Community Safety Report Card

2021-Q2 Victoria

These indicators, when used over time, provide some context to the degree that police services are effective at reducing criminal victimization and improving public safety (and the feeling of safety) in the community. These performance metrics partially reflect the outcomes and quality of police performance keeping in mind that there are various influences on crime and order beyond policing.

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Indicator

Chart Data (Esquimalt & Victoria)

1 Calls for Service (Esquimalt & Victoria)

A Call for Service (CFS) is a request for services from or report to the police department that generates any action on the part of the police department or partner agency performing work on behalf of the police department (such as 9-1-1 calls).

A CFS includes recording a crime/incident for reporting purposes. CFS is not generated for proactive activities unless the officer generates a specific CFS report.

The types of calls for service are broken into six main categories as follows:

- Social order – call types include disturbance, man down, unwanted person, etc.
- Violence – call types include assault, sexual assault, robbery, etc.
- Property – call types include break and enters, theft from vehicle, theft, mischief, etc.
- Traffic – call types include collision response, impaired driving and other traffic offences.
- Assist – call types include requests to assist BC Emergency Health Services paramedics, Fyrsta, Victim Services, Interpreters, etc.
- Other – calls are those which do not fit into the categories above.

Annual trends show a decrease in total calls for service in 2018 and 2019. Since January 2019, abandoned calls, which are calls where the caller hangs up before the call taker can generate a police response, are no longer captured by the 9-1-1 Comm 911/Police Dispatch Centre in the same way. This has significantly reduced the total number of calls - Also, policy changes with regard to abandoned 911 calls from cell phones coming into the 9-1-1 call centre in Victoria in late fall 2019 - Additional factors that have reduced the number of 911 calls include increased education and changes to cell phone design so that emergency calls could no longer be activated by a one button push.

These important changes are reflected in the following abandoned 911 call figures, which are included in the displayed calls for service totals and are largely responsible for the recent decreases in total calls for service:

2018 = 8,409
2017 = 7,576
2016 = 9,534
2018 = 8,410
2020 = 1,296

Calls for Service - Quarterly

Source: VicPD

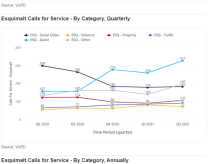
Total VicPD calls for service are up 10.5% from Q1

Dispatched calls in Victoria are up 8.4% from Q1

Calls for Service - Annually

Source: VicPD

Esquimalt Calls for Service - By Category, Quarterly



Source: VicPD

Esquimalt Calls for Service - By Category, Annually

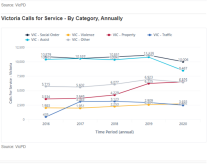
Source: VicPD

Increase in calls across all broad categories in Q2

Victoria Calls for Service - By Category, Quarterly

Source: VicPD

Victoria Calls for Service - By Category, Annually



Source: VicPD

2 Crime Rate (Esquimalt & Victoria)

The crime rate, as published by Statistics Canada, is the number of Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences) per 100,000 population.

- Total Crime (excluding traffic)
- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Other Crime

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Major StatsCan change in methodology. Only 2020 data is now shown, trends will be shown as more annual data becomes available

Crime Rate - Esquimalt

Crime Rate - Victoria

Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

3 Crime Severity Index (Esquimalt & Victoria)

The crime severity index (CSI), as published by Statistics Canada, measures both the volume and severity of police-reported crime in Canada. In the index, all crimes are assigned a weight by Statistics Canada based on their seriousness. The level of seriousness is based on actual sentences handed down by the courts in all provinces and territories.

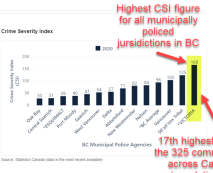
This chart shows the crime severity index for all municipal police services in British Columbia, including the RCMP municipal police services. For RCMP jurisdiction, the CSI for the City of Victoria and the Township of Esquimalt are shown separately, which is a feature that was first introduced with the release of 2020 data. The Victoria CSI figure that was published last year (for 2019) was for the City of Victoria and Esquimalt, only. Here, the 2019 Crime Severity Index (CSI)

Data for 2021 will be updated when released by Statistics Canada.

