



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

Town Council

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The RCMP endeavors to communicate regularly with its Federal, Provincial, and Municipal partners. The purpose of this report is to provide the Town of Beaumont with a quarterly update on any Detachment issues or trends, to provide an update on the progress of our annual policing priorities, and to provide information relative to our crime statistics.

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REPORT INTENT AND CONTENT

This report has been designed with input from the Town of Beaumont. This report is not intended to provide a comprehensive account of all policing activities in Beaumont. Rather, it is meant to provide Council with an update on the more salient policing issues and priorities. Requests for additional information or amendments to this report may be submitted through the Manager of Community and Protective Services.

DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

Statistical Observations

Three areas where significant change is visible from the data this quarter would include spousal assaults, break & enters, and mischief to property. In the case of our spousal assaults, the numbers are encouraging (being careful to note these matters can go unreported). The year to date is 2.7 per/1000 population; whereas at year end 2013 was 7.6. If this trend was to continue, we would see a significant decrease in spousal assaults in 2014. Break & enters, however, are up from 0.8 per/1000 population from all of last year to 0.9 for our year to date. While this number is still low relative to other communities, this is an area that we want to see as low as possible. This Spring the Detachment experienced a short rash of break and enters and thefts, two of which occurred at the High School. While charges were laid in both these cases, some remain unsolved. In terms of another significant decrease, it appears that our mischiefs are moving down again. This has been an area of added attention in 2014. At year end in 2013 Beaumont's mischiefs were 12.1 per/1000 population. Today they are at 4.0 per/1000 population after two quarters.

Beaumont Blues & Roots Festival and Beaumont Daze

The RCMP was very pleased once again to observe both the Beaumont Blues & Roots Festival (BBRF) and Beaumont Daze as having little to no policing issues. The BBRF's security planning and execution was well done again this year. The fencing, bag checks, and advanced website instructions for attendees were key factors to their success. Many issues were strategically avoided as a result of their advanced planning. The BBRF is developing a very positive event reputation. The RCMP appreciates and commends the organizers for their commitment to public safety. In terms of Beaumont Daze, the events were also well planned and organized. There was the appropriate volunteer support for the various events, which resulted in a positive and safe event for all. The RCMP ensured extra resources were working for both events and was able to quickly address problems as they arose, i.e. intoxicated persons.

False Alarm Bylaw

The False Alarm Bylaw went into effect on July 1, 2014. There were 29 warning letters sent out in July (which equates to about one a day), but to date no fines have been issued yet for having a repeat false alarm in a 12 month period. The greater effect of this new Bylaw will be monitored closely in the coming months to determine its overall effectiveness.

Habitual Location Management Project



The Beaumont RCMP for two years has been running an enhanced Habitual Offender Management (Prolific Offender) program. Where this program has focussed on proactive condition checks for offenders, another added and new approach this year has been to target identified problem locations. Cst. ROGAWSKI is our project lead on this strategy. Some of these areas have included the skate park, behind the schools, at the dugouts, etc. **Over the course of July and August our members conducted and documented 216 Habitual Location Management checks** at these locations. This figure does not include the proactive checks also completed by our Citizens on Patrol Group. The reception of our youth at the skate park has been particularly positive and appreciated. A common problem has been with kids on the school roofs. The affected parties have been notified. This program will run from June 15 to September 15.

While a few minor issues have been dealt with at some of the locations, the one area that continues to see problems is the skate shack at Bellevue School. In conducting these patrols, our officers have continued to find youth congregating out of sight and being involved in unwanted / illicit behaviour, i.e. marijuana drug use. With a desire to be further proactive, this issue was discussed at a quarterly Protective Services meeting where the Fire Chief also identified this as an area of concern. As a result, a recommendation was forwarded to the Director of Parks and Facilities to revisit this area with a view to making design changes. In terms of Crime Prevention by Environmental design, this could mean anything from making improvements to the existing facilities to even re-locating the facilities. Further discussions will occur relative to this site.

Skate Park

Brodie STENHOUSE, FCSS Community Development Coordinator, has been leading a working group to look at issues at the skate park. Cpl. Tim DUNLAP from the RCMP, Otshebeng OTSHEBENG and Kerry EGGIE from Parks and Facilities, and youth in the community are also participating. In terms of the crime prevention aspects, Cpl DUNLAP advises that a shed has been installed with brooms and other cleaning tools for the youth. The key is maintained at the Youth Centre. As well, additional garbage cans have been ordered which will be installed at locations recommended by the youth themselves. At their last meeting, ten youth from the skate park participated. Cpl. DUNLAP spoke with them and asked them if they have noticed an increased police presence. The response was that they had. The RCMP will continue to have an increased presence at the skate park to encourage positive behaviour and will continue assisting Brodie with his leadership in this area.

