



**Port Moody Police Department**

**2012**

## **Annual Report**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

### *Chris Rattenbury, Acting Chief Constable*



On behalf of all the members of the Port Moody Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2012 Annual Report.

In 2012 we continued to strive hard to meet the goals of our strategic plan which consisted of eight goals; four operational and four organizational.

In order to challenge and develop our mem-

bers we provided many training opportunities which assisted us in continuing to provide an effective and efficient service to residents and to ensure our department's future successes. Training consisted of reviewing changes in law, police tactics, and enhanced investigative techniques. Training was held at various venues including the Justice Institute of BC, the Pacific Regional Training Centre, and in-house.

As we continue to look into the future, 2012 saw the development of our Analytic Tactical Action Committee which will enable us to police "smarter" using an intelligence-led policing strategy that we will commence operationally in 2013. This strategy, which is incorporated into our community based policing model, will allow us to utilize our limited resources in a more effective manner by not only dealing with criminal related activity but also disorder and service related calls. This committee will also examine enhancing community partnerships to assist in addressing problems and maintaining public safety within our city.

I thank the Police Board and the staff of this department in their dedication to our vision for an improved future.

*Photograph: L to R Inspector Andy Richards and Acting Chief Constable Chris Rattenbury*



## POLICE BOARD

**Mayor Mike Clay, Chair**—As the world changes in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, so too does the way police services are provided in our community. New challenges on implementing technology to combat increasingly sophisticated criminals strains our ability to maintain the balance between affordability, and ensuring our community remains one of the safest in Canada. 2012 was a reminder to all of us that we need to work, in the region with our integrated teams and partners, diligently to protect our residents from a criminal element that knows no boundaries – teamwork and information sharing are critical for our municipal police and RCMP in the Metro Vancouver region.

We know the men and women of the Port Moody Police Department are second to none, and we are proud of the work they do both within the city, and with the integrated teams, serving the community and the region each and every day. As we enter 2013, we look forward to supporting our new Chief Constable and executive team as the department continues to develop, while maintaining the service levels our residents expect and enjoy.

**Rosemary Rawnsley**—Port Moody continues to experience significant growth and change. These have a major impact on the complexity of the police work and service that our citizens need and want. Meeting the community's trust continues to be a major focus for the members of the Police Board and the Department.

**Dave Whelan**—The men and women, both sworn and civilian, of the Port Moody Police Department serve the city with dedication, enthusiasm, and integrity. While our community itself is relatively small, our inclusion in the much larger lower mainland requires the investigative attributes of a big city police force while maintaining our important balance with community policing. Through our involvement and integrated partnerships with other like-minded policing jurisdictions, Port Moody receives exceptionally good value and a high level of service for every tax dollar. I am pleased and proud to be a small part of this truly profession-



## POLICE BOARD CONTINUED



L to R: Dave Whelan, Rosemary Rawnsley, Robert Simons, Mayor Mike Clay, Devi Manhas, Peter Schmidt and Kathryn Nokony.

**Kathryn Nokony** - It has been an honor to sit as a Board Member for the Port Moody Police Department for the past six years. As a board member we have taken on many tasks that include governance, strategic planning, budget, hiring a new chief constable, just to mention a few of the ongoing work that the Board has accomplished in my six years.

The citizens of Port Moody can sleep well at night knowing that their police department is taking every step to make Port Moody a safe place to live.

**Peter Schmidt** - The past year was a challenging one for the Port Moody Police Department as we saw the transition of senior leadership and the increased use of resources to respond to several unexpected incidents over a 5-month period. As a smaller community within the greater Vancouver area, Port Moody is not isolated from the issues of large urbanization including the boundary-less nature of organized crime, but the Port Moody Police Department responded well to the concerns and challenges presented.

In the spirit of adhering to the motto of “no call too small”, the Department listened to the community needs and opened its doors to address the concerns. Through integrated investigation teams, there has been increased cooperation amongst our Port Moody Police Department and the surrounding regional forces to best serve our community on a cost-effective basis. The Port Moody Police Department has a well deserved reputation for the highest standards of professionalism and integrity; 2012 served to reinforce that reputation.

I was proud to serve Port Moody as a first-year board member and look forward to continuing my small part in this great organization.



