



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Semi-Annual Report

Town Council

July to December, 2015

Year-end Statistics

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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 General Manager of Community and Protective Services.

DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

OUR STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

1. Crimes against persons: Assaults have decreased slightly from 100 in 2014 to 94 in 2015 but uttering threats have increased from 37 in 2014 to 48 in 2015. Overall the numbers of crimes against person’s calls for the past five years have the following numbers: 2011: 135 files; 2012: 160 files; 2013: 129 files; 2014: 176 files; and 2015: 191 files. This steady increase may very well have to do with the steady increase in Beaumont’s population growth.
2. Property crime: Overall, has remained relatively stable. The past five year results as follows: 2011: 384 files; 2012: 392 files; 2013: 431 files; 2014: 470 files; and 2015: 488 files. This steady increase may also be accounted for by the steady population growth of Beaumont.

The Beaumont RCMP has explored the results after one (1) year of having in place the False Alarm Bylaw. The numbers do speak for themselves: Over the past five years, false alarm calls are as follows: 2011: 301 files; 2012: 365 files; 2013: 357 files; 2014: 311 files; and 2015: 318 files.

It might be noted that even though there are still many false alarm calls, most are first and only one time calls. The Beaumont RCMP sends out warning letters to affected home owners following the police receiving false alarm calls. In this letter, it explains the Bylaw and the service charge for second and subsequent calls that are determined to be false in nature. It also explains to the home owners how to set up the procedures with their alarm companies to prevent further waste of resources. It suggests to home owners to have other property representatives called as a priority, prior to the police being called. This has significantly reduced repeat calls for false alarms.

Beaumont continues to be plagued with a large number of complaints of thefts from motor vehicles. The Beaumont RCMP has utilized the use of local media including newspaper, radio, and social media to educate Beaumont residents on the importance of not leaving valuables in plain view in unlocked vehicles. In every case, the vehicles were easily accessed with unlocked doors and the thieves walked along a street checking several vehicles until one is found unlocked. The unlocked vehicle gets entered and searched for valuables to steal. Then the thieves continue on until another vehicle is found unlocked and the process is repeated. No locked vehicles were forced open. The Beaumont RCMP has been successful in identifying, arresting, and charging several people in this regard. Other methods of investigation are underway but can't be disclosed so as to alert the thieves of our ongoing methods to catch them.

To provide a better account of the crime trends, attached to this report is the statistical breakdown (graphs) of all the different offences over the past five years. The graphs can be viewed to ascertain the crime trends over the last five years ending December 31st, 2015.

NEW OFFICER PLACEMENTS SINCE JULY 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.

- Cpl Peter MACMILLAN has transferred into Beaumont and started his duties as the Watch 2 Supervisor. Cpl MACMILLAN comes to Beaumont with 13 years of policing experience. He has worked in both Quesnel, BC and Prince George, BC detachments before moving to Alberta. He has approximately 10 years in plain clothes units including drug section, source development, and General Investigative Section (GIS). He has a good cross-section of experience that he can pass onto the general duty members.
- Cst Bart WARNER has transferred into Beaumont as the new Community Resource/ School Liaison officer. Bart brings with him over 8 years of policing experience. He has worked in both Ste Rose du Lac, Manitoba and Three Hills, Alberta. His last 4 years have been as the Community Policing/School Liaison Officer out of Three Hills, which included three schools from three different communities so he is experienced in his new role here in Beaumont.

EXTRA DUTIES FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Due to excessive workloads, a provincial directive came out in 2015 that affects each detachment on handling complaint calls during office hours. Previously, all complaint lines were handled by central dispatch locations (Edmonton or Red Deer) who would answer the calls, generate the files, and dispatch the appropriate detachment officers to attend to the calls. With the new directive, each detachment (including Beaumont) now has to answer the complaint lines for their respective detachment areas during office hours. Beaumont support staff now answer these calls for service, generate the files and dispatch police officers. This increase has added extra strain on support staff workload and requires that there be a minimum of three support staff working each weekday.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATES

