

Partners revealed for policing program



(L-R) Estevan EMS representatives Bobbi-Jo Davis and Danica Reid; Estevan Police Service (EPS) Inspector Murray Cowan; Estevan Fire and Rescue Service Chief Shane Code; EPS Chief Paul Ladouceur; Estevan McDonald's franchisees Tim, Chris and John Jenish; SGI representative Ron Grobbink; and Estevan Family Resource Centre representatives Brianna Wilmot and Jenna Styre participated in the launch for the positive policing program on June 22. Missing: Representatives from SMILE Services and the Envision Counselling and Support Centre.

The partners have been revealed for the positive policing program that will take place in Estevan this summer.

Members of the Estevan Police Service, Estevan EMS, Estevan Fire and Rescue Service, Estevan Family Resource Centre, SMILE Services and Envision Counselling and Support Centre will distribute gift certificates for McDonald's two locations in Estevan.

Members of the public will be recognized when they do something positive, or if they do something to enhance safety. Approximately 1,250 gift certificates will be handed out.

The Estevan Board of Police Commissioners came up with the idea.

"There are so many people out there that see youth doing good things, whether it be EMS or fire or family services," said Estevan Police Chief Paul Ladouceur. "Certainly the more we can get

out there and encourage kids to do things like wear bike helmets and increase road safety by crossing at pedestrian crosswalks (the better off we'll be).”
Saskatchewan General Insurance has supplied funding for the program.

The gift certificates are for varying amounts, Ladouceur said. But they should allow recipients to purchase an ice cream cone, a soft drink, a McFlurry or even a Happy Meal.

It's not just for kids, either. If police, EMS crews or fire department members see an adult doing something positive, then they will be recognized.

Ladouceur said it's a good thing when first responders can recognize someone for doing something positive.

The partners want to give out all the coupons, the chief said, because they don't benefit anyone if they're stowed away in a bag or in storage.

Ladouceur said this program has been used in other communities. It's very good, and he hopes it can continue in future years.

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