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SAANICH POLICE

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CHIEF CONSTABLE



Once again, I am happy to provide you with a "Report Card" on how we are doing by way of the Saanich Police Community Report for 2011 and our Community Calendar for 2012. This year we are linking our Calendar to our 2012-2016 Strategic Plan. Throughout 2011, we reviewed the input you provided in numerous community Strategic Planning sessions and identified what was important to you. As a result, we have plotted a path for the next five years which will be revealed to you month by month as the year progresses.

Our first initiative of 2012 in support of the Plan will be the creation of the Community Liaison Division. This division will include School Liaison, Crime Prevention, Bike Squad, Reserve Police, Youth & Family Counsellor, Volunteer Coordinator and Block Watch under the command of an Inspector. The Inspector will ensure that community engagement, identified as a critical component of success, will be a primary focus as our plan rolls out over the next five years.

Our integrated partnerships at a regional level continue to provide Saanich with enhanced public safety in the areas of traffic safety, domestic violence prevention and investigation, prolific offender management and crisis response, to name but a few. In 2012 we will work with our partners in law enforcement and seek new opportunities to work collaboratively with investigative bodies that provide enhanced service not just for Saanich, but the entire Capital Region.

Our flagship Crime Prevention Programs have flourished over the past year.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing program continues to enjoy widespread support. In 2011 we increased our participants by 50%. We anticipate doubling participation in 2012, thereby increasing public safety awareness for thousands of Saanich residents.

Our Block Watch initiative grew at a rate of 3% in 2011. The proven benefit of increased security through neighbourhood awareness continues to make this a most popular program for residents and valuable tool for police in reducing property crime and increasing community interest in public safety, disaster preparedness and crime prevention. With increased focus on community engagement, we anticipate the rate of growth to increase. In doing so, it ensures that our communities remain safe, one block at a time.

We have kept Saanich safe for over 105 years, a trust that we have embraced through our dedication to duty and commitment to our citizens. We live in a community that enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the Country, delivered at a cost that is amongst the lowest in the Province. This wouldn't be possible if it were not for the support we receive from the Saanich Police Board, Saanich Council, and of course you, our partners in community safety. For that, we thank you and wish you the best for 2012.

