

The background of the image is a large, faded, blue-tinted seal of the Abbotsford Police Department. The seal is circular and features a central crest with a crown on top. The word "POLICE" is written across the middle of the seal. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT" and "1883".

ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

protecting with pride

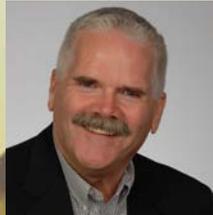
COMMUNITY REPORT 2012

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide independent civilian oversight and governance of the Abbotsford Police Department to ensure a safe community.



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2012/2013 ABBOTSFORD POLICE BOARD

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APD MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

Policing has gone through some major changes in the last 15 years. We used to say that crime rates were set by social demographics and there was little a police department could do to actually make a difference. It was believed that things like employment rates, education levels or drug and alcohol abuse determined how safe a community would be. Although these issues can create significant challenges, it is our job to overcome them to make a community safe. As one police leader pointed out, a crime is not caused by social dysfunction; it is caused by a person, and he

or she can be stopped. The APD is responsible for making Abbotsford safe. Each year we look at what needs to be fixed to make the community better. We then set measurable goals to deal with each issue. All of our staff are encouraged to try new ideas and strategies to meet those goals.

We do know that to be successful we need to work in partnership with the community.

To do that, we have to maintain your trust in us. Sadly, in the last few years, both fairly and unfairly, policing has taken some hard hits in maintaining the public's trust in this Province.

This is a high risk business and there are going to be days when things go wrong. The members of the APD are committed to keeping people safe, but when things do go wrong we will ensure that we are open and accountable for what took place. Our goal is to maintain your trust. We know we need your support to succeed. We have made some progress in the last few years to make Abbotsford safer. We call that a good start! We have more to do.

Bob Rich
Chief Constable

***Mission: to make Abbotsford
the safest City in BC.***

***Values: integrity, honour,
courage, service.***



Chief Constable, Bob Rich

Overview

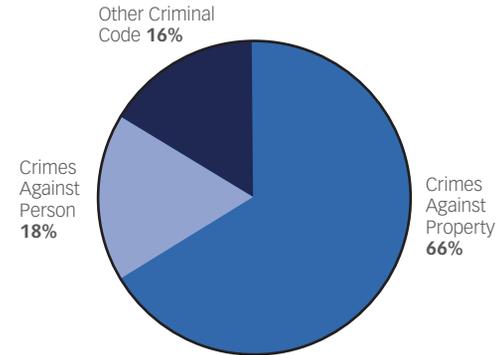
In 2012, there were 7,966 Criminal Code offences reported in the City of Abbotsford.

Crimes against Property represented 66% (5,233) of all Criminal Code offences; Crimes against Person accounted for 18% (1,472), and the Remaining 16% (1,261) were other Criminal Code offences.

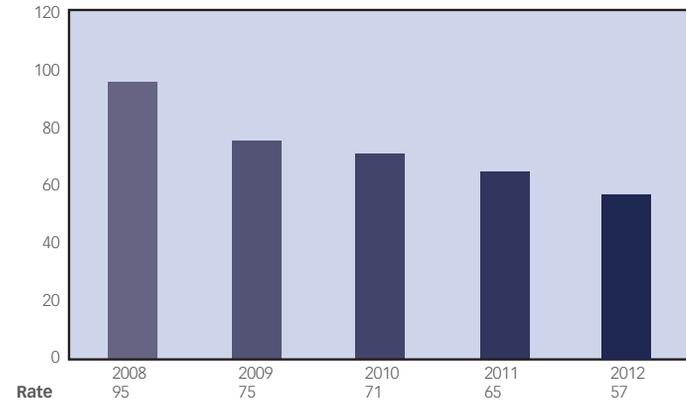
Overall, there was a reduction of total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic) by 12% from 2011; this is a reduction of 1,083 offences when compared to 2011.

A five year comparison illustrates a total decrease of 37% in Criminal Code offences from 2008 to 2012.

2012 CRIMINAL CODE DISTRIBUTION



CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE*



*2012 Population figures are based on the most recent estimate obtained from BC Stats

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APD GOAL: STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



"We are very focused on reducing domestic violence and are doing things differently all the time so that we can eliminate or stop domestic violence from occurring in our community."



