



Summer 2010

# The Bulletin

## Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2011 AGM is being hosted by Zone 3 members again this year, and will be held in Grande Prairie on the weekend of February xx, 2011.

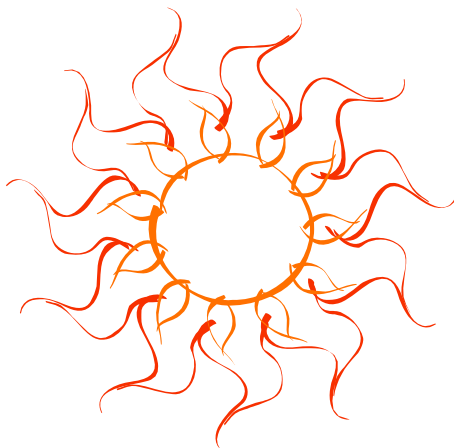
Please start planning NOW to send at least one member from your association to this Crime Symposium and AGM. Everyone benefits from as many people as possible attending these events. Details on speakers, hotel availability etc will be published in subsequent newsletters.

### President's Message

The slow quiet days of winter have passed us by, being replaced by the hustle and bustle of spring. What with planning and working and so much to do - and don't forget holidays in there somewhere - we are all just so busy now. We must not forget all that we learned through the winter about how to keep ourselves and our property safe. Looking out for community and friends helps all of us, and one another, to be stronger and therefore safer from the grasp of the criminal element.

Have a safe and fruitful summer.

*Frank Debogorski*



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## Idle thoughts of a retiree's wandering mind

....I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

....I had amnesia once -- or twice.

....Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

....All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

....If the world was a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horse's sidesaddle.

....What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

....They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

....Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

....One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

....My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.

....I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

....The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

....How can there be self-help "groups"?

....Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

....Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

## NEWS RELEASE

April 1, 2010

### **Gunshot and stab wound legislation helps ensure safe communities**

#### ***New rules for health care staff clarify reporting requirements***

*Edmonton...* New rules start April 1 providing clear direction on when and how much information health care workers need to disclose to police when a gunshot or stab wound victim shows up at a health care facility. The *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act* makes it mandatory for health practitioners to disclose those wounds and enables police to take immediate steps to prevent further violence, injury or death.

"Providing healthcare workers with clear gunshot and stab wound reporting rules helps ensure police can get the information they need to protect the public from possible escalation of violence or retaliatory measures," said Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security. "This legislation is a good balance between a patient's right to privacy of health information and law enforcement's need for information to help keep the public safe."

"Combating violent crime requires a broad approach," said Health and Wellness Minister Gene Zwozdesky. "This legislation is part of that approach. The act provides clear direction for health care professionals about the specific information they can share with police, who can then take steps to address the situation. Working together, we can help to keep our communities safe."

The *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act* deals with individuals who

are dropped off or show up at emergency rooms or health centres seeking treatment for gunshot or stab wounds. The legislation ensures police are only provided with limited information, such as the patient's name, location of health facility and type of wound, not the individual's health details.

Previously, healthcare practitioners had to use their discretion when reporting these types of wounds. The legislation applies to incidents where someone has been shot or stabbed and police are not aware.

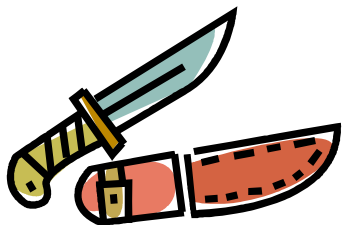
The Alberta government has a clear plan for a strong economic recovery. An important part of *The Way Forward* is maintaining support for programs and services Albertans need most, such as health care, education and safe and vibrant communities. For more information on the plan visit Alberta.ca.

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Submitted by Frank Debogorski



May 6, 2010

## Online survey asks Albertans how to improve police complaints and discipline process

Edmonton... Albertans are asked to provide feedback on how the current process for handling police complaints and discipline can better reflect the realities of policing in Alberta today. The online survey is now accessible through the Government of Alberta website at <http://bit.ly/SGPS-Survey>. The deadline for submissions is June 4.

