



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

Town Council

January to March

2015

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A/Detachment 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

OUR STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

When the first quarter statistics of 2015 are compared to the first quarter statistics of 2014, the following observations can be made: Crimes against persons, including assaults and spousal abuse, are up significantly (2.3 per 1000 population to 3.3). Assaults have gone from 0.5 per 1000 to 1.9; and spousal abuse went from 1.1 to 1.9.

Total property crime, overall, has remained relatively stable (5.4 per 1000 to 5.2). However, mischief to property has dropped significantly (5.4 per 1000 to 2.1) and thefts from motor vehicles have also dropped significantly (1.3 per 1000 to 0.6).

The Beaumont RCMP is currently examining the reasons for the increase in persons' crimes to determine whether these are repeat offenders or whether there is an increase in individual offenders. This will guide us on applying the appropriate solutions, i.e. offender management or greater public awareness.

CITIZENS ON PATROL-DISTRACTED DRIVING STATISTICS

Our Citizens On Patrol (COPs) have partnered up with the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) and conducted a statistics driven study in the Town of Beaumont in 2014. The following three locations were evaluated by COP volunteers to record distracted driving incidents:

2014-May-14th at Bellevue School on 50th Avenue from 1430-1530 hrs resulted at:

243 vehicles counted with:

- 9 hand held cell phones
- 5 texting or other
- 2 tinted windows
- 1 digital TV screen

2014-June-16th at 50th Street at 43 Avenue from 0745-0945 hrs resulted at:

1300 vehicles counted with:

- 13 hand held cell phones
- 5 texting
- 2 hand eating
- 1 dog on driver's lap

2014-Sept-24 at 50th Street (Hwy 814) 1 km north of Beaumont

1756 vehicles counted with:

- 12 hand held cell phones
- 10 texting
- 1 dog on driver's lap

As seen by the above statistics, distracted driving continues to be an issue in and around Beaumont as it is in other areas of the Province. In December 2014, the Province, after reviewing the results of several of these studies around the Province, has introduced Bill 204, the distracted Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act. The Act unanimously passed the third and final reading in March 2015 and was proclaimed. Distracted driving penalties jumped from \$172.00 fine with no demerit points to \$250.00 fine (\$287.00 after surcharge) and 3 demerit points against the distracted driver's license, as of May 1st, 2015.

It is hoped that the additional fine limit and more importantly, the introduction to the added demerits will deter motorists from partaking in actions likely to distract their abilities to safely operate motor vehicles.

The Beaumont RCMP wishes to thank the Citizen on Patrol members for their continued support and assistance.

OFFICER CHANGES 2015

Our officers are often transferred within the organization to gain different experiences and to meet the changing needs of our communities and/or our organization. The Beaumont RCMP Detachment is seeing the filling of some vacancies that were experienced in 2014.

ADDITIONS:

- In April 2015, Cpl. David Vanden Brink has transferred in from Leduc Detachment to fill the second Supervisor/Investigators position. Cpl. Vanden Brink brings with him a wealth of experience from his approximate 25 year career spanning detachments in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.
- Cst. Doug Gourley has just graduated from Depot and started his first shift in Beaumont on April 30th, 2015. He is from Fredericton, NB, and will be making Beaumont his new home.

- We have also been advised that Cst. Bart WARNER, who is a seven and a half year member, will be transferring in from Three Hills Detachment once he sells his home. He will be the new Community Policing Officer member and is currently occupying the Community Policing Officer position there. We are expecting his arrival by this summer.

LEAVING:

- The Detachment Commander, S/Sgt. Kevin Kunetzki, is being commissioned into the officer ranks as an Inspector and will be moving into the OIC (Officer in Charge) position at Leduc Detachment as of May 14th, 2015. The Beaumont Detachment wishes him well in his new endeavors. Cpl. Tim Dunlap will take on the role as Acting S/Sgt. as the temporary Detachment commander until the position is permanently filled.

The process carried out to replace the Detachment Commander starts with an internal on-line search for members of the S/Sgt rank who are due to transfer from their current posts and who have Beaumont on their list of locations they are willing or wanting to transfer to. If suitable candidates are located for lateral transfers then the process involving interviews in conjunction with the Town of Beaumont of the candidates would take place and a new detachment commander would be chosen.

If no suitable lateral candidates are located then the position is opened up to promotable Sergeants and the position/promotion gets advertised with a 21 day deadline for applications. The promotion/validation committee will obtain a short list of candidates and the interviewing steps in conjunction with the Town of Beaumont would take place and a new detachment commander will be chosen.

