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**NORTH COWICHAN DUNCAN
DETACHMENT**

QUARTER END REPORT

January 2025 through March 2025

Open Report

NCD RCMP Service to the community Jan – Mar 2025:

1. In January your detachment celebrated the unveiling of the ceremonial totem outside the building and the etched glass work in the lobby. A number of dignitaries were present to witness the celebration and Chief Daniels and the Tzinquaw Dancers made the occasion a special one with a presentation and ceremonial dancing to showcase the talent of both local artists.



2. In January, your members were advised what appeared to be a femur, vertebrae and ribs were located at the end of the Crofton boat launch dock. This information had been forwarded by a marine biologist from Washington State after they noticed a member from their marine enthusiast group had posted photos of the bones on their website. Members attended the dock area and located the place where the bones were seen. Members engaged the RCMP Underwater Recovery Team who conducted a dive and retrieved the bones. The Coroner's Service and a Bone Identification Specialist determined they were animal bones.
3. In January after a drug surveillance project had been conducted on a low to mid level female drug trafficker in the corridor, your Street Crimes members executed two search warrants on the dealer's home and vehicle. The project was funded by the SITE initiative. As part of the investigation, your members seized \$18,000 in meth, cocaine, fentanyl, mushrooms...etc. An additional \$1000 in cash was seized and a replica handgun. The suspect was arrested and the members are engaging with the Civil Forfeiture office to apply to have the suspect's proceeds of crime seized and disposed.



4. In February the detachment were notified of a kidnapping incident near Queen's Street in Duncan. Video footage obtained showed two males with a weapon assaulting a third male in a back alley and then forcing the victim into a vehicle. The vehicle was later located by members on Lewis Street in North Cowichan. The primary suspect was arrested without incident and was charged with 4 offences including Kidnapping, Assault with a Weapon, Assault and Possession of Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose. The victim was located safe. The second suspect was located a few days later and charged with the same offences. Search warrants were executed on the suspect vehicle revealing drugs weapons and cash. Trial date to be set.
5. In February, detachment members were dispatched to a report of someone using a blue laser to illuminate the wing of a flight coming into the Victoria International Airport. Laser beam originated from the north side of Maple Bay Rd. Despite seeking help from the public, members were unable to locate the source of the beam.
6. In early February members were dispatched to locate a missing male from Duncan. The male was suffering mental health concerns and was actively avoiding the police and anyone looking for him. Significant resources were dispatched in order to locate before the male hurt themselves or others. Banking and cell phone searches conducted with negative results. Eventually the male was located by an observant NCD member checking a male who was wearing a hood and ski mask. The male was returned to their care provider.
7. In February the owner of a business on Canada Ave was assaulted outside of their store by two unhoused individuals from the community. The two suspects had stolen items from the store and the owner attempted to get the items back, when they were assaulted by the two people. Member attended and obtained descriptions of the two who were located in a tent the next morning. Both arrested. One suspect was released from custody by the court. The other suspect was held, released and rearrested after they were located violating their release conditions.
8. In March a community member went missing with the possibility they had fallen in the Cowichan River. The detachment engaged with Cowichan Search and rescue, Cowichan Tribes Emergency Management, Westcoast Marine, PDS and Air Services to search the river and estuary area. Significant resources were dedicated to trying to locate the missing male. To date, all investigation and search efforts have yielded negative results, however in late May, human remains have been located in the River. Your detachment will be utilizing DNA testing to identify if there is a connection to the missing community member.
9. In March members attended for a report of a male being viewed on CCTV attempting a B&E at a local business. The male also attempted to light the side of the building on fire. Numerous members responded, located the male hiding nearby and arrested him. Numerous charges were approved by the Crown. Court date to be set.
10. In March members were called to a report of a theft on Station Street. Members attended and located community members holding down the suspect after the male had stolen the victim's purse. EHS attended to assist the lady with her injuries (she later required surgery for a

fracture associated to the incident). A statement was obtained from the suspect who admitted what they had done. Crown approved a charge of robbery (and subsequent offence related to the injuries) against the suspect. The male has pled guilty to the offences and remains in custody pending sentencing.

