

# MISSION RCMP OPEN POLICING REPORT 2024 – Q1



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# Message from the Officer in Charge

This report is an overview of statistics, successes and highlights of the Mission RCMP Detachment focussing on January 01 through March 31, 2024. This portion is presented in Open Council and allows for transparency and accountability to the City of Mission. There is a separate report presented in Closed Council, which highlights investigations of a sensitive nature as well an overview of any finances related to specific projects, deployment of resources and details of public complaints against the RCMP.



Mission Detachment’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan contains the following 3 priorities:

- Community Safety - Reduce crime and improve public safety in Mission through enhanced enforcement, increased visibility, and timely response.
- Community Connections - Continue building meaningful relationships with our local communities.
- Organizational Resilience - Support our people to better serve the public.



# Dashboard

| Crime (UCR Group)          | Q1 2023      | Q4 2023      | Q1 2024      | Quarterly Comparison  |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                            | Jan-Mar 2023 | Oct-Dec 2023 | Jan-Mar 2024 | % Ch. Q1 '24 v Q4 '23 | % Ch. Q1 '24 v '23 |
| AUTO THEFT                 | 24           | 57           | 23           | -60%                  | -4%                |
| BREAK & ENTER – BUS        | 20           | 19           | 13           | -32%                  | -35%               |
| BREAK & ENTER – OTH        | 6            | 18           | 11           | -39%                  | 83%                |
| BREAK & ENTER – RES        | 24           | 24           | 22           | -8%                   | -8%                |
| FRAUDS                     | 50           | 70           | 60           | -14%                  | 20%                |
| MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY       | 92           | 129          | 134          | 4%                    | 46%                |
| OTHER THEFT O/5000         | 4            | 8            | 6            | -25%                  | 50%                |
| OTHER THEFT U/5000         | 46           | 76           | 68           | -11%                  | 48%                |
| SHOPLIFTING                | 75           | 86           | 75           | -13%                  | 0%                 |
| THEFT FROM VEHICLE         | 71           | 93           | 65           | -30%                  | -8%                |
| MENTAL HEALTH ACT          | 82           | 95           | 74           | -22%                  | -10%               |
| MISSING PERSONS            | 45           | 52           | 39           | -25%                  | -13%               |
| ARSON                      | 8            | 8            | 13           | 63%                   | 63%                |
| ASSAULTS                   | 124          | 113          | 110          | -3%                   | -11%               |
| ROBBERY                    | 7            | 6            | 11           | 83%                   | 57%                |
| SEX OFFENCES               | 31           | 47           | 29           | -38%                  | -6%                |
| SPOUSAL VIOLENCE           | 61           | 46           | 37           | -20%                  | -39%               |
| PROPERTY CRIME             | 442          | 610          | 506          | -17%                  | 14%                |
| PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME      | 257          | 263          | 244          | -7%                   | -5%                |
| TOTAL FILES (no Unfounded) | 3552         | 3841         | 3656         | -5%                   | 3%                 |

Spousal Violence is already counted in Assaults and other Violent Crime

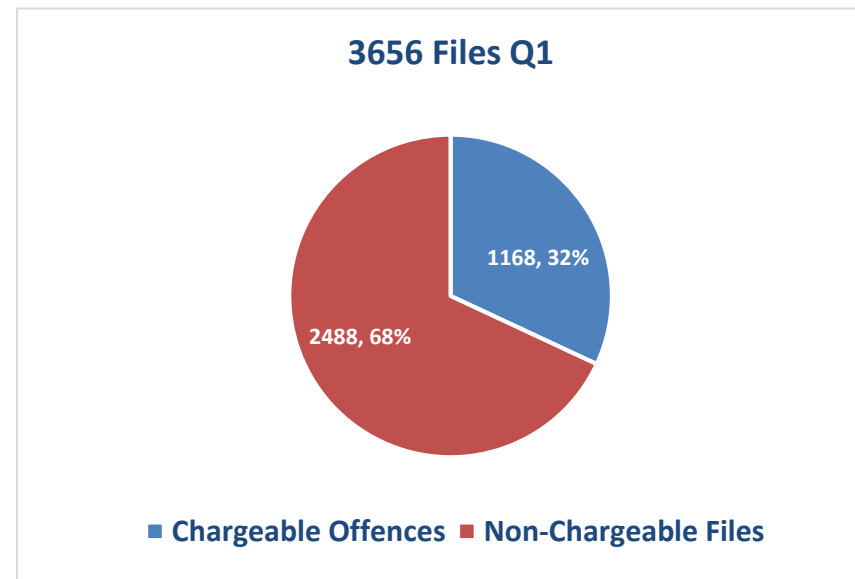
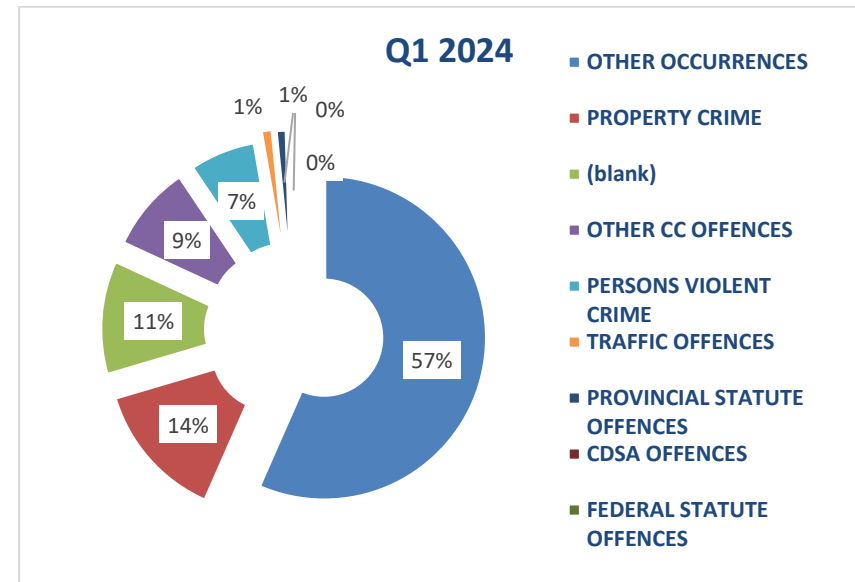
Arson totals include both Property and Violent Crime, with majority being Property Crime.

