

Newsletter

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Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association



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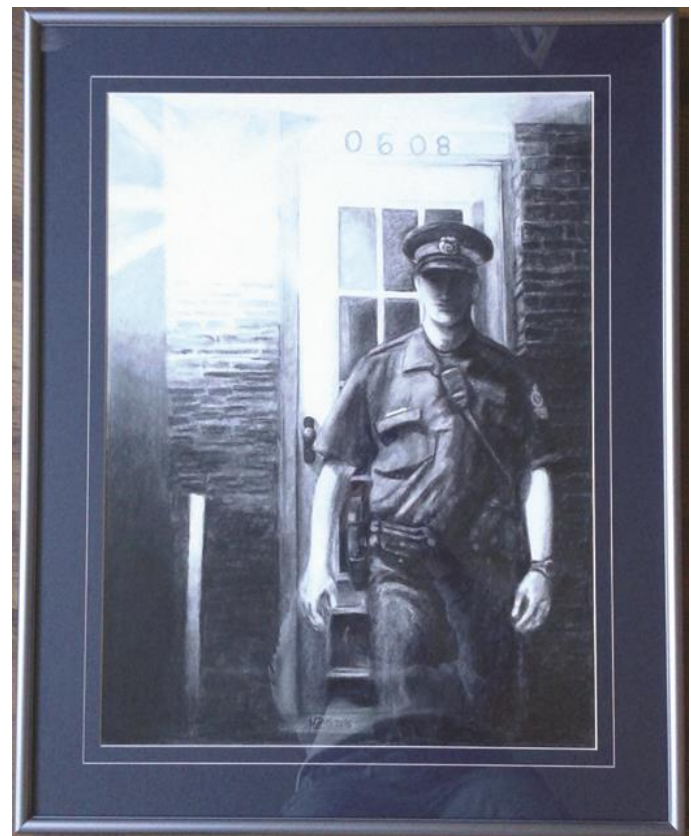
Board Members...

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- Beth Endresen (Grande Prairie COP), Secretary
- Nickela Zais (Wabamun COP), Treasurer
- Elna Eidsvik (Vermillion COP), Director
- Ennio Ricci (Airdrie COP), Director
- Ken Ferguson (Kinuso COP), Director
- Roy Dyck (Vilna COP), Director
- George Dowson (Pincher Creek COP), Director

Condolences to the Woodall family

A.C.O.P.A. would like to pass along condolences to the Woodall family as well as a thank you to all law enforcement officers who put their life on the line every day they go to work.

This country would not be the safe place it is to live if not for the work done by law enforcement officers and while the words are not always spoken, it is more than appreciated to have a safe country to live in.



This sketch was prepared by A.C.O.P.A. Treasurer, Nickela Zais for the Woodall family as a remembrance for Cst. Daniel Woodall. The concept was a porch light with a silhouetted officer. The house number signifies the date of the incident.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP AND AGM NEWS



2015 WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.C.O.P.A. Workshop and AGM are being hosted by the Leduc C.O.P. group on Friday Sept 18 and Saturday September 19. As well, A.C.O.P.A. will be providing additional training on Sunday September 20th at the Workshop location for any interested C.O.P. member. Registrations received before August 1st will be \$65. After August 1st, the cost will be \$75.

It is always appreciated by the host group to get the registrations in as soon as possible so preparations can be made to meet the needs of those attending.

The weekend promises to be filled with training presentations, good food and friendships renewed or new ones made.

Further information on hotels and the registration form is available at www.acopa.ca



Also, groups should bring along their flag for the flag ceremony. If a group does not have a flag, ask the local council to borrow one for the weekend.



Just a reminder on the tradition of each attending C.O.P. group to provide an item for the silent auction. Funds generated from the silent auction assist the host group to cover expenses for the Workshop.



A.C.O.P.A. Board Election

At the upcoming Annual General Meeting, the following positions will be up for election:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Three Directors

All positions are for a two year term. If you are interested in letting your name stand for any of these positions, or if you know someone in your group who would make a good candidate for the A.C.O.P.A. Board, please pass along the name to Bev at president@acopa.ca.

