



Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS

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

January 21, 2021



Message from the Minister



This past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has called upon each of us to find new ways of connecting and supporting each other and our most vulnerable community members. During this unprecedented time of new challenges, I am pleased to be able to honour individuals and organizations who have made a real difference in the lives of those who are impacted by crime, violence, and victimization in British Columbia.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards honour the incredible leaders and innovators who develop and deliver services and initiatives that foster healing, justice and safer communities in British Columbia. These individuals and organizations have made lasting contributions to our province through their dedication and perseverance. They have made the effort to understand the unique needs of their communities and brought people and resources together to creatively and collaboratively develop solutions.

Together with our community partners, government will continue the important work to ensure ongoing support for victims of crime, including those impacted by gender-based violence, through ongoing development of crime prevention, restorative justice and other strategies to keep our B.C. communities safer.

I would like to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to the award recipients for their exemplary service and for demonstrating exceptional commitment to community safety and crime prevention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Hon. Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

The 2020 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 ceremony is typically held as part of Crime Prevention Week, which spanned from November 1 to November -7, 2020. 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. This year's awards ceremony will be held virtually to comply with orders from the Provincial Health Officer and guidelines from Worksafe BC.

Nominations are accepted from across the province for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards and are reviewed by representatives from the Provincial Safe Communities Working Group (SCWG), which brings provincial partners together with the common goal of keeping British Columbia's communities safer. SCWG members include:

- BC Crime Stoppers
- PLEA Community Services
- RCMP "E" Division
- Ending Violence Association of BC
- Police Victim Services of BC
- Public Safety Canada
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

This year's award recipients have demonstrated a high level of commitment to crime prevention, victim services or restorative justice 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 safer.

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 made 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.

Lianne Ritch – Vancouver, B.C.



Lianne began her career with BC Women's Hospital Sexual Assault Service in 1994. Over the last 25 years, she has held leadership roles as the Provincial Nurse Coordinator and, most recently, as the Vancouver Nurse Coordinator. In this role Lianne is responsible for the clinical and nursing components of the Vancouver program.

Lianne has played key roles in shaping and expanding all aspects of the Sexual Assault Service. In 1995, Lianne was instrumental in establishing the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in the BC Women's Sexual Assault Service and has travelled the province working together with hospital and community stakeholders to help build hospital-based specialized sexual assault services across BC.

Along with supporting programs across BC, Lianne is responsible for coordinating the Provincial Sexual Assault Examiner training program for nurses and doctors to learn about the provision of care for survivors of sexualized violence. As part of her role with the Vancouver program, Lianne provides direct care to survivors as well as education to healthcare providers, academic institutions, police, victim services and public health care agencies teaching trauma-informed care and best practices in caring for survivors of sexualized violence.

Lianne has been involved in developing numerous policies in the field; most notably, the creation of the BC provincial forensic evidence storage policy and a provincial protocol giving survivors access to their non-forensic drug and alcohol screening results. Lianne contributed to a research study "Clients Experience with a Sexualized Sexual Assault Service" published in the Journal of Emergency Nursing.

Lianne also works as an independent consultant most recently writing operational guidelines for the newly established Sexual Assault Response Team in Whitehorse, Yukon. In addition, Lianne has worked as a consultant with the Canadian International Development Agency in South Africa where she provided expertise to the Ministry of Health to establish a specialized sexual assault service modelled on the Vancouver program.

Lianne enjoys spending time with friends and family or pursuing her passion for rock climbing and white-water canoeing with her husband, Adam.

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 support to victims. The award was established to honour individuals and organizations across British Columbia that work directly with victims and support women and children whose lives have been affected by violence.

Dede Dacyk - Penticton, B.C.



For the past 17 years, Dede Dacyk has worked for the Penticton/Summerland RCMP Victim/Witness Services Unit, beginning her career as a volunteer, working her way up to her current position as the program manager.

Dede has developed great relationships with her partners in both police-based victim services as well as community-based victim services. Dede has a “client first” attitude and provides a level of service to her clients that make each one of them feel like a priority.

In 2019, Penticton experienced one of the most traumatic events in its history when four people were murdered. During this event, Dede provided key support to the RCMP Command Triangle, responding members and the victims’ families. One survivor described the victim services efforts provided by Dede as “truly remarkable”.

In 2016 Dede acquired a Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS) dog, Calypso, to assist victims through various traumatic events, and when providing statements and court testimony. Calypso was the first accredited assistance dog with the RCMP. Dede and Calypso also provide a refuge for RCMP members and support staff that need a momentary pause from the harsh realities of police work and the stress that accompanies the responsibilities of such work. Dede and Calypso also find time to visit the hospice and provide comfort to those in palliative care. As a team, she and Calypso have aided countless victims, young and old alike, to manage their stress as they move through the criminal justice system.

Dede relaxes by riding her Arabian horse, Silver Sage, hiking with Calypso, and spending time with family and friends.

