



# Media Release



The City of Vernon/North Okanagan RCMP  
3400 – 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vernon, BC  
V1T 5E6  
DATE: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT: Gord Molendyk, Media Liaison  
TELEPHONE: (250) 260-7161

The Speed Watch Program has started again for another year. The program operates in support of ICBC and their Road Sense initiative. The Vernon/ North Okanagan RCMP Safe Communities Unit oversees the program and it run by RCMP volunteers throughout the North Okanagan Detachment area.



The purpose of the Speed Watch program is to enhance road safety and bring awareness of speed limits in our communities. Trained volunteers use digital speed-reader boards and a radar unit, they concentrate on areas where speeding is a hazard or residents complain of excessive speeds. Volunteers will be initially concentrating on school zones in order to keep the motoring public aware of those speed zones. With spring here children tend to run and bike in those areas more frequently so please slow down.

There will be occasions when you will find our Speed Watch volunteers working with the City of Vernon's RCMP Municipal Traffic section. These 2-strike operations may land you a ticket should you choose to ignore the Speed Watch set up.

Expect to see Speed Watch operations around the City of Vernon as well as other municipalities in the North Okanagan and please remember these volunteers are actively working to make our roads a safer place to travel for everyone.

***"We are always looking for dedicated volunteers for Community Policing Programs. Come into our office to apply!"***

---

For more information, please contact:  
Regan Borisenko  
Vernon/North Okanagan RCMP  
Crime Prevention/Safe Communities Unit  
Phone: 250-550-7847