

# VERNON NORTH OKANAGAN DETACHMENT

2nd Quarter (April to June) 2024

## QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT

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

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Acting Officer in Charge

## POLICING ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 2nd Quarter 2024

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. 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**

During the second quarter of 2024, frontline officers from the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment assisted with the City of Vernon's Community Expo at Kal Tire Place in April. Our officers attended to



display a police car and answer questions from the public. In May, we hosted two 'Coffee with a Cop' events to meet the public and hear their concerns about their communities. One event was held in Armstrong and one in Vernon, both were well attended by the public. In June, the Special Olympics softball team challenged the RCMP to a friendly game where fun was had by all, including Safety Bear.

# **VERNON/COLDSTREAM**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The table below highlights the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, as well as the cumulative numbers for year to date. The percentage change is compared to the same quarter from the previous year.

Category	Vernon		Coldstream		Vernon Rural	
	Q2	Q2 YTD Q2 YTD		Q2	YTD	
Calls for Service	4792	8854	330	617	417	776
% change	-5.9%	-5.9%	-7.3%	-2.5%	-13.8%	-7.1%
Criminal Code	1599	2847	78	131	70	122
% change	-7.5%	-7.1%	-17.8%	-12%	-1.4%	-14%
<b>Property Offences</b>	847	1541	41	78	46	65
% change	-16.8%	-12.3%	-10.8%	-11.3%	+17.9%	-29.3%

The below table indicates 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			
	Q2 YTD			
Report to Crown Counsel	162	342		
% change	-16.4%	-10.7%		
Prisoners	246	464		
% change	-12.7%	-10.7%		
Mental Health Calls	491	970		
% change	+65.3%	+63.8%		

#### FRONT LINE POLICING

#### Vernon

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, a police officer responded to a single vehicle collision on Okanagan Landing Road after a driver lost control of the vehicle and collided with a tree. A search of the vehicle located suspected stolen and forged documents, as well as equipment to make credit and debit cards. The 40-year old driver and 28-year old passenger were arrested and the investigation continues.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, an individual attended to the front counter of the detachment with two unexploded hand grenades which were located while cleaning out a garage. The items were safely secured in the trunk of a police vehicle and the area cordoned off while awaiting the Explosive Disposal Unit attendance.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a glass break alarm at a business in the 2800 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon review of the video surveillance, police located a suspect matching the description. The 45-year old man was arrested for mischief.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, police investigated a mischief in the 6200 block of Tronson Road after an aircraft was vandalized. Video surveillance shows three suspects breaching the fenced compound. No suspects were identified and the investigation continues.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, a frontline officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and arrested the 58-year old driver who was in breach of court ordered conditions. Inside the vehicle, police located weapons, digital scales and a large quantity of controlled substances.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, police responded to the 3100 block of Highway 6 after a suspect entered a business and threatened staff with a knife. A 42-year old Kelowna man was arrested and the matter is before the courts.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, police checked a suspicious vehicle parked along Tronson Road and discovered a deceased person inside. On initial examination, the death was considered suspicious and conduct of the investigation turned over to Serious Crimes.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, multiple frontline officers responded to a disturbance in the 3600 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street when an individual was threatening self-harm with a weapon. The 33-year old man was safely apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* and transported to the hospital to receive medical care.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, police conducted a traffic stop of a truck and utility trailer and learned the items had been stolen two days prior. The trailer contained stolen dirt bikes and other stolen property. A 35-year old man was arrested and the matter is before the courts.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, police located a stolen truck in the parking lot of a business on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue occupied by an individual in possession of a controlled drug for the purpose of trafficking. A 37-year old man was arrested and faces numerous criminal charges.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a disturbance with a weapon on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A 37-year old man was arrested after a foot chase with police through a creek and over a fence. The matter is before the courts.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, police investigated a collision involving a motorcycle after it rear-ended another vehicle on Highway 97. The rider sustained serious life-threatening injuries.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a single vehicle collision on Francis Street after the driver disobeyed a stop sign and went off road. All the occupants had fled the scene prior to police arrival. Police learned the vehicle was stolen and requested the assistance of the Police Dog Section. A 14-year old youth was located and arrested for breaching court ordered curfew. Three other youths were found at a nearby residence.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, police attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 138 km/hour in a 50 km/hour zone on 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The vehicle was later located abandoned; however, police were able to identify the driver. The vehicle was impounded and the driver is charged under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, police received a report of a possible impaired driver on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. A witness observed a driver slumped over the wheel and advised a child was in the rear-seat crying. Prior to police arrival, the vehicle departed the scene. Police quickly located and conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle. The driver provided breath samples that were over three time the legal limit. The child was apprehended and the Ministry of Children and Family Development advised.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a suspicious death on Heritage Drive. The Serious Crimes Unit took conduct of the investigation and determined no criminality was involved in the death.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, police responded to four separate reports of theft of cigarettes from various businesses in the downtown core. The following day, police arrested a 32-year old man who produced a weapon and stole cigarettes from a business in the 2400 block of 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The incident is before the courts.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, police responded to an assault with a weapon in the 2500 block of 34<sup>th</sup> Street. An individual received serious non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to hospital. The investigation continues.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers were advised of a theft of a boat in progress on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The homeowners were woken at 4:30 am to observe an unknown person hooking up their boat to a truck. Police intercepted the truck hauling the boat and arrested a 52-year old man. The matter is before the courts.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, police located a stolen vehicle via a GPS tracker and arrested a 35-year old man in possession of the vehicle. The matter is before the courts.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a weapons complaint at a residence on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A suspect was arrested the victim was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

