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THE JIM AND VICKI CHU *Community Safety Leader Award*

DR. CAROL LEE, O.B.C.

IN 2011, DR. CAROL LEE became the founding chair of the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation. This registered charity is committed to the cultural, economic, and physical revitalization of Vancouver's historic Chinatown. During this time, Dr. Lee has spearheaded projects focused on creating lasting positive impact, such as affordable housing, seniors' housing, and cultural and economic development.

These projects have included social housing that incorporated a community healthcare centre; low-income and safe housing, activities and events for seniors; and restaurants that generate economic viability. The Chinatown Storytelling Centre, the first of its kind in Canada, was also created, dedicated to preserving and sharing stories of early Chinese Canadians whose contributions shaped our past, present, and future.

During Covid-19, under Dr. Lee's leadership, the foundation launched an economic recovery program, helping businesses apply for support. They launched initiatives, such as the "Gifts of Chinatown" pop-up shop, and "A Taste of Chinatown" walking tour and media campaign, to promote local restaurants and businesses.

A committed community-builder, Dr. Lee serves on a number of boards, including BC Achievement, UBC Properties Trust, Harvard Business School Canadian Advisory Board, Faculty Advisory Board of UBC Sauder School of Business, and co-chair of the John H. McArthur Distinguished Fellowship. She was also vice-chair of the Asia Pacific Trade Council, a member of the Federal Advisory Council on Economic Growth, the board of the Rideau Hall Foundation, and on the Leadership Council of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo.

Dr. Lee has honorary doctorates from the University of BC and BCIT, and she is an Order of British Columbia and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient.

For over a decade, Dr. Lee has volunteered to create a culture of community safety and revitalization for Chinatown and the neighbouring Downtown Eastside. She has fostered a close working relationship with the VPD, and she is one of B.C.'s most prominent and influential leaders.

For her outstanding contribution towards improving safety in the community, demonstrating exemplary leadership and a passion for making Vancouver a safe place to live for all residents, the Vancouver Police Department is proud to award Dr. Carol Lee the 2022 Jim and Vicki Chu Community Safety Leader Award.



VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

Award of Merit



The Award of Merit is presented by the Vancouver Police Board to citizens who, on their own initiative and in the face of actual or anticipated danger, have made an attempt at saving a life or have assisted the police in preventing a crime, or in apprehending or attempting to apprehend an offender.

1. MATTHEW COULSON

In April of 2021, Matthew Coulson was working as a landscaper. He stopped at Lowe's to buy supplies, and as he got out of his vehicle, he could hear people yelling. They were standing on the street outside of a camper van and appeared frantic. He spotted a fire inside the van and, to his horror, someone trapped inside.

Matthew raced across the parking lot, climbed over a very tall retaining wall separating the lot from the street, and entered the camper. He quickly rescued a woman by pulling her to safety.

A man lay unconscious on the floor, as the fire grew larger by the second. Despite repeated and heroic attempts to rescue him, and suffering burns to his hand in the process, Matthew was forced to relent.

For racing toward a dangerous situation, putting his life at risk without hesitation, and saving a woman from certain death, Mr. Matthew Coulson is awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest award for civilian bravery, the Award of Merit.

2. SARAH BOISVERT

It was early afternoon on March 2, 2021, when Sarah Boisvert was driving across the Lions Gate Bridge. As she approached mid-span, she saw a woman start to climb over the outer railing. The woman was obviously in distress and her intention to jump was clear.

Sarah stopped her car and quickly hopped over the railing separating the road from the sidewalk. She ran toward the woman, who was straddling the railing overlooking the water below. Sarah grabbed on to her, and pulled her to safety, as other motorists called 911 and stopped to help.

When the first police officer arrived, Sarah was still holding on to the distraught woman. Paramedics took her to hospital to receive the help she needed.

For placing herself in significant danger to prevent a woman from ending her own life, Ms. Sarah Boisvert is awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest award for civilian bravery, the Award of Merit.

