



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

Town Council

January to March

2013

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Beaumont Det. Commander
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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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This last quarter the Beaumont Youth Positive Ticketing Committee engaged the youth to design brochures for the year’s upcoming campaign for donations.

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DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

Statistical Observations

This first quarter has seen a promising drop in persons and property crimes (see statistics). While traditionally this quarter of the year is slower than other quarters, the numbers appear lower than what might be expected. Since December of 2012, the Detachment has continued to move more from 'traditional' policing operations to more 'strategic' policing operations (more proactive policing and less re-active policing). This has included the redesign and implementation of Beaumont's enforcement-oriented crime prevention program (prolific offender and proactive checks), increased bar checks, restructuring our schedule to adjust our resources to peak periods, targeting impaired drivers, and working more closely with the media (public awareness and education). At present, we are moving to implementing other proactive initiatives, such as addressing the false alarm issue with a working group and moving from stationary 'check stops' to moving 'traffic blitzes'. In the case of this latter initiative, the RCMP recognizes that technology, i.e. Twitter accounts, are being used by motorists to alert others of check stop locations. It cannot be said at this time if the reduced property and persons crimes are the result of the shift to more proactive policing initiatives; however, the Detachment will continue to move in this direction and adjust our initiatives accordingly.

School Zone Issue

At the Police Advisory Committee Meeting on March 19, 2013, Council identified a concern for the safety of our children at times when people are dropping off or picking up their children from school. Issues such as congestion, speeding, and other unsafe driving habits were discussed. This is to advise that the RCMP and Municipal Enforcement have moved to implement an immediate interim solution and a long-term solution to this issue. In consultation with the Manager of Community and Protective Services, it was decided that Beaumont's Municipal Enforcement department would take the lead on this initiative. Beaumont's Municipal Enforcement is being supported by the RCMP. As an immediate measure, Beaumont's Municipal Enforcement and the RCMP are scheduling daily patrols both before and after school (80%-20%), while rotating schools throughout the week to maximize coverage. For the long-term solution, Sgt. RADATZKE is forming a working group to examine both the current issues as well as how the issues might be mitigated for future developments. A long-term solution is anticipated for September 1, 2013.

Incidents of Domestic Disputes

As reported for the Police Advisory Committee meeting in 2012, there were 164 reported incidents of domestic disputes in 2012, (although 15 were later identified as unfounded bringing the actual total to 149). Although the numbers are down in the first quarter of 2013, this

continues to be a concern for Beaumont. At the beginning of April there were four incidents of domestic disputes in about a 24 hr period. All of these incidents resulted in criminal charges. To date there have been 32 incidents reported, 25 actual. Regardless of any policing priorities that might be instituted for 2013/14, the RCMP and the Province of Alberta strive to have safe and healthy families and relationships. The RCMP has recently been working with the media, Victim Services, and FCSS to ensure there is a greater public awareness of this issue, such that the public can have a better understanding of the problem and better know how they might find help or support to address this issue (before the police would even need to get involved). In the event the RCMP are called, Beaumont Detachment's enforcement-oriented crime prevent program will further be used in an effort to curb any subsequent offences. Preventing domestic violence is one of the most challenging enforcement objectives for law enforcement. The RCMP will continue to work with our agencies partners to ensure a proactive community approach to this issue continues to be a priority.

2CI – New Drug Identified in Beaumont & Leduc

At our last quarterly presentation, the substance seized that was believed to be 2CI was sent for a secondary analysis. Cst. CALLAHAN reported the following now relative to this outstanding issue:

What we have found out is that while the chemicals in the blotters were certainly a mood altering substance, the chemical compound is not currently listed under the CDSA (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act). Due to the fact that it is not listed in the CDSA the lab is not authorized to divulge to the RCMP what the chemical make up is - besides telling us that it is not listed in the CDSA. What happens is that those who are in the illicit drug trade are staying ahead of law makers by changing the chemical make-up of the drugs that they are selling, as to avoid prosecution. While the drugs are mood altering, the slight changes leave police in the difficult position of not being able to lay charges. Typically changes to the CDSA by the Canadian Government are at least a year behind the drug trade. This has the potential to make the drugs even more dangerous as they are altering some of the chemical compounds that could cause even further damage to the human body.

