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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TO: Mayor & Council

DATE: January 15, 2019

**FROM: Dwayne McDonald, Assistant Commissioner
Officer in Charge, Surrey RCMP**

FILE: 7580-01

SUBJECT: Q4 2018 Crime Stat Report

RECOMMENDATION

The Surrey RCMP recommends that the Public Safety Committee receive this report for information.

INTENT

This report is intended to provide the Public Safety Committee with the fourth quarter crime stat report prior to it being posted to the Detachment website.

BACKGROUND

The Surrey RCMP has been providing crime statistics on a quarterly basis to the public on the Detachment website (www.surrey.rcmp.ca) since 2006. The quarterly crime stat report is intended to create better awareness and understanding of the incidence of crime across Surrey and help inform community engagement in crime prevention. This information has generally been well received by the community and represents some of the most requested information (and most viewed web content).

The quarterly crime stat reports provide offence count totals for select crime types presented in a table format. The crime counts for the current quarter and the year-to-date totals are included, as well as a comparison with that of the year previous. The quarterly crime counts are not broken down further (e.g., into the individual months that comprise the quarter). Crime figures are provided for both the City overall and for each of the five Police Districts, but not at the neighbourhood or block/street level.

The report will be posted to our website on January 22, 2019. As per past practice, the report is being shared with Mayor and Council prior to release.

DISCUSSION

The latest Quarterly Crime Stat Report for Surrey (see Appendix “I”) is being shared to provide information on the incidence of crime in Surrey. The report is based on data from the provincial Police Records Information Management Environment (“PRIME”). The data extracted includes all ‘founded’ incidents for all crimes and crime types (i.e. not just the most serious) occurring within the City of Surrey and for which the Surrey RCMP was the primary investigative unit. Unsubstantiated crimes or incidents deemed to be unfounded are not included. Private files or files marked Invisible are also not included.

An overview of significant trends is provided below. In Q4 there was a 2% decrease in violent crime and a 17% decrease in property crime. Year to date, there was no change in violent crime and property crime declined by 11%.

2018 and Q4 2018 Crime Stats Overview

- In 2018, **crime** (total number of criminal code offences) decreased 4% over 2017. All districts saw a decrease in crime, with the exception of City Centre/Whalley (D1) which increased by 2%.
- There was no change in **violent crime** for the year overall and a 2% decrease in Q4. All violent crime categories saw decreases both in Q4 and for all of 2018, with the exception of **homicides**, which increased from 12 to 15 (+25%). Notable decreases for the year include **attempted murder** (-33%), **robbery** (-22%), and **sexual offences** (-18%).
- In 2018, the City had 38 shots fired files, which is down 36% from 2017 and down 57% from 2015 when there were 88 incidents. The Surrey RCMP had done significant work in relation to the **gang and drug trafficking** issues over the past year through a multi-pronged approach that covered enforcement, intervention, and prevention.

A number of news releases and program information referenced below is available in Appendix “II”.

o **Enforcement:**

- The Surrey Gang Enforcement Team “SGET” was expanded in the summer of 2018, allowing officers to better target those believed to be involved in the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict.
- In the last six months of 2018, SGET checked 1634 people, resulting in 577 violation tickets, 91 charges, and 21 vehicle seizures.
- A number of arrests and seizures were profiled in news releases on November 5, 2018 (Drug and vehicles seized in double dial-a-dope arrests), November 6, 2018 (Men with ties to Lower Mainland Gang Conflict arrested in Surrey),

November 29, 2018 (Surrey RCMP arrest man and seize 6 handguns in threats investigation), and November 29, 2018 (Surrey Gang Enforcement Team arrest violent offender after traffic stop). Two men with ties to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict were also recently arrested and charged after they failed to stop for police in October, 2018.

- In addition, police made a significant drug seizure in November, 2018 that was tied to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict and would have produced millions of doses of illegal and harmful street level drugs.
- In December, 2018 Surrey RCMP launched the Inadmissible Patrons Program (IPP), in partnership with the City of Surrey and restaurant associations. The IPP helps prevent criminal activity in and around participating licensed establishments and deters individuals associated to gangs from being in Surrey.

○ **Intervention:**

- In June 2018, the Surrey RCMP introduced the Car Yankee 30 Program in which a police officer and a Ministry of Children and Family Development Youth Probation worker work together to ensure youth are complying with court ordered conditions and to support these at-risk youth and their families.
- The Parent Helpline also continues to assist parents who are seeing signs that their children may be involved in illegal activities such as dial-a-doping. The helpline received 102 calls in 2018.
- The Surrey RCMP also continues to provide intervention services to youth through the Wrap Program with the Surrey School District, and our Youth Intervention Program, which helps divert criminally-involved youth away from a life of crime.

○ **Prevention:**

- SGET gave 104 “Shattering the Image” presentations in 2018 to educate students about the dangers of the gang lifestyle.
- The Youth Unit also continues to spearhead the Code Blue and Mini-Blue school-based fitness programs, the Citizen & Youth Police Academy, and the Surrey RCMP Basketball Classic to build positive police-youth relationships and help youth choose a positive path in life.
- The Community Engagement Teams and volunteers engaged with thousands of youth and residents to promote safe communities and positive choices at 130 community events in 2018.

- **Property crime** continued to trend downward throughout 2018, resulting in an 11% decrease for the year. All areas of property crime decreased in 2018 with the exception of **theft over \$5000** (+33%) and **shoplifting** (+8%).
- Arresting prolific property crime offenders continued to be the primary focus for our target teams in 2018. A few of these successes were profiled in Q4 news releases on November 15, 2018 (Prolific offender arrested during commercial break and enter), November 16, 2018 (Surrey RCMP investigate fraudulent credit card operation, and November 23, 2018 (Surrey RCMP Target Teams arrest known prolific offender). **Breach/bail violations** increased by 15% in 2018, demonstrating the efforts of police to keep offenders accountable to their conditions while they are living the community.
- Surrey RCMP received 600 less **break and enter (B & E)** files in 2018, resulting in an 18% decrease in all B&Es. **Business break and enters** declined by 19% and **residential break and enters** went down 18%.
- One of the City's most high-volume crimes, **theft from vehicles**, went down 15% in 2018, and **theft of vehicles** declined by 30%.
- The **Mobile Street Enforcement Team** ("MSET"), was launched in May 2018, to conduct proactive enforcement in areas with high calls for service. MSET addresses issues such as nuisance crime, social chronic offenders, weapons offences, and breaches of court conditions. MSET maintains a high degree of visibility and accessibility with the public by using primarily bike and foot beat patrols.
- The **Surrey Outreach Team** continues to support the City Centre Response Plan and stabilize the 135A Street area, following the movement of 160 homeless individuals into transitional housing in June, 2018. The Team also works closely with local businesses on issues of property and nuisance crime.
- Other significant property crime prevention efforts in 2018 included the Business Engagement & Safety Team ("BEST"); Block Watch, with close to 800 groups city-wide; and our volunteer-based Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime programs.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The provision of the fourth quarter crime stat report supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this report relates to the Sustainability Charter 2.0 theme of Public Safety. Specifically, it supports the following Desired Outcomes:

- Public Safety DO1: Residents are safe and have a strong sense of security in all neighbourhoods and throughout the City;

- Public Safety DO2: Police and fire services provide timely and reliable responses across the City; and
- Public Safety DO3: There are minimal community safety issues in the city, and the public is fully engaged in preventing and reducing crime.

