



South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service

BI-MONTHLY REPORT

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OPERATIONS

Joint Operations and Initiatives

I-RAYL (Inter-Regional At Risk Youth Link) Program

Transit Police is very excited about being a partner in the new I-RAYL Program. The I-RAYL concept has been in the planning for 2 ½ years by the Pacific Community Resource Society (PCRS). After numerous consultations with law enforcement agencies, community agencies, and Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, PCRS received funding from Ministry of Children and Family Development to take I-RAYL from a conceptual plan to an operational and viable youth outreach program. The Transit Police have been supporting the initiative proposed by PCRS, along with a number of jurisdictional police agencies.

Within the Lower Mainland, “at risk” & “high risk” youth can be highly mobile, and transient, and a need was identified for a youth outreach model that fills service provision/ contractual gaps and reconnects youth with multi-regional resources. The I-RAYL program was created to help address this need. I-RAYL is a mobile unit of youth outreach workers that primarily operates on transit property (i.e. bus loops & Sky Train) and immediate surrounding areas (close proximity neighbourhoods physically impacted by light rail infrastructure). This Mobile Unit will be targeting marginalized youth with one or more of the following socio-economic/ “criminogenic” barriers:

- FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder)
- Youth Sexual Exploitation, sex trade activity
- Youth in conflict with the law & adjudicated young offenders
- Youth Gangs (loosely based and organized)
- Substance Misuse and Addictions
- Homelessness
- Street Entrenchment

The I-RAYL Team will be working to build rapport with youth populations, establish connections to existing multi-regional resources, advocate for new and creative multi-regional resources. In terms of conflict with law, those youth who are dealt with via law enforcement would be assessed for “proportionate and differential response” via extra-judicial measures interventions offered by this mobile unit.

Measurable Program Outcomes are being set for the program around:

Reduced Street Involvement

Reduced Sexual Exploitation

Reduced Criminal Involvement

Reduced Substance Misuse

Reconnection to community supports

Reconnection to MCFD Supports

Reconnection to School Supports

Reconnection to family or healthy independent lifestyle

Transit Police has a Sergeant assigned as a liaison to the I-RAYL Program and there are two police officers per squad who will be the contact points for the outreach youth workers who work with the I-RAYL program.

Crime Reduction Unit

From November 5 to 15, 2008, the Transit Police Crime Reduction Unit (plain clothes) conducted a joint operation with Surrey RCMP plain clothes officers. The focus of the operation was the criminal activity along the SkyTrain Corridor in Surrey, particularly the drug dealing. The 10 day project resulted in about a dozen arrests, most for selling drugs to the plain clothes officers. One handgun was seized in one of the arrests.

In early December, the Transit Police Crime Reduction Unit will be conducting a similar project with the Langley RCMP at the Langley Center Bus Loop.

Incidents

Provided below are examples of incidents or calls for service attended to by Transit Police during the November 2008 period.

Arrest of armed and dangerous person

On November 10, 2008 Transit Police at Gateway SkyTrain Station arrested two known offenders who were breaching conditions not to be on SkyTrain. Both offenders are associated to a gang known for violent offences, and one of them is known to be armed and dangerous. Those conditions were the result of previous criminal behavior on the system.

Prolific Offender Chronic

On November 10, 2008 Transit Police at MetroTown SkyTrain Station arrested a 33 year-old prolific offender for breaching his court condition of not to be at the Station. That condition was imposed as a result of aggressive panhandling and illegal selling of transit fares.

Indecent Act

Late afternoon on November 11, 2008, Transit Police were at the Commercial SkyTrain Station and they detained a known sex offender after complaints of suspicious behavior by the person on a west bound SkyTrain. Officers submitted a Report to Crown Counsel requesting charges of an indecent act be laid against the 53 year-old male. This is the first dealing Transit Police have had with this person.

Hand Gun Seized

On November 13, 2008, the Transit Police plain clothes officers were working in the Surrey Central Station area and they detained a 32 year-old male for a drug offence. A subsequent search revealed a .22 caliber hand gun and a Report to Crown was submitted.

Stolen Vehicle

During the evening of November 14, 2008, Transit Police were on foot patrolling the King George Station area and they recovered a stolen car from Burnaby. The vehicle was seized and the owner notified.

