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### Month at a glance

Today's month at a glance will look at July 2025.

For staffing we had no changes in July. Municipally we are still at 15 officers in the 17 positions, with 1 of those officers on long term sick leave, and 1 officer on paternity leave. Provincially, 6 of the 6 positions are filled with 1 member on long term sick leave. Our First Nations Policing section is fully staffed with 4 officers. August will be a busy month with 4 new officers transferring into the Detachment and a few officers transferring out to new opportunities.

Officers attended over 720 calls for service in July, which was a very busy month and a spike in calls from June. In July 2024 officers attended 653 calls for service, making 2025 significantly busier for calls. Officers have now attended 3840 calls for service to date in 2025, compared to 3740 calls at this point in 2024.

The Merritt Detachment submitted 26 charge recommendations to the BC Prosecution Service in July. The BC Prosecution Services approved 18 new charges, made 6 no charge decisions and issued 1 caution letter. *(Many of those charges were from previous months recommendations as it often takes the BC Prosecution Service weeks to review charge recommendations.)* The Detachment has submitted 229 charge recommendations so far in 2025.

In July, Officers were able to refer 4 investigations to Restorative Justice, through the Nicola Valley Restorative Justice Program. The Detachment has made 6 referrals to the Restorative Justice Program so far in 2025.

Officers seized another 3 firearms this month, bringing the total seized firearms to 79 in 2025. The firearms that were seized were not used in nefarious activity and were all turned over by lawful gun owners looking for safekeeping due a vehicle collision and dementia.

The Merritt Detachment had 27 prisoners held over the month of July, bringing the yearly total to 250.

Merritt Victim Services received 12 new clients in July from 7 police referrals. They have 93 ongoing clients and were able to close 11 clients in July.

Bass Coast Music Festival ran this year from July 10-14. The event was very successful, and officers saw a significant reduction in calls for service to police compared to previous years, due to the significant planning between the RCMP, festival staff and their security team.

On July 23, 2025, the Southeast District Emergency Response Team was deployed to Merritt to execute a search warrant and affect an arrest of a high-profile violent offender that had committed multiple offences in Kelowna. The warrant was executed in the 2300 block of Coutlee Avenue and the offender was located and arrested.

The following is a brief summary of the calls for service experience and events attended over the month of June:

- 19 mental health calls, where citizens were apprehended and taken to hospital.
- 2 Impaired drivers were taken off the road for both alcohol and drugs.
- 47 motor vehicle collisions.
- 2 Business Break and Enters.
- 3 Residential Break and Enter.
- 33 Theft Under \$5000/Shoplifting.
- 1 Fraud.
- 29 Assaults.
- 0 Robberies.
- Situation Table.
- 82 targeted patrols, including bike patrols downtown Merritt.

If you have any questions or need clarification on anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Respectfully,

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