



# Crime Prevention Week

November 1-7, 2011

**Prepare – Prevent – Protect**

## Police Victim Services of British Columbia (PVSBC)

Day 7: November 7, 2011



### Placing British Columbia at the Forefront of Victim Services

#### Who Are We?

PVSBC is a non-profit association dedicated to serving the needs of Police-Based Victim Services programs. Our purpose is to support frontline service providers who interact with victims of crime and trauma.

#### How is Service Provided?

Through the efforts of staff and volunteers located in communities throughout B.C. Volunteers donate more than 170,000 hours annually.

#### Is more Support Needed?

Yes. Our goal is to continue to strengthen our association and its membership. We are interested in qualified, professional, and committed individuals who can make a difference to our membership, and to victims of crime and trauma.

#### Funding

Funding is provided through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Support is also received from Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division, various grants, corporate sponsorship, and private donors.

#### Police Victim Services of BC Services

- Act as a resource to police based victim services programs.
- Liaise with government ministries and non-government agencies on victim's issues.
- Develop training and resource materials.
- Partner with other organizations involved in victim services and crime prevention.
- Host an annual training symposium.
- Promote public awareness .
- Distribute regular communiques to our membership.

#### Police Based Victim Services Programs

provide a number of customized services to victims of crime and trauma. Services include:

- 24 hours a day, seven days a week crisis intervention.
- Emotional support
- Direction through the Criminal Justice System , providing information from the beginning until the end of the process.
- Information on the process of police investigations and court cases.
- Assistance in completing forms and Victim Impact Statements.

#### Annual Training Symposium

PVSBC hosts an annual training symposium to provide victim support workers, volunteers and staff, criminal justice system personnel and others interested in issues related to victimization, trauma, grief, and recovery. Delegates attend workshops to increase their level of training and skills to deliver support and assistance to victims of crime and trauma.

**Working Together For Victims of Crime**

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