

SMITHERS COMMUNITY POLICING

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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To enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Smithers through the provision of crime prevention programming and provide information and education that promotes safer homes and community.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community based policing is partnership between the Town of Smithers, the RCMP and the community to address the root causes of crime. Enforcement as a lone response is ineffective and a proactive approach to crime reduction must be in place.

The Smithers Community Police Office is operated in cooperation between the Town of Smithers' **Prevention and Community Safety Officer**, the **RCMP**, as well as other social service community groups, agencies, and volunteer organizations. The office is staffed by security cleared and **trained volunteers** ready to assist the public and answer your questions on our various programs.

The Smithers Community Police Office strives to develop programming and provide information that is relevant to the needs of the community. In order to "Assess" the needs of our community, we need your input...are you concerned about a particular crime issue in your neighborhood? ... tell us about it.

The Smithers Community Police Office offers a wide variety of informational pamphlets, books and videos that are available to all members of the community. By increasing your "Awareness" of crime trends or prevention strategies you can reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime significantly.

If you have an idea for a project or you would like to utilize the services of one of our programs, please give us a call.



Town of
Smithers
...simply exceptional.



Our programs include:



This is a way for the public to take an active role in the reduction of neighborhood crime. Through a Block Captain and Co-Captain, neighbors watch out for each other and report suspicious activity to police. This program is available for both urban as well as rural areas and offers tips on securing your home and property.

Court Watch

Trained community volunteers attend Provincial Court to observe court proceedings, record statistics, and report their findings on Domestic Violence cases. The information is submitted for review by a domestic abuse steering committee and any findings are reviewed with representatives from the legal system to address identified critical areas.

Victim Services

Victim services operate out of the RCMP Detachment building with a Coordinator and volunteers. They provide victims of crime with the information, practical assistance and emotional support they need to fully participate in the justice system. They also attend crisis incidents, transport or accompany victims to court, and accompany police to assist with death and accident notification.

Crime Stoppers 1-800 222-TIPS(8477) anywhere in BC 24/7

Crime Stoppers is an independent non-profit society and registered charity managed by a civilian Board of Directors working in partnership with the police, the media and local citizens. As an organization, Crime Stoppers is a vehicle that allows citizens to **ANONYMOUSLY** supply the police with information about a crime or potential crime of which they have knowledge with fear of reprisal.



Speed Watch

Operated by volunteers in conjunction with ICBC, this program is designed to bring public awareness to speed zones and speeding within these zones. School and playground zones are of special issue as well as areas identified by police or others to alert drivers of their speed.

School Liaison

Each elementary and high school in the School District is assigned an RCMP Officer to act as a liaison between the RCMP and the specific school. These officers can give various presentations to the students ranging from violence in schools or drug and alcohol, to street and bicycle safety.

Our programs include:



B.R.A.V.E.

Bully Resistance And Violence Education

This 8 week program is presented by trained facilitators to schoolchildren between the ages of 10-12 years . To teach preventative skills that give the children the tools to assess a situation and deal with it before it becomes physical.

B.R.A.V.E. also provides the tools to help students realize that defending oneself is not just something one does physically. We strive to educate both parents and youth on the importance of addressing incidents that may occur inside the schoolyard, at home or on the Internet. Remember that a bully is not only in elementary school. We deal with bullies even as adults, whether it be a neighbor, a family member, or a business associate. The skills learned are not just for today but for life.



Citizens on Patrol

A group of Community Volunteers who conduct regular patrols for the purpose of observing suspicious occurrences or persons, crimes in progress, stolen vehicles, etc. and reporting their findings to the RCMP. They use cell phones, radios and scanners, where they can monitor as well as communicate directly with RCMP members. A community vehicle is used and working in pairs, act as additional "eyes and ears" for the police, there is no direct contact with offenders.

Patrol members are concerned citizens who want to make their community a better and safer place for all and, by their participation, show their willingness to aid and support the police in crime reduction.



This program is offered to grades 5 and 6 in the local school district and is taught by peace officers who have been trained in the DARE program. The program is not only about saying NO to drugs, but decision making and its consequences, building self-esteem and how to resist peer pressure. Students learn how to handle anger and stress and to keep their bodies healthy. DARE teaches students to choose positive activities and be positive role models in the community in which they live.



BC Crime Prevention Association
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