#### Coldstream

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers assisted the Coldstream Fire Department with a structure fire on Matner Lane. The fire was contained to a detached shed and was deemed not suspicious.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle on Kalamalka Lake Road for speeding. The 45-year old driver exhibited symptoms of impairment which resulted in a 3-day driving prohibition and vehicle impoundment.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a single vehicle collision on Highway 97 involving a truck and boat on a trailer. The driver failed a roadside screening device and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and a 30-day vehicle impound.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a fatal motor vehicle involving a motorcycle on Hwy 6 near Aberdeen Road. A motorcycle was westbound on Hwy 6 and failed to negotiate a curve in the road. The motorcyclist went off road and down an embankment.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers assisted the Coldstream Fire Department with two suspicious fires in the Cosen's Bay area of Kalamalka Park. The fires were believed to be human caused and no suspects were identified.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, frontline officers were advised of a suspicious person cycling along Kalamalka Lake Road in possession of a possible weapon. A 'Hold & Secure' be put in place at the local schools and police located the individual a short time later and determined the weapon was a pellet gun.

## **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 two Corporals and three 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 May 5<sup>th</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of a suspicious death and determined there was no criminality involved.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, SCU assisted frontline officer with an aggravated assault investigation after an individual suffered multiple injuries. The person recovered and was not cooperative with police.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, SCU assumed conduct of a suspicious death investigation and determined no criminality is no longer suspected.

• On June 8<sup>th</sup>, SCU assisted frontline officers with a suspicious death investigation. SCU members were able to assist with determining no criminality was involved in the death.

## 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 11 ICAT files requiring file management, monitoring, and victim support with 5 new referrals this quarter.

• DVU assisted frontline officers with a statement from a victim on a high-risk domestic assault file.

#### Sex Crimes

During this quarter, the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) advised of seven reports of possession of child pornography with three involving children or youth who are victims of 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 all interviews with vulnerable child victims of crime. From October to December, Sex Crimes conducted 12 victim interviews with regards to sexual assault or sexual interference crimes against children.

• SVU assisted frontline officers with a statement from a youth victim of online luring and sexual interference.

#### 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 and, because 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.

During this reporting period, Targeted Policing providing an enhanced policing presence in problem areas as identified by the Crime Analyst through Compstat (Comparable Statistics) over a 6-shift period. The team had tangible success including 97 investigations relating to a number of criminal activities including drug trafficking, open drug use, failure to comply with release conditions, driving offences, weapons offences (eight knives / two tasers / two sets of carbon fiber knuckles / bear spray) and arrest warrant executions.

