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Comox Valley RCMP Detachment

QUARTERLY REPORT

CITY OF COURTENAY

July 1, 2023 – September 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 second quarter of 2023, there were 3930 Calls for Service in Courtenay. This was an 8% decrease from the 4266 Calls for Service in the second 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	1406	1359	1165				11465

Most Common Call Types

Relative to the second quarter of 2022, Calls for Service regarding Disturbances increased by 19% and Calls for Service to Assist Police/Fire/Ambulance increased by 22% in the second quarter of 2023.

	Final Case Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
		Q2	Q2		
1	CHECK WELLBEING	379	378	0%	1
2	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	293	310	-5%	-17
3	DISTURBANCE	288	242	19%	46
4	UNWANTED PERSON	286	300	-5%	-14
5	PROPERTY	213	225	-5%	-12
6	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	178	240	-26%	-62
7	THEFT	173	225	-23%	-52
8	ASSIST POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE	161	132	22%	29
9	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	115	170	-32%	-55

10	MISCHIEF	108	118	-8%	-10
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Most Common Call Locations (Excluding RCMP Detachment)

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 had a large increase in Calls for Service relative to the second quarter of 2022 when it was operating with reduced hours. The location in Courtenay with the highest increase in Calls for Service relative to the second quarter of 2022 was Courtenay City Hall. This may be a spillover from the increase in Calls for Service at the Connect Warming Centre, which located within 100 metres of Courtenay City Hall.

	Location	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
		Q2	Q2		
1	685 CLIFFE AVE (Connect Warming Centre)	100	24	317%	76
2	757 RYAN RD (Superstore)	68	111	-39%	-43
3	101 LERWICK RD (Hospital)	51	59	-14%	-8
4	420 CUMBERLAND RD (Provincial Court)	40	59	-32%	-19
5	2751 CLIFFE AVE (Driftwood Mall)	38	52	-27%	-14
6	830 CLIFFE AVE (City Hall)	35	8	338%	27
7	1029 RYAN RD (Washington Apartments)	33	32	3%	1
8	2295 CLIFFE AVE (7-Eleven)	29	39	-26%	-10
9	1799 CLIFFE AVE (McDonald's)	28	24	17%	4
10	988 8TH ST (The Junction)	27	37	-27%	-10

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Most Common Downtown Calls for Service

Relative to the second quarter of 2022, all but two of the most common call types in Downtown Courtenay increased between 23% and 74% in the second quarter of 2023.

	Final Case Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
		Q2	Q2		
1	UNWANTED PERSON	98	68	44%	30
2	CHECK WELLBEING	93	60	55%	33
3	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	58	47	23%	11
4	BREACH	39	47	-17%	-8
5	THEFT	52	41	27%	11
6	DISTURBANCE	68	39	74%	29
7	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	49	37	32%	12
8	ALARM FALSE	27	27	0%	0
9	MISCHIEF	35	22	59%	13
10	PROPERTY	25	19	32%	6

Violent Crime

During the second quarter of 2023, there were 257 Violent Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 9% increase over the 235 Violent Crime files in the second quarter of 2022.

