



Bait Locker Program Launched

April 23, 2009- Nanaimo RCMP and City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture are joining forces to launch a bait locker program at local recreation centres. Selected lockers in change rooms at our recreation facilities will be rigged with alarms. It is hoped that the program will raise awareness of the importance of securing personal items in public places, and act as a deterrent to potential thieves.

"This initiative is just another tool in our crime prevention tool belt. By implementing the Bait Locker program we want to ensure the best possible recreational experience for all users and to reduce or eliminate thefts from lockers," explains Constable Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP.

"This program will help us provide an enhanced sense of security for our pool and gym patrons. This sense of security adds to the overall experience within our facilities," states Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager Recreation and Culture Services.

A contest to name the program will be held in the next few weeks and will involve the local high schools. "Engaging youth in crime prevention has always been a priority of the RCMP. The slogan should be catchy and no more than 3 or 4 words. The winning slogan will be added to our Bait Locker posters which will be displayed at the participating facilities. The top five entries will receive a prize. Our RCMP Youth Response Team members will be responsible for collecting all entries," says Constable O'Brien.

For information about the program and naming contest please contact Constable O'Brien at the Nanaimo RCMP Detachment at 250 755 3257.

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