



New Westminster Police



2010 Year In Review



“Serving Since 1873”

New Westminster Police Department 1881



Mayor
Wayne Wright

Message From the Police Board Chair

As Mayor of New Westminster and Chair of the New Westminster Police Board, I am constantly impressed by our outstanding police service and volunteers for their tireless efforts to keep our citizens and city safe. Crime statistics have been steadily declining in recent years and 2010 was no exception, as calls for service noticeably decreased - proof that proactive enforcement and new crime prevention initiatives are working.

We can also take pride in New Westminster Police Services' role in policing the 2010 Olympic Games and the Olympic Torch Relay, as they took part in making history. Our police service continued to contribute positively to the community by hosting the NWPS 30th Annual Soccer Camp, bringing police officers and youth together for a week filled with fun.

In 2010, we welcomed two new NWPB members - Rebecca Maurer and Allan Domaas - and bid farewell to Carol-Ann Hart and Kim Husband who finished their terms. I'd like to express my gratitude to all board members for their leadership and efforts on behalf of our community.

As we look forward to the future, we do so knowing that our city is well-served by a police service that continually strives to better our community and address the policing needs of our citizens with commitment and pride.



Chief Constable's Message

The New Westminster Police Service's vision and commitment to being "Leaders in Policing" continued throughout 2010. Our involvement within the community and the region was perhaps best highlighted by the Olympic games that featured the local Torch Run, and our member's assistance in policing various venues and events as the games occurred. This is but one example of where our members have worked hard to achieve success on behalf of the City of New Westminster and the Police Service.



Chief Constable
Dave Jones

With a significant number of new developments and projects occurring within the city, the Police Service looks forward to building on the relationships we have developed with the community and other agencies. Preparing for this growth is important; over the past 10 years the city has seen a significant reduction in crime statistics, and it is important to work hard in maintaining these achievements. Our commitment is not about individual achievement, but is instead, based on team work, and succeeding on behalf of the community as we strive to make New Westminster an enjoyable place to live, work and play.



Commendations and Awards

The New Westminster Police Service Commendations and Awards Evening was held on November 29th. The following is a list of awards and recipients.

Police Exemplary Service Medal

The Police Exemplary Service Medal recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency.

30 Year Exemplary Service Medal - Constable Gavin Quon

20 Year Exemplary Service Medal - Staff Sergeant Dave Jansen

- Sergeant Trevor Dudar

- Constable Julian Knight

Chief Constable Commendation

This award from the Chief Constable is to officially commend a member for either exceptional police work or duty requiring outstanding courage and bravery.

Sergeant Terry Dhut

Constable Pat Dyck

Constable Gerald Lau

Det Constable Shari Gulliver

Constable Scott Maglio

Constable Sean Hackman

Senior Officer Commendation

This commendation is for a senior officer to recognize a member for an exceptional job well done.

Constable Gavin Quon

Constable Jason Gelderman

Staff Sergeant Joe Spindor

Det Constable - Eammon Ward

Det Constable - Elmario Cahambing

Constable Wendy Bowyer

Constable Corrie Haines (Abbotsford)



Exemplary
Service Medal





Mennlee & Bobby Boyd; Det/Cst Rob Boyd; Det/Cst Eamonn Ward; Brenna, Niamh & Conor McDonnell

30 Year Summer Soccer School Celebration Awards

These awards were presented for those who have made significant contributions of their time to ensuring the success of our annual summer soccer school. Many of these recipients have been actively involved in the program for many years. Their hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.

