



# THE BULLETIN

## FALL 2017



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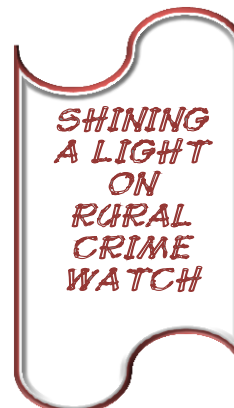
### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I hope the fall harvest continues to come off. My report will be short and sweet as there have not been a lot of changes since the last newsletter. One thing that we found is there is still a strong interest in new RCW group to develop but some of our findings have been because the surrounding RCW groups have not reached out to expand their area. The local RCW groups need to look at the borders to find the holes between your group and other groups and this way when people want to become involved in a group they would know when to go. The Provincial Board is working on our website to develop a map to show people where to find out about your group. The second thing identified by the Provincial Board is that we are hearing about local RCW groups burning out and in some cases even folding. This is very troubling as we should always be looking for new board members and fresh ideas. If this is happening in your area please contact the Provincial Board and we will do everything we can to assist you.

The Provincial Board has been working on two exciting projects to help in awareness. The first project is the new website as I mentioned earlier in my report. This website will be updated with new and exciting information and will be available shortly. The second project is the revamping of the RCW video. We have hired a production company and will start filming this September with hopes to be able to show the group at the February AGM.

One last word: When you are out and about this fall, be the eyes and ears for your community and if you do see something make sure you call the police and report it.

Trevor Tychkowsky  
President APRCWA



# RECOGNITIONS

## Thank You Des!!!



*APRCWA Trevor Tychkowsky presents Des Grant with a Volunteer Appreciation Certificate in the form of a custom engraved Cheese Board.*

At the September Meeting, of the APRCWA, the Board of Directors had the pleasure of honoring Des Grant for his many years of dedication, passion and support to the APRCWA.

Des joined the APRCWA Board in 1998, as a Zone 1 Director and also held the President position for a few years during his time on the Board. He has been involved in many of the sub-committees of the Board, giving of his time and opinion. Des chose to retire from the Board in February this year.

Des has put on a great number of miles on behalf of Rural Crime Watch and has influenced a vast number of groups and individuals with the RCW mission and

purpose. He has left his unique mark on the RCW Community.

The Board wishes Des well in his future pursuits and would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU, for your time, dedication, passion and humor shared with the Board. We look forward to hearing what Des gets up to.

## Thank You Josée



*Sgt. Josée Valiquette with the Wise Owl Mascot*

Some of you may remember Sgt. Josee VALIQUETTE, RCMP K Division RCW Program Manager, from the AGM in February. In June of this year, Josee transferred from her position of Program Manager for Crime Stoppers, Citizens on Patrol and Rural Crime Watch to accept a new challenge and posting in Ottawa.

Josee was a great ambassador of the Rural Crime Watch program and provided support, suggestions and resources not only to the APRCWA but to the Member Associations as well. She attended the AGM in February, and was available to chat rural Detachments to assist with bridging the gap between the RCW Associations and the RCMP, when needed. She worked closely with the Board on Provincial issues as it related to rural crime.

Josee always had a smile, a positive attitude and outlook and the APRCWA thanked her for her dedication and support during the years in her position of Provincial Liaison Officer at the June meeting.

Josee's dedication and support was recognized with a Volunteer Appreciation Certificate in the form of a custom engraved cheese board and was presented to Sgt. Martin Girard, in her absence. Thank you Josee and all the best. Keep in touch.

# APRCWA BOARD NEWS

## NEW RCMP K DIVISION RCW PROGRAM MANAGER

I would like to introduce myself as your new K Division Rural Crime Watch program manager. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sgt. Josée Valiquette for her commitment over the last 2 years and sharing her knowledge with regards of the Rural Crime Watch Program. I'm approaching my 20th year of service with the RCMP, I was previously posted in McLennan, Banff, Maskwacis, Morinville and Ponoka.

I have had the opportunity to meet some of you last June at your board meeting and I was impressed to see the commitment and dedication from your group throughout the Province of Alberta. The relationship between Rural Crime Watch and the RCMP is one where both partners have a common goal of a safer community. As with any partnership, all partners must be actively involved in contributing to its success.

I am looking forward to work with all of you and to continue the excellent working relationship with the Rural Crime Watch Program.

Regards,

Sgt. Martin Girard

## THE NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!!!

### Board Contact- Dean Hart

The Provincial Board is pleased to announce the roll out of your new website effective Oct 2nd, 2017. There are lots of new and interesting features so please take the time to check them out.

Scroll down the home page and check out the new interactive map, then check out the video library under resources.

A couple of the more prominent features are a member's only section that contains a store where you can purchase your signs and supplies; it also contains some of our governance for your reference.



To access the members section, click on "members" in top right corner of the home page, Click and register as a member. Please allow up to 5 days to activate your account and then login and check out the Store. You can buy your signs and promotional materials. As yet we do not have electronic pay so you will need to print your emailed invoice and send it with your check.

In preparation for the Web Site launch, Dean Hart sent emails, to the Member Associations, to request permission use the local RCW Association's email address, in the pop up screen, on the interactive map. This is a tool for the local Associations to use to highlight their area, provide contact information to members of the public interested in more information in the on RCW in the local area, etc. If you have not previously provided your local RCW contact information to Dean, and would like to have this information included in the interactive map, please contact Dean at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) and request the information required to have this set up. If you have pictures of your local area or your RCW Association, and would like to have these uploaded on the pop-up window, touch bases with Dean to discuss. Feel free to send your upcoming events to us and we will post them on the Provincial Website for you. Visit often to see what is new!!!



## **WISE OWL UPDATE**

### **Board Contact – Marvin Annell**



Fraud scams have not gone away, so there is still a big need to do more presentations. So far this year 42 presentations have been completed.

A Big Thanks to the Presenters: Gary Roessler, Collin Venables, Owen Lindsay, Dan Walton, Maureen Hollands, and Marieann Hussell. Soon to join us will be Tom Clark.

Presentations have been done at Senior Clubs, Senior Homes, through FCSS, RCW General Meetings, Office group gatherings, just to name a few.

A note about Scams: when in doubt whether you are faced with a scam, call someone you know that may be able to give you some advice or call your local RCMP. Do not give out personal information, or send funds to someone you are not sure of. Remember, once your funds leave the country, you will not likely have success in having these funds returned. If it is too good to be true it likely is. Beware of any new scams or old ones that return.

The Alberta Securities Commission has provided information on Binary Options Scams. See the article on this later in this Newsletter.

The Wise Owl Mascot had been out and about this year. It has appeared at the First Responder Fair in Edmonton, and in the Heisler and Vilna Parades. You will see more of the Wise Owl Mascot at various events in the future. It is a big attraction wherever it goes.

Should you wish to book a Wise Owl Presentation, or for information on these and other Scams please contact us at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) subject line Wise Owls.

*Submitted by: Wise Owl Coordinator: Marvin Annell*

## **PROMOTIONAL AND SIGN ORDERS**

With the Website up and running now, it will be easier to select your order, print and mail payment into the Board, through the members Store. Should you choose to email your order in, and follow up with payment either in person or via the mail, you should receive an email reply within 3 days, from the Treasurer. Should you not receive this, please re-email your request to ensure it has been received.

## **POSTER CONTEST UPDATE**

### **Board Contact – Patty Franchuk**

The 2017- 2018 Calendars have been printed and distributed to Member Associations. A big Thank You goes out to Patty Franchuk, Zone 5 Director and Poster Contest Chair for all the hard work in getting these organized for Printing and for distributing.

Reminder the **2018 Poster Contest deadline is November 6, 2017**. For more information or should you have questions, contact Patty Franchuk at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) – subject line – Poster Contest.

## **APRCWA 2018 AGM RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS**

Should your Association be giving consideration to submitting a Resolution to be considered at the 2018 AGM, in Lacombe, deadline for submissions is **November 1, 2017**. For more information on the process for submitting a Resolution(s) contact us at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)

## ***RURAL CRIME WATCH VIDEO UPDATE***

We are pleased to update the Membership on the progress of the revamping of the Rural Crime Watch Video. As Trevor mentioned, in his President's Report, the Board has hired a production company and filming beginning in September. The APRCWA Executive met with RCMP K Division Media Department, Southern Alberta Command and Sgt. Martin GIRARD, in Edmonton, to discuss the project. All are excited about the project and the potential the video has. Thanks go out to Tully Johnson, Member at Large-Special Projects, for coordinating and working behind the scenes on this project.

## ***ZONE MEETINGS SCHEDULED***



### **Zone 2 Regional meeting October 14 in Leduc, AB**

APRCWA Zone 2 regional meeting will be held in Leduc at the Telford House Seniors Center (**4907-46 Street**) Saturday October 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

Cost is \$15/00 per participant. (Covers expenses and lunch)

Agenda will be open discussion and networking. Plus an update of Provincial matters.

Please RSVP to [cmdewit@xplornet.com](mailto:cmdewit@xplornet.com) or call 789.986.2374 by October 9, so arrangements can be finalized.



### **Zone 3 Regional meeting November 4 in Rycroft, AB.**

Zone 3 Regional Meeting will be held at Andersons Restaurant at 11:00 AM, in Rycroft AB

Contact Tom Finch for further information.



### **Zone 4 Regional Meeting November 25 at St Michaels, AB.**

Zone 4 Regional Meeting will be held November 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. at St Michaels, AB. Location is at St Michaels – 561064 R.R. 164 County of Lamont.

RSVP by November 1 to [marviv09@gmail.com](mailto:marviv09@gmail.com)

Contact Marvin Annell at [marviv09@gmail.com](mailto:marviv09@gmail.com) for more information.



