Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS

For Outstanding Contributions Toward Crime Prevention and Community Safety in British Columbia

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Message from the Minister

Community safety and crime prevention is not something government can do alone. We continue to work to ensure ongoing support for victims of crime, women and children impacted by violence, youth gang prevention, restorative justice, and other approaches to help keep our communities safe.

It is important to note that those we will be honouring today are critical partners in delivering those services that foster healing, justice and safer communities.

These crime prevention practitioners have continued to go above and beyond, making a lasting difference in our communities. They have made the effort to understand the community’s needs, brought people and resources together to tackle problems, and followed through until results were achieved.

Thank you for your outstanding service and for demonstrating exceptional commitment to community safety and crime prevention.

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
The 2019 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards

Each year the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General hosts the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards to celebrate and recognize individuals and groups that have made outstanding contributions to crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia.

The awards are part of Crime Prevention Week, which takes place from November 1 to 7, 2019. Crime Prevention Week provides an opportunity for people across British Columbia to organize and participate in events that promote the importance of community assessment, awareness, and action towards addressing and preventing crime and violence in their communities.

Nominations for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards have been reviewed by representatives from the provincial Safe Communities Working Group (SCWG), which brings provincial partners together with the common goal of keeping the Province’s communities safe. SCWG members include:

- RCMP E Division
- Ending Violence Association of BC
- BC Crime Stoppers
- PLEA
- Public Safety Canada
- Block Watch Society of BC
- Police Victim Services of BC
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

This year’s award recipients have demonstrated a high level of commitment to crime prevention in their communities. These awards are in honour of the time and effort given by individuals and groups across British Columbia in making our communities safe.
The Award Categories

Award of Distinction

Services to Victims Award

Restorative Justice Memorial Award

Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award

Youth Leadership Award
Award of Distinction

This award honours the extraordinary lifetime contribution and commitment by a practitioner, volunteer or group to crime prevention and community safety. The award was established in honour of Anthony J. Hulme for his role as a pioneer in crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia. Anthony was one of the original founders of the BC Crime Prevention Association.

Dave Dickson – Williams Lake, B.C.

Dave Dickson is the manager of Community Safety for the City of Williams Lake, where he is responsible for multiple community safety programs and the management of the RCMP-based Victim Services team.

Dave has worked as a regular member of the RCMP stationed in a number of communities throughout British Columbia and as a Road Safety manager for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. During the course of these careers, Dave has been passionate about building positive relationships and forging strong partnerships around community safety. For the past 10 years, Dave has been very involved in numerous community safety programs. Some key projects include implementing a situation table, which has allowed rapid responses to at-risk individuals, enacting a well-being and community safety strategic plan, and working towards the implementation of an Indigenous court in the Williams Lake area. In addition, Dave is the co-chair of the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention.

Dave has also been involved with Emergency Support services for the last 20 years. He was the leader of the Northern Mobile Support team for a number of years and continues to be the Emergency Support Services Director for the City of Williams Lake and Cariboo Regional District, playing a critical role in the 2017 and 2018 wildfire responses. He also taught disaster management courses for a number of years for the Canadian Red Cross throughout western Canada.

An avid road bike cyclist, kayaker and hiker, Dave and his wife, Sandy, reside in Williams Lake.
Services to Victims Award

This award recognizes an individual (paid or volunteer), community group, or others that have provided exemplary leadership in providing services and supports to victims. The award was established to honour the networks of individuals and organizations across British Columbia that work directly with victims and support women and children whose lives have been affected by violence.

Gloria Joseph – Lillooet, B.C.

Gloria Joseph has been advocating for victims’ rights within her community for 40 years, beginning after her graduation from the Sexual Abuse Counsellor Training Program. While working as a social worker, she identified a gap in services and support for women, children and victims of violence and, in response, she started a support group for women who were experiencing or had experienced sexual abuse. Soon after, she became Coordinator of the Community-Based Victim Services Program and Stopping the Violence Against Women Facilitator with the Lillooet Friendship Centre Society. She was integral to the development of the Victim Services program in Lillooet, and she has trained hundreds of Victim Services volunteers. She brings to her work a wealth of knowledge that comes from her extensive experience supporting victims.

Gloria continues to actively raise awareness through fundraising and community events, such as the “End Domestic Violence” campaign. She is also part of a committee that is creating a community crisis response team for handling sexual abuse disclosures.

