

Port Moody Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT



Opening of Newport Village Community Police Station – March 14, 2009

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▼ Chief Cst. Parker taking part in Story Time at Port Moody Public Library

MESSAGE

from Chief Constable Parker

The Port Moody Police Department has made major changes in the past year. These changes have made significant improvements in service delivery to the community. An increased Traffic Section, Community Police Station, Enhanced Patrol Response, Victim Services and Crime Analysis have all had significant impacts in their respective areas.

Many changes within the department created increased focus on property crimes, traffic education and enforcement. I am pleased to advise the residents of Port Moody that police/driver contacts are up approximately 700 percent, which has resulted in a drop in serious motor vehicle accidents by 40 percent.

Crimes such as theft of autos, down 67 percent and break and enters, down 47 percent are indicators that our “no call too small” community policing model is having the desired impact.

We still have our challenges; crimes against persons are up approximately 32 percent and this can be attributed to an increase in drug and alcohol related incidents. We have also seen an increase in gang members living in our community and have seen an increase in assaults and weapons possession. Our policing model allows us to be flexible in our strategies and we have initiated programs such as the (GAP) Gang Action Plan and the Bar Watch Program to identify, investigate and prosecute gang members who conduct illegal activities in Port Moody.

I am very pleased with the work done over the past year and this can be attributed to the ‘intelligence-driven’ framework we have developed to deal with problems in our city. I wish to congratulate all the staff for their continued professional approach in handling issues as they arise and their commitment in making Port Moody the safest community in Canada.



Port Moody

POLICE BOARD

The Police Board meets the 4th Thursday of every month.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE BOARD

Mayor Trasolini

The residents of Port Moody have clearly voiced their desire for making public safety a priority and they are prepared to pay for it. Our Police Department is guided by the motto "No Call Too Small" and the opening of the Community Police Station in March brings our police presence even closer to the community. This approach to policing is unique in British Columbia and sets the enforcing standard very high.

As Chair of the Police Board, I am very proud to be part of a Board that in times of financial constraints remains committed to ensuring that the residents of Port Moody receive the service required to keep our city safe and vibrant.

I am grateful to all of the officers who deliver that service on a daily basis and want to thank taxpayers for their continued support of our Police Service.

Robert Simons

The City of Port Moody has a unique and continuing heritage in its Police Department. This Community asset is one that enhances the small town characteristic that our residents value, while most importantly, ensuring Port Moody is a safe and secure place to live.

It is a privilege to be part of the Team that provides Port Moody's police services. Your Team of police professionals, civilian staff, community volunteers, the Chief, his executive team and the Police Board exercises prudent guardianship to ensure delivery of quality police protection and services.

Port Moody's Police Department motto and guiding principle of "No Call Too Small" is one that focuses the Team on service excellence and community engagement.

Your Police Board values the support that Port Moody's Mayor, Council, local business and residents provide to the Port Moody Police Department. Without this broad community support and engagement the goals and objectives of the Department could not be achieved.



Port Moody

POLICE BOARD (cont'd)

Tarrance Grieve

2009 has been a year of significant developments for the Port Moody Police Department. Increased emphasis on traffic issues, focus on gang activity, and establishment of a community office in the Newport Village are but a few of the significant gains made. Residents of Port Moody can take pride in the quality of policing provided by dedicated police officers and support staff of the department. With community support for and confidence in the police department, Port Moody will continue to be a safe and healthy place to live and work.

Kathryn Nokony

Being a member of the Port Moody Police Board, I continue to see dedication under Chief Brad Parker and his team of staff, police force and civilian staff. With the support of City Council and staff they continue to focus on issues that are handed to them on an hourly basis with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect. The reliability and teamwork gives the residents of Port Moody the assurance and pride that Chief Parker and his team will keep Port Moody the best and safest place to live.

Martina Tolentino

2009 has been another eventful year for the Port Moody Police Department with the successful opening of the Community Police Station in Newport Village, the arrest and incarceration of a number of high profile gang members, and the launch of a new, more comprehensive and interactive website, just to name a few of our successful initiatives. Throughout the year, with the support of the Port Moody Municipal Council, we were able to maintain our prime objective "No Call Too Small", while providing much needed community support, such as that provided by our Youth Services Division, active in our middle and high schools.

