

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 30, 2023

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Committee Welcome (Introductory Comments by the Committee Clerk)**
7:05 – 7:15 p.m. (10 minutes)
- 3. Community Safety Advisory Committee Composition and Raising Awareness Regarding Access and Use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for Community Safety (Presentation by David Jones, Resident)**
7:15 – 7:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
- 4. Introduction of New General Manager Community Safety (Introductory Comments by the Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety)**
7:30 – 7:40 p.m. (10 minutes)
- 5. Review and Adoption of the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan**
7:40 – 7:55 p.m. (15 minutes)
Recommendation:
That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.
- 6. Community Wildfire Preparedness Update (Presentation by the Deputy Fire Chief - Operations)**
7:55 – 8:10 p.m. (15 minutes)

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7. **Coquitlam Crime Trends and Discussion (Presentation by the Strategic Analyst)**
8:10 – 8:40 p.m. (30 minutes)

8. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:40 – 9:00 p.m. (20 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, June 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 30, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

REGRETS: Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43
Thábata da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

STAFF: Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety
Chrystal Santos, Manager Business and Innovation – Finance Business Services
Kim Singh, Manager Police Services
Bob Hieltjes, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention
Staff Sergeant Jolaine Percival, Coquitlam RCMP Detachment
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. SPICE Event Overview**

Staff Sergeant Jolaine Percival, Coquitlam RCMP Detachment, provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam RCMP – Special Post-Incident Community Engagement (SPICE)” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s SPICE initiative
- Public safety incidents and impact on public perceptions of safety in Coquitlam
- The importance of adapting to shifting public safety trends and involving community by raising awareness of public safety events and concerns
- Surrey RCMP Detachment’s Neighbourhood Incident Response Support Team (NIRST)
- Comparison between SPICE and other local RCMP safety initiatives such as NIRST
- RCMP community partnerships including block watch programs and public safety marketing campaigns

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the RCMP provides advanced publicity for SPICE events
- Committee desire for the RCMP to have a duty to warn community regarding chronic offenders and the importance of long-term monitoring for chronic offenders
- Difference between RCMP SPICE initiative and Community Response Team (CRT)
- RCMP efforts to alleviate public concerns regarding chronic offenders who live in local communities
- Appreciation for Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s efforts to address public safety concerns and support for post-SPICE event public forums
- The importance of acquiring objective crime data through monitoring
- Challenges of limiting the spread of misinformation regarding SPICE events and RCMP efforts to combat this issue

3. Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard and Targeted Community Outreach

Bob Hieltjes, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, Coquitlam Fire Rescue, provided a presentation entitled “Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard – Targeted Community Outreach” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard and the Coquitlam Fire Rescue Smoke Alarm Program – Targeted Community Outreach
- Data breakdown of fires attended by firefighters and fire-related deaths in BC from 2017 to 2022
- Overview of the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner’s (OFC) FireSafe Program (hereon “the Program”)
- Many fires occurring due to lack of or improperly installed smoke detectors
- High-risk groups and buildings where fires are more likely to occur
- The Program’s primary focus being single-detached homes, marketing campaigns, online fillable public forms and community outreach events

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether video surveillance systems will be installed in future commercial buildings and schools to deter arson
- Legislative and legal requirements regarding fire suppression technology in buildings including schools
- Roles and responsibilities of the Program’s Junior Firefighter volunteers in terms of registering residents and providing information
- Carbon monoxide versus smoke detector cost and carbon monoxide deaths trending downward
- The Program’s smoke detectors and funding sources

4. 2023 Year-End Review/Identify Potential Items for the Draft 2024 Work Plan

The Manager Business and Innovation – Finance Business Services provided a presentation entitled “2023 Year-End Review and 2024 Work Planning” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of 2023 Work Plan items and meetings
- 2024 Work Plan drafting process
- Staff appreciation for Committee feedback throughout 2023

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Potential items for the Draft 2024 Work Plan, including a community policing presentation, providing Coquitlam residents with crime and public safety statistics, a presentation regarding Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s gang initiatives and Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) teams, and an update on the City’s public safety efforts and initiatives
- Community safety being a key Council priority for Coquitlam’s 2024 Business Plan and 2024 Budget
- The Red Fish Healing Centre on səmíqʷəʔelə (Suh-MEE-kwuh-EL-uh)/Riverview lands, including funding sources, jurisdiction, operator and concerns regarding required Coquitlam RCMP Detachment resources
- Whether the City is collaborating with School District No. 43 (SD43) on school safety initiatives and concerns
- Mental health’s impact on crime, homelessness and addiction issues
- Canadian Mental Health Association’s (CMHA) Peer Assisted Community Teams (PACTs) and where they operate

5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in their communities.

The following information was shared:

- Concern regarding continued Lower Mainland population growth and impact on local transportation infrastructure, services and resources
- The Provincial Government’s recent housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, and impact on municipal governments
- Introduction of the Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – TBD (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Craig Hodge, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk



2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally scheduled quarterly, or as needed, on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Exceptions to this schedule are noted below with an asterisk (*).

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
*March 14, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
June 27, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
No meetings in August		
September 26, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
November 28, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
No meetings in December		

Notes:

- *March 14: Scheduled to avoid conflict with SD43 Spring Break (March 18 – April 1)
- Meeting dates are subject to change, as needed.

DRAFT 2024 Work Plan

Community Safety Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate:

To advise Council on strategic and policy related community safety measures in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan. The following include, but are not limited to, matters that COSAC will consider throughout the term:

- A multi-lensed approach to discussion topics related to public safety;
- Quality of life for residents related to the feeling of safety;
- Assisting staff to monitor and identify social trends and issues in the City that may impact community safety;
- Addressing the related measures set out in the City's Strategic Plan related to safe and complete neighbourhoods.

To help support public safety goals within the City's Strategic Plan, the Committee will assist by:

- a) Supporting the City's community public safety programs and initiatives through the collaborative efforts of multiple City services (e.g. Bylaw Enforcement, Fire, Police and other City resources);
- b) Considering the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) approach with respect to the variety of physical spaces enjoyed in the City of Coquitlam;
- c) Building community capacity by addressing ways of ensuring that individuals and neighbourhoods are prepared for emergencies;
- d) Considering and making recommendations to Council on matters identified in the Committee's work plan;
- e) Considering comprehensive approaches in response to persistent societal challenges that could impact public safety within the City; and
- f) Advocating, supporting and monitoring programs within the City that contribute to enhancing community safety and well-being.