Deputy Chief Rick Lucy
Operations Division

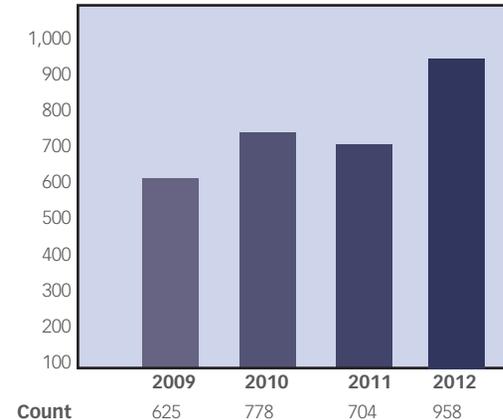
2012 Targets

Implement domestic violence prevention program to raise awareness and increase reporting of domestic violence with the ultimate goal of stopping domestic violence.

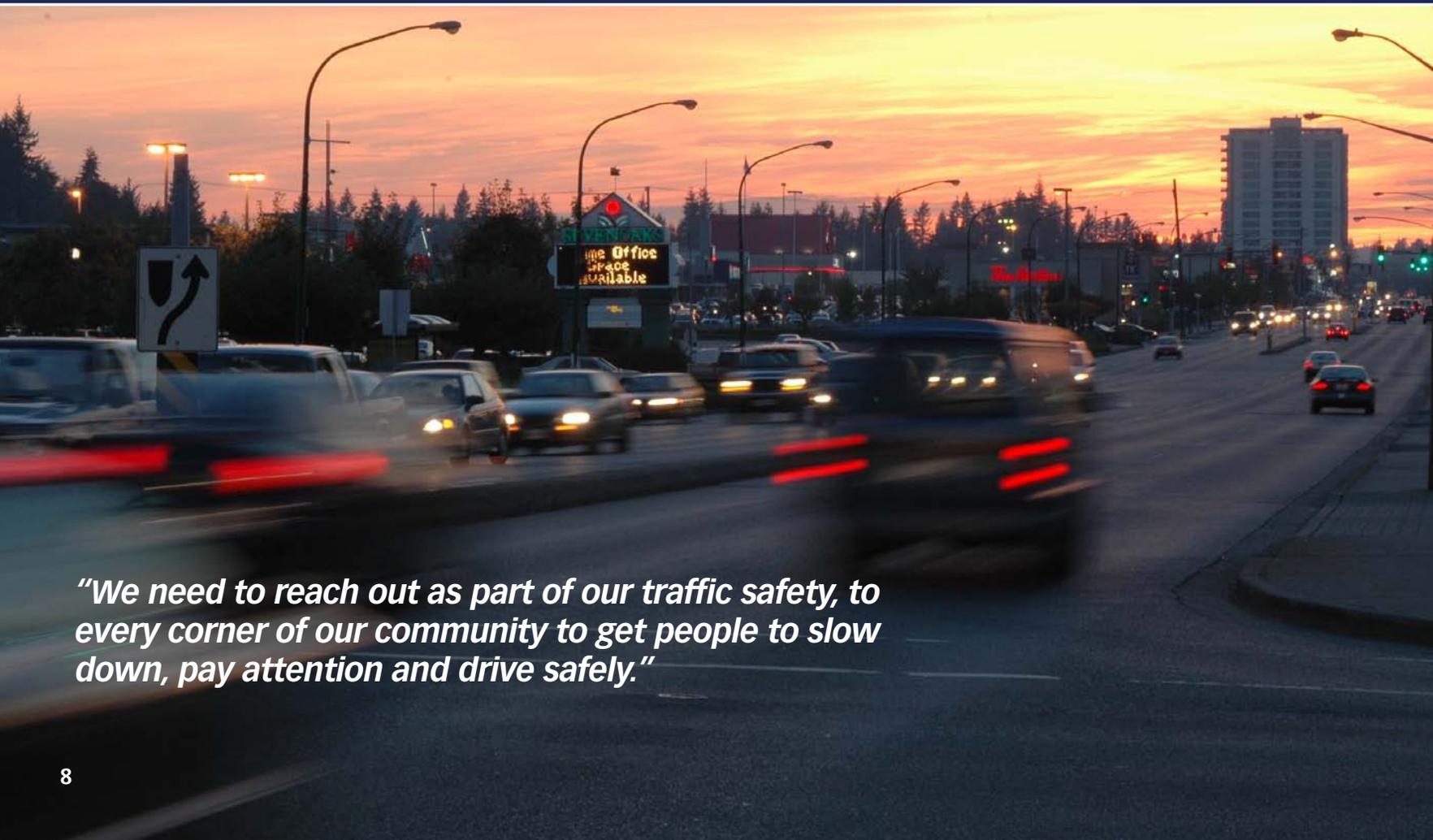
2012 Highlights

Reported incidents of domestic violence in the City increased 36% in 2012. The Domestic Violence Unit was created in June 2009 in an effort to better track intimate partner violence. The increase in the number of domestic violence incidences from 2008 to 2012 is largely attributed to the increased awareness and the APD's commitment to assist victims to make positive life changes.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE YEARLY COMPARISON



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"We need to reach out as part of our traffic safety, to every corner of our community to get people to slow down, pay attention and drive safely."



Inspector Tom Chesley
Operations Support Branch

2012 Targets

- No pedestrian fatalities
- Reduce injury crashes by 50% in 3 years, with a 25% reduction in 2012

2012 Highlights

