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Focused Enforcement Team – Summer Action Plan Results 2012

Objective

The summer months have traditionally shown an increase in calls for service in the downtown core area. The increase in special events, tourists, visible street population, and other social issues increase the demand placed on police services.

The goal of the summer action plan is to reduce the impact that these occurrences have on the community. The key is balancing of the uniform presence with focused and targeted enforcement. This will be accomplished by having a highly visible uniform presence before and during peak hours, having a zero tolerance for alcohol and drug related offences, licensed premise enforcement and by targeting known offenders and problem areas. This has been very effective in mitigating the problems that have the potential to escalate later.

Uniform Patrols

The Focused Enforcement Team's primary responsibility is to concentrate uniform presence in the downtown core. Working closely with Patrol members, FET was able to focus substantial attention throughout the downtown core and various problem hot spots. These "hot spots" include View/Douglas, 800/900 Pandora, Reeson Park, and Pioneer Park. This presence has led to fewer citizen complaints and numerous charges being laid. Uniform patrol and contacts have led to a great deal of criminal intelligence being forwarded to our Intel Section and assisted with Operations Council Projects.

View and Douglas

In March & April FET began to target the area of View and Douglas after an increase in serious assaults, stabbings, and the Tyler Noble homicide. There was also an increase in complaints from the down town business association with regards to people using drugs and transient people blocking the sidewalks causing problems. FET, Patrol, and Strike Force took a multi-tiered approach to solve the problem thru constant presence, violation tickets, arrests and undercover drug buys. In total 16 people and 29 charges were submitted. Thru the summer months FET continued to keep up the pressure with constant visibility in the area and

enforcement which has facilitated a drop in nuisance complaints in the area and positive feedback from the DVBA.

FET Requests for Assistance

FET is constantly being utilized by other sections to assist with search warrants, major crimes investigations, sex trade worker assault investigations and other requests for assistance. This past summer has placed many demands on the Focused Enforcement Team including backfilling Patrol for shortages, Crown Counsel training, and the mandated CID training. Due to injury and illness shortages on C watch, FET provided backfill for 5 night shifts and 3 day shifts for C watch to reduce the need for overtime callouts.

Major investigations that required substantial assistance from FET included:

- VIIMCU and Detectives for 10 days with Canvassing / Follow up for the suspicious death in Esquimalt (12-29475).
- Assistance to West Division for 5 afternoon shifts to backfill West division members to assist with their summer action plan.
- Assist with 4 search warrants for Patrol and the Canada Revenue Agency 12-30820, 12-31337, 12-31504, 12-31505.
- Assist with missing person Daniel GANDZA (12-6484) providing 2 members for 8 days of dedicated help to detectives.

Business Contact Initiative

FET Beat and Bike members continue to meet with the downtown core store-front businesses and establish contacts and open lines of communication. Members hear the concerns in the area and are able to focus the necessary resources into solving problems. FET members have received very positive comments from business owners as a result of this initiative.

Burnside Gorge Community Resource Officers

The region's only emergency homeless shelter, Rock Bay Landing, drew heavily on VicPD resources with the fourth highest number of police occurrences in Victoria and Esquimalt between June 1 and August 31. The Burnside Gorge Community Officers have an excellent relationship with the staff and continue to

problem solve issues that require police resources. On-going police presence at the shelter is both appreciated and required as part of the Good Neighbour Agreement signed by the City of Victoria and the Victoria Police Department.

This summer, police initiated multi-agency bylaw inspections at 3016 Jutland Rd and 723 Field St. Significant public safety issues were noted. By-law enforcement from these inspections is still underway. Past success stories from this inspection program include 2828 Rock Bay Ave and 626 Gorge Rd East.

Bait Car Program

In partnership with the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team, VicPD launched Operation Tourist Trap in August. Numerous bait vehicles were deployed in downtown Victoria, resulting in the arrests of four prolific property crime offenders and province-wide media coverage.

Summer Drug Projects

The Focused Enforcement Team responded to citizen's complaints in regards to the drug trafficking in the 800/900 block of Pandora. Hence FET and Strike Force worked together to do several UCO drug purchases in this area during the month of May. 17 drug traffickers were arrested in the "Rock the Block" project. FET members continued to keep pressure on this area after the round up.

Over the course of the summer, FET officers conducted 4 UCO buys in Reeson Park and 3 UCO buys in the 800/900 block of Pandora. FET members have also been successful at "dial ups" with either a UCO drug purchase or an arrest for PPT. The "dial ups" put pressure on the street level drug activity. FET members did 5 dial ups/jumps and 1 dial up and UCO buy. FET members were the affiants on 3 search warrants. FET members conducted OP work in the area of Reeson Park and the 800/900 block of Pandora. Five arrests were made in Reeson Park and 1 in the 900 block of Pandora.