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
1) Committee Welcome	Chair / Committee Clerk	Staff
2) Review and Approve 2024 Work Plan	Chair / Staff Lead	Staff

DRAFT 2024 Work Plan Community Safety Advisory Committee

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
3) Introduction of New General Manager Community Safety	Staff Lead / GM Community Safety	Staff
4) Coquitlam Crime Trends and Discussion	Civilian Police	Committee
5) Community Wildfire Preparedness Update	Fire	Staff
6) Parks and Facilities Bylaw Update	PRCF	Staff
7) Fire Risk Reduction Community Outreach Update	Fire	Staff
8) Business Safety and Crime Prevention Initiatives	Economic Development	Staff
9) Community Policing Update	RCMP	Staff
10) Community Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Program Refresh	Risk and Emergency Management	Staff
11) Festivals and Events Strategy – Safety Consultation	Economic Development	Staff
12) Construction Site Impacts Mitigation	Planning and Development / Community Safety	Staff
13) Streetscape Enhancement Program Update	PRCF	Staff
14) Alternative Dispute Resolution Exploration	Community Safety	Staff

**DRAFT 2024 Work Plan
Community Safety Advisory Committee**

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
15) 2024 Year-End Review / Identify Potential Items for the draft 2025 Work Plan – Committee feedback/input	Staff Lead	Staff
16) Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Community Safety Issues (Standing Agenda Item)	Committee	Committee

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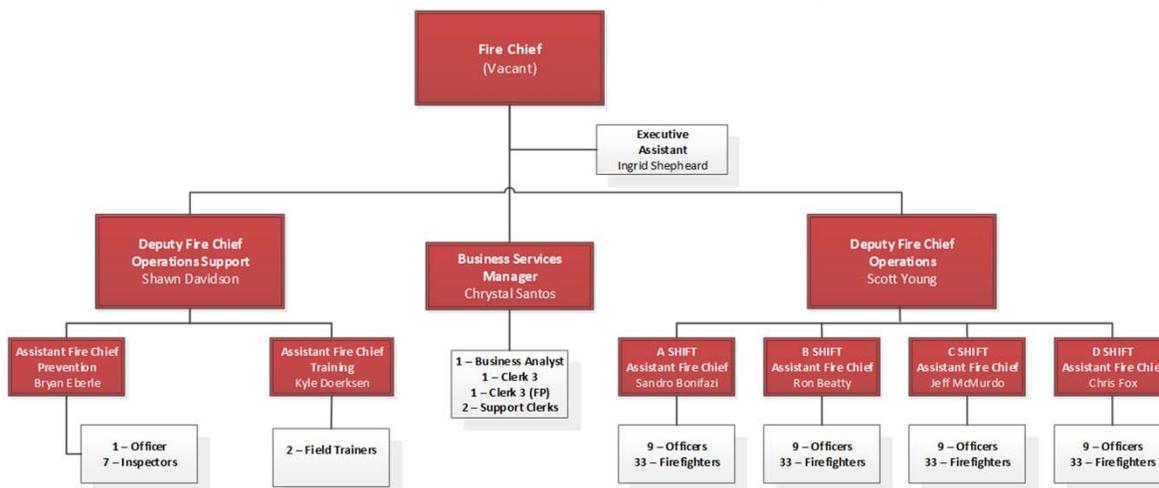


City of Coquitlam Wildfire Preparedness 2024

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Operational Capabilities- Org Chart



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Operational Capabilities - Apparatus

Frontline Apparatus:

- 4 Engines
- 1 Quint
- 2 Ladders
- 2 Rescues
- 1 Light Attack Vehicle
- 1 Hazmat Response Vehicle
- 1 Rescue Boat
- 1 Tender
- 2 Forward Command Vehicles



Reserve Apparatus

- 4 Engines
- 1 Quint
- Emergency Support Unit

Specialty Apparatus

- Tech Rope Trailer
- 2 UTV's
- HUSAR Trailer
- Trench Rescue Trailer
- Command Trailer
- 3 SPU Trailers

Structure Protection Team

- Two Type 2 SPU's
- One Type 3
- 40 S-115 trained SPU members
- 168 SPP WFF-1 trained firefighters



2023/2024 CRI Funding Projects



Three Projects out of the \$200K Funding

- 1) Fuel Prescriptions
- 2) S-115 Training
- 3) Fire Smart Coordinator
 - Community Education and Engagement
 - Home Assessments
 - Engagement with interface stakeholders

Fuel Prescriptions

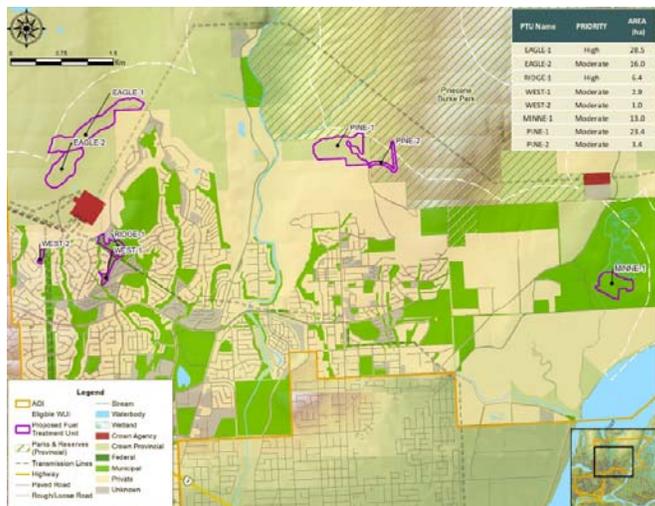


BA Blackwell Contracted to Produce Fuel Management Prescriptions

A Fuel Management Prescription is a comprehensive plan to manage fuel in a selected forest, which can eventually be implemented in one or more treatments. They do not involve physical alteration to the forest until implementation.

Each prescription identifies the current wildfire threat and strategies to reduce the threat. The prescriptions also provide strategies to protect ecological, recreational, social, cultural, and spiritual values.

Fuel Prescriptions



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- Pine 2 was removed from our scope of work as it is fully in BC Parks management and they have developed policy to manage their wildfire risk.
- Prescriptions are at the approval stage for the other seven units identified.
- For approvals to complete, the land managers for each unit and kwikwəłəm First Nation will be consulted.
- Funding for fuel management projects for completed prescription units will be requested in the 2025 UBCM Community Resilience Investment Grant Application.

S-115 Training



S-115 Course

Provincial Structure Protection Training

- In March and April of 2023 we ran two courses recertifying 22 members.
- In April 2024 we will train an additional 12 members.

Fire Smart Coordinator



Coordinator Position Approved

In 2023 City Council approved a Fire Prevention position that includes a half-time position dedicated to the Fire Smart Coordination role.

Fire Smart Coordinator

Coordinator Activities Included:

- 3 Public Education Events in 2023 season
- Updated signage and marketing materials including a “wrap” on our new Fire Prevention vehicle
- Progress on a 5-year FireSmart Public Education Plan
- Attending the 2023 FireSmart Symposium



Fire Smart Coordinator



2024 FireSmart Initiative

- Free wood chipping service to those in the Urban Interface
- Service being offered to those who have had wildfire assessments
- Sign up service for other residents as space permits
- Offered over four Saturdays in March – April

Parks and Urban Forestry Initiatives



- Implemented annual education campaign on impacts of yard waste
- Developed FireSmart-friendly policy for dealing with woody debris removal on City lands
- Bad Seed Education Program continuing to reduce invasive and unwanted growth due to improper disposal of plant waste
- Developed a policy to address wind firming as recommended in the CWRP

Parks and Urban Forestry Initiatives – *continued*

- Continued management of the Mundy Park Forest
- Includes education of the risks and prevention of wildfires for residents in the interface area
- Fire risk reduction through strategic pruning of lower branches to prevent spread to tree canopies



ANNUAL ACTIVITIES



Annual Preparation Activities Include

- Annual preseason meetings with Metro, BC Parks, Hydro, Fortis, Port Moody Fire, Sasamat Fire, PoCo Fire, BC Wildfire
- Readyng and provincial inspection of Type 2 Structure Protection Unit Trailers
- Community FireSmart Resilience Committee Meeting
- Corporate Communications Messaging and Media plan for 2024 Wildfire Season
- Seasonal Wildfire training for firefighters

Watershed Wildfire Strategic Partners Working Group

- Multi Agency Wildfire Exercise scheduled for April 11, 2024 at Camp Jubilee.
- Group has continued to meet monthly to discuss a variety of wildfire scenarios and how we would address them.

