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NORTH COWICHAN/DUNCAN DETACHMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

January through March 2022

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This reporting period encompasses the first 3 month period of the calendar year 2022: January, February and March. The intent of this report is to provide a brief overview of policing to the Leadership of the Cowichan Valley to which the North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP Detachment serves.

During this period, we saw Covid restrictions ease given the vaccination rates across the country. The Cowichan Valley saw a number of motorists taking part in rallies supporting the anti-vaccination mandates similar to that of the Ottawa truckers protests. For the most part, we saw the convoys peacefully travelling through our jurisdiction going to/from Victoria however we did see a couple specifically in our area which were peaceful and incident free. With the winter behind us and now the warmer weather arriving, Old Growth Logging protests have been appearing throughout B.C. While individuals have the right to peaceful protest, many of these are not lawful and we are urging the public to remain calm and avoid taking matters into their own hands.

For our employees, as the pandemic restrictions have eased and we have resumed face to face training once again. We ran an on-line survey again this year in order to help determine policing priorities. There was good community response and we are presently meeting with our staff on completing a draft Annual Performance Plan. Once done, Councils will be presented with this for further input and then finalized.

Calls For Service:

During the 1st Quarter of 2022, **4,650** calls for service were received. **4,758** calls for service in the same Quarter 2021. This equates to a total file count decrease of **2.3%**

For the Quarter, Mischief, Shoplifting and Other Criminal Code offences saw significant increases. In North Cowichan, we also saw Theft from Vehicle. Most other categories remained either consistent or had decreases. Shopliftings, while higher than last years, are noted to be well below pre-Covid numbers.

It should be noted that on the Downtown Corridor report for the Quarter, the “Warmland Area” increased by 47%. Other areas in the “Corridor” increased modestly (TCH Corridor up 16%; Duncan/Village Green Mall up 13%) while the Downtown Duncan core decreased 9%. During this period, the Overdose Prevention Site relocated to the Wellness and Recovery Centre in November in the “Warmland Area”.

Despite our resourcing issues, we have done well with increased bike patrols, foot patrols, and increased presence in Chemainus and the Downtown Corridor.

Please see the next page for breakdown of Offences and Occurrence Types for each jurisdiction.

January to March 2022 – 3 Month Comparison (compared to same period in 2021)