3. BLAKE HARVEY KIRAN MOOKER DANISH NADAN

On the morning of July 10, 2020, Danish Nadan and Kiran Mooker were driving downtown when they noticed a man make loud and inappropriate sexual remarks towards a woman. When the woman tried to walk past him, he blocked her.

The woman was scared and crying. Danish honked his horn, and Kiran signaled to the woman to get into their car. The man opened Danish's door, grabbed him by the neck, and tried to punch him several times, while demanding the woman get out of the car. Kiran called 911, and they drove the woman to safety.

Moments later, Blake Harvey was outside a downtown supermarket when he observed a man making a woman uncomfortable. She walked toward Blake, looking for help, stating the man had made sexual advances. Blake tried to get the man to leave her alone, and then helped her safely into a taxi so she could leave the area.

When Blake finished his shopping, he saw the same man approach another woman. He called 911, as it was clear that she was also trying to evade her pursuer. When she arrived at her building, the man tried to force his way inside. Blake intervened, and the woman was able to enter the building to safety.

Moments later, police arrived and arrested the man.

For putting their safety at risk to come to the aid of strangers in need, Mr. Blake Harvey, Ms. Kiran Mooker, and Mr. Danish Nadan are awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest award for civilian bravery, the Award of Merit.

Award of Valour

CONSTABLE JUSTIN FRASER

POLICE OFFICERS TRAIN FOR EVERY POTENTIAL SITUATION. When faced with a deadly threat, their training kicks in, but it is courage that carries them through. When Constables Justin Fraser and Gary Li were called to a violent robbery in progress at a Canadian Tire in November 2016, they found a suspect, dressed in camouflage, holding an elderly man at knifepoint just outside the store. The suspect had already seriously injured a Canadian Tire employee, and he bear-sprayed the officers when they approached him.

Constable Li deployed his Taser, causing the suspect to fall forward and enabling the hostage to run to safety. The two officers moved in to handcuff the suspect, but he quickly recovered. He grabbed Constable Fraser, stabbing him in the abdomen, shoulder, and chin. Despite life-threatening injuries, Constable Fraser struggled to get out from under the suspect, who was now on top of him. As the constable broke free, he pulled out his firearm and fired. Constable Li also fired, and the shots momentarily stopped the lethal assault.

Constable Fraser knew he was losing consciousness, but he still had the presence of mind to holster his gun to prevent the suspect from accessing it. Constable Li and another officer pulled him a few metres away to relative safety. His fellow officers stayed with him, administering first aid until it was safe for paramedics to reach him.

Incredibly, the suspect began to rouse once more, and refused to drop the knife or the bear spray. Officers again used less lethal options. Ultimately, another officer fired his firearm, as another fired Arwen rounds, and the man was finally incapacitated.

For the courage to confront a dangerous man intent on harm, despite being grievously injured, and for stopping further harm to others, Constable Justin Fraser is awarded the Vancouver Police Department's highest award for bravery, the Award of Valour.



CHIEF CONSTABLE'S *Commendations*



1. CONSTABLE RYAN STAFFORD

Constable Ryan Stafford was on patrol on the morning of September 7, 2021, when a resident alerted him to a house fire on Killarney Street. He recognized the house, having been there numerous times to recover stolen property and check on the many prolific property offenders who were living there.

As the constable approached the house, two occupants came running toward him, screaming that there were people still inside. He could see smoke pouring out of the windows, and flames coming out of the upper windows. Glass was cracking from the heat.

Constable Stafford called for back-up and pounded on a lower door, and then kicked it in. He entered the smoke-filled room, found a man inside, and guided him out to safety. He breached a second door and found another man sleeping in his bed. He woke the man up and helped him outside.

He raced upstairs to the upper suites, and entered into the smoke-filled kitchen area, where a man was trying to collect belongings. As Constable Stafford led him to safety, the man told him there was another person still inside. The constable breached yet another door and found a man getting out of the shower, who had no idea the house was on fire. He escorted the man out to safety.

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services arrived and extinguished the blaze. The fire was caused by tenants trying to hot-wire a bicycle battery, which sparked and caused items in the room to catch fire. While the house was a complete loss, everyone who lived there survived.

