

VPD Public Safety Initiatives

A Presentation for Vancouver City Council

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Overview

The Vancouver Police Department has a vision for Vancouver to be:

“The Safest Major City in Canada”

Our Values:

- **Integrity**
- **Compassion**
- **Accountability**
- **Respect**
- **Excellence**



Overview

- Multi-faceted approach to delivering public safety
- Competing demand for time/resources

Agenda

- Presentation will speak to three key areas
 - Protecting the vulnerable
 - Crime prevention
 - Community engagement



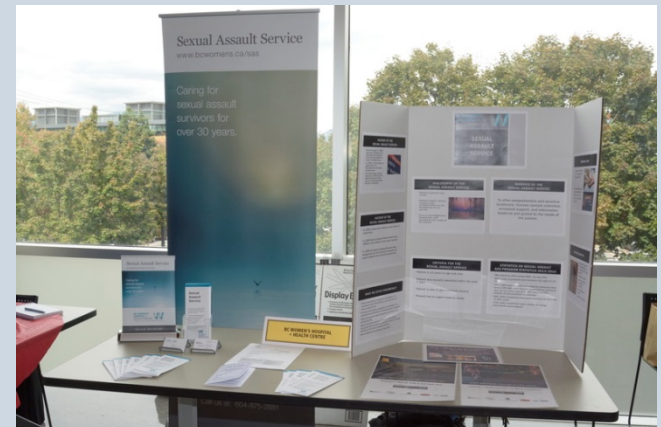
Protecting the Vulnerable

- Women's Safety Fair
- Mental Health
- Safe Place
- Fentanyl/Naloxone



Women's Safety Fair

- Founded in 2012
- Based on principles of knowledge and awareness to empower women
- Brings police and community support agencies together:
 - Family Services of Greater Vancouver
 - Battered Women's Support Services
 - Sexual Assault Services (BC Women's Hospital)
 - Sexual Assault Support Centre (UBC)
 - SisterWatch
 - Vancouver and Lower Mainland Multi-cultural Support Services Society
 - WISH
 - WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre



Women's Safety Fair

- Funded by the Vancouver Police Foundation
- Three Components:
 - Information Booth
 - Coordinated community-based discussion
 - Women's Personal Safety Team
- Over 1,000 attendees, and growing each year
- Outcomes:
 - Restored partnerships within the community
 - Increased awareness
 - Demonstrated accountability
 - VPD as a leader in confronting violence against women

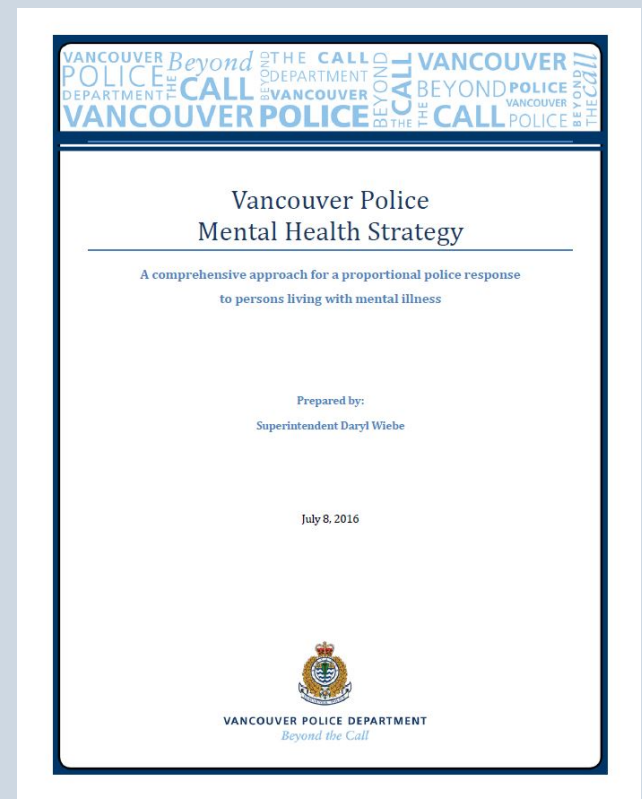


Women's Safety Fair



Mental Health

- Long history of collaborative work
 - Car 87 (started in 1978)
 - Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT)
 - Assertive Outreach Team (AOT)
- Project LINK
 - Joint Boards
- St. Paul's HUB
 - Opening end of 2016
- VPD Mental Health Strategy
 - Released July 2016