All Data is preliminary until published by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS)

Legend: % Increase

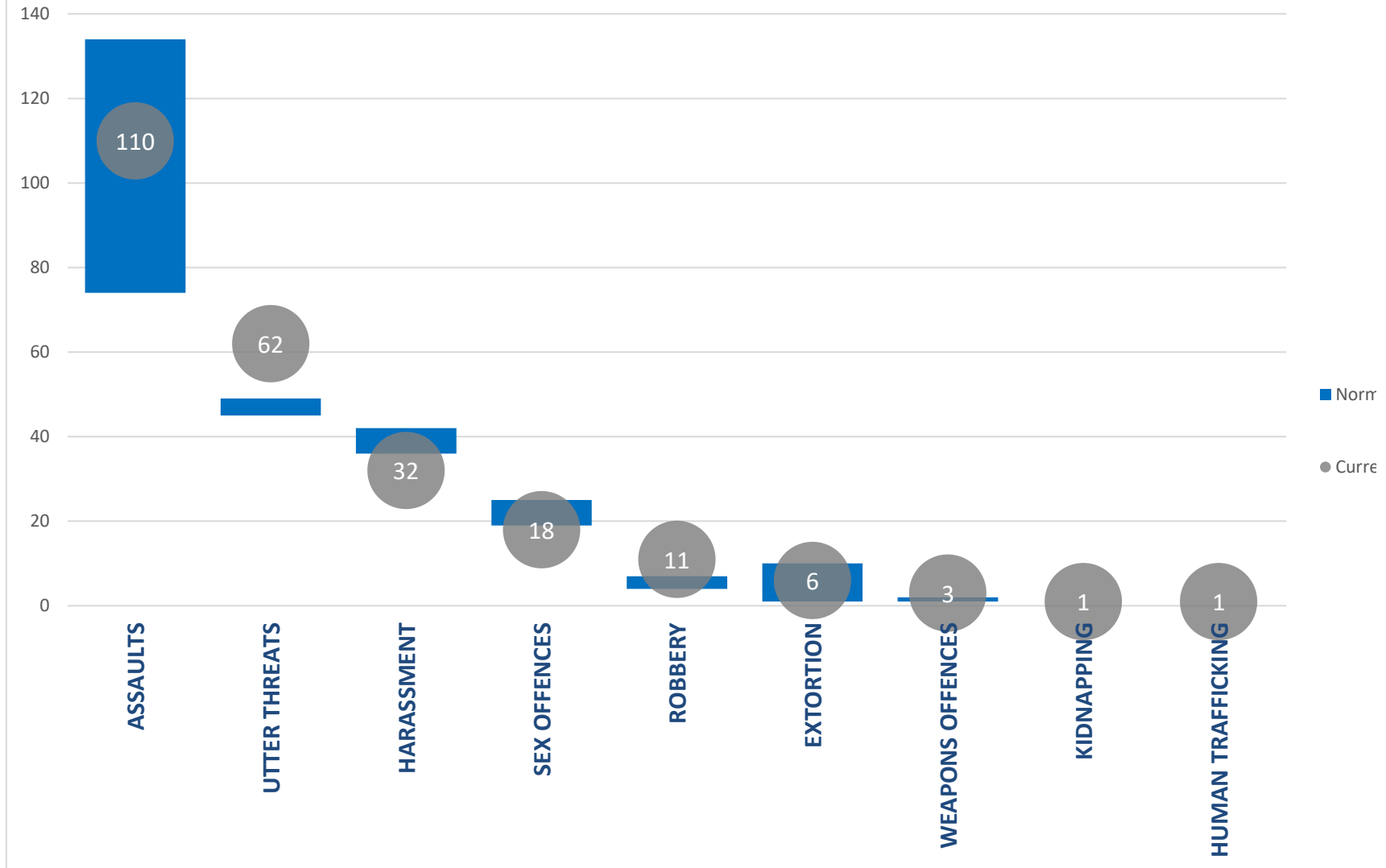
% Decrease

Crime varies seasonally.  
Q3 typically has highest totals.