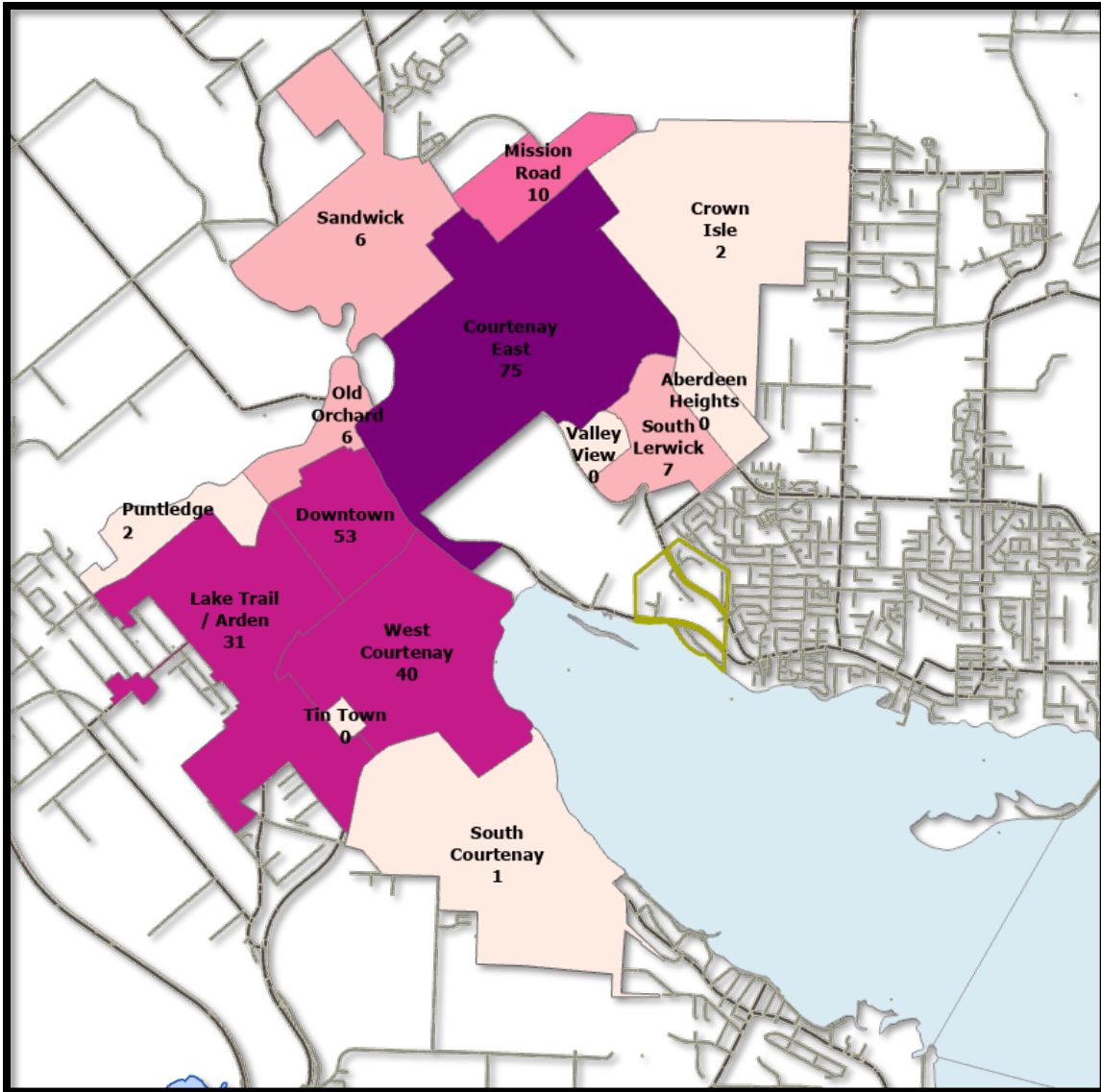
Types of Violent Crime

In the second quarter of 2023, the most common type of Violent Crime file in Courtenay was Assault. Notably, there was an 18 file increase in Utter Threats files and a 12 file increase in Harassment files. Five of the 7 robberies reported in the second quarter of 2023 resulted in charges and the reported kidnapping was investigated and determined to be unfounded.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
	Q2	Q2		
ASSAULTS	119	114	4%	5
UTTER THREATS	61	43	42%	18
HARASSMENT	53	41	29%	12
SEX OFFENCES	10	27	-63%	-17
ROBBERY	7	5	40%	2
EXTORTION	4	2	100%	2
WEAPONS OFFENCES	1	1	0%	0
INTIMIDATION	1	0		1
KIDNAPPING	1	2	-50%	-1
Grand Total	257	235	9%	22

Map of Violent Crime by Area of Courtenay

In the second quarter of 2023, the area in which there was the highest number of Violent Crime files was Courtenay East.



Property Crime

During the second quarter of 2023, there were 595 Property Crime files in Courtenay. This was an 18% decrease from the 724 Property Crime files in the second quarter of 2022.

