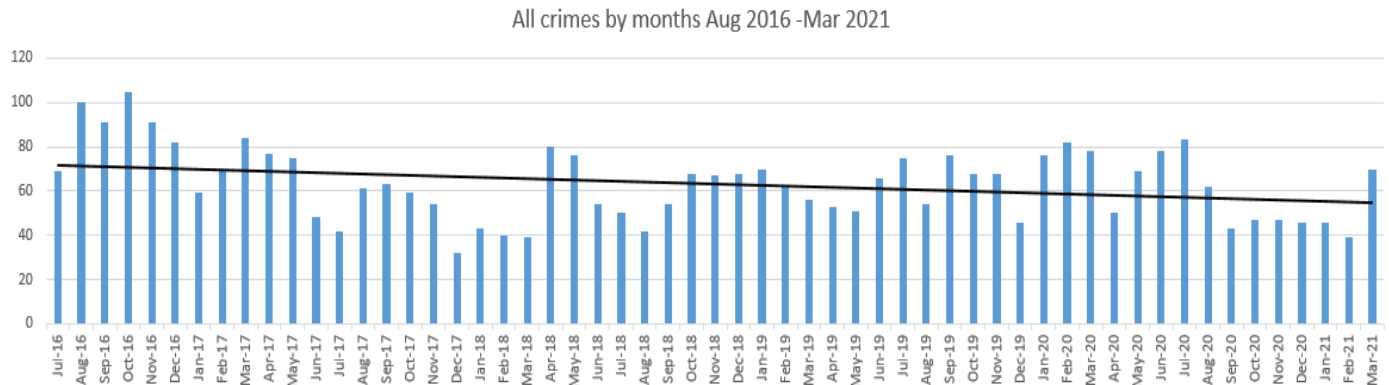


# PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENT REPORT

## MARCH 2021

*This report reflects incidents as reported by our team, reported by members of the public to our 24-hour control room or reported via the Obs WhatsApp groups.*

**PLEASE CALL OUR CONTROL ROOM ON 021 447 1066 OR WHATSAPP US ON 074 636 3353 TO REPORT INCIDENTS**



The above graph reflects the total reported incidents per month since August 2016.

We are disappointed to record a significant increase in incidents this month, the highest since July 2020, with increases in the following categories:

- Vehicle related incidents (23 recorded, up from 6 last month – including 6 battery thefts and 6 attempted battery thefts);
- General theft (11 recorded, up from 8 last month) – including 4 incidents involving individuals operating under false pretences (colloquially referred to as “conmen”) being given access to premises by occupants – resulting in theft of items from the premises;
- Robberies / muggings (12 recorded, up from 2 last month) – with the return of our student population, nightlife has increased, with some patrons overindulging. Foot traffic through the streets between places of residence and the entertainment venues has significantly increased with curfew hours being ignored in many instances. Criminal elements have noted these behaviours and are taking advantage. Two thirds of all robberies occurred after 23h00 – and a third of these occurred during curfew hours.

OBSID public safety personnel **supported SAPS in 8 arrests** during the month of March 2021.

- 03 March 2021 – Lower Rochester Road, theft
- 17 March 2021 – Arnold Street, malicious damage to property
- 20 March 2021 – Nansen Street, trespassing
- 20 March 2021 – Lower Wrensch Road, housebreaking and theft
- 23 March 2021 – Ossian Road, trespassing
- 23 March 2021 – Lower Main Road, LPR (licence plate recognition) reported vehicle. Suspects linked to theft of a motorcycle case
- 26 March 2021 – Main Road, theft
- 28 March 2021 – Scott Road, malicious damage to property.

