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Our File – Notre référence  
November 2024

Dawson Creek, BC  
Mayor and Counsel.

Policing Report for November 2024.

The following information is provided as an update on crime statistics, police activity, and new developments within the detachment operations and administration up to and including the periods noted for calendar year to date.

### **DETACHMENT RESOURCE REPORTING**

The Detachment is (for the month of November 2024) operating with 2 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 4 hard vacancies which include:

- 2 members off duty sick or injured.
- 2 GIS Constable positions are vacant.
- Additionally, 6 members are scheduled to transfer out of Dawson Creek between November 2024 and May 2025.
- 2 new members from Saskatchewan Training Division, arrived Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 1 new member with 11 years service in inbound with an expected arrival mid December.

### **CRIME TREND REPORTING**

Over the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the end November 2024, there were a total of 5544 calls for service. This is DOWN from 5855 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2023, or a decrease of approximately 5.3%. Of those 5544 files, 4433 of the calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 1111 calls for service were within the rural surrounding area compared to 4802 and 1053 for the same period last year.

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

- Theft of vehicle
  - Year to date 2023 = 73
  - Year to date 2024 = 79
  - **Increase of 8%**
- Theft from vehicle
  - Year to date 2023 = 40
  - Year to date 2024 = 44
  - **Increase of 10%**
- Break and Enter to Residence
  - Year to date 2023 = 45
  - Year to date 2024 = 41
  - **Decrease of 9%**
- Break and Enter to Business
  - Year to date 2023 = 56
  - Year to date 2024 = 26
  - **Decrease of 53 %**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
  - Year to date 2023 = 169
  - Year to date 2024 = 126
  - **Decrease of 25%**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
  - Year to date 2023 = 28
  - Year to date 2024 = 28
  - **0 %.**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
  - Year to date 2023 = 16
  - Year to date 2024 = 10
  - **Decrease of 54%**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
  - Year to date 2023 = 89
  - Year to date 2024 = 66
  - **Decrease of 26%**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
  - Year to date 2023 = 233
  - Year to date 2024 = 245
  - **Increase of 5%**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
  - Year to date 2023 = 205
  - Year to date 2024 = 250
  - **Increase of 22%**
- Mental Health
  - Year to date 2023 = 374
  - Year to date 2024 = 435
  - **Increase of 16%**
- Unspecified Assistance files
  - Year to date 2023 = 782
  - Year to date 2024 = 712
  - **Decrease of 9%**

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.

## NEW TRACKING MEASURES December 2024

Tracking measures have been introduced, at the request of City Council to track the number of police events involving unhoused individuals. Dawson Creek administrative measures have been put in place to track this statistic for December and will be added in to the monthly reporting chart. There will be no year to date measures for dates prior to December 2024.

An accurate means of tracking overdose deaths is being explored. Challenges exist in accurate reporting due, in part, to delays in reporting and confirmation through the BC Coroner Service. The RCMP do not determine cause of death in these events.

## Dawson Creek Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on patrol have been busy putting in hours and covering many kilometers while reporting suspicious activity to the RCMP. The program is vital in assisting the RCMP with extra eyes and ears in the community. S/Sgt HUGHES continues to attend Rural Crime Watch and C.O.P.S. meetings. Recruiting measures are continuing in attempt to draw new members to the group to increase patrols and available personnel for special events. 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

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