## POLICE BOARD CONTINUED

**Robert Simons** – 2012 was a year of challenge and change for the Port Moody Police Department. Events throughout the year showed the dedication, resilience and professionalism of your Police Department.

Chief Brad Parker announced his plans for retirement in 2012. Under his command the department grew in strength and breadth of policing capability. The department enters its next phase of development built on Chief Parker's contributions in expanding the protective service capability of the Port Moody Police Department.

In 2012 the department's resources were stretched due to a number of high profile incidents. I commend our team of civilian staff, community volunteers and police professionals for maintaining the highest quality police protection while dealing with these unexpected events.

It is a privilege to be part of this Team. Your Police Board values the support that Port Moody's Mayor, Council, local businesses and residents provide to the Port Moody Police Department. Without the continued broad community support and engagement the goals and objectives of the Department could not be achieved.

*The Police Board meets the fourth Thursday of every month*

**Devi Manhas**— I have been on the Port Moody Police Board for a year and half. During this time I have acquired a vast amount of knowledge of the services provided by our Police Department. Our community is served extremely well by our civilian staff, community volunteers, dedicated police officers and front line officers. I am proud to be a member of a community which has a reputation to be one of the safest communities in the lower mainland. It's my pleasure to serve as a member of the Port Moody Police Board.





## OPERATIONS

### *Inspector Andy Richards*

As the first responders to most incidents and complaints in the City, our Department's **Patrol** officers truly represent the *front-line* workers in our public safety initiatives.

In 2012, our Patrol officers responded to 6547 complaints, 1218 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 Patrol and Dispatch.

Ongoing Patrol initiatives include the Gang Action Plan, Barwatch, and, in conjunction with our Traffic Section, ongoing traffic enforcement and education.

Our **Dog Section** has been fully functional for almost three years and is operating at a very high level of proficiency. The K9 team has been responsible for numerous criminal apprehensions and evidence recoveries and routinely supports our Patrol members in their duties.

In addition to investigating the most serious cases, our **Major Crime Section** has expanded to allow for selective targeting of prolific and career criminals who are active in Port Moody. Our fulltime **Intelligence Analyst** supports all of our Major Crime and Patrol initiatives with real-time intelligence-led briefs and bulletins. With three high-profile homicides in 2012, our Major Crime investigators have continued to work very closely with investigators from the Vancouver Police Department (our contract homicide partner at the time).

Currently, our **Victim Services** Unit has 10 volunteers who provide support to individuals who have been impacted by crime and/or trauma. VSU can provide on-site crisis intervention at the time of the incident or provide a follow-up phone call to offer emotional support and information about community resources to assist individuals through their ordeal. VSU can also assist individuals through the court process by providing information on the justice system as well as court orientation and accompaniment.



## CRIME STATISTICS

### *Peter Ditchfield*

The following crime statistics have been extracted from the PRIME-BC databank, the coding of which conforms to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) rules. The following table summarizes crime categories and compares them with the previous year.

CATEGORIES	2012	2011	CHANGE
Total Violent Criminal Code violations	186	154	20.8%
Total Property Crime Violations	838	898	-6.7%
Total other Criminal Code Violations	131	169	-22.5%
Total Criminal Code traffic Violations	124	171	-27.5%
Total Federal Statute Violations	252	304	-17.1%

Attempted Murder/Murder	3	0	-
Assault with weapon	12	9	33.3%
Assault Police Officer	3	5	-40%
Assaults – Common and Aggravated & CBH	88	62	41.9%
Robbery with Firearm	1	0	100%
Robbery with Weapon	1	1	-
Robbery – Other	3	13	-76.9%
Extortion	2	2	-
Criminal harassment	5	2	150%
Harassing/Obscene Phone Calls	17	16	6.3%
Break and Enter – Residence	56	44	27.3%
Break and Enter – Business	20	20	-
Break and Enter – Other	18	35	-48.6%
Theft from Auto over \$5,000	3	6	-50%
Theft from Auto Under \$5,000	200	226	-11.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle (auto/truck/other)	23	17	35.3%
Fraud – Credit/Debit Card	15	18	-16.7%
Mischief	232	216	7.4%
Weapon possession	21	20	5%
Cocaine – Possession	13	20	-35.0%
Cannabis – Possession	185	230	-19.6%
Sexual Assaults	7	3	133.3%



## MAJOR CRIME SECTION

### *S/Sgt. Rod Arruda*

The Plainclothes Section currently consists of two Professional Standards Section Sergeants, five Major Crime Section detectives, and two Youth Services Section constables.

