

Newsletter



February 2021



Random Act of Kindness Day -
February 17

Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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A message from our President...

Hello to everyone! I hope everyone is in good health and staying safe. There is not a lot going on with the groups in Alberta. If you are going out to the store to get a few groceries or just going for a drive to get out of the house, you can still be looking for anything that does not look right to you. We realize that everyone is getting tired of being home and want to get out and do some patrolling but with all the restrictions I would not recommend doing so.

With all the Covid – 19 restrictions it has been a very trying time with having to stay home and not associate with anyone. A lot of families did not spend Christmas or New Years together, but hopefully things will turn around and we will be able to associate with friends and family. With the vaccine coming I am really hoping we can have our AGM and Workshop in the fall. If all goes well the AGM and Workshop will be held in Ardrossan with the Heartland group hosting. I am sure it will be a good time with good food and lots of good speakers.

Once we can start having meetings, we will start having our training sessions which we need to do. We have about 4 new groups getting started and need training and once the Pandemic has ended, I am sure we will have more groups starting and some restarting. When you start patrolling again please follow the ACOPA Protocols that we sent out last spring.

Thank You and Stay Safe,

Garth Kohlsmith
ACOPA President

ACOPA News

From High River COP....

As with most groups, our patrolling is definitely at a stand still. Over this COVID time, we have managed to incur 5 new members, but unfortunately, they've only been out once patrolling. Our detachment has had some new RCMP members join, and we can't wait to spend some time to meet the newest constables!

Most exciting of all, we were able to take part in our High River Porch Parades over a 3-evening span. These were put in place because of our annual Santa Claus Parade cancellation. Each of the 3 evenings, the parade went through an area of town. It was so exciting to hear the kids cheering and see the adults smiling. Being that the parade consisted only of first responder units; a couple of our community famous cars and Santa Claus, it was super small, but what it lacked in size, it gained in enthusiasm.

Here's to hoping 2021 brings good health and continued friendship with our fellow Citizen on Patrol groups.

High River COP



ACOPA News

From Diamond Valley COP (Black Diamond/Turner Valley)..

Please click on the link, for a great story on the Diamond Valley Citizens on Patrol group.

Such a great way to get some PR out there in your community to attract new members!

<https://www.okotokstoday.ca/wheels-west/black-diamond-turner-valley-helped-by-cops-eyes-3288900>



Alberta RCMP reports decrease in motor vehicle theft during pandemic

Edmonton – Alberta

RCMP is happy to report a decrease in thefts of a motor vehicle and thefts from a motor vehicle during the pandemic.

Quick Facts (Alberta RCMP jurisdiction March-Dec. 2020 compared to March-Dec. 2019):

- Urban detachment areas saw a 27% decrease in theft from a motor vehicle and a 26% decrease in theft of motor vehicles.
- Rural detachment areas saw a 29% decrease in theft from a motor vehicle and a 21% decrease in theft of a motor vehicle.

Despite these positive numbers, there is still room for improvement. From March to Dec. 2020 there were over 7,800 theft from motor vehicle offences and over 7,100 theft of motor vehicle offences in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction.

Here are some tips for keeping your vehicle safe:

- Lock the doors
- Remove all valuables
- Use a steering wheel lock
- Lock your garage
- Remove garage door opener from vehicle
- Use a vehicle tracking system
- Park in a well-lit area
- Never leave vehicle running with the keys inside

Follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta), Twitter (@RCMPAlberta) and #VehicleValentines (for the month of February) for more tips on keeping your vehicle safe. RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



ACOPA BOARD 2020-21

Updated list of Board Members: October 2020

Elected:

- **President** Garth Kohlsmith president@acopa.ca
- **Vice President** Greg Mathias vicepresident@acopa.ca
- **Treasurer** Sandra Broderick treasurer@acopa.ca
- **Secretary** Beth Endresen secretary@acopa.ca
- **Director 1** Kimberly Hurst director1@acopa.ca
- **Director 2** Bev Salomons director2@acopa.ca
- **Director 3** Vacant director3@acopa.ca
- **Director 4** Chantel Frechette director4@acopa.ca
- **Director 5** Dawn Heerschap director5@acopa.ca
- **Director 6** Ron Pettigrew director6@acopa.ca

Volunteers on the ACOPA Board:

- **Newsletter** Tammy Beach newletter@acopa.ca
- **Webmaster** Henry Salomons webmaster@acopa.ca
- **ID cards** Mike Krochter IDCards@acopa.ca
- **Insurance Liaison** Bruce Paterson Insurance@acopa.ca
- **Casino Chairperson** Tammy Massa casinochairperson@acopa.ca

2020-2021 Board Assignments								
Greg	Beth	Kim	Bev		Chantel	Dawn	Ron	Sandra
Mathias	Endresen	Hurst	Salomons	Vacant	Frechette	Heerschap	Pettigrew	Broderick
V/P	Secretary	Director 1	Director 2	Director 3	Director 4	Director 5	Director 6	Treasurer
Lloydminster	Sexsmith	McNally	Thorsby		Heartland	Rimbey	Boyle	Red Deer
Hanna	La Glace	Carstairs	Leduc		Westlock	Raymond	Edson	Airdrie
Wainwright	High Level	Crowsnest	Beaumont		Legal	Taber	Kapasawin	Linden
St. Paul	Valleyview	Cochrane	Stony Plain		Thorhild	Langdon	Devon	Strathmore
Vilna	Whitecourt	Didsbury	CPRN		Redwater	Pincher Creek	Pembina/	Three Hills
Redcliff	Hythe	Okotoks	St. Albert		Gibbons	Fort MacLeod	Entwhistle	Drumheller
Brooks	Slave Lake	Diamond Valley	Ponoka			Nanton	Calling Lake	Carbon
		Sundre	Strathcona			Claresholm	Athabasca	Olds
		High River	Gull Lake					

