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Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - December 2006

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of December, the 4th quarter stats, and the year end statistics for 2006. I will highlight the key statistical data for the most common criminal activities, and provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

Month of December Statistics			
Activity Type	2006	2005	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	150	103	+ 45.6 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	22	10	+ 120.0 %
- Assaults	118	87	+ 35.6 %
- Sex Offences	10	6	+ 66.6 %
Break and Enters	122	187	- 34.7 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	85	93	- 8.6 %
Theft Over \$5000	4	4	0 %
Theft Under \$5000	406	361	+ 12.4 %
Drug Offences	126	81	+ 55.5 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	109	157	- 30.5 %
Impaired Driving	25	29	- 13.7 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	53	60	- 11.6 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	256	253	+ 1.1 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0 %
Calls for Service	5125	4834	+ 6.0 %
Prisoners Lodged	441	418	+ 5.5 %

4th Quarter Statistics (October - December)			
Activity Type	2006	2005	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	462	392	+ 17.8 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	46	54	- 14.8 %
- Assaults	374	314	+ 19.1 %
- Sex Offences	42	24	+ 75.0 %
Break and Enter	426	494	- 13.7 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	284	324	- 12.3 %
Theft Over \$5000	18	11	+ 63.6 %
Theft Under \$5000	1351	1264	+ 6.8 %
Drug Offences	390	371	+ 5.1 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	339	523	- 35.1 %
Impaired Driving	69	73	- 5.4 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	149	212	- 29.7 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	788	698	+ 12.8 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	1	- 100 %
Calls for Service	16652	15954	+ 4.3 %
Prisoners Lodged	1361	1313	+ 3.6 %

2006 Year End Statistics			
Activity Type	2006	2005	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	1750	1713	+ 2.1 %
- Homicides	1	3	- 66.6 %
- Robberies	127	161	- 21.1 %
- Assaults	1470	1427	+ 3.0 %
- Sex Offences	152	120	+ 26.6 %
Break and Enter	1721	1790	- 3.8 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	993	1458	- 31.8 %
Theft over \$5000	60	56	+ 7.1 %
Theft under \$5000	5337	5693	- 6.2 %
Drug Offences	1889	2355	- 19.7 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	2652	2731	- 2.8 %
Impaired Driving	254	262	- 3.0 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	702	909	- 22.7 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2600	2769	- 6.1 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	4	0 %
Calls for Service	69908	69582	+ 0.5 %
Prisoners Lodged	6240	5390	+ 15.7 %

For council's information, I expect to see our statistics rise due to new scoring procedures. An audit

was conducted of our records unit this fall, after which we were advised we were not scoring files correctly. For example, if a member of the general public reports a possible impaired driver and we fail to locate the driver while making patrols, the file is now scored as an actual offence of impaired driving, whereas in the past it would have been scored as a suspicious vehicle. Therefore, stats from December of 2006 onwards will be actual 'reported' offences and not 'confirmed' offences.

Breakdown of Seizures by Drug Squad for December	
Cocaine Seized	2 ounces
Persons Arrested	1
Value of Seizures Made	\$3,000.00

Auto Theft Statistics			
Area	2006	2005	Increase/Decrease
Month of December	85	93	- 8.6 %
4 th Quarter	284	324	- 12.3 %
Year End	993	1458	- 31.9 %

As noted, there was a large reduction in auto theft in the City of Kelowna in 2006 with 465 fewer cars being stolen than in 2005, a total reduction of almost 32 %.

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **121** full-time regular members for the month of December.

Pawnshop Activity / Property Crime Unit

\$3,600 in property was recovered in the month of December, with the total handled property list at 75. This position was busy and somewhat successful in 2006 with a total recovered/seized retail value equalling \$82,480.

A great deal of time in 2006 was spent with administrative duties in amending Bylaw 9227 after discovering loopholes from our 2005 undercover operation.

Approximately 1271 files were handled throughout the year in 2006, with the summer months seeing the largest number of property lists submitted.