For his courageous and swift actions to save residents from serious injury or death, and placing his health and safety in peril, Constable Ryan Stafford is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

LEFT: CONSTABLE RYAN STAFFORD

2. SERGEANT JEFF RICE SYSTEMS ANALYST AGATA LESICKA

The Vancouver Police Department's eTicketing project began in March of 2017. Spanning several years, the project fundamentally shifted the process of issuing traffic enforcement tickets.

As the project manager, Ms. Agata Lesicka demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication. She streamlined communications between the VPD and external stakeholders, managed a \$330,000 budget, and rapidly adapted to the unpredictability of such a large and complex project. Her exceptional attention to detail included everything from reviewing individual printer part numbers to auditing City Yards work orders on VPD vehicles to ensure Fleet work for the project was properly charged and tracked.

Traffic Sergeant Jeff Rice was the project lead for Operations, including planning the roll-out of the project and preparing communication for the users. He actively participated in testing, trouble-shooting, and finding valuable solutions. He worked with members, providing hands-on training and knowledge, as well as ongoing support. His leadership and influential voice helped lead to the widespread acceptance of the new eTicketing system.

Today, more than 182 police vehicles are equipped for eTicketing, over 1,000 officers have been trained, and ticket cancellation rates have declined.

For their role in a major, multi-year project to improve road safety by increasing the efficiency of issuing violation tickets, Systems Analyst Agata Lesicka and Sergeant Jeff Rice are awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

2. CONSTABLE NICHOLAS FLORKOW

On the evening of August 6, 2021, officers observed a white SUV driving erratically in the Downtown Eastside. The lone driver narrowly missed colliding with several other vehicles.

A patrol car followed the vehicle into the downtown core, as other officers drove into the area. The driver swerved from lane to lane, speeding up and then slowing down, and then driving through a red light on Expo Boulevard.

A canine officer stopped her vehicle on the roadway, in an attempt to block the path of the oncoming suspect vehicle. The driver rammed her police vehicle, spinning it 180 degrees, and continued into the oncoming lanes toward a group of vehicles at the stoplight for National Avenue.

Constable Nicholas Florkow, also a canine officer, witnessed the collision, and could see where the driver was headed. He acted immediately, accelerating toward the white SUV as it crossed his path. The impact of the collision re-directed the SUV away from the other vehicles, and it came to rest in the intersection.

The driver jumped out and ran, but was apprehended by police a half-block away.

For taking immediate and selfless action to prevent serious injury or death to others, despite his own personal risk, Constable Nicholas Florkow is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

RIGHT: CONSTABLE NICHOLAS FLORKOW



CHIEF CONSTABLE'S *Citations*



CONSTABLES JANINE TANINO, BARBARA MARTENS, MS. MAUREEN ING, SERGEANT TANYA MCLACHLAN, CONSTABLES JODYNE KELLER AND SHANNON OLESEN

CONSTABLE AMBER MCELROY (RIGHT PAGE)



CONSTABLES KYZEN LOO, KELTIE REGAN, PHIL LI, AND EDDIE TRAN

1. BC WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT



SERGEANT TANYA MCLACHLAN
CONSTABLE JODYNE KELLER
CONSTABLE BARBARA MARTENS
CONSTABLE AMBER MCELROY
CONSTABLE SHANNON OLESEN
CONSTABLE JANINE TANINO
MS. MAUREEN ING

The 2019 International Association of Women Police conference in Alaska inspired a group of women from the Vancouver Police Department to create their own association. They wanted to engage with women in similar work situations, to share their experiences and learnings, and support women in law enforcement in B.C.

The first gathering of B.C. Women in Law Enforcement brought together 60 men and women from 14 agencies in December of 2019. Despite COVID-19, the board pushed forward and, thanks to a Vancouver Police Foundation grant, created a new website in September 2020. They offered paid memberships, and promoted virtual speakers on leadership, promotion, and mentoring.