Since this incident, there have been no known reported incidents of similar cases in the region.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATE

Positive Youth Development

Our Community Police Officer, Cst. POWERS, continues to be very much involved with our youth in a number of positive youth activities. This past quarter, 36 DARE lessons were taught. Eight at J.E. La Pointe School and twenty-eight at Coloniale School. Nine WITS classes (Walk Away, Ignore It, Talk it Out, Seek HELP) were given at Bellevue (partnered with Karen GIFFORD). Six Heroes presentations were given at J.E. La Pointe School (partnered with FCSS and community volunteer Bernd Heyde). Two presentations were made during the read-in week at Bellevue. There was a science club presentation delivered at Bellevue, and there was one presentation given for the Grad 9 Social Studies class on the Youth Criminal Justice Act at Beaumont Composite High School.

As we move towards this year's positive ticketing campaign, and in an effort to further engage youth in the community, the Beaumont Youth Positive Ticketing Committee ran a pamphlet contest among grade 5 students in Beaumont schools. Students were asked to create something that they felt would promote the positive ticketing program. There were a few submissions and one has been chosen for distribution to accompany the Committee's sponsorship request letter (see the attached).

Since the last report, the Beaumont Youth Positive Ticketing Committee, has been incorporated as a recognized society. This will ensure that the program continues to have a future in the town of Beaumont. Cst. ROGAWSKI will be leading this year's initiative to coordinate the RCMP and Municipal Enforcement's issuance of these tickets.

Where appropriate, members from Beaumont Detachment continue to use the Youth Criminal Justice Act and to use the extra judicial members contained therein to resolve matters. Cst. ROGAWSKI, for example, referred a minor fight amongst youth to this program this past quarter. In this manner, the program creates an opportunity for the youth to learn from discussions with those involved or affected by the incident how these behavior can impact others.

Traffic Enforcement and Awareness

The Town of Beaumont experienced an annual 8% decrease in impaired driving incidents (reported incidents) from the previous year. This decrease is most likely attributed to the increased proactive enforcement efforts of members. Through our members increased enforcement activities, led by Cst. TEJA and Cst. O'QUINN, Beaumont Detachment members responded to the challenge by making 38% more arrests for impaired driving from 2011/12.

Also worth noting are the detachment members' recent efforts in provincial traffic enforcement. In the last quarter detachment members issued a total of 278 violation tickets, compared to 213 tickets issued during the previous quarter.

Crime Reduction Strategy

Enforcement-Oriented Crime Prevention (Prolific Offender Program): According to research, 80% of offences are committed by 20% of repeat offenders. The basic premise behind enforcement-oriented crime prevention is that if this 20% of offenders can be targeted with proactive enforcement checks that theoretically about 80% of crime could be prevented. In this past quarter, our members completed more than 70 prolific offender or proactive enforcement checks. Our coordinator, Cst. BRAND, has learned that the word appears to have spread very quickly in the community that the police are proactively following up on offenders. There were two criminal breach charges that were laid initially at the start of the program, but none since.

False Alarm Recommendation: In the fall of 2012 and into the Spring of 2013, Cst. TEJA of the RCMP and Officer HUGHES with Beaumont's Municipal Enforcement department completed a review of false alarms in Beaumont. Research in this area indicates that burglar alarms are false in 95-98% of all cases, and this appears to be the same situation in Beaumont. At the conclusion of their review, they found there was a significant problem with false alarms locally. They recommended a working group to examine a detailed solution to the problem. Their report was considered at the Police Advisory Committee in March, and a decision was made to continue this work. As a result, the RCMP will lead a false alarm working group to identify or develop a bylaw to address the issue. The anticipated timeline for this project will be from May until the December with a final proposal expected for Council after budget in the New Year.

Others Initiatives: As detailed in the commentaries section, other initiatives include proactive bar checks, restructuring our schedule to adjust our resources to peak periods, targeting impaired drivers, and working more closely with the media (public awareness and education). Going forward we will continue with a few check stops, but we will be moving more to 'traffic blitzes'. Our COPS have also been increasing their patrolling activities in the community and have added two new members recently. This past quarter the COPS participated in a visit to the RCMP's operational communications centre where they learned more about how complaints are taken and how the call centre works. A copy of this report is now being shared with the COPS to ensure they are made more aware of the community crime issues and trends.

Substance Abuse – Enforcement and Education

During this quarter there were six drug-related offences in Beaumont that resulted in criminal charges or discretionary action. All of these occurrences involved small amount of marihuana (less than 30 grams).

Cst. WHYNOT has now vacated the Drug Investigator position shared with the Town of Devon. The position is now occupied by Cst. BRAND, who has been mandated to lead and assist on suspected drug possession and trafficking activities in Devon and Beaumont. This dual role will be completed until June 30, 2013, at which time the position will transition to 100% at Beaumont.