The Major Crime Section'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, search warrants, as well as traditional methods of interviews and statements.

### **MCS Highlights for 2012**

- ◆ MCS received a report of an historic sexual assault, as reported to a school counselor. The victim reported that she had been drugged and sexually assaulted by two males from her school. Both males have been charged with *Administering a Noxious Substance* and *Sexual Assault*, and are awaiting court.
- ◆ Three homicides were investigated in 2012:
  - ⇒ A fatal shooting at the Port Moody Recreation Centre.
  - ⇒ A fatal shooting in the 2300 block of St. Johns Street
  - ⇒ A fatal shooting in a residential neighbourhood.
- ◆ Detectives attended an armed robbery of a local Pharmasave, during which an unknown suspect demanded money and drugs from the safe behind the counter, specifically Oxycodone. The suspect was able to escape with almost \$700 worth of drugs and \$350 in cash. Several days later, a male was arrested during a pharmacy robbery in Maple Ridge. A DNA warrant was obtained and executed and the suspect male has been charged with multiple robberies.



**We pride ourselves on the responsiveness and professionalism of all of our officers, civilian staff, and volunteers**





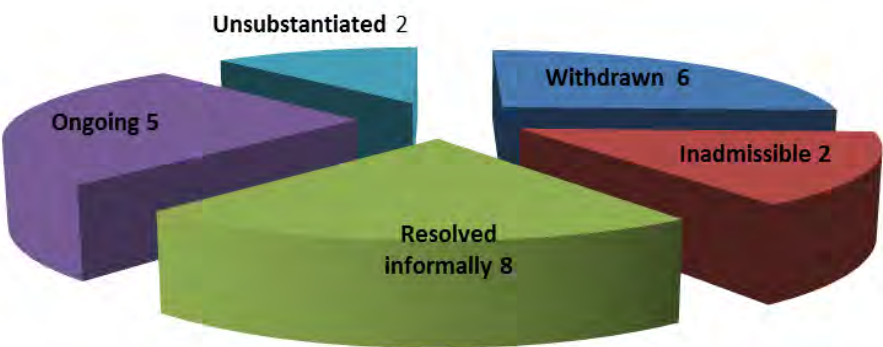
## MAJOR CRIME SECTION CONTINUED

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Section, under the supervision of the Staff Sergeant of the Major Crime Section, is an independent section within the Port Moody Police Department established to investigate allegations of police misconduct. It is staffed by experienced officers with specialized training in the handling of citizen issues, complaints, and police discipline. In accordance with the *Police Act* the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner has final authority over all police complaint investigations.

23 complaints were received in the Professional Standards Section in 2012.

#### COMPLAINTS





## YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

### *Constables Brent Morson and Brent Wormald*

The YSS officers take many opportunities throughout the school year to interact with youth and school staff in positive and preventative environments, such as:

- ♦ YSS officers undertook a project with the Vancouver Police Department *Odd Squad* which had 12 students attend a one-day workshop in which they visited the Downtown Eastside, walked the beat with VPD and PMPD, and learned about drug issues etc. These students then became peer-to-peer speakers and presented their anti-drug talks to middle-school students. This project was also adopted by the Coquitlam RCMP with plans to encompass all high schools in SD43.
- ♦ YSS officers assisted local students in going to the Downtown Eastside to deliver food and other items as part of their *Kodiaks With A Purpose* program.



