

Our Milestones



Expo '86

1976 | A group of citizens (Arthur Phillips, Joseph Cohen, Senator Edward Lawson, Ronald Cliff, Graham Dawson, John Davidson, and the Reverend Kenneth Wotherspoon) recognized the need for new and creative ideas in policing – initiatives that were not affordable within the VPD's regular operating budget. The Vancouver Police Foundation was established.

Harbour Centre was built 1977

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1979 Grant – Project S.A.V.E. is a shoplifting and vandalism crime prevention program

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Seed money towards a new program called "Crime Stoppers"



1979 Grant
Liquid Blood and Bloodstain Analysis Course

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1986 Grant
Crime Prevention brochures published in different languages for the multi-cultural and multi-lingual communities of Vancouver

1990 Grant – Teddy bears for the Victim Services Unit to hand out to children who have undergone a traumatic experience

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Our Chairmen (Past and Present)

Graham Dawson	(1976 – 1983)
Dr. Joseph Cohen	(1983 – 2003)
Ronald L. Cliff	(2003 – 2008)
Peter R. B. Armstrong	(2008 – 2011)
Doug Brown	(2011 – 2012)
Peter Brown	(2012 – 2015)
Darcy Wray	(2016 – Present)

1994 Grant – Community Outreach: Traffic Safety Vests and printing the Parents Parking Patrol manual for 32 Vancouver schools

1997 Grant – Inception of the Student Challenge: A "Youth Police Academy" for grade 11 & 12 students who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The Foundation has been a financial partner since the beginning contributing to operational costs.



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2001 – As the world watches the 9 - 11 tragedy unfold in New York, the Vancouver Police Department immediately reacts with support for their American brothers and sisters by raising over \$200,000, which is delivered personally by VPD officers. The Foundation is proud to have helped facilitate this endeavour.

2004 Grant – Start of multi-year commitment to "Pulling Together," a program that allows VPD to engage with youth during an annual traditional canoe journey



1999 Grant – Funding for a second Narcotics Detection dog and two sets of canine body armour

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2006 Special Project – The K9 Centre for Excellence

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2008 Grant – NASKARZ, an alternative after school program that gets kids involved with cars and off the street



2009 Grant – Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) Camera for the VPD Marine Unit

2010 Special Project – The Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV)

2011 Grant – Funded the creation of a Commemorative Medal to be given to all sworn and civilian personnel for the 125th anniversary of the VPD in 2011

2012 Grant – Funded innovative poster campaign that followed the hockey riots, a groundbreaking method to encourage public participation in law enforcement

2013 Grant – The creation of two safety mobile apps and hardware to support community policing initiatives and combat property crime

2014 Special Project 2014 – The VPD Cadet Program had its first class of 62 students

2015 Grant – The Foundation was able to bring Lucca to the VPD's Victim Services Unit

2016 Grant – TROO program was designed to address the issues of sexting among youth and educate parents and caregivers about the strategies they can use.

2016 Special Project 2016 – St. Paul's Hospital HUB mental health treatment care centre

Vancouver hosted the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, with 2,600 athletes from 82 nations.



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