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# *We're here for you.*



**New Westminster Police Department**  
**2011 Report to the Community**

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## Mayor Wayne Wright



As Mayor of New Westminster and Chair of the New Westminster Police Board, I can say with pride that the outstanding members and volunteers of the New Westminster Police Department have

finished off another year working tirelessly to keep our citizens and city safe through proactive and person-focused policing. Crime statistics show that their efforts are yielding results, as calls for service decreased noticeably in 2011.

In 2011, the police department was focused on contributing positively to the community on a more personal level, sparking the decision to formally adopt the slogan "We're Here for You" - the first step in the department rebranding process that will go into full gear in 2012.

The department showed that they are invested in our city's children by continuing to develop the Rock Solid program in our schools, spreading bullying awareness by getting high school students to spread the message to middle schools, then getting the middle school students to teach the skits to elementary students. NWPD also held its 31st annual Soccer School, bringing together children and police officers for a week filled with fun and fostering positive role models and relationships.

I would also like to give my warmest welcome to our new Chief Constable, Dave Jones, who you can rest assured will continue in the steps of Chief Zapotichny and be committed to ensuring the safety and security of our citizens through an ever-evolving and improving police department.

## Chief Constable Dave Jones



It is my pleasure to introduce the New Westminster Police Department's Report to the Community for 2011. 2011 was certainly a year of change for the NWPD, most notably the retire-

ment of Chief Constable Lorne Zapotichny after over 13 years of service to the community. It was both my honour and privilege to be chosen as his successor and I look forward to guiding this department with the same level of honour and integrity in the coming years.

In addition to my appointment, after 31 years of dedicated service to the NWPD, Laurin Stenerson was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Constable, a role he has taken on with vigor and enthusiasm. Along with Inspectors Doug Walcott (Support Services), Dave Jansen (Patrol) and Phil Eastwood (Administration), I am proud to lead this strong management team as we tackle the various challenges that the NWPD will face in the coming years. I am proud to say that I have been a member of this department since the beginning of my career and I look to the future with eager anticipation as I guide the women and men of the NWPD in serving this great community.





# Changing of the Guard

June 1st, 2011 was truly a day of change within the New Westminster Police Department as retiring Chief Constable Lorne Zapotichny officially turned over command of the Department to incoming Chief Constable Dave Jones.

Chief Zapotichny started out with the NWPD in 1998 when he was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Constable by Chief Constable Peter Young. Prior to this, Zapotichny served with distinction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, leaving as the superintendent in charge of the Coquitlam detachment. With Chief Young's retirement in 2000, Zapotichny assumed the office of Chief Constable, which he held with honour and integrity for over 11 years.

Chief Constable Jones started his career with the NWPD in 1984, first as a reserve constable, then as a full time member in 1986. Chief Jones worked in a number of units throughout his career, including Patrol, Drug Squad, Emergency Response Team, Street Crime Unit and Major Crime Unit.

Chief Jones was promoted through the ranks from Corporal, to Sergeant, to Staff-Sergeant in 1998, after which he successfully led the Street Crime Unit in its leading role in the fight against an influx of drug dealers in the downtown core. In 2000, he was promoted to Inspector, managing both the Patrol and Support Services Divisions until he became Deputy Chief in 2008.

With a wide variety of operational experience, Jones will be a hands-on Chief Constable as he leads the women and men of the NWPD in the coming years.

# Making a difference...

## Constables Ferguson, Cho, Pakosh, Kusch

On September 28, 2011, these four A Watch members were dispatched to a call at an apartment building for a report of a female tenant chasing the building manager with a knife and threatening to kill him. The constables arrived on scene minutes later and located a female stabbing at a suite door with a large kitchen knife. Constable Kusch ordered the female to drop the knives; however, she did not comply, replying that they would have to kill her. After repeated verbal direction for her to drop the knife, Constables Pakosh and Ferguson deployed their Conducted Energy Weapons at the female, but even after several cycles, this was ineffective. The female then threw one of the two knives she was carrying at the members, but missed. As the female still possessed a second knife, with which she continued to threaten the members, Constable Kusch fired several rounds at her from his Arwen gun, eventually striking the female in her right arm, knocking the remaining knife out of her hand. The female was taken into physical custody by the members after a brief struggle.

Each of the members involved displayed the utmost professionalism in dealing with this extremely volatile and violent encounter and are commended for outstanding police work. Their actions no doubt saved the life of this female, who posed a danger to herself through her erratic and threatening behaviour.

## In 2012...

*We will launch our new department website, which will provide more detailed and up-to-date information regarding recruitment, programs and events, as well as offer new features such as interactive crime maps. The launch also signals the beginning of the department rebranding process, which along with the name change from New Westminster Police "Service" to New Westminster Police "Department" and engaging our community through social media, will make us more transparent to the public, truly embracing our new slogan, "We're Here for You."*

# DRE Program

## Staff Sergeant Paul Milne

Staff Sergeant Paul Milne was involved from the very outset of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program, providing training and leadership within the province. As a direct result of Staff Sgt. Milne's efforts, on July 2, 2008, new legislation regarding drug-impaired driving came into force in Canada. The new laws enable police to conduct mandatory roadside testing and assessment of suspected drug-impaired drivers, and to impose stiffer penalties on drivers who are found to be impaired.

Through Staff-Sgt. Milne's work in the City of New Westminster provincially and nationally over a period of some 14 years, Bill C-2 became law that has forever improved the safety of communities everywhere by elevating the skills and authority of police officers to effectively deal with investigations involving drug impairment.



