

MISSION RCMP OPEN POLICING REPORT 2025 – 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 1st through March 31st, 2025. 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

	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Quarterly Comparison	
Crime (UCR Group)	Jan-Mar 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	% Ch. Q1 '25 v Q4 '24	% Ch. Q1 '25 v '24
AUTO THEFT	21	30	30	0%	43%
BREAK & ENTER - BUS	13	16	13	-19%	0%
BREAK & ENTER - OTH	11	3	4	33%	-64%
BREAK & ENTER - RES	22	18	10	-44%	-55%
FRAUDS	59	56	59	5%	0%
MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY	133	138	152	10%	14%
OTHER THEFT O/5000	6	9	5	-44%	-17%
OTHER THEFT U/5000	67	74	54	-27%	-19%
SHOPLIFTING	75	120	128	7%	71%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	66	37	40	8%	-39%
MENTAL HEALTH ACT	74	76	77	1%	4%
MISSING PERSONS	39	60	52	-13%	33%
ARSON	13	7	6	-14%	-54%
ASSAULTS	113	111	103	-7%	-9%
ROBBERY	10	3	6	100%	-40%
SEX OFFENCES	26	35	20	-43%	-23%
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE	38	48	43	-10%	13%
PROPERTY CRIME	502	512	514	0%	2%
PERSONS VIOLENT CRIME	241	232	221	-5%	-8%
TOTAL FILES (no Unfounded)	3739	3790	3518	-7%	-6%

IPV is already counted in Assaults and other Violent Crime

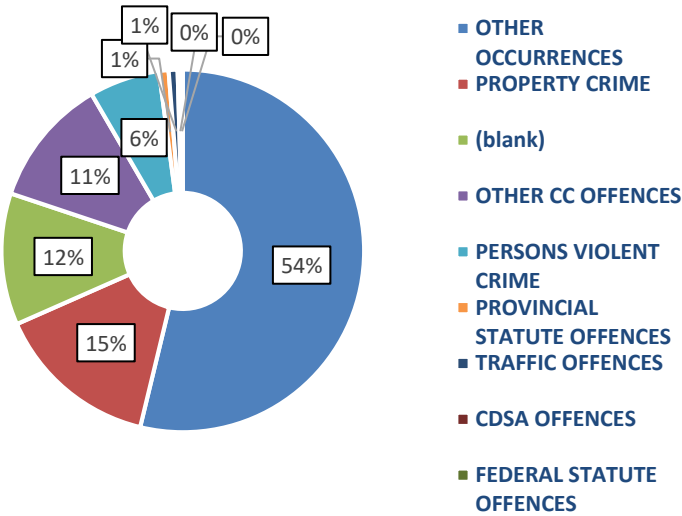
Arson totals include both Property and Violent Crime, with majority being Property Crime.

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

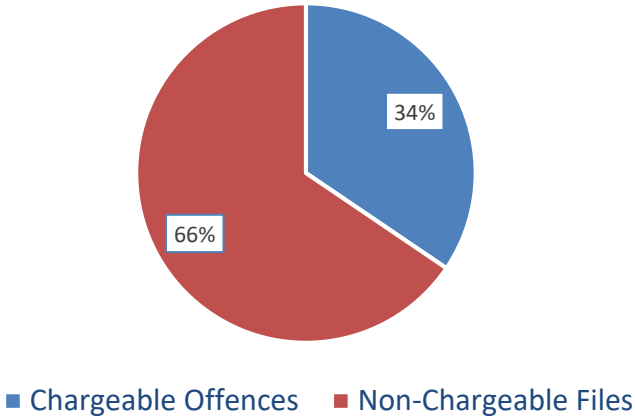
Legend:	% Increase
	% Decrease

Crime varies seasonally.

