

# Delta Police Department

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### **Delta Police in a different shade of blue for May 11, 2010 CURE Foundation's National Denim Day**

On May 11, 2010 the Delta Police Department will be donning blue jeans instead of their usual uniform, all in the name of raising awareness and money for breast cancer research.

Delta Police Chief, Jim Cessford has authorized uniformed personnel to trade in their uniform pants for blues jeans for one day only in support of raising awareness and money for the CURE Foundation, breast cancer research. All staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate by paying the suggested \$5.00 donation to wear jeans on May 11, 2010 in support of this charity event.

*"Our organization is supportive of several charities including this worthwhile cause. It is important for us to support our community and these initiatives to raise much needed money to go towards finding a cure for all cancers but in this case breast cancer. Our department is excited to participate in this fundraising event. Unfortunately there are far too many who have been directly or indirectly impacted by cancer, our staff and volunteers included. I believe it is important that we demonstrate our support for those courageously fighting this battle and if we can do that by wearing jeans for a day, then I am all for it",* said Chief Constable Cessford.

Cancer impacts us all and one of our own Delta Police Dispatcher is fighting the battle with cancer. The members of The Delta Police Department are supporting her and one of the ways is our participation in the National Denim day.

This is Jan's story:

Jan Burghardt has been a dispatcher with the Delta Police for the past 4 years, she has worked the last 2 years on C Platoon. Earlier this year she eagerly joined our Reserve Constables and committed to the lengthy training process of this program.

Just recently Jan was diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer and has already undergone a fairly aggressive surgery as the cancer had spread. Jan has just begun a series of chemotherapy treatments which will be followed by a series of radiation treatments. She has displayed incredible courage and has been able to maintain an amazing positive attitude throughout her diagnosis.

Jan has been very active in numerous fund raises for various causes. Jan qualified for the Boston Marathon after months of rigorous training and hard work. She ran that marathon a couple of years ago in memory of her mother Joy, who lost her life due to complications from MS. Thankfully Jan has a wonderful, supportive family who have been at her side throughout this difficult time. She draws her strength from her loving husband, 3 children, her 2 beautiful grandchildren and her faith in God. Jan is blessed with a very tight bond with her father and will often meet him on her breaks for a bike ride, a swim or a skate around the rink.

She has faced her illness head on and has been an inspiration to her co-workers, family and friends. Recently her Reserve class got together and shaved their heads in support of Jan and just this weekend her Platoon got together and shaved their heads too! They were able to raise several hundred dollars in donations for the BC Cancer Foundation.

Jan's perseverance, strength and courage has certainly touched the hearts of those close to her and it will be those same traits that will enable her to cruise down her road of recovery. Jan's attitude is....."Hey, it could be worse!"



Jan (in the center) with her Reserve Class

The Delta Police would like to clarify that officers will not be accepting donations directly. We will not be conducting door to door or phone soliciting to raise money for this foundation. If citizens would like to participate by donating money to this cause, please attend the Community Police Station nearest you or our Public Safety Building in North Delta or the Headquarters Building in Ladner where ribbons are available for purchase for a suggested donation of \$5.00 (receipts for donations of \$20.00 or more can be issued through the CURE Foundation)

For more information or to donate on-line please visit the CURE Foundation website at [curefoundation.com](http://curefoundation.com)

If you have interaction with the Delta Police on May 11, 2010, expect them to be in jeans with their regular issued uniform shirts accessorized with a pink ribbon. These are in fact real police officers.

The Delta Police, working to make a difference in our community.

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