As a board member I would like to thank all members of the Port Moody Police Department for their dedication and teamwork and our many volunteers, without whom some ventures would not be possible. Finally I would like to acknowledge the exceptional leadership of Chief Constable Brad Parker as he continues to hold the department to a high standard of ethical practice while developing strategies to facilitate a high quality of service.



Port Moody

POLICE BOARD (cont'd)

Dave Whelan

In 2009, the Port Moody Police Department, like all policing jurisdictions in Canada, was challenged to balance the expanding services expected by residents and the increasing cost to deliver them.

In this regard, I believe the Port Moody Police Department did an excellent job, especially for a relatively small department. Although Port Moody is a small city with many taking pride in our small town atmosphere, our location within Metro Vancouver means we must face many big city issues. Balancing community policing, heavy traffic control, crime, gang activity and connecting with our youth are everyday challenges for our leadership as well our sworn and civilian staff. These men and women are professionals that all Port Moody residents can be proud of. I know I am.

During 2009 the department began work on renewing our strategic plan. This work and the resulting priorities and strategies will lay the groundwork to ensure that the Port Moody Police Department will continue to deliver reactive and proactive services when and where appropriate and ensure that "No Call Too Small" remains a key deliverable of our department. As the Port Moody Police as well as Port Moody City departments struggle to manage our delivery costs to our funding, this challenge will grow.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge the aid and assistance of the City of Port Moody Councillors and staff whose support is critical.

"Although Port Moody is a small city with many taking pride in our small town atmosphere, our location within Metro Vancouver means we must face many big city issues".

Gray Giovannetti

We are well served by our independent municipal police force. Our higher level of staff allows us to better respond to the traffic and crime issues in our community, as well as maintain our "No Call Too Small" policy. I believe our department does a job we can all be proud of. The Police Board is responsible for governance and oversight. I'm honoured to serve the community in this capacity."



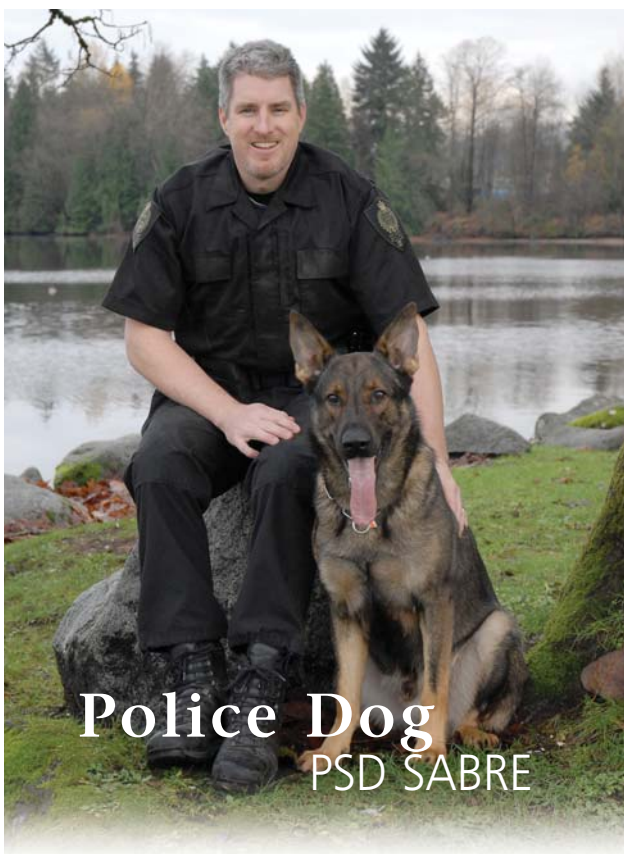
Patrol SECTION

INSPECTOR RICHARDS

As the first responders to most incidents and complaints in our city, our department's Patrol Officers truly represent the "front-line" workers in our public safety initiatives.

In 2009, our patrol officers responded to 9633 complaints, 4795 of which came through the E-COMM 9-1-1 Emergency Center. The Dispatchers in our Communications Center are the critical link between our officers in the field and citizens in need of police assistance. Steady increases in the demands on our dispatchers led to an increase this year in the number of regularly scheduled auxiliary dispatchers to assist with the increased volume, and complexity of the calls for service.

We pride ourselves on the responsiveness, visibility, and professionalism of our patrol officers.



PSD Sabre arrived in the department in September, 2009. PSD Sabre and his handler Cst. West started training together on October 19, 2009.