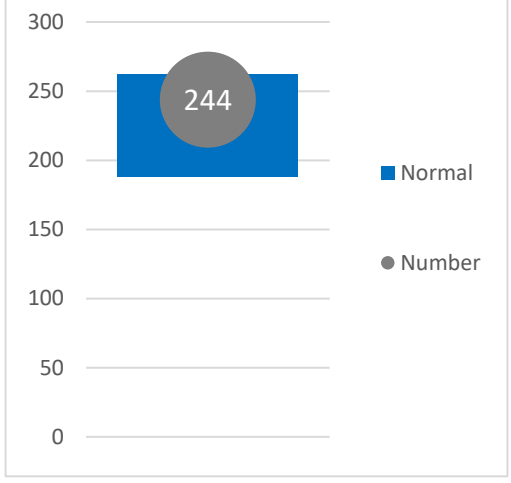
# Violent Crime

Violent Crime Q1 vs 3 Year Normal Range

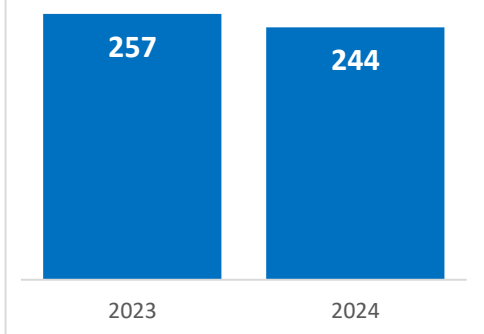


Note Weapons Offences are included in the Assault total in the table on the previous page.

