

Safe Homes and Safe Communities



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City of Nanaimo's *Police Act* responsibilities:

- Have a police service (independent or RCMP)
- Have a jail (prisoner holding facility)
- If contracting with the RCMP:
 - pay 90% cost of police; and
 - supply support staff and furnished offices



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Recent resourcing history:

- RCMP conducted HR needs study in 2009
- Study indicated up to 40 additional members needed (to meet 2008 requirements)
- Council approved 24 additional members over a 5 year implementation period
- To date 15 members hired – 9 to go



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Recent resourcing history:

- Current authorized strength:
 - 139 Regular Members (municipal [CoN])
 - 1 Civilian Member (municipal [CoN])
 - 8 Regular Members (provincial)
 - 2 Regular Members (federal [FNP])
- Total: 150



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Budget complexity:

- 140 members authorized
- Average billing 133 members
- Budgeted for 134.4 members



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Resources categorized as:

- Proactive
 - Primarily aimed at reducing the calls for service before they happen. This leads to less victimization.
 - These units collaborate with partner agencies and build long term relationships.



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Resources categorized as:

- Reactive
 - Primarily respond to calls for service. Initial response from a 'barking dog complaint' to murder.
 - Not designed to conduct complex investigations or find long term solutions.



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Resources by Unit (proactive):

- Bike Patrol - 8 RM's
- School Liaison Team - 6 RM's
- Crime Prevention
 - Community Policing/Media Liaison - 1 RM
- Traffic Unit - 6 RM's



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Resources by Unit (proactive):

- Social Offender Unit -1 RM
- Street Crimes Unit - 8 RM's
- Projects Team - 8 RM's
- First Nations Policing (FNP) - 2 RM's
- Intel Unit - 4 RM's



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Resources by Unit (reactive):

- General Duty (GD) - 79 RM's
- Serious Crime Unit - 9 RM's
- General Investigation Unit - 8 RM's
- Domestic Violence Unit -1 RM



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Resources by Unit (reactive):

- Forensic Identification Services - 8 RM's
(of which 3 are CoN funded)
- Police Dog Section - 3 RM's



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Resources by Unit (other):

- Crime Analyst - 1 CM
- Administration - 6 RM's
 - OIC
 - Ops Officer
 - Ops Support Officer
 - Ops Support NCO
 - Training NCO
 - Professional Standards



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Calls for service (2014):

- Nanaimo RCMP total: 37,300
 - City of Nanaimo: 34,875 (93.5%)
 - Provincial (rural) area: 1,705 (4.6%)
 - District of Lantzville: 700 (1.9%)
 - First Nations 120 (0.3%)



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Calls for service (2014):

- Nanaimo RCMP total: 37,300
- This represents 2,771 more calls for service than in 2013 (an increase of 8%)
- Equates to the work of 4 GD members



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Crime snapshot:

- Property Crime (2014)
 - Residential B&E +141 (+41%) ↑
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle +137 (+61%) ↑
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle +784 (+84%) ↑



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Crime snapshot:

- Violent Crime (2014)
 - Assaults -79 (-13%) ↓
 - Sex Offences -21 (-28%) ↓
 - Robbery +10 (+20%) ↑



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Crime snapshot:

- Mental Health (2014)
 - Over past two years mental health related calls have increased over 20% ↑
 - Impacts are felt in all sectors of community
 - Many recent violent crimes have a mental health component



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Crime snapshot:

- Organized Crime (2014)
 - Local Hell's Angels Club going through transformation and actively recruiting
 - Organized crime figures from Metro Vancouver & Edmonton are present and trying to get a criminal foothold
 - Recent violent home invasions/abductions



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Crime snapshot:

- Drug Enforcement (2014)
 - Drug addiction and availability of drugs drives property crime
 - Recent large GHB lab, firearms, and pipe bomb investigations
 - Fentanyl issues
 - Losing ground and the result is increased property crime



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Crime snapshot:

- Youth & Vulnerable Persons (2014)
 - Our engagement with community groups and work in downtown core is a best practice
 - School Liaison – At Risk Youth
 - Visible presence
 - Sex Trade Worker Cohort



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Crime snapshot:

- Youth Engagement (2014)
 - One of our high risk areas is missing youth
 - Dealt with 354 reports of missing youth 2014 (increase of 28) ↑
 - New protocols, templates and reporting



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Crime snapshot:

Risk of Crime Severity Increases

- CSI Rate 103.5 (+17.7%) ↑
- Investors and media pay attention to CSI
- Do not want to lose ground on downtown core safety and visibility



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Options:

- Approval of three additional officers 2015
- Re-assignment of officers from pro-active sections such as school liaison or bikes
- Realignment of service delivery and which calls for service we respond to



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