volunteers were involved in community events including the Senior's Fair and the Trick or Treat Trail. The coordinator conducted one audit regarding Crime Preventions through Environment Design (CPTED).

## Vernon RCMP Volunteers

During this past quarter, the 29 volunteers participated in 895 hours with the Vernon RCMP Volunteer Program. The volunteers drove 2863 kilometers, worked 34 Community Safety Patrol shifts and ran 1886 licence plates on the Stolen Auto Recovery program. Over the past three months volunteers spent 32 hours conducting 8 Speed watch operations to slow down 301 vehicles. To celebrate our volunteers, a Winter Volunteer Appreciation Event was held and two volunteers recognized for five years of service, one was presented with Speed Watch Volunteer of the Year and numerous volunteers recognized for milestone achievements including 1000 and 1500 hours of service.

# **QUARTERLY STATISTICS**

The following pages contain the police statistics for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023, October to December, 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.

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Vernon							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	
Total Files	1670	1486	1521	1315	1403	1388	
Robbery	2	2	3	-	2	2	
Assault (Includes DV)	48	62	58	60	53	56	
Domestic Violence	18	7	20	6	15	7	
Sex Offence	8	5	3	8	10	10	
B&E Residence	8	3	8	5	5	6	
B&E Commercial	8	5	4	6	8	9	
Theft of Vehicle	14	15	13	12	20	22	
Theft From Vehicle	30	29	21	21	14	22	
Theft Over \$5000	2	6	1	1	3	5	
Theft Under \$5000	101	99	75	86	94	97	
Drug Offence	21	7	51	17	11	12	
Liquor Offences	4	8	9	7	9	11	
Impaired Driving	11	7	13	8	11	16	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	7	5	6	3	8	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	39	36	58	32	62	32	

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Vernon Rural						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	132	145	144	117	137	119
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	3	6	6	5	3	1
Domestic Violence	2	1	3	1	-	-
Sex Offence	-	2	1	1	-	3
B&E Residence	-	2	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	1	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	4	-	-	1	1
Theft From Vehicle	2	-	-	3	1	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	1	-
Theft Under \$5000	2	2	-	4	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	1	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	2	1	1	1	2
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	5	11	5	12	10

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Silver Star								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	7	2	10	5	12	11		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	1	-	2	-		
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Sex Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	1	1		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – District of Coldstream								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	130	95	105	129	86	97		
Robbery	-	-	-	-		-		
Assault (Includes DV)	2	7	1	4	1	3		
Domestic Violence	-	2	1	1	-	1		
Sex Offence	-	2	-	2	-	-		
B&E Residence	1	-	-	2	1	-		
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	1	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	3	3	-	1		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	-	1		
Theft Under \$5000	3	1	5	2	-	1		
Drug Offence	-	1	1	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	1	1	1	-	-	1		
Impaired Driving	2	2	2	3	1	3		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	2	1	3		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	4	7	2	9	3		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Armstrong NR4100 and NR4101								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	97	91	67	88	80	83		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (includes DV)	1	2	2	6	2	6		
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	1	1		
Sex Offence	1	3	-	1	1	1		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	1		
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	3	1	-	1	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Over \$5000	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	4	-	2	2	2	1		
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	1	-	1	-	1	-		
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	1	-	1		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	1	2		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	7	2	7	2	8		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen NR4200								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	123	121	85	76	90	82		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	2	4	-	2	2	2		
Domestic Violence	1	1	-	1	-	2		
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	1	1		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	2		
B&E Commercial	3	-	1	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	1	1	2	1		
Theft From Vehicle	2	1	1	-	-	1		
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	-	1		
Theft Under \$5000	2	1	2	3	-	2		
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	3	1	-	1	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	6	9	6	8	3		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen Hwy 97/97A							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	
Total Files	21	22	13	13	10	15	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24 Hour Suspension	1	-	1	-	-	-	
Drug Offences	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	3	3	1	1	-	
Collision over \$10000	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Collision non-fatal injury	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Collision Fatal	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Traffic moving offences	13	11	6	9	6	10	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Enderby NR1200 and NR1201								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	64	81	64	67	75	62		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	2	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	1	6	3	-	4	8		
Domestic Violence	-	2	-	-	1	1		
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	-	1		
B&E Residence	1	-	-	-	-	1		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	2	2	1	-		
Theft From Vehicle	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	2	-	2	1		
Drug Offence	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Liquor Offences	3	-	-	1	1	2		
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	1		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	1	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	1	1	1	-		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Enderby Rural NR1202 to NR1204								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	53	69	50	74	56	56		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	-	3	3	2	-	2		
Domestic Violence	-	1	1	2	-	-		
Sex Offence	-	-	1	2	1	-		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	2	-	2	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	3	-		
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	1	1	-	-		
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3	4	4	7	8		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Village of Falkland NR1300 and NR1301							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	
Total Files	7	9	7	6	6	16	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Falkland Rural NR1302 and NR1303								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	40	67	40	47	25	41		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	-	-	-	-		
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Sex Offence	1	1	-	-	-	-		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	1		
Theft From Vehicle	1	-	-	-	-	1		
Theft Over \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	1	2	-	1		
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	6	4	3	2	7		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Village of Lumby NR1400 and NR1401								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	58	41	34	38	33	32		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	2	-	-	1	1	1		
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Sex Offence	2	1	-	-	-	-		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	1	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	3	-	-	-		
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	-	1	-	-		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Lumby Rural NR1402 and NR1403								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	43	51	34	37	33	32		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	-	4	1	2	1	1		
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	-	-		
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	2	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	-	-	1	-		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	3	-	-	3	-	1		
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	-	-	-		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	4	4	6	-	3		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – OKIB NR8000, NR8001, NR8101, NR8102								
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023		
Total Files	60	60	43	45	31	48		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	4	2	-	-	1	1		
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Sex Offence	1	-	1	1	-	1		
B&E Residence	-	1	1	-	1	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	2	2	-	-	-	2		
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	-	-	-	1		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	2	-	-	1	-	1		
Drug Offence	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	1	1		1	-	1		
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	1		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	4	3	3	2	2		

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Splatsin NR8100 and NR8200									
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023			
Total Files	39	27	29	26	36	36			
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Assault (Includes DV)	-	2	-	-	1	1			
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-			
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-			
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Theft of Vehicle	2	-	-	-	-	1			
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	-			
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	1	1	-	1			
Drug Offence	3	-	3	-	-	-			
Liquor Offences	-	1	-	-	1	-			
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-			
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	1	2	1	2			

4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Westside Road NR1000									
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023			
Total Files	26	29	35	24	24	35			
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Assault (Includes DV)	5	2	-	1	3	1			
Domestic Violence	1	-	-	-	2	-			
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-			
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-			
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Theft of Vehicle	1	3	-	2	-	-			
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	-			
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	-	6			
Theft Under \$5000	3	-	-	1	1	1			
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-			
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	-	-	-	-	-			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	4	2	1	2			