



# The Bulletin

## Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch

### The Annual General Meeting

The AGM in Fort Macleod, Alberta was a huge success with 28 associations being represented. Thank you to the Fort Macleod and District RCWA for all the hard work that went into the planning of the event. It was very encouraging to see the participation of the Town of Fort Macleod and the M.D. of Willow Creek - they hosted the Friday evening wine and cheese get together. From the Town of Fort Macleod, Mayor Shawn Patience, Councillors Sharon Monical and Brian Reach manned the table; discretionary funds were provided from the M.D. by Phil Wakelin and Henry Van Hierden. It's a great example to other RCW's to have the support of the town and the M.D. and shows how they can all successfully work together. Dianne Wakelin also deserves special mention for her participation.

Of special note was the contribution of a number of young people from the area, who volunteered during the weekend. (If one is involved as a young person, it's much more likely that they will continue to be involved as they grow older.)

#### Extra special thanks to:

Scott (Scottie) Miller for the sound system and the projectors  
Rhonda, David, Jennifer and Katie Van Hierden  
George Feyter  
Leslie Hornberger  
Angie O'Connor  
The Maljaar boys

### President's Message

It was good to see so many out at the AGM in Fort Macleod.

Concerns are being raised about the relationship between the local RCMP members and the RCW's. As an association, and as community members, we must take some responsibility for the relationship that we have with the RCMP; building a relationship can only be a two-way affair. We all want to see our associations grow; after such a successful AGM, where we had the RCMP in attendance as members of local RCW's, as presenters, and with an information table - they are taking obvious steps to build bridges. Now is the time to step up to the plate - make the first move in those communities where the relationship may have been shaky - or even non-existent - in the past. We have to show the detachment members what we can do for them. As the members move around so frequently, let the local RCW's be the stable point in the community for them - somewhere for them to feel comfortable and welcomed on a new move. As the Provincial Association, the message is clear - work at bolstering your relationship with the police in your community. We will all benefit from the efforts.

*Frank Debogorski*

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## **Strong Communities**

February 2, 2009

### **RCMP and Alberta sheriffs launch new traffic project**

#### ***Four projects evaluate what works best to keep Alberta's highways safe***

Edmonton... RCMP and Alberta sheriffs are collaborating on a new traffic project that will help them determine how they can best ensure ongoing safety on Alberta's highways.

The pilots, which will take place on highways near Whitecourt, Airdrie, Wetaskiwin and Olds, test four models for the delivery of traffic service and will help determine the most effective way to enforce traffic safety on Alberta's highways. Currently the two units work together but under separate operational structures, guidelines and policies.

"Enforcement is an essential element of our strategy to make the province's highways safer and we continually review and assess how we deliver this service," said Fred Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security. "The strengths and weaknesses of each pilot will be carefully evaluated to determine what will best serve Albertans in the future."

"The RCMP is proud of its joint force operations with other law enforcement agencies and this pilot project with the sheriffs is another way to promote safe and secure communities in Alberta," said RCMP Deputy Commissioner Rod Knecht. "This project will help us identify the best model for traffic enforcement to make Alberta's roadways safe for all users."

Each pilot will test the benefits of one of the following four command and reporting structures.

- The Whitecourt model will test an integrated reporting structure giving

sheriffs and RCMP equal responsibilities.

- The Wetaskiwin model will test a reporting structure overseen by an RCMP supervisor.
- The Airdrie model will test a varied structure where sergeants report to the mid-level managers in their agencies who, in turn, work as a team to oversee operations.
- The Olds model will test using traffic sheriffs as the sole traffic enforcement entity.

The Whitecourt pilot commences February 2, and concludes in July. The remaining three pilots will commence March 1 and conclude in August.

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**We are pleased to announce the launch of the K Division Commercial Crime Website to coincide with Fraud Prevention Month (March 2009):**

[http://infoweb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/kdivision/Police\\_Resources/financial\\_crime.html](http://infoweb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/kdivision/Police_Resources/financial_crime.html)

**The CCS Site is meant to be another tool that investigators can reference to assist with their economic crime investigations. Items of note on the site include:**

1. Links to CCS mandate explaining our scope of our responsibilities;
2. A List of subject matter experts for both the Calgary and Edmonton areas in the areas of identity fraud, counterfeiting, mass market fraud, mortgage fraud, payment card fraud, cyber crime, and investment fraud;
3. Resources for members making fraud presentations on a variety of topics;
4. Feature on Fraud Prevention Month 2009 which includes a time line of events and resources useful to members presenting on general fraud topics;
5. Investigational Guides/Tip Sheets to assist front line members with fraud related investigations;
6. Links to a variety of useful fraud related web sites;
7. Links to documents and forms commonly used in fraud investigations.

