

months in order for personnel involved to become familiar with each others' functions, capabilities and resources. In addition, the patrols promoted a spirit of cooperation between the two agencies, and served to solidify the good working relationship and coordination necessary in the event of an incident occurring at sea which would require a joint task effort.

Shaw Cable Company of Sidney, British Columbia, produced a public education "Coastal Watch" video, which was distributed to all cable companies for dissemination in their respective viewing sectors on Vancouver Island. This was followed up by numerous media interviews coinciding with a two-week media blitz in the latter part of May, 1993.

In an effort to increase public awareness and support for the program, May 24-30, 1993, was officially designated "Coastal Watch Awareness Week", in the province of British Columbia by Mrs. P. Stockton, Assistant Executive Director of Public Safety and Regulatory Programs, Ministry of the Attorney General.

The Coastal Watch Program in Victoria Sub-Division has proved to be a highly effective initiative and

continues to generate invaluable information. Some of the calls are disseminated and acted upon locally, while others are forwarded to Coastal Watch coordinators in other sub-divisions where similar programs are in operation, such as Prince Rupert, Courtenay and Vancouver, for appropriate action there. Response from the general public has been positive and highly enthusiastic; as well, DND has proven to be a very supportive and effective partner in this important crime-fighting initiative. ■



Mrs. P. Stockton presenting the Coastal Watch Awareness Week proclamation to Supt. R.H. Waller, OC, Victoria Sub-Division.

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## Hot tips

Police in Skive, Denmark, have caught 97 drunk drivers this year — twice as many as for the same time last year. Most arrests, according to the Police Chief, have followed a call from other motorists with car phones, who have contacted police after spotting cars weaving erratically in front of them.

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