



The Bulletin

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President's Report

Highlights of President's Report

- Keeping Financial House in Order
- Partnership with CACPC
- Strategic Plan
- Keep Lines of Communication Open
- Foster great relationships

Hello everyone!

This will be my first newsletter submission as President of your Association.

First, an introduction for all those that I have not met and may not know me. I have been the President of our local RCW for 12 years, Chairman of our children's School Councils over our 12 years of our children's school years. That would work out to about 18 years. Then I spent 15 years as President of our local Bingo Association, and Treasurer of Bingo Alberta for the last 6 years. Currently, I serve as Chairperson of our Co-operative in which I have 4 years left in my term.

Enough about me, now on to APRCWA business. Your Board will continue to work on the completion of the video project with the direction of Tully Johnston. Keeping our financial house in order will continue to be the focus of the financial committee. All our current programs will be maintained where it is deemed feasible. As priorities change, we will redirect resources to get the best "bang for the buck". Our partnership with CACPC (Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre) will be pursued as it relates to serving our members and the Association mission on crime prevention. And finally, continue to foster the great relationship we enjoy with the RCMP, Farmers Advocate, Alberta Solicitor General, and Alberta Fish and Wildlife. We will actively seek out new corporate and Government sponsorship where it meets our objectives.

Keeping our focus on the strategic plan will be a priority as we do not wish to sway from our mission of helping our members in their quest for crime prevention programs and materials for their community initiatives.

I hope to keep our channels of communication open to everyone. Feel free to contact your Association anytime that you have a question or concern. We are always learning new concepts and welcome any comments and suggestions for the betterment of our Association.

Looking forward to a productive year,

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RECOGNITIONS

And in the Spotlight this Edition!

DON GOURLAY

This past fall, Zone 3 Director Tom Finch had the pleasure of presenting Past Zone Director Don Gourlay with a token of appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his many years on the APRCWA Board of Directors. Don retired from the APRCWA Board in September of 2017 and at that time was the Casino

Committee Chair, which he held for many years.

Thank you Don for all your work on the various Committees and for organizing successful Casinos for the APRCWA.

We wish you all the best in whatever you choose to get involved in. Be safe, have fun and keep in touch.



Zone 3 Director Tom Finch with Past Zone 3 Director Don Gourlay

RCMP Volunteer Rural Crime Watch Service Awards

"K" Division recognizes Rural Crime Watch Members with Service Awards

A highlight of the 2018 APRCWA AGM, that was held in Lacombe in February, was the presentations and announcements of the many Rural Crime Watch Members Services Awards. These Services Awards were for 10 Year, 20 Year, and 30 Years and were comprised of a

Certificate and Years of Service Pin. Those in attendance were presented with their Awards by APRCWA President Trevor Tychowsky and RCMP Rural Crime Watch Manager- "K" Division, Sgt. Martin Girard. Those not in attendance will have their Certificates and Pins presented by their Local Association.



Presentation of 30 Year Service Award to Judy Schlichenmayer

L-R: Trevor Tychowsky, Judy Schlichenmayer, Sgt. Martin GIRARD



Presentation of 25 Year Service Award for Des Grant

L-R Trevor Tychowsky, Receiving on behalf of Des Grant is Terry Krauz, Sgt. Martin GIRARD

10 YEAR RCW SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dianne Alberda, Sharon Barr, Bruce Beattie, John Chorny, Robert Diesman, Rod Eckstrand,,Dale Edwards, Margaret Erickson, Lianne Finlay, Alissa Firmston, Wally Gunderson, Bill

MacPherson, Shirley MacPherson, Douglas McCullough, Doug McDonald, Shirley McDonald, Randy MvNeil,Alice Neilson, John Neilson, Herb Noyes, Penelope Palsson, Rob Ridley, Darwin Schultz, Clifford Scott, Marion Scott, Bruce Smith, Douglas Smith, Dennis Statham, Jo-Ann Statham, George Steckler, Marge Steckler.

20 YEAR RCW SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alice Bishell, Glen Bishell, Nancy Blaine, Bob Gamble, Shirley Gamble, Nancy Graham, Bob Grainger, Leon Graham, Lynne Henry, Kevin Heppler, Dave Hogarth, Al Kemmere, Arnold Lachman, Barbara Lachman, Liz Negropontes, Richard Ross, Shirley Ross.



30 YEAR RCW SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Don Braun, Patricia Braun, Brenda Burrell, Ken Burrell, Vance Doering, Shirley Felker, Sharon Fulton, Mary Hildebrandt, Gerald Ingeveld, Shelly Ingeveld, Bradley James, Pat James, Trudy James, Henry Kuelker, Ursala Kuelker, Alex Macklin, Anne Mackllin, Judy Schlichenmayer, Dave Sharek, Dianne Sharek, Marie Sheets, Betty Stumpf, James Stumpf, Bill Wigley.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

RCMP and APRCWA

On February 15, 2018 Deputy Commissioner Todd Shean, Commanding Officer for RCMP "K" Division and APRCWA President Trevor Tychkowsky signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) renewing the Partnership between the RCMP and the APRCWA.

