

Mayor's Task Force on Crime

Seeking Input – September 2013



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Agenda

- Prince George Crime Problem
- Mayor's Task Force on Crime
 - Purpose and Mandate
- Prince George Crime Statistics
- City of Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy
 - Four Strands & Highlights
- Inventory of Crime Reduction Initiatives
- Draft Recommendations and Feedback



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Prince George Crime Problem

- Statistics Canada Crime Severity Index ranks Prince George as Canada's 14th most dangerous city
- Prince George is a Regional Centre for Northern BC which creates policing challenges
- Perceptions of Prince George as an unsafe community, spread by popular media, impacts quality of life assessments

Mayor's Task Force on Crime Purpose

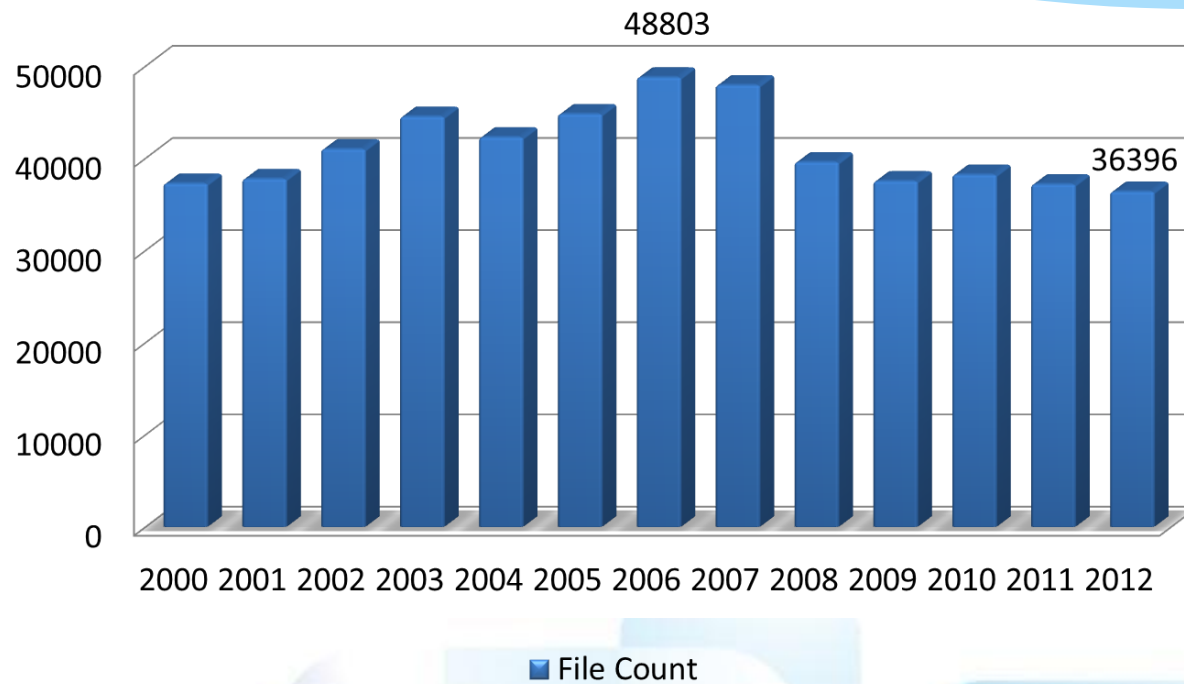
- * Develop and guide implementation of a Crime Reduction Strategy with four objectives:
 - * Reduce crime and increase public safety
 - * Increase public involvement in reducing crime
 - * Increase integration between all stakeholders involved in crime reduction
 - * Improve public awareness around the reality and perception of crime

