## Dee Stewart

## Acting/Officer in Charge of "E" Division Indigenous Policing Services

Sgt Dee Stewart is an Indigenous RCMP member. Born and raised on Bonaparte reserve in the interior of British Columbia, she is a Shuswap First Nation member. Her parents were residential school survivors and supported her to join the RCMP. She enrolled in the RCMP in 2000 following in her brother's footsteps who is also a current serving RCMP member.

Sgt Stewart's first posting was in Prince Rupert, BC from 2000-2002. She worked in the Prince Rupert City detachment then moved to the Coastal Policing Unit into the First Nations Policing position. The unit comprised of teams serving the Indigenous communities of Kitkatla, Hartley Bay and Lax Kw'alaams and was responsible for the delivery of policing services. The Coastal unit works and lives in these isolated northern BC communities that are only accessible by boat or plane.

Sgt Stewart's next posting, from 2002 to 2005, brought her home to Kamloops, BC. Her father was from the Kamloops Indian Band and this posting allowed her to work and be involved in local family events.

From 2005 to present Sgt Stewart has been stationed at "E" Division RCMP Headquarters with the Indigenous Policing Section. She has worked in several positions in the Section over the past 13 years, which included Constable Program Coordinator, Corporal Indigenous Recruiter, Sergeant Operations Officer and currently as the Acting Officer in Charge of Indigenous Policing. In her current role, she oversees the Indigenous Policing Program within "E" Division which has 108.5 First Nations Policing Members who work within 132 Indigenous communities in BC. In addition, Sgt Stewart directly supervises a unit of eight (8) Members and support staff. Her unit includes a Métis and Urban Indigenous Liaison, Aboriginal Recruiting Coordinator, Aboriginal Gang Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Aboriginal Community Liaison Coordinator and Aboriginal Missing Persons Coordinator.

Sgt Stewart's passion has always been working with Indigenous people and communities, thus she has focused the majority of her career aspirations in the Indigenous Policing Section of the RCMP.

In 2013, Sgt. Stewart was awarded the Jubilee Medal for her work in "E" Division Indigenous Policing.

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