

Community PROGRESSIVE Leadership TEAMWORK Innovation PARTNERSHIPS Accountability **OUR VISION** New Westminster: A safe community to live, work and play. MISSION STATEMENT Keeping New Westminster safe and secure.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

DAVID JANSEN

Chief, New Westminster Police Department

On behalf of all the men and women of the New Westminster Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report to the community and our members.

I am proud of the members of this police department, both civilian and sworn, whose hard work and dedication results in New Westminster's five year change in our Crime Severity Index being among the best in the nation. New Westminster Police Department officers responded to 21,092 calls for service in 2019 in addition to the proactive work our officers do to prevent crime and learn from community members.

Our people are why New Westminster Police is considered provincial and national leaders in so many areas and we continue to build innovative programs, establish strong community partnerships, and improve our outreach to all our communities.

Members of the New Westminster Police Department Board and the New Westminster City Council continue to support our efforts and they have our sincere thanks.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the New Westminster Police Department. In the following pages you will find some examples of our success, including an exciting new program for youth who have been marginalized and/or disadvantaged, improvements in our internal knowledge network, and collaborative projects with an aim to keep our school zones safe.

We will continue to serve our unique and diverse community with a passion for policing and a strong commitment to community safety.

We're here for you.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

MAYOR JONATHAN X COTE

Chair, New Westminster Police Board

On behalf of the New Westminster Police Board, I am pleased to present highlights of the New Westminster Police Department's 2019 achievements.

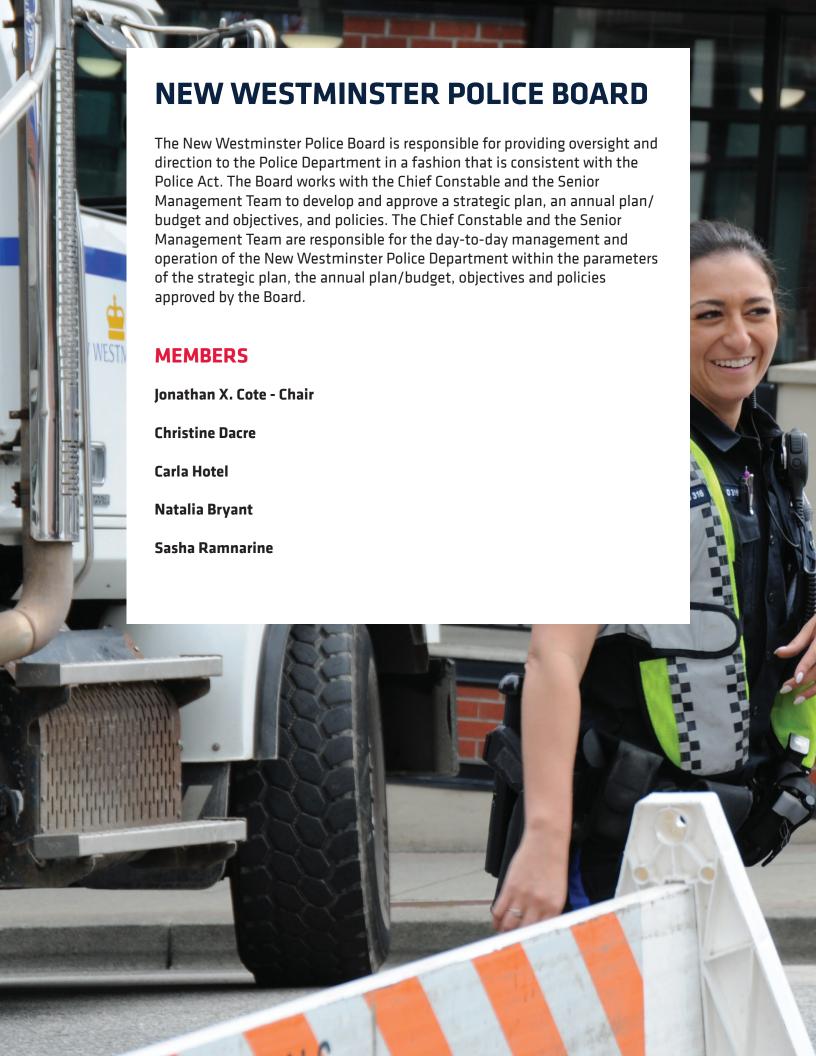
The New Westminster Police Board and the New Westminster Police Department did an exceptional job in 2019. We were happy to welcome Natalia Bryant to the police board. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role and we thank her for her outstanding contributions to the police board.