Mayor's Task Force on Crime Mandate

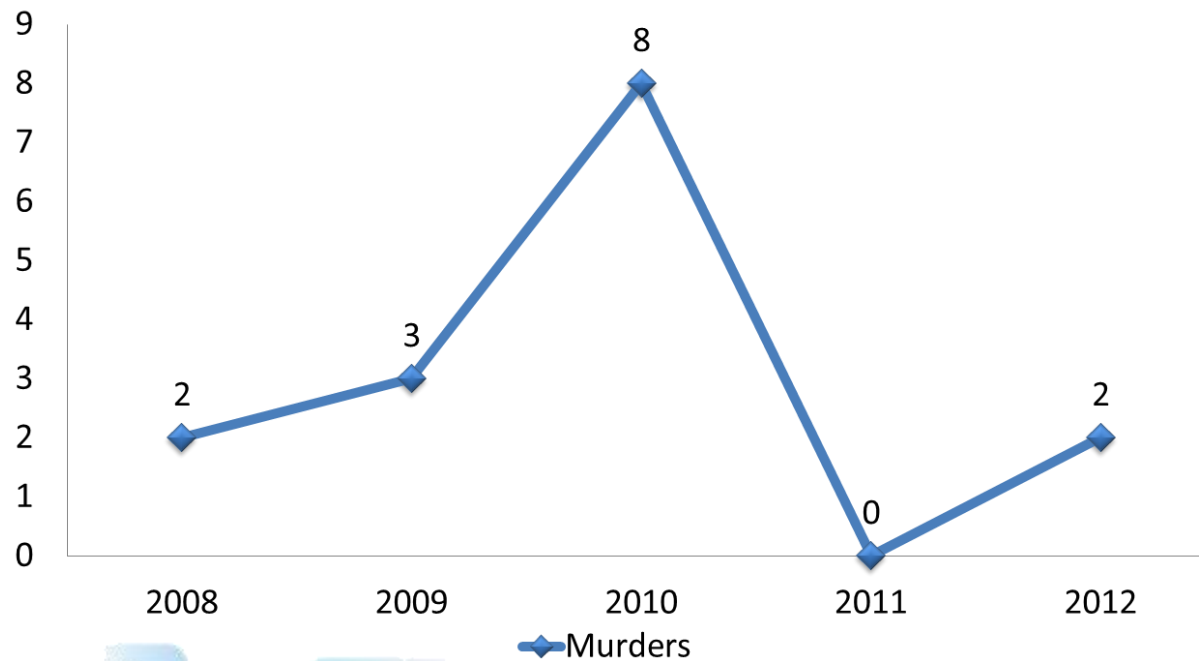
- * Evaluate the City of Surrey's Crime Reduction Strategy
- * Inventory Prince George Crime Reduction Initiatives
- * Research promising crime reduction practices utilized by other municipalities
- * Provide specific recommendations for action to be taken by the City of Prince George

