

# Newsletter



July, 2018

## Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

The ACOPA Video Project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer and ready for viewing at the ACOPA Workshop in September. Videographer, Ben Wilson, is interviewing ACOPA Webmaster, Henry Salomons.



Ben spent a day filming Viking C.O.P. Cindy Dockstader helped organize the events.



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### R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer

Sgt Martin Girard  
R.C.M.P. "K" Division

ACOPA website [www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca)

## **Use of Naloxone Kits**

ACOPA Board discussed the use of C.O.P. using Naloxone kits while on patrol and decided that it will be up to the individual C.O.P. group to decide and recommend that only trained people in the use of administering Naloxone should consider this possibility.

## **Law Enforcement Recognition Award deadline Aug 15**

Has your Liaison Officer gone above and beyond assisting your C.O.P. group? Consider nominating him/her for the ACOPA annual award to recognize a worthy Liaison Officer. Details on the ACOPA website.

## **C.O.P. Recognition Certificate**

Do you have a member who deserves special recognition from ACOPA for extra service to your C.O.P. group? Send the name and group to ACOPA president at [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca) and certificates will be presented at the Workshop in September.

## **ACOPA Workshop/AGM – hosted by Sexsmith C.O.P.**

Early registration for the ACOPA Workshop/AGM is fast approaching for August 1<sup>st</sup> for the \$65 fee. After Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, the registration fee will be \$75. Please register soon so the organizing committee can make appropriate plans. Also, please encourage your Liaison Officer to attend the Workshop. A special time for all Liaison Officers will take place during the ACOPA AGM. Groups attending are reminded to bring an item to donate to the Silent Auction to assist the host group with Workshop expenses.

## **ACOPA Annual Fees**

The annual ACOPA membership fee of \$50 is due in August. ACOPA Treasurer will be sending out an invoice to C.O.P. groups. Groups who will be volunteering 2 members for the casino in August will have their membership fees waived. ACOPA membership fees must be paid before the Workshop/AGM before groups can participate in voting at the AGM.

## **ACOPA Video Project**

Thank you to the C.O.P. groups who have been participating in the ACOPA Video project over the past couple of months. Videographer, Ben Wilson, has been attending special events to capture the many community services that C.O.P. participate in on top of regular patrolling. Several short videos will be produced from the footage shots taken and will be ready to showcase at the Workshop in September.

## **ACOPA Elections**

There will be several Board positions up for election at the AGM including President, Treasurer, and 4 Directors. Volunteer position to the Board that is needed to be filled is for Insurance Liaison. The Board is only as good as the people representing ACOPA. Please consider allowing your name to be nominated if you are able to commit to the two year term. Contact Beth Endresen for more information on any Board position at [secretary@acopa.ca](mailto:secretary@acopa.ca).

## **Volunteer certificate from R.C.M.P. “K” Division**

C.O.P. volunteers with completed 5, 10, 15, 20 25 years of service in the C.O.P. program qualify for a special certificate available from “K” Division. Watch emails for information on how to register.

## R.C.M.P. Support

Commanding Officer Cpl Brad Mouland from the Viking Detachment supported the local C.O.P. group by sitting on the hot seat in the dunk tank for the Viking Community Festival. Thanks Cpl Mouland for your involvement!



Viking C.O.P. had a full day of volunteering for the local Viking Community Festival, including a parade, dunk tank, jail and bail where people could pay to have someone put into jail and then that person had to find someone to bail them out (for a fee of course). Also, taking place during the festival was a Lutefisk eating contest, a timed event for eating the most fish as well as a pie throwing booth. Farmers Market attended for the day along with several food trucks. Sounds like a community festival worth checking out!

Wainwright C.O.P. worked with M.A.D.D. together at a booth during the 2018 Wainwright stampede kickoff party.



## Volunteers needed for the ACOPA Casino

For Monday August 27, need:

One Count Room from 23:00 – 3:15

For Tuesday August 28, need:

One Chip Runner from 18:30 to 3:00

One Count Room from 23:00 – 3:15

If able to volunteer, email [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca)

Viking C.O.P. members had a busy day volunteering and at the same time were being video graphed for the ACOPA video project.



## C.O.P. in Canada Day Parades

### Strathcona County Canada Day Parade Entries



Restored R.C.M.P. vehicle by C.O.P. Strathcona County C.O.P. member Ron Reese, driven by R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer Rick Green with C.O.P. Jim Shewfelt as passenger in July 1 parade.