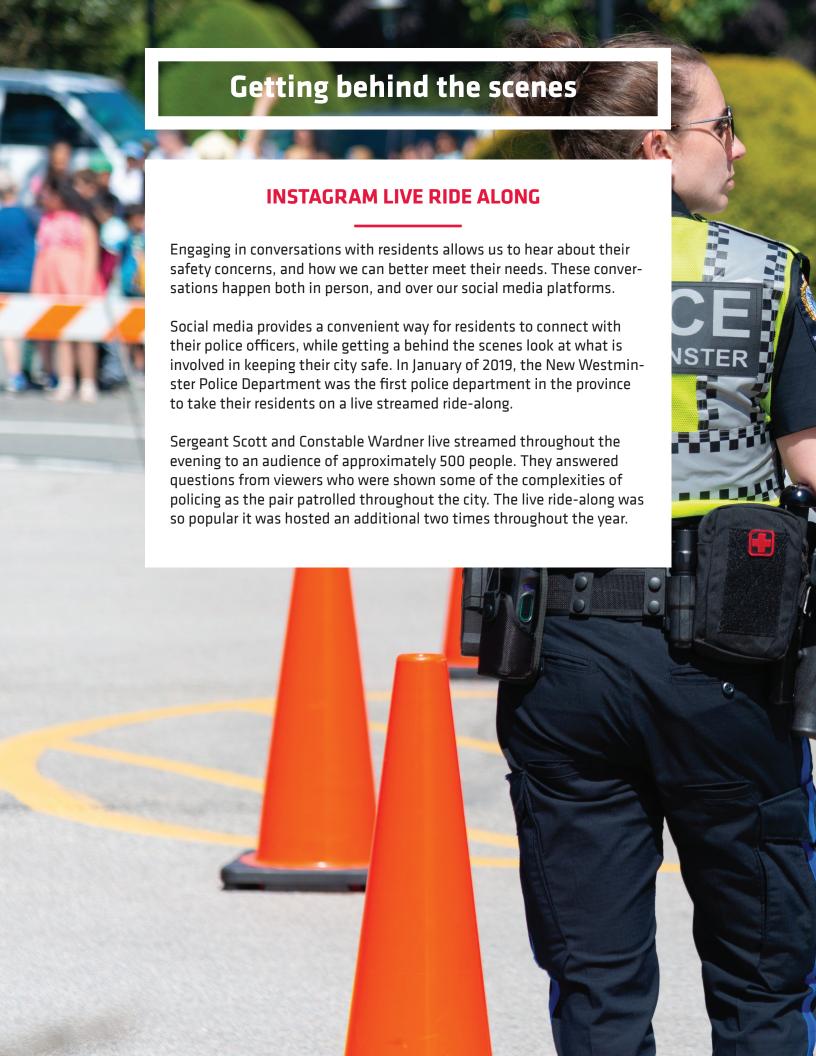
This year marked a change in leadership, as the department enters its next phase of development built on Chief Jones' contributions. As we enter 2020, we look forward to supporting our new Chief Constable and executive team as the department continues to develop, while maintaining service levels our residents expect and enjoy.

