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Incident: APD Requests OPCC Investigation of Third Party Allegations

Abbotsford – June 17, 2013

In recent weeks the issue of homelessness in Abbotsford has become a high profile topic for the media and the community. Last week during a meeting of the Abbotsford Social Development Advisory Committee, a group presented third party allegations that Abbotsford Police officers had damaged tents belonging to homeless persons and deployed pepper spray in areas where those tents were placed. This group is extremely involved in the community and is recognized as an important advocate for many of our citizens.

The Abbotsford Police Department is very concerned about these allegations. The APD does not authorize or approve of officers damaging personal property. As a result, on Friday, June 14 Chief Constable Bob Rich requested an Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) directed investigation into the matter.

The objective of the investigation is to determine the validity of the complaint and, if necessary, to hold accountable any APD officers involved.

The Professional Standards Section of the Abbotsford Police Department has conduct of the investigation and would like to speak to anyone with information about these allegations. They can be contacted by calling 604-859-5225 or texting 222973 (abbypd).

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