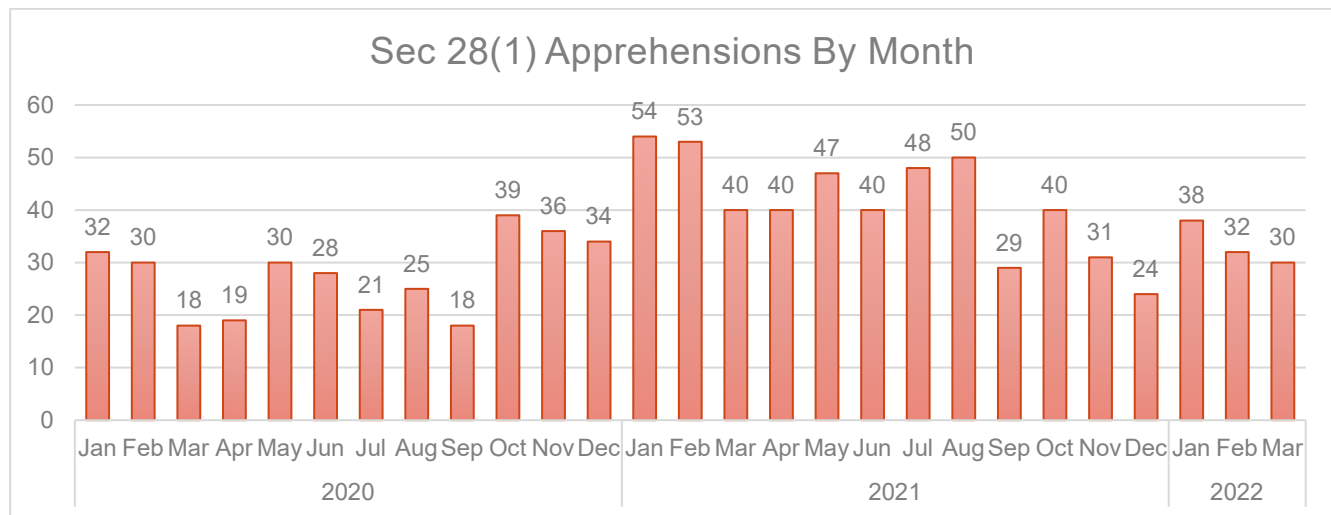
Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District				
	Jan to Mar, 2022	Jan to Mar, 2021	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2022	Jan to Mar, 2021	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2022	Jan to Mar, 2021	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2022	Jan to Mar, 2021	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2022	Jan to Mar, 2021	% Change over prev year		
Crimes Against the Person	252	263	-4%	132	117	13%	44	56	-21%	44	56	-21%	21	30	-30%		
Assaults	143	154	-7%	78	70	11%	27	31	-13%	28	38	-26%	7	14	-50%		
Extortion	2	2	N.C.	5	1	400%	2	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	1	-100%		
Harassment	21	27	-22%	13	18	-28%	4	1	300%	0	4	-100%	2	4	-50%		
Homicide	0	1	0%	0	1	-100%	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.		
Human Trafficking	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.		
Kidnapping	4	2	100%	2	2	0%	1	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.		
Robbery	7	3	133%	2	1	100%	1	2	-50%	4	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.		
Sex Offences	24	23	4%	9	11	-18%	5	3	67%	2	1	100%	4	5	-20%		
Utter Threats	46	51	-10%	23	14	64%	4	19	-79%	10	12	-17%	7	6	17%		
Weapons Offences	0	1	-100%	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	1	-100%	0	0	N.C.		
Crimes Against Property	697	609	14%	352	276	28%	142	148	-4%	141	112	26%	54	64	-16%		
Arson	8	10	-20%	0	3	-100%	3	3	0%	5	2	150%	0	2	-100%		
Auto theft	14	17	-18%	8	9	-11%	2	4	-50%	2	1	100%	2	3	-33%		
B&E - Business	31	30	3%	11	19	-42%	8	6	33%	3	1	200%	9	4	125%		
B&E - Residential	13	12	8%	6	9	-33%	2	2	0%	4	0	N.C.	1	1	0%		
B&E - Other	13	21	-38%	7	11	-36%	5	4	25%	1	3	-67%	0	3	-100%		
Frauds	65	59	10%	40	34	18%	11	13	-15%	6	4	50%	4	8	-50%		
Mischief to Property	317	234	35%	173	111	56%	77	68	13%	48	38	26%	19	17	12%		
Possession of Stolen Property	13	25	-48%	5	10	-50%	0	7	-100%	2	2	0%	3	5	-40%		
Shoplifting	85	58	47%	27	6	350%	4	7	-43%	54	44	23%	0	0	N.C.		
Theft from Vehicle	52	53	-2%	29	20	45%	10	15	-33%	6	5	20%	6	8	-25%		
All other thefts (combined)*	84	89	-6%	44	44	0%	20	19	5%	10	12	-17%	10	13	-23%		
*(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)																	
Traffic Offences																	
Non fatal crashes Resulting in injury	25	31	-19%	13	18	-28%	5	8	-38%	3	2	50%	4	3	33%		
Fatal crashes	0	2	-100%	0	2	-100%	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.		
Impaired Op MV	56	78	-28%	28	46	-39%	7	10	-30%	15	13	15%	6	8	-25%		
Other Criminal Code Offences*	248	194	28%	119	83	43%	47	59	-20%	58	42	38%	14	6	133%		
(*Cause a Disturbance, Breach of Conditions, Counterfeit Currency, Possess break in Instruments, Public Mischief, Possess Child Porn, Indecent Act, Trespass, et al.)																	
CDSA Offences	58	145	-60%	21	47	-55%	28	71	-61%	6	14	-57%	2	7	-71%		
Drug Possession	49	133	-63%	18	43	-58%	23	67	-66%	5	13	-62%	2	4	-50%		
Drug Trafficking	8	11	-27%	3	4	-25%	4	4	0%	1	1	0%	0	2	-100%		
Drug Production	1	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.	0	0	N.C.		
Mental Health																	
Sec 28 Apprehensions	100	146	-32%	56	86	-35%	20	33	-39%	6	13	-54%	11	9	22%		
Sudden Deaths	32	19	68%	17	13	31%	4	2	100%	4	2	100%	7	2	250%		

Mental Health:

Mental Health files are defined as files with a UCR code under the Mental Health Act OR files that contained the study flag “Mental Health Related”. Unfounded and unsubstantiated events were not included in these numbers. Sec 28 Apprehensions were comparable to last quarters numbers, but when compared to the same Q1 in 2021, they are down **32%** (-46).