CONCLUSION

The Surrey RCMP continues to pursue crime reduction and address public safety issues through a balanced approach that includes prevention, outreach, intervention and enforcement efforts. The fourth quarter crime stats report demonstrates that collective efforts of the police, partners and the community are contributing to positive trends in terms of the incidence of crime. Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Public Safety Committee receive this report for information.



Assistant Commissioner Dwayne MacDonald
Officer in Charge (OIC)
Surrey RCMP

Appendix "I" - Fourth Quarter (Q4) Crime Stat Report 2018

Appendix "II" - Surrey RCMP News Releases and Program Information



Surrey RCMP



4th Quarter Crime Stat Report 2018

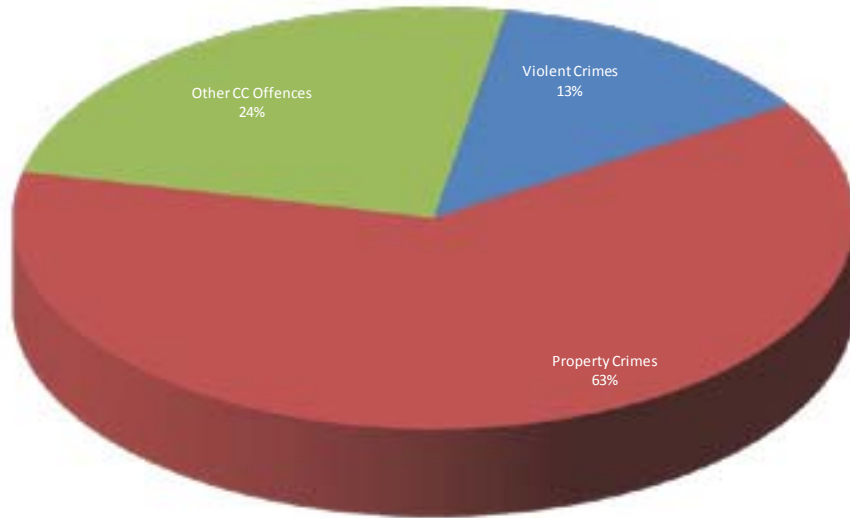
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Q4	Recorded Offences Q4 2018						Recorded Offences Q4 2017						% Change Q4 2017 - Q4 2018					
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL
Homicide	1	1	4	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	2	0%	N/C	N/C	N/C	-100%	200%
Violent Crimes	443	295	404	110	112	1370	443	271	441	127	108	1391	0%	9%	-8%	-13%	4%	-2%
Attempted Murder	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	6	-100%	-100%	N/C	-100%	N/C	-67%
Robbery	33	24	9	2	6	74	37	17	26	6	5	91	-11%	41%	-65%	-67%	20%	-19%
Sexual Offences	12	14	15	8	6	58	18	27	36	13	9	103	-33%	-48%	-58%	-38%	-33%	-44%
Assault	253	145	202	57	43	701	245	132	236	64	42	719	3%	10%	-14%	-11%	2%	-3%
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	10	2	0	2	18	6	3	5	4	1	19	-33%	233%	-60%	-100%	100%	-5%
Property Crimes	1628	1391	1514	873	874	6320	2060	1647	1639	1071	1139	7640	-21%	-16%	-8%	-18%	-23%	-17%
Business B&E	85	37	58	43	41	264	94	55	114	73	43	379	-10%	-33%	-49%	-41%	-5%	-30%
Residential B&E	56	88	52	37	74	307	71	109	61	64	65	370	-21%	-19%	-15%	-42%	14%	-17%
Total B&E (All)	161	154	136	95	141	687	190	189	206	143	121	849	-15%	-19%	-34%	-34%	17%	-19%
Theft Motor Vehicle	99	92	106	84	49	430	219	147	162	123	85	736	-55%	-37%	-35%	-32%	-42%	-42%
Theft From Vehicle	375	431	426	315	222	1793	568	476	402	408	501	2397	-34%	-9%	6%	-23%	-56%	-25%
Theft Over 5000	6	4	2	6	8	26	8	8	2	7	6	32	-25%	-50%	0%	-14%	33%	-19%
Theft Under 5000	235	164	175	75	97	749	292	198	188	88	99	868	-20%	-17%	-7%	-15%	-2%	-14%
Shoplifting	257	176	169	35	102	739	243	207	166	26	39	681	6%	-15%	2%	35%	162%	9%
Stolen Property	28	16	13	9	8	74	41	17	22	10	9	100	-32%	-6%	-41%	-10%	-11%	-26%
Fraud (Total)	167	146	204	86	103	718	189	185	224	93	119	846	-12%	-21%	-9%	-8%	-13%	-15%
Identity Theft/Fraud	16	12	18	8	7	61	10	23	16	13	5	68	60%	-48%	13%	-38%	40%	-10%
Arson	9	4	6	6	6	31	23	8	13	3	4	51	-61%	-50%	-54%	100%	50%	-39%
Mischief	277	198	268	147	126	1017	275	194	235	152	132	989	1%	2%	14%	-3%	-5%	3%
Other CC Offences	950	320	503	176	185	2134	1057	436	604	190	164	2459	-10%	-27%	-17%	-7%	13%	-13%
Offensive Weapons	37	13	25	8	9	92	36	19	33	5	9	102	3%	-32%	-24%	60%	0%	-10%
Cause a Disturbance	647	196	296	100	119	1358	811	296	399	140	110	1757	-20%	-34%	-26%	-29%	8%	-23%
Breach/Bail Violations	95	48	66	19	23	251	70	51	65	15	18	219	36%	-6%	2%	27%	28%	15%
TOTAL CC	3021	2006	2421	1159	1171	9824	3560	2354	2684	1388	1411	11490	-15%	-15%	-10%	-16%	-17%	-14%
Cocaine Possession	14	4	7	3	0	28	10	2	5	1	1	19	40%	100%	40%	200%	-100%	47%
Marijuana Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	N/C	-100%	N/C	N/C	N/C	-100%
Marijuana Possession	15	6	21	6	6	54	67	42	71	15	26	222	-78%	-86%	-70%	-60%	-77%	-76%
TOTAL CDSA	136	35	93	22	11	297	148	71	132	27	39	418	-8%	-51%	-30%	-19%	-72%	-29%

