



Comox Valley RCMP Detachment

QUARTERLY REPORT CITY OF COURTENAY

October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

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The Comox Valley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provides quarterly updates on policing in the community. The quarterly reports coincide with the Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance reporting time lines in conjunction with Community Priorities.

First Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Second Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Third Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Fourth Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Calls for Service

In 2024, the number of Calls for Service in Courtenay was the lower than in the previous four years.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	1332	1160	1143	1088	1215	1265	1471	1357	1245	1322	1189	1064	14851
2021	1195	1159	1308	1309	1279	1452	1410	1452	1405	1254	1276	1207	15706
2022	1059	1016	1241	1243	1253	1330	1403	1402	1488	1331	1101	1085	14952
2023	1248	1133	1232	1235	1392	1345	1411	1373	1177	1088	1099	1246	14979
2024	1120	1120	1174	1310	1306	1177	1351	1294	1206	1099	1043	964	14164

Most Common Call Types

In 2024, the most common types of Call for Service in Courtenay were Unwanted Person, Check Wellbeing, and Traffic Incident.

	Final File Type	Year					% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
1	UNWANTED PERSON	762	1019	1116	1369	1305	-5%	-64
2	CHECK WELLBEING	931	1317	1296	1413	1239	-12%	-174
3	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	1192	1331	1087	1094	1040	-5%	-54
4	DISTURBANCE	919	939	898	982	822	-16%	-160
5	THEFT	996	850	834	703	729	4%	26
6	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	569	647	629	679	712	5%	33
7	PROPERTY	841	870	720	695	679	-2%	-16
8	ALARM	309	310	394	362	546	51%	184
9	ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	422	517	497	638	513	-20%	-125

10	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	547	733	653	553	467	-16%	-86
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The types of Calls for Service that increased by over 50 files in 2024 relative to 2023 were Alarm and Missing Person.

Final File Type	Year					% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
ALARM	309	310	394	362	546	51%	184
MISSING PERSON	140	186	185	189	245	30%	56

Most Common Call Locations (Excluding RCMP Detachment)

Of the top ten locations in Courtenay for Calls for Service (excluding the RCMP Detachment), the location with the biggest increase in Calls in 2024 relative to 2023 was the Crown Isle Shopping Plaza. At the Crown Isle Shopping Plaza in 2024, 42% of Calls for Service pertained to Theft, Unwanted Person, Disturbance, and Alarm. In 2024 and 2023, the location with the most Calls for Service (excluding the RCMP Detachment) was the Connect Warming Centre and there was no significant change in the number of Calls for Service between those years. Relative to 2023, there were fewer Calls for Service regarding Unwanted Person, Disturbance, and Suspicious Circumstances at the Connect Warming Centre in 2024, but more calls regarding Assault, Breach, Theft, Other Criminal Code, Abandoned 911, Traffic Incident, and Warrant.

	Location	Year					% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
1	685 CLIFFE AVE (Connect Warming Centre)	33	145	131	467	469	0%	2
2	757 RYAN RD (Superstore)	195	205	295	270	281	4%	11
3	101 LERWICK RD (Hospital)	257	331	254	224	201	-10%	-23
4	420 CUMBERLAND RD (Provincial Court)	136	134	214	148	180	22%	32
5	444 LERWICK RD (Crown Isle Shopping Plaza)	107	87	81	86	130	51%	44
6	3199 CLIFFE AVE (SmartCentres Mall / Walmart)	118	165	202	121	119	-2%	-2
7	2751 CLIFFE AVE (Driftwood Mall)	200	206	190	133	119	-11%	-14
8	0 COURTENAY	47	81	82	121	118	-2%	-3
9	300 6TH ST (Courtenay Library)	67	59	58	127	112	-12%	-15
10	1029 RYAN RD (Washington Inn Apartments)	76	30	115	143	111	-22%	-32

Most Common Downtown Calls for Service

In Downtown Courtenay, the number of Calls for Service in 2024 (3360) decreased by 5 percent from the number of Calls for Service in 2023 (3552). The types of Calls for Service in which the decrease was most notable included Check Wellbeing, Disturbance, Suspicious Circumstances, and Mischief. Relative to 2023, there were notable increases in Calls for Service to Downtown Courtenay for Breach, Alarm, Assault, and Drugs in 2024.

	Final File Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
1	UNWANTED PERSON	200	340	333	628	609	-3%	-19
2	CHECK WELLBEING	130	258	275	366	287	-22%	-79
3	DISTURBANCE	141	163	176	268	218	-19%	-50
4	THEFT	149	126	127	187	202	8%	15
5	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	248	238	180	203	184	-9%	-19
6	BREACH	90	101	177	136	167	23%	31
7	ALARM	78	83	82	105	135	29%	30
8	ASSIST POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	55	106	95	131	130	-1%	-1
9	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	69	94	103	160	121	-24%	-39
10	MISCHIEF	120	104	95	138	114	-17%	-24
11	ASSAULT	27	39	40	80	101	26%	21
12	PROPERTY	98	114	88	102	91	-11%	-11
13	DRUGS	34	41	58	46	76	65%	30
14	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	91	88	84	101	68	-33%	-33
15	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	16	40	50	52	63	21%	11

Violent Crime

In 2024, there were 963 Violent Crime files in Courtenay. This was 2 files fewer than the 965 Violent Crime Files in Courtenay in 2023.

Types of Violent Crime

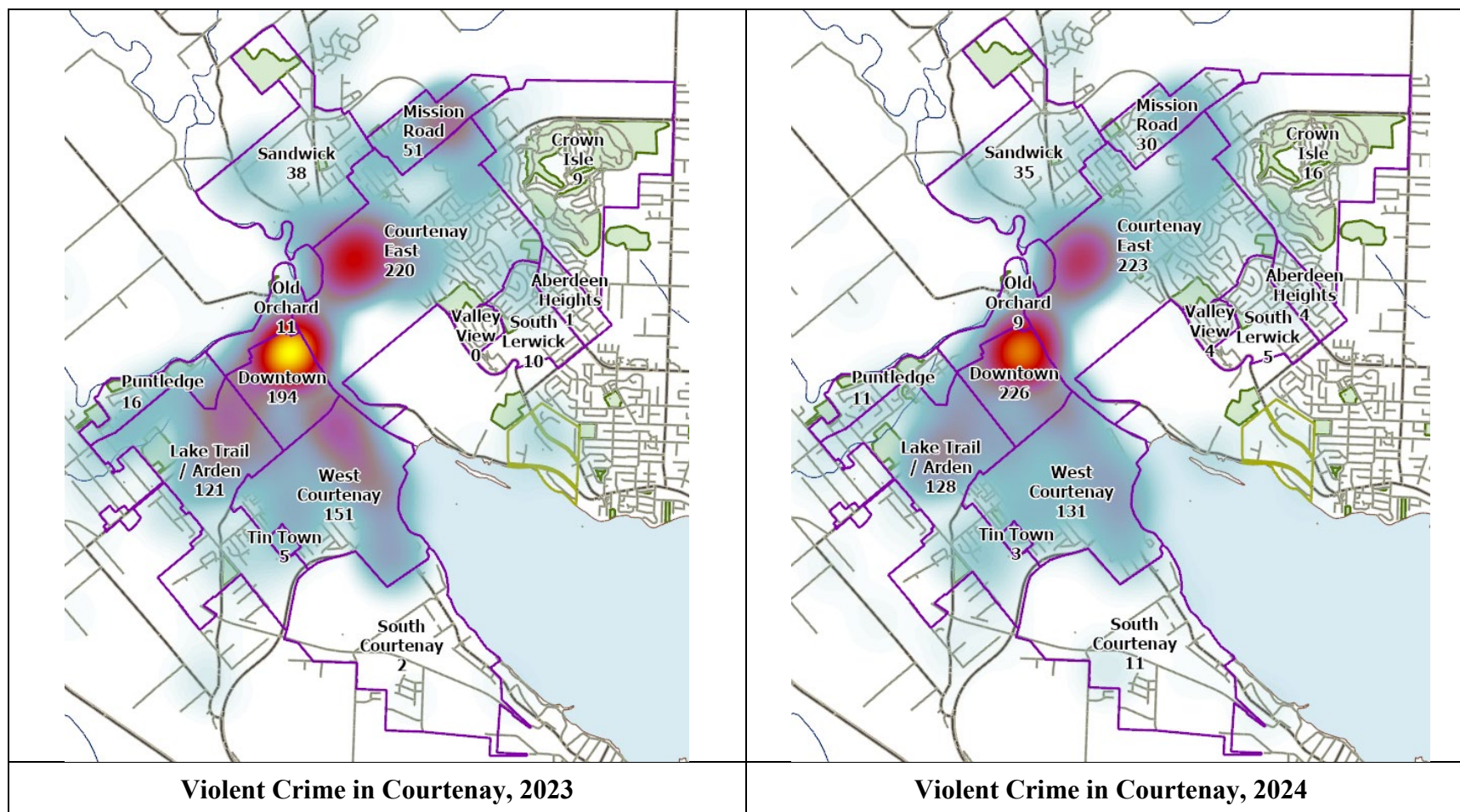
In 2024, the most common types of Violent Crime in Courtenay were Assaults, Utter Threats, and Harassment. Relative to 2023, there were notable increases in Sex Offences and Robbery in Courtenay in 2024.

File Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
ASSAULTS	365	409	402	473	449	-5%	-24
UTTER THREATS	207	256	212	201	212	5%	11
HARASSMENT	209	199	162	178	173	-3%	-5
SEX OFFENCES	63	83	85	64	79	23%	15
EXTORTION	7	12	11	26	23	-12%	-3
ROBBERY	14	29	13	16	21	31%	5
WEAPONS OFFENCES	2	1	3	2	2	0%	0
HOMICIDE	0	0	2	1	2	100%	1
ARSON	1	0	0	0	1		1
KIDNAPPING	4	2	4	3	1	-67%	-2
INTIMIDATION	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	-1
Grand Total	872	991	894	965	963	0%	-2

Map of Violent Crime by Area of Courtenay

In 2024, the areas of Courtenay in which there were the highest number of Violent Crime files were Downtown and Courtenay East. Relative to 2023, there was a notable decrease of Violent Crime files in the Mission Road area and a notable increase of Violent Crime files in the Crown Isle area in 2024.

Please note that these maps only show the files that fit into the neighbourhood boundaries pictured. There are more files attached to Courtenay than are shown in this map.



Property Crime

In 2024, there were 2345 Property Crime files in Courtenay. This was a 1 percent (22 file) decrease from the 2367 Property Crime Files in Courtenay in 2023.

Types of Property Crime

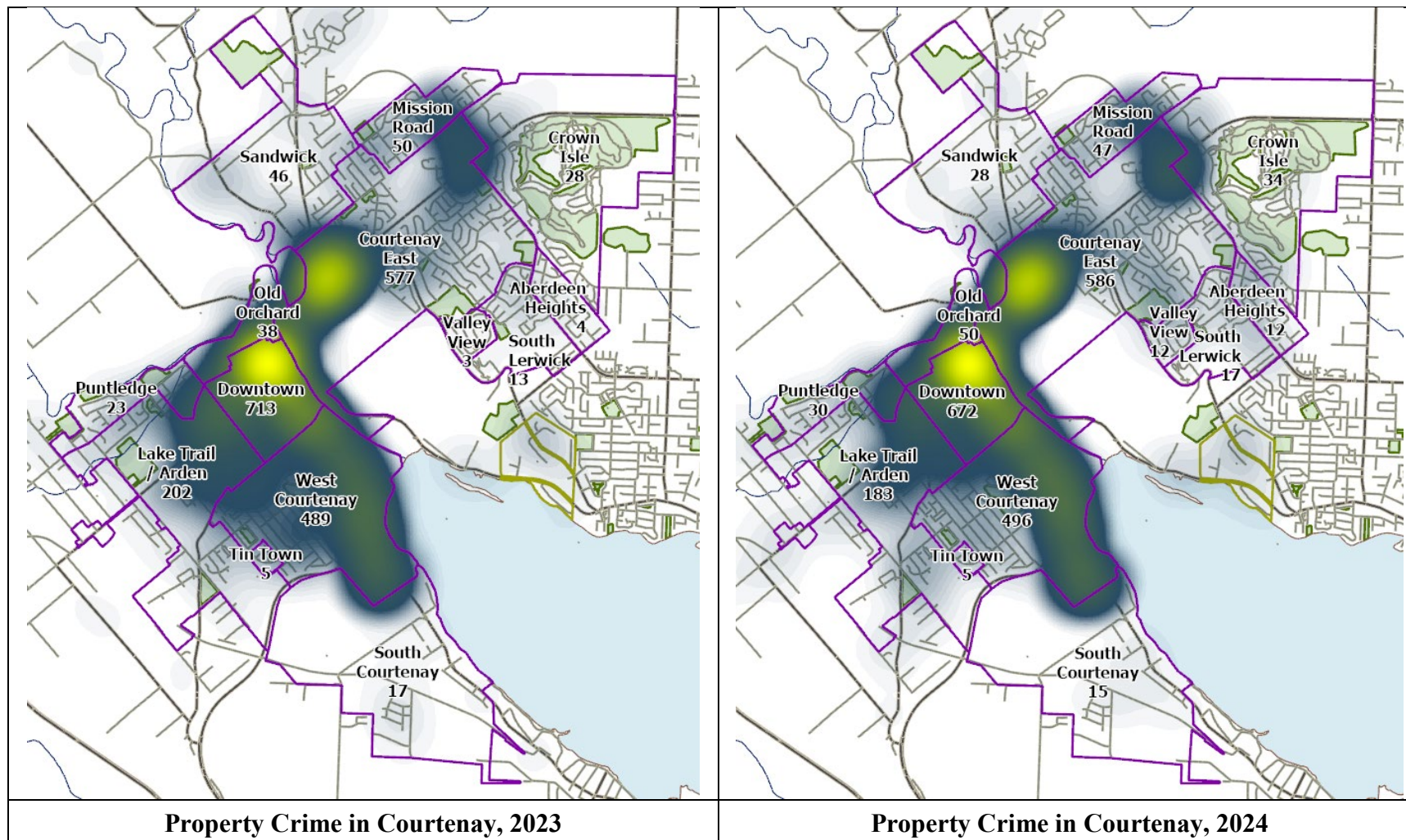
In 2024, the most common types of Property Crime in Courtenay were Mischief to Property, Shoplifting, Other Theft Under \$5000, Frauds, and Theft from Vehicle. Relative to 2023, there were notable increases in Shoplifting and Arson in Courtenay in 2024. The increase in Arson was predominantly related to a series of dumpster fires for which the suspect was arrested.

File Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY	675	915	1000	962	986	2%	24
SHOPLIFTING	282	266	320	296	365	23%	69
OTHER THEFT U/5000	314	294	283	281	252	-10%	-29
FRAUDS	295	256	282	227	232	2%	5
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	400	377	302	162	174	7%	12
AUTO THEFT	79	89	78	65	61	-6%	-4
BREAK & ENTER - RES	71	84	47	58	55	-5%	-3
BIKE THEFT	111	92	64	71	52	-27%	-19
BREAK & ENTER - BUS	85	71	74	69	47	-32%	-22
BREAK & ENTER - OTH	56	58	49	26	32	23%	6
POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	43	33	24	27	30	11%	3
ARSON	10	22	8	3	23	667%	20
OTHER GO	33	19	45	95	19	-80%	-76
OTHER THEFT O/5000	6	11	11	12	10	-17%	-2
THEFT UTILITIES	5	10	6	4	5	25%	1
THEFT FROM MAIL	30	15	15	9	2	-78%	-7
Grand Total	2495	2612	2608	2367	2345	-1%	-22

Map of Property Crime by Area of Courtenay

In 2024, the areas of Courtenay in which there were the highest number of Property Crime files were Downtown, Courtenay East and West Courtenay. Relative to 2023, there were notable increases of Property Crime files in Valley View, South Lerwick, and Aberdeen Heights.

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Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) Offences

In 2024, there were 122 CDSA Offences in Courtenay. This was a 65 percent (48 file) increase over the 74 CDSA offences in 2023 and was predominantly attributable to an increase in Drug Possession files. The number of Drug Possession files rose in April of 2024 when the Province of British Columbia banned illicit drug use in public spaces.

File Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
DRUG POSSESSION	84	113	111	40	96	140%	56
DRUG TRAFFICKING	57	26	27	30	24	-20%	-6
DRUGS OTHER	14	3	3	2	2	0%	0
DRUG IMPORT EXPORT	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	-1
DRUG PRODUCTION	3	3	1	1	0	-100%	-1
Grand Total	158	145	142	74	122	65%	48

Traffic Offences

In 2024, there were 187 Traffic Offence files in Courtenay. This was a 31 percent (84 file) decrease from the 271 Traffic Offence files in 2023 and was predominantly attributable to a reduction in Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle files.

File Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change from 2023	Difference from 2023
IMPAIRED OP MOTOR VEHICLE	184	228	215	245	172	-30%	-73
MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	5	5	2	7	6	-14%	-1
PROHIBITED DRIVING	10	3	8	6	5	-17%	-1
DANGEROUS OP MOTOR VEHICLE	8	11	5	12	4	-67%	-8
IMPAIRED OP BOAT/VESS/AIR	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	-1
Grand Total	207	247	230	271	187	-31%	-84