CRIME PREVENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES (CPVS) position

As mentioned above, Cst. Bart Warner will be arriving in Beaumont by this summer and will take on teaching all the D.A.R.E. classes in Beaumont starting in September. For this current school year, Cst Neil MUZ has been filling in for the vacant position by teaching the following DARE classes:

- Ecole Dansereau Meadows School grade 5 with 3 classes
- St. Andre grade 5/6 with 2 classes
- Bellevue grade 5 with 3 classes

- Beau Meadow grade 5 with 3 classes
- Coloniale grade 5 with 2 classes
- JE Lapointe grade 8 with 1 class

These 16 DARE classes are very well received and Cst. MUZ will continue for this school season until Cst. Warner can permanently fill the position for next year's school year.

FINGERPRINTING

In February 2015 the new "Livescan" computerized fingerprinting instrument arrived in Beaumont. It has since been fully set up, is operational, and all staff has now been trained on its usage. It is now being used for obtaining fingerprints for both Criminal (prisoners being charged) and civil (such as, but not limited to criminal records checks). This instrument has a direct link to Ottawa's National Fingerprint database. This significantly assists police officers to identify unknown prisoners who are in custody claiming to be somebody they aren't or refusing to identify themselves. Within 5-10 minutes of submitting the prisoner's prints, a computerized search through all known collected fingerprints in the database will positively identify the previously unknown prisoner if they are in the database.

BEAUMONT SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

The Beaumont RCMP and Municipal Enforcement, in collaboration with representatives of Town of Beaumont Administration, Black Gold and STAR Catholic School Divisions, and parents, formed a working group to identify existing or potential future safety concerns in school zones. Solutions to address those concerns were compiled in a written report to Council as presented on Sept 9th, 2014. Solutions were broken down into the three categories: Enforcement, Education, and Infrastructure.

Enforcement: The Beaumont RCMP coordinated the Traffic Safety Pilot Project with the School Zone Safety work group's endeavors. Whenever officers conduct traffic safety shifts, they also ensure school zone patrols. Feedback from the working group was very positive. They have definitely noticed the increased patrols, presence, and enforcement. Municipal Enforcement has also continued to support and lead the school zone safety patrols, with an officer committed to this aspect.

Education: The schools themselves have taken on the educational aspects of the Safety project. The new CPVS School Liaison RCMP officer is soon to be in place to assist with the educational aspects of the 3-tiered plan.

Infrastructure: There is still infrastructure recommendations that are awaiting completion and that have been delegated to the Town of Beaumont’s Planning and Engineering Department for implementation. A plan is in the works to have many of the upgrades completed by September 2015.

Four Seasons Ball Diamond Dugouts

The baseball dugouts in the Four Seasons ball park behind the High School were identified as a high risk area for vandalism, graffiti, and drug and alcohol use. The RCMP, the High School, and Parks and Facilities came together to discuss and collaborate on solutions. A decision was made to lower the back walls of the dugouts so as not to be totally enclosed. This change has now had positive feedback on their looks and functionality. The vandalism and graffiti levels have been notably lower. The only negative feedback received was that there was lower wind blockage while in use. (see the before and after pictures).



BEFORE

AFTER



ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATES

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

On April 2nd, 2015, Beaumont's Kryptanite Tanning Studios hosted a "Spring Break Day Camp" fundraiser. Local business owners were offered the opportunity to market their businesses, while supporting a local non-profit program, the Beaumont Youth Positive Ticketing Program.

The local business owners each paid a \$40.00 participation fee and donated small treats and brochures representing their respective businesses. These were all added to goodie bags for the 87 kids that attended the event. Another 25 local volunteers, many of them local teenagers, helped with set-up, take-down, playing games, and helping with other activities. Cst Leyla Kafadar representing the Beaumont RCMP was also in attendance. After it was all said and done, the event raised over \$1,400.00 for the Youth Positive Ticketing Program.



The upcoming Beaumont Blues and Roots Festival is fast approaching for the June 19/20/21, 2015 weekend. Cst. Kelvin KOCH, representing the Beaumont Detachment, has been working with festival organizers to bring forth an under 21 “Youth at the Blues” Battle of the Bands challenge. Young bands and singers can compete in preliminary rounds held on May 23rd and 30th at the Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School to earn the right to perform on stage at the Beaumont Blues and Roots Festival and win cash and prizes totaling over \$5,000.00. This is the start of what will hopefully grow into an annual event at the festival. It spotlights Beaumont’s youth in a positive manner and provides recognition to up and coming young talented artists.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

This past quarter was a busy one for Beaumont Detachment’s Impaired Driving initiative. In total, ten impaired driving and one care or control of a motor vehicle charges were laid and five failing or refusing to provide breath samples charges were laid. Two roadside suspensions were also issued.

