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COMMUNICATION IS KEY

POLICING THE PENINSULA



If you spend any time on the Saanich Peninsula you may have noticed that it is policed by two different police forces. The Central Saanich Police Service provides policing for the District of Central Saanich and the Sidney/North Saanich R.C.M.P. provide policing services for the municipalities of Sidney, North Saanich and the four First Nation communities on the Saanich Peninsula.

Criminal behavior does not know jurisdictional boundaries. Information sharing and communication is a critical strategy in crime reduction; the relationship that the Central Saanich Police Service has with our R.C.M.P. partners to the north provides an excellent example of this.

The effectiveness of this partnership was recently highlighted in a "gun call" that was reported on the Pat Bay Highway. The police

dispatcher advised our police units that there was a man on a motorcycle pointing a gun at another vehicle in our area. Our police radio channel is shared between Central Saanich Police Service and the Sidney/North Saanich R.C.M.P. This meant our fellow officers in that region also heard the information and were heading in our direction to assist.

Ultimately, the suspects ended up at the Swartz Bay Ferry terminal and were arrested by the Sidney/North Saanich R.C.M.P. with our assistance.

Although each agency has its own unique identity and structure, Central Saanich Police Service and the Sidney/North Saanich R.C.M.P. will continue a successful partnership reducing crime on the Saanich Peninsula.

(Pictured above from l to r: Cpl. J. Jean, Cst. D. Cottingham, Cst. N. Brown, Cst. P. Koutougos)

ROUNDBABOUTS



Cst. Paul Brailey grew up in England and is well-versed in the benefits of traffic circles. Roundabouts minimize delay and have a better safety performance than stop controlled intersections when it comes to high severity collisions. Cst. Brailey provided the following tips to safely navigate the roundabouts.

- ▶ Yield to traffic already travelling in the roundabout. Enter the roundabout to your right and when there is a gap in traffic and you feel it is safe to do so.
- ▶ Signal when preparing to exit.
- ▶ Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- ▶ Never make a full stop in the roundabout unless the traffic conditions require it.

Of course, if in doubt or confusion sets in you can always go around a second time.

COMING SOON...

This summer Central Saanich Police Service announces the opening of the new Brentwood Community Police Office in the Central Saanich Cultural Centre. 1209 Clark Road (across from the Library)

IDENTITY THEFT



Cst. Dan Cottingham is a 20 year veteran in policing and has specialized in Financial Crime Investigations. Central Saanich Police Service is fortunate to have this expertise "in house" and Cst. Cottingham provided the following tips on how to prevent identify theft:

- ▶ Be particularly wary of unsolicited e-mails, telephone calls or mail attempting to extract personal or financial information from you.
- ▶ Only carry ID in your wallet or purse that you need. Secure all other identity documents in a safe place.
- ▶ Check your bank, credit card statements and bills monthly and report any irregularities promptly to the relevant financial institution and to the credit bureaus.
- ▶ Always shield your personal identification number when using an ATM or a PIN pad.
- ▶ Memorize all personal I.D. numbers for payment cards and telephone calling cards. Never write them on the cards.
- ▶ Always shred personal and financial documents before putting them in the recycle.
- ▶ Collect your mail in a timely fashion.



Central Saanich Police Service announces that Cpl. Pat Bryant has replaced recently retired Cpl. Dave Glancie in the School and Youth Resource Officer position.

Cpl. Bryant started his policing career in Toronto in 1989 and has worked in various areas of policing including uniform patrol duties, Youth Bureau, Child Physical and Sexual Abuse Investigations and Emergency Response Team.

On his days off you will probably find him running, swimming or biking as he trains for his next Iron Man competition. As a parent in our community you will also find him volunteering in the Bayside School Planning Committee and many other school based activities.

Look for him in the halls and gyms of local schools, conversing with the students, challenging them to a game of floor hockey or dodge ball, running with the cross country team or serving up pizza.



In February, Deputy Chief Clayton Pecknold was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services for the Province of British Columbia. He served almost 10 years at Central Saanich Police Service and all of us at Central Saanich Police Service wishes Clayton all the best in his future endeavors.

WESTCOAST MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO LIVE

The WESTCOAST Motorcycle Ride to Live Fundraiser event builds awareness and raises money in support of prostate cancer research, education and support. The second annual Ride will take place on Sunday, June 5th 2011. The organizer of the event is Cst. Luc Beauvais of the Central Saanich Police Service. See www.vi-ridetolive.ca for details.



Cst. Luc Beauvais is a motorcycle enthusiast on and off the job; he has provided some safety tips for motorcyclists.

- ▶ Wear the appropriate approved riding gear, including helmet & eye protection, long pants and gloves.
- ▶ Driving an automobile into an unknown curved roadway can be dangerous on it's own. Performing the same action with a motorcycle is much more hazardous.
- ▶ Motorcycle operators should wear bright, reflective garments – especially at night.
- ▶ The first few moments of an oncoming rain storm can be the most treacherous for any vehicle. This is certainly heightened for a motorcycle as it is much lighter than an automobile and can hydroplane much more quickly.
- ▶ Take a motorcycle safety course, the Vancouver Island Safety Council is great.



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