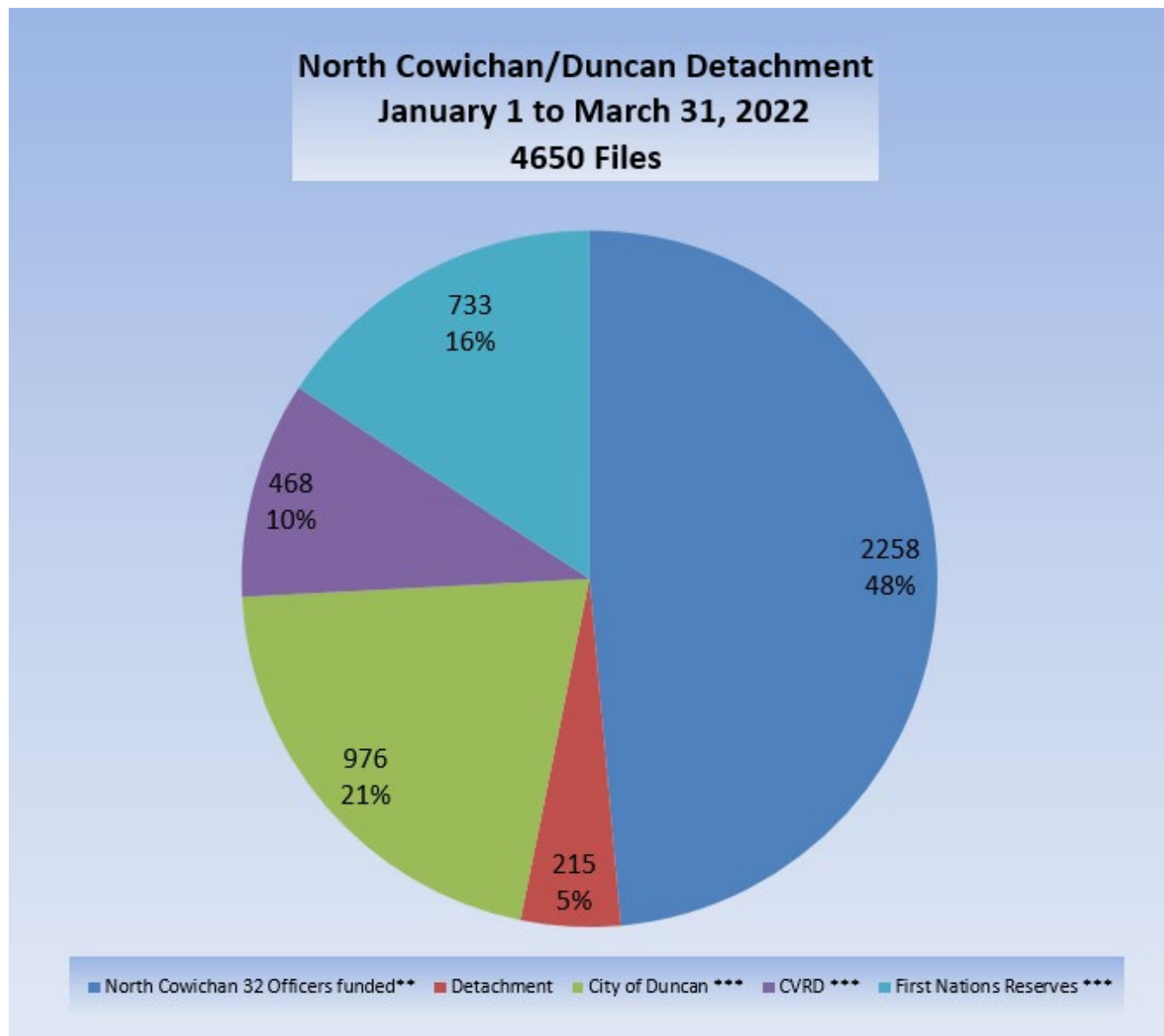
For the Quarter, the average hospital wait time for Section 28 Mental Health Apprehensions from “Time of Arrival at Hospital” to “Time of Transfer from Police Custody to Hospital” remains relatively consistent at one hour fourteen minutes (74 minutes).

