

Newsletter



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Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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A message from our President...

The past year has been very busy with new groups getting started and work on the new Website. The new Website is up and running so go in and have a look. Just go to acopa.ca and you will be at the Website.

The RCMP are ready to go live with the RAVE platform sometime in January. This is a notification system that the RCMP will use to notify the Citizens On Patrol members by text, email or phone. They will be using this system to let everyone know if there is something happening in your area that you can watch for. This may be a stolen vehicle, break and enter or even a lost child. There will be more information as time goes on and the RCMP get the RAVE platform online.

I hope everyone has started patrolling again and having meetings. These can be done if the members feel comfortable with all that is going on.

Please have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Garth Kohlsmith
ACOPA President

ACOPA News

High River COP

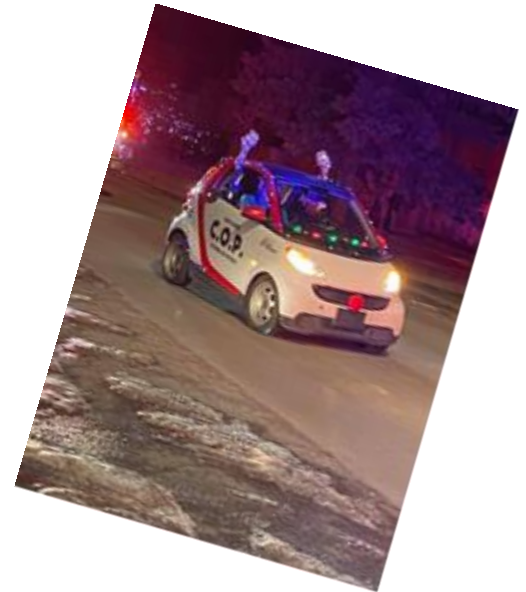
For the second year in a row, the High River Santa Claus Parade took on a new format - the Santa Porch Parades!

We are so blessed to be a part of a community that still wanted to bring smiles to faces, old and young alike.

We - I mean Pat - decorated up our Smart Car and we were off to the parade! The Porch Parades were held over 3 nights - Friday, Dec. 3, Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5 - we were a happy group to be included in all three!

From our community to yours, we wish you all a Happy Holiday and all the very best in 2022! Stay safe and healthy!

High River COP



Crowsnest COP

Fill the Cruiser - Toy Drive

Oki, we are so grateful to everyone who stopped in to visit with us on Saturday and donated. We completely filled one RCMP Cruiser and started to fill another. We are also incredibly grateful to have had members from Pincher Creek RCMP and Pükaní RCMP Detachments join us. Your dedication to your communities is incredible. Thank you for visiting with the community and spending time with the children.

We are still accepting toys and monetary donations to go towards the purchase of additional toys for age groups that may need more. Your kindness will bring smiles to many children this Christmas. We can't thank you enough for your support and hope to see you all next year when we do it all again.





Westlock COP

This is our BBQ we had at the RCMP Detachment to raise funds for our group. We served about 300 people.

Westlock Citizens On Patrol



Anti-Fraud Initiative

Cst. Riding of the Pincher Creek RCMP Detachment and Kimberly Hurst from Alberta Citizens On Patrol did a presentation to a group of residents at one of the senior's lodges in Pincher Creek on the new Anti-Fraud initiative.

As it happens on the morning of their presentation, one of the residents happened to receive three different phone calls from a couple different scams. Having it be something that affect a few of the residents, it opened for some great discussion about the different types of fraud currently happening in the area. All residents were given a card with information on contacting their local RCMP or the Canadian Anti-Fraud line to report if they have been a victim of fraud. Large Anti-Fraud decals were also left with the senior's center to place around the common spaces.



WHY DID SANTA CLAUS GET A PARKING TICKET ON Christmas Eve?



He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone!

ACOPA BOARD 2021-22

Updated list of Board Members: October 2021

Elected:

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

Volunteers on the ACOPA Board:

- **Newsletter** Tammy Beach newsletter@acopa.ca
- **Webmaster** Henry Salomons webmaster@acopa.ca
- **ID cards** Mike Krochter IDCards@acopa.ca
- **Casino Chairperson** Tammy Massa casinochairperson@acopa.ca

2021-2022		Board		Assignments			
Bev	Beth	Kim	Greg	Sandra	Bruce	Dawn	Julie
Salomons	Endresen	Hurst	Mathias	Broderick	Paterson	Heerschap	Vanderhoek
V/P	Secretary/Treasurer	Director 1	Director 2	Director 3	Director 4	Director 5	Director 6
SCCOPS	Sexsmith	Crowsnest	Lloydminster	Airdrie	Devon	Pincher Creek	Edson
Heartland	La Glace	Cochrane	Calling Lake	Carstairs	Leduc	Raymond	Whitecourt
St. Albert	High Level	Langdon	Vilna	Linden	Beaumont	Taber	Pembina/Entwistle
Ponoka	Valleyview	Okotoks	Wainright	Strathmore	Legal	Redcliff	Drayton Valley
	Hythe	Diamond Valley	Slave Lake	Three Hills	Stony Plain	Brooks	Gull Lake
	Smoky River	Sundre	St. Paul	Drumheller	Thorhild	Fort MacLeod	Rimbey
		High River		Carbon	Westlock	Nanton	Redwater
		McNally		Olds	Thorsby	Hanna	Penhold
				Red Deer			

Thank you to the COP communities who have taken part in this initiative to keep your community safe!



RCMP Online Crime Reporting Tool
<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en>
<https://crimestoppers.ab.ca/>



ACOPA wishes you and your families a safe, happy and restful holiday!

All the very best in 2022!

