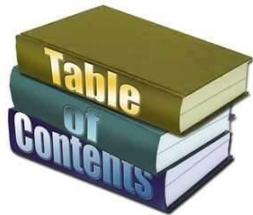


Newsletter



October 2013

Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association



- ✦ 2013/14 Board Members
- ✦ 2013/14 Committee Chairs
- ✦ Thank You - 2014 AGM Host
- ✦ Liaison Award – 2013
- ✦ Volunteer Hours
- ✦ Membership Fees
- ✦ C.O.P. Group Contact
- ✦ Announcements
- ✦ On The Lighter Side



From the computer of:

Bev Salomons
President
A.C.O.P.A. Executive
president@acopa.ca
780 922 5869
Cell: 780 886 3453
Fax: 780 922 5845

Leona Gardecki
Newsletter Editor
780-462-0166

newsletter@acopa.ca

Sgt. B.G. [Blaine] RAHIER
RCMP Liaison
"K" Division

A.C.O.P.A. WEBSITE
www.acopa.ca



Board Members - 2013/14

<u>PRESIDENT</u> Bev Salomons Email: president@acopa.ca	<u>SECRETARY</u> Beth Endresen Email: secretary@acopa.ca
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> Shane Smith Email: vicepresident@acopa.ca	<u>TREASURER</u> Nickela Zais Email: treasurer@acopa.ca
<u>DIRECTOR 1</u> Ennio Ricci Email: director1@acopa.ca	<u>DIRECTOR 2</u> George Dowson Email: director2@acopa.ca
<u>DIRECTOR 3</u> (1 YEAR TERM) Ken Ferguson Email: director3@acopa.ca	<u>DIRECTOR 4</u> Elna Eidsvik Email: director4@acopa.ca
<u>DIRECTOR 5</u> Roy Dyck Email: director5@acopa.ca	

Committee Chairs - 2013/14

<u>INSURANCE LIAISON</u> Eugene Skereka insurance@acopa.ca	<u>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</u> Leona Gardecki newsletter@acopa.ca
<u>I.D. CARDS</u> Ray Brown idcards@acopa.ca	

See attached for complete contact listing.

Thank You!

Westlock C.O.P.



Thank you to the Westlock C.O.P. members for hosting a great Workshop and Annual General Meeting weekend. In attendance were 122 members from throughout the province. Six R.C.M.P. Liaison Officers also attended.

Friday evening started registration and a light supper. Staff Sgt Dwayne Rawson, Liaison for the Westlock C.O.P., was the MC for the Workshop.

Welcome was received from the Town of Westlock, followed by the flag ceremony.

A round table discussion, led by Rick Carnegie from the Westlock C.O.P. group was the activity of Friday evening. Members were divided into five groups for the purpose of discussing any issues that were of concern. Each group prioritized the topics in order of importance to report back to the whole group. The final list will be provided to the A.C.O.P.A. Board for discussion.

Saturday morning saw an early breakfast starting at 7 am. Sgt Darryl Urano from the Emergency Response Team at "K" Division gave a very interesting presentation. There are two teams in Alberta, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. The Emergency Response Teams get about 160 calls per year.. They perform law enforcement functions which exceed the capabilities of the regular police responders and address situations that require highly skilled weaponry, equipment tactics to successfully resolve high risk situations. Some of their calls support high risk search warrants, high risk arrests, high risk prison escorts, drug escorts, prison riots, special events security, and more.

S/Sgt Dwayne Rawson spoke to the group on Traffic Investigation with the use of the R.C.M.P. radio controlled helicopter that is used in accident reconstruction.

Cpl. Lee Grieco-Savoy spoke about Crime Scene Integrity and what to do if you come upon a crime scene. She was very passionate about preserving foot prints and gave a demonstration on how she lifts fingerprints for evidence.

