



- Salmon Arm, British Columbia,

becoming an instant role model and to some people actually a tourist attraction depending on how you looked at it. Imagine wearing a gun and driving a car with a red light and siren, being involved in investigations ranging from noisy parties to homicides, becoming involved in cases of child sexual abuse or doing undercover work, or being the personal body guard to a member
luck to

Officer, first in Saskatchewan and then here in my adopted home of British Columbia. I was ultimately allowed to lead the force during some very difficult times as Commissioner.

To those of you who are graduating today, I would like to offer two pieces of advice. First, just as I had no idea of how my life would turn out and what adventures and opportunities lay ahead, so too, you cannot be sure of what is in store for you. I encourage you to seize whatever opportunity is placed before you and not to limit your aspirations with diminished expectations. If I had been following a specific plan I never would have had the nerve to dare to dream the future that was in store for me. Life has a way of finding its own direction and in most cases, a direction that is more daring and more satisfying than anything you might ever imagine for yourselves. The second piece of advice is personal. Some of you may be involved in a relationship, be married or have a special person in your life. Some of you may have started families of your own, so you probably already know this. There is no measure of success that your own potential. In my own life, I have been fortunate to have a wonderful family, a husband, a daughter and a son, who have supported me throughout my career. I hope that you will never take this for granted and that you too understand what a special gift that is. I wish you all the best of luck in your chosen of careers and professions. Thank you very much.