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SAANICH POLICE CANINE UNIT
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Chief Constable



Chief Constable Mike Chadwick

Saanich Police are proud to dedicate this year's calendar to our outstanding Canine teams. We have a long and prestigious history dating back over 50 years of teaming four-legged and two-legged crime fighters together to help keep Saanich safe.

The dedication, determination and bravery displayed by these amazing pairings is indeed inspiring. From tracking suspects, locating stolen property, searching buildings and finding drugs, to entertaining school kids and adults alike with demonstrations of their considerable skills – these dynamic duos are critical members of our organization.

Canine teams are not just on duty 40 hours a week. These teams train every day, rain or shine, and maintain a rigorous schedule of skills practice, practical exercises with other teams, and physical fitness routines for both team members so as to be ever ready to respond to a call for assistance at a moment's notice, on duty or off.

Much has changed over the history of our Canine teams, from our early days in the 1960s with teams of Constables Jim White and Police Service Dog (PSD) Rex and George Barr and PSD Prince. We have grown to our current teams of Sgt. Glen MacKenzie and PSD Panzer, Cst. Jon Zielinski and PSD Zeke, Cst. Jason Whittaker and PSD Brock, and Cst. Justin Whittaker and PSD Taz, of whom I would like to make special mention. This team will be retiring in the coming months. I wish to congratulate both team members for a great "K-9" career, and wish Taz a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement after six years of service with Justin.

In our near future, the newest team in training, Cst. Aaron Thompson and PSD Asher, will be validated and hit the streets, and later this year Cst. Matt Morin and a partner yet to be selected will undergo training.

This will be my last chance to write about the Saanich Police and the amazing men and women of our exceptional organization. After nearly 39 years of service to the citizens of Saanich, I am retiring and turning the reins of command over to Deputy Chief Constable Bob Downie, who has been selected by the Saanich Police Board as my successor. I know Bob and his Senior Officer team will do an outstanding job and I wish them all the best in what will be interesting times in BC policing. To all of you, thank you for the support you have shown me and our Department over the nearly 40 years I have been privileged to work with you.

Police Board



Community Policing is a key policy within the Saanich Police Strategic Plan. Our mission is to provide quality service by working with the community to keep Saanich safe. Thus you'll find our uniformed officers in all Saanich schools, our Block Watch Programs available for houses, multi-family buildings and businesses, and operational policies including the Canine Unit featured in this year's Community Report.

However, Community Policing does not mean everything is dealt with locally. Saanich is now a member of all support and specialized services that are integrated with other police departments. The Saanich Police Board believes Saanich can be kept safe by providing the "best of both worlds," excellent quality Community Policing backed by regional integrated units.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Saanich continues to be one of the safest communities in BC and the country. Since our last report, we have increased the number of recommended charges submitted for violent crimes and property crimes. Saanich Police will continue to work with the community to provide quality service to ensure Saanich is a safe community to live, work, play and learn.

Case Burden Comparison Regionally

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Population	367,997	113,646	372,195	114,094	374,915	114,070	376,421	114,013
Criminal Code Offences	28,892	5,826	27,945	5,816	23,785	4,888	22,161	4,915
Total Crime Rate	79	51	75	51	63	43	60	43
Police Strength	549	151	552	152	555	154	557	154
Case Load	53	39	51	38	43	32	40	32

Violent Crime Comparison Regionally

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	5,226	933	5,489	972	4,608	863	4,151	892
Crime Rate	14.2	8.2	14.7	8.5	12.3	7.6	11.0	7.8

Property Crime Comparison Regionally

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	19,689	4,313	17,817	4,200	15,421	3,513	15,180	3,606
Crime Rate	53.5	38.0	47.9	36.8	41.1	30.8	40.3	31.6

Other Crime Comparison Regionally

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich	Regional	Saanich
Number of Offences	3,977	580	4,639	644	3,756	512	2,830	417
Crime Rate	10.8	5.1	12.5	5.6	10.0	4.5	7.5	3.7

History of the Saanich Police Canine Unit

Cst. George Barr & PSD Prince
Cst. Jim White & PSD Rex



The Saanich Police Canine Unit was established in 1962 and consisted of two dog teams, both utilizing German Shepherds. Cst. George Barr handled Prince and Cst. Jim White handled Rex. When those two dogs retired (in 1969) they were not immediately replaced and the Canine Unit was disbanded.