Together with Ontario Women in Law Enforcement and the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement, they launched the Cross Canada Wisdom Web, connecting members of all three organizations to provide support, advice, and expertise about topics such as promotion, leadership, and career specialties.

Today, B.C. Women in Law Enforcement has 556 members from 60 different agencies, as well as students, volunteers, and professionals in law enforcement related fields.

For fostering their vision of strengthening, uniting, and promoting women in law enforcement, offering support and connection, the following founding members of B.C. Women in Law Enforcement are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Sergeant Tanya McLachlan, Constables Jodyne Keller, Barbara Martens, Amber McElroy, Shannon Olesen and Janine Tanino, and Ms. Maureen Ing.

2. CONSTABLE JAMES HUBERT CONSTABLE PHIL LI CONSTABLE KYZEN LOO CONSTABLE KELTIE REGAN CONSTABLE CLAY RICHARDSON CONSTABLE EDDIE TRAN CONSTABLE MATT WILSON

Just after midnight on February 21, 2021, a woman assaulted her partner in their home, then ran into her bedroom and closed the door. The partner had seen many clues leading her to believe the woman was experiencing a psychotic episode, so she called police.



SERGEANTS LORNA BERNDSEN, CHRIS COOPER, RYAN IRVING, BYRON TAGUAM, CONSTABLES THOMAS DOBRANOWSKI, SPENCER GREEN, DAVID GOODERHAM, AND JOSH WONG

The first constable to arrive could see inside that the woman had lit her bed on fire, and she was facing her door with a pair of scissors in hand, waiting for police to enter.

Officers evacuated people from the upstairs of the house. Despite knowing what they were facing, five officers entered the burning room. In the scuffle that ensued, one of the officers was stabbed, but his body armour protected him from injury. The woman was taken to hospital to get the help she needed.

The officers attempted to control the fire with extinguishers from their police cars until Vancouver Fire Rescue Services arrived.

For their courage to face danger head-on to save the life of a woman in distress, the following officers are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Constables James Hubert, Phil Li, Kyzen Loo, Keltie Regan, Clay Richardson, Eddie Tran, and Matt Wilson.

3. **SERGEANT LORNA BERNDSEN**
SERGEANT CHRIS COOPER
SERGEANT PAT GORMLEY
SERGEANT RYAN IRVING
SERGEANT BYRON TAGUAM
CONSTABLE MICHAEL BAINS
CONSTABLE DEREK CAIN
CONSTABLE MATT CONROY
CONSTABLE JORDAN CRONDAHL
CONSTABLE THOMAS DOBRANOWSKI
CONSTABLE SPENCER GREEN
CONSTABLE DAVID GOODERHAM
CONSTABLE GARY LI
CONSTABLE FIONA MINTY
CONSTABLE SCOTT PLUMMER
CONSTABLE BEAU SPENCER
CONSTABLE BRYAN SPENCER
CONSTABLE JOSH WONG
- On November 10, 2016, Vancouver Police were called to a Canadian Tire store for a violent robbery in progress. The first two officers to arrive found the suspect, dressed in camouflage, holding an elderly man hostage at knifepoint just outside the store. He bear-sprayed the officers when they approached him.

One officer used a Taser to subdue the suspect, causing him to fall forward and enabling the hostage to run to safety. The two officers moved in to handcuff the suspect, but he quickly recovered and grabbed one of the officers, stabbing him in the abdomen, chin, and shoulder. As the constable struggled to break free, he pulled out his firearm, and so did his partner, each of them firing to stop the lethal assault. The next officer to arrive helped pull his seriously injured comrade to relative safety a few yards away.

The suspect lay on the ground, conscious, and still armed. Additional officers attempted to verbally de-escalate the situation, but the still-armed suspect began to get up while releasing the bear spray again. An officer fired his firearm, as another fired Arwen rounds – all with no effect. When the suspect continued trying to get up, the officer fired his firearm again, as his fellow officer again fired the Arwen. This time, the man was incapacitated.

Emergency Response Team medics worked with other officers administering first aid to the injured officer and the suspect before paramedics arrived.