Mental Health

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams

- Client-centered, recovery oriented service delivery model
- Most seriously addicted and mentally ill who have NOT benefitted from traditional programs
- Provides 'wrap-around' services
- 1:10 client to staff ratio



Mental Health

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams

ACT One Clients (n=67)
Q3 - 2016 (June to August)

	1 Year	Current
POLICE		
Mental Health Act apprehensions	-48%	-58%
Negative police contact	-30%	-49%
Violent offences	-24%	-57%
Charges and convictions	-24%	-44%
HEALTH		
Visits to VGH & SPH EDs	-36%	-63%
Acute MH&A bed days	-22%	-60%



Mental Health

Assertive Outreach Team (AOT)

- Short-term intensive case management
- Transitional 'gaps' along the continuum of care
- Recipient of the 2015 IACP Motorola/Webber Seavey Award for innovation and quality in policing



Mental Health

Assertive Outreach Team (AOT)

AOT Clients (n=47)

Q3 – 2016 (June to August)

	4 Weeks	Current
POLICE		
Mental Health Act apprehensions	-58%	-81%
Negative police contact	-41%	-65%
Violent offences	-27%	-64%
Charges and convictions	-26%	-52%
HEALTH		
Visits to VGH & SPH EDs	-57%	-100%
Acute MH&A bed days	-67%	-80%



Safe Place

- Launched in August 2016
- 110 Businesses signed up
- Significant corporate support in community
- Expansion to other police agencies



Safe Place

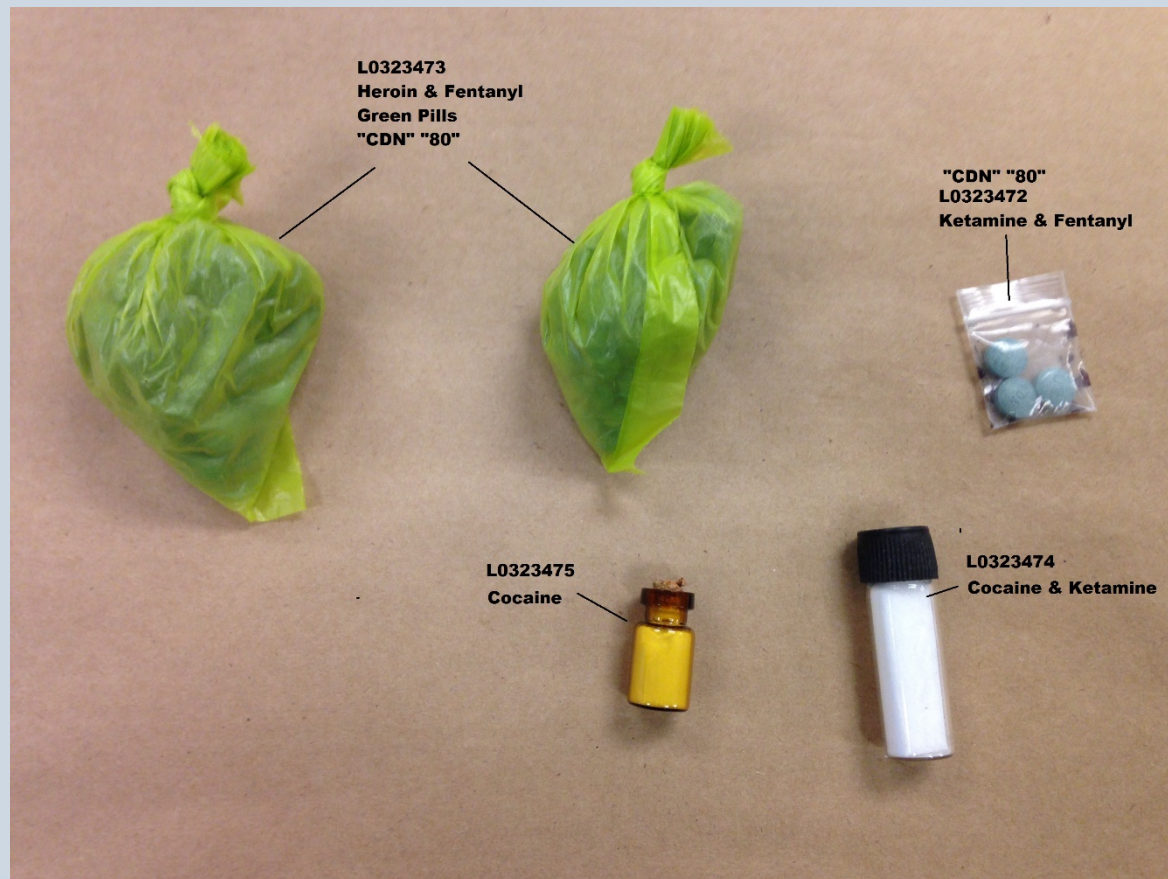
- Student Bullying
- VSB has adopted Safe Place within Vancouver Schools to combat LGBT bullying



