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Tom Stamatakis

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Mr. Stamatakis moved to the Vancouver area from Kitimat to attend the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in 1984. He graduated from BCIT with a diploma in Administrative Management, Personnel and Industrial Relations in 1986 and has lived in Vancouver ever since. He joined the Vancouver Police Department in 1990 and completed the Peace Officers Basic Training program at the Justice Institute of British Columbia in August of that year.

He began taking a more active role in the Vancouver Police Union (VPU) in April, 1997 when he was elected to the VPU board. He became the Vice-President in April, 1998, and the Acting President in November, 1999. He was acclaimed as President of the VPU in April, 2000, and in every election since then. In September, 2001, his position as VPU President became full time.

His leadership abilities have also been evident in national policing matters in his position as Vice President of the Ottawa-based Canadian Police Association (CPA) since 2005.

More recently, Mr. Stamatakis was instrumental in the formation of the British Columbia Police Association (BCPA) a province-wide voice for front-line policing which replaces and had its roots in the B.C. Federation of Police Officers. He has been named as the first President of the new BCPA.

Mr. Stamatakis has taken specialized training and has been an instructor in a number of areas including control tactics, crisis negotiations, surveillance, firearms and crowd control.

He has served on a number of boards and is currently active on the "Odd Squad" Board. The Odd Squad creates high quality, reality-based documentaries designed to give youth the knowledge to avoid the pitfalls of drug abuse and to assist them in making rational choices about a wide range of social problems. He is also a member of the National Drug Prevention Advisory committee which advises the federal Minister of Health.

He was married in 1991 and he and his wife have two children. He enjoys playing hockey and lacrosse, and coaching soccer.

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