



COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

CST

CST has been busy with school initiatives, stakeholder engagement and community events. During the winter, CST has presented to hundreds of students in subjects ranging from online safety, to Canada's legal system, to lockdown drills. Along with their work in the schools, CST has been present at a number of community events and public education sessions.

MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

MIT

Earlier this year, RCMP and the New York Academy of Art worked together to reconstruct the faces of 15 Canadian unidentified human remains, two of which are unsolved West Vancouver files. MIT is hopeful that partnering with the RCMP in this project will lead to new information that can assist in these investigations and bring closure to the families. More details on each case are available on Canada's Missing website.

PATROL - TRAFFIC TEAM

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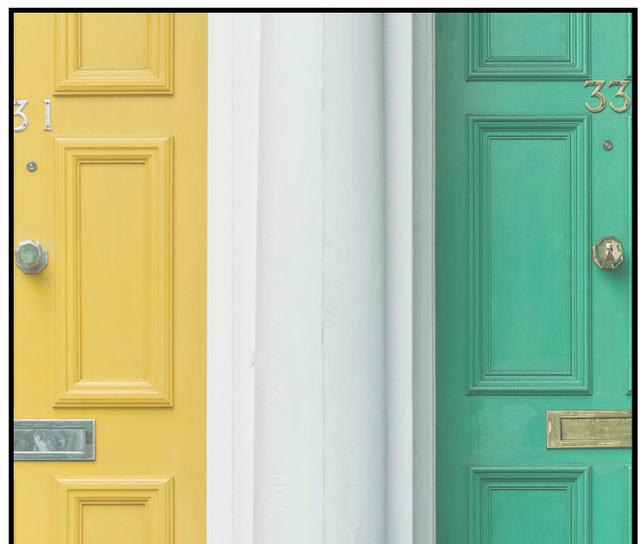
Every winter, Cypress Mountain gets busier and busier! The Traffic Section continues to focus on proactive traffic enforcement on the Mountain, making sure vehicles have the proper snow tires and are respecting the speed limit. Between October 1st and March 31st, passenger vehicles must have winter rated tires to travel up Cypress Mountain or be held liable for a \$121 fine. Cypress Mountain is fun for the whole family but accidents are not.

BLOCK WATCH

Our homes are our sanctuaries, and they represent family and community to us. West Vancouver Police are reminding all residents to call police if they see anything suspicious in the area. Recently, West Vancouver Patrol members arrested 3 break and enter suspects who fled from police after breaking into homes and vehicles; the result of a local resident calling 911 to report what they believed was a break and enter in progress. All communities are better when we work together.

Here are some suggestions everyone can do to keep each other safe:

- Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other
- Make a spare set of keys and keep them with a trusted neighbour
- Get involved in crime prevention - WVPD Blockwatch is a great way to keep up with crime trends and what's happening.





MARCH IS FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

By Regan Borisenko - Vernon RCMP

RCMP, WVPD and Block Watch Society want to prevent you from becoming a victim of fraud by helping you to "Recognize it - Report it - Stop it!"

Fraudsters rely on some basic techniques. These are some to watch out for:

- Professional-looking marketing materials
- Believable answers for your tough questions
- Impersonate government agencies, legitimate businesses, websites, charities and causes
- Pretend to be your ordinary supplier
- Hide the true details in the fine print
- Prey on areas of vulnerability, including those needing help with loans or finding employment
- Ask for fees in advance of promised services
- Threaten legal action to collect on alleged contracts
- Falsely claim affiliation with reliable sources, such as legitimate news sites to support their products or services
- Exchange victim lists with others

Your Best Defence is to keep your personal information confidential. Do not give out personal information over the phone, email or internet. Make sure to shred all confidential information you put in the trash or recycling bins. Protect your PIN and passwords and beware of "too good to be true" offers.

Contact the WVPD immediately if you suspect you are a victim of fraud.

For the full article and crime prevention links please visit: westvancouverblockwatch.com



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CRIME PREVENTION AND THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Theft from vehicles continues to be an area of concern in West Vancouver. Many thefts tend to be crimes of opportunity, so there are some steps you can take to minimize your risk. No one likes cleaning up a broken window!

1. Lock your vehicle and close your window. This stops the thieves who are walking around checking every door handle and helping themselves to contents.

*Always remember: if
you have been the
victim of theft, report it!*

2. Take everything important to you out of the vehicle and / or hide things from sight, this lowers your chances of attracting a thief's attention. If the car looks like it's empty, they might think it's just not worth their time.

3. Lock your garage door and wait for the door to close. If you have a private garage, make sure the garage door is fully closed before going inside. If you live in an apartment complex with an automatic gate, wait for the gate to close behind you before leaving.

Always remember to report a theft. Call the WVPD non-emergency number to make your report. This allows police to track crime trends and better assign police resources.



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