



Thank you very much for volunteering. Established in Quebec in 1984 as a community service and fundraiser for the Laval University swim team, Operation Red Nose is a safe ride home service that uses volunteers to drive people home if they're unfit to drive during the Christmas season. It's now a national organization that provides over 85,000 safe rides home annually.

As part of a national organization, each community operates their own 'chapters'. Our chapter includes Burnaby, New Westminster and the Tri-Cities. The service is offered between the hours of 8:00pm - 3:00am during the four weekends before Christmas as well as New Year's Eve. While the service is free, donations to KidSport are encouraged and gratefully accepted. KidSport raises money to subsidize the registration fees for kids who can't afford to play community sport. It's a great organization and we're very proud to be supporting them!

Volunteering is a very rewarding and fun experience. The main roles are:

1. The Designated Driver (the one who drives the client's car)
2. Navigator (the one who communicates with the dispatch and is also in the client's car)
3. Escort Driver (follows the client's car in their own car).

On your application form, you most likely identified which role(s) you wanted to do. We try our very best to accommodate that.

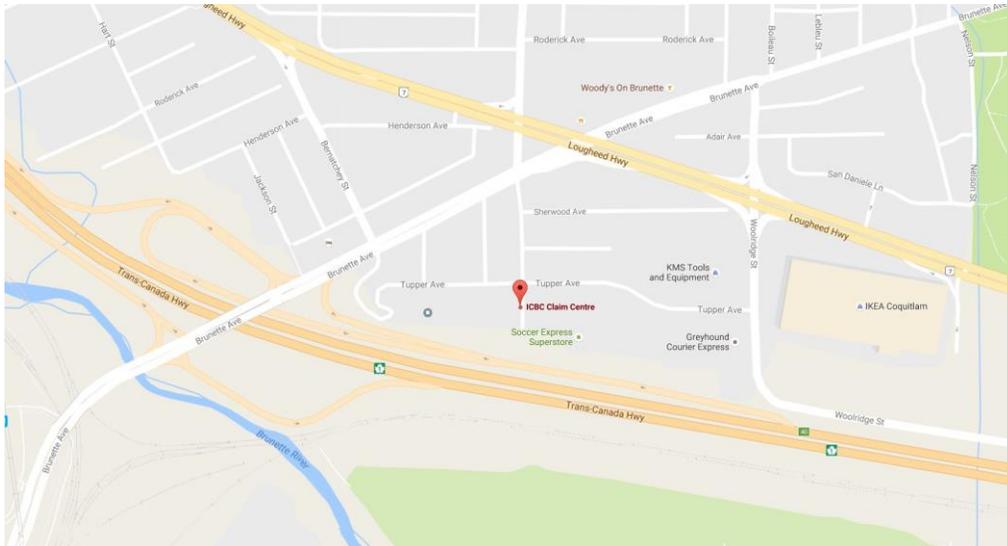
We meet at the Coquitlam ICBC Claims Centre, 100 Blue Mountain St, at 9:00pm.

Directions:

If you're going east on Highway #1, take the Brunette Ave North exit (the second one). Go northeast on Brunette (from New West too), over Hwy #1 and turn right at your first opportunity (you'll see the ICBC sign). Go down the hill and around the side of the ICBC building and park in front.

If you're going west on Hwy #1, take the Brunette Ave North exit and then your first right (it comes quickly)

If you're coming from Coquitlam, go south on Woolridge St just west of IKEA, turn right on Tupper (at the KMS Tools store) and at your first stop sign, turn left at Blue Mountain and then turn into the main parking lot.



When you park, follow the signs to the door on the southeast corner. When you arrive, you'll be greeted by our volunteer coordinator, introduced to your team (if you don't already have one), given an ORN vest and if it's your first time, provided some training to prepare for the night. We'll also provide a meal for each volunteer to either take with them for the night or to eat at ICBC when they have a break in the night.

Teams will also be given a list of 3-6 restaurants and pubs to visit at the start of the shift. Around 9:30 or so, teams depart and will go into the establishments and hand out small info cards to the patrons and staff to remind people of the service. You will be happy to know we are always warmly welcomed. Usually while you're out, your Navigator will get your first call. We try our best to pick the team that's closest to the client. Your team will then pick the client up and take them to where they need to go. If they are more than 10 minutes or so outside our boundary, we'll arrange for a team from another chapter to meet you to do a transfer so that you don't have to drive all the way into Maple Ridge for example.

Remember to dress warmly because you'll be entering cars that are not warmed up. Over the course of the night, you'll meet a lot of great people, play an important role in making our roads safe and at the same time, will be raising money for KidSport. Before you know it, your shift will be over and after checking in at ICBC, you'll be on your way between 3:00am - 3:30am.

Thanks again for volunteering. This program wouldn't run without people like you making the effort to keep our roads safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Wilson at 604 341-0241 (cell) or cwilson630@gmail.com.

If you have a special request for volunteering or any other volunteer related question, please contact Ashley at orn@telus.net.