There were 501 injury collisions in 2012, which is an increase of 24 (5%) from 2011. In addition, there were 9 fatal collisions in 2012, which is an increase of 5 incidents or 125% from 2011.

Collisions	2009	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 +/- Change	2011-2012 % Change
Injury	486	446	477	501	+24	5%
Fatal	6	13	4	9	+5	125%

*Fatal statistics record the total number of incidents and not fatalities

There was a 29% increase for 2012 in Abbotsford Police issued Traffic Penalties

Traffic Stats	2009	2010	2011	2012	2010-2011	2011-2012
					+/- Change	% Change
Traffic Penalties (charges)	6766	8833	10000	12936	+2936	29%

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“By tracking, analyzing and targeting gang crime we have had an impact on the violence that’s associated with the drug subculture in our community. I’m very proud of how we’ve been able to make an impact in the safety of Abbotsford.”



Inspector Dave Schmirler
Criminal Investigation Branch

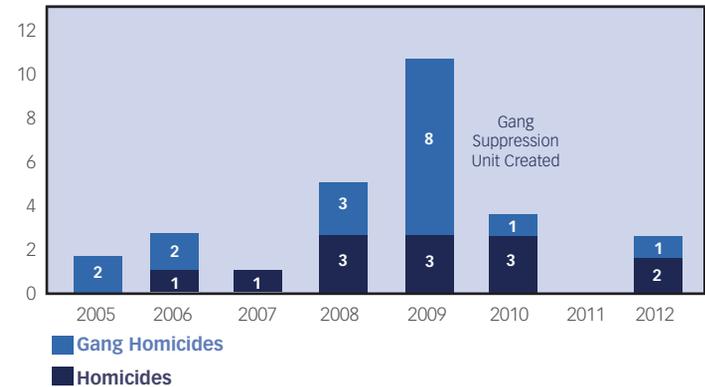
2012 Targets

- No gang/drug related homicides
- 10% reduction in violent gang crime
- 40 key gang associates charged
- Eliminate illegal grow ops by the end of 2016
- Implement a program to discover illegal grow ops in 2012