Prince George Crime Statistics

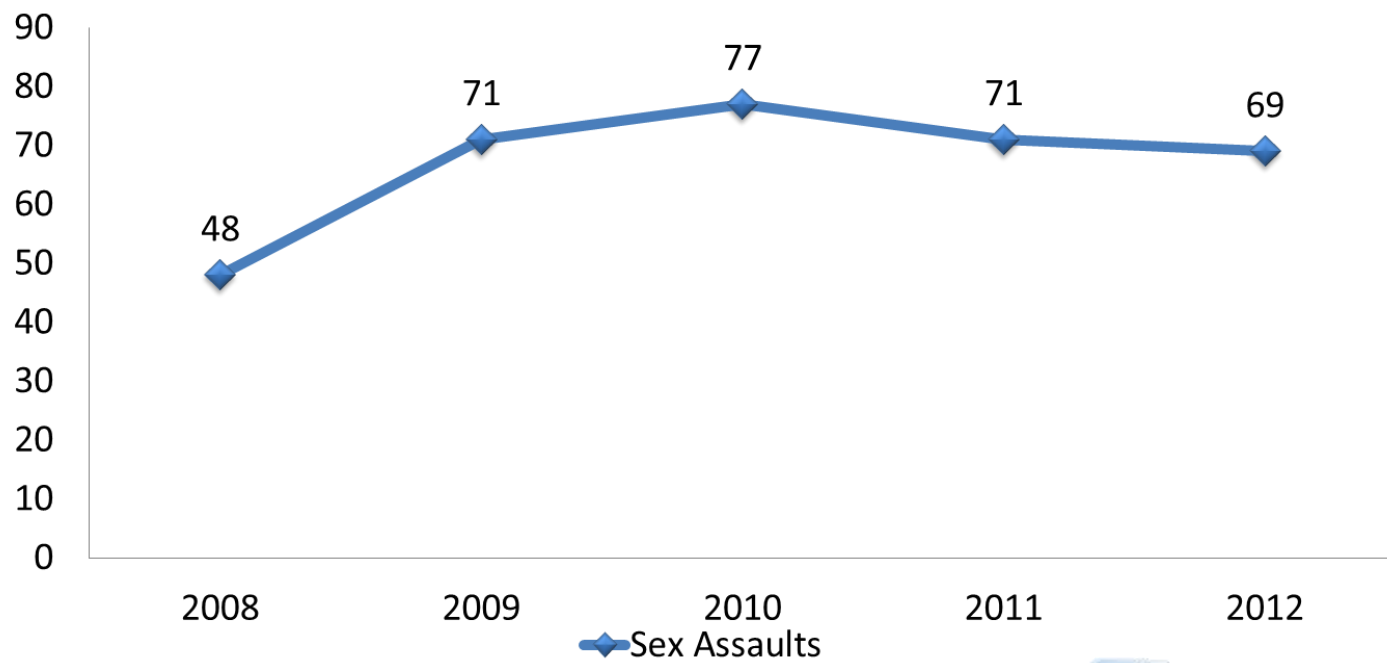
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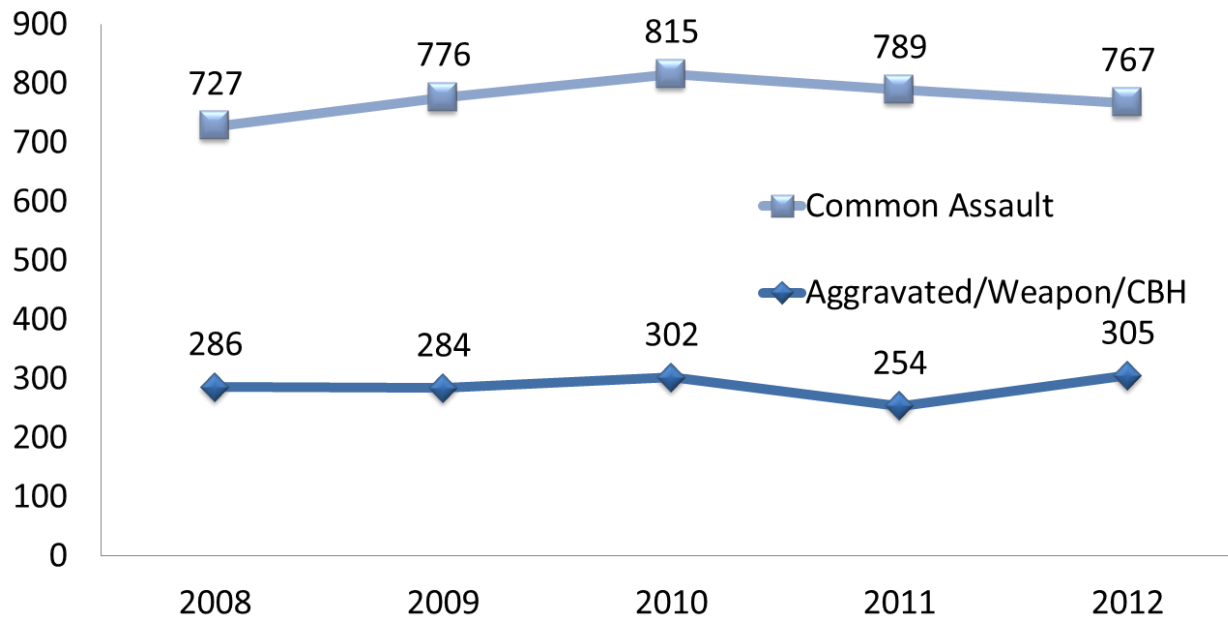
Murder Stats