Two check stops were held this last quarter resulting in one liquor related charge being laid and thirty two various warnings given but no impaired drivers charged. Cst Karmand Prepared an Educational Media Release for Beaumont Newspaper on Impaired Awareness. The emphasis was on Alternative Planning and Preventative Measures. Public were encouraged to drive sober, have a designated driver, or call a taxi. Public was also advised of the consequences of impaired driving. Media Released on March 12, 2015.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

This quarter, a total of five CDSA possession related charges were laid. Two CDSA marihuana related charges were generated from one traffic stop. Beaumont RCMP assisted Edmonton Police Service with search warrant on a residence in Beaumont. Marijuana was seized and charges were laid against an accused. Beaumont Drug Member also assisted DND from Wainwright detachment with search warrant on a residence in Beaumont. Drugs and stolen property were recovered.

As we know, illegal drugs arrive into Beaumont by way of motor vehicles for the most part. The mandate for the Drug position was modified to include interdiction uniform duties targeting both impaired drivers (by drugs and alcohol) and interception of the transporting of drugs into Beaumont through traffic stops with suspicious vehicles and/or vehicles of known drug users/

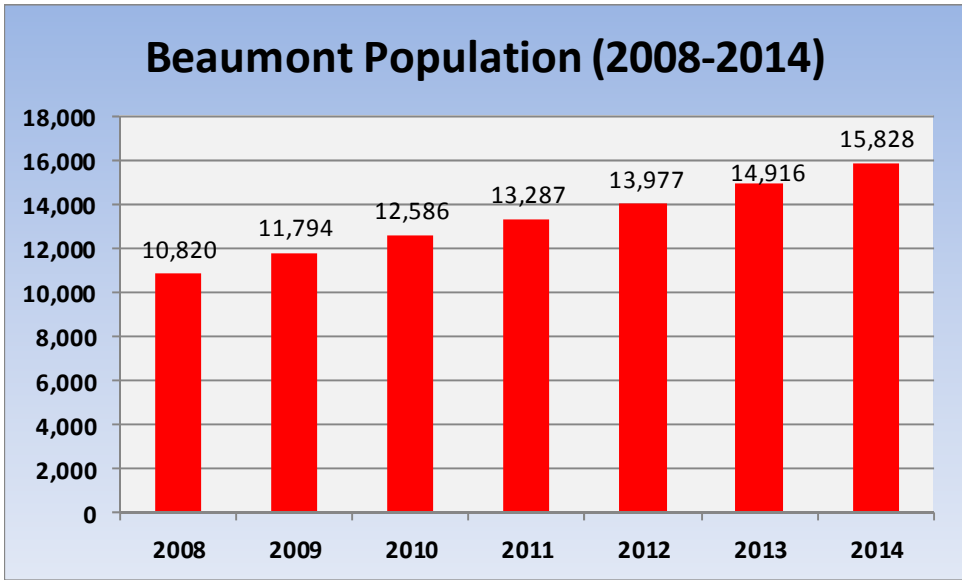
traffickers. This is expected to stir up some more street level drug users as well as those mid-level drug traffickers bringing the drugs to Beaumont.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

General

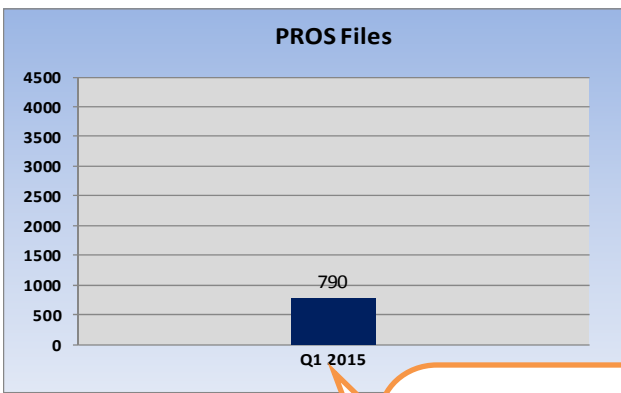
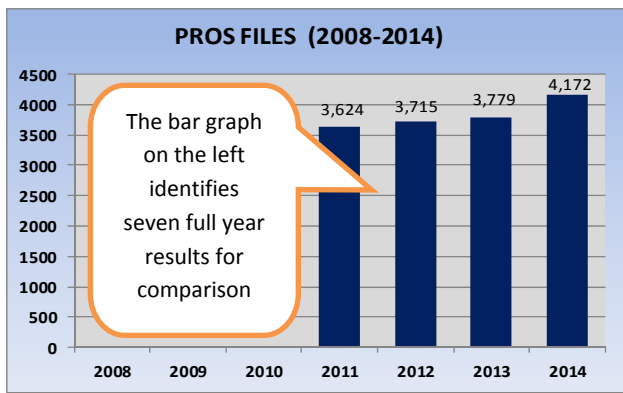
Note – Not all Detachment statistics are included in this report. Only those more significant statistics have been included. In accordance with previous discussions with Council, the idea of presenting the information in the format that follows is to provide more meaningful information and to enable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

