

Crossroads Block Watch Report

The Crossroads Block Watch Newsletter will be going online only after the delivery of the quarterly Newsletter in April 2021. At that time, the newsletter will not be delivered unless you request it. Please contact your Block Watch Coordinator or send your request for home delivery to abe2@shaw.ca. Please leave your name and address so we can continue to deliver the newsletter to you. For those of you who have connected with us and have requested to us that you would like the delivery of the Crossroads Block Watch Newsletter please let us know if you have not received a copy by the end of July.

Crossroads Block Watch has an updated website that has lots of information in it that tells you how to secure your home, vehicles and other valuable personal items. There are numerous phone numbers to help you out when you have some issues. Please take advantage of this website as it was created with you in mind. The quarterly newsletter will be printed on the Crossroads Block Watch web page. Login on to our website at: crossroadsblockwatch.org or you can also google **Crossroads Community Block Watch** then click on About Us

If you wish to see additional items included in our website, please let us know. We are here to serve you, our residents.

If you are interested in becoming part of a group that shares information of what is ongoing in our community and other communities, we can recommend the following two community sites:

Nextdoor.com the app is available online.

VISTA HEIGHTS residents can sign up to the following on Facebook page: [Vista Heights Guardians](#). If you need additional information, you can contact your Block Watch Coordinator.

For more information about our Crossroads communities, you can also follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/crossroadscommunityassociation>

The community newsletter is also online so you can have a look at it to see activities and events in the community.

Message to Community
By: Cst. Brad Blik

Hello Community Members,

We're well into 2021 and the sunny weather has brightened things up. As you are out and about working in your yards or just enjoying a walk through the neighborhood, keep an eye out for your neighbours and don't hesitate to report suspicious activity. With all of us looking out for one another, we can continue to keep Crossroads a safe community to live.

I've added some articles written by my coworkers. Firstly, Cst. Hostland provided some information about catalytic converters and some options on how to prevent them from being stolen. With the value of the precious metals inside, these items have become highly sought-after nation wide.

Cst. Lay wrote a detailed article about the importance of reporting crime and suspicious activity to the police. Additionally, social media platforms are increasingly being used to share information. Please keep the following in mind when posting occurrences on social media:

CPS encourages citizens to use official channels to report any criminal activity using the non-emergency number 403-266-1234 or by calling 911 for a crime in progress or if you or someone is in immediate danger. Certain crimes can also be reported to CPS online. Social media is an important tool when it comes to sharing information with Calgarians, especially information that is intended to keep citizens safe. However, CPS encourages mindful sharing of information by citizens on social media platforms to ensure it is factual. In some cases, unconfirmed information is distributed which can lead to the spread of misinformation and cause unnecessary alarm.

Check out www.calgarypolice.ca for more information on what the Calgary Police Service has to offer. calgary.ca is another resource for tips and information on other municipal bylaws and programs. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Here's hoping that this is the year we can get back out and see each other,
Brad

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Catalytic Converter Theft

Does anyone know what a catalytic converter is? I had no idea until we started getting calls that they were getting stolen. A catalytic converter is a critical component of your car's exhaust system. It's located under your car and attached to the exhaust pipe. It is used to remove harmful exhaust gases before they are expelled into the air. Most modern vehicles have this bolted to the undercarriage.



The reason thieves are stealing catalytic converters is for the precious metals that are inside. This component contains rhodium, platinum and palladium. Rhodium and palladium can be worth more than gold. These metals can be sold to scrap yards for \$150 to \$200 per piece. It is very easy for someone to crawl under your car and use a wrench or saw to remove the catalytic converter, usually only taking a minute. It can cost anywhere between \$2000 to \$5000 to replace a catalytic converter, depending how new your car is.