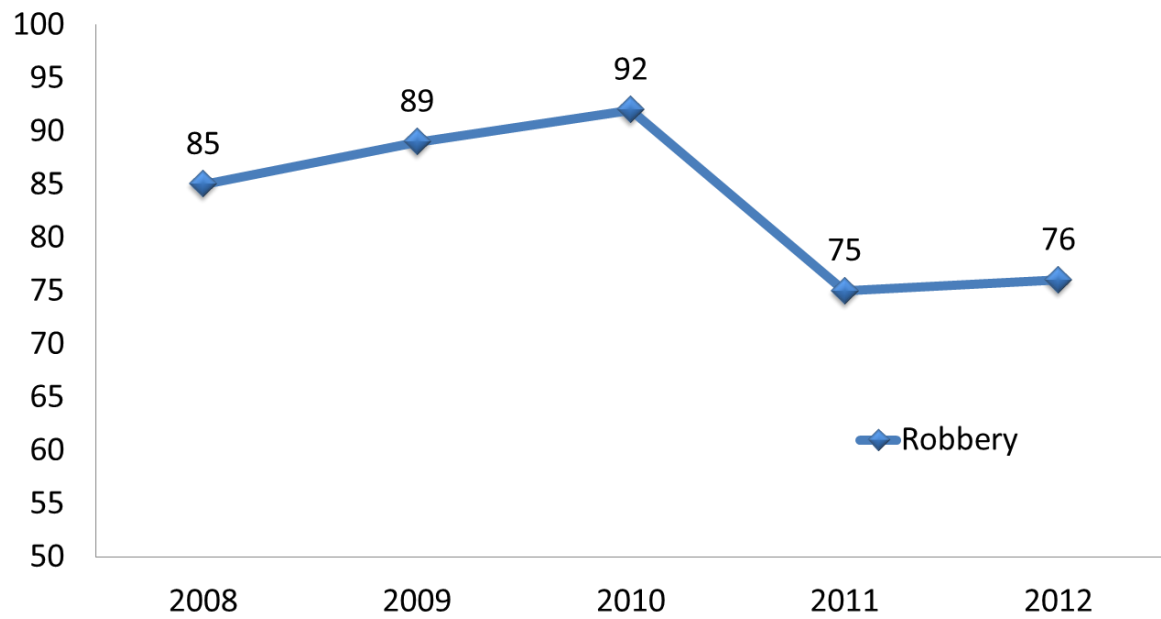
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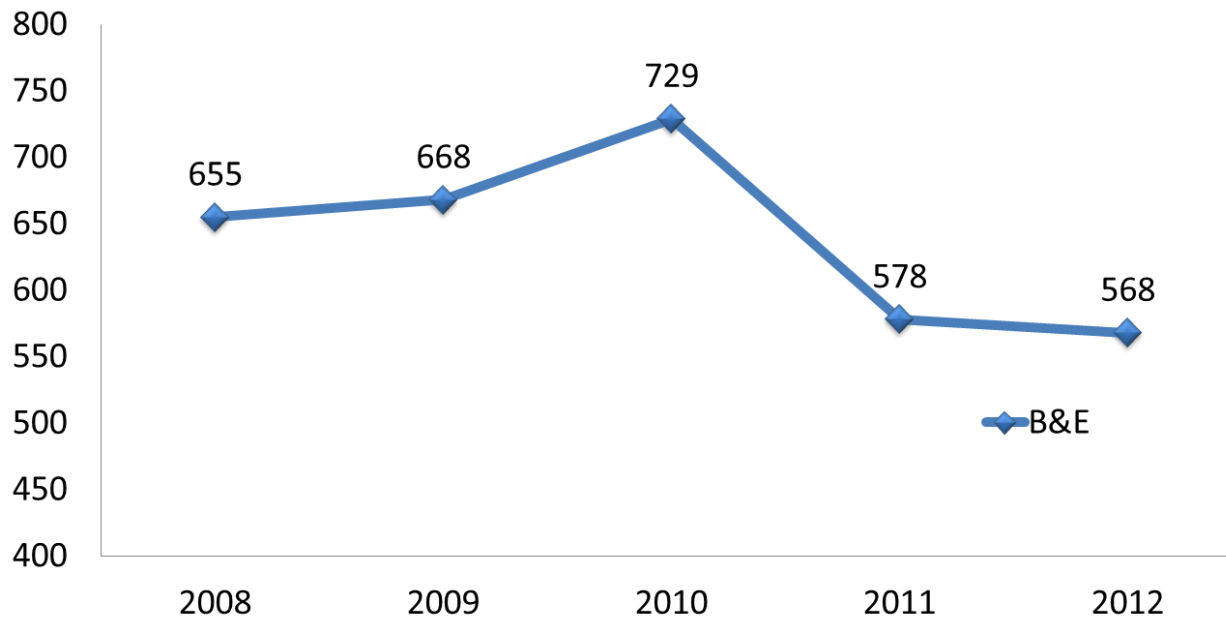