We trust you will find the site a good resource and look forward to any suggestions you may have for additional content and improvements.

Please visit the site often to check for updates and new material related to economic crime.

Fraud Prevention Month 2009 is also featured on the "K" Division external website at:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/index-eng.htm>

Each week in March a new fraud prevention topic will be featured on the public site.

Insp. Yvon de Champlain  
OIC CCS North (Edmonton)

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## Porter' Pig Spleen Weather Forecast:

### Compiled March 8, 2009 for the Fort Assiniboine area.

#### March 8 to 31, 2009:

Variable temperatures expected again this month. Expect night time temperatures to be below average for the area. Weather should turn colder from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Weather warms again to the 21<sup>st</sup> dropping slightly but should still be warm to month end. Precipitation possible from 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and from the 24<sup>th</sup> to early April.

#### April 2009:

Warm at start of month however expect variable temperatures throughout the month. Expect very warm temperatures around the 9<sup>th</sup>, mid - month, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> and again at month end. Precipitation possible throughout month as temperatures vary up and down. Hopefully most of the precipitation will be in the form of rain showers.

#### May 2009:

Month starts off hot. Other hot periods include around mid - month, 19<sup>th</sup>, and around the 27<sup>th</sup>. Variable temperatures between hotter periods could result in showers. Expect a good storm and unstable weather conditions at month end into early June.

#### June 2009:

Expect to warm in first part, stormy mid month and turning cooler and wetter just before month end. Frost possible in low lying areas just before month end.

That's all for now. Need to get some more pig spleens before I can do any more. Any volunteers?





**Fraud Prevention Month** is entering into its third week. This week features counterfeit fraud, including cheques, currency, and products.

For the most innovative and comprehensive fraud educational and awareness website ever developed. We encourage you to visit Fraudcast TV. An incredible collection of professionally produces news casts on every aspect of fraud. Your friends and family would probably appreciate being forwarded this link as well.



## A Hunting We Will Go!

### 2008 Hunting Activity

2008 has proven to be another very busy year for Alberta hunting activity, as hunter numbers have increased by 13% over the past 3 years. Here are a few of the highlights:

#### Number of Hunters:

| Years   |         |         |         |         |        |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 2008    | 2007    | 2006    | 2005    | 2004    | 2003   |
| 113,000 | 110,000 | 105,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 95,000 |

Of this number, approximately 90% were resident hunters, 3% were non-resident Canadians and 7% were non-resident aliens.

- Hunters represent ~ 3% of the Alberta population
- 23% of hunters are 40-49 years of age
- 20% of hunters are 30-39 and 20% are 50-59

- 67% of hunters buy a Wildlife Certificate every year or 3 out of 4 years
- 13% are occasional or buy 2 out of every 4 years
- 20% are new hunters (someone that hadn't purchased a Wildlife certificate since 1993 or not at all).
- Youth hunters (13-19) represent 2.5 %

#### Number of Hunting Licences Sold:

There were 420,000 hunting related licenses sold in 2008, which is an increase of 16% over the past 3 years. The following is a comparison over the past 6 years:

#### Draw Applications and Sales:

Total Draw applicants increased again, following the same upward trend

38% of the draw applications were done online, 35% were at vendors and 26% over the phone.

#### Bowhunting Permits:

Bowhunting permits increased by 1658.

#### Species Highlights:

- There were 6,505 applications for the Resident Bison Special License draw, of which 100 were drawn. As of the end of February, approximately 70 licenses had been purchased.
- Black bear and whitetail deer sales increased, while mule deer licenses decreased slightly.
- In 2008, 885 partner licenses were sold, compared to 938 in 2007. (The most common partner licenses utilized was antlered moose).

#### System (RELM) Highlights:

- Licence Issuer (Vendors) commissions exceeded \$1.9 million
- First year of web licence sales!

### Record sales year for licences sold!

Almost 670,000 licences and 150,000 WiN transactions were processed. This is 80,000 more transactions than in 2007, resulting in a record sales year.

The busiest day of the year was June 26<sup>th</sup> when over 30,000 transactions were processed on the last day for Hunting Draw applications. This was an increase from the 21,000 transactions processed on June 22, 2007.

### First Year Web Licence Sales:

Over 125,000 transactions were sold through the Web in the first eight months.

There was a surprisingly high usage of the Web for Draw Applications. IVR phone in Draw Applications were reduced from 110,000 in 2007 to 62,000 in 2008. The high numbers of Web participation is attributed to the advertisement in the Draw book, which was mailed out to 75,000 Albertans.

On an overall basis, Web sales (excluding Draws) accounted for about 4% of the market. It is expected that Web sales will increase as the public becomes more familiar with its availability and use. In the USA, licence sales on mature Websites average about 10% of total sales.

