



Reminder

Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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Volunteer Recognition from RCMP

Reminder – if you have not entered the start date that you joined your local Citizens On Patrol group on the ACOPA website, please do so right away. This information is used to determine who will receive recognition from the RCMP for volunteering with C.O.P. for 5, 10, 15, 20 25, years of service. ACOPA Liaison Officer Elizabeth Vandaele will be making the presentations at the ACOPA Workshop in September. A start date is also a requirement to getting an ACOPA ID card.

This chart shows which groups need to check the website and add the missing start dates:

Group	# Missing	Group	# Missing	Group	# Missing
Airdrie	5	Beaumont	1	Carbon	1
Coaldale	2	Crowsnest Pass	4	Edson	7
Fort Macleod	2	Langdon	5	Linden	1
Okotoks	1	Pincher Creek	3	Rimbey	12
St. Albert	3	St. Paul	8	Sundre	1
Vilna	8	Wetaskiwin	6	Total missing	70

STATISTICS TO ADD TO ACOPA WEBSITE

Reminder – To group administrators, please get the statistics for your group entered into the website including the number of kilometers driven on patrols, the number of volunteer hours patrolling, the number of hours for community special events and the number of hours for administration meetings.

For the new groups, to figure out the total number of hours for a patrol, if 2 people patrol for 4 hours, that equals 8 hours of volunteer time. Kilometers is the number of kilometers for the patrol. For a meeting, whether for the board or a patrollers meeting, if the meeting is 2 hours and there are 10 volunteers at the meeting, that equals 20 hours to enter for meetings.

The ACOPA Webmaster shares a report at the Workshop for the totals entered from all the groups. These numbers are important to show both the RCMP and the Alberta government what the members are doing. Please have your stats entered by August 15th.

**DON'T
FORGET**

C.O.P. Special Recognition

Reminder – to let the ACOPA President know if you have any member who deserves special recognition for their contribution to your C.O.P. group. Certificates will be presented at the ACOPA Workshop during the AGM to deserving individuals. If you have someone you want to recognize, send that person's name, the name of your C.O.P. group and the reason why this person should be recognized to president@acopa.ca

ACOPA MEMBERSHIP FEES

Reminder – to send in the \$50 ACOPA membership fee so that your group will have a vote at the Annual General Meeting. Each group that has paid their membership fee has one vote. The membership fee can be paid by e-transfer or in person at the Workshop.

ACOPA Workshop

Reminder – to register for the ACOPA Workshop and AGM that will be hosted by the Red Deer C.O.P. in September. Please do not wait too long as the committee needs numbers in order to prepare for the Workshop. Also, if you stay at the Baymont Hotel, let them know that you will be there for the ACOPA Workshop. Also, don't forget to bring an item for the silent auction – one per group. For more information:

[2024 AGM AND WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 13, 14 & 15](#)

If you are an administrator attending the Workshop, please register for the administrator training session with Webmaster Henry Salomons. Bring all your questions and your computer.



Law Enforcement Recognition Award

Reminder – Law Enforcement Recognition Award

If your Liaison Officer has demonstrated an above-and-beyond attitude in working with your C.O.P. group, please consider nominating them for the ACOPA Alberta Law Enforcement Outstanding Service Award. Law Enforcement Liaison Officers are fundamental to the success of the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association. Throughout the year, the R.C.M.P. and other local law enforcement officers contribute their time, their efforts and their energy to working closely with C.O.P. groups across the province. The annual C.O.P. Workshop provides an excellent opportunity to recognize these officers for their work in community crime prevention.

Check out this link [2024 ACOPA Liaison Officer Award](#) and return the form to President@acopa.ca no later August 15, 2024.



ACOPA Board Positions Open

Reminder – there will be some positions open for the ACOPA Board. The ACOPA Board meets once a month by ZOOM. One or two meetings a year are held in person. The ACOPA Board has an important job with assisting groups get started, providing materials needed to promote their program, providing training for all groups, especially for new members, and keeping members updated through the website and newsletters. Interested people will need strong computer and communication skills.

If you know an individual who would be a strong candidate, please forward the name to the ACOPA Secretary at secretary@acopa.ca and director5@acopa.ca



C.O.P. Community Events

Reminder – to all groups to share the activities and events that your group participates in your community with ACOPA. We know groups are involved with their communities and would like to promote all the great events that are happening. A photo and a short writeup sent to newsletter@acopa.ca will help promote not only ACOPA but your local group as well.



DON'T FORGET TO.....

- **Register for the workshop**
- **Book your hotel room at the Baymont Red Deer**
- **Get a silent auction item**



Criminal Record Checks

Reminder – several volunteers will need to update their Criminal Record Checks. The RCMP has mandated that the CRC's must be updated every 2 years. The group administrator enters the date on the ACOPA website for each volunteer. If the CRC is not updated before the expiry date, the volunteer will be blocked from entering the website, so it is important to keep the CRC up to date.

Here is a chart to show which groups are needing attention:

Group	Expired	Will Expire in 2024	Good
Airdrie	3	1	8
Beaumont	5	4	4
Carbon	8		3
Carstairs	2		11
Coaldale	1		12
Crowsnest Pass	4		1
Devon	1		7
Diamond Valley	2	1	13
Drumheller	2		7
Edson	4		13
Fort Macleod		1	17
Gull Lake North			27
Heartland			7
High Prairie	5		8
High River	7	3	6
Innisfail	1		12
Langdon	4		2
Legal			10
Linden	2	1	27
Lloydminster			13
Nanton	6	4	12
Okotoks	4		3

Group	Expired	Will Expire in 2024	Good
Penhold			7
Pincher Creek	4		12
Ponoka			11
Red Deer	10	1	15
Red Cliff	1		3
Redwater	2	7	4
Rimbey	13		3
Riley			10
Sexsmith			25
Slave Lake	2		28
St. Albert	11		7
St. Paul	8		
SCCOPS		2	31
Sundre	5		1
Taber			11
Thorhild	9		8
Three Hills	6		4
Vilna	16		11
Wainwright	1		5
Westlock	8	2	21
Wetaskiwin	1		15
Total	158	27	455