



## WEST TOWN CRIME STATS December 2008

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### **Break and Enters (B &E's)**

For the Month of December there were **7** B&E's in **Westdale**, **2** in **Kirkendall** and **0** in **Strathcona's** neighbourhood. All entries in Westdale were cleared by arrest.

### **Thefts From Autos**

For the month of December there were **3** thefts in **Westdale**, **3** in **Kirkendall** and **13** in **Strathcona**. Thefts from auto are still the #1 crime in Div 1.

### **Robberies**

For the Month of December there were **1** robbery in **Westdale**, **0** in **Kirkendall**, and **1** in **Strathcona**. All robberies were reviewed and there appears to be no similar MO.

### **Stolen Auto**

During the month of December; there were **6** stolen autos in **Westdale**, **1** in **Kirkendall**, and **2** in **Strathcona**. Due to the significant increase in thefts from Auto, a project has since been started to identify and apprehend persons responsible.

## **Notes from the Crime Manager:**

Theft from autos continues to be the number one crime in Division One. I can not stress enough, the need to ensure no valuables are left in your vehicle while it is unattended. It is also requested that all thefts from autos be reported. The only way HPS is able to track trends is to be notified of the offence. Please call the non-emergency number at 905-546-4925 so a police report can be generated. This information is not shared with the insurance unless you disclose the information yourself.

Graffiti update: Through collaboration with the Deputy Chief and the Crown's office, there is now a specific Crown Attorney assigned to all graffiti arrests which will ensure in the accused receiving similar sentencing.

### **Tips to help prevent graffiti vandalism**

- Keep your property well maintained
- Keep your property well-lit; vandals fear light
- Eliminate reasons for loitering such as benches, pay phones, etc.
- Plant bushes or fences in areas to impede access to buildings
- Install security cameras and motion sensor lighting
- Limit access to roofs
- Report suspicious activity and encourage neighbours to do the same
- Take pictures or video of all graffiti attacks

Don't discount graffiti vandalism as a harmless prank. It is a crime, so treat it as one and if you see the act in progress call 911. If someone is caught, we will follow through with an arrest and prosecute!

Be proactive! You are responsible for your property and its upkeep.

## **2008 Year in review**

In 2008 there were 42 robberies in West Town, 200 Break and Enters, 126 Stolen Autos and 303 Theft from Autos. It should come as no surprise that Theft from Autos was the number one crime of the year in West Town. A project was conducted in July 2008 in order to identify suspects who were responsible for this offence. In light of a recent increase in theft from autos, a second project has just been launched.

<b>Robberies</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>

<b>Break and Enter</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	8	2	3	2	2	2	19
February	9	1	5	2	3	3	23
March	11	2	4	3	0	0	20
April	9	3	6	2	0	1	21
May	5	3	1	1	5	2	17
June	2	5	4	2	0	1	14
July	7	2	3	2	1	3	18
August	4	4	1	2	2	5	18
September	1	2	4	3	1	3	14
October	1	4	1	1	0	0	7
November	3	7	3	1	3	1	18
December	3	4	1	1	0	0	9
	63	37	36	22	17	21	200

<b>Stolen Autos</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	1	2	1	1	5	4	14
February	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
March	2	2	4	1	3	6	18
April	4	1	1	1	2	4	13
May	2	1	0	1	1	3	8
June	5	2	0	2	1	2	12
July	2	1	0	2	0	3	8
August	5	3	0	1	0	1	10
September	2	2	2	1	1	0	8
October	2	1	6	3	1	2	15
November	3	1	1	1	0	1	7
December	2	4	1	0	0	2	9
	30	20	18	14	14	29	126

<b>Theft from Autos</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1165</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	2	1	10	6	3	3	25
February	1	8	13	5	0	4	31
March	2	5	10	6	2	6	31
April	5	5	0	4	3	8	25
May	2	1	11	17	3	2	36
June	1	6	12	5	0	5	29
July	8	3	6	2	0	2	21
August	9	4	3	4	0	2	22
September	4	3	3	3	4	3	21
October	3	3	5	2	0	3	16
November	5	11	0	3	1	2	22
December	1	2	2	1	4	9	19
	44	52	75	57	21	49	303

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