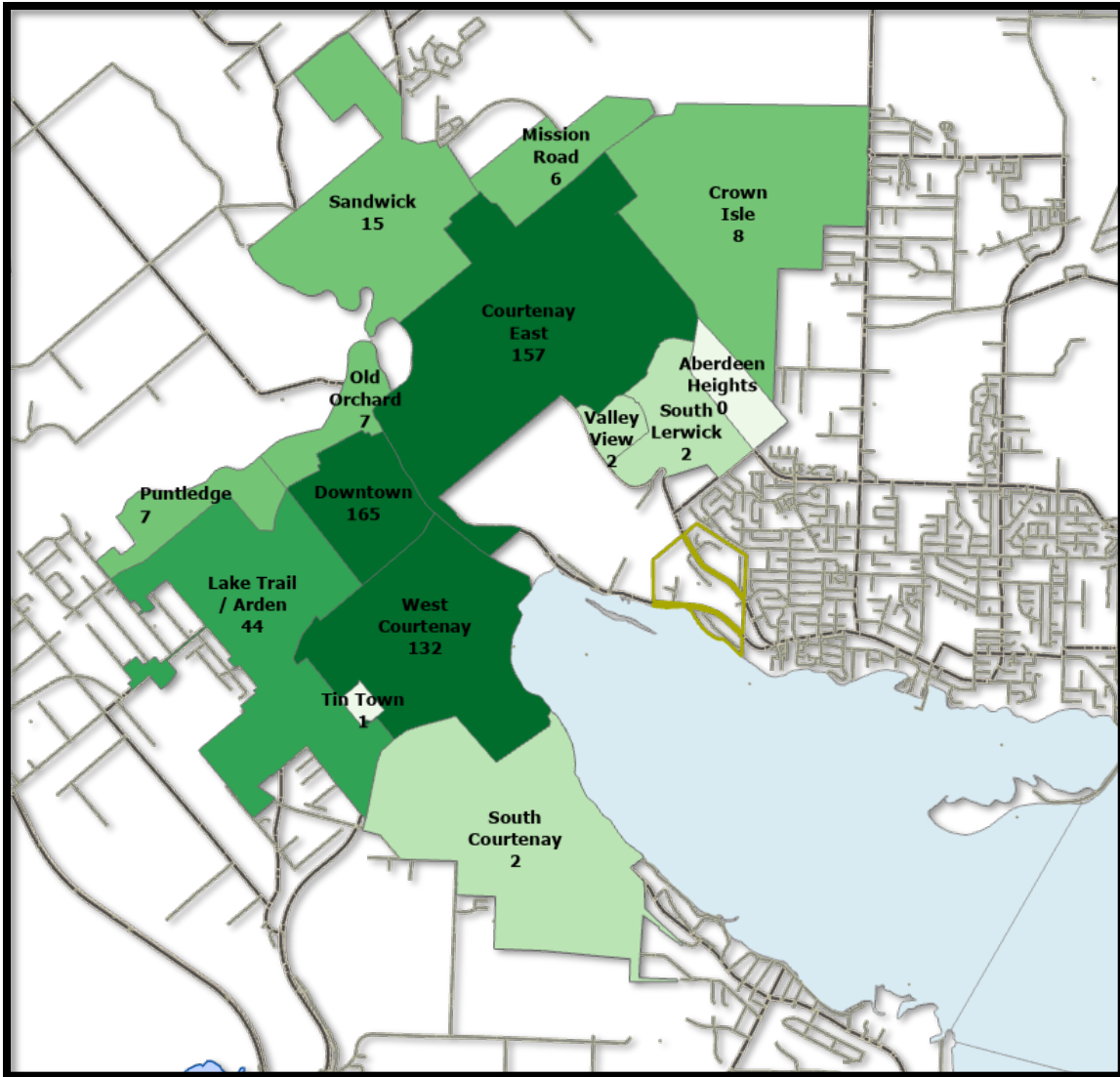
Types of Property Crime

In the second quarter of 2023, the most common type of Property Crime file in Courtenay was Mischief to Property. Notably, there was a 14 file increase in Mischief – Cause by Act/Omission files that include complaints regarding individuals' disturbing behaviour.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
	Q2	Q2		
MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY	225	275	-18%	-50
OTHER THEFT U/5000	89	89	0%	0
SHOPLIFTING	74	77	-4%	-3
FRAUDS	53	80	-34%	-27
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	39	78	-50%	-39
MISCHIEF-CAUSE BY ACT/OMMISS'N	26	12	117%	14
BIKE THEFT	19	27	-30%	-8
BREAK & ENTER - RES	19	16	19%	3
AUTO THEFT	16	21	-24%	-5
BREAK & ENTER - BUS	15	16	-6%	-1
BREAK & ENTER - OTH	8	14	-43%	-6
POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	6	8	-25%	-2
OTHER THEFT O/5000	5	3	67%	2
ARSON	1	4	-75%	-3
THEFT FROM MAIL		4	-100%	-4
Grand Total	595	724	-18%	-129

Map of Property Crime by Area of Courtenay

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



CDSA Offences

During the second quarter of 2023, there were 8 Drug Trafficking files in Courtenay, which was 5 files more than in the second quarter of 2022. Relative to the second quarter of 2022, there was an 50% decrease in Drug Possession files consistent with the decriminalization of this offence. The Drug Production reported in the second quarter of 2023 was investigated and determined to be unfounded; the suspicious mushrooms turned out to be legal Oyster and Lion’s Mane varieties.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
	Q2	Q2		
DRUG POSSESSION	12	24	-50%	-12

DRUG TRAFFICKING	8	3	167%	5
DRUGS OTHER	2	1	100%	1
DRUG PRODUCTION	1			1
Grand Total	23	28	-18%	-5

Traffic Offences

During the second quarter of 2023, there were 69 Traffic Offence files in Courtenay, which was 5 files more than in the second quarter of 2022.

File Type	2023	2022	% Change	Difference
	Q2	Q2		
IMPAIRED OP MOTOR VEHICLE	64	59	8%	5
DANGEROUS OP MOTOR VEHICLE	3	2	50%	1
PROHIBITED DRIVING	1	1	0%	0
MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	1	2	-50%	-1
Grand Total	69	64	8%	5