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Our File – Notre référence
September, 2023

Mayor and Council
Dawson Creek BC.

Dear Mayor,

Policing Report for September 2023

The following information is provided as an update on crime statistics and new developments within the detachment operations and administration up to and including the periods noted.

DETACHMENT RESOURCE REPORTING

The Detachment is (for the month of September) operating with 2 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 4 hard vacancies which include:

- 2 members off duty sick or injured.
- 1 Corporal position vacant. A member has been identified and is transferring from Chilliwack within 90 days.
- 3 Constable positions vacant.

CRIME TREND REPORTING

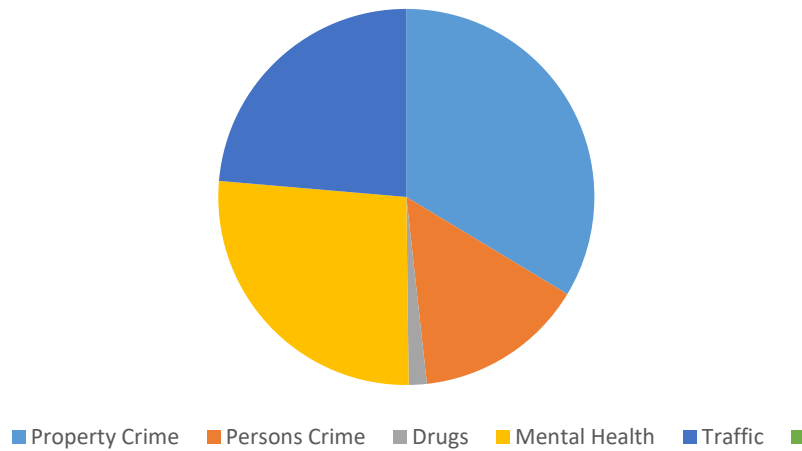
Over the period of January 2023 to September 2023 there were a total of 7021 calls for service. This is up from 6952 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2022, or an increase of approximately 3%. Of those 6952 calls, 5757 (82 %) calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 1264 (18 %) calls for service were within the rural surrounding area. The average of 82%/18% remains consistent.

Comparative to last year for the same time period, this equates to an increase of calls for service within the City of 3% and a decrease of 7% in calls for service in the rural and surrounding community.

The following trends have been outlined for the (Year to Date) period of January 1st, 2023 to September 30th, 2023 pertaining to calls for service combined with pro-active investigations:

- Theft of vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 86
 - Year to date 2022 = 120
 - **Decrease of 28 %**
- Theft from vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 73 (only 3 reported in the month of September)
 - Year to date 2022 = 108
 - **Decrease of 32 %**
- Break and Enter to Residence
 - Year to date 2023 = 49
 - Year to date 2022 = 61
 - **Decrease of 20 %**
- Break and Enter to Business
 - Year to date 2023 = 83
 - Year to date 2022 = 116
 - **Decrease of 28 %**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
 - Year to date 2023 = 199
 - Year to date 2022 = 189
 - **Increase of 5 %**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
 - Year to date 2023 = 39 (only 1 reported event in September)
 - Year to date 2022 = 32
 - **Increase of 22 %. July was + 52 %. June was + 75%, Aug was +40%. Showing a declining trend.**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
 - Year to date 2023 = 18
 - Year to date 2022 = 27
 - **Decrease of 33 %**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
 - Year to date 2023 = 105
 - Year to date 2022 = 110
 - **Decrease of 4 %**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
 - Year to date 2023 = 226
 - Year to date 2022 = 247
 - **Decrease of 8.5 %**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
 - Year to date 2023 = 301
 - Year to date 2022 = 399
 - **decrease of 25 %**
- Mental Health
 - Year to date 2023 = 397
 - Year to date 2022 = 410
 - **Decrease of 7 %.**

RCMP Calls for Service



Property crime and Mental health related issues remain the majority of calls for service though Property Crime is still reporting lower than the previous year.

Dawson Creek Citizens On Patrol 2023

Citizens on patrol have been busy putting in hours and covering many kilometers while reporting suspicious activity to the RCMP. The program is gaining momentum and volunteers, which is great for the community and is assisting the RCMP with being extra eyes and ears in the community. S/Sgt HUGHES attended the AGM for the South Peace Crime Watch in June and the Rural Crime Watch meeting in Doe River on June 16th. A snap shot of their volunteer hours per month as well as kilometers travelled is below.

January = 62 Volunteer hours with 444 kms patrolled;

February = 32.5 volunteer hours with 176 kmss patrolled;

March = 71.5 volunteer hours with 567 kms patrolled;

April = 41.5 volunteer hours and 357 kms;

May = 34 volunteer hours and 186 kms;

June = 35 volunteer hours and 287 kms of patrol.

July = 30.5 volunteer hours and 218 Kms of patrol.

August = 34.5 volunteer hours and 216 kms of patrol.

September = 27.5 volunteer hours and 125 kms of patrol.

Peace Region Crime Reduction Unit Updates (PRCRU):

The Peace Region Crime Reduction Unit continues to work closely with Western Alberta District Property Crime unit to identify cross border property offenders. The PRCRU has also been proactive in conducting curfew checks on prolific offenders who are currently on conditions to ensure they are abiding by the orders. S/Sgt HUGHES has met with Inspector HANSON of Fort St JOHN to ensure this initiative continues. Next resourcing conference is mid November.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Rob HUGHES

Detachment Commander Dawson Creek RCMP