Here are a few tips to prevent thefts:

- When possible park in well lit, high traffic areas and close to building entrances;
- Park inside a garage with the garage door shut;
- Have the catalytic converter welded to your car's frame, making it harder to steal;
- Have the vehicle identification number (or VIN) engraved on the catalytic converter - this may alert scrap dealers that its stolen and help to find the owner;
- Purchase an alarm system and have it calibrated to detect vibrations;
- There are devices on the market you can purchase that lock the catalytic converter in a cage or mesh, which makes it harder to steal.

How do you know if your catalytic converter was stolen? Your vehicle will make a loud roaring sound and will get louder when you push on the gas pedal. Your vehicle will also drive rougher.

If you think your catalytic converter has been stolen, it is best to take it to a professional to confirm. If it was stolen, you can call your local district office or do a police report online by going onto the Calgary Police Service site. I would also recommend calling your insurance company to inquire as to whether it covers the theft. You will need to replace it. Police are working with scrap metal dealers to try to stop the purchase of stolen catalytic converters.

Cst. Ray Hostland #4460

The Importance of reporting crime to the Police

This topic has come up many times while speaking with residents in all the community meetings I have attended. I often hear, “why bother to call the police, they can’t or will not do anything anyways”, “it takes too long to get through on the police non-emergency line and the bad guy is already gone by the time they get here”. These comments are not uncommon when I speak with community residents who are frustrated by the lack of immediate response to the suspicious or criminal activity they have just witnessed. One of the most important actions a resident can do is report crime and disorder, even if it is petty in nature. When suspicious activity and crime are not reported, it is given an opportunity to increase and possibly become more severe if not dealt with.

It is vital that these incidents are reported for the Calgary Police Service (CPS) and the Community. CPS analysts use the reports to find patterns, links, and crime trends for the area. The analysts put together maps, and bulletins with suspects for crimes in the areas. This information is shared with front line officers who are then able to prioritize areas of concern. Often individuals who commit these crimes are known to CPS and are identified and arrested. The final result is not often seen by the person who first made the report and they may never be notified of arrests or charges.

In District 4 Calgary Police Service, the Inspector, Staff Sergeant, Sergeants, Analyst and Community Resource Officers, meet monthly to review and discuss emerging crime and disorder trends that are affecting communities in District 4. These meetings help to develop strategies that drive investigations and prioritize patrols to solve the issues within our communities. Sometimes when trends are identified early proactive policing can lead to disruption or elimination of activities in the area.

The key to all of this, is the initial step of first reporting of the suspicious activity or crime. Without this first crucial step, the crime will go unnoticed and cannot be addressed by CPS. If CPS does not know about it through reports, we cannot attend or address it. Please assist CPS in identifying, preventing and solve crimes in your community take the time to report incidents no matter how small. Reports can be called into the non-emergency line (403)266-1234, if the incident is serious in nature please call 911.