The Unit attempted a revival in 1977. At that time, Inspector C.E. Owens, in a report to the Saanich Police Board, pointed out the need for a Unit with internal training and administration and suggested that Sgt. White be placed in charge. He further recommended a centralized kennel facility be constructed to meet the needs of this new Unit. The Unit was not resurrected at this time.

On July 1, 1985 the Canine Unit was finally re-implemented under Chief Constable Post. Two Constables were assigned as handlers of a breed of dog known as Bouviers. These dogs were purchased and trained by a civilian trainer from Washington State. A dog named Gator was partnered with Cst. Paul Morrison and Gaston was teamed up with Cst. Ross Poulton.



Cst. Paul Morrison
& Gator

Cst. Ross Poulton
& Gaston

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	 1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Glen MacKenzie with Ace

History of the Saanich Police Canine Unit

In 1991 with the rotation of new handlers into the Unit, the Saanich Police Canine Unit headed in a new direction with a revised training program and a return to the German Shepherd dog.

The Unit also increased to three teams. The Saanich Police Canine Unit acquired the services of Sgt. Doug Deacon of the New Westminster Police Service who became the Unit trainer. Sgt. Deacon was a brilliant trainer and gave Saanich handlers tremendous education in the area of canine training.



Remaining under the guidance of Sgt. Deacon, Cst. Glen MacKenzie took over as the trainer for Saanich in 1995. Sgt. Deacon imparted enough of his knowledge that since 1995 the Saanich Police Canine Unit has trained all its own teams.



Sergeant Doug Deacon

Promoted to Sergeant in 2001, Sgt. MacKenzie remains the Unit trainer today. Sgt. Deacon's direction and knowledge enabled the Saanich Police Canine Unit to become one of the most successful units in the country.

See all our Canine Alumni on our website: www.saanichpolice.ca

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	 10 BC Family Day	11	12	13	 14 Valentine's Day	15 National Flag of Canada Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

Today's Canine Unit

Currently, Saanich Police have four Canine teams which are supervised and trained under the guidance of Sgt. Glen MacKenzie. Each team goes through an intense 12-14 week training course before they are validated to work the streets. The training makes the teams ready for all types of police deployments, and all teams are required to validate annually.

Canine teams primarily respond to high priority "in progress" calls such as break and enters, theft of and from autos, purse snatchings and armed robberies. Canine teams also provide support for the other police divisions such as the Detective Division and Youth Section as required.

Each team is mobile and able to respond to any call as required. The dogs are housed at their handler's residence in kennels provided by the Saanich Police. The primary deployment area for the Canine Unit is in the Municipalities of Saanich and Oak Bay, however, they routinely attend other areas in the CRD when dog services are requested by neighbouring police agencies.



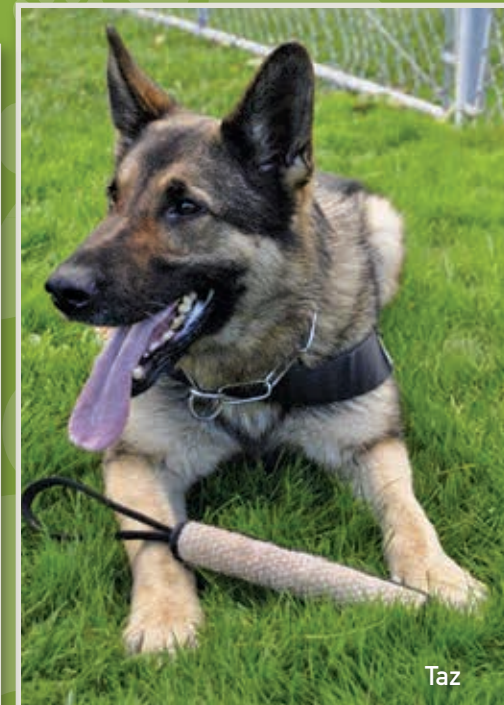
Panzer




Brock



Zeke



Taz

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Savings Time Begins						
16	 St. Patrick's Day	17	18	19	20	21
				Spring Equinox		22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Current Canine Teams