StatsCan now breaks out Victoria and Esquimalt data

Highest CSI figure for all municipally policed jurisdictions in BC

Crime Severity Index



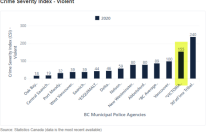
17th highest CSI of the 325 communities across Canada w/population over 10,000

Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

Crime Severity Index - Non-Violent

Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

Crime Severity Index - Violent



Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

Crime Incidents - VicPD Jurisdiction

Number of Crime Incidents (VicPD Jurisdiction)

- Violent Crime Incidents
- Property Crime Incidents
- Other Crime Incidents

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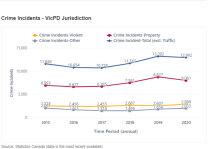
Crime Incidents - VicPD Jurisdiction



Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

Weighted Clearance Rate (Esquimalt & Victoria)

Clearance rates indicate the extent to which investigation into criminal offences resulted in an identified subject that could be charged, cleared otherwise or unfounded. Clearance Rates are a calculation that places more emphasis on solving more serious crimes. The Weighted Clearance Rate value permits monitoring of changes over time.

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Weighted Clearance Rate (Esquimalt)

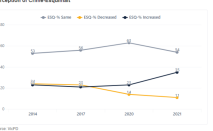
Weighted Clearance Rate (Victoria)

Source: Statistics Canada (data is the most recent available)

Perception of Crime (Esquimalt / Victoria)

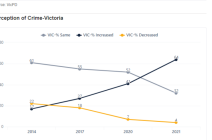
Community and business survey data from 2021 as well as past community surveys: "Do you think that crime in Victoria and/or Esquimalt has increased, decreased or remained the same during the last 5 years?"

Perception of Crime-Esquimalt



Source: VicPD

Perception of Crime-Victoria



Source: VicPD

Block Watch (Esquimalt / Victoria)

Block Watch Participation

- Number of active blocks

Block Watch (Esquimalt / Victoria)

Source: VicPD

Public Satisfaction (Esquimalt / Victoria)

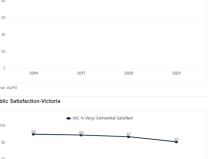
Public satisfaction with VicPD (community and business survey data from 2021 as well as past community surveys): "Overall, how satisfied are you with the work of the Victoria Police?" "

- Victoria City
- Esquimalt Township

Public Satisfaction-Esquimalt

Source: VicPD

Public Satisfaction-Victoria



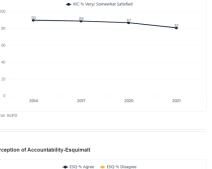
Source: VicPD

Perception of Accountability (Esquimalt / Victoria)

Perception of accountability of VicPD officers from community and business survey data from 2021 as well as past community surveys: "Based on your own personal experience, or what you may have read or heard, please indicate whether you agree or disagree that the Victoria Police is accountable."

- Victoria City
- Esquimalt Township

Perception of Accountability-Esquimalt



Source: VicPD

Perception of Accountability-Victoria

Source: VicPD

Documents Released to the Public

These charts show the number of community updates (news releases) and reports published, as well the number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests that are released.

Documents Released to the Public

Source: VicPD

FOI Documents Released

Source: VicPD

Overtime Costs (VicPD)

- Investigation and Specialized Units (This includes investigations, specialized units, protects and others)
- Staff Shortage (Cost associated with replacing absent members, including sick time, leaves, etc.)
- Statutory Holidays (Mandatory overtime costs for staff working Statutory Holidays)
- Recovered (This is related to special duties and overtime for seconded specialty units where all costs are recovered from outside funding resulting in no additional cost to VicPD)

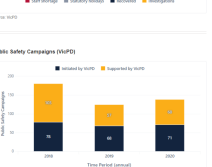
Overtime Costs (VicPD)-in dollars ($)

Source: VicPD

Public Safety Campaigns (VicPD)

This number of public safety campaigns initiated by VicPD and those local, regional, or national campaigns supported by, but not necessarily initiated by VicPD.

Public Safety Campaigns (VicPD)



Source: VicPD

Police Act Complaints (VicPD)

Total files opened by the Professional Standards office. Open files do not necessarily result in an investigation of any type. (Source: Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner)

- Admissible registered complaints (complaints resulting in a formal investigation)
- Number of reported substantiated investigations (Police Act investigations that resulted in one or more counts of misconduct being substantiated)

Police Act Complaints (VicPD)

Source: Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner of BC
NOTE: Dates below are provincial government fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) i.e. "2018" indicates April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020.

Case Load per Officer (VicPD)

This average number of criminal files assigned to each officer. The average is calculated by dividing the total number of files by the authorized strength of the police Department (Reserve Police Resources or BC, Province of British Columbia).