While this was happening, officers were searching for victims and any other possible suspects. They located the sporting goods manager, who had been stabbed earlier when trying to stop the suspect from smashing glass cabinets to steal guns. He was

suffering from life-threatening injuries. Officers, ERT medics, and a Canadian Tire employee medically stabilized the manager until it was safe for paramedics to move in.

The collective actions of civilians and VPD officers that day stopped a very dangerous, goal-oriented suspect from stealing firearms and potentially harming many others.

For their selfless and courageous actions in saving lives, in difficult and dangerous circumstances, by confronting and stopping an armed suspect, the following officers are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Sergeants Lorna Berndsen, Chris Cooper, Pat Gormley, Ryan Irving, and Byron Taguam, and Constables Michael Bains, Derek Cain, Matt Conroy, Jordan Crondahl, Thomas Dobranowski, Spencer Green, David Gooderham, Gary Li, Fiona Minty, Scott Plummer, Beau Spencer, Bryan Spencer and Josh Wong.



CONSTABLES ERIN EVERALL, MEGAN MULDER, AND JESSICA TAYLOR

4. **CONSTABLE ERIN EVERALL** **CONSTABLE MEGAN MULDER** **CONSTABLE JESSICA TAYLOR**

In May 2021, just before 2:00 in the morning, 911 callers reported a neighbour screaming that his dog was trying to kill him. When Constables Erin Everall, Megan Mulder, and Jessica Taylor arrived at the laneway location, they found the 100-pound dog still violently attacking his apparently lifeless owner.

The man could no longer defend himself due to blood loss and the significant life-altering injuries to his arms. The constables knew they were facing a life and death situation, and the dog could turn his attention to them at any time. Constable Mulder used her Taser twice, but the dog kept attacking.

Constable Taylor drew her gun and fired two shots, striking the dog and causing it to retreat inside the laneway residence. Constables Everall and Mulder provided first aid to the victim until paramedics arrived, while Constable Taylor kept watch, gun drawn, in case the dog returned. Remarkably, she was still in her first few weeks working as a police officer.

The owner was rushed to hospital and underwent emergency surgery. Medical staff said he would likely have died or lost both arms if the officers had not intervened.

The constables continued to guard the residence until conservation officers arrived and captured the dog, who later died of its injuries.

For their quick-thinking bravery, placing themselves in grave danger to save a man's life, Constables Erin Everall, Megan Mulder, and Jessica Taylor are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation.



CONSTABLES JINY HONG, BRYAN WATSON, THOMAS LINT, AND SERGEANT PETER SADLER

5. **SERGEANT PETER SADLER** **CONSTABLE BRAD CHICHAK** **CONSTABLE JINY HONG** **CONSTABLE THOMAS LINT** **CONSTABLE BEN MACADAM** **CONSTABLE MATTHEW NIELSEN** **CONSTABLE BRYAN WATSON**

During a search to find a man who was reportedly suicidal in June of 2020, Vancouver Police officers reached him by phone and were able to determine his location.

When the initial two officers found the man, he was clearly suffering from a mental health episode. He had doused himself in gasoline and was holding a lighter in his hand. As one of the constables spoke with the man from six feet away, he continued to pour gasoline on himself from a gasoline-filled pop bottle. The second officer stood nearby with a fire extinguisher.

Additional officers arrived and a plan was formulated. When the man stopped talking to officers 25 minutes later, and brought the lighter closer with his thumb



on the striker, the plan went into action. Officers used a beanbag shotgun to distract him, and when the beanbags hit his leg, he fell back and dropped the lighter. Other officers rushed in and safely apprehended him.

The man was taken to hospital to receive help.

