



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

July 24, 2025

IPU Reference: 24-0392A

VIA EMAIL

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Records Access Request

We are replying to your request for information that was received in our office on March 28, 2024. In that request, you wished to know:

- 1) "How many VPD officers had completed their training on B.C.'s drug decriminalization pilot project as of Jan. 31, 2023?"
- 2) How many VPD officers had completed their training on B.C.'s drug decriminalization pilot project as of Dec. 1, 2023?"
- 3) How many VPD officers have completed their training on B.C.'s drug decriminalization pilot project as of April 1, 2024?"

Attached please find the responsive data as compiled by the Department's Training & Recruiting Section.

Under s. 52 of the Act, you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our response to your request. You have thirty (30) days from the receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
P.O. Box 9038, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9A4
Telephone (250)387-5629 Fax (250)387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter and a copy of your original request to the Vancouver Police Department.

Before requesting a review, you may wish to contact our office regarding the information you have received. If you have questions or require clarification, please feel free to contact the Information and Privacy Unit at (604) 717-3071 or email foi@vpd.ca.

Yours truly,

Civilian Analyst (VA9426)
Information and Privacy Unit
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Totals for requested time periods ONLY
Totals including completions AFTER 2024-04-01

Completion Periods		Decriminalization in British Columbia: Shifting to a Health Approach to Substance Use (Narrated Webinar) First recorded completion: Feb. 15, 2022					A Health-Based Approach to Drug Possession in British Columbia (BC) First recorded completion: Sept. 29, 2023				
		CIVILIAN		SWORN		Combined Civilian/Sworn Totals	CIVILIAN		SWORN		Combined Civilian/Sworn Totals
		Individual Completions Within Period	Civilian Sum Total	Individual Completions Within Period	Sworn Sum Total		Individual Completions Within Period	Civilian Sum Total	Individual Completions Within Period	Sworn Sum Total	
As of/up to (inclusive)	2023-01-31	4	4	947	947	951	0	0	0	0	0
As of/up to (inclusive)	2023-12-01	2	6	242	1189	1195	1	1	624	624	625
As of/up to (inclusive)	2024-04-01	1	7	15	1204	1211	0	1	24	648	649
After (exclusive)	2024-04-01	2	9	25	1229	1238	2	3	30	678	681

- The Learning Management System is not able to report on past assignments/enrollment counts. The system does have the ability to report on existing completed learning assignments. This means that this graph contains the historical completions and not enrollments of VPD employees.
- Please note that neither course was Provincially mandated. VPD made these courses available to all sworn personnel until the legislation changed, at which point the courses were removed.
- Civilian personnel had the option to complete the courses, although not required.