Cst. Brent Wormald, Cst. Brent Morson and Cst. Luke van Winkel at a career fair at Port Moody Secondary School



## FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

### *Cst. Will Franz*

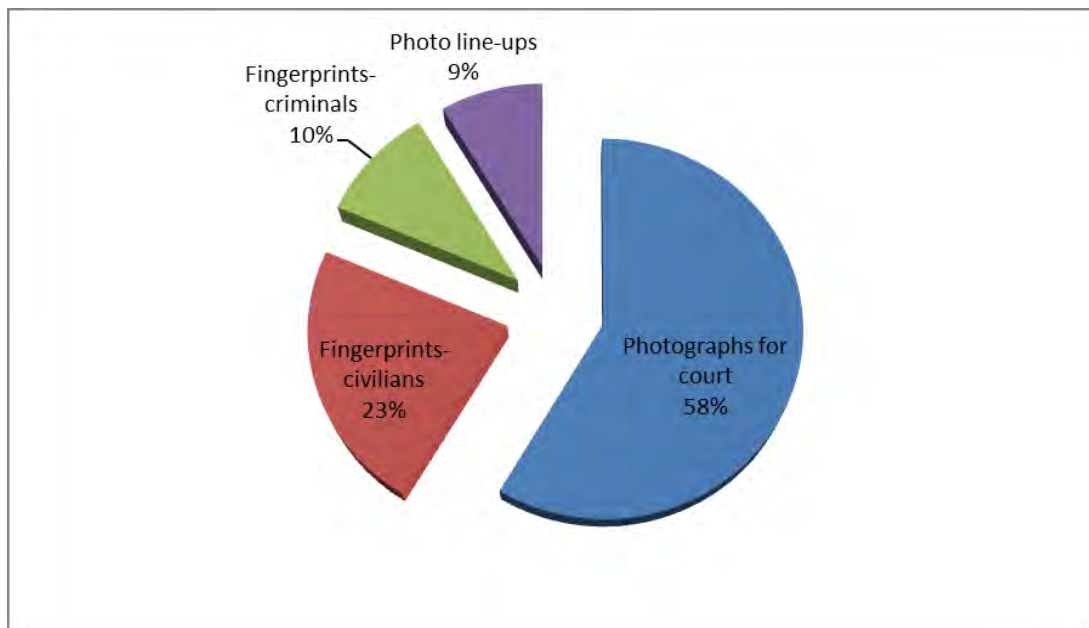
The Forensic Identification Section (F.I.S.) is currently staffed by one constable. The responsibilities include crime scene and exhibit examination, as well as other forensic duties. Forensic evidence collected by F.I.S. includes fingerprints, photographs, DNA, hair/fiber, and any other exhibits deemed pertinent to the file by the investigator.

Port Moody Police F.I.S. had a successful year in 2012, with their services being utilized in 319 files.

210 forensic examinations of crime scenes, and exhibits from scenes, were conducted by the section, developing fingerprints in 31 investigations, resulting in the identification of 18 criminals, one of these identifications was also by a DNA match and another was solely from a DNA match.

As well as conducting crime scene examinations, F.I.S. members also:

- ♦ took approximately 7300 photographs during investigations
- ♦ executed several DNA orders on convicted offenders for the National DNA data bank, (primarily executed by the BC Sheriffs)
- ♦ assisted C.P. Police with examination of multiple exhibits retrieved from their crime scenes
- ♦ assisted IRSU by processing parties they arrested, in compliance with the Identification of Criminals Act





## TRAINING & RECRUITMENT

### *Sgt. Jennifer McCarron*

The Training Section coordinated the delivery of the following 8-hour “Training Days” for all members, as contemplated by the Collective Agreement:

- ◆ Code 5 Vehicle Stops
- ◆ Firearms Qualification and Low Light Training Day
- ◆ Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation
- ◆ Traffic Safety Training Day
- ◆ Control Tactics Recertification

PMPD also hosted a Human Source Management Course, an Operational Decision-Making Course for Patrol Supervisors and a Radar Operators’ Course. Briefing presentations were delivered on 8 different topics throughout the year and 19 members were trained in AED/CPR.

During 2012, PMPD members occupied **136 seats** on external courses/conferences and took **150 online courses** on a variety of topics through Canadian Police Knowledge Network.