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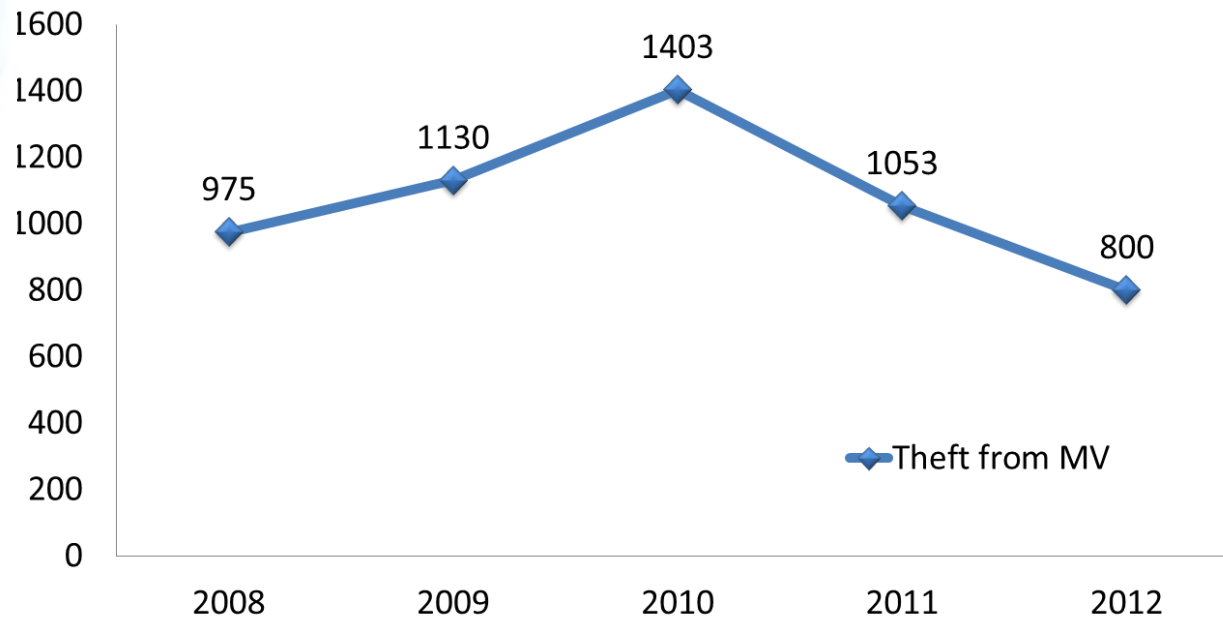
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