The MOU defines the roles of each of the partners with the goal to get more information to the RCMP in remote areas.

Part of the role of Rural Crime Watch Volunteers serve as the "eyes and ears" of their Community. RCW Members take an active role in crime prevention with passive patrols and communicating with their local



Police; if you see something—say something.

Part of the Role of the RCMP is to promote and foster the establishment and use of the RCW Program and where possible, provide RCMP Members from local Detach-

ments to act as a liaison/trainer for local Member Associations.

"By continuing to work in partnership with the RCMP, Rural Crime Watch can build safe and resilient rural communities throughout the Province."
D/Comm. Todd Shean

Link to the signing of the MOU and Interview with Trevor Tychkowsky is below—copy to your web browser.

<https://alberta.ctvnews.ca/responding-to-increases-in-rural-crime-1.3812004>

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D/Comm. Todd Shean

Inset— D/Comm. Todd Shean and APRCWA Pres. Trevor Tychkowsky signing the MOU . Carsten Erb from the Solicitor General Office looks on.

APRCWA 2018 Poster Contest Winners

The 2018 Poster Contest was another success with winning entries being submitted by Member Associations across the Province.

The winners were announced at the 2018 APRCWA AGM. First place winners, for all 10 categories, received a trophy plaque provided by the Alberta Solicitor General. Prize money was given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. 2018 Winners were:

Grade 1:

- 1st:** Kyla Mullin – Wandering River School, Wandering River, AB
2nd: Melissa Hofer – Holden Colony – Holden, AB
3rd: Ella Turko – H.A. Kostash School – Smoky Lake, AB

Grade 2:

- 1st:** Jonas Hofer – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB
2nd: Joss Cook – Namao School – Sturgeon County, AB
3rd: Emerson Marlatt – Graminia School – Spruce Grove, AB

Grade 3:

- 1st:** Susan Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB
2nd: Livia Wegenast – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB
3rd: Analeigh Steinhauer – Vilna School – Vilna, AB

Grade 4:

- 1st:** Dean Splane – Boyle School – Boyle, AB
2nd: Andrea Stahl – Holden Colony – Holden, AB
3rd: Danika McKernan – Duffield School – Duffield, AB

Grade 5:

- 1st:** Norah Melnyk – Innisfree Delnorte School – Innisfree, AB
2nd: Isabell Straub – Gibbons School – Gibbons, AB
3rd: Meredith Sabadaska – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB

Grade 6:

- 1st:** Addison Beier – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB
2nd: Saida Nault – E'cole Citedelle School – Legal, AB
3rd: Belle Ray – Tofield School – Tofield, AB

Grade 7:

- 1st:** Kyla Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB
2nd: Annabelle Romanowski – Lillian Schick School – Bon Accord, AB
3rd: Kaytelin Gallant – Graminia School – Spruce Grove, AB

Grade 8:

- 1st:** Miriam Hofer – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB
2nd: Jaden Jacob Stahl – Smoky Lake Colony School – Smoky Lake, AB
3rd: Blake Andersen – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB

Grade 9:

- 1st:** Abby Tarapaski – Innisfree Delnorte School – Innisfree, AB
2nd: Eden Stoesz – Blueberry Community School – Parkland County, AB
3rd: Stephen Farris – Trinity Christian School – Andrew, AB

Computers:

- 1st:** Conan Bolen – Morinville Community High School – Morinville, AB

APRCWA Board Updates

RCMP Update

Sgt. Martin GIRARD

Sgt. Martin GIRARD is an active member of the APRCWA Board and has provided a list of **Safety Tips** which has been posted on the Web Site. Go to **www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca** and click on Resources– Safety Tips.

RCMP Service Awards will be available again this year.

Deadline for submission for the lists of your deserving Members is **August 1, 2018**. Please email your lists to aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca and we will forward to Martin for submission.

Signs — Lee Kasper—Chair

With the increase in the overall Membership in the Province there has been a corresponding increase in the requests for signs. The most popular seem to be the Aluminum Reflective Gate Post Signs.

Lee Kasper— Chair of the Sign Committee would like to remind members of the proper storage of signs as there have been some questions, from Associations regarding this. When the signs are shipped, they are shipped with the printed sides facing with a protective paper placed between the signs. This is to protect

the printing from damage during shipping. When storing signs, please leave the paper inside and store them in an appropriate manner. Rubbing of the printed sides together, without the paper in-between will damage the sign.

4' x4' Signs are now Special Order so please allow for delivery time.

Shipping is set at a flat \$50.00; arrangements can still be made for pick up/.

You can now place your order on-line in the Association Area of the Web.



**RCMP Service
Award Deadline
for 2018 is
August 1st.**

Promotional Supplies—Tom Finch— Chair

There is still a supply of Promotional Products in stock. These items are economical and are a great way to promote Rural Crime Watch and your Association in your area. These items make great Guest Speaker gifts, giveaways at Trade Fairs and Events, as well as Door Prizes at Meetings. Types of items and pricing can be viewed and ordered, in the Association Area, of the web-site.



