



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

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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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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

Statistics Review

Overall, Beaumont's RCMP crime statistics remain favourable over a five year trend and/or when compared to Beaumont's like-communities. From a closer perspective this past quarter, the RCMP statistics show a significant decrease in assaults but also an increase this first quarter in mischief complaints. As mentioned in 2013, this latter category will be an area where more attention will be necessary, especially as we are in our warmer months.

Habitual Location Management Program

On April 22, 2014, the Beaumont RCMP held a meeting with the Town Administration to discuss and identify the anticipated problem areas for the summer. Some of these locations identified included the skate park, the Town reservoir, the dug outs behind the High School, behind the schools, in the Ken Nichol parking lot, etc. These locations have now translated into Beaumont's new proactive 'Habitual Location Management' program. The program goal, led by Cst. Justine Rogawski but supported by all Detachment members, is to ensure these locations are checked on a regular basis throughout the summer / warmer months. As a means of working to address this issue from a number of approaches, any identified property offenders may also find themselves on Beaumont RCMP's 'Proactive Offender Management' program (previously called the prolific offender program) for preventative conditions checks, i.e. curfew checks.

Traffic Safety Pilot Project

For 2014, Council approved the RCMP's recommendation to run an Enhanced Traffic Safety Pilot Project. The goal of this project is to bring in extra or dedicated resources to focus on problem traffic areas and issues that have been identified by the community, i.e. speeding in residential areas and impaired driving. The community might be interested to know that while enforcing the speeds on 56a Street at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 5th, 2014, that a violator stopped for speeding was arrested for impaired driving and later provided a breath sample that was greater than three times the legal limit. As this program continues, Cst. TEJA (our project lead) will provide a more detailed report for the Town that will include the types of offences managed, the areas targeted and patrolled, the number of tickets issued, the number of warnings issued, and the total fines for tracking purposes.

Citizens on Patrol

Beaumont's Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) group remains active in the community and involved with helping us to keep our community safe. This past quarter the RCMP was especially pleased to have their assistance to deal with a speeding complaint on 48 Street, just South of 43 Avenue. A resident had a concern of speeding at this location in the evening and there was discussion as to whether photo enforcement would be appropriate. Prior to making a decision on this, the RCMP requested the COPS to complete a traffic survey of the area using the RCMP's handheld radar unit. After five shifts they were able to determine that average speeds were within the speed limit, except for a handful of motorists who were speeding. Rather than approve the location for photo radar, a decision was made instead to have patrols through the traffic safety project and to forward the information to Infrastructure Services for consideration of "SLOW DOWN" signage (or a similar signage solution). Another new strategy for the Beaumont Citizens on Patrol has been to create an email address to request patrols: requestpatrol@beaumontcops.ca. If our members have something they would like the COP group to be on the lookout for, they can email the COP group to do so. All locations for the Habitual Location Management program have been sent to the COP group.

RCMP Complaint Line

Beaumont RCMP currently has two active complaint line numbers. This is the result of moving from the old Detachment location to the new Detachment location. The old number is 780-929-7267 (RCMP) and the new number is 780-929-7400. Shared Services Canada advised in 2013 that they can no longer support the costs of maintaining two separate complaint line numbers. As a result, one of the numbers must be discontinued. The 780-929-RCMP, incidentally, was not a planned number. The resulting acronym is merely an anomaly. Additionally, 780-929-RCMP is not an acronym that is accessible on some cell phone key pads, i.e. Blackberry. Given that the greatest degree of advertising for the Detachment complaint line now supports the new number, Shared Services Canada (in consultation with the Detachment) has determined that 780-929-RCMP will be discontinued at some point over the next 12-24 months in favour of 780-929-7400. The RCMP will be working with the Town's Communication Officer to assist with the development of a communications plan to ensure that Beaumont's residents are made aware of this coming change.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Beaumont Detachment concluded the 2013/14 fiscal year with a reduction in occurrences of domestic violence. Incidents of domestic violence went down from 149 to 108 incidents in the 2013 calendar year. During the 2013/14 reporting year, occurrences of domestic violence finished with a total of 119. The target was to see a decrease in domestic violence from 133 to 125 over the fiscal year.

While the numbers appear promising, we must be mindful that these types of incidents are not always reported. What might appear to be a success might only be a result of victims not reporting incidents. This is an area that will require ongoing monitoring and tracking to determine if the numbers are truly indicative of a longer term trend.

Domestic violence requires the ongoing participation and response of the entire community. The RCMP was pleased this past fiscal year to work alongside FCSS and Victim Services with their initiatives and public awareness campaigns, i.e. the "Men as Allies" workshop and the "Walk a Hill for Jill", as two examples. We will continue to do our part to ensure there is an awareness of this issue in the community, by conducting thorough investigations, by making the referrals they need to get the proper support.