In addition, there were five possession for the purpose of trafficking investigations resulting in the seizure of significant quantities of drugs which included over 30 ounces of fentanyl, over 10 ounces of methamphetamine, over 3 ounces of cocaine, and over 300 prescription pills.

- On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Targeted Policing investigated a subject departing from a CompStat identified problem premise and attending to a local hotel with a quantity of drugs.
- On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the team conducted a vehicle stop of a subject suspected of supplying lower level drug dealers resulting in seizure of bulk quantities of drugs.
- On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the team launched an investigation of subjects associated to a CompStat problem
  premise selling drugs from vehicle resulting in the seizure of a quantity of drugs and the
  investigation continues.
- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the team investigated a street level dial-a-dope operation resulting in the seizure of a quantity of drugs and the file is under investigation.
- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the team investigated drug trafficking activity associated to two downtown motels resulting in the arrest of one subject and seizure of a quantity of drugs. The file is still under investigation.

## Repeat Violent Offender 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, correctional supervisors, and includes enhanced investigation and monitoring of repeat violent offenders by police agencies. There are currently four subjects identified in the Vernon area with three are currently in custody and one is out of custody and residing in Vernon.

#### 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 biweekly 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.

#### 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 13 Prolific Offenders identified for monitoring in the Vernon North Okanagan. Of those, 5 are currently in custody and 8 are not in custody. Of the 8 not in custody, 3 resides or known to frequent the City of Vernon, 1 in the North Rural and 4 resides in other communities.

#### 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 43 warrant of arrests and recommended 21 investigations for charge approval including several incidences of failure to comply with release conditions and driving while prohibited.

## Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT)

ICRT consists of a police officer partnered with an Interior Health nurse who responds to calls for service involving persons in crisis. This quarter, ICRT responded to 226 calls for service and assisted frontline officers with follow up on an additional 50 investigations. Of note, ICRT received accolades in the local media from staff at the Vernon Library as a great resource to help diffuse situations. As well, family of a person in crisis that ICRT attended to reached out on social media to sing the teams praises calling them "amazing" and "calm and understanding".

## 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
April	2	0	0	0	2
May	0	0	0	0	13
June	1	0	0	0	1
Total (Quarter)	3	0	0	0	16
Year to Date	44	0	0	0	50

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024. The totals are for the community and surrounding area.

Category	Armstrong		Spallumcheen		Enderby	
	Q2	Q2 YTD Q2 YTD		Q2	YTD	
Calls for Service	294	552	337	627	482	893
% change	+13.5%	+21%	-8.4%	-2.4%	-10.9%	-0.1%
Criminal Code	73	136	54	88	105	191
% change	+15.8%	+12.3%	+22.7%	-15.3%	+0.9%	-4.5%
<b>Property Offences</b>	41	66	21	41	44	76
% change	+41.3%	+34.6%	-8.6%	0%	-25.4%	-17.3%

Category	Falkland		Lumby		Westside	
	Q2	YTD	Q2	YTD	Q2	YTD
Calls for Service	174	317	321	533	327	551
% change	-24%	-16.7%	+9.5%	-2%	+151.5%	+128.6%
Criminal Code	35	60	63	108	85	145
% change	-5.4%	+5.2%	+8.6%	-17.5%	+183.3%	+119.6%
<b>Property Offences</b>	14	24	25	43	35	64
% change	-36.3%	-7.6%	-13.7%	-10.4%	+66.6%	+82.8%

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

Category	North Okanagan			
	Q2	YTD		
Report to Crown Counsel	56	120		
% change	+7.6%	17.6%		
Prisoners	23	52		
% change	-36.1%	-18.7%		
Mental Health Calls	80	148		
% change	+70.2%	+49.4%		

#### FRONT LINE POLICING

#### Armstrong

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers conducted a traffic stop on Wood Avenue and observed open liquor in the vehicle. The driver failed a roadside alcohol screening device and was issued a 90-day immediate roadside prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