If you have any questions about the position or the Board, please ask any of the A.C.O.P.A. Board members.

2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



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.

The application form is found on the ACOPA website.

Closing date for nominations is **August 1, 2015**

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:

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c/o Bev Salomons, President
97 – 52150 Range Road 221
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8E 1C8
president@acopa.ca

AUTO THEFT AWARENESS PROGRAM

Didsbury June 02,2015

- 01 Keys left in vehicle
- 17 Garage door opener left in vehicle
- 07 Electronics in view (GPS,dash cam, power cords,cell phone,etc)
- 03 Windows open
- 00 Steering wheel lock
- 00 Vehicle equipped with alarm/ immobilizer
- 07 Possessions or cash in view
- 00 Registration decal expired
- 00 Registration decal buildup/peeling
- 00 Anti-theft device in use – Good work
- 32 You've taken care to prevent yourself from being a victim of auto crime – Thank You!

Prepared by: Elmer Gerbrandt (sec), C.O.P. Didsbury group

Beaumont May 30, 2015

- 01 Keys left in vehicle
- 59 Garage door openers visible
- 38 Electronics in view (GSP/Dash Cam/Phone/Power Cord)
- 01 Windows open
- 26 Possessions or Cash in view
- 09 Registrations Decal Expired
- 06 Registrations to expire May 31
- 03 Registration Decals buildup/peeling
- 54 Vehicles taken care to prevent being a victim of auto crime

Visible possessions or cash in view:

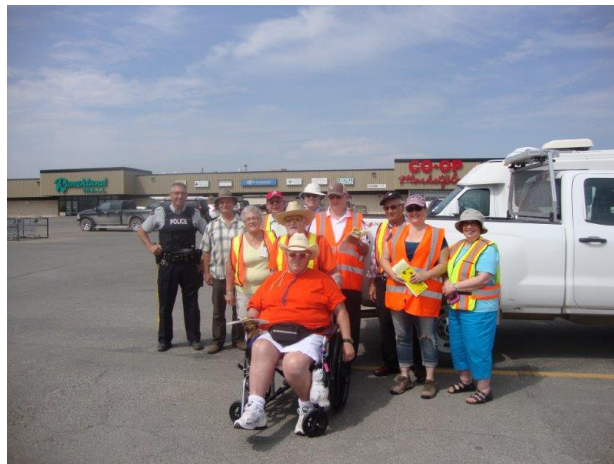
- 04 Coins and paper money
- 04 Purses
- 01 Gulf clubs
- 14 Tote Bags/Brief cases/Sun glasses

Prepared by: Beaumont Citizens On Patrol

Pincher Creek July 11/15

We blitzed 112 vehicles at the Wal Mart and 37 vehicles at the Co-Op Parking Lots for a total of 149. There were 10 members present, along with our RCMP liaison.

This took us approximately 1.5 hours. People for the most part were very happy and felt it was a great idea. We had only 1 who asked gruffly what we were doing looking into his car. Once we explained, he was fine with it. One fellow from California was in awe that we were doing this. He didn't think our area had any crime. One fellow asked what we were doing and when explained to, he said "Well you're going to find a lot of things with my vehicle" and just shrugged and walked on without caring.



All in all it was an eye opener for our members and I hope the people who had the tickets on their windshields. We are thinking of perhaps doing another blitz near the end of August, if we can get enough volunteers.

- 39 Electronics/Chargers in View
- 11 Garage Door Opener Left in Vehicle
- 15 Windows Left Open
- 01 Vehicle Tail Light Needing Repair
- 04 Dog(s) Left in Vehicles *
- 05 Keys Left in Ignition or Cup Holder
- 04 Change (coins) left in view
- 04 Registration Expired **
- 01 Registration Sticker Build Up/Peeling
- 01 Bikes on Back of Vehicle - not secured or locked
- 02 Steering Wheel Lock – Not in Use
- 13 Doors Left Unlocked
- 12 Keys Left in Ignition/Doors Unlocked/Vehicle Idling
- 01 Vehicle had all above
- 02 Vehicles Equipped with Alarm
- 59 Vehicles took the time to prevent being a victim of auto crime

Visible possessions or cash in view:

- 38 Some of these possessions were: Purse, Carton of Cigarettes, Credit Card, Camera, Gift Card, Tools, Groceries, along with an assortment of clothing.