### **Zone 5 Regional meeting October 21 in Thorhild, AB.**

Zone 5 Fall meeting will be held on October 21 2017 at the Thorhild Seniors Drop-in Centre beginning at 9:30 with coffee and registration. There will be speakers in the AM, followed by lunch and the meeting. Entertainment to follow the meeting and there will be door prizes.

The registration fee will be \$15.00 per person

More information about the meeting will be given later. *Deadline to let me know how many will be attending is October 17, 2017*

*Please call Shirley Vice, Redwater and District RCW at 780 398 2231 or fax 780 398 2793 or email [crimesolver@icloud.com](mailto:crimesolver@icloud.com) to register and for further information.*

# 2018 SYMPOSIUM AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Registration forms are out now for the **Provincial Crime Symposium** being held **Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** 2018 in Lacombe at the Memorial Centre. Friday night is our meet and greet. Saturday is a packed day, starting in the morning with the Keynote Speaker and topic; *Christiane Sadeler, Crime Prevention in the Rural Environment*.

Christine Saedler is the Executive Director of the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council, which is a partnership between community and local government for crime prevention, in the Region of Waterloo. She shows a strong preference for community based solutions and prevention and will guide groups through exercises that provide tools to build communities through collaboration. Christine presented her workshop at the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) Conference, held in Calgary in May 2017, and received rave reviews. This is a unique chance to hear about crime prevention from different perspectives.

The AGM will be held in the afternoon and Danny Hooper will be entertaining us with his antics, jokes and auction after supper. Check the provincial website for full details.

Registration forms are included at the back of the Bulletin and on the Web Site. [www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](http://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)

Round up your members and Board Members and get your registrations in early to be a part of the 2018 Symposium. . **Early bird rates apply till Dec 31** so don't delay. See you all in February!!!!

## ZONE MEETINGS – UPDATES

### Zone 1

The Zone 1 Regional Meeting was held in High River, AB on June 3, 2017 with four Zone 1 Associations in attendance and regrets sent by one Association.

Lloyd Kenny, from *Callcraft Consulting* provided an informative and thought provoking presentation on Identity Theft, Frauds and Scams. There were many topics discussed which ranged for the use of readers to read information from bank cards and credit cards while in a wallet or purse, to transmitters that can open garage doors and electronic key fob information. Lloyd provided a condensed version of his presentation for use by the RCWs in presentations.



Lloyd Kenny-  
Call Craft  
Consulting

Cst Stacy CAMPBELL provided an overview on Fentanyl, its makeup, access and updates on how the RCMP are responding to this trend. . The RCMP are in the process of training their Drug detection dogs to detect Fentanyl, however there is a concern on the inhalation or ingestion of the drug and the effect on the canine, given how small a lethal dosage can be.



Cst. Stacy  
CAMPBELL,  
High River  
RCMP  
Detachment

During the meeting portion of the day, elections for Zone Director were held.

Rosemary Lindsay, Cochrane Foothills Protective Association- RCW was elected for a 3 year term, Conrad Van Hierdan, Fort Macleod RCW, was elected for a 2 year term. There were no nominations from the floor, so Dean Hart-

Web Site will remain a Zone 1 Director at Large.

During the open forum of the meeting, Cst CAMPBELL provided statistics from the High River Area; Wheatland and District RCW asked how other Associations handle membership dues and updated those in attendance on the use of drones in scoping out properties in

Wheatland County. Operators are parking away from the intended property and flying the drone over to check out the property.



A general discussion on phone fan out systems was held with Conrad providing information on the One Call system. No meeting host or date has been set for the next Zone 1 Meeting. When set, a notice will be sent out to Zone 1 Members when this is confirmed.



## **ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION BINARY OPTIONS SCAMS**

### **You think you've hit the jackpot - until this happens**

With the extended economic pressures we've experienced in Alberta, some people are taking greater risks with their finances in hopes of making up for lost income. If not careful, this can put you at risk of losing your savings to investment fraud.

The Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) is warning Albertans about binary options scams, a type of online investment. This scam tracks down its victims through enticing online advertisements. Binary options trading is essentially a "bet" as to whether an asset's value will increase or decrease over a short fixed period of time – similar to online gambling – but in reality, most of these websites are fraudulent. In gambling terminology – "the house always wins."

There are numerous binary options companies located overseas currently targeting Albertans. They convince Albertans to invest by promising high rates of return. Trading accounts are set up using your credit card and only a small amount of money is needed to get started. Initial investments yield high returns, which appear in your account. What you don't realize is that these are virtual gains and the profits don't actually exist. The scam continues until you want to withdraw your profits. At this point, you may be informed that you had a "bad day" and lost all of your money, or more likely, you will be unable to contact the company.

Based on information compiled by the ASC, Albertans who fall victim to binary options scams lose, on average, more than \$20,000. These companies are often located overseas, which makes it almost impossible to get your money back.

