



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Abbotsford Police Department



## Vision

- Protecting with Pride
- Serving our community through policing excellence

## Mission Statement

To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.

## Values

- Integrity
- Honour
- Courage
- Service

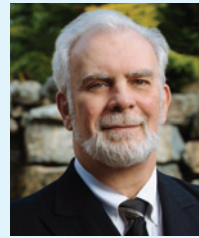
## Goals

- Suppress Gang Violence
- Increase Road Safety
- Reduce Property Crime





**Henry Braun**, Mayor of Abbotsford



**Yvon Dandurand**



**Chris Dominato**



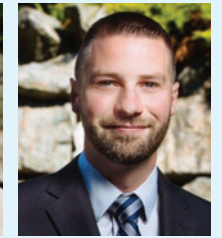
**Aman Gill**



**Barb Shimnowsky**



**Mark Warkentin**



**Mike Welte**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Abbotsford Police Board, I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report to the residents of our community. This report highlights the work of the Abbotsford Police Department as they strive to make Abbotsford the safest city in BC.

As we look back on 2017, the tragic loss of Constable John Davidson will stand out for many in our community. Constable Davidson's sacrifice will always be a sharp

reminder of the commitment our police officers make every day to protect our lives. The outpouring of community support truly reflected the heart we have for our police force.

In 2018 the APD will be targeting gang violence, increasing road safety and reducing property crime. Our officers are strongly rooted in our community, and I can guarantee that you will see them building relationships through activities such

as visiting schools and community groups, running the Abbotsford Police City Basketball Tournament, and participating in Cops for Cancer and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

This year will mark a change in leadership as Chief Constable Bob Rich retires and passes the baton on to current Deputy Chief Constable Mike Serr. We are grateful for Chief Rich's 10 years of service, his passion

and enthusiasm for this community and for his overall leadership.

As a Police Board, we look forward to working with our new Chief Constable and our dedicated police force – sworn officers and civilian staff. We are certainly grateful for their values of integrity, honour, courage, and service and for their constant efforts to make the City of Abbotsford a safe place to live, work, play and learn.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As I sit down for the last time to prepare a few words for our Annual Report, I cannot help but think back on the 10 years I have been allowed to serve this very special community. I sometimes listen to my peers in other cities talk about not feeling supported by the community. That is not my experience in Abbotsford. This community supports its police department and all the agencies who are working to make this a safer and better place to live. I constantly see people choosing to step up and help. These people make the choice to not just sit back and criticize. This willingness to be part of the solution is no small thing. Working together is the only thing that will allow us to succeed at making this the place safe and the place we want to raise our children.

On October 1st, it will be time for me to

pass the baton to Mike Serr as our next Chief Constable. I promise that, between him and the amazing people we have here at the APD, you will be in good hands!

Abbotsford is growing fast and with that comes difficult issues. Last year was not a good year for keeping people safe in our city. Nine people were murdered, eleven people died in car accidents and fifty people died of drug overdoses. Imagine how many families and friends are dealing with the loss of these seventy people. None of us who work here think what happened in 2017 is ok. We want to work in partnership with you to change that story as we go forward. Let us commit together to make Abbotsford a place where far fewer people face these kinds of tragedies.

I want to acknowledge and remember that on November 6th, Constable John

Davidson made the ultimate sacrifice by being first to respond to a call of an active shooter in our City. We will always remember that he intentionally placed himself in harm's way to protect the community. We will also always remember how this community stood with us and held us up as we walked through a very dark time.

You will always have my gratitude for your amazing response in the days that followed the loss of our colleague John.

I urge the people of Abbotsford to continue to work together, respect each other, and help each other, regardless of who they are or where they came from. In a world that is full of conflict, strife and divide, let this be the place we choose to make a safe refuge for all.