Total Violent Crime Q1 Prev. 3 Years Normal

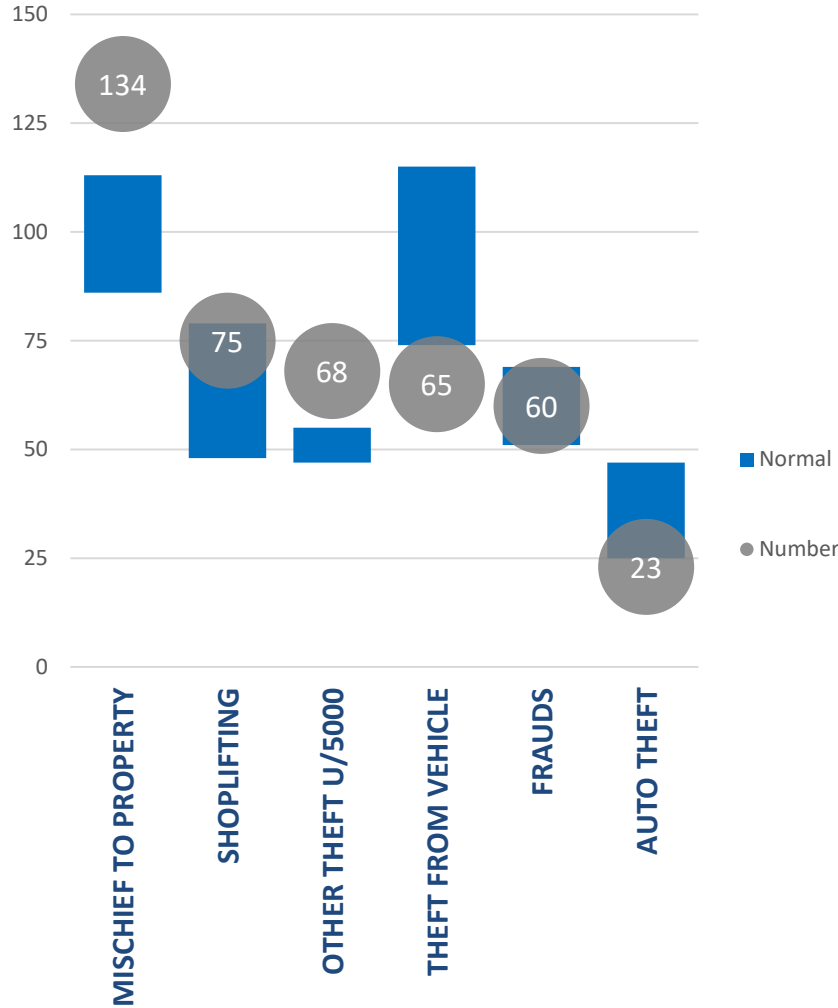


Violent Crime YTD Mar 31

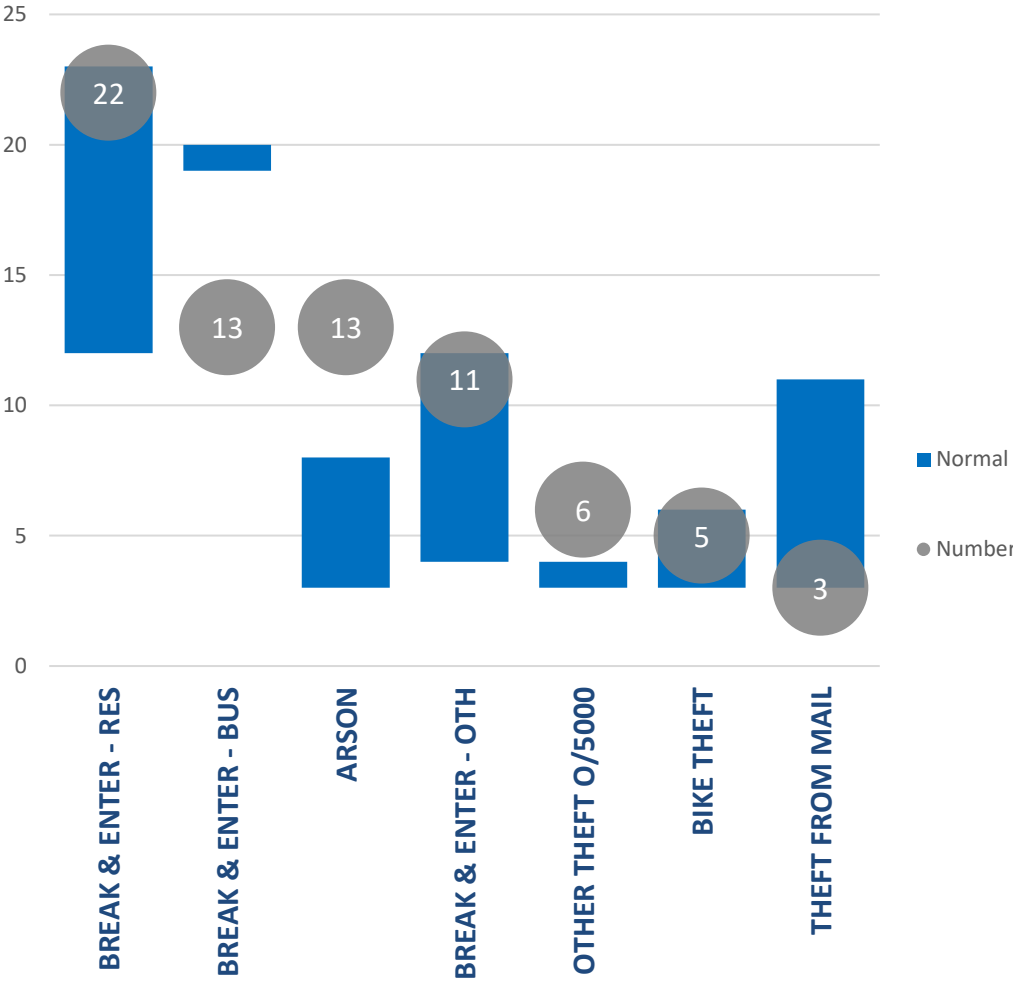


# Property Crime

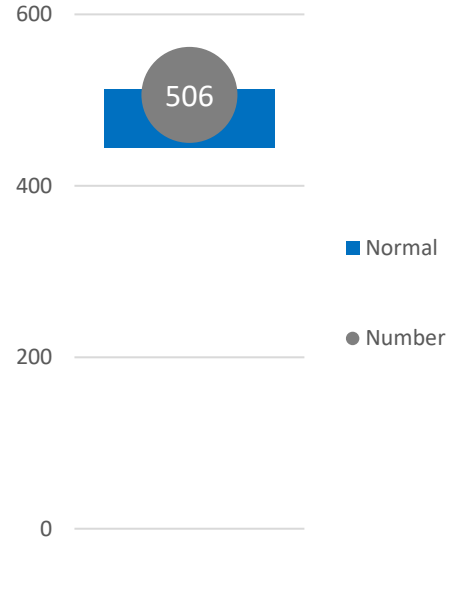
Property Crime Q1 vs 3 Year Normal Range  
(Higher Volume Offences)



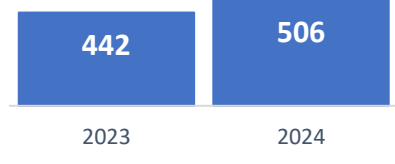
Property Crime Q1 vs 3 Year Normal Range  
(Lower Volume Offences)