"We are developing a new framework for law enforcement to ensure policing in Alberta continues to be modern, flexible, and professional," said Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security. "An important part of this work is reviewing the current process of police discipline, which includes the process for hearing and resolving complaints about police conduct. We want to hear what Albertans have to say about this issue."

Alberta's process for police complaints and discipline has remained largely unchanged since the 1973 *Police Act*. Police, stakeholders and members of the public have asked for a complaint and discipline process that is more efficient and transparent and less time-consuming. Over the past year, the ministry has consulted police leaders, police association representatives, police commission members, police officers and other stakeholders on how the process can be improved.

For more information on how policing in Alberta currently operates, visit [Law Enforcement in Alberta](#).

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# How to Obtain a Certified Criminal Record Check

## Civil Fingerprinting Screening Services Steps to Follow:

- [Full set of fingerprints required](#)
- [Reason for Application](#)
- [Personal Information](#)
- [Identification of police service or fingerprinting agency](#)
- [Processing fee](#)
- [Final step \(checklist\)](#)

### Full set of fingerprints required

- To conduct a criminal record verification we require a full set of fingerprints, including both rolled and flat impressions of all ten fingers.
- Complete **all** fields on the fingerprint form.
- Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant unprocessed.
  
- you must have your fingerprints taken on form C-216C at your local police station or private accredited fingerprinting agency.
- Depending on the police jurisdiction, a fee may be required.

### Paper-based fingerprint submissions:

Paper-based fingerprint submissions require a great deal of manual processing and it is not uncommon for a criminal record verification to take an average of 120 days to complete for individuals who don't have a criminal record and have never been fingerprinted for a criminal offence in Canada. If a criminal record is encountered during the verification process, the turnaround time could exceed 120 days.

### Electronic fingerprint submissions:

In an effort to process criminal verification requests more quickly, the RCMP is

implementing the [Real Time Identification \(RTID\)](#) Project to modernize these processes and promote electronic fingerprint submissions. The goal of CCRTIS is to respond to 85% of civil requests (those that do not hit a criminal file) submitted electronically within 72 hours. If a criminal record is encountered during the verification process, the turnaround time could exceed 120 days. You may enquire at your local police service about electronic fingerprinting. If they do not perform this service, they may be able to refer you to approved private firms. These firms can also be located in local yellow pages and internet searches using the term 'fingerprinting services Canada.'

Before you make inquiries about your request, make sure you've taken into account not only the time it takes to process your request but also the time it takes to mail it to you.

### Reason for Request

#### Clearly indicate the reason for your certified criminal record verification:

- Adoptions - Canadian and International
- Foreign travel - Visas, U.S. Waivers, Border Crossing
- [Employment](#) \* - federal, provincial, municipal governments; private industry; Canadian police forces
- Volunteer work \*
- Applications for immigration to Canada \*\*
- Applications for Canadian Citizenship
- Applications to obtain criminal record to apply for a Pardon
- Name change
- Permanent residency in foreign countries (all countries except Canada)

\* Applicants for **employment** or **volunteer** work must specify the **job title or position** sought in the "REASON FOR APPLICATION" portion of the fingerprint form.

\*\* Applicants for immigration to Canada must enter the name and address of the Canadian Immigration Center, Embassy, Consulate or High Commission handling the case in the **"Name and Address of Contributing Agency/Dept"** portion of the C216C. If you have an immigration file number, write it below the address as a reference for immigration officials.

- third party consent letter (if applicable)
- Incomplete requests will not be processed and will be returned to you.

Courtesy of the RCMP official website

## Personal Information

Ensure you provide:

- your full name
- date of birth
- sex
- mailing address
- phone number
- and/or fax number
- and/or e-mail address
- **Do not provide any additional personal information with your request. This material provides no value to the service and will be destroyed.**

## Identification of police service or fingerprinting agency

Verify the information recorded by the official taking your fingerprints and ensure that the official's name and signature, and the name of the agency is indicated on your fingerprint form.