2025 YTD Mar 31: Files by Type (3518)

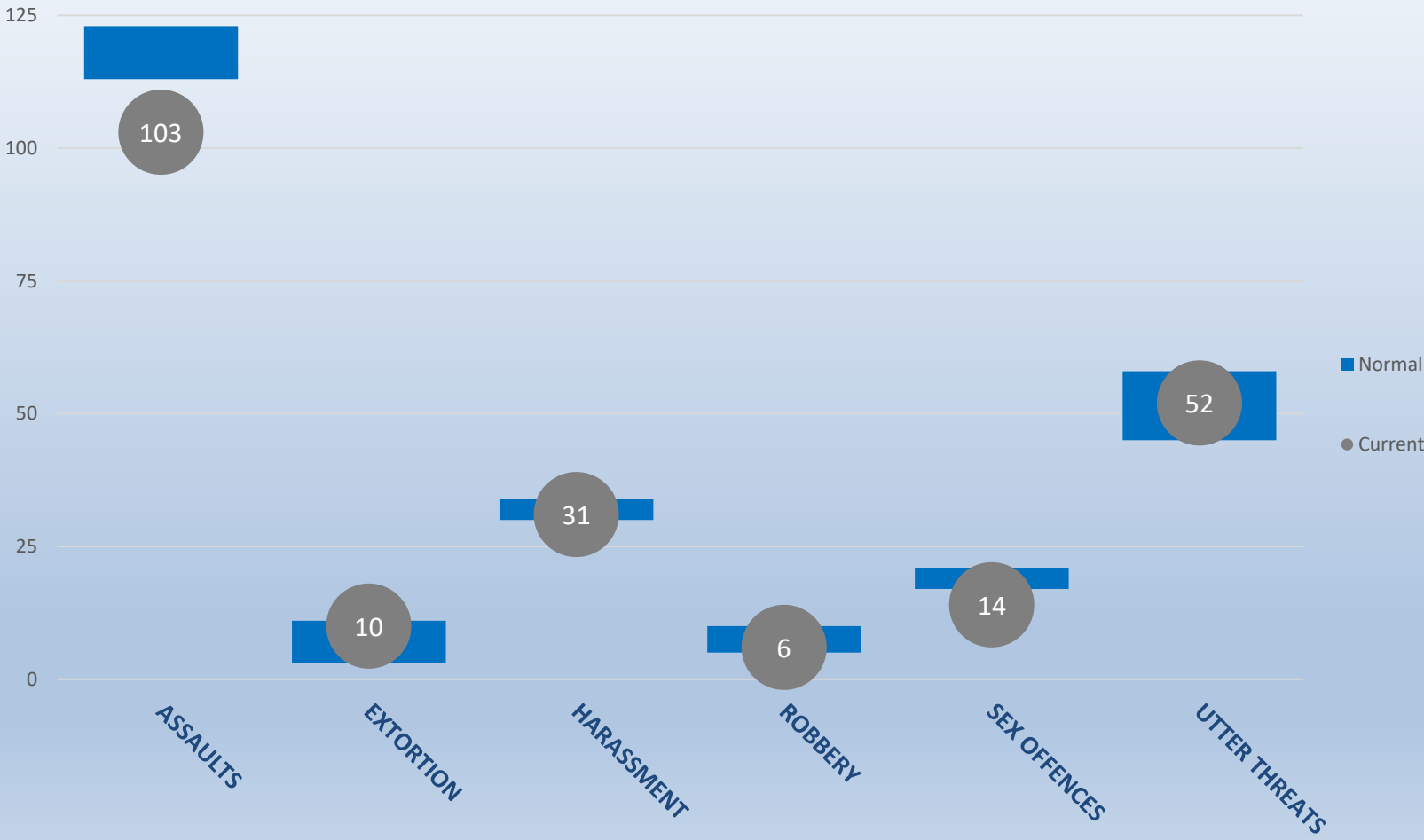


3518 Files: 2025 YTD Mar 31

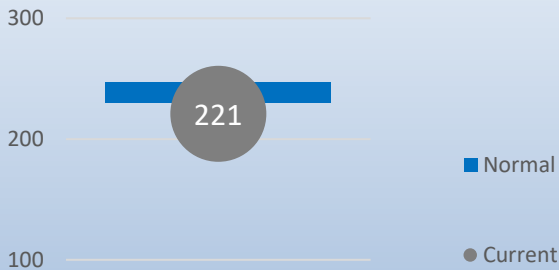


Violent Crime

Select Offences Q1 2025 vs 3 Year Normal



Total Violent Crime Q1 2025 vs 3 Year Normal



