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Your File

Warmland Restorative Justice

Our File

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Warmland letter of support

To whom it may concern,

The North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP is an exceptionally busy Police detachment with a higher than average call volume and severe crime index when compared to other similar sized detachments on Vancouver Island. Officers respond to a wide variety of calls for service that include very complex major crime investigations to incident that are less serious in nature, yet very significant to those impacted. Our office strives to provide an exceptional level of service when responding to all calls for service, no matter how big or small. In order to provide the community with a high standard of service, we rely heavily on our community partners such as Restorative Justice, to assist us in resolving incidents that are not advanced into the Judicial Court system yet require attention and mediation to successful resolve.

Crime prevention is often more effective than crime response and scientific research has proven that early intervention, through community forums that encourage offenders to take responsibility for their actions, is more effective in preventing crime recidivism than traditional consequences issued by the courts. In this capacity, an effective restorative justice program can divert an offender's life onto a positive path that will reduce the future burden on a Police force or Judicial Court system. The potential cost savings to Police is difficult to estimate, however the benefits to the greater community are undeniable.

North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP are in support of the Warmland Restorative Justice program and very grateful for their ongoing support and assistance.

Thank you,

Sgt. Trevor BUSCH, North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP