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Comox Valley RCMP Detachment

QUARTERLY REPORT

CITY OF COURTENAY

April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Comox Valley RCMP Detachment Quarterly Report

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The Comox Valley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provides quarterly updates on policing in the community. The quarterly reports coincide with the Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance reporting time lines in conjunction with Community Priorities.

First Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Second Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Third Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Fourth Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Calls for Service

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, there was a 5 percent decrease in Calls for Service in Courtenay relative to the first quarter of the previous fiscal year.

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2019 | 1062 | 928 | 1192 | 1139 | 1330 | 1278 | 1307 | 1329 | 1148 | 1083 | 1082 | 1204 | 14082 |
| 2020 | 1332 | 1160 | 1143 | 1088 | 1215 | 1265 | 1471 | 1357 | 1245 | 1322 | 1189 | 1064 | 14851 |
| 2021 | 1195 | 1159 | 1308 | 1309 | 1279 | 1452 | 1410 | 1452 | 1405 | 1254 | 1276 | 1207 | 15706 |
| 2022 | 1059 | 1016 | 1241 | 1243 | 1253 | 1330 | 1403 | 1402 | 1488 | 1331 | 1101 | 1085 | 14952 |
| 2023 | 1248 | 1133 | 1232 | 1235 | 1392 | 1345 | 1411 | 1373 | 1177 | 1088 | 1099 | 1246 | 14979 |
| 2024 | 1120 | 1120 | 1173 | 1310 | 1306 | 1177 | | | | | | | 7206 |

Most Common Call Types

The most common type of Call for Service in Courtenay in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year was Unwanted Person. Relative to the first quarter of the previous fiscal year, there were decreases in all but three of the most common types of Call for Service.

| | Final Case Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| 1 | UNWANTED PERSON | 168 | 200 | 215 | 304 | 373 | 362 | -3% | -11 |
| 2 | CHECK WELLBEING | 188 | 273 | 295 | 340 | 410 | 338 | -18% | -72 |
| 3 | TRAFFIC INCIDENT | 293 | 285 | 376 | 278 | 288 | 295 | 2% | 7 |
| 4 | DISTURBANCE | 200 | 236 | 235 | 227 | 275 | 221 | -20% | -54 |
| 5 | PROPERTY | 260 | 209 | 218 | 176 | 177 | 181 | 2% | 4 |
| 6 | THEFT | 260 | 205 | 247 | 234 | 178 | 175 | -2% | -3 |

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|----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 7 | SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES | 140 | 132 | 167 | 164 | 199 | 174 | -13% | -25 |
| 8 | ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE | 84 | 88 | 117 | 120 | 155 | 132 | -15% | -23 |
| 9 | ALARM | 111 | 62 | 83 | 92 | 110 | 129 | 17% | 19 |
| 10 | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY | 138 | 130 | 191 | 156 | 161 | 119 | -26% | -42 |

Most Common Call Locations (Excluding RCMP Detachment)

The location with the most Calls for Service in Courtenay in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year was the Connect Warming Centre. In this quarter, there were notable increases in Calls for Service at City Hall, a private residence, and the Crown Isle Shopping Plaza.

- The increase in Calls for Service at City Hall was largely attributable to the creation of Trespass files for individuals at this location.
- The Calls for Service at the private residence were predominantly related to an individual’s mental health issues.
- The increase in Calls for Service at the Crown Isle Shopping Plaza largely pertained to complaints regarding Unwanted Persons and Disturbances at Thrifty Foods.

| | Location | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|----|--|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| 1 | 685 CLIFFE AVE (Connect Warming Centre) | 1 | 7 | 63 | 16 | 127 | 111 | -13% | -16 |
| 2 | 757 RYAN RD (Superstore) | 83 | 25 | 45 | 79 | 71 | 69 | -3% | -2 |
| 3 | 101 LERWICK RD (Hospital) | 69 | 66 | 79 | 77 | 65 | 48 | -26% | -17 |
| 4 | 830 CLIFFE AVE (City Hall) | 10 | 10 | 34 | 24 | 29 | 41 | 41% | 12 |
| 5 | Private Residence | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 39 | 875% | 35 |
| 6 | 420 CUMBERLAND RD (Provincial Court) | 69 | 15 | 36 | 60 | 30 | 38 | 27% | 8 |
| 7 | 450 RYAN RD (7-Eleven) | 25 | 37 | 34 | 15 | 27 | 38 | 41% | 11 |
| 8 | 0 COURTENAY | 5 | 14 | 16 | 24 | 42 | 37 | -12% | -5 |
| 9 | 444 LERWICK RD (Crown Isle Shopping Plaza) | 20 | 30 | 18 | 23 | 26 | 36 | 38% | 10 |
| 10 | 300 6TH ST (Library) | 32 | 9 | 20 | 12 | 34 | 34 | 0% | 0 |

Most Common Downtown Calls for Service

The most common type of Call for Service in Downtown Courtenay in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year was Unwanted Person. Relative to the first quarter of the previous fiscal year, there was an overall 7 percent decrease in Calls for Service in Downtown Courtenay (23-24

Q1 =929; 24-25 Q1=868). However, there were notable increases in Calls for Service regarding Theft, Breach, Assault, and Drugs.

| | Final Case Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|----|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| 1 | UNWANTED PERSON | 42 | 52 | 71 | 96 | 170 | 157 | -8% | -13 |
| 2 | CHECK WELLBEING | 43 | 43 | 55 | 68 | 96 | 77 | -20% | -19 |
| 3 | THEFT | 42 | 31 | 34 | 24 | 43 | 51 | 19% | 8 |
| 4 | DISTURBANCE | 44 | 32 | 43 | 46 | 84 | 49 | -42% | -35 |
| 5 | BREACH | 47 | 10 | 25 | 53 | 26 | 45 | 73% | 19 |
| 6 | TRAFFIC INCIDENT | 67 | 51 | 67 | 41 | 49 | 37 | -24% | -12 |
| 7 | PROPERTY | 28 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 26 | 35 | 35% | 9 |
| 8 | ALARM | 33 | 14 | 27 | 19 | 35 | 34 | -3% | -1 |
| 9 | SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES | 27 | 10 | 22 | 24 | 41 | 34 | -17% | -7 |
| 10 | MISCHIEF | 22 | 32 | 19 | 20 | 34 | 30 | -12% | -4 |
| 11 | ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE | 11 | 8 | 19 | 19 | 38 | 28 | -26% | -10 |
| 12 | ASSAULT | 11 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 37% | 7 |
| 13 | DRUGS | 15 | 7 | 15 | 13 | 6 | 25 | 317% | 19 |
| 14 | ASSIST GENERAL PUBLIC | 6 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 13 | 20 | 54% | 7 |
| 15 | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY | 8 | 1 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 36% | 5 |

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Violent Crime

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, there were 253 Violent Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 2 percent decrease from the 258 Violent Crime files in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Types of Violent Crime

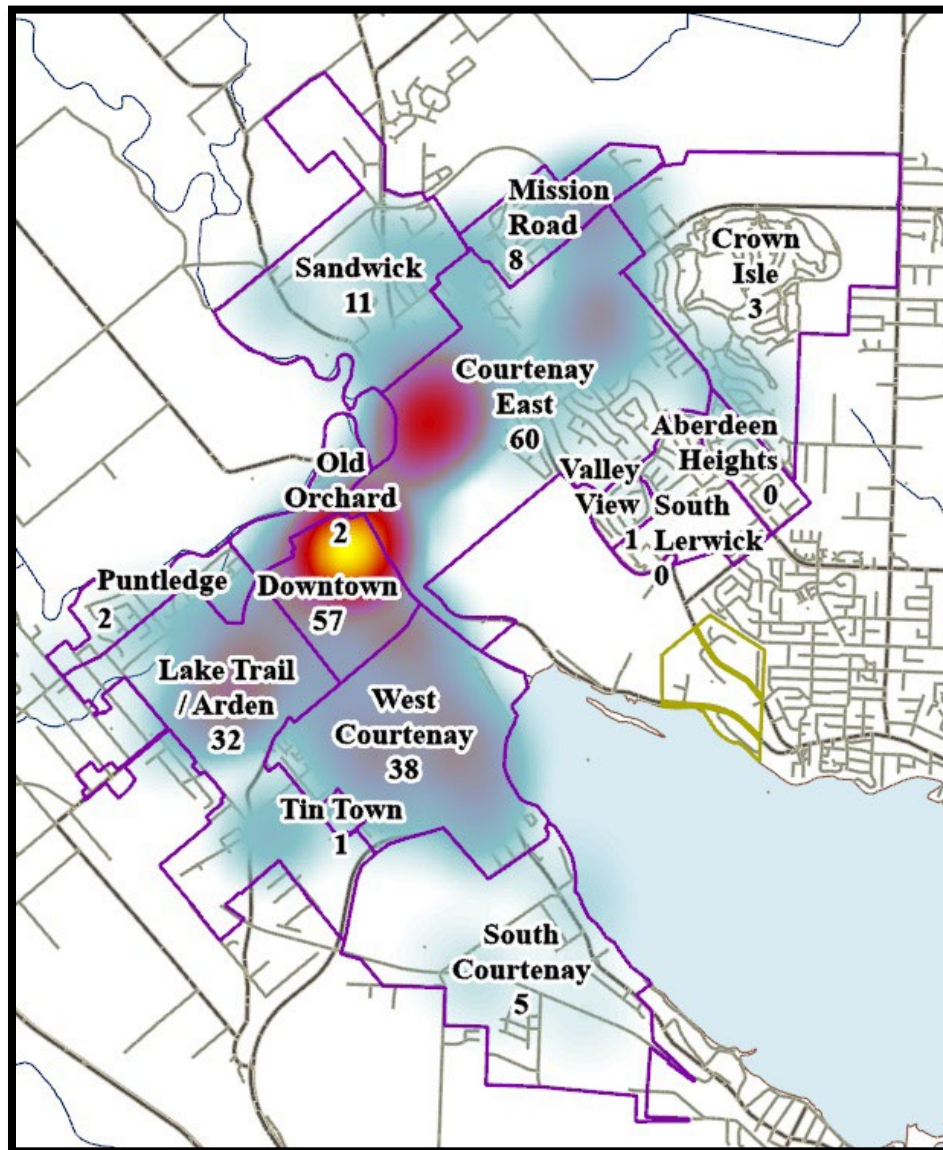
In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the most common type of Violent Crime file in Courtenay was Assault. Relative to the first quarter of the previous fiscal year, there was an 11 percent (14 file) decrease in Assault files in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. However, there was a notable increase in street-level Robberies.

| File Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|---------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| ASSAULTS | 63 | 76 | 99 | 104 | 126 | 112 | -11% | -14 |
| UTTER THREATS | 47 | 43 | 65 | 53 | 51 | 58 | 14% | 7 |
| HARASSMENT | 30 | 58 | 49 | 41 | 50 | 47 | -6% | -3 |

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|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| SEX OFFENCES | 10 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 20 | -5% | -1 |
| ROBBERY | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 900% | 9 |
| EXTORTION | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | -44% | -4 |
| ARSON | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| HOMICIDE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| WEAPONS OFFENCES | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| KIDNAPPING | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Total | 160 | 198 | 242 | 222 | 258 | 253 | -2% | -5 |

Map of Violent Crime by Area of Courtenay

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the areas of Courtenay in which there were the highest number of Violent Crime files were Downtown and Courtenay East. Please note that this map only shows the files that fit into the neighbourhood boundaries pictured. There are more files attached to Courtenay than are shown in this map.



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Property Crime

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, there were 629 Property Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 2 percent increase over the 614 Property Crime files in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Types of Property Crime

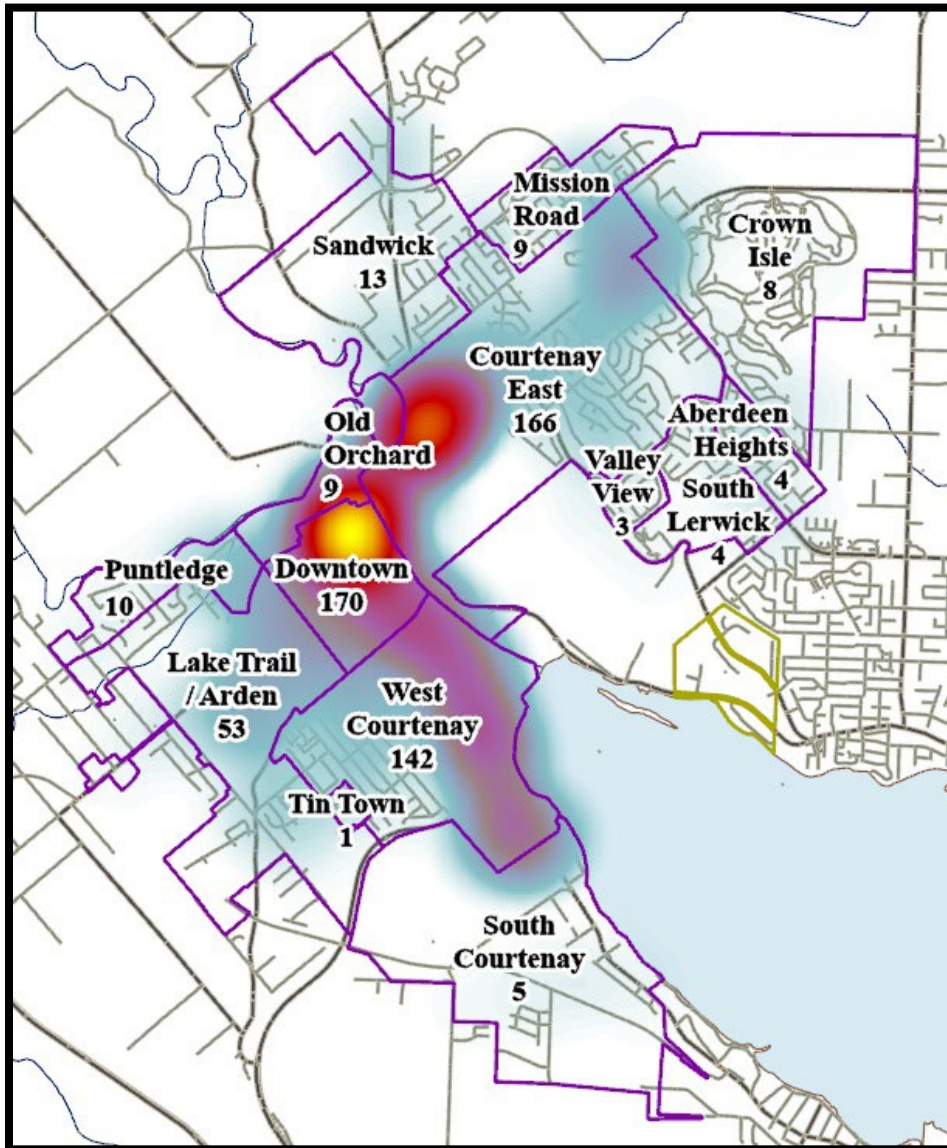
In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the most common type of Property Crime file in Courtenay was Mischief to Property and there were notable increases in Shoplifting and Residential Break and Enters. The increase in Residential Break and Enters was largely attributable to a crime spree by one individual who was arrested and charged.

| File Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY | 126 | 159 | 209 | 245 | 250 | 249 | 0% | -1 |
| SHOPLIFTING | 93 | 39 | 56 | 91 | 69 | 87 | 26% | 18 |
| OTHER THEFT U/5000 | 77 | 74 | 83 | 80 | 68 | 75 | 10% | 7 |
| FRAUDS | 56 | 61 | 63 | 65 | 60 | 69 | 15% | 9 |
| THEFT FROM VEHICLE | 107 | 77 | 116 | 88 | 48 | 39 | -19% | -9 |
| BREAK & ENTER - RES | 10 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 24 | 41% | 7 |
| BREAK & ENTER - BUS | 26 | 14 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 17 | -6% | -1 |
| AUTO THEFT | 14 | 16 | 26 | 20 | 14 | 15 | 7% | 1 |
| BIKE THEFT | 44 | 31 | 31 | 15 | 21 | 14 | -33% | -7 |
| POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY | 6 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 9% | 1 |
| OTHER GO | 6 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 30 | 12 | -60% | -18 |
| BREAK & ENTER - OTH | 17 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 125% | 5 |
| ARSON | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | | 5 |
| OTHER THEFT O/5000 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | -67% | -2 |
| THEFT FROM MAIL | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0% | 0 |
| THEFT UTILITIES | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Grand Total | 592 | 523 | 662 | 668 | 614 | 629 | 2% | 15 |

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Map of Property Crime by Area of Courtenay

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CDSA Offences

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, there were 50 CDSA Offence files in Courtenay. This was a 285 percent increase over the 13 CDSA Offence files in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year. This increase may be influenced by the Province of British Columbia's decision to ban drug use in public spaces.

| File Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| DRUG POSSESSION | 32 | 24 | 26 | 27 | 5 | 41 | 720% | 36 |
| DRUG TRAFFICKING | 20 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 0% | 0 |
| DRUGS OTHER | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 |
| DRUG PRODUCTION | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Grand Total | 55 | 37 | 34 | 36 | 13 | 50 | 285% | 37 |

Traffic Offences

In the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, there were 49 Traffic Offence files in Courtenay. This was a 26 percent decrease from the 66 Traffic Offence files in the first quarter of the previous fiscal year.

| File Type | First Quarter Data | | | | | | % Change from 23-24 Q1 | Difference from 23-24 Q1 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| IMPAIRED OP MOTOR VEHICLE | 59 | 53 | 63 | 67 | 60 | 44 | -27% | -16 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 300% | 3 |
| DANGEROUS OP MOTOR VEHICLE | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -50% | -1 |
| PROHIBITED DRIVING | 0 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | -100% | -2 |
| IMPAIRED OP BOAT/VESS/AIR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100% | -1 |
| Grand Total | 63 | 63 | 68 | 71 | 66 | 49 | -26% | -17 |