Since the RCMP operates on a April 1st to March 31st fiscal year which differs from the fiscal year of Municipalities in Alberta, the new annual policing priorities for 2016 are being looked at for the April start-up. The local Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which has a good cross-section of local representatives, has created a survey that will be launched via “SurveyMonkey”, an on-line survey that will be advertised for local residents to have a say and help choose three policing priorities out of a list of several. The computer program will gather this information to allow the CAC to see what Beaumont residents really see as important policing priorities. Once the survey data is compiled, the RCMP, in conjunction with the Town of Beaumont, can use the data as a base to decide on 2016 policing priorities starting in April 2016.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

From June 2015 to September 2015, Beaumont Detachment handed out 600 positive tickets to youths in Beaumont. Positive tickets are a way for members to encourage and reward positive behaviour of Beaumont youth. It also establishes a good relationship and bond with the community. Accompanying each ticket is a prize donated by local businesses. This initiative has been very well received and will continue in 2016. The year-end wrap up party has been changed to a start-up “Launch” party instead. It will be held in June of each year when the next campaign starts.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

This past year was a busy one for Beaumont Detachment’s Impaired Driving Initiative. There were 44 total impaired related charges (including 24 and 72 hour suspensions) laid during the April 1st, 2014 to March 31st, 2015 fiscal year and the Beaumont Detachment set a goal of raising this number to 48 impaired related charges for the April 1st, 2015 to March 31st, 2016 fiscal year. As of December 31st, 2015, the Beaumont detachment has actually surpassed this annual goal. There have been 66 impaired related charges and there is still another fiscal quarter to go. Officers working on the Traffic Safety Initiative shifts account for a large number of these charges.

On December 4th, 2015, the Beaumont Detachment held a Joint Forces Operation holiday season impaired check-stop from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am. A total of 971 vehicles were stopped during the check-stop and a total of 17 violation tickets were issued; 1 impaired driver was arrested and charged; 1 drug charge was laid; and 96 warnings were issued. The check-stop was very well received by most motorists.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

The Beaumont drug unit member was removed from the drug position from June to the end of December. The member, Cst TEJA, was brought back to general duties as a temporary Acting Cpl supervisor due to Detachment staffing shortage. Since this drug position has been vacant for the second half of 2015, this priority has been subsequently a lower priority to the general duty operational requirements of the Detachment. Cst TEJA has now returned to his drug enforcement role with the arrival of Cpl MACMILLAN, who has taken over the general duty Supervisory position.

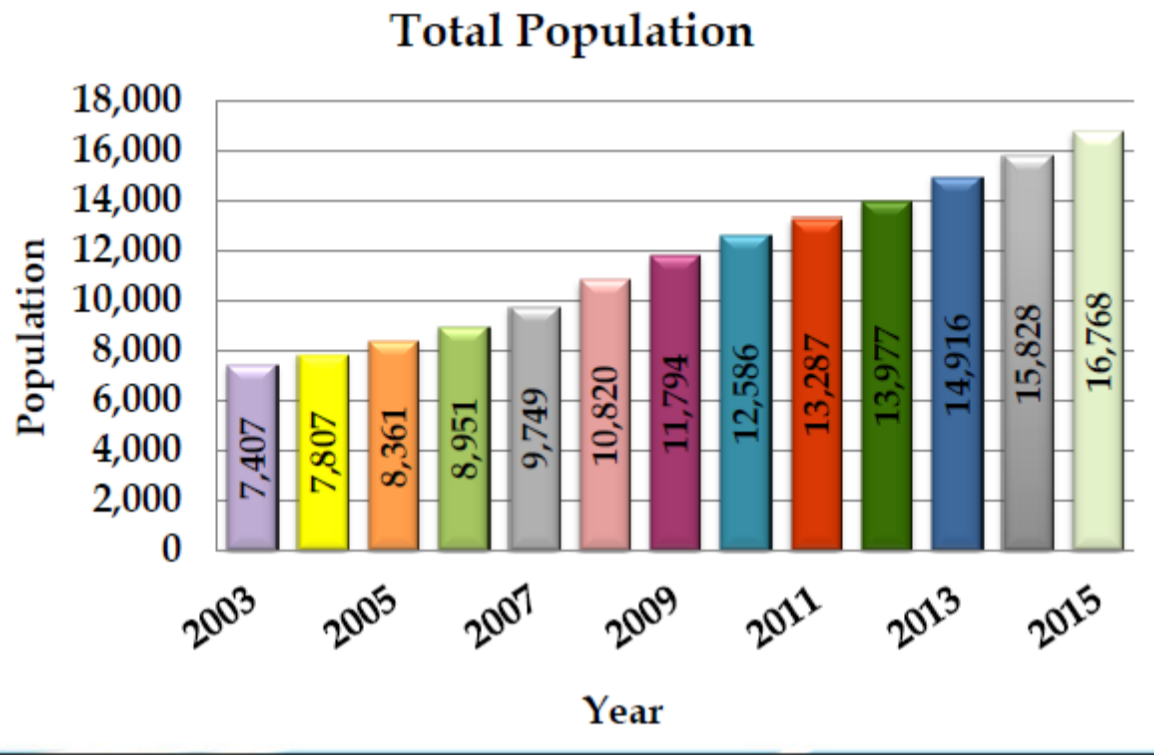
DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