#### Enderby

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers located a vehicle in a ditch off Baptiste Road and found the prohibited driver unconscious behind the wheel. Police were able to revive the driver and issued a 24-hour driver's license suspension for being under the influence of a drug.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, frontline officer responded to a break and enter to a business on Vernon Street after a vehicle drove through the front entrance. The investigation led to a suspect and a search warrant was obtained for the residence. A 36-year old man was arrested.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, police responded to an incident after a two-vehicle collision on Trinity Valley Road. The subsequent investigation determined the offending vehicle had purposely caused the collision. Police arrested a 59-year old woman.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, frontline officer attended a single vehicle motor vehicle incident after a pick-up truck stuck a pole then fled the scene on Mabel Lake Road. Police arrested a 48-year old man and the incident is before the courts.

#### Falkland

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a fatal motor vehicle incident involving a motorcycle and a pickup in the 6500 block of Hwy 97. The pick-up was stopped on the highway making a left hand turn when the motorcycle collided with the rear of the pick-up. Despite the efforts of witnesses on scene, the 66-year old operator of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a sudden death after a body was found floating in Monte Lake. A fisherperson went overboard off a small boat and was not wearing a lifejacket. The individual was unable to swim to the boat or to shore.

#### Lumby

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, police investigated a report of a high-risk missing person. Police located the vehicle associated to the disappearance and the SED Major Crime Unit has conduct of the investigation.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, police were requested to check on the well-being of two people who had left in their truck for a picnic in the Cherryville area and did not return. RCMP Air Services located the duo unharmed in their truck which had become stuck in marginal road conditions. Both were evacuated by helicopter.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers responded to a single vehicle incident on Creighton Valley Road after a vehicle went off road and into a body of water. The occupants were able to escape the vehicle with minor injuries.

On May 31, frontline officers attended to a single vehicle collision on Bluenose Road where the occupants sustained minor injuries. The driver was detained for an impaired driving investigation and was issued a 24-hour roadside driving prohibition.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, frontline officers assisted the Lumby Fire Department with a structure fire on Mountainview Road and learned one occupant was unaccounted. No criminality is suspected in the cause of the fire and the remains of the deceased person were located inside the residence the following day.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, police were advised of a man missing in the fast-moving water of the Shuswap River near Sugar Lake. Vernon Search & Rescue were deployed to the area and the body of 53-year man was discovered downstream the following day.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, police were alerted to an injured hiker at Spectrum Lake. Vernon Search and Rescue were deployed to assist retrieving the hiker.

#### Spallumcheen

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, frontline officers attended to a single vehicle collision on Hwy 97A at Pleasant Valley Road. Police arrived to find the vehicle had collided with a hydro pole and the driver had left the scene. Police located the driver a short distance away and is charged under the *Motor Vehicle Act* with no driver's licence and no insurance.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 173 km/hour in a 90 km/hour zone. The driver was charged under the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the vehicle was impounded for 7 days.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended a property on Otter Lake Road for a report of break, enter and theft. Police arrested a 40-year old man who is charged with numerous criminal offences. The matter is before the courts.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a disturbance at a rural property on Hullcar Road. Once on scene, police determined the suspect had fled on foot; however, police located the individual a short distance away. Both the complainant and the suspect were arrested on unrelated outstanding warrants.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended to a suspicious incident after a U-haul truck became stuck near Parkinson Road. Police determined the truck was stolen and arrested the two occupants. The matter is before the courts.

#### Westside

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, police were alerted to an emergency landing of a helicopter in a remote location east of Lake Okanagan near the Head of the Lake Road. Both the pilot and two passengers sustained minor injuries and were able to walk out from the location unassisted. No criminality was suspected and Transport Canada was advised.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, frontline officers attended a property on Head of the Lake Road for a report of a suspicious person. Officer learned an individual wanted on a number of warrants was located inside a residence. When police attempted to execute the warrants, the suspect fled in a vehicle and collided with a marked police vehicle. Despite numerous patrols, the suspect was not located. Police later located and arrested the suspect.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, police were advised an individual operating a side-by-side ATV had rolled the unit on Terrace Mountain. The operator was uninjured but unprepared to spend the night outdoors. Vernon Search and Rescue were deployed and assisted in bring the individual to safety.