The ASC offers the following tips to stay safe when investing online:

- **Don't become a statistic; don't trade in binary options.**
  - Do not give out any personal information (credit card, driver's license, SIN, etc.) over the phone or internet, including email, or to a person or company you don't know and trust. If you unknowingly hand over personal information to a scam artist, they may make unauthorized transactions on your credit card or use your personal information to steal your identity.
  - Never make an investing decision on the spot, always take time to research the opportunity. Scam artists may pressure you to make a quick decision, so you don't have time to learn that the opportunity may be a bad decision.
  - If an opportunity sounds too good to be true – **it is too good to be true**. If an online investment you are considering is offering guaranteed or low-risk returns higher than what the banks offer, take the time to check it out before making a decision.

If you're unsure about an investment opportunity, contact the ASC before you invest: 1-877-355-4488 or [inquiries@asc.ca](mailto:inquiries@asc.ca). Remember, there are no registered binary options firms in Canada. To protect your retirement savings, educate yourself about investing; you can find a lot of free information on the ASC's [checkfirst.ca](http://checkfirst.ca).

Included with the Newsletter are the following CHECKF1RST Brochures from ASC;

- ASC warns against binary option trading.
- Spot and Stop Investment Fraud – A Guide for Alberta Seniors.

*Submitted by Nicole Tuncay, Senior Advisor, Investor Education, Alberta Securities Commission*



# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Benalto & Area Rural Crime Watch Society

*Submitted by Yvette Brideau – Director*

The Benalto & Area Rural Crime Watch Society have been involved with fundraising for the Sylvan Lake & District Victim Services for approx. 9 years and are pleased to support them again, this August, by donating \$200.00 towards sponsoring 4 golf carts. The Sylvan Lake & District Victim Services Association held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament held at the Sylvan Lake Golf & Country Club. In addition to 4 golf carts donning the BARCWS Logo, 8 BARCWS volunteers assisted with the day's events. Jennifer Plotnikoff, Program Coordinator SLDVSA accepted the donation from BARCWS President Dave More and Angela Kinzel, Assistant Coordinator of SLDVSA shared the moment.

BARCWS and the Sylvan Lake Victim Services serve the same geographical area as the Sylvan Lake RCMP who are in partnership with both of the non-profit organizations. The Benalto & Area RCWS strongly support the Victim Services' goal of helping victims (and families) of tragedy and crime in getting their lives back on track.

The Benalto RCW organization will probably be going through a transformation in the next year... my husband Dave & I (who have been involved since 2004 & as Directors) are stepping down & out...so we will pass the buck to whomever wishes to carry the torch & light it! Very much appreciate your dedication & consistency to the updated & so professional APRCWA Newsletter!



*BARCWS President, Dave More, presents the donation check to SLDVSA Program Coordinator, Jennifer Plotnikoff and Angela*

## Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

*Submitted by Rosemary Lindsay, President.*



*CFPA Board Members at the Vision 2023 Strategy Session in front of the Strategy Cow L-R – Paul Clark, Jim Willson, Brad Jones, Rosemary Lindsay, Facilitator Paul Clarke, Simone Byers, Gayle Watson*

The Cochrane Foothills Protective Association (CFPA) started off the spring, after their AGM, with a Strategy Workshop which was held on April 22, at the Stockman's Foundation Museum in Cochrane. With the renewed interest in Rural Crime Watch in the Cochrane RCMP Detachment area and the diversity of the makeup of the rural communities, ranches and demographics, the CFPA Board wanted to explore ways to approach this and set a direction for the Association.

Paul Clark, from Vision Gain Consulting Inc. let the Board Members through an intense day of discussions, think-tanking and collaboration which resulted in the document called Vision 2023 and includes seven goals, to be worked on as a Board. This was a valuable day and the results and goals provide a positive direction to for the Board. The CFPA Board would also like to thank the generosity of the Stockman's Museum for the donation of the space for this day.



*Wise Owl Presenter, Owen Lindsay, at the Bearspaw Lunch and Learn*



*CFPA Directors Jim Willson, Simone Byers and Gayle Watson at the Springbank for All Seasons Table. Also pictured is the Springbank Community Planning Representative.*

We continue to be invited to present or be present at various Community Events and meetings. We had the pleasure of meeting with the Bearspaw Home Owners Association, at their AGM, provided information on the Rural Crime Watch Program and introduced the Wise Owl program to the Bearspaw Lunch and Learn gathering at the Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre. We had a Display and Information table at the Annual Springbank for All Seasons Fall Fair, which terrific exposure for the CFPA and resulted in many

new Memberships. Our Directors have been in contact with communities in their areas and have held small



informational gatherings to spread the work on the CFPa and the RCW program. We continue to have active Director and involvement at these events and look forward to a busy fall and winter. We also want to thank our Liaison Officers Cst. Francis BOUCHER and Cst Nathan MOORE for their continued support, dedication and commitment to the CFPa. Their involvement, along with the Fish and Wildlife Officers and other Law Enforcement partnerships are a strong part of our success as an Association in our area.



