

Richmond Community Safety Building

Richmond Policing History

- 1891** Herbert Drummond appointed first police chief for municipality of Richmond.
- 1900** Police chief Alex Main murdered while investigating a tool theft.
- 1942** Municipal policing responsibility taken over by BC Provincial Police.
- 1951** Municipal policing responsibility assumed by Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 1973** Public Safety Building, including Richmond RCMP detachment, opens on Minoru Boulevard. Additional wings and stories added in 1978 and 1980.
- 1980** On September 19, 1980, Constable Tom Agar attended to the front counter of the RCMP detachment on Minoru Boulevard to offer assistance to a male, later identified as Steven Leclair. Cst. Agar did not know that Leclair had just shot five people at the Palace Hotel in Vancouver, killing three. After the shooting, Leclair hijacked a taxi at gunpoint, forcing the cab driver to take him to the Richmond detachment. When Cst. Agar asked Leclair if he needed assistance, Leclair responded by fatally shooting Cst. Agar at point blank range. Leclair turned his gun on another officer, Cst. Wayne Hanniman, striking him in the thigh, before surrendering to officers just outside the detachment. Leclair was convicted of First Degree Murder and received a life sentence.
- 2002** On September 15, 2002, Constable Jimmy Ng was working night shift duty in Richmond. While responding to a routine call for service, Cst. Ng was broadsided by a vehicle driven by Yau Chung Stuart Chan. Chan and another male had been street racing when Chan blew a red light and collided with Cst. Ng's vehicle—the point of impact being the driver's door. Cst. Ng was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Chan attempted to elude capture by leaving the scene of the accident with the driver of the other car. Chan received a two year jail term, two years of probation, as well as a three year driving prohibition. Cst. Ng was a dedicated police officer whose commitment to the community did not stop at being a police officer. He also volunteered his time with the Canadian Coast Guard and fire department.
- 2011** New Community Safety Building opens on No. 5 Road.

