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### **Press Release - March 13, 2009 City-Wide Graffiti Remediation Initiative Released by Chief Michael Schirling**

#### **Burlington Police and Burlington's Center for Community and Neighborhoods Release Initial Plans for Graffiti Citywide Remediation**

As spring approaches, in an effort to ensure that the City takes an active role in graffiti remediation City officials announced today the first in a series of steps to remediate the impact of graffiti in Burlington. Over the past year we have seen an increase in the amount of graffiti and a commensurate decrease in the removal of graffiti citywide. In response to that, as a preliminary step in advance of a more comprehensive strategy that is under development, the City's Graffiti Removal Team has been revitalized for the spring.

Beginning March 16, 2009 efforts to remove as much graffiti as quickly as possible will begin. Residents and business owners can contact the Graffiti Removal Team via the methods noted below to get assistance in removing graffiti. Also beginning that day, graffiti removal specialists will begin removing graffiti in as many locations as they can get to based on staffing and weather.

In conjunction with the Police Department's Community Policing Re-Assessment project, we plan to release additional details and a more comprehensive graffiti strategy in April.

Anyone experiencing graffiti vandalism is urged to report to Burlington Police at 658-2700 and/or to contact the Graffiti Removal Team at 865-7548 or [graffiti@bpdvt.org](mailto:graffiti@bpdvt.org). Please note that this latter phone number and e-mail address should only be used for removal or volunteer contact NOT for reporting new vandalism or other crime. Also, anyone interested in being placed on a contact list to volunteer for graffiti removal may also contact staff at that number or via that e-mail address.

For further information please contact BPD at 540-2107 or the Office of Mayor Bob Kiss at 865-7275.

*Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember*

*Officer James W. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947*