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**NORTH COWICHAN DUNCAN
DETACHMENT**

QUARTER END REPORT

Oct 2024 through Dec 2024

Open Report

NCD RCMP Service to the community Oct – Dec 2024:

1. Drug Seizure

On Oct 23, 2024 a traffic stop on Drinkwater Rd by one of your watch members led to a significant drug seizure as a result of a stop for a motor vehicle infraction. During contact with the driver, the member noticed what appeared to be drugs and cash in plain view inside the vehicle. A drug investigation was immediately initiated and the driver was arrested. The investigation led to charges against a mid level drug trafficker from Victoria. Meth, fentanyl, cocaine, handgun and ammo were located in the vehicle. Charges have been laid with more coming pending drug testing.



2. Community Safety Expo

On Oct 26th, your NCD RCMP detachment, in partnership with many emergency response organizations from the Cowichan Valley gathered at the new NCD RCMP detachment to host the Community Safety Expo. Despite the possibility of rain, the weather held off and it was actually sunny for much of the day. It was a great success and an eye opening opportunity to see the extent to which the local community has invested in emergency management operations/equipment. The event was well attended. Your RCMP IPS unit barbequed hotdogs and hamburgers for attendees. Many local business owners donated many prizes for those community members attending. Country Grocers very generously donated much of the food for the event. The event was the culmination of many planning meetings and efforts of many people, however, the catalyst behind the initiative was your Plainclothes Commander, S/Sgt Deb Kelly. Plans in place to repeat next year as well.



3. Suspect arrested and charged in 2022 Duncan fatal stabbing

NCD RCMP and Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit:

The NCD RCMP and Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit (VIIMCU) arrested a suspect on Thursday, October 17, 2024 in a stabbing death of a 33-year-old man in

Duncan on July 16, 2022. The suspect, 53-year-old Todd White of Duncan was arrested by police without incident and has been charged with manslaughter.

4. Missing person located deceased

NCD RCMP located a missing person, deceased in the water offshore in Cowichan Bay. On October 23 NCD RCMP received a report of a missing 26-year-old man. The missing person was last seen on October 21, 2024. Your detachment launched a missing person's investigation, conducting numerous tasks in an effort to locate. On October 24, 2024, RCMP Police Dog Services and your members were deployed to search community locations and shorelines, while the RCMP West Coast Marine Unit was deployed to search waters in Cowichan Bay, with the assistance of the RCMP helicopter and Marine Search and Rescue. Those joint efforts led to the discovery of the missing person at around 12:30 pm that day.

5. Drug Investigation

Your GIS and SCU members executed a search warrant and seized cell phones and other electronic devices at a residence. During the search they located 1.5 kilos of coke, 1.0 kilo of fentanyl and 1.5 kilos of meth. The suspect is facing drug trafficking charges pending completion of drug testing.



6. Sonic Boom

On Nov 1st your detachment received numerous reports of what sounded like a huge explosion south of town at 1:35am. The blast was too large and deep sounding to be fireworks from Halloween. Many people felt their homes and windows shake. Fire Dept members and RCMP deployed believing a building might have exploded. No damage was located nor further reports of a serious incident were received. Many theories have been provided including the detonation of dynamite, or, a boom from a super sonic aircraft. The RCMP Air 8 helicopter was dispatched and conducted aerial searches in and around North Cowichan Duncan but no evidence was observed that would explain the sound of the explosion.

7. RCMP investigating after residential fire turns fatal

Your detachment members were called to residential fire in North Cowichan that turned fatal. On October 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., NCD RCMP were called to the 1600 block of Maple Bay Rd to assist with a residential fire. The blaze was such that it necessitated the mobilization of firefighters from North Cowichan, Maple Bay, Crofton and Chemainus. Three people died in the blaze. Precise cause of the fire is unknown but the fire started in the basement in a part of the home that was sublet to other occupants. The RCMP worked with the Coroner to identify the bodies and complete NOKs.

