



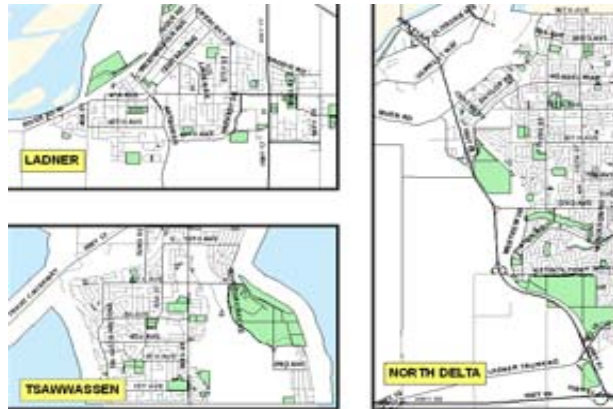
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Delta Police Department

Intelligence Management Section

Monthly Crime Bulletin (August 2009)

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Summary

Crime Type	North Delta	Ladner	Tsawwassen
Robbery	4	0	0
Break and Enter Commercial	15	6	2
Break and Enter Residential ¹	17	7	8
Theft Of Vehicle	16	7	4
Theft From Vehicle	30	17	14
Mischief ²	73	30	34
Other Theft/Personal ³	52	22	11

North Delta

Robbery

In North Delta a total of 2 robberies took place in August 2009. In both incidents convenience stores were targeted. In one incident two suspects were arrested after a series of crimes they committed in Delta and Surrey. Both suspects remain in custody and multiple charges have been forwarded to Crown. The Delta Police is also continuing their investigation in the second robbery, where the two suspects robbed the store clerk at knife point. The suspects stole cigarettes, lottery tickets, lighters and bus passes.

¹ Break and Enter Residential – For statistical measuring purposes browsers for residential break and enters include residence, other, and seasonal residence.

² Mischief – Under and Over \$5,000

³ Other Theft/Personal – Under and Over \$5,000. Includes Theft of Bike, Shoplifting and other theft.



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Break and Enter Commercial

A total of 15 commercial break and enter incidents were reported in North Delta in August 2009. Three medical buildings were broken into and in one incident the suspect(s) managed to steal 40 pairs of eye glasses and one computer tower. Two Laundromats were broken into this month. In both incidents the suspect(s) did not obtain any property from the break-in. Several businesses in the Industrial area of North Delta were broken into. In one incident vehicle rims were stolen and in the other incidents the suspect(s) broke into numerous containers but did not steal any property.

Break and Enter Residential/Other/ Seasonal

In August 2009 there were a total of 17 residential break and enter incidents reported in North Delta. The majority of the suspects gained entry via the patio door or the window and the front door. The method of entry was by prying the window or door, smashing glass, using key or by entering through an insecure window or door. Two unique methods of entry were identified this month: 1). Suspect(s) unscrewed the cat door and entered the house 2). Suspect used a ladder to climb the second floor window which was left insecure.

In terms of property stolen, thieves took a variety of items that ranged from money, dirt bikes, laptops, digital cameras, jewelry, identification, credit cards, video games, alcohol and other property.

****NOTE** – Due to summer heat Delta Police encourages residents to keep their windows and patio door secure especially during the day while people are at work. Thieves predominantly target residences with insecure windows or patio doors. Height is not a concern for thieves and they will access windows on higher floors.

Theft of Vehicle

In August 2009 there were a total of 16 vehicles reported stolen in North Delta. Three incidents were an attempt only (vehicle ignition was tampered with). This month thieves were targeting tractors, motorcycles and utility vehicles. Of the 16 vehicles that were reported stolen three tractors, two dirt bikes, one motorcycles and one utility trailer were stolen. Vehicles were stolen by punching the ignition and/or defeating the steering column. Majority of the vehicles were stolen overnight or early in the morning. The vehicles were stolen from the residential streets, while the tractors were stolen from commercial areas. One suspect was apprehended in Surrey and through a fingerprint match it was determined he was responsible for two theft of vehicle incidents. A total of three vehicles were recovered in Delta and five vehicles were recovered in Surrey.