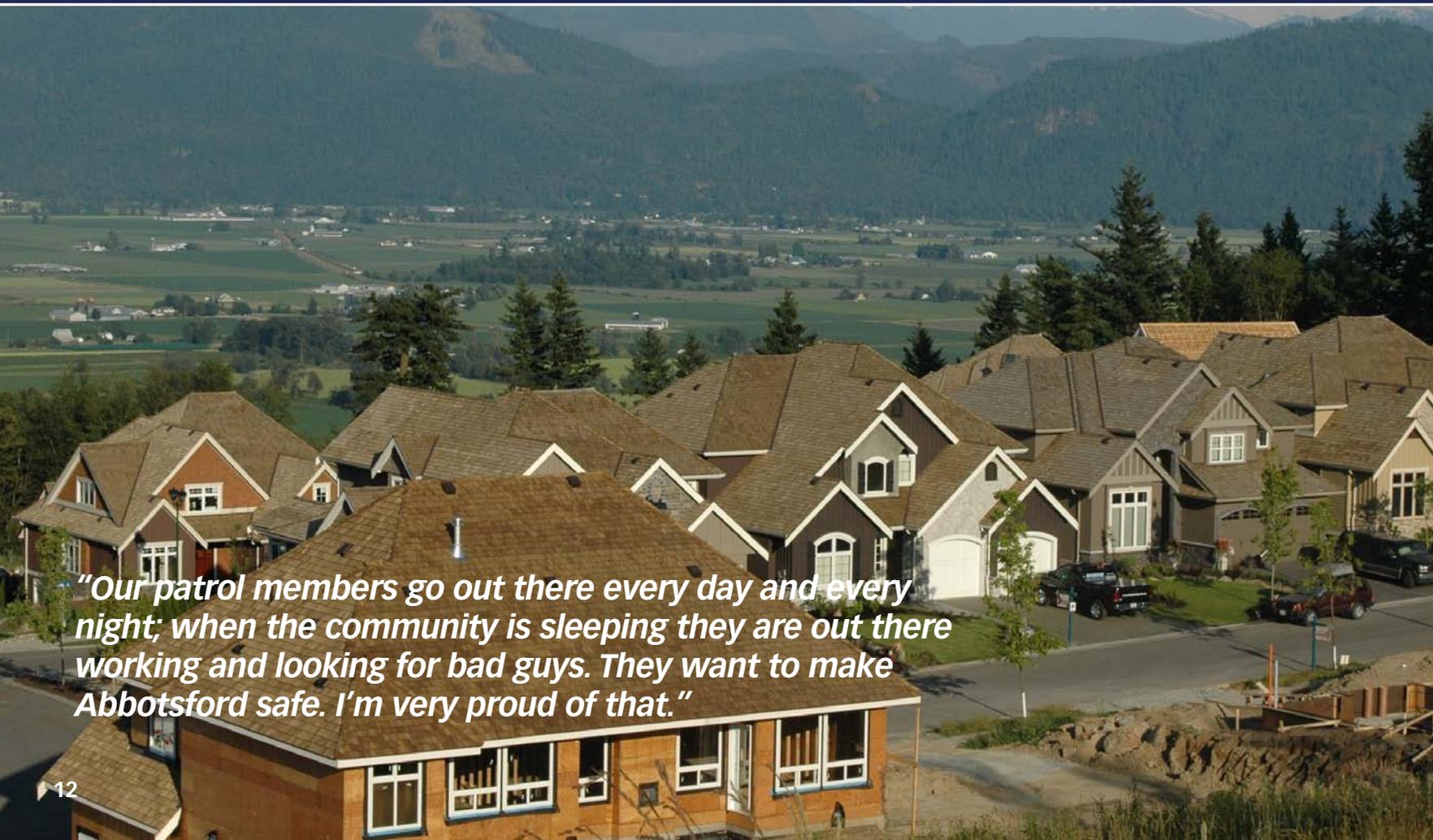
2012 Highlights

There were 511 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences reported for 2012, a decrease of 12% from 2011. The APD executed 97 search warrants relating to persons and properties involved in drugs and gangs.

NUMBER OF ABBOTSFORD HOMICIDES



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“Our patrol members go out there every day and every night; when the community is sleeping they are out there working and looking for bad guys. They want to make Abbotsford safe. I’m very proud of that.”



Inspector Kevin Wright
Patrol Branch

2012 Targets

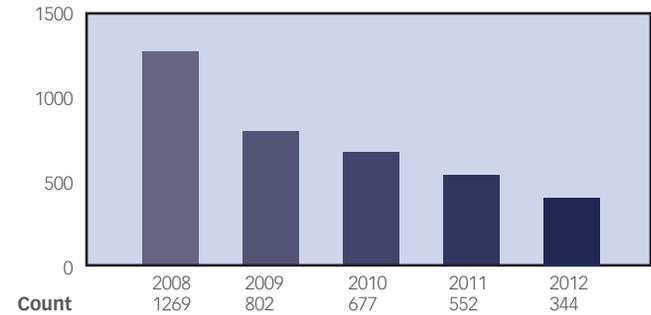
- 10% reduction in property crime
- 10% reduction in robberies
- Less than one residential BNE per day (15% reduction)
- Less than one stolen car per day (20% reduction)