RCW T Shirts

There are now black long sleeved and short sleeved T-Shirts Available with the APRCWA Logo on chest and Rural Crime Watch on the back. Watch the Website for ordering details.

Website Update

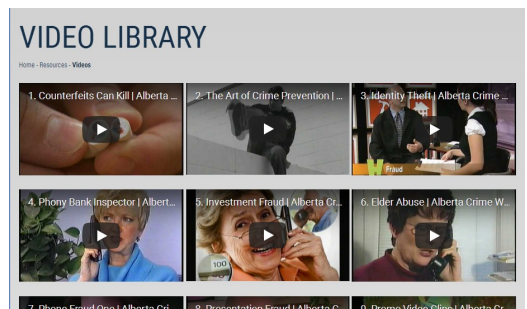
Dean Hart— Chair

It is hoped that Members have had a chance to check out the APRCWA Website.

Here you will find Videos, Safety Tips, Upcoming Events ,

Bulletin Board, Resources and past issues of the Bulletin Newsletter, and other items.

Feel free to send us your events and we will be happy to post on the Events Board.



Casino Report –

Brenda Cramer, Chair



We are granted a casino every two years. This is a major fundraiser for us as it contributes to the Wise Owl Program, Poster Contest, and a few other expenses.

We will not have the revenue numbers for the Casino, until the end of the first quarter of 2018, as the revenues are pooled and divided equally among the charities.

It was slow at our casino event, due to the cold weather (-35) but went well.

I would like to thank the volunteers that worked the casino with us. They are:
From the APRCWA Board:

Trevor Tychowsky, Smoky Lake County RCWA, Patty Franchuk, Smoky Lake County RCWA Verna and Dean Hart, Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community CWA, Cor and Maxine De Wit, Leduc RCWA, Shirley Vice, Redwater and District RCWA, Tom Finch, Grovedale RCWA, Myself, Beaverlodge RCWA.

We also have some local association members and friends that helped us through the two day event.

They are: Gary Roessler, Grande Prairie RCWA, Wayne Davies, Grande Prairie RCWA, Tully Johnson, Rosebriar Range Patrol, Elaine Creegan, Hillside RCWA, Peter Trommelen, Hillside RCWA, Robert

Chapman, Sturgeon RCWA, Ross MacGregor, Leduc RCWA, Laura

Girvan, Leduc RCWA, Dave Lawrence, Strathcona County RCWA, Sheridan and Ralpheena Macleod, cousins of Dave Lawrence and not a RCW member. Harry and Janet Schoepp, Golden Spike RCWA,

Richard Lyons, Inspector Compliance Unit, Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Branch, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.

As we came up short on our volunteer requirements for our casino event, we needed to call an Angel and therefore I would like to add an extra thank you to our Angel:

Anna Zelensky, Angel, not a RCW member. Without the extraordinary services of our volunteers, this fund raiser

would not be possible.

I would like to thank, again, those that came out for 1 or 2 days to help out in this important fundraiser.

We are tentatively scheduled for the next casino in the first quarter of 2020. We hope to have a great turnout of volunteers to help with this valuable revenue source.

I will be here next year with my pen and notepad in hand looking for volunteers to help make the casino recruitment a little smoother next time.

Wise Owls—Marvin Arnell, Chair

The Wise Owl Presentations continue to grow. The year ended with 51 Presentations in the Province. I would like to thank all of the Presenters for 2017—Collin Venables, Dan Walton, Maureen Hollands, Marieann Hussell, Owen Lindsay, Shirley Vice, Gary Rossler and Tom Clark for their continued efforts.

New to the team are Terry Jordan of Boyle, Ab and Les Vonkeman in the City of Lethbridge; welcome to our team of Presenters.

Beware of Scams, whether it be the 911, Canada Revenue Agency, Grandchild in trouble, Stars Lottery, Towing or

Distress Scams to name a few. They all seek to take your money and get your information. If in doubt, call the local RCMP.

Deal with local merchants and known to have a good reputation, Once your money leaves the Country, you are not likely to get it back.

The Wise Owl Mascot is a great addition to any Parade or Event. For more information on the Wise Owl Mascot or to book a Wise Owl Presentation, contact the Wise Owl Coordinator at aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca



**Beware of
Scams!!
If it costs you
Money to get
Money it is most
likely a scam.**

**If in doubt call
the RCMP**

APRCWA Board Updates

Insurance—Tom Finch—Chair

The APRCWA Board of Directors invited Jubilee Insurance to a Fall Board Meeting to discuss the Member Association Board of Directors Insurance policy and the Volunteer Insurance Policy, as there had been some questions raised on these policies. Jubilee Insurance explained the Membership Board of Directors Liability Insurance covers the Board of Directors while operating in the capacity of the a Board Member only. The Membership Volunteer Insurance provides coverage for Members who are volunteering their time at Trade

Fairs, Parades and other RCW functions.