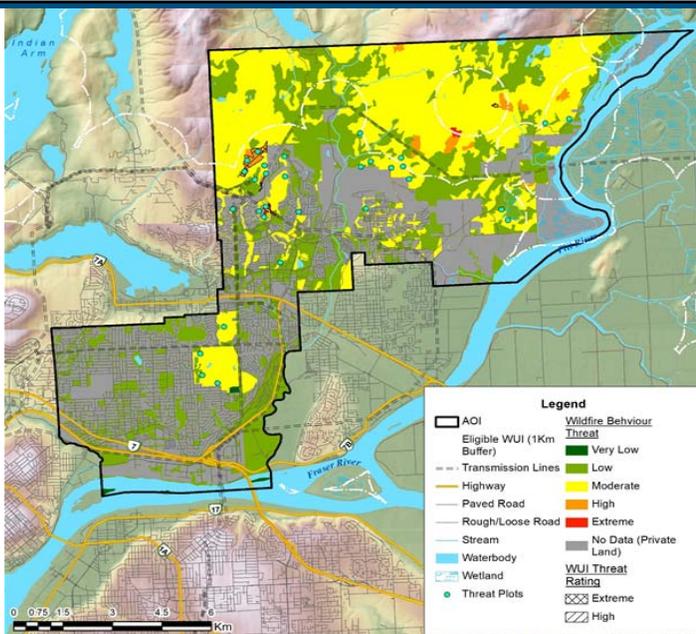


Where is the Greatest Risk in Our Community?

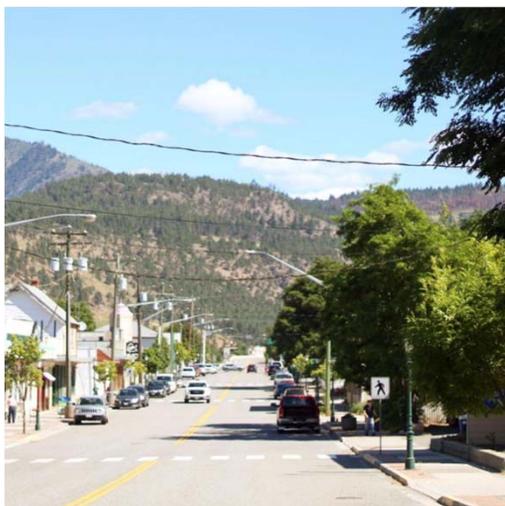


Map 7 Local Fire Behavior Threat

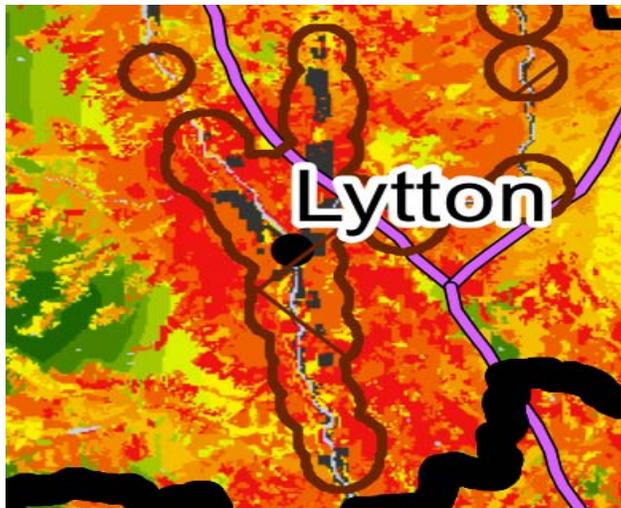
Fire behaviour		
Threat Class	Hectares	%
Extreme	11.9	<1%
High	120.0	1%
Moderate	3,775.2	22%
Low	4,330.5	25%
Very Low/No Threat (Water)	660.5	4%
No Data (Private Land and Private Managed Forest Land)	4,093.8	24%



Lytton, BC – Before and After Pictures



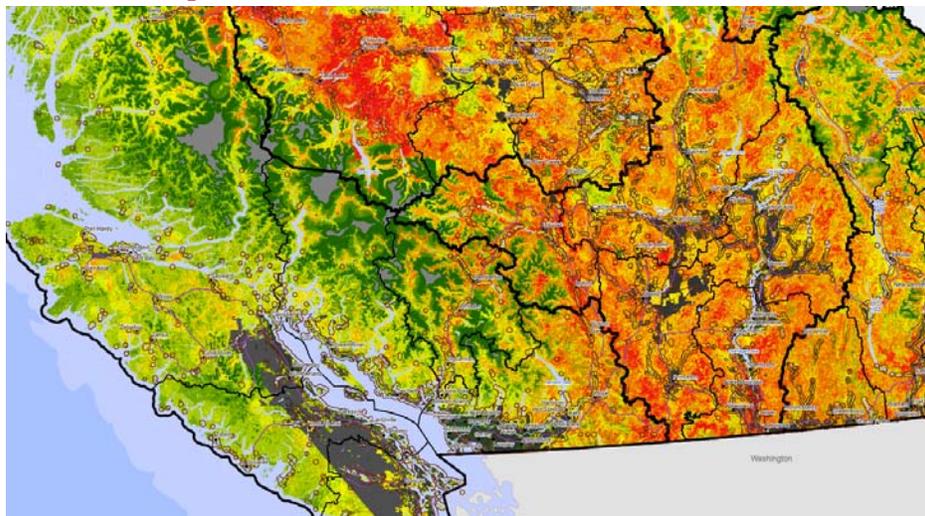
Threat WUI Map of Lytton, BC in 2021



Threat WUI Map of Southern BC in 2021

PSTA

Provincial
Strategic
Threat
Analysis



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

No smoking including e-cigarettes.
\$150 fine increases to \$500 in summer.
Smoking Control Bylaw No. 3037, 2006

Do not litter cigarette butts.
\$150 fine.
Litter and Derogation Prohibition Bylaw No. 4762, 2017

No open fires and outdoor burning.
\$150 fine.
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Bylaw No. 3712, 2009

Fire Dept., RCMP, Bylaws and Parks staff patrol our parks and may issue fines to offenders.

