

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



THE MISSION:
To make
Abbotsford the
safest City in BC

The Abbotsford Police Department is
comprised of 212 Police Officers,
112 Civilian Staff & 180 Volunteers

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Abbotsford Police Board, I am pleased to present the Abbotsford Police Department Annual Report for 2014. This report provides the residents of Abbotsford with some of the many accomplishments of our police department over the past year.



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KAREN MATTY



MIKE McWHINNEY



SUKH SIDHU



AMANINDER GILL



BARB SCHIMNOWSKY

Starting at the end of this year, I had the privilege of working with the Abbotsford Police Department, the Abbotsford Police Board members, and Chief Constable Bob Rich in assuming the role of Board Chair. The role of the Abbotsford Police Board is to provide independent civilian oversight and governance of the Abbotsford Police Department to ensure measurable progress towards a safer community. I would like to thank the members of the Abbotsford Police Board for their continued commitment to the residents of Abbotsford and for their support as we transitioned to 2015.

Although I am still new to the role of Board Chair, I can say with confidence that the residents of Abbotsford continue to be in the good hands of the dedicated sworn members and civilian staff that work together to keep Abbotsford safe. I would like to thank all members of the Abbotsford Police Department for their dedication and commitment to our community. The Abbotsford Police Board looks forward to continuing to provide support and oversight as these dedicated officers work to maintain an accountable police service that is deserving of respect throughout our community.



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF CONSTABLE BOB RICH

Our Department believes it is our job to make Abbotsford safe. Between 2008 and 2013, we were able to see reported crime reduced by close to 40%. In both 2008 and 2009, gang violence was creating significant safety risks in our community. By going all hands on deck and working with the community, gang violence has been held in check in Abbotsford. 2014 though, was a tough year. It is the first year since 2008 that crime has gone up in Abbotsford, and bluntly, this year is proving to be a tough one yet again. We can't promise we will drive crime back down again this year, but we can promise to do all we can to once again push down crime rates. We won't stop trying until we figure it out! One thing: We need your help. Making Abbotsford safe is something we do with you. Secure your property, watch out for your neighbors, phone 911 if you see something that might be a crime in progress. If you have a car that is easily stolen, please secure it with a steering wheel lock. With your help, we can succeed in our mission to make Abbotsford the safest City in BC!



MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY CHIEF DAVE SCHMIRLER

As the newly promoted Deputy Chief of Operations in September 2014, I was faced with a number of challenges in addressing our crime rates alongside some significant system changes in how we do police business. The challenge of reduced staffing and budgets meant we have had to do better with less and we spent 2014 becoming more focused on our tasks. Our Crime Reduction and Forensic Identification Units' productivity were highlights for the Operations Division as well as improvements in our Domestic Violence Unit. We now see it fully staffed with APD Detectives alongside other Community resources such as the Ministry of Family & Child Development and Probation dealing with the most serious domestic violence cases.



POLICE OFFICER RECRUITING

Join our team!

If you are interested in joining a progressive organization that is consistently open to change and development, consider becoming a member of our team. We are proud to be one of Canada's policing leaders. Maybe the APD is where you should be?

For more info:
abbypd.ca/careers

ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SEVEN BRANCHES



CAROL POWELL
INSPECTOR,
SUPPORT BRANCH

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH

UNIT SECTION:

- Community Policing
- Crime Prevention
- Youth Squad
- Bike Squad
- Traffic Section
- Collision Reconstructionist
- Forensic Identification
- Dog Section
- Special Events & Emergency Planning
- Victim Services



COLIN THOMSON
INSPECTOR,
CONTROL BRANCH



TOM CHESLEY
INSPECTOR,
PATROL BRANCH

OPERATIONS CONTROL BRANCH

UNIT SECTION:

- General Investigative Section
- Intelligence Hub
- Communications



KEVIN WRIGHT
INSPECTOR,
CRIMINAL INVEST. BRANCH



LEANNE NAGY
DIRECTOR,
HUMAN RESOURCES

OPERATIONS PATROL BRANCH

UNIT SECTION:

