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Yukon Police Council and communities establish policing priorities

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Justice Mike Nixon presented the Yukon policing priorities to the commanding officer of the Yukon RCMP earlier this year following extensive community consultation by the Yukon Police Council (YPC).

"The council plays a vital role in identifying policing priorities by holding meetings throughout the territory to listen to Yukoners," Nixon said. "National Police Week, May 11 to 17, is a good time to recognize the YPC and the cooperative relationship between communities and police."

The 2014-15 priorities are consistent with the previous year's and take into consideration public input and information on other trends in the policing environment:

- Focus on preventing and decreasing the victimization of children and youth.
- Continue to improve the response to sexualized assault and family violence.
- Identify and address, with the public and service providers, community safety issues.
- Build and foster constructive and respectful relationships with First Nations.
- Improve the police response to vulnerable populations.

"The government is encouraged by Yukon RCMP's efforts to fulfill these priorities and we thank them for their dedication and continued service," Nixon added.

The YPC meets regularly with First Nations, service providers, community organizations and the public. The council's next community meeting is this month in Dawson City.

"We welcome the minister's policing priorities for Yukon and look forward to working together with government, community partners and citizens to create safer, stronger communities," Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, Commanding Officer of Yukon RCMP said. "In addition to responding to the priorities set by the Minister on behalf of Yukoners, each of our detachments also consults with First Nations and municipal leadership to address specific needs and concerns at the local level."

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