The rotation of Canine Unit handlers and canine partners is dependent on the age and ability of the dog. Current teams include Sgt. MacKenzie and Panzer, Cst. Zielinski and Zeke, and Saanich Police's twin brothers, the Whittakers. Cst. Jason Whittaker is partnered with Brock and Cst. Justin Whittaker forms a team with Taz. In preparation for these teams to eventually retire, new handlers have recently been identified, with some having begun training – another new era and another step in the evolution of the Saanich Police Canine Unit, a Unit with a proud history and a bright future. **Bad guys beware....**

Sgt. Glen MacKenzie and Police Service Dog Panzer

Registered Name	Hiro vom Weinland Baden
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	December 26, 2005
Country of Birth	Germany
Personal Message	Strive for perfection to achieve excellence.

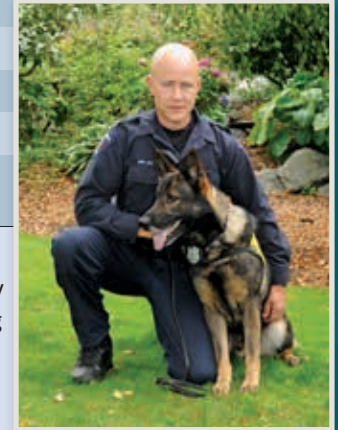
Panzer means "tank" and Panzer got his name because of how hard he would run into things when he was playing. Panzer is trained to be a general duty police dog with a specialty in narcotic detection. He loves his job because it is a never-ending game of hide and seek... his favourite game.



Cst. Jason Whittaker and Police Service Dog Brock

Registered Name	Clem vom Duisserner Hof
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	June 30, 2006
Country of Birth	Germany
Personal Message	Know yourself and don't give in to peer pressure.

Brock has been trained by Cst. Whittaker to be a general duty police dog with a specialty in narcotic detection. Brock finished training and started working the streets of Saanich on May 16, 2008. Brock loves to catch bad guys and wants them to know "you can run but you can't hide."



Cst. Jon Zielinski and Police Service Dog Zeke

Registered Name	Brasco vom Dollenwiesestamm
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	March 26, 2008
Country of Birth	Germany
Personal Message	Play sports, study hard at school and have fun!

Zeke is a "high drive" dog who loves to track down and catch bad guys! Zeke is trained as a general duty police dog with a specialty in narcotic detection.

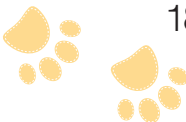




Cst. Justin Whittaker and Police Service Dog Taz

Registered Name	Ilko von der Eselsburg
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	December 15, 2005
Country of Birth	Germany
Personal Message	Never give up and you will achieve your goals.

Taz has been trained by Cst. Whittaker to be a general duty police dog. Taz loves to use his nose to find bad guys!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		April Fool's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Volunteer Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						
					Good Friday	
 20	 21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday					
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

CANINE AWARDS

The success of the Saanich Police Canine Unit since the 1990s is considerable and noteworthy. The Unit is now responsible for hundreds of arrests and thousands of dollars worth of recovered stolen property.

Since 1991 Saanich Police Canine teams have competed annually, winning the Canadian Police Canine Championships overall title nine times and the BC Provincial title five times. In fact, the National title has been held by five different Saanich dogs and their handlers.

Sgt. MacKenzie and Ace won the Canadian Championship Overall title multiple times in the 1990s, Cst. Lamb and Rogue won the title in 2005 and 2006, and most recently Cst. Zielinski and Zeke have won in 2012 and 2013.

Not every Saanich Police Canine team have chosen, or were able, to compete.




Glen MacKenzie and Police Service Dog Ace

Glen MacKenzie

Sgt. MacKenzie now works with PSD Panzer and is the Canine trainer for the Saanich Police. Sgt. MacKenzie started police work in 1982 with the RCMP, later joining the Saanich Police in 1986. In 1991, Glen MacKenzie (then a Constable) started in the Canine Unit with his first police dog, PSD Ace.