2020/2021 Crime Statistics by month: MAYLAND

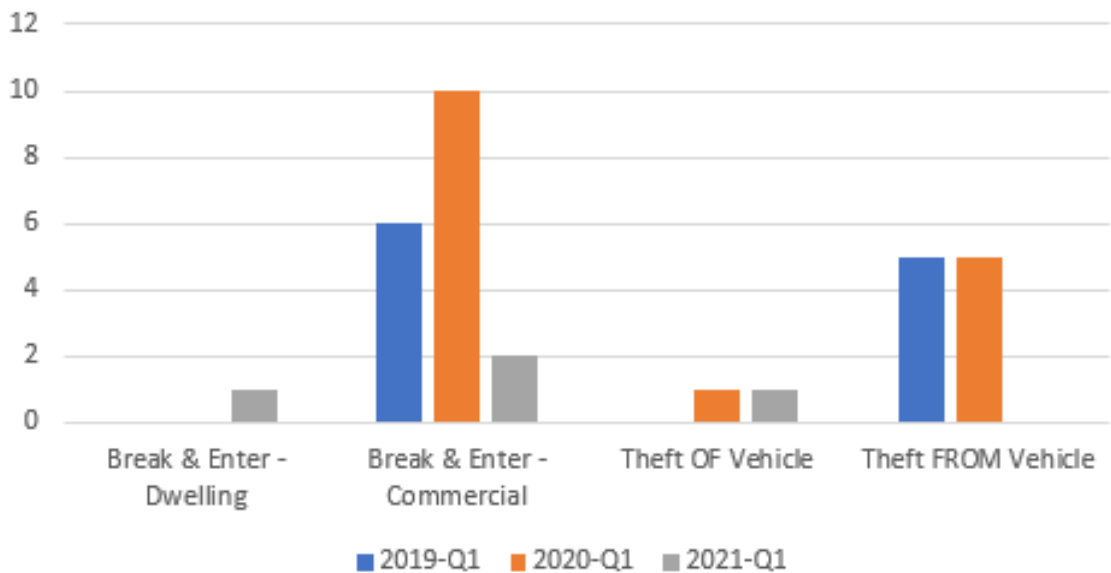
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Assault (Non-domestic)	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Break & Enter - Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Break & Enter - Commercial	2	4	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	19
Break & Enter - Other Premises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft OF Vehicle	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6
Theft FROM Vehicle	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Social Disorder	9	7	7	10	11	7	12	13	5	4	6	3	13	107
Physical Disorder	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	10
Totals	18	14	14	14	18	9	14	18	7	7	8	3	17	161

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Accumulated Annual Crime Stats

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	143	125	116	170	159	28
Assault (Non-domestic)	8	2	4	7	7	2
Break & Enter - Commercial	14	18	21	26	25	2
Break & Enter - Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	1
Break & Enter - Other Premises	0	1	1	2	0	0
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Disorder	16	11	10	19	13	0
Social Disorder	77	66	62	80	95	22
Street Robbery	0	1	2	1	1	0
Theft FROM Vehicle	14	18	11	25	11	0
Theft OF Vehicle	11	7	5	8	5	1
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	3	1	0	2	2	0

2020/2021 Quarterly Comparison Q1: MAYLAND



2020/2021 Crime Statistics by month: MAYLAND HEIGHTS

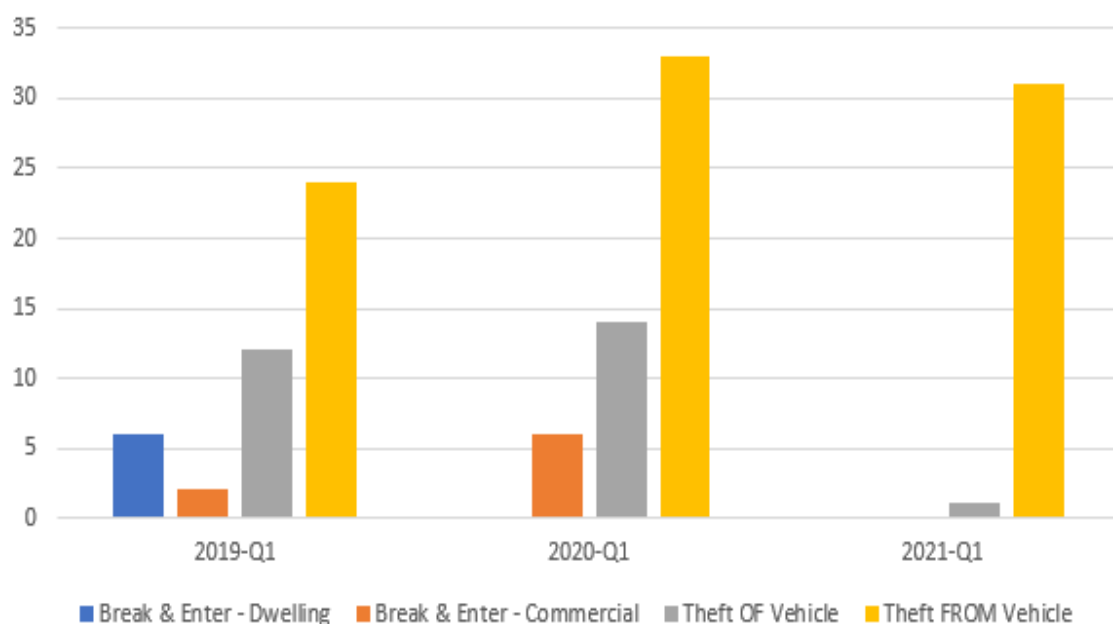
Category	2020-03	2020-04	2020-05	2020-06	2020-07	2020-08	2020-09	2020-10	2020-11	2020-12	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	TOTAL
Assault (Non-domestic)	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	13	1	2	25
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Street Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	10
Break & Enter - Dwelling	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	4	0	11	0	0	22
Break & Enter - Commercial	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	10	0	0	15
Break & Enter - Other Premises	1	5	1	4	4	1	1	3	3	2	28	0	0	53
Theft OF Vehicle	3	6	5	4	1	3	3	3	4	1	44	0	0	77
Theft FROM Vehicle	7	17	15	11	10	11	10	11	11	5	134	16	9	267
Social Disorder	34	57	71	56	72	61	61	68	45	42	663	52	31	1313
Physical Disorder	1	2	3	4	5	7	5	4	5	1	54	5	3	99
Total	48	88	95	86	98	85	81	94	74	52	964	75	45	1885