Cst Bruce Ballingall
 Sgt. Chris Mullin
 Det/Cst Shari Gulliver
 Lisa Mitchell
 Cst Arloa Popke
 Cst Carmel Keenan
 Samantha Wenz

 Det/Cst Colin Betts
 Cst Kingsley Jones
 Cst Lara Dewitt
 Cst Adam Spindor

 Det/Cst Rob Boyd
 Bobby & Mennlee Boyd

 Det/Cst Eamonn Ward
 Brenna, Conor & Niamh McDonnell

 The Shanks Family - Allison, Kristi,
 Nicole & Emma



Kristi, Nicole, Allison, & Emma Shanks

SUMMARY of NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE SERVICE - 2009-2010 CRIME STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2009	2010	% CHG
Total Calls for Service (CAD)	24,977	24,509	-2
CRIMINAL CODE CRIME CATEGORIES	2009	2010	% CHG
1000-PERSONS (VIOLENT) CRIME	868	910	5
2000-PROPERTY CRIME	3,668	3,606	-2
3000-OTHER CRIME	1,326	1,183	-11
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	5,862	5,699	-3
SAMPLE of OFFENCES by PRIMARY CATEGORIES & PRIMARY OFFENCES			
1000-PERSONS (VIOLENT) OFFENCES	2009	2010	%CHG
Homicide	0	3	n/a
Murder-Attempted	0	1	n/a
Sexual Assault	31	28	-10
Assault-Comm/Tresp	312	324	4
Robbery	89	99	11
2000-PROPERTY CRIME OFFENCES	2009	2010	%CHG
Break & Enter Business	325	208	-36
Break & Enter Residence	255	212	-17
Break & Enter Other	55	57	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	426	349	-18
Theft fr Motor Vehicle	775	886	14
Theft Other Over \$5000	16	19	19
Theft Other Under \$5000	465	453	-3
Mischief \$5000 or Under	745	801	8
Fraud Related	228	258	13
3000-OTHER CRIME	2009	2010	%CHG
Breach/Bail Violation	150	185	23
Breach Probation-Adult	107	102	-5
Cause a Disturbance	763	641	-16
Counterfeiting Currency	18	42	133
Indecent Acts/Exposures	20	26	30
4000- CDSA (Drug related stats are influenced by Enforcement Initiatives.)	2009	2010	% CHG
Total Drugs	296	345	17
8000-9000 MUNICIPAL & TRAFFIC (Sampling of Offence Types)	2009	2010	%CHG
<small>This category accounts for approximately 60% of NWPS Total Calls for Service.</small>			
Bylaw - Other	172	138	-20
Bylaw - Noise	534	479	-10
Domestic Dispute-No Assault	794	781	-2
Assist Public/Unwanted Guest	1,382	1,352	-2
Unspecified Assistance	132	88	-33
Suspicious Person/Vehicle /Occurrence	1,121	897	-20
False Alarms	1,565	1,419	-9
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	162	142	-12
Impaired Op MV (Drugs)	4	0	-100
Impaired Op MV (Alcohol)	112	106	-5
Dangerous Operation of MV	9	6	-33
Collision-Non-Fatal Injury	175	199	14
Collision - Damage<> \$1000	639	572	-10

*Year 2009 Updated as of 2011-03-30. Year 2010 Data is preliminary only. The latest dated report reflects the most current information available.
 Source: Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) CCJS Offences Only-New Westminster Police Service data only.



30th Annual Police Summer Soccer School

The 30th Annual Police Summer Soccer School was held in July 2010. The school is a unique recreation program that brings together police officers and youth for a fun filled week. The program saw over 300 children aged 5 to 10 yrs. participate over a five day period. 80 coaches, comprised of police officers and volunteers (including community soccer players and graduates of the soccer school) donated their time to ensure that the event was fun and educational for all participants. The soccer school was first introduced back in 1981, and has become a flagship community program for the police service.

Although soccer instruction is the foundation of this program, the participants are exposed to many other activities throughout the week. These include a demonstration from the Police Service Dog Section, an orientation of various police vehicles and a visit from the New Westminster Fire Department.

We wish to thank all those who have volunteered over the past 30 years to make this this program a great success.



