

Citizens on Patrol a way to make a change

■ *Fed up with the crime in Quesnel? Want to volunteer some time? Then Citizens on Patrol is the program for you.*

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Interviewed Thursday Constable Dhillon said, "The citizens are an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department."

As the members drive around the city checking for suspicious happenings, they do not get out of their vehicles as they wish to maintain a low profile. If they witness any suspicious events, which could be from a car that has been parked in an alley to a broken window at a home or business, they phone their control base station. The member of the control base then phones the RCMP.

The City of Quesnel has given the Citizens on Patrol a grant of \$3500 to purchase radios and or cellars. This

would make the response time of the RCMP much faster as the members could phone right to the RCMP rather than going through the base station.

There are a few regulations you must comply with before becoming a Citizen on Patrol. You must be eighteen years of age or older, must be a resident of Quesnel, be of good character, pass the security screening required by the RCMP and abide by the rules and requirements of the Patrol.

The Patrol canvasses such areas as Dragon Lake, West Quesnel, Red Bluff, the Airport, Arbutus and Four Mile Store.

Call the RCMP and pick up a form. Remember you can make a difference.



Baltej Dhillon: Citizens are extra eyes.