2012 Highlights

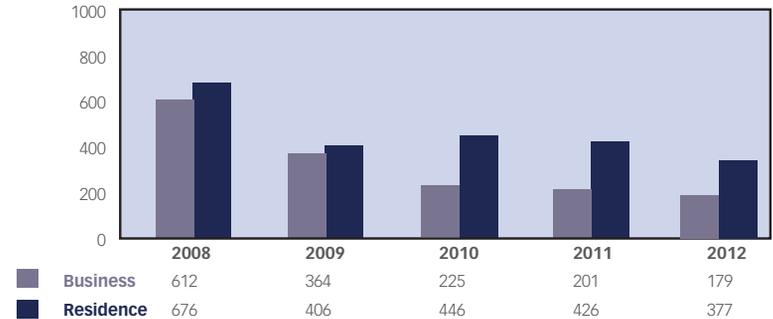
Surpassed the 2012 target and achieved a 13% reduction in property crime. Business Break & Enters are down 11% from 2011 while Residential Break & Enters also saw a decrease of 11%. A five year comparison demonstrates a total decrease of 71% in Business Break & Enters and a 44% decrease in Residential Break & Enters from 2008 to 2012.

Reported motor vehicle thefts/ attempts (including Take Auto without Consent and Passenger in Stolen Vehicle) are down 38% from 2011. A five year comparison shows an overall decrease of 73% from 2008 to 2012.

AUTO THEFT/TAWOC YEARLY COMPARISON



BREAK & ENTER YEARLY COMPARISON



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"A lot of our police officers choose to live right where we police. We believe in Abbotsford and we are proud to call Abbotsford our home."



Inspector Carol Powell
Human Resources Branch

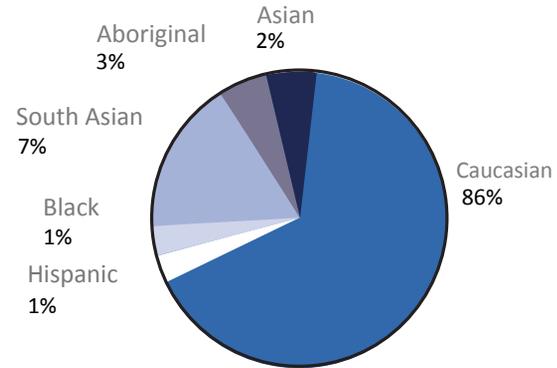
2012 Highlights

The Abbotsford Police Department is comprised of outstanding civilians and police officers. The bulk of these men and women and their families make Abbotsford their home and care tremendously about this community.

As an organization we are committed to our people and committed to ensuring that they are prepared for the ever changing complexities of modern policing. We are constantly learning, adapting and training in our pursuit of making our city safer and serving all of those who live here.

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DEPARTMENT BY ETHNICITY



LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY APD MEMBERS

Cantonese	Hindi	Russian
Czech	Italian	Slovak
Dutch	Norwegian	Spanish
French	Polish	Swiss
German	Punjabi	Ukrainian
Gujarati	Romanian	



Constable Ian MacDonald
Public Information Officer



"The key to community safety is the word 'community'; we are very lucky to have the great relationship with the residents that we do."