Data for 2020 will updated when released by Statistics Canada

Case Load per Officer (VicPD)

Source: Police Resources in BC

Time Loss in Shifts (VicPD)

VicPD's operational effectiveness can be, and has been, affected by having employees unable to work. The loss of time because of injuries includes both short-term and long-term health injuries which occur in the workplace. This does not include time lost for off-duty injury or illness, parental leave, or leaves of absence. This chart shows this time loss in terms of shifts lost by both officers and civilian employees by calendar year.

Time Loss in Shifts (VicPD)

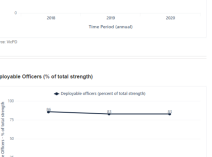
Source: VicPD

Deployable Officers (% of total strength)

This is the percentage of officers who are fully deployable to patrolling duties with no restrictions.

Please note: This is a Point-in-Time calculation each year, as the actual number fluctuates widely throughout the year.

Deployable Officers (% of total strength)

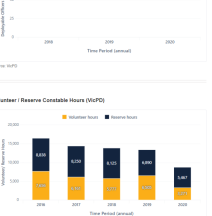


Source: VicPD

Volunteer / Reserve Constable Hours (VicPD)

This is the number of volunteer hours annually performed by volunteers and Reserve Constables.

Volunteer / Reserve Constable Hours (VicPD)



Source: VicPD

4 Response Time (Esquimalt / Victoria)

Response time is defined as the time that elapses between the time a call is received to the time the first officer arrives on scene.

Charts reflect median response times for the following Priority One and Priority Two calls:

- Total (VicPD's total service area)
- Victoria Division
- Esquimalt Division

Response Time-Esquimalt

Source: VicPD
NOTE: Times are displayed in minutes and second. For example, "5:48" indicates 5 minutes and 48 seconds.

Significant increase in response times in Q2

Response Time-Victoria

Source: VicPD
NOTE: Times are displayed in minutes and second. For example, "5:48" indicates 5 minutes and 48 seconds.

Training Hours per Officer (VicPD)

Average training hours is calculated by the total number of hours of training divided by the authorized strength. All training is accounted for including training related to specialized positions such as the Emergency Response Team, and all-duty training required under the Collective Agreement.

Training Hours per Officer (VicPD)

Source: VicPD

VicPD Community Information

Esquimalt

- Notable Crime / Community Safety Incidents
- Current / Emerging Crime and Community Safety Trends
- Special Project Outcomes / Outputs
- Community Engagement Initiatives / Opportunities
- Community Safety Campaigns

Victoria

Notable Crime / Community Safety Incidents

Officers Arrest Wanted Man, Seize Firearms, Body Armour, And Drugs After Search Warrant

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th, Patrol officers and the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team (GVERT) executed a search warrant at a suite in a supportive housing facility in the 700 block of Queen Avenue. A man, who was wanted on warrants for possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking, was located in the suite and arrested.

During the search of the suite, officers located three firearms: a loaded sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun, a .22 calibre rifle with a drum magazine, and a .22 calibre handgun.

Traffic Stop Leads to Loaded Handgun, Replica Pistol, Fentanyl

Shortly after midnight on April 10th, Patrol officers observed a vehicle being driven erratically in the 2900-block of Douglas Street. The officers conducted a traffic stop, and when they approached the vehicle, they observed a handgun on the floor of the vehicle. The officers arrested the two occupants.

As officers searched one of the men, they discovered that he was carrying a loaded 9mm handgun in a shoulder holster. Officers seized the firearm. The handgun officers spotted on the floor of the vehicle was a replica firearm.

Douglas Stabbing

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, Patrol officers were called to the 900-block of Pandora Avenue for a report that two men had been beer-sprayed and stabbed. Officers attended and located two men who were victims of the incident, suffering from potentially life-threatening injuries. The men were transported to hospital by BC Emergency Health Services paramedics. Following treatment, their injuries are now considered non-life-threatening.

Investigating officers identified three suspects in the incident and located and arrested them.

Hate-Motivated Incidents

On April 9th, staff at the Chabad Centre for Jewish Life and Learning called police to report that they had discovered anti-Semitic graffiti marked on the building in the 2900-block of Richmond Road. The graffiti was found on the morning of Saturday, April 9th. Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle with a Washington plate on video tagging the Centre. On April 9th, one of two suspects was identified, at the request of the police involved, this file has been referred to Restorative Justice for resolution.

