Police Service Dogs, 2017

Data reported to the Director of Police Services, as required by British Columbia Provincial Policing Standards (BCPPS) on the use of Police Service Dogs

The following table presents the second year of data collected under the requirements of the BCPPS for Police Service Dogs.

2017 BCPPS Police Service Dogs Data

	Transit	Saanich	VPD	Victoria	West Van	RCMP (& LMIPDS)*	BC Total
BCPPS 1.4.3							
2(a): Locations/Apprehensions/Arrests	0	34	555	56	25	2,113	**2,783**
2(b): Subjects Bitten	0	1	99	7	6	213	**326**
2(c)(i): Non-Subject Civilians Bitten	0	0	4	1	0	5	**10**
2(c)(ii): Non-Subject Police Officers Bitten	0	0	2	1	0	3	**6**
2(d): Authorized Deployments per s.1 of BCPPS 1.4.1							
1(a): Tracks/Searches for Suspects	0	92	1,256	98	52	4,089	**5,587**
1(b): Apprehensions by Bite or Display	0	15	561	46	23	1,022	**1,667**
1(c): Tracks/Searches for Missing Persons	0	1	0	1	0	265	**267**
1(d): Searching for Drugs	0	0	11	19	0	333	**363**
1(e): Searching for Explosives/Firearms	34	0	20	17	0	378	**449**
1(f): Searching for Evidence	0	32	12	32	6	1,159[**]	**1,241[**]**
1(g): Crowd Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
1(h): Community Relations/Other Events	77	10	31	6	3	73[**]	**200[**]**
1(i): Other Uses Approved by Director	0	0	0	0	0	1[**]	**1[**]**

Notes:

The definition of "bite" used in collecting these statistics is the definition set out in the BCPPS: "Bite - a police dog's use of mouth and teeth to grab or hold a person's body or clothes." This means that the provincial statistics include incidents which did not result in any injury to a person, as well as accidental bites to police officers. This definition may differ from the definition of "bite" used in other contexts.

*Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster, and Port Moody form part of the RCMP Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service (LMIPDS); these dogs receive the same training and cross jurisdictional boundaries.

**These numbers only include RCMP data for the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service (LMIPDS). RCMP data was unavailable for these categories for the remainder of the province in 2017.