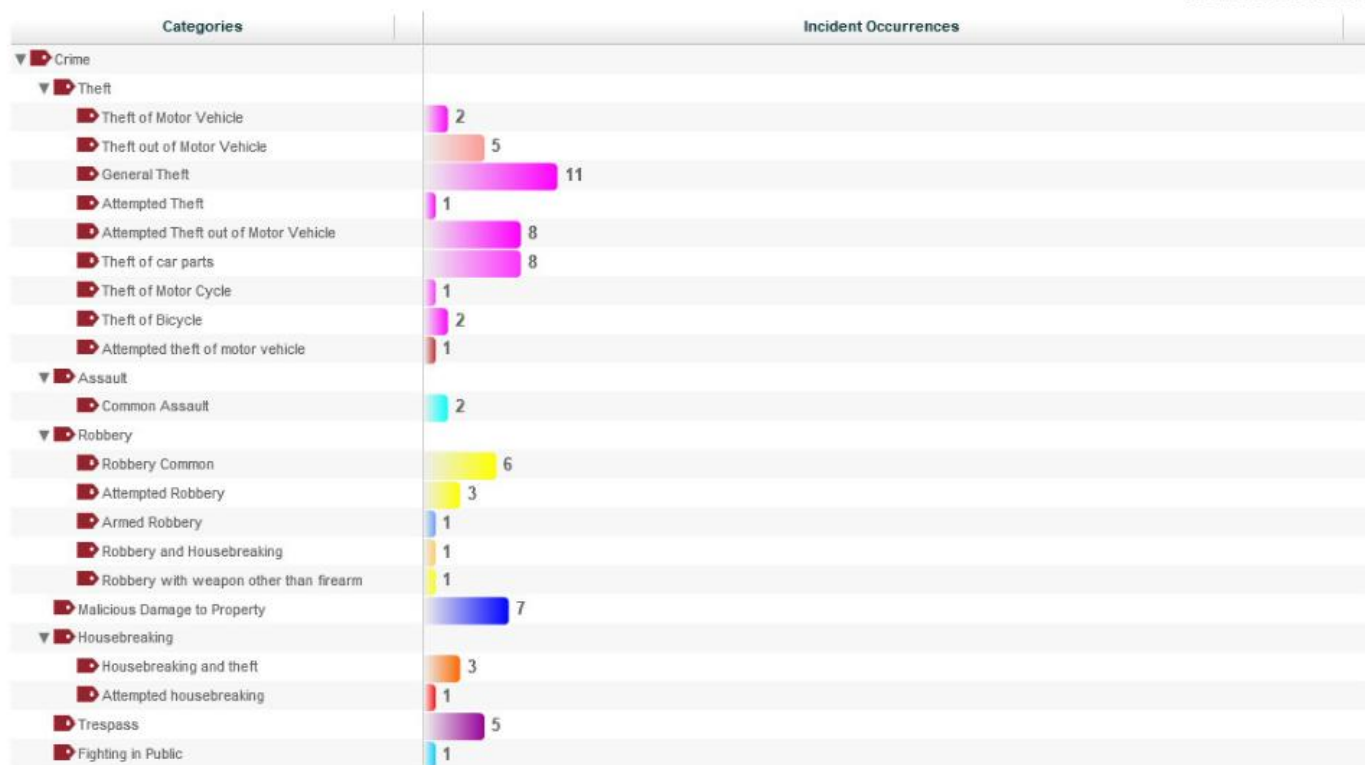
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## SUMMARY:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 70



Thefts recorded the highest number of incidents (39) broken down as follows – theft of motor vehicle (2), theft out of motor vehicle (5), attempted theft out of motor vehicle (8), theft of car parts (8), general theft (11), attempted theft (1), theft of motor cycle (1), theft of bicycle (2) and attempted theft of motor vehicle (1).

Robberies recorded (12) incidents, 10 more as reported in February 2021.

Other reported crimes were housebreaking and theft (3), attempted housebreaking (1), assault (2), malicious damage to property (7), trespass (5) and fighting in public (1).