Registered Name	Ace vom Sulzback
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	December 8, 1990
Place of Birth	Elma, Washington
In service date	June 22, 1992
Retirement date	Feb 15, 2001
325 career arrests	

- BC Provincial Police Canine Overall Champions 1994, 1996 & 1997
- Canadian Police Canine Overall Champions 1995, 1996 & 1998 (CPCA trials not held in 1997)
- World Police & Fire Games 1997 - 1st in Obedience and Agility
- Passed away in Central Saanich April 14, 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Emergency Preparedness Week						
 11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Canine Awards

Mike Nedzelski and Police Service Dog Ziko

Registered Name	Ziko
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	March 22, 1988
Place of Birth	Salt Spring Island, BC
Retired	1996

- BC Provincial Police Canine Overall Champions 1993
- Canadian Police Canine Overall Champions 1994
- Northwest Police Fire Games Overall Champions 1995

Mike Nedzelski began policing in 1982 with the RCMP, and joined Saanich Police in 1987. As a Constable, Mike Nedzelski joined the Canine Unit in 1990 and was paired with PSD Ziko. Now supervising the Administration Division, Staff Sgt. Nedzelski has worked in a variety of ranks and divisions within the Saanich Police.



Steve Morgan was hired by Saanich Police in 1993. He joined the Canine Unit in 1996 and was paired with PSD Eston, who already had a year of service with a previous handler. Now a Staff Sergeant in the Uniform Division, Steve Morgan has worked in a variety of ranks and divisions within the Saanich Police.

Steve Morgan and Police Service Dog Eston

Registered Name	Enzo vom Korbeltal
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	Oct 12, 1993
Country of Birth	Germany
Retired	2002

- Canadian Police Canine Overall Champions 1999
- BC Provincial Police Canine Overall Champions 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seniors' Week						
 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day						Summer Solstice
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Canine Awards



Todd Lamb joined Saanich Police in 1998 after serving in the Canadian Military. As a Constable, Todd Lamb joined the Canine Unit in 2001 with partner PSD Rogue. Now promoted to Sergeant, Todd Lamb has been identified as Sgt. MacKenzie's replacement upon his retirement.

Todd Lamb and Police Service Dog Rogue

Registered Name	Chase
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	May 13, 1999
Place of Birth	Delta, BC
Retired	2008

- Canadian Police Canine Overall Champions 2005 & 2006


Jon Zielinski joined the Saanich Police in 2003. He transferred to the Canine Unit in 2007 and spent the first couple of years paired with other canine partners before training PSD Zeke. Cst. Zielinski is still assigned to the Canine Unit, and paired with Zeke they are the reigning National Canine Champions.

Jon Zielinski and Police Service Dog Zeke

Registered Name	Brasco vom Dollenwiesestamm
Breed	German Shepherd
Date of Birth	March 26, 2008
Country of Birth	Germany
	Still in service

- Canadian Police Canine Overall Champions 2012 & 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	 1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Legislation

Saanich Canine Officer Drives Legislative Change

Saanich Police canine handler Cst. Jason Whittaker realized there was no protection under law for his partner PSD Brock, or other working animals who risk injury and death alongside their partners every day that they go to work.

As a result, Cst. Whittaker began the process of seeking legislative changes in January 2011. His journey ended in June 2011, at the end of the spring sitting of the BC Legislature, with the successful passing of amendments to current animal cruelty legislation.

The new legislation defines “service animal” working in a law enforcement capacity, and provides protections for these animals (which did not previously exist), with fines up to \$75,000 and/or two years in jail.

“This is an important piece of legislation for law enforcement and all British Columbians. Up until now, law enforcement animals have often been taken for granted. These animals are out working to protect British Columbians day and night,” says Cst. Jason Whittaker. “I applaud the government’s stance to make BC the province with the toughest animal cruelty penalties in Canada. Enacting this law finally protects the animals that protect us.”