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Theft from Vehicle

A total of 30 vehicles were broken into in North Delta in August 2009. Forcible entry was used in most cases and the method of operation was punching the driver's side door lock or smashing the side window. A higher concentration of theft from auto incidents was seen around 1100 Blk 72nd Ave, 72nd & 120th St and 1400 – 1600 Blk Derwent Way. The temporal analysis reveals that most of the incidents took place overnight between 18:00 – 08:30 hrs, particularly between 01:00 – 06:00hrs. Items stolen had varied considerably and included the following: wallets, purses, Identification, GPS systems, credit cards and other miscellaneous items.

Mischief (Under & Over \$5,000)

A total of 73 mischief incidents were reported in North Delta in August 2009. Police were receiving mischief calls regarding vandalism to parks, damage to vehicles, and various other public property. Mischief to schools seemed to be on an increase this month and this can be attributed to summer months.

Other Theft/ Personal (Under & Over \$5,000)

In August 2009 there were a total of 52 other theft reports of which 22 incidents were related to shoplifting. Primarily retail shops along Scott Road were targeted.



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South Delta – Ladner & Tsawwassen

Robbery

There were no robberies in South Delta in August 2009.

Break and Enter Commercial

A total of 8 commercial break and enter incidents were reported in Ladner and Tsawwassen during the month of August. Three compounds and two construction sites were targeted in Ladner. In one incident the suspect(s) broke into a school in Tsawwassen and no property was stolen. In terms of property stolen, thieves stole tools, a vehicle from the compound, pressure washer and various other property. Unfortunately, no suspects were arrested in these break and enter incidents.

Break and Enter Residential/Other/ Seasonal

In August there were a total of 15 reported residential break and enter incidents in Ladner and Tsawwassen. In July South Delta reported only 4 residential break and enter incidents, which suggests a 275% increase in the last 30 days. This increase can be attributed to owners leaving windows insecure in residences. Additionally, few sheds and convenience stands were targeted where large amounts of food were stolen. The Delta Police has identified one possible suspect that may be responsible for this increase of residential break and enters. This suspect is currently being investigated for numerous other offences, which include theft of vehicle and theft from vehicle.

Theft of Vehicle

In July North Delta reported only 3 theft of vehicles, while in August 2009 a total of 11 theft of vehicle incidents were reported, which is a 267% increase in the last 30 days. One incident was an attempt of theft of vehicle, while another was a domestic dispute which resulted in a theft of auto. Two vehicles were recovered and Delta PD has identified a potential suspect for one incident. This same suspect is believed to have stolen numerous other vehicles in South Delta and may be responsible for a number of theft from auto incidents.

Theft from Vehicle

A total of 31 vehicles were broken into in Ladner and Tsawwassen in August 2009. In terms of property stolen, thieves took a variety of items that ranged from valtags, stereos, loose change, identifications, GPS systems, Ipods, and various other items. A higher concentration of theft from auto incidents was seen around 4800 – 4900 Blk Linden Dr and 4800 – 4900 Blk 3rd Ave.



