

**Subject: Survey of Police statistics in BC.**

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Survey of Police costs.

According to recently released Police statistics for British Columbia for 2002, the District of North Vancouver had the lowest per capita crime rate for Municipalities with a population over 15,000.

In the chart the population for the District is given as 87,175, the Police strength as 91, the per capita police contingent as 958, CCC ( Canadian Criminal Code) offences as 5,262, crime rate as 60, the case burden as 58, the total cost as \$10,338,514, the cost per member \$ 113,610 and the cost per capita \$119.

By comparison the figures for the City of North Vancouver with a population of 48, 238, are given as police strength 62, police per capita 778, CCC offences 5,055, crime rate 105, case burden 82, police cost \$ 7,476.673, cost per member \$120,592 and cost per capita \$ 155. Thus with a population of nearly double that of the City of North Van the District's CCC offences are only 207 higher than the city

The highest crime rate of all municipalities in BC is Courtney 233, Fort St John 232, and in the Lower Mainland, Langley City 199 and Surrey 126.

Crime Rate is closely connected with livability. The main reason for the outstanding results in the District has been the pursuit of a coherent Crime Prevention Program started many years ago. It continues to be the most cost effective way of insuring the safety of our citizens. Neighborhood policing stations and programs have been exceptionally successful. It is a most effective way of involving the population which is the key to successful police work.


Presently we have in the District 2 neighborhood policing stations, one in Edgemont and the other in Lynn Valley. A third one is planned for Parkgate. However, the District Council is clearly balking at the Parkgate expansion giving cost as a reason. The real reason however, may well be a lack of awareness of the significance of neighborhood policing stations in the fight against crime.

The per capita cost for policing in the District is one of the lowest in BC. But, in any case, there can be no substitute for a safe community. Community Associations in Seymour, including Blueridge, have strongly supported the Parkgate Station in Seymour, yet one of the strongest opponents of "Parkgate" so far has been the Councillor originally elected in Seymour.

Ernie Crist, Councillor,

District of North Vancouver.

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