In 2013/14 our members were provided with enhanced domestic violence training. They were better instructed on how to conduct these investigations, what to look for in terms of the signs, and how to ensure people will have the help they need to stop the cycle. Cst. Justine Rogawski, in particular, was selected at our detachment to receive specialized training in this area.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

As Beaumont RCMP's Community Policing Officer, Cst. Powers has continued to deliver a variety of programs for the youth in the community. This past quarter saw the delivery of 24 youth-related presentations (not including DARE). Presentations included Detachment tours, Introduction to Police Officers' role in Your Community, Conflict Resolution, Character Building, and Internet Safety. The Beaumont RCMP was especially pleased this past quarter to also participate at the Francophone Flag Raising ceremony and the BCYC Pool Tournament.

SADD Dodgeball Tournament

More recently, the Beaumont RCMP partnered with Municipal Enforcement and the Beaumont Fire Department to compete at the High School for SADD's Dodgeball Tournament (Beaumont Protective Services). Check out our integrated team photo to the right! We were beaten pretty bad by the boys' soccer team, so they should know publicly that we will be training all year and will be looking forward to taking them on in 2015!



Connecting through Music!

To add something a little unique, the Beaumont RCMP is very pleased to announce that Cst. Kelvin Koch has created an initiative which focuses on Positive Youth Development through music. Having a special skill in this area, he will be working with our community partners and the organizers of the Beaumont Blues Festival to facilitate the involvement of Beaumont youth in yet another positive activity that can help our youth connect in a positive way with the police and to build skills for positive decision making. As a result of better connecting with the youth and further enhancing and encouraging positive youth behaviours, the Beaumont RCMP expects to see a continued reduction in youth crime and victimization. Diverting focus towards music is yet another way this can be achieved.

Beaumont RCMP & Beaumont Chamber of Commerce – Youth Award

This year, the Beaumont RCMP has partnered with the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce to implement a youth award - the "Beaumont RCMP Award for Outstanding Youth Conduct". The award will focus on the older youth in the community, and will recognize those youth who have consistently demonstrated the core values of the RCMP. The award will be accompanied by Beaumont Business money, as well as a \$1000 Beaumont Chamber of Commerce scholarship for a grade 12 student. The award is non-academic and seeks to promote positive youth development consistent with the RCMP and Town's policing priorities. A copy of the award criteria is attached.



A significant key to this award will be a recommendation that came from our Community Advisory Committee to make the award “peer selected”. There are no better judges of youth conduct than those people who are really in the know! Thank you to the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and the business community in Beaumont for partnering with this initiative and for approving funding for the next three years!

Beaumont Positive Ticketing Program – New Logo !

Congratulations to Meirwyn (11) of Beaumont for submitting the winning logo for Beaumont’s positive ticketing program. Meirwyn and five of her friends will be enjoying a pizza party at Boston Pizza and time at the Launchpad. Check out the new logo to the right. The program will commence June 15th and run until October 15th. Cst. Hoshang Karmand will be coordinating this year’s Positive Ticketing Program.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE – DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The Beaumont RCMP Detachment, and Cst. Lindsay Powers in particular, continues to deliver and support the DARE program. This past quarter the JE Lapointe DARE grad was held in February, while Cst. Powers began another session for Coloniale School in January. There are presently six grade 5 classes participating in the program, which is about 140 students.

In terms of our drug statistics, there were 14 drug investigations initiated in Beaumont this past quarter. These investigations, depending on the reports in each case, can be very time consuming and will often require weeks or even months of investigative work. Of the 14 investigations initiated this past quarter there were seven concluded as unfounded (no drugs located or found) or unsolved, three cleared by departmental discretion with offenders either receiving a warning or Extrajudicial Measures, and three investigations resulting in charges. The balance of investigations, as well as other investigations, is ongoing.

Cst. BRAND has been attending quarterly Criminal Intelligence meetings in Leduc and bi-weekly Intelligence meetings in Edmonton (our newly established partnership), liaising with Edmonton Police Service. The meetings are used to share information about current crime trends, updates on current investigations, results of concluded investigations, as well as prolific and habitual offenders believed to be active in the area. The meetings are also used to create contacts for the sharing of sensitive information directly with investigators.

Four Pillar Approach to Drug Abuse

The Beaumont RCMP Detachment Commander, Beaumont Composite High School Principal and the FCSS Director met in March to discuss the issue of youth drug use – marijuana drug use in particular. The specific purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the focus group discussion that was held in January relative to this issue. (*The focus group in January consisted of representation from the High School, the RCMP, the Youth Centre, the Youth Justice Committee, and the youth themselves*). While it might be said that over the longer period that youth drug use may have declined in Beaumont, i.e. over a ten year period (when we consider the observations of the RCMP and the School), more work is still needed to address the issue of youth drug use in our society.