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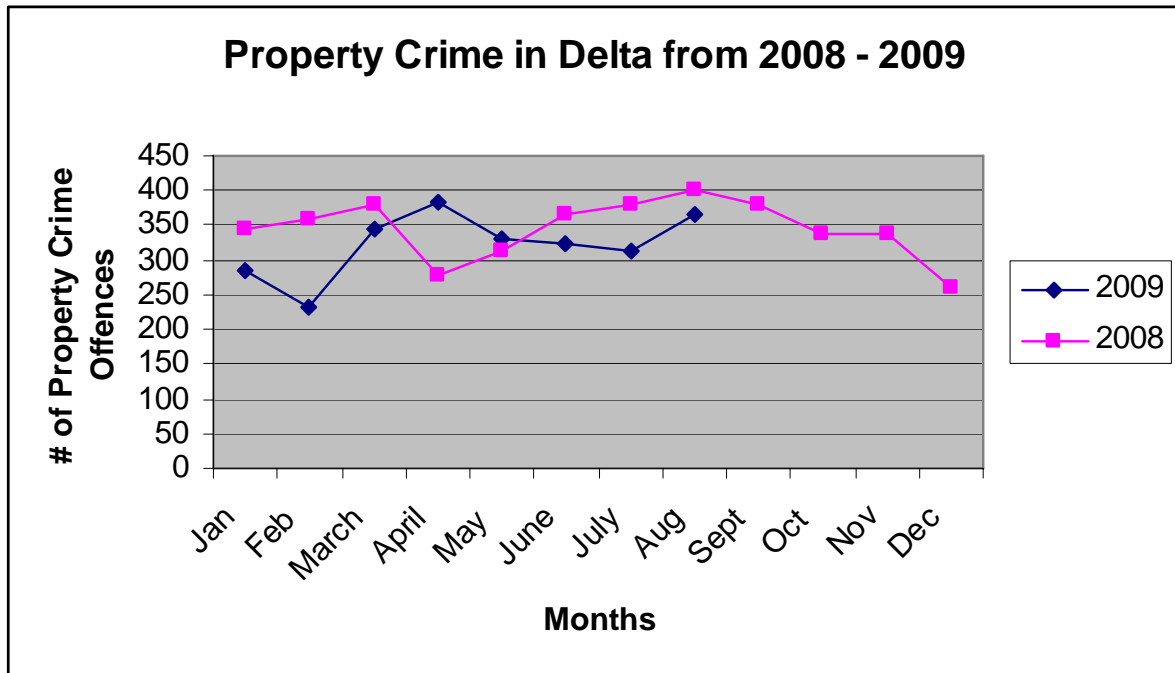
In August 2009 there were a total of 64 reported mischief incidents in Ladner and Tsawwassen. Vehicle vandalism, damage to park property and restaurants are just some of the examples of mischief.

Other Theft/ Personal (Under & Over \$5,000)

In August 2009 there were a total of 33 other theft incidents in Ladner and Tsawwassen of which 5 incidents were related to shoplifting.

The graph below depicts the number of property crime incidents reported in Delta⁴ from Jan 2008 – August 2009. The graph is showing that the average number of property crime incidents for 2008 for each month was 344. The highest reported month in 2008 was August with 402 property crime incidents, while the lowest reported month in 2008 was April with 276 property crime incidents.