## 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 addition to on-going criminal investigations conducted by the unit, North Rural GIS assisted the SED Major Crime Unit with a homicide in April and the Vernon Serious

Crime Unit with the investigation of two suspicious deaths which later determined no criminality was involved.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

## Vernon/Coldstream

• Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: 61

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	348	687	449	786
% change	+31.8%	+4.7%	-2.8%	-27.1%
Coldstream	76	155	58	120
% change	+10.1%	+7.6%	-36.9%	-46.4%
Vernon Rural	5	14	3	8
% change	-68.7%	-69.5%	-89.2%	-92.7%

## North Okanagan Rural

• Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: 52

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Armstrong	22	38	41	98
% change	-46.3%	-51.8%	+17.1%	+63.3%
Enderby	18	39	24	45
% change	-35.7%	+18.1%	+41.1%	+32.3%
Falkland	3	12	1	9
% change	-81.2%	-55.5%	-88.8%	-43.7%
Lumby	4	8	56	102
% change	-50%	-70.3%	+154.5%	+54.5%
Spallumcheen	57	113	34	63
% change	-66.8%	-53.1%	+36%	+70.2%
Westside	59	130	29	80
% change	+490%	+381.4%	+93.3%	+247.8%

## 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	31	201	347	73	121
% change	+34.7%	+62%	+23.9%	+43.1%	+4.9%
Coldstream	20	76	146	34	59
% change	-16.6%	-5%	+14.9%	-33.3%	-52%

## FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION

The Vernon North Okanagan Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) is operating with three members in a full-time rotation. During the second quarter, IFIS provided investigative assistance for 60 files, identified 30 fingerprints and supplied 21 preliminary associations. As well, IFIS collected 92 friction ridge impressions, 70 DNA swabs, 3 Footwear impressions, and 2 physical evidence.

Call for Service	Vernon/Coldstream	North Rural
Arson	2	0
Assault	1	0
Break and Enter	9	4
Coroner Act	2	0
Drug Offences	5	0
Firearms Offences	0	1
Homicide	0	1
Mischief	3	0
Other Criminal Code	5	2
Possession of Stolen Property	1	0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	15	4
Robbery	2	0
Theft from Vehicle	2	0
Theft under \$5000	1	0
Total	48	12

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. This quarter, PDS attended to 36 calls for service within the Vernon North Okanagan detachment area. Of those 36 calls, 14 were within Vernon/Coldstream and 22 were within the rural detachments area. During this quarter, Cpl. Kyle and PDS 'Phantom' are worked closely with Vernon Search and Rescue conducting searches for missing persons and overdue hikers.



Photo: Phantom resting while being transported on Mabel Lake.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

In May, the 24th annual Constable Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy was held at the army base in Vernon to offer students a glimpse into a career with the RCMP. For 6-days, 38 students, ages 16-

18 years, lived at the base and were exposed to a variety police training exercises including an Indigenous canoe journey, drill and deportment, legal studies, and police defense tactics. In addition, specialized sections such as SED Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Service, BCHP Traffic Services, Forensic Identification Section, RCMP Air Services, Tactical Team and RCMP Recruiting conducted presentations to engage with the youth. The students participated in police scenario-based training and attended court to testify in a mock trial facilitated by Crown Counsel. The event culminated with a troop graduation where the students proudly demonstrated their new skills for family, friends and local dignitaries.





## **COMMUNITY POLICING**

## Community Safety Office

The ten active volunteers of the Community Safety Office (CSO) assisted 1177 members of the public, fielded 133 phone calls and returned over 357 Police Information Checks. The coordinator conducted safety and security workshops on fraud prevention, workplace safety, de-escalation training and child safety. In addition, the volunteers were involved in community events including the City of Vernon Community Expo, Walk for Autism, the Children's Festival, the Senior Fair and the Military Tattoo. Volunteer also participated with the RCMP Youth Academy as actors during the scenario-based training to provide the youths a realistic experience. The coordinator conducted four Crime Preventions through Environment Design (CPTED) audits of businesses and residences. The CSO Folks on Spokes and Anti-tag Team patrols commenced for the summer months.