Keith Logan Memorial Golf Tournament

Keith Logan was a current serving member who succumbed to cancer in 2007. At the memorial tournament, over \$10,000 was raised to assist the Crossroads Hospice Society. Crossroads provided loving care and support to Keith and his family during the last days of his life.

SUMMARY of NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE SERVICE - 1998 to 2009 CRIME STATISTICS

NEW WESTMINSTER	YEAR 1998	YEAR 1999	YEAR 2000	YEAR 2001	YEAR 2002	YEAR 2003	YEAR 2004	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006	YEAR 2007	YEAR 2008	YEAR 2009	12 Year Average	% CHG 2000- 2009
POPULATION	54028	54967	57156	57044	57972	59386	60092	60531	60533	61798	63771	65016	59358	14
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE (Excluding Traffic)	9439	9136	8037	8846	8452	9031	9832	8949	7796	7280	6536	6219	8296	-23
New Westminster Crime Rate**	175	166	141	155	146	152	164	148	129	118	103	96	141	-32
BC Crime Rate	n/a	n/a	112	114	115	122	121	116	112	105	96	91	110	-19
LMD Regional Crime Rate***	n/a	n/a	110	112	109	114	113	105	100	92	86	81	102	-26
ALL PERSONS (VIOLENT)	1413	1808	1515	1335	1346	1461	1551	1449	1437	1314	1204	1060	1408	-30
NWPS Homicide	3	2	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	0	0	2	-100
NWPS Sex Offences	67	53	69	47	52	51	49	29	38	42	37	42	48	-39
NWPS Non-Sexual Assaults	799	1026	815	717	725	840	761	707	762	695	675	558	757	-32
NWPS Total Robbery	226	250	170	129	123	146	127	173	140	153	152	113	159	-34
ALL PROPERTY	7003	6084	5536	6405	6096	6414	6487	5810	4609	4329	3735	3788	5525	-32
NWPS Total Break & Enter	1335	967	771	1016	924	907	990	847	634	684	598	621	858	-19
NWPS Total M/V Thefts <>	914	986	866	1080	972	1256	1016	949	592	484	341	419	823	-52
NWPS Thefts<> \$5000 (Non-M/V)	3312	2792	2720	3146	2992	2866	2955	2456	1962	1809	1533	1583	2511	-42
NWPS Theft-Shoplifting<>	378	382	383	403	368	460	412	253	269	234	255	299	341	-22
NWPS Theft fr M/V <>(Source CCJS)	1941	1568	1434	1698	1615	1409	1447	1210	897	813	703	743	1290	-48
NWPS Total Mischief (Source CCJS)	1092	994	823	757	861	1014	1057	1096	949	956	912	802	943	-3
OTHER CRIMES	1023	1244	986	1106	1010	1156	1794	1690	1750	1637	1597	1371	1364	39
Disturbing the Peace Offences	n/a	n/a	323	462	342	368	790	814	809	847	902	804	646	149
DRUGS	n/a	n/a	365	367	331	415	608	528	549	607	508	395	467	8

** Crime rate is the number of Criminal Code offences (excluding drugs and traffic) reported for every 1,000 persons. Years 2000-2009 Updated 2011-03-23 using BC Policing Jurisdiction Crime Trends. Years 1998-1999 from Stats Canada CCJS WDS Table Viewer 2011-02-17. Populations as per BCPolicing Jurisdiction Crime Trends , 2000-2009 ***LMD Crime Rate - Source Police Services Division, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC - Regional Profile 2009 (September 2010)
Chart Updated 2011-03-23 Please be cautious when interpreting percentage changes in small volume offence categories.

Victim Services

Every parent's nightmare is that they will be involved in a motor vehicle accident with their children in the car. Victim Services was called to Royal Columbian Hospital to assist after a woman and her 5 year daughter were hit by an oncoming vehicle. Fortunately, the little girl was physically uninjured but she remained very frightened and upset. Her mummy needed medical attention for cuts and scrapes along with x-rays and casting for a broken wrist. No other family members could be reached to attend. With the help of a trauma bear, hot chocolate and a cookie, we chatted and played games with the child for three hours while her mother received the medical care she needed. At the end of this ordeal, we drove them home from the hospital and received warm hugs of appreciation from both.