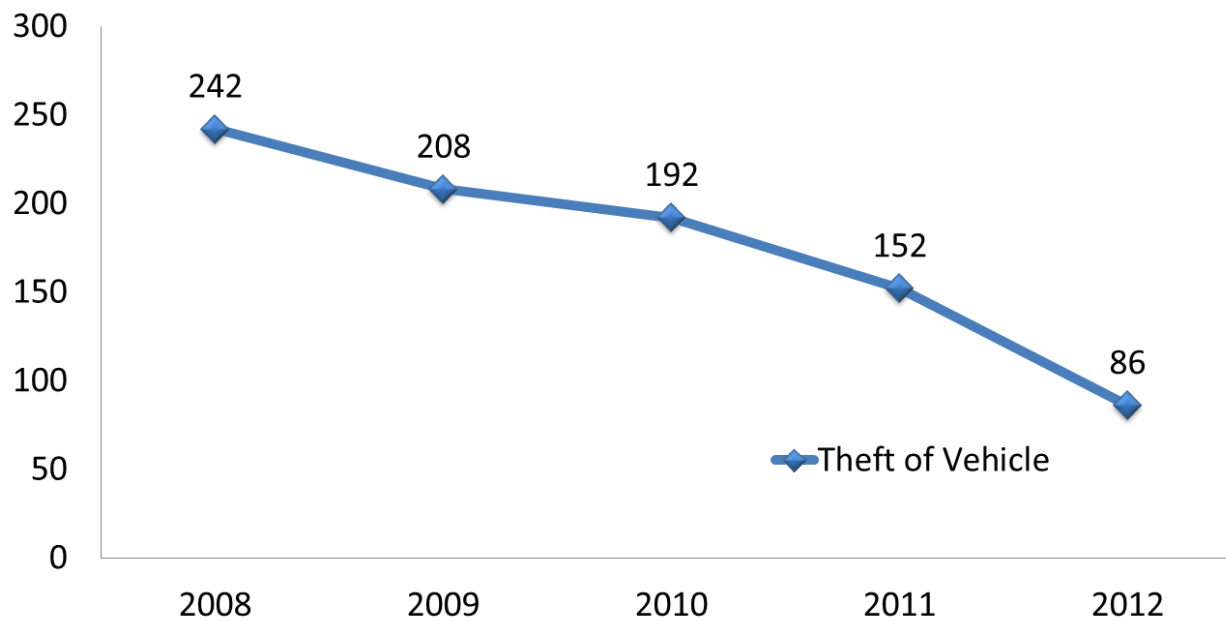
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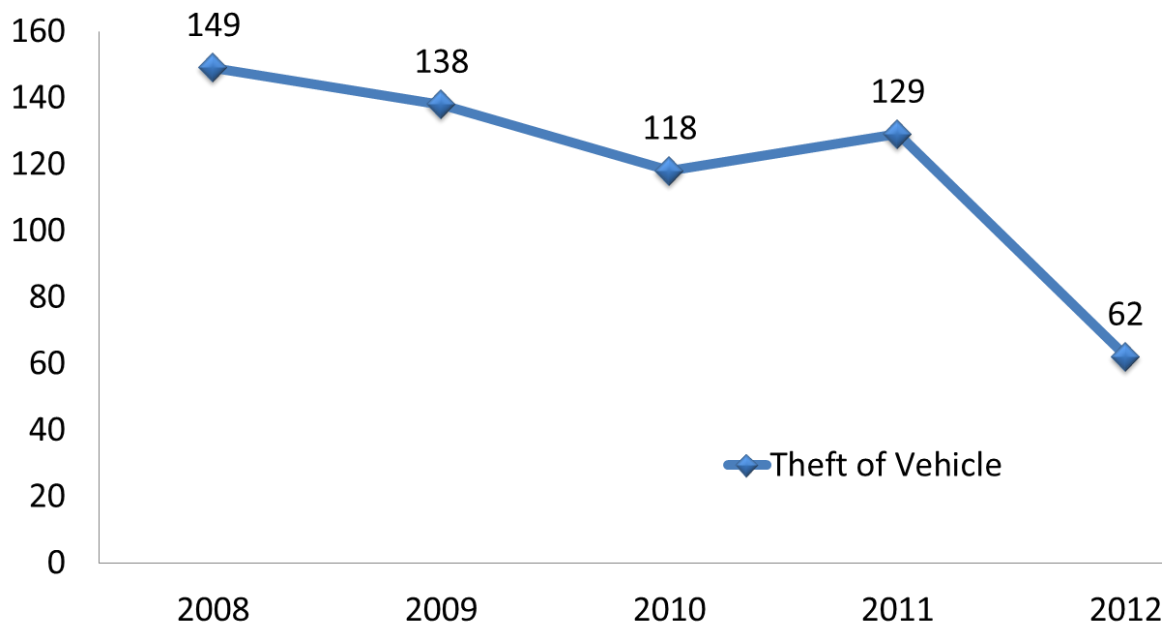
Theft from Motor Vehicle



