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*Solicitor General
Community Safety and
Crime Prevention Awards
2011*

*For Outstanding Contributions Towards
Crime Prevention and Community
Safety in British Columbia*

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The Ministry of Public Safety
and Solicitor General and
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A Message from the Minister



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 Solicitor General Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards. Each of you has shown exceptional commitment, perseverance and innovation. Your efforts are outstanding examples of how to make a difference in the community, with passion and dedication that inspires others to follow your example.

These awards are a reminder that we can all play a part in creating safe communities where B.C. families thrive and that crime prevention leaders come from all walks of life and from many different areas of our communities.

On behalf of all British Columbians, thank you to the 2011 award recipients for your contributions to crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond
Solicitor General



The 2011 Solicitor General Community Safety & Crime Prevention Awards

Each year the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General hosts the Solicitor General Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards to celebrate and recognize the individuals and groups that have made outstanding contributions to crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia.

This year, the awards are part of Crime Prevention Week, which takes place from November 1 to 7. Crime Prevention Week provides an opportunity for people across British Columbia to organize and participate in events that promote the importance of community assessment, awareness, and action towards addressing and preventing crime and violence in their communities.

Nominations for the Solicitor General Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards have been reviewed by representatives from the provincial Safe Communities Working Group (SCWG). The Working Group brings provincial partners together with the common goal of keeping the Province's communities safe. SCWG members include:

- B.C. Crime Prevention Association
- Block Watch Society of B.C.
- B.C. Crime Stoppers
- Children of the Street Society
- RCMP "E" Division
- National Crime Prevention Centre
- B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

This year's award nominees have demonstrated a high level of commitment to crime prevention in their communities. These awards are in honour of the time and effort given by individuals and groups across British Columbia in making our communities safe.



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The Award Categories

Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction -
Lifetime Contribution

Kenneth M. Lemckert Community Policing Award

Wael T. Audi Youth Policing Award

Crime Prevention and Community Safety Awards
- Community Group or Organization
- Individual

Children or Youth Leadership Award

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*Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction -
Lifetime Contribution*

The Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction honours a crime prevention practitioner, volunteer, or group for their extraordinary lifetime contribution and commitment to crime prevention and community safety. This award was named in honour of Anthony J. Hulme for his role as a pioneer in crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia. Anthony was one of the original founders of the B.C. Crime Prevention Association.

Balwant Sanghera – Richmond, B.C.

Balwant Sanghera is a retired school psychologist and community activist who has been very active in crime prevention in his community for a long time. Mr. Sanghera began working as an elementary school teacher at the Hudson Hope Elementary/Junior Secondary School in Hudson Hope in 1968. He received his Masters of Education from UBC in 1983. From 1990 until 2004, he worked as a school psychologist with the Burnaby School District, where he helped to develop educational programs at Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, a program that serves adolescents with mental health and behavioural problems.

A well-respected role model for youth and adults alike, Mr. Sanghera has been actively involved with several non-profit societies. He has served both as a director and as president of the Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society, a society that provides new immigrants with language, settlement and advocacy programs. He is also a founding member and chairperson of the South Asian Community Coalition Against Youth Violence (SACCAYV), an organization that strives to raise awareness about the devastation of crime, violence and gangs. He has been actively involved with the East Richmond Community Association for a number of years and also with the Punjabi Language Education Association (PLEA), of which he has been president for more than 15 years.

Mr. Sanghera is also the recipient of several awards. These include the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Order of British Columbia in 2004. In 2009, Mr. Sanghera was also voted by *Canadian Immigrant* as one of the top 25 Canadian immigrants. He was also chosen as one of the Top 10 Citizens of Richmond in the Readers' Choice special issue of the Richmond News and has received an Extraordinary Achievement Award from Darpan Magazine.



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Kenneth M. Lemckert Community Policing Award

The Kenneth M. Lemckert Community Policing Award recognizes an individual or community group that has provided exemplary leadership in the area of community policing. The award was named in honour of Kenneth M. Lemckert who played a key role in the Vancouver Police Department's community policing program. Ken recognized the importance of partnerships and the contributions we can make towards solving local problems.

