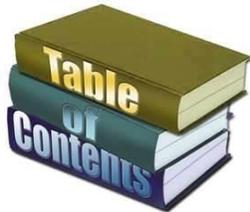


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Christmas Message

From ACOPA...



The A.C.O.P.A. Board wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the upcoming New Year.

Please remember to stay safe and warm when out there patrolling.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Do you have a New Year's resolution that relates to **Citizens On Patrol?**

It would be fun to hear back what those might be.

As for the A.C.O.P.A. Board, our New Year's resolution is to get a number of C.O.P. groups started in 2014 in new communities.

Of course, the Board is always available to assist the groups already in operation.





'QUANTO'S LAW'

Thank you to Terry Hanna from the Linden C.O.P. group for starting a campaign to support the Private Members Bill, the Protection of Law Enforcement Animals Act as presented by Costas Menegakis, MP Richmond Hill.

Thanks also to all the C.O.P. members who sent a copy of Terry's letter on to further support MP Menegakis.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the letter received by the A.C.O.P.A. President from the MP.

Attachments (1 and 2)



CIVIL FORFEITURE FUND (CFF)

On November 15, 2013, Justice and Solicitor General is **asking groups to apply to the Civil Forfeiture Fund (CFF).**

When the process is complete, \$2.8 million will be allocated to organizations that support crime prevention programs or help vulnerable Albertans. Funding requests can range from \$50,000 to \$500,000 per project for up to two years.

Here is the announcement and the grant information. It may be worthwhile for C.O.P. groups to check this out.

<http://albertajsg.wordpress.com/2013/11/15/helping-victims-of-crime-using-the-proceeds-of-crime/>
http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/safe_communities/crime_prevention/Pages/grants.aspx



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT C.O.P. INSURANCE

Some changes to our 2014 policy is that Liability and AD&D will both be due on Nov. 1/2013

In order to get 5% discount on policy, it is a must that the Statement of Intent form is filled out every year. (It will be on the ACOPA website under the Insurance Dropbox)

You can send in the Statement of Intent any time before Sept. 1, 2014 to insurance@acopa.ca or my home address:

Eugene Smereka
5611 - 57 St.
Beaumont AB T4X 1A8



CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

Groups that do not provide a Certificate of Incorporation to become a Society by Nov.1, 2014 will not be able to purchase insurance. Please send your certificate to Eugene if you have not done so already.

Please do not send payment to Treasurer (Nickela Zais) until you receive a statement.

Once you have received your statement the Insurance cheque(s) should be made out to:

"Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association"

and mailed to:

ACOPA Treasurer
Box 133
Wabamum, AB T0E 2K0
Thank you.

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REMINDERS



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- * Liability Insurance term
 - runs from Nov 1st to Oct 31st
- * AD&D Insurance for 2013-2014
 - will run from Jan 1st to Oct 31st
- * AD&D Insurance for 2014 -2015
 - will run from Nov 1st to Oct 31st
- * ACOPA's membership year
 - runs from Sept 1st to Aug 30th
- * ACOPA's fiscal year end
 - runs from May 1st to April 30th



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are the volunteer hours and kilometers for your C.O.P. group being entered onto the A.C.O.P.A. website? If you require assistance, contact Bev at president@acopa.ca



C.O.P. GROUP CONTACT CHANGE

Please send changes to your group contact to: president@acopa.ca so that all fan out emails get to your group.



Citizens On Patrol Off-Road

At the recent Manitoba Citizens On Patrol Conference in October, I had the opportunity to talk with representatives from other provinces at to what is happening in their communities.

In Nova Scotia, the Citizens On Patrol there has an Off-Road program. This group is not an enforcement group and do not have any police powers. The volunteers patrol off-road areas and make observations, check cottages and report questionable conduct and activity to the appropriate authorities.

Their goal is to promote safe and responsible recreational use of off-highway vehicles and to protect private property.

Is this something that your group might be interested in? If you would like further information, let me know

Bev Salomons president@acopa.ca

Attachments (3 and 4)

PHOTOS FROM WORKSHOP IN WESTLOCK



Cpl. Lee Grieco-Savoy spoke about Crime Scene Integrity and what to do if you come upon a crime scene. She was very passionate about preserving foot prints and gave a demonstration on how she lifts fingerprints for evidence.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE





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October 31, 2013

Dear B. Salomons,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding my Private Members Bill, the *Protection of Law Enforcement Animals Act*.

I am very pleased to inform you that on October 16, 2013, the Government of Canada announced in the Speech from the Throne its intention to introduce this legislation in the upcoming session as a Government Bill. It will be known as "Quanto's Law," named after the Edmonton Police Service dog Quanto that was recently killed in the line of duty.

I know you will join me in celebrating this tremendous news, and have attached my news release that was issued in response.

I will be pleased to keep you informed of new developments on this matter as they arise.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and please do not hesitate to do so in the future.