Gloria has received numerous awards for her dedication, including a medal in recognition of her significant contribution to her fellow citizens by the Governor General of Canada in 1992, the Margery Fry Service Practitioner Award by the National Organization for Victim Assistance in 2009, and a plaque from the Stl’atl’imx Tribal Police for her years of dedicated service to the Stl’atl’imx Community in 2013. Recently, she received the Honour our Elder Award from the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.
Restorative Justice Memorial Award

This award recognizes a community-based restorative justice group or individual that has demonstrated a commitment to innovative partnerships that have advanced the work of restorative justice and brought caring and respective service to victims, offenders, and their communities. The award was established in honour and memory of the late Dr. Liz Elliot, founding Co-Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice at Simon Fraser University and a highly respected practitioner and advocate for restorative justice.

Catherine Bargen – Vancouver, B.C.

Catherine began her career in restorative justice in 1999 at the Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre in Edmonton. From 2001 to 2008, Catherine was on staff with Langley’s Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association (CJI) as a senior trainer and facilitator. At CJI, she co-authored (2004) among the first training manuals on restorative justice in schools and authored “Educating for Peacebuilding”, which describes the successes and lessons of implementing restorative principles into schools.

Catherine received her master’s degree in Conflict Transformation in 2008 under the supervision of Dr. Howard Zehr. From 2008 to 2017, she was BC’s Restorative Justice Coordinator within the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. In this role, she was responsible for overseeing restorative justice programming and was instrumental in bringing together victim service programs and restorative justice groups to explore and build victim-centred approaches to restorative justice.

Since 2017, Catherine has been with Just Outcomes, an organization she co-founded with two partners. This year, in partnership with Justice Canada, Catherine successfully led a national Listening Project which documented crime victims’ experiences of restorative justice across the country. Catherine has provided training and facilitation across Canada and to international audiences, including Colombia, Ukraine, Brazil and Switzerland.
Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award

This award recognizes exemplary leadership through developing innovative projects and key activities or initiatives to promote safe communities. The award was established in honour of Constable Kenneth M. Lemckert who played a key role in the Vancouver Police Department’s community policing program.

Constable Chantal Sears – White Rock, B.C.

Constable Chantal Sears of the White Rock Detachment has led numerous initiatives to help educate the local community about crime prevention. In 2004, she began her work in policing with the Langley Detachment, and has dedicated over 15 years in the field of crime prevention, tackling neighbourhood issues and drug enforcement.

Since 2016, she has been a leading member of the Community Response Team, working to address the broader needs and concerns of the community, and serves as a media liaison for the White Rock Detachment. Cst. Sears has been instrumental in developing and implementing countless initiatives, including programs designed to combat bullying and to educate youth on the safe usage of social media and the dangers of substance abuse.

In addition to her work with community policing and other crime prevention groups, Cst. Sears supports the work of various charitable community organizations, including the Semiahmoo Community Safety Society.

Cst. Sears and her husband, David, reside in Surrey with their two children.
Youth Leadership Award

This award recognizes police officers, youth, and others who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to working with youth or youth themselves who work in their communities. The award was established in memory of Constable Wael T. Audi, a young and enthusiastic member of the Squamish RCMP, who recognized the potential in youth and encouraged their participation in community safety and crime prevention.

South Asian Community Resource Office – Abbotsford, B.C.

The South Asian Community Resource Office (SACRO) at Archway Community Services (formerly known as Abbotsford Community Services) was established in 2006, with the purpose of providing culturally relevant crime prevention programs for South Asian youth and their families who are at-risk of or involved in criminal and gang activity. In SACRO’s first few years of operation, the staff (South Asian young adults who speak English and Punjabi) provided pro-social recreational activities for youth.

Since 2009, SACRO has provided the following services in English and Punjabi for over 350 individual South Asian youth (ages 11 – 25) and their families: one-on-one support, customized plans with individualized goals, parent education sessions, recreation groups, school engagement support, mentoring, clinical counselling, essential skills development (including job readiness, resume writing, and time management), and community presence outreach work.

SACRO staff have also supported those youth affected by gang activity, supporting and grieving alongside families of youth who have been lost to gang violence in the community. They continue to work with youth to motivate them to change their lives for the better, including supporting them as they complete their high school education, obtain and maintain employment, reduce illegal drug use, restore healthy family relationships, and improve communication with others.