Traffic Safety Pilot Project

For 2014, Council approved funding for an enhanced traffic safety pilot project in the community. The purpose of the pilot project was to target traffic safety issues in problem areas. This would include targeting speed violations, impaired driving, distracted driving, driving without due care and attention, failing to stop at intersections, pedestrian crosswalks and seat belt safety. The areas identified as having



issues have included all of our school zones, the Inner Ring Road, the Outer Ring Road (especially Rue Montalet and Rue Eaglemont), Rue Bouchard, 56a Street, and other problem areas. Since implementing this pilot project, it is clear there is much work that can be done in Beaumont relative to traffic safety enforcement and prevention.

After 28 targeted shifts, our statistics have included the following: 302 Provincial violation tickets, 118 warnings, 9 warrants, 1 Criminal Code offence, and 1 'other' offences. Moving forward, the benefits of being able to better target these issues have been noted. As such, a request has gone forward through to the Town's administration to extend the program into September and October. The program, if the program is extended, is expected to have an impact on traffic safety at the new school. Speeding has been identified as an issue on Rue Eaglemont and Rue Montalet. The Beaumont RCMP continues to work with the Town to collect data from various locations in the Town and to identify and implement traffic calming measures that can have a positive impact.

Staffing Updates

We are very pleased to announce that Cst. Lindsay POWERS, previously our Community Policing Officer, has been promoted! She will be transferring to Depot Division as an instructor. Cst. WHYNOT, at one time our Drug Officer for Beaumont, has been successful in a lateral transfer back to plain clothes at Lloydminster. I am very pleased to announce that I have been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. I will take this opportunity to state publically that I am even more pleased that my promotion comes with the opportunity to remain here as Beaumont's Detachment Commander. The Town continues to grow, and as a result my position was reclassified in 2013. I

have thoroughly enjoyed working in Beaumont these past two years, and I continue to look forward to working with the community and our team here at the Detachment going forward into the future. In terms of some internal transitions within the Detachment, Cst. SMITH has moved into the Community Policing position (we will have further updates relative to this transition moving forward into the new school year). Cst. TEJA is now also in Beaumont RCMP's drug position.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATE

Positive Youth Development

Beaumont RCMP has created an initiative which focuses on positive youth development through music. Beaumont RCMP will be working with our partners within the community, specifically the organizers of the Beaumont Blues Festival, to facilitate the successful involvement of Beaumont youth.

By supporting our youth to think critically, they will build skills for positive decision making for the benefit of their lives and communities. As a result of enhancing and encouraging positive youth behaviours and development within the community, we hope to see a reduction in youth crime and victimization through prevention. Diverting focus towards music is one of the many ways this can be achieved.

This quarter, partnerships within the community were identified to facilitate this goal including Jeremy KORNEL of the Beaumont Blues Festival and the local Beaumont Schools. These partners were all receptive to facilitating youth development through music. Next quarter, we will continue our efforts within the school to promote music and to encourage youth participation in the 2015 Beaumont Blues Festival.

Again this year, the Beaumont Positive Ticketing Program is clearly very popular with the local youth. More than 25 percent of the tickets have already been issued with members requesting additional ticket books. The goal of this program is to encourage the local youth to be engaged in positive youth behaviours. Also, it is an excellent opportunity for the RCMP and Municipal Enforcement members to interact with the local youth in a positive way.



The DARE program came to a conclusion at the end of this quarter with 160 Grade 5 students participating. Twenty-five presentations were provided. The HEROES Program was provided to the Grade 7 and Grade 9. The RCMP partnered with Beaumont Family and Community Services, accounting for eight presentations. Various other presentations were provided to different grades throughout the quarter involving conflict resolution and the role of police in the community. This involved an additional eight presentations and two community events which facilitated positive police/youth interaction.

Illicit Drug Use

Our goal is to enhance community safety and well-being through the reduction of illegal drug activities. In consultation with the High School and the FCSS Director, the RCMP prepared a four pillar drug strategy for Beaumont. The strategy involves approaching the issue through a balance of Asset Building, Enforcement, Education, and Awareness.

Led by Cpl. DUNLAP, Beaumont RCMP is now proceeding with either charges or Alternative Measures referrals in the case of all youth possession of marijuana under 30 grams. This will ensure there is greater accountability and education for our youth with respect to the harms and potential consequences of drug use.