Violent Crime -8% YTD Mar 31



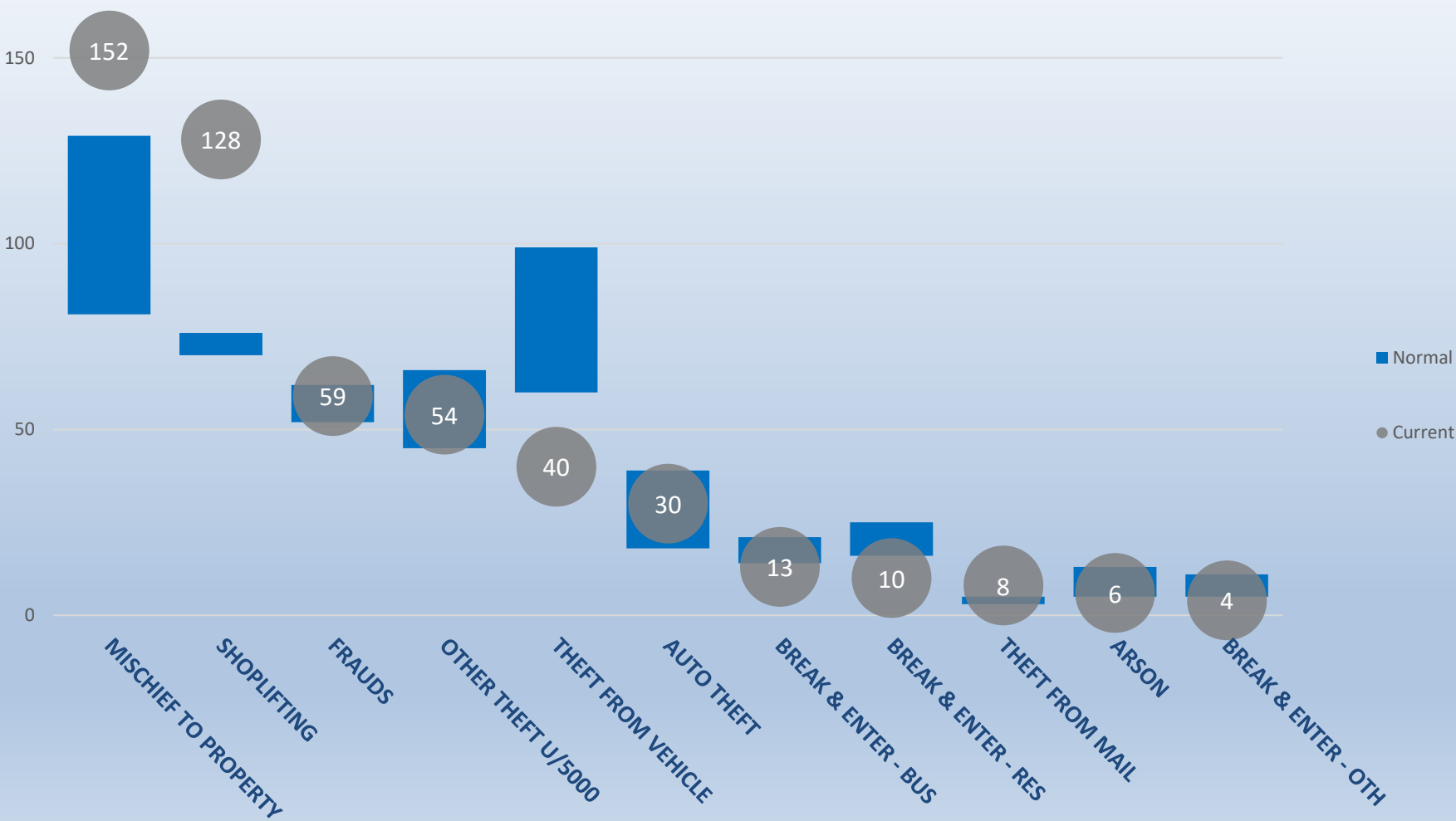
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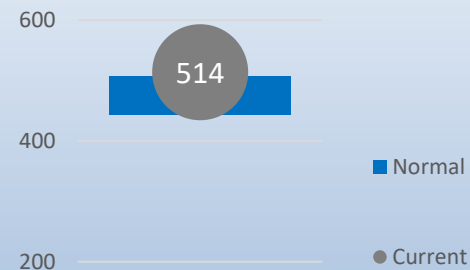
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Property Crime

