



# Abbotsford Police Department

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### **Incident: Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley**

The Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley kicks off TODAY, with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:30 am at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School!

APD Officers, Cst Jody Thomas, Cst Robyn Lamarche, Cst Renae Williams and Cst Neil Cole are representing Abbotsford this year. Over a period of nine days, these Officers will ride 900 kms throughout the Fraser Valley, first cycling northeast from Langley to Boston Bar, then southwest to Tsawwassen and White Rock.



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Our Officers will be riding this year in memory of Cst John Davidson, who rode in last year's Cops for Cancer Tour, and had planned to ride again this year. Cst Davidson's sister, Janie Robinson, has travelled from the UK to ride in his place this tour.

In addition to our riders' send off, Abbotsford's own Clayburn Middle student, Gabby Waddell, will be having her head shaved in support of the tour!! Gabby has been raising money for Cops for Cancer for the past 6 months. This young lady partnered with Cops for Cancer's Cst Jody Thomas to raise awareness and money for cancer treatments & research in the memory of her Grandpa and Cst Davidson. Gabby has met her \$5,000 fundraising goal as of yesterday!

What is Cops for Cancer? Cops for Cancer is an exciting annual event taking place each fall, when over a hundred law enforcement and emergency services personnel from across the province brave all types of weather to cycle up to two weeks across the daunting terrain of Vancouver Island, Northern BC, the coast of British Columbia and the Fraser Valley.

**Facts:**

- Tour de Valley has raised over \$500,000 so far this year;
- Cops for Cancer has raised \$42 million dollars over the past 2 decades;

Why? The impact of cancer on the life of a child and his or her family can be devastating. Donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society through Cops for Cancer are used to raise fund life-saving research and supportive programs like Camp Goodtimes in an effort to ease the impact this disease has on patients and their families. Since 1986, over 10,000 children and families have attended Camp Goodtimes!

The Abbotsford Police wish this year's riders a safe journey!

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