#### Vernon RCMP Volunteers

During this past quarter, the 29 volunteers participated in 988 hours with the Vernon RCMP Volunteer Program. The volunteers drove 2251 kilometers, worked 35 Community Safety Patrol shifts, and ran 1830 licence plates on the Stolen Auto Recovery program. Over the past three months, volunteers spent 92 hours conducting 23 Speed watch operations to slow down 8167 vehicles. With summer boating underway, volunteers spent 16 hours over 2 days to conduct pre-safety checks of 28 vessels and, fortunately, did not locate any invasive mussels. In addition, volunteers participated in the City of Vernon Community Expo in April, the RCMP Youth Academy in May, the Ducks for Dogs in June and assisted with the Funtastic Slo Pitch & Music Festival conducting foot patrols of the grounds.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **Established Levels**

Vernon North Okanagan Detachment is currently at 106 Regular Members: 58 City of Vernon; 30 Provincial; 4 City of Armstrong; 7 District of Coldstream; 4 Township of Spallumcheen, 1 Splats'in First Nation and 1 Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB).

#### Funded Levels

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment billed 49.03 City of Vernon; 21.41 Provincial; 4 City of Armstrong; 6.18 District of Coldstream; 3 Township of Spallumcheen, 1 Splats'in First Nation and Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB).

## **QUARTERLY STATISTICS**

The following pages contain the police statistics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024, April to June, 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.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics – City of Vernon							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	1567	1431	1726	1702	1867	1798	
Robbery	3	1	1	5	7	3	
Assault (Includes DV)	47	35	48	53	58	58	
Domestic Violence	9	4	11	4	7	11	
Sex Offence	10	8	5	7	8	4	
B&E Residence	7	3	12	4	5	8	
B&E Commercial	13	8	10	7	12	9	
Theft of Vehicle	11	10	12	14	18	20	
Theft From Vehicle	24	26	20	33	50	33	
Theft Over \$5000	3	2	4	6	6	5	
Theft Under \$5000	109	81	118	115	131	118	
Drug Offence	9	7	14	32	16	47	
Liquor Offences	15	9	14	5	11	21	
Impaired Driving	13	6	14	7	10	10	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	4	4	8	4	2	11	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	51	36	43	51	40	47	

2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Vernon Rural							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	122	128	174	129	147	162	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	-	1	5	3	3	6	
Domestic Violence	-	-	1	1	2	1	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B&E Residence	2	-	-	1	-	1	
B&E Commercial	-	1	1	2	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	3	3	4	-	2	
Theft From Vehicle	1	5	4	3	2	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	3	2	3	2	
Drug Offence	-	1	1	1	1	1	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	-	2	2	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	-	-	2	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	3	6	6	8	9	

2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Silver Star							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	12	6	6	4	7	7	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24 Hour Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	1	-	

2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics – District of Coldstream							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	96	93	150	112	121	132	
Robbery	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	5	1	4	2	5	1	
Domestic Violence	1	-	2	-	1	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B&E Residence	1	1	-	-	3	1	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Theft From Vehicle	2	2	2	2	4	4	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	2	3	4	4	5	1	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	4	1	2	4	
Impaired Driving	1	-	3	1	1	2	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	5	2	1	8	4	

2nd Quarter Statistics – City of Armstrong NR4100 and NR4101							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	69	97	103	106	96	107	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (includes DV)	2	4	1	-	2	4	
Domestic Violence	1	1	1	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	1	1	1	-	
B&E Residence	-	1	-	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	2	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	3	-	4	1	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	1	1	1	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	1	-	2	1	1	-	
24 Hour Driving	2	1	2	-	1	-	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	4	3	2	2	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen NR4200							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	98	107	133	113	119	118	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	1	1	4	4	-	4	
Domestic Violence	-	1	1	1	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	2	1	2	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	2	3	1	1	
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	2	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	1	1	1	
Theft Under \$5000	-	2	2	1	1	1	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-		
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	1	1	
24 Hour Driving	1	-	1	-	1	2	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	3	3	6	6	12	