Auxiliary Constable Cindy von Kampen – Comox Valley RCMP – Courtenay, B.C.

Auxiliary Constable Cindy von Kampen is a dedicated officer who has spearheaded many strategic crime prevention partnerships in the community of Courtenay. She joined the Comox Valley Citizens on Patrol (COPS) program in 2005 and has been its president since 2007. She manages a group of 58 members who volunteer an average of more than 15,000 hours each year and are responsible for overseeing the Speedwatch and Stolen Auto Recovery System (SARS) program.

In September 2008, Aux. Cst. von Kampen graduated from the Auxiliary Constable program of the RCMP. Through the Auxiliary program, Aux. Cst. von Kampen has consistently exceeded the 160 mandatory volunteer hours by participating in many community functions. These include Project Pride, which is aimed at educating elementary school students on the history of Canada, and Dock Watch, which educates boaters on safe boating procedures. She makes herself available to speak on topics such as bullying and staying safe, issues that directly involve seniors, fraud, counterfeit currency and shoplifting. Aux. Cst. von Kampen is truly a dedicated and valued volunteer.



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Sergeant Mike Novakowski – Abbotsford Police, Youth Squad – Abbotsford, B.C.

Following a series of gang related homicides in 2008 and 2009, the Abbotsford Police Department implemented a series of community based initiatives. Sergeant Mike Novakowski was the NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) in charge of the Community Policing Unit, which was responsible for overseeing the Youth Squad. Sergeant Novakowski developed and implemented several programs to engage youth, their parents, and the community and challenge them to make positive choices in their lives. These campaigns included a series of posters (Operation Tarnish), videos and radio commercials (Operation Veritas), and school presentations to thousands of Abbotsford students from elementary school (Operation Acorn), through middle school (Operation Impact II), to secondary school (Operation Impact). Letters signed by the Chief of Police were provided to all secondary school graduates and a video congratulating them on their accomplishments was produced (Project Congradulations). Sergeant Novakowski also developed anti-gang awareness campaigns which included speaking to more than 3,000 parents (Operation Lodestar) and using a seized Hummer as a rolling crime prevention billboard (Operation Reclamation). These programs received wide spread media coverage locally, across BC, and throughout Canada.



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Wael T. Audi Youth Policing Award

The Wael T. Audi Youth Policing Award honours police officers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to working with youth in their communities. The award is in memory of Constable Wael T. Audi, a young and enthusiastic member of the Squamish RCMP, who recognized the potential in youth and encouraged their participation in community safety and crime prevention.

Constable Davin Turner and Constable Mark Zawadsky – Abbotsford Police – Abbotsford, B.C.

Through their work with the Abbotsford Police Department's Youth Squad, Constables Davin Turner and Mark Zawadsky have been instrumental in bringing together their community to eliminate a serious rivalry between two groups of young men that threatened the safety of high school students in the Abbotsford School District. Constables Turner and Zawadsky spearheaded an intervention in 2009 involving youth, family, friends, police, the Abbotsford Restorative Justice Action Association, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Crown counsel, and Abbotsford Community Services to address the conflict. Over a period of many months, the intervention was successful in engaging the youth to focus on their educational goals and put the conflict behind them. Constable Turner and Constable Zawadsky's proactive approach has demonstrated the highest form of service to youth in the community of Abbotsford.

Constable Richard Lavallee – Vancouver Police Department – Vancouver, B.C.

In his position as Aboriginal Liaison for the Vancouver Police Department, Constable Richard Lavallee has been working with the urban Aboriginal population to communicate their needs and concerns to the Vancouver Police Department since 2005. He serves as the primary contact for multiple Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal agencies in Vancouver and works closely with community partners to provide healthy activities for at-risk Aboriginal youth. Constable Lavallee has developed trusting relationships with youth at the Broadway Youth Resource Centre program Breakfast Club, the Urban Native Youth Association program Aboriginal Youth First, and the Eastside Aboriginal Space for Youth. He is a positive adult role model in the lives of many youth, some of them former gang members.