CST, Nathan MOORE and CFPa President, Rosemary Lindsay at the Springbank information table.

## Flagstaff Rural Crime Watch Association

*Submitted by Charlotte Curtis - Reporter*

Hello from FRCWA. In October of last year, a small group of keen folks who had concerns about the amount and kinds of crime taking place in our communities, called a meeting of interested citizens for information about Alberta Rural Crime Watch and for the express purpose of determining a genuine interest in forming a Flagstaff Association. We were overwhelmed with a show of about 50 citizens of all walks, including our local RCMP and County Constables. As a result an election of officers took place and paperwork got quickly underway of submitting all the forms for the formation of FRCWA by early in the January 2017.

To date we have a paid membership of 59 families. We've been fortunate to have had several corporate sponsors, including the County to get us off the ground and running. Thus we have purchased 10 large roadside Crime Watch signs and they have been posted at strategic entrances into our County.

Our initial meeting had guest RCMP from Viking explain the role they have with the Rural Crime Watch Associations, how their fan-out system works and answered a lot of questions of the effectiveness of the organization in their area. Another meeting brought out a local distributor of a Security System that he installs and demonstrates how it works and variations of effectiveness. Our March meeting fell during Fraud Prevention month and our local RCMP were the guests of honor to explain the many types of fraud, their seductive methods and how to recognize their calls or propositions which received a lot of interest, also what to do if you fall for them. In June we ran the Provincial Poster contest through all our schools and unfortunately have had NO response.

We have taken the opportunity Community functions, including Relationship and Spousal Craft market in Strome and the MLA, Wes Taylor, concerning The parade for Heisler's History Book launch had our wearing of the new Mascot. spite of a little fan in the "head"



Flagstaff RCW Heisler Parade Entry with Wise Owl.

didn't fare too well in the 37 degree heat that day. An old buggy decked with our Flagstaff Rural Crime Watch signage, pulled by a quad walked alongside with the gal in mascot. They were a great hit.

to be present and visible at a few attending the Flagstaff's Initiative to Trauma presentation in Amisk, the Sr. community meeting in Killam with our crime prevention at the provincial level. Centennial Homecoming and new Association's entry and the inaugural Believe me, that Owl is well insulated in part and, what big feet he has! He

As another year unfolds we anticipate getting a better handle on pertinent issues to our community, having a greater presence in our community and getting the fan-out system up and running. We hope to make a positive impact on a reduction of crime in our Flagstaff regional community and become an esteemed entity in Flagstaff.

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## Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association

*Submitted by Cor De Wit, President*



August 6th and 7th saw the RCMP Musical ride come to Amberlea Meadows in Leduc County. Leduc Rural Crime Watch, as well as other groups such as Victim Services and Night Hawks, was invited to set up informational booths for all visitors to browse and learn about community efforts to reduce crime and check out the RCMP as a career.

Leduc RCW set up a booth with informational brochures and membership applications. We also took in the musical ride and I have added some pictures within this article. It was a beautiful day with sun and calm winds which resulted in a huge attendance. The children especially enjoyed the meet and greet of the Mounties and their horses. (Check out some of the close-ups.)



*Cor DeWit and team mate manning the informational booth at Amberlea Meadows*



This is one important way to get our message of crime prevention into the public. I would like to thank the RCMP for making Leduc County one of their stops on the 2017 cross country tour.

## Olds-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch Association

*Submitted by Judy Schlichenmayer- Secretary*

The Old-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch Association held its Family Crime Prevention Trade Show on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion.

We would like to thank all of our Vendors:

- Fortis Alberta with their interactive Electrical Safety Display
- Calgary Better Business Bureau with their Senior Fraud Prevention presentation
- Dean Vegso from the Office of Traffic Safety
- Darren from Fish and Wildlife.
- Olds RCMP with Drug information.
- Town of Olds – Citizens on Patrol
- SmartDish- Security Gates
- RIPs Auto with their Security systems info.

We also sincerely thank our Sponsors:

- A & W
- Olds Dairy Queen
- Olds Legion
- Signs by Jan
- Bob Towns, Great West Bison
- Dunrite Printing
- Mountain View Publishing
- Future AG



- CKLJ 96.5
- Noble Equipment
- Moodys
- Fountain Tire Olds
- Equis
- NAPA Auto Parts, Sundre

And a special thanks to our face painters from the Olds High School-Kyla Organ and Avery Petersen; to Dr. R Wray for his magic trick and to Safety Bear- big hit with the kids.

Thanks also to StopBully for cooking the hotdogs donated by Westview Co-op.



Winner of the Kids Bike, donated by B & M Hardware was Veronica Reid, 5 years old, pictured, above, with her bike. The winner of the bike accessories, donated by Canadian Tire, was Rayna, pictured here with her winnings.