Traffic SECTION

SGT. CARROLL

In early 2009 the Port Moody Police Department Traffic Services Division expanded from three members to four full-time members and successfully acquired a second Harley Davidson Motorcycle to supplement the department's fleet and provide a highly visible Traffic Enforcement asset.

The continuing growth of the Traffic Services Section reflects the department's commitment to traffic safety for the citizens of Port Moody. With the two traffic motorcycles, unconventional unmarked and marked police vehicles, impaired, aggressive and careless drivers were targeted with a goal of reducing collisions throughout the city.

The Traffic Services Section established partnerships with surrounding RCMP detachments and ICBC to focus on provincial programs such as Pedestrian Awareness Month, Motorcycle Month, Intersection Safety Month, Aggressive Driving campaigns and the seasonal Counter-Attack initiatives.

Members of the section continued forwarding their training in Serious Collision Investigations, Motorcycle Operation and Police Escort procedures, taking part in the Cops For Cancer Motorcycle Escort.

The Traffic Services Section, with the assistance of the Patrol Division, increased the number of Traffic contacts approximately 700% and successfully reduced the number of serious collisions within the City by 40% throughout 2009.

Moving into 2010 the Traffic Services Section is looking to continue educating the public regarding traffic laws, enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act and aggressively promoting traffic safety within the City of Port Moody.



Community SERVICES

CST. KIM

COMMUNITY POLICE STATION OPENING

The highly anticipated opening of the Newport Village Community Police Station was opened by Mayor Trasolini and Chief Constable Brad Parker on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

The station is staffed by volunteers who act as a link between the Police Department and the community. The station is open to the community, providing access to information including safety, services, drugs and fraud. Volunteers at the station listen to the concerns of the community or changes that they wish to address. Volunteers also circulate within the community, visiting local businesses, while placing warning tickets on parked cars to encourage the use of safety devices and avoidance of leaving valuables in sight.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER

Robin Chae – Volunteer with the Newport Village Community Police Station.

Robin is a student at SFU and planning to finish with a Forensics Degree. Robin grew up in the City of Port Moody and was looking for an opportunity to give back to the community. With his interest in law enforcement, he decided to join the Port Moody Police Department as a volunteer to serve at the Community Police Station.



▲ Robin Chae

QUOTE FROM ROBIN

"Making a difference in the community while volunteering is a satisfaction that no other jobs or experiences can provide. From my experience in volunteering I was able to learn more about the city I live in and feel more for the community that I care about. I can truly say I'm proud to be living here and to be a part of Port Moody. I hope one day to join the Port Moody Police Department to serve as a constable to protect and maintain our beautiful and friendly city of Port Moody."

When Robin is not involved in his studies and volunteering he is the project coordinator for a non-profit organization called "Youth Matters". The organization provides youth with an avenue to develop their talents and a voice within the community and gives them the knowledge about promoting themselves in the music industry.





▲ Cst. Bill Kim, Community Relations Officer with a future recruit

Community SERVICES (cont'd)

VOLUNTEERS

The following volunteer groups are also actively working out of the Port Moody Police Department:

- SARS (Stolen Auto Recovery System)
- Bike Patrol
- Community Crime Watch
- Tri-Cities Speed Watch
- Crime Watch
- Victim Services
- Block Watch
- Crime Stoppers – 1-800-222-8477

TOP TEN SCAMS

This information provided by the B.C. Crime Prevention Association

1. Health Claim Scams
2. Not so "Free" Trials
3. ID Theft
4. Home Repair Rip-Offs
5. Small Business Loan and Supply Scams
6. Free Government Money Schemes
7. Business Opportunities
8. Cashback Fraud
9. Hidden Cell Phone Charges
10. Mystery Jobs Scams

▲ Volunteer Appreciation BBQ



Major CRIME SECTION

S/SGT. ARRUDA

The Major Crime Section is led by the Plainclothes Section Staff Sergeant. The Major Crime Section is responsible for investigating instances of attempted homicides, aggravated assaults, home invasions, kidnappings, robberies, extortions, significant frauds, and missing persons.

The Major Crime Section consists of detectives and two constables in the Youth Services Section.

The Major Crime Section also monitors persons on parole who have been released, and updates the National Sex Offender Registry.

Finally, the Major Crime Section provides assistance to the Patrol Section and the Traffic Section.

