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**NORTH COWICHAN DUNCAN  
DETACHMENT**

**QUARTER END REPORT**

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*April 2024 through June 2024*

*Open Report*

## **North Cowichan Duncan RCMP service to the community:**

1. Your detachment Community Safety Unit, along with Bylaw members from the Municipality of NC and City of Duncan have been conducting foot and bike patrols along TCH, Casino area, York/Lewis and Duncan Ave in the last three months. They meet with community members who advise of their concerns regarding encampments on sidewalks....etc. Community members have been expressing how much they appreciate the presence of all three organizations working together. This initiative is a great way to show a combined presence in the hot spot areas of the community. The public appreciates the work and effort, and, we will continue to arrange combined patrols to assist with public safety concerns.
2. NCD RCMP members moved into the new detachment May 21<sup>st</sup>. The building is wonderful with lots of room to hold presentations and training opportunities. The Grand Opening took place on June 14<sup>th</sup> and was marked by a number of speeches from community leadership celebrating the new facility. Later in the evening the detachment hosted the Regimental Ball which was a great opportunity to celebrate traditions and visit with community and RCMP members.
3. Over the last three months the detachment has been hosting Crown presentations on a variety of topics in order to develop member investigational skills, authorities and expectations of the Court system. All detachment members are getting these presentations. Your detachment is relatively junior in service so support and training from the local Crown's office is very important to ensuring our members have the tools to do their job and ensure a high degree of service to the community.
4. In April, community leadership attended the VIIMCU expansion symposium in Victoria. The initiative proposes to have a cadre of serious crime investigators posted on Vancouver Island that would respond to all homicides in the District. These members would be outside of the detachment resources list so all homicides on the Island would be managed using the expanded VIIMCU model. The BC Government and RCMP leadership presented information on resources required to investigate these types of files. Ongoing consideration and review by community leadership is taking place in order to determine if supporting the expansion initiative is a good option for the communities in the Valley.
5. Your GIS unit members continue to work hard on the fatal Hit & Run file involving a young Indigenous female occurring on the TCH, in May. Investigators located the vehicle involved and have executed search warrants to gather evidence from the vehicle. Additional search warrants have been executed in order obtain other data allowing members to follow the trail of evidence in this investigation. Members are actively pursuing every avenue to get all evidence in this file.
6. Your detachment Ops NCO (Sgt Stephen Merrick) has been busy organizing a Bike Rodeo for adults and youth. At the suggestion of community leadership, it was requested to explore opportunities in order to train community members in the safe use of bicycles for transportation. Community Safety Unit members, Cst Wes Richens and Cst Jordan Symon are

trained bike instructors and will be hosting the training day July 27th (at the detachment) for everyone interested in this activity. Notifications of the event will be through radio, our FB account and posters around town for those interested in attending. With the rise of bicycle transportation, it makes sense to train people on how to maximize their safety when sharing the road with motorists.

7. Your detachment members continue to regularly meet with those from the unhoused community in order to help bridge gaps in understanding and paradigm shifts. The "Building Bridges" initiative focusses on bringing together the police with those unhoused, so both groups are able to dispel previous biases and work towards safer and productive contacts. The meetings are held to help reduce anxiety experienced by those from the unhoused community, when in contact with the RCMP. This is an ongoing initiative and has been in place since 2023. Will continue going forward. Peer group reports relations have improved significantly as a result of this effort.
8. In June your detachment arranged for Human Trafficking presentations for the Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan and Cowichan Tribes Chief, CAO and the Human Resources officer. Despite the presence of this criminal activity in the community, it can be difficult to see or notice it, if we do not know what to look for. The presentation related the realities of this exploitative type of crime on young people. Members of your detachment and surrounding detachments also attended the same presentation as community leadership to learn what to look for and how to combat this crime. As this type of activity is directed at young people (sometimes as low in age as 13 yo), plans are in place to host a similar presentation to teachers and admin from SD 79 and Cowichan Tribes teaching staff later this Fall.
9. The detachment has hosted Restorative Justice presentations for all the watches in order to promote this option when dealing with criminal matters that are best dealt with outside the Court system. The presentations marked a good opportunity to expose junior constables to this form of accountability. Diversion targets have been identified in the detachment 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan.
10. Cst Wes Richens (Community Safety Unit) and S/Sgt Deb Kelly (Plainclothes Commander) submitted another successful funding request through the SITE (Strategic Investigation and Targeted Enforcement) program provided by the BC Provincial Government. Similar to previous submissions, this third funding request focuses on addressing violence and drug use in the community. As part of the approval process, SITE also authorized the purchase of two Ebikes for the detachment which brings the total Ebikes to 4. Also approved were OT shifts for additional patrols in the community and corridor in order to elevate police presence and efficiencies when responding to calls for service. Of note the first two SITE requests generated a number of successes in which copious amounts of drugs, illegal cigarettes, cash and guns have been seized as a result of related investigations.