At the end of this quarter, Cst. TEJA began in the Beaumont drug position. His primary role will be to gather intelligence, conduct drug investigations, and to assist our members with these investigations. He will also be engaged with our prevention endeavours, such as location checks.

Statistics this Quarter:

Possession of Marihuana - less than 30 grams: Reported, 14 (Unfounded x 1 & Founded x 13)
Charges - 3 Cleared Otherwise - 6 Clearance Rate 69.2%

Possession of Marihuana Resin Less than 1 gram: Reported, 6 (Unfounded x 1 & Founded x 5)
Charges - 0 Cleared Otherwise - 4 Clearance Rate 72.2 %

Trafficking: Reported 1 (Founded x1) Charges x1 Clearance Rate- 100%

Impaired Driving

Beaumont RCMP endeavours to enhance public safety through the reduction of impaired driving within the town of Beaumont. Through Education and Enforcement, we pledge to send the message that Impaired Driving will not be tolerated within our community.

This quarter, an educational media release was provided to the local media to create public awareness regarding impaired driving laws and effects with the understanding that summer is soon approaching.

Four separate educational strategies were identified and implemented to prevent impaired driving for each quarter. Additionally, each quarter will involve a media release updating the public on the progress of our efforts and any educational strategies.

On May 13, 2014 a traffic blitz was conducted, which resulted in 30 vehicles being stopped.

On May 17, 2014 a check stop resulted in a 72 hour suspension.

On June 16, 2014 another traffic blitz was conducted where approximately 30 vehicles were checked, which resulted in a 24 hour suspension.

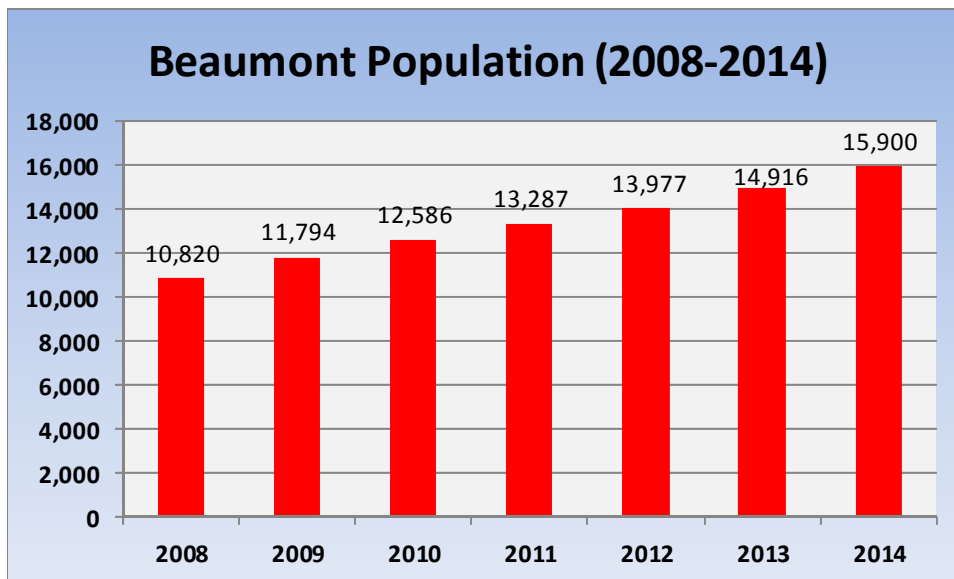
During this quarter, Beaumont Qualified Breath Technicians processed nine impaired drivers.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

General

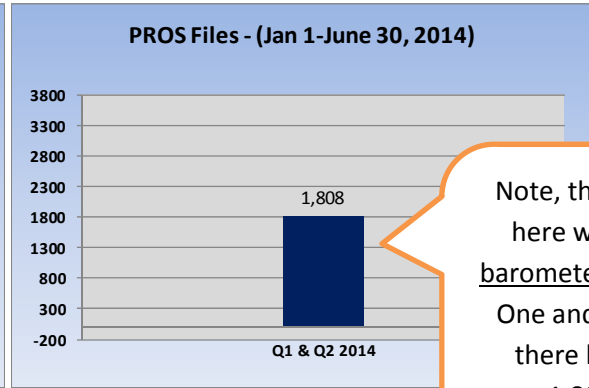
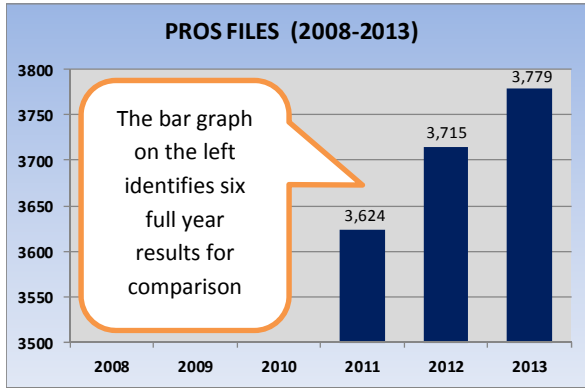
Note – Not all Detachment statistics are included in this report. Only those more significant statistics have been included. In accordance with previous discussions with Council, the idea of presenting the information in the format that follows is to provide more meaningful information and to enable greater comprehension and brevity. **If there are any specific statistics that the Town of Beaumont would like to have reported, they may be added in future reports.** The attached charts and graphs are prepared by C/M Geri-Ann Harding with the RCMP's Operations Strategies Branch.