One of the major points agreed to at our meeting in March was that youth drug use cannot be resolved by anyone entity alone. The factors that go into this issue were discussed as being wide-reaching and including everything from early childhood development challenges to society's seemingly changing views about drug use. To address the more specific factors identified by the youth themselves, and to build on some of the great work already being done by a number of individuals and agencies today, it was determined that our efforts should continue to be collaborative but also be framed with a four pillar approach: Education, Enforcement, Asset Building, and Awareness. 'Education', because the youth identified they are not seeing marijuana use as harmful. 'Enforcement', because the youth identified are not seeing any consequences for marijuana use. 'Asset Building', because research tells us that early childhood/youth development is a strong prevention strategy. And, 'Awareness', because the message that youth are getting through society is that marijuana drug use today is permissive.

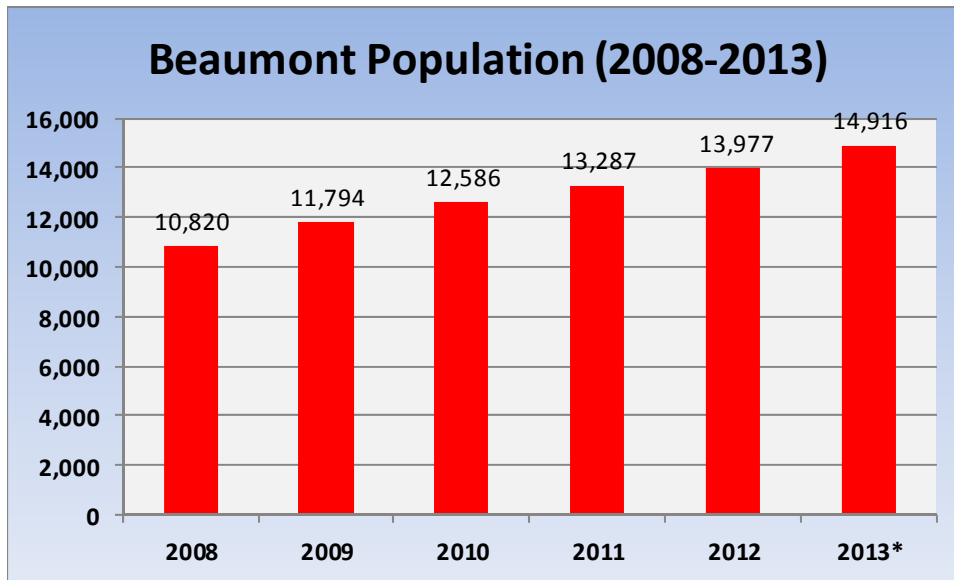
During the course of this latest meeting there were several initiatives identified in our community that exist already. This would include, for example, having the DARE program, a dedicated Drug Officer, the YDIP (Youth Drug Intervention Program) program, the HEROS program, the Asset Building Program, SADD, and the PARTY program (to name a few). Collectively, however, we identified where more could be done. This included, for example, arranging for more peer-driven youth presentations about the harms of drug abuse, limiting the use of RCMP warnings in favour of the Alternative Measures program (where discretion is appropriate), and generating more media awareness of the issue. From the meetings, the Beaumont RCMP in particular will continue to deliver its initiatives, work collaboratively with its partners, and be guided by focusing on the activities that would fall within this four pillar approach.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

General

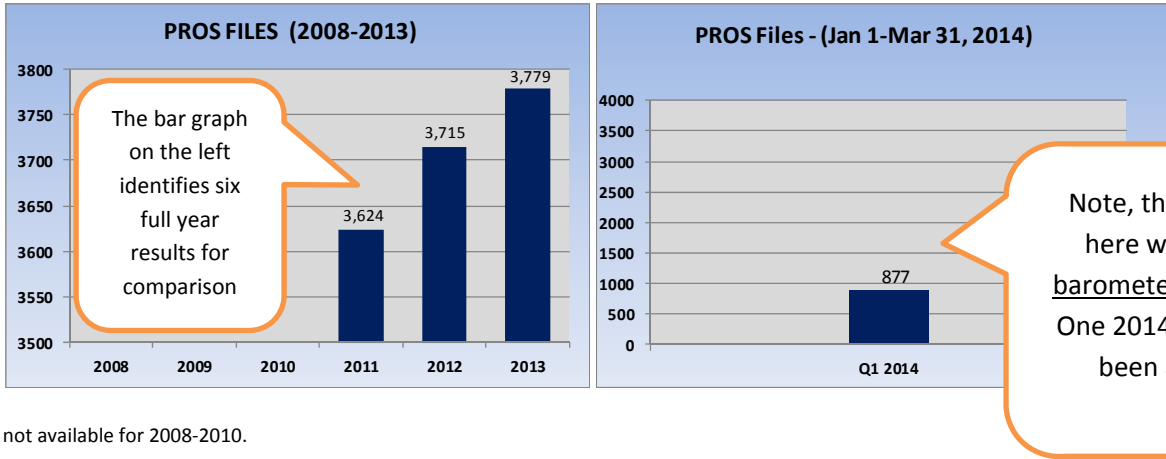
Note – Not all Detachment statistics are included in this report. Only those more significant statistics have been included. In accordance with previous discussions with Council, the idea of presenting the information in the format that follows is to provide more meaningful information and to enable 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