## Final step (checklist) :

Before sending your request, make sure it contains the following:

- original fingerprint form
- full name
- date of birth
- sex
- mailing address
- phone number, fax number or email address
- reason for application
- processing fee ( if applicable)



We know that some things just don't go smoothly. The poster contest is a good example; last year (2009) a couple of the first place students did not get their cheques or plaques. An effort was made this year to correct that. The picture shows Terry Krause from South Eastern Alberta RCWA presenting the plaque to then grade 9 student Timeka Davey. (Teacher name unknown).

*The following wildlife* infraction, which otherwise would have gone undetected and unresolved, was reported to the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development by a local Rural Crime Watch (RCW) member, from the Redwater RCW.

On November 20, 2008, Fish and Wildlife officers from the Smoky Lake District received a Report a Poacher complaint regarding a deer shot on private land. A male subject admitted to the RCW member that he shot the deer from the road, did not know whose land he was hunting on and did not have permission to enter onto the property.

The subject asked the RCW member not to call Fish and Wildlife, but when he was advised that the enforcement authorities were going to be notified, the subject took off in his vehicle at a high rate of speed. The complainant then called the Report a Poacher line and provided details about the incident, including the licence plate number of the subject's vehicle.

Fish and Wildlife officers attended the location where the deer had been killed. Based on information provided by the RCW member, officers located a spent .300 cartridge in the middle of the road and found deer blood and hair in the field where the subjects had been observed standing. Tire tracks were also noted where a vehicle had driven to where the deer had been shot and loaded.

A motor vehicle records check for the licence plate number provided the subject's name and an address in Edmonton. Fish and Wildlife officers with the Edmonton District were contacted and they attended the residence. Two untagged white-tailed deer were seized from the subject's garage, and the subject turned over the firearm used in the offence. Also seized were the subject's general white-tailed deer and supplemental antlerless white-tailed deer

tags, which should have been used to tag the deer carcasses. Later, the Smoky Lake Fish and Wildlife officers located a second kill site in the same field. It was determined the bullets at this kill site would have had to pass within 183 metres (200 yards) of the landowner's residence. The landowner advised the officers that he would be willing to testify that he occupies the land, lives at the residence and did not give permission for the subjects hunt on the property.

On January 8, 2010 in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court, the subject pled guilty to two counts under the *Wildlife Act* for hunting on occupied land without permission and failing to immediately tag the deer. He was fined \$2,500 and suspended from holding a recreational hunting licence for two years.

This incident serves as an excellent example of how Rural Crime Watch members play an important role in their communities. By reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities, in this case Fish and Wildlife, a serious resource and safety violation was investigated and successfully prosecuted. If you are aware of a fish or wildlife resource-related violation, we encourage you to report the violation to the nearest Fish and Wildlife district office or the 24-hour Report a Poacher line at **1-800-642-3800**. Callers to the RAP line can remain anonymous. If the information you provide results in the laying of a charge, you may be eligible for a Reward.

Submitted by Dave Ferrier

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Women's Program August 11 – 15, 2010

Join hundreds of other women for up to 5 days of learning, camaraderie, fun and begin to master the outdoors. Women of all ages are encouraged to experience, explore, and develop an understanding of the natural world through over 27 different hands-on programs.

The event is held at the Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence. The first session was held in 1993 and has grown in popularity ever since. Women participate at their own speed and level of interest. They are welcome to try their hand at everything from fly fishing, shooting, backing up a trailer, trapping to overnight survival sessions. Classes run about 3 hours and cover a host of topics, as listed below.

Patient and knowledgeable instructors encourage each woman towards her own level of confidence and competence with each new skill.

Not sure if this weekend is for you? Ask yourself these questions:

- ✚ Is there an outdoor activity that you have never tried, like shooting a shotgun that you would like to learn in a safe and controlled environment?
- ✚ Are you a beginner who is looking to improve her outdoor skills?
- ✚ Are you already active in the outdoors but you would like to add to your skills?
  
- ✚ Are you seeking the camaraderie of other like-minded individuals?
- ✚ Are you seeking a brand new

adventure totally apart from your day-to-day life?

If you answered, "Yes," to any of these questions, then please join us for an unforgettable weekend of adventure. Our highly qualified instructors are looking forward to meeting you. We take pride in initiating new people into the enjoyment of the great outdoors.

