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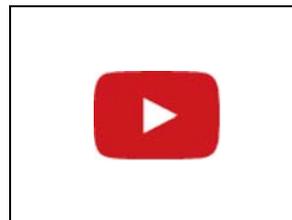
## 2013 ROTARY INTEGRITY AWARD WINNER: RCMP CONSTABLE GORD BUCK



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RCMP Constable Gord Buck was honoured with the Rotary Integrity Award (given only to non-Rotarians) for his good work in creating and operating the Youth Initiatives and Education and Lifestyles and Driving (YIELD) program on a volunteer basis. By making presentations to youth, using their RCMP dragster, throughout the community and local schools, it has brought our youth closer to our law enforcement group, in communication and relationships. The program advocates taking cars to authorized race tracks rather than the streets and reinforces the fact that street racing is part of the criminal code and is an unacceptable behaviour. President Angus McKenzie, Rotarian Meryl Murray, RCMP Constable Gord Buck, and Rotarian Lesley Crawford are shown in the picture below.



INTEGRITY AWARD 2013



Each year the Rotary Club of Spruce Grove nominates one person to receive the Integrity Award...someone who has made life better in and around Spruce Grove.

The 2013 Integrity Award recipient is **RCMP Constable Gord Buck.**

In 2003 Gord, along with a group of individuals, started the Youth Initiatives & Education in Lifestyles & Driving Association (YIELD). He has been President since 2004.

He volunteers to show off the YIELD program at special events in Spruce Grove and the County of Parkland, as well as many other communities in Alberta and British Columbia. Gord spends countless hours interacting with local youth, teaching them how to behave behind the wheel of a vehicle: mostly regarding highway safety, drugs and alcohol. He does this by using vehicle situations that include not only cars and trucks, but quads, snowmobiles, and boats. YIELD conducts races at Castrol Raceway almost every Friday. Individuals can legally race against their buddies or an officially recognized RCMP racecar. He teaches our youth how to be good citizens by volunteering and getting them involved in projects like Canada Day.

Gord puts in 400 to 550 hours annually in the administration, maintenance, and presentations of YIELD. In 2012 YIELD provided a total of 1505 volunteer hours, and attended 53 events around Alberta. Projections for 2013 are for more than 60 events.

YIELD is funded by corporate Alberta and only recently has had any assistance from the Province of Alberta. Gord has been quite successful in organizing funding for the programs put on for the youth of our Province.

The YIELD program was officially recognized by the RCMP in 2009 and was given the authority to use the RCMP crest, colours and decals. As such it is officially the first recognized RCMP racecar program in Canada.

Please congratulate Gord when you see him this evening, and get him to tell you about those RCMP racecars and the kids who participate in YIELD.

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