Population



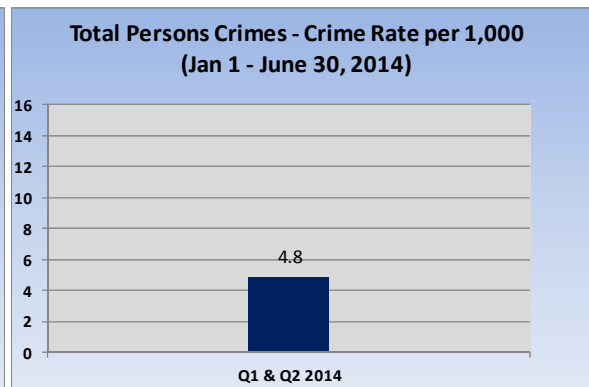
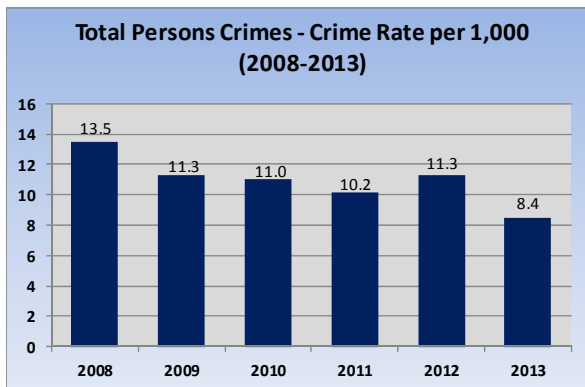
*Municipal Affairs used as source for populations for 2008-2013, 2014 has been provided by Sgt Kunezki as the official population has not yet been released (official 2014 population released on 2014-07-29 as 15, 828).

PROS (Occurrence Files)

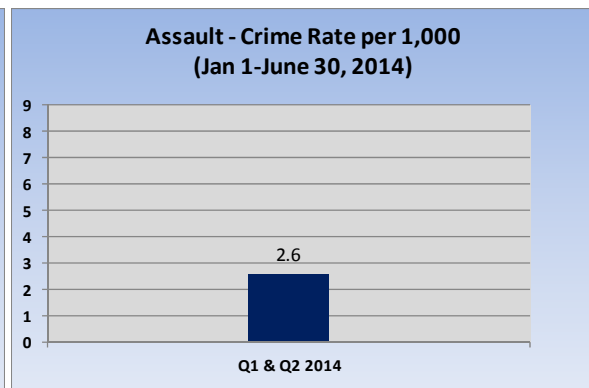
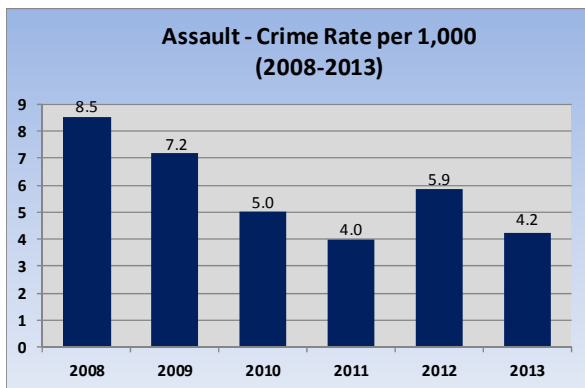


