

Surrey RCMP News Release – For Immediate Distribution

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Title: Surrey RCMP hosting community forum on youth, drugs and violence

The Surrey RCMP, along with the Surrey School District, Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-BC) and the City Of Surrey, is hosting a community forum to provide parents, students, and residents with information regarding youth involvement in drug trafficking and the violence that often accompanies this criminal lifestyle.

This forum is part of the Surrey RCMP's ongoing Neighbourhood Safety Campaign and will be held on **Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm at the Bell Performing Arts Centre** (6250 144th Street, Surrey).

During this event, information will be provided on drug trafficking and how youth get involved, warning signs for parents, strategies to prevent young people from entering the drug trade, an update on what is happening in Surrey right now, and the tools and resources available to assist parents and youth.

In attendance to provide information and answer questions from the public will be Assistant Commissioner Bill Fordy, Officer in Charge of the Surrey RCMP, as well as representatives from the Surrey School District, CFSEU-BC, City of Surrey, and the Surrey RCMP.

There will also be Punjabi speaking staff members and police officers available to speak to parents and residents.

"Parents and those who work closely with children and youth are our closest allies when it comes to addressing the issue of youth, drugs and violence," says Assistant Commissioner Bill Fordy. "The drug trade is not just a police issue and it is imperative that the community come together to keep our young people safe and on the right path to lead productive lives."

Pre-registration for this forum is not required. Doors to the venue will be open at 5:30pm.

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