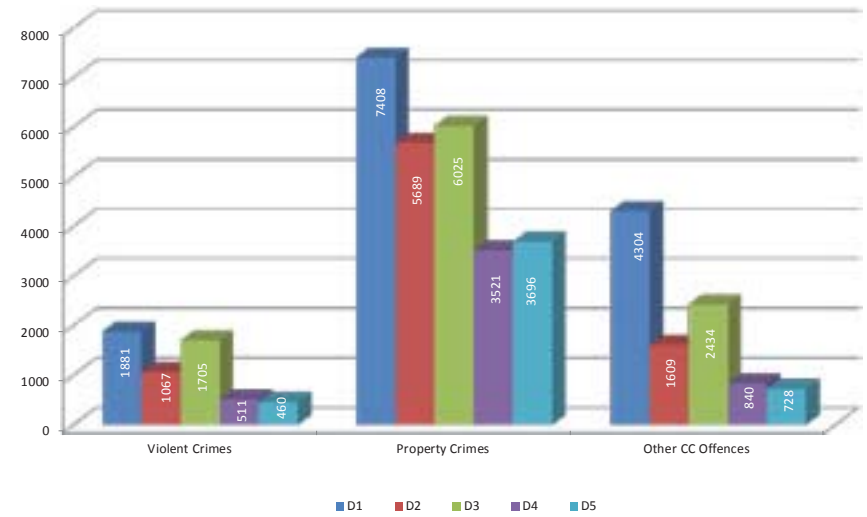
YTD	Recorded Offences Q1-Q4 2018						Recorded Offences Q1-Q4 2017						% Change Q1-Q4 2017 - Q1-Q4 2018					
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL
Homicide	2	3	4	2	4	15	4	2	2	2	2	12	-50%	50%	100%	0%	100%	25%
Violent Crimes	1881	1067	1705	511	460	5645	1918	1033	1725	562	400	5648	-2%	3%	-1%	-9%	15%	0%
Attempted Murder	3	3	3	0	1	10	3	5	1	3	2	15	0%	-40%	200%	-100%	-50%	-33%
Robbery	111	62	58	17	19	268	169	56	84	23	10	342	-34%	11%	-31%	-26%	90%	-22%
Sexual Offences	92	60	85	34	41	319	99	84	120	51	28	388	-7%	-29%	-29%	-33%	46%	-18%
Assault	1081	535	860	249	185	2912	1074	514	910	255	184	2938	1%	4%	-5%	-2%	1%	-1%
Abduction/Kidnapping	12	20	18	7	8	66	23	14	20	5	7	69	-48%	43%	-10%	40%	14%	-4%
Property Crimes	7408	5689	6025	3521	3696	26640	7845	6492	6969	4133	4116	29952	-6%	-12%	-14%	-15%	-10%	-11%
Business B&E	331	201	217	170	147	1066	356	184	379	233	172	1324	-7%	9%	-43%	-27%	-15%	-19%
Residential B&E	274	316	255	162	291	1298	298	390	320	236	338	1582	-8%	-19%	-20%	-31%	-14%	-18%
Total B&E (All)	682	575	563	393	525	2738	754	664	813	515	592	3338	-10%	-13%	-31%	-24%	-11%	-18%
Theft Motor Vehicle	570	448	482	355	214	2069	916	657	662	458	274	2968	-38%	-32%	-27%	-22%	-22%	-30%
Theft From Vehicle	1652	1583	1503	1187	1097	7189	1813	1731	1768	1503	1412	8441	-9%	-9%	-15%	-21%	-22%	-15%
Theft Over 5000	44	16	23	34	36	153	37	20	14	23	19	115	19%	-20%	64%	48%	89%	33%
Theft Under 5000	1188	707	798	327	466	3501	1279	894	905	420	440	3993	-7%	-21%	-12%	-22%	6%	-12%
Shoplifting	1121	730	619	131	302	2904	923	792	605	151	211	2682	21%	-8%	2%	-13%	43%	8%
Stolen Property	113	60	81	57	41	353	111	77	111	36	43	379	2%	-22%	-27%	58%	-5%	-7%
Fraud (Total)	816	724	904	409	463	3425	779	746	928	401	493	3459	5%	-3%	-3%	2%	-6%	-1%
Identity Theft/Fraud	71	58	59	34	27	251	61	64	72	33	40	277	16%	-9%	-18%	3%	-33%	-9%
Arson	47	20	29	23	16	135	53	28	47	17	19	164	-11%	-29%	-38%	35%	-16%	-18%
Mischief	1135	767	962	565	474	3909	1157	856	1075	586	575	4259	-2%	-10%	-11%	-4%	-18%	-8%
Other CC Offences	4304	1609	2434	840	728	9921	3591	1476	2039	683	618	8424	20%	9%	19%	23%	18%	18%
Offensive Weapons	134	54	67	27	31	313	128	56	71	24	27	306	5%	-4%	-6%	13%	15%	2%
Cause a Disturbance	2983	1012	1544	520	473	6534	2512	939	1239	447	413	5553	19%	8%	25%	16%	15%	18%
Breach/Bail Violations	395	201	314	101	80	1091	355	183	271	73	62	945	11%	10%	16%	38%	29%	15%
TOTAL CC	13593	8365	10164	4872	4884	42206	13354	9001	10733	5378	5134	44024	2%	-7%	-5%	-9%	-5%	-4%
Cocaine Possession	62	16	48	19	11	156	68	16	34	9	6	133	-9%	0%	41%	111%	83%	17%
Marijuana Production	1	1	2	1	0	5	1	3	0	1	1	6	0%	-67%	N/C	0%	-100%	-17%
Marijuana Possession	319	180	309	84	82	975	295	151	337	82	84	951	8%	19%	-8%	2%	-2%	3%
TOTAL CDSA	896	304	607	202	145	2156	778	247	619	155	133	1934	15%	23%	-2%	30%	9%	11%

OFFENCE DISTRIBUTION (YTD)