**Chief Bob Rich**

### — Deputy Chief Constables —



**Paulette Freill**  
Administrative Division



**Mike Serr**  
Operations Division



**Jason Burrows**  
Inspector - Operations  
Control Branch



**Tom Chesley**  
Inspector - Operations  
Support Branch



**Brett Crosby-Jones**  
Inspector - Operations  
Support Branch



**Patricia Lo**  
Director of  
Human Resources



**Randy Millard**  
Director  
of Finance



**Wayne Plamondon**  
Director  
Support Services



**Colin Thomson**  
Inspector  
- Patrol Branch

## ADMINISTRATION TEAM



# PROGRAMS **and** SERVICES

The men and women of the Abbotsford Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe.  
We are proud to be able to provide a wide range of services to Abbotsford.

- Proactive and Reactive Policing/ Investigation
- Air One Integrated Helicopter Unit
- Bike Unit
- Breathalyzer and Drug Recognition
- Collision Reconstructionists
- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (Integrated)
- Community Policing Volunteers
- Crime Reduction Unit
- Crime Stoppers
- Crime Analysis Unit
- Crime Prevention
- Crisis Negotiators
- Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- Digital Evidence Forensics and Analysis
- Disclosure and Privacy
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Drug Enforcement Unit
- Emergency Response Team
- Forensic Artist

- Forensic Identification Section
- Fraser Valley Tactical Unit (Integrated)
- Gang Enforcement Unit
- General Investigation Unit
- Human Resources Branch
- Information Technology
- Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT)
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit
- Incident Command
- Intelligence Unit
- Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service
- Major Crime Unit
- Media Relations

- Mental Health Intervention
- Operational Support Officer Program
- Professional Standards Section
- Recruiting and Staff Development
- Reserve Constable Program
- Special Event and Emergency Planner
- Tactical Emergency Medics
- Traffic Enforcement Unit
- Unmanned Aerial Systems
- Youth Officer Section
- Victim Assistance Unit





A closer look into two of the Abbotsford Police Department's Specialty Units.

## INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION (ICE) UNIT

In 2017 the Abbotsford Police Department saw the inception of the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit. The primary responsibility of ICE is to conduct investigations surrounding the Online sexual abuse and exploitation of children, along with Internet child luring.

Currently ICE has two Detective positions, and the investigators conduct a proactive approach to protecting children and work in partnership with several National and International units. In many cases, APD receives information of Online child exploitation from Electronic Service Providers in the United States of America, who forward the captured information to Canadian authorities for further investigation.

APD ICE Detectives have been responsible for the successful rescue of several children from hands on offenders both within the Province of British Columbia and Internationally within Europe. These Detectives

are highly trained with a very unique skill set that most officers within the Abbotsford Police Department do not have.

Investigations conducted by our ICE Detectives to date have resulted in arrests across Canada, throughout British Columbia, and in Europe. In 2018 the Abbotsford Police Department formed a partnership with the Canadian Center for Child Protection (C3P) based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba. C3P is responsible for assisting law enforcement agencies internationally, however here in Canada they run the [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca) which assists Canadians with reporting Online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

With the partnership between the Abbotsford Police Department and the Canadian Center for Child Protection, members within ICE and other units in APD will have access to training, and educational materials to be used within Abbotsford's schools.



Det. Craig Burrridge leads child pornography investigations.