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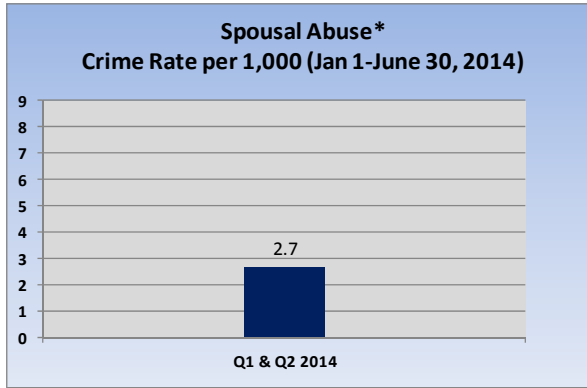
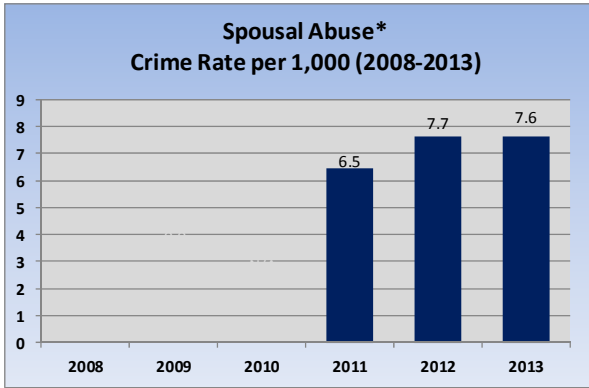
Total Persons Crime



Assault

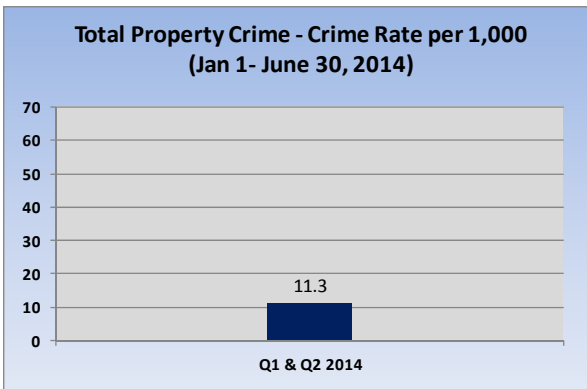
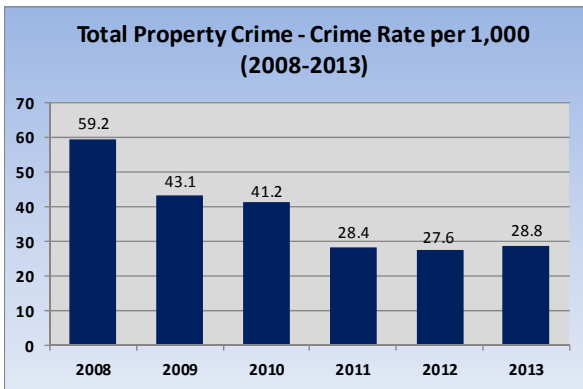


Spousal Abuse

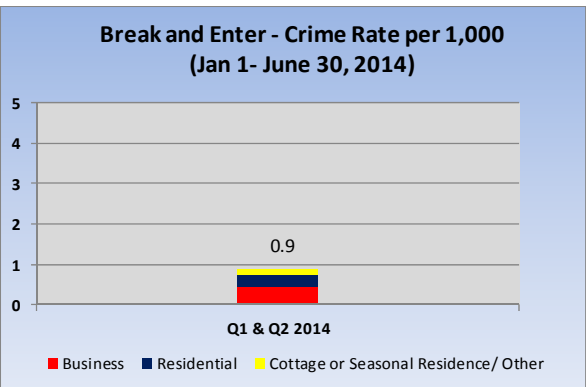
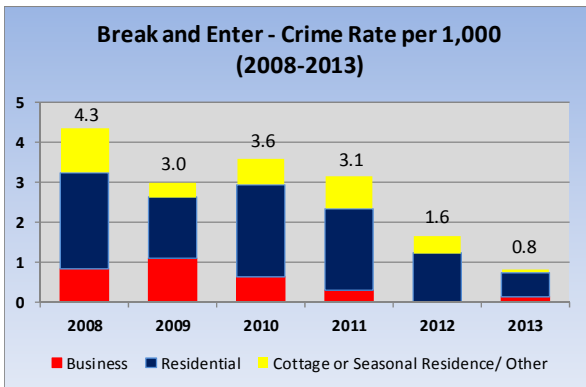