HONOURABLE DON MCRAE
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

BILL 9 – 2011 PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AMENDMENT ACT, 2011

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

1 Section 1 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 372, is amended

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following definitions:

“**authorized agent**” means a person appointed as an authorized agent under section 10 (1);

“**operator**” means a person who engages in a regulated activity, and includes any person who assists, directs, supervises or employs that person for the purpose of doing the regulated activity;

“**person responsible for an animal**” or “**person responsible for the animal**” includes a person who

- (a) owns an animal,
- (b) has custody or control of an animal, or
- (c) is an operator in relation to an animal;

“**regulated activity**” means a prescribed activity in relation to the breeding, care, keeping, training, use, transportation, disposition, assembly or killing of animals;

“**service animal**” means an animal that is trained

- (a) to assist in law enforcement activities, whether the animal is used by a peace officer or a person acting under the direction of a peace officer, or

(b) for use

- (i) by a person within a prescribed class of persons, or
- (ii) for prescribed purposes,

and that is engaged in activities relating to the service for which it is trained; ,

(b) in subsection (2) (a) by striking out “space,” and substituting “light, space, exercise,”

Badge Presentation

Saanich Police Dogs are Recognized

The four-legged unsung heroes of the Saanich Police were recognized on October 5, 2011, when Chief Constable Chadwick presented each serving police dog with their own badge. This honour recognized these hard-working animals as full members of the police department.

Daily, these dogs live up to their motto of loyalty, trust and courage.


This recognition for the dogs comes on the heels of recently created provincial legislation, which was spearheaded by Cst. Jason Whittaker who worked countless hours on his own time to raise the matter with the SPCA, the College of Veterinarians and the provincial government.

These animals risk their lives every day in the service of our community and ask for nothing in return other than the companionship and approval of their handler.

Watch the video here

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=eWEyZMOxtuU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWEyZMOxtuU)



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K-9 Championships


The Canadian Police Canine Association (CPCA) sponsors an annual Police Dog competition. Each year, the CPCA trials are hosted by a different police agency. All dogs competing at this competition have already been certified by their own agency. The purpose of these trials is for the positive spin-offs of friendly competition and networking among other dog handlers and their respective agencies.

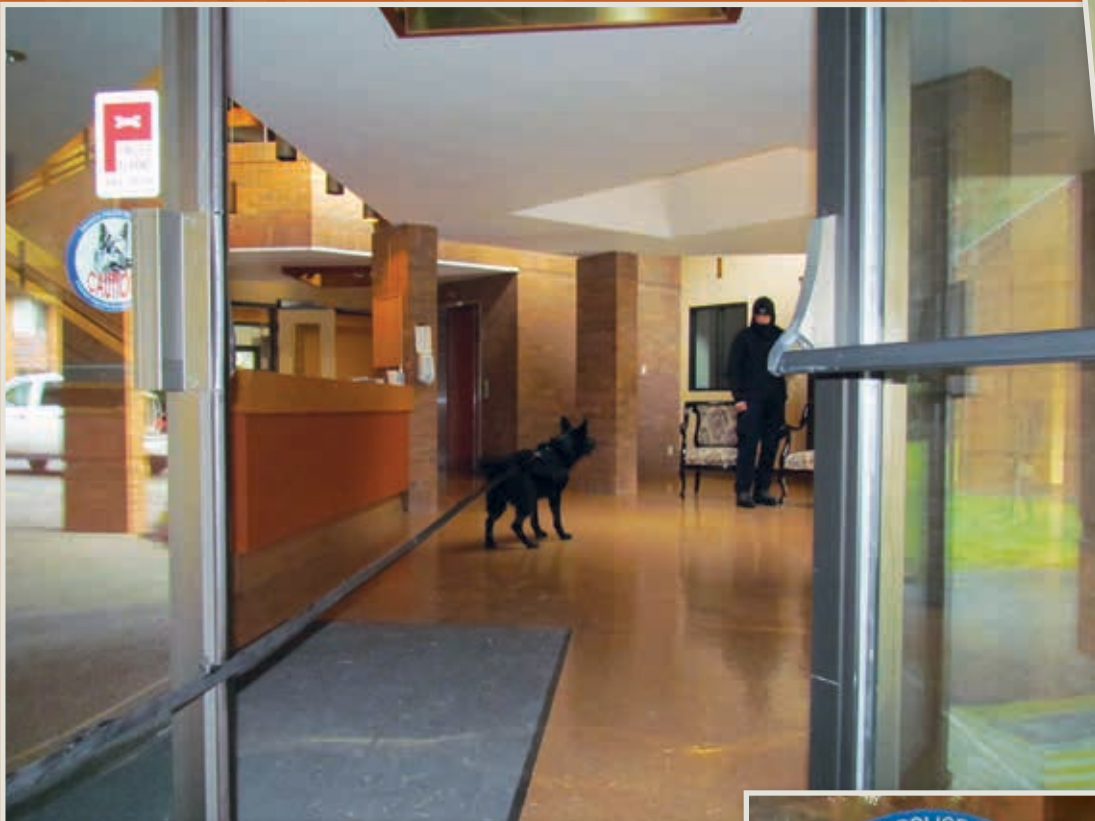
The annual trials consist of either two or three days of competition and a seminar. The highlight of these trials has always been a day for the public to come out and watch the highly trained K-9 teams show off their skills.

