The purpose of the Aboriginal Policing Services (APS) unit is to provide a proactive and culturally sensitive way of policing to Aboriginal people and their communities. The APS unit aims to improve the relationship between Aboriginal people, the RCMP, and the Criminal Justice System through a strong and effective aboriginal policing commitment. The APS unit oversees, coordinates and delivers services under the RCMP's Aboriginal Police Program and First Nations Policing Policy to more than 200 Aboriginal communities in B.C. Included in this responsibility is: recruiting, intelligence gathering relating to Aboriginal issues, program development and delivery, and Community Tripartite Agreement negotiations.

ABORIGINAL RECRUITING
Aboriginal recruiters travel throughout B.C. to connect with future police officers about opportunities within the RCMP. Seminars, talks and career fairs are a few of the ways new recruits are learning about the opportunity to make a difference as members of the RCMP.

ABORIGINAL PRE-CADET TRAINING PROGRAM
Through the RCMP's Aboriginal Pre-Cadet Training Program (APTP), youth of Aboriginal ancestry can work with the RCMP as sworn peace officers and gain valuable work experience.

Not only can participants train at the RCMP's Training Academy (Depot) for three weeks, but they also spend the summers months assisting police officers in various aspects of regular police duties.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM
The Law Enforcement Preparation Program (LEPP) is designed as a preparatory program to equip students with the required knowledge and skills to pass various entrance requirements for law enforcement (including the RCMP's Police Aptitude Test – known as RPAT).

LEPP provides a means to achieve a secondary school certificate or equivalent, which is necessary in entering law enforcement or regulatory services.

CANOE JOURNEYS
Tribal Journeys is both a spiritual and personal journey affording youth, RCMP Members, Elders and communities an opportunity to engage in healing, recovery of culture, traditional knowledge, and spirituality.

ABORIGINAL GANG AWARENESS COORDINATOR
The Aboriginal Gang Awareness Coordinator works with local detachments, law enforcement, school districts, and social service agencies within the province to prevent people from a gang lifestyle through engaging presentations and by working with community initiatives. The coordinator collects information to assist other police units and community agencies, and may work with persons wanting to exit a gang by connecting them to support services.

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
The four Aboriginal Advisory Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO's) partner with community leaders and detachments to ensure enhanced service delivery by developing relevant and culturally sensitive police services. Along with maintaining and strengthening partnerships with Aboriginal communities, organizations and stakeholders, the Aboriginal Advisory NCO's duties include promoting the use of alternative community justice initiatives for Aboriginal people and overseeing the Community Tripartite Agreement process.

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