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
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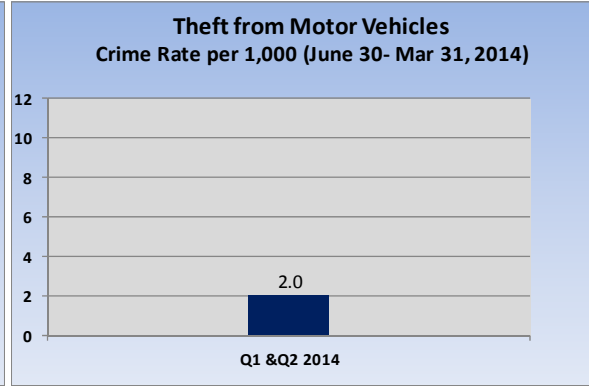
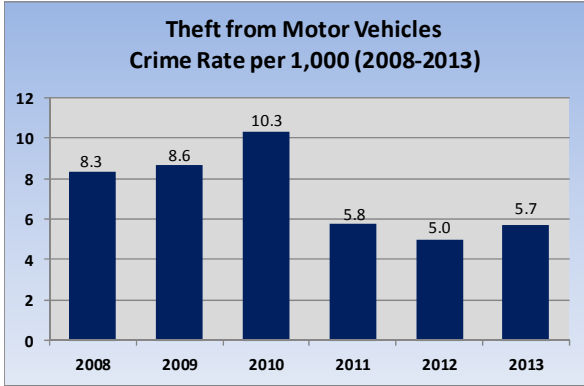
Total Property Crime