11. Detachment members (Cst Callum Crossley and Cst Dave Madill – NCD Community Safety Unit) attended the Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Black Tie event to assist with the recognition of dedication and hard work done by 25 local community members. Pictured below is the 2025 Lifetime Achiever award recipient, Fatima Da Silva.



12. In March detachment members met with community members at a Town Hall meeting to discuss concerns from the public. The outcome of the consultative meeting is being used to document the proactive policing work your detachment will work on for the next 12 months. This was an opportunity to hear from the public in a open forum, so the detachment understands what issues are important to the community and take steps to help address those concerns. Requests ranged from the need for more attention being given to road safety initiatives, to, increased police presence in the corridor area of the community. These requests have been added to the Annual Performance Plan for your detachment.
13. Your members have responded to several calls in which people have been seen in the Valley in possession of what appear to be hand guns. These calls for service are extremely serious. Members assess each situation based on the unique factors involved in each scenario. Their commitment is to public safety so any decision they make, takes in account all aspects they face in order to de-escalate risk to all involved. The photo attached shows the degree to which items like the “lighter made to look like a gun” can result in tragic outcomes.



14. In March your members responded to a report of a hostage taking in the community. Incident involved an allegation that a community member owed another person “drug money”. Using

electronic triangulation and emergency communications warrants, members were able to learn the time and date of the “meet” to exchange money/victim. Detachment members surveilled the location and when the exchange took place, your members quickly arrested the main suspect and accomplices. The investigators are completing the disclosure stage and the suspect remains in custody. The successful outcome in this investigation involved your detachment GIS investigators, IPS members, Community Safety Unit investigators and Vancouver Island Police Dog Services.

- 15.** In March members responded to a serious motor vehicle incident involving a 25 yo male from the community. The male had been crossing the TCH north of Beverly when they were struck by a loaded tractor trailer unit. The male was transported by ground ambulance to VGH and remained in hospital recovering from their injuries. Investigation determined the driver of the tractor trailer unit was not at fault for the outcome.
- 16.** In March members attended the scene of a fatal MVI at the intersection of Boys Road and TCH. Members located two trucks involved with one vehicle on it’s roof, with two occupants trapped inside. Fire and EHS on scene at the same time and attended the injured. The northbound lanes of TCH were closed off for a period of time. The passenger of the truck on it’s roof could not be revived. Speed was deemed a factor.

Enclosed on page 7 is the outcome (final results) of the 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan (APP) for your detachment. As mentioned above, the APP is a plan the detachment follows each year to action items the community and community leadership would like to see members working on, in order to enhance safety and security for citizens in the Valley. Overall your detachment did well against targets set last year. However, we came up short in our Restorative Justice referrals and didn’t make our target of 2000 road safety initiatives planned. Both these goals are included in the new APP for this year with expectations to meet and exceed the new targets set out.

January 2025 – March 2025 – 3 Month Comparison (compared to same period in 2024)

Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District		
	Jan to Mar, 2025	Jan to Mar, 2024	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2025	Jan to Mar, 2024	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2025	Jan to Mar, 2024	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2025	Jan to Mar, 2024	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2025	Jan to Mar, 2024	% Change over prev year
Crimes Against the Person	333	320	4%	176	174	1%	57	57	0%	64	61	5%	23	17	35%
Assaults	196	201	-2%	100	105	-5%	42	37	14%	42	44	-5%	9	10	-10%
Extortion	5	6	-17%	4	3	33%	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%	1	0	N.C.
Harassment	25	30	-17%	15	18	-17%	1	3	-67%	4	3	33%	3	5	-40%
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	3	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	2	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Robbery	8	6	33%	4	4	0%	2	1	100%	2	1	100%	0	0	0%
Sex Offences	30	24	25%	17	12	42%	2	5	-60%	3	4	-25%	4	1	300%
Utter Threats	64	52	23%	34	31	10%	7	10	-30%	13	8	63%	6	1	500%
Weapons Offences	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	0	0	0%	3	2	0%	0	0	0%
Crimes Against Property	562	719	-22%	281	342	-18%	95	158	-40%	131	155	-15%	51	59	-14%
Arson	12	16	-25%	7	7	0%	2	4	-50%	3	4	-25%	0	1	-100%
Auto theft	14	15	-7%	6	8	-25%	0	3	-100%	1	3	-67%	7	1	600%
B&E - Business	20	35	-43%	10	12	-17%	5	16	-69%	2	3	-33%	3	4	-25%
B&E - Residential	12	20	-40%	8	13	-38%	3	4	-25%	0	2	-100%	1	1	0%
B&E - Other	15	21	-29%	9	8	13%	6	12	-50%	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%
Frauds	54	76	-29%	28	38	-26%	4	7	-43%	9	12	-25%	10	16	-38%
Mischief to Property	236	301	-22%	135	160	-16%	51	74	-31%	31	51	-39%	18	15	20%
Possession of Stolen Property	8	15	-47%	3	7	-57%	2	2	0%	1	1	0%	2	5	-60%
Shoplifting	102	116	-12%	22	34	-35%	6	12	-50%	73	70	4%	1	0	N.C.
Theft from Vehicle	17	33	-48%	8	12	-33%	4	7	-43%	1	1	0%	4	12	-67%
All other thefts (combined)*	72	70	3%	45	42	7%	12	17	-29%	10	8	25%	5	3	67%
*(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)															
Other Offences & File Types															
Fail to Appear	79	64	23%	0	0	0%	79	64	23%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
False Alarms	141	167	-16%	49	57	-14%	29	40	-28%	35	48	-27%	28	22	27%
Municipal By Law	138	150	-8%	76	74	3%	46	41	12%	12	26	-54%	4	9	-56%
Mental Health															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	96	102	-6%	66	70	-6%	11	10	10%	9	8	13%	9	10	-10%

Data Caveats:

N.C. = not calculable

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

Data obtained 2025-04-01 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)

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	397 hours
# Business Engagements	150	607
Increase Motor Vehicle Act Enforcement by 10%	2000	1856
# of Activities with Partner Agencies	250	263
# of Curfew Checks	400	512
# of Restorative Justice Referrals	20	13

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

Initiative	2024-2025 target	Year to Date
Consultation with Local Govn & First Nations	24	92
# of Recruitment Events	2	8

3. Workplace – Employee Excellence & Wellness

Initiative	2024-2025 target	Year to Date
# of NCO Development & Supervisor Training events	15	99

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	155
# of Liquor Control Act Enforcement events	50	339

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:

1. Cst Collin O'Halloran
2. Cst Garth Thomas
3. Cst Steve Pannekoek

Departing Members:

1. Cpl Cari Lougheed – retired
2. Cst Sarah Pharis - retired

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 1st Quarter 2025					
	January	February	March	Quarter Total	Year to Date Total
New Clients	57	35	45	137	137
Females	45	25	34	104	104
Males	12	10	11	33	33
Calls For Scene Attendance	8	7	11	26	26
Referrals By Area					
North Cowichan	32	19	25	76	76
Duncan	5	7	8	20	20
Cowichan Tribes/FNP	2	1	6	9	9
Provincial Areas	13	4	6	23	23
Total	52	31	45	128	128
Brief Service Files	6	11	2	19	19

Prisoner Statistics:

North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment Prisoner Statistics 1st Quarter									
2025					2024				
	Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total		Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total
January	36	37	13	86	January	37	63	12	112
February	44	21	17	82	February	44	53	20	117
March	34	21	18	73	March	45	44	28	117
Quarter Total	114	79	48	241	Quarter Total	126	160	60	346
Year to Date Total	114	79	48	241	Year to Date Total	126	160	60	346

The number of prisoners from other municipal detachments is:	LS:	SL:	LC:	SS:	Sheriffs:
	8	10	8	2	0
Year Total	8	10	8	2	0

Respectfully submitted,

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A/OIC North Cowichan Duncan RCMP