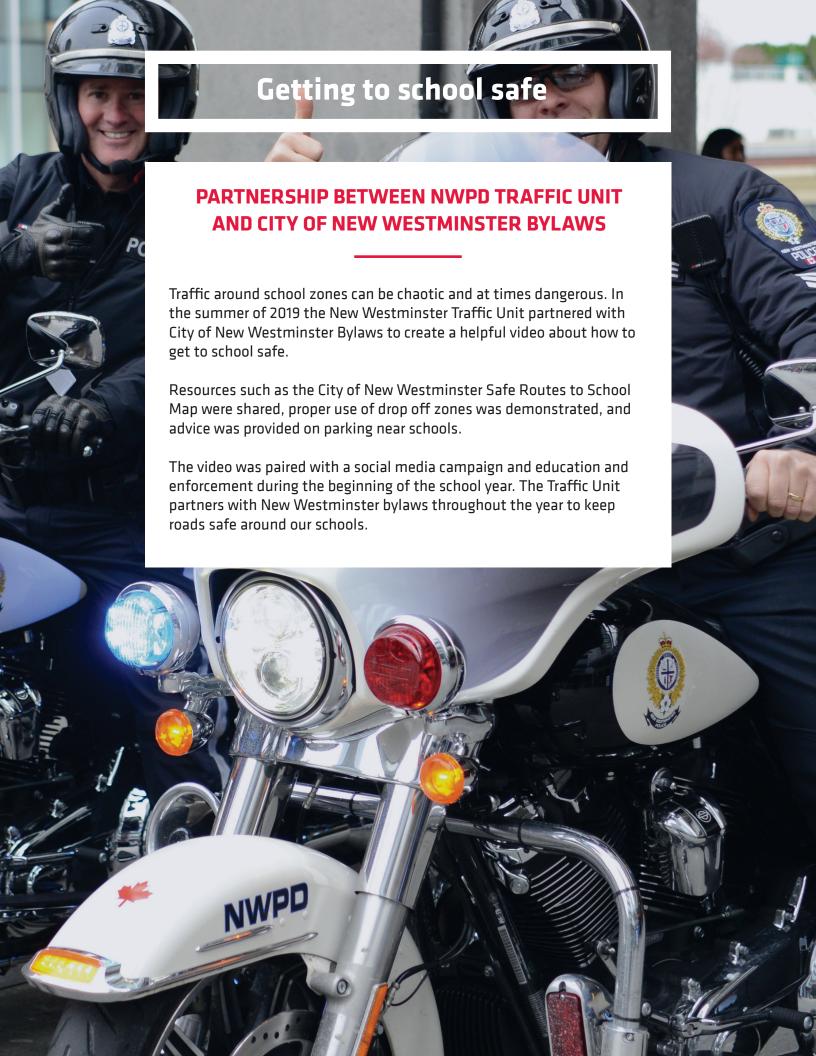
The New Westminster Police Department continues to exceed all expectations in the work they do, going above and beyond the call of service. I am proud to say that I have been consistently impressed with the efforts of the uniformed and civilian staff of our police department, along with the volunteers and members of the Police Board, and their collective commitment to keeping our citizens safe.

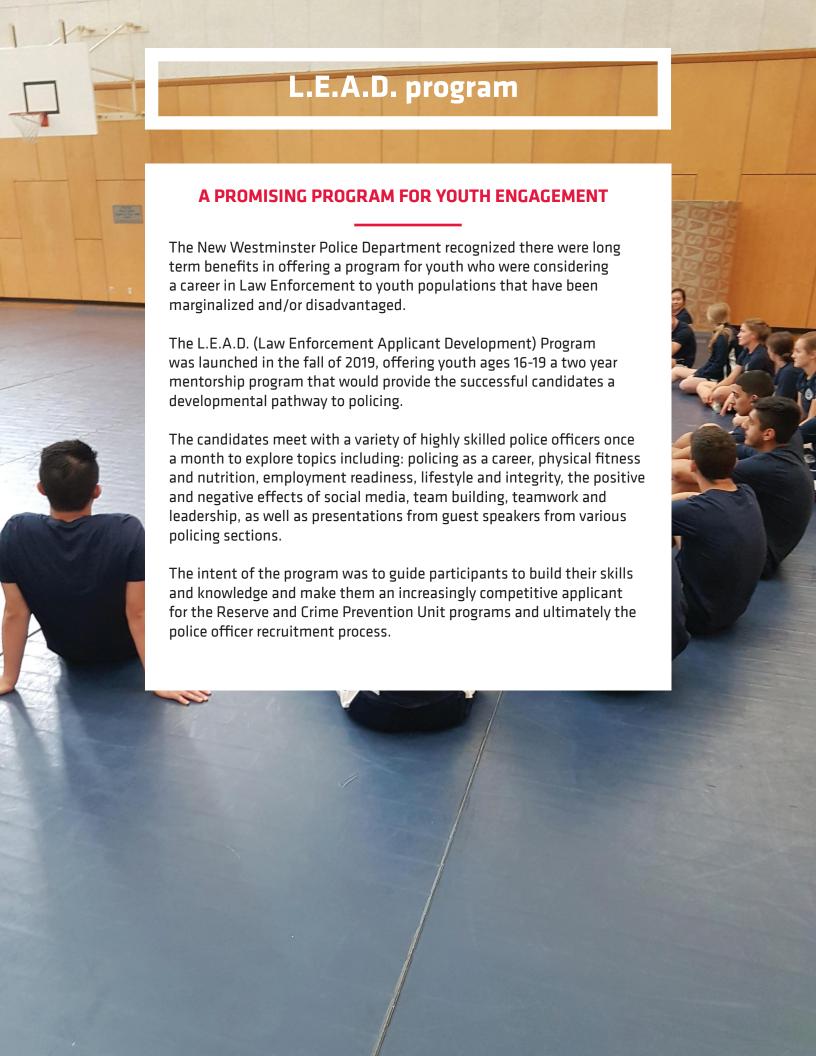
The New Westminster Police Board stands proudly behind the Chief Constable Dave Jansen, and the women and men of the department and look forward to another great year in 2020.