Domestic Violence

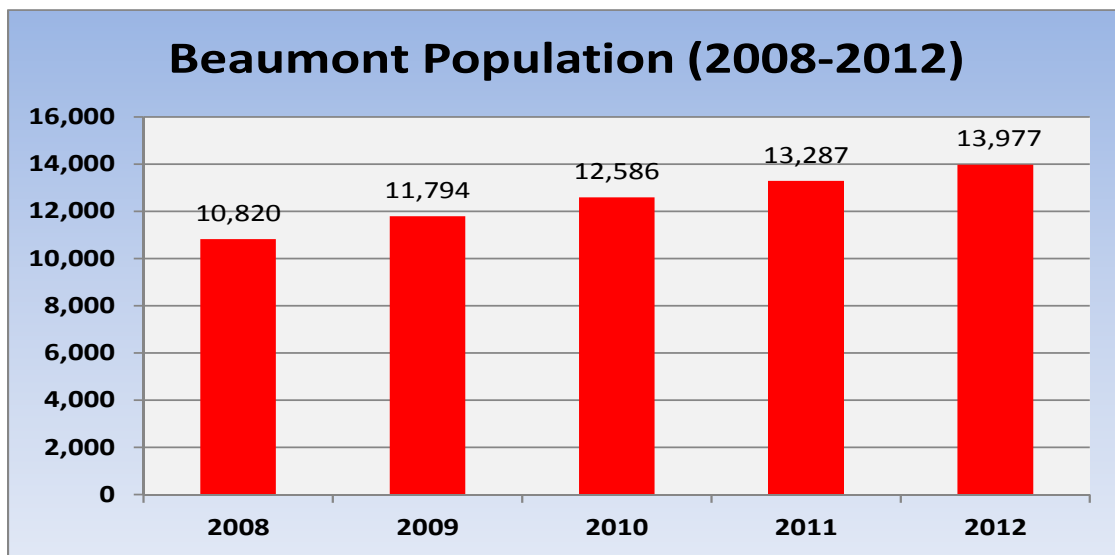
This last quarter, members responded to 25 calls of relationship violence. This is down from 49 during the last quarter. As previously stated in the commentaries, domestic incidents continue to be a police and community issue. Beaumont Detachment, in addition to the mandatory responses that are dictated by the province and the RCMP, i.e. zero tolerance, has tied these incidents to the enforcement-oriented crime prevention program. Persons charged with domestic violence will be linked to either our prolific offender checks or our proactive checks. Public awareness and information to the community will be shared going forward in an effort to prevent these issues before they occur. Going forward, Cst. ROCHETTE, along with Cst's MCCORMICK and Cst. CALLAHAN will be working to develop initiatives in this area. Their initiatives will be aimed at helping to reduce incidents of domestic violence in the community.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

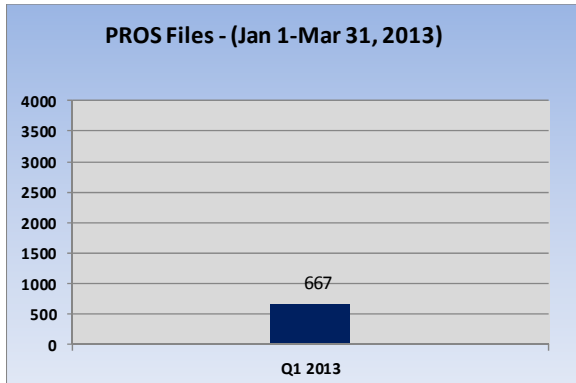
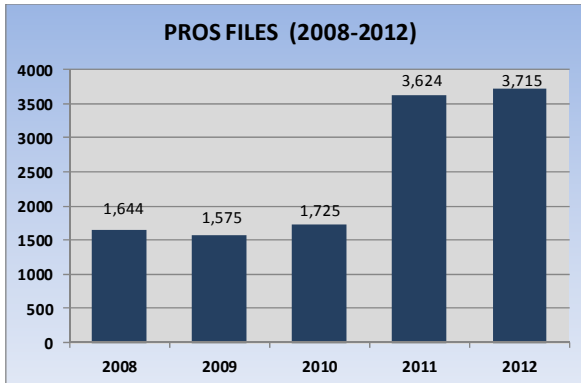
General

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.