In 2013 the Saanich Police hosted the event in various locations within the municipality, and concluded with a public display at the University of Victoria stadium. With the assistance of several corporate sponsors, the event was well attended by both police Canine teams and spectators. The event was a success, particularly for Cst. Zielinski and Zeke, who not only assisted in organizing the event, but also successfully defended their title as top overall team.

Check out www.canadianpolicecanine.com for the locations of upcoming events and competitions.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	 1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



Canine Business Patrol Program

The Saanich Police Canine Unit has established a business watch program with three purposes in mind: To better protect businesses against “break-ins,” to provide buildings and compounds to the Saanich Police Canine Unit for the purpose of training police dogs, and to familiarize police dogs and handlers with buildings and compounds in the event that a break-in should occur.

The buildings are used after business hours and only when vacant. The Canine teams search for “quarries” hidden inside the building.

Businesses are provided with door decals as a deterrent to crime, identifying the premise as one used by the Saanich Police Canine Unit for training purposes after hours.



School Visits

On occasion, our Canine teams visit local schools in partnership with our School Liaison Officers. Handlers are given an opportunity to demonstrate the skills and abilities of their canine partners, as well as answer questions about the dogs and the work that they do.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12	 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	 Halloween	1

Ace Mascot

Many of you may have seen “Ace,” the Saanich Police Mascot around the Greater Victoria Region over the past several years.

The idea for “Ace,” named after Sgt. MacKenzie’s first canine partner, was first discussed in 2010 after Staff Sgt. Scott Treble put forward the idea to allow Saanich Police to be highly visible and approachable, and to interact with the public – especially children and their families.


On June 24, 2011, Ace was “born,” and since then has been partnered with a team of dedicated volunteers and the Police Summer Student Program.

Based on his popularity, Ace is busy attending many community events, including festivals, parades, school celebrations and other social gatherings. The Ace team of volunteers assist with organizing appearances and provide support at events. As of December 2013, the number of volunteers for this program had grown to 24 individuals.

Keep an eye open for Ace, and follow him on Facebook (“Ace Mascot”) and on Twitter (@AceK9Saanich).

Anyone hosting a public event of 50 people or more can apply to book Ace to make an appearance. Organizers can email the request to ace@saanichpolice.ca



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Time Ends						
9	10	 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15
Restorative Justice Week						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

The Future

As we look back at the Saanich Police Canine Unit's proud history, it is clear that the Unit has been successful and, thanks to the input and efforts of all of our Canine handlers and their teams, is well established.

As we move into the future, the retirement of several Canine teams is on the horizon. This has resulted in the selection of new Canine handlers and new dogs to form teams to fill the void of those leaving.

Shown here is a photo of (retired) Sgt. Jim White with the youngest dog in the Unit, Riven. (Riven is the first female dog to be trained by the Saanich Police.)

You may recognize Sgt. White (in the January photo) as one of the first Canine handlers in Saanich. Sgt. White still lives in the Greater Victoria area, and thinks fondly of his time as a handler. In a recent interview, Sgt. White was asked about his career. He specifically recalls the challenges he faced as the first Canine handler on Vancouver Island, paving the way for the future.

Sgt. White, his late wife Betty and their five children all helped in every aspect of caring for his partner Rex. Sgt. White expressed that he would often have his children and other kids from the community "train" with he and Rex by playing hide-and-seek, where Rex loved to search and find the children.