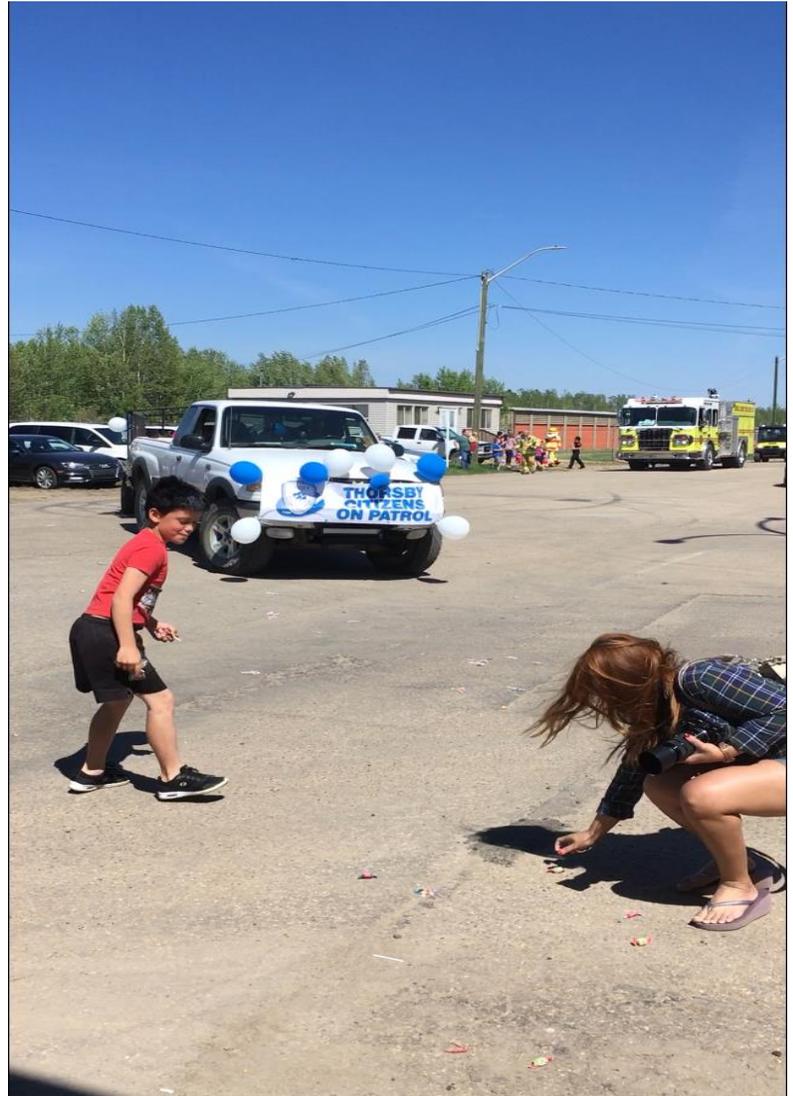
1954 Plymouth, owned by C.O.P. members Doug and Dulcy Berry was part of the Strathcona County July 1 parade, driven by Doug.

Following the Strathcona County parade, members of Strathcona County C.O.P. continued their volunteering at the local July 1<sup>st</sup> activities that took place all day ending with the fireworks later in the evening. C.O.P. provided volunteers for the Child Find tent, where lost children were re-united with their parents as well as security for the fireworks.

### Olds C.O.P. Canada Day Parade entry



Thorsby C.O.P. participated in “Thorfest” parade May 19. Kids enjoyed picking up all the candy tossed out along the parade route.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ELNA EIDSVIK, President of Vermilion Citizen on Patrol Society.

Alberta Justice & Solicitor General presented Elna Eidsvik the Community Justice Award for 2018. Elna is a dedicated leader in the Vermilion Community who passionately and selflessly devotes her time to making her Community a better, safer place to live.

She was instrumental in forming the Vermilion COPS in 2009 and volunteering as President. Elna is active in conducting Community wide patrols, liaising with Vermilion RCMP, Community Peace Officer and the local Rural Crime Watch. Elna assisted with the formation and incorporation of Mannville COP, served a term as Director for ACOPA and coordinates the Alberta Motor Association theft prevention program with 3 Schools and Lakeland College Security.

Thank you Elna for your guidance and leadership over the years.

Submitted by Vermilion COPS.



## Olds C.O.P. Interviewed by National Post



The National Post interview was super amazing. I was extremely proud of the COP volunteers, RCMP partners and elected officials who made this day so great! We were told to expect a newspaper article and about a 5-minute video story, which will include footage from the provincial ACOPA interview. I will keep you posted when the story comes out. Thanks to Gord Bueckert, Mountain View County Councillor Greg Harris, Staff Sgt Jim MacDonald, Town of Olds –Mayor Michael Muzychka and Councillor Heather Ryan, Phyllis Horpenuk, Emery Hagerty, Bill Shaver, Nicole Koch, Bradley Lutz, Margaret Erickson, Bob and Sandy Kearns, Jin Jeong, and Sazzad Hossain for doing an outstanding job representing COP and our community. Thank you to Bev Salomons, ACOPA President for suggesting Olds as a COP example (attached picture includes Tyler Dawson and Jason with the National Post with Jin and Sazz who took them out on a patrol).

## Congratulations to Olds COP

Congratulations to Olds COP for being awarded \$1250 from Mountain View County as part of a Crime Prevention Initiative Grant. Olds COP will be included as part of future crime prevention education, awareness and training opportunities. Thanks to Olds Treasurer, Allana Kaiser for her work to make this happen.