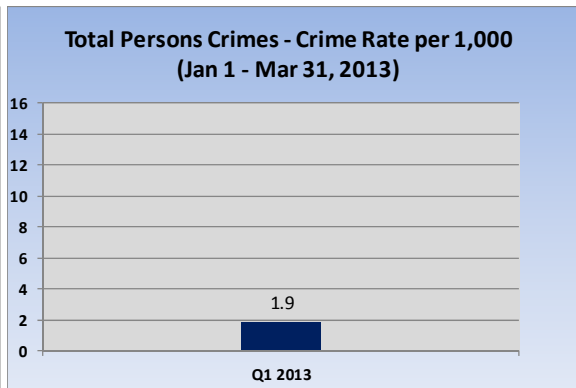
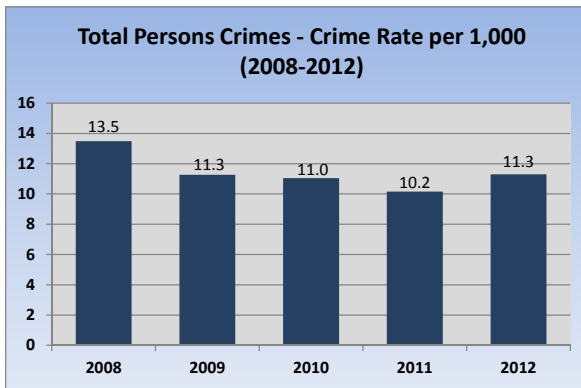
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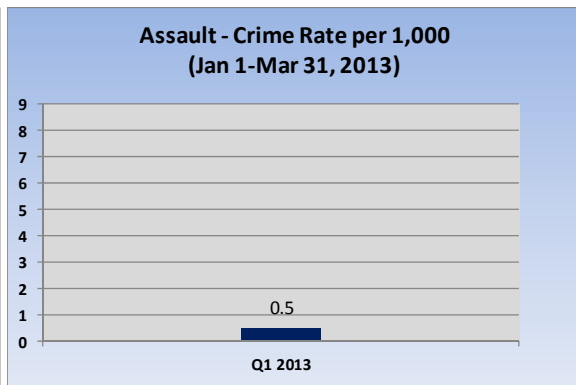
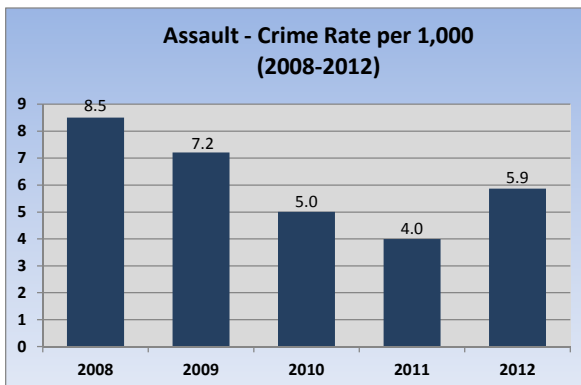
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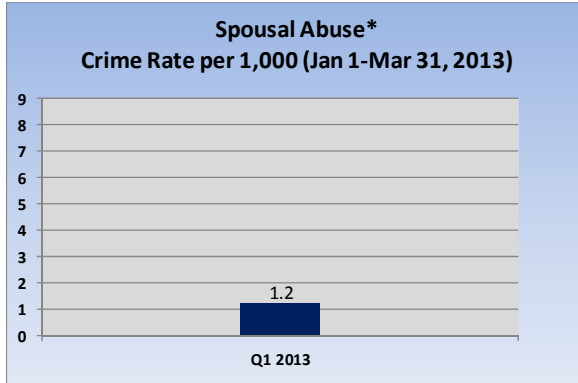
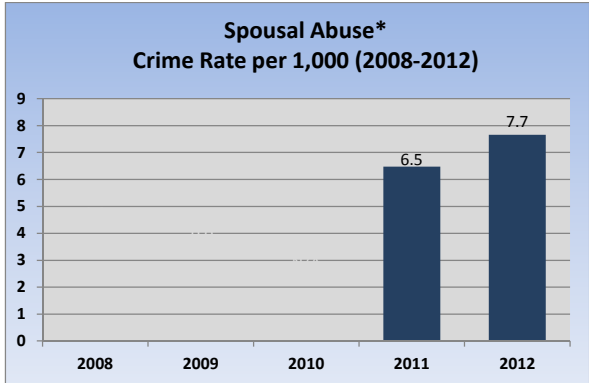
Total Persons Crime



