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Our File – Notre référence  
February 2024

Dawson Creek, BC  
Dear Mr DAHLEN

Policing Report for February 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 February) operating with 2 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 4 hard vacancies which include:

- 2 members off duty sick or injured.
- 4 Frontline Constable positions vacant.

-We have our GIS Cpl departing in the next 3-4 months due to his promotion out. This job will post to our national human resources page on 2023 Feb 21 for 3 weeks.

-A new member arrived from Depot Division on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This addition to the Detachment strength will be reflected in the March Report.

A second new member is scheduled to arrive from Depot Division Mid May of 2024. The member is still in training with several benchmarks to pass before graduation.

## CRIME TREND REPORTING

Over the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the end February 2024, there were a total of 1318 calls for service. This is UP from 1180 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2023, or an increase of approximately 12%. Of those 1318, 1063 of the calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 255 calls for service were within the rural surrounding area. This represents a split of 81%/19%.

The following trends have been outlined for the (Year to Date) period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 pertaining to calls for service combined with pro-active investigations:

- Theft of vehicle
  - Year to date 2023 = 8
  - Year to date 2024 = 24
  - **Increase of 200% (January was 500%, showing a declining trend)**
- Theft from vehicle
  - Year to date 2023 = 4
  - Year to date 2024 = 4 (only one reported in February)
  - **Decrease of 0%**
- Break and Enter to Residence
  - Year to date 2023 = 3
  - Year to date 2024 = 11
  - **Increase of 267% (January was 600%, showing a declining trend)**
- Break and Enter to Business
  - Year to date 2023 = 17
  - Year to date 2024 = 15
  - **Decrease of 12 %**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
  - Year to date 2023 = 30
  - Year to date 2024 = 25
  - **Decrease of 17%**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
  - Year to date 2023 = 9
  - Year to date 2024 = 9
  - **Decrease of 0%**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
  - Year to date 2023 = 3
  - Year to date 2024 = 1
  - **Decrease of 67%**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
  - Year to date 2023 = 25
  - Year to date 2024 = 14
  - **Decrease of 44%**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
  - Year to date 2023 = 58
  - Year to date 2024 = 64
  - **Increase of 10%**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
  - Year to date 2023 = 44
  - Year to date 2024 = 47
  - **Increase of 7%**
- Mental Health
  - Year to date 2023 = 78
  - Year to date 2024 = 93
  - **Increase of 19%**
- Unspecified Assistance files
  - Year to date 2023 = 129
  - Year to date 2024 = 191
  - **Increase of 48%. A portion of these files result in Mental Health Act apprehensions, resulting in 1 and sometimes 2 members held at the hospital for up to several hours waiting to be seen by a doctor.**

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 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.

## Violence Suppression Efforts

Dawson Creek continues to receive support from North District Major Crimes, Regional General Investigation Section, and the gang task force out of the Lower Mainland.

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 continues to receive support from the Lower Mainland Gang Enforcement Team and has shown a significant decrease in the violent offences reported in Dawson Creek.

## 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. Sgt HANSON has transferred out of BC (E Division) and the project has been 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.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Rob HUGHES

Detachment Commander Dawson Creek RCMP