Shortly after 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4th, an off-duty VicPD officer, in civilian clothes and driving their personal vehicle, witnessed a shirtless man acting erratically in the 3000-block of Quadra Street. The shirtless man yelled and pocked aggressively toward a man and his child. The man and child moved away from the suspect for their safety and were not physically harmed.

The suspect then headed towards Quadra Elementary School. The officer followed the man and called for additional uniformed police officers to attend. The suspect then obtained a brown handle and approached a woman walking with a stroller and her four children. The man spat at the family, manically mocking a child, and called racial slurs regarding the family's Asian ethnicity. The off-duty officer approached to intervene, and the man then attacked the off-duty officer's personal vehicle, damaging it.

Uniformed officers arrived and arrested the male moments later. The male was transported to VicPD cells, where he was held in custody. He faces recommended charges of assault and mischief. The incident is being treated as a hate-motivated crime.

Sex Offender Arrested After Roommates Assaulted An Stranger

In late May, VicPD officers began an investigation into drug traffickers in Victoria with ties to crime groups on the lower mainland. On May 31st, officers arrested two men at a hotel in the 3200-block of Maple Street in Saanich. With the assistance of Saanich Police, VicPD officers subsequently executed a search warrant on the hotel suite associated with these men and located quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine consistent with a drug trafficking operation. The men were also found to be in possession of over $3,000 in cash, believed to be proceeds of crime. In total, officers seized approximately one kilogram of controlled substances.

Woman Arrested After Hammer Attack, Criminal Bail Guide

At 5:30 p.m. on June 17th, Patrol officers were called to a supportive housing facility in the 800-block of Johnson Street for a report that a woman attacked a man with a hammer. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the assault, and the suspect barricaded herself within a suite at that location.

Officers attended and worked to negotiate a surrender with the suspect. The woman refused to communicate with officers, so members of the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team (GVERT), including the team's Crisis Negotiators, were called to the scene.

After several hours of attempted negotiations, GVERT officers displayed several loud distraction devices. At approximately 9:30 p.m., the suspect exited the suite and refused to comply with police directions. Officers deployed ARWEN less-lethal munitions, and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Current / Emerging Crime and Community Safety Trends

Significant increases occurred in Disorder Order calls, including: Keep the Peace, Man Down, Unwanted Person and Missing Persons – many of these calls were associated to the local Shelters. As well, increases were seen in calls related to Mental Health response, Check Well-being, Overdose, and Assist Other Agency (such as Provincial Ambulance Service and Victoria Fire Dept.)

Sharp increases were seen in Property Crimes calls associated with Shoplifting, Vehicle Break and Enter reports decreased.

Increases were seen in Crimes Against Person calls attributable to a rise in common assaults in and around shelters as well as violence linked to street-level disorder. Sexual Assault calls increased, many of which are linked to several high-profile cases.

Special Project Outcomes / Outputs

Gang Arrested, Vehicle Seized In Strike Force Investigation

In late April, VicPD Strike Force officers and the Analysis and Intelligence Section began an investigation into a woman suspected of trafficking drugs at a multi-unit temporary housing facility in Victoria. Officers received a number of complaints regarding the woman's suspicious behaviour in the area of a multi-unit temporary housing facility in the 1000-block of Blanshard Street. Acting on that information, VicPD Strike Force officers gathered evidence that the woman was trafficking drugs in Victoria.

On Thursday, April 29th, members of the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team (GVERT) arrested the woman in the 500-block of Pandora Avenue after they observed additional evidence of drug trafficking. VicPD Strike Force officers, working with GVERT, then executed a search warrant on the woman's vehicle and on the woman's residence in Victoria. Officers recovered quantities of cocaine consistent with drug trafficking, as well as suspected fentanyl and methamphetamine.

VicPD Blanshard Wednesday Enforcement Project

On Wednesday, May 12th, VicPD Patrol and Community Services Division officers teamed up to focus on locating and arresting individuals wanted on warrants in Victoria and Esquimalt. The day-long project led to the arrests of 27 men and women who were wanted for a variety of offences, some of which included: mischief, driving while prohibited, breach of probation, break and enter, assault, assault causing bodily harm, sexual assault, and sexual interference involving a youth.

Late in the afternoon, officers arrested a man sought for firearms offences **after a search warrant at his suite in a multi-unit temporary housing facility the previous night yielded a handgun**. In addition, the man was wanted on outstanding warrants for possession of stolen property over $5,000, possession of break and enter instruments, breach of a release order, possession of identity documents, and drug-related offences.