Fire Prevention Division: fire@coquitlam.ca
Bylaw Enforcement: bylawenforcement@coquitlam.ca
Urban Forestry & Parks: parks@coquitlam.ca

coquitlam.ca/summerfiresafety

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Working together is worth the effort!

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Questions?

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COSAC Presentation – March 14

crime trends + visualization



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Bio about Me

- Ian Waters
- 3 years with the City
- Background in criminology and public policy

Day-to-Day Work:

- Reports to council
- Resourcing / administrative analysis
- Strategic Planning / metric tracking
- Chairing a Continuous Improvement Committee

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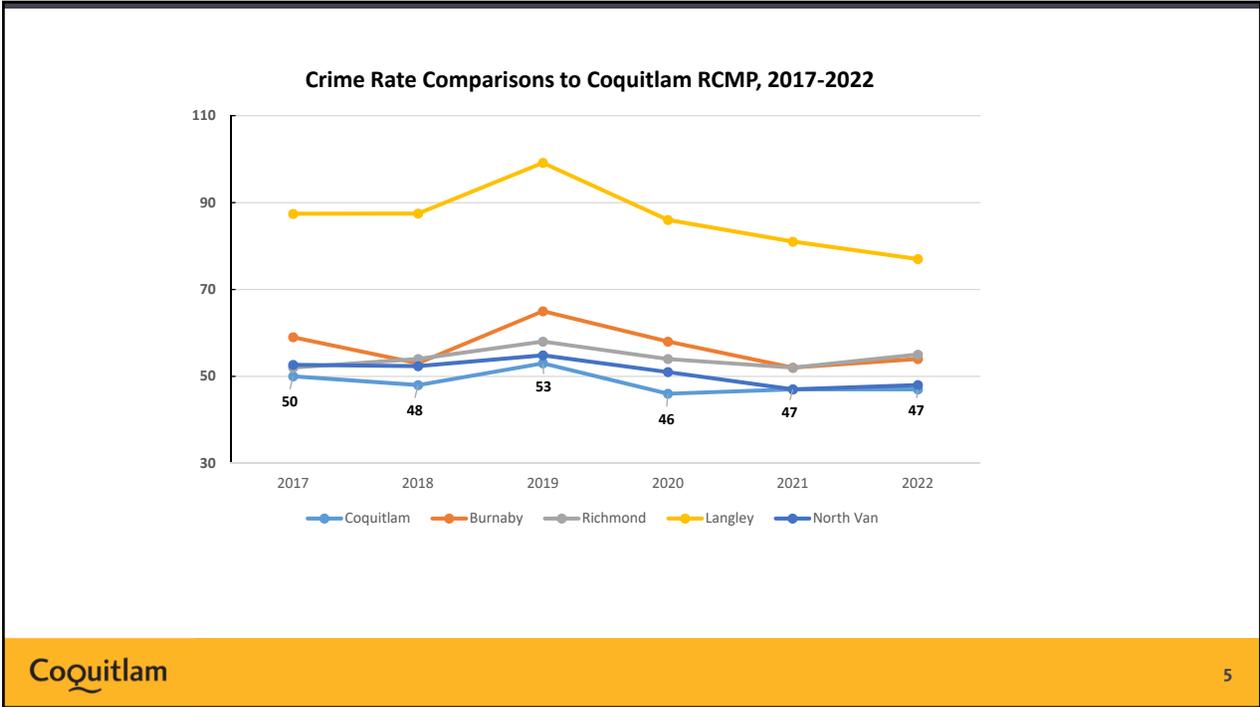
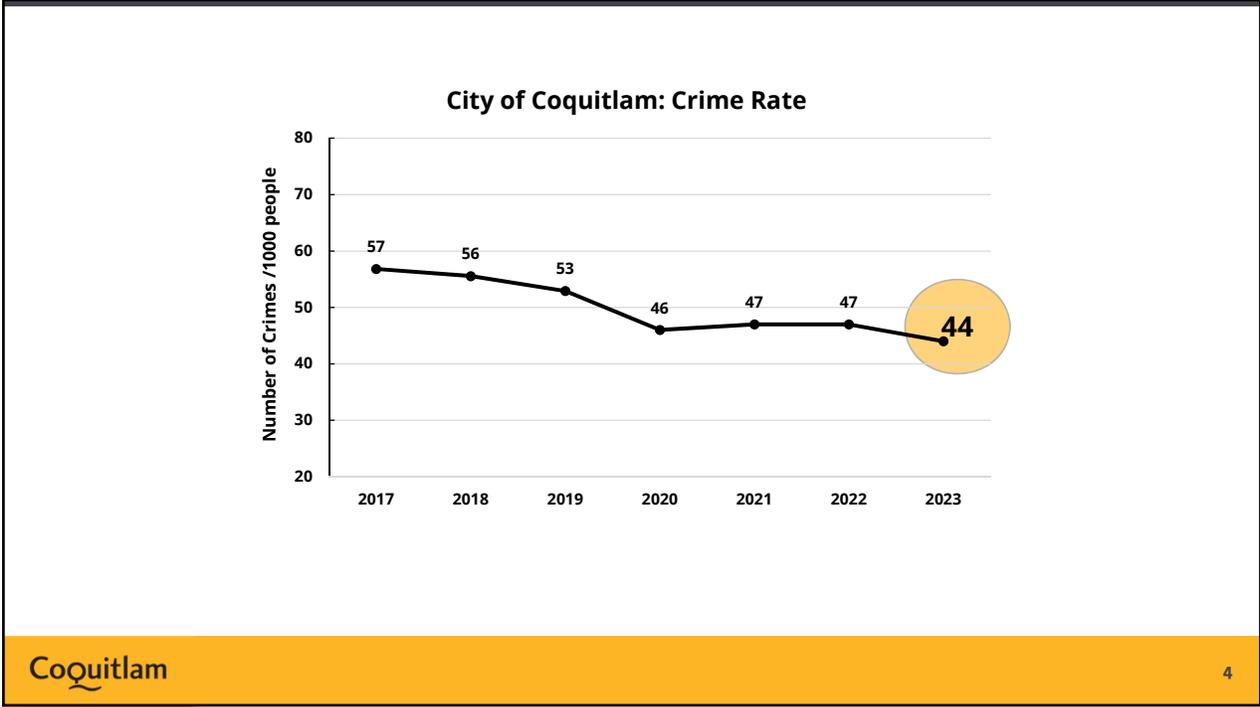