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.

Please note: the Operations Strategies Branch has changed the format (set-up) of the charts that are sent out to all Central Alberta District Detachments for reporting purposes. The same information is provided but the new format is easier to use for comparisons from previous years for specific offences and for specific time frames. The first two show "Year-to-date" statistics and the last two show "the reported on quarter only" statistics. This will be the way the graphs will be presented from now on.

BEAUMONT POPULATION 2015:



**Beaumont Municipal Detachment
Statistical Comparison
January to December: 2011 - 2015**

January-05-16

CATEGORY	Trend	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0
Robbery		1	2	0	0	7
Sexual Assaults		6	3	4	7	9
Other Sexual Offences		0	3	0	2	8
Assault		53	83	65	100	94
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		2	0	0	1	2
Extortion		0	1	0	3	4
Criminal Harassment		34	30	26	25	18
Uttering Threats		39	36	33	37	48
Other Persons		0	2	1	1	1
TOTAL PERSONS		135	160	129	176	191
Break & Enter		42	23	13	34	44
Theft of Motor Vehicle		6	22	18	34	24
Theft Over \$5,000		3	3	8	6	9
Theft Under \$5,000		148	141	159	170	166
Possn Stn Goods		7	5	9	9	16
Fraud		16	21	39	53	54
Arson		3	6	5	7	3
Mischief To Property		159	171	180	157	172
TOTAL PROPERTY		384	392	431	470	488
Offensive Weapons		9	8	8	10	8
Disturbing the peace		161	173	130	145	149
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		263	315	173	280	294
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		272	325	184	290	302
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**Beaumont Municipal Detachment
Statistical Comparison
January to December: 2011 - 2015**

CATEGORY	Trend	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	1	0	0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		43	63	66	60	58
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		7	8	14	7	5
Drug Enforcement - Other		2	0	0	0	2
Total Drugs		52	71	81	67	65
Federal - General		25	26	15	21	12
TOTAL FEDERAL		77	97	96	88	77
Liquor Act		76	76	54	62	54
Other Provincial Stats		102	90	98	110	112
Total Provincial Stats		178	166	152	172	166
Municipal By-laws Traffic		6	2	0	7	24
Municipal By-laws		42	35	36	44	57
Total Municipal		48	37	36	51	81
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0
Injury MVC		12	14	20	16	17
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		119	130	140	159	151
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		35	37	40	22	22
TOTAL MVC		166	181	200	197	190
Provincial Traffic		2,694	1,836	1,059	1,060	1,069
Other Traffic		39	27	29	20	23
Criminal Code Traffic		128	137	144	130	126
Common Police Activities						
False Alarms		301	365	357	311	318
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		322	217	109	72	46
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		81	89	142	109	109
Persons Reported Missing		22	17	16	17	13
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code		86	140	101	122	107