Best regards,

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NEWS RELEASE

MP Costas Menegakis applaud's Government's intention to introduce "Quanto's Law"

(Ottawa, Ontario, October 16, 2013) - Richmond Hill MP Costas Menegakis today applauded the government's intention to bring forward "Quanto's Law," legislation to protect law enforcement animals. The announcement was made during the Speech from the Throne delivered October 16 by the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnson, to open the second session of the 41st Parliament.

Earlier this year, MP Menegakis had introduced a Private Members' Bill, the *Protection of Law Enforcement Animals Act*. "This Bill will ensure that the innocent animals that aid in our protection, are protected themselves," said MP Menegakis during its introduction in the House of Commons May 29.

As originally proposed, the Bill would amend the Criminal Code to make it an offence to poison, injure or kill a law enforcement animal while it is accompanying a peace officer or public officer engaged in the execution of their duties.

Inspiration for the Bill had come from the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Brigadier, the Toronto Police Service horse killed in the line of duty in 2006 after the driver of a vehicle struck the horse before fleeing the scene.

"I was touched by constituents who had shared their views with me on the tragic tale of Brigadier," said MP Menegakis. "Many individuals since then have been calling for stronger punishments for those who deliberately injure or kill a service animal. Quanto's Law will honour the memory of Edmonton Police Service dog Quanto, Toronto Police Service horse Brigadier, and other law enforcement animals who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. I look forward to its introduction and swift passage through Parliament."

ATV Guidelines

- Take a rider safety course and only ride within your abilities.
- Comply with all applicable legislation and/or municipal by-laws.
- Only ride on designated trails.
- Do not trespass on private property and do not utilize single-purpose trails designated for other (non-ATV) activities.
- Stay away from sensitive and restricted areas especially wetlands, lakeshores, steep stream banks and hills.
- Do not cut switchback or take shortcuts.
- Always yield the right-of-way to other trail users who are approaching or passing.
- Be courteous to others who are also using shared trails.
- Keep your speed and engine rpm low and steady when approaching other riders, homes etc.

Source: ATVANS Guidelines

Contact Information

For an emergency:
Call 911

For non-emergencies:
Call (902) 244-7208 or
1-800-803-7267

Porters Lake
RCMP Community Policing Office:
(902) 827-4294

Partners

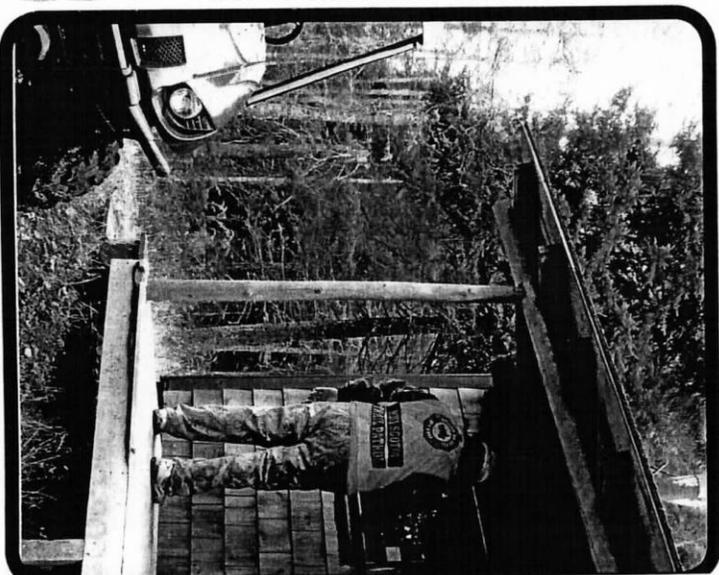


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Citizens On Patrol

OFF-ROAD





CITIZENS ON PATROL OFF-ROAD



Who we are

Citizens On Patrol Off-Road (COP-OR) is a not-for-profit group of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) owners. The group operates under the sponsorship of Marine Riders ATV Club in cooperation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Halifax District, Musquodoboit Harbour Office and the Provincial Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

This partnership was organized to address the need for volunteers to assist the RCMP and DNR by patrolling off-road areas. Volunteers make observations, check cottages and camps and report questionable conduct and activity to the appropriate authorities.

COP-OR is not an enforcement group and have no police powers. Our primary goal is to promote safe and responsible recreational use of off-highway vehicles and to protect private property.

What we do

COP-OR patrol the abandon railway lines and other busy trails, including cottage developments. Patrolers travel in pairs or with RCMP or DNR officers.



How to join

We are always looking for volunteers to join our group of citizens dedicated to Off-Road safety. There are a few requirements to join the COP-OR group:

- RCMP security clearance,
- Receive provincial approved training by the RCMP and receive an RCMP identification card,
- Successful in passing the Canada Safety Council ATV Riders course,
- Have an approved safety vest with appropriate crestring and other specified equipment such as GPS, first aid and safety equipment.

For further information contact your RCMP Porters Lake Community Policing Office: 827-4294