

Vernon RCMP seeking a “Few Good Men and Women”

The Vernon RCMP is once again launching a recruiting drive, this time for the Auxiliary Constable Program. The Auxiliary Constable Program is a Community Policing program that is managed by the RCMP where volunteers from within the community are trained as Auxiliary Constables. The Auxiliary Constables perform a wide range of Community Policing activities within the Vernon/North Okanagan detachment area including assisting with Community Events, Foot Patrols, Bike Patrols, Boat Patrols and Ski Patrol to name a few. There is also a component of the program that finds Auxiliary Constables volunteering with the Regular Members of the detachment on busy weekends and holidays.

The Auxiliary Constable Program requires a solid commitment. There is a minimum 160 hour per calendar year commitment that must be met by the individual Auxiliary Constable. This may seem like a lot, however with monthly training, Community Policing Events and other duties, the Auxiliary Constables on average volunteer over 250 hours per calendar year on an individual basis.

The training program is comprehensive, intense and covers areas such as Community Policing Strategies, Criminal Law, Powers of Arrest, Search and Seizure, Provincial Statutes, Self Defence, Drill and Deportment, Physical Fitness and much more. Training takes place on Saturday's in Vernon and is a full 8 hour day. This enables the training to be completed in approximately 4 months. Upon completion of the Training Program, “recruits” are sworn in as Auxiliary Constables and issued uniforms and equipment.

If you are civic minded, interested in volunteering in your community and committed to assisting the police with Crime reduction in your area, this program could be for you. Interested persons must be residents of Vernon/Coldstream/Lumby/Armstrong/Falkland and Enderby areas, 19 to 55 years of age, completed Grade 12 or equivalent, be of good character, able to pass background/Criminal Record check and be physically/medically fit. Applications can be picked up at:

Vernon RCMP Detachment
3402 30th Street
Vernon B.C.
or
Community Policing Office
#101 3334 30th Avenue
Vernon B.C.