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Our File – Notre référence
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Dawson Creek, BC
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Policing Report for May 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 May) operating with 2 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 2 hard vacancies which include:

- 2 members off duty sick or injured.
- 2 Front line Constable positions vacant.
- Cst. GRUNDY arrived from Saskatchewan Training on May 12th.
- Additionally, 3 members are scheduled to transfer out of Dawson Creek over the next 4 months.

-We have our GIS Cpl departing in the next 3-4 months due to his promotion out. The job was filled by the promotional process, however, on in early June, the recommended candidate withdrew from the promotion. An internal request for expression of interest will be disseminated, followed by a subsequent promotional process to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

CRIME TREND REPORTING

Over the period from January 1st to the end May 2024, there were a total of 3308 calls for service. This is DOWN from 3497 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2023, or a decrease of approximately 5.4% (189 files). Of those 3308 files, 2626 of the calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 682 calls for service were within the rural surrounding area compared to 2884/613 for the same period last year.

The following trends have been outlined for the (Year to Date) period of January 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 pertaining to calls for service combined with pro-active investigations:

- Theft of vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 40
 - Year to date 2024 = 55
 - **Increase of 37.5% (January was 500%, Feb was 200%, 120% in April, showing a declining trend)**
- Theft from vehicle
 - Year to date 2023 = 29
 - Year to date 2024 = 13 (only 2 in May)
 - **Decrease of 55%**
- Break and Enter to Residence
 - Year to date 2023 = 28
 - Year to date 2024 = 26
 - **Decrease of 7%**
- Break and Enter to Business
 - Year to date 2023 = 44
 - Year to date 2024 = 25 (only 2 in May)
 - **Decrease of 43 %**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
 - Year to date 2023 = 93
 - Year to date 2024 = 78
 - **Decrease of 16%**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
 - Year to date 2023 = 23
 - Year to date 2024 = 19
 - **Decrease of 17%.**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
 - Year to date 2023 = 8
 - Year to date 2024 = 4
 - **Decrease of 50%**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
 - Year to date 2023 = 64
 - Year to date 2024 = 32
 - **Decrease of 50%**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
 - Year to date 2023 = 123
 - Year to date 2024 = 130
 - **Increase of 5.7%**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
 - Year to date 2023 = 124
 - Year to date 2024 = 138
 - **Increase of 11%**
- Mental Health
 - Year to date 2023 = 209
 - Year to date 2024 = 236
 - **Increase of 13%**
- Unspecified Assistance files
 - Year to date 2023 = 460
 - Year to date 2024 = 430
 - **Decrease of 6.5%**

Property crime and Mental health related issues remain the majority of calls for service. Unspecified assistance calls are constantly rising. 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 drawn 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.

From January 1st to May 31st, 2024, a total of 2296 kms have been patrolled by Rural Crime Watch members, totalling 228.75 hours of volunteer patrols. The community benefit from these efforts 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).

Peace Region Crime Reduction Unit Updates (PRCRU):

The regional Crime Reduction Unit initiative started by Insp HANSON has handed over to Superintendent Rob PIKOLA of North District and is making its journey through various levels of approval within the RCMP and Provincial Government and at last report was with E Division Criminal Operations for review.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Rob HUGHES

Detachment Commander Dawson Creek RCMP