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*Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award
for a Community Organization*

This award recognizes exemplary leadership through developing innovative projects, key activities or initiatives to promote safe communities.

WISH Drop-in Centre Society – WISH Peer Safety Patrol Program - Vancouver, B.C.

The WISH Drop-in Centre Society's Peer Safety Patrol Program (PSP) is an innovative employment program that aims to reduce violence experienced by women engaged in street-based sex work. The program, which has been in operation since 2008, trains and employs sex workers on the Safety Patrol Team to provide support services to their peers. The women receive six weeks of training to learn life skills, self-care, anti-violence, self defence, situational de-escalation, communications, report taking and safe needle collection. In addition to providing support to sex workers, the presence of the Safety Patrol Team has a positive impact on neighbouring residents and businesses.

Ridge Meadows Youth and Justice Advocacy Association – Maple Ridge, B.C.

Since September 1994, the Ridge Meadows Youth and Justice Advocacy Association (RMJAA) has been assisting youth 12 to 17 years of age in conflict with the law. The Association was the first of its kind in British Columbia to be awarded direct referrals from Crown counsel and has been receiving referrals from the Ridge Meadows RCMP since 1997. The Association works hand in hand with the community, community services agencies, RCMP, and Crown counsel to help youth realize the harm done and to encourage them to accept responsibility for their actions and be accountable for their offences. In the Association's 17 years of service to the community, it has received more than 1,900 referrals. The program continues as a community restorative resolution program promoting responsibility, reliability, and resiliency through creative education, intervention, prevention, and contributing to a safer community.



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Vancouver School Board – Youth Empowered and Safe (YES) – Vancouver, B.C.

Starting in 2007, the Youth Empowered and Safe (YES) project of the Vancouver School District has brought together community and school resources to identify which strategies would address key risk factors for youth, to identify gaps in services, and to develop strategies to address these gaps. The YES project has helped to establish a Community Assessment and Action Network (CAAN), with representation from police, the City of Vancouver, Family Services of Greater Vancouver, other community agencies, and the school district. YES also collaborated with Vancouver School Board Multicultural Liaison Workers and Settlement Workers in developing and translating parent presentations and the booklet *Steering Kids Away From Gangs: What Parents Need to Know* in six languages. As well, YES increased access for grades five to seven students to the Respect, Safety and Violence Prevention Program (RSVP) and developed and implemented a successful Student Mentorship program and Boys' Groups and Girls' Groups for vulnerable youth transitioning from elementary school to high school. The YES Project has created manuals for these three initiatives.



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*Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award
for an Individual*

This award honours exemplary leadership in the area of crime prevention and community safety and contributions to the development of innovative projects, key activities or initiatives to promote safe communities.

Pat Kelln – New Westminster, B.C.

Pat Kelln has worked tirelessly since 1999 to aid women who have experienced domestic violence. Over the years she has been involved with a number of different organizations and has worked on a multitude of projects as an unpaid volunteer. She has participated in a safety audit of the New Westminster Police communications centre, authored a legal resource manual for advocates working with violence against women issues, and presented at several workshops on domestic violence. In addition, she has been the Director of the BC Crime Prevention Association (2003 to 2004), Director of the BC Coalition for the Elimination of the Abuse of Seniors (2007 to 2010), and Coordinator and Facilitator of Disability 101 (since 2009).

A firm believer in the power of prevention, Pat is most proud of her work on the Shoe Memorial project. In 2003, Pat started the Shoe Memorial on December 6 to commemorate the Montréal Massacre and female victims of violence. Since that time, the annual event has involved the display of hundreds of pairs of women's shoes at the Vancouver Art Gallery steps. For each pair of shoes, there is a name and a date of a woman who lost her life due to violence. At the memorial Pat speaks to and provides information to the hundreds of individuals who recognize that the violence exists, don't agree with it, but don't know what to do. The annual Shoe Memorial has left a lasting impression on the lives of hundreds of people.