**Pro-active engagement (e.g. reports of suspicious activity / persons / vehicles) from the community is down compared to the previous month (08 reports as compared to 11 received by the Control Room during February 2021).**

**The OBSID public safety team are having to inform owners or residents of unlocked vehicles, open doors, and open garages or premises gates. OBSID's public safety team recorded 130 proactive incidents this month compared to 141 proactive actions last month.**

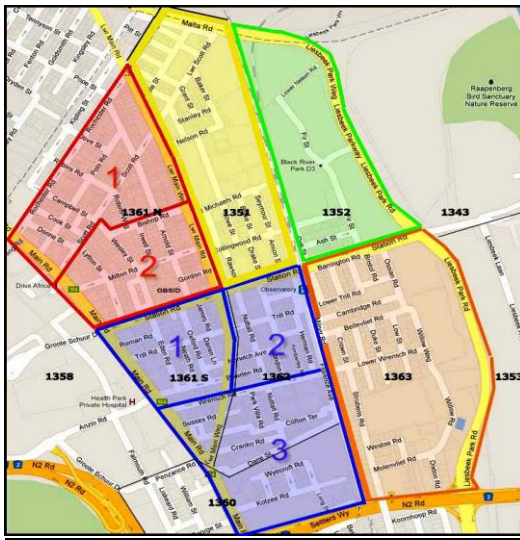
- (28) OBS Orange – 31 the previous month
- (07) OBS Blue 3 – 15 the previous month
- (39) OBS Red 1 – 35 the previous month
- (12) OBS Blue 1 – 09 the previous month
- (16) OBS Blue 2 – 19 the previous month
- (09) OBS Red 2 – 09 the previous month
- (16) OBS Yellow – 20 the previous month and
- (03) OBS Green - 03 the previous month.

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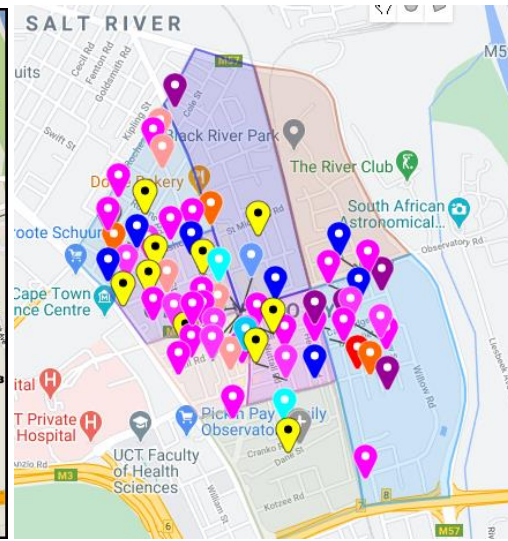
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## TOTAL INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY AND MAP:

**OBSID SECTORS:**



**INCIDENT MAP:**



## INCIDENTS OF CONCERN:

- Vehicle related theft;

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 23

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2
Theft out of Motor Vehicle	5
Attempted Theft out of Motor Vehicle	8
Theft of car parts	7
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	1

- Housebreaking;

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 4

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Housebreaking	
Housebreaking and theft	3
Attempted housebreaking	1

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- Robbery;

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 12

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Robbery	
Robbery Common	6
Attempted Robbery	3
Armed Robbery	1
Robbery and Housebreaking	1
Robbery with weapon other than firearm	1

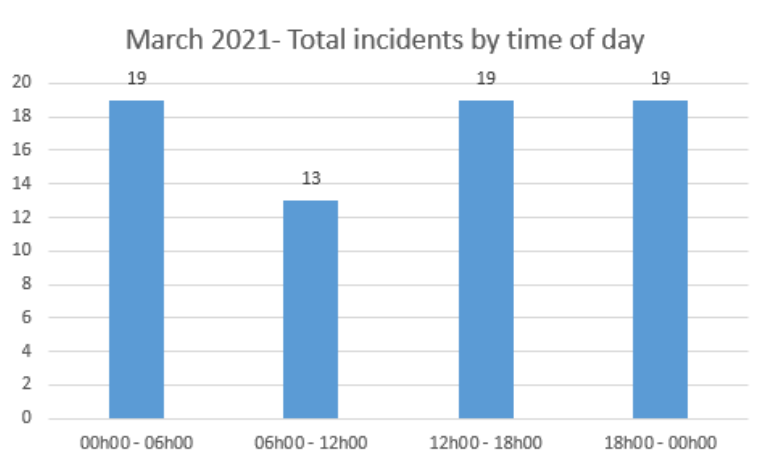
## INCIDENTS BY DAY:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 70

