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Public Safety Committee Report from District 2

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Our CPAC members are constantly thinking of new ways to communicate safety messages to people in our community. For instance, one of our members shared the CN Police's initiative of creating signs on the side-walk pavements that say "See track, think train". It is hoped these will help pedestrians who may be distracted or looking down while walking. The Committee as a whole finds this inspiring and wants to incorporate this creativity into our own ideas.

As a committee, we are committed to enhancing and updating our members' knowledge of safety and crime prevention. The B.C Crime Prevention Symposium presents us with the perfect opportunity and therefore, we will be supporting members and volunteers who are interested and able to attend this years Symposium.

We are once again seeing the successful collaboration of the CPOs and external partners to hold a Volunteer bike training course on the 27th August 2016. Having volunteers complete this intensive training, facilitated by CanBike, ensures that our Volunteer Bike Patrol is always expertly trained and safe. Inclusion into the bike patrol program is an added incentive that new volunteers also strive for. It could not have been organized without the full effort and commitment from all the CPOs.

With two new students from Burnaby North Secondary joining our CPAC to assume Aki Ediriweera's role in their Crime Prevention Club (CPC), our youth group is continuing to grow. All committee members are glad to welcome these two new assets to our team and we are committed to provide them with guidance and support. Congratulations to Aki on his graduation and acceptance to UBC, he will continue on our committee as the representative of his residential area and our Vice-Chair.