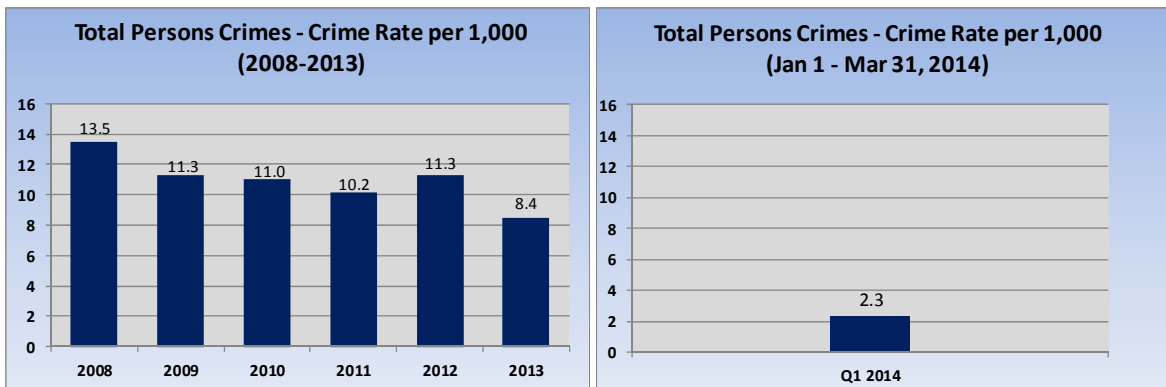
*Municipal Affairs used as source for populations for 2008-2012, 2013 has been provided by the Town of Beaumont.

PROS (Occurrence Files)