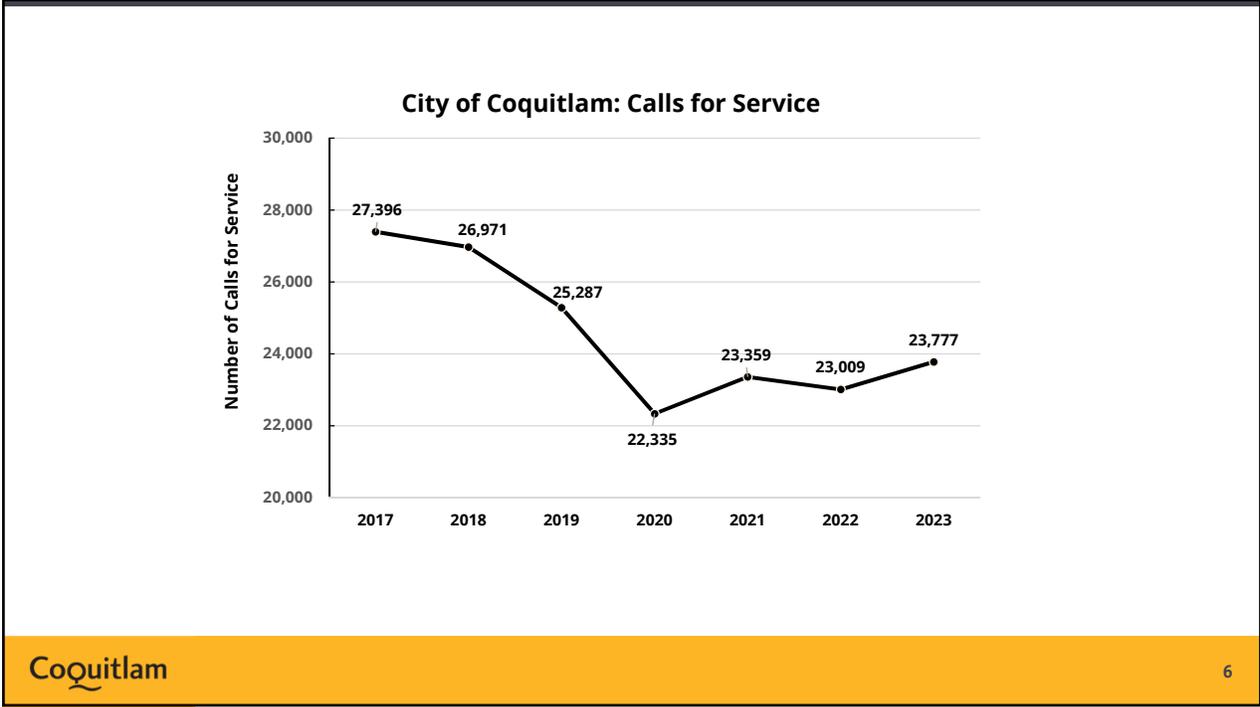
Crime Trends

Crime rate

Calculation

$$\left(\frac{\text{\# of crimes}}{\text{total population}} \right) \times 1,000$$





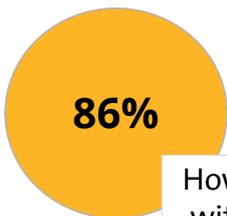
Community Satisfaction Survey 2023

- When asked to identify important community issues, **18% mentioned public safety** issues.
- Citizens say Coquitlam offers good **quality of life** overall, but it **has worsened**, citing concerns around growth, **community safety**, and the rising cost of living.

Year	Percentage
2021	23%
2023	16%

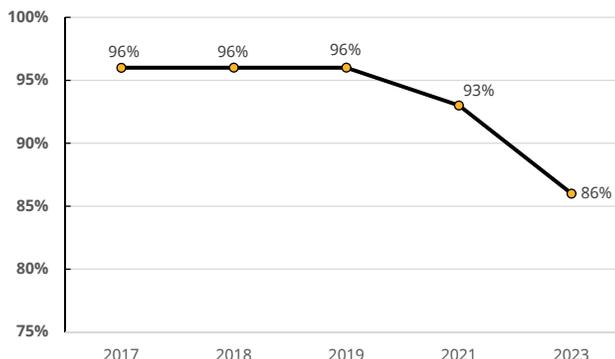
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Community Satisfaction Survey 2023



How satisfied are you with police services?

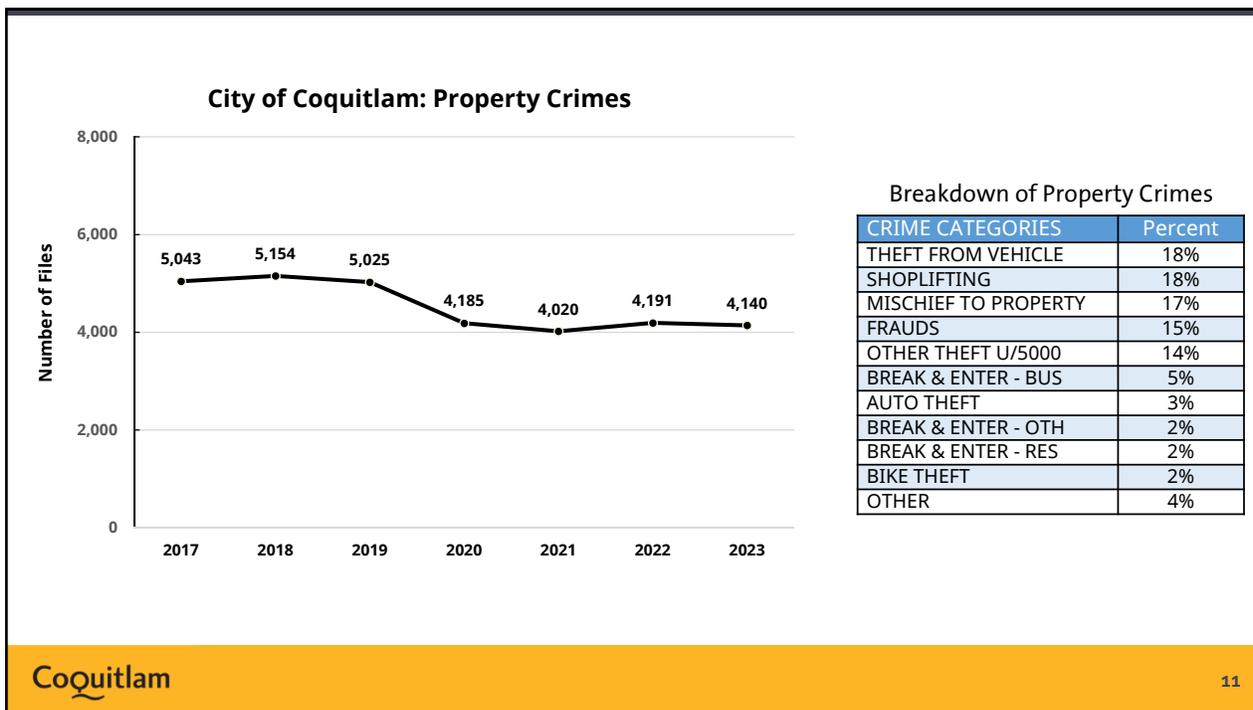
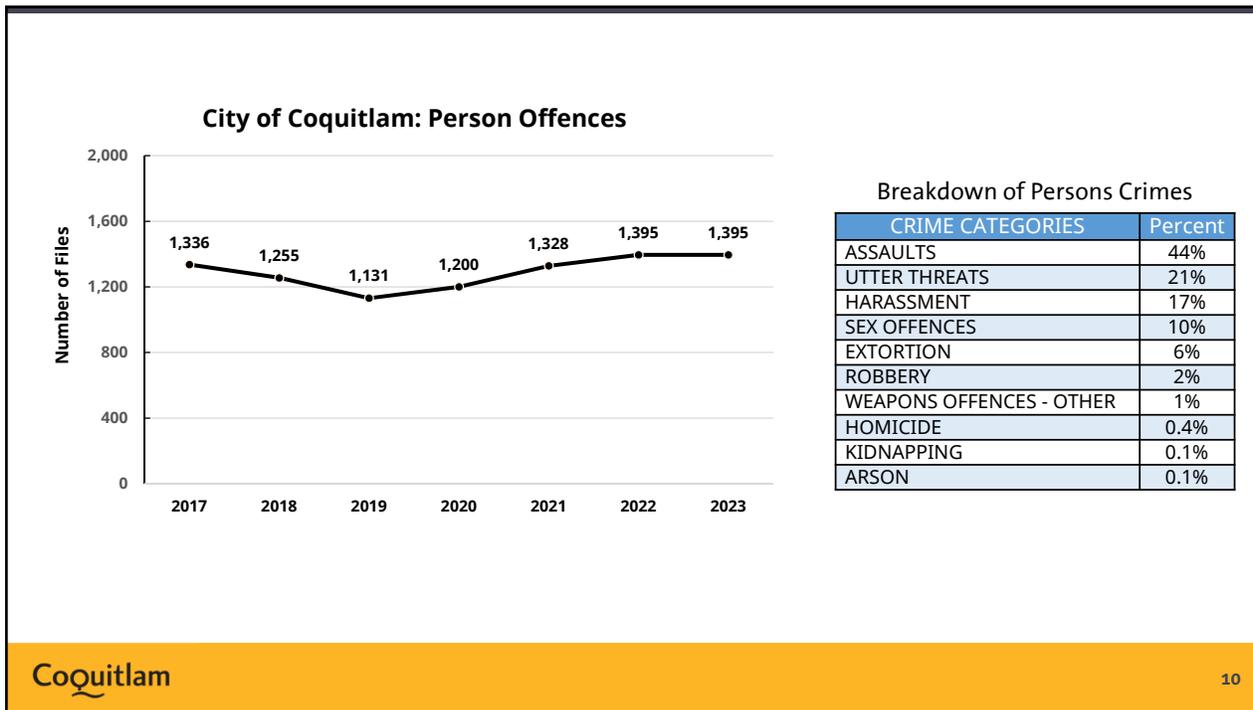
Satisfaction with Police Services, Coquitlam, 2017-2023