Assault

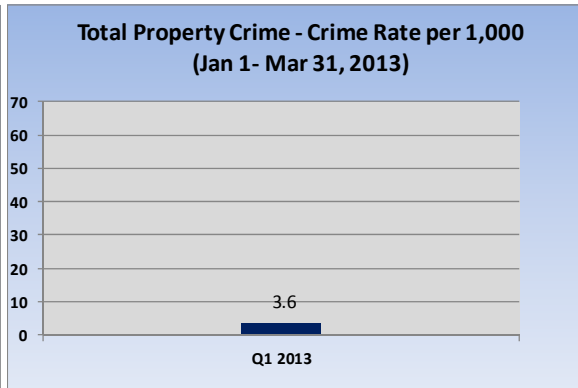
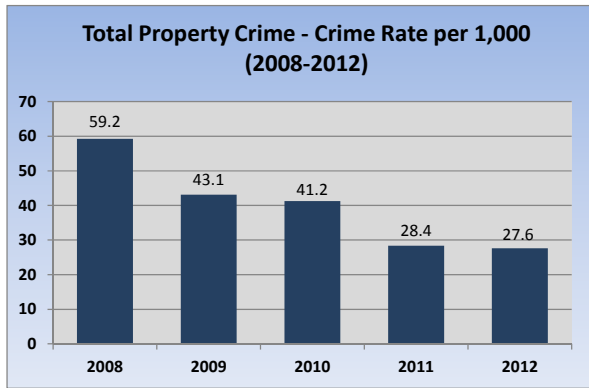


Spousal Abuse

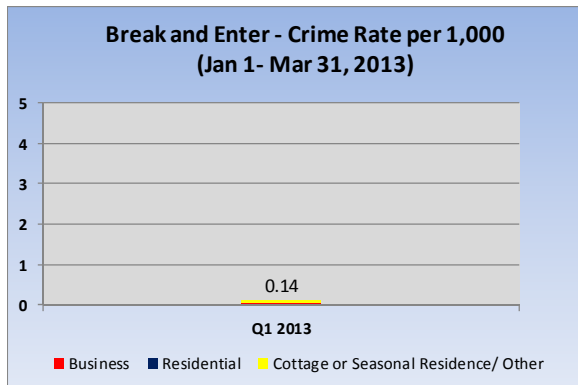
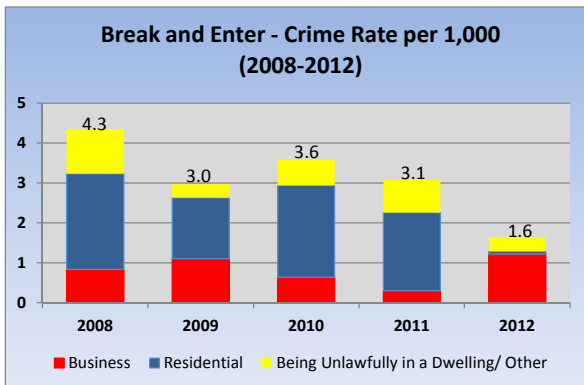


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
 **Data not available for 2008-2010.