Officer spotlight

REFLECTIONS ON A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION

In 2019, 37-year-old Steven Gordon Vollrath pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer with a weapon, using an imitation firearm to commit an offence, assault with a weapon, fraudulent personation to obstruct justice, dangerous driving, flight from police and failing to remain at the scene of a crash.

"When I found out that Mr. Vollrath had pled guilty I had to sit down for a minute to collect myself," stated Corporal Schultz. "Inevitably I started crying as it was such a release of emotions that had built up over the past four-and-a-half years it took to get to this point."

The guilty pleas came after Corporal Schultz attended a New West parkade for reports of a couple sleeping in a car. Corporal Schultz asked Vollrath for his licence and registration for the vehicle, a rental car from Alberta. When Corporal Schultz heard over the radio that the rental company wanted the vehicle towed, as it was overdue, Vollrath pulled out a gun and tried to shoot the officer, though the gun didn't fire. He then fled the scene in the car.

Vollrath evaded police in the ensuing pursuit, and the vehicle was later found in Vancouver.

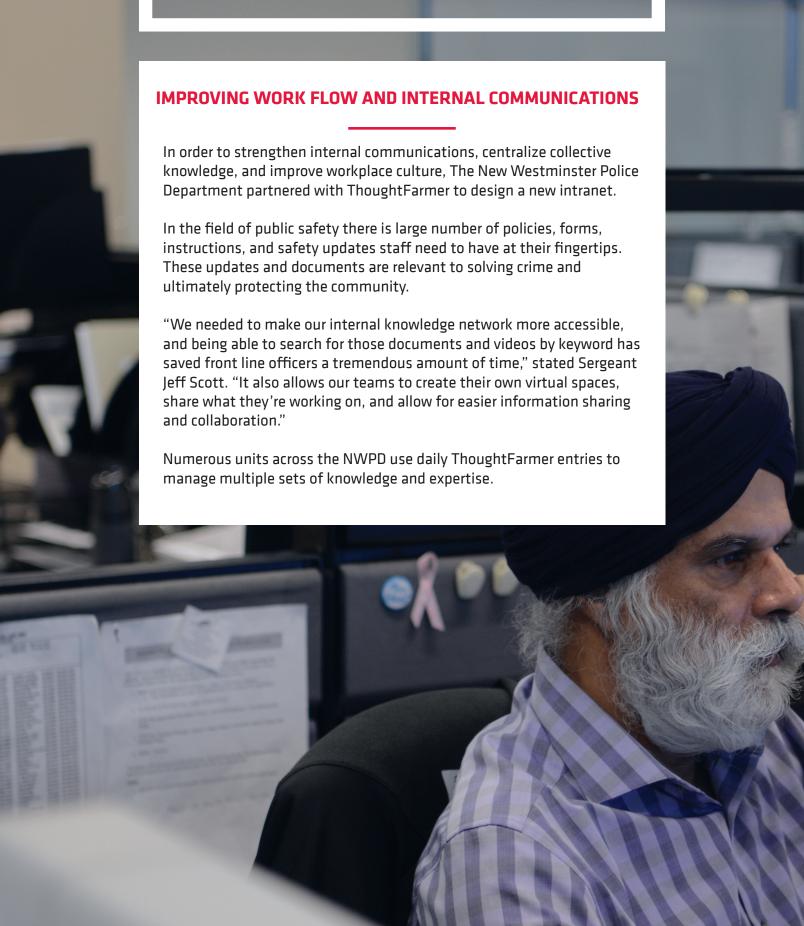
"One thing I took away from this incident was how quickly a situation can change from routine to life or death in the blink of an eye," said Corporal Schultz. "Thankfully, we receive very good training and I was able to rely on that to get me through this situation."

