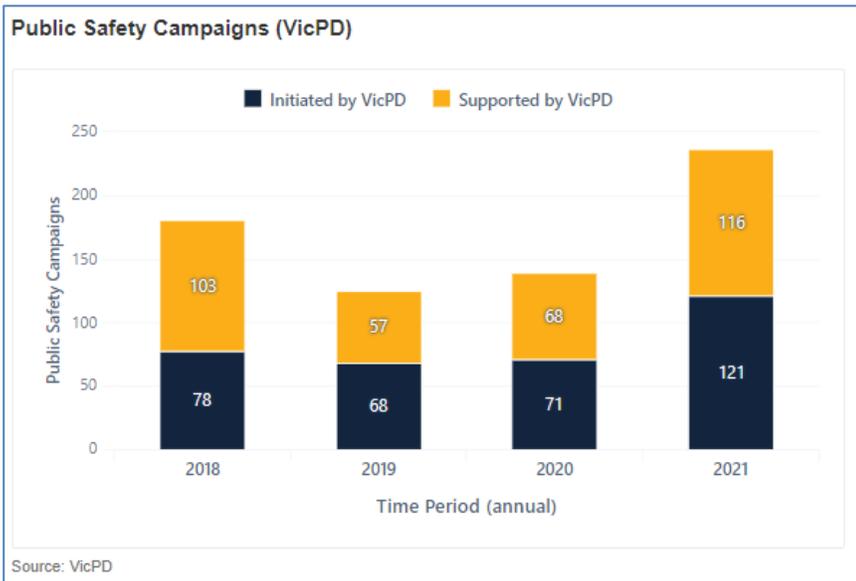


## Community Policing Services

### Prevention & Response

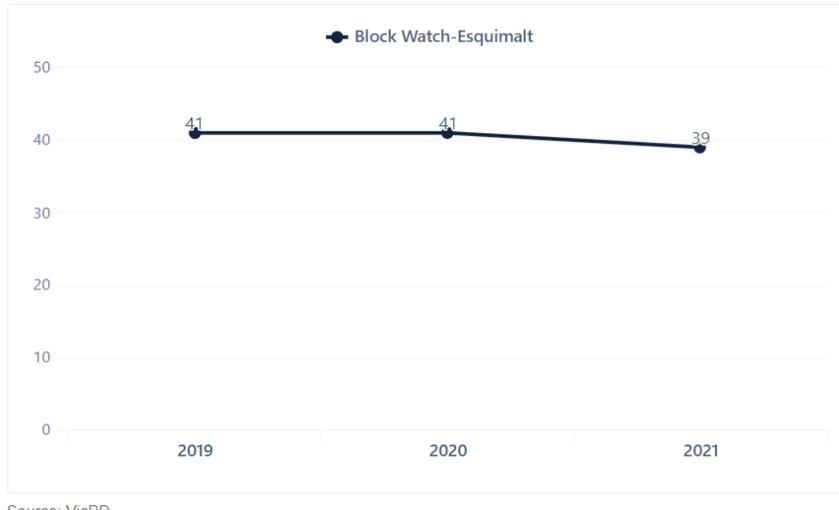
Police service play a crucial role in community crime prevention – proactively aiming to reduce criminal activity by engaging and informing community partners and the public. When needed, police reactively respond to calls for service, investigate complaints and crimes, and enforce laws. However, police services also support community safety and crime prevention through public safety campaigns and Block Watch programs.

Safety is about you and how you feel about your level of comfort and happiness in and around your home, neighbourhood, and community.



The number of Public Safety Campaigns include Victoria and are not specific to the community of Esquimalt. This includes media and information releases as regular reporting such as quarterly community safety report cards, community and business survey results, and annual reports.