Car 60 Patrols (RCMP paired with Crisis Response Team) resumed in March. The proactive patrols are planned to take place on a weekly/bi-weekly basis.



Distribution of Calls For Service:

The chart below illustrates where our calls for service have come from within our Detachment area. We have a total of 63 RCMP Officers providing 24/7 Policing coverage. You can see below that from January 1st to March 31st, 2022, approximately **48%** of the calls we responded to were from within the Municipality of North Cowichan Policing jurisdiction. That **21%** came from the City of Duncan, **16%** came from the Cowichan Tribes/Indigenous Lands, **10%** came from the Provincial (CVRD) area and **5%** were reported directly to the Detachment (North Cowichan).



Quarters Top File's For Each Jurisdiction

Entire NC/D Detachment Total	
Call Type	Count
UNWANTED PERSON	521
CHECK WELLBEING	361
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	249
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	245
DISTURBANCE	186
PROPERTY	169
THEFT	154
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	150
IMPAIRED	129
DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	117

Muni North Cowichan Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
UNWANTED PERSON	207
CHECK WELLBEING	188
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	129
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	124
PROPERTY	86
DISTURBANCE	86
THEFT	77
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	74
IMPAIRED	64
DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	62

Chemainus Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	31
CHECK WELLBEING	26
PROPERTY	21
IMPAIRED	21
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	11
MVI INJURY	10
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	9
MISCHIEF	8
ABANDONED 911	8
THEFT	7

Crofton Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	16
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	12
SUICIDAL PERSON	11
MVI	10
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	9
CHECK WELLBEING	9
THEFT	9
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	8
HAZARDOUS SITUATION	8
ASSAULT	8
DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	8

City of Duncan Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
UNWANTED PERSON	212
CHECK WELLBEING	93
DISTURBANCE	44
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	41
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	40
ALARM FALSE	36
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	32
THEFT	25
SUICIDAL PERSON	23
DRUGS	22
BYLAW	22
MISCHIEF	22

Cowichan Tribes Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
UNWANTED PERSON	88
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	42
DISTURBANCE	42
CHECK WELLBEING	37
THEFT IN PROGRESS	37
THEFT	35
DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	31
IMPAIRED	25
ABANDONED 911	24
ALARM FALSE	23

CVRD Top 10 CFS	
Call Type	Count
TRAFFIC INCIDENT	51
CHECK WELLBEING	33
PROPERTY	31
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	21
ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	21
IMPAIRED	21
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	17
ASSIST GENERAL PUBLIC	16
MVI	15
THEFT	15

The North Cowichan/Duncan R.C.M.P. Detachment is guided by an Annual Performance Plan (APP) that addresses identified local policing priorities. These priorities are identified through consultation with elected officials, senior staff officers, the Cowichan Community Policing and Advisory Society, Town Hall meetings and other groups. It is in line with the RCMP's National and Provincial Policing Plan. As such, our 2021/22 plan is focused on the following local issues that were consistently identified as priorities throughout the valley:

- 1) **Enhanced Public Safety**
- 2) **Accountability and Governance**
- 3) **Employee Excellent and Workplace Culture**

Enhanced Public Safety

There are a number of initiatives that the North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment will be completing in order to; Advance the safety and security of British Columbians; Increase trust with vulnerable populations; Employ a multi-faceted approach to public safety through collaboration with other community service agencies; Expand the use of technology to support operational policing

The initiatives are:

- a. ***Restorative Justice Referrals***
- b. ***Service Delivery to Vulnerable Groups***
 - i. Chemainus/Crofton Patrols
 - ii. Open Community Policing Office in Chemainus
 - iii. Foot Patrols
 - iv. Face to Face Contacts with Youth
 - v. Bike Patrols
 - vi. Liquor Control & Licencing Act Compliance
- c. ***Initiatives with Local Partners***
 - i. Situation Tables

