

DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

Police

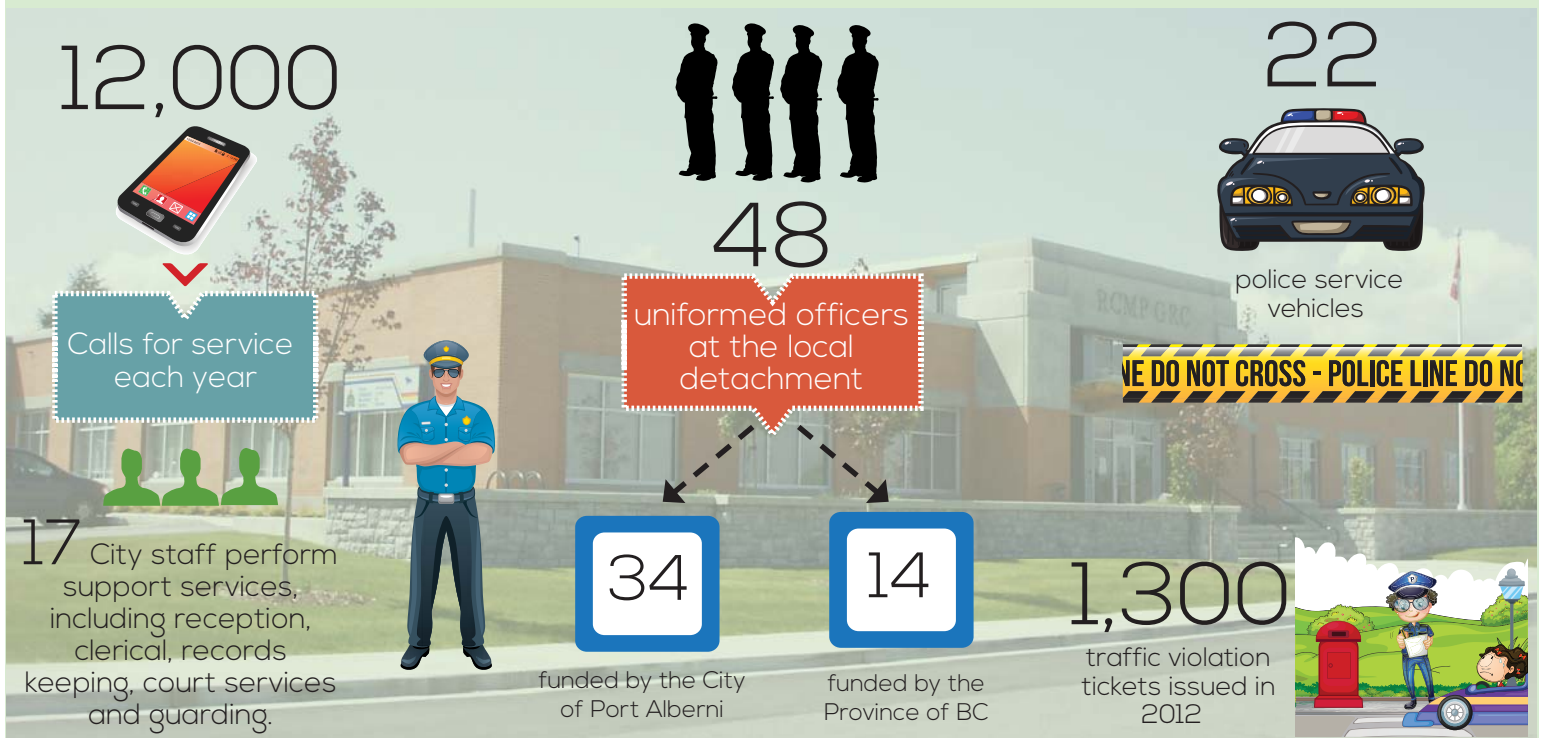
Policing services for the City of Port Alberni and many other municipalities are provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Using a broad service delivery model, the RCMP works to reduce crime and disorder while enhancing public safety and security through education and enforcement.

Policing is provided under contract through a cost-sharing arrangement between the City, federal and provincial governments. Based on our population, 90% of the costs are paid for by the City while 10% are paid by the federal government. The province provides policing resources for areas outside of the City and within the Alberni Valley.

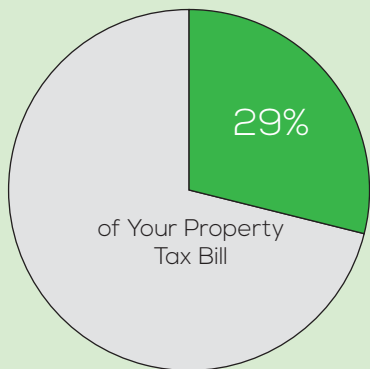
The policing of the Alberni Valley is provided through:

- general duty policing which is comprised of uniform officers patrolling the community;
- enhanced policing which includes a crime prevention officer, victim services, school/youth officer and an aboriginal policing section;
- speciality policing through a forensic identification section, general investigation section and police dog section.,