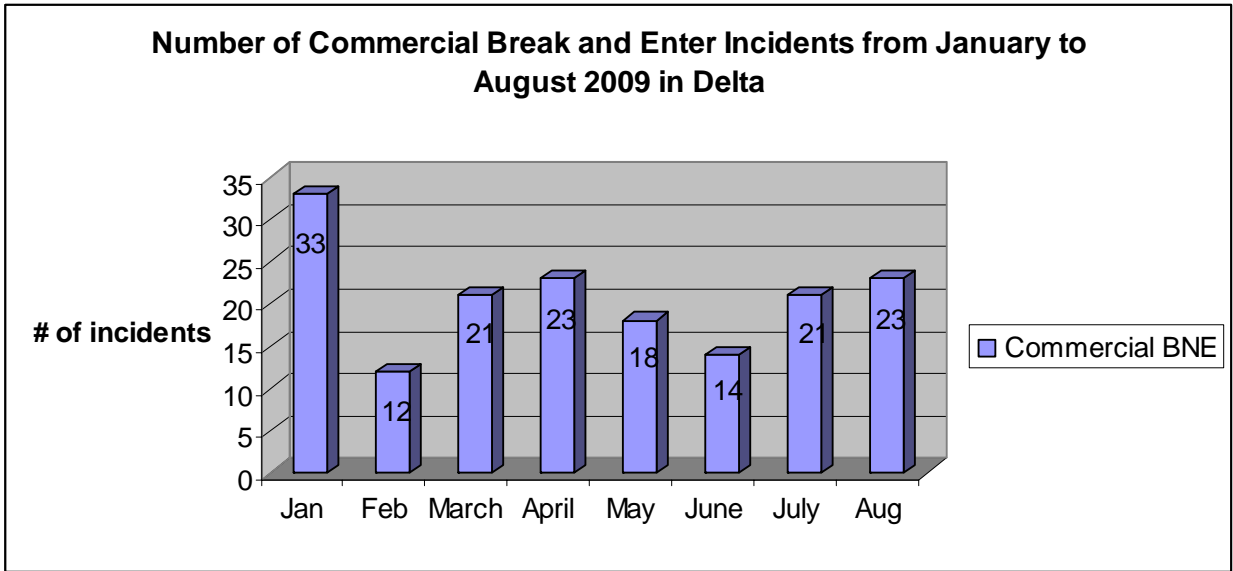
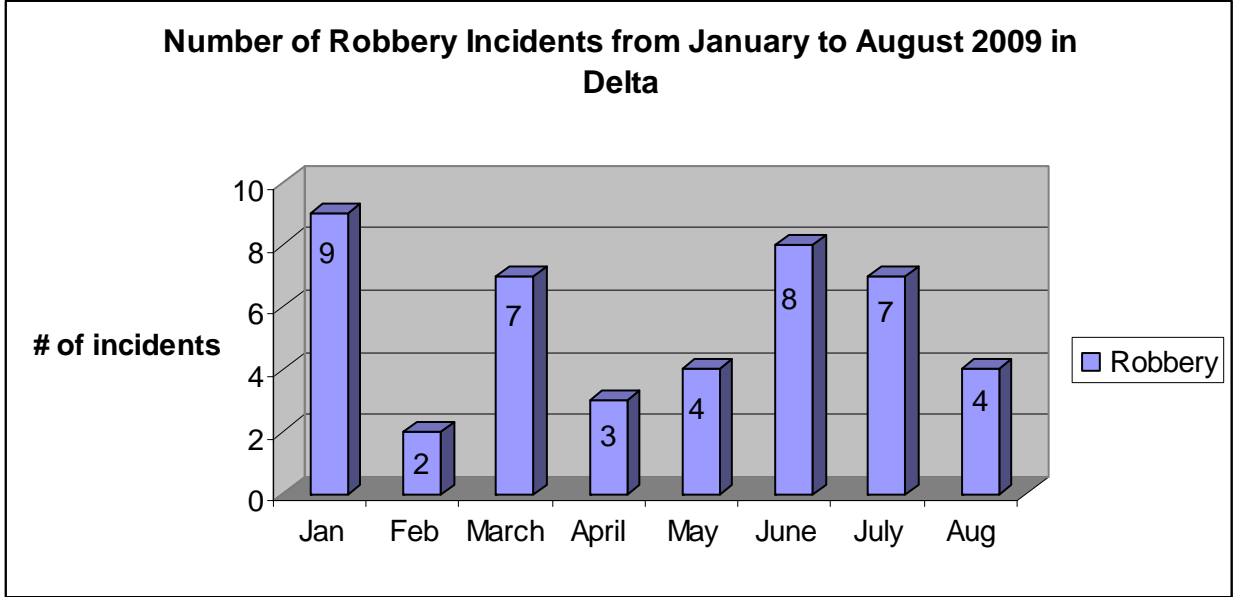
So far in 2009, April was the highest reported month with 383 property crime incidents, while in February 233 property crime incidents were reported.



