



CRIME PREVENTION TASK GROUP

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021 AT 6:00 p.m.

Via Video Conference

A G E N D A

Introduce Superintendent Adrian Marsden, OIC, Langley Detachment

1) AGENDA

Adoption of the July 29, 2021 agenda.

2) MINUTES

- a) Adoption of the minutes of the Crime Prevention Task Group meeting held June 24, 2021.

3) UPDATES

- a) RCMP June Property Crime Map
S/Sgt Dave Brown

4) STANDING ITEMS

- a) Crime Prevention (seniors) Outreach Project
- i. **Flyer Content Review / Approval**
 - o “Educate Property Managers and Strata Councils about how to reduce mail theft” – Andrew Brumby
 - ii. Ideas for Outreach Flyer Topics
 - o Green Dot Program (partner with Langley Division of Family Practice)
 - iii. Identify a volunteer to hand deliver Crime Prevention Tips for Business flyer
 1. Flyer 1 – Natural Access – *delivered via email April 2021*
 2. Flyer 2 – Natural Surveillance – *delivered via email May 28, 2021*
 3. Flyer 3 – Territoriality and Defensible Space – *delivered via email July 20, 2021*
 4. Flyer 4 – Target Hardening – delivery anticipated in September

b) 2020 “Know Your Neighbour” Campaign

5) **ROUND TABLE**

ADJOURNMENT

2021 MEETING DATES

Jul 29, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25

Please notify Paula Kusack at pkusack@langleycity.ca if you are unable to attend the meeting.



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION TASK GROUP

HELD REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021
AT 6:00 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Nathan Pachal, Chair
Valerie Frolander, Member at Large
Heather Giuriato, DLBA
Jenny Hinch, Chamber of Commerce
Allen Yuarata, Member at Large
Andrew Brumby, Member at Large
Khesro Amin, Member at Large
- Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Dave Selvage, Community Safety Manager
S/Sgt. Dave Brown, RCMP
- Absent: Nadia Gugubauer
Mary Kydd
Lida Magnus, Youth Member

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1) AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 24, 2021 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the May 27, 2021 minutes of the Crime Prevention Task Group meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

- a) RCMP May Property Crime Map
- Review ATOM map resulting from May crime analyst data
S/Sgt Dave Brown

S/Sgt Brown highlighted the ATOM sections of the map with three or more incidences of crime. He noted there is less volume this month in comparison to last month, however a slightly higher concentration of crime closer to the town center. There were ten less incidents in May compared to April and it was noted that the reduction is in the area where the crime prevention posters were hand delivered. He felt that the task group is making a difference! There was a great improvement in the area as compared to March 2021.

There was discussion about what could be causing the downward trend and it was noted that the CERB benefit is still being provided and some prolific offenders are currently incarcerated. These things can have an impact on crime statistics.

With regard to an inquiry at the May meeting about whether the Theft from Auto stats were 'smash and grabs' or unlocked vehicles, S/Sgt Brown reported that it was an even split between the two in May.

There was discussion about reporting trends and S/Sgt Brown noted that it is still low and needs more marketing. There is underreporting in Langley.

It was noted that the RCMP bike patrol will be starting up in July.

- b) Arson prevention / target hardening
- Consider ways to assist businesses on arson prevention / target hardening
S/Sgt Dave Brown

S/Sgt Brown provided some context about the crime of arson. He suggested the group consider a flyer to promote awareness as it may help prevent large scale fires. He also noted that limiting access to dumpsters by keeping them locked is helpful.

The Community Safety Manager advised of one person known to be pulling fire alarms and possibly other crimes. The Problem Property Team is working on determining what she is exactly responsible for. He further noted that the team is working with City Square mall to find security solutions to deter loitering in the area behind the mall. Bylaw is also frequently patrolling the area now.

Although there is nothing the task group can action now, the Chair suggested that if the issues become more widespread the task group could engage the business community. The group agreed.

