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Incident: 2 Public Presentations of Operation Lodestar

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The Abbotsford Police Department's Operation Lodestar will conclude this month. There are only 4 presentations remaining. 2 of those presentations will be held at educational facilities - Abbotsford Christian School and at Abbotsford School for the Integrated Arts (January 11 and 18 respectively). These are the final presentations intended for the parents and families of students that attend these schools. However, 2 public presentations will be taking place at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, on January 5 and 6 at 7:00 pm. Parents, guardians, caregivers and other interested citizens are invited to attend either the session on Wednesday, January 5 which will be in English or the Thursday, January 6 session that will be in Punjabi. These sessions are not intended for children.

The meaning of "Lodestar" is to guide or model. The objective of the APD's operation is to engage, educate and encourage parents in their role as part of the solution of preventing youth from becoming involved with gangs, drugs and the criminal lifestyle by modeling positive behaviours and by guiding their children toward good choices.

To date, through Operation Impact I, Operation Impact II and Operation Lodestar, 15,000 Abbotsford residents have attended Abbotsford Police Department presentations and engaged in the important dialogue about increasing community safety and protecting our youth.

Attached is an Operation Lodestar Top 5 Questions (and answers) list. These questions represent issues most asked by members of the audiences of the Lodestar presentations. We hope they are shared and discussed and that attention to being a better guide and model continues.

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