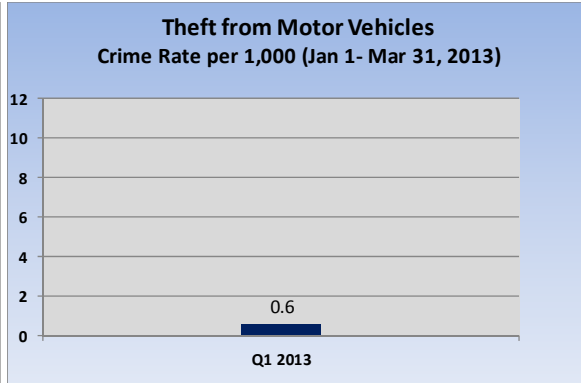
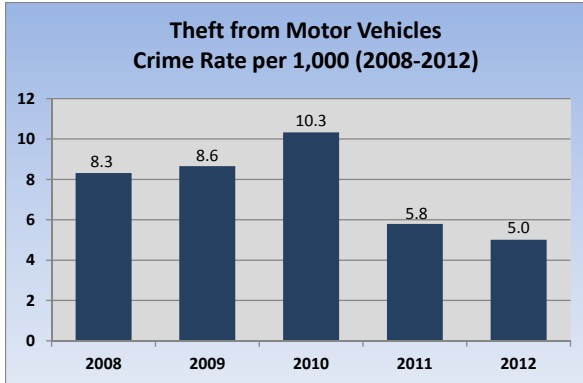
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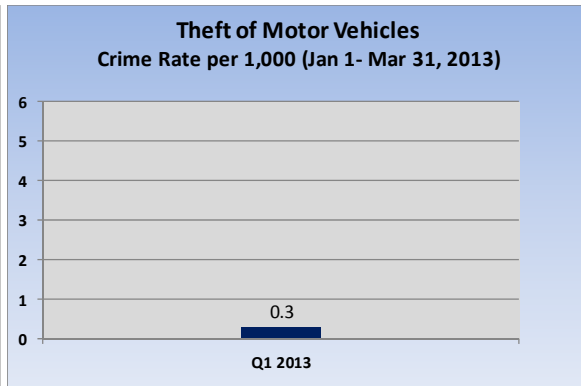
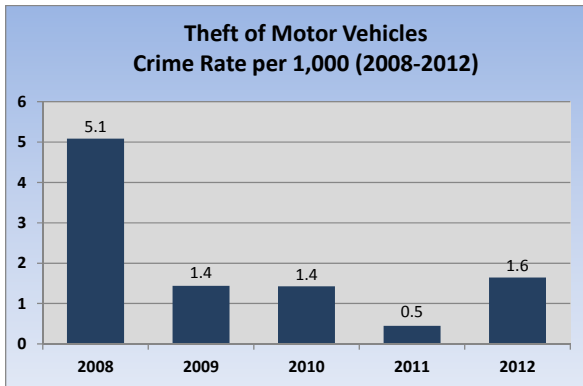
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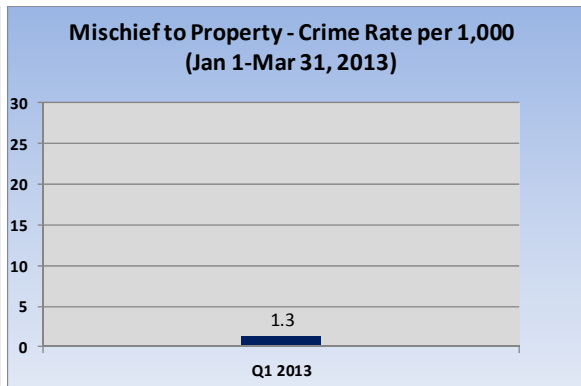
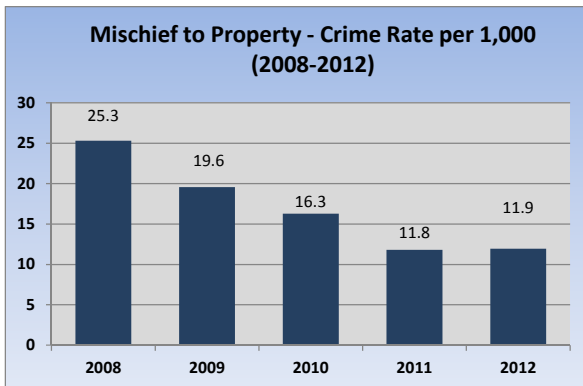
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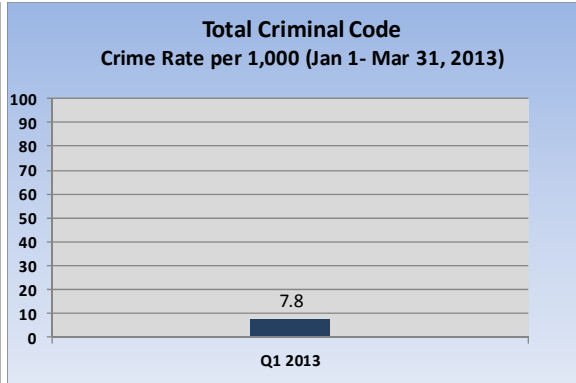
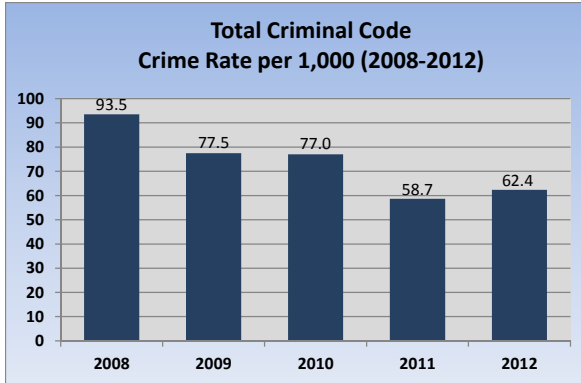
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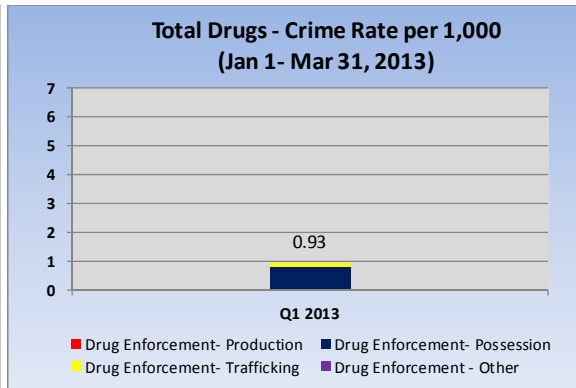
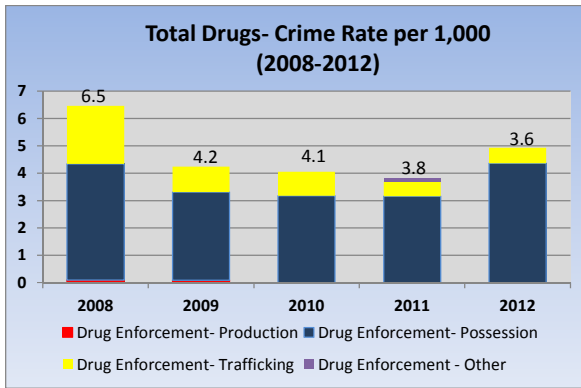
Mischief to Property



