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## Incident: Operation Acorn

## Abbotsford – May 23, 2011.

The Abbotsford Police Department's series of presentations to students in the city continues with their latest initiative "Operation Acorn". All elementary students in the district (K-5 and in some cases K-7) will have an opportunity to participate in a positive, engaging and entertaining presentation delivered by Abbotsford Police officers. Sergeant Mike Novakowski and his special guests will deliver the message that children, like acorns, possess huge potentials that can be realized through nurturing and positive environmental conditions.

Operation Acorn will run until the close of the school year. Feedback on the presentations has been tremendously positive with children saying it was "awesome" and teachers commenting that it was "amazing".

Operation Acorn's message differs in some respects from the Operation Impact and Operation Impact 2 presentations, created for high school and middle school students, because it is customized for an elementary school audience. What remains consistent, however, is letting the students know they have an opportunity to live an amazing life through the choices they make and that their community and their police department care about them.

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