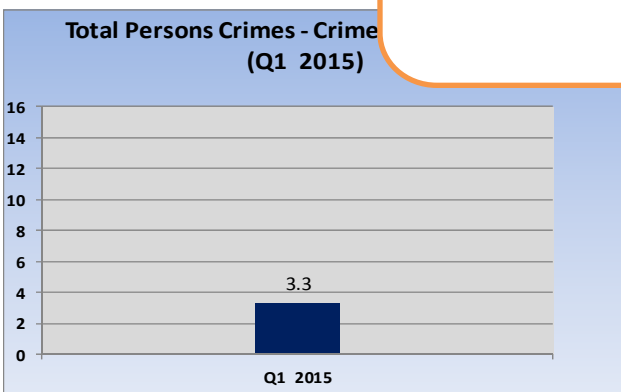
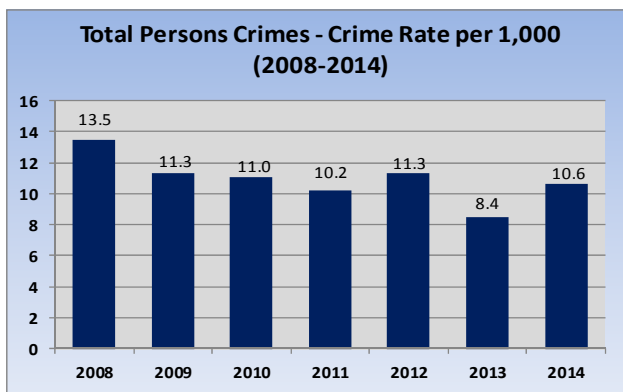
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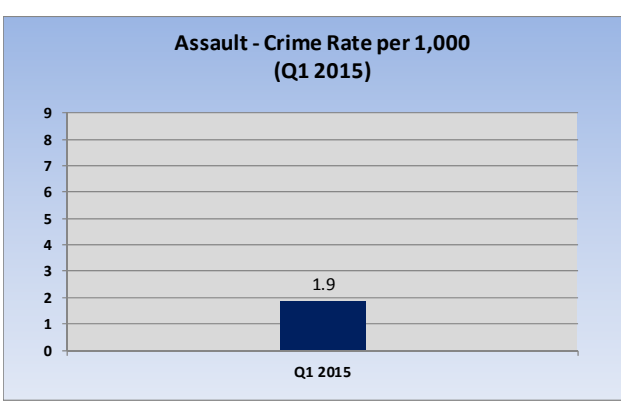
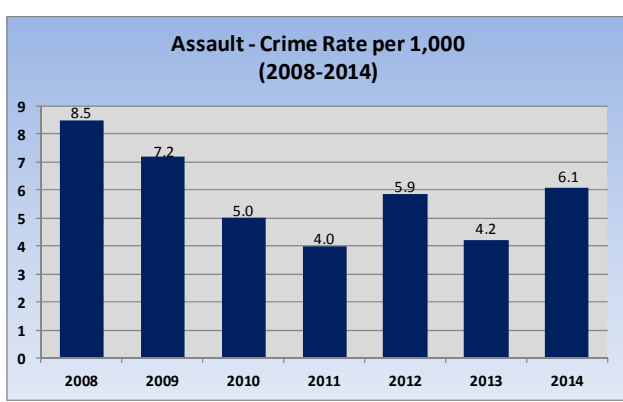
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Note, the bar graph here works like a barometer. This is total for Quarter 1.

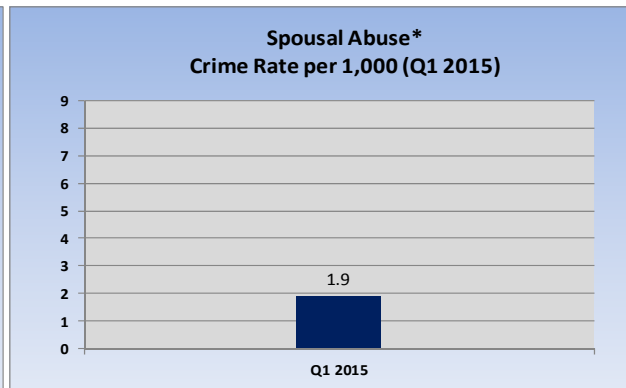
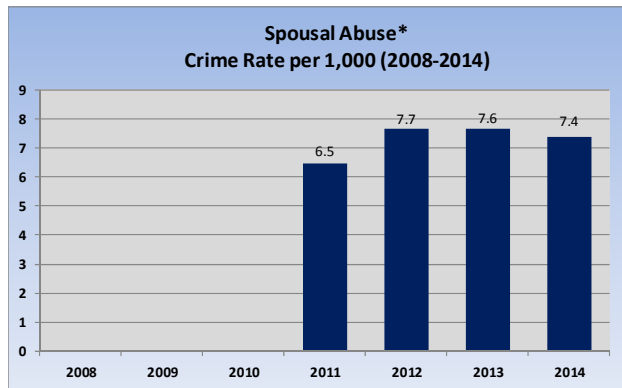
Total Persons Crime



