



2020

COMMUNITY REPORT

PORT MOODY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



*Visitors from the Early Learners Playschool
program get a tour of the Public Safety Building*

TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF PORT MOODY, WITH EXCELLENCE.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE BOARD CHAIR



In 2020, COVID-19 presented new challenges for everyone, but first responders in particular were asked to go above and beyond in their efforts to help keep our community, and themselves, safe. The Port Moody Police rose to the challenge and continued to provide top-level service to our residents while taking on new responsibilities related to orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer.

Port Moody Police continued to address ongoing concerns such as crimes against persons, property crime, break and enters, auto and bicycle theft, and road safety. As you read through this Community Report, you'll see that property crime and break and enters were down, as were auto thefts and thefts from automobiles. The PMPD also continued to help make our roads safer, with impaired drivers taken off the road.

In addition to responding to calls, Port Moody Police also reach out to the community to build relationships and trust and to prevent crime in the first place. They do this through a number of invaluable services, programs, and staff positions such as Tri-City Speed Watch, Youth Liaison Officer, Community Relations Officer, prevention programs that work to deter criminals, and Victim Services to provide support to people affected by crime and trauma.

The Port Moody Police Department and the Port Moody Police Board are committed to providing equal service and protection to all citizens, and to embracing evolution and change as a way to ensure we meet this commitment. The Port Moody Police Board - the civilian-led board that oversees police governance in our city - also began the complex conversations about the evolution of policing, arising from the international discussions of the role of policing, race relations, and accountability. As Chair of the Police Board, I am happy to see these often difficult conversations taking place, and I look forward to seeing a public report being released in the near future.

The PMPD's mission is to serve and protect Port Moody with excellence. We are so fortunate to get to live in the Lower Mainland's safest jurisdiction, and we know the Port Moody Police Department's century-plus of work in the public safety field is largely responsible for this impressive, and consistent outcome.

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Mayor Rob Vagramov
Port Moody Police Board Chair

The Port Moody Police Board is responsible for providing oversight and direction to the Police Department in accordance and consistent with the Police Act. The Board works with the Chief Constable and the Senior Management team to develop and approve the department's strategic plan, annual plan, budget and objectives and policies.

2020 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- > Mayor Rob Vagramov
- > Tasha Faye Evans
- > David Fox
- > Manjit Nijjar
- > Mary Vellani
- > Leah Zille
- > Nick Zupan

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE



Welcome to the Port Moody Police Department's 2020 Community Report. 2020 was a year we will never forget. COVID-19 had a tremendous impact on everyone. Being an essential service, we had to adapt quickly to changes and enforce many of the Provincial Health Officer's Orders. I am incredibly proud of how this was handled by our staff.



Despite COVID-19, the PMPD had a number of accomplishments in 2020. Through internal department restructuring, and without a budget

increase, we were able to add a dedicated human resources expert. The PMPD partnered with several other municipal police agencies to regionalize simulator training using cutting-edge technology. We have also transitioned to a digital fingerprinting process and adopted an online system for civilian Police Information Checks. All of these changes have improved our service to the citizens of Port Moody.

There were also several changes to personnel. Deputy Chief Ken MacDonald retired after 30 years of service. We were pleased to hire a new Deputy Chief, Leslie Stevens, who brings with her a wealth of experience and an outstanding reputation from her prior position as Inspector with the Vancouver Police Department.

We were pleased to see property crime decline from 2019. Auto theft was down almost 50 per cent, Theft from Auto decreased 13 per cent and B&Es were reduced over 30 per cent. Persons Crimes increased eight per cent over the data from 2019 but we continue to enjoy some of the lowest per capita crime rates in B.C. Road safety continues to be a top priority for our citizens as Port Moody officers issued 2,995 traffic-related tickets or formal written warnings and took 123 impaired drivers off the road.

At the PMPD, we are proud of our 107-year history but realize change is a constant necessity. We are ready to tackle the transformation required to evolve public safety. 2020 was a year where this became more urgent than ever. We embrace the correction necessary to address racial injustice and continue to seek ways to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D. Fleugel'.

Chief Constable David Fleugel
Port Moody Police Department

2020 PMPD OVERVIEW

ROAD SAFETY

- Issued **1,455** traffic tickets and **1,540** warnings
- Handled **123** impaired files
- Stopped **46** excessive speeders (>40 km over limit)
- Investigated **188** police reported collisions



Received

7,429

calls for service

▼ **3.4%**

Top 5 call types:

- > Abandoned 911
- > Assist General Public
- > Suspicious Incident/Person
- > Traffic Incident
- > Property (Lost/Found/Abandoned)

524 of these calls were emergencies in progress



MENTAL HEALTH

- **673** total files with a mental health component
- **116** total mental health files (▼ **2%** from 2019)

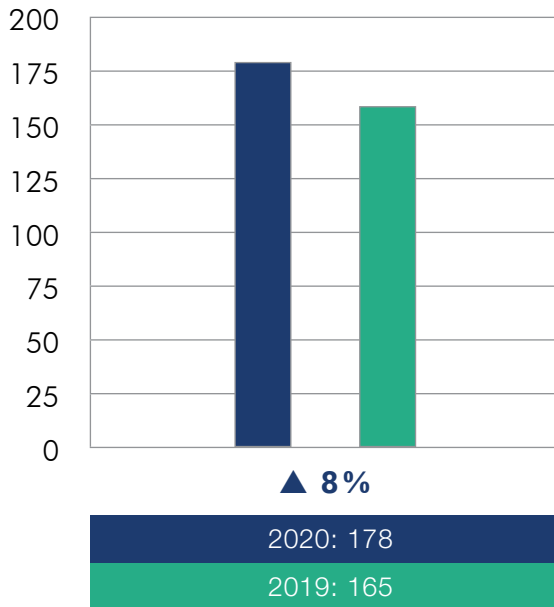


RECORD CHECKS AND FOIS

Processed **183** Police Record Checks and **332** Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests



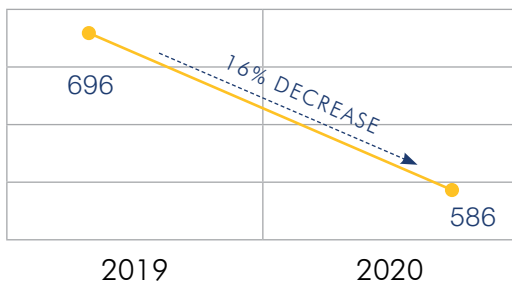
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON



- Rate of crimes against person incidents was 5.86/1,000 population.



PROPERTY CRIME



- Rate of property crime incidents was 16.17/1,000 population.



AUTO THEFT**

▼ 48%

2020: 13

2019: 25

**This is when a vehicle is stolen.



THEFT FROM AUTO***

▼ 13%

2020: 146

2019: 168

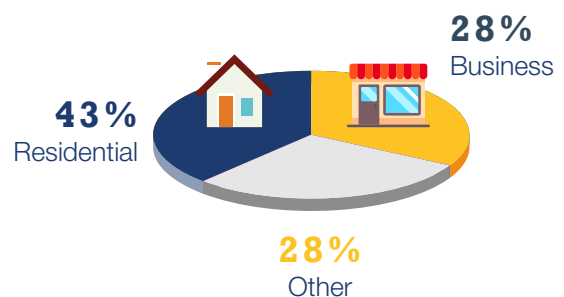
***This is when thieves steal items from inside of or attached to a vehicle.

BREAK & ENTERS

▼ 33%

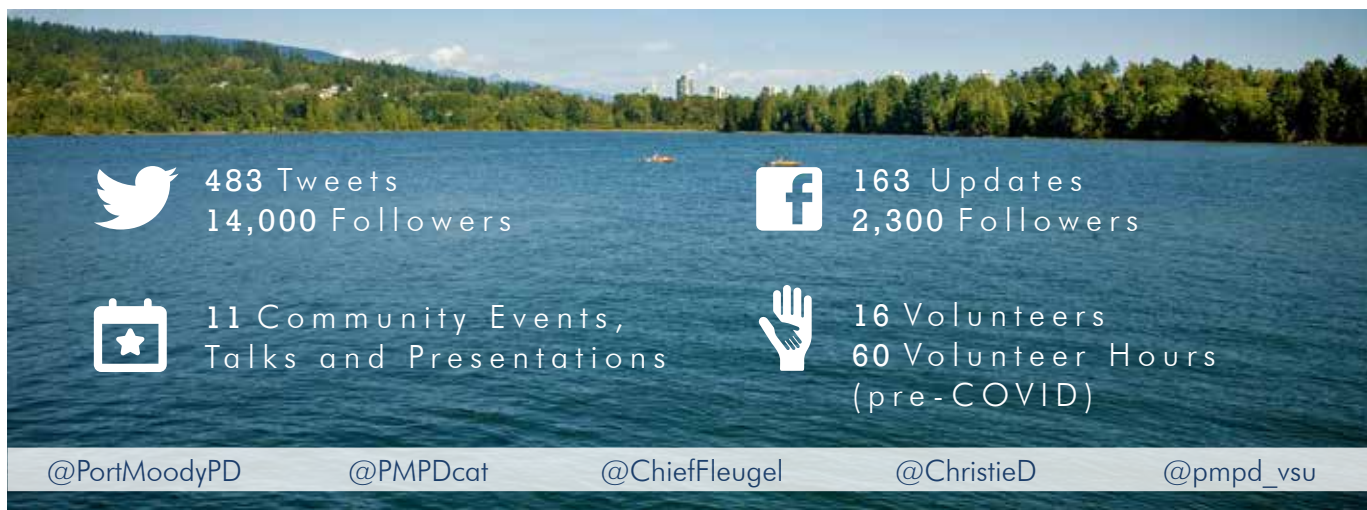
2020: 49

2019: 73



* Please note statistics may vary year to year depending on the final outcomes of investigations and the data gathering methodology used throughout the year.

SOCIAL CONNECTION



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary	2020	2019	% Change
Budget	\$11,311,903	\$10,898,073	3.8%
Cost	\$10,589,216	\$10,831,756	-2.2%
Under Budget	\$722,687*	\$66,317*	

*Primarily vacant positions

Authorized Strength	2020	2019	% Change
PMPD Sworn members	52	52	0%
PMPD Civilian members	16*	16*	0%
Total Positions	68	68	0%

*FTE=Full Time Equivalent

2020 Police Operations	
Salaries	\$9,278,910
Non-salary expenses/vehicle expenses	\$1,310,306

PMPD IN THE COMMUNITY



Pink Shirt Day



Commercial
Vehicle
Inspection



International Women's Day



Connecting in the Community



Patrolling our City



Keeping Our Roads Safe



Forensic Examination



Visit from Hudson the Puppy



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