## RECONSTRUCTION COLLISIONS

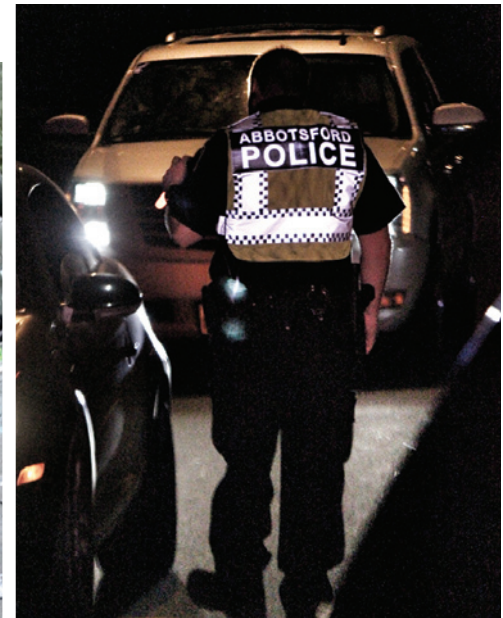


The Abbotsford Police Department Collision Reconstruction section attends and investigates all fatal and serious injury life threatening motor vehicle collisions. The Reconstruction Section also attends homicide and serious crimes to assist by mapping out the scene.

APD Collision Reconstruction members are trained to locate, identify, preserve, record, document, and analyze evidence related to a collision. Factors examined can include roadway conditions and engineering, signage, lighting, weather, visibility, mechanical conditions of vehicles, and the driver. Evidence collected at the scene can include tire marks and evidence left on the roadway as well as damage to the vehicles and injuries sustained to the people involved.

Technology used to collect evidence includes Total Station Survey instruments, Digital SLR photography, Vericom Accelerometer, Crash Data recovery tools for computer airbag data and new this year is a 3 dimensional scanner capable of recording millions of data points and images to create a virtual 3d image of the scene and all evidence located in it.

APD Reconstruction is beginning to prepare for the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems to assist with photography and scene mapping in the near future. All the data and evidence is analyzed by the members of the section and by using the applicable laws of physics formulas the collision is reconstructed.



## NUMBERS

APD Collision Reconstruction responds to all fatal and serious collisions within the City of Abbotsford. On average APD collision reconstruction attend 30 – 40 collision and crime scenes each year. With some investigations taking of hours to complete. APD currently has two full time Collision Reconstruction members and one understudy member.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

As a Police Department our priority is ensuring we keep the citizens of Abbotsford safe by being a police service that reflects our shared values and the diversity of our community.

It is important that our community see themselves reflected in our department and to that end our goal is to ensure that the APD is representative of Abbotsford's diverse population, including gender parity, and that women and minority groups are better reflected in various ranks and leadership positions. As such we have committed

to hiring 25 new members this year ensuring we are adequately staffing through a bona fide vacancy management system that is robust. Abbotsford Police Department strives to be a modern organization that has the trust, confidence and enthusiastic support of the community we serve.

We will continue building on the existing strengths of our members and employees; establish realistic strategic priorities, to anticipate and manage issues that affect public safety and the function of the

department. We continue to ensure the health and safety of our employees and members by taking measures to protect them from harassment, violence in the workplace, and bullying. We will provide training for our employees to meet industry standards and to maintain and advance their skills.

Ultimately, these actions will bolster the credibility and trust which the citizens of Abbotsford have come to expect from their police department.



## STRATEGIC PLAN

### REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME

In 2017, Abbotsford, like many BC communities felt the impact of the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict (LMGC). Abbotsford recorded nine homicides, seven of which were associated to the LMGC. APD is committed to disrupting gang violence in our community and established the Gang Crime Unit (GCU) in late 2017. GCU, which will be fully operational in 2018, is utilizing targeted enforcement to disrupt gang violence. GCU is also working with families to help youth make positive choices and not join gangs.

### ROAD SAFETY

Unfortunately due to other public safety priorities over the past couple of years APD was unable to fully resource the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU). Also, the tragic loss of Constable Davidson on November 6, 2017 left a huge void in TEU. In 2017, APD was committed to fully staffing TEU and targeting high collision locations, excessive speeding, distracted and impaired driving. In 2017, TEU increased to three members and a sergeant and in 2018 another three members will be added. APD had eight members named to Alexa's Team which recognizes police officers for their work and dedication to impaired driving enforcement.