Categories	Incident Occurrences
► Crime	
Sun	13
Mon	18
Tue	10
Wed	7
Thu	6
Fri	10
Sat	6

## INCIDENTS BY TIMES OF DAY (AS REPORTED):



## SUMMARY OF ACTIVE PERIODS FOR THE MONTH:

**Highest incident periods:** our problematic days were Sunday and Monday.

The high number of late reports makes it difficult to accurately determine when incidents occurred – however it appears as if the majority of incidents are taking place between 18h00-06h00.

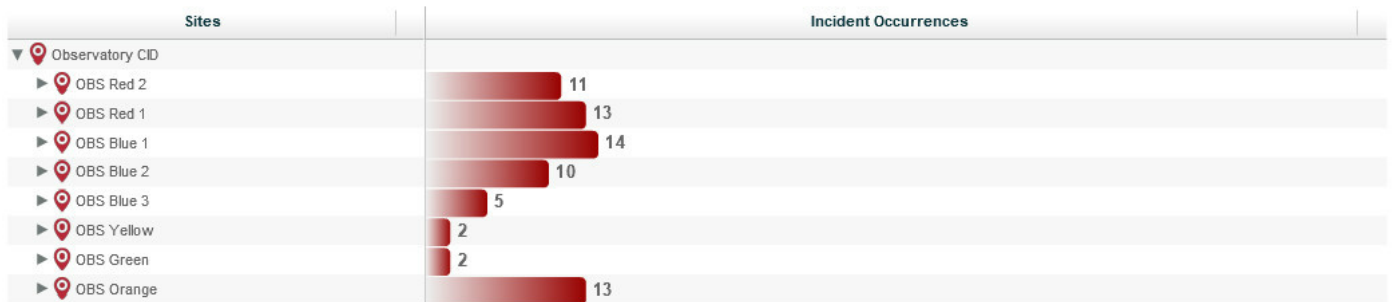
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## INCIDENTS BY SECTOR:

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Total Incidents: 70

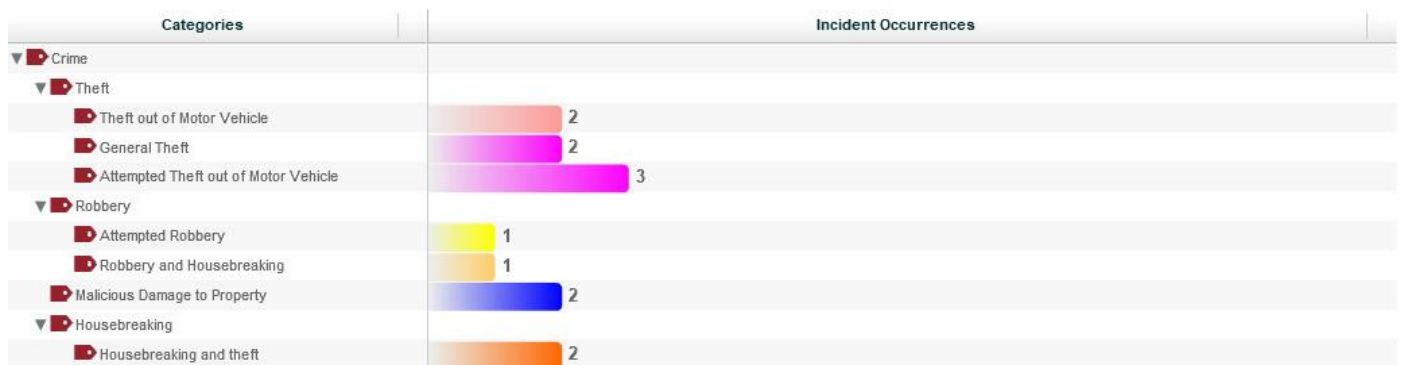


## Sector analyses:

- OBS Red 1, recorded 13 incidents (8) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