8. Drug seizure from traffic stop

On Nov 4th one of your watch members conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on TCH with two occupants (female and male). In the course of the road stop, the member noticed what appeared to be drugs in plain view. A CDSA (drugs) investigation was initiated and the investigator located 5 oz of meth, fentanyl, cocaine, oxy and Xanax. Also located was \$5000 in cash, scales, trafficking paraphernalia...etc. Both occupants are known to your detachment for drug trafficking. Charges being laid pending drug testing confirmation.



9. Coffee With A Cop

Seven of your detachment members attend the Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Center in November to meet with the public for a Coffee With A Cop opportunity. The COC provided all the coffee, refreshments and juice and location to meet with community leaders and members to discuss issues of concern and find out how your detachment is dealing with increasing calls for service and proactive policing efforts in the community. It was great opportunity have a dialogue about a number of topics including Restorative Justice, MHA calls for service, increasing call volumes, proactive time available for members to support the community...etc. Another CWAC is planned after February 2025. In early February we are planning our next community Town Hall to hear from the community about what they would like to see their detachment members working on in the new year.



10. Cowichan Capitals vs. Port Alberni Bulldogs.

In November your detachment members celebrated the First Responder night at the local hockey game. Lots of people were in attendance. A pre-Remembrance Day celebration was organized with the Royal Canadian Legion and the Cowichan Pipes and Drums Band. George Brewster recited in Flanders Fields (he was a WWII Spitfire pilot_101 years old). He did a great job with his booming voice. The Capitals and RCMP mascots did a puck drop for the players. RCMP Recruiting was there with recruiting information. The event was organized by S/Sgt Deb Kelly and the Capitals Hockey Club Manager.



11. Your Indigenous Policing Service members coordinated a **"Name the Canoe"** contest in November. Submissions were received from community members, with the name chosen for the 29' ceremonial canoe being conducted by Cowichan Tribes Elders. The winner of the event was Claudia Sylvester with the name being "S-hwulmuhw'a'lh Qiq'uq'uls". The name was added to the canoe as a decal and means "many different police officers" and celebrates the cross section of members in the Valley here to serve and protect community members. The canoe was purchased last year by the IPS Unit to participate in cultural and youth events where paddling trips are planned. It has also been used to gather grocery donations for the Basket Society to help feed the unhoused in the Valley. Congratulations to Claudia as the winner of the event. She won a beautifully carved and painted paddle for her creativity.



12. In December your Community Safety Unit members coordinated the annual "Cram the Cruiser" event using the detachment van. Members remained outside of the Canadian Tire Store and collected donated gifts for the Basket Society. The police van was almost completely crammed full, along with raising \$1400 in cash donations. The gifts were

presented to less fortunate families at the Basket Society's Christmas dinner. The detachment was very thankful to all community members for their generosity.



- 13.** On December 19th, 11 RCMP staff members (including our new District Officer, S/Supt Bruce Singer) volunteered their time to assist with the Christmas Dinner Service for the Elders at Cowichan Tribes. It was a great event with lots of smiles shared.