- c) Crime Prevention Outreach – Hand Deliver Flyers to Multi Family Bldgs
- Further thoughts / feedback from the volunteers regarding the method of delivery - *Ms. Kydd on behalf of the volunteer group*

Ms. Kydd was absent, so Mr. Amin advised that building managers received the information well and they got good coverage. After discussion it was determined that hand delivering once every two months was too often. The group decided a quarterly delivery was more appropriate. Mr. Amin noted that consistency is key and that the group should continue with ongoing crime prevention messaging.

The Chair suggested that since there is a meeting break in August that another delivery be scheduled for July. He noted that Theft From Auto is still a prevalent crime and suggested that the Lock Out Auto Crime flyer could be delivered.

It was noted that the Lock Out Auto Crime flyer was an RCMP marketing piece.

ACTION: S/Sgt Brown will investigate sourcing the flyer and report back.

- The following details were determined about the next flyer hand delivery project:
 - Method of delivery - Walking
 - Volunteers – Mr. Amin, Mr. Brumby and Ms. Frolander
 - A target date in July – Staff will email to find an agreeable date
 - Which flyer to distribute – RCMP Lock Out Auto Crime
 - Delivery area –200th Street – 203rd Street and 56th Avenue – 53rd Avenue (same area as the first delivery took place)

ACTION: S/Sgt Brown noted that he will provide an update at the next meeting about sending CPTG flyer information out electronically to the Block Watch captains.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

a) Crime Prevention (seniors) Outreach Project

i. **Flyer Content Review / Approval**

- Coming at July meeting – “Educate Property Managers and Strata Councils about how to reduce mail theft”

Mr. Brumby asked for clarification about content for the mail theft flyer as the group had already done the ‘mail theft’ topic in another issue. He asked if a

broader approach would be acceptable to make it more relevant to strata property managers.

The Chair advised that he had the support of the group to be flexible and to go ahead and do what he felt made the best sense.

Mr. Brumby advised he would broaden the scope and get something back to the group for review at the next meeting.

ii. Ideas for Outreach Flyer Topics

- Green Dot Program (partner with Langley Division of Family Practice) – Sept meeting possibly.

iii. Identify a volunteer to hand deliver Crime Prevention Tips for Business flyer

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There was discussion about hand delivering the Business Flyer and Ms. Giuriato advised the most benefit would come from delivering to businesses on Fraser Highway between the casino and Save-on-Foods.

Ms. Giuriato volunteered to deliver and the Chair noted that Ms. Gugabauer has indicated in the past that she is available.

ACTION:

Staff will connect the volunteers to determine a date and provide the posters.

- b) 2020 “Know Your Neighbour” Campaign

5) ROUND TABLE

The Chair noted that he hoped the group could meet in person in September as more and more people get vaccinated and the COVID-19 numbers continue to decline.

He asked staff to send an email out to the group in August to determine what format people would like to meet in, in September. He further noted that as the situation improves the group can discuss a fall Know Your Neighbour campaign.