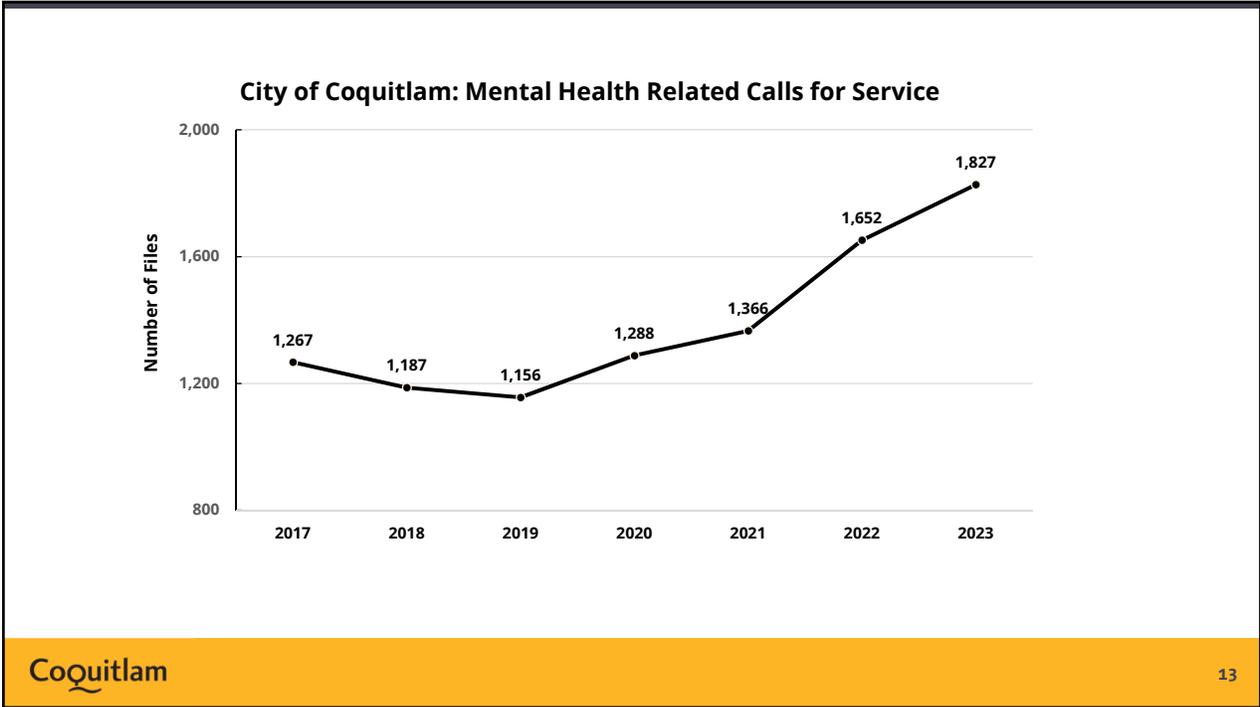
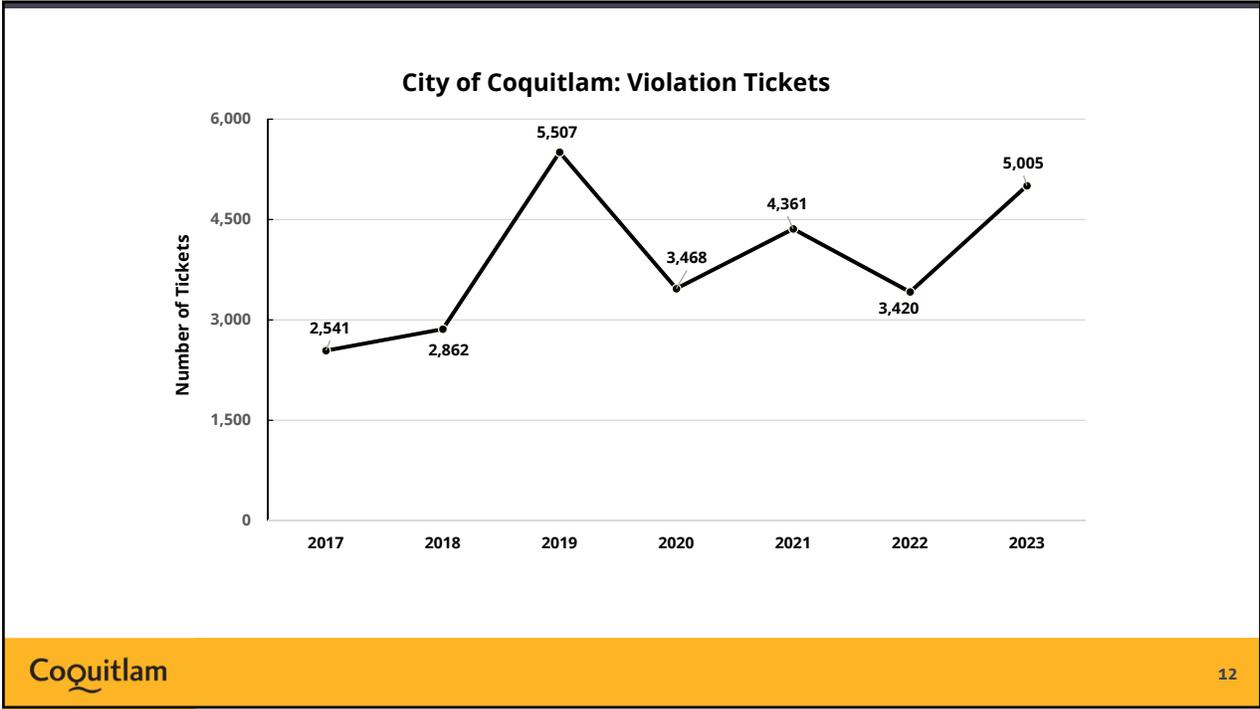


