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The new Deputy Chief for Central Saanich, Les Sylven, brings over 23 years of operational policing and leadership experience. One third of his career was spent as an R.C.M.P. officer in various capacities in the lower mainland, however, the majority of his career has been spent as a police officer in Victoria and Esquimalt. Prior to his position as the Deputy Chief, Les Sylven was the Inspector in Charge of Human Resources with the Victoria Police Department.

Some of the highlights of his career have included Major Crime Investigation, Critical Incident Command, participation on the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team, Media Liaison, and Youth and School Liaison Programs.

In addition to his policing career, Les recently completed his Masters Degree in Leadership Studies at Royal Roads University, is a lifelong Judo practitioner and volunteers with youth in sport. He is married to Rhonda, a Cooperative Preschool teacher, and they have two children.

We welcome Deputy Chief Sylven to the Central Saanich Police Service.

BOUQUETS OF THANKS FOR GRAFFITI CLEAN UP

- Boys and Girls Club (Brentwood Bay)
- Greenhawk Equestrian Supplies
- Gibraltar Property Management
- Butler Brothers
- Thrifty Foods
- Evelyn Spencer



BRENTWOOD OFFICE NOW OPEN

The Brentwood Community Police Office is located in the heart of Brentwood Bay, next to the library at 1209 Clarke Road. The office is currently staffed by three volunteers who focus on providing information on crime prevention and awareness. Information and pamphlets about programs like Child ID, Senior Safety, Block Watch and Anti Graffiti are available through the Brentwood Community Police Office.

The motto of our Brentwood Office is "Reaching our Community through the Community". One of the community volunteers is Coreen Zubersky. Coreen and her husband Pete have lived in Brentwood Bay for 30 years and have raised their family there. When asked why she wants to volunteer, Coreen says " Our family has lived in Brentwood Bay for the past thirty years and I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for me to give back to a community that has given our family so much".

Please drop by and visit us sometime. If you see Coreen there, you may just get one of her homemade cookies or enjoy a visit with "Teddy", her toy poodle.



BAD GUYS DON'T KNOW BOUNDARIES

The Regional Crime Unit's Response



Although Central Saanich boasts one of the lowest crime rates in Canada, we still have criminals who travel into our area, committing crime in our neighbourhoods.

The majority of these offenders are committing theft from autos or break and enters. This type of multi jurisdictional crime pattern is why the Regional Crime Unit (R.C.U.) was established in 2008.

The R.C.U. is an integrated police unit established to proactively target the region's most prolific offenders. The unit is comprised of undercover officers from Central Saanich, Saanich and Oak Bay Police as well as officers from the RCMP.

With Central Saanich Police Service actively participating in the operational and intelligence support of the Regional Crime Unit, we have removed many geographical and jurisdictional boundaries in order to reduce crime in our community. We will continue to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

HELP US CATCH BAD GUYS! Join the Central Saanich Police E-ALERT community. E-ALERTS are a free service that provides residents and businesses with an email alerting them about events, public safety warnings, arrests and investigations that are happening in the community. It is simple to register and free. Go to our website at www.cspolice.ca to subscribe. *Sign up for E-ALERT and help us put criminals out of business!*

POLICE CHIEF'S NEW YEARS MESSAGE



As 2011 comes to an end, I am proud to say that we've had another successful year, thanks to the hard work of our members, support from the Police Board, the community of Central Saanich, our various partners and our dedicated volunteers. We have welcomed our new Deputy Chief, Les Sylven, to our Service and I look forward to working with him in 2012.

As I reflect back on the highlights of 2011, I am proud of the men and women of our Police Service. Our Serious Crime

Unit investigated many serious and complex files, including a home invasion that resulted in several arrests. Community Policing Initiatives and programs have been a priority for our Service. Our Anti Graffiti Program has met with 100% compliance and our Block Watch Program continues to grow and bring communities together to prevent crime. I am pleased to announce that we have opened a Community Police Office in Brentwood Bay. A new website has been developed and will be run by our volunteers. Please visit us in person or online at www.brentwoodcommunitypolice.com.

The very best to you all in 2012. Paul Hames, *Chief Constable*

SCAM ALERT

GRANDMA IT'S ME! A common telephone scam has been occurring and we want our residents to know about it. It starts when a grandparent receives a call from a con artist claiming to be one of his or her



grandchildren. The caller will tell a story about being out of town and in some kind of trouble and trick the victim into thinking they are speaking to his or her grandchild. The story told may involve a car accident or being arrested and they will ask for money to be sent via a wire service or some other money transfer. If you receive any call like this do not send money!! Contact a family member or the police to verify the call.



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