## INFORMATION AND PRIVACY SECTION

The Freedom of Information officer responded to over **247** official requests for information in

### **Mission Statement**

*The Port Moody Police Department will serve and protect, with excellence, the community of Port Moody.*

*We will execute this mission with:*

**Integrity** - *We believe that doing the right thing in all circumstances leads to results that are beyond reasonable challenge.*

**Courage** – *We will face dangerous, difficult, or painful situations without fear and demonstrate confidence, resolution, and firmness.*

**Trust** – *We will conduct ourselves in a manner that warrants trust and confidence, both internally and externally.*

**Respect** - *We strive to be compassionate and respectful in all of our actions.*

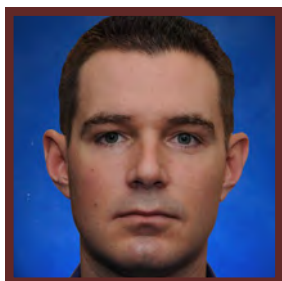
*We are **Accountable** and assume responsibility for our actions, performance and conduct.*

*We have and will implement accountability processes to honor our obligations, expectations and requirements.*

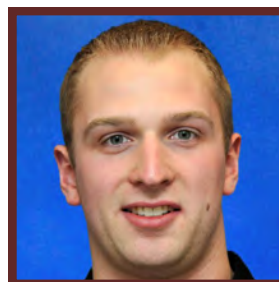


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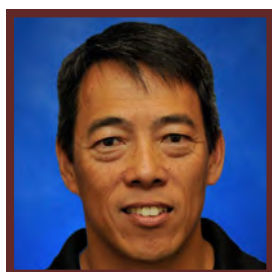
The recruitment process culminated in the hiring of:



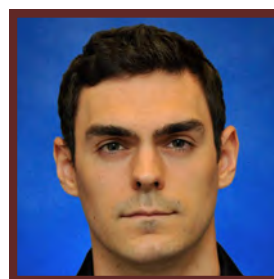
**Cst. Dustin Szakacs** (exempt)



**Cst. Cory Wells** (recruit)



**Cst. Brian Wong** (exempt)



**Cst. Eric Ludeman** (exempt—  
Re-engagement)

## RETIREMENT



**A/Sgt. Al Dunn**  
10 May 2004 –  
1 July 2012



**Cst. James Bailey**  
11 Dec 2000 -  
29 Jan 2012



**Debbie Kitura**  
10 May 2005 -  
01 Jan 2012



## TRAFFIC

### *Sgt. Dan Smith*

The Traffic Services Section partnered with the Patrol Section, surrounding RCMP detachments, municipal police departments, ICBC and the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch to focus on a variety of traffic issues. The Section had exceptional success in the enforcement of the relatively new Distracted Driving legislation. Distracted Driving is one of the leading contributing factors to vehicle collisions in British Columbia. The number of violation tickets issued for various offences involving electronic devices was increased by 59% over 2011.

In February the Traffic Section screened more than 40 commercial vehicles for safety violations in a joint forces initiative with help from Coquitlam RCMP, Delta Police, New Westminster Police and Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement members. The inspection identified defects on 16 separate vehicles such as insecure cargo, inoperative lamps, air brake system leaks, tire defects, and operating while over their licence gross vehicle weight resulting in the issuance of 15 violation tickets. The vehicles with defects were either towed or repaired at the side of the road before being allowed to continue.

The Traffic Services Section provided operational support to the Patrol Section to assist with enforcement at White Pine Beach and Marine Services. Members deployed at White Pine Beach used the police boat in addition to foot patrols and enforcement operations to enforce Liquor Control and Licensing Act violations, Criminal Code violations, and contraventions of the Greater Vancouver Regional District Bylaws.

Moving into 2013, the Traffic Services Section is looking to continue educating the public in regard to traffic laws, enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act, Small Vessel regulations, and aggressively promoting traffic safety within the City of Port Moody through targeted campaigns and preventative initiatives.

The Traffic Section partnered with **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** in support of their RID911 program. The program is aimed at educating drivers that the use of the 9-1-1 system is acceptable to report possible impaired drivers.





## TRAFFIC CONTINUED

### Alexa's Team



**Alexa's Team** was established in memory of Alexa Middelaer who was killed by an impaired driver when she was four years old. To be nominated for Alexa's Team police officers must have removed at least 12 impaired drivers from the road.

Photograph shows L TO R: Cst. Boechler, Cst. Ohashi and Sgt. Kaila receiving their prestigious award.

***Air Services Supported Speed Enforcement*** will be implemented in 2013. The RCMP Air Services Helicopter will be used to establish speeds of vehicles on roads known for excessive speed, with a ground crew stopping the drivers and enforcing applicable legislation.