Chief Constable Mike Chadwick

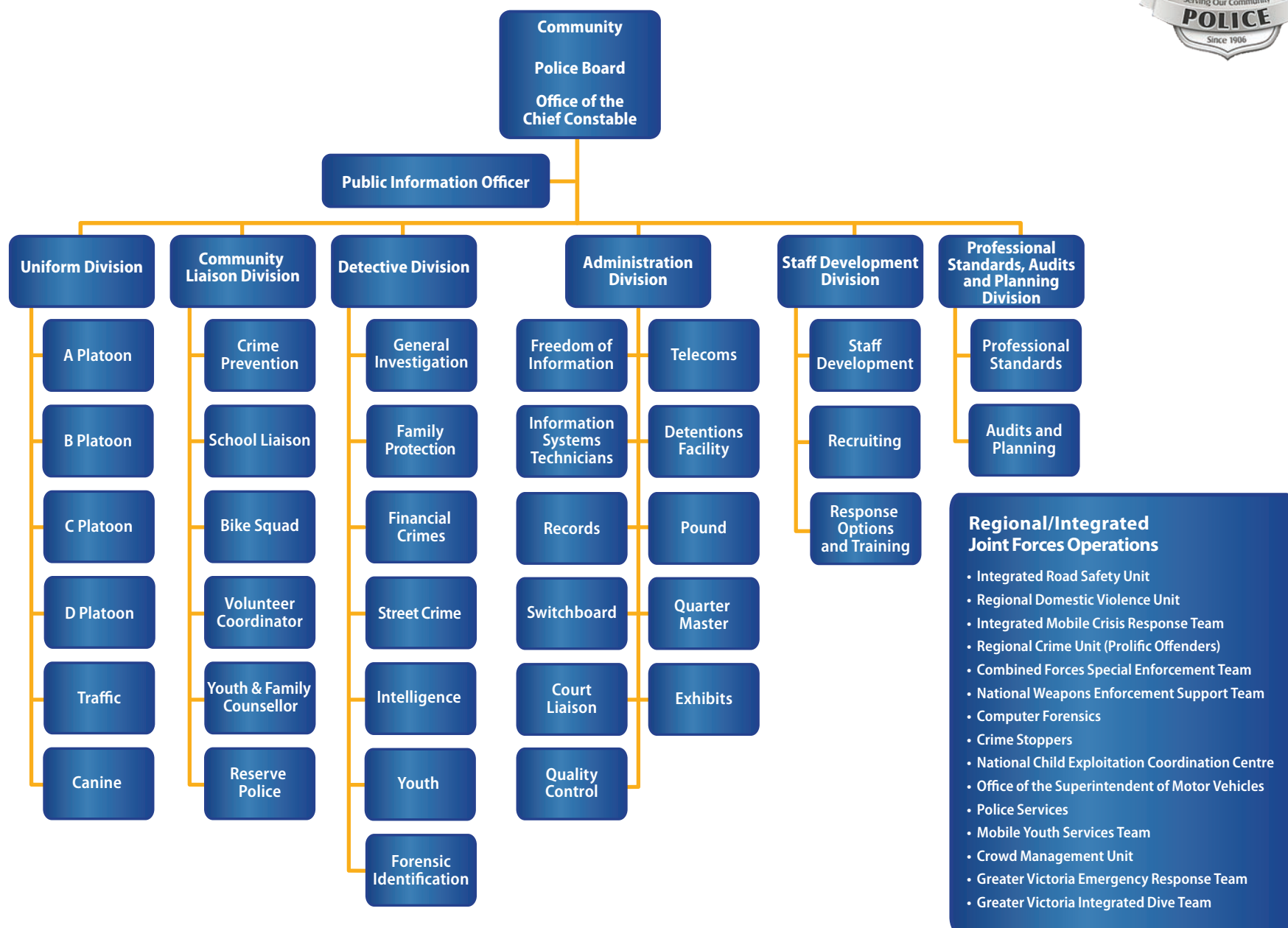
POLICE BOARD



We are pleased to present the 2011 Saanich Police Community Report and 2012 Calendar. This year, the 2012-2016 Saanich Police Strategic Plan is linked to the Calendar, providing you with a snapshot of what is in store as we work together to make our community one of the safest in Canada.

The Police Board is proud of the service that the men and women of Saanich Police provide, carrying on a tradition of excellence, professionalism, integrity and adherence to community values that has existed for over one hundred years.

SAANICH POLICE ORGANIZATION CHART





We are guided by the values of Respect, Trust, Integrity, Accountability, Compassion, Fairness, Teamwork and Community Partnerships.