11. The North Cowichan Duncan RCMP GIS members are working on a number of sensitive files including five child exploitation files. These files are complex and require the assistance of a DMFT (Digital Mobile Field Technician) to help extract evidence of crimes, from cell phones and other recording devices. If community members encounter this kind of activity involving others, please contact your detachment right away so evidence can be preserved.
12. Your detachment now has it's own official North Cowichan Duncan RCMP social media account through Facebook, in order share information with community members. Please go on line to see the results. We have three designated coordinators at the detachment who will be adding new information to it in order to keep community members informed of the work being done by your members. This effort will build on our community relations through posted information on recruiting drives, IPS functions, missing person notifications. Please see the following link to access:

<https://www.facebook.com/NCDRCMP/>

**April 2024 – June 2024 – 3 Month Comparison (compared to same period in 2023)**

Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District		
	Apr to Jun 2024	Apr to Jun 2023	% Change over prev year	Apr to Jun 2024	Apr to Jun 2023	% Change over prev year	Apr to Jun 2024	Apr to Jun 2023	% Change over prev year	Apr to Jun 2024	Apr to Jun 2023	% Change over prev year	Apr to Jun 2024	Apr to Jun 2023	% Change over prev year
<b>Crimes Against the Person</b>	393	370	6%	200	202	-1%	82	70	17%	69	69	0%	33	19	74%
Assaults	235	246	-4%	114	128	-11%	53	45	18%	48	58	-17%	16	10	60%
Extortion	9	10	-10%	8	8	0%	1	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%
Harassment	30	14	114%	20	9	122%	3	3	0%	1	0	N.C.	6	2	200%
Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%
Robbery	4	5	-20%	2	2	0%	1	0	N.C.	1	3	-67%	0	0	0%
Sex Offences	35	32	9%	16	16	0%	5	8	-38%	4	4	0%	5	1	400%
Utter Threats	79	59	34%	40	37	8%	19	13	46%	14	3	367%	6	4	50%
Weapons Offences	0	4	-100%	0	2	-100%	0	0	0%	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	777	772	1%	387	391	-1%	135	151	-11%	181	176	3%	68	46	48%
Arson	21	22	-5%	8	7	14%	4	6	-33%	7	9	-22%	2	0	N.C.
Auto theft	12	16	-25%	7	10	-30%	0	2	-100%	1	2	-50%	4	2	100%
B&E - Business	11	34	-68%	7	21	-67%	1	6	-83%	0	4	-100%	3	3	0%
B&E - Residential	12	19	-37%	8	12	-33%	0	5	-100%	4	2	100%	0	0	0%
B&E - Other	21	15	40%	11	9	22%	6	4	50%	0	0	0%	4	2	N.C.
Frauds	58	63	-8%	41	37	11%	7	9	-22%	1	4	-75%	9	9	0%
Mischief to Property	390	297	31%	199	170	17%	77	65	18%	85	44	93%	26	16	63%
Possession of Stolen Property	7	24	-71%	5	17	-71%	1	2	-50%	0	2	-100%	1	2	-50%
Shoplifting	110	149	-26%	29	38	-24%	9	15	-40%	71	95	-25%	1	1	0%
Theft from Vehicle	30	37	-19%	13	16	-19%	8	10	-20%	1	3	-67%	7	7	0%
All other thefts (combined)* *(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)	99	95	4%	55	53	4%	20	27	-26%	11	11	0%	11	4	175%
<b>Other Offences &amp; File Types</b>															
Fail to Appear	74	80	-8%	0	0	0%	74	80	-8%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
False Alarms	120	197	-39%	38	73	-48%	25	60	-58%	41	33	24%	15	30	-50%
Municipal By Law	201	149	35%	105	111	-5%	43	19	126%	37	10	270%	16	8	100%
<b>Mental Health</b>															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	88	133	-34%	48	83	-42%	15	18	-17%	14	20	-30%	7	10	-30%

N.C. = not calculable

Unfounded, Assistance Only, Information, Prevention and Unsubstantiated events excluded (except Mental Health)

Data obtained 2024-07-03 is presented 'as-is' and is subject to change

Privatized files are excluded (except for homicides)

values in red indicate increase is greater or equal to 10% AND at least one comparison value >= 10

Most serious offence only counting method (except for Mental Health Apprehensions)