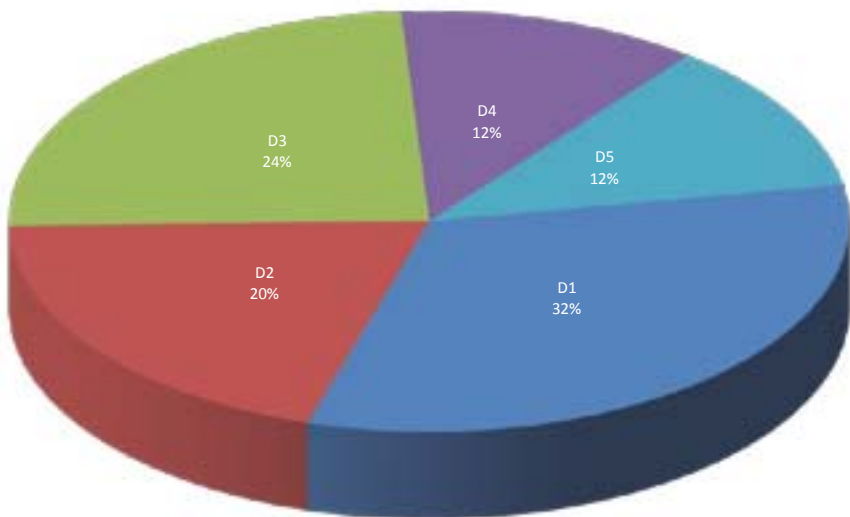
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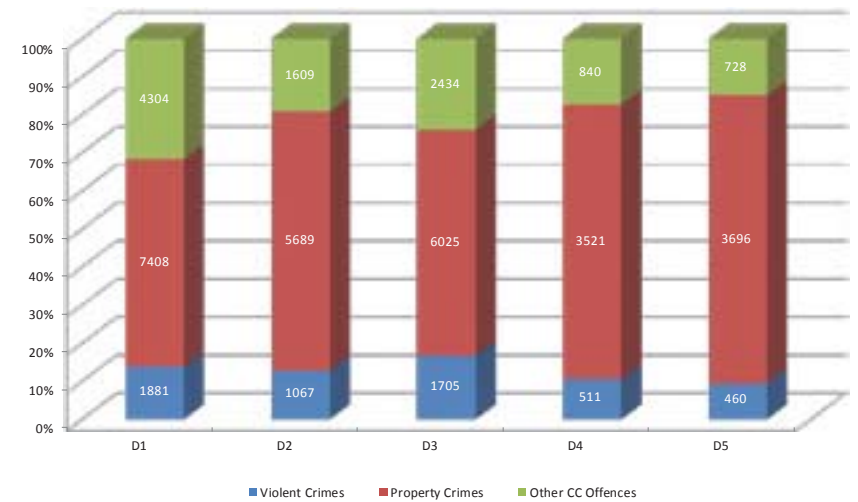
Crime Categories Across Districts



Total CC Incidents Across Districts



CC Incidents Within Districts



REPORT NOTES & DATA QUALIFIERS

The crime and offence data contained within this report is drawn from the PRIME records management system which captures crime and occurrences that are either reported to or discovered by police. Not all crime and occurrences are reported or otherwise brought to the attention of police.

Incidents reported to police may result in one or more offences or violations being counted. Through investigation police determine or substantiate which offences, if any, took place. All reported incidents are considered founded at the outset, but may be determined to be unsubstantiated upon investigation.

The information in this report is considered preliminary incident data and may not represent statistics submitted to the Canadian Center for Justice Statistics. The data represents a 'snapshot' in time and is subject to change for a variety of reasons, including late reporting and reclassification due to changes in circumstance, the stage and/or outcome of an investigation, or corrective action taken for quality assurance purposes. Such changes can affect the number and nature of offences recorded in PRIME.

All data (2017/2018) queried from PRIME datamart on 01/08/19.*

* Homicide data, provided by IHIT based on their investigational files, has been included for reference only. Surrey homicide figures are not included in the Violent Crime or Criminal Code totals.

Report selection criteria included all 'founded' incidents (CCJS = B:R) for all crimes and crime types (i.e., not just the most serious) occurring within Surrey Zones (SU*) and for which the Surrey RCMP was the primary investigative unit (Surrey GO = 1301). Unfounded incidents are not included. Files marked *Private* or *Invisible* are not included. First Nation (Surrey Prov) data is included.

Violent Crime figures extracted from PRIME are under-counted; they do not account for violent crimes with more than one victim (person targeted). As per UCR II scoring rules, person (violent) crime offences are typically counted by the number of victims.

UCR Codes included in Offence Category groupings:

CC Offences	1000-3000 level series (total)
Violent Crime	1000 level series (total)
Attempted Murder	1200 level
Robbery	1610 level (1610-1, 1610-2, 1610-3)
Sexual Offences	1300 level
Assault	1400 level
Abduction/Kidnapping	1500 level
Property Crime	2000 level series (total)
Business B&E	2120-1
Residential B&E	2120-2
B&E (All)	2120 level
Auto Theft	2135 level
Theft from Auto	2132-0, 2142-0
Theft Over \$5000	2130-10, 2130-13, 2130-15
Theft Under \$5000	2140-10, 2140-13, 2140-14
Shoplifting	2133, 2143
Stolen Property	2150 level
Arson	2110-0, 1629-0
Fraud (Total)	2160 level
Identity Theft/Fraud	2165, 2166
Mischief (property)	2170 level
Other CC Offences	3000 level series (total)
Offensive Weapons	3300 level
Cause a Disturbance	3430-0
Breach/Bail Violations	3410-0
CDSA	4000 level series (total)
Cocaine Possession	4120-0
Marijuana Production	4440 level
Marijuana Possession	4140 level

Lock Out Auto Crime Program

What do you leave in your vehicle? Loose change, runners for a trip to the gym, garage door opener? We hope the answer is nothing, but if you forget, we have a team of volunteers who will remind you to remove all your valuables through the Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) program.

LOAC raises awareness of the risk of leaving valuables behind in your vehicle. Theft from vehicle is one of the few crimes that is 100% preventable and LOAC is a great way to remind drivers of the simple steps they can take to reduce their risk of being an auto theft victim.

Our trained volunteers place crime prevention notices on the windshields of parked cars advising them of their pass or fail grade. Vehicles are checked for anti-theft devices (alarm, immobilizer, steering wheel lock), personal belongings left in plain view, and windows/sunroofs that have been left open. Since 2016 our volunteers viewed over 45,000 vehicles.

Interested in joining our volunteer team? Visit the [Surrey RCMP Volunteers](#) page for more information.

Stolen Auto Recovery

Ever drive down a street and see a vehicle you think might be stolen? Our [Surrey RCMP volunteers](#) and Block Watches regularly join the battle against auto crime through our Stolen Auto Recovery Program.

Trained volunteers utilize a database and smartphone app that allows them to run license plates in search of a stolen vehicle. If a plate number comes up as stolen, volunteers notify police who will attend to recover the vehicle.

Using data provided by our crime analysts and Auto Crime Target Team, volunteers are strategically deployed to locations known as auto crime hot spots. Shifts are done on foot and in vehicles. When a vehicle is stolen it is often used to commit additional crimes and eventually dumped on side streets or in parking lots.

On average, our volunteers check over 12,000 licence plates per month in Surrey. In 2018 our volunteers have located 41 stolen vehicles.

Interested in joining our volunteer team? Visit the [Surrey RCMP Volunteers](#) page for more information.

