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Subject: **2009-090 Cost of Policing 259 Powell St.**

Introduction

In August 2009, District 2 Team 6 Sergeant Randy Giesbrecht requested information regarding the cost of policing 259 Powell St between January 1, 2008 and July 30, 2009.

Information on calls for service was obtained from Police CAD system using Microsoft SQL Server. The following is a short summary of the data used in this analysis:

- The time spent on call is calculated as the time between when a unit was initially dispatched to a call for service and was then set itself as being back in service and able to be dispatched to another call.
- The total cost is based on the 2009 wage paid to a First Class Constable including benefits of 23.9%. This is approximately \$46.08 per hour.
- The cost of equipment, vehicle use, etc. is not included in this costing. Additionally, the cost of processing a suspect in the VPD Jail is not included.
- The address of 261 Powell St is listed as a secondary Address for 259 Powell by the city of Vancouver. A search of this address on the Police CAD system did not result in any incidents over the time period. It is assumed that all incidents were properly attributed to the primary address of the building.

Results

The following table gives a monthly break down of the calls for service, number of officers which attended the call, the total number of hours spent on scene, and the cost incurred in officer wages and benefits. It is worth noting that the cost of policing and hours spent on scene do not include any investigative work done as a result of the incident nor the costs associated with processing someone through the VPD jail.

Table 1 - Cost of Policing 259 Powell St.

Month	Calls for Service	Officers Attended	Hours on Scene	Cost of Policing
January 2008	9	46	25:11:47	\$2,086.86
February 2008	10	52	30:38:15	\$2,573.45
March 2008	5	49	64:05:20	\$4,876.39
April 2008	3	36	49:08:07	\$3,772.11
May 2008	1	2	0:08:46	\$13.47
June 2008	2	7	3:58:12	\$344.00
July 2008	2	11	4:20:32	\$327.07
August 2008	2	6	4:35:00	\$378.12
September 2008	2	4	1:08:15	\$70.17
October 2008	4	7	3:34:05	\$300.49
November 2008	9	49	44:26:16	\$3,644.38
December 2008	5	24	17:17:30	\$1,372.66
January 2009	6	10	9:53:38	\$911.82
February 2009	7	11	5:58:00	\$428.12
March 2009	9	26	17:14:25	\$1,327.32
April 2009	5	14	19:16:48	\$1,189.98
May 2009	5	21	4:34:06	\$416.38
June 2009	5	15	6:37:02	\$367.96
July 2009	10	23	11:33:20	\$932.22
Total	101	413	323:39:24	\$25,332.98

Between January 1, 2008 and July 30, 2009 a total of 101 calls for service were recorded for 259 Powell Street. All of these calls were attended by one or more units and in total 413 officers attended the address in the specified time period. This accounted for more than 323 hours of police work on scene, not including follow-up investigations by specialty squads or time spent processing suspects in the VPD Jail. In total, this premises cost at least \$25,332.98 to police over a 19 month period from January 1, 2008 to July 30, 2009.

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