

attended that was not reported to police.

In addition to the files that were created by police there were 4 individuals charged with consuming liquor in a public place. This number grossly misrepresents the number of people who were openly drinking around the venue. Police officers had at least 20 occasions where they dumped alcohol from those openly consuming in public, but due to a lack of resources did not have the time to properly document or charge the individuals.

Security did roaming patrols as well as having Security Officers stationed at key areas throughout the venue. There were no reports positive or negative regarding the effectiveness of these patrols.

A secure smoking area was set up to allow those admitted to have a cigarette without affecting site security. There were no overt problems arising from this area, other than the removal of an individual for being intoxicated in a public place.

It was initially determined that four overtime RCMP members would be sufficient to patrol the venue and handle any calls for service. This number was based on similar concerts in the past.

Due to the number of situations requiring police attention during this event it was quickly realized that four members was insufficient for policing the venue. The regional duty officer, Inspector Davis Wendell was called and he deployed additional resources to assist (as well as attending himself). The extra resources included a police dog unit and two members from Burnaby which included a prisoner van.

It should be noted that there were also two auxiliary constables present from the beginning that were working with the four original overtime members. As a result the number of police officers initially policing the event was six, which still proved to be inadequate. In addition there were two university general duty RCMP members that were required to provide assistance throughout the night.

In conclusion it was determined that a concert of this type proves to be a significant strain on police resources.



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