The detective's primary mandate is to conduct follow-up investigations for serious or complex investigations utilizing a myriad of investigational techniques to solve crime, such as forensics, video surveillance, undercover operations, DNA analysis, as well as traditional methods of interviews and statements.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009

- Intercepted, with the assistance of the CBSA, two suitcases shipped from Turkey to Port Moody, both containing large quantities of Opium; one person has been charged and is awaiting trial. Until recently, this seizure was the largest Opium seizure in B.C.
- Investigated a violent attempted murder; one person has been charged and is awaiting trial.
- Assisted patrol in investigating a sexual interference incident involving several 14- and-15-year-old females; two adult males have been charged and are awaiting trial.
- Investigated several sexual assault files, as well as several missing persons reports throughout the year.



Youth SERVICES SECTION

The Youth Services Officers take many opportunities throughout the school year to interact with youth in positive and preventive environments such as:

- School dances
- Classroom presentations regarding their role as investigators, and the role of forensics in investigations
- Cops for Cancer fundraisers, including The Coquitlam Crunch and a Pancake Breakfast

The Youth Services Section consists of two officers under the supervision of the Plainclothes Section Staff Sergeant.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009

- After receiving source information pertaining to drug dealing from a residence in Port Moody, the investigation concluded with one person being charged for Trafficking. Court is pending.
- Youth Services received information about a possible grow-op. One person has been charged and is awaiting trial.
- High-risk teen reported missing from group home. The investigation lead to identifying two adult males in their 30s who were meeting underage girls online. Working jointly with another municipal police agency, one male was arrested for luring via the internet, and is awaiting trial.
- Undertook several investigations into drug dealing at or around local schools. Low-level dealers identified and extra judicial measures taken.
- Lengthy investigation into upwards of 30 vehicles vandalized while parked on the street. Charges had been recommended to Crown against three youths, however restorative justice will be pursued due to the ages of the suspects.





▲ Youth Services Officers Cst. Luke van Winkel and Cst. Todd Lefebvre with staff from Port Moody Secondary School

Youth SERVICES SECTION (cont'd)

The role of the Youth Services Section is to provide support to school staff as well as youth by reinforcing a safe learning environment. The officers also deal with youth issues within the community. The Youth Services Officers attend many of the youth activities in our community, particularly in the high schools. The goals of the section are to:

- prevent crime and enhance community safety through education;
- promote police as an accessible community service;
- eliminate barriers between youth and police;
- increase the communication and cooperation of school staff with the Port Moody Police Department;
- investigate offences associated to schools; and
- promote policing as a career.

WEBSITE

In 2009, the department completed a comprehensive update of our Internet website. This website now provides an excellent overview of the wide range of policing services provided to our community and highlights the professionalism of our police officers.



Forensic IDENTIFICATION SECTION

The Forensic Identification Section (F.I.S.), consists of an Acting Sergeant, and one Constable. Their responsibilities include crime scene and exhibit examination, as well as other forensic duties. Forensic evidence collected by F.I.S. includes fingerprints, photographs, DNA, hair/fiber, and any other exhibits deemed pertinent to the file by the investigator.

Port Moody Police F.I.S. had a successful year in 2009, with their services being utilized in 318 files.

232 forensic examinations of crime scenes, and exhibits from scenes, were conducted by the section, developing fingerprints in 65 investigations, resulting in the identification of 26 criminals.

F.I.S. personnel took approximately 6300 photos during investigations in 2009.

As well as conducting crime scene examinations, in 2009 F.I.S. members

- Created 16 photo line ups for investigators.
- Executed 14 DNA orders on convicted offenders for the national DNA data bank.
- Assisted Abbotsford Police Department's Forensic Unit with two homicide scene examinations, and 10 regular files.
- Assisted C.P. Police, and Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC (CFSEU) with examination of multiple exhibits retrieved from their crime scenes.
- Assisted the Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU) by processing parties they arrested, in compliance with the Identification of Criminals Act.
- Took fingerprints of 126 civilians, for non-criminal matters.
- Fingerprinted 164 criminals for the Identification of Criminals Act (ICA).

▲ Cst. Franz taking fingerprints



Victim SERVICES

MARISA CASTELO

The year 2009 was both a constructive and productive time for the Victim Services Program, due to re-establishing the program as an effective and integral part of the Departments service delivery.