### **Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association**

*Submitted by Corinna Williams – Chair*

Hello this is Corinna Williams with the Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association. I took over as chairperson in April of this year. I would like to acknowledge these members whom re-started this program in our area and their countless efforts for our Crime Watch Program, They are David LeBlanc (past Chair), Frank Armella (past secretary) and Tony Saunders (past director) They all gave many hours of commitment and I would like to make sure they get the acknowledgement they deserve.

### **Red Water and District Rural Crime Watch Association.**

*Submitted by Shirley Vice- Zone 5 Director*



The Red Water and District RCW constructed a colorful float for the local Canada Parade. It commemorated Canada's 150 Birthday and helped celebrate this historic event.

Looks like a job well done by all of the volunteers.

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## Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch.

Submitted by Patty Franchuk – Zone 5 Director.

Wise Owl visiting Vilna, Ab and participating in the Vilna Parade, in Smoky Lake County.

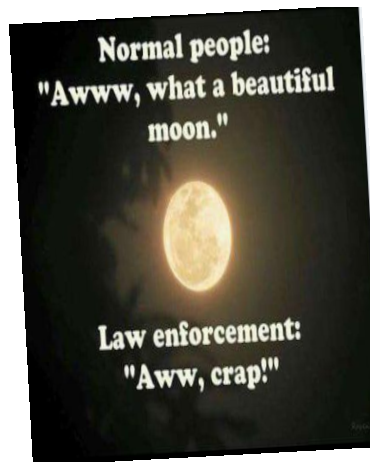


Looking Good Wise Owl!!!!

## 😊 HUMOR CORNER 😊



Vehicle Security  
Tips;





# CONFERENCE UPDATES

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Conference  
Theme - Partners in Crime –  
Held May 2nd and 3rd – Calgary, Alberta



The ACCPA held their annual conference, with the theme “Partners in Crime, Building partnerships that create safe communities”.

The Conference was a great success with some amazing and different perspective information provided.

The Opening address was facilitated by Christine Sadler on How to Build Safe Communities through Collaboration. Christine is the Executive Director of the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council and her passion and much of her work is focused on those who live at the margins of our communities. In her presentation she shared the story of the Waterloo Region crime prevention council and shared lessons learned and success stories. She then guided the group through and an exercise in how to build communities through collaboration.



There was also a Chief of Police Panel discussion on Building Partnerships in the Community. The panel consisted of the RCMP Chief Superintendent of the Southern Alberta Command, Police Chiefs from the Tsuu T'ina Nation, Calgary Police Service and Lacombe City Police Service. Questions were posed to the panel as well as from the audience.



REACH Edmonton provided information on the 24/7 Crisis Diversion which is an innovative approach to building partnerships between social agencies, police, community and emergency services.

Greg Saville, AlterNation focused his presentation on Safe Growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Neighbourhood. He spoke of CPTED and changing the face of a community through citizen led groups. He conducted a short workshop on future neighbourhoods and communities and how they could be envisioned.



The Keynote Presentation was delivered by and was entitled Collaborative Risk-Driven Intervention Responsible Information Sharing. Dr. Nilson is a founding partner of Global Network for Community Safety and vice president of research and evaluation for this network. He spoke to a very different perspective than what Albertans currently know and relate to when we speak of crime prevention. He spoke about a “change in paradigm”. He shared the principals of the “hub Model” used in Prince Albert, Sask. and has shared this “model” has been adopted in other communities across Canada.



Chad was an informed and well-researched speaker who captivated the entire room, as he provided a very different perspective on crime prevention, which he substantiated with data and research.

ANY OF THE PRESENTATIONS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE ACCPA WEBSITE  
<http://www.albertacrimeprevention.com> under 2017 conference.

## ***THE FINAL WORD***

As you can see it has been a busy summer for the APRCWA Board and for the RCW Member Associations. With the launch of the Web Site, the stating of the filming on the revamped RCW video, the Board has been active and there are a lot of good things happening with the Member Associations in education and awareness of what is happening in their areas, We see information being shared via Facebook pages, emails, between Member Associations, newspaper articles and by Member Associations getting out and being active at public events and hosting public events. There is no one magic way to provide information to our local Members and I am impressed with the diversity and creative ways you, the Member Associations, are getting involved in your communities. We have heard it at the AGM and at Zone Meetings, that criminals do not have borders and neither should we. It is great to see and hear about some of the cross collaboration this is occurring in the various Zones and that this communication does not appear to have "borders".

In his report, Trevor mentioned the Board is receiving reports of some Rural Crime Watch Associations experiencing burn out due to a few members doing a lot, or folding completely. We see a continued rise in criminal activity in all areas in the Province, and hearing this news is worrisome. Having been involved with a RCW Association that struggled for a few years, until "we found our legs again" I understand the work and dedication local RCW Board Members and volunteers put into an Association and its success, and when it seems that this work is falling to the same people, it is understandable why people get burned out. For those that are finding it difficult to carry on, hang in there and see if there is an idea, from other Associations or news in this edition of the Bulletin that sparks an idea, or the initiative to try something "different". Please reach out to a neighboring Association for ideas or support. For those who feel things are going well, kudos and keep up the good work; please be open to sharing your success and, if needed, resources, should you be approached by another Association. Let's keep going and growing!!!

