


# Newsletter

APRIL, 2015



**Come Join Us!**

- **Volunteers Wanted for Community Based Crime Prevention!**
- Are you an adult who is concerned about your community's safety and security?


Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

- Crime Prevention
- Community Involvement
- Teamwork


(requires free R.C.M.P. security check and valid drivers licence)

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## Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association



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- Ken Ferguson (Kinuso COP), Director
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- George Dowson (Pincher Creek COP), Director



### 2015 WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hope to see all of you at the next AGM in LEDUC on Sept 18th and 19th 2015 at the Best Western Plus Hotel. Hotel information is found on the ACOPA website under members menu, and go to Workshop.

Check out the WEB Site for more details. (Registration attached to Newsletter).

### 2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS



It is time to start thinking about the 2015 Law Enforcement Outstanding Service Award for COP Liaison Officers. The past couple of years have seen outstanding Officers who have been very dedicated working with COP in their communities.

For the COP groups new to ACOPA, this is an award that is presented at the Workshop/AGM. See Page 3 of newsletter for details on how to place a nomination.

### Update from the CCOPA

The Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association has been cleared to go to R.C.M.P. Depot in Regina to present the Citizens On Patrol program to the Cadets in Training. ACOPA President Bev Salomons, along with Betty Woolridge from Nova Scotia will attend Depot for the presentation. Thanks to the many C.O.P. groups in Alberta who sent in the suggested \$1 membership fee for each active C.O.P. member in your group. These funds are making the work of the CCOPA possible and your generosity is helping to make this presentation possible. By introducing the Citizens On Patrol program at the Cadet in Training stage, the hope is that once those members get assigned the local C.O.P. group under their wing, they will already know what C.O.P. is all about and the working relationship will get off to a good start and be more successful.

## C.O.P. NEWS

### WEB SITE HAS BEEN RECENTLY UPDATED

Check it out. Most recent updates are:

- Under forms, some have been renamed and put into alphabetical order for easier reading.
- The law enforcement recognition award form for 2014 has been removed and replaced with the 2015 form.
- The statement of intent form for 2014 has been removed and replaced with a form for 2015.
- The insurance forms are in alphabetical order.
- The AMA Shredding Event calendar has been added to the AMA folder
- The March 2015 newsletter has been added.
- A new spot was added under members menu for starting a COP group, with samples of Bylaws, etc...
- The Jan Board minutes have been added.
- Hotel information has been added for the Workshop/AGM 2015
- C.O.P.'s on the home page has been updated.

### VIKING COP GROUP



**Left to Right:** TIM DOERING, PENNY HAMMER, DOUG WILKINSON, LEEANNE WILKINSON, DON FISHER, CINDY DOCKSTEADER, ROBERT PARR, MAYNARD HUIBERS, TIM LEIDL

Missing from photo - ten members 🤖

Viking COP have been in operation for about a year and have become an active group patrolling in their community.

They are getting a lot of community support, including a business who is printing brochures for their use.

Keep up the great work Viking COP!!

### Airdrie COP Fundraising Event



#### Sal Monna (left) presenting Ennio Ricci with a cheque

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Il Forno/Rose Rosse restaurant held our 5th annual fundraiser for the Airdrie Citizens On Patrol. The event was once again sold out.

Some distinguished guests were: Crime Superintendent Tony Hamory, S/Sgt Dennis Esayenko, and Airdrie Mayor Peter Brown. Unfortunately our Liaison Officer, Jason Curtis could not attend due to being out of town for training.

The owner Sal Monna donated \$2,000 back to the Airdrie Citizens On Patrol Society.

Everyone had lots of fun. Dinner was very good. We had an auction sale that raised \$ 1,700.

I suggest to everyone that comes by Airdrie, to stop for a bite to eat at this wonderful restaurant located at: #209, 2914 Kingsview Blvd. SE, Airdrie, AB.

**Submitted by:** Ennio Ricci, President  
Airdrie Citizens on Patrol Society

### Statement of Intent

It is time to add the topic of "Statement of Intent" to your meeting agenda.

For those who are new to ACOPA, Jubilee Insurance has provided a 5% reduction in the Liability Insurance rate if a COP group signs the "Statement of Intent" and returns to the ACOPA Insurance volunteer at [insurance@acopa.ca](mailto:insurance@acopa.ca) before Sept 1, 2015.

This form must be signed every year in order to receive the reduced rate. Members change so it is important to discuss and make members aware of this opportunity to save a few dollars.