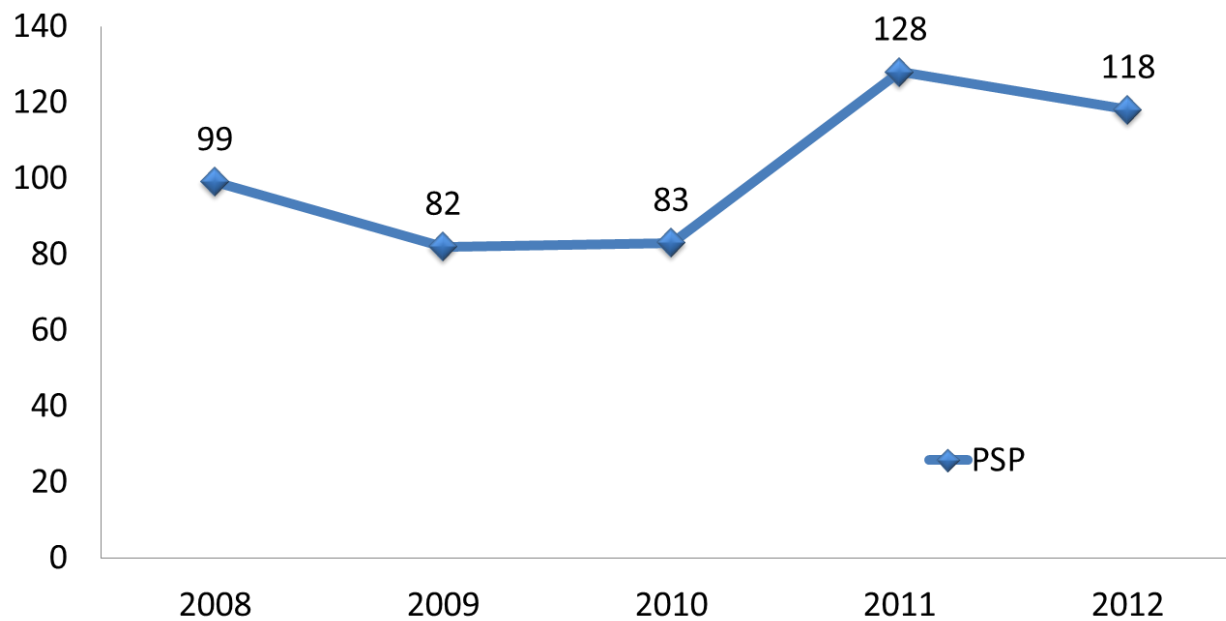
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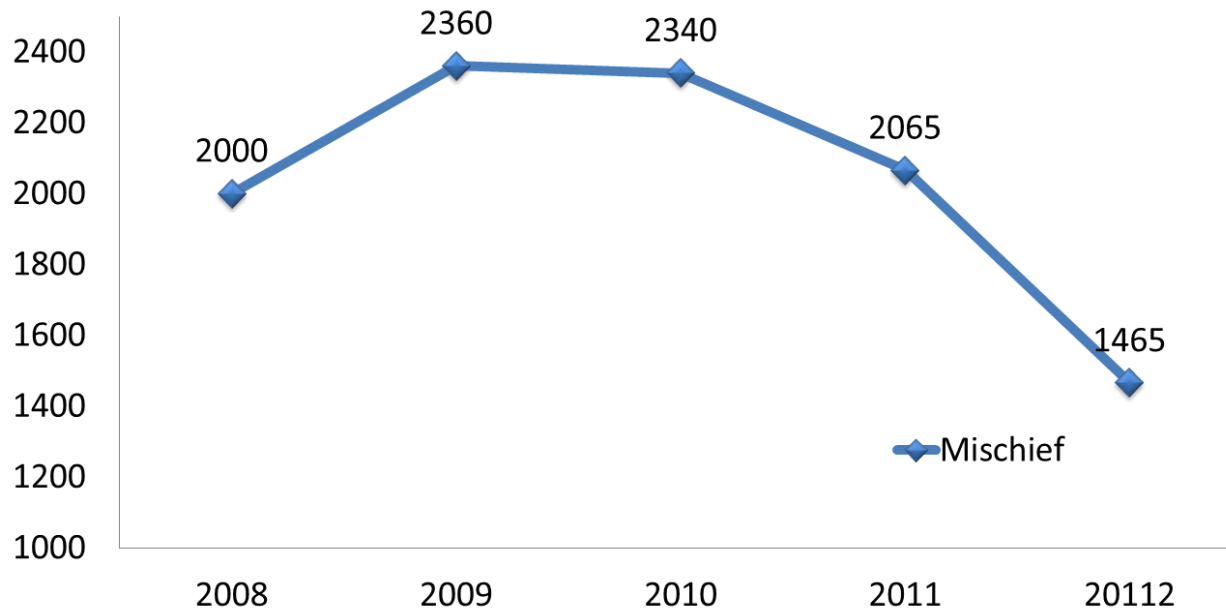
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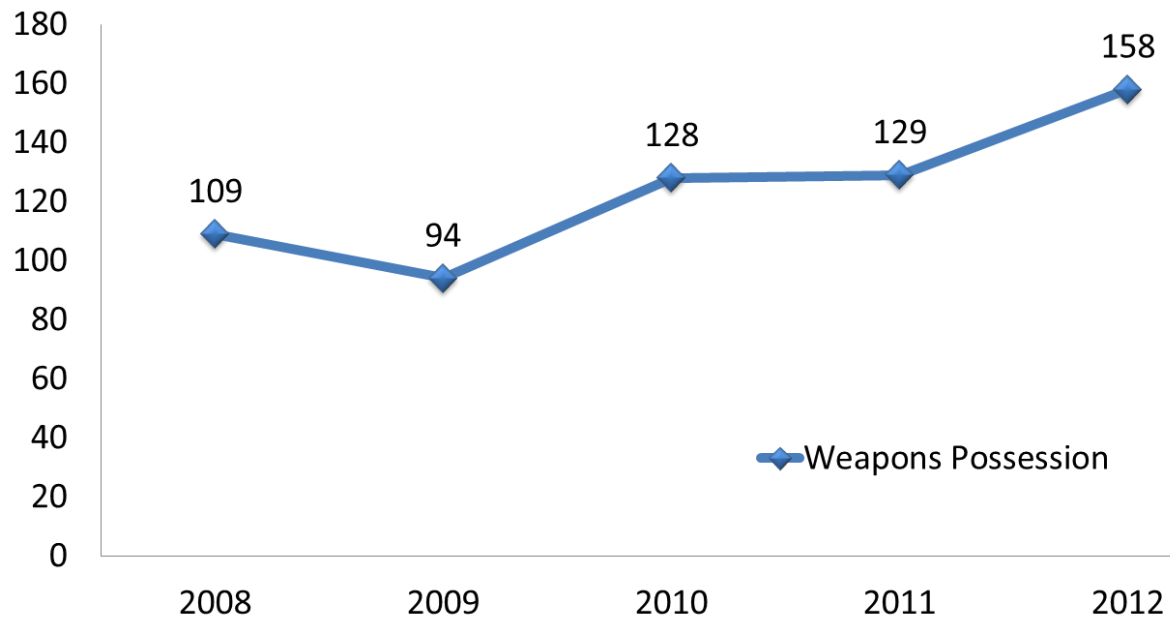
Possession of Stolen Property