# Cops for Cancer

Every fall, over a hundred members of law enforcement and emergency services cycle across four areas of British Columbia to support children with cancer and their families.

In 2011, NWPD Constables Dewitt and Spindor participated in the Tour de Coast, committing to extensive training in the 24 weeks preceding the nine day tour in October, where they rode a minimum of nine hours per day, covering an average of 75 - 120 kilometres a day.

As part of their fundraising, Constables Dewitt and Spindor raised over \$12,600 towards treatment and finding a cure for pediatric cancer.

The New Westminster Police Department has now participated in five Cops for Cancer tours and is committed to continuing to support this worthy cause.



## In 2012...

*We will begin to implement the 2012-2016 strategic plan, which is the result of an inclusive and reflective process that draws on the insights of citizens, community groups, business representatives, elected officials, and the knowledge and expertise of our own staff.*

# In the community...

## Rock Solid Foundation

The Rock Solid Foundation is a bullying prevention program that was started in 1997 by a group of law enforcement officials, Victoria Shamrocks and Canadian Rugby Players after a need was identified for anti-violence education for kids.

Last year, the New Westminster Police enhanced the program already in place in our city schools by getting high school students to put together skits based on bullying issues common among kids. These students then trained Queensborough Middle School students on the Rock Solid message and how to deliver it through the skits. Then, the middle school students in turn applied what they learned and created their own anti-bullying skits, which they enacted to several elementary schools in the community.

We are committed to the high school-focused Rock Solid and accompanying elementary-focused WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) programs in our schools and plan to continue developing and enhancing the program to meet new issues that arise around bullying each year.



## NWPD Soccer School



In 2011, NWPD hosted its ever-popular soccer school for the 31st time. The program brought together children, volunteers and police officers for a week filled with fun.

Soccer training is the foundation of the school, but the program has developed into so much more than that. The children get to bond with each other and interact with positive community role models, learning teamwork and sportsmanship. They are also visited by the NWPD K-9 team for an exciting dog demonstration, get to learn about various police vehicles and get a visit from the New Westminster Fire Department.

## In 2012...

*We will put an emphasis on social media in an effort to engage more deeply with our community, rebranding our department as one that is committed to serving citizens on a more personal level. We will provide up-to-date information, facts, important tips, photos and videos through our social media accounts, giving the public an in-depth look into our department not seen before. We also plan to launch a blog that will have one or more of our police officers sharing tips and anecdotes from their personal experiences in policing.*



## Summary of New Westminister Police Department

2009 - 2011 Crime Statistics	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Total Calls for Service	24977	24509	24136	-2	-2
Criminal Code Crime Categories	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
1000-Persons (Violent ) Crime	868	908	790	5	-13
2000-Property Crime	3668	3606	3393	-2	-6
3000-Other Crime	1326	1182	1200	-11	2
<b>Total Criminal Code</b>	<b>5862</b>	<b>5696</b>	<b>5383</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-5</b>

## Sample of Offences by Primary Categories & Primary Offences

1000-Persons (Violent) Offences	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Homicide	0	3	1	n/a	-67
Murder-Attempted	0	1	3	n/a	200
Sexual Assault	31	26	25	-16	-4
Assault-Comm/Tresp	312	326	283	4	-13
Robbery	89	100	69	12	-31
2000-Property Crime Offences	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Break & Enter Business	325	208	210	-36	1
Break & Enter Residence	255	212	189	-17	-11
Break & Enter Other	55	56	70	2	25
Motor Vehicle Theft	426	338	277	-21	-18
Theft from Motor Vehicle	775	886	804	14	-9
Theft Other Over \$5000	16	19	24	19	26
Theft Other Under \$5000	465	450	488	-3	8
Mischief \$5000 or Under	745	803	757	8	-6
Fraud Related	228	259	245	14	-5
3000-Other Crime	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Breach/Bail Violation	150	186	169	24	-9
Breach Probation-Adult	107	102	89	-5	-13
Cause a Disturbance	763	641	657	-16	2
Counterfeiting Currency	18	42	22	133	-48
Indecent Acts/Exposures	20	26	20	30	-23
4000-CDSA†	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Total Drugs	296	346	400	17	16

†(Drug related stats are influenced by Enforcement Initiatives.)

8000-9000 Municipal & Traffic† (Sampling of Offence Types)	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-10	% Change 10-11
Bylaw - Other	172	138	167	-20	21
Bylaw - Noise	534	479	474	-10	-1
Domestic Dispute-No Assault	794	781	849	-2	9
Assist Public/Unwanted Guest	1382	1350	1119	-2	-17
Unspecified Assistance	132	88	132	-33	50
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Occurrence	1121	897	895	-20	0
False Alarms	1565	1419	1229	-9	-13
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	162	142	85	-12	-40
Impaired Op MV (Drugs)	4	0	0	-100	n/a
Impaired Op MV (Alcohol)	112	108	178	-5	65
Dangerous Operation of MV	9	6	1	-33	-83
Collision-Non-Fatal Injury	175	200	203	14	2
Collision - Damage < \$1000	639	574	609	-10	6

† This category accounts for approximately 60% of NWPD Total Calls for Service.

Year 2011 data are preliminary only.

Year 2009 updated as of 2011-03-30. Year 2010 updated as of 2012-03-21.

The latest dated report reflects the most current information available.

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