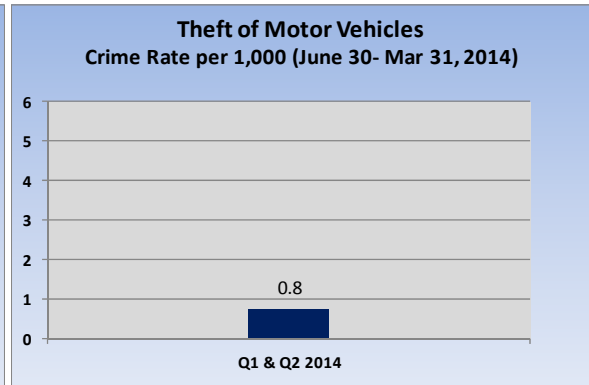
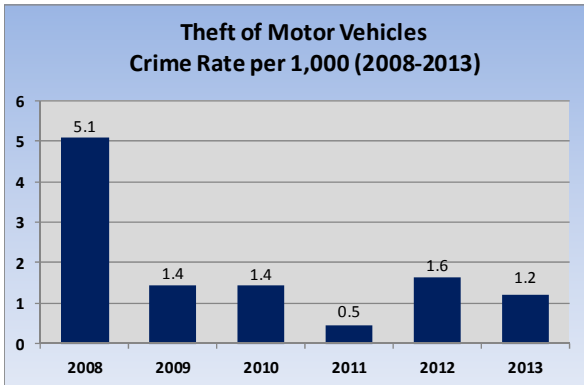
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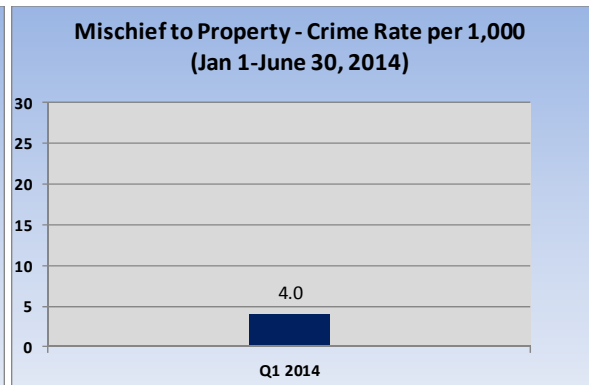
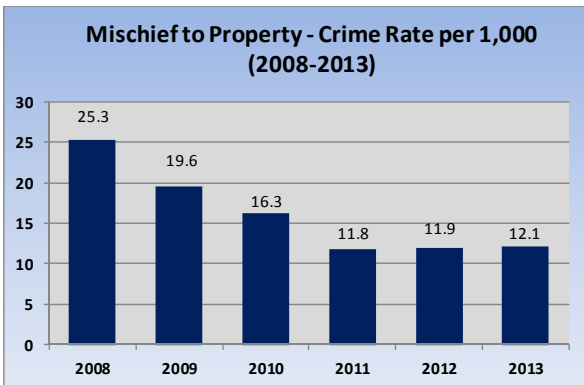
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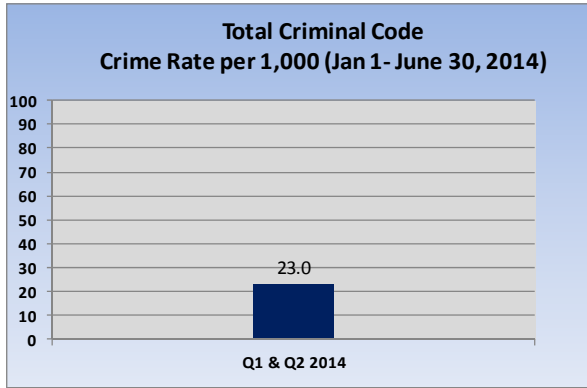
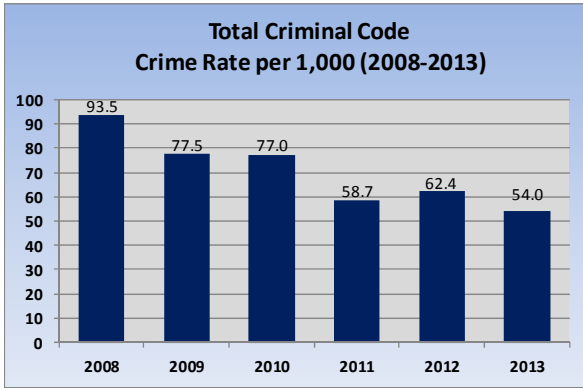
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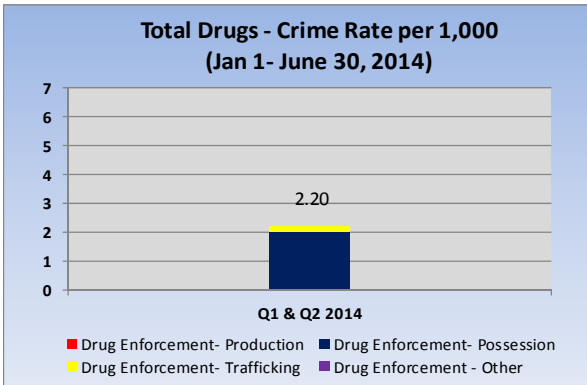
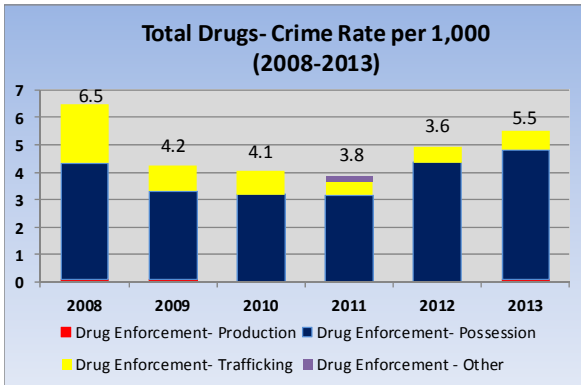
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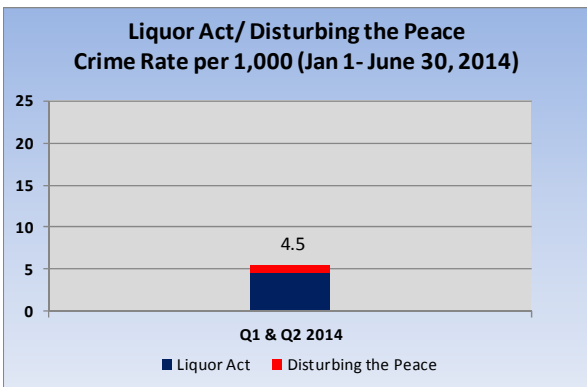
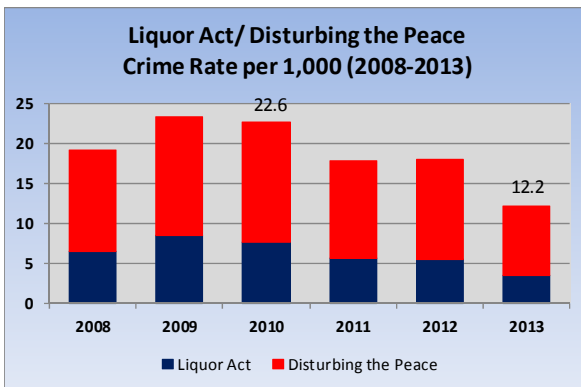
Total Criminal Code



