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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: APD Presents Operation Lodestar – Parenting Matters

Abbotsford – May 16, 2012.

On Wednesday, May 16 the Abbotsford Police Department's commitment to community engagement and innovative anti-gang projects continues. Tonight at 7:00 pm at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, the APD are inviting the public to attend a 30 minute documentary film "Operation Lodestar – Parenting Matters". This film, which emphasizes the importance of parenting, tells a riveting story from the perspective of a mother who "lost" her son to drugs and gangs. She bravely offers a unique perspective to the audience despite still very much dealing with the aftermath of his tragic death. Included in the film are comments from parenting experts about the type of influence parents can have on their children and the positive guidance parents can provide to the consequential decisions youths will make on their journeys to adulthood. Those same experts have made themselves available for a panel discussion to take place immediately after the showing of the documentary film.

As with all APD anti-gang initiatives, Operation Lodestar is ultimately about making positive choices and challenging ourselves to do better. The Abbotsford Police Department has enjoyed tremendous community support for our prevention based programs. We know that the APD can only be successful with the continued assistance of the citizens who live in our city. The Operation Lodestar – Parenting Matters film is free of charge and is applicable to parents of children of any age.

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To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*

based on true stories

OPERATION LODESTAR

Parenting Matters

A FILM FOR THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT KIDS

Coming Wednesday May 16, 2012 @ 7PM
MCA Auditorium - Free Admission

ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
presents "OPERATION LODESTAR: Parenting Matters"
featuring EV HOLT - DR. SUSAN GOLDSMITH - DR. DAVE CURRIE
IONA SNAIR - DALE PRETTY - SGT. MIKE NOVAKOWSKI
MAKE THE RULES - SET THE EXAMPLE - SUPPORT SCHOOL - GET INVOLVED - BE INFORMED

www.abbypd.ca FIRE CANVAS

PG PARENTING GUIDANCE PROVIDED
Contains material appropriate and meaningful for raising children.

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