Services to Victims Award

Victoria Sexual Assault Centre - Victoria, B.C.



Victoria Sexual
Assault Centre
healing, education & prevention

The Victoria Sexual Assault Centre (VSAC) is a feminist organization committed to ending sexualized violence through healing, education, and prevention. The Centre

is dedicated to supporting women and all trans survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, through advocacy, counselling, and empowerment.

Formed in 1982 with the goal of ensuring the availability of support services for women who have been sexually assaulted, VSAC has grown to support people of all genders, 13 years and older, who have been recently sexually assaulted through their clinic program.

VSAC offers a collaborative model of care which includes their Sexual Assault Response Team and their integrated Clinic which is available 24 hours a day and involves coordination between VSAC, Forensic Nurse Examiners, Island Health, RCMP and police to provide survivors with wraparound trauma-informed care. The Clinic provides a safe, culturally appropriate, confidential, and integrated location for medical care, forensic exams, police reporting options if they wish to do so, and immediate crisis support.

VSAC also offers victim services, crisis support and trauma counselling for all women, Trans, Two-Spirit and Gender Non-Conforming people. VSAC runs an award-winning gender-based violence prevention program, Project Respect, and the newly formed Indigenous Community Response Network, *kʷənénətəl i? i?sa?ət* (Lekwungen phrase meaning 'Helping one another and getting better'), which largely focuses on addressing gaps in survivor supports for Indigenous communities, particularly women, youth, two-spirit people and sex workers.

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.

Gurinder Mann - Vancouver, BC



Gurinder Mann has been passionate about crime prevention since he was a teenager making significant contributions towards public safety in British Columbia during his early years. Gurinder began his work with the Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) Society as a volunteer, first as a facilitator and then, a board member. In 2010, Gurinder became the executive director of the organization and his leadership has contributed to CERA earning considerable accolades for many of their accomplishments.

Gurinder has been recognized for his dedication to justice, as well as his expertise in the areas of law, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system, which has contributed to his leadership in the area of restorative justice.

Gurinder holds master's degrees in both Applied Legal Studies and Asian Studies. He also serves as an instructor for the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) and Douglas College, teaching courses such as Restorative Justice, Criminal and Deviant Behaviour, and the Criminal Justice System, among others. Furthermore, he is a noted expert in South Asian Studies and lectures at the University of British Columbia.

A multifaceted individual, Gurinder is a remarkable leader, educator, reformer, advocate, and active volunteer. His knowledge and skills in a vast range of areas have enabled him to make an outstanding contribution to restorative justice, crime prevention, and public safety.

Crime Prevention & 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.

Sandra Bryce– Victoria, B.C.



For the past 13 years, Sandy Bryce has served as the executive director of the Victoria Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Centre, an agency that champions the voice for abused children and youth. Sandy leads a dedicated staff of 12 and is responsible for the centre's development programs that encompass the Victim Assistance Program, Individual and Family Counselling, Sexual Abuse Intervention Program, Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems

Program, and Victoria's Child and Youth Advocacy Centre. Sandy is also a devoted member of the BC Network of Child and Youth Advocacy Centers.

Prior to this position, for 10 years, Sandy was the director of Community and Correctional Services with the Yukon Government. In this role, Sandy was appointed to manage the Yukon's Victim Services and Family Violence Prevention Unit and established the Domestic Violence Treatment Option Court (DVTO). This program was so innovative and successful it was awarded The Order of Canada and since its establishment in the Yukon, five other provinces have also adopted this model.

For her work in innovative program development focusing on domestic violence, Sandy was the recipient of The Upper Canada Law Society Award in 2010.

Sandy's passion for justice for the abused, and the desire to help children heal, is distinctly demonstrated through her continuous unwavering commitment throughout her life and career. Sandy is inspired by her belief that anything is possible through a dedicated team effort and she remains motivated by the lives that her efforts have transformed.

Youth Leadership Award

This award recognizes those who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in working with youth. 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.

Cst. Baljinder Kandola – Richmond, B.C.



Constable Baljinder. Kandola, a member of the Richmond RCMP, has been a police officer for over 19 years. Cst. Kandola has served in general duty, at the Vancouver Airport (YVR) in Community Policing, and most recently in the Youth School Liaison and Community Engagement Unit.

Cst. Kandola discovered her passion in crime prevention and community policing early in her career which led to her current position as the coordinator of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program—a program that emphasizes resistance to drugs and violence—within Richmond schools. Through her work with grade 5/6 youth over a 10-week period, Cst. Kandola builds rapport and teaches youth how to make safe and responsible decisions. The DARE Program gives youth the tools needed to make healthy choices, including resistance strategies to peer pressure and making positive choices. The DARE Program also educates youth on safe ways to use social media, and to address issues such as bullying and communicating effectively.

Cst. Kandola has been a member of the Board of Directors with the DARE Society since 2016 and has developed and implemented DARE initiatives and events within the community.

Cst. Kandola resides in Delta with her husband Peter and her two children.