As announced at this year's AGM, in Lacombe, there are 2 separate Policies with 2 different coverages. If your Association currently requests the Volunteer Insurance, and you have questions, please contact Tom Finch, through the APRCWA phone or email. Tom will be pleased to answer your questions.

If your Association does not currently request the Volunteer Insurance but feels this would be beneficial, please contact Tom for more information.

Also, the APRCWA Board has received the **Incident Reporting Procedures and Incident Reporting Form** from Jubilee Insurance. We hope that Members never have to file a claim, but in the event this incident occurs, we have the reporting documents. Please check out the Website for these in the Association Area.

Deadline for the 2019 Poster Contest is November 6, 2018.

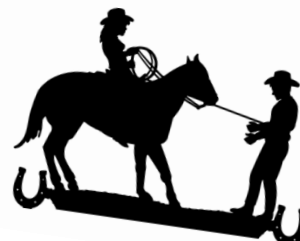
Poster Contest—Patty Franchuk—Chair

The 2019 Poster Contest is in full swing. Categories this year will be Grades One—Nine, only, in the Rural Communities; the Computer Category is not included in this year's Contest. The Contest is open to all students enrolled in a recognized school program and includes Home School Associations.

Distribution of the Calendars will have a change in format this year. Should your Association wish to receive Calendars, please email Patty at aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca to advise how many Calendars your Association would like. If you do not request Calendars, none will be shipped to you.

For 2019 Poster Contest Rules and Application—go to the APRCWA Website in the Association Section or email aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca to request a copy.

Deadline for the 2019 Calendar Contest is November 6, 2018



APRCWA Symposium and Annual General Meeting

Symposium— Submitted by Jean Bota -Red Deer Lacombe Rural Crime Watch

The APRCWA Symposium and AGM was held on the 16th and 17th of February with the Red Deer/Lacombe RCW hosting the event. It was held at the Lacombe Memorial Centre with 170 RCW members in attendance and participating.

RCW members throughout the province, gathered on the Friday night for a “meet and greet” with a Beef and Pork on a bun supper served. Saturday morning began with a breakfast, followed by greetings from elected officials, President Ken Wigmore - Rd/Lacombe RCW and RCMP members both “K” division and the local Blackfalds Detachment. Many local municipal councillors, Reeves and Mayors were in attendance, as well as MP Earl Dreeshen and MLA Ron Orr.

Our Theme was “Safe at Home in Rural Alberta” with Guest Speakers being Scott McKean and Holly Hollborg. Scott is the Manager, Community Safety and Well-being for the City of Toronto. Holly is a WrapED Project Manager with the REACH EDMONTON Council. Both are members of the Canadian Municipal Network for Crime Prevention (CMNCP) a national group throughout the country. Scott and Holly’s presentation was of a rural context; however to begin they both explained their roles within their respective Organization and Associations.



Holly Hollborg

Holly was raised on a farm in the Bingley district, north east of Rocky Mtn House explaining to the group, the difference she has seen over the years at her parent’s farm in relation to crime prevention and safety. Scott was from Toronto and as well as working for the City of Toronto he is part of the Canadian Municipal Network of Crime Prevention (CMNCP) which is a community of practice created to build and sustain capacity of municipalities in:

- Prevent and reduce crime and tackle successfully the “hot” issues
- Foster community safety and well – being
- Increase multi sectoral and collaborative crime prevention strategies that invest compassionately in the futures of young Canadians for the good of all Canadians;
- Increase investment in effective, evidence based and cost effective crime prevention strategies in municipalities.

Scott talked about the importance of understanding and knowing how to evaluate issues within communities; beginning with a safety diagnosis, next develop an action plan which needs implementation (mobilization of community) and then evaluation of what is working or not working.



Scott McKean

He gave an example of Mornelle Court in the suburb of Scarborough; their safety/crime issues and how it paralleled many of the rural/small urban centre issues. He used this analogy and examples of how they handled their fears and concerns to make it a much safer community. He talked about intervention being at all levels as crime is a manifestation of the social issues (mental illness, addiction homelessness, poverty, changing family values, etc...) As Scott noted first we implement the simple things to interrupt /prevent crime (lock windows/doors) have gates, secure valuables and report suspicious activity. Ensure there is communication within communities, be a good neighbour, know how to contact your neighbours, collect newspapers, etc.

It is also connecting residents and community leaders, involving the young people. Ensuring your information and ideas are shared within communities and neighbourhoods. Out of issues come opportunities for communities, to come together and find creative solutions with in Communities. (He told a story about the mothers in Mornelle Court who were afraid to send their children by themselves to school, so a small number of mothers began walking them to school. As time went on, this increased in numbers with the entire community including law enforcement becoming involved)

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How do our systems (schools/health/social services/other agencies) support communities, and how do we work together. Everyone is demanding more police, but community safety and wellbeing is all about the social determinants of health, how poverty, addictions, and mental health MANIFEST into crime when individuals don't have access to these services or limited access. Politicians and leadership must ensure the systems are coordinated, ensuring dollars are invested into prevention, really championing prevention at a local level and be proactive with prevention. At a municipal level, there has to be a recognition, development and leadership ensuring community safety and crime prevention with all departments (in the municipality) being on board. Provide a safe community initiative.