For a calm and measured approach in the face of immediate peril, saving the life of a distraught man, the following officers are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Sergeant Peter Sadler, and Constables Brad Chichak, Jiny Hong, Thomas Lint, Ben Macadam, Matthew Nielsen, and Bryan Watson.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT ALISON LAURIN**
INSPECTOR DAWN RICHARDS
SERGEANT REVAR DUFRESNE
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE LIANNE ARAKI
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE BLAKE CHERSINOFF
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE MICHELLE COLLINS
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE DANIELLE GAUTHIER
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE KERRY-ANNE HORGAN
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ERIC LUDEMAN
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ROB MITCHELSON
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE TANIA VISINTIN
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE MASON WAN
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE STEPHANIE WIGHTMAN
DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ALICE YEE
OTTAWA POLICE DETECTIVE MONIQUE PAQUETTE
CRIME ANALYST LINH RIDDICK
CRIME ANALYST RYAN VILLAMIN
INVESTIGATIONAL ASSISTANT ANGELA TANG

DETECTIVE CONSTABLES BLAKE CHERSINOFF, ROB MITCHELSON, INSPECTOR DAWN RICHARDS, DETECTIVE CONSTABLE LIANNE ARAKI, CRIME ANALYST RYAN VILLAMIN, INVESTIGATIONAL ASSISTANT ANGELA TANG, SUPERINTENDENT ALISON LAURIN, DETECTIVE CONSTABLES MICHELLE COLLINS, KERRY ANNE HORGAN, DANIELLE GAUTHIER, SERGEANT REVAR DUFRESNE, AND DETECTIVE CONSTABLE TANIA VISINTIN

In February of 2019, female students from two private schools in Shaughnessy were targeted by a man in a car exposing himself and masturbating in front of them as they walked to and from school.

The investigation became even more challenging when the suspect was identified as a police officer from another agency, who understood policing and investigative techniques, and could potentially access police reports and victim statements. Sex crime investigations are sensitive and heavily scrutinized, but none more so than those involving a police officer.

The suspect was arrested and search warrants were executed. Analysis of his seized electronic devices uncovered archived images and videos taken in Ottawa from 2015 to 2017. VPD detectives flew to Ottawa and discreetly interviewed numerous victims, who had no idea they had been photographed and filmed.

In total, 10 charges were laid for incidents between August 2018 and March 2019 in Vancouver, and 38 charges were laid by the Ottawa Police Service.

For outstanding skill, dedication, and integrity, in a multi-jurisdictional, politically sensitive investigation spanning two provinces, the following officers are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Superintendent Alison Laurin, Inspector Dawn Richards, Sergeant Revard Dufresne, Detective Constables Lianne Araki, Blake Chersinoff, Michelle Collins, Danielle Gauthier, Kerry-Anne Horgan, Eric Ludeman, Rob Mitchelson, Tania Visintin, Mason Wan, Stephanie Wightman, and Alice Yee, Ottawa Police Detective Monique Paquette, Crime Analysts Linh Riddick and Ryan Villamin, and Investigational Assistant Angela Tang.

7. INSPECTOR SUZANNE MUIR
SERGEANT VAL SPICER
CONSTABLE CHRIS BIRKETT
CONSTABLE VICTORIA DEFOE
CONSTABLE CONNOR LABOSSIERE
CONSTABLE TYSON RADONS
CONSTABLE BRYAN WATSON
CREATIVE DIRECTOR SHARM THIAGARAJAH
DIVERSITY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR LORI HEMM

Out On Patrol launched in May 2020, offering peer support for 2SLGBTQ+ members of law enforcement. For over a year, a dedicated group of VPD officers tirelessly volunteered to create this non-profit organization focused on community engagement, charitable work, and education.

Out On Patrol also works toward bridging the gap between law enforcement and the 2SLGBTQ+ community, through programs and public engagement, and creating an environment where community members may feel more comfortable interacting with police.

The group created a website with funding received from the Vancouver Police Foundation. They developed a strong social media following, and formed official partnerships with 15 different law enforcement agencies. Over 200 active members joined from around the world – particularly impressive considering it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, and at a time when police were facing a negative social climate.

Police work is often mentally and emotionally draining. Having a strong peer support network is key to mental wellness and stress relief.

