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Our File – Notre référence
September 2024

Dawson Creek, BC
Mayor and Council.

Policing Report for September 2024.

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 2024) operating with 2 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 4 hard vacancies which include:

- 2 members off duty sick or injured.
- 3 Front line Constable positions are vacant.
- 1 GIS Constable position is vacant.
- Cst. Macdonald and Cst Doucette arrived from Saskatchewan Training Division.
- Additionally, 6 members are scheduled to transfer out of Dawson Creek between October 2024 and May 2025.
- 2 new members are inbound from Saskatchewan Training Division.
- 1 new member with 11 years service is inbound with an expected arrival in December.

CRIME TREND REPORTING

Over the period from January 1st to the end September 2024, there were a total of 4061 calls for service. This is DOWN from 4308 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2023, or a decrease of approximately 5.7%. Of those 4061 files, 3234 of the calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 827 calls for service were within the rural surrounding area compared to 3532 and 776 for the same period last year.

The following trends have been outlined for the (Year to Date) period of January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 pertaining to calls for service combined with pro-active investigations:

- Theft of vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 55
 - Year to date 2024 = 63
 - **Increase of 14.5%**

- Theft from vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 32
 - Year to date 2024 = 26
 - **Decrease of 19%**
- Break and Enter to Residence
 - Year to date 2023 = 32
 - Year to date 2024 = 29
 - **Decrease of 9%**
- Break and Enter to Business
 - Year to date 2023 = 51
 - Year to date 2024 = 25
 - **Decrease of 51 %**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
 - Year to date 2023 = 115
 - Year to date 2024 = 95
 - **Decrease of 17%**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
 - Year to date 2023 = 24
 - Year to date 2024 = 25
 - **Decrease of 17%.**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
 - Year to date 2023 = 13
 - Year to date 2024 = 6
 - **Decrease of 54%**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
 - Year to date 2023 = 73
 - Year to date 2024 = 40
 - **Decrease of 45%**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
 - Year to date 2023 = 148
 - Year to date 2024 = 155
 - **Increase of 5%**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
 - Year to date 2023 = 155
 - Year to date 2024 = 181
 - **Increase of 17%**
- Mental Health
 - Year to date 2023 = 248
 - Year to date 2024 = 288
 - **Increase of 16%**
- Unspecified Assistance files
 - Year to date 2023 = 560
 - Year to date 2024 = 517
 - **Decrease of 8%**

Property crime and Mental health related issues remain the majority of calls for service. Unspecified Assistance files continue to take most of the day to day resources. These are the calls for service that are not related to any “offence” such as suspicious occurrence or suspicious activity reports.

Dawson Creek Citizens On Patrol 2024

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 continues to attend Rural Crime Watch and C.O.P.S. meetings. Recruiting drives are in the planning stages in attempt to draw new members to the group to increase patrols and available personnel for special events. A snap shot of their volunteer hours per month as well as kilometers travelled is below.

For the months of July, August and September, Rural Crime Watch and C.O.P.S. volunteers have patrolled a total of 568 kms, totalling 68 hours of volunteer patrols. The community benefits from these efforts and is clearly reflected in the reduction of property crime events in Dawson Creek.

Violence Suppression Efforts

Dawson Creek continues to receive support from North District Major Crimes, Regional General Investigation Section, and neighbouring detachments as the need arises.

Dawson Creek local members have been engaged in an extra patrol initiative to target our repeat offenders, conduct curfew compliance checks and enforcement at known-to-police residences in our City.

Dawson Creek RCMP remains engaged with the Lower Mainland Gang Enforcement Team following the enforcement initiatives that were implemented to stop the local shooting events. While Dawson Creek has shown a significant decrease in the violent offences reported, the City should know that these RCMP resources are available if and when needed in Dawson Creek with the full support of the North District and E Division (BC).

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Rob HUGHES

Detachment Commander Dawson Creek RCMP