At a Rural Crime Watch level our role is ensuring communities are connected and ideas and information is being shared. We are leaders in crime prevention by building relationships through promotion, community involvement and identifying future needs for communities.

Following the presentation, the room was split into 6 groups with a facilitator and each group answered the five questions posed by Scott and Holly;

- What are some of the current safety concerns and where are they happening?
- What do you want to achieve?
- What are you already doing and what do you need to do moving forward?
- What does success look like?
- What can you bring to a local safety strategy?

Tremendous energy and excitement throughout the room as everyone gave their replies to the answers and plans for going forward. The notes from the workshop sheets were compiled by Jim Willson of Cochrane Foothills Protective Association (thank you Jim) and since given back to the Rd/Lacombe RCW group.

The notes have been sent to all elected officials including Scott McKean who is distributing them throughout his network (Canadian Municipal Network of Crime Prevention). The plan is to first initiate a safety diagnosis with a clear commitment (formal or informal) to improve safety or reduce crime problems which have been heard and identified throughout the workshop. We will be providing more information to the APRCWA as it occurs.

Editor's Note: A copy of the summary sheets has been placed on the APRCWA Website in the Association Area. There is a lot of great information on these sheets and they have some good discussion points for your next meeting.



APRCWA Symposium and Annual General Meeting

Highlights from the Annual General Meeting:

This year there were 36 of the 56 Member Associations in attendance for the AGM which represents approx. 16, 000 Members across the Province. The APRCWA welcomed the newest RCWs—East 13 RCW and Corridor Highway 21.

The APRCWA is on track with the Strategic Plan with the initiatives that have been put in place. The Video is being developed, Wise Owl Presentations are continuing and there are other items that are currently in the works. President Trevor Tychowsky encouraged all RCWs to engage in a Strategic Planning Session; it is a very useful and valuable exercise.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the RCMP K Division and the APRCWA is signed on February 15, 2018. This is a great accomplishment and a timely renewal of the commitment of both parties to Crime Prevention.

Finances are in good order and the Financial Reviewers commended the APRCWA Treasurer, Verna Hart, for the consistency in reporting and the order in which the Financial Records are being kept. Verna reminded those in attendance the Membership Renewal is due August 1, 2018.

Sgt Martin Girard, “K” Division Program Manager for RCW stated the RCW is important to the RCMP and the APRCWA has the full support of “K” Division. The RCMP Service Awards will continue for 2018—deadline for submission for 2018 is August 1, 2018—please contact APRCWA for more information.

Inspector Richard Lyons, from the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch reported there are 55 Field Offices and currently 130 Field Officers to cover the Province. He spoke to the Report—a Poacher going on-line this year to make it easier for reporting. Insp. Lyons discussed the importance of RCW to the Officers and encouraged everyone to pick up a set of Hunting and Fishing Regulations to understand what is legal and what is not. Please report suspicious or illegal activity; Officers are more effective responding to calls.

Jeana Schuurman Rural Engagement and Communications Specialist announced the winners of 2018 Farmers Advocate Award. There was a great response with numerous Applications being received. This year, the Award was split between Cochrane Foothills Protective Association and Kitscoty Rural Crime Watch. Each RCW will receive \$500.00.

Carsten Erb, from the Solicitor General echoed the RCMP comments about the targeting of Hot Spots in the Province and encouraged all RCWs to build their relationship with Law Enforcement. Crime Prevention Week is set for May 13—21, 2018.

APRCWA President Trevor Tychowsky gave his last President’s Report as he is stepping aside after the AGM. He highlighted the accomplishments of the APRCWA this year with the signing of the MOU, the RCW Video in Production and the endorsement of the One Call Fan Out system. He thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication and support over the years, and thanks all the Member RCWs for their boots on the ground work and initiatives.

New Business discussed was the Presentation of the RCMP Volunteer Service Awards, and an update the RCW Video is being produced to be used Nationwide.

The topic of Passive Patrols was discussed and President Trevor explained the distinction between Passive Patrols vs. Active Patrols. Citizens on Patrol do Active Patrols, RCW members do not. A memo has been drafted and is on the website for reference and downloading.