For actively building positive relationships between police and the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and establishing a peer-support organization that will foster positive change both inside and outside the law enforcement community, the following officers are awarded the Chief Constable's Citation: Inspector Suzanne Muir, Sergeant Val Spicer, Constables Chris Birkett, Victoria DeFoe, Connor Labossiere, Tyson Radons, and Bryan Watson, Creative Director Sharm Thiagarajah, and Diversity Programs Coordinator Lori Hemm.

CONSTABLES BRYAN WATSON, CONNOR LABOSSIERE, AND CHRIS BIRKETT





SERGEANTS CATHY HILL, HANS DYKMAN, FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST KATE WOOLLEY, SERGEANT SALLY DAVIES, AND STAFF SERGEANT MARK BRAGAGNOLO

8. STAFF SERGEANT MARK BRAGAGNOLO
 SERGEANT COREY BECH
 SERGEANT CHRIS BERDA
 SERGEANT CHRIS CAMPBELL
 SERGEANT CHRIS CRONMILLER
 SERGEANT SALLY DAVIES
 SERGEANT HANS DYKMAN
 SERGEANT CATHY HILL
 SERGEANT MARIO MASTROPIERI
 SERGEANT JASON ROBILLARD
 SERGEANT RYAN SMITH
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE WILLIAM CHO
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ROSS CLARKE
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE SIMON CRACKNELL
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE STAN CRATCHLEY
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE GLYNIS GRIFFITHS
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE THOMAS HALL
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE LAURENCE LUI
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE MICHELE MCKNIGHT
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE DAN MURPHY
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE EDWARD RUSSELL
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ANTONY RYCHKUN
 DETECTIVE CONSTABLE SEAN SOMMERVILLE

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE PAUL WOODCOCK
 CONSTABLE CARRIE COX
 CONSTABLE JASON DOUCETTE
 CONSTABLE JULIE GILMORE
 CONSTABLE TIM GREENWOOD
 CONSTABLE AMY HARRIS
 CONSTABLE LUKE HOLOWATY
 CONSTABLE DAVID MARSH
 CONSTABLE TEIJO SALLINEN
 CONSTABLE QUINITA SIAH
 CONSTABLE MARTIN SOUTHWORTH
 RCMP CONSTABLE THOMAS WATTS
 INVESTIGATIONAL ASSISTANT HEATHER WILSON
 CRIME ANALYST SARA LEE
 CRIME ANALYST CATHERINE ROSE
 EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN CHRISTIAN TIZYA
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST DONOVAN JOHNSON
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST KERRY NOEL
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST CHRIS SINKEWICZ
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST CHRIS STODDARD
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST NELSON WONG
 FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYST KATE WOOLLEY
 SUPERVISOR ASHLEIGH LANDRY
 TOOLMARK EXAMINER EVELYN PEDERSON

On September 27, 2017, Vancouver Police patrol members and Homicide detectives responded to reports of a bloody crime scene in a house in southwest Vancouver. Inside, they discovered the bodies of a man and woman who had been brutally murdered.

The two seniors were well-liked and respected members in the community, and their senseless and random murders gripped residents with fear and anxiety.

An exhaustive investigation brought together officers and civilian professionals from every section of the VPD, united in a search for evidence and the hunt for the suspect.

Over the next six weeks, traditional and innovative investigative techniques led to the arrest of Rocky Rambo Wei Nam Kam. He was charged, tried, and convicted of two counts of first-degree murder.

For their demonstrated skill, judgement, dedication, and tenacity, which led to the successful conviction in one of the most horrific double murders in Vancouver history, the following members are awarded the Chief

Constable's Unit Citation: Staff Sergeant Mark Bragagnolo; Sergeants Corey Bech, Chris Berda, Chris Campbell, Chris Cronmiller, Sally Davies, Hans Dykman, Cathy Hill, Mario Mastropieri, Jason Robillard and Ryan Smith; Detective Constables William Cho, Ross Clarke, Simon Cracknell, Stan Cratchley, Glynis Griffiths, Thomas Hall, Laurence Lui, Michele McKnight, Dan Murphy, Edward Russell, Antony Rychkun, Sean Sommerville and Paul Woodcock; Constables Carrie Cox, Jason Doucette, Julie Gilmore, Tim Greenwood, Amy Harris, Luke Holowaty, David Marsh, Teijo Sallinen, Quinita Siah and Martin Southworth; RCMP Constable Thomas Watts; Investigational Assistant Heather Wilson; Crime Analysts Sara Lee and Catherine Rose; Evidence Technician Christian Tizya; Forensic Video Analysts Donovan Johnson, Kerry Noel, Chris Sinkewicz, Chris Stoddard, Nelson Wong and Kate Woolley; Supervisor Ashleigh Landry; and Toolmark Examiner Evelyn Pederson.