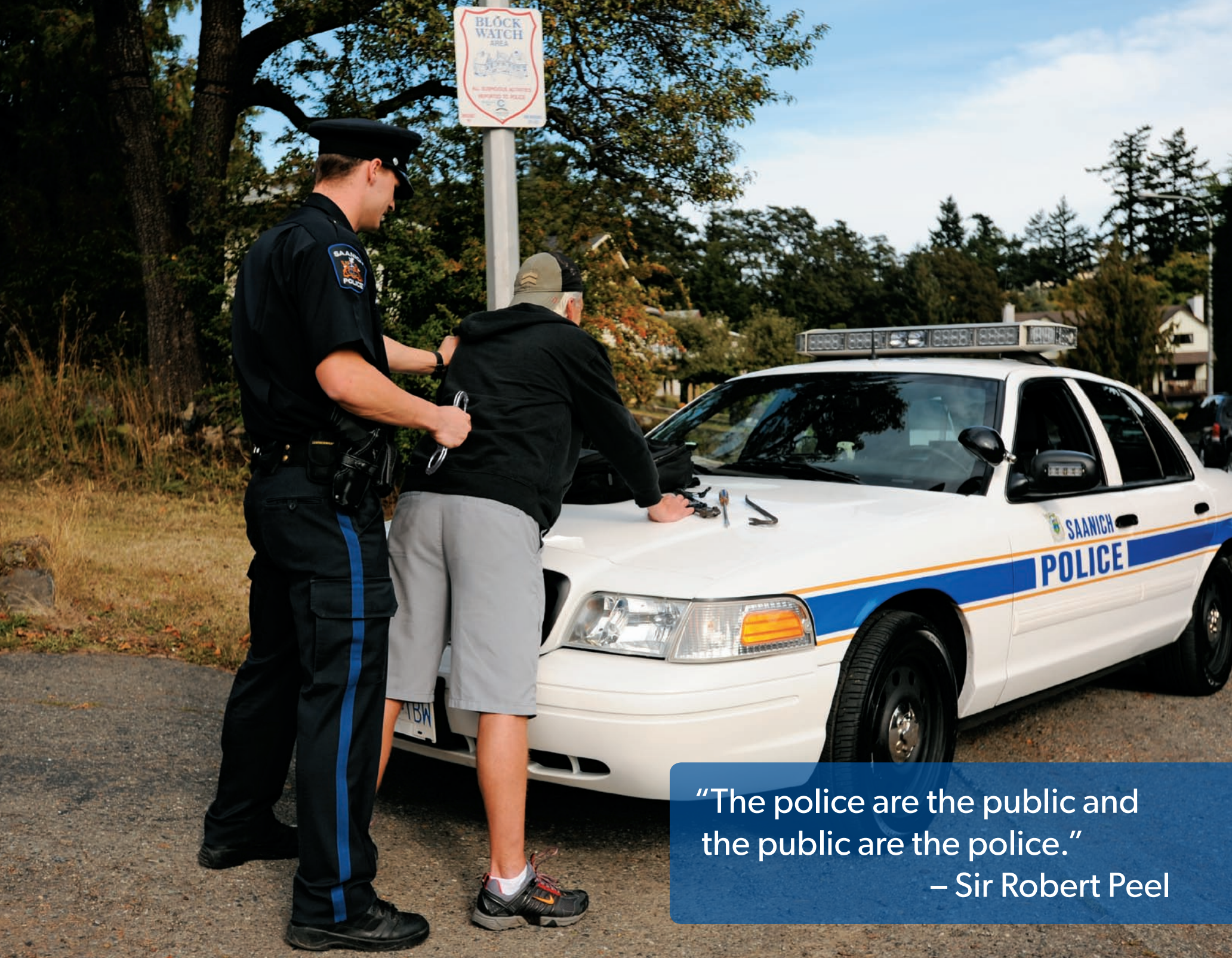
The Saanich Police mission is to provide quality service by working with the community to keep Saanich safe. This year's community calendar presents an overview of our 2012-2016 Strategic Plan to ensure our stakeholders are aware of our key strategic priorities and how these priorities will improve our service to the public.



JANUARY 2012

STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



“The police are the public and the public are the police.”
 – Sir Robert Peel

Community engagement is a critical component to maintaining a safe and healthy community. An example of this is our Block Watch program, which currently serves over 20% of our Municipality resulting in a reduction in property crime. The Strategic Plan is focused on community engagement which includes increasing the number of Block Watch participants, thus making our neighbourhoods safer. To join Block Watch contact Ian Gibbs, our Coordinator of Volunteers, at 250-475-4314.



FEBRUARY 2012

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Valentine's Day	National Flag of Canada Day			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1	2	3



Road safety initiatives reduce injuries and save lives.

Road safety has always been a priority of the Saanich Police and we are proud of our accomplishments and the progress made since our last Strategic Plan. Through the strategic planning process, the community has once again identified road safety as a key priority. We recognize that road safety requires a collaborative approach in the areas of Education, Enforcement and Engineering. As we move forward, the Saanich Police will focus on strategies that help reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.



MARCH 2012

ROAD SAFETY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Time Begins						St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Spring Equinox				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Increased focus on drug enforcement and education.