Sgt. White was asked what he thought of the future for the Saanich Police Canine Unit, and he stated: "They are on the right track. The dogs are well trained and looked after. I have lots of pride from the past, and am also proud of the current members. This has all come about from hard work, as well as support from other members of the Department."



Jim White and Riven







Riven



Asher

Comments?

We appreciate your feedback! Let us know your thoughts on this calendar and any ideas for the future at research@saanichpolice.ca

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Hanukkah Begins				
21	22	23	 Christmas Eve	 Christmas Day	 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	 New Year's Eve	 New Year's Day	2	3

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Reporting an Incident to Saanich Police

Help us keep Saanich safe by reporting dangerous, suspicious or illegal activities to the police. We rely on the eyes and ears of the community to help keep Saanich Safe.

For urgent assistance call 911

The 911 emergency number often becomes a person's lifeline and should be used to report:

- a crime that's in progress or about to occur
- any situation where serious injury can occur
- any suspicious activity in progress
- any situation where an ambulance or fire fighting apparatus is required

To report a non-emergency

To report a non-emergency that has occurred in Saanich, call 250-475-4321 or report in person at 760 Vernon Avenue. We are always open.

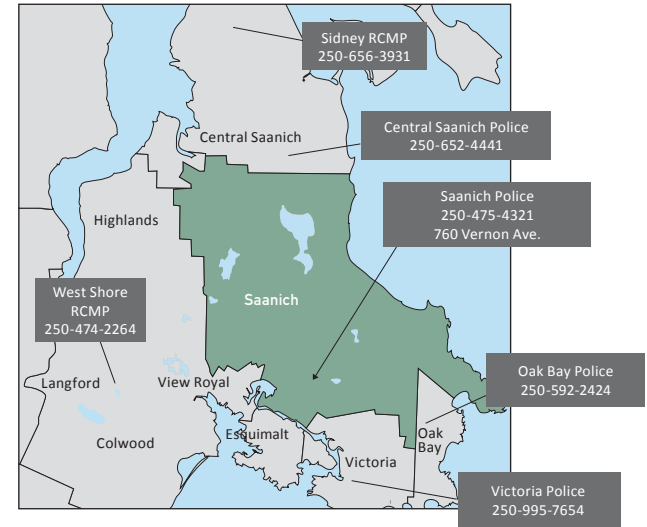
Reporting driving complaints

or suspected impaired drivers. Please take note of:

- time and date
- vehicle description
- licence plate number
- number of occupants
- description of driver and occupants
- roads and weather condition
- what you saw
- direction of travel

Guide for writing a statement

- Write your statement when you are calm and clear. Remember your statement may become a court document.
- Do not collaborate on your statement with other witnesses or family members. Make it your own account.
- Be accurate. If you are not sure of some detail make sure you say that.
- Always provide the date, time and location of the incident you are reporting.
- Provide as much detail as possible. Consider what you saw, heard, smelled, tasted, felt, etc.
- When describing a person, take note of physical descriptors such as age, height, weight, hair and eye colour, scars or tattoos, and clothing description.
- Sign and date your statement and always keep a copy for yourself.
- Your written statement should NOT include your address, phone number or date of birth.



USEFUL NUMBERS

FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE OR TO REPORT A CRIME IN PROGRESS CALL 911

Saanich Police	250-475-4321
Saanich Fire	250-475-6111
Saanich Pound	250-475-4321
Saanich Municipal Hall	250-475-1775
Saanich Public Works	250-475-5599
Victoria General Hospital	250-727-4212
Royal Jubilee Hospital	250-370-8000
UVic Campus Security	250-721-6683
UVic Safewalk	250-721-7599
Victim Services	250-995-7351
Ministry of Children and Family Development	250-952-6062
Children's Help Line	250-310-1234
Women's Sexual Assault Centre	250-383-3232
Vancouver Island Crisis Line	1-888-494-3888
Victoria Women's Transition House Crisis Line	250-385-6611
Cridge Transition House Crisis Line	250-479-3963
ICBC Dial-a-Claim	1-800-910-4222
BC Hydro Emergencies/Outages	1-888-769-3766
BC Transit BusLine	250-382-6161
Better Business Bureau	250-386-6348
SPCA	250-388-7722
Equifax Canada	1-800-465-7166

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