



# Abbotsford Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Tuesday March 5, 2019

### **Abbotsford Officer Home and Recovering**

One of the police officers struck and injured by a vehicle while training yesterday has been released from hospital. Abbotsford Police Department's Cpl Aaron Courtney, a 15 year officer and 10 year member of the Lower Mainland District Integrated Police Dog Services Unit, is now at home recovering with his family and friends.



This was an extremely serious collision, which could have resulted in significant injury or the death of these officers. However, we are relieved that the prognosis for both officers appears to be positive. No service dogs were injured in the collision. This incident has shaken the police community, and we are grateful for the public's overwhelming support.

The other vehicle believed to be involved in the collision has been recovered, and the driver responsible is being sought. We continue to ask anyone who may have witnessed this collision, or has information, dash-cam or CCTV footage to please call the Burnaby RCMP at 604-646-9511 or report anonymously to Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Our thoughts are with the RCMP officer who remains in hospital. We wish both officers a speedy recovery.

Original Release:

**Burnaby RCMP Seeking Witnesses to Collision - Updated**

**Burnaby, Police Dog Services**

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Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services is investigating a collision involving a suspect vehicle and a police vehicle, which occurred just before noon today in the 5000-block of North Fraser Way and North Fraser Crescent.

Based on current information, we believe the police vehicle was stationary and pulled over at the side of the road, when it was struck. Two police officers from the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service, standing outside the police vehicle, were injured as a result. The two male officers, one an RCMP member and one from the Abbotsford Police Department, are currently being treated at hospital. Their injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Police are hoping to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision. Please call the Burnaby RCMP at 604-646-9511 with any information.

Please stay away from the area of North Fraser Way and North Fraser Crescent (westbound) to allow police to continue their investigation.

No further details will be released at this time.

*Please note this news release was updated at 4:15 p.m on March 4, 2019.*

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