Days later, a Chevrolet Impala was pulled over in Canmore, Alberta for a traffic violation, and Vollrath, who was in the front passenger seat, was arrested at that scene. The New West Police Department obtained a search warrant for the vehicle and found a handgun inside a stuffed teddy bear under the front passenger seat.

"I cannot thank my fellow colleagues enough," stated Corporal Schultz. "From May 2015 when the incident happened, to January 2020 when Mr. Vollrath was sentenced, my colleagues and the past and present members of The NWPD Senior Management Team have been supportive. On the day of sentencing thirty members attended court to support me. It meant a lot."

Corporal Schultz has recently celebrated his 17th anniversary with the New Westminster Police Department and works as member in patrol on A Watch.







| 2018-2018 Crime Statistics | 2018 | 2019 | change 2018 vs. 2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| Total Calls for Service | 22,569 | 21,092 | -7% |
| Criminal Code | 2018 | 2019 | |
| 1000-Persons (Violent) Offences | 576 | 995 | +73% |
| 2000-Property Crime | 3,448 | 3,472 | +1% |
| 3000-Other Crime | 871 | 993 | +14% |
| Total Criminal Code | 4,895 | 5,460 | +12% |
| 1000-Persons (Violent) Offences | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Homicide | 0 | 1 | ↑ |
| Murder-Attempted | 0 | 4 | ↑ |
| Sexual Assault | 22 | 61 | ↑ |
| Assault-Comm/Tresp | 222 | 374 | ↑ |
| Robbery | 27 | 32 | ↑ |
| 2000-Property Crime Offences | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Break & Enter Business | 193 | 226 | ↑ |
| Break & Enter Residence | 110 | 119 | ↑ |
| Break & Enter Other | 102 | 88 | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 225 | 219 | 4 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 1036 | 870 | 4 |
| Theft Other Over \$5000 | 17 | 23 | ↑ |
| Theft Other Under \$5000 | 481 | 503 | ↑ |
| Mischief \$5000 or Under | 451 | 503 | ↑ |
| Fraud Related | 386 | 455 | ↑ |

Source: Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) CCJS Founded Offences Only-New Westminster Police Department data only.

| 3000-Other Crime | 2018 | 2019 | change 2018 vs. 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|
| Breach/Bail Violation | 134 | 173 | ↑ |
| Breach Probation-Adult | 118 | 114 | ↑ |
| Cause a Disturbance | 476 | 514 | 4 |
| Counterfeiting Currency | 14 | 28 | ↑ |
| Indecent Acts/Exposures | 23 | 0 | • |
| 4000-CDSA | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Total Drugs | 118 | 98 | -17% |
| 8000-9000 Municipal & Traffic | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Bylaw - Other | 132 | 97 | + |
| Bylaw - Noise | 312 | 297 | 4 |
| Domestic Dispute-No Assault | 576 | 498 | 4 |
| Assist Public/Unwanted Guest | 1789 | 1943 | ↑ |
| Unspecified Assistance | 70 | 28 | • |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Occurrence | 1016 | 1033 | ↑ |
| False Alarms | 263 | 277 | ↑ |
| Recovered Stolen Vehicle | 69 | 84 | ↑ |
| Impaired Op MV (Drugs) | 11 | 17 | ↑ |
| Impaired Op MV (Alcohol) | 51 | 93 | ↑ |
| Dangerous Operation of MV | 10 | 12 | ↑ |
| Collision-Non-Fatal Injury | 196 | 128 | • |



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