- ii. Intercultural Society
- d. *Public Health and Harm Reduction***
 - i. ICAT Files
 - ii. Mental Health Initiatives
 - iii. Crimes Against Persons Unit to Review 100% of Sexual Related Occurrences
- e. *Prolific, Priority and Chronic Social Offender Management***
 - i. Property Crime Intell Bulletins from Criminal Analyst
 - ii. Curfew Checks
 - iii. Priority Offender Designations
- f. *Downward Trend in Violence, Organized Crime and Gang Related Activities***
 - i. Substance Abuse Projects/Initiatives
 - ii. Drug Possession/CDSA Compliance, Enforcement and Education Campaigns
- g. *Road Safety***
 - i. Speeding, Distracted Driving and Impaired Driving Campaigns
 - ii. Impaired Driving Enforcement
 - iii. School Zone Patrols
- h. *Reconciliation***
 - i. First Nations Policing Unit to Participate in Community/Youth Events
 - ii. First Nations Policing Unit to Conduct Foot Patrols on Cowichan Tribes Land

Accountability and Governance

The North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment will be set up the following initiatives in order to; Be accountable for our decisions and our actions to increase public trust; Balance the priorities of government, communities, and the BC RCMP; Consult with and implement processes and services that meet the needs of municipal, provincial, and Indigenous partners; Use data and business intelligence to manage our resources effectively, transparently, and accountably; Employ our human and financial resources in a transparent and accountable manner

The initiatives are:

- a. *Consultations with local municipal/regional government***
- b. *Consultations with indigenous leaderships/communities***

Employee Excellence and Workplace Culture

The North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment will champion the following: Advance efforts to improve the inclusiveness of our organization through enhanced awareness and action on issues such as systemic racism, cultural competency and humility, discrimination, and harassment; Prioritize the health, wellness, and resiliency of our employees; Provide training and professional development to support our employees; Evolving our workforce strategies to be responsive to emerging challenges and needs.

The Detachment will focus on the following:

- a. *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion***
 - i. Attend training events in anti-racism, cultural competency/humility, leadership

- b. ***Employee Wellness and Engagement***
 - i. Establish a member continuous improvement committee
- c. ***Employee Training and Equipment***
 - i. Ensure all members are current in mandatory training

October through December 2021 Quarter Results

Increase use of restorative justice

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Complete Restorative Justice Referrals	0	12	2022-03-31	6	23

Service Delivery to Vulnerable Groups

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Chemainus/Crofton Patrols (hours spent proactively)	0	700	2022-03-31	502.5	1958
2)	# Open Community Policing Office in Chemainus	0	1	2022-03-31	1.00	1.00
3)	# Foot Patrols	8000	9000	2022-03-31	2468	9557
4)	# Face to Face contacts with youth	288	500	2022-03-31	1454	6137
5)	# Bike Patrols	5	10	2022-03-31	72	104
6)	# LCLA enforcement on Cowichan Tribes	48	50	2022-03-31	134	243

Initiatives with Local Partners

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Situation Tables	0	12	2022-03-31	5	15
2)	# Intercultural Society Meetings	0	4	2022-03-31	0	1

Public Health and Harm Reduction

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# ICAT files	18	18	2022-03-31	5	21
2)	# Mental Health Initiatives	120	120	2022-03-31	22	138
3)	% CAP unit will review all sex assault investigations	100	100	2022-03-31	100.00	100.00

Prolific, Priority and Chronic Social Offender Management

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Property Crime Intell Bulletins	60	60	2022-03-31	15	63
2)	# Curfew Checks	365	450	2022-03-31	79	286
3)	# Priority Offender Projects	10	12	2022-03-31	0	4

Downward Trend in Violence, Organized Crime and Gang-related Activities

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Substance Abuse Projects/Initiatives	8	10	2022-03-31	0	7
2)	# Drug possession/CDSA compliance and enforcement actions	104	150	2022-03-31	37	274

Road Safety

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Motor Vehicle Act Enforcement Action	960	960	2022-03-31	234	528
2)	# Distracted Driving and Impaired Driving Campaigns	48	65	2022-03-31	13	49
3)	# Impaired Driving Enforcement Action (IRP, 215, CC)	192	200	2022-03-31	48	236
4)	# School Zone Safety Patrols	0	1000	2022-03-31	433	2085