Assault

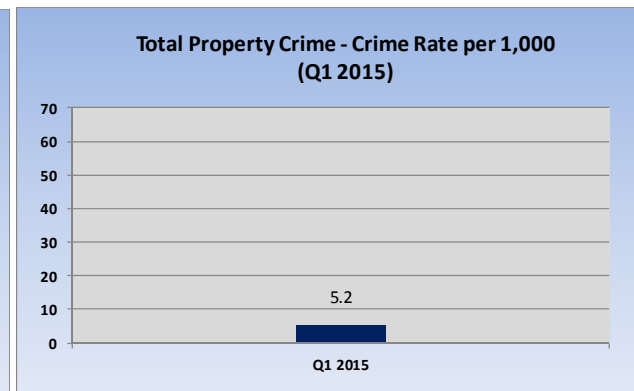
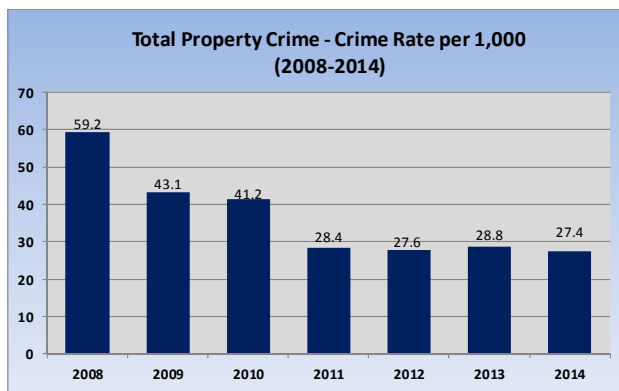


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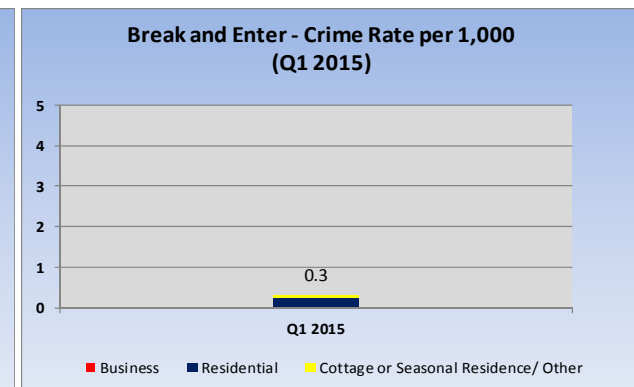
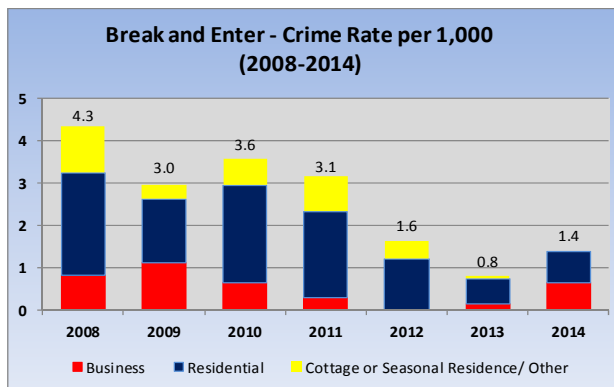


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
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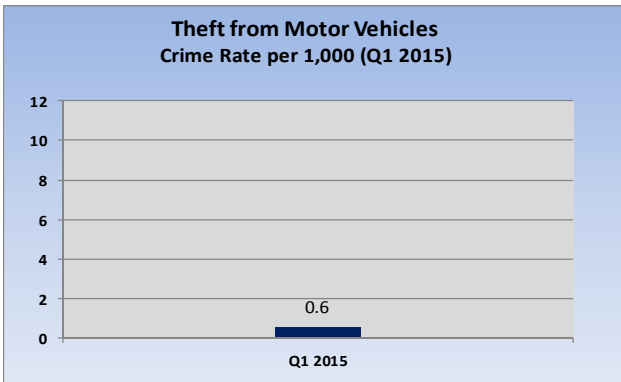
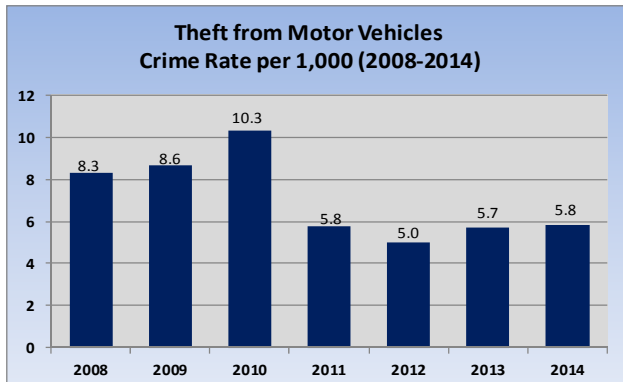
Total Property Crime