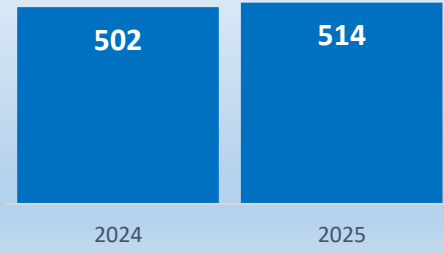
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Total Property Crime Q1 2025 vs 3 Year Normal



Property Crime +2% YTD Mar 31

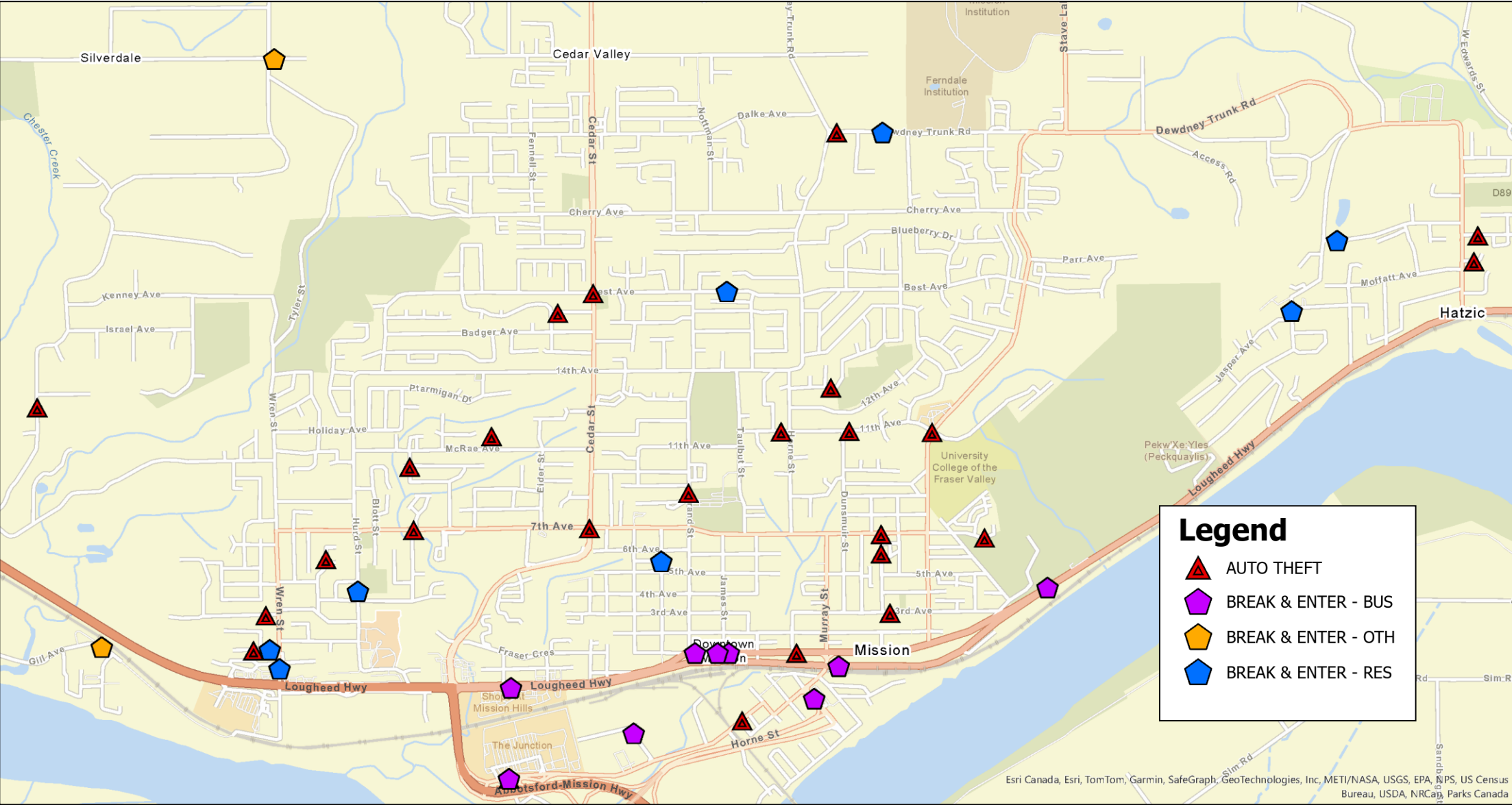


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Property Crime Map – Q1 Break & Enter and Auto Crime



