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SPS Updates

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Update on SPS Recruits

Surrey Police Service (SPS) swore in our [second class of recruits](#) (pictured above with Chief Lipinski and Sergeant Paech) in early September. The group of fourteen recruits is made up of eight females and six males from a variety of cultural and professional backgrounds. This group has now begun their training at the Justice Institute of BC to become Qualified Municipal Constables.

Our [first recruit class](#), who began their police training this past spring, recently returned to SPS for the next phase of their training. They are now hitting the streets of Surrey alongside their experienced SPS field training officers to get their first taste of operational policing

Employee Wellness and a Wagging Tail

Over the summer, SPS announced that a [new four-legged member](#) had joined the SPS family. As an accredited Occupational Stress Injury Dog, Ragnar is specially trained to help our sworn and civilian employees deal with trauma, emotional stress, and anxiety. Ragnar works with Sergeant Paddon from our Wellness Team, and together they attend incident debriefs, training sessions focused on mental health and resiliency, and critical incident callouts to support employees who have been exposed to traumatic incidents on the job. You can see what a [typical day for Ragnar](#) looks like in this video.

Ragnar is just one part of SPS's commitment to employee wellness. At SPS, we believe that we must take care of our people so they can take care of the community. Our "foundations of wellness" are posted around the office to remind staff of our collective responsibilities for wellness: care for self, care for each other, care for our workplace, and care for Surrey.

Policing Transition Update

Surrey's transition from the RCMP to SPS continues to progress, under the guidance of the Surrey Policing Transition Trilateral Committee (SPTTC).

We are in Phase 1 of the transition, with SPS officers integrated into the Surrey RCMP every two months and RCMP officers gradually demobilized. The SPTTC reached agreement on the legal pathway to Phase 2 and are working to confirm the specifics, including the timeline. Phase 2 will involve the change of command from the RCMP to SPS as SPS becomes the police of jurisdiction for Surrey.

To-date, SPS has deployed 120 SPS officers into policing operations, with another group being deployed in late September.

[SPS](#) and the [Province of BC](#) provide updates on the progress of the policing transition on their websites, and the costs of the transition are available on the [Surrey Police Board website](#).

Community Engagement

Our Community Engagement Team and senior officers continue to have meaningful conversations with organizations throughout Surrey to gather feedback on public safety, and to learn how we can work together in the future.

Over the summer, SPS officers attended meetings with the Black Business Association of BC, the Métis Nation BC, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. We also attended a number of local events that included the PICS REACH anti-gang car rally, a celebration of India's 75th Independence Day at the Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, and an event to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day, hosted by the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association.

Finally, the annual Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley kicks off on September 21st. SPS has five officers who will be riding over 800km throughout the Fraser Valley, after spending the summer fundraising and training. Funds

raised for Cops for Cancer go towards childhood cancer research and support services. You can help the SPS team reach their goal [here](#).

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