Crime Stoppers

Did you know, that since 1983, Crime Stoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta has:

- helped solve homicides
- reunited missing people with their loved ones
- provided the whereabouts of wanted fugitives to police
- assisted in taking over \$89 million in drugs, weapons and stolen property of the streets
- contributed to over 8,000 arrests and 5,700 charges
- awarded over \$1.5 million to tipsters to thank the public for coming forward!

Crime Stoppers is a charitable not-for-profit organization that relies solely on private donations in order to provide an anonymous tip service. With a mission to help law enforcement, prevent and solve crime, Crime Stoppers is committed to making our communities safer.

All tips submitted to Crime Stoppers are completely ANONYMOUS!

You can call 1-800-222-8477, go online to p3tips.com or download the app to submit your tip.

Crime Stoppers would also like to thank all the amazing volunteers with Alberta Citizens on Patrol, for their time and dedication to safety and crime prevention around the province.

For information on Crime Stoppers visit crimestoppers.ab.ca/Edmonton or email communications@crimestoppers.ab.ca.

HAVE INFO ABOUT A CRIME?

REPORT ANONYMOUSLY.

WEB
SUBMIT A TIP
ONLINE

TALK

1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

APP

SEARCH FOR P3 TIPS
ON THE APP STORE

CRIME STOPPERS
ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON AND NORTHERN ALBERTA



"K" Division Strategic Analysis and Research Unit

'K' Division Summary - Provincial Detachments Crime Statistics (Actual)

January to December: 2016 - 2020

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January-05-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2016 - 2020	% Change 2019 - 2020	Avg File +/- per Year
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		110	110	94	107	109	-1%	2%	-0.5
Robbery		326	293	281	286	251	-23%	-12%	-15.7
Sexual Assaults		962	944	999	938	898	-7%	-4%	-13.4
Other Sexual Offences		470	498	548	558	505	7%	-9%	13.0
Assault		12,152	11,667	11,672	10,890	11,679	-4%	7%	-172.3
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		253	289	313	285	233	-8%	-18%	-4.4
Extortion		56	78	120	62	84	50%	35%	4.0
Criminal Harassment		1,538	1,594	1,745	1,845	1,997	30%	8%	116.9
Uttering Threats		3,441	3,508	3,492	3,471	3,751	9%	8%	58.3
TOTAL PERSONS		19,308	18,981	19,264	18,442	19,507	1%	6%	-14.1
Break & Enter		7,974	8,619	8,200	8,417	6,659	-16%	-21%	-283.2
Theft of Motor Vehicle		5,314	6,450	5,685	5,558	4,638	-13%	-17%	-224.4
Theft Over \$5,000		1,373	1,411	1,500	1,439	1,117	-19%	-22%	-48.4
Theft Under \$5,000		13,730	14,772	13,229	12,374	9,387	-32%	-24%	-1,108.4
Possn Stn Goods		3,850	5,710	5,498	5,167	4,195	9%	-19%	14.7
ABOVE PROPERTY CRIME ONLY		32,241	36,962	34,112	32,955	25,996	-19%	-21%	-1,649.7
Fraud		3,489	3,523	3,852	3,816	3,423	-2%	-10%	16.1
Arson		553	631	571	553	463	-16%	-16%	-25.8
Mischief To Property		18,910	18,999	18,382	19,426	20,019	6%	3%	264.5
TOTAL PROPERTY		55,193	60,115	56,917	56,750	49,901	-10%	-12%	-1,394.9
Offensive Weapons		2,169	2,071	2,123	2,170	2,297	6%	6%	35.5
Disturbing the peace		6,176	5,799	5,280	4,944	4,480	-27%	-9%	-424.7
Fail to Comply & Breaches		8,355	8,977	9,383	9,232	7,027	-16%	-24%	-240.1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		3,304	3,589	3,626	3,748	3,306	0%	-12%	16.3
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		20,004	20,436	20,412	20,094	17,110	-14%	-15%	-613.0
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		94,505	99,532	96,593	95,286	86,518	-8%	-9%	-2,022.0

Break & Enters in this table include "Unlawfully in a Dwelling House" offences and Theft of Motor Vehicles include "Take Auto without Consent" offences

'K' Division Summary - Provincial Detachments by District % Change 2019 - 2020 (January to December Only)

PROPERTY CRIME CATEGORY	CAD	EAD	SAD	WAD	Total
Break & Enter	-22%	-19%	-25%	-18%	-21%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	-11%	-11%	-27%	-22%	-17%
Theft Over \$5,000	-17%	-31%	-26%	-15%	-22%
Theft Under \$5,000	-24%	-24%	-23%	-26%	-24%
Possn Stn Goods	-8%	-19%	-28%	-25%	-19%
SELECTED PROPERTY CRIME ONLY	-19%	-20%	-25%	-23%	-21%

Happy Valentines Day!



*Wishing you and yours continued good health
- stay safe!*