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Successes

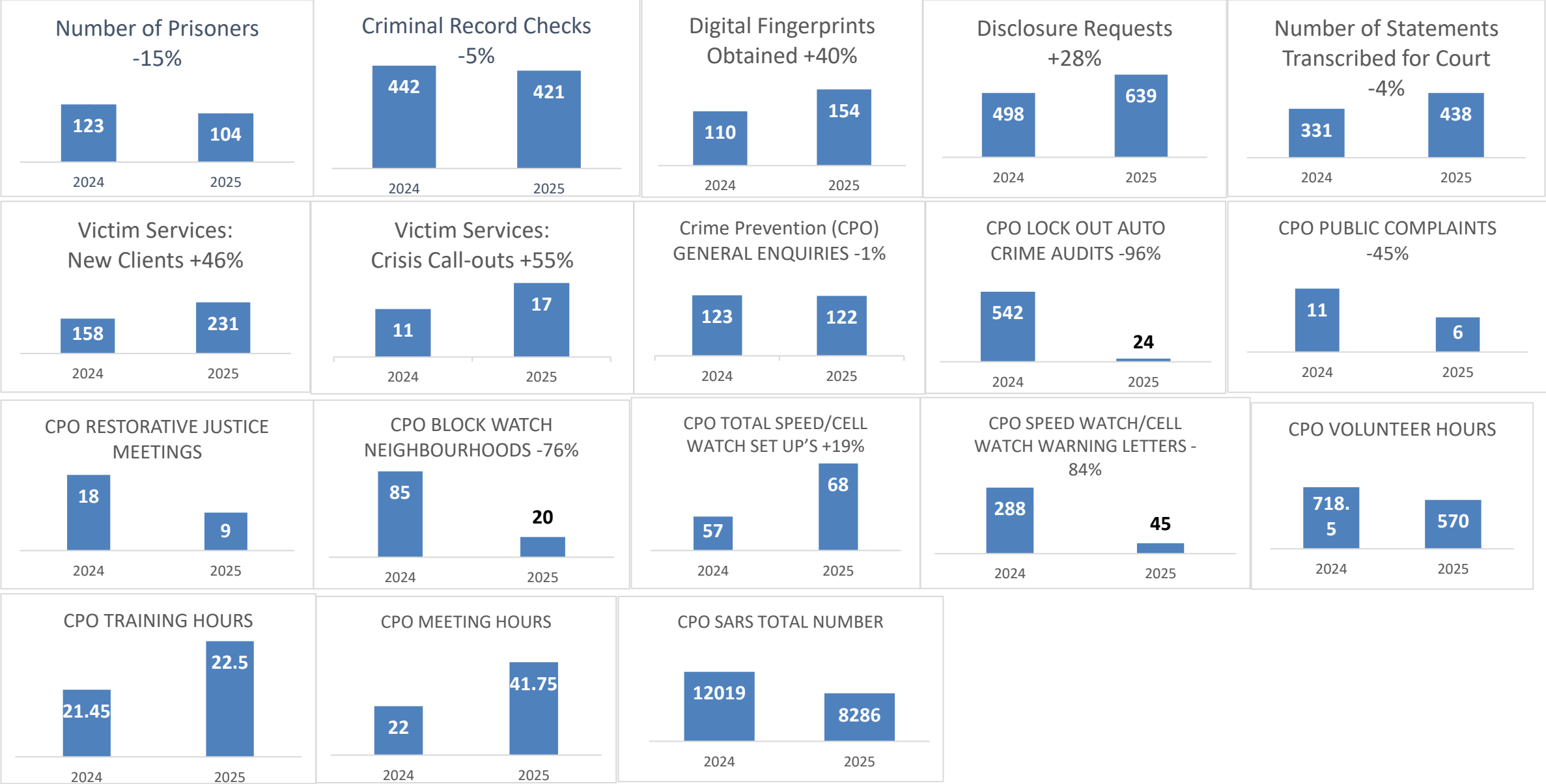
- More crime types have decreased as compared to have increased since the previous quarter as well as compared to the same period as last year;
- Have made significant arrests on active prolific property crime offenders;
- Increased visibility in high crime areas have helped reduced overall crime since the last quarter.