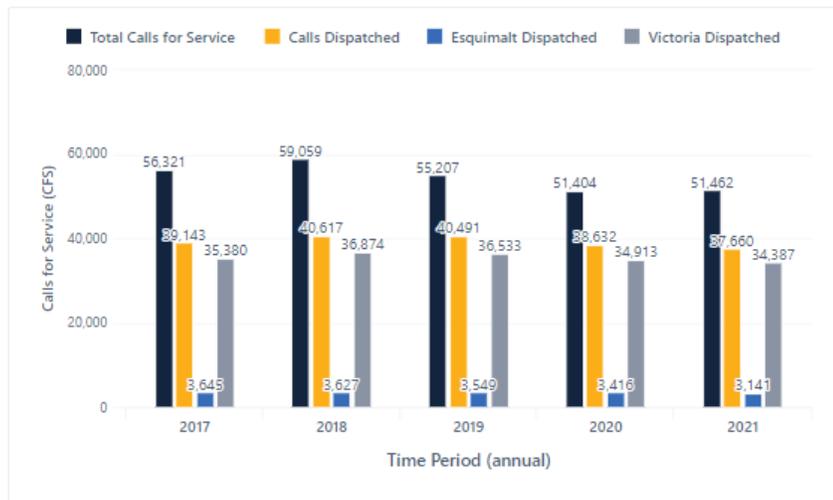
**Block Watch – Esquimalt**



Source: VicPD

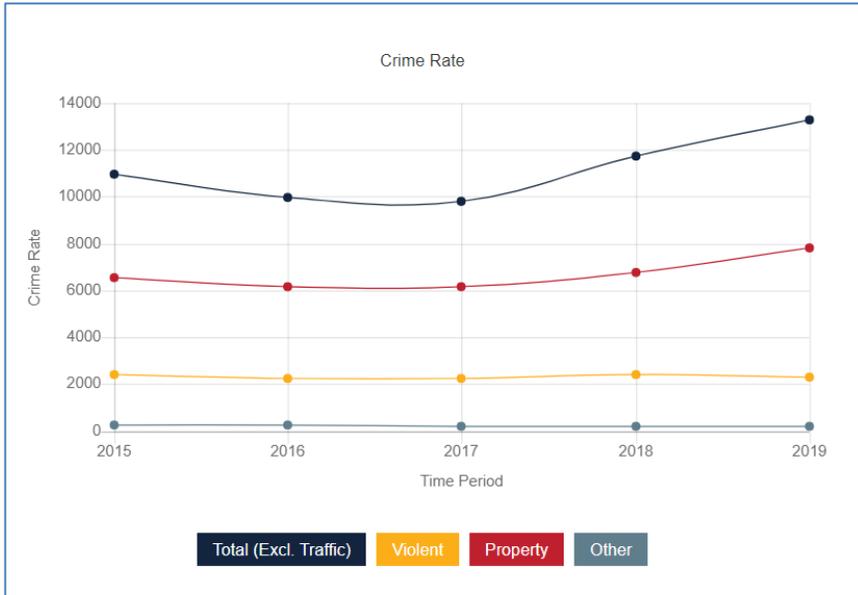
Block Watch programs are an indicator of proactive measures to work with the community at a neighbourhood level to support community safety. The number of public safety campaigns include those initiated by the Victoria Police Department and those local, regional, or national campaigns supported by, but not necessarily initiated by Victoria Police Department. The number of programs is not an indicator of quality or impact on the community, but rather an indicator of effort.

**VicPD Jurisdiction Calls for Service – Annually**



Source: VicPD

A Call for Service (CFS) is a request for services from a report to the police department that generates any action on the part of the police department or partner agency performing work on behalf of the police department (such as Emergency Communications 9-1-1). CFS are not generated for proactive activities unless the officer generates a specific CFS report. The types of calls are broken into six main categories: social order, violence, property, traffic, assist, and other.



The number of crime incidents in the Victoria Police Department jurisdiction includes violent crime incidents, property crime incidents and other crime incidents. The crime rate, as published by Statistics Canada, is the number of Criminal Code violations (excluding traffic offences) per 100,000 population.