If you hear of a or are a local Member Association struggling, feel free to get in contact with the APRCWA Board via the APRCWA email; we are here to support where we can.

And speaking of support, don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2018 AGM in February in Lacombe. Red Deer –Lacombe RCW have a great program planned for Friday evening as well as Saturday. This AGM is shaping up to be an informational packed event. Having a workshop format could have you come away with new ideas, new strategies and a different perspective on how to look at crime and crime prevention in your area. Come out to support and be supported.

See you in February!!!!

Cheers,  
Rosemary

Rosemary Lindsay

Newsletter Editor.



# ASC warns against binary options trading

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## WHAT ARE BINARY OPTIONS?

Binary options are theoretically an online wager (disguised as an investment) that is essentially a “bet” as to whether an asset’s value will increase or decrease over a short, fixed period of time – similar to online gambling. In reality, most of these websites are fraudulent. In gambling terms – “the house always wins” – meaning you lose.

**Remember:** Currently it is illegal to trade binary options in Canada. There are no registered binary options dealers in Canada.

Based on information compiled by the ASC, Albertans who fall victim to binary options scams lose, on average, more than \$20,000. These companies are often located overseas, which makes it almost impossible for victims to get their money back.

## HOW YOU MAY BE APPROACHED

### ONLINE:

There are numerous online binary options trading platforms that target investors through online advertising. The ads are very enticing; investors will click through to a sophisticated-looking website where they can easily open an account and start trading with as little as \$250. The websites promote their trading as a simple way to make easy money with returns as high as 80 per cent.

**Remember:** If it sounds too good to be true, **it is too good to be true.** If money was this easy to make, wouldn’t everyone be rich?

### THROUGH SOMEONE YOU KNOW:

You may hear about a friend or acquaintance who is making a lot of easy money through binary options trading. This may tempt you to try it out.

**Remember:** The trades aren’t real, despite the real money you hand over. When you start trading binary options, it appears at first that you are winning big, and you will see an increase in funds in your account. What you don’t know is that you will never be able to transfer these funds to your bank account. When you try, the company may tell you that you’ve had a “bad day” and lost all of your money, or the company won’t return your calls.



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## Red flags to watch out for

Many binary options trading platforms have websites that look very professional. It's very important to carefully review the website for warning signs. Here are some red flags to watch out for:

- The company/person is not registered in Alberta or Canada (you can check registration at [checkfirst.ca](http://checkfirst.ca)).
- The company description is vague and there isn't any information about the management team, such as photos and biographies.
- Other than their website, there is no searchable information on the company.
- There are grammar and spelling mistakes.
- The contact information is not accurate. The company may state that they have offices in New York, but when you look their address up or try to call, the company is not found.
- The companies are located overseas.



## Tips to help protect yourself from online investment fraud

- **Don't become a statistic.**  
**Don't invest in binary options.**
- Do not give out any personal information (credit card, driver's license, SIN, etc.) over the phone or internet, including email, or to a person or company you don't know and trust. If you unknowingly hand over personal information to a scam artist, they may make unauthorized transactions on your credit card or use your personal information to steal your identity.
- Never make an investment decision on the spot, always take time to research the opportunity. Scam artists may pressure you to make a quick decision, so you don't have time to learn that the opportunity may be a bad decision.
- If an opportunity sounds too good to be true – **it is too good to be true.** If an online investment you are considering is offering guaranteed or low-risk returns higher than what the banks offer, you should be suspicious.
- Low risk, high return investments don't exist. The higher the return, the higher the potential risk. **All investments carry some level of risk.**

## WATCH OUT FOR RECOVERY ROOM SCAMS

If you become a victim of a binary options scam, you may be contacted by another scam artist who says they can recover the money you lost. They will tell you that all you have to pay are the taxes or a fee, and they will get your money back. Once you pay them, however, they disappear with your money and you've been scammed again.

This is known as a **recovery room scam**. Scam artists sell the personal information received from their victims, so they can be targeted again.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A BINARY OPTIONS SCAM

- Contact the ASC, we're here to help: **[inquiries@asc.com](mailto:inquiries@asc.com) or 1-877-355-4488**
- Tell a close friend, family member or someone you trust. This should not be kept a secret.
- Cancel your credit cards and other related financial accounts which might be at risk.
- If you provided the company with your passport information, contact the Canadian government.



# Spot and Stop Investment Fraud - A Guide for Alberta Seniors

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## THE DOWNSIDE

As an older individual you are a target for scam artists who prey on the perceived vulnerability of seniors, and try to separate you from the nest egg you've worked your whole life to accumulate.



