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2013 WEST DIVISION SUMMER ACTION PLAN **RESULTS**

West Division Resources were deployed primarily on bicycles but also in vehicles during the summer months in an effort to be proactive and mitigate the calls for service in relation to fights, intoxicated youths, youths gathering, and drinking in public. Five members worked days and afternoons with a minimum of one (1) officer deployed most Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings (1400-0000) from July 4th to August 24th.

CHANGES TO STAFFING LEVELS:

Due to the move of two school resource officers and two youth investigator positions to investigative services, there was a reduction of available resources to staff the summer action plan. Instead of the previous 9 officers available there were only 5. To reduce the impact of the reduced staffing level on the SAP, the remaining staff worked hard to cover the majority of the weekend shifts.

OBJECTIVE:

To reduce the occurrence of assaults, public nuisance complaints, as well as, alcohol and youth related offences during the summer months in the West. This will be accomplished by having a highly visible uniform presence before and during peak hours and by targeting known offenders and problem areas. This has been effective in mitigating the problems that have potential to escalate later.

DEPLOYMENT:

Members were deployed primarily on bicycle but on occasion in vehicles due to operational need.

RESULTS:

The Summer Action Plan was successful in monitoring the beaches, parks, recreation centers, and other areas where youth have traditionally congregated. As has been noted over the last several years, the problems in the parks, beaches and other areas were minimal which is believed to be in part to the deployment of the SAP officers.

Officers handled or assisted with over 48 calls for service while also maintaining a positive influence in the community. Many 'positive tickets' as well as 'slurpee' coupons were handed out to youth who either were wearing a bike helmet, or making a safe, healthy, or positive choice. Officers used this opportunity to further educate or reinforce why it is important to wear a helmet or act in a safe or positive manner. Many youth at the skate park and other areas would specifically remember to wear their helmets knowing that they may be rewarded.

SAP members also attended and provided lectures to several summer camps at Esquimalt Recreation.

SUMMER ACTION PLAN STATISTICS 2013:

Criminal Charges:

Obstruction and Breach of Recognizance x 2

Warrant Arrest and Obstruction

Assault CBH, Breach of Recognizance, Breach of Probation

Uttering Threats

Warrant arrest (Breach x 2)

Violation Tickets:

LCLA – 9

MVA – 4

Street Checks:

24

Miscellaneous Calls Attended:

Drugs – 3

Keep the Peace/Assist GP – 2

Suspicious Person – 3

Suspicious Circumstance – 2

Noise Disturbance – 2

Alcohol Pour Outs – 63

Theft from auto - 1

Breach of the peace - 1

Found Property – 2

Domestics – 5

Suicidal Person – 2

Missing Person – 1

Alarm - 3

Fire Alarm – 1

Assist Other Agency – 7

Parking / By-Law – 2

Check Welfare – 1

MVI – 2