### OVERDOSE PREVENTION

The opioid crisis hit unprecedented levels in BC in 2018 with 1449 overdose deaths. In Abbotsford there were 50 overdose deaths in 2017, up from 40 in 2016. APD is a key partner in the Abbotsford Opioid Working Group which has been at the forefront for finding solutions to address overdoses. Additionally, the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) has prioritized their drug investigations with a focus on fentanyl. In 2017, DEU made several significant arrests and seizures including the arrest of a drug trafficker in November believed responsible for supplying the drugs that killed five people in October.

### PROPERTY CRIME

Abbotsford experienced an overall increase in Property Crime by 7% from 2016, with the largest increase being Theft From Auto (+17%). Business and Residential Break & Enter also saw an increase from 2016 (+11%), whereas Theft of Auto saw a 2% decrease. Several initiatives were developed in order to combat property crime in 2017. The Abbotsford Police Department's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) focused a large portion of their investigative time on Prolific and Repeat offenders who were believed to be responsible for a majority of Property Crime in the City. One offender that CRU targeted was active in Residential Break & Enter throughout several jurisdictions with a number of incidents having occurred within Abbotsford. Once arrested CRU located over \$10,000 worth of stolen property in his vehicle and was subsequently charged with 14 offences and eventually sentenced to 6 years in prison. Specific residences within the City were also targeted which were deemed to be 'Problem Residences' known to be frequented by Property Offenders and fence stolen property. These residences were targeted by both the Crime Reduction Unit as well as uniformed Patrol members. The APD Patrol section also started an initiative which utilized an Automated License Plate Recognition vehicle, frequently used by our traffic section, in order to locate stolen vehicles and Property Offenders with active warrants.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

2017 was an extremely challenging year for our Police Department however we have come out on the other side stronger and healthier. The tragic loss of one of our members, as well as the compounded trauma inherent with police work has had an impact on all our employees. Ensuring public safety is both demanding and stressful for our sworn members and civilian employees and we continue to strive to achieve. Our Mission is to make Abbotsford the safest city in BC. Now more than ever we are fostering and promoting the importance of having

a healthy workforce and we have implemented measures that address mental health and physical wellness across the department. It is important that APD guarantees all employees have a healthy workplace and work / life balance. The APD provides ongoing programming that enhances and supports mental and physical health; that will continue to be a priority.

We took a significant step in moving our Operational Communications Center to the Provincial ECOMM Center which was a difficult transition

for many employees but has realized a number of efficiencies.

Policing is constantly evolving and it is important that APD continues to be forward thinking while at the same time ensuring fiscal responsibility. Approximately 90 percent of our annual budget is dedicated to staffing; therefore, identifying and implementing efficiencies to increase our capacity to protect the community with the level of service that has come to be expected continues to be a priority.





Disclaimer: All information in this document is up-to-date as of July 19, 2018.Data source: PRIME (2018)

2017 Violent Crime Rate Comparison bar graph for Abbotsford/Langley/Chilliwack/Mission.

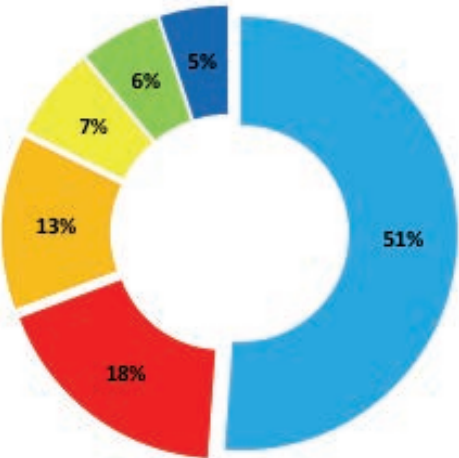
Here is the data used to calculate the crime rate for Abbotsford, Langley, Chilliwack, and Mission:

Municipality	Crime Rate per 1000	Violent Crimes in 2017	Population in 2017
Abbotsford	9	1339	145,102
Langley	10	1219	127,730
Chilliwack	11	949	88,287
Mission	14	542	40,007

\*Crime data downloaded on July 19, 2018 from PRIME BC (2018).  
\*\* Crimes are counted using primary UCR/Single line scoring.  
\*\*\* Crimes where the CCJS status code is A (unfounded) or the UCR is Z coded are always excluded.  
\*\*\*\* Crime rate per 1000 formula = Total number of reported violent criminal code files/(Population/1000)  
\*\*\*\*\* BC Stats population estimate totals for 2017: Abbotsford (145,102), Langley (127,730), Chilliwack (88,287), Mission (40,007). From Demographic Analysis Section, BC Stats, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, Government of BC.