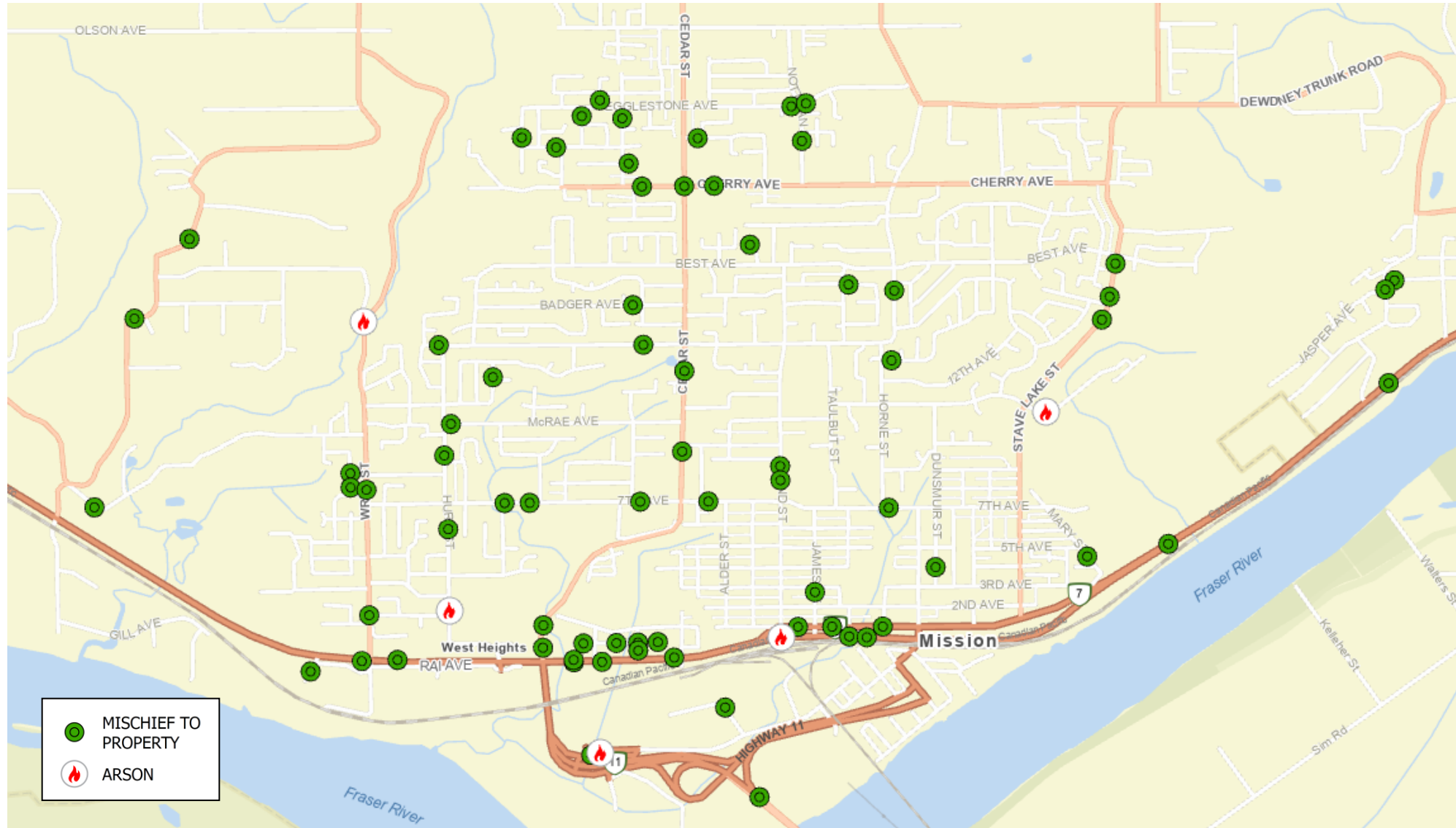
Total Property Crime  
Q1 vs 3 Year Normal