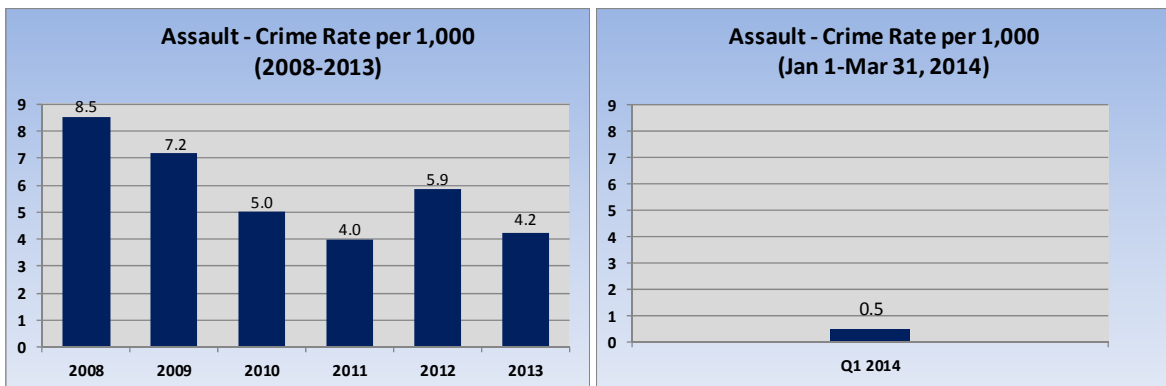


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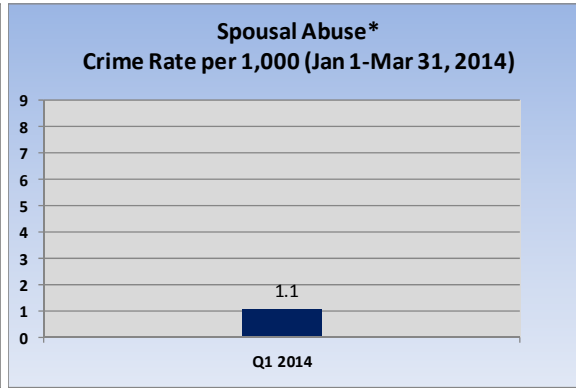
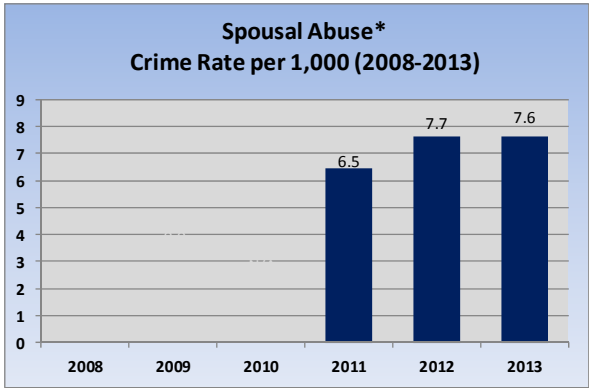
Total Persons Crime



Assault

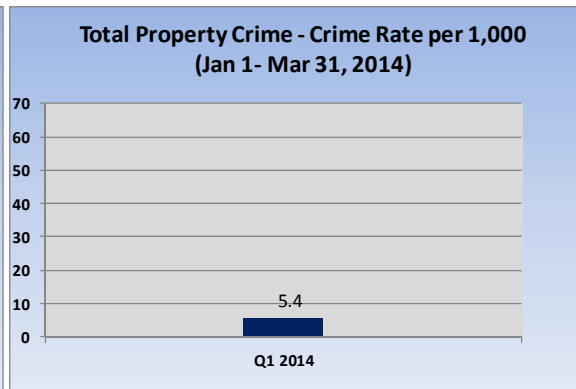
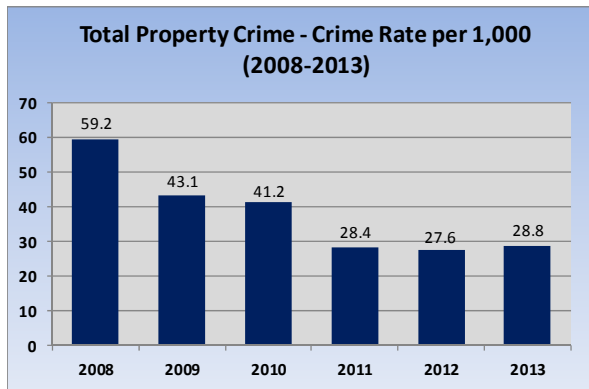


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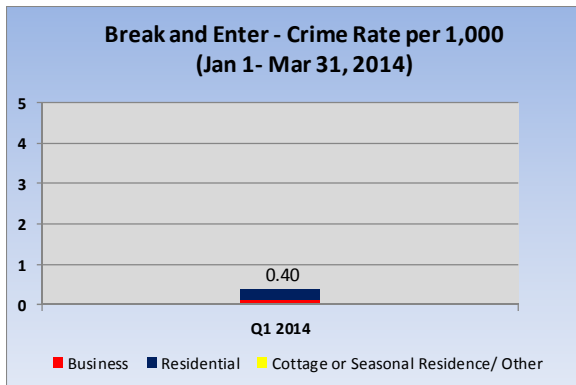
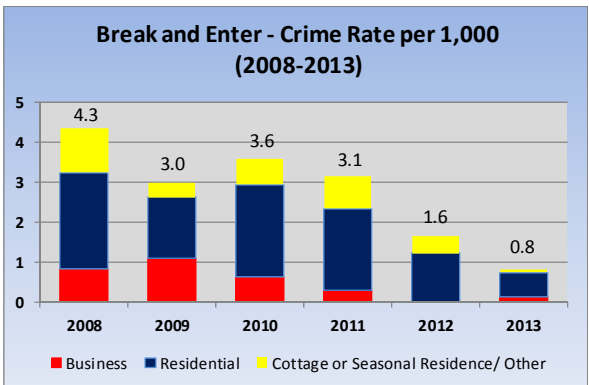