2017 Property Crimes of Interest

TFA Mischief TOA BNE-Residential BNE-Business BNE-Other



2016 and 2017 Crimes of Interest [in weekly business intelligence] (TFA, TOA, BNE total, BNE residential, BNE business, BNE other, Mischief, Robberies, Injury MV) comparison bar graph for Abbotsford.

Crime Type	2016	2017	Percent Change from 2016
Theft from Auto	2039	2382	17%
Mischief	859	845	-2%
Theft of Auto	619	606	-2%
Robbery	93	65	-30%
Injury MV	70	69	-1%
Break and Enter -Residential	284	314	11%
Break and Enter -Business	249	276	11%
Break and Enter -Other	245	235	-4%
Total Break and Enter – All (Res, Bus & Oth combined)	778	825	6%
Total	4458	4792	7%

\* Crime data downloaded on July 17, 2018 from PRIME BC (2018).  
\*\* Crimes are counted using primary UCR/Single line scoring.  
\*\*\* Crimes where the CCJS status code is A (unfounded) or the UCR is Z coded are always excluded.

Above is a breakdown of the numbers used in the graph above with percentage change from 2016. Of note Theft from Auto is up 17%, Break and Enter- Residential and Business are both up 11%. Overall Property Crimes of Interest are up 7%.

There a 41 percent clearance rate among 1339 Violent Crime Events on 546 Violent Crime Events in 2017.

\*Clearance rate calculated through examining number of files with the CCJS Status of Charged & total violent crime.\*

From 2014 (1299 Violent Crime Events) to 2015 (1455 Violent Crime Events) there was a 12% increase.	From 2015 (1455 Violent Crime Events) to 2016 (1428 Violent Crime Events) there was a 2% decrease.	From 2016 (1428 Violent Crime Events) to 2017 (1339 Violent Crime Events) there was a 6% decrease.
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THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



- 293

77

216

14
- employees

civilian (part-time and full time)

uniformed members

Reserve constables
- 116

60

9

5
- Community Policing Volunteers

Victim Service Volunteers

recruits were hired

experienced police officers were hired

WORKLOAD

- 69,432

33,175

7% Decrease

2,119

12

363,000
- Reported calls in total were received by the Abbotsford Police Department

Number of calls for service that police were dispatched to.

In recorded violent occurrences from 2016

Charges laid under municipal, provincial and federal statutes

Fatal collisions were reported in Abbotsford

Hours worked by Abbotsford Police Department officers

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# PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

The Abbotsford Police Department continues to participate in several initiatives as part of our ongoing commitment to the safety of our community. Efforts were focused on engaging our community and building trusting relationships and partnerships.



## Pulling Together Canoe Journey

Message from Deputy Chief Mike Serr: The Pulling Together journey was an amazing experience for our Sto:Lo Spath canoe family. Indigenous youth, police and youth workers coming together to learn from each other and work together to complete this journey. Thanks to all the host Nations for generously welcoming us onto your traditional territories.



## Purple Lights

The Annual Purple Light Nights campaign takes place in Abbotsford throughout October, as a sign of unity and support against domestic violence. In 2017 the community did not disappoint, rallying together in downtown Abbotsford to launch the campaign amongst participating business, community and government partners and officials.