Assist

On November 14, 2008, a male who had been bear sprayed near the Gateway SkyTrain Station attended the Station looking for help. Assistance was given by Transit Police and SkyTrain staff. It was learned that this male had been the victim of an attempted robbery several blocks away. The Transit Police investigation is ongoing.

Prohibited Weapon

Late evening on November 14, 2008 Transit Police at Broadway SkyTrain Station catch a male breaking into a telephone machine. The male was arrested and searched, and he was found in possession of nunchaka sticks, a prohibited weapon. Charges are pending.

Robbery

On November 14th, at 10:22 pm, Gateway SkyTrain Station, Transit Police respond to a robbery incident in which three female suspects accost another female and steal her purse that contains about \$200.00. The suspects had fled on foot. The investigation continues and police hope to identify the suspects through video footage.

Intoxicated Person

On November 15, 2008 Transit Police on foot patrol at Burrard SkyTrain Station located an intoxicated male sitting on the floor of Station. The Officers were concerned for the well being of the male and Emergency Health Service attend and check the male. After being cleared, the male was escorted to a detox center.

Suicidal Person

On November 15, 2008 from 6:41 pm until 8:00 pm, a woman was calling into crises lines stating she was going to commit suicide by jumping into SkyTrain tracks and getting hit by a train. The female called from several SkyTrain Stations and at different times. The female was finally located at Commercial SkyTrain Station, where she was arrested by Transit Police and escorted to hospital.

Stolen Property

On November 17, 2008 at the Lougheed SkyTrain Station, Transit Police were dealing with a female who was lying about her name and age while receiving a violation ticket for no proof of fare. The investigation revealed the female was in possession of another woman's identification, bank card, wallet and cash. The female had stolen the items earlier from school. The female was detained and turned over to her guardians, and the property returned to owner.

Drug Arrest

Late evening on November 17, 2008, Transit Police were on foot patrol around the Burrard SkyTrain Station and they located a male smoking crack cocaine in a garden area of the Station. The male was arrested and the subsequent search located 13 grams of crack cocaine and 0.5 grams of heroin. It was found that the male was also breaching his court ordered conditions. The male was arrested and transported to the Vancouver Police Jail.

Alleged Sexual Assault

On November 18, 2008, Transit Police responded to a call for service at Production Way SkyTrain Station. A civilian male was holding an alleged sexual assault suspect. The civilian had witnessed the older suspect male fondle a young woman's legs and place

his hand up her skirt. He escorted the male off the train and requested had a SkyTrain Staff call for the police. The suspect was taken into custody and the investigation continues, including whether this suspect may be responsible for other such incidents.

Assault

In the early morning of September 4, 2008 at about 12:30 am, Transit Police were greatly assisted by the updated SkyTrain safety camera system (CCTV). An unprovoked assault on a male took place in Granville SkyTrain Station. Through the CCTV system, an alert operator in the SkyTrain control center tracked three assault suspects from the Granville SkyTrain Station to Joyce SkyTrain Station, where they were arrested by Transit Police.

Intoxicated Person

On June 3, 2008, Transit Police responded to a call of an intoxicated male on a bus in Surrey. The male was making death threats to passengers. Transit Police intercepted the bus at Surrey Central SkyTrain Station and arrested the male. He made numerous threats towards the officers and their families. The Courts have seen fit to ban him from transit if he has had any alcohol in the last twenty-four hours.

Theft

At about 11:00 am, July 27, 2008 at the Commercial SkyTrain Station, Transit Police seized several flats of beverages from a male in his forties. This was not the first time this same male had been caught by Transit Police with numerous flats/cases of pop and alcoholic beverages. Transit Police plain clothes officers took over the investigation, located the warehouse in Burnaby these items were being taken from, and set up surveillance. This resulted in the arrest of four males caught in the act of coming back to pick up stashed stolen property from the business. Thousands of dollars in property was recovered.

Stabbing

Transit Police are investigating a serious stabbing that took place at the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station in the early morning hours of August 24, 2008. Several intoxicated males got into a fight and one stabbed another several times. Quick action by Transit Police, SkyTrain staff and Emergency Health Services got the injured male to hospital in time to save his life. The newly updated safety camera system provided Transit Police with excellent footage of the incident. With the help of media and Crime Stoppers, a suspect has been identified.