Police Action Plans

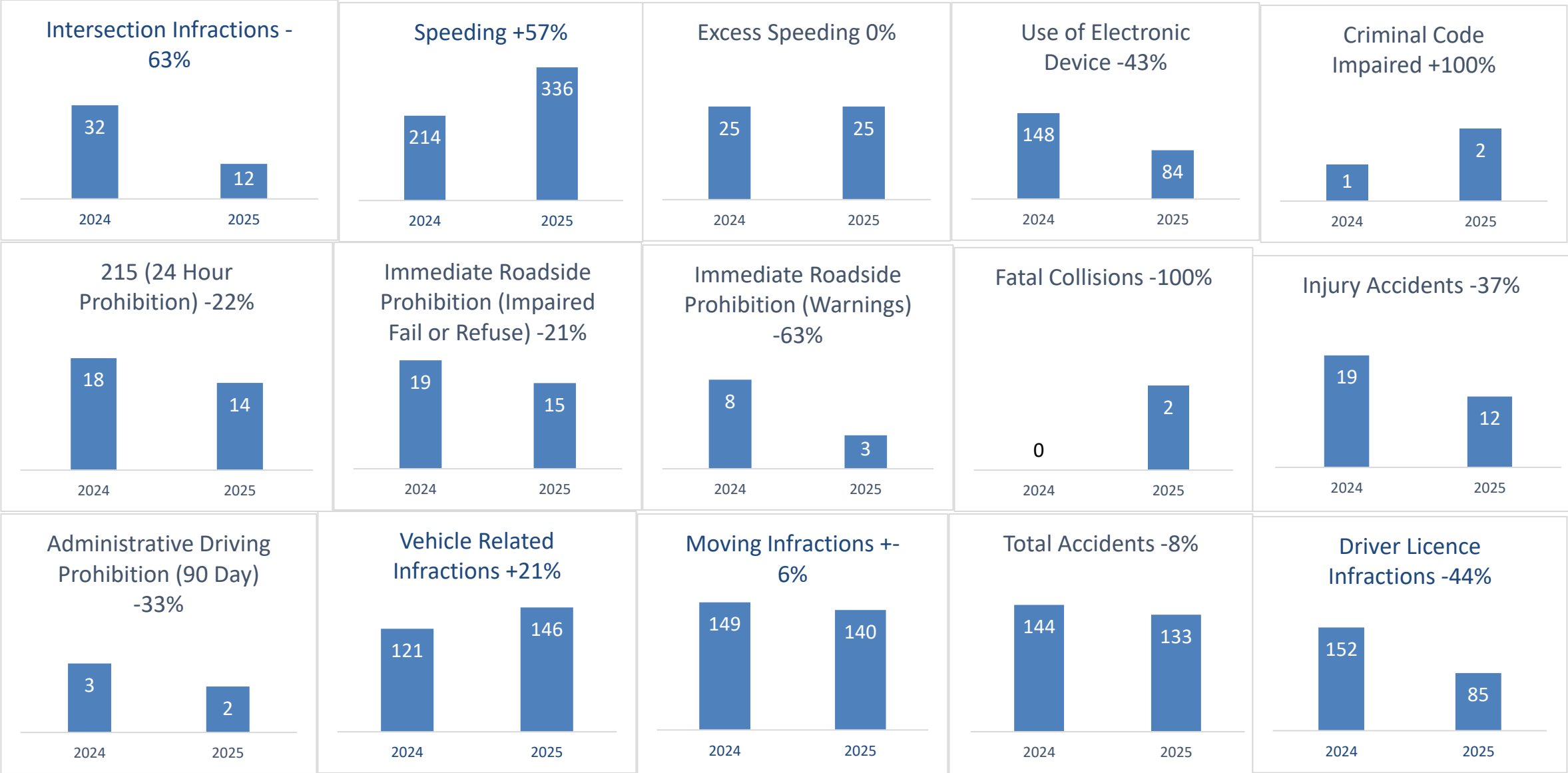
- Continue to target the most active offenders;
- Send out prevention tips for construction sites as these have been targets of break-ins;
- Continue high visibility presence in high crime areas;
- Set up shoplifting blitz when resources are available as shoplifting is one of the crime types that has risen. This is consistent with statistics from other jurisdictions.