This coming year, 2018 promises to be illuminating in terms of building awareness. With many opportunities for all individuals of the community to get involved by displaying lights, attending a lighting ceremony, participating in art contests and connecting on social media. "Shine more Light" is the slogan, we need the Abbotsford community to do it.



## Junior Police Academy

Twenty-seven grade 11 and 12 students from various Abbotsford high schools spent spring break learning what it is like to be a police officer. Students were carefully selected from a group of over 60 applicants to participate in the program

which will teach basic law, police control tactics/self-defense, and even a day at the firearm range.

The week-long program ended with the students applying what they have learned during a scenario-based training day where they will be challenged as "police officers" to resolve problems.



## Wishes Without Borders

Abbotsford Police Department participate in Wishes For Borders, making a fundamental difference in the lives of kids who need it most.



## Basketball Tournament

This immensely popular tournament culminates throughout the week of December 13th. This event is an opportunity for our community to come out to support the numerous youth who are making great choices and playing high caliber basketball!!! In the tournament's

seventh year, more than 60 teams and 900 athletes will compete in more than 100 games for city-wide bragging rights! Both boys' and girls' teams from grade eight through senior levels will be participating. We encourage everyone from the community to come out to support our young athletes – and to enjoy the competitive spirit of the games!

## Central Abbotsford School's All Star Police Camp

Thirty youth from inner city school catchment areas spend a week with the Abbotsford Police Department; building positive relationship with the kids as they learn the many aspects of Policing in our community – includes K9, Forensics, Traffic, ERT, Patrol, bike safety, pedestrian safety and peer pressure. It's a great week of relationship building and learning.



## Law Enforcement Torch Run

This event helps to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics BC and promotes the message of respect and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities.





## Like most cities in British Columbia, Abbotsford was deeply affected by the opioid crisis in 2017.

Tragically, 1449 persons in British Columbia lost their lives to a drug overdose. In 2016, 39 persons lost their lives to an overdose death in Abbotsford and this increased to 50 persons in 2017, which is a 78% increase. This crisis affects all segments of our community from youth, persons battling chronic pain and persons with long term problematic substance use.

Our first responders and emergency health providers in Abbotsford have also been affected by this crisis.

The cumulative toll of attending overdose calls and advising family that their loved ones were not able to be revived is emotionally tough.

The APD is proactive at the National, Provincial and Municipal level working with all stakeholders to find new and innovative approaches to disrupt the overdose crisis. Prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement were four pillars identified in the early 1990s; however, they still remain key strategies in our formalized coordinated approach.



## KEY INITIATIVES

APD initiated the Abbotsford Opioid Working Group (AOWG) in 2016. This cross sector collaborative group meets quarterly to identify new strategies to disrupt overdose deaths in Abbotsford.

On February 1, 2018 the Abbotsford Opioid Working Group was recognized by Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions for their work and Abbotsford was named to receive dedicated funding to support a Community Action Team initiative.

Frontline officers in APD were equipped with Naloxone. This lifesaving drug reverses the effects of an opioid overdose and in 2017 APD members have utilized this drug 19 times to assist persons who had overdosed.

In 2017, Chief Rich authored The Opioid Crisis: The Case for Prevention. This report details the dynamics of drug use, addiction and recovery and advocates for more resources to be committed to prevention. This report has been widely disseminated and generated dialogue and a foundation to build from.

Deputy Chief Serr is the Chair of the Canadian Association of the Chiefs of Police Drug Advisory Committee. In this role he has spoken both nationally and provincially and called for new approaches and better collaboration.

The APD Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) prioritized their investigation on those who import and traffic fentanyl. 2017 was a very busy year with several significant arrests and seizures.

