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Incident: **New Public Information Officer (PIO)**

Abbotsford – April 9, 2009 – After 3.5 years as the Abbotsford Police Department's (APD) Public Information Officer (PIO) Cst. Casey Vinet is returning to full-time Patrol duties.

Effective April 9, 2009 Cst. Ian MacDonald will become the APD's Public Information Officer and as such will assume the primary spokesperson role. Cst. MacDonald has been with the APD since 1998 and worked in the Patrol Division through 2004. He has spent the past 4.5 with the APD's PRIME (Police Records Information Management Environment) section. Cst. MacDonald has instructed at the JIBC and was a voting member of the Provincial PRIME Training Committee and PRIME Regional Users' Committee.

In thanking Cst. Vinet for his work as the Department's Public Information Officer, Chief Constable Bob Rich said, "Cst. Vinet has done an exceptional job at both representing the Abbotsford Police Department and responding to needs of this community and beyond. Casey's role as Treasurer of the ALS Society of B.C. (a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of those living with a neuromuscular terminal illness) and his continued work as the coordinator of the Abbotsford Police Charity Challenge Run are a testament to his character. Throughout his assignment as the department's primary spokesperson he has demonstrated a tremendous amount of dedication and commitment to public safety. I have no doubt that he will continue to have a successful policing career."

"The role of the Public Information Officer is a difficult job, as police often deal with controversial issues and on occasion come under scrutiny by the public and the media. It is the policy of the APD to be as open and transparent with the media as much as possible and I am confident Cst. MacDonald will continue to meet our expectations."

Cst. MacDonald's regular work hours are Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. His contact information is as follows:

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