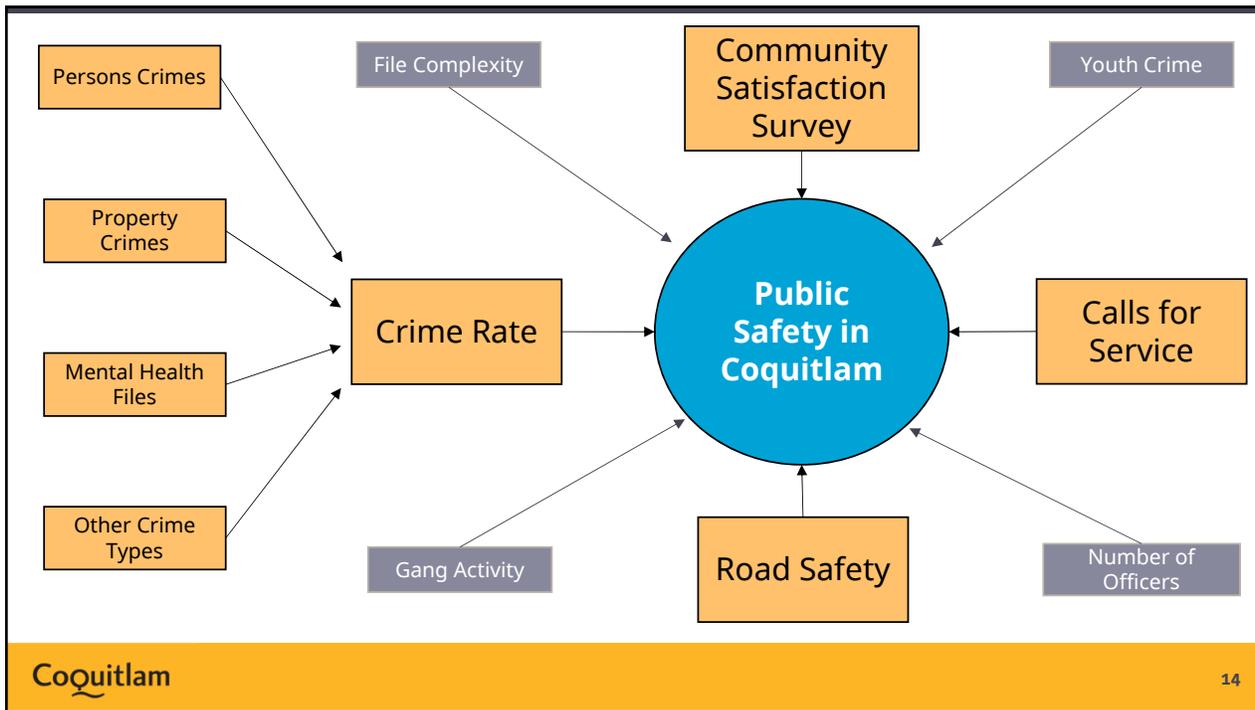
A few questions for consideration:

1. Why do you think the public feel this way when the statistics are indicating less crime and a downward trend in calls for service?

2. Why is satisfaction going down if crime is remaining relatively stable or decreasing?





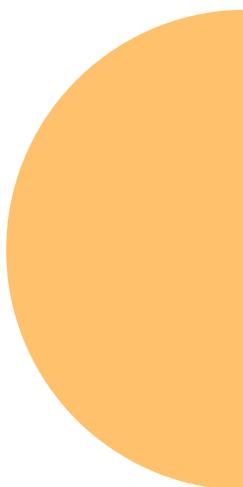


Information sharing and data visualization

The Crime Reduction Strategy

1. Prolific offenders
2. Crime causation factors
3. Crime hotspots

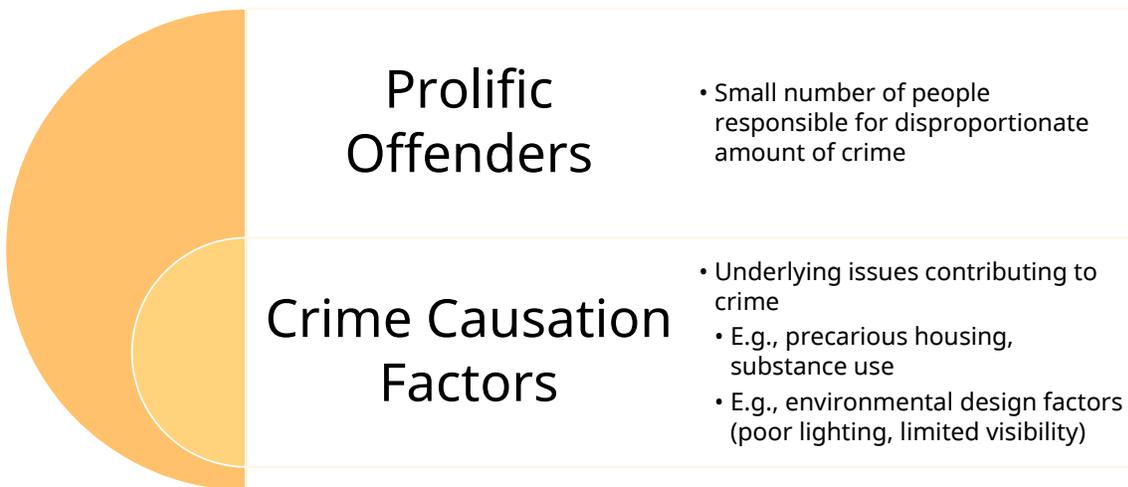
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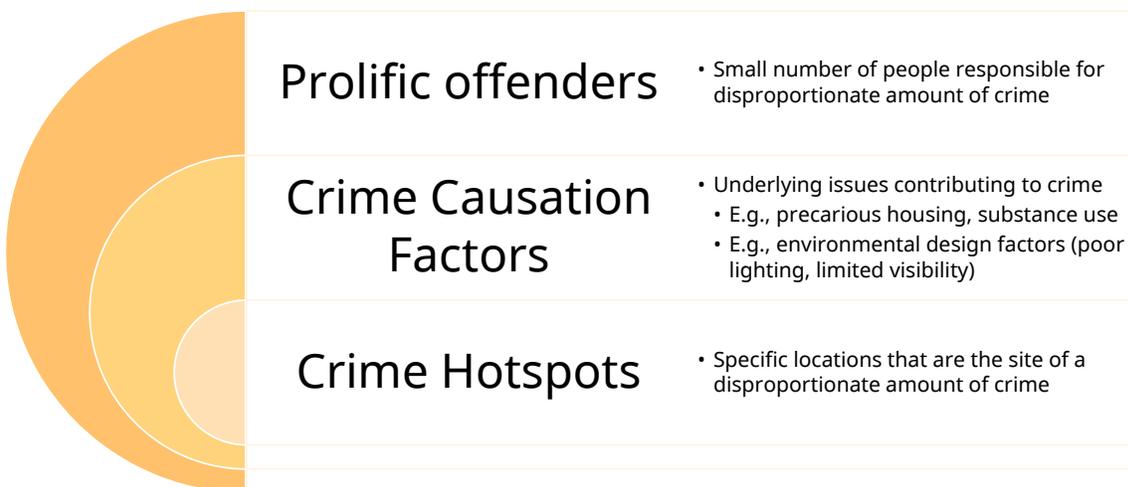
**Prolific
Offenders**

