

Shayegan Salehi (ML)

Shayegan Tabatabaei Salehi Born in Montreal and raised in the Greater Vancouver Area, Shayegan Tabatabaei Salehi grew up with the steadfast support of his loving parents, Nancy and Fred. Their guidance instilled in him enduring values of gratitude, hard work, and a deep sense of responsibility to serve his community and his country, Canada.

For nearly a decade, Shayegan has been a committed professional in the field of Corporate Security. His career began as a Security Officer at Surrey Memorial Hospital, where his dedication and training allowed him to make a profound impact. In a notable incident, Shayegan's quick thinking and calm demeanour helped save the life of a child at risk of running into traffic near King George Highway to commit suicide. Drawing on the crisis management skills he had honed through his Auxiliary Police training, he successfully de-escalated the situation, ensuring the child's safety back to his arms. For his actions, he was awarded the Medal of Merit by the International Health and Safety & Security Association, highlighting his exceptional ability to protect and serve in critical moments.

Shayegan's recent leadership journey reached new heights as the Head of Security for Vancouver Talmud Torah, the largest Jewish elementary school in western Canada. In this role, he dedicated himself to creating a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and the broader community, earning their trust and respect through his unwavering commitment. Following the tragic events of October 7th in Israel, fear and uncertainty gripped the local Jewish community. Drawing on his extensive experience and skills, Shayegan took decisive action to reassure and protect the community. He worked closely with staff, parents and the Vancouver Police Department, fostering open communication and implementing robust safety measures to ensure the highest level of security. His efforts provided comfort and confidence, allowing the community to come together in safety and solidarity during a challenging time.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Shayegan has consistently gone above and beyond in volunteer service. Over the course of nearly seven years, he has contributed over thousands of hours as an RCMP Auxiliary Constable, first with the Surrey RCMP and now with the Richmond RCMP. His commitment to public safety and community engagement was recognized with the OIC Challenge Coin and a Certificate of Appreciation for his courageous off-duty assistance during a five-vehicle collision on Highway 99.

Shayegan's dedication extends to youth development through his volunteer work with the Navy League of Canada. As a Midshipman Officer, Standards Officer for the 47 Honourable Wallace Clarence Navy League Cadet Corps in North Vancouver, he mentors young cadets in leadership, discipline, fun activities and the values of the Canadian Navy. Shayegan exemplifies his commitment to honouring Canada's legacy and inspiring the next generation. Lastly, is his role as an escort officer for Canada's oldest veteran, Rubin Sinclair, during annual Remembrance Day ceremonies and as a casket guard at Sinclair's funeral. In his personal life, Shayegan enjoys staying active through hiking, fitness, and continuous learning. His dedication to safety, mentorship, and leadership reflects his unwavering commitment to building stronger, safer communities. Shayegan's life and work stand as a testament to the values of service and the enduring spirit of Canada.