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### British Columbia Police Association Announces Ralph Kaisers as new President

The British Columbia Police Association (BCPA) announced today that Ralph Kaisers, President of the Vancouver Police Union, will succeed Tom Stamatakis as the new head of the organization, which represents municipal front-line police personnel across the Province.

"There's no question that policing, as a profession, is rapidly evolving, and it's important for us, collectively, as front-line police leaders, to continue to collaborate productively with government representatives, police boards, senior ranks, and other stakeholders, to ensure that we continue to provide quality, professional policing across our Province," said Mr. Kaisers. "Our membership has been extremely well served by Tom's leadership in this regard over the years, and I look forward to continuing to build on the work he's done during his tenure."

Mr. Kaisers joined the VPD in 1992, and worked as a Constable in Patrol, Property Crimes, Combined Special Forces Enforcement Unit, and the Major Crime Section. During this time, he received 2 Chief Constables Citations, 2 Deputy Chief Citations, and 3 Inspectors commendations. He has received both the Police Officer's Exemplary Service Medal, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. After being promoted to Sergeant, he worked with Professional Standards and the Major Crime Sections. He joined the Vancouver Police Union as a Director in 2011, and has served as Vice President since 2012.

Mr. Stamatakis will continue as President of the Canadian Police Association, where he was recently re-elected to a new four-year term, representing over 60,000 front-line police personnel across Canada.

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"Forming the BCPA from our previous British Columbia Federation of Police Officers was not an easy decision, but I believe the results we have achieved over the past number of years has validated our collective efforts," said Mr. Stamatakis. "Our Associations have been able to present a united front when working with other stakeholders, and I'm confident our members will benefit from Ralph's dedication and passionate advocacy on their behalf."

The BCPA represents over 2,800 frontline police officers in the Province, and is committed to protecting and promoting the interests of its members as they serve citizens in their communities 24/7.

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