## QUICK FACTS

- Fentanyl is an opioid and is used in medical settings for the treatment of severe pain. It is sought after as an illicit drug as it is a synthetic version of heroin.
- There were 4 overdose death every day in BC in 2017
- 82% were men
- 27% of those who overdosed were between the ages of 30-39
- 23% between 40-49
- Most overdose deaths occur on the weekend
- Only 11.6% of the overdose deaths occurred outside and almost 60% were in a private residence
- Fentanyl and its analogs can be found in most street drug – criminal with use fentanyl to maximize their profits
- Fentanyl was detected in 73.5% of all fatal drug overdoses
- We have not had any reports of fentanyl being found in marijuana
- If you require assistance or know someone that does you can contact:  
**Fraser Valley Health Crisis Line - 1-877-820-7444**

Source: BC Coroners service re stats

## DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

	2016	2017
Arrests	22	35
Search Warrants Executed	16	14
Firearms Seized	27	3
Cocaine seized	339 grams	777 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl Seized	173 grams	528 grams
Methamphetamine Seized	94 grams	897 grams



One of our four core values is service. Ultimately, service to the public means being willing to sacrifice all when the time comes to protect the community. We pay tribute to two of Abbotsford's finest here who have both paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. Both officers exemplify everything we stand for. We will not forget them and we will not forget to honour their sacrifice as we stand ready to answer the call.

Chief Bob Rich

## Constable John Goyer

Constable John David Goyer was injured September 26, 2001, while investigating a woman's complaint that a man had threatened to kill her if she left their relationship. When Goyer and his partner tried to arrest the man, the suspect became enraged and resisted violently. After a protracted and exhausting struggle, the suspect was controlled and handcuffed, but not before Goyer received injuries to the head, neck, back, left shoulder and right knee. Goyer did not return to work; in fact, over the next few weeks his condition continued to deteriorate. On Dec. 7, 2001, Dr. Eisen, a neurologist and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Specialist, diagnosed Goyer with ALS. Eisen also determined that Goyer's ALS was triggered by the injuries he sustained in the arrest. Goyer Died from this illness April 19, 2006.

## Constable John Davidson

On Saturday, November 4, 2017 a male suspect went to a car dealership at the Fraser Valley Automall where he made arrangements with a sales person to take a Ford Mustang for a test drive. As the sales person was attaching plates to the car the suspect drove away. The theft was reported to police and Constable John Davidson was assigned to conduct the investigation.

On Monday, November 6, 2017 an employee from the Ford dealership observed the stolen Mustang, parked and unoccupied, in a small strip mall adjacent to the Fraser Valley Automall and reported it to the dealership. Employees of the dealership blocked the stolen Mustang in its parking stall using a pickup truck. They called police and then went into a nearby restaurant and waited.

A short time later a male returned to the stolen Mustang at which time he was confronted by the dealership's employees. The male became enraged, reached into the passenger side of the stolen Mustang, and pulled out a rifle. The suspect began firing rounds, striking the pickup truck, causing everyone to run for cover. Police immediately began receiving 911 calls reporting the shots fired.

The suspect got back into the stolen Mustang, managed to maneuver it free from its parking stall and exited the strip mall. Rather than flee the area to avoid police the suspect returned to the strip mall moments later as Constable John Davidson arrived on scene. Constable Davidson entered the strip mall and stopped his police vehicle. Constable Davidson exited his police vehicle and drew his firearm. The suspect shot Constable Davidson with a rifle. The suspect then left the strip mall in the stolen Mustang and was located by police a short distance away. Police rammed the Mustang, shot and wounded the suspect, and then took him into custody.

Despite the immediate medical attention from an off-duty fire fighter, police, ERT medics, fire rescue and ambulance personnel, Constable Davidson died of his injuries. A physician at Abbotsford Regional Hospital later advised that his injuries were not survivable.

Constable Davidson was a 10 year member with the Abbotsford Police Department and previously spent 12 years with the Northumbria Police in the United Kingdom. He was survived by his wife and three children.



The last Sunday of September is Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day giving Canadians an opportunity to formally express their appreciation for the dedication of law enforcement officers who make the ultimate sacrifice to keep communities safe.