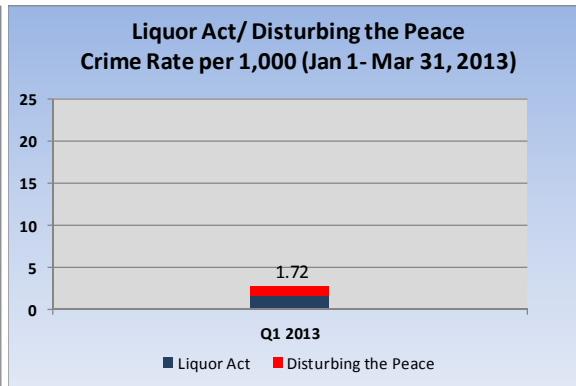
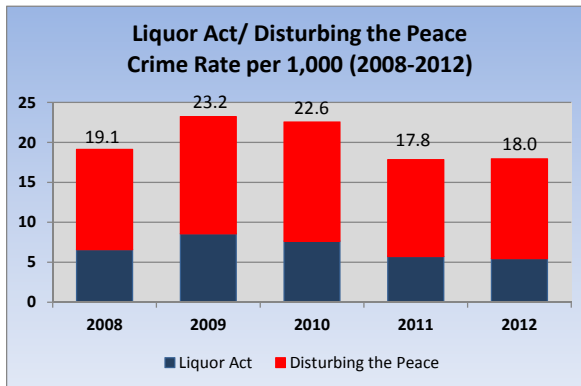
Total Criminal Code



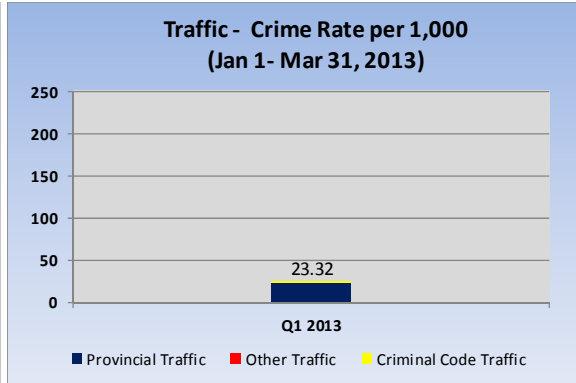
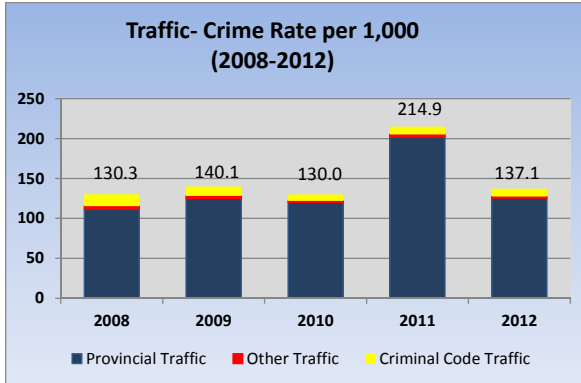
Total Drugs



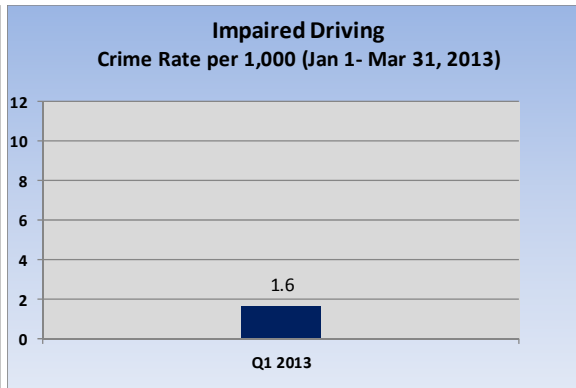
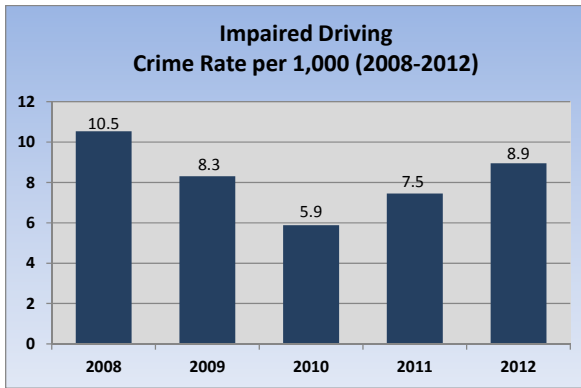
Liquor Act/ Disturbing the Peace



