



A Message from the Chief Constable

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On behalf of the Surrey Police Board and Surrey Police Service (SPS), I am pleased to present our [2021/2022 Report to the Community](#), which is now available on our website.

Building a brand-new police service continues to be an exciting and busy task. Over the past 12 months we have marked many milestones and overcome many challenges.

As of May 2022, SPS has over 275 employees, two unions representing staff, our first recruit class at the Justice Institute of BC Police Academy, and 85 officers deployed into policing operations in Surrey. In just the past year we also unveiled the SPS uniform and police vehicle design, completed our first strategic plan, signed our first collective agreement, and worked with the RCMP to develop an approved plan that will guide our respective human resources as phase one of the policing transition continues.

There is no blueprint for how to transition a police service of this size. It has required innovation, consultation, and hard work. It is also critically important that we do not squander this opportunity to create a policing model that works for today's world and for Surrey's needs. We cannot simply accept what was done in the past, or the 'status quo' of policing. Our world has changed, and so must our policing model.

Most commonly, citizens want to know how SPS will be different. Ultimately, it boils down to two important factors that set us apart: responsiveness and local accountability.

As a local, municipal police service, SPS will be able to quickly respond to Surrey's changing public safety needs. Crime requires quick action and SPS is built to respond to community needs very quickly. Our accountability starts with having an independent police board, and continues with the regular sharing of information with the public – from financials, to community consultation results, to updates on the policing transition.

Through it all, we never lose focus on the fact that we are building a police service for the citizens of Surrey – Surrey Police Service is being designed, from day one, for Surrey. That is our commitment to you.

Please enjoy our [2021/2022 Report to the Community](#).

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