

**Cst. Melinda Mintenko**  
**Weyburn Police Service**  
**Community Policing Award**

Cst. Mintenko is a member of the Weyburn Police Service, spending the majority of her career on patrol. Her passion is CPTED and Community Programs.

In 2016, Cst. Mintenko presented a program “This Rides On Us” to increase awareness around Impaired Driving. The goal of this initiative is to reduce incidences of impaired driving and increase road safety in Weyburn and area.

Cst. Mintenko partnered with local taxi companies, owners and managers of local liquor establishments, local businesses, SGI, MADD, and 12 local companies to administer and fund the program.

Prior to the program launch, she developed an advertising campaign and trained employees from local participating liquor establishments on the process of the program.

Since the launch of “This Rides On Us” on Aug. 29, 2017, the program has had a positive and observable impact with a reduction in impaired driving charges and RID calls. There is a notable increase in vehicles left parked overnight at liquor establishments and certain private functions.

The real benefit to “This Rides On Us” is the increased community awareness surrounding impaired driving. The Community of Weyburn has embraced the program.

The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to present Cst. Melinda Mintenko with the Community Policing Award.