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ICBC thanks Bowen Island volunteers for keeping roads safe

ICBC relies on a valuable ally in B.C. communities to help reduce crashes, prevent auto crime and educate drivers – volunteers. In recognition of National Volunteer Week (April 12 to 18), ICBC is thanking Bowen Island volunteers for their dedication to helping reduce speeding in their community.

“We’re tremendously grateful to every one of our volunteers in Bowen Island for their hard-work and commitment to deliver these important road safety programs,” said Harvey Kooner, local ICBC road safety coordinator. “On behalf of everyone at ICBC, thank you. You are truly making our community a safer place to live and undoubtedly inspiring others to do more.”

“The extraordinary passion and dedication to road safety shown by Bowen Island’s volunteers is truly remarkable,” said Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky. “I want to join with ICBC in offering our sincere thanks to everyone who made these programs such a success.”

ICBC worked with volunteers to introduce the [Cell Watch](#) program in 2013 and last year alone, volunteers in the Lower Mainland spent 4,100 hours to help reduce distracted driving. Volunteers stand near the roadside with signs to remind drivers to leave their phones alone and conduct road-side surveys to observe drivers and their behaviours. The information helps ICBC and police better understand the issue at a local level and to develop initiatives to combat distracted driving.

[Speed Watch](#) volunteers in Bowen Island spent 17 hours in 2014 using radar and speed-reader boards supplied by ICBC to show drivers the speed they’re actually travelling. Volunteers usually set up at high crash locations and school and playground zones and often partner with police who will ticket speeding drivers who don’t slow down after seeing their speed on the reader board.

To learn more about how you can get involved and help keep your community safe, contact your local road safety coordinator, Harvey Kooner, at 604-983-7176.

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