Mischief



Weapons Possession



Policing Challenges - Prince George

- * Gang Violence
- * Transient Crime Populations
- * Prolific and Chronic Offenders
- * Drug Distribution

Detachment Priorities

- * Chronic & Prolific Offender Management
- * Organized Crime – Drug Trafficking
- * Domestic Violence
- * Traffic Safety
- * High Risk and Missing Youth

City of Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy

- Innovative strategy with practical applications that result in concrete, measurable reductions in crime
- Strategy focuses on four key areas:
 - Prevent and Deter Crime
 - Apprehend and Prosecute Offenders
 - Rehabilitate and Reintegrate Offenders
 - Address Fear of Crime and Promote Feelings of Safety

Inventory of Crime Reduction Initiatives


| Initiative | Prevent & Deter Crime | Apprehend & Prosecute | Rehabilitate & Reintegrate | Reality & Perception of Crime | Act | Influence | Advocate |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----------|----------|
| Education & Awareness | | | | | | | |
| Community Policing Educational Sessions: CPTED, Internet Safety, Day Care Stranger Danger, Anti-Bullying, Personal Safety, Home Security, Frauds & Scams, Gang Violence, Robbery & Loss Prevention, Drug Awareness, Elder Abuse Awareness | • | | | | • | | |
| Early Childhood Development Interventions | | | | | | | |
| Children First | • | | | | | • | |
| Success by Six | • | | | | | • | |
| Youth Intervention and Parenting Programs | | | | | | | |
| *Pending* NCPC – Strengthening Families | • | | | | • | | |
| After School Sports Initiative - Pacific Sport | • | | | | | • | |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Programs | • | | | | | • | |
| Carrier Sekani Walk Tall | • | | | | | | • |
| Community Policing: Step in – Step Up Program | • | | | | • | | |
| Community Schools - Ron Brent, Nusdeh Yo, Harwin | • | | | | | • | |
| Hockey Program (CDN Tire Jump Start) Harwin School | • | | | | | • | |
| PGNFC – Child and Youth Services (including Reconnect Youth Services) | • | | | | | • | |
| SD 57: Strong Start, Community Schools (Ron Brent, Nusdeh Yo, Harwin), | • | | | | | • | |
| Strong Kids - YMCA | • | | | | | • | |

Sample page from Inventory –
Prevent and Deter Strand

Criteria for Draft Recommendations

- * Associated costs are not ongoing in nature
- * Desired outcomes can be measured and reported
- * The City of Prince George has the ability, within its mandate and jurisdiction, to act
- * The initiative is new

Draft Recommendations

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- Develop and implement an integrated cross-agency initiative to assist high risk youth access necessary supports through improved resource coordination
 - Implement City Watch (a CUPE-BC program)
 - Community safety partnership
 - Municipal staff trained to recognize and report suspicious activity they may witness while carrying out the normal duties of their jobs

Draft Recommendations

- * Coordinate City of Prince George Geographic Information System (GIS) and RCMP Crime Analyst resources to identify and map crime “hot spots”
- * Target crime “hot spots” with an integrated response involving Police, Bylaw Services, and Fire Rescue (when appropriate)

Draft Recommendations

- * Implement a graffiti reporting and removal program in partnership with an agency (or agencies) providing community service opportunities for offenders
- * Engage a research organization/firm to determine perceptions of crime and feelings of safety in Prince George
- * Identify and prioritize actions to address those most fearful of and/or vulnerable to crime

Consultation Questions

- * Considering the purpose/mandate of the Mayor's Task Force on Crime and the established criteria, are there any initiatives that you would like to see added?
- * Do you have any feedback regarding the recommendations?