- Small number of people responsible for disproportionate amount of crime

The Crime Reduction Strategy

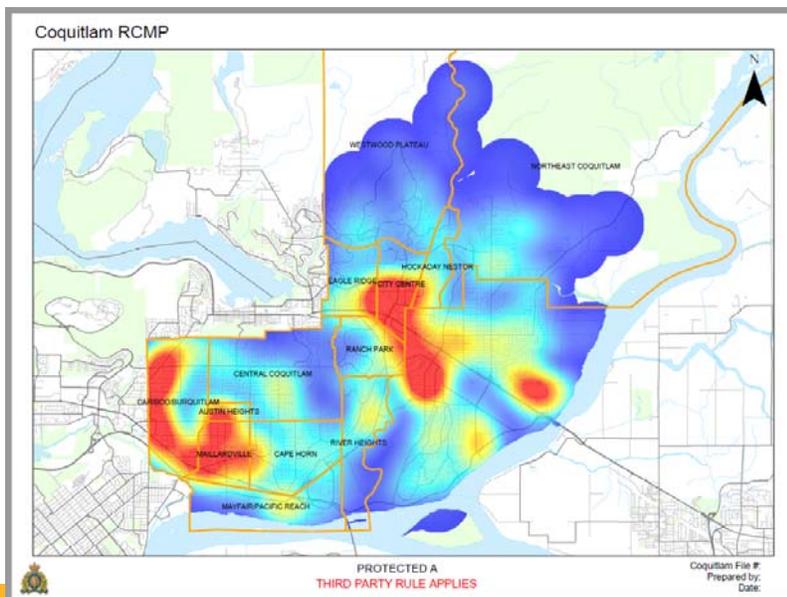


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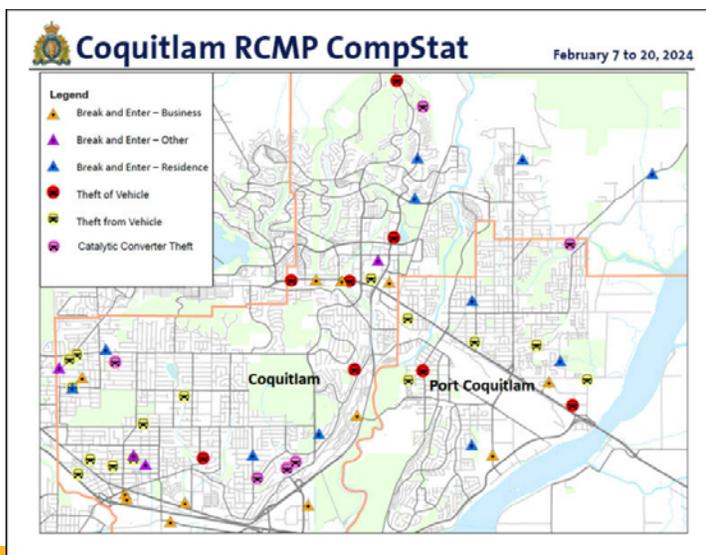
Heat Mapping

- Heat mapping used to get a visual sense of criminal activity volume
- Often coincides with population

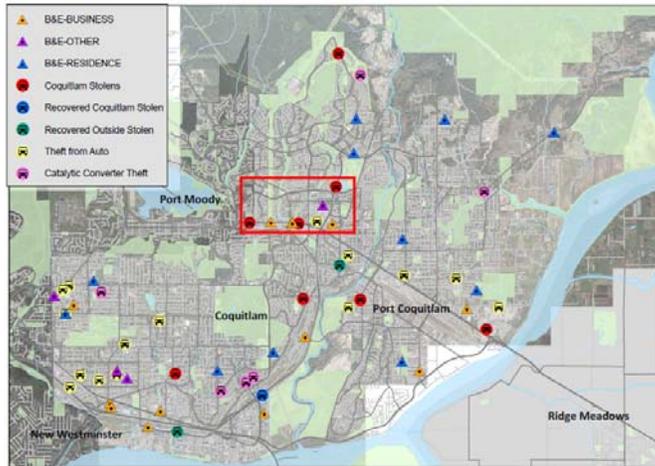


CompStat / Crime Hotspots

- Shows property crime locations
- Detachment staff meet every two weeks
- Published on public-facing site with crime prevention tactics



CompStat / Crime Hotspots



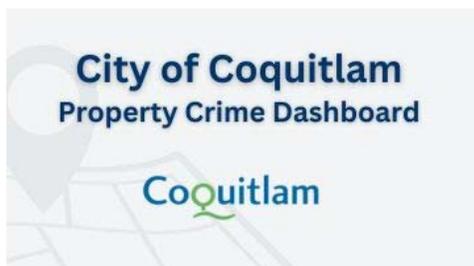
Recommendation for Patrols/Areas of Concern
Barnet Hwy to Guildford Way: Business B&Es and Theft of Vehicles

Crime dashboard

Crime Dashboard

- What is the crime dashboard?
 - Way of displaying property crime data in an interactive way
- What is the purpose?
 - To provide residents with information on what's happening in their neighbourhoods
 - Take crime prevention steps to protect yourself
- How does it function?
 - Data from Police Records is anonymized and mapped using ArcGIS
 - Filters used to make the map and indicators interactive

Crime Dashboard



Coquitlam Property Crime Dashboard

- Data from 2021, 2022, 2023
- Crime Types:
 - Theft from Auto
 - Theft of Auto
 - Break and Enter – Residence
 - Break and Enter – Business
- Interactive, easy to understand, and mapped

Questions?

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