2nd Quarter Statistics – City of Enderby NR1200 and NR1201							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	79	72	90	62	100	81	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	2	1	5	2	5	3	
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	1	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	-	2	1	1	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	2	1	1	-	
Theft From Vehicle	2	1	2	-	6	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	1	-	3	
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	1	-	2	-	
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	-	1	1	
Impaired Driving	1	-	-	-	-	4	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	2	-	6	2	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Enderby Rural NR1202 to NR1204							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	74	52	108	70	94	48	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	4	-	3	4	1	2	
Domestic Violence	-	-	1	3	-	2	
Sex Offence	-	-	1	1	1	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	1	2	1	-	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	4	1	1	-	
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	2	2	-	-	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	4	1	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2	1	2	1	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Village of Falkland NR1300 and NR1301							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	11	7	17	23	12	11	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft From Vehicle	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	3	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	1	-	
24 Hour Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	1	-	-	-	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Falkland Rural NR1302 and NR1303							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	45	46	66	34	56	41	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	-	2	3	2	3	1	
Domestic Violence	-	2	2	1	2	1	
Sex Offence	1	1	-	-	1	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	1	-	2	1	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	1	-	4	-	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	2	-	
24 Hour Driving	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	6	-	1	1	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Village of Lumby NR1400 and NR1401							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	44	47	44	47	49	46	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	1	1	2	-	-	1	
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Sex Offence	1	1	1	1	2	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	1	-	1	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	2	1	-	2	
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	1	2	1	
24 Hour Driving	-	-	-	2	-	-	
Suspension							
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	1	-	3	

2nd Quarter Statistics – Lumby Rural NR1402 and NR1403							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	42	45	40	54	52	71	
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	1	-	1	-	-	1	
Domestic Violence	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	-	1	1	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	-	1	-	3	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	1	-	-	4	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Impaired Driving	-	-	1	-	-	1	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	2	-	3	7	

2nd Quarter Statistics – OKIB NR8000, NR8001, NR8101, NR8102							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024	
Total Files	42	58	67	64	71	63	
Robbery	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	1	3	2	2	
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	1	-	
B&E Residence	-	-	1	-	-	-	
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	3	-	-	
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	1	1	-	
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Theft Under \$5000	-	3	5	1	-	-	
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Impaired Driving	1	-	1	-	-	-	
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	-	-	-	2	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	3	-	1	2	

	2nd Quarter Statistics – Splatsin NR8100 and NR8200							
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024		
Total Files	37	24	45	34	43	38		
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assault (Includes DV)	2	1	2	2	-	-		
Domestic Violence	1	1	1	1	-	-		
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B&E Residence	-	1	-	-	1	-		
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	1	-	1	1		
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	2	1	2	-		
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	1	2		
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	1	1		
24 Hour Driving	-	-	-	-	2	1		
Suspension								
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	2	-	1	4		

2nd Quarter Statistics – Westside Road NR1000									
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024			
Total Files	36	43	58	37	41	56			
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Assault (Includes DV)	-	1	1	2	2	1			
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	2	1	-			
Sex Offence	1	1	-	-	-	2			
B&E Residence	-	-	-	1	1	1			
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	2			
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	5	2	-	-			
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	1	-			
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	4	-	2	2			
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-			
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2	1	1	2			

2nd Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen Hwy 97/97A									
ACTIVITY TYPE	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023	May 2024	June 2023	June 2024			
Total Files	21	26	31	18	23	18			
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-			
24 Hour Suspension	-	1	1	-	1	1			
Drug Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2	1	2	3			
Collision over \$10000	-	1	-	-	1	-			
Collision non-fatal injury	-	-	-	1	-	1			
Collision Fatal	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Traffic moving offences	15	16	20	12	13	6			
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-			