## VICTIM SERVICES

### *Roselle McQuillan*

Victim Services support is made available 24/7 through staff and volunteers. The needs of the



*Roselle McQuillan and volunteers*

unit were evaluated and the primary goal for the year was to recruit more volunteers. In doing so, the Victim Services Unit would then be in a position to best support the needs of victims of crime and trauma as well as the needs of the department. Volunteers were recruited and trained in July and they began providing services to clients in

August. Another additional six volunteers were recruited and taken on board in October.

In addition to building support from within and creating a strong support base with volunteers and staff, Community Partnerships are fostered through continued collaborative meetings. PMPD Victim Services is represented on the Ending Violence in Relationships Committee, School District #43 Critical Incident Team, Fraser Region Coordinator Committee, and Police Victim Services of BC.

The need for Victim Services support was utilized thoroughly last year. Not only did we support families experiencing crisis due to domestic violence or parent-teen conflict, we also supported individuals experiencing personal difficulties due to economic hardships and complex mental health issues involving substance abuse and depression. We also supported the community in dealing with three homicides and during the search for a missing woman. Victim Services support was offered to those in the community who were impacted and who expressed interest in receiving services.



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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### ***Cst. Luke van Winkel***

In February of 2012 Cst Bill Kim transferred from the Community Relations position (CRO) to teach at the JIBC Police Academy. Cst Luke van Winkel took over as the CRO.

In 2012 the PMPD Volunteer program grew to over 40 members participating in various programs such as bike & foot patrols, Speed Watch, and staffing the Newport Community Police Office. Volunteers contributed over 1,700 hours of service to the community, assisted in Halloween patrol, and focused their efforts on high-crime areas of the city.

The CRO provided school talks throughout Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Anmore, and Vancouver on a variety of topics including cyber-bullying, drug awareness, internet safety, and stranger danger.

The CRO also hosted a parent's night at a local school to discuss online safety and cyber-bullying. Many local groups were provided tours of the PMPD main building and cell-block. A community night was held at the Port Moody Library to discuss fraud and internet safety for seniors.

Officers of the PMPD attended various community events such as Golden Spike Days, ICBC Safety Fair, McHappy Days, 911-Cares Toy Drive, Rick Hansen *Wheels in Motion*, and served as an honor guard for various charity fundraisers within the community.

While 2012 was a busy year, we are excited for the expansion of our community programs and the continued engagement between our officers and our community.

### **The Community Police Station**

is staffed by volunteers and  
located at 271 Newport Drive  
Telephone: 604-461-4907



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run



Cst. Jenn Ohashi is the Torchbearer. Also in the is photograph is Mayor Clay, Sgt. Chris Thompson and Cst. Dan DiPaola.

## Volunteers Make a Difference

**Sam Zacharias** is one of the many volunteers who spend their spare time assisting in the department's community programs. Volunteers are recruited to assist in the following programs:

- ◇ Community Patrol
- ◇ Bike Patrol
- ◇ Community Police Office







## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cst West and PSD Sabre attended many of the Elementary School talks and department tours. Cst West and PSD Sabre put on demonstrations and talked with children about various topics. PSD Sabre's presence at the events was always the highlight for kids and adults alike.

### PINK SHIRT DAY

The last day in February is known as **Anti-Bullying Day** in Canada. This year on February 29th members of the Police Department wore pink shirts and bracelets to symbolize their stand against bullying.





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TRIGGER THE SAFETY DOG



Cst. van Winkel, Trigg and Trigger the Safety Dog

2012 also saw the introduction of a new PMPD mascot. During Golden Spike Days a competition was held to name the mascot. The winning entry **Trigger** was submitted by Trygg Cook of Ranch Park Pre-school.

Trygg's prize for submitting the winning entry was a pizza party for his pre-school class.

Trigger has attended various community and school functions in his inaugural year.

### COPS FOR CANCER



Cst. Jenn Ohashi participated in the Tour de Coast in 2012 representing the Port Moody Police Department. The tour raises money for pediatric cancer research and helps fund *Camp Goodtimes*, a summer camp designed for kids with cancer.

### IN MEMORIAM

*This report is dedicated to the memory of Marisa Castelo, Victim Services Coordinator . Deceased 31 October 2012*

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