

How to get Involved

RCMP Volunteers work with the City of Vernon and the Vernon RCMP Detachment under the direction and supervision of the Crime Prevention Coordinator.

To become an RCMP Volunteer applicants must:

- ◆ Be between 19 and 79 years of age
- ◆ Have no criminal record
- ◆ Pass an RCMP security screening



We are always looking for dedicated individuals to join the Vernon RCMP Volunteer Program.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



COMMUNITY SAFETY



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Vernon RCMP Volunteers



Mission:

To improve community safety by training RCMP Volunteers to accurately observe and report suspicious or criminal activity.



Community Safety Patrols

For over 30 years our community-based volunteer group has helped to minimize the amount of crime occurring throughout our city. RCMP Volunteers are extra "Eyes on the Street" for the Vernon RCMP Detachment. The RCMP Volunteers observe, record and report suspicious activities to our police officers. The program provides a valuable service to our community.

Benefits to becoming a Volunteer:

- ◆ Gain or expand your experience in the volunteer sector
- ◆ Access to advanced training and conferences
- ◆ Eligible for volunteer awards and recognition
- ◆ Develop and expand personal experience
- ◆ Increase knowledge of the RCMP roles & responsibility
- ◆ Personal satisfaction gained from providing services to your community

Speed Watch & Cell Watch Operations

Speed Watch and Cell Watch Operations are conducted in support of ICBC and their Road Safety Initiative. These educational programs aim to reduce incidents of speeding and use of electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Speed Watch Operations are designed to increase the level of awareness surrounding the issues of unsafe speed and dangerous driving. The operation aims to reduce the incidents of unsafe speed by reflecting driver's speed and reinforcing the speed limit in specific zones.

Cell Watch Operations are designed to remind drivers that it is illegal and dangerous to use hand-held cell phones and other portable electronic devices (PED's) when driving.

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PHONE
ALONE



Marine Vessel Safety Pre-Checks and Invasive Mussel Checks

The Marine Vessel Safety Pre-Check is a voluntary program that boaters can participate in to ensure the boaters have all the items required under the Canada Shipping Act 2001. Volunteers review the required equipment checklist with the boat operator before they launch. This safety pre-check assists the RCMP members in their efficiency while patrolling Okanagan Lake.

In addition to the Marine Vessel Safety Pre-Check volunteers assist with the Invasive Mussel Operation which is ran in conjunction with OASISS, a non-profit organization dedicated to working collaboratively to prevent, monitor and control the spread of invasive species in the Okanagan-Similkameen region. Volunteers are stationed at Paddlewheel Park boat launch checking vessels for Quagga and Zebra invasive mussels.



RCMP Volunteers enjoying the sunshine while providing an important community service.