Late Night Task Force/BarWatch

Throughout the summer the Late Night Task Force (LNTF) continued their Friday and Saturday night presence in the downtown core. Additionally, at the start of their evening the LNTF did beach patrols with the Victoria Fire Department.

The LNTF patrolled licensed establishments including bars (both Barwatch and non-Barwatch), lounges and some restaurants. Officers worked in conjunction with Liquor Inspectors on several occasions. Focus remained on not taking a “heavy” approach but immediately addressing issues that arose and taking enforcement action where appropriate. Officers continued to target known criminals and worked with Barwatch members to ensure those individuals were flagged on the computer system and ejected from the establishment.

The weekend beach patrols served their preventative purpose by putting out fires early in the evenings, maintaining an enforcement presence and reducing the beach fire and beach party calls later in the evenings. Calls for service for Gonzales Beach dropped from **43** in 2011 to **10** in 2012.

Overall, the presence of the LNTF played an important, integrated role in keeping the downtown and beaches safe during the busy summer months.

By-Law Blitz

With the re-launch of the City By-Law Team the Focused Enforcement Team This created an opportunity for the Police and By-Law to join forces and target persons violating by-laws in the city core. Two tactics were utilized.

The first tactics saw two FET members team up with two By-Law officers - then set off conducting foot patrols on the busy thoroughfares including Government, Douglas, and Blanshard Street. The focus of this effort was on buskers, panhandlers and moving violators. The By-Law officers enforced municipal regulations while the police members enforced relevant provincial statutes. The second tactic was a downtown blitz. Large numbers of FET officers, a combination of Beat, Bike and Traffic members, teamed up with By-Law officers to blanket the city by taking up fixed positions at various intersections. The focus was on skateboarders and cyclists presenting a hazard to pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. The media was informed at the onset of these operations and the effort garnered a significant amount of public support.

Traffic Section

The Traffic Section focus remains on conducting enforcement on the major accident corridors (Blanshard, Douglas, and Cook Streets) targeting the major causal factors of accidents (impaired, speed, distracted drivers).

The Traffic Section conducted speed enforcement in the James Bay area related to the cruise ship traffic in a collaborative approach with the Harbour Authority, Speed Watch, and ICBC.

The Fatal pedestrian/bus accident at Humboldt and Douglas Streets required substantial traffic resources for two weeks. The Division had several other serious motor vehicle collisions that required extensive investigation including a six vehicle collision at Blanshard and Bay, and a very serious injury/impaired single vehicle/tree collision on Rockland.

Joint roadblocks with IRSU and the Provincial Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Unit were conducted.

Traffic also participated in Beat and Bike “hot spot” patrols to increase uniform presence.

Violation Ticket Stats

FET Summer Action Violation Ticket Stats – June to September

	FET	PATROL
Chattel/Panhandling	2	1
Consume Liquor in Public Place	153	87
CSVE Related Incidents (ie cargo, doc't etc)	4	
Defective Motor Vehicle	3	1
Disobey Traffic Control Device	121	35
Drive w/o Undue Care and Attention	10	12
Electronic Device While Driving	77	10
Excessive Speed	1	
Fail to Display “L” or “N”	38	25
Fight in Public Place	9	1
Intoxicated in a Public Place	102	100
Minor in Possession of Liquor	6	7

No Drivers License	38	44
No Seatbelts	43	3
Open Liquor in Vehicle	2	6
Pedestrian Disobey Walk Signal	6	1
Pedestrian Leave Place of Safety into Path of Veh	1	1
Red Light	15	12
Ride Bicycle (Careless)	3	2
Ride Bicycle on Sidewalk	33	10
Ride Bicycle Without Helmet	55	46
Skateboarding/Rollerblading	6	2
Solicit Person in Vehicle	3	18
Speed in Municipality/Municipal Sign	288	18
Speed in School Zone	58	
Trespass on Enclosed Land	63	13
Urinate	16	25
Total:	1156	480
Total for Department during Summer Action Plan: 1636		

*note – these are not the total violation tickets issued by the department just the particular tickets we listed to track for the Summer Action Plan.

Impaired Driving Stats

CCC Impaired Driving	12
ADP Administrative Driving Prohibitions	4
IRP – 3 Day Warn	40
IRP – 7 Day	1
IRP 30 Day	2
IRP Refusal ASD 90 Day	9
IRP Fail 90 Day	73

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