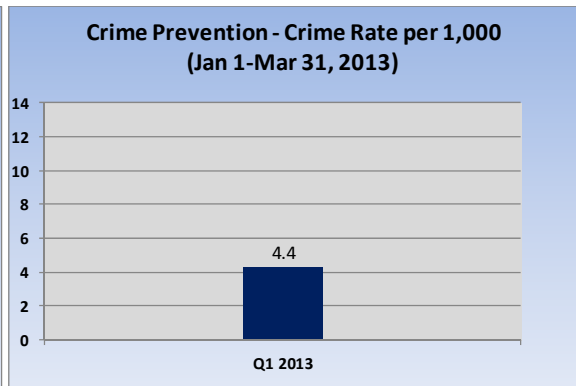
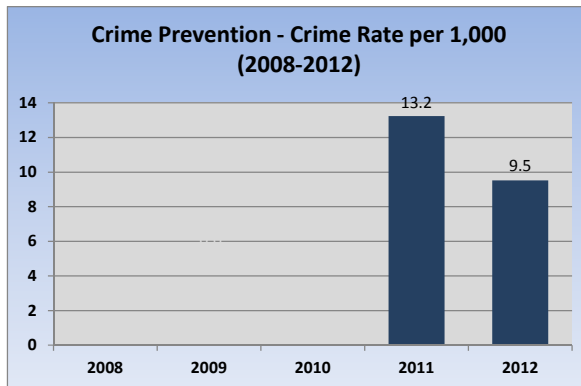
Traffic



Impaired Driving



Crime Prevention



*Data not available for 2008-2010.

Clean the environment



By: Natalee Peer and Loyal Siffeldeen

Hey keep the environment clean
and the world will be a better
place. Every time you pick up 1 piece
of garbage the town pollution goes
down by 1%. So pick up Garbage and
life will be spick and span!!! You
don't want old dirty stuff laying
around, Do You?! Keep the world
clean and Think Green!!!

Be positive and get a ticket to
provide you with a coupon to
places.

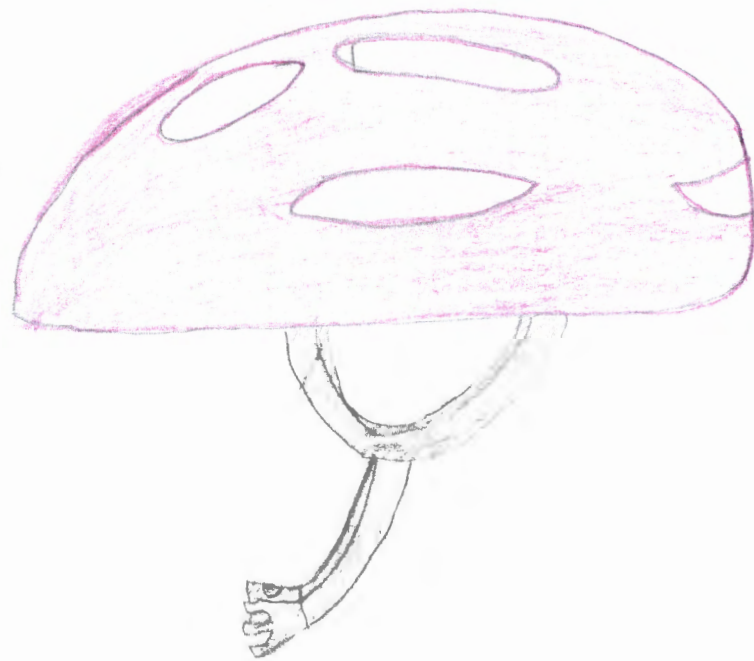
Ex...

- Pick up Garbage
- Use a helmet when you go bike riding
- help Elderly cross the road
- donate money to the town
- Recycle



Hey be positive
and pick me up
because the
environment
means a lot
to me and
lots of other
people to
help us
keep it clean.

Always use a helmet.



Always Get off your bike
to cross the Street.