Business Engagement & Safety Team (BEST)

The Surrey RCMP's Business Engagement & Safety Team (BEST) is a community policing initiative that further links police and businesses in the interest of crime prevention.

Surrey RCMP volunteers visit businesses across the city and provide merchants with information on how to report and proactively manage public safety issues that impact their business.

BEST provides the following services to Surrey businesses:

- Helping businesses connect with the right organizations to deal with public safety issues such as graffiti, loitering, discarded needles, and crime.
- Ensuring crime and nuisance issues are referred to police for follow up.
- Providing crime prevention information to help businesses prevent problems before they occur.
- Educating businesses on when and how to report issues to police.
- Providing details on business safety workshops and initiatives.

BEST was created in partnership with the City of Surrey, Surrey RCMP, and local business improvement associations.

Contact BEST

[Surrey Business Engagement@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Surrey_Business_Engagement@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Report Emergencies: 9-1-1

Report Non-emergencies: 604-599-0502

Citizen & Youth Police Academy

Applications for the 2018 Citizen & Youth Police Academy are now closed. Dates and application information for the 2019 Citizen & Youth Police Academy will be released in the spring of 2019.

What is the Citizen & Youth Police Academy?

The Citizen & Youth Police Academy is a 9 week course designed to give Surrey residents and youth an inside look into policing. This interactive learning series aims to foster a better understanding between Surrey citizens and the RCMP and explore what the community can do together to enhance public safety.

The Academy will feature presentations and demonstrations by police officers and staff on a variety of topics including:

- Day in the life of a patrol officer
- Drugs and major crime
- Forensics
- Mental health and addictions
- Police Dog Services
- Traffic investigations
- Basic law and the court system
- Crime prevention

Thank you for organizing such a great program and giving me the opportunity to participate in it. I am glad I got the opportunity to interact with the RCMP and gain insight about policing firsthand through this program. Also, this is a great initiative to engage the community and foster a healthy relationship between the police and the community because it breaks barriers and clarifies misconceptions. I appreciate the hard work the RCMP has put in to deliver this program to the public. Thank you! -
Jaspreet, Citizen Police Academy participant

How to Apply

Note: Applications for the 2018 Citizen and Youth Police Academy are now closed. 2019 dates TBA.

All applicants will be reviewed by the Surrey RCMP with selection based on the **following criteria:**

- Completed application form
- Resident, student, or business owner in Surrey
- Adults: 18 years of age or older
- Youth: Surrey student in grade 10, 11 or 12
- Complete and pass a criminal record check (no record or pending charges)
- Be eager to learn, engage and participate in the course
- Be available to attend all 9 sessions

For more information email Surrey.CPA-EPA.Surrey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Code Blue & Mini-Blue Programs

The Surrey RCMP has a multi-pronged approach to addressing youth issues and preventing youth from getting involved in crime. The Code Blue and Mini-Blue programs are proactive endeavours that help to build positive police-youth relationships through fitness. Both programs are a partnership between the Surrey RCMP and Surrey School District.

Physical benefits aside, the real value to the programs is the self-confidence gained by participants and the leadership skills that are learned. The programs build a sense of accomplishment as the youth realize their own physical abilities, and the value of working together as a team.

Code Blue

In 2013, the Surrey RCMP launched Code Blue, an after school fitness training program led by RCMP officers in select Surrey secondary schools. Police officers participate and engage students in grades 8-12 in physical activity workouts that resemble police officer training.

The program is currently being offered at eight Surrey secondary schools. Students show up for each weekly drop-in program where officers put them through the paces of an intense physical workout that includes sit ups, push ups, and sprints.

Mini-Blue

Launched in January 2017, the Mini-Blue program positively engages youth in grades 5, 6, and 7 (critical ages prior to grade 8 entry) with Surrey RCMP officers. The program focuses on relationship building and mentoring through fun physical activities, interactions and a short talking point. This gives participants a body and brain boost that sets them up for an afternoon of learning.

Mini-Blue sessions are held once per week at five Surrey elementary schools during the school lunch hour.

Shattering the Image Anti-Gang Presentation

Shattering the Image is an anti-gang presentation that is tailor-made for Surrey youth, parents, educators and community groups. Facilitated by the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team (SGET), this presentation shares the true story of gang life in Surrey and its consequences, shattering the glamorized image of gangs.

Adapted from the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit's popular End Gang Life program, Shattering the Image talks about the history of gangs and drug trafficking in Surrey, current trends in the gang landscape, and local youth who got caught up in this lifestyle with tragic results.

SGET officers also share real stories about the dangers of dial-a-doping along with information on how social media is used to glamorize gang life and recruit youth, often at a very young age.

Shattering the Image aims to give the hard facts on gangs and drugs so Surrey youth are equipped to make better choices, and adults know how to talk to kids about these topics and identify warning signs.

The Surrey RCMP is committed to a long-term strategy to address the issue of youth criminal involvement by promoting positive choices for kids and accessible support and guidance to parents.

If you are interested in booking a Shattering the Image presentation, please email [Surrey Gang Education@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Surrey_Gang_Education@rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

Presentations are approximately one hour in length.

Youth Intervention Program (YIP)

Since 1995, the Youth Intervention Program (YIP) has been diverting young people away from a life of crime and redirecting them out of the criminal justice system to make healthier decisions.

The program works with an average of 300 at-risk youth per year. It has three full time counsellors who work within the city's five [District Offices](#) and provide counselling, family support, and referrals to youth who have been involved in conflict or crime. Referrals to the program are made by police officers who encounter youth during their calls for service.

YIP counsellors speak to many teens who are at a crossroads in their lives. The goal of the program is to provide early intervention services to reduce criminal behavior among young people in Surrey.

Frequent recidivism checks are done on those youth who complete the program, which does have a high rate of success deterring participants from future criminality. Almost 97% of youth who complete the Youth Intervention Program are not charged with any criminal acts within the first 12 months of completion.

Surrey RCMP Parent Helpline

604-599-7800 (Monday -Friday)

The Surrey RCMP Parent Helpline provides assistance to parents who are concerned about their children becoming involved in illegal activities.

Through this helpline, parents can get in touch with the Surrey RCMP's specialized youth officers and youth counsellors who will be able to assist them with resources, police information, and intervention services.

Parents who call the helpline and leave a message stating their name, phone number, and concern will have their call returned within 24 hours between Monday and Friday. English, Punjabi and French staff will be available.

Residents are reminded that the Parent Helpline is not a replacement for calling the non-emergency line (604-599-0502) if they need to report a crime, or 911 for crimes in progress or life-threatening situations.

Surrey Wrap Program

The Surrey Wrap Program is a partnership between the [Surrey School District](#), the [City of Surrey](#) and the Surrey RCMP. It offers a comprehensive and collaborative support program for students who exhibit signs of gang associated behaviour and those who may have historically had difficulty with police or authority figures.

