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Incident: APD and Abbotsford School District Forum for a Healthier Community

Abbotsford – April 8, 2015

On Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm the Abbotsford Police Department and the Abbotsford School District will be co-hosting an important community forum at the MCA Auditorium located at 32315 South Fraser Way. Chief Constable Bob Rich and Superintendent Kevin Godden will be in attendance and there will be presentations from both the APD and Abbotsford School District. The forum, including a video, will be presented primarily in Punjabi.

The first part of the forum will focus on informing parents and concerned citizens about violent incidents and serious crimes that have taken place in West Abbotsford. These incidents have involved young people and have increasingly become a serious public safety issue for our city. The nature of these incidents and the increased involvement by young people with gangs creates the need for immediate action.

The forum will then discuss ways for parents to work with their school to help young people choose a better path. Gang violence has devastating effects on families, communities and those directly involved in the conflicts. We believe that for many the path that leads to gang involvement begins in elementary school. For that reason, prevention and parental involvement is so crucial. Our objective is to motivate parents and others to be part of the solution.

Please join us in doing everything we can to keep our community, and our young people, safe.

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