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Recruiting begins for spring RCMP volunteer candidates

Vernon and Lumby RCMP volunteer programs are now recruiting for six positions in Lumby and six positions in Vernon. New candidates will begin the core classroom training April 26 to 28 and continue May 3 to 5.

A partial list of Operations conducted by RCMP Volunteers include:

- Night patrols of the City;
- foot patrols for special events;
- speed watch operations;
- distracted driving operations;
- small vessel safety checks;
- theft from vehicle crime prevention; and
- disaster response.

For more than 25 years, community-based RCMP volunteer groups have helped to minimize crime occurring throughout Vernon. These are volunteer positions working with the City of Vernon and North Okanagan Detachment of the RCMP under the direction and supervision of the Crime Prevention Coordinator and RCMP.

RCMP volunteers are extra eyes and ears for the Vernon/North Okanagan RCMP.

To become an RCMP Volunteer, applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 79 years of age, have no criminal record, pass a comprehensive security screening conducted by the RCMP and successfully complete the RCMP volunteer training program

In preparation for training, volunteers undergo interviews covering security and program interests. Training involves developing patrol skills, note-taking, court processes, observations skills and incident report writing as well as working with partner agencies such as the RCMP, By-laws Department and ICBC. After the 18-hour core classroom training, new volunteers complete 36 hours of patrols with RCMP volunteer trainers who will instruct them on the practical aspects of the program.

For more information visit www.vernon.ca/homes-building/community-safety/rcmp-volunteers or contact Regan Borisenko, Crime Prevention Coordinator, at 250.550.7847.