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Comox Valley RCMP Detachment

QUARTERLY REPORT

CITY OF COURTENAY

April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

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The Comox Valley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provides quarterly updates on policing in the community. The quarterly reports coincide with the Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance reporting time lines in conjunction with Community Priorities.

First Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Second Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Third Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Fourth Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Calls for Service

During the first quarter of 2023, there were 3946 Calls for Service in Courtenay. This was a 3.8% increase over the 3800 Calls for Service in the first quarter of 2022.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	1057	919	1190	1132	1324	1264	1296	1313	1143	1071	1068	1198	13975
2020	1318	1155	1142	1080	1205	1260	1466	1341	1235	1310	1180	1055	14747
2021	1190	1148	1299	1308	1269	1440	1398	1445	1394	1242	1270	1199	15602
2022	1055	1008	1232	1240	1242	1318	1395	1389	1482	1322	1095	1081	14859
2023	1241	1122	1226	1228	1379	1339							7535

Most Common Call Types

Relative to the first quarter of 2022, all but two of the most common call types in Courtenay increased between 6% and 30% in the first quarter of 2023.

	Final Case Type	2023	2022	% Change
		Q1	Q1	
1	CHECK WELLBEING	402	339	19%
2	UNWANTED PERSON	365	299	22%
3	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	286	269	6%
4	DISTURBANCE	278	222	25%
5	THEFT	178	233	-24%
6	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	209	175	19%
7	PROPERTY	173	175	-1%
8	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	160	149	7%
9	ASSIST POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE	149	115	30%
10	MISCHIEF	117	106	10%

Most Common Call Locations (Excluding RCMP Detachment and Private Residences)

In the first quarter of 2023, the location in Courtenay with the highest number of Calls for Service was the Connect Warming Centre. This location also had the highest increase in Calls for Service relative to the first quarter of 2022 because it was not operating for part of last year.

	Location	2023	2022	% Change
		Q1	Q1	
1	685 CLIFFE AVE (Connect Warming Centre)	127	15	747%
2	757 RYAN RD (Superstore)	70	77	-9%
3	101 LERWICK RD (Hospital)	65	77	-16%
4	1029 RYAN RD (Washington Apartments)	40	32	25%
5	300 6TH ST (Library)	34	12	183%
6	2751 CLIFFE AVE (Driftwood Mall)	32	50	-36%
7	830 CLIFFE AVE (City Hall)	29	24	21%
8	420 CUMBERLAND RD (Provincial Court)	29	60	-52%
9	450 RYAN RD (7-Eleven)	27	15	80%
10	444 LERWICK RD (Crown Isle Shopping Centre)	26	23	13%

Most Common Downtown Calls for Service

Relative to the first quarter of 2022, the most common call types in Downtown Courtenay increased between 30% and 125% in the first quarter of 2023.

	Final Case Type	2023	2022	% Change
		Q1	Q1	
1	UNWANTED PERSON	163	94	73%
2	CHECK WELLBEING	96	68	41%
3	DISTURBANCE	86	44	95%
4	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	48	27	78%
5	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	48	37	30%
6	THEFT	44	24	83%
7	ASSIST POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE	36	16	125%
8	ALARM FALSE	36	20	80%
9	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	35	19	84%
10	MISCHIEF	32	22	45%

Violent Crime

During the first quarter of 2023, there were 260 Violent Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 17.1% increase over the 222 Violent Crime files in the first quarter of 2022.