Reconciliation

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# FNCP Participation at Youth/Community Events	20	12	2022-03-31	15	55
2)	# FNCP Foot Patrols on Cowichan Tribes Lands	800	600	2022-03-31	92	352

Accountability and Governance

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Consult With Local, Municipal, Regional Government	0	4	2022-03-31	12	28
2)	# Consultations with Indigenous Leadership/Council	12	12	2022-03-31	3	12

Excellence and Workplace Culture

	Measure	From	To	Date	Target Status Quarter	Target Status Cumulative
1)	# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training/events	0	3	2022-03-31	0	5
2)	% Employee Wellness and Engagement - CIC	0	1	2022-03-30	100%	100%
3)	% Ensure members are current in mandatory training	0	100	2022-03-31	100%	100%

Traffic External Support:

We enjoy the support of two Provincial Traffic units who work across the southern part of Vancouver Island; B.C. Highway Patrol - Chemainus, as well as, the Nanaimo Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU). Their enforcement and assistance is something we receive at no additional policing cost.

**North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment
Quarterly Traffic Statistics
1st Quarter 2022**

	Municipality of North Cowichan	City of Duncan	Other Areas	Total Detachment Area	Year to Date Detachment
24 hour Suspension by Alcohol	2	1	3	6	6
24 hour Suspension by Drug	5	7	2	14	14
Immediate Roadside Prohibition	16	2	7	25	25
Criminal Code Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Code Impaired by Alcohol/ Refusal	1	0	0	1	1
Prohibited Drivers (Prov & CC)	9	0	8	17	17
Vehicle Impounds	23	9	14	46	46
Violation Tickets	29	11	15	55	55
Written Warnings	117	34	28	179	179
Distracted Driving	0	4	0	4	4

Human Resources Status Report:

Established regular R.C.M.P. Officer Total: **63**

- **32** Municipality of North Cowichan- **27** Provincial- **4** First Nation's Community Policing

Incoming Members:

Constable Pete Saunders from Cranbrook Detachment

Constable Jayden Moss from RCMP Depot

Constable Jaden Trudeau from RCMP Depot

Constable Colton Wiebe from RCMP Depot

Congratulations to *Sergeant* Ian Johnson – promoted locally to Watch Commander of 'C' Watch from Corporal Road Supervisor 'C' Watch.

Departing Members:

Constable Matt Baines to Westshore Detachment

Prisoner Statistics:

Reflected in the chart below is the breakdown of prisoners incarcerated from the various Detachment areas for the quarter:

North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment Prisoner Statistics 1st Quarter									
2022					2021				
	Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total		Municipal	Provincial	Duncan	Total
January	39	41	18	98	January	23	26	25	74
February	36	34	10	80	February	28	22	20	70
March	36	34	24	94	March	39	39	20	98
Quarter Total	111	109	52	272	Quarter Total	90	87	65	242
Year to Date Total	111	109	52	272	Year to Date Total	90	87	65	242

Prisoner counts are up from last year.

Cowichan Valley Regional Victim Services:

Victim Services in 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 2022**

	January	February	March	Quarter Total	Year to Date Total
New Clients	64	69	75	208	208
Females	45	60	61	166	166
Males	19	9	14	42	42
Calls For Service at scene	6	6	10	22	22
Referrals By Area					
North Cowichan	41	41	43	125	125
Duncan	8	11	13	32	32
Cowichan Tribes/FNP	11	7	6	24	24
Provincial Areas	4	10	13	27	27
Total				208	208
Brief Service Files	12	9	2	23	23

Media Summaries & Files of Interest

**Wooden canoe returned to the Le'lun'uy'lh daycare on River Road in Duncan
Indigenous Policing Services
2022-01-13
File # 2022-194**

On December 26th, 2021 in the evening hours, a male entered the fenced playground area at the Le'lun'uy'lh Daycare (Cowichan Tribes Daycare) and stole their small child sized canoe. With the community's assistance this wooden canoe has been returned.



"I'm so pleased and grateful that someone came forward, to help get the children their canoe back to the Le'lun'uy'lh Daycare", said Constable Bert Calvo, with the Indigenous Policing Service at North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP.

There is no evidence to proceed with charges and file is Concluded.