The public, our community partners and our staff all recognize that we need to increase our focus on drug enforcement. While we may not have the visible indicators of drug use on our street corners, we actively conduct various drug investigations including marihuana grow-op's and dealing. Drug enforcement and prevention are critical to ensuring our community is safe, vibrant and healthy. To ensure our youth are making smart choices about the dangers of drugs, our School Liaison and Youth Officers will continue their commitment to increasing drug awareness. We will also increase our capacity for drug enforcement, both at a local and regional level, with an overall goal to reduce the impact of drug use.



APRIL 2012

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
April Fool's Day					Good Friday	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Volunteer Week						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Administrative Professionals Week						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5



Key issues that affect youth and seniors are significantly different, but the safety of both groups is paramount.

Saanich Police is committed to working with seniors and youth to keep pace with the changing demographic of our community. There is a growing demand for senior's programs aimed at reducing vulnerabilities associated with financial crimes, elder abuse, road safety and personal safety, and we will strive to address those concerns.

Our School Liaison program is highly valued in the community and increasing our presence in schools is a priority. Issues associated with violence, drug use, cyber bullying, luring, internet crimes, acts of mischief and disorder and other youth-related matters all demand attention.



MAY 2012

WORKING WITH SENIORS AND YOUTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Emergency Preparedness Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
National Police Week Mother's Day	National Road Safety Week					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Victoria Day					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



Infrastructure improvement to ensure effective post-disaster operations.

Our last Strategic Plan saw significant improvement in our post-disaster response capabilities and we will continue to focus on initiatives and activities to further support this objective. Strategies will be developed that foster training and improve our infrastructure to ensure effective operations, communications and incident command in a post-disaster event.

A large portion of our building is not seismically sound, nor does it meet our current or future needs. To ensure that we are able to serve the public before, during and after a disaster, replacement or remediation of the current public safety building is necessary.



JUNE 2012

POST DISASTER AND BUILDING REMEDIATION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day			Summer Solstice			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Last Day of School		



Technology has changed the way we do business, today and into the future.

Our analysis has shown that, as we move forward into the next five years, the reliance on technology will continue to increase in order to maintain effective operations. Technology will also change how crimes are committed. We will research and consider new technologies that have the capacity to improve our ability to serve the public, mindful of the impact on staff, resources and existing systems.

Through the use of new technologies we will analyze crime trends to ensure effective deployment of policing resources. Initiatives will be undertaken to improve access to meaningful data so our officers know where crime is occurring or likely to occur. By doing this, proactive policing strategies can be developed to prevent, deter and solve crime.



JULY 2012

TECHNOLOGY AND CRIME ANALYSIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Saanich Strawberry Festival	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



All of our differences should be honoured and understood.

Saanich Police serves a diverse community. Over 17% of the population of Saanich has an ethnic or culturally distinct background. As well, many people live diverse lifestyles and those differences need to be both honoured and understood. During the strategic planning consultation process, numerous suggestions were made by our stakeholders in relation to improving service delivery to this community. Ideas and suggestions ranged from recruiting practices to outreach strategies, and while it was recognized that we work hard to serve our diverse population, more can be done. Over the next five years we will undertake initiatives that will enhance our capacity in this regard.



AUGUST 2012

DIVERSITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 BC Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



We are committed to the most effective and efficient deployment of our resources.

As an organization, Saanich Police is committed to increasing our efficiency and effectiveness despite ongoing challenges, including the current economic environment. We are committed to examining and adjusting how we conduct business. Research and analysis is important to identify best practices and strategies to ensure that we make the most effective use of our available resources today and tomorrow.



SEPTEMBER 2012 BUSINESS PROCESS ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Labour Day	4 School Starts	5	6	7	8
9 Grandparent's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Tour de Rock Starts
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Fall Equinox
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						Tour de Rock Ends



With committed and engaged staff we can accomplish anything.

In order to meet increasing demands and to maintain the level of service our citizens have come to expect and appreciate, we must continually assess what knowledge, skills and abilities our staff require. Developing those skills is a key strategic priority that will both serve the community and provide long and rewarding careers for the men and women who are the Saanich Police. This cannot be accomplished without staff who are engaged, committed and motivated to serve our community in a professional and personalized manner. As an organization, we are committed to providing the requisite coaching, mentoring, leadership and developmental opportunities to assist staff in reaching their full potential.

