

MONTHLY MAYOR'S / CHIEF'S POLICING REPORT February, 2015

Whati Detachment
"G" Division
Northwest Territories





The Whati Detachment responded to a total of 52 calls for service during the month of February, 2015.

To ensure an accurate breakdown of those calls for service and subsequent offences related, the statistics for this month will be reported on the next policing report.

(Due to the nature of the RCMP Statistical Reporting Program, accurate reports are generally 2 to 3 weeks behind. As such, to ensure a more accurate report of statistics to the communities we serve, and our contract partners, the below stats are for the previous month's report.)

OCCURRENCES	Jan 2015	Year to Date	Jan 2014	Year Total 2014
Assaults (all categories)	18	18	4	61
Break and Enters (Residence & Business)	0	0	2	18
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	2
Theft Under \$ 5000.00	0	0	2	12
Theft Over \$ 5000.00	0	0	0	0
Drugs (Possession)	0	0	0	9
Drugs (Trafficking)	0	0	0	4
Liquor Act	3	3	6	93
Unlawful Sale (Bootlegging)	0	0	0	1
Causing a Disturbance / Mischief (including public intoxication)	24	24	6	126
Impaired Driving	0	0	2	11
Other Complaints	31	31	16	128
Total Violations	76	76	42	615
Total Calls for Service	45	45	39	589
# of Patrols to Community	24	24	-	-

CATEGORY	Jan 2015	Year to Date	Jan 2014	Year Total 2014
Prisoners	8	8	10	95
Intermittent Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Other Detachment's Prisoners	0	0	0	0
Total Prisoners (mth)	8	8	10	95

JUSTICE REPORTS	Jan 2015	Year to Date	Year Total 2014
Victim Service Unit Referrals	4	4	7
Youth Alternative Measures (YCJA Warnings)	0	0	1
Youth Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	0	0	4
Adult Diversion (Community Justice Referrals)	3	3	1
Emergency Protection Orders (Detachment Initiated)	0	0	0
ODARA Reports	1	1	6

Annual Performance Plan (A.P.P.'S) Community Priorities

Community approved APP'S are (1) Substance Abuse

(2) Domestic Violence

(1) This month the detachment addressed the issue of substance abuse by conducting dedicated community patrols. Whati members continue to receive information on how alcohol and drugs are being brought into the community. Patrols are made for the purpose of intercepting alcohol and drugs on land, air and water. To date, there have been multiple seizures of alcohol in the community of Whati. A total of 12 375ml bottles of hard alcohol has been seized in the community of Whati by the local RCMP Members. Members continued their proactive work in the community to curb the use of alcohol but received very little information in regards to the sale or use of alcohol in the community in the month of February. Officers continually patrol the roads in the evening and several people have been sent home for being intoxicated. The winter road is now open and dedicated patrols are being made in an attempt to combat the abuse of alcohol in the community. The road opened on January 19th 2015 and since then Whati Detachment has spent over 50hrs on the road conducting patrols. No significant seizures have been made on the road to date.

The Community assisted the priority by:

Several members of the community have provided members of the detachment with information regarding the illegal possession of alcohol in the community of Whati. Most community members wish to remain anonymous and are sometimes hesitant to provide information as they fear retaliation from the community. Members received little info in regards to the use and sale of drugs and alcohol in the month of January.

(2) This month the detachment addressed the issue of Domestic Violence by increasing the number of victim services referrals for the detachment. It does not appear as though victim services have been utilized to its full potential at the Whati Detachment last year. One of the goals for the detachment for this year, is to increase the number of Victim Services referrals on occurrences that warrant such referrals. Most importantly, we hope that through these referrals and education, the total number of occurrences involving Domestic Violence will eventually decrease. The total number of referrals were at 7 for 2014 and we have already had 5 this year.

The Community assisted the priority by:

No action has been taken by the community during the month of February to address the issue of Domestic Violence.

(3) This month the detachment was involved with youth by attending the school daily to interact with students and the Mezi Community School staff. There has been increased youth/gang activity in the community this year but activity has been quiet this month as several of the involved youth are currently in custody. The Whati Detachment schedule has been adjusted to help with the issue. Much of the youth activity has been occurring late at night. The schedule has been adjusted so that the Whati Detachment has a presence in the community during the late hours of the night. The new shift is from 17:00hrs to 01:00hrs to increase visibility and hopefully deter any possible youth/gang

related offences. It will not only act as a deterrence but also should increase interaction with youth during the late night hours. It appears many of the youth in Whati are mostly active during this time. Also, we are currently in discussion with the Mezi Community School and G Division's Community Policing Liaison, Cst. Maury Sparvier, to arrange the Aboriginal Shield Program. Members have arranged a sports night at the school every Tuesday to help increase relations with youth in the community. We supervise and participate in several sports including hockey, soccer and basketball. We have been attending the local arena to participate in hockey with members of the community. Currently we are working with the community to try and organize hockey at the arena. At the most recent Inter-Agency meeting, we came up with a proposal in an attempt to help pay for the cost of kids to skate at the arena and play hockey. This has begun rolling out as of the Month of February. Many of the kids cannot afford the cost of admission and are left standing around watching when they could be participating. We brought forth the idea of having sponsored nights at the arena where each agency sponsors a night so kids do not have to pay and everyone will be able to participate. Currently, Cpl. LOGAN is working on obtaining the funding to sponsor a night. I estimate that it will cost the detachment approximately \$600 for the year.

The Community assisted the priority by:

There has been little assistance from the community to help address the situation with youth/gang activity in the community of Whati. At the last Chief and council meeting we were advised that they are in the process of hiring a new recreation coordinator. At present time, there are very few organized activities for youth in the community of Whati. The interest shown by local agencies to sponsor nights at the arena is a step in the right direction to get youth involved in recreational activities in the community. There is currently no Recreation Coordinator for the year.

<u>Update on work being performed by ACCPP, ACCP, APTP members:</u> N/A

Notable Occurrences for the Month:

There was on notable occurrence where RCMP were threatened by a local male. He was remanded into custody and received a \$2000 cash bail which has not yet been paid. He remains in custody in Yellowknife with a March 17th court date set.

New Community Concerns (update on concerns raised in the past not yet resolved)

At last month's meeting, counsel expressed their concern with the increased abuse of alcohol and youth violence in the community. This has been an ongoing issue in the community and we are actively working with the community to help resolve the issues.

Community Policing Activities or Events (if not identified in the APP's)

The Detachment has been involved in a number of community events this past month.

- Members have attended the youth center to speak with and interact with the youth in

the community of Whati.

- Members attend the Whati airport several times a week to assist with unloading of cargo on scheduled flights.
- Tours of the detachment with youth in the community.
- Organized and attended sports night with youth at the school.
- Attended the local arena to assist with organizing hockey and playing hockey with members of the community.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

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