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
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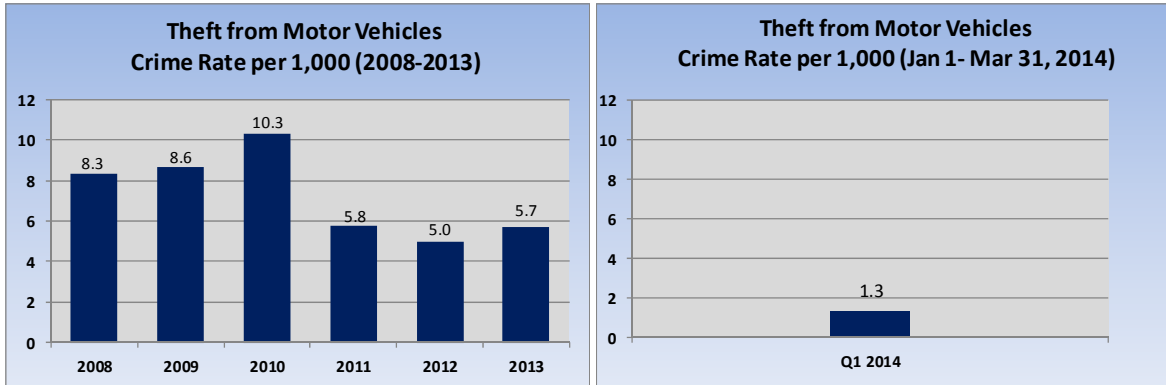
Total Property Crime



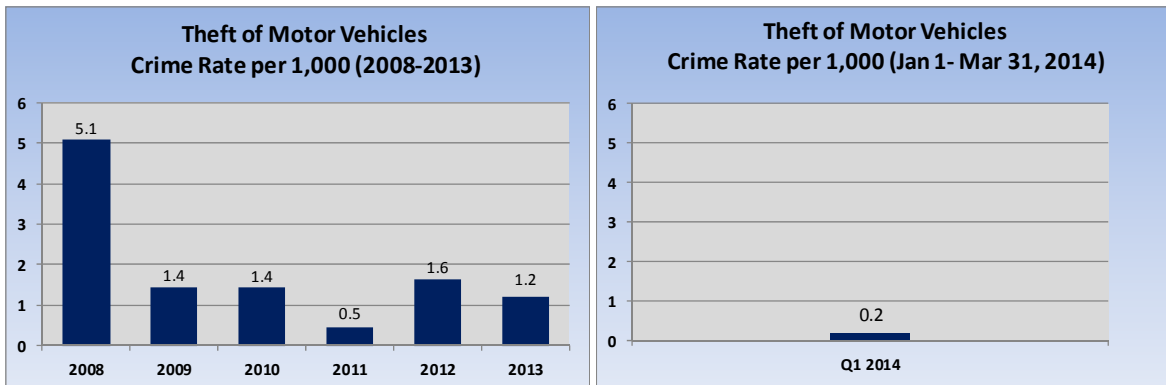
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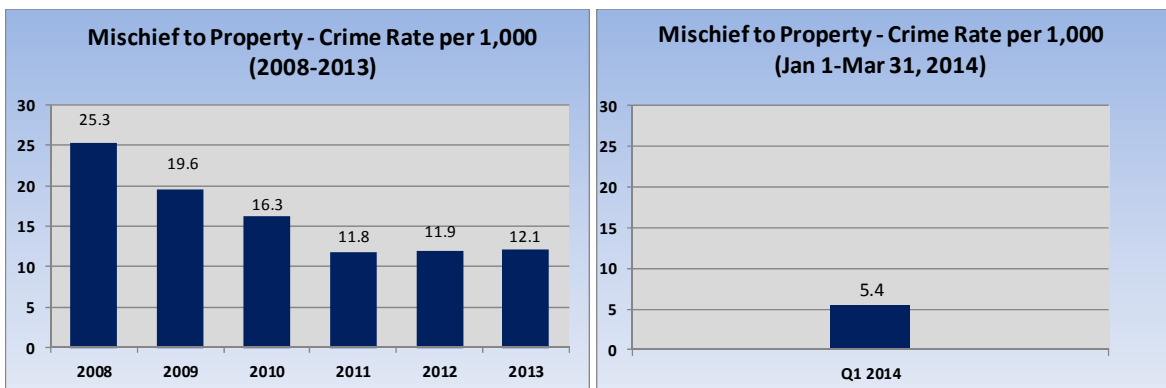
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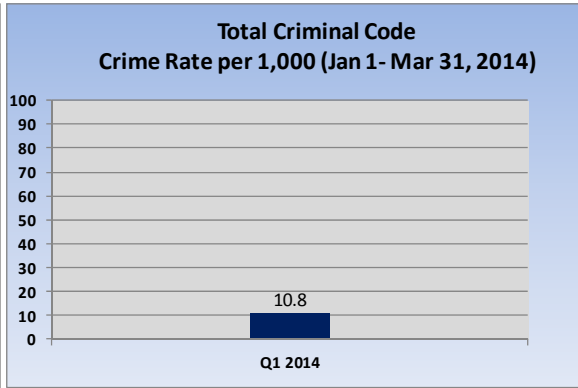
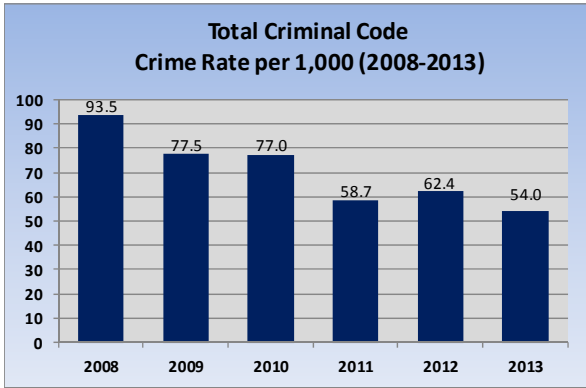
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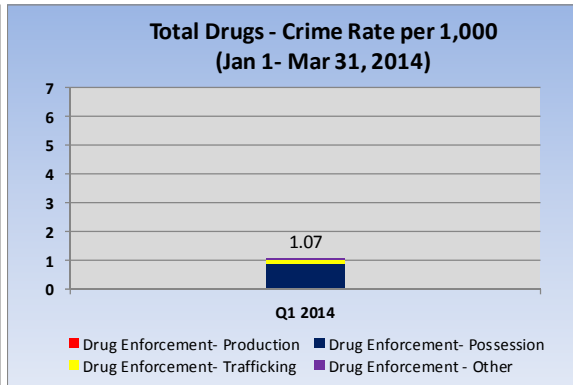
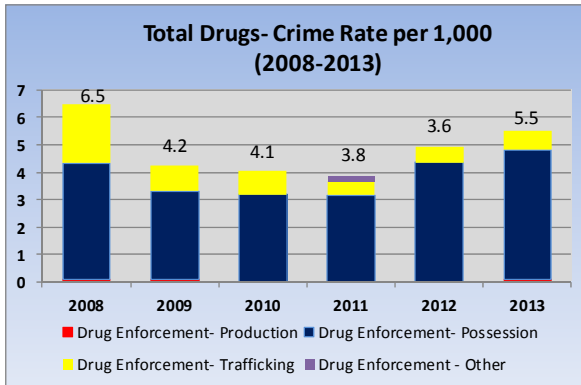
Mischief to Property