⁴ Property Crime – This includes all Commercial and Residential Break and Enter Incidents, Theft of Vehicle, Theft from Auto, Other Theft (including theft of bike, shoplifting, theft under/over \$5000) and mischief under/over \$5000.



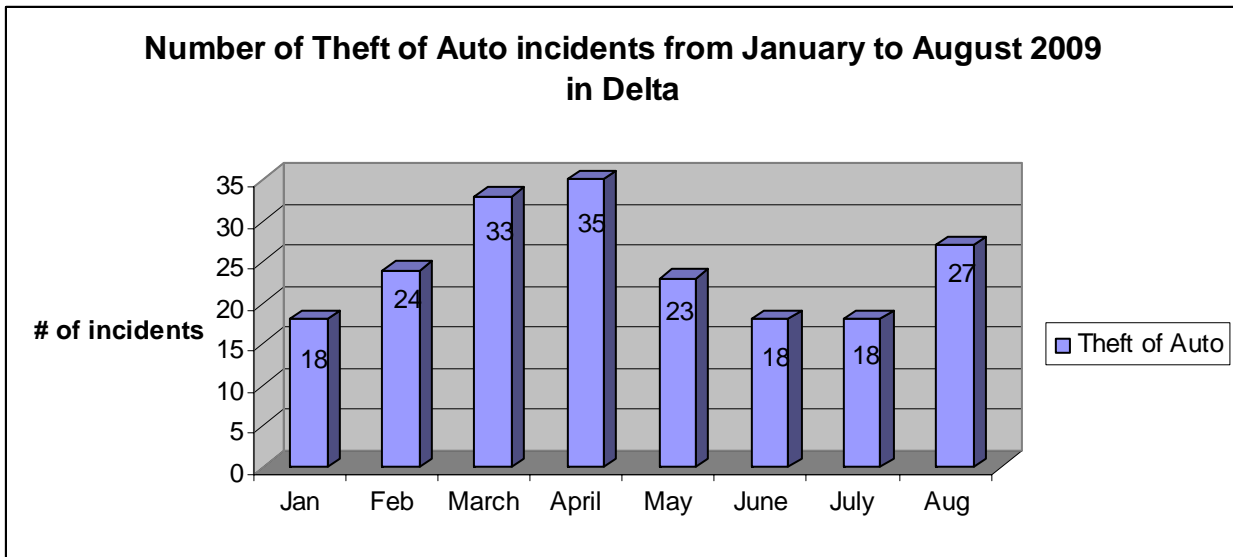
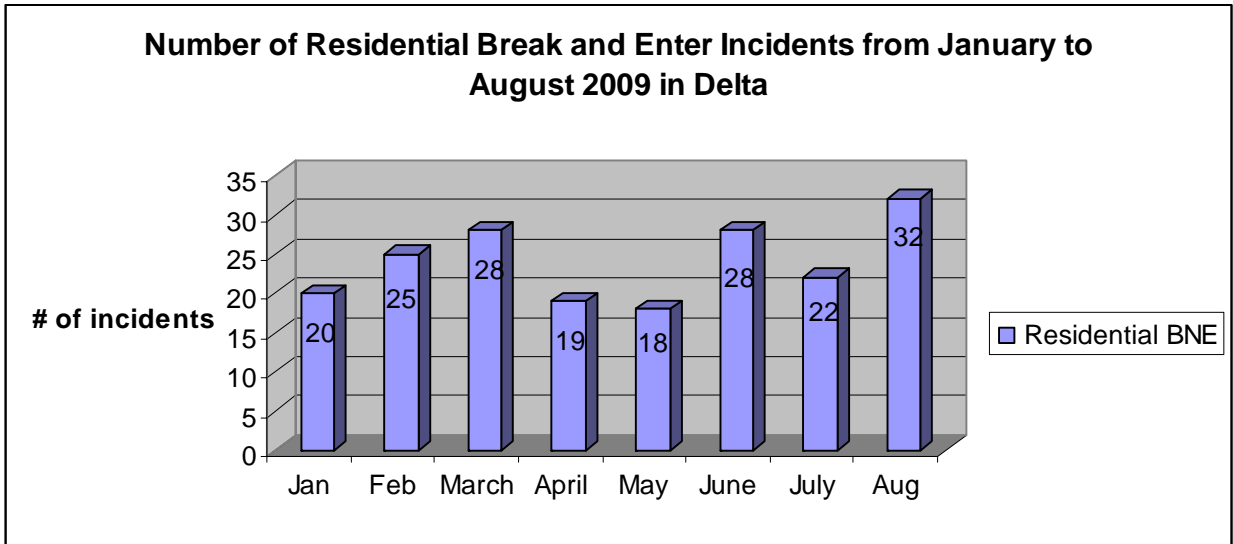
2009 Delta Crime Trends
2009 Stats Comparison by Month





