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November Monthly Update

The following information is a snapshot of crime trends and new developments within the Detachment operations and administration for November.

Detachment Resource Reporting

We currently have three hard vacancies at the Cst rank, One in GIS, one in Municipal Traffic, and one in our Street Enforcement Unit. We received one of two expected recruits, with the second scheduled to graduate in January. The Municipal Traffic Cpl. remains seconded to run "A" Watch until the current Watch Commander returns to full duty status.

For soft vacancies, we still have one Cst in that is on long term sick leave, as well as one Watch Commander. A second Watch Commander has just returned to work at full hours, and will be back on the road once mandatory training has been completed (currently on said training). Another Cst. is on a gradual return to work, and will similarly be back on the road once the mandatory training has been completed. A long awaited Cpl. for our Street Enforcement unit has conditions on his house sale set to be removed this date, after which he will be cleared for his house hunting trip.

Crime Trend Reporting

We have seen a spike in stolen vehicles from 5 to 17, as well as in break and enters to businesses (from 5 to 20). We currently have a suspect in custody that we believe is responsible for a large majority of said property crimes, along with stealing a truck and several ATV's and snowmobiles. The Street Enforcement team conducted targeted enforcement on thefts from vehicles, with the numbers dropping from 24 in October to 10 in

November. They have largely been focused for several weeks on the arrest of the subject I had mentioned above. A press release is planned once we have some additional charges sworn against the subject.

Unhoused Individuals

With no formal warming shelter in place this winter, our office purchased several Mylar emergency blankets to be handed out to individuals in need. It was clarified that the Salvation Army does not have a zero tolerance policy for intoxicated subjects, unless causing a disturbance.

O i/c Position

The transfer process has been initiated, and we expect the incoming commander will be on her house hunting trip in the next few weeks.

Please provide feedback as to the content or anything you feel should be included.

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