- Uniformed Patrol Officers
- Emergency Response Team
- Mental Health Unit



SHELLEY BURSILL
DIRECTOR,
FINANCE & BUDGET



WAYNE PLAMONDON
DIRECTOR,
SUPPORT SERVICES

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

UNIT SECTION:

- Major Crime Unit
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Digital Forensics Lab
- Gangs & Drugs Unit
- Crime Reduction Unit



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2014 TARGETS/ RESULTS

INCREASE ROAD SAFETY

TARGETS

- 10% reduction in injury crashes
- Innovative public education initiatives

RESULTS

- 3.3% reduction in injury crashes
- Various social media campaigns

PROPERTY CRIME

TARGETS

- Reduce property crime by 10%

RESULTS

- 8.5% increase in property crime

SUPPRESS GANG CRIME

TARGETS

- No gang / drug homicides
- Target top risks to public safety

RESULTS

- 2 gang / drug homicides
- Through covert and overt enforcement, the various branches of the APD targeted the identified top risks to public safety. Media campaigns were also used.

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TARGETS

- Deliver respectful relationship presentations to all high schools
- Increase community participation in purple light night campaign

RESULTS

- Abbotsford High Schools received respectful relationships presentations
- 20% increase with 190 businesses participating in purple light night campaign

IMPLEMENT A MORE EFFICIENT POLICING MODEL

TARGETS

- Implement Operations Control Branch

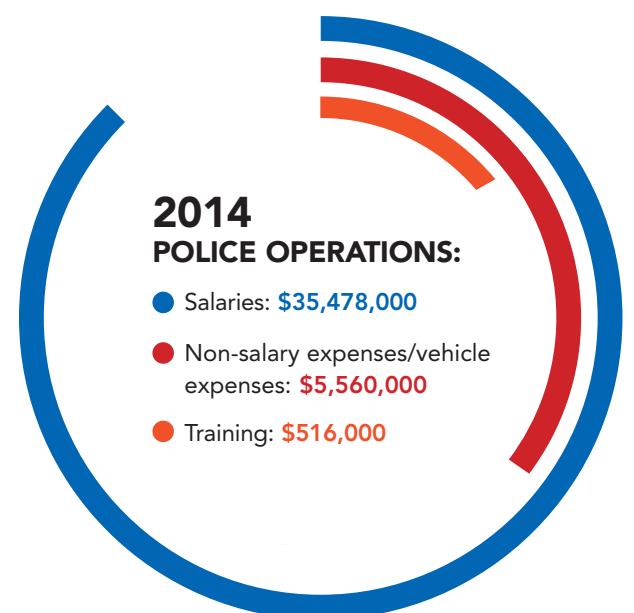
RESULTS

- A new call response system and an Intelligence Hub implemented in the summer of 2014

"Unfortunately, for the first time since 2008, crime went up in Abbotsford."



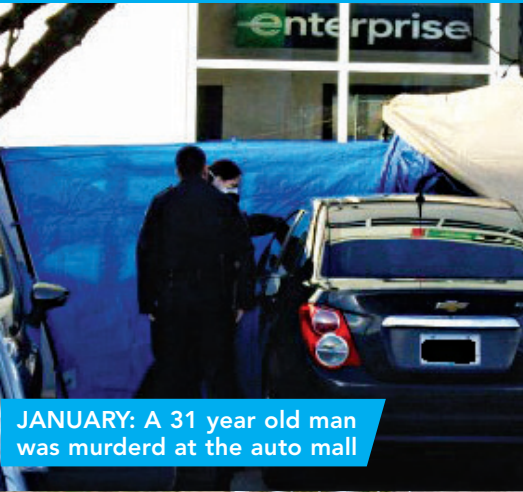
2014 BUDGET



2014 BUDGET CHANGES

- Staffing reduction of **4 POLICE OFFICERS** and **1 CIVILIAN STAFF MEMBER**
- **\$547,000 BUDGET INCREASE**