What this means is that your group agrees to follow the A.C.O.P.A. Reference Manual to the best of their ability while acting as a C.O.P. volunteer. In other words, if your group has not had any training, or has not opened the A.C.O.P.A. Reference Manual nor reviewed or studied the suggestions offered, then your group need not apply for the 5% reduction in the Liability Insurance rate.

## C.O.P. NEWS

### Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association 2015 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.

An award will be presented to one Alberta Law Enforcement Liaison Officer at the Annual C.O.P. Workshop in Leduc this year. The award will be presented during the Workshop weekend September 18-19, 2015

If your Liaison Officer has demonstrated an above-and-beyond attitude in working with your C.O.P. group, we invite you to consider nominating them for this award. Please fill out this nomination form and return it to A.C.O.P.A. no later than **August 1, 2015**

**The application form is found on the ACOPA website.** On the ACOPA website, go to the Members menu (you need to log in using your password), then go to forms and click on ACOPA Law Enforcement Outstanding Service Award 2015 for the form and additional information

Your group and the Liaison Officer nominee will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision prior to the conference.

Please submit your nomination to:

A.C.O.P.A.  
c/o Bev Salomons, President  
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Sherwood Park, Alberta T8E 1C8  
[president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca)

#### Flag Person Training

ACOPA is in the process of arranging Flag Person Training. The training will be held in the Edmonton area. ACOPA will take care of the arrangements for the meeting room, the trainer, the manual and a light lunch. Attendees will be responsible for getting to the training location. The training will take place on a weekend and the date will be announced once finalized.

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Jubilee Insurance has assured ACOPA that "coverage would extend as long as you are on duty as a COP.". Permission has been approved from "K" Division for Flagger training. The training is to provide more information to assist C.O.P. members in their duties. Keep in mind that this is not training for the purpose of directing traffic for the R.C.M.P. For liability reasons, the R.C.M.P. will not ask a C.O.P. member to direct traffic. So, for your own safety, this is training that will keep you alert in the event that you come upon an accident, or are assisting with a community event.

Anyone interested in attending Flagger training, please contact Bev at [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca)

#### Crime Prevention Specialist Training

The International Crime Prevention Specialist Practitioners (ISCPP) in cooperation with the Red Deer County Protective Services are offering a three day International Crime Prevention Specialist Training culminating with the ICPS test.

**When:** May 11 – 13, 2015 in Red Deer

**Where:** Red Deer County Protective Services-Station 6  
249 Clearview Drive, Red Deer County, AB

#### Who should attend?

Anyone interested in learning more about crime prevention. This includes crime prevention officers, crime prevention specialists, unit supervisors, neighborhood watch coordinators and members, volunteers, loss prevention managers, patrol officers, and security specialists.

The three day training will give attendees a solid foundation of crime prevention knowledge. Registration fee for the course is \$325 US.

For more info visit: <http://members.iscpp.org/event-1845857>

#### Grandma & Grandpa

A police car pulls up in front of grandma Bessie's house, and grandpa Homer gets out. The polite policeman explained that this elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park...and couldn't find his way home.

"Now Homer", said grandma, "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! So how could you get lost?" Leaning close to grandma, so that the policeman couldn't hear. Homer whispered, "I wasn't lost.....I was just too tired to walk home."

# A.C.O.P.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2015

HOSTED BY: LEDUC BLACK GOLD CITIZENS ON PATROL

TO BE HELD AT: Best Western Plus Denham Inn

5207 50<sup>th</sup> Ave, Leduc, AB T9E 6V3

Phone: 780-986-2241

## REGISTRATION FORM

Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

C.O.P. unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your liaison attending: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Friday night program: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Saturday program: Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Banquet tickets are \$30 each – Number needed \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee is \$65.00 each (before August 1)

After August 1, Registration fee is \$75.00 each

Please make cheques payable to: Leduc Black Gold Citizens On Patrol

Receipts will be available for pickup upon checking into the event

Registration fee includes:      Friday evening – light refreshments and snacks

   Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch and Banquet

Coffee, tea and juice will be available Friday evening and all day Saturday

**Mail or email registration to:**

**Mail address:       Leduc Black Gold Citizens on Patrol  
                          C/O Liane Kiszczak, secretary  
                          45 Armstrong Crescent  
                          Leduc, AB T9E 5G2**

**Email address:     [nighthawks.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nighthawks.secretary@gmail.com)**

**If you have any questions regarding motels and camping areas, please email [nighthawks.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nighthawks.secretary@gmail.com) or check the ACOPA website.**

**More information and an agenda will be available closer to the date.**

**Check the ACOPA website for updated information.**

**Thank you and we hope to see you in Leduc in September**



**Mark Davis  
President  
Leduc Black Gold Citizens on Patrol**