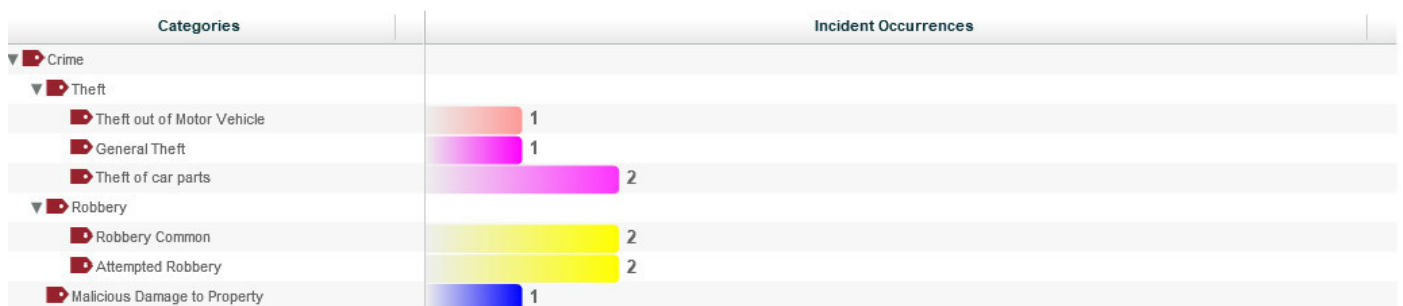
Total Incidents: 13



- OBS Red 2, recorded 9 incidents (7) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 9



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- Blue 1, recorded 14 incidents (5) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 14

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
Theft out of Motor Vehicle	2
General Theft	4
Attempted Theft out of Motor Vehicle	2
Theft of car parts	2
Theft of Bicycle	1
▼ Assault	
Common Assault	1
▼ Robbery	
Robbery Common	1
Malicious Damage to Property	1

- Blue 2, recorded 10 incidents (4) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 10

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
General Theft	1
Theft of car parts	1
Theft of Bicycle	1
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	1
▼ Robbery	
Robbery Common	1
Armed Robbery	1
Robbery with weapon other than firearm	1
Malicious Damage to Property	1
Fighting in Public	1

- Blue 3, recorded 5 incident (1) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 5

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
General Theft	1
Attempted Theft out of Motor Vehicle	1
Theft of car parts	1
▼ Assault	
Common Assault	1
▼ Robbery	
Robbery Common	1

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- Orange recorded 13 incidents (5) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 13

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
General Theft	2
Attempted Theft out of Motor Vehicle	1
Theft of car parts	1
Theft of Motor Cycle	1
Malicious Damage to Property	1
▼ Housebreaking	
Housebreaking and theft	1
Attempted housebreaking	1
Trespass	4

- Yellow recorded 2 incidents (8) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 2

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Robbery	
Robbery Common	1
Trespass	1

- Green recorded 2 incidents (0) reported the previous month:

Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021

Total Incidents: 2

Categories	Incident Occurrences
▼ Crime	
▼ Theft	
Attempted Theft out of Motor Vehicle	1
Malicious Damage to Property	1



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## INCIDENTS BY STREET:

The incidents were scattered throughout the area. Streets that recorded more than one incident were not on the same day and occurred on separate days throughout the month. The visibility by the public safety officers is making it more difficult for perpetrators to commit offences hence the increase in opportunistic crimes and decrease in property related crimes.