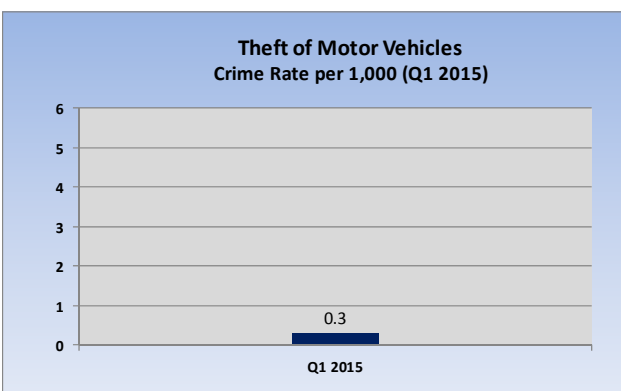
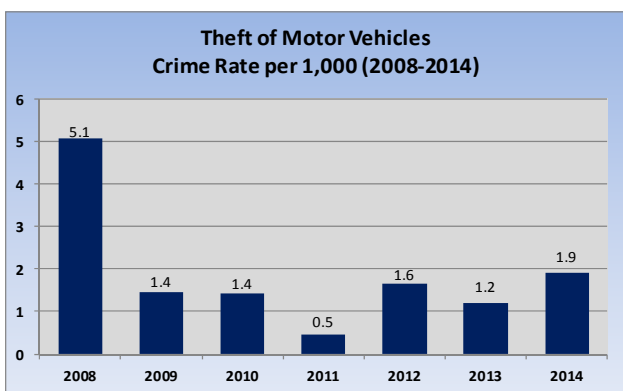
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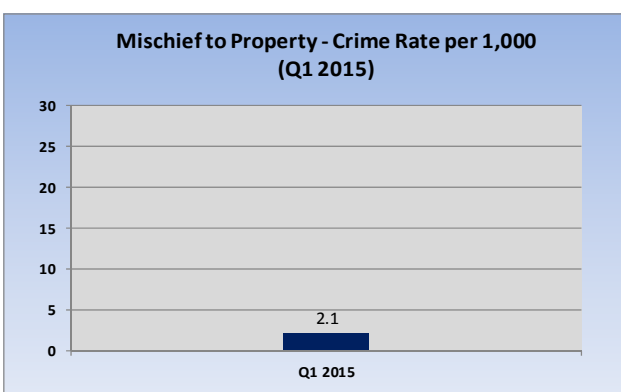
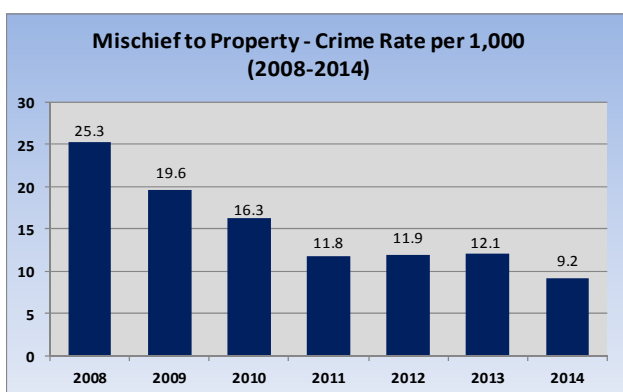
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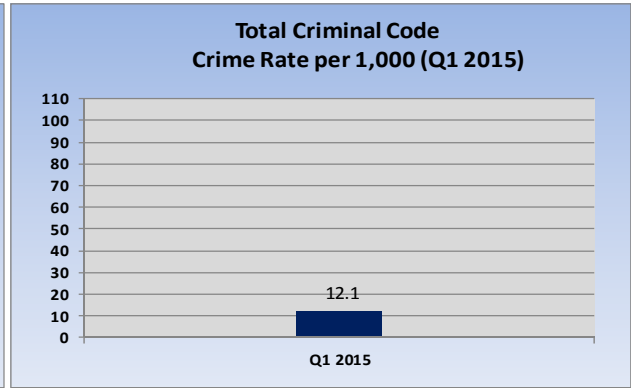
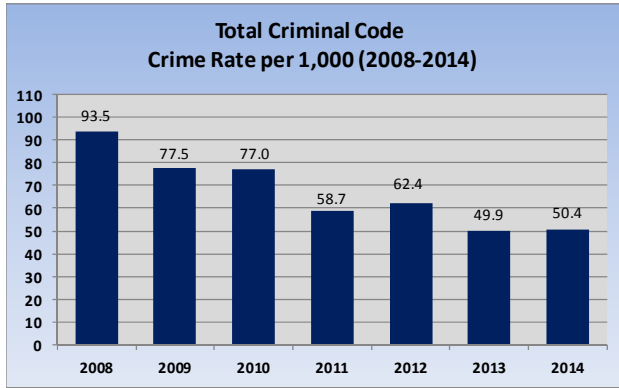