**2018 Farmers Advocate Award Winners
Cochrane Foothills Protective Association
and Kitscoty Rural Crime Watch.
L-R (CFPA) _Gayle Watson—Jim Willson—
Rosemary Lindsay—
(FAO) Jeana Schuurman—
(KRCW) Paul Harrison**

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Highlights from the Annual General Meeting— cont'd

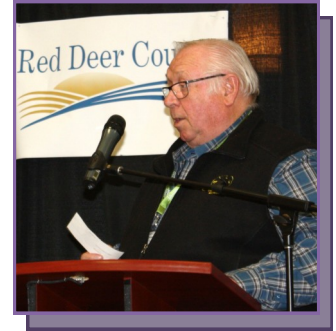
This discussion of RCW signage was discussed and RCWs have been advised that all RCW signs must come from the APRCWA to ensure consistency in the signs and quality. RCWs are not to use 3rd party signs, only those that are purchased from the APRCWA.

The announcement of the Partnership with the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre was welcomed by the Board and those in attendance. The APRCWA is partnering with the CACPC for Administration Support and collaboration on grant funding, resources and information gathering and distribution. The CACPC has their own Board of Directors of which one of the APRCWA Board will join.

The APRCWA wishes to thank Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch for the Donation of \$200.00 to the APRCWA. This donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A question was asked regarding the protocol on the formation of a new RCW group. Trevor explained that anyone who calls in is encouraged to join in with an existing group, if there is one in the Area. If not, Zone Directors in that area will support the development of a new RCW.

Question on multiple RCMP Detachments within a RCW Boundary: not an issue for memberships, only for when calling in complaints; RCW were advised to educate their Members on which RCMP Detachment a Member would call for complaints.



**Golden Spike donates
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APRCWA 2018 Board of Directors

Zone 1

Dean Hart—Website
Conrad Van Hierden—
Nominations
Rosemary Lindsay—
Vice President



Zone 2

Cor De Wit—
President
Lee Kasper—Signs
Gerald Ingeveld—
Sponsorship



Gerald Ingeveld
Picture not
Available

Zone 3

Tom Finch—Promo
& Insurance
Brenda Cramer—
Casino
Alice McKay



Alice McKay
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Zone 4

Marvin Arnell—
Wise Owls
Darrell Wright
Allan Ropchan



Zone 5

Patty Franchuk—
Secretary
Trevor Tychowsky
— Past— President
Shirley Vice—
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Tully Johnson—
Special Projects



Verna Hart—
Treasurer



APRCWA Symposium and Annual General Meeting



Thank you to the Vendors who supported the 2018 Symposium and AGM



Alberta Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Branch

L-R—Tyler Young—Darren Unreiner



Great Neighbors

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Great Neighbors is a Initiative connecting Neighbours on your rural or urban block.

Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre

**TerryLee Ropchan—Executive Director
CACPC Provides support to various Crime
Prevention groups now the APRCWA**



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**Martin Venneri—
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L-R Vince Morelli—Lorinda Porter

**SafeTracks provides Personal
Electronic Monitoring for Seniors,
Persons at Risk and works who work
alone and a host of other applications**

ZONE 1

Zone 1 Meeting in being planned for June 2018. in Cochrane.

Should you have a suggestion for a topic you would like addressed, please email newsetter@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca or contact Rosemary, Dean or Conrad.

More information will be sent out via email to your Association.

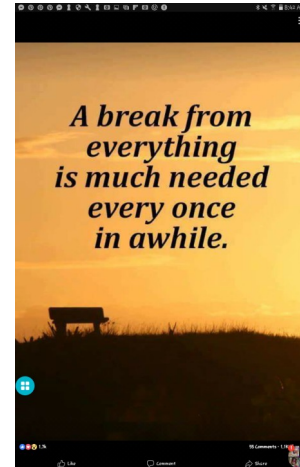
ZONE 2

Spring Meeting for Zone 2 on **Saturday, April 14th, 2018, 10:00 am—4:00 pm** at the **Mountainview County Office on Highway 2A, South of Olds.**

Light Lunch

\$25.00 per person.

RVSP to info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ab.ca



Zone Updates

Wise Owl Hangs out at the Zone 5 Fall meeting.



Mr. Wise Owl himself, dropped into the Zone 5 Fall Meeting held at the Thorhild Senior Drop-In Center. Seems he has a few fans in Zone 5.

Getting chummy with Zone 5 Director Shirley Vice.



ASSOCIATIONS NEWS

East 13 Rural Crime Watch—Submitted by Blake Moser, President

The East 13 Rural Crime Watch is one of the newest crime watch organizations in the province. Spanning the area from Hardisty to Metiskow, Alberta, this organization's name is derived from its location along the east end of Highway 13.

The group was formed in September of 2017, after a group of concerned community members organized a meeting with a local RCMP Constable to discuss the recent outbreak of crime in the area. Historically, there had been little apparent or serious crime in the area. However, in early 2016, community members began noticing an increase in the number of serious crimes throughout local communities.

In May of 2016, the small building that doubles as the bank and post office in the Village of Amisk was robbed at gunpoint. The one employee who works as both banker and Postmaster was tied to their chair while the building was robbed. Nine months later, in February of 2017, the same building was robbed two more times over the Family Day Long weekend.