Property Crime  
YTD Mar 31



# Property Crime Map – Q1 Mischief and Arson



## Successes

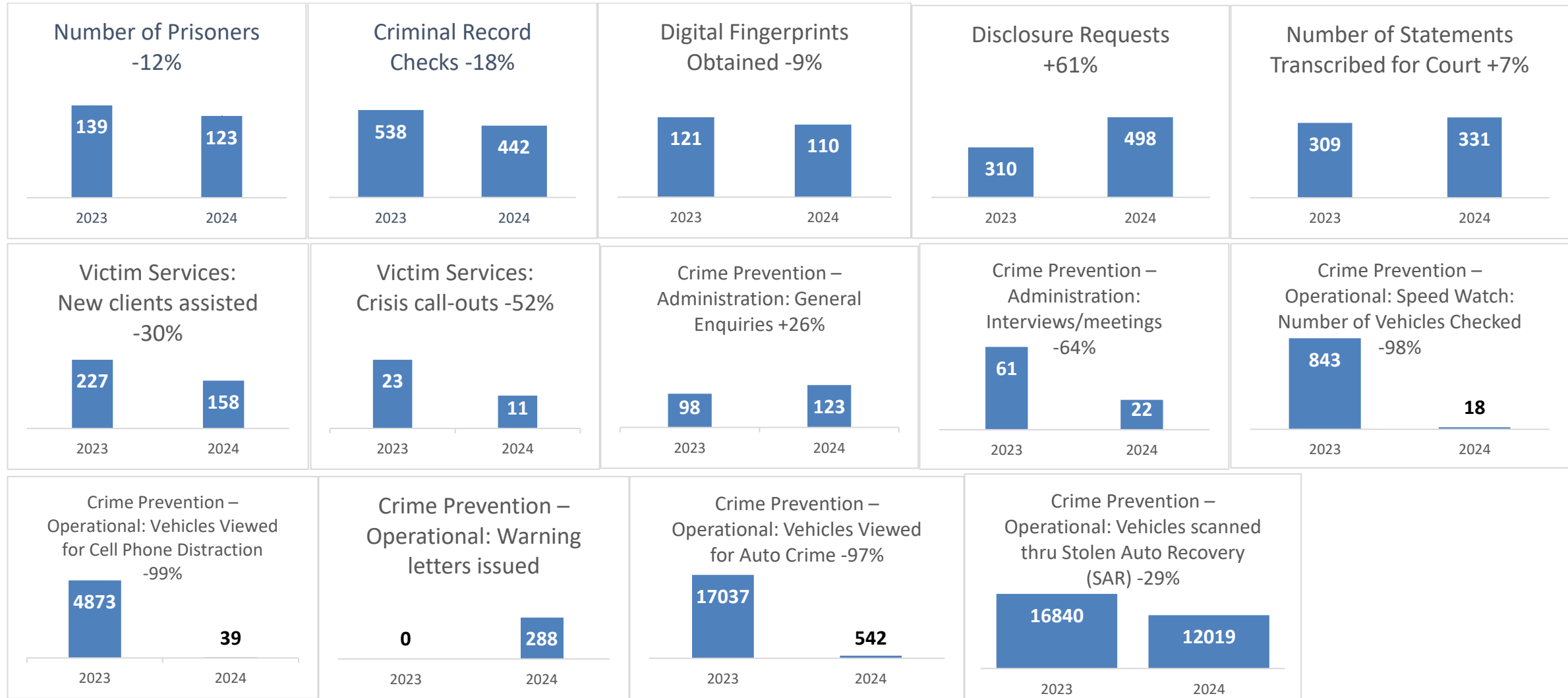
- The City of Mission is up in certain crime types compared to the same time last year. However, there has been a significant reduction in most crime types from the previous quarter and so we are trending in the right direction;
- Arson and mischief are higher than last quarter (property crime map attached). Much of this has to do with one person causing a large number of both arson and mischief calls for service. This person was targeted and arrested. Since that time, these calls for service have significantly declined;
- Break-ins, theft from vehicles and auto thefts have seen a significant reduction since last quarter due to arrests on prolific offenders involved in these crimes as well as due to education/awareness through our social media or presentations from officers or the CPO Coordinator.

## Police Action Plans

- Continued crime prevention education/information to local businesses and other community members to prevent becoming victims of crime;
- Continued identification and targeting of offenders involved in various criminal offences;
- Increased patrols in high-crime areas.