Drugs

In the early afternoon on September 1, 2008, Transit Police were checking SkyTrain passengers for fares at the Broadway Commercial SkyTrain Station. One male checked lied about his identity and was subsequently arrested for obstruction of a peace officer. During the arrest procedure a substantial amount of "crack cocaine and heroin" was found on the male. He was also in breach of court ordered conditions to not to be in Vancouver. The male was taken back to jail.

Statistics

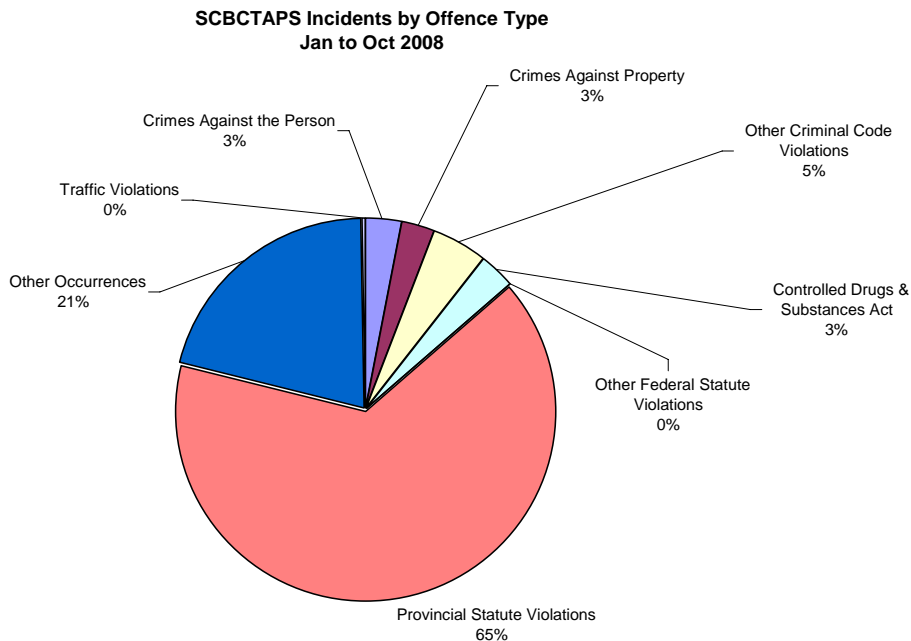
The total SCBCTAPS incidents for the January to October 2008 period, is 29,609. The incidents by offence type are provided in the two charts below. See Appendix A for more detailed statistical breakdowns for this period. As Transit Police is a supplementary police agency, its crime statistics must be considered in conjunction with jurisdictional police statistics in order to have an accurate reflection of crime rates in any given jurisdiction.

During the first 10 months of 2008, Transit Police made a total of 2,839 arrests -- a 42% increase from the same period in 2007. Of these arrests, 2,314 were On View Arrests (up 64%) and 527 Warrants executed (down 10%). As well, Transit Police made 1750 transports (up 28%) to prisoners to jurisdictional detention facilities or transfer locations. Transit Police conducted 692 street checks were done during this period. Controlled Drugs & Substance Act incident files during this period increased by 83% (486 in 2007 and 888 in 2008). There have been 19,316 violation tickets issued (down 30%) from the same period in 2007.

Incidents by Primary Offence Type

Incident Type	Jan - Oct 2008	Jan - Oct 2007	% Change
Crimes Against the Person	909	949	-4%
Crimes Against Property	804	923	-13%
Other Criminal Code Violations	1396	1365	2%
Controlled Drugs & Substances Act	888	486	83%
Other Federal Statute Violations	57	29	97%
Provincial Statute Violations	19316	27758	-30%
Other Occurrences	6197	6177	0%
Traffic Violations	42	35	20%
Total Incidents Counted	29609	37722	-22%