The objective of the Wrap Program is to positively attach youth to school, community and home by building trusting and positive relationships with strong role models. By reducing risk factors and bolstering protective factors, Wrap works to lower the youth's frequency and intensity of negative police contacts. It also builds resiliency in the youth by utilizing their strengths in a positive manner through awareness and mentoring.

Surrey RCMP officers work directly with students in the Wrap Program along with our School District partners and various support workers in the community. Through partnerships and collaboration, a care plan is developed which targets the five domains of a youth's life: home, school, peers, community and individual. Wrap clients are connected and supported through pro-social activities, their legal processes, school placements, and employment.

Wrap includes collaboration with parents/caregivers/guardians, school administration, and other relevant community agencies to offer support and assist in setting goals to help the student be successful in school and build their self-worth.

With 1/3 of Surrey's population under the age of 19, the Surrey RCMP is committed to working with partners to ensure at-risk youth get the support and attention to help them stay out of gangs and the criminal lifestyle.

For more information on the Surrey Wrap Project and how to make a referral please contact:

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Car Yankee 30

Car Yankee 30 (Y30) is staffed by a Surrey RCMP Youth officer and a Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Youth Probation officer. The Car Y30 team ensures Surrey youth (ages 12-18) who are on probation comply with their court ordered conditions. They also support the youth and their parents/guardians by providing access and referrals to other programs and services for high risk youth and their families. The Y30 team also provides specialized knowledge and resources to front-line police officers on issues relating to youth and the criminal justice system.

Car Yankee 30 is an intervention program that contributes to the Surrey RCMP's long-term goal of reducing youth criminality and providing support and guidance to parents. For more information on other Surrey RCMP youth programs and services please visit the [Youth Programs](#) page of our website.

If you become aware of a youth who is in breach of their probation, please contact the Surrey RCMP non-emergency number (604-599-0502) or 911 if it is an emergency. Car Y30 will assist as appropriate.

Parents/guardians who are concerned about their child's behaviour are encouraged to contact the Surrey RCMP's [Parent Helpline](#), Monday-Friday, at 604-599-7800.



**Surrey RCMP News release
FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**

Date: 2018-07-25

Title: Gangs feeling heat of expanded Surrey Gang Enforcement Team

The recent expansion of the Surrey RCMP's Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) is already having an impact on individuals within Surrey who are associated to organized or criminal gang groups.

Since the SGET expansion was announced on July 3rd in the Mayor's Task Force on Gang Violence Prevention report, Surrey RCMP Officer in Charge, Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, has assigned a number of additional Surrey RCMP officers to the detachment's gang team. SGET officers have been ramping up their enforcement and making life uncomfortable for those associated to gangs.

SGET officers are conducting curfew checks and enforcing court ordered conditions, as well as liaising with enforcement partners, including the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-BC), to gather intelligence for further monitoring and analysis. Officers have also been working more closely with front-line patrol officers to ensure a unified approach to attending and investigating incoming files involving potential gang associated individuals or activity.

In the two weeks since the team's expansion, SGET officers have completed 89 streets checks which included 188 people and 74 vehicles believed to associate to gang activity. As a result, 35 violation tickets have been issued, 7 charges have been laid, and 1 vehicle has been seized along with various intelligence on multiple individuals captured.

"Our increased presence is definitely being felt by those individuals involved in gang activity and the local drug trade," says S/Sgt. Mike Hall, Acting Proactive Enforcement Officer. "In coordination with multiple units, our Surrey Gang Enforcement Team is actively targeting those individuals who pose high risks to public safety in Surrey. Through a combination of overt observation and interaction, and enforcement, our goal is to make them realize their illegal activities and associated violence are not welcome in our city."

The expansion of SGET has also allowed officers to spend more time liaising with families and individuals and youth who are trending towards gang affiliations. Additional officers are also being trained on delivering the [Shattering the Image](#) presentation as more requests come in for this successful gang prevention program. This summer SGET officers have also been involved in the [Wrap program](#) and they have accompanied at-risk youth on recreational outings.

A new Inadmissible Patrons Program is also being developed by SGET to discourage and deter violent criminal activity in and around licenced establishments in Surrey. The program, which will be launched later this year, will allow police to remove "inadmissible patrons" from participating establishments. These will include individuals whose lifestyle, associations and activities pose a risk to public safety, either directly or from third parties.

"Since 2015 our shots fired files have decreased but, as those involved in gangs continue to change their tactics, so must we," says Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald. "Our service delivery model allows us to quickly deploy members to different teams to respond to the needs of the community. The

expansion of our Surrey Gang Enforcement Team, the forthcoming Inadmissible Patrons Program, and our continuing efforts in gang prevention and community outreach show the dedication and commitment of our officers and support staff in combatting this issue.”

For more information on gang intervention and [youth programs](#) please visit the Surrey RCMP’s [website](#).

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Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Drugs and vehicles seized in double dial-a-dope arrests

The Surrey RCMP Drug Unit and the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) seized two vehicles and illicit drugs on November 1, 2018 as part of the Surrey RCMP's unyielding approach to tackling gangs, and the violence associated to the drug trade in the community.

A collaborative effort between the Drug Unit and SGET to conduct pro-active enforcement lead to the identification and interception of two suspected drug traffickers associated to dial-a-dope operations in Surrey.

In both interceptions, police located and seized items consistent with drug trafficking including a quantity of suspected cocaine, suspected heroine, money and cell phones. Police also seized both vehicles as offense related property.

Two adult males, one in each interception, were arrested and released pending further investigation. No charges have been laid at this time.

"This is another great illustration of the proactive enforcement the Surrey RCMP's specialized units are conducting in the city of Surrey" said Cpl Elenore Sturko. "In October, SGET conducted 107 proactive checks of 504 people and 239 vehicles believed to be involved in suspicious or criminal activity."

If you see suspicious activity, or have information about drugs and gangs, please call the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca

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Surrey RCMP News Release**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****File: 2018-163577 / 161367 /163418****Date: 2018-11-06****Title: Men with ties to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict arrested in Surrey**

Surrey RCMP has arrested three men allegedly tied to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict.

On October 29, 2018 the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) began an investigation into a report of Uttering Threats, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Investigators believe the alleged threats, were related to the ongoing drug trade and gang conflict amongst parties known to one another.

The investigation included the execution of a search warrant on November 2, 2018 at a residence in the Newton area of Surrey, where officers seized 2 starter pistols, a BB Gun, and an air-soft replica pistol.

During the investigation officers also seized quantities of suspected cocaine, suspected fentanyl, and suspected crack cocaine, as well as other items consistent with drug trafficking. Approximately \$4200 in cash believed to be proceeds of street level drug sales was also located and seized.

Eighteen-year-old, Sagar VIRK, of Surrey has been charged with two counts of Uttering Threats and three counts of Breach of Conditions.