Imagine returning to your home to find your back door ajar, cupboards and drawers opened and overturned with all your possessions strewn about the house. This happened to a New Westminster family. Although the mother didn't speak English, she knew to call 911 and waited, terrified and upset, in her car with her crying children until the Police arrived. Victim Services attended, and fortunately, the worker spoke the language. We supported the family emotionally, helping to reduce their fear. We assisted them to make arrangements for the clean-up and gave tips on safety planning and home security. So the family would not be alone, we waited until Dad could be located and returned home. The impact on the family of this very upsetting break and enter was lessened somewhat by the support and practical assistance provided by Victim Services.

Police located a very tired and confused senior at the Skytrain Station. Clearly, the elderly gentleman had walked a long distance and needed a ride home.

Victim Services was called to assist. Fortunately, the gentleman knew his address and we drove him home. Upon pulling into the driveway, we were met by the man's very relieved, yet seemingly surprised, son. It turned out this was no longer the gentleman's home as the family had moved to out of the city 10 years earlier! Fortunately for all, the son had expanded his search for dad far and wide, including the old home in New Westminster. The outcome here was a happy reunion for this family, and Victim Services was pleased to assist in a small but significant way.



Volunteers Make a Difference

Crime Prevention Volunteers participated in 42 different community events in New Westminster over the course of 2010. The year started off with the Winter Olympic Torch Relay with 21 volunteers assisting with road closures, parking, pedestrian safety, and being an extra set of “eyes and ears” for New Westminster Police. It is difficult to top a prestigious event such as the Olympics coming to town, but in May, the Volunteer Bicycle Patrol Team came together to assist with a historic event, Freedom of the City Ceremony. Volunteers were proud to be part of the celebration in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy upon HMCS Discovery. While the volunteers were positioned at road closures, the proudest moment was standing with the Mayor and the Police Chief during the official ceremony. The year ended with the New Westminster Police Adopt-A-Family Hamper Program. Each year for the last 30 years, New Westminster Police have supported several low-income families living in New Westminster during the holiday season. With the assistance of volunteers, food, clothing, and gift hampers are assembled and then delivered to the local families. This is an example of how police members, civilian staff, and volunteers work together to improve the lives of citizens in our community.

Volunteers partake in many diverse community initiatives and are inspired by the uniqueness of each event and how it affects New Westminster. The New Westminster Police Service is fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate volunteers that actively contribute to our successful City. Crime Prevention Volunteers are the link with our community.



We're Here For You

Police officers have many duties to fulfill everyday. The media often portrays an average officer to be in full time action, fighting against criminals and engaging in car chases, but this is just a minority of what we do. The aim of policing is to prevent crime; to pursue and bring to justice those who break the law; to keep the peace; and to protect, help and reassure the community. Our officers are dedicated to making New Westminster a safe and friendly environment to live. Our goal is not just crime prevention and law enforcement, we want you to know that "we're here for you." Below is a letter of appreciation reflecting our commitment to the community.

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April 19, 2010

Chief Constable Lorne Zapotichny
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Dear Chief:

I would like to personally thank and show my appreciation to the New Westminster Police Department and specifically Constable Jeff White for the prompt action and support I received on April 6, 2010.

I received an emergent call from Surrey Hospital regarding a young woman who had suffered a cardiac arrest due to a massive pulmonary embolus and was in their ER having CPR. Her only hope at survival was a potential surgical rescue requiring cardiac surgical support. I was at Royal Columbian Hospital where cardiac surgery is provided in the region and needed to get to Surrey Hospital within minutes during rush hour which would not be possible.