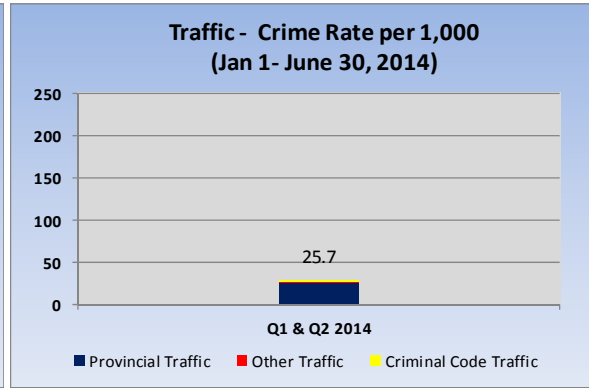
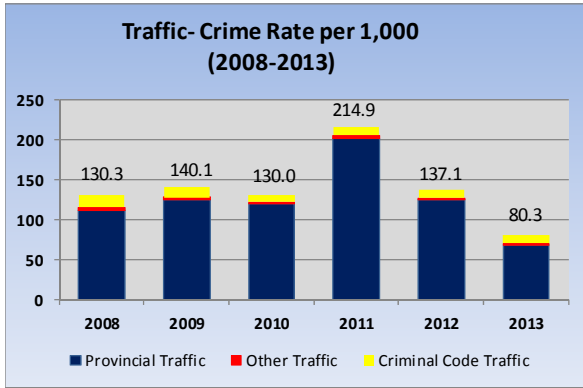
Total Drugs



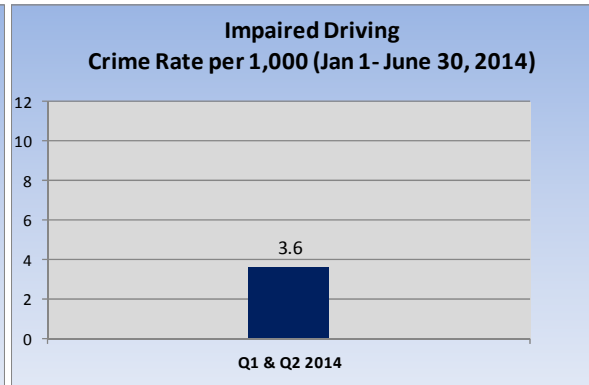
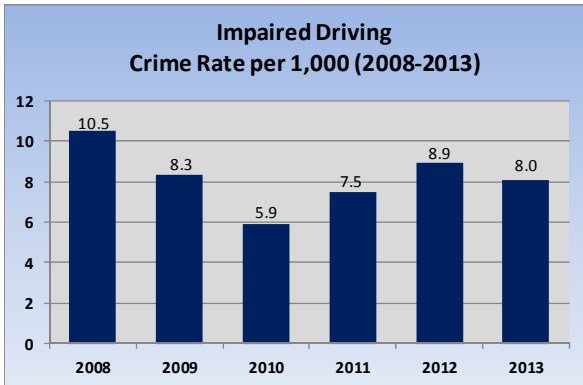
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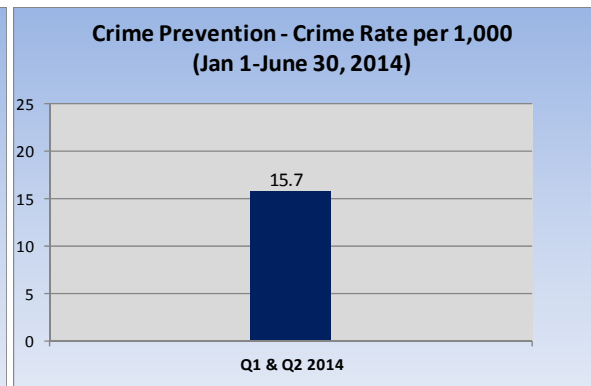
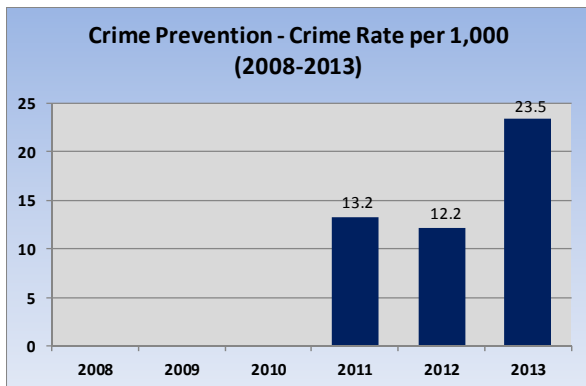
Traffic



Impaired Driving



Crime Prevention



*Data not available for 2008-2010.

* Due to a program update; 2012-2014 data for crime prevention was pulled using a detailed find in PROS.