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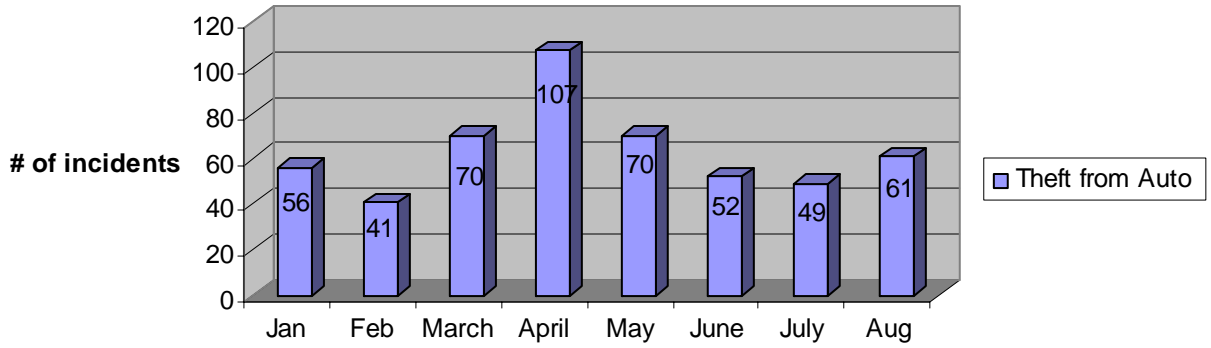




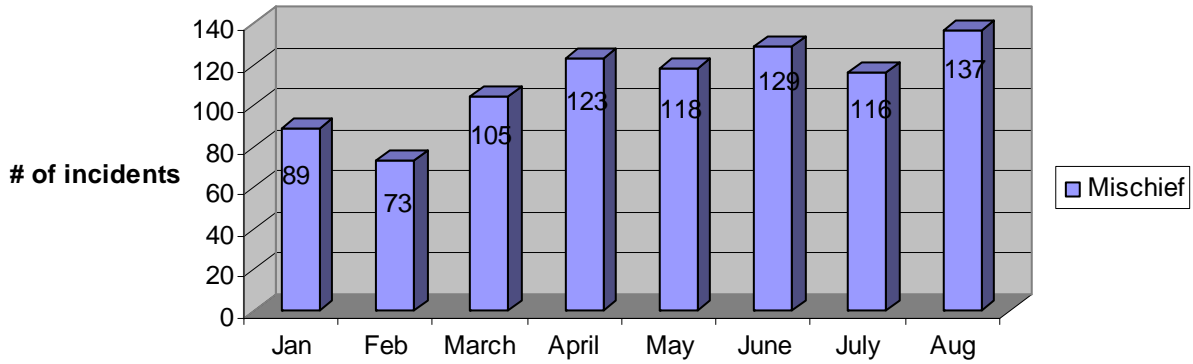
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Number of Theft from Auto Incidents from January to August 2009 in Delta



Number of Mischief Incidents from January to August 2009 in Delta





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