* Some Vehicles had more than one dog in the vehicle. 1 was left in Vehicle with A/C Running – a couple had the windows open or cracked open. We kept checking the vehicles frequently, as our Liaison said he could not do anything until the animal was in distress. We waited for the owners and our liaison spoke with each of them.

** One vehicle was a California License

Prepared by: Robyn Dowson, President, Pincher Creek District C.O.P.

AUTO THEFT AWARENESS PROGRAM

St Albert May 13 & 14, 2015

At a crime-prevention roundtable meeting in St. Albert, comprised of members of St. Albert Citizens Patrol, Neighbourhood Watch members, other community interest groups and the RCMP, President of the C.O.P. group, Brian Andersen suggested the use of the newly printed "Auto Theft Awareness Program" ticket booklets printed by AMA and ACOPA as a great way of connecting with the community.

On May 13 and 14, nine members of the Citizens Patrol, six RCMP officers and others from crime prevention groups like the Neighbourhood Watch converged on large public parking lots in St. Albert. Walmart, Costco and St. Albert Centre Mall saw an estimated 250 AMA theft awareness tickets distributed over the two day period. Participants encountered open doors, open windows, keys in vehicles, computers, phones, and other valuables in many of the vehicles. Volunteers were thrilled when they could check the box stating "you've taken care to prevent yourself from being a victim of auto crime – thank you!" There was a lot of community engagement because people were quite curious why uniformed people were out ticketing seemingly innocent patrons of the mall. The curiosity was usually met by a pleasant "thank You" and "good job".



Overall the event was huge successes with several thanks from members of the RCMP Detachment. It was also a great opportunity for the RCMP and the Citizens patrol to be seen together engaged in crime prevention. From Brian Andersen, St. Albert C.O.P.: "The AMA auto theft awareness booklets are a great idea and I encourage other groups to put them to use in their community".

Prepared By: Brian Anderson, St Albert C.O.P.



Strathcona County Citizens on Patrol Society (SCCOPS)

SCCOPS has enjoyed a busy spring season including the following activities.

A successful training session was organized by our Membership Director, Helen Curr and trained 12 new members. Making the public aware of COP is always ongoing, so we set up information tables at a local greenhouse/farmers market and at a 55+ Active Living Day.

We promoted COP and the RCMP at the Sherwood Park Trade Fair, a 3 day event. Plus, we participated in the People, Passion, Purpose (a volunteer recruitment day) and the Get Prepared emergency information day. Our local Victim Services group host an awareness walk/run and COP assistance was very evident at the event.

The local detachment sponsors a Bike Rodeo event each year (promoting bicycle safety) which also includes information displays of specialized equipment and departments. MPP, the RCMP helicopter, dropped in for the event. The bomb squad were a last minute cancel when called out to an incident. This event includes the AMA Shredding and lots of fun activities for the kids (and for the big kids). COP volunteers assisted with all aspects of this event - always an enjoyable outing. A few of our volunteers are car buffs - they lent to the occasion with a fully restored "blue & white" RCMP car and a police vehicle used in the recent filming of the " Fargo " TV series in the Calgary area. Very impressive lined up with the RCMP vehicles at the event.



Let's not forget to include the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner hosted by our local detachment, one of the season highlights. As well as COP, the volunteers with Victim Services, Crime Watch and the RCMP Auxiliaries are treated to a great meal and social time with detachment members.

Our Speed Watch program is underway and we have further events pending, including our major involvement in Canada Day festivities.

The events mentioned represent over 340 volunteer hours within a 6 weeks for activities other than our regular patrolling - a great commitment by a great group.

Prepared By: Ruth Shewfelt, President, SCCOPS

C.O.P. NEWS

Flag Person Training



Following the Workshop/AGM in Leduc, ACOPA will be offering a workshop for “Flagger” training. Our insurance provider, Jubilee Insurance has given written permission that says COP will be covered in the event that this training is put to use. As well, permission has been granted from “K” Division, provided that this training is used to enhance the training that COP members already have and only to be used in the event that COP comes upon a situation where flagger training would be beneficial and the training would provide additional safety for the situation.