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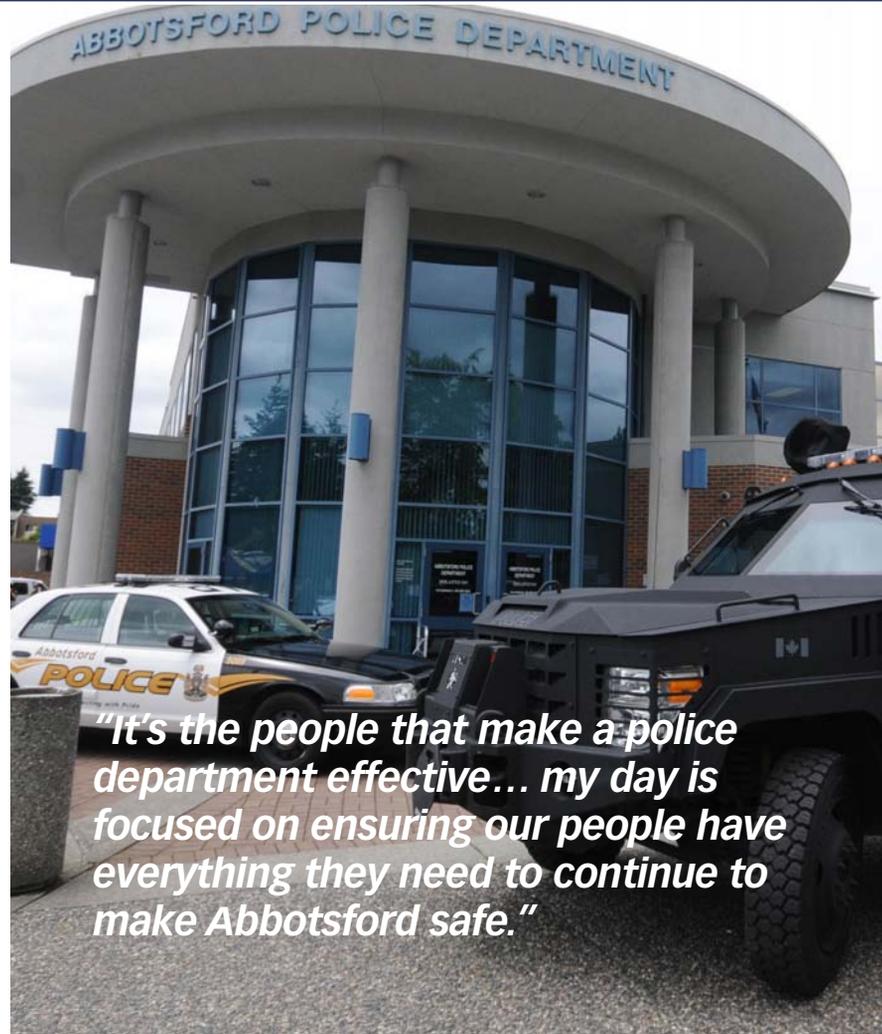
2012 Highlights

In 2011 the Abbotsford Police Department officially entered the Social Media realm with the launch of the APD Facebook and Twitter accounts. In the months that followed, several officers had accepted the challenge of communicating as individuals on behalf of the APD. Now, collectively, the APD accounts and the APD member accounts have close to 12,000 followers. The APD has an established presence on the web, on Facebook, on Twitter and has its own YouTube channel. Our objective is to continue to engage our citizens by expanding our efforts in Social Media.

2012 Highlights

Along with meeting our targets in relation to financial expenditures in 2012 the Abbotsford Police Department continued to make measurable progress towards our goal of a safer community through the work of our people.

The department is dedicated to managing its resources in a careful and efficient manner so that there is maximum return from each dollar spent. Part of our role in being a good corporate citizen is ensuring we employ sound fiscal philosophy and practices that also allow us to retain our focus on community safety.



"It's the people that make a police department effective... my day is focused on ensuring our people have everything they need to continue to make Abbotsford safe."



Deputy Chief Len Goerke
Administration Division

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“It’s all about the people; the members as well as the civilian staff. If we didn’t have the civilian staff to support the members we’d be in a tough spot.”

Inspector Carol Powell, Human Resources Branch



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Explanation of the Collection of Statistics

The 2012 Year-End Statistical Report was compiled primarily from the Event Summary Report generated from the Abbotsford Police Department's PRIME records management system on 2012-04-11. Traffic statistics, prisoners lodged, and 911 statistics were provided by various sections within the Department.

The PRIME statistics generated for this report include secondary offences so that the Department has a more realistic assessment of the types of crimes occurring within our jurisdiction. This is in contrast to the Statistics Canada report published mid-year which applies the "most serious offence" (MSO) rule. The application of the MSO rule tends to underestimate the true incidence of relatively less serious crimes that come to the attention of the police because these crimes are counted only when they do not occur in conjunction with a more serious crime in the same incident. For example, if a warrant is executed on a Cannabis grow operation where weapons are also seized, Statistics Canada would only report the Production (grow op), whereas the Department's statistics will show both the Production and Weapons offences. The most recent population estimate for the City of Abbotsford was 138,260 (received from BC Stats, November, 2012) while the authorized police strength for the city was 216 officers.



Cover photo: Abbotsford Police coin. "Courage, Honour, Integrity, Service"
Above: front & back of coin. "Protecting With Pride"



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