Detective Chris Hayduk, from the Edmonton Police Service gave a presentation on Community Response to Urban Disorder. This is a group that Detective Hayduk organized, in his volunteer time, in response to the activities that were taking place where he lives.

After lunch, the A.C.O.P.A. Annual General Meeting was held. At the same time, the Liaison Officers had a breakout meeting. The rest of the afternoon was spent on an Eyewatch and Road Rally that saw all the participants get into vehicles and follow directions around the town of Westlock with several clues to watch for.

The Workshop ended with an excellent supper.

LIAISON AWARD

Congratulations!

Cst Doug Sokoloski

... from the Pincher Creek R.C.M.P. detachment, Liaison Officer to the Pincher Creek District C.O.P. group for being chosen as the Law Enforcement Outstanding Service Award for 2013.



NOTICE



TO ALL C.O.P. GROUPS

A.C.O.P.A. has a new Treasurer. Her name is Nickela Zais and her mailing address is: Box 133 Wabamum, Alberta T0E 2K0



DO NOT send any cheques for Insurance until after you have received the invoice with the correct amount to be paid. Any cheques sent in without the invoice will be returned.

Join us for an evening with
Dr. John Winterdyk

Professor, Dept. of Justice Studies, Mount Royal University

Adjunct Professor

St Thomas University, Fredrickton, NB, the Polytechnic of Namibia & University of Regina

Crime Prevention
a model worth exploring ?

School of Hope
Tuesday, November 5
7 PM

Sponsored by
Vermilion Citizens on Patrol
and
Battle River Victims' Assistance

Refreshments will be served

Vermilion COP, along with Battle River Victims' Assistance and Vermilion Family School Liaison Program are hosting a community-wide information education night and open house on Tuesday, Nov 5, in the School of Hope conference room. The focus will be Community Crime Prevention. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Winterdyk. Dr. Winterdyk has a PhD in criminology; teaches in the Dept. of Justice Studies at Mount Royal University, Calgary; holds adjunct positions at St. Thomas University, Fredericton; the Polytechnic of Namibia and at the University of Regina. He is the former Director for the Centre of Criminology and Justice Research at MRU.

The presentation will start at 7 PM in the School of Hope at 5212, Railway Ave in Vermillion. Enter by the east entrance.

Vermillion C.O.P. would like to invite surrounding C.O.P. groups, schools and interested community members. For more information, contact:

HALLOWEEN SAFETY



- Swords, Knives and other costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible
- Avoid Trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups with a trusted adult
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat so you do not get sick
- Hold a flashlight to make it easier for you to see and be seen by others. Always walk, do not run from house to house
- Always test make up in a small area first. Be sure to remove it before bedtime to avoid a skin rash or irritation of the eyes
- Look both ways before you cross the street, Use established crosswalks wherever possible
- Lower your risk of eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses
- Walk on sidewalks when possible or on the edge of the roadway facing traffic to stay safe
- Wear a well fit mask, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls
- Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers
- Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark house

REMINDERS



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are the volunteer hours and kilometers for your C.O.P. group being entered onto the A.C.O.P.A. website? If you require assistance, contact Bev at president@acopa.ca



The yearly membership fee for A.C.O.P.A. is past due.

Invoices have already been sent out. Please forward your cheque to the A.C.O.P.A. Treasurer if you have not already done so.



C.O.P. GROUP CONTACT CHANGE

Please send changes to your group contact to: president@acopa.ca so that all fan out emails get to your group.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Harley Biker is riding by the zoo in Vancouver, B.C. when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the collar of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch.

Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has watched the whole event.

The reporter addressing the Harley rider says, 'Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life.'

The Harley rider replies, 'Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted as I felt right.'

The reporter says, 'Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page... So, tell me a little about yourself.'

The biker replies, 'I'm an off duty RCMP Member, on holidays. The journalist leaves.'

The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on the front page:

OFF DUTY MOUNTIE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH

...and THAT pretty much sums up the media's approach to the news these days...