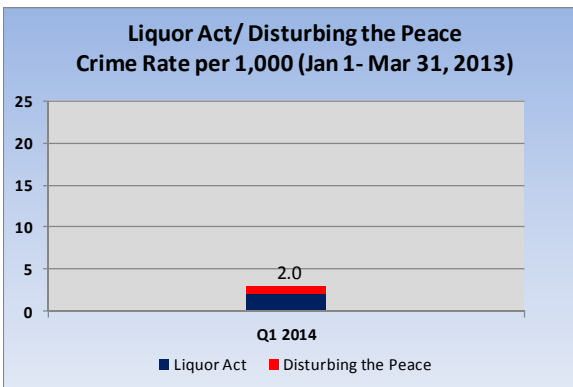
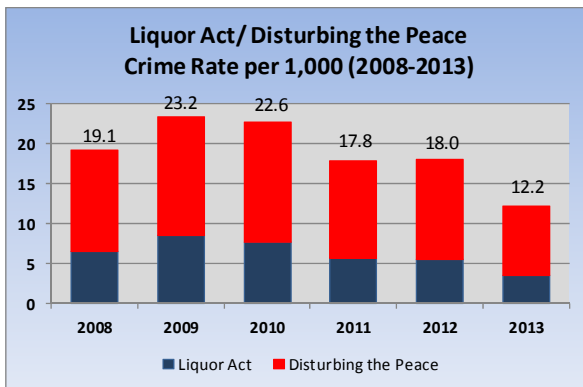
Total Criminal Code