In early January the Auxiliary Coordinator position became a permanent and full-time role. As the year progressed it became evident that an auxiliary on-call position was required in order to respond to the abundance of after-hour calls. Marie Serhenuik was hired due to her wealth of experience and her seven-year commitment as a volunteer with the Victim Services program at PMPD.

The members are both fully aware and confident in the skill set and support that the Victim Service staff can provide, and call upon us for a variety of needs and issues.

The calls we receive are diverse, and there is a notable increase in the complexity of issues that present, primarily those calls which involve serious mental health issues, geriatric mental health and several sexual assaults. Those calls which continue to be the most frequent are domestic disputes/assaults.

We took an active role in the Strategic Planning Process, providing a unique perspective to the vision of the department, and in establishing the role of Victim Services in the community.

The Victim Services Coordinator has been meeting with key members of the community. Together with the Community Relations Department, we plan to increase our community outreach, are contemplating a Senior's Hot Line, as well as a web page which provides seniors with information relevant to their cohort.

We intend to do targeted outreach and education with our diverse ethnic groups, offering a *Welcome Package* with the hope of making ourselves accessible to new community members.

We look forward to offering support, counseling, court preparation and accompaniment to those in need in our community in 2010.



Staff

INTEGRATED UNITS

Port Moody Police have staff seconded to the following agencies:

- Cst. Morrison – Vancouver PD Marine Squad – May 4, 2009
- Cst. Mui – Integrated Gang Task Force – October 23, 2009
- Det. Faulkner – IHIT – May 4, 2008
- Sgt. MacDonald – Integrated Gang Task Force – August 9, 2009
- Acting S/Sgt. Kaila – IRSU – October 15, 2006
- Sgt. Thompson – MIERT – April 6, 2009

RETIREES

Krys Hunter volunteered with the department as a Volunteer in Victim Services for many years before commencing employment as a full time Dispatcher in 1999. Krys retired in 2009.



NEW STAFF



▲ Kelly Holland,
permanent part-time
Communications
Operator, August 24,
2009



Staff



▲ Cst. Wormald, Cst. Morson and Cst. Sheridan receiving Chief Constable Commendations

COMMENDATIONS – REMEMBRANCE DAY

Chief Constable Parker handed out commendations to the following officers at the Remembrance Day Social:

Chief Constable Commendations

- Det. Gormick
- Cst. Sheridan
- Cst. Morson
- Cst. Wormald

Inspector Richards handed out Inspector Commendations to the following officers:

- Det. Anzulovich
- Det. Dungey
- S/Sgt. Arruda
- Det. Faulkner
- Cst. Bailey
- Cst. Hilborn
- Cst. Bewcyk
- Cst. Morrison
- Cst. Di Paola
- Cst. Sheridan

PRACTICUM STUDENTS

In the past year Port Moody Police have engaged two security-cleared practicum students from BCIT's Forensics Department to conduct applied research on various themes relating to crime and intelligence analysis. As partial fulfillment of their Bachelor of Technology Degree, BCIT students must complete a graduation project, and apply theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom to address real-world challenges in the operational environment. Topics have ranged from gang suppression to more technical projects, all of which have had direct and enduring value to policing and community safety. The placements at PMPD have been an unrivalled success as other police departments see the value of such educational placements, and BCIT practicum students themselves can enrich their knowledge base with hands-on exposure to operational policing and public safety initiatives.



▲ Janine Czernick and Katarzyna Mikulski



Crime STATISTICS

The crime statistics provided below were extracted from the PRIME-BC database system and coding complies with the Uniform Crime Reporting rules.

The following table summarizes the different crime statistics categories and compares them with the previous year.

Reporting Categories	2008	2009	% Change
Crimes Against Persons	166	220	32.5%
Crimes Against Property	971	1024	5.5%
Other Criminal Code Offences	178	190	6.7%
Controlled Drugs & Substances Act	161	160	-6%
Other Federal Statute Violations	9	11	22%
Provincial Statute Violations	251	246	-1.9%
Traffic Violations	294	2348	698%

As outlined above, there was a significant increase in the number of traffic violations. This increase is attributed to the creation of our department's four member Traffic Section and increased emphasis of traffic enforcement by the Patrol Division.

The table below provides more specific statistical comparison by different offence types.