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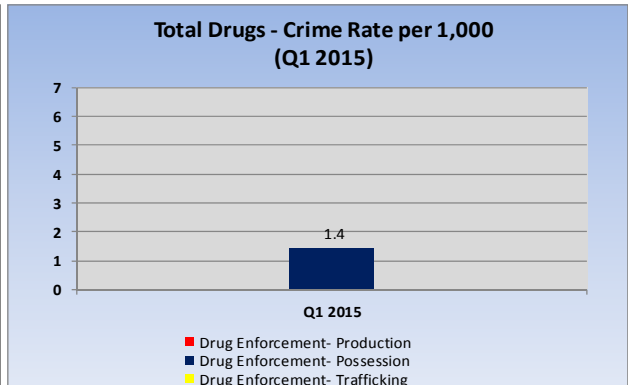
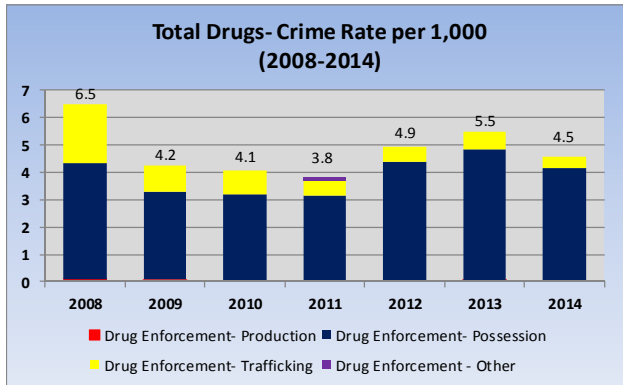
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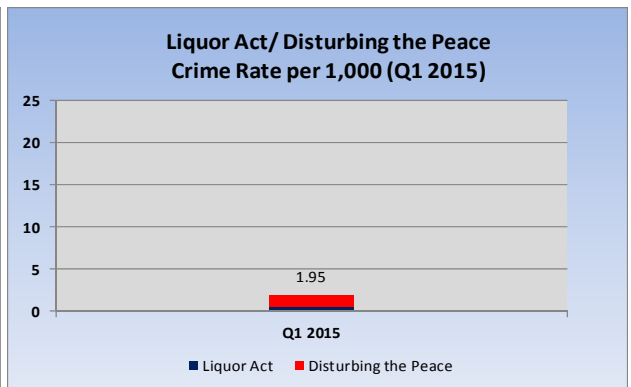
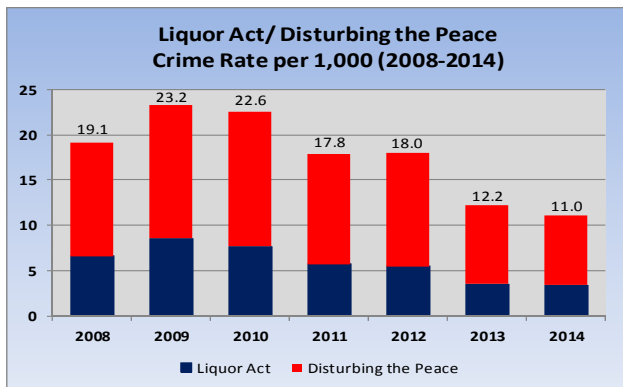
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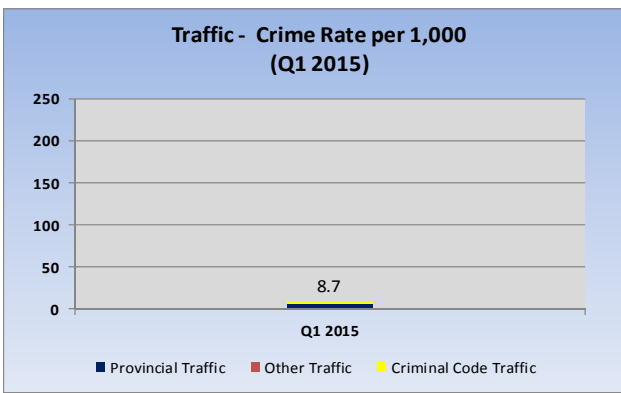
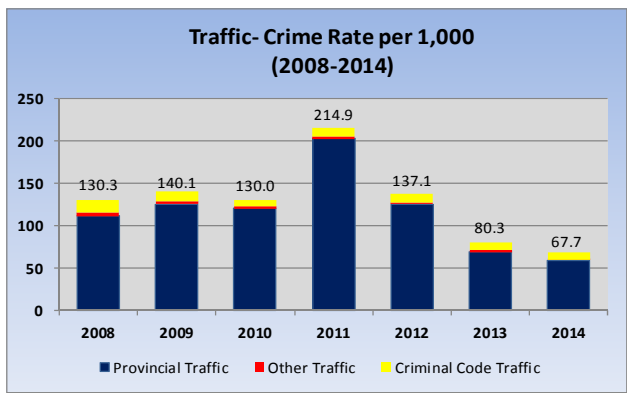