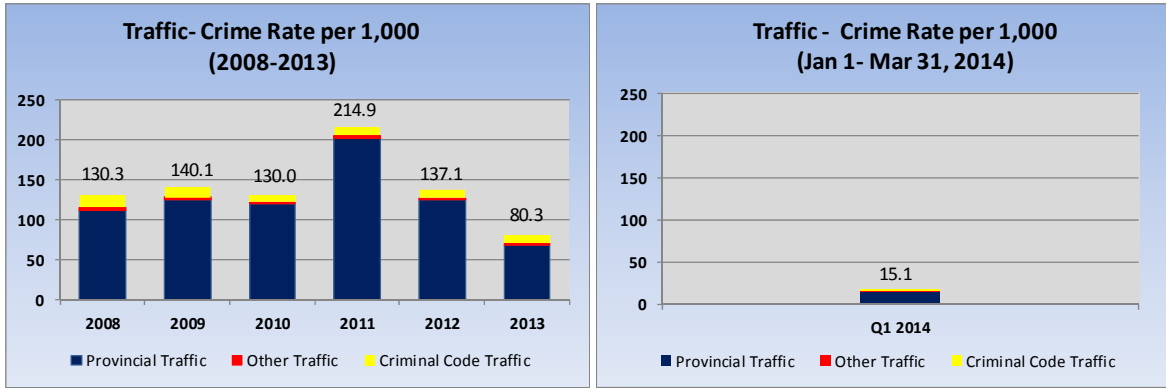
Total Drugs



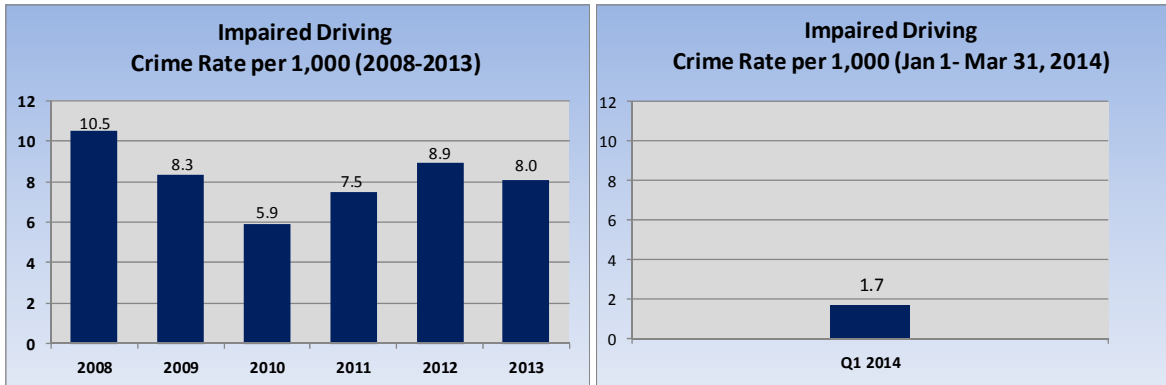
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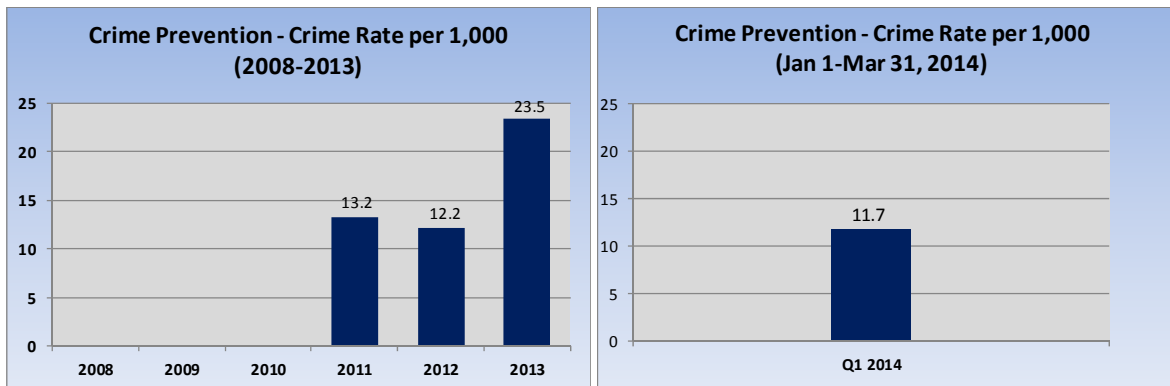
Traffic



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.



Beaumont RCMP

Award For *Outstanding Youth Conduct*

Eligibility	Grade 7 Coloniale School x1
	Grade 7 JE Lapointe School x 1
	Grade 10 Beaumont Composite High School
	Grade 12 Beaumont Composite High School
Award	Yearly - All – RCMP Certificate – Supported by Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
	Yearly – Grade 7 – \$50 Beaumont Business Dollars B.C.C.
	Yearly – Grade 10 - \$100 Beaumont Business Dollars B.C.C.
	Yearly – Grade 12 - \$1000 Scholarship – Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to be used within a 2 year period for any post-secondary education institution, trades training, or business endeavor (with a supporting business case)
Nominations	Peer Nominations
	Peer Committee Nominations
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Courage of convictions in peer adversity ii) Influences peers in a positive way iii) Positively involved in school and/or community iv) Demonstrates core values of the RCMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrity - Honesty - Professionalism - Compassion - Respect - Accountability v) Character award, non-academic
	
Jury	Three member committee of peers (selected by school administration)
	Recommendation of committee to be accompanied with supporting rationale
Selection	Beaumont RCMP Detachment Commander
Presentation	Beaumont RCMP Detachment Commander
	Beaumont Chamber of Commerce President

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