Fentanyl



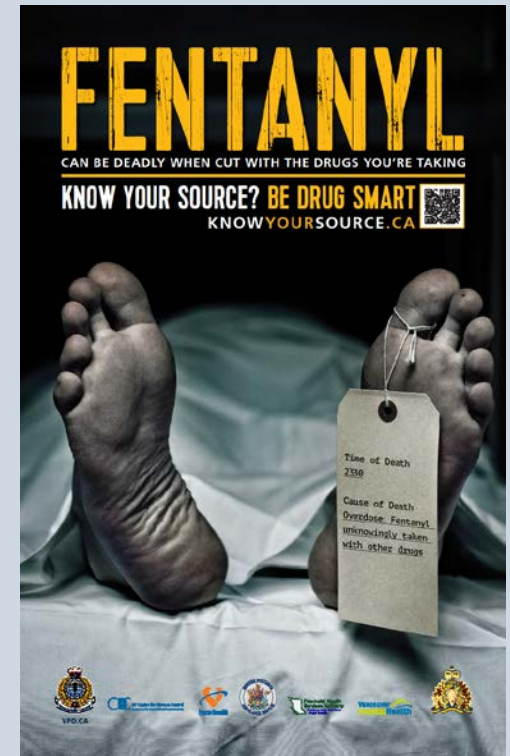
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Know Your Source



Naloxone

- 2016 Opioid Crisis
 - Workplace Safety Issues for first responders
- Intranasal Naloxone
- Provided to:
 - Frontline personnel
 - Sworn and Civilian staff
 - Those likely to come into contact with fentanyl
- Roll-out started in Sep. 2016
 - Policy
 - Training
 - Supply



Crime Prevention

- Property Crime Trends
- Project 529
- Stolen Property 'Fences'
- Bait 'Stuff'...



