

White Rock RCMP Detachment Crime Prevention Unit Volunteer Programs

Program Information

Bicycle Patrol

- ! Volunteers patrol the city on bicycles in pairs to:
 1. Act as eyes and ears for the RCMP,
 2. Deter crime by being a visible presence, and
 3. Do public relations for community policing;

Block Watch:

- ! Provides home security information, personal safety information and newsletters and information on how to report suspicious activities to the police.

Business Watch

- ! Volunteers maintain a property reference manual with a current list of all businesses which includes emergency contact information.
- ! Community Policing Office provides security information to businesses on request on such topics as robbery, shoplifting and general security.

Community on Patrol

- ! Volunteers patrol the city in a marked van in pairs to:
 1. Act as eyes and ears for the RCMP,
 2. Deter crime by being a visible presence, and
 3. Do public relations for community policing;

Crime Free Multi-Housing

- ! Initiative designed to help apartment owners, managers, residents and police work together to eliminate illegal and nuisance activity on rental property.

Fraud Smart

- ! An anti-fraud education program presented in the form of workshops held at the White Rock Community Centre or presented to community groups by request.

Home Security Check

- ! Security trained volunteers visit homes and multi-housing buildings to access security risks and make recommendations to improve home security.
- ! Security talks available for groups upon request.

Graffiti Removal

- ! Volunteers assist in reducing the spread of graffiti in White Rock by reporting incidents of graffiti to appropriate agencies for clean up, distributing educational pamphlets and removing graffiti from areas that Community Policing has permission to clean.

Lock Out Auto

- ! Volunteers attempt to reduce the theft of and from auto by providing registered owners of vehicles with information that may assist them in making their vehicles more secure and less of a target for would be thieves.
- ! Volunteers conduct an audit of selected parking lots and leave a >crime prevention ticket on each vehicle.

Mature Driver=s Program

- ! A practical two-hour workshop facilitated by senior volunteers and designed for mature drivers.
- ! Drivers can assess their driving skills and habits plus update their knowledge of vehicle safety features and road regulations.

Office Administration

- ! Volunteers perform various administrative support duties in the community policing office.

Special Events

- ! Volunteers act as special ambassadors for the City and eyes and ears for the police during special events. Duties may include providing direction and information to the public and conducting patrols. Events may include charity functions, concerts, The Torch Light Parade, Tour de White Rock or any other event that attracts a large gathering of people.

Speed Watch

- ! A driver education program where volunteers set up the community policing van at designated locations around the city;
- ! The speed of traffic is checked with a radar and warning letters are sent to owners of vehicles that were exceeding the speed limit by 20 km/h or

more.

Stolen Auto Recovery

- ! Volunteers patrol the community checking for stolen vehicles.
- ! Stolen vehicle license plates are updated daily into a computer which volunteers then use to query vehicle plates. When a stolen vehicle is located the police are contacted.

Stop Watch

- ! Volunteers monitor stop sign controlled intersections in the City of White Rock.
- ! The Registered Owner of vehicles where drivers fail to stop is sent a warning letter reminding he/she of their obligations under the motor vehicle act.

OTHER COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

D.A.R.E.

DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It is a comprehensive 10 week program taught by uniformed police officers to grade 5 and six students in elementary school. The purpose of the program is not only to inform the students of the dangers of substance abuse and violence, but also to teach them 8 ways to say >NO= and resist peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. Classes are interactive and participation on the part of the students is an important element of the program. There is plenty of group work and presentations, which not only gives the students a chance to practice what they have learned in the classroom, but also serves to build their self esteem and belief in themselves. At the end of the 10 weeks, the students come to realize that they CAN successfully resist drugs and live a healthy life. School administrators and parents alike are in favor of the program since it puts a uniformed police officer in the school on a regular basis, and presents a side of the police not often seen by society. Students get to know the officer very well and see them as a person, just like themselves, a person who is there to help and support them. At the end of the course, students participate in a culmination ceremony which recognizes their efforts and affirms their promise to remain drug free.

Detachment Tours

Detachment tours are available for local pre-school, school and community youth groups. Participants get a tour of the RCMP detachment, safety talk, and a close look at a Police Cruiser.

Detachment Open House

The Community Policing Victim Assistance Office opens its doors to the public on an annual basis. The public are invited to tour the Community Policing Offices and try their skills at various crime prevention activities in order to learn more about the programs we offer.

Bike Safety Program

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- helmet safety - fit and how helmets should be done up
- rules of the road, - teaching riding concepts and hand signaling
- bike course - children navigate a bike course with the aid of 10 large colourful props that simulate potential road hazards
- instructors evaluates each child individually.

Volunteer Applicant Requirements

Applicants for the Crime Prevention volunteer programs must be:

- ! 19 years of age or older,
- ! able to obtain and maintain enhanced security clearance with the RCMP,
- ! willing and able to contribute 100 hours of their time per year as a volunteer.

For more information on these and other crime prevention initiatives at the White Rock RCMP Crime Prevention Unit, please contact Julia Everett at 778-593-3611