October 2024 – December 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		
	Oct to Dec, 2024	Oct to Dec, 2023	% Change over prev year	Oct to Dec, 2024	Oct to Dec, 2023	% Change over prev year	Oct to Dec, 2024	Oct to Dec, 2023	% Change over prev year	Oct to Dec, 2024	Oct to Dec, 2023	% Change over prev year	Oct to Dec, 2024	Oct to Dec, 2023	% Change over prev year
Crimes Against the Person	395	317	25%	215	165	30%	57	62	-8%	84	62	35%	30	20	50%
Assaults	258	208	24%	136	104	31%	41	41	0%	63	51	24%	15	10	50%
Extortion	7	7	0%	2	6	-67%	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	3	0	N.C.
Harassment	32	21	52%	15	12	25%	6	3	100%	4	0	N.C.	7	6	17%
Homicide	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%	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	2	1	100%	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	1	0	N.C.	0	1	-100%
Robbery	3	4	-25%	1	2	-50%	2	2	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Sex Offences	29	18	61%	19	6	217%	2	5	-60%	3	3	0%	1	0	N.C.
Utter Threats	62	55	13%	39	34	15%	5	10	-50%	13	8	63%	4	2	100%
Weapons Offences	0	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%
Crimes Against Property	715	745	-4%	356	393	-9%	129	142	-9%	152	159	-4%	72	42	71%
Arson	16	10	60%	5	3	67%	5	5	0%	4	2	100%	2	0	N.C.
Auto theft	9	20	-55%	6	13	-54%	1	1	0%	1	3	-67%	1	2	-50%
B&E - Business	13	38	-66%	6	18	-67%	2	12	-83%	1	7	-86%	4	1	300%
B&E - Residential	14	15	-7%	6	8	-25%	6	5	20%	1	2	-50%	1	0	N.C.
B&E - Other	20	18	11%	14	12	17%	3	3	0%	0	2	-100%	2	1	100%
Frauds	70	75	-7%	36	47	-23%	13	5	160%	6	9	-33%	14	11	27%
Mischief to Property	312	326	-4%	155	182	-15%	69	70	-1%	57	54	6%	29	17	71%
Possession of Stolen Property	19	10	90%	7	4	75%	1	2	-50%	3	1	200%	8	3	167%
Shoplifting	116	116	0%	50	41	22%	0	14	-100%	66	61	8%	0	0	0%
Theft from Vehicle	30	37	-19%	14	20	-30%	11	12	-8%	1	2	-50%	4	1	300%
All other thefts (combined)*	95	80	19%	57	45	27%	18	13	38%	12	16	-25%	6	6	0%
*(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)															
Other Offences & File Types															
Fail to Appear	94	93	1%	0	0	-	94	93	1%	0	0	-	0	0	-
False Alarms	173	195	-11%	52	63	-17%	48	43	12%	43	41	5%	30	48	-38%
Municipal By Law	195	164	19%	98	90	9%	63	34	85%	23	28	-18%	9	11	-18%
Mental Health															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	106	119	-11%	70	90	-22%	17	8	113%	9	11	-18%	10	7	43%

N.C. = not calculable

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

Data obtained Jan 7, 2025 is presented 'as-is' and is subject to change

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 files)

January 2024 to December 2024 – Annualized data

Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District		
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Crimes Against the Person	1544	1379	12%	846	714	18%	262	256	2%	295	260	13%	104	105	-1%
Assaults	950	870	9%	503	441	14%	171	168	2%	214	195	10%	48	49	-2%
Extortion	31	40	-23%	19	28	-32%	4	3	33%	1	2	-50%	5	4	25%
Harassment	125	70	79%	69	39	77%	17	12	42%	11	5	120%	26	14	86%
Homicide	1	1	0%	0	1	-100%	0	0	0%	1	0	0%	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	4	10	-60%	2	4	-50%	0	1	-100%	2	2	0%	0	1	-100%
Robbery	14	21	-33%	8	8	0%	4	5	-20%	2	7	-71%	0	1	-100%
Sex Offences	121	123	-2%	65	55	18%	16	29	-45%	17	26	-35%	8	6	33%
Utter Threats	290	230	26%	173	132	31%	50	43	16%	47	22	114%	16	27	-41%
Weapons Offences	4	9	-56%	3	4	-25%	0	2	-100%	0	1	-100%	1	2	-50%
Crimes Against Property	2967	3063	-3%	1486	1551	-4%	583	624	-7%	604	645	-6%	269	211	27%
Arson	74	76	-3%	30	30	0%	21	21	0%	17	21	-19%	6	4	50%
Auto theft	56	75	-25%	34	45	-24%	6	8	-25%	7	7	0%	9	14	-36%
B&E - Business	77	143	-46%	32	74	-57%	27	44	-39%	4	13	-69%	14	12	17%
B&E - Residential	53	63	-16%	31	32	-3%	10	20	-50%	8	9	-11%	4	2	100%
B&E - Other	80	67	19%	43	44	-2%	26	16	63%	2	4	-50%	8	3	167%
Frauds	263	282	-7%	153	161	-5%	34	37	-8%	22	31	-29%	49	41	20%
Mischief to Property	1359	1270	7%	704	698	1%	311	304	2%	241	181	33%	97	80	21%
Possession of Stolen Property	53	76	-30%	21	48	-56%	8	12	-33%	6	5	20%	17	9	89%
Shoplifting	438	512	-14%	158	145	9%	29	54	-46%	248	309	-20%	3	4	-25%
Theft from Vehicle	135	146	-8%	58	74	-22%	33	35	-6%	5	11	-55%	34	19	79%
All other thefts (combined)*	375	350	7%	220	198	11%	77	73	5%	44	54	-19%	27	22	23%
* (Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)															
Other Offences & File Types															
Fail to Appear	317	334	-5%	0	0	0%	317	333	-5%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
False Alarms	634	810	-22%	199	301	-34%	153	226	-32%	180	146	23%	101	135	-25%
Municipal By Law	711	642	11%	377	416	-9%	183	117	56%	102	66	55%	45	40	13%
Mental Health															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	432	462	-6%	276	281	-2%	66	70	-6%	44	52	-15%	35	47	-26%