Your police department was contacted and immediately agreed to provide transport for me to Surrey without any delay or any "red tape". Constable White came in his police cruiser to RCH and delivered me to Surrey Hospital in the fastest yet safest manner possible.

This allowed us to treat the lady to give her a chance at survival. I am happy to report that she survived and is now making an excellent recovery.

This was truly a case where, simply, what needed to be done got done by everyone.

On behalf of the patient and the cardiac and thoracic surgeons I would like to again thank your department and Constable Jeff White for their outstanding effort.

Sincerely,

S. Karim, Chief, Cardiac Surgery Dept. RCH
SSK:rm

Cc: Dr. Roy Morton – Medical Director, RCH
Dr. Nigel Murray – President & CEO FHA
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Mehmud Karmali – Director, Clinical Programs Cardiac Sciences, RCH
Dr. James Bond – Thoracic Surgeon, SMH

Serving Since 1873

Police in New Westminster have a mission that they face:
To prevent and to reduce the risk of crime.
And many in the service have a passion they embrace;
That the goal of helping citizens is prime.

Police in New Westminster know community is key.
They're the public and the public are police.
They want the city safer and a friendly place to be
And prefer to settle dissonance with peace.

Police in New Westminster try consistently to show
Diplomacy and common sense and tact.
But have the strength and knowledge and the fearlessness to know
When in need against aggression how to act.

Community involvement is essential for success:
Education and awareness makes us strong.
The programs target dangers and reduction of distress.
Many volunteers are helping all along.

Police in New Westminster serve the public without pause.
With commitment and enthusiasm give
Exemplary policing for enforcement of the laws
So we all can have a safer place to live.

Susan McLeod (Local Resident)



2010 Olympic Games

2010 brought a unique, and once in a career, set of challenges for policing as the Winter Olympic Games arrived in the Vancouver area.

While facing a need to provide a large number of our members to the Olympic Games Security, there were those who remained here in New Westminster to ensure the safety of our community. Not only were we faced with working without the opportunity to take time off, but we brought together one of our largest ever celebrations when the Olympic Torch Relay arrived here in February. Our ability as an organization to provide the resources and opportunity for 25 of our members to work at the Olympic venues was made possible by those who remained here during this time.

Our members who took on the task of working at the Olympic Games showed a work effort and performance that represented the Police Service in an exceptional manner. We recognize that there were challenges that were faced to work effectively within such a large and varied integrated unit; however, the Olympic experiences were positive and ones that will not be forgotten.

Each and every member should be commended, not only for making the games a success, but in seamlessly and efficiently keeping the Police Service running smoothly through this time period.



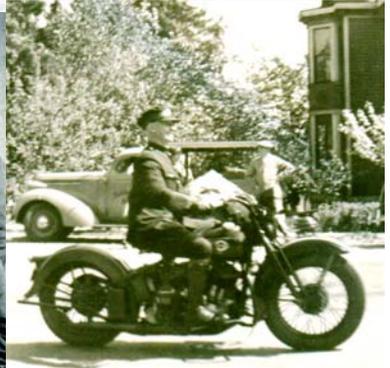


Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction

During the annual Crime Prevention Association Symposium held in Surrey on November 5th & 6th, Constable Bruce Ballingall was the recipient of B.C.'s highest honour in community safety and crime prevention for his outstanding contribution and extraordinary dedication to helping make B.C. communities a better place to live. On this date, Solicitor General Rich Coleman presented Bruce the Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction.

“For over 30 years, Constable Ballingall has chosen to lead by example when it comes to crime prevention in his community,” said Coleman. **“His dedication and level of involvement with numerous volunteer organizations have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers, the residents of New Westminster and of British Columbia.”**

Bruce has been widely recognized for his contributions to community policing. Over the years, he has led the implementation of crime prevention programs such as Graffiti Eradication, Citizens on Patrol and Block Watch, and partnered with community organizations and volunteers to ensure success. He has also been a long-time member of the B.C. Crime Prevention Association.



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