



NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

Our successful community starts with crime prevention

**Your involvement can build
a better New Westminster**





The CPU is Your Community Link

The New Westminster Police Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) enhances the quality of life for everyone in New Westminster, by fostering a successful community in which crime is reduced and people are safe. Bringing together citizens from throughout the area, the CPU creates a more unified New Westminster and provides an opportunity for everyone to get involved in building a stronger, more secure community.



The CPU recognizes that a great community is not built by one individual alone but is the result of the combined hard work and effort of many different people. Therefore the CPU develops programs, provides resources and offers support to encourage volunteer participation in the enhancement of a safer community.



The role of the New Westminster Police CPU is to:

- implement programs for crime reduction
- public education and awareness about crime
- encourage citizens to participate in their community
- prevent crime
- innovate positive change
- promote a strong, collaborative community

At the heart of every successful neighbourhood are people who recognize their responsibility to reduce the risk and fear of crime within their community. The CPU offers both citizens and police of New Westminster the opportunity to play a meaningful role in shaping their community's future.

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How You Can Get Involved



Volunteers are invaluable to our society. Not only do they play a key role in building, uniting, and promoting stronger community relationships, they also contribute to improving our environment and help create safer communities.

You can do your part towards a better New Westminster on an active level by getting out and volunteering in any of the variety of programs, or by simply supporting your community through participation. Even small actions like getting to know your neighbours can make a big difference.

By volunteering, not only are you helping and becoming more involved in your community, you are also creating an opportunity for new and rewarding personal experiences as part of a collaborative team who wish to affect positive change in New Westminster.

Volunteers are caring people who are willing to commit their time in the creation of a safe and successful community.

Safety, security and helping others are goals of the CPU, and volunteers help make them a reality.

New Westminster Police Volunteer Programs

Take a positive step towards a better New Westminster by volunteering for one of the many programs that the CPU has to offer. Volunteers' involvement is not only essential to the success of the community but also rewarding for those who participate. Volunteers gain a real satisfaction in knowing that they play a key role in making their neighbourhood a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.

Block Watch



Block Watch is a free program in partnership with the New Westminster Police. The goal of the Block Watch Program is building safer communities. Our aim is to help residents organize their neighbourhoods by encouraging neighbours to work together in order to prevent crime in their neighbourhood. It is believed that neighbours working together are the first, and best line of defence against crime. Participants watch out for their neighbour's property and report suspicious activities to the Police. Block Watch is one of the most comprehensive and successful home security and community safety programs and crime will be reduced.

Crime Free Multi-Housing

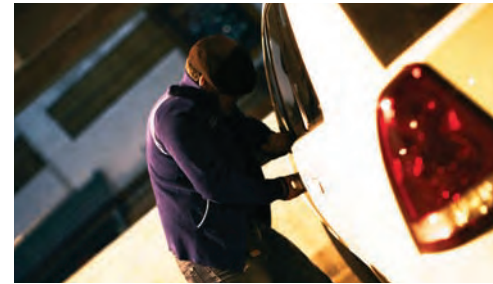


The Crime Free Multi-Housing program (CFMH) is designed to help owners, managers, and residents of multi-unit rental properties, in cooperation with the police and other agencies, to eradicate illegal and nuisance activity from their property. The program consists of three phases involving workshops, a security assessment, and an annual Resident Safety Meeting. Once all three phases are completed the management earn the opportunity to use CFMH Program signs and logos. The result of this program is a safer, more habitable living environment, coupled with often lower maintenance and repair costs, and a more desirable building which can lead to increased property value.

Citizens' Crime Watch Patrol



Citizens' Crime Watch Patrol (CCWP) is a long standing community crime prevention initiative that was launched in March 1983. Volunteers work closely with the New Westminster Police and act as their eyes and ears, by patrolling streets, parks and other public areas in vehicles and reporting suspicious, criminal, and nuisance behaviour. The success of this program relies heavily on the dedication and skill demonstrated by the volunteers. This is one of New Westminster's most influential programs for volunteers, as information given to the Police through CCWP volunteers has led to some notable arrests.



Speed and Traffic Watch

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Speed and Traffic Watch volunteers are directed by the New Westminster Police to monitor motorists' behaviours within our city limits. Volunteers observe traffic conditions, volumes and offences that are committed in our neighbourhoods. Using RADAR equipment volunteers can monitor motorists' speeds and make drivers aware of their speed through the use of electronic signs with instant feedback. Alongside this, statistics gathered by the volunteers influence traffic enforcement within New Westminster. This program encourages drivers to act more responsibly and directly benefits drivers, residents and the police, particularly in areas where the risk for crashes may be greater.

Volunteer Bicycle Patrol



The Volunteer Bicycle Patrol Program focuses on educating the public about auto crime activity, as well as acting as a crime deterrent during rides through local neighbourhoods. Volunteers undergo extensive training, which enables them to act as community representatives of the City and Police, reporting all suspicious, criminal and nuisance behaviour they observe. The volunteers' close contact with the public and their dedication helps to alleviate the fear of crime in New Westminster.

Graffiti Eradication



Graffiti is a crime that can damage the economy, reputation and quality of life in a community. Volunteers assist by providing resources and education on the problem, encouraging citizens to remove graffiti, and report offences to the police.

Stolen Auto Recovery



Volunteers work with a partner, patrolling in a vehicle, in an effort to combat auto crime. Using the latest technology, information can be accessed on stolen vehicles. Once a match is found the police are alerted.



Want to learn more about how you can help build a safer community in New Westminster?

Contact Details New Westminster Police

For further information on the programs offered by the Crime Prevention Unit contact **604-529-2446**

The non-emergency number used to report suspicious activity or any crime that has already occurred contact **604-525-5411**

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