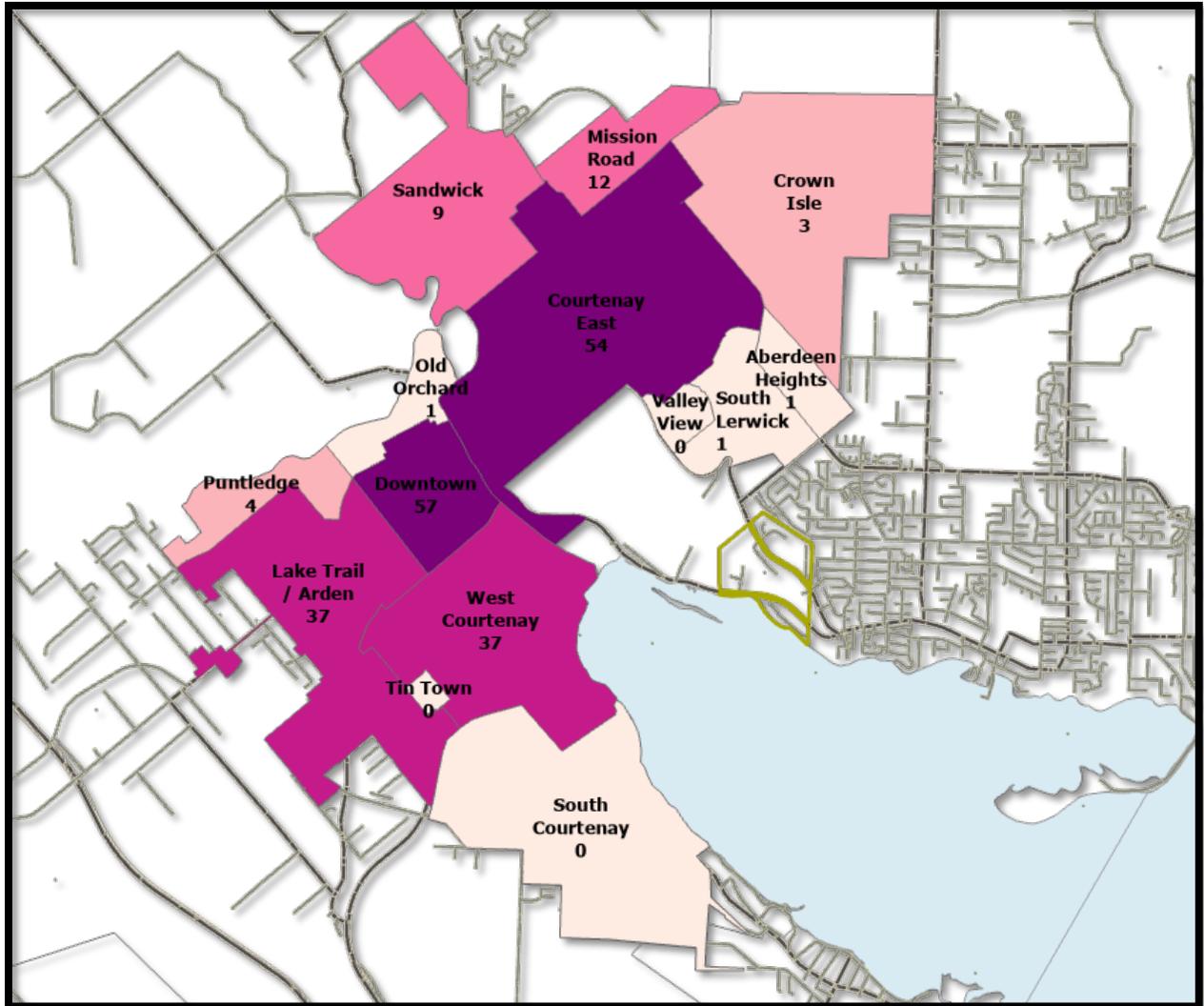
Types of Violent Crime

In the first quarter of 2023, the most common type of Violent Crime file in Courtenay was Assault. Relative to the first quarter of 2022, there was a 24% increase in Assaults. Notably, there was an 8 file increase in Extortion files and most of these pertained to incidents in which suspects attempted to obtain money from victims by threatening to expose intimate images of them online.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change
	Q1	Q1	
ASSAULTS	129	104	24%
UTTER THREATS	50	53	-6%
HARASSMENT	50	41	22%
SEX OFFENCES	20	20	0%
EXTORTION	10	2	400%
ROBBERY	1	0	N/A
KIDNAPPING	0	1	-100%
HOMICIDE	0	1	-100%
Grand Total	260	222	17%

Map of Violent Crime by Area of Courtenay

In the first quarter of 2023, the areas of Courtenay in which there were the highest number of Violent Crime files were Downtown and Courtenay East.



Property Crime

During the first quarter of 2023, there were 611 Property Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 9% decrease from the 668 Property Crime files in the first quarter of 2022.

