



CENTRAL SAANICH POLICE Community News



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YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SAFETY



Cst. Jason Whittaker and his canine partner Brock are a dedicated team with the Saanich Police Canine Unit. However, when this team wants to catch bad guys, the "Call of Duty" reaches far beyond the municipal boundaries of Saanich.

Police Canine Teams in Greater Victoria work collaboratively in various policing jurisdictions as required. If Central Saanich Police Service needs a police dog, we will request the closest available Canine Unit. This may be

a police dog team from Saanich Police, Victoria Police or the R.C.M.P. Often, it has been Cst. Jason Whittaker and his partner Brock arriving to assist us.

Cst. Whittaker has been teamed up with Police Service Dog Brock for three years. He recently succeeded in spearheading new Provincial Legislation that provides additional protection for Service dogs from being harmed in British Columbia. This protection goes beyond Police Service Dogs and includes Assistance Dogs.

Come celebrate with us! On September 24th Central Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and the Central Saanich Police Service will be having an Open House between 10-2pm.

Come down to the Police and Fire building at 1903 Mount Newton Cross Road for fun for the whole family:

- ▶ Tour emergency response vehicles
- ▶ Bouncy Castle for the kids
- ▶ Fire Hose Competition
- ▶ Watch Firefighters repel off the tower
- ▶ CHILD FIND BC Child ID Clinic
- ▶ Hot dogs and Anniversary Cake

See you there!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

Central Saanich Police Service is committed to providing continued excellence in policing the community in which you live and we proudly serve. In our latest edition of Community News, you will read about how our Youth Liaison Officer is reaching students about safe driving through a Mock Accident. There is also an inside look at the BC PRIME computer system, which links officers from around the province into one database. Other stories include Police Canine Services and an invitation to our upcoming Open House for Police and Fire. As always, I welcome your feedback.

Paul Hames, *Chief Constable*

BACK TO SCHOOL – WATCH OUT FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Back to school means more children walking and biking on our roads. Children do not comprehend the true dangers of the roadway and it is up to us, as adults, to drive with extra care and caution.

- ▶ Children do not always notice oncoming traffic - drive aware.
- ▶ Make eye contact with children waiting to cross the road.
- ▶ Be patient and wait for children to complete their crossing before proceeding.
- ▶ Stop when directed to do so by a crossing guard.

Remember, Central Saanich Police will be out in our school zones making sure the children arrive safe and motorists slow down.

CSPS WELCOMES NEW SERGEANT



Sgt. Andy Duke is the latest officer in Central Saanich to join the ranks of Sergeant.

Sgt. Duke has been an officer with Central Saanich Police Service for the past 6 years, however, he spent the previous 15 years “walking the beat” as a police officer in England. During his tenure with the Sussex Police in England, he served in several capacities including a specialized Traffic Safety Unit, a Riot and Crowd Control Unit and trained in an Anti-Terrorism investigation capacity.

Central Saanich Police Service congratulates Sgt. Duke for his accomplishment and looks forward to his contribution to our community as the newest Patrol Sergeant.

BEHIND THE SCENES...

Natalie French is the Court Liaison for Central Saanich Police. She started her career as a 9-1-1 Police and Fire Dispatcher 12 years ago. Natalie is now responsible for the processing of Reports to Crown Counsel, court documents and dispositions, as well as quality control of the data submitted by our officers into our computer program, PRIME BC. PRIME BC (Police Records Information Management Environment) is a province wide, on-line, data-sharing system that allows police the ability to work with real time information at the provincial level. Previously, officers had to contact other police agencies to obtain access to information regarding potential suspects or to gather further data in relation to an investigation. With PRIME BC, officers now have the information in the police vehicles and at their desk tops, in real time.

PRIME BC has improved policing in Central Saanich significantly. The more information readily available to our officers before arriving at a crime scene or effecting a vehicle stop, the better for officer safety and the safety of the community.



MOCK CRASH SCENE

Central Saanich Police, Volunteer Fire and BC Ambulance Service joined with the Class of 2011 at Stelly's Secondary School to set up a very realistic mock crash scene in front of the school.

The message was simple - *get home safe!*



Grade twelve students volunteered to be role players in the crash. Students looked on as firefighters used the jaws of life to remove the roof of the “crashed” car while paramedics provided emergency medical treatment to the passengers. The “driver” of the car provided a roadside breathalyzer test and “failed”. He was arrested in front of the crash site and placed in a police vehicle.

At the end of the event, students, teachers and emergency service personnel gathered together inside the school for a debrief. Many emergency personnel shared their own heartfelt stories and experiences from the real crashes they respond to. Some of the students spoke about the realism of the crash, how the message hit home and that they understood how much our community truly cares about them.

All of us at Central Saanich Police Service wish the best for the 2011 graduating class of Stelly's Secondary.