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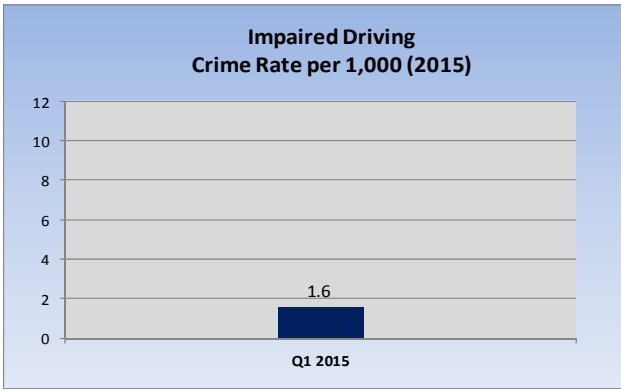
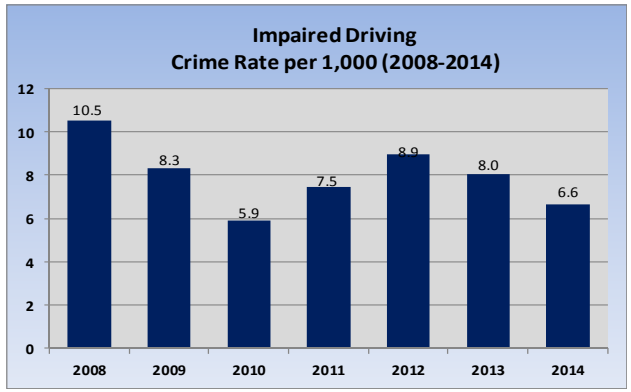
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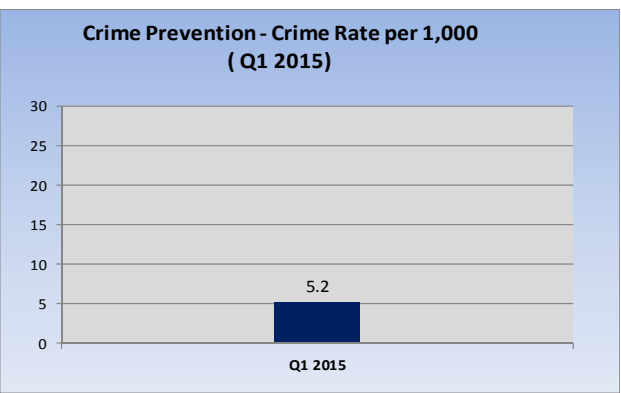
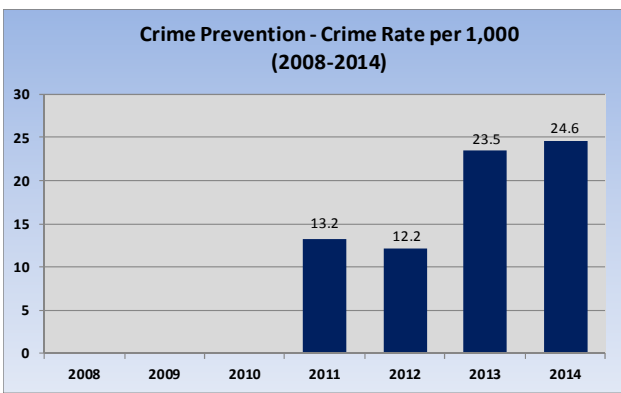
Traffic



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.

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