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Professional Bio of Each Newly Appointed Officer



Earl Andersen: Inspector Andersen began his career in 1990, first working as a constable in patrol and then spent several years in the VPD Traffic Section. He later became an instructor at the Justice Institute of BC Police Academy followed by an assignment to represent Lower Mainland municipal police departments as the Implementation Coordinator for a proposed Real Time Intelligence Centre (RTIC-BC). Upon being promoted within VPD to Inspector, Officer -in-Charge of General investigation Section managing several investigate and surveillance teams and the Crime Analysis Unit. Inspector Andersen recently returned to the Traffic Section where he leads a team committed to enhancing road safety.

Inspector Andersen is an advocate for life-long learning. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Criminology at SFU in 2003 and was awarded a Master of Arts in Criminology in 2007.

He is an adjunct faculty member at Langara College and a sessional instructor at Kwantlen Polytech University in Surrey.

He and his wife (also a police officer) enjoy residing in Langley and have raised two children together.



Steve Drennan: Inspector Steven Drennan started his policing career in 1995 and has over 25 years of progressive experience with the Calgary Police Service. He began his career in community policing as a patrol officer and then transitioned to covert and undercover operations. He eventually moved to the Organized Section where he spent a significant amount of his career. Creating the Guns and Gangs Unit, the Strategic Intelligence Group, and the Criminal Networks Sections are career highlights Inspector Drennan returned to uniformed policing as a Duty Inspector in the CPS Real Time Operations Centre. Steve is also a certified Critical Incident Commander where he has successfully resolved hostage takings, barricaded armed subjects and other high-risk calls. In the later part of his career, he was

A/Superintendent of the Ethics and Accountability Division where he aided in revitalizing the Professional Standards Section. Most recently, Steve moved back into community policing where he led Calgary's North Division as A/Superintendent and was responsible for over 580 civilian and sworn staff. Steve has a diploma in Law Enforcement, a certificate in Business Management, a certificate in Leadership and is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce Degree at University of Athabasca. In 2018, Steve participated in an immersive, research driven, executive development program for policing, public safety, and criminal justice agencies. The 6 months of intense study and collaborative research examined equity, inclusion, and fundamental respect in diverse policing organizations around the world.

Inspector Drennan has been married for 25 years and has two adult boys that are both currently attending University. Steve still likes to strap on the skates and play hockey twice a week. Moving to the Surrey area will allow him to explore his passion of the outdoors and all the beauty that is the Lower Mainland.



Ryan Hall: Insp. Ryan Hall began his career in policing with the Delta Police Department in 1995. He has had the opportunity to work in several different sections including, Patrol, Organized Crime, Robbery and Street Crime units over the course of his 25-year career. He was initially promoted to Sergeant in Patrol Division where he led a patrol platoon once promoted to Staff Sergeant and served on the Lower mainland Integrated Negotiating Team. During his career Inspector Hall gained training and accreditation in Crowd Management, Critical Incident Command, Emergency Evacuations, conflict resolution, labor relations and bargaining. In addition to his assigned duties Inspector Hall served the members of the Delta Police Department as the President of their Police Association. Most recently Inspector Hall oversaw Community Support Services where he

led Traffic Services, Emergency Planning, School and Youth Liaison programs. It is here that he worked with many stakeholders in Delta focusing on crime prevention through education, community involvement and employing innovative strategies.

He is a guest lecturer at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for mental health de-escalation and police ethics and sit on the Criminology advisory board.

When not standing at the front of the class he is a student himself, currently working on his Master of Business Administration at the University of London. This in addition to his bachelor's degree in psychology from UBC. As a long-time resident of Surrey, he continues to invest in the community as the President of the Newton Canadian Baseball Association, coaches and (prior to COVID) he was a 3rd Degree Taekwondo instructor with a local Taekwondo Academy.

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