It is critical that we maintain adequate staffing levels to ensure we provide a policing service to our community that meets or exceeds expectations. This includes the effective deployment of resources and ensuring we have sufficient staff to meet our obligation to the community.



OCTOBER 2012 COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONNEL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Fire Prevention Week	Thanksgiving					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Halloween			



We will continue to provide the highest quality investigative services.

The Saanich Police structure includes a Detective Division to support uniformed officers. While this Division has seen some modest growth, it has not kept pace with the demands for service. The ability to deploy appropriate investigative resources to a serious incident is important. Our current structure requires us to draw from other areas of the department, which can impact overall operations.

Over the course of this Strategic Plan, we will work toward increasing our investigative capacity. We will continue to work with our regional partners to ensure we are not duplicating efforts and to maximize resources wherever possible. This approach will ensure we provide the highest quality investigative services.



NOVEMBER 2012

INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time Ends						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Restorative Justice Week Remembrance Day						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	2

SAANICH POLICE COMMUNITY REPORT

Case Burden Comparison Regionally

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Population	359,304	112,072	364,092	113,199	368,051	113,664	372,338	114,140
Criminal Code Offences	31,897	5,992	29,862	5,810	28,892	5,826	26,308	5,800
Total Crime Rate	89	53	82	51	78	51	71	51
Police Strength	521	147	545	149	549	151	552	152
Case Load	61	40	55	39	53	39	48	38

Violent Crime Comparison Regionally

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	4,933	853	5,024	830	5,226	933	5,164	958
Crime Rate	13.7	7.6	13.8	7.3	14.2	8.2	13.9	8.4

Property Crime Comparison Regionally

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	22,943	4,748	21,138	4,592	19,689	4,313	17,536	4,196
Crime Rate	63.9	42.4	58.1	40.6	53.5	37.9	47.1	36.8

Other Crime Comparison Regionally

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	4,021	321	3,700	388	3,977	580	3,608	646
Crime Rate	11.2	2.9	10.2	3.4	10.8	5.1	9.7	5.7

Crime Rate is defined as the number of Criminal Code offences per 1,000 population.

Regional Police Forces include independent police forces and RCMP detachments serving the communities of Saanich, Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney, View Royal, Langford, Colwood and Sooke.

Case loads are defined as the number of Criminal Code offences per authorized police strength. They represent the workload per officer, and as a result, are often a better indicator of the demand for police services than either a jurisdiction's population or its crime rate. The case load is calculated by dividing the total number of Criminal Code offences in the calendar year by the authorized police strength as of December 31st of the same calendar year.

Number of offences represents only those crimes reported to, or discovered by the police which, upon preliminary investigation, have been deemed to have occurred or been attempted; these data do not represent nor imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, informations sworn or convictions obtained. These data have been recorded by the police utilizing the Uniform Crime Reporting 2 (UCR2) Survey scoring rules and guidelines. If a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious violation is recorded for UCR2 purposes.

In 2009 the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics introduced changes to the way crime statistics in Canada are presented. Total Criminal Code data continue to be categorized as violent, property, and other crimes; however, the offences comprising each category have been revised. The Violent Crimes category now includes the previously considered 'Other Criminal Code' offences of criminal harassment, sexual offences against children, forcible confinement, kidnapping, extortion, uttering threats and threatening or harassing phone calls. The Property Crimes category now includes the previously considered 'Other Criminal Code' offences of mischief and arson. The Other Crimes category continues to capture all non-traffic Criminal Code violations which are not classified as either violent or property crimes. It should be noted that while crime data from 1998 onward have been revised to reflect these category changes, data for previous years, and those contained within reports published by Police Services Division prior to 2010, have not been updated. As a result, comparisons between these datasets should not be made as the total number of offences within the three crime categories will differ substantially.