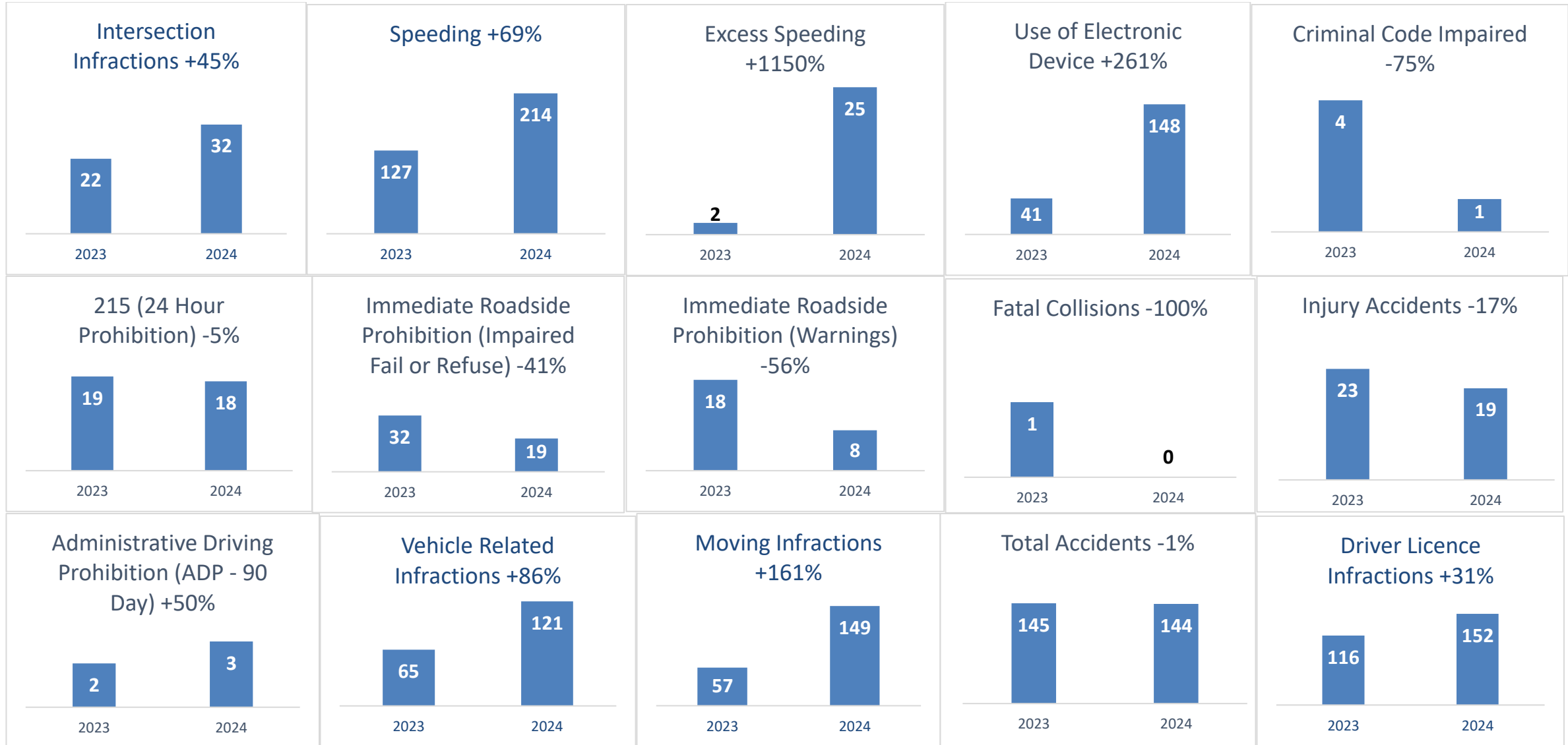


## Other Policing Statistics YTD March 31





# Traffic Enforcement Statistics YTD March 31



## Significant Investigations and Initiatives

**Robbery** – Person located and arrested after threatening to kill an employee at a local gas station and then stealing \$500 cash.

**Residential Break and Enter** – Individual broke into a residence and stole sports memorabilia and jewelry. Individual was arrested a short distance away.

**Uttering Threats** – Officers responded to an incident where one person threatened to shoot another. On attendance, a substantial quantity of drugs consistent with drug trafficking was located and seized.

**Possession of Stolen Property** – Officers located and arrested an individual operating a stolen vehicle. Upon arrest, a number of identity documents not in the name of the individual were found in his possession.

**Robbery** – Person walked into a restaurant, claimed he had a gun and stole \$200 cash. Person located near restaurant and arrested.

**Residential Break and Enter** – Three people arrested on scene after breaking into a licensed marihuana grow operation.

**Uttering Threats** – Officers attended and arrested an individual who was threatening staff at a facility with a knife.

**Ongoing Mischief/Arson** – Mission Detachment targeted a person causing a significant number of calls for service involving property damage. Person was arrested and charges recommended to Crown Counsel.



## Unit Highlights

### Crime Reduction Unit

Over the past quarter, the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) continued to target prolific offenders, property crime offenders and drug traffickers. CRU is working with Crown on new “Repeated Violent Offenders” legislation targeting repeat violent offenders. This program intends to focus on helping prioritized individuals through enhanced community supervision, case management and release planning for those transitioning from custody into the community, as well as helping prioritized individuals gain access to available culturally appropriate supports/resources where they identify as Indigenous, and mental health and addictions treatment by engaging community stakeholders and service providers.

### Serious Crime Unit

During the last quarter, the Serious Crime Unit has continued to pursue lengthy investigations into attempted murder, historical sex assaults, extortions and child pornography. The unit continues to attend scenes to guide and support General Duty officers in complex investigations.

### Intimate Partner Violence

Reviewed 59 intimate partner investigations and provided investigational guidance to officers. Bi-monthly meetings were attended with Abbotsford Police, Crown Counsel, BC Community Corrections, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, and Victim Services to discuss strategies surrounding high-risk intimate partner violence investigations. One meeting was attended for the VIWAR group in Abbotsford.



## Unit Highlights

### Community Liaison

During this reporting period the Community Liaison continued to conduct Downtown foot and bike patrols and regularly met with the Downtown Business Association (DBA) as part of the DBA Safety and Security Team. Crime Prevention Volunteers were also engaged on a weekly basis to assist with proactive outreach in the area. The Community Liaison is currently engaged with several outreach partners including Bylaws, Friendship Centre, Sarah for Women, Lookout, Mission Mental Health and ACT teams working to support the homeless and vulnerable in the community.

During this period, the Community Liaison also worked closely with the Mission Community Services Society to aid several vulnerable people. This included assisting people with housing, income assistance, and recommending them for rehabilitation.