There were approximately 104 bylaw infractions issued under Bylaw 9227 in 2006, with the top three offending businesses receiving 70% of the MIT's or long forms. Only one pawnshop was suspended for six weeks in 2006, which perhaps should have been at least two suspensions and one revocation due to the number of non-complied issues.

There were approximately 5 deemed guilty and 10 plead guilty with fines ranging from \$100-\$500 per infraction.

With R/Cst. Louis Csikos now being assigned to the program, I think we will have a very successful 2007 as a history of non-compliance from certain businesses continues and makes for the bulk of the workload. We should now see through the courts and our enforcement efforts some progressive steps in dealing with reducing stolen property as all charges in 2006 will be dealt with

in the courts in 2007.

On a positive note, the businesses that are complying continue to do a large volume of business and appear to be successful financially. There are approximately 10 businesses (good and bad) over \$1 million dollars worth of retail business in 2006 based off of what was reported via Xtract. Even though there may be some stolen property being moved within these businesses, the good stores are complying with Bylaw 9227. When this program started, there was only one business reporting retail value over \$1 million.

Approximately 23 secondhand stores remain, with knowledge of approximately 10 more secondhand stores who should be monitored, however, there is currently not enough time to follow up diligently to get them all on line.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU)

Once the 2007 City Budget was approved, management revisited the priorities of Kelowna Detachment. During this review it was decided to re-organize our Property Crime, Downtown Enforcement, and Vice Units. The member previously assigned to the Vice Unit will now be assigned to work with DEU, bring greater flexibility and coverage as we too often find that at least one member was often not available for various reasons, ie. training, holidays, inquiries, and for officer safety reasons, we felt it was prudent to have teams of two assigned to work together on this unit. This fifth member will begin work with DEU on March 4, 2007.

As well, a new section NCO has been selected along with a few members changing positions that will allow for some fresh ideas to be brought to the section.

DEU members were involved in a majority of files dealing with breaches and drug possession. The following chart breaks down this unit's enforcement in 2006:

FILES	1171				
ARRESTS	812 (An avg of 2.2 people arrested per day)				
RTCC's	149 (Reports to Crown Counsel)				
TRAFFIC STATS	Violation Tickets	Warnings	24 Hour Suspensions	Impaired Drivers	Bylaws
	867	68	66	1	472

NOTE: Some of these numbers are not a true reflection as statistics for December are not included as they were not available at the time of this report being prepared.

Christmas Events

Kelowna RCMP members and support staff took part in a number of Christmas initiatives this past December. The Christmas spirit began with the Teddy Bear Campaign where the Southeast District and Kelowna City members and support staff teamed up to try and donate enough new bears to give one to each child who would be in the hospital on Christmas Day. This campaign was overwhelmingly successful. In all, over 200 new bears were donated, enough to visit each child & senior in KGH, with the remainder being donated to hospitals throughout the Southeast District jurisdiction.

The campaign continued with raising money & food items for needy families who were identified by our Detachment Chaplain, Leon Throness. Almost \$1000 cash was raised and used to purchase gift cards from the Superstore and Walmart. As well, numerous gifts and food items were given to each family. Continuing with the Christmas spirit, a number of members and support staff also served three Christmas meals on Saturday, December 16th and a special serving of dinner on

December 21st.

Crime Analyst

As part of our Crime Reduction Strategy, Melanie Boudreau was hired as a Crime Analyst for Kelowna Detachment in September, 2006. Melanie was the Crime Analyst at Surrey Detachment for 4 years, and we were fortunate that her fiancé moved to Kelowna while we were in the process of hiring an analyst for our detachment.

Funding for the position comes from internal funding as the NCO i/c Traffic became an amalgamated unit in 2003 and 50 % of the costs for the NCO i/c position are paid for provincially. Another 30 % of the costs are paid for by the RCMP Criminal Operations Unit, as I did not believe the position should be funded entirely by the City of Kelowna.

I am pleased to introduce Melanie Boudreau, who is the first and only Civilian Member of the RCMP at Kelowna Detachment. Melanie has a short presentation today to explain to Council what a Crime Analyst does and how a Crime Analyst will help Kelowna Detachment as we move forward with our crime reduction strategies.

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