2014 KEY EVENTS



JANUARY: A 31 year old man was murdered at the auto mall



SEPTEMBER: APD Co-hosts 2014 BC Law Enforcement Memorial



FEBRUARY: Heavily armed 37 year-old bank robber arrested leaving a local bank. Male responsible for a series of Lower Mainland bank robberies



MAY: String of arsons in April led to the arrest of a 20 year old man



JUNE: Standoff with shots being fired at police resulted in a 23 year old man being taken into custody without injury



JULY: Ongoing Abbotsford youth conflict results in cameras being installed and public warning



OCTOBER: 18 year old male murdered in a drive by shooting



SEPTEMBER: APD Arrests Chilliwack Homicide suspect

GOING FORWARD

2015 TARGETS

STREET SAFETY AND PUBLIC DISORDER:

Mental health calls are a large component to daily policing and with that our goal is to work toward creating the Assertive Community Treatment Team in partnership with Fraser Health. Along with that, we will be advocating for young people in crisis and partnering with the City on implementing the Homeless Strategy.

PROPERTY CRIME:

Although property crime increased in 2014, by focusing on prolific and repeat offenders, we are trying to reduce the numbers by 10%.

ROAD SAFETY:

Road Safety continues to be a priority for the APD. Many daily proactive initiatives from our patrol and traffic sections will assist us in reducing injury crashes by 10%. Our goal is to continue to deliver public education campaigns highlighting the importance of road safety.

SUPPRESS GANG CRIME:

Our Drug & Gang Suppression Unit will focus on targeting the Top Risks to Public Safety disrupting their drug and gang lifestyles. Our goal is to suppress gang violence and prevent young people from joining gangs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Reducing crime and making Abbotsford safe only happens when the community and the police work together. Crime has increased this past year and we want to turn that around.

PLEASE WORK WITH US BY:

- 1 REMOVING VALUABLES FROM YOUR CAR.**
People will break into a car for loose change
- 2 USE AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE LIKE A "CLUB"**
on your older model vehicle
- 3 PHONE 911** if you think something suspicious is happening and there may be a crime in progress
- 4 WATCH OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS.**
We are a community and we look after each other

What shape are you in while driving?



Exercise your road sense.

Stay alert. Slow down. Think Safe.

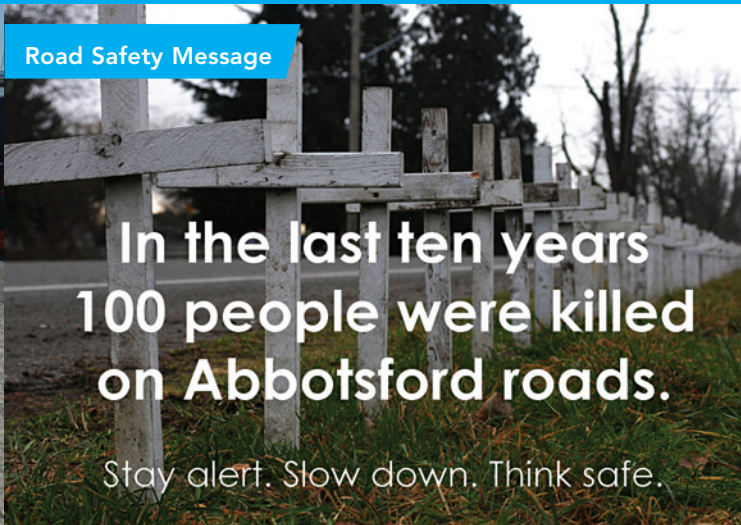


APD: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Abbotsford Airshow



Road Safety Message



2014 APD Christmas Card



McHappy Day



APD Junior Police Academy



These will be full next week. Keep them that way. Stay Alert. Slow Down. Think Safe.

Back to school message



Pink Shirt Day



ALS Ice Bucket Challenge



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WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

- Child ID
- Citizens Patrol
- CPO Office
- Cell Watch
- Speed Watch
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Special Events Team
- Reserve Constable Program
- Victim Services

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