Throughout the summer of 2017, East Central Alberta was hit hard by vehicle and property theft. Numerous Facebook pages popped up with daily stories of stolen vehicles and ransacked farmyards. Members of the East 13

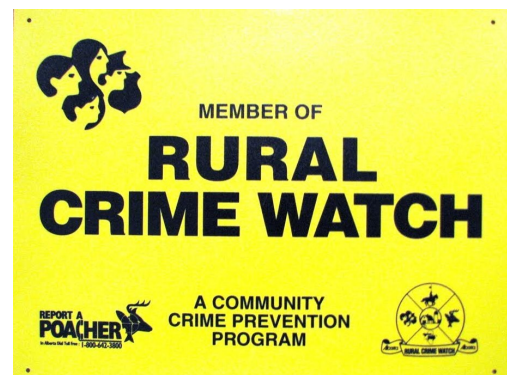
communities knew that the only way to combat the rural crime epidemic facing the area was to get organized, and get in front of it. After speaking with a local RCMP Constable about recent events, members determined that creating a formal, organized group would benefit the community. This group could promote crime prevention throughout the community, advocate on behalf of the local RCMP, and give a voice to law abiding citizens.

In October, The East 13 Rural Crime Watch officially took shape at their first meeting. A Board consisting of 9 Directors and 5 Executive was formed. Members of this group consist of volunteers who represent a large cross-section of community organizations and the public. After the meeting, members got busy filing the necessary paperwork to become a society, creating guidelines for new members, and creating a list of priority projects. At the top of the list was establishing a fan-out system to alert locals of crimes in progress, finding a mobile app that would allow members to share and report suspicious activity to each other, and the creation of a local crime database.

At subsequent meetings, the East 13 Executive determined that the group should join the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association in order to

further reinforce the legitimacy of the organization. Two members, President Blake Moser, and Vice President Orrin Ford attended the Provincial AGM and Symposium in February.

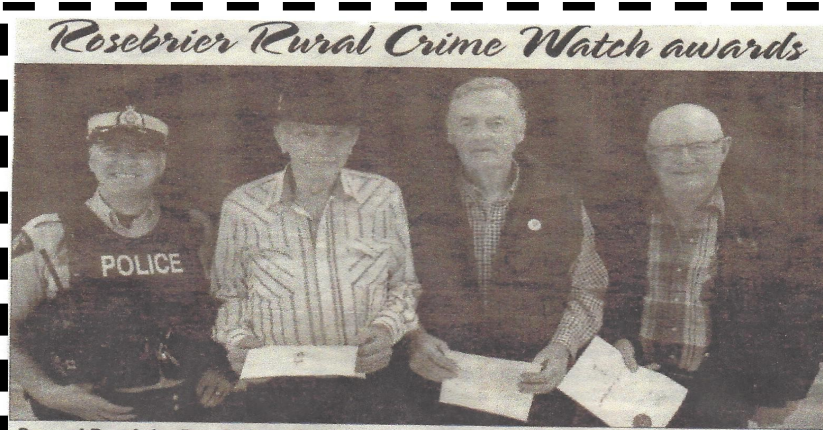
Recently, East 13 has established a fan-out system similar to that of some municipal fire and rescue departments in Alberta. The system delivers messages through text message and email. The group has also been very successful in soliciting donations from businesses and individuals throughout their communities, and has partnered with 4 businesses to distribute member sign-up forms. Regardless of the area's relatively sparse population, the group is happy to have signed-up more than 85 members in the last two months. Momentum is building, and the East 13 Rural Crime Watch is looking forward to curbing crime, and making a positive change in their communities.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

Rosebrier Rural Crime Watch—Submitted by Tully Johnson

Photos by Stu Salkeld.



Rosebrier Rural Crime Watch awards
Several Rosebrier Rural Crime Watch volunteers received recognition from the RCMP June 13 for their long service to the community. At left is Wetaskiwin RCMP member Cst. Andrew Nixon presenting certificates to (from left) Tully Johnson (33 years of service), Dennis Thirsk (30 years of service) and Don Graff (33 years of service). Photos by Stu Salkeld.



Several Rosebrier Rural Crime Watch volunteers received recognition from the RCMP June 13 for their long service to the community. At left is Wetaskiwin RCMP member Cst. Andrew Nixon presenting certificates to volunteers (from middle) Alvin Horn and Lorne Nelson for over 15 years of service.



Several Rosebrier Rural Crime Watch volunteers received recognition from the RCMP June 13 for their long service to the community. At left is Wetaskiwin RCMP member Cst. Andrew Nixon presenting a certificate to volunteer Robert Ball for over five years of service. Not present were Reg Buskas and Ryan Reeves.

