



# Oak Bay Police Department

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## News Release

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Mischief Calls and theft from Vehicles have been down this week. Police believe this is due to citizens being more diligent in locking their vehicles or removing valuables from their car.

Break and Enters to residences have also dropped considerably. This corresponds with an increase in suspicious persons calls. Police believe that factors influencing this trend are the greater awareness residents have of their surroundings. Residents are urged to continue to call police about anything that seems suspicious in nature.

Police would also like to remind residents going on vacation to fill out and forward the "Oak Bay Police Department Security Watch Report". The report informs police of when the house will be vacant. Police will patrol past the residence when time permits and look for anything suspicious or out of place.

Oak Bay Reserve Constable Jarrod Christison has just begun his 1000 kilometre fund raising trek with the Tour de Rock. R/Cst Christison and the Tour de Rock team started their journey on Saturday, September 24 and will cycle the length of Vancouver Island returning to Victoria on October 7. Oak Bay Police would like to thank the community for their continued support in raising funds for Kids with cancer.

Those wishing to greet R/Cst Christison and the Tour de Rock Team on their return to Victoria can do so at the Finale on October 7 at 5:00 pm at Spirit Square in downtown Victoria.

The Oak Bay Police Department are looking to increase their Reserve Constable program and have just hired two new Reserve Recruits. This will increase the Reserve Constable contingent to five Reserves.

Reserve Constables are volunteers who assist regular police officers with police related duties. Requirements for hire involved interviews, background checks, written exam, and physical testing.

The recruits will now be required to undergo three to four months of in house training involving basics of law, arrest procedures, and physical training, Its is expected that the recruits will have completed their training and be in uniform by the Spring of 2012.

Residents of Oak Bay may notice police driving around town in a white vehicle with a blue stripe and "Jenner" written on the side walls. Please do not be alarmed. Oak Bay Police are testing a new Chevrolet Caprice to determine its suitability for policing in Oak Bay. The vehicle has been supplied by Jenner Chev Olds.