A black and white portrait of Ms. Davina Chung, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top. She is standing with her hands on her hips, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

2022 Civilian Professional of the Year

MS. DAVINA CHUNG

DAVINA CHUNG was hired as the VPD Accountant in May 2015. While her work balancing the VPD's books is complex and specialized, that doesn't stop Davina from stepping into a void whenever she discovers one, and taking on many special projects outside her regular work.

As the VPD-lead for city-wide implementation of an automated travel booking and employee reimbursement system, she must navigate through internal processes, financial oversight, and command structures, while engaging stakeholders to ensure the VPD's unique needs are met.

When a VPD Unit manager was unexpectedly away while new processes were being established, Davina stepped in. She learned to navigate new software, and then provided training and a reference manual to the Unit's staff.

During the rapidly evolving early days of the pandemic, Davina was determined to ensure that financial services would continue to run smoothly. She was physically at work every day, and without any prior training, she stepped up to be the Finance lead in the Departmental Operational Command Centre, which led to expedited purchases the VPD desperately needed.

Dedicated to the community, Davina shares her tax and accounting expertise with VPD-related charities. With financial support from the Vancouver Police Foundation, Davina also spearheaded a program to provide care packages to vulnerable seniors. Her astute budgeting and purchasing skills led to more than double the number of seniors receiving help.

As a leader, Davina displays excellence at work, with respect, inclusiveness, and collaboration. She provides guidance and technical expertise in an approachable and friendly manner. She is compassionate, always willing to assist, and her humorous energy puts everyone at ease.

While Davina Chung does her job exceptionally well, it is her ability and willingness to take on monumental tasks outside her regular duties that is remarkable.

For her exemplary work ethic, and dedication to delivering the best possible service, Ms. Davina Chung is the VPD Civilian Professional of 2022.

2022 *Police Officer of the Year*

SERGEANT DAN AMES

FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SERGEANT DAN AMES has policed Vancouver with remarkable excellence, unparalleled leadership, and life-saving service to the community.

After working for BC Corrections, Dan joined the VPD in 2001 and quickly found his footing on the frontlines of policing, where he developed into a street-savvy patrol cop and later, a well-respected canine officer. His ability to connect with people helped garner several confidential informants, many of whom provided valuable information on homicides and other serious crimes.

Dan is a tenacious crime-fighter. His work has been recognized with awards for protecting the public from a man armed with two knives, for his arrest of home-invasion suspects, and for the arrest of a sexual predator in the company of his teenaged victim.

After locating the exhausted single mother of a two-year old who was found alone in a parkade, Dan did not lead with guilt, shame, or anger when he spoke with her. He got to the root of the problem,

putting her in touch with resources for counselling and childcare. Dan applied the same approach to save a highly distraught man trying to kill himself, who says that it was Dan's sincerity and willingness to help that saved his life that night.


As a highly respected patrol sergeant, Dan has never allowed the intense scrutiny that police officers face in these unprecedented times to affect his infectious enthusiasm for policing. He is a sought after mentor, and his tireless work ethic empowers the constables who work for him.

Those who know him describe Dan as the leader who always puts others ahead of himself. He is quick with a smile and a laugh, and his easygoing nature paired with his natural crime-fighting ability have led to a remarkable career.


For his exceptional police work, for embodying the principles of integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, and excellence, and for instilling those virtues in a new generation of police officers, Sergeant Dan Ames is the Vancouver Police Department's 2022 Police Officer of the Year.



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