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Deputy Chief Sat Parhar

Deputy Chief Sat Parhar joined the Calgary Police Service in 1991 and spent eight years on patrol. He was provided many opportunities in the following years and was privileged to work in numerous areas of the Service including the Serious Habitual Offender Program (SHOP), the Professional Standards Section and the Priority Crimes Unit, among others. Continuing through the ranks, Deputy Parhar spent several years as the Staff Sergeant of Human Resources and Career Development. Once promoted to the rank of Inspector, he led the Organized Crime Section and the Human Resources Section. Prior to being promoted to Deputy, he was the Superintendent in charge of the Criminal Operations Division and the Specialized Investigations Division. As a Deputy, he has lead the Bureau of Investigative Support, and now oversees the Bureau of Community Support.

Deputy Parhar most recently received his Certificate in Leadership from the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police from the Police Executive Research Forum in the United States and recently completed the Alberta Family Wellness Initiative Brain Study Certification. Deputy Parhar also holds several certifications including the Multi-Agency Gold Incident Command Certification from the United Kingdom, the Senior Police Administration Certificate from the Canadian Police College and was a member and co-ordinator of the Hostage Barricade Negotiation Team (HBNT). He also completed the Major City Chief's Executive Development Certificate.

Deputy Parhar is currently a member of the Service's Executive Committee, and the Canadian and Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP and AACP). As a member of the CACP, he sits on the Victims of Crime Committee and the Crime Prevention Committee. Deputy Parhar is presently serving on the Board of Directors for the Burns Memorial Fund, Calgary Homeless Foundation and previously sat on the board for HomeFront. He is currently serving as Co-Chair of Community Court. He is also on the joint management team for the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) and the Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSET) for Alberta. Deputy Parhar is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Calgary Police Service Distinguished Service Medal, Alberta Police Long Service Recognition Medal, Police Exemplary Service Medal the Life Saving Award and Member of the Order of Merit Police Forces. Calgary Police Service

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The Calgary Police Service (CPS) is among the largest and most respected municipal police services in the country and one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in North America. The CPS is made up of more than 1,900 police officers and more than 700 civilian employees. The CPS prides itself on service delivery, training and development and most importantly its people. In partnership with other agencies and the citizens of Calgary, the CPS strives to preserve the quality of life in the community by ensuring that Calgary remains a safe place to live, work, and visit.

By working with strong community partners such as Alberta Health Services, Calgary Neighbourhoods, Home Front and Calgary school boards, the CPS deployed approximately 40 integrated teams in the last business cycle to address youth and families at risk, mental health issues, and domestic violence. Research demonstrates that this approach along with crime prevention and early intervention, are effective in reducing crime and victimization in the community.