## LET'S START WITH A FEW FACTS:

1. Financial abuse is one of the most **frequently** reported forms of elder abuse in Canada.<sup>1</sup>
2. It has the potential to **worsen** as Alberta's population continues to age. It is projected that by 2031, approximately one in five Albertans will be a senior.<sup>2</sup>
3. Seniors are a **target** because of increased physical and mental vulnerabilities associated with the ageing process. Any financial loss experienced is **magnified** because there is less time to recover lost funds.

<sup>1</sup> Source: [www.seniors.alberta.ca/seniors/elder-abuse.html](http://www.seniors.alberta.ca/seniors/elder-abuse.html)

<sup>2</sup> Source: [www.seniors.alberta.ca/seniors/aging-population.html](http://www.seniors.alberta.ca/seniors/aging-population.html)

## THE UPSIDE

There are free and easy ways to educate and protect yourself against investment fraud. The Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) has developed tips and resources to help seniors learn ways to recognize and avoid it. Reviewing this guide is a good start, and you can find more information here: [www.CheckFirst.ca/seniors](http://www.CheckFirst.ca/seniors).

## INVESTMENT SCAMS COMMONLY TARGETED AT SENIORS:

Once you know what you're looking for, it becomes much easier to spot. If you have been approached with or are considering an investment offer that sounds like any of the scams listed below, do your research, consult an unbiased third party or contact the ASC (1-877-355-4488) before investing.

### Affinity Fraud

A scam that exploits the trust and friendship that exists in groups of people who have something in common, such as religious or ethnic communities, social clubs or professional groups.

### Online Advertising

Online pop-ups or ads that appear on various websites that seniors visit designed to lure them in with promises of "easy money" or "retiring rich." When contact information is provided, the scam artist begins to build a relationship with the senior and pressures them to invest in a scam.

### Cold Calls

Persistent sales people use aggressive sales tactics over the phone to pitch genuine-sounding investment opportunities.

### Investment Seminars

Seniors are lured into attending an "educational seminar" that often includes a free lunch. The seminar is really a sales pitch about an "exciting" investment opportunity. Attendees often feel obligated to invest because they accepted the free meal and have been pressured with convincing sales tactics.

### Charity Scams

Scam artists take advantage of seniors' generosity by convincing them to donate their money to a fake charity or for a cause related to a current event (i.e. fire or flood).



## TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR NEST EGG

- **Don't judge a book by its cover** – successful scam artists look and sound very professional. They have the ability to make even the flimsiest deal seem as safe as putting money in the bank.
- **Don't be a victim of your manners** – it's okay to just say "no" to an offer you are unsure about.
- **Remain in charge of your money** – beware of individuals asking you to sign something you don't understand or urging you to leave everything in their hands, like power of attorney.
- **Watch out for salespeople who prey on your fears** – scam artists know that you worry about your future and focus on your fears and insecurities when convincing you to invest. All investment decisions should be made with a clear mind, with no pressure or emotions clouding your judgement.
- **Look out for difficulties retrieving your principal or profits** – if you receive any push back or stalling tactics when you want to pull out your principal or profits, you may have uncovered someone trying to cheat you.
- **Check registration** – check out the firm or person offering you an investment or providing you with investment advice by searching the National Registration Database online: [www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca).

For more tips on how to protect your nest egg please visit [www.checkfirst.ca/seniors](http://www.checkfirst.ca/seniors).

## FINANCIAL CONCERNS CHECKLIST

**Are you, or a senior you know experiencing any of the following financial issues or concerns?**

(check all that apply)

- ☐ I have recently assumed control of my finances for the first time.
- ☐ I don't feel confident in making financial decisions alone.
- ☐ I have trouble paying bills because the bills are confusing to me.
- ☐ My children or others around me are pressuring me to give them money or make financial decisions I am unsure about.
- ☐ People are contacting me by phone, email or mail asking me for money.
- ☐ Money seems to be disappearing from my accounts. I think someone may be accessing them without my permission.
- ☐ I don't receive regular financial statements for my bank accounts and/or investments.
- ☐ I do receive regular financial statements for my bank accounts and/or investments but don't review and/or understand them.
- ☐ I have trouble getting in touch with my financial adviser or person who takes care of my finances.
- ☐ I have been forced or am being pressured to sign over my power of attorney or change my will.

If you checked any of the boxes above and are concerned about your finances, help and resources are available. Speak to someone you trust, such as a friend, doctor, caregiver, accountant or lawyer or the Alberta Securities Commission (1-877-355-4488).

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# Registration Form

## Red Deer Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch

Provincial Rural Crime Watch Crime Symposium  
February 16 & 17 , 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird registration before Dec 31, 2017 \$100

Registration after Jan 01, 2018 \$125

**Pease send your registration to:**

Red Deer Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch  
c/o Blackfalds RCMP Detachment  
Box 1780  
Blackfalds AB T0M 0J0

There is a block of rooms booked at the BEST WESTERN in Lacombe 403 782 3535  
that will be held until Jan 16, 2018

There are other good hotels in Lacombe and Blackfalds