Morning Search Warrants Result in Multiple Charges for Duncan Man

2022-01-19

File #2021-15553

On October 3rd 2021 at 11:30 pm, North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP frontline officers responded to multiple reports of a vehicle vs vehicle shooting near the intersection of Trunk Road and Canada Avenue, in Duncan BC. Additional police resource assisted with this investigation, including the Street Crimes Unit, General Investigation Section and the Nanaimo Forensic Section. The investigators determined that the shooting was an isolated incident and was related to drug activity in the Duncan area. During the course of the investigation search warrants were obtained and executed on two vehicles, a residence, and a storage locker. These search warrants resulted in the seizure of a considerable quantity of cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, MDA, fentanyl, and several hundred prescription pills. On December 31 2021, 34 year old Duncan resident, Teddy Jedrasik was charged with five counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. Jedrasik remains in custody on unrelated matters, however this investigation is ongoing.

"We don't expect to have shooting incidents like this in our community and thank goodness it rarely happens, but we have a strong team of police officers who have the knowledge, skill sets and determination to conduct these investigations thoroughly and professionally. I'm proud of the work our officers did on this investigation," said Staff Sergeant Aaron Jabs, North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP Plain Clothes Commander.

The accused remains in custody awaiting court.

North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP investigating assault after-hours at local school

2022-01-28

File #2022-1327

The North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP RCMP is looking for witnesses after an injured man was located on the school grounds of the Alexander Elementary School on Beverly St in Duncan.

At approximately 12:20 a.m. on January 27, the North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP frontline officers received the request to assist BC ambulance for an injured individual.

Upon arrival police located a man in the playground area of the Alexander Elementary school. The man was suffering from injuries to his face consistent with an assault. Due to his injuries the man was

unable to give a description of the suspect or suspects. The man was transported to a nearby hospital for further medical treatment.

“Through investigation police believe the victim was involved in an altercation with unknown individuals on the school grounds in the hour prior to this assault” said Sergeant Chris Manseau, Media Relations Officer for the BC RCMP “There is no indication that any weapons were used in this altercation, contrary to rumors on social media. The public is asked not to perpetuate these rumors as they can interfere with the investigation”.

The school playground area was closed for the morning of the January 27th to allow for forensic officers to collect evidence on scene and has since re-opened.

The investigation was thoroughly investigated and involved parties identified. As a result, charges were deemed not to be in the public’s interest and the file was concluded.

Arrest warrant issued against Jesse Bennett in missing father and daughter case

2022-03-23

File #2022-996

An arrest warrant has been issued for Jesse Bennett on March 22, 2022.

As North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP officers continue to search for Jesse and his daughter Violet, investigators have now gathered sufficient evidence to recommend a criminal charge against Jesse. As a result, a warrant for his arrest has been issued by a Provincial Court.

Jesse and Violet Bennett have been reported missing on January 24, 2022. See original media release [here](#).

Jesse Bennett is wanted for Abduction in contravention of a custody order.

The RCMP is pleased to report that 7-year-old Violet Bennett who was reported missing along with her father Jesse Bennett on January 23, 2022 has been located and is safe. Violet is back with her mother after she was dropped off by someone known to her at the North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP detachment in the evening of April 20, 2022.

Her father, Jesse Bennett is still wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant for Abduction in contravention of a custody order.

This investigation came to a positive ending, thanks to the work of our partnering police agencies, the media and ultimately the public who provided tips in hope to safely locate Violet.

In order to respect the family’s privacy, no further details about this investigation will be shared.

Jack Hickey's War Metals Recovered in Duncan

2022-04-12

File #2018-15451

In 2018, Frontline Officers at the North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP located and seized war medals and documents that were believed to be stolen from an address in Duncan. Since the seizure, multiple

attempts have been made to identify the owner and his family in hopes to have the items returned to them.

Recently police have learnt that the medals belonged to Jack Hickey who resided in Nanaimo, possibly with a Marcia Hickey, and he passed away in 2004. Police are requesting help in identifying family members related to Jack and Marcie Hickey in hopes to hand the medals over to them. "I really hope Jack's family reaches out to us, to claim these metals. I'm sure Jack went through a great deal during his service to earn these metals and this legacy should live on through his family," said Constable David Grey.

If you are a family member of Jack and Marcia Hickey, please contact the North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP at 250-748-5522

Respectfully submitted,

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