Bring your own camping gear or share a cabin with other ladies, or stay in your own trailer or RV. Modern showers and bathrooms are available and meals are included. There is a wide range of program sessions to choose from and participants may attend for two, three or five days.

### Evening/Morning Sessions:

- Alford Lake Olympics
- Arrow Crafting
- Backpacking 101
- Fishing Tools Necklace Building Session
- Fly Tying
- Game Calling 101
- Knife and Axe Sharpening
- Seeing Things Clearly With Your Optics
- Learn To Score
- Reading a Compass & Taking a Bearing
- Rope Making
- Campfire Evenings
- Catch A Falling Star
- Nature Power Walk

Early Bird Registration Costs:

Wednesday - Friday \$150.00 +GST  
Thursday & Friday OR Saturday & Sunday \$140.00 + GST  
Wednesday -Sunday \$250.00 +GST

Registration includes accommodations, food and all materials and equipment, as well as a FREE T-shirt! Register soon as space fills up quickly.

To register simply contact, the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association 1-780-466-6682 or 1-866-282-4342 or e-mail [edmontoninfo@aheia.com](mailto:edmontoninfo@aheia.com) Deadline for early bird registration is June 30, 2010. For a complete registration package, you may also visit the AHEIA web-site at [www.aheia.com](http://www.aheia.com) or [www.huntingfortomorrow.com](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.com)

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submitted by Kelly Semple



### **Porter's Pig Spleen Weather Forecast:**

Fort Assiniboine, Camp Creek, Barrhead, Vega & Fawcett/Flatbush areas for period of April 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010

Thanks go out to the farmer's and local business people who supplied me with some pig spleens from outdoor pigs from various areas which allowed me to do up another weather forecast. In my monthly forecasts I will try and define what each area might expect. I know everybody is hoping for precipitation and I hope we can all get some in April & May.

The Fawcett/Flatbush area should be getting more rain than the rest of the other areas shown especially during the summer period.

### **April 2010:**

Generally temperatures will be above average for month. The Fort Assiniboine, camp creek & Vega areas should start off warm but expect rain showers especially during the first week with possibility of some wet snow. Expect cooler temperatures with rain turning to wet snow around the 21<sup>st</sup>. Warmest temperatures expected around the 7<sup>th</sup> and mid month.

Area SE of Barrhead: Minor shower activity in first half. Rain showers and wet snow possible around the 21<sup>st</sup>, showers following this & cooler at month end. Warmest weather expected around the 7<sup>th</sup>, mid month & just before month end.

Fawcett/Flatbush area: Variable temperatures with showers throughout the month. Cooler temperatures & wet snow expected around the 21<sup>st</sup> & month end. Hottest temperatures expected around the 7<sup>th</sup>, mid month & before month end.

**May 2010:**

Fort Assiniboine area: Starts off warm with showers during first week, turning cooler & wet at month end. Do not see any real hot periods during month.

Camp Creek area: Warm first half. Cool & wet mid month & at end of month.

Vega area: Warm first part. Showers throughout month especially between the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

SE of Barrhead: Warm at start of month & around the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Showers possible mid month & just before month end when wet snow could occur before turning warmer at month end.

Fawcett/Flatbush area: Warm at first part, variable temperatures & showers throughout month especially 2<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> period. Warmer at month end.

**June 2010:**

Fort Assiniboine area: Warmer at end of first week. Cooler & wet 7<sup>th</sup> to mid month. Sorry ran out of spleen before month end.

Camp Creek area: Cooler & wet mid month and before end of month. End of month is warmest part of month. Sorry no more spleen for this area either.

SE of Barrhead: Temperatures start off warm, cooler mid month and around month end. Don't expect much precipitation except some around mid month & month end.

Fawcett/Flatbush area: Starts off warm, turning cooler & wet mid month with wet snow possible. Warmer & variable

temperatures with showers mid month to 22<sup>nd</sup> turning warmer near month end.

**July 2010:**

SE of Barrhead area: Warm temperatures throughout the month with little indication of precipitation.