The Community Liaison has enhanced the relationships with staff and management at the Haven and the Hollow shelter. This has improved access for officers to enter the facility. He also attends weekly meetings at the facility to discuss issues and strategies to deal with them. The Community Liaison has also liaised with BC Housing in order to foresee a smooth transition from closing the Diamondhead Shelter to the opening of the Modular Housing on Hurd Street.

Finally, the Community Liaison has also, in conjunction with the Community Policing team, taken part in safety and security presentations to local businesses. He has also scheduled several other presentations and events that will take place in the coming months.



## Unit Highlights

### Indigenous Police Services

During this reporting period the Indigenous Police Services (IPS) Liaison continued to support both Leqamel and Sumas First Nations. The IPS Liaison conducted regular visits with Chief, Council and staff from both Leqamel and Sumas First Nations as well conducted traffic enforcement around these areas.

Officers attended a Health and Job Fair at Leqamel First Nation where they conducted a recruiting drive at the event and engaged with community members and partners.

The IPS Liaison attended a Professional Partners networking event at Leqamel which was attended by over 125 community partners and agencies. Police were able to network and meet new agencies and staff that would be working in the community with police.

Finally, the IPS Liaison and other officers attended Deroche Elementary and presented “Crime Not to Read” where officers read stories to young children. Children had to solve clues as the stories went along.



## Unit Highlights

### Traffic Services

On March 11th, 2024, Mission RCMP Traffic Services conducted a Joint Forces Operation enforcement initiative targeting distracted driving. The initiative included community partners such as the City of Mission Engineering and Public Works, ICBC, 5 Mission Crime Prevention Office Volunteers, CP Rail Police and a large contingency of the IRSU traffic section. CPO participation dramatically increased visibility and assisted in messaging out safety risks when using electronic devices while driving. During this initiative 93 cell phone, 8 seat belt, 4 window tint, 3 no "N" sign, 3 front plate, and one no insurance ticket were issued.

For the majority of the past quarter, the primary focus of Traffic Services was to work on their mandate of everyday traffic enforcement in the community. The unit also supported General Duty in handling motor vehicle accident investigations.

Finally, IRSU and BC Highway Patrol's support was instrumental in enhancing enforcement as the 2 agencies combined for 253 violation tickets and other notices combined.



## Unit Highlights

### Youth Liaison

During this reporting period the Youth Liaison coordinated and participated in the “Crime Not to Read” initiative where she read stories to young children at both Deroche and Mission Central Elementary Schools.

Along with E Division Recruiting, the Youth Liaison hosted an RCMP Recruiting Information Session. Although there were adults in attendance, this was also an opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students interested in joining the RCMP to attend.

The Youth Liaison also conducted lock down drills and extra patrols at the Leisure Center as well as began planning for a “Shattering the Image” anti-gang presentation at Heritage Middle School and for Camp Jubilee in the Summer of 2024.

### Mental Health Liaison

Mission Mental Health Liaison (MHL) focused on a group of people who caused a significant amount of calls for service and worked on action plans with community partners and other government agencies to reduce these calls. The MHL continued to participate in both the Mission Active Support Table and Mission Outreach Support Team to provide support for those in crisis or with identifiable mental health concerns. File review, client monitoring, and referral making are other responsibilities that the MHL carries in Mission, which takes some load off of the General Duty Members.



## Unit Highlights

### Media Relations

The Media Relations Officer (MRO) continued to provide timely updates on high risk files, which the public would need to be aware of or may result in media attention. Over 30 proactive media releases have been provided YTD. The MRO also provided the community with a snapshot of various community engagement initiatives Mission Detachment was involved in plus various safety tips.

### Crime Prevention Office

During the past quarter, the Crime Prevention Office (CPO) was involved in many road safety initiatives, including the collaboration with the RCMP for Distracted Driving Awareness month. In addition, the CPO Coordinator presented on CPO programs and various topics of community safety to a variety of community partners.





# Community Engagement

During quarter 1, the Detachment members, staff and volunteers were involved in a number of community events. These events included It's a Crime Not to Read, a networking event at Leqamel First Nation, and a number of traffic initiatives involving pedestrian safety and distracted driving. We also held an RCMP Recruiting Information Session.



## Recognition

I would like to recognize Andrew Snow, Mission Detachment Crime Analyst. As the sole Crime Analyst in Mission, Andrew is responsible for working closely with all units within Mission Detachment to provide analytical support for investigations and to monitor any possible issues that may be coming to Mission. Andrew identifies persons of interest including prolific offenders and those involved in gang activity. He prepares presentations to provide updates on active criminals as well as on current crime trends and statistics. He also supports others in preparing their presentations, including the Open Report to Council being presented this evening.

## In Closing

I would like to thank all of officers, staff and volunteers of the Mission RCMP Detachment for their ongoing efforts and support for the communities we serve. We continue to work towards Mission being a safe community for all.

