



# **OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY VOLUNTEERS**

## **WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO**

San Pareil Owners and  
Residents Association AGM

June 12, 2025

# OCSV Leadership & Support Team

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**Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers is a BC registered society and a registered charitable organization under the CRA**

## **2024/2025 Directors**

- Graham Reid, Chair (and HR Director and bookkeeper)
- Gaye Brown, Vice-Chair and Team Lead, Traffic Watch
- Shirley Clarke, Secretary (on leave)
- Rosalie Garland, Team Lead, Keeping in Touch
- Debbie Hendry, Team Lead, Block Watch
- Gordon Maurits, Team Lead, Events and Treasurer

## **Operational support team**

- Kim McLachlan, Office Administrator – 4 days a week
- Jaclyn Tereszko, Program Coordinator – April to August 2025

# Operating Environment, Mission and Values

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The OCSV team serves the northern part of the Regional District of Nanaimo comprised of the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H. This matches the jurisdiction of the Oceanside RCMP Detachment and School District 69..

### **Our Mission:**

Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers, in collaboration with the Oceanside RCMP, is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and crime-free community through programs and education.

### **Our Vision:**

Strengthening Oceanside communities by offering effective programs that reduce crime and keep people safe.

## Community Safety Offices and Equipment

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### ➤ Qualicum Beach

- OCSV's main office is adjacent to the Library on the ground floor of Qualicum Beach Town Hall. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (Monday through Friday from May to August).
- OCSV registered head office; back office shared with emergency radio group
- Office Administrator and administrative and bookkeeping volunteers operate from QB.

### ➤ Parksville

- Our Parksville office is just off the lobby of Parksville City Hall, adjacent to Jensen St. Parksville. "Keeping in Touch" volunteers make their KIT client calls from this office and staff it from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays, to answer public inquiries. Weekend KIT calls are made from the caller's homes.

### ➤ Other

- Our storage den is in the QB Curling Rink and is used to store Traffic Watch & community events equipment and supplies.
- Our marked Community Cruiser (2017 Honda Odyssey) is parked in the municipal vehicle parking area at Parksville City Hall when not in use.

# OCSV Organization

## PROGRAMS

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- Block Watch
- Project 529 Bicycle Registration Stations – free registrations
- Child Identification Kits
- Community barricade duty
- Crime Watch Reports
- Community Events
- Keeping in Touch Service
- Medical Alert Kits
- Property Identification
- RCMP Safety Bear with security-cleared RCMP volunteer
- Safety & Crime Prevention Information Sharing & Seminars
- Traffic Watch (Speed/Intersection/Cell-Distracted driving).
- Anonymized data to and support from ICBC

### **Working to recommence post-pandemic**

- Child Car Seat Safety
- Scooter Rodeos
- Bike Rodeos

# OCSV Operations

## Key Program Activities

### Block Watch

- Administer 28 BW groups, down from 46 pre-pandemic
  - Bowser = 1, Coombs = 1, Nanoose Bay = 6, PK = 7, QB = 12, Spider Lake = 1

### Block Watch Lead: Debbie Hendry

- Assist in the training of new Captains and Co-Captains and participate in training their group members
- Maintain database of active groups
- Host quarterly/semi-annual refresher training sessions
- Collaborate w/Oceanside RCMP to present BC Block Watch Society and RCMP 'E' Division training materials

### Block Watch is a group of neighbours that;

- Arranges a meeting with the coordinator, who explains program.
- Is encouraged to engrave valuables with license number
- Appoints a group Captain and Co-Captain
- Watches out for neighbours and their own property
- Reports crimes/suspicious activity to police
- Keeps neighbours informed



# OCSV Operations

## Key Program Activities

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### Traffic Watch

- Activities include Speed Watch, Distracted Driving (Cell), Intersection (Stop signs)
- ICBC sponsored educational program
- Engaged in public education and awareness of speeding and distracted driving
- Locations are chosen in collaboration with Oceanside RCMP, ICBC, and our Municipal partners

### Traffic Watch Lead: Gaye Brown

- Trains volunteers
- Maintains equipment & supplies
- Organizes events
- Completes and emails monthly activity report to ICBC and RCMP



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### Keeping In Touch

- A no-cost telephone service program in which OCS volunteers are “Keeping in Touch” daily with seniors and other residents of Oceanside who live alone. The objective is to provide these residents (referred to as Clients) with the security of knowing that they will be contacted every day, 365 days a year by an OCS volunteer member, to ensure that they are well.
- Residents are referred to the program by their family doctor, a member of their own family, a neighbour, by the OCSV’s Website, or by responding to an OCSV on-line or print advertisement.
- This program is provided under the direction of the Oceanside RCMP and the Board of Directors. RCMP officers will perform wellness checks if all other daily contact attempts fail.

### Keeping In Touch Leads: Rosalie Garland (Parksville), and Lola Cook (Qualicum)

- Train volunteers
- Maintain KIT scheduling
- Organize KIT events
- Work closely with the Oceanside RCMP Detachment



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### Community Events

- Provide support at community events for, or on behalf of, the Oceanside RCMP.
- Staffing an informational booth, bike or scooter safety event, parades, distributing crime prevention informational brochures to the public.
- Distribute Child Identification Kits and Medical Alert Kits
- **Project 529 Bike Registration Stations:** Volunteers set up registration stations in partnership with local bike shops and community events to register identifying features of owners' bikes using the Project 529 Garage application.

### Events Lead: Gord Maurits

- Trains new volunteers
- Collaborate with Office Administrator and Program Coordinator to schedule events and maintain supply of educational and promotional material
- Maintains equipment & supplies
- Completes a monthly activity report to Board of Directors



We welcome new volunteers with open arms and provide training and support for the roles they undertake

Thank you & stay safe