

## **Abbotsford Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **APD NEWS RELEASE:**

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Incident: Chief Rich Sends Letter to Parents Regarding Townline Hill Conflict

Abbotsford - December 13, 2016

The Townline Hill Conflict has been an ongoing concern and a top public safety priority for the Abbotsford Police Department since 2014. We have dedicated a wide array of resources to suppressing the incidents of violence, engaging in prevention initiatives, expanding partnerships with citizens impacted and informing the larger community about the challenges created by this conflict. A primary objective for the APD throughout all of these efforts is to provide accurate information about the conflict to both those involved and those affected by it.

The APD has been addressing the conflict from a variety of angles, whether it involved the deployment of security cameras into the area, public meetings or having overt and covert teams of officers from APD and CFSEU continually engaged in work specific to the conflict.

Recently, Chief Bob Rich authored a letter to the parents of the young men involved in the conflict. The letter is an earnest attempt to change the direction of the conflict and the lives of those involved. We are sharing this letter with the media and the public with the hope that it again informs citizens on what the APD is doing and becomes a catalyst for others to be part of the positive change that is so desperately needed.

Anyone with information about the Townline Hill Conflict or who needs assistance for a friend or family member who is involved in it should contact us. If you would like more information on how you can make a difference in your neighbourhood, please contact one of our Crime Prevention Coordinators at the Community Policing Office at 604-864-4814. The Crime Prevention Coordinators can speak to you about programs such as Block Watch and discuss how to be a good observer and what types of activities are important to report to police.

Our APD Gang Tip Line is 604-864-4777, our APD Gangbuster email address is <u>gangbusters@abbypd.ca</u> and Crime Stoppers can be reached at 1-800-222-8477. You can contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or text us at 222973 (abbypd).

Our Mission:
To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.

We want the violence to stop and if you can provide information that will help us do that, you will be helping your community.

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