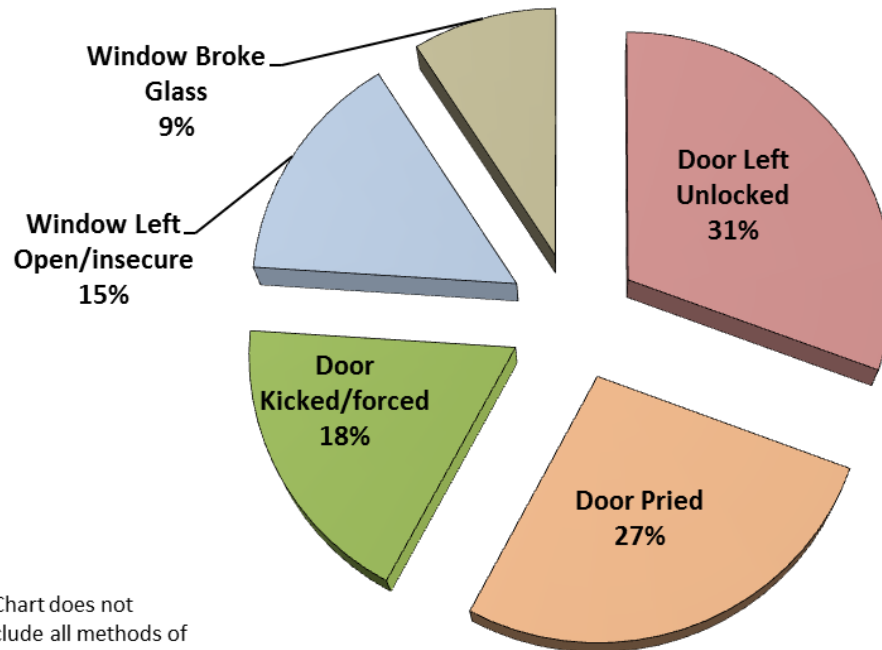
Property Crime

- Residential Break and Enter
- Commercial Break and Enter
- Theft of Auto
- Theft from Auto



