TRANSIT POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY



Media Advisory

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EFFICIENCY EFFORTS ARE PAYING DIVIDENDS

Transit Police has taken a proactive role in searching for efficiencies this calendar year which is paying dividends. We are pleased to report that our attention toward administrative and operational efficiencies has resulted in several positive financial outcomes to date.

In the first six months of the calendar year, our overtime costs have been reduced by over 55%.

Additionally, we are making meaningful gains in several other areas that include a 30% reduction in fuel costs, and a 53% reduction in equipment and supplies. Our overall budget spending is on a positive course to this point, and has seen an 11% reduction.

Transit Police reports an increase in legal costs so far this year. These costs are up 11% due to the impacts of the new provisions under the Police Act. An informal survey of several other municipal agencies indicates that they are finding similar increased costs associated to these changes.

We look forward to anticipated overall year-end savings, and will continue to seek out and implement efficiencies.

Transit Police is committed to maintaining order, promoting safety and reducing crime on the transit system in Metro Vancouver.



Please find below a breakdown of legal fee's incurred by the Transit Police for 2008 – 2012 (to date)

Description	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Police Act Investigation		\$9,873.29		\$99,158.28	\$74,635.73
Indemnification Advice			\$160,428.45	\$203,156.27	\$59,152.68
Corporate Matters	\$8,287.50	\$5,805.41	\$21,660.49		
General Labour		\$3,656.64			\$15,632.90
TOTAL	\$8,287.50	\$19,335.34	\$182,088.94	\$302,314.55	\$149,421.31