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Debby Hamilton and Sergeant Robb Daly – Vernon, B.C.

Since 2009, Sergeant Robb Daly of the Vernon RCMP and Debby Hamilton, Executive Director of Vernon Women's Transition House Society, have been instrumental in the development of the North Okanagan Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT). ICAT is a wrap around process that increases safety to victims and holds offenders accountable for their actions. It also encourages information sharing between local justice, health and community service agencies to pinpoint risk factors that can lead to serious harm for victims of domestic violence. Sergeant Daly and Ms. Hamilton continue to present workshops to regional and provincial communities on how to develop an ICAT. Together they have contributed countless volunteer hours building this collaborative approach and sharing their expertise with other communities.

Carolyn Sinclair – Surrey, B.C.

Carolyn Sinclair is a strong and passionate advocate for the rights and needs of those impacted by disaster, crime, or trauma. She has been the Executive Director of Police Victim Services of British Columbia since 2000 and Executive Director of the BC Crime Prevention Association since 2009. She is also the Managing Director of Justice Access Society for Maintaining Independence and Empowerment, Deputy Director of New Westminster Emergency Social Services, Instructor of Forensic Anthropology at the University of the Fraser Valley, Instructor of Emergency Management at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and Member of the Provincial Disaster Psychosocial Services Initiative. Carolyn is committed to establishing new partnerships aimed at improving prevention and response to disaster, crime, or trauma.



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Children or Youth Leadership Award

This award honours positive role models for children or youth in their community and encourages their active participation in crime prevention and community safety projects.

Jordan Choo and Jaci Benson – Rutland Senior Secondary, Kelowna, B.C.

As graduating students in 2010 from Rutland Senior Secondary, Jordan Choo and Jaci Benson collaborated on the development, production, and post-production of three public service announcements on cyber-bullying, graffiti, and drug prevention awareness that were commissioned by Crime Stoppers and the Kelowna RCMP. Jaci and Jordan displayed professional organizational skills and commitment to the project and brought together ten other students to assist in acting and production.

Jordan and Jaci are currently enrolled in Capilano University's Motion Picture Arts Degree Program. They are thankful for the guidance and encouragement of their high school film teacher, Mr. Brent Applegath, who inspired them to pursue careers in film.



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Local Government Award

This award recognizes outstanding leadership in the area of promoting and implementing crime prevention and community safety strategies within their community.

City of Surrey – Surrey, B.C.

The City of Surrey believes that community safety is an essential foundation for building a healthy and prosperous society. In 2007, after collaborating with the RCMP, over 50 community groups, hundreds of individuals and all levels of government, the City implemented its Crime Reduction Strategy. The comprehensive plan is designed to create innovative, community-based solutions to crime reduction and safety. The work of the last four years has resulted in many new partnerships, holistic problem-solving approaches, and progress in addressing the root causes of crime in Surrey. A comprehensive three year Progress Report (2006 – 2010 achievements) has been completed and is available online at www.surrey.ca.



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Media Award

This award honours an individual's commitment for actively promoting crime prevention and community safety programs either by audio, visual, and/or written methods.

British Columbia Association of Broadcasters

The British Columbia Association of Broadcasters (BCAB) represents the private television and radio broadcasters of the province. BCAB members come together to promote and contribute to community enhancing programs. They are especially proud of their annual Humanitarian Award. The Humanitarian Award (established in 1980) was created to provide charitable organizations with a full 52 week advertising schedule on all member stations. The Award offers significant television and radio airtime free of charge to one organization each year, exposing millions of people to their messages. In 2010, the BCAB's Humanitarian Award winner was the Children of the Street Society for their Predator Watch Campaign. The advertising (valued in excess of a million dollars) made a great impact in helping to prevent the online sexual exploitation of children and youth in British Columbia. The BCAB is grateful for the generous support of many of BC's leading advertising agencies who continue to support this program.



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Corporate Award

This award honours an organization for outstanding contributions towards crime prevention and community safety strategies.

ADT Security Canada – Burnaby, B.C.