Other Policing Statistics Q1



Traffic Enforcement Statistics Q1



Significant Investigations and Initiatives

Counterfeit Currency / Firearms Possession – Male arrested after producing counterfeit currency. Search warrant was executed at a residence where 2 firearms, cash and drugs were located.

Discharge of Firearms with Intent – Male was arrested after he shot at his former roommate after his roommate broke into the residence to retrieve personal belongings.

Missing Persons – Officers (including PDS and Air Services along with Search and Rescue) searched for nearly 2 hours for a missing 5-year-old autistic child who had wandered away. Child located safe and unharmed.

Missing Persons – Through interactions with a Sheriff's Office and a lab in the US, a missing person file from 2007 was concluded as new advances in DNA technology linked the missing's remains to family.

Assist General Public – Officer attended to a complaint of a 4-foot iguana on the side of the road. Turned out that it was a stuffed animal.



Unit Highlights

Crime Reduction Unit

During this reporting period, the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU):

- Liaised with ICBC and identified 3 vehicles with stolen engine components linked to a chop shop operation;
- Assumed conduct of a counterfeit investigation that led to a search warrant execution at a Mission residence. Located and seized evidence of drug trafficking, \$11,858.07 CND, \$293.00 USD, 16 grams fentanyl, 19 grams cocaine, 2 loaded non-registered handguns with a suppressor;
- Identified a local crime group associated to vehicle thefts, home invasions and car jackings. CRU has started planning enforcement action targeting this group;
- Assisted members of General Duty with a number of high-risk search warrant executions;
- Attended 3 monthly meetings with Abbotsford Probation, Abbotsford Crown Counsel and Abbotsford Police Department to discuss multi-jurisdictional Prolific Offenders;
- Continued to manage and deploy the RCMP Bait Car program in the City of Mission targeting identified auto theft hot spots;
- Continued to monitor prolific offenders on curfew with the assistance of Abbotsford Probation.
- Attended the Repeat Violent Offender meetings with Abbotsford Crown Counsel and Abbotsford Probation
- Continued to monitor prolific offenders on curfew with the assistance of Abbotsford Probation.



Unit Highlights

Serious Crime Unit

During the last quarter, the Serious Crime Unit has continued to pursue lengthy investigations into sex offences, firearms offences, serious assaults, fatal MVI's attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder. They monitor sex offenders to ensure they are not breaching any conditions. The unit continued in guiding and supporting General Duty officers in complex investigations.

Community Liaison

The Community Liaison continued to conduct Downtown foot patrols and regularly met with the Downtown Business Association (DBA) as part of the DBA Safety and Security Team. The Community Liaison worked closely with the DBA to address concerns from business owners/employees and to encourage their cooperation in reporting crimes. Crime Prevention Volunteers were also engaged on a weekly basis to assist with proactive outreach in the area and to provide updates on the Downtown area.

The Community Liaison continued to be actively 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.

The Community Liaison collaborated with the CPO supervisor in a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) initiative involving a local business.

The Community Liaison continued to work closely with Unlocking The Gates in order to locate individuals with outstanding warrants and connecting them with staff. This has helped police build a valuable relationship with the homeless community within in Mission.



Unit Highlights

Indigenous Police Services

During this reporting period, the Mission RCMP Indigenous Police Services (IPS) Liaison continued providing a vital role in strengthening relationships between Law Enforcement and the Indigenous community. Although there were no specific events, there was continued engagement with Council and staff from both Leqamel and Sumas First Nations. Finally, dealt with files of note involving First Nations communities.

Intimate Partner Violence

Reviewed 147 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



Unit Highlights

Traffic Services

Mission Traffic Services continued to deploy the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) reader. ALPR is simultaneous used with radar or laser for traffic enforcement. In this quarter from January to the end of March the ALPR has read 27,160 BC license plates and alerted traffic members to 2,086 hits for possible violations. Resulting of these traffic stops include 68 no insurance violations of \$598 each, 18 no driver's license violations of \$276 each, 48 speeding violations of \$196 and 2 serve driving prohibition notices to drivers with suspended driving privileges. The ALPR is mounted on a highly visible marked police vehicle and is deployed routinely, both stationary or while moving, to multiple locations repeatedly around Mission. The ALPR reads license plates and instantly alerts the officer of violations as listed above in addition to prohibited drivers and individuals with arrest warrants.

