



Port Moody Police Department Community Matters

WINTER 2019



Message from the Chief

Well another busy holiday season has now passed, and we've said goodbye to 2018, as we look forward to an incredible 2019.

Looking back over 2018, the Port Moody Police Department bid a fond farewell to two dedicated employees; Staff Sergeant Rod Arruda, and Stephanie Marshall, both of whom we hope enjoy a much deserved retirement. We welcomed aboard several new employees; Cst. Danny Sorg, Cst. Christie Dixon, Cst. Ryan Rossetti and Linda Wang.

Incredibly, 2018 saw one of the largest public policy changes take place, with the legalization of cannabis. The diligence of our officers in quickly learning the new law, as well as completing multiple training courses was absolutely remarkable. I am pleased to report that the legalization of cannabis has had no significant impact on policing in our community. As always our officers remain committed to removing all alcohol (or drug) impaired drivers from our streets. I sincerely hope our wonderful Port Moody residents remember to enjoy time with your loved ones this B.C. Family Day, and perhaps even Valentine's Day. Rest assured that the Port Moody Police Department is committed to keeping you, and your family safe!

~ Chief Fleugel ~



Engaging Our Community



Hey did you know that March is Fraud Prevention Month?

As we approach tax season, the PMPD would like to remind our residents about the increased potential for scam attempts. We know that scammers can be incredibly persistent in falsely identifying themselves as either police or the Canada Revenue Agency and can sound very official when they make "false" threats of arrest if an immediate payment isn't made to them. Of course the scammer will offer a convenient (untraceable) service, such as Western Union, loadable Gift Cards, or even an attached (fake) internet link to quickly separate you from your money. This is a scam! Remember this: neither the police nor the Canada Revenue Agency will ever call you demanding electronic payment to clear an arrest warrant! If the call, email or text sounds too good (or even too bad) to be true, then it's a scam!

Please check out his link for more tips on how to protect yourself from scammers: <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/phone/telemarketing/fraud.htm>

Stats, Facts & Figures

Our Crime Analyst and fine folks in Records have been busier than Santa's Elves on Christmas Eve, calculating and verifying all of the important statistical data from 2018. All of that important information will soon be available in our Annual Report, due for completion this spring.

However, did you know that our False or Abandoned 9-1-1 calls in 2018 had shot up by 45% over the year prior? Now this begs the obvious question: WHY???

The best we can determine is the increased use of mobile technology. One of the main culprits is accidental "pocket-dialing" of cellphones. So what's the fix? The best thing you can do if you've accidentally dialed 911 is...

- 1) Stay on the line and explain to the 9-1-1 dispatcher it was an accident
- 2) If you've hung up, please don't be nervous, just answer our callback... we WILL call back! We understand that accidents do happen!
- 3) Stay where you are if asked, we promise to be quick! Sometimes our officers have to "personally" verify your safety, before we can move on to our next important call.



Following these simple tips will save valuable resources, in the event there is a real emergency!



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DID'JA KNOW...

The PMPD is one of, if not the only police department in B.C. where officers actually wear a badge on their uniform shirt. They are also issued a second "official badge" they keep in their wallet.

Hmmm, who'da thunk?