Twenty one-year-old Sandeep MATHROO, of Surrey, has been charged with one count of Assault with a Weapon, one count of Use Imitation Firearm While Committing Assault with a Weapon, one count of Utter Threats, one count of Mischief, and one count of Resist or Obstruct a Peace Officer.

Twenty one-year-old Manjit BAHIA, of Surrey, has been charged with one count of Assault with a Weapon, one count of Use Imitation Firearm While Committing Assault with a Weapon, one count of Utter Threats, one count of Mischief.

All three of the accused have been remanded to custody, pending bail hearings.

"Our top priority remains public safety," said Cpl Elenore Sturko "Our Surrey Gang Enforcement team and other specialized units, continue to investigate individuals who's criminal activity puts public safety at risk, put pressure on gang members, and ensure they know they are not welcome in our city."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca

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**Surrey RCMP News Release
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Date: 2018-11-29

Title: Surrey RCMP arrest man and seize 6 handguns in threats investigation

Surrey RCMP has arrested a man and made a significant seizure of handguns and suspected illicit drugs as part of an investigation into an incident of uttering threats.

On November 28, 2018, the Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit with the assistance of the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team, the Strike Force Target Team, and the Emergency Response Team, arrested a 21-year-old man from Surrey after receiving a report that he had allegedly uttered threats and pointed a firearm, on November 26, 2018.

Continuing the investigation, Surrey RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in the Whalley area on November 29, 2018. As a result, investigators located and seized a significant quantity of suspected cocaine and methamphetamine, along with 6 handguns, 7 firearm magazines, 2 silencers, and over 100 rounds of ammunition.

The investigation is on-going, and charges have not been laid at this time. The 21-year-old man, who is associated to individuals with ties to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict, is currently in custody.

"During this investigation not only were our officers able to make an arrest of a violent individual, but they have also have taken 6 handguns and ammunition off the street." said Staff Sergeant Kirk Duncan of the Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit. "Given the quantity of firearms and drugs seized, this investigation is likely to lead to the recommendation of a number of charges."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca

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Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Surrey Gang Enforcement Team arrest violent offender after traffic stop

Surrey Gang Enforcement Unit (SGET) arrested a known offender with Lower Mainland Gang associations Tuesday evening after he fled from a police traffic stop. The 24-year-old man, who has a history of violence, was located and apprehended in the Newton area of Surrey.

Shortly 6:00 pm on November 27, 2018 Surrey SGET attempted a traffic stop with a car driving in the 14400 block of 80th Avenue. The car, a 2005 Mazda 3, initially stopped before reversing into the police vehicle and fleeing. Police did not pursue the car, however other officers patrolling in the area were able to quickly locate the car in a nearby cul-du-sac, and observed two men running away.

One of the men was located and arrested in the 8300 block of 140th Street, the other man was not located. The man who was arrested is the alleged driver of the car.

During the investigation police also located a quantity of suspected illicit drugs, and other items consistent with drug trafficking.

Twenty-four-year-old Mathew Porter, of Vancouver, has been charged with 2 counts of Assaulting a Peace Officer, 1 count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and 1 count of failing to stop for police.

The investigation is on-going.

"Our Gang Enforcement Team continues to work against drug trafficking by intercepting and investigating criminals who operate in our City," says Cpl. Elenore Sturko. "A simple traffic stop can often be the first step in a larger investigation, and criminal charges."

Anyone with more information is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 or Crime Stoppers, if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or go to www.solvecrime.ca.

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**Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Surrey RCMP arrest two men with ties to Lower Mainland gang conflict

The Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) has arrested two males in connection with an incident of failing to stop for police which occurred in the fall of 2018.

On October 25, 2018, SGET officers were strategically targeting individuals known to police with associations to the Lower Mainland gang conflict and attempted to stop a vehicle they suspected was involved in drug trafficking. The vehicle failed to stop and fled from police.

SGET members continued to investigate the incident and, on January 7, 2019, charges were approved and arrest warrants issued for two men who are alleged to be the occupants of the vehicle which fled from police on October 25th.

Both males, who are from Surrey, have been arrested on the following charges:

- Gurmeet MATHROO, 19 years old, is charged with one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and one count of obstructing a police officer;
- Anhad VIRK, 21 years old, is charged with one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, and one count of obstructing a police officer.

VIRK is a current Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority (PTEP) target, which is a multi-agency law enforcement information-sharing strategy that coordinates intelligence as it relates to gang and organized crime targets.

MATHROO has since been released and VIRK remains in-custody.

"This investigation is an example of Surrey RCMP's diligence and dedication in investigating and interdicting individuals involved in the gang lifestyle in the Lower Mainland," says Superintendent Shawn Gill, Community Services Officer. "Public safety remains the Surrey RCMP's number one priority, our investigations do not simply end when a vehicle drives away."

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**Surrey RCMP News Release
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Date: 2018-12-13

Title: Significant seizure of illicit drugs in Surrey

Surrey RCMP is pleased to share with the public that a significant drug seizure was made in the Newton area of Surrey.

On November 29, 2018, a search warrant was executed on two different units at a storage facility located in the 7200 block of 132 Street, as part of an on-going investigation.

As a result of the search, police located approximately 6 kilograms of suspected Methamphetamine, which is the equivalent of approximately 60,000 doses.

Police also seized 227 kilograms of phenacetin, a pain killer which is used by drug traffickers as a cutting agent to make cocaine more profitable. The quantity of phenacetin seized in this investigation was enough for traffickers to have produced approximately, 4.5 million doses of street level cocaine.

Phenacetin, also known as "Super Buff", is *very valuable in its present form and would be highly sought after by organized criminal groups.*

A large industrial pill press and other tools and equipment associated to the clandestine manufacturing of pharmaceutical look-a-likes were also located. Including dies for more than 100 individual types of tablets. *This equipment had the capacity, and police believe it has been used, to produce high quality counterfeit prescription pills.*

Preliminary tests of residue found on the manufacturing equipment were positive for fentanyl.

Along with the pill manufacturing equipment, police also located approximately 20 kilograms of pill binding agent and other chemicals associated to clandestine pill production.

"Over the past few years we have seen the effects of illicit drugs in our community. Not only has it led to tragic over-dose deaths, but the illegal drug trade has also contributed to violent disputes involving gang members and associates," said Superintendent Shawn Gill, Surrey RCMP Community Services Officer. "By making this seizure, we are reducing the potential for harm among our vulnerable people in the community and impacting the individuals who put the public at risk with their actions."

This was a sophisticated illegal operation which investigators have tied the Lower Mainland Gang conflict. With its size and scope, it is also believed that this operation supplied drugs beyond Surrey's borders.

No charges have been laid at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with more information about this or other criminal activity is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 or Crime Stoppers, if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or go to www.solvecrime.ca.