Since 1991, ADT has been offering help to victims of domestic violence across Canada. ADT has taken a strong initiative in the fight against domestic violence by creating the Domestic Violence Emergency Response System (DVERS). Operating in 38 communities across Canada, DVERS provides families at high risk of domestic violence with monitored security at no charge to them or the community. This program is a very important component of ADT's overall philosophy of using corporate resources to give back to the community. DVERS is coordinated at the local level by social service agencies, local law enforcement and ADT representatives. In 1999, ADT was honoured by the Province of British Columbia as the corporate winner of the 'Building a Safer Future Awards' for its contribution to communities across Canada.



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Volunteer Award

This award honours an individual's commitment to their community through outstanding contribution towards crime prevention and community safety.

Ken Ryan – Burnaby, B.C.

Ken Ryan is a long-time volunteer in many organizations. He began volunteering in 1995 with the District 2 Community Police Office in Burnaby and currently sits on the Community Policing Advisory Committee and attends monthly meetings. In 1996, he joined Block Watch, and as Dist. 2 Coordinator, has helped to double the active blocks in that community during the past 15 years. Ken also sits on Burnaby's Anti Graffiti Committee, works with Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural programs, and has contributed input for several of their projects. As well, as a Director at Lochdale Community School Association, he has affected the lives of many youth who have graduated from eight elementary schools in the district. A member of Optimist International, he has worked on dozens of programs for youth within the city of Burnaby, and as District Director, encouraged other municipalities to do the same.

After retirement eight years ago, his volunteering expanded, mainly to Burnaby North Community Association, where he helped organize presentations at the annual Kensington Fair and at Comshare Summer Camp.

Gordon and Kathleen Jones – Vancouver, B.C.

Gordon and Kathleen Jones have volunteered with the Vancouver Speed Voluntary Watch program since 1996 and 1997 respectively. Since then, Gordon and Kathleen have contributed over 4500 volunteer hours each to the program. Gordon and Kathleen conduct speed watch setups with the program almost every weekend. They have organized and conducted special training sessions for the Vancouver Police Speed Watch members and given Community Policing Office Speed Watch Workshops sponsored by ICBC for more than six years. Gordon and Kathleen developed the Site Record - Traffic Analysis Report form for the Vancouver Police Department Speed Watch team. They also helped revise the Speed Watch Operational Guide and produced the quarterly news letter for the program. They inspire cooperation and encouragement among the members of the Vancouver Police Traffic Division and are committed to making a difference in their community.



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Bill McElroy – Sooke, B.C.

Bill McElroy is a former Naval Officer and City of Victoria Councillor, whose working life has been devoted to public service, including nine years with the Province of BC and 15 years in the not-for-profit sector. He has been the Executive Director of five different organizations and has also been an active community volunteer for over 41 years, including service as a Director on over 20 not-for-profit Boards, mainly with groups that assist families and children. The Out from the Shadows conference in 1998 heightened his interest in the sexual exploitation of youth. Later, as the Director of Canadian Programs for Save the Children Canada, he worked with Cherry Kingsley to develop the Out from the Shadows program, which is aimed at combating the sexual exploitation of children and youth across Canada. After leaving Save the Children Canada, he became the Treasurer of the International Centre to Combat Exploitation of Children. He began attending meetings of the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth in 2006 and became Chair in 2007. Now retired, he is the Treasurer of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, where he has worked to promote crime prevention and increase public awareness of issues focusing on youth and justice.

Lynn Krag – New Westminster, B.C.

Lynn's tireless commitment to her community can be seen in the many community initiatives in which she has participated. Since 2001, Lynn has volunteered hundreds of hours in the Victim Services program at the New Westminister Police Service. She also volunteers with Citizens' Crime Watch Patrol and at community events. At present, Lynn has trained in the areas of Crime-Free Multi Housing, Block Watch, Emergency Social Services, Speed Watch, Home Security, Stolen Auto Recovery and others. Lynn has turned down paid positions so that she can continue to dedicate her time to her community. New Westminister is fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer.