The Black Cat was deployed in the area of Griner Park. Results showed that a very low number of vehicles were speeding.

Finally, IRSU and BC Highway Patrol's support was instrumental in enhancing enforcement as the 2 agencies combined for 182 violation tickets and other notices combined.



Unit Highlights

Youth Liaison

During this reporting period the Mission School District invited the Youth Liaison to attend a two-day training - Traumatic Events System (TES) Model with Kevin Cameron. This training enhances the traditional crisis response practices to traumatic events in the schools and community.

The Youth Liaison also:

- continued to attend local elementary schools to participate in “It’s a Crime Not to Read” and planning the wrap up party at the Public Library in May. This initiative involves reading a story with clues to grade 2 and 3 students, who then try to solve the mystery;
- continued to attend the Connections Program running out of the Youth Center that supports youth suspended from schools;
- has begun attending planning meetings with community partners for a ‘Mission Hub’ which would provide services to youth;
- attended Leqamel to support the first annual Anti Bullying and Parent Club launch and celebrated Pink Shirt Day with them;
- conducted several investigations resulting in charges being forwarded against youth in Mission.



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. Twenty-four proactive media releases were provided during this reporting period. These efforts have assisted Mission RCMP with help solving a crime or locating a missing person as well as provided the community with a snapshot of Mission RCMP community engagement initiatives.

Specific highlights included:

- Significant media attention relating to the investigation of a Mission youth, missing for 18 years, whose remains were found in Washington State:
 - Press conference attended by all major media outlets
 - International coordination and cooperation with the Clallam County Sheriff's Office in Washington State, who used the Mission RCMP media release as the framework for their own media release
- Significant attention from the media and community about a social media post warning about a shooting rumoured to happen at a fair in Mission:
 - Multiple updates, to help ensure the public was aware of the comments and the police investigation
 - Ongoing balance of regard for public safety, while not unnecessarily scaring people away from attending the fair
 - Ensured the public was aware of the ongoing investigation and the additional police resources dedicated to monitoring the fair, as well as updating the public after pellet guns were seized from two groups of youth near the fair (who were not even associated to the original social media post)
- Significant media attention and public outrage after a young child came into contact with fentanyl at home, became ill but thankfully survived
- Ongoing efforts to provide humorous / light-hearted stories, including one about a (fake) iguana on the highway, which gained significant attention and praise, and even caught the interest of a reporter from CBC's "The National"
- Social media commentary in general continues to show strong support for the work done by the RCMP in Mission



Unit Highlights

Mental Health Liaison

The 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.

Crime Prevention Office

During the past quarter, the Crime Prevention Office (CPO) demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement through a variety of events, initiatives, and public interactions including:

- A presentation on Women's Safety
- Cell Watch as ICBC's distracted driving campaign was throughout March
- Speed Watch
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Downtown Foot Patrols
- One CPTED assessment

Two new volunteers were brought on board.



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Crime Prevention Office



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ITEAMS

During this quarter, Mission RCMP Detachment had the following file numbers involving integrated teams:

- IHIT – 0 (however still continue to investigate historical files)
- ICARS - 3
- IFIS - 18
- IPDS - 5
- IERT - 2

Community Engagement

During this quarter, Mission RCMP Detachment was involved in the following community engagement initiatives:

- It's a Crime Not to Read
- Pink Shirt Day / Anti-bullying presentation



Recognition

Three Mission RCMP officers were recipients of the 2024 National Impaired Driving Recognition Program award in our Detachment. Constables Marco ARNOLD, Bhav SODHI and Reid TRUSTHAM, were recognized for public safety by keenly detecting, thoroughly investigating and immediately removing impaired drivers from the streets of Mission. Constable TRUSTHAM has also qualified for the 11th consecutive year for recognition for the E Division and Road Safety BC Alexa Award with having a 2024 total of 33 impaired drivers removed from Mission streets.

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.