The British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial coincides with the National Police & Peace Officers' Memorial held in Ottawa and rotates annually between the site of "The Bastion" on the grounds of the BC Legislature in Victoria; and an alternate location in the Lower Mainland. The Province commemorates the

courage and dedication of law enforcement officers who have selflessly given their lives in service to the people of British Columbia.

Approximately 880 law enforcement officers have died in Canada in the performance of their duties since Confederation. Their names are engraved on the National Memorial on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. In British Columbia, 123 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and their names are engraved on The Bastion. This year, Constable John Davidson will be one of the names added to The Bastion.



Every year, the men and women of the Abbotsford Police Department are celebrated provincially, nationally and

internationally for their remarkable contributions to public safety. The officers who received awards this year are listed below.



**Officer of the Year: Constable Mary Boonstra**



**Civilian of the year: Mrs. Margaret Harder**

## Chief Constable Commendation for Valour

- John Davidson, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Shawn Alton, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Doug Watkins, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Shane Wiens, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Shane Dueck, Davidson Homicide

## Chief Constable Commendations

- Cst Kevin Murray, Davidson Homicide
- Sgt Colin Wiebe, Davidson Homicide
- Sgt Ian Parks, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Kiyo Parsons, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Chuck McLellan, Davidson Homicide
- Det Alex Wood, Suicidal Male with Stab Wounds
- S/Sgt Mark Jordan, Davidson Homicide
- Det Alex Wood, Davidson Homicide
- S/Sgt Rick Stewart, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Tyler Gump, Davidson Homicide
- Cst Paul Walker, IRSU PDET Project
- Gord Boyes, IT Project
- Matt Hanson, Creation of Chatterbox Application

## Inspector Commendation

- Det Lydia Brown-John, Missing Person and Homicide
- Det Jaycene Mitchell, Home Invasion and Extortion
- Det Corrie Haines, Home Invasion and Extortion
- Det Tony Demers, Home Invasion and Extortion
- Det Lisa Faria, Home Invasion and Extortion
- S/Sgt Paul Dhillon, Suicidal Male on Bridge
- Cst Harvinder Mangat, Youth Gang Intervention Project
- Cst Jas Dhaliwal, Youth Gang Intervention Project
- Sgt Judy Bird, EComm Transition
- Cst Nolan Moore, Suicidal Male in Vehicle - HighStreet
- Cst Julia Gerbrandt, Suicidal Male in Vehicle - HighStreet
- Cst Thomas Earle, Suicidal Male in Vehicle - HighStreet
- Cst Adam Marchinkow, Suicidal Male in Vehicle - HighStreet
- Cst Mary Boonstra, 00 Events - Ceremonial Unit
- Monique Olinoski, Excellence in Victim Services
- Cassidy Jones, Excellence in Victim Services

## Sign up for Police Alerts

Stay informed and connected to the Abbotsford Police Department and receive important notifications, releases, community events and messages from the Chief directly by e-mail.

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## ABBOTSFORD POLICE FOUNDATION

The **Abbotsford Police Foundation (APF)** funds APD programs and specialized equipment not covered by the annual operating budget. Our motto **'Together for a Safer Abbotsford'** helps describe the goal of the foundation which is to help our police **'make Abbotsford the Safest City in BC'**. We do so by building positive relationships, connecting police with community, and funding engaging programs.

**THANK YOU** to the many businesses and individuals who each year step up to donate. Every dollar raised goes directly to fund APD programs and equipment including the annual APD City Basketball Tournament; and the purchase of the APD GATOR and DRONE. Your generosity is what makes it possible to fund these important initiatives.

Our 2018 fundraising goal is \$75,000. We hope you'll join us for our 4th annual signature fundraising event **Crime is Toast – Breakfast with the Chief** on October 24 when we welcome Chief Mike Serr to his first fundraiser as Chief.

For more information, to purchase tickets, donate or sponsor visit us online at [abbypf.ca](http://abbypf.ca).