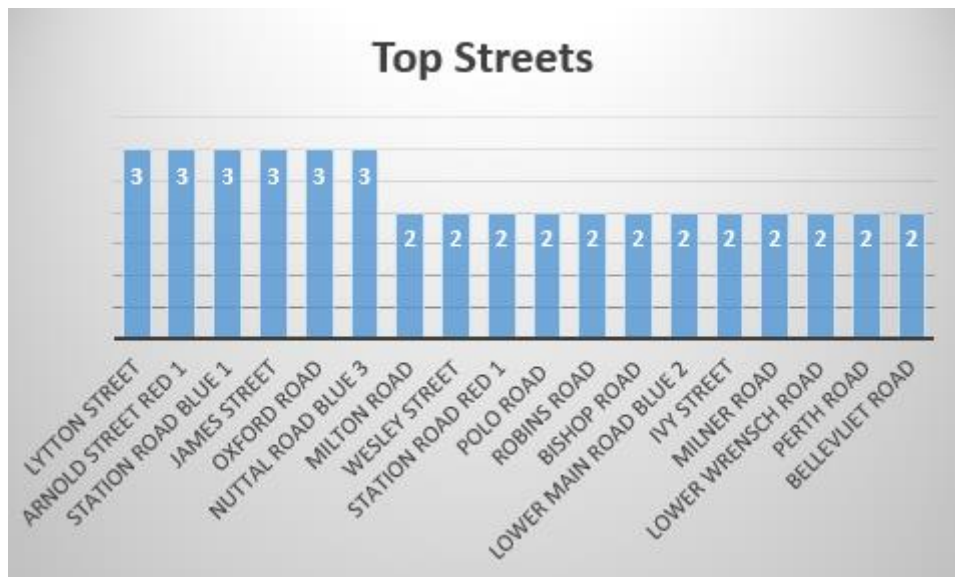
Start Date: 01/03/2021 End Date: 31/03/2021		Total Incidents: 70
Sites	Incident Occurrences	
Observatory C&D		
OBS Red 2		
Arnold St - Red2	1	
Lyfien St	3	
Main Rd - Red2	1	
Hilton Rd	2	
Wesley St	2	
Station Road - Red 2	2	
OBS Red 1		
Campbell St	1	
Arnold St - Red1	3	
Dennie St	1	
Lower Main Rd - Red1	1	
Pole Rd	2	
Robins Rd	2	
Scott Rd	1	
Bishop Road	2	
OBS Blue 1		
Rennet Rd	1	
Eden Rd	1	
Main Rd - Blue1	1	
Station Rd - Blue1	3	
James St	3	
Heath Rd	1	
Lower Main Rd - Blue1	1	
Coxford Rd	3	
OBS Blue 2		
Norwich Ave	1	
Kilmerley Rd	1	
Brendon Rd - Blue2	1	
Hutell Rd - Blue2	1	
Trill Rd - Blue2	1	
Henshall Rd	1	
Florence Ave - Blue2	1	
Station Rd - Blue2	1	
Lower Main Road - Blue2	2	
OBS Blue 3		
Sussex Rd	1	
Hutell Rd - Blue3	3	
Dane Street	1	
OBS Yellow		
Blake St	1	
Haines St	1	
OBS Green		
Ivy St	2	
OBS Orange		
Cambridge Rd	1	
Oxton Rd	1	
Silver Rd	2	
Duke St	1	
Lowe St	1	
Lower Winesack Rd	2	
Port Rd	2	
Stubens Rd	1	
Bellevue Rd	2	



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**Top streets by number of incidents:**



## **OBSID RESPONSE TEAM DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY DURING THE MONTH:**

As soon as the upturn in the number of reported incidents was noted, immediate actions were taken, including:

- An improvement discussion with the service provider management team, facilitating the holding of a supervisor team meeting to address issues and concerns, plus additional management support being provided to the deployed personnel;
- Refresher training of supervisors and drivers on patrol patterns, information gathering, monitoring and sharing of information on suspected perpetrators;
- Daily shift briefs held with all shifts to discuss crime patterns, suspicious behaviours;
- Weekend “show of force” shifts executed by the OBSID and Securitas management teams to back up the deployed public safety officers;
- Community feedback led to the identification of an individual suspected of being involved in vehicle related crime incidents. Public safety officers were able to monitor his movements through the area without harassment of the person and a significant drop in vehicle related incidents was noted later in the month which has continued into April 2021.