

Newsletter



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Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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A message from our President...

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy. With all that has been going on things are a lot different than they were 3 months ago. As we move forward, we can start patrolling again with certain safety protocols. The list of protocols was forwarded to each group about 2 weeks ago. Also due to the restrictions on group sizes and the social distancing requirements we had to decide and therefore cancel the annual AGM and Workshop for this September. Hopefully we will be able to have it in 2021 if all is good by then.

President's message cont'd.....

The RCMP have a number of safety procedures that they have to follow as you probably know. K Division Community Policing is working from home to keep everyone safe. I believe that if we follow a few simple rules we can patrol and keep everyone safe.

In regards to the AGM and Workshop we had a few things to vote on as a group which is going to be very hard to do as we move forward. One being the acceptance of our year-end financial statement and also election for some of the Board. The board will be deciding on what procedure to follow and everyone will be notified.

Due to the Casinos being closed we have had our designated time cancelled and will be given a different time once the Casinos are up and running again. We received our grant from the Solicitor General which we need to keep our organization running and we thank them very much. As you can see from the two articles from the RCMP they are very focused on Crime Prevention and we should try to do the Lock it or Lose it parking lot ticket program. If you require the ticket books please let me know and I will send you as many as you need. Also, if you see one of your neighbors leaving items outside at night just go over and a friendly reminder that they should be put away will help a lot. Property crime is going up and if we can be more proactive we can maybe help to bring the cases of property crime down. If you see something going on in your neighborhood call the police or 911 and report the incident no matter how small it is. This may lead to a larger incident or someone that is wanted by police. That is all for now - stay healthy and safe.

Garth Kohlsmith President

Crime Prevention

Alberta RCMP remind citizens to create a nightly #9PMRoutine

Edmonton – Many property crimes are crimes of opportunity, and by having a #9PMRoutine, Albertans can help protect their property from theft.

The 9 pm Routine movement began in Pasco County, Florida and is used by police forces across the world. It is a nightly reminder for people to make sure their homes, vehicles and property are locked up and secured for the night.

Alberta RCMP will be posting on Twitter and Facebook every night for the month of June to remind residents to lock up and put away valuables. Albertans are encouraged to check-in by using #9PMRoutine when they are done locking up. Checking-in on social media doesn't have to stop after June, citizens are encouraged to continue to check-in on a nightly basis so they don't forget! We will also be sending a special shout out mid-way through the month for a Twitter follower who has been checking in with us during her 9 pm routine for a year!

Days are getting longer, so even if people have a 10 pm or 11 pm routine, they're still encouraged to participate. We are using #9PMRoutine because of its popularity across the globe.

Here are some examples of reminders that will be sent:

- Is your front door locked?
- Are your tools put away?
- Is your dirt bike put away?
- Are your windows locked?
- Are your bikes put away?
- Are your vehicle's windows shut?
- Did you remove the keys from your vehicle?

Follow #9PMRoutine and our social media accounts for nightly reminders and more crime prevention tips on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and Twitter (@RCMPAlberta). 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.

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Breaking News

RE: Website; Android App

This is good news not the usual Breaking News we have been getting for the last 3 months.

The first thing is that our website is being totally redone and there will be a lot of new features and more interactive sites that the individual groups can use with the proper passwords. This work on website should be finished by end of summer.

Also, with all the changes to website Henry has not been doing very many changes. Thank You for your patience.

More good news our new Android App is almost ready to go. Henry and I have done a few tests and found a couple of things that were not working quite right, so it has gone back to the developer and should be ready very soon. After testing it will be in the Google Play Store ready to download.

I know everyone that uses it will be as impressed as I was with the new patrol app. I also found that it used very little data for a patrol, but will have more info as we get closer to release date of the app.

Don't Forget – please log in your patrol/volunteer hours!!



News from COP around the province

High River COP

We hope everyone is healthy and safe! What a world we are living in – we have started up our patrols and have been out at least once a week since. We are happy to say we have 8 new members – thank you to our VP Darlene and our Director Pat, for making sure our new members are trained and out on patrol!

We are super sad about the AGM being cancelled – it is definitely a highlight for our group to attend.

Wishing our fellow COP groups, a safe and healthy summer!

Tammy Beach
President



Tammy and Kathy – High River COP – safely patrolling

Westlock COP



Westlock Citizens on Patrol ready to start patrolling

Community of Killam

The citizens of Killam put on a parade in appreciation of the RCMP.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10157822803561773&id=198254411772#

Such a heartwarming way to celebrate those important first responders in their community.



ACOPA BOARD 2019-20

Updated list of Board Members: October 2019

Elected:

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| • President | Garth Kohlsmith | president@acopa.ca |
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| • Director 5 | Dawn Heerschap | director5@acopa.ca |
| • Director 6 | Rod Kerr | director6@acopa.ca |

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| ○ Casino Chairperson | Tammy Massa | casinochairperson@acopa.ca |

A.C.O.P.A Board and C.O.P. Group Assignments								
2019 - 2020								
Greg	Beth	Kim	Bev	Darlene	Chantel	Dawn	Rod	Sandra
Mathias	Endresen	Hurst	Salomons	Kirby	Frechette	Heerschap	Kerr	Broderick
Vice President	Secretary	Director 1	Director 2	Director 3	Director 4	Director 5	Director 6	Treasurer
Lloydminster	Sexsmith	Brooks	Devon	High River	Heartland	Rimbey	Mayerthorpe	Red Deer
Cold Lake	La Glace	Carstairs	Leduc	Drumheller	Morinville	Raymond	Edson	Airdrie
Wainwright	High Level	Crowsnest	Beaumont	Hanna	Legal	Taber	Kapasawin	Linden
St. Paul	Valleyview	Cochrane	Stony Plain	Langdon	Thorhild	Lakedell	Drayton Valley	Strathmore
Viking	Whitecourt	Didsbury	CPRN	Olds	Redwater	Thorsby	Pembina/	Three Hills
Vilna		Okotoks	St. Albert	Carbon	Bon Accord	Fort Mcleod	Entwhistle	
		Diamond Valley	Ponoka	Gull Lake		Nanton	Westlock	
		Sundre	Strathcona	Eckville		Bentley	Athabasca	
		McNally		Lacombe		Claresholm	Boyle	
		Redcliff						
		Pincher Creek						

ID Cards

Each group received an email last week in regards to the process of asking for ID cards for your new members.

Please follow this procedure as close as possible to avoid confusion.

Also assign one member to be the contact person for the ID Cards as this will also avoid frustration and confusion.

Mike Krochter (IDCards@acopa.ca) is our ID card volunteer and is doing a bang-up job!



AGM and Workshop Cancelled

The ACOPA Board decided to cancel our Annual AGM and Workshop due to the Covid - 19 Pandemic.

With all the uncertainty it is very hard to plan anything that far ahead. It takes a lot of planning and time to get all the speakers for the workshop lined up and all the dignitaries for the opening ceremonies and it is too uncertain as to what is going to happen in September.

We have talked about a few alternatives but have not made any definite plans as of yet. This may take a bit of time as all our meetings are done virtually and they are not as effective as in person. Updates as things fall into place will be coming out to all of the groups.

Any questions please contact Garth or one of the Directors.

Thank you for all that you do and stay healthy and safe.

**HAPPY
SUMMER**

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy summer!