Source: Police Services Division, British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, British Columbia, 2011

Did you know that Saanich continues to be one of the safest communities in the Province and the Country?

Saanich Police is committed to keeping Saanich safe. We have listened to the concerns of our community and work hard to make this a safe place to live, work, go to school and visit.



DECEMBER 2012

COMMUNITY REPORT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			

SAANICH POLICE COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Reporting an Incident to the Saanich Police

Help us keep Saanich safe by reporting dangerous, suspicious or illegal activities to the police. We rely on the eyes and ears of the community to help keep Saanich Safe.

For urgent assistance call 911

The 911 emergency number often becomes a person's lifeline and should be used to report:

- a crime that's in progress or about to occur
- any situation where serious injury can occur
- any suspicious activity in progress
- any situation where an ambulance or firefighting apparatus is required.

To report a non-emergency

To report a non-emergency that has occurred in Saanich, call 250-475-4321 or report in person at 760 Vernon Avenue. We are always open.

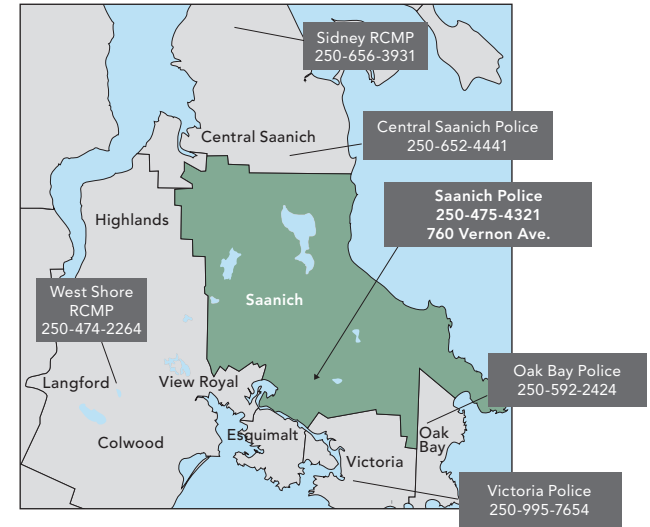
Reporting driving complaints

or suspected impaired drivers. Please take note of:

- time and date
- vehicle description
- licence plate number
- number of occupants
- description of driver and occupants
- roads and weather condition
- what you saw
- direction of travel.

Guide for writing a statement

- Write your statement when you are calm and clear. Remember your statement may become a court document.
- Do not collaborate on your statement with other witnesses or family members. Make it your own account.
- Be accurate. If you are not sure of some detail make sure you say that.
- Always provide the date, time and location of the incident you are reporting.
- Provide as much detail as possible. Consider what you saw, heard, smelled, tasted, felt, etc.
- When describing a person, take note of physical descriptors such as age, height, weight, hair and eye colour, scars or tattoos, and clothing description.
- Sign and date your statement and always keep a copy for yourself.
- Your written statement should NOT include your address, phone number or date of birth.



USEFUL NUMBERS

FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE OR TO REPORT
A CRIME IN PROGRESS CALL 911

Saanich Police	250-475-4321
Saanich Fire	250-475-6111
Saanich Pound	250-475-4321
Saanich Municipal Hall	250-475-1775
Saanich Public Works	250-475-5599
Victoria General Hospital	250-727-4212
Royal Jubilee Hospital	250-370-8000
UVic Campus Security	250-721-6683
UVic Safewalk	250-721-7599
Victim Services	250-995-7351
Ministry for Children and Family Development	250-952-6062
Children's Help Line	250-310-1234
Women's Sexual Assault Centre	250-383-3232
Vancouver Island Crisis Line	1-888-494-3888
Victoria Women's Transition House Crisis Line	250-385-6611
Cridge Transition House Crisis Line	250-479-3963
ICBC Dial-a-Claim	1-800-910-4222
BC Hydro Emergencies/Outages	1-888-769-3766
BC Transit BusLine	250-382-6161
Better Business Bureau	250-386-6348
SPCA	250-388-7722
Equifax Canada	1-800-465-7166

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