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Incident: 3 Abbotsford Police Officers Receive Solicitor General Awards

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Three Abbotsford Police Department officers received Solicitor General Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards at a ceremony on Friday, November 4, 2011.

Constables Davin Turner and Mark Zawadsky were recipients of the Wael T. Audi Youth Policing Award for demonstrating outstanding commitment to working with youth in their communities. Both of these officers are eight year veterans of the APD and valuable members of the APD Youth Squad. Davin and Mark played vital roles in facilitating a community response to intervene in a dispute between rival youth groups in 2009. Through utilizing an innovative community approach to the problem, the conflict was diffused in ways enforcement alone could not.

Sergeant Mike Novakowski, a twenty-two year veteran of the APD, was awarded the Kenneth M. Lemckert Community Policing Award for providing exemplary leadership in the area of community policing. Mike's numerous initiatives range from the provocative and thought provoking Operation Tarnish poster campaign to Operations Impact and Lodestar where over 25,000 Abbotsford citizens were engaged by the APD's anti-gang and positive choices message. His innovative ideas and programs not only provided leadership for the department and the community, they also became the catalyst for other policing and non-policing agencies across North America that were interested in imparting a similar message.

Five police officers received Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards on Friday and three of them were Abbotsford Police Department members. We extend our congratulations to Sergeant Mike Novakowski, Constable Davin Turner and Constable Mark Zawadsky.

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