

West Shore Detachment Operational Plan Canada Day 2008

History:

Last year West Shore Detachment worked hard to prevent liquor laden youth and rowdies from boarding BC Transit buses. In the past there have been numerous issues with youth and alcohol, especially when they arrived at the downtown core of Victoria. The effort put forth last year brought praise from both BC Transit and Victoria PD. It is the goal of West Shore Detachment to continue this high standard of preventative policing and assist our neighboring jurisdictions.

Along with this preventative effort, West Shore members will be tasked with patrolling the beaches at such locations as Thetis Lake and the Lagoon to ensure this night remains "family" friendly.

Situation:

This year, as in others, it is expected that a large number of people will leave the West Shore area via public transit and proceed to the downtown core of Victoria for the Canada Day celebrations. These individuals have historically brought alcohol and other intoxicants for consumption during the Canada Day events. The forecast is predicted to be high temperatures and sunny skies. This will no doubt bring out our youth in great numbers.

BC Transit has written a letter requesting police presence and assistance in ensuring the safety of all passengers and staff. This request is as follows...

"BC Transit is requesting that the West Shore RCMP on July 1st, 2008 assist in maintaining order by boarding our buses traveling to or from the event when requested, to remove liquor and or the offenders where necessary. BC Transit will be posting notices and providing information to the public prior to the event advising that consumption of liquor, possession of alcohol by minors or unsafe conduct on our buses on July 1st, 2008 will not be allowed."

Other concerns are the increased attendance to areas such as the Lagoon and Thetis Lake Park. With the weather predicted to be hot temperatures and clear skies, there is no doubt the calls to service will be increased in these areas.

The Victoria PD, Saanich PD, and the Integrated Road Safety Unit will be conducting large road blocks on almost all main entrances into the downtown core of Victoria. There will also be a large contingent of foot/bike patrol members working in the areas of the Canada Day

celebrations. West Shore members may be requested to assist these members, especially at the roadblocks bordering West Shore Detachment area.

Plan:

Foot patrols and bike patrols have been tasked for the monitoring the bus stops at the Juan de Fuca Recreational Centre and the West Shore Town Centre. Regular members are to pair up with Auxiliary Constables to maximize effectiveness. These members have been called in to supplement the watch and allow the watch to respond to calls outside these areas. Once the peak travel times for transit have passed, the overtime members and auxiliaries will be tasked with patrolling the local beaches, parks, and hot spots.

BC Transit has supervisors who will patrol the various bus routes and identify problems observed. Our members may get a request to assist with the stopping of a transit bus and removal of problem riders. The drivers will be aware of the increase police presence and make every effort to pull the bus over at a safe site.

West Shore can expect a return of people from the downtown core of Victoria. This is likely to occur around 0100hrs. Victoria and Saanich PD have advised that should West Shore be flooded with unruly youth, they are prepared to assist. All members brought in on overtime to police this event are to check with the Watch Commander before leaving.

Large gathering of youth are to monitored and dealt with before the situation grows to an unmanageable level. Any bylaw issues are to be reported to the local bylaw members. It is expected that each municipality with bylaw enforcement officers will be represented this evening.

Resources / Patrol Areas:

Tuesday, July 1st, 2008:

"D" Watch (1830-0630)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A/Cst. | | Vehicle _____ |
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Traffic

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cst. | (1400-2400) | Vehicle _____ |

Watch Overlap "D" Watch 1830 - 2030 hrs.

- Cst. Vehicle _____
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Bike Patrol 1800-0200

- Cst. // A/Cst. _____ (West Shore Town Centre)
- Cst. // A/Cst. _____ (Juan de Fuca Centre)

Foot Patrol 1800-0200

- Cst. _____ // A/Cst. _____ (West Shore Town Centre)
- Cst. // A/Cst. _____ (Juan de Fuca Centre)

Tactical Considerations:

This plan is subject to change and is to be adapted to deal with any unforeseen incidents. Should the need for additional resources be required, the Watch Commander will take steps to ensure any needs are filled. Members are encouraged to work with site security to allow early intervention of any issues that may arise.

Media:

Any events requiring media contact will be handled by the Watch Commander of the day. If the event is such that a large media presence is expected, consideration should be given utilizing the Detachment Media Liaison person, Cpl.

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Operations NCO
West Shore Detachment