Residential B&E: Entry

**Top 5 Main Known Methods of Entry for Residential B&Es
(Vancouver - January 1st to June 30th, 2016)**

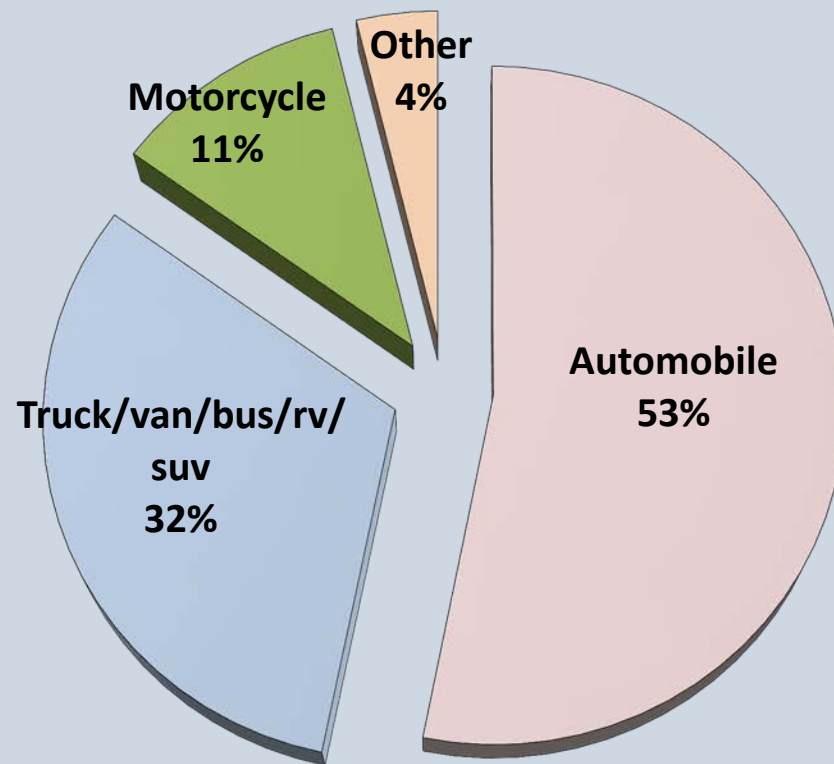


* Chart does not include all methods of entries for all the B&Es



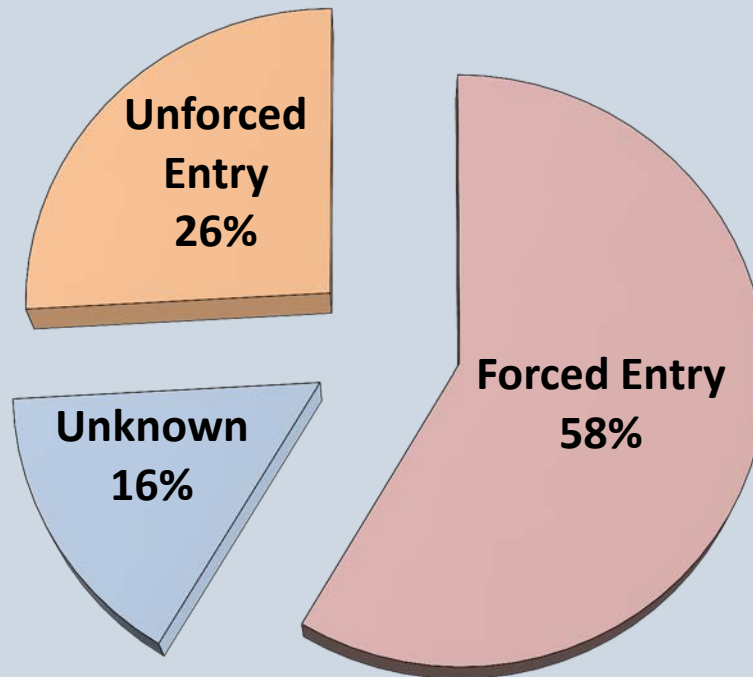
Theft of Auto: Vehicle Type

January 1st to June 30th, 2016



Theft From Auto: Entry

January 1st to June 30th, 2016



Project 529

- In place for 11 months
- Goal was 20,000 bikes registered in four years
- Decals from VPF and VPD
- To date:
 - 13,000+ registered bikes
 - 10 other area municipalities/police agencies
- 341 registered bikes stolen
- 38 recovered by police
- 40 recovered within the 529 community via the 'app'



Project 529



Stolen Property Fences

- Underground Market
- Intelligence gathered through pawnshop data/surveillance/source
- Targeted enforcement against those operating houses where stolen property resold
- Success with Civil Forfeiture proceedings



Bait Cars and ???

- 'Bait Bicycles' deployed
- Recent trend shows dramatic increase in theft of scooters
- Portable, with limited anti-theft mechanisms built in
- This past month saw half of the stolen autos reported as being electric scooters and motorcycles



Community Engagement

- Critical Incident Preparedness
- Crime Prevention Partnerships
- Public Awareness
- Cadets



Operation Vanguard

- Operational Training Scenario held on September 28th
- Developed to exercise/test local response to multiple critical incidents within the City of Vancouver
- Developed following VPD involvement in regional exercises in Operation Cerberus 1 and 2 (RCMP)



Operation Vanguard



Operation Vanguard



Taxi Watch

- Launched July 7
- Engaged with Vancouver Taxi, Yellow Cab, MacLure's, Blacktop, and Checker Cabs
- 1,500 taxi operators
 - 700 taxis on the street during peak hours
 - To be eyes and ears and to report crime and suspicious activity



Are We Helping Thieves?

- **Media awareness campaign launched July 8**
 - Majority (46%) of entry to homes are through an unlocked or open door or window
- **Amendments to Building Codes**
 - Working with City Building Inspectors and Licensing
 - Amend Building Codes to require upgraded entrance doors for commercial and residential construction



Thieves Will Steal Anything?

- Public Service Awareness campaign launched September 2016
- Focus is on securing automobiles and combating thefts from automobile



Cadets



Cadets

- **Program Overview**
 - Physical training
 - Community awareness
 - Team building
 - Police Functions



Cadets



Cadets

Class 2 – September 2015



Cadet Volunteers



Class 3 – September 2016



Questions?

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