

Community Programs Offered

Speed Watch

Co-sponsored by ICBC

Promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers to their vehicle's speed in school zones and on busy roadways. Trained volunteers, equipped with a radar and speed reader board, give drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers keep records of the license plate number, the vehicle's speed, and a letter is sent to inform the vehicle's registered owner of the driving infraction.

Foot Patrols

Volunteers patrol the Steveston village area in pairs. The Station provides reflective gear for volunteers to wear while on shift. The purpose of this program is to observe and report suspicious/criminal activities to the Station Constables. The volunteers do not have Police or enforcement powers.

Richmond RCMP Block Watch

This is a free, community-based, crime prevention program:

- aimed at helping residents organize their neighbourhoods to help prevent crime in the community
- more information is available at www.richmond.ca/blockwatch or call 604-207-4829

Volunteer Bike Patrol

Between May and October, trained volunteers on bikes, patrol to observe and report suspicious criminal activity to the Police. Volunteers are equipped with reflective gear that identifies them as Police volunteers.

Lock Out Auto Crime

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Volunteers conduct random vehicle checks looking for visible valuables, garage door openers, open windows or unlocked doors throughout the City. All inspected vehicles are given a notice, either thanking them for securing their vehicle properly or advising them how they can deter auto theft.

Stolen Auto Recovery

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Trained volunteers:

Trained volunteers are equipped with iPads which are used to identify stolen vehicles. Volunteers help to recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year.

Distracted Driver's Program

Trained volunteers:

- attend intersections and watch for drivers that are texting or talking on their cell phones, reading or have dogs on the driver's lap
- make note of the vehicle's description, licence plate and what the driver was doing
- a letter is sent to the driver with information on the safety risks of their actions, and the fine amounts if they were pulled over by the Police.

Crime Free Multi Housing (CFMH)

This is a crime prevention initiative designed specifically to help apartment owners, managers, residents, police and other agencies work together to keep illegal and nuisance activity off rental property.

Mature Drivers Program

This program helps mature drivers review their own driving skills, habits and knowledge in a peer group environment while getting tips and strategies to help change and improve their driving.

Pedestrian Safety

This is a crime prevention initiative aimed at educating Richmond residents on how to be a safe pedestrian.

Twice a year (fall and spring) trained volunteers along with RCMP members and Richmond firefighters head to busy intersections and talk to pedestrians about safety and hand out reflective armbands.

Volunteering

Volunteers provide front counter and switchboard service and distribute crime prevention information. They participate and operate crime prevention programs within the community.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Station or visit us to pick up a volunteer application form.