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2024-25 North Cowichan Duncan Annual Performance Plan (APP)

North Cowichan Duncan Priorities:

1. *Crime Reduction - Service Delivery to Vulnerable Groups*

Initiative	2024-2025 target	Year to Date
# of Bike Patrols (CSU working in partnership with Bylaw Officers)	300 hours	368 hours
# Business Engagements	150	965
Increase Motor Vehicle Act Enforcement by 10%	2000	1277
# of Activities with Partner Agencies	250	207
# of Curfew Checks	400	345
# of Restorative Justice Referrals	20	9

2. *Provide Leadership & Governance – Accountability/Enhancing Public Trust & Confidence*

Initiative	2024-2025 target	Year to Date
Consultation with Local Govn & First Nations	24	84
# of Recruitment Events	2	8

3. *Workplace – Employee Excellence & Wellness*

Initiative	2024-2025 target	Year to Date
# of NCO Development & Supervisor Training events	15	75

4. *Contribute to Relationship Building with Indigenous communities/Reconciliation – service delivery*

Initiative	2024-2025	Year to Date
# of IPS Unit to Cowichan Tribes events	100	123
# of Liquor Control Act Enforcement events	50	259

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

Upcoming Officer Movement

Incoming Members:

Cst Collin O'Halloran – DND, Military Police

Cst Garth Thomas – DND, Military Police

Departing Members:

Sgt Stephen Merrick – Port Alberni

Sgt Trevor Busch - Ladysmith

Sgt Alf Vince - Yellowknife

Cst Jordan Symon – Prince Rupert

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 4th Quarter 2024					
	October	November	December		

				Quarter Total	Year to Date Total
New Clients	41	54	47	142	610
Females	32	41	34	107	488
Males	9	13	13	35	122
Calls For Scene Attendance	7	6	7	20	56
Referrals By Area					
North Cowichan	18	24	23	65	303
Duncan	10	7	4	21	85
Cowichan Tribes/FNP	5	7	8	20	78
Provincial Areas	4	8	2	14	64
Total	37	46	37	120	530
Brief Service Files	6	9	5	20	100

Prisoner Statistics:

North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment Prisoner Statistics 4th Quarter									
2024					2023				
	Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Qrter Total		Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total
October	49	47	22	118	October	39	31	18	88
November	47	34	19	100	November	54	31	20	105
December	42	39	17	98	December	33	35	15	83
Quarter Total	138	120	58	316	Quarter Total	126	97	53	276
Year to Date Total	549	545	242	1336	Year to Date Total	518	475	188	1181

The number for prisoners from other municipal detachments is:

Year Total

LS:	SL:	LC:	SS:	Sheriffs:
2	32	4	3	4
43	90	42	11	12

Respectfully submitted,

S/Sgt Ken Beard

A/OIC North Cowichan Duncan RCMP