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Incident: Abbotsford Police Launch Operation Vigilance

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The Abbotsford Police Department have partnered with key businesses in the City of Abbotsford to increase public safety through greater community involvement. Operation Vigilance enables employees of businesses that commonly work on the roads, homes, parks, and in the schools and neighbourhoods of Abbotsford to share information and to report observations to police. These observations may range from locating missing persons through to reporting criminal activity. Operation Vigilance hopes that through "alert watchfulness" and by paying "close attention" members of the community can contribute directly to the larger shared goal of a better and safer city.

Operation Vigilance businesses will include Canada Post, Fraser Valley Transit, BC Hydro, Telus, Shaw Cable, Fortis Gas, Fraser Valley Realty Watch, Jack's Towing, Abbotsford School District and the City of Abbotsford.

Last week the Abbotsford Police Department launched Operation No Free Ride with a partner business to decrease auto theft. Other businesses have expressed interest in joining that program. We hope Operation Vigilance will generate that same level of interest and participation.

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To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.