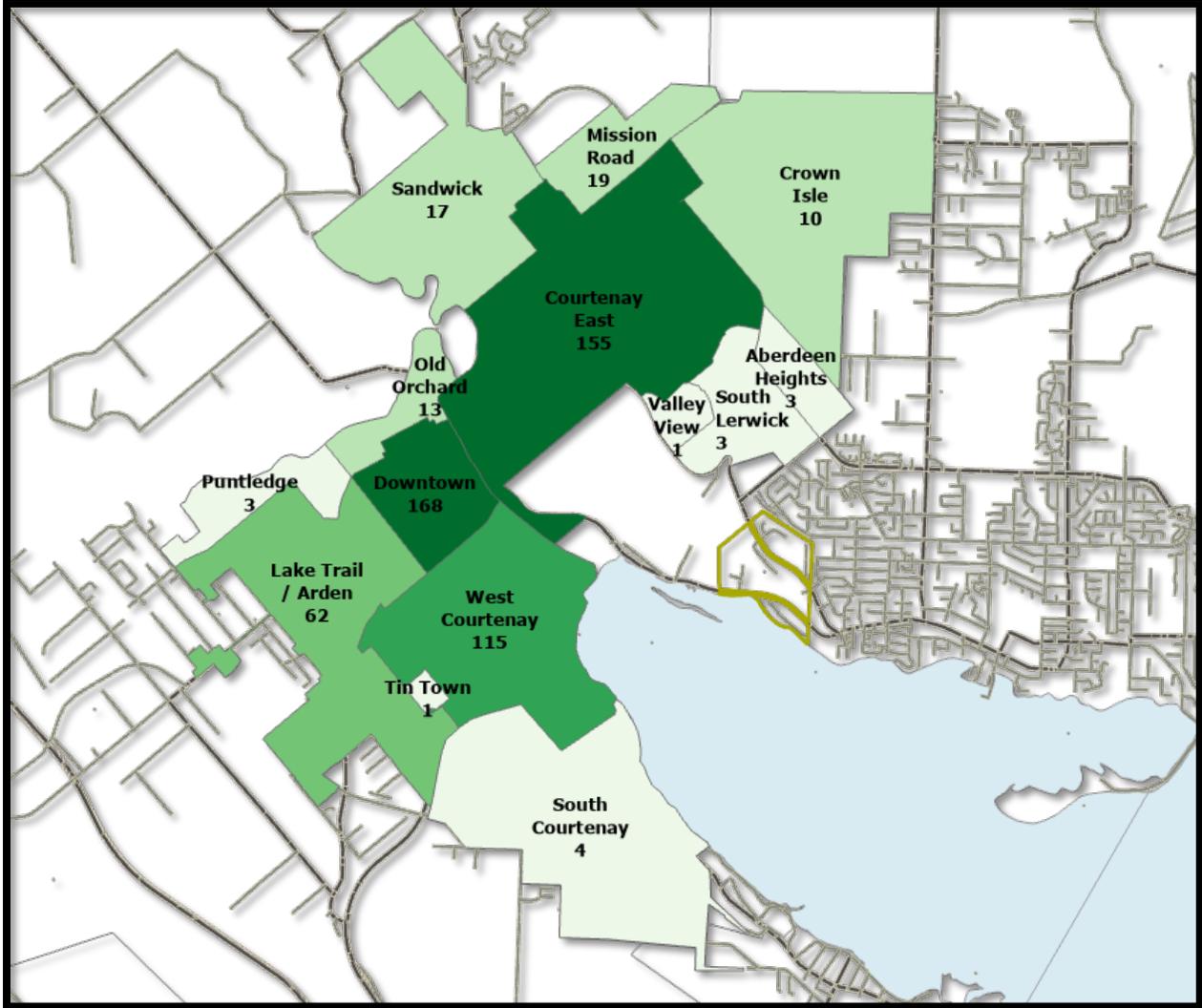
Types of Property Crime

In the first quarter of 2023, the most common type of Property Crime file in Courtenay was Mischief to Property. Notably, there was a 24 file increase in Mischief – Cause by Act/Omission files that include complaints regarding individuals' disturbing behaviour. There was also a 6 file increase in Residential Break and Enters.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change
	Q1	Q1	
MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY	251	245	2%
SHOPLIFTING	70	91	-23%
OTHER THEFT U/5000	67	80	-16%
FRAUDS	58	65	-11%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	48	88	-45%
MISCHIEF-CAUSE BY ACT/OMMISS'N	30	6	400%
BIKE THEFT	20	15	33%
BREAK & ENTER - BUS	18	18	0%
BREAK & ENTER - RES	17	11	55%
AUTO THEFT	14	20	-30%
POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	10	9	11%
BREAK & ENTER - OTH	3	13	-77%
OTHER THEFT O/5000	3	1	200%
THEFT FROM MAIL	2	2	0%
THEFT UTILITIES	0	4	-100%
Grand Total	611	668	-9%

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CDSA Offences

During the first quarter of 2023, there were 10 Drug Trafficking files in Courtenay, which was 1 file more than in the first quarter of 2022. Relative to the first quarter of 2022, there was an 85% decrease in Drug Possession files due to the decriminalization of this offence.

CDSA Offence	2023	2022	% Change
	Q1	Q1	
DRUG TRAFFICKING	10	9	11%
DRUG POSSESSION	4	27	-85%
Grand Total	14	36	-61%

Traffic Offences

During the first quarter of 2023, there were 68 Traffic Offence files in Courtenay, which was 4 files fewer than in the first quarter of 2022.

Traffic Offence	2023	2022	% Change
	Q1	Q1	
IMPAIRED OP MOTOR VEHICLE	61	68	-10%
PROHIBITED DRIVING	3	3	0%
DANGEROUS OP MOTOR VEHICLE	2	1	100%
IMPAIRED OP BOAT/VESS/AIR	1	0	100%
MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	1	0	100%
Grand Total	68	72	-6%