This website has had over 115,000 registered users since its inception in September 2005. On the last day of the Draw (June 26), over 14,000 Draw Applications were processed through the Website.

Many other provinces are looking at Alberta as an example of an excellent licensing system for hunting and fishing. We are indeed fortunate to live in a province where wildlife populations are healthy and this provides

for abundant hunting opportunities. For more information about hunting numbers, contact Licensing and Revenue Services, Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division, (780) 427-5185. All data provided in this document is courtesy of Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division.

If you are interested in more information about hunting programs and what the various organizations are doing to promote hunting opportunities in Alberta, please contact **Hunting For Tomorrow**. Your involvement and support in this regard is certainly appreciated.

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*Apologies to Kelly – there were graphs galore in her article; sadly they did not translate well into these two columns.....I hope I've kept all the most important parts. BHF*



GOD LEFT US A GREAT CLUE AS TO WHAT FOODS HELP WHAT PART OF OUR BODY. Read on.

### **God's Pharmacy! Amazing!**

1. A sliced Carrot looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye... and YES, science now shows carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.

2. A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart has four chambers and is red. All of the research shows tomatoes are loaded with lycopine and are indeed pure heart and blood food.

3. Grapes hang in a cluster that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and all of the research today shows grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.

4. A Walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.

5. Kidney Beans actually heal and help maintain kidney function and yes, they look exactly like the human kidneys.

6. Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.

7. Figs are full of seeds and hang in two when they grown. Figs increase the mobility of male sperm and increase the numbers of Sperm as well to overcome male sterility.

8. Avocadoes, Eggplant and Pears target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs. Today's research shows that when a woman eats one avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight, and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? It takes exactly nine (9) months to grow an avocado from blossom to ripened fruit. There are over 14,000 photolytic chemical constituents of nutrition in each one of these foods (modern science has only studied and named about 141 of them).

9. Sweet Potatoes look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemic index of diabetics.

10. Olives assist the health and function of the ovaries

11. Oranges, Grapefruits, and other Citrus fruits look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the movement of lymph in and out of the breasts.

12. Onions look like the body's cells. Today's research shows onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes. A working companion, Garlic, also helps eliminate waste materials and dangerous free radicals from the body.

*Submitted by Connie Newgard*



## A MOUSE STORY

### NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FRONT

On March 16, 2009, the Andrew /Willingdon/ St. Michael Crime Watch Association, held their Annual General Meeting. Guest speaker for the evening was from K Div. Inspector Rick Grosul Officer in Charge of Community Policing .

Inspector Grosul, spoke to the Crime Watch and RCMP members that were present about relationships between Volunteers and the RCMP. Explaining on the importance of the Volunteers to the RCMP, and what roles that the Volunteers play. He also talked about having the Auxiliary Police trained to use and manage the Fan-Out system, as these people are local residents and don't get transferred out like the regular members do. This would give consistency for all across the province. Inspector Grosul answered questions that the membership had concerns about and was very well received by all.

The meeting concluded by having the tickets drawn on the raffle the membership was selling. 1st. Prize: Ride-on 0 turn John Deere Lawn Mower was won by Lucy Evans  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Prize : S/P walk-behind John Deere Lawn Mower won by Peter Sloboda  
3<sup>rd</sup>. Prize: Weed Eater was won by Lorne Miller  
This Association would like to say Thanks everyone that purchased tickets.

#### UPCOMING MEETING:

##### **Northern Boreal RCWA –**

April 21st @ 7pm at the Hylo-Venice Seniors Centre in Hylo (which is about 15 minutes west of Lac La Biche on Highway 663)

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. 'What food might this contain?' the mouse wondered - - - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: there is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!'

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, 'Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.'

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, 'There is a mousetrap in the house! there is a mousetrap in the house!' The pig sympathized, but said, 'I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers.'

The mouse turned to the cow and said, 'there is a mousetrap in the house! there is a mousetrap in the house!' The cow said, 'Wow, Mr. Mouse.

I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose.'

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember - when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

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Listening intently; some of the participants of  
the AGM in Fort Macleod.



Clark Steele, Brian Morrison, John Fuga,  
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Frank Debogorski and Insp. Rick Grosul of the  
RCMP – following the presentation of  
Certificates of Appreciation from “K”  
Division RCMP.

*Editors note: I am not happy with the pictures in the  
newsletter, however, I was fortunate enough to get a  
Disc from Sgt. Blaine Rahier, as well as other pictures  
from Robert Hornbrook with Rural Development, who  
had set up an information table. Many thanks to both.  
If anyone wants pictures, please contact me in the office  
and I will copy them for you. Bonnie*



