

New Detachment Commander for Regional RCMP

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Penticton - Insp. Ted De Jager has been named Detachment Commander of Penticton South Okanagan Similkameen Regional Detachment.

The appointment was announced today by RCMP National Headquarters. Brad Haugli, Commander of the B.C. RCMP's Southeast District commented, "It is a tremendous benefit to have Ted as the incoming Officer in Charge of Penticton South Okanagan Similkameen Regional Detachment. His extensive operational background in a leadership role, along with his strong focus on Crime Reduction and community engagement, will certainly make him a perfect fit to meet the needs of the communities in the region."



Inspector De Jager is originally from Bowmanville, Ontario. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1987 and served in the Canadian Forces for 15 years as a Combat Engineer Officer with postings throughout Canada as well as overseas.

De Jager joined the RCMP in 1997 and was posted to the Surrey Detachment. In 2011 he was commissioned to the rank of Inspector and went on to serve in a variety of roles including operations development where he was responsible for creating service delivery and staffing models for provincial detachments. In September 2014 he transferred to the Mission Detachment as the Officer in Charge and focused on crime reduction and community engagement. De Jager is currently Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee for the BC Association of Chiefs of Police.

"We were looking for an officer moving up the ranks on his career path with a strong willingness to implement proactive and innovative strategies for crime reduction. Someone who will integrate into our community and deliver results," says Mayor Andrew Jakubeit. "The South Okanagan region has a variety of needs and we are pleased to have a commander that understands both rural and urban policing."

De Jager is currently stationed at the Mission Detachment and his arrival date in Penticton is still pending.

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