S/Sgt Brown noted that the new Superintendent, Adrian Marsden has joined the Langley RCMP detachment. He will be invited to meet the CPTG group at the July meeting.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:15pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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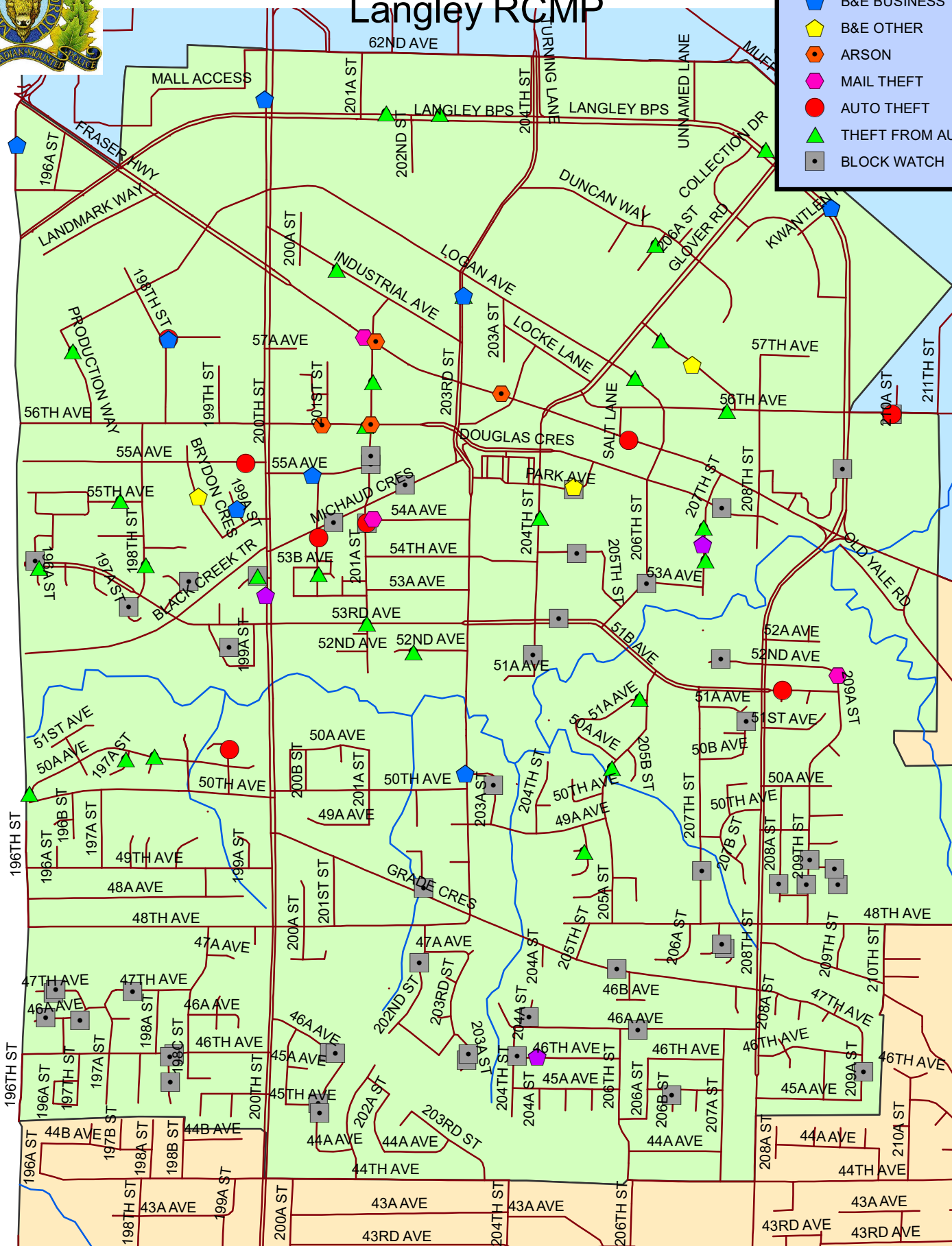
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Langley City Property Crime 2021-Jun-01 to 2021-Jun-30 Langley RCMP

Legend

- ◆ B&E RESIDENCE
- ◆ B&E BUSINESS
- ◆ B&E OTHER
- ◆ ARSON
- ◆ MAIL THEFT
- AUTO THEFT
- ▲ THEFT FROM AUTO
- BLOCK WATCH



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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Tips for Strata and Property Managers:

- Access control/target hardening: use physical barriers, security devices and tamper-resistant materials to restrict entrance.
- Image/Maintenance: ensure your building is clean, well-maintained, and graffiti-free.
- Surveillance: maximize the ability to spot suspicious people and activities by keeping sightlines as open as possible and maintaining functional lighting.
- Promote territoriality: foster residents' interaction, vigilance, and control over their neighbourhood.
- Activity support: encouraging the intended use of public space by residents to maintain a positive presence.
- Hierarchy of space: identifying ownership by offering clearly defined boundaries between public and private spaces.