	2008	2009	% Change
Attempted Murder	1	1	0%
Assault with Weapon	15	32	113%
Assault Police Officer	5	3	-40%
Assault – Sexual	8	4	-50%
Assaults – Regular	94	101	7.4%
Robbery with Firearm	2	2	0%
Robbery with Weapon	3	0	-100%
Robbery – Other	8	6	-25%
Extortion	2	0	-100%
Criminal Harassment	3	5	66%
Obscene Phone Calls	18	31	72%
Uttering Threats	19	29	52%
Theft from Auto Over \$5,000	5	2	-60%
Theft from Auto Under \$5,000	250	318	27%
Theft of Auto over \$5,000	30	10	-67%
Theft of Auto under \$5,000	20	20	0%
Fraud - Credit/Debit Card	24	28	17%
Mischief	291	257	-11.7%
Weapon – Possession	18	21	17%
Cause Disturbance	75	73	-2.6%
Possession of Cocaine	23	11	-52%
Possession of Cannabis	113	127	
Drunk in Public	119	117	-1.7%
Consume Liquor in Public	60	79	31.6%
Impaired Driving	140	133	-5%
False Alarms	615	550	-11%
False 911	251	250	-4%
Break & Enter - Residence	139	73	-47%
Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents	439	262	-40%

The crime types above illustrate a significant decrease in: Assaults Against Police Officers, Sexual Assaults, Robberies with Weapons, Extortions, Theft of Autos Over \$5,000, Cocaine Possession, Residential Break & Enters and in all types of Motor Vehicle Accidents.



Training SECTION

SGT. JENNIFER MCCARRON

In 2009, the Port Moody Police Department members attended the following locally-coordinated 8-hour "Training Days" as required by the Collective Agreement:

1. Legal Update/Major Cases/Human Sources
2. Group A: Emergency Vehicle Operation and Driving Refresher
Group B: Beanbag Shotgun Certification/High Risk Arrest (Reality-Based Training)
3. Control Tactics
4. Containment (Reality-Based Training)
5. Firearms Qualification

In addition, members attended briefing presentations on various topics including Boat Theft, Impaired Driving Investigations, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Worksafe Investigations, Restorative Justice, McNeil Disclosure and Corrections Canada Parole Services. Taser recertification training was completed by in-house instructors for 25 members.

In 2009, PMPD members occupied 125 seats on 74 external courses, including training offered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Pacific Region Training Center (RCMP), Canadian Police College, and other law enforcement agencies, universities and educational institutions.

Recruiting SECTION

In 2009, the Recruiting Section processed numerous recruit and exempt applications, culminating in the hiring of:



Cst. Harfouche sworn in
September 14, 2009



Cst. McCuaig sworn in
September 14, 2009

Information and Privacy SECTION

In 2009, the Information and Privacy Section responded to over 275 official requests for information, including requests from citizens, government agencies, insurance companies, and law firms. Countless other routine requests were handled by our civilian staff.





▲ Cst. Fraser Renard with the Aboriginal Youth Olympic Flame Attendants, New Brunswick

Community EVENTS

TORCH RUN

Cst. Fraser Renard was seconded to the Law Enforcement Torch Run which commenced in October, 2009 in Victoria.

Cst. Renard travelled with the Olympic Torch across Canada ending with the final leg of the tour in January, 2010 in Vancouver.

Cst. Renard ran alongside numerous torch-carrying celebrities including:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- Provincial Premiers
- Sydney Crosby
- Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Justin Morneau

POLICE AND FIRE GAMES

Four officers were involved in the 2009 World Police and Fire Games held in the lower mainland July/August 2009:

- S/Sgt. Dave Wynes – Hockey
- Sgt. Chris Thompson – Soccer
- Cst. Chris Birtch – Cycling
- Cst. Chris Anzulovich – Golf
- Cst. Travis Carroll coordinated the Air Rifle Tournament





▲ Police Board: left to right - Kathryn Nokony, Dave Whelan, Robert Simons, Mayor Joe Trasolini, Tarrance Grieve, Martina Tolentino, and Gray Giovannetti

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Port Moody. Through strong community partnerships, we protect life and property and provide services that resolve problems and prevent crime.

We accomplish our mission through the contributions of our people. We provide a healthy workplace that encourages each individual to live our values and provide opportunities for everyone to experience extraordinary accomplishments.



The Port Moody Police Department is well prepared for the challenges of the future. Please review this year's Annual Report and I encourage all of you to contact me in the event you have any questions or concerns.

▲ Inspector Andy Richards, Chief Constable Brad Parker and Deputy Chief Constable Chris Rattenbury