This does not mean that the RCMP can request that COP use this training to control any traffic situation. The training is to provide additional safety in the event that COP happens upon a situation where they can assist and be safe.

ACOPA will cover the costs of this training for any member interested in participating. If any of your members wish to take this training, please let me know asap so that we can be prepared with the proper equipment, manuals, etc...

The training workshop will take place on Sunday morning, Sept 20th in the same hotel as the Workshop will be taking place.

In regards to the Flagger training, the training will be capped at 30 attendees. This is at the request of the instructor who lives in the Edmonton area.

In the event that there are more than 30 registered, to reduce costs for both the groups as well as ACOPA, those who come from the furthest away will be given preference for the Sept 20th training session. The instructor is willing to do a second training session for those in the Edmonton area at a later date.

It would be appreciated if anyone planning to attend can let me know by August 1st so that plans can be finalized.

Prepared by: **Bev Salomons, ICPS, President**
Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

Keeping an eye on Cochrane

[Check out this great article about Cochrane C.O.P.](#)

For further information, please check out the following link.



http://www.cochranetimes.com/2015/06/30/keeping-an-eye-on-cochrane?utm_source=addThis&utm_medium=addthis_button_facebook&utm_campaign=Keeping+an+eye+on+Cochrane+%7C+Cochrane+Times#.VZLZuA4hJgo.facebook

Changes to the Website

There have been some changes to the website that will allow the groups to review and change their Volunteer Log data. Groups are now capable of entering their Administrative hours as well. Here are some screen shoots to help show where to find this information.

#	Submitted	User	IP address	Operations
1577	Jun 21 2015 - 11:32pm	Test	66.51.102.173	view edit
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1490	May 25 2015 - 9:58am	Test	184.71.33.194	view edit

Regards: **Henry Salomons, ACOPA Webmaster**
Email :Webmaster@acopa.ca

NOMINATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Call for Nominations 2015 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards

Do you know an outstanding volunteer that deserves province-wide applause?

Consider putting their names forward for the 2015 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards!

Through the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards, the Government of Alberta recognizes remarkable Albertans whose volunteer achievements have contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members.

Six awards, two each for youth, adult and seniors, are presented annually on or around International Volunteer Day, December 5.

For more information, please visit:

<http://culture.alberta.ca/community/events-and-recognition/stars-of-alberta-awards/default.aspx>

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Taber C.O.P.



Congratulations to all of our members who did an OUTSTANDING job at volunteering at this weekend's Relay for Life here in Taber. We all took one or more shifts over the weekend beginning on Friday afternoon at 4pm. Our main priority was the security of the tents/stage/lighting on the grounds. We had two members on together for each shift and were there around the clock until 9am Sunday morning. Not only did we help out with security, but we also pitched in where asked, which included everything from setting up tables/chairs, transporting goods to the field, emptying garbage and other cleanup as well as setting up/tearing down our COP tent which the Relay used for their registration location. You guys/gals are all ROCK STARS!! GREAT JOB!!

In total, we volunteered over 104 hours this weekend! We sure have a great crew of volunteers!

Prepared by Danelle Ulrick, Secretary/Treasurer, Taber COP



Crime Prevention Partners

The Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) is hosting its 2015 Crime Prevention Conference:

Dates: November 4 and 5, 2015

Location : Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre
2120 – 16th Avenue N.E.
Calgary, AB

Theme/Speaker: *Community Mobilization with well-renowned mobilization speaker Jim Diers from Seattle, WA*

Speakers/Cost: Will be forwarded to you by Mid-June

The goal of this conference is to offer training and workshops on community mobilization and to instill the importance of how bringing the community together can address crime issues.

In conjunction with this conference, ACCPA's 25th Anniversary celebration and a Crime Prevention Awards dinner will be held. The awards celebration will recognize people who have contributed to making this Province a safer place for all communities.

Also, ACCPA's new logo, which will reflect its focus and function, will be unveiled at the conference.

Save these dates and please watch for further updates from the ACCPA office!

Sincerely, Lillian Jones, Executive Director