The day-long enforcement project was chronicled on Twitter as **#VicPDWarrantWednesday**. Not all arrests were captured on Twitter.

Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Cash Seized After Search Warrant

On Wednesday, June 16th, VicPD and Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team officers executed a search warrant at a suite in a multi-unit temporary housing facility in the 1000-block of Blanshard Street. The officers seized quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine and hundreds of pills suspected to be controlled substances. In addition, officers seized approximately $20,000 in cash, a bear, and an e-bike believed to be stolen.

The suspect, a 31-year-old Victoria man, was arrested at the scene and later released from custody pending further investigation.

Community Engagement Initiatives / Opportunities

Road and Call Watch

As part of Road Safety Week in May, VicPD officers and VicPD volunteers deployed various tools at high-traffic areas in both Victoria and Esquimalt to help keep our roads safe.

Fraud Awareness

A number of high-profile cybercrime-based fraudc struck citizens and businesses in Victoria and Esquimalt during Q2. VicPD Public affairs helped prevent additional victimization by engaging our community and proactively providing prevention information.

2021 VicPD Community Survey

The 2021 VicPD Community Survey provides an opportunity for VicPD to hear from residents and business owners, operators and staff to tell us how we are doing. In addition to completing the entire portion of the survey, Q2 (via the 2021 Community Survey results) released and the launch of a "deep dive" exploration of key 2021 Community Survey topics. We are proud of our 81% overall satisfaction rate among Victoria respondents and already working on the survey for next year.

Community Safety Campaigns

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Victoria's downtown restaurant community was rocked by allegations of sexualized violence associated with a downtown Victoria Bar and Grill. While this investigation remains ongoing and the department has not named any suspects or the location associated, we continued to support the investigation and those with information to share through ongoing engagement and awareness. As many of the concerns were initially shared on Instagram, we continue to follow up in the forum where those with information feel most safe to share their stories, Instagram.

Cybercrimes Alerts

Cybercrimes including fraud, confidence scams and thefts continue to plague Victoria and Esquimalt, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses to businesses and individuals. Building on recent research into fostering resilience to de-stigmatizing falling victim to cybercrime, we have shared stories about these files, which emphasize how citizens and businesses can protect themselves from sophisticated, professional cybercriminals.

5 VicPD

Strategic Plan Highlights

VicPD continues to make progress towards our three main strategic goals outlined in *VicPD Strategic Plan 2020*. Specifically, in Q2, the following goal-specific work was accomplished:

Support Community Safety

- VicPD initiated work on an improved process for public requests for statistics, including looking at a technology-assisted tracking system to improve customer service
- VicPD worked with community partners to encourage those with information about reports of sexualized violence associated with a downtown Victoria bar and grill to come forward and share information and perspectives
- Development continues on a new online Block Watch forum called *Block Watch Connect*, including a testing phase with existing Block Watch captains, to broaden community participation in this crime prevention program.

Enhance Public Trust

- VicPD successfully completed the 2021 VicPD Community Survey project, which is an annual engagement process by which VicPD hears directly from the community about our service delivery
- While COVID-19 distancing restrictions have reduced the number of in-person engagement opportunities with the community, but VicPD personnel continue to participate in virtual community events and discussions whenever possible
- Planning is complete for the re-opening of the public service counters at the headquarters building and Esquimalt Division in early July, including new streamlined processes for improving customer service.

Achieve Organizational Excellence

- VicPD continues to work on a partnership with Island Health regarding the exploration of alternative responses to mental health calls
- Recruitment and training of our Special Municipal Constables is near complete and the inaugural class of four has been assigned to our patrol watches to directly support operations
- Work continues to acquire and implement a Human Resources Information System, including the issuing of a request for proposals, which will streamline a variety of key processes across VicPD

Current / Emerging Issues Impacting Efficiency or Effectiveness

Officer Burnout and Reduced Capacity

VicPD continues to experience challenges in meeting the service expectations of the department and community. Our staff are reporting that deficits in the required number of deployable officers are resulting in officer burnout and reduced capacity to fully staff shifts, resource special events and prevention-focused duties. While we continue to search for ways to meet expectations within existing resources, we are concerned that the current situation will continue to have a detrimental effect absent a gradual increase in police officer positions.