January 2023 to December 2023 – Annualized data

Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District		
	Jan to Dec, 2023	Jan to Dec, 2022	% Change over prev year	Jan to Dec, 2023	Jan to Dec, 2022	% Change over prev year	Jan to Dec, 2023	Jan to Dec, 2022	% Change over prev year	Jan to Dec, 2023	Jan to Dec, 2022	% Change over prev year	Jan to Dec, 2023	Jan to Dec, 2022	% Change over prev year
<b>Crimes Against the Person</b>	1380	1180	17%	710	599	19%	260	225	16%	261	222	18%	103	93	11%
Assaults	866	722	20%	439	357	23%	167	145	15%	195	157	24%	48	49	-2%
Extortion	40	29	38%	28	16	75%	3	4	-25%	2	2	0%	4	4	0%
Harassment	68	64	6%	38	41	-7%	12	10	20%	5	1	400%	13	10	30%
Homicide	1	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	10	8	25%	4	5	-20%	1	0	N.C.	2	2	0%	1	1	0%
Robbery	21	35	-40%	8	19	-58%	5	6	-17%	7	8	-13%	1	2	-50%
Sex Offences	127	116	9%	54	59	-8%	24	17	41%	26	14	86%	6	8	-25%
Utter Threats	233	202	15%	132	99	33%	44	43	2%	23	38	-39%	27	19	42%
Weapons Offences	9	1	800%	4	1	300%	2	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	2	0	N.C.
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	3071	3020	2%	1553	1516	2%	627	492	27%	648	694	-7%	212	286	-26%
Arson	76	44	73%	30	23	30%	21	11	91%	21	9	133%	4	1	300%
Auto theft	76	91	-16%	45	43	5%	9	12	-25%	7	10	-30%	15	25	-40%
B&E - Business	143	115	24%	74	57	30%	44	27	63%	13	10	30%	12	21	-43%
B&E - Residential	63	55	15%	32	35	-9%	20	12	67%	9	6	50%	2	2	0%
B&E - Other	67	55	22%	44	29	52%	16	17	-6%	4	4	0%	3	5	-40%
Frauds	281	241	17%	160	140	14%	37	37	0%	31	23	35%	41	31	32%
Mischief to Property	1274	1166	9%	698	668	4%	306	224	37%	183	182	1%	80	87	-8%
Possession of Stolen Property	76	78	-3%	48	39	23%	12	13	-8%	5	11	-55%	9	11	-18%
Shoplifting	515	557	-8%	147	150	-2%	54	25	116%	310	376	-18%	4	6	N.C.
Theft from Vehicle	145	230	-37%	73	125	-42%	35	30	17%	11	23	-52%	19	45	-58%
All other thefts (combined)* *(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)	352	383	-8%	200	203	-1%	73	84	-13%	54	40	35%	19	47	-60%
<b>Traffic Offences</b>															
Non fatal crashes Resulting in injury	117	117	0%	60	58	3%	18	26	-31%	8	12	-33%	30	21	43%
Fatal crashes	2	2	0%	2	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%
Impaired Op MV	275	278	-1%	137	158	-13%	50	36	39%	36	49	-27%	52	34	53%
<b>Other Criminal Code Offences*</b>	1331	1256	6%	512	528	-3%	525	444	18%	222	212	5%	54	52	4%
(*Fail to Appear, Cause a Disturbance, Bearch of Conditions, Counterfeit Currency, Possess break in Instruments, Public Mischief, Possess Child Porn, Indecent Act, Trespass, et al.)															
<b>CDSA Offences</b>															
Drug Possession	61	200	-70%	40	123	-67%	10	47	-79%	7	18	-61%	2	7	-71%
Drug Trafficking	33	17	94%	17	8	113%	9	5	80%	4	2	100%	0	0	0%
Drug Production	1	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%	0	0	0%	1	0	N.C.
<b>Mental Health</b>															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	463	456	2%	282	283	0%	70	67	4%	52	44	18%	47	45	4%
<b>Sudden Deaths</b>	139	128	9%	77	70	10%	30	17	76%	16	20	-20%	16	21	-24%

### Human Resources Status Report:

Established regular NCD RCMP Officer Total: **68**

**32** Municipality of North Cowichan

**22** Provincial

**10** Municipality of Duncan

**4** Cowichan Tribes Community Policing

#### Incoming Members:

Cst Dave Madill – Experienced Police Officer

Cst Tessa McDonald – Depot

Cst Adrien Murphy – Transfer from Alberta

Cst Andrew Ketch – Depot

#### Departing Members:

Cst Kyle Hicks – Parental Leave

Cst Julie Miller – Parental Leave

### Cowichan Valley Regional Victim Services:

Victim Services at the North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment responds to critical incidents/crisis intervention call outs from police on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. Victim Services provide initial defusing, stabilization and act as a liaison between victims and emergency personnel, providing an invaluable service to the public and police alike.

Cowichan Valley Regional Victim Services April 2024 - June 2024					
	April	May	June	Quarter Total	Year to Date Total
<b>New Clients</b>	38	54	42	<b>134</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Females</b>	28	47	34	<b>109</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Males</b>	10	7	8	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Calls For Scene Attendance</b>	4	3	5	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Referrals By Area</b>					
<b>North Cowichan</b>	14	32	24	<b>70</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Duncan</b>	8	4	6	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Cowichan Tribes/FNP</b>	7	4	1	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Provincial Areas</b>	7	9	6	<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total</b>	36	49	37	<b>122</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Brief Service Files</b>	15	7	16	<b>38</b>	<b>65</b>

**Prisoner Statistics:**

North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment Prisoner Statistics 2nd Quarter									
2024					2023				
	Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Qrter Total		Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total
April	38	49	25	112	April	45	39	19	103
May	40	32	27	99	May	46	49	13	108
June	43	45	14	102	June	40	40	17	97
<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Year to Date Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>Year to Date Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>586</b>

The number for prisoners from other municipal detachments is:	LS:	SL:	LC:	SS:	Sheriffs:
	8	15	7	2	0
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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