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**Surrey RCMP News Release
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Date: 2018-12-06

Title: Inadmissible Patrons Program launches in Surrey

The Surrey RCMP, together with the City of Surrey, BC Restaurant and Food Services Association (BCRFA) and Restaurants Canada, are launching the Inadmissible Patrons Program (IPP) in Surrey this week to further support public safety and deter individuals who are associated to violent crime from being in Surrey. The creation of the program follows a key recommendation in the Mayor's Task Force on Gang Violence Prevention Report, which was released in July 2018, and the 2017 BC Task Force on Illegal Firearms.

The Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) developed the IPP in conjunction with restaurant partners to help prevent violent criminal activity in and around licensed establishments to increase overall public safety as well as the safety of restaurant/bar patrons and staff. The IPP is modelled after the Vancouver Police Department's successful Restaurant Watch program.

"The Inadmissible Patrons Program is one way that business owners, the City, and the RCMP will be sending a clear message to gang members that they are not welcome in Surrey," says Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, Surrey RCMP Officer in Charge. "This program also gives our Surrey Gang Enforcement Team an additional point of contact with gang members so we can continue to make it uncomfortable for those involved in organized or violent crime to be in this city."

"It has been made abundantly clear to me that Surrey residents want positive action on gangs and gun crimes," says Mayor Doug McCallum. "The Inadmissible Patrons Program will not only identify gang members and individuals associated with violent crime, but the program will also allow for police to remove them immediately from the premises. As seen in other jurisdictions, this program will make it tough for criminals to do business in our city."

The IPP will work to protect the safety of patrons, staff and the general public by giving police the legal authority, through authorization agreements and the [BC Trespass Act](#), to remove individuals deemed as "inadmissible patrons" from participating establishments. An inadmissible patron is defined as a person whose lifestyle, associations and/or activities pose a risk to public safety, either directly or from third parties. This includes people who are involved with or associated to organized crime, gangs, and the drug trade. Police officers will assess each situation and individual separately; outright bans will not be a part of the IPP and police will not create any lists of inadmissible patrons.

"After seeing the success the Restaurant Watch program had in significantly reducing gang violence in and around Vancouver restaurants, many of our members have been asking for similar programs in their municipalities," says Mark von Schellwitz, Restaurants Canada Vice President, Western Canada. "Restaurants Canada was a supporter of the Restaurant Watch program since its inception, and we similarly welcome the launch of the Inadmissible Patrons Program in Surrey. We look forward to working with the City of Surrey and the RCMP to support its success."

"We applaud the Surrey RCMP in launching the Inadmissible Patrons Program," says Ian Tostenson, British Columbia Restaurant and Foodservices Association, President/CEO.

"Vancouver's Restaurant Watch program had an immediate effect in sending a message to those involved in organized crime, drugs and gangs to 'stay away – you are not welcome', making it safer for the patrons and workers of our industry."

Surrey's new IPP is being rolled out in a graduated approach with eight restaurants and bars participating in the initial launch and more being added as the program grows. There are also plans to expand the IPP to major public events in Surrey and possibly other types of businesses in the future. Participating establishments will display the IPP logo in their window or other prominent location (see attached image).

Licensed establishments that are interested in joining the Inadmissible Patrons Program in Surrey can contact the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team at Surrey_IPP@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, Surrey RCMP Officer in Charge, will be available for in-person media clips on the launch of the Inadmissible Patrons Program today, December 6th, from 1:00pm to 1:30pm at the Surrey RCMP Main Detachment (14355 57th Avenue, Surrey).

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Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Prolific offender arrested during commercial break and enter

A prolific property crime offender with multiple outstanding warrants and conditions was arrested early yesterday morning after a break and enter at a local business.

Surrey RCMP received a report of a break and enter in-progress to a locked commercial compound in the 19500 block of the Langley Bypass at approximately 12:26 am, on November 14, 2018. When officers arrived, the suspect attempted to run from police and was apprehended with the assistance of the Lower Mainland Police Dog Services.

In addition to damaging the compound's fencing, the suspect is alleged to have broken into a vehicle on the property. The man was also allegedly found in possession of numerous break and enter tools.

After a court appearance yesterday, 47-year-old Douglas Holmes of Vancouver has been charged with:

1 count of Possession of Break and Enter tools, 1 count of Break and Enter to a Business, 1 count of Mischief under \$5000, and 2 counts of Breach of Probation.

"The rapid reporting of this crime in progress was the result of a security system in place at the business," says Cpl Sturko. "We encourage business owners to consider using a security system or other precautions as part of their loss prevention programs."

The Surrey RCMP has a number of [business security tips](#) on the [Protect Yourself](#) section of their website.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca

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Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Surrey RCMP investigate fraudulent credit card operation

In October 2018 the Surrey RCMP's Property Crime Target Team (PCTT) and Economic Crime Unit (ECU) began an investigation into mail theft and fraud associated to a residence in the 6100 block of 175A Street in Surrey.

On November 9th PCTT and ECU executed a search warrant at the residence and uncovered what is believed to be a sophisticated operation. During the investigation at the residence investigators located and seized high powered computers, embossers, laminators, and other equipment associated to the manufacturing of fraudulent credit cards. They also seized a significant quantity of keys, locks, key cutters, and a large quantity of stolen mail.

Two men and one woman have been arrested in conjunction with this investigation however, charges have not yet been laid as the investigation is on-going.

"The impacts of identity theft and fraud go beyond financial complications," says Cpl. Elenore Sturko. "For victims, there often comes a lot of personal stress. We are pleased that this investigation has effectively shut down this criminal operation which has likely impacted hundreds of people."

Anyone with more information is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca.

For more information on protecting yourself from identity theft, please visit the Surrey RCMP's [website](#).

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Surrey RCMP News Release
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Title: Surrey RCMP Target Teams arrest known prolific offender

On November 18th, the Surrey RCMP attended to a report a residential break and enter in the South Surrey area where the registered owners BMW sedan had been stolen from the garage.

On November 21st, a Surrey RCMP General Duty patrol officer was conducting pro-active patrols and located the stolen BMW in the area of Central City. Members of the Surrey RCMP Auto Crime and Property Crime Target Teams quickly attended and observed a male exiting the driver's seat of the vehicle. Police attempted to arrest the male who resisted and fled the area. A short foot pursuit occurred and the male was quickly taken into custody.

Daylen PIKE, 20 years-old, of Surrey has been charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000, Fail to Comply with Probation Order, Obstruct Peace Officer and Driving While Prohibited.

"This arrest could not have taken place without the great policing work conducted by our frontline uniformed officer locating the stolen vehicle and our target team members affecting the arrest," says Staff Sergeant Mike Hall, Acting Pro-Active Enforcement Officer "Property crime continues to be a priority of the Surrey RCMP and recent statistics indicate it is on the downward trend."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca

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