Shelter Space and Supportive Housing Related Calls for Service

The City of Victoria and the provincial government have made housing those experiencing homeless a priority. The City of Victoria has the highest number of shelter space and supportive housing beds in the region by a significant margin and, as statistics related to calls for service demonstrate, there is an associated public safety cost.

Since the onset of COVID-19 in Victoria in March of 2020, eight supportive housing sites and shelters have been opened in the City of Victoria. While some of these sites are temporary, BC Housing announced four new permanent locations in the City of Victoria in March 2021 that will have another 182 shelter, it is important to note that, these not reflect the population or encampments at the various parks across the region that included Beacon Hill Park, Cecelia Ravine Park, Vic West Park, Stanley Park, Irving Park, etc.

According to data provided by the Analysis and Intelligence Section (AIS), related crime and property crime incidents related to and in the immediate area of supportive housing sites and parks have increased in the last 3 years (January 1 to June 30, 2019-2021). For example, the Burnside Gorge area has surpassed the downtown core for the prevalence of both property and public disorder calls (e.g. debauchery, fights, public intoxication, by-law, etc.) and has realized an 81% rise in crimes against persons compared to a 17% increase in the downtown. Since the population in this area has not increased considerably over this period, it is likely that the introduction of the supportive housing sites has placed a significant strain on the community. Similar trends are being observed in the other areas of the city with supporting sites such as Pearl's Motel (on Cedar Hill), the Cornerstone (Yates), and the Travelodge (Blanshard) which are among the top 5 in number of SFU.

Other key statistics (for April 1 – June 30 in 2019, 2020, 2021):

Property-related calls to parks and supportive housing areas in 2019 were 28% of all property-related offences in VicPD's jurisdiction and in 2021 that increased to 35.6%

Public disorder-related calls to parks and supportive housing areas in 2019 was 41.2% of the total public disorder calls and in 2021 those calls increased to 44.1%

Crimes Against Persons related calls to parks and supportive housing areas in 2019 was 32.7% of the total and in 2021 they accounted for 38.3% of the total.

Non/Emerging Pressures or Efficiency / Service Levels

Beacon Hill Park continues to be a source of a number of police calls for service:

Assault of 70-Year Old

Shortly after 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th, Patrol officers were called to Beacon Hill Park, near Douglas Street and Circle Drive, for a report that a 70-year-old had been assaulted and chased in a short chase. Officers attended and located the victim, being treated by paramedics for non-life-threatening but potentially life-altering injuries from the assault.

Witnesses offered a description to officers, numerous people who are camping in the park began to intervene, urging the victim to not speak with officers, to not go to hospital for medical treatment, and to leave the area. They began confronting the officers and paramedics and continued to urge the 70-year-old victim to leave the area, specifically grabbing the victim and pulling them away.

Having significant concern for the victim's safety, officers approached them under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*. A struggle ensued between those camping in the park, the 15-year-old victim, and officers. Officers called for a "code 7" response, and additional units responded to assist.

One officer was bitten, and another struck in the mouth with spit while the victim was carried to the ambulance and secured for transport to the hospital. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment without further incident.

As they continued their investigation, officers learned that the victim is developmentally delayed and had been repeatedly missing from home. Other officers were working to locate the victim at the time they were discovered in Beacon Hill Park.

Patrol officers eventually located and arrested the suspect within Beacon Hill Park. Officers transported the man to VicPD cells, where he was held to await court. The man faces several recommended charges in relation to this incident, including assault, assault by choking, assault with a weapon, sexual interference, and sexual exploitation.

Man With Extensive Criminal History Jail Wanted On Warrants Arrested

Patrol officers arrested a man in Beacon Hill Park, in the 100-block of Douglas Street on April 20th, who was wanted on warrants for assault, failing to comply with court-ordered conditions and breaching a court order.

The man's warrants stem from two incidents. On May 28th, 2020, Patrol officers were called to a report of a theft and assault at a store in the 1600-block of Hillside Avenue. The man allegedly assaulted a store employee who confronted him after a theft. The employee suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the attack. When officers arrested the man, they discovered that he was in possession of a replica firearm. In breach of court-ordered conditions stemming from a previous conviction. The man was arrested, the replica firearm seized, and he was released on additional conditions pending a future court date.

In a second incident, on November 13th, 2020, Patrol officers were called to a restaurant in the 100-block of Douglas Street for a report of a disturbance and an assault. Officers arrived and discovered that the man, who was staying in Beacon Hill Park,