Fawcett/Flatbush area: Variable temperatures will bring some hot periods around 7<sup>th</sup>, mid month & about 1 week before month end. Frost could occur near month end. Expect showers on a number of days throughout the month. Precipitation with storm activity could occur after each heat wave breaks down including month end or into the first part of August.

**August 2010:**

SE of Barrhead area: Expect similar temperature trends as predicted for the Fawcett/Flatbush area but with less precipitation.

Fawcett/Flatbush area: Month starts off cool & wet. Expect short hot spells first part & again mid month before turning to normal temperatures by month end. Showers expected periodically in first half with storms occurring after each hot period breaks down.

***That's all folks, ran out of pig spleens again. Hunters please note I can also use bear spleens.***

*Submitted by Ken Porter*



# encourage youths to keep their eyes and ears open

By Naeema Siddiqua  
Staff Writer

They call themselves the eyes and ears of rural Alberta and last week they were busy recruiting the future generation of eyes and ears.

The president of Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch Harry Schoepp and East Parkland Crime Watch president Henry Hawinkles came out to Graminia School on Thursday not only to announce the winners of the rural crime watch poster competitions, but also to encourage the youths about crime prevention.

"We would like to see the kids be educated early on and become the next generation of rural crime watchers," said Hawinkles, who has been with the East Parkland Crime Watch for 14 years now.

The local poster contests are held every year to bring awareness and involvement among youths of Alberta about crime and crime prevention.

Each year, students throughout the region are asked to draw posters pertaining to crime.

Then Schoepp and Hawinkles judge the posters to pick

the top three from each of their jurisdictions.

The first-place picks are then submitted to the provincial crime watch poster competition, where the winner's poster is included in the Alberta Crime Watch Calendar.

This year's local and provincial first place contest winner was Graminia School's own Grade 6 student Kaitlyn Wilbee, and third place went to Grade 4 student Paige Tarasuk, also from Graminia School.

Another award handed out on Thursday was to McGill Casanull, first place winner of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial School Bus Safety Week poster contest. His poster will be showcased at Graminia School.

Several schools between Golden Spike and East Parkland crime watch zones participated in the competitions, including Graminia School, Blueberry School, Muir Lake School, and Keep-hills School.

"We were amazed at what comes out in these posters there were things that we didn't even think to put in a poster," said Hawinkles.

Schoepp was in agreement with his partner from East Parkland.

Schoepp, who has been involved with the Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch unit for over 10 years, said the annual competitions provide a gateway to get the youth generation involved in crime prevention.

"Considering the population growth in the area, the occurrences of rural crime have gone down in the last five years, on per capita basis," said Schoepp, whose statement was confirmed by the Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP Detachments.

"That's due to rural crime watch putting in more efforts - there is more visibility for crime prevention."

There are currently 212 volunteer crime watchers with Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch and another 600 with East Parkland Rural Crime Watch.

The crime watchers are all volunteers who go about their daily activities while keeping their eyes and ears open for crime.

While they do not have the power to lay charges, the crime watchers are vital for tips to the RCMP.

For more information go to [www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](http://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca).

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Naeema Siddiqua Reporter/Examiner

The president of Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch Harry Schoepp (left) and East Parkland Crime Watch president Henry Hawinkles (right) came out to Graminia School on Thursday to award crime watch poster contest winners. Above they are seen with one of the winners.

*Sadly, this doesn't translate well to the newsletter, but here we have another picture with 2 of our Rural Crime Watch Associations - Golden Spike and East Parkland County members Harry Schoepp and Henry Hawinkles at Graminia School, making a presentation to one of the winning students in the 2010 Poster Contest.*

*Any pictures you have of presentations, or community involvement, please forward them to the office - if I can use them in the newsletter, I will. Any way we can acknowledge the children or our communities, let's take that opportunity.*

**Bonnie**

## SUMMER DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

*June 21 - Summer Solstice*

*July 1 - Canada Day*

*August 2 - Civic Holiday*

*September 6 - Labour Day*



**HAPPY SUMMER, EVERYONE.**

**BE SAFE, BE WELL.**



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