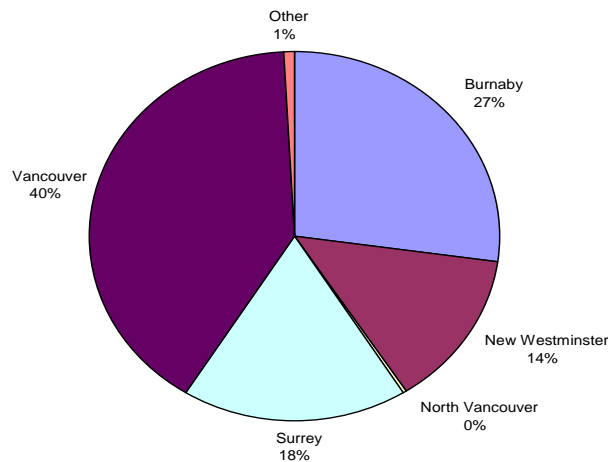
**Reflects total # of Actual Incidents (rather than Reported Incidents). Unfounded incidents not included.
 ** Numbers preliminary & subject to change - extracted from PRIME 08/11/12*



There were 697 assists to the RCMP and 544 assists to Municipal Police Services during this period, which continues to illustrate the cooperative working relationship and efforts towards seamless policing in the Transportation Service Region. As well, there were an additional 520 assists to Federal, Provincial, Municipal, Foreign Agencies and the Emergency Health Services. Further, 21 stolen vehicles were recovered during this period.

The following two charts outline the volume of incidents by jurisdiction.

**SCBCTAPS Incidents by Jurisdiction
Jan to Oct 2008**



SCBCTAPS Incidents by Jurisdiction: Jan to October 2008	
Abbotsford	3
Burnaby	8,061
Coquitlam	90
Delta	12
Langley	6
Maple Ridge	18
Mission	2
New Westminster	4,029
North Vancouver	95
Pitt Meadows	19
Port Moody	55
Port Coquitlam	44
Richmond	34
Surrey	5241
Vancouver	11,896
West Vancouver	4
Grand Total	29,609

The following table outlines the percentage of SkyTrain Stations in a jurisdiction compared to the percentage of Jan-October 2008 incidents in that jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Incidents	SkyTrain Stations	Ratio
Burnaby	8061	11	33% of SkyTrain Stations & 27% of Incidents
New Westminster	4029	5	15% of SkyTrain Stations & 14% of Incidents
Surrey	5241	4	12% of SkyTrain Stations & 18% of Incidents
Vancouver	11896	13	39% of SkyTrain Stations & 40% of Incidents
North Vancouver	95	0	0% of SkyTrain Stations & 0% of Incidents
Other	287	0	0% of SkyTrain Stations & 1% of Incidents
Total	29,609	33	100%

ADMINISTRATION

Recruits

To date in 2008 the Transit Police has hired 30 recruits and 4 experienced police officers from other police departments. Hiring of one more experienced police officer is expected before the year end.

Recruit Class #122 graduated on November 14, 2008. Constable Martin Gusic distinguished himself by winning the Academic Award and the Firearms Proficiency Award during the graduation ceremony. The next class, Recruit Class #126, is scheduled to commence training on December 17, 2008. All 5 recruits for this class have been selected.

The Recruiting Unit has done a commendable job this year providing Transit Police with excellent candidates in spite of the intense competition with other departments. To date in 2008, Transit Police have received 297 applications for recruit positions and 11 applications from experienced members from other police departments.

Sworn Staff

The Sergeant Promotional Process is ongoing and nine members were identified to attend the Sergeant Assessment Center at the JIBC. This process concludes on December 7th. The competition to fill a Transit Center Liaison Officer position is in progress. It is anticipated that this position will be filled within the next 2 weeks.

Civilian Staff

The competition to fill the Confidential Assistant position in the Support Services Division is currently in progress. The following vacancies will be posted in the near future: Financial Services Manager and Facilities Manager.

Training

During the months of September, October and November 2008, Police Service personnel attended a variety of training programs that included both mandatory and developmental training. These programs included: General Investigator training, Legal Studies training, Firearms training, Firearms Instructor training, Senior Police Administration course, Policing in Cyberspace workshop, Police Leadership Course, Supervisor training, Prevention of In-custody Death Conference, Strategic Thinking, Undercover Operator course, Reid Interviewing course, Criminal Intelligence Analysis training, Drug Recognition training, Reality Based Instructor training, Crisis Negotiator training, Post Blast Investigator training, Death Notification Workshop and Bicycle Operator training.

In addition, SCBCTAPS members provided assistance to the Justice Institute of British Columbia by providing assessors for the SMART program which is part of the recruit training program and assisted with simulations at the recruit level.