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### **Abbotsford Police Department Launches BolaWrap: A New Era in Safe, Non-Lethal Policing**

**Abbotsford, BC – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – In a progressive step toward modern, community-focused policing, the Abbotsford Police Department (AbbyPD) is proud to announce the official deployment of the **BolaWrap** — a use of force option that is a non-lethal restraint device designed to immobilize individuals from a distance without relying on pain compliance.

The BolaWrap represents an option for officers responding to emotionally charged or unpredictable situations.

Unlike traditional tools that depend on pain or an emotional response to gain compliance, the BolaWrap uses a tethering mechanism to restrain individuals. This significantly reduces the risk of injury to officers, the subjects it might be used on, and ultimately, the public. *“It provides another option for officers when intervening with potentially volatile subjects, while at the same time decreasing the injury potential to the subject that is often associated with other tools,”* said Constable Alex Odintsov.

AbbyPD led the approval process for BolaWrap’s use in British Columbia by working with BC Provincial Policing Standards. This included a comprehensive field trial, submission of all required documentation, and the formation of a Provincial stakeholder panel to review real deployment data. The initiative was managed by the AbbyPD Training Section and spearheaded by Constable Odintsov.

*“We supported Cst. Odintsov’s initial proposal because we recognized its potential to provide an additional force option that could temporarily limit physical movement and reduce the risk of harm to individuals in crisis. With the tool now approved, we consider it a valuable addition to the range of options available to our members, to be used when appropriate. We plan to implement this tool over the next year and will evaluate its effectiveness based on the data collected before deciding on further investment,”* said Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows.

For more information about BolaWrap, please visit: [www.wrap.com](http://www.wrap.com)

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