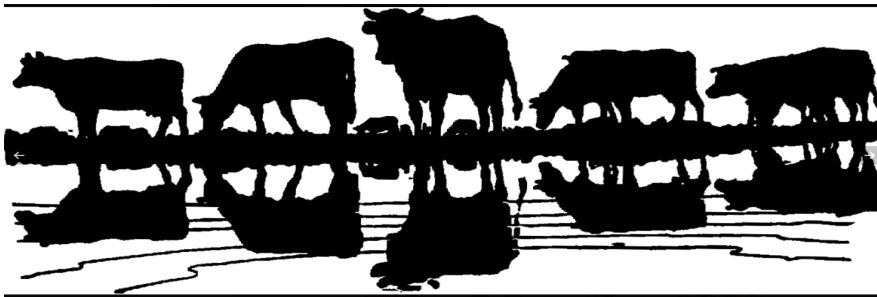
THANK YOU TREVOR.

As was mentioned in the highlights of the AGM Meeting, Trevor Tychkowsky announced he was stepping aside as President and will be sitting as the Past-President on the APRCWA Board.

Trevor has always been a strong supporter and voice for RCW and the APRCWA. He stepped up to the podium to Chair the APRCWA Meeting, at the 2012 AGM in Cochrane, and there started his term as President. He and the Board of Directors have dealt with a lot of issues and have accomplished much in this time. Through his dedication, passion and commitment to RCW, and that of the Board Members, the APRCWA is a strong growing Association.

A shout out also needs to go to Trevor's wife for her backing and support on the home front. Thank you; you have a part in our success as well.

So Thank you Trevor for your passion, commitment and dedication to the APRCWA and RCW. You have handed Cor, the new Executive and the Board, a strong, growing Association. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the Board.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

Strathcona Rural Crime Watch —Submitted by Lorraine McTurk



The Sherwood Park Detachment shines brightly as it proudly displays the annual Musical Ride Christmas Light show. The display attracts thousands every year.

Every year we participate in the Sherwood Park parade and area parades. This is our float and some of our members who attended this year's event held on Canada Day.



In the spring we had the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the Re-Grand Opening of the new RCMP Detachment in Sherwood Park.



We are on the Web!!
www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS



MD of Foothills is hosting a Rural Crime Watch Meeting on April 10, 2018. Speakers include Foothills Rural Crime Watch, High County Rural Crime Watch, Okotoks Rural Crime Watch, Local RCMP, MD Foothills Protective Services, APRCWA and a Representative from their Member of Parliament.

Time: 7:00—10:00 PM

**Location: Foothills Centennial Centre
204 Community Way, #4
Okotoks, Alberta**

For more information email info@hrcwa.ca

Register on Eventbrite—Event is Free.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/foothills-rural-crime-watch-meeting-tickets-44148406071?utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=order_confirmation_email&utm_term=eventname&ref=eemailordconf

ALBERTA COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

2018 CONFERENCE AND PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The conference and workshops will take place in Edmonton, **May 8 -10**. Our speakers and pre-conference instructors will discuss current issues in community safety in Alberta communities. An example of our speakers and training sessions are listed below.

Pre-Conference training will take place on Tuesday, May 8. Sessions will run from 8:00am until 4:00pm with a 1 hour lunch break from 12:00pm - 1:00pm. Registration includes Networking Breakfast and Lunch, and a Certificate of Completion.

Session 1 - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) for Rural and Small Population Communities

Another presentation which may be of interest to many rural and remote communities is the “Advances in Rural and Remote Communities Safety through Technology” by Dr Chad Nilson and panel.

Some great presenters from Cannabis to a talk by Dr. Elaine Hyshka, BA, MA, PhD, Co-Chair of the Minister’s Opioid Emergency Response Commission (MOERC) – presenting on Alberta’s Minister’s Opioid Emergency Response Commission, as well as **Early bird prices in effect until March 31, 2018**

For more re information— got to:

<http://www.albertacrimeprevention.com/annual-accpa-conference/>



***Promote Rural
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The Final Word.

Nothing Ventured, nothing gained, is a phrase I heard my Mom say whenever she had a change come about in her life. As so it is with the Spring 2018 Newsletter and the new format. Figured I would change it up a bit; let me know your thoughts.

Speaking of changing things up, the focus on Rural Crime has changed in the past few months and with the signing of the MOU and the renewed commitment between the APRCWA and the RCMP, we are in a strong position to respond in a positive manner. There has been various Town

Halls around the Province to discuss Rural Crime and with the media attention, both at the Town Hall meetings and in general, Rural Crime Watch is in the spotlight. Let’s take advantage of this and continue to promote RCW as a means to educate communities how to have a connected, safe community.

As we heard at the AGM, this year, crime is a multi-layered problem and it is going to take a multi faceted approach to combat and reduce it. Your RCW Association, in your Community, is an integral part of this multi-faceted approach. In the Town Halls that I have attended, the message from the RCMP and other Law En-

forcement has the same message- “we need your help— we need you to report suspicious activities”

The RCMP are changing the way they are approaching and combating rural crime and crime in general and we need to embrace this change and support them with reporting what seems to be “nothing” That “nothing” could be a big piece of the puzzle they need .

So not only has the format for the Newsletter change, but the approach to rural crime is changing as well. Let’s embrace this change and support our Law Enforcement partners. Nothing Ventured... Nothing gained.

Cheers, Rosemary
Newsletter Editor