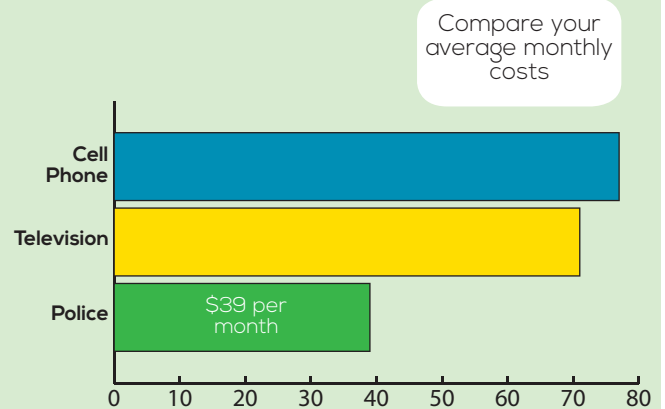
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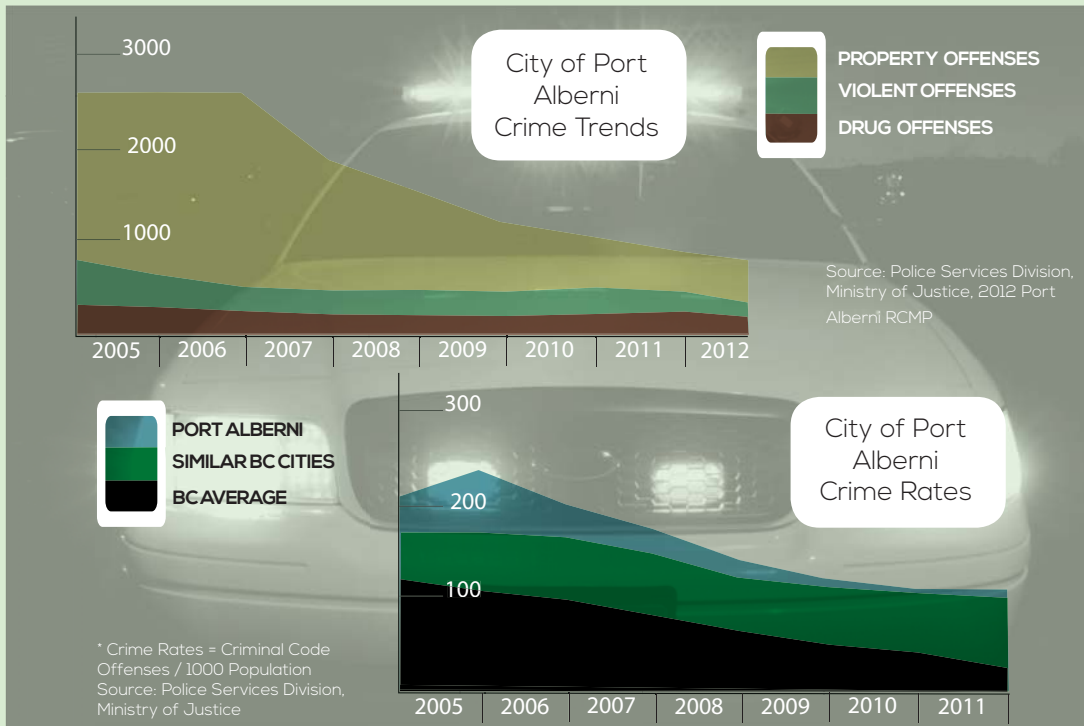


BY THE NUMBERS



Budget Expenditure	\$6,500,000
Service Fee & Other Revenue	\$300,000
Net Operating Requirement from Property Taxes	\$6,200,000





KEY ISSUE

Policing Costs



The cost of policing is a significant issue for municipalities across the country. Port Alberni is no exception to this as we have experienced continual budget increases greater than the general price increases for goods and services. The City is working cooperatively with other local governments to try and negotiate a more equitable cost sharing arrangement with the federal government while also pursuing cost saving measures.

Internet Crime



Social media and increased internet access have provided new areas for criminal involvement and activity to take place. The Port Alberni RCMP has responded to this concerning trend through training and education of both its officers and the public at large.

FOCUS

The Port Alberni Detachment has had a crime reduction strategy in place since 2007. This is an intelligence driven initiative aimed at reducing levels of crime in the community. This is achieved through a combination of education and targeted enforcement activities at those committing crime.

This initiative has resulted in significant reductions in property and other crim in our community since its introduction.

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI STRATEGIC PLAN



MORE INFO

The Port Alberni RCMP detachment provides a number of programs in partnership with the community. These includes the youth officer program, crime prevention officer, Citizens on Patrol (COP), community policing office, speed watch, RCMP Auxiliary Constables, DARE, Crime Stoppers and Block Watch.

The detachment has approximately 70 volunteers who assist and participate in the delivery of these programs. If you would like to get involved please contact the detachment at 250.723.2424.

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca National RCMP website www.avcrimestoppers.ca AV Crime Stoppers