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Accumulated Annual Crime Stats

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	954	910	831	929	964	179
Assault (Non-domestic)	10	17	20	20	13	3
Break & Enter - Commercial	10	15	16	11	10	0
Break & Enter - Dwelling	15	14	6	16	11	0
Break & Enter - Other Premises	10	23	22	19	28	3
Commercial Robbery	3	2	4	5	1	0
Physical Disorder	39	35	43	66	54	11
Social Disorder	717	601	551	639	663	129
Street Robbery	0	0	1	3	1	1
Theft FROM Vehicle	104	112	113	99	134	31
Theft OF Vehicle	40	74	48	47	44	1
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	6	17	7	4	5	0

2020/2021 Quarterly Comparison - Q1: MAYLAND HEIGHTS



2020/2021 Crime Statistics by month: VISTA HEIGHTS														
Category	2020-03	2020-04	2020-05	2020-06	2020-07	2020-08	2020-09	2020-10	2020-11	2020-12	2021-01	2021-02	2021-03	TOTAL
Assault (Non-domestic)	2	1	4	4	3	5	1	3	1	2	26	0	0	52
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	7
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	2	14
Break & Enter - Dwelling	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	10
Break & Enter - Commercial	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	6
Break & Enter - Other Premises	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	9	0	0	18
Theft OF Vehicle	3	2	2	1	0	4	0	1	3	0	18	7	2	43
Theft FROM Vehicle	2	2	5	6	4	0	4	5	3	3	43	5	6	88
Social Disorder	25	31	68	61	73	50	49	46	57	33	535	36	33	1097
Physical Disorder	0	1	1	4	2	2	1	4	2	2	21	2	1	43
Total	32	38	83	82	84	65	56	60	67	44	671	51	45	1378

VISTA HEIGHTS						
Accumulated Annual Crime Stats						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	436	476	472	474	671	157
Assault (Non-domestic)	6	10	12	14	26	2
Break & Enter - Commercial	6	4	4	9	3	0
Break & Enter - Dwelling	7	5	6	7	6	1
Break & Enter - Other Premises	1	7	5	6	9	0
Commercial Robbery	2	4	3	0	0	1
Physical Disorder	19	25	18	26	21	9
Social Disorder	333	345	348	355	535	118
Street Robbery	1	1	1	1	4	0
Theft FROM Vehicle	40	42	43	30	43	14
Theft OF Vehicle	17	27	30	22	18	9
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	4	6	2	4	6	3

2020/2021 Quarterly Comparison Q1 - VISTA HEIGHTS

