Many residents heading home from work were diverted to other routes. Some were told they couldn't go home at all. Traffic was diverted around the Burnside occurred was just south of his home at the Granville Avenue-Burnside intersection, he said.

"We have policemen out there in our yard," said Vandekerkhove.

Military divers missing

A search was under way Thursday for two Esquimalt-based military divers who went missing during a training exercise near Gibsons on the mainland, a Maritime Forces Pacific spokeswoman said.

The two divers were reported missing at about 5:17 p.m., Lieut. Denise Laviolette said.

Military and Coast Guard helicopters, aircraft and hovercraft were at the scene and the Fleet Diving Unit from CFB Esquimalt and the HMCS Restigouche were on their way, she said.

The two divers, who were not named, were crew members of the HMCS Saskatchewan, a destroyer based at Esquimalt, Laviolette said.

A third diver who was training with the missing pair was back on board the Saskatchewan, she said.

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