



POLICE VICTIM SERVICES OF BC

Fall 2018

“Days decrease, and autumn grows, autumn in everything.”

– **Robert Browning**

The change of seasons is upon us and with that other changes. Back to work, back to school, back to our routines. Some of us already have had the snow fly! Hopefully your transitions have gone smoothly.

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Happenings

The International Association for Suicide Prevention invites you to light a candle at 8 PM



On September 10th

World Suicide Prevention Day

Light a candle near a window at 8 PM

to show your support for suicide prevention

to remember a lost loved one

and for the survivors of suicide.

Vernon held an event at Polson park with guest speakers, lantern-making and a lantern walk to remember loved ones lost to suicide. These lanterns were placed around a commemorative tree and plaque in Polson Park remembering loved ones lost to suicide



“When your heart's on fire,
You must realize, smoke gets in
your eyes” The Platters

Wildfire smoke affects mental health

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/forest-fires-smoke-mental-health-1.4792195>



News Release

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World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th, 2018

Central Okanagan's RCMP Victim Services has supported 34 people in response to 14 police call-outs following suicide deaths so far this year.

Recognizing the tragic loss caused by suicide to our communities, Central Okanagan Victim Services along with the Okanagan Suicide Awareness Society ask you to acknowledge this mental health issue on Monday, September 10th, joining others internationally by simply lighting (with care) a candle near a window at 8pm to show your support for, suicide prevention, to remember a lost loved one, and for the survivors of suicide.

We also encourage you to learn premature and preventable death in

A 2016 BC Coroners report identifies Kelowna. That same year our Victim impacted by 25 suicides. While the along with the RCMP witness the d

Victim Service caseworker Tracey G by suicide, many blaming themselves assisted small children, parents, sp has been absolutely gut wrenching faces of little ones. I would love not again."

There are local resources to access Okanagan Suicide Awareness Soci presentations, website materials an assumptions about persons content impacted while sharing a strong me more information about this local se

On September 10th at 8:00pm we of the Kelowna Police Services buil some time to acknowledge, remem

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In Acknowledgement of Suicide Prevention Day

Central Okanagan
RCMP Victim Services & the
Okanagan Suicide Awareness
Society

Encourage,

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We will light a large candle in the front window on the second floor of the Kelowna Police Service building and encourage you to also light a candle while taking some time to acknowledge, remember and support.



Please light a candle to support suicide prevention, remember a lost loved one and for survivors of suicide.





Training and Tools

Karyn French, Program Director at Greater Victoria Police Victim Services joined 1750 delegates for National Organization for Victim Assistance annual training event (Nova18) held during August in Jacksonville Florida

Nelson Police Victim Services participated in

- *Neighbors, Friends Family and Coworkers- Sept. 2018*
- *Vernon Regional RCMP VS Meeting- February 2018*
- *Restorative Justice- Victoria July 2018*



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Just finished listening to @drchriswilson and Rebekah Charleston speak about neurobiology and human trafficking at the @NOVAVictims training event. @ValiantHearts #BeTheVoice #JAX18 #NOVA44



Victim Services Retweeted

Nova18 Be the Voice

SESSIONS COUNT TOWARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DELEGATES REFERRED TO AS ADVOCATES AND VICTIM SPECIALISTS

AMONG THE SESSIONS:

- LANGUAGE MATTERS FROM REPORTING TO HEALING
- RESPECTING DIVERSITY: BREAKING BARRIERS...BUILDING BRIDGES
- DO NO HARM STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATING TRAUMA
- ADVOCATING FOR TRANSGENDER SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE
- OVERDOSE DEATH CASES— IS THERE A VICTIM?
- ETHICS IN VICTIM SERVICES

NOVA19 – JULY 22-25, 2019 IN PHOENIX ARIZONA

Progress on North East's 911 service

See this article

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/fort-nelson-911-1.4666527>



Upcoming

Your Board of Directors are meeting September 27, 2018 at the PVSBC office.

Thank you for the feedback about priorities for PVSBC. Your input will guide board actions. We will provide an update following the meeting



Threat Assessment and Management Strategies

Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre
3914 32nd Street, Vernon, BC
(800) 663-4422



Pathway to Violence workshop

October 22 & 23, 2018
Vernon, B.C.

October 10 World Mental Health Day

The day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide

October 22 & 23

Threat Assessment & Management Strategies

Presenter
STEPHEN WESTON

The Vernon / North Okanagan Victim Assistance Program and the Vernon / North Okanagan RCMP are pleased to present this two day workshop on the fundamentals of threat assessment and management with an emphasis on domestic and sexual violence.

Early Bird Registration Fee \$80
Who should attend:

This workshop is designed for service providers whose work involves risk assessment and management including the criminal justice system such as police, crown, victim services, community corrections; mental health and social services or other agencies who are involved in threat management teams.

Understanding, Assessing & Mitigating Risk

Effective October 1, 2018 Heidi Illingworth begins her appointment as the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime

Heidi spent 20 years in front line service delivery and has been the Executive Director of the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime for 11 years. The Ombudsman ensures the federal government meets its commitments to promote access to existing government programs and services, and identifies and explores systemic and emerging victim issues