



# The Bulletin

## 2018 Fall Edition



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### President's Report

#### Highlights of President's Report

- Media Interviews
- Update on Partnership with CACPC
- Video update

Hello Everyone!

This past summer has been filled with farm work and doing interviews. Your board members have been called upon, over and over again, to do an interview at the last minute. As stories come to light regarding rural crime, we seem to be the place that the media directs their inquiry. We have adopted a policy whereby the closest Director to the interviewer will make every attempt to do the interview (If an appearance is required). This saves money on mileage and accommodation for your Association.

Your Board continues to work on the completion of the video project with Ben Wilson, our project person. The video is coming together quite nicely and I look forward to seeing it for the first time. We are aiming for a "World Premier" at the AGM in February 2019.

Our partnership with CACPC (Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre) is progressing as it relates to serving our members and the Association mission on crime prevention. We are looking at projects that we can team up with the Center that benefits our members and all rural residents in Alberta.

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.

And finally, we 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.

At the time of this writing, it is raining and snow is forecast. Let's hope that the weather improves so our neighbors can complete their farm work this year. I like snow but only at Christmas...

Stay warm,

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President

#### Resolutions Due Date is November 1, 2018

If your Association would like to bring forward a Resolution, the deadline is November 1, 2018.

Submit to  
aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

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## In the News !

### APRCWA Supports the Mid Year Report Card on Crime

On Sept 4, 2018 the RCMP released the Mid-Year Report card on Crime Reduction, in Airdrie, Ab and in addition to Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley, the APRCWA was well represented, at the press conference, by Zone 1 Director Dean Hart.

The press conference released the mid-year stats which indicate the Alberta's RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy is working. There have been significant reductions in motor vehicle thefts, fewer break and enters incidents, in Alberta compared to this time last year. District level Crime Reduction Units, which are specialized units located throughout the Province, focus on finding and arresting people who target their communities and commit crimes in a area. The CRUs have made a high volume of arrests which represent a larger number of charges which have contributed to the reductions of thefts, break-ins, arsons and property crime throughout the Province.



APRCWA Members play an important role in the Provincial crime reduction strategy. By continuing to educate their members and creating awareness and encouraging reporting of suspicious activity, vehicles, and incidents, they provide the RCMP CRUs with valuable information that assist the Units to understand activity in various areas.

At the press conference Dean Hart spoke about the role Rural Crime Watch members play. "Community is our strength. Rural Crime Watch members act as an extra eyes and ears, not only for the RCMP by providing them with information they need for their investigations but for our friends and neighbors".



**"Community is our strength. Rural Crime Watch members act as an extra eyes and ears, not only for the RCMP by providing them with information they need for their investigations but for our friends and neighbors. As members, we take an active role in educating our community and watching each other's backs."**  
**- Dean Hart, Board Member, Rural Crime Watch Southern Alberta (Zone 1)**

### CTV—DOCUMENTARY ON RURAL CRIME IN ALBERTA



APRCWA Zone 2 Director, Gerald Ingeveld, was invited to take part in a CTV documentary on Rural Crime in Alberta. Chris Epp, from CTV—Calgary, interviewed numerous individuals to look at the various sides of Rural Crime which included victims, RCMP, Rural Crime Watch and other individuals.

Gerald did a great job in speaking to the importance of Rural Crime Watch and the role members have in Crime Prevention.

Check out the CTV news story re: rural crime. <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1476508>

Click on the second video : Trespass: Alberta's Rural Crime Wave. You may have to click on the small speaker for sound.

### A FEW EVERYDAY THINGS YOU CAN DO TOWARDS CRIME PREVENTION

**Protect your Debit and Credit Cards**—with the “RFID TAP” technology that is built into these cards, thieves are also getting tech savy and upping their game. Thieves can retrieve your data, wirelessly, from these cards. Carry them in an aluminum case or RFID protected wallet.

**Beware at Gas Stations**— how many times, when you go to fill up at the gas station, you leave the vehicle unlocked? Thieves have been known to sneak into the passenger side of the vehicle and take what is up for easy grabs. Ladies— where is your purse? On the Passenger seat? A simple conscious act to take the keys out and lock your vehicle when fueling can foil an attempt. PS—good idea to double check you have the keys in hand before locking ( Editor note : been there, not fun being locked out at a gas pump—LOL!!!!)

**Develop a lock up routine**—develop a lock-up checklist—and post it in a place where it is easily reviewed. Check it each night and a memory jog to secure your vehicles, property and valuables. Include things like locking the garage door, shop door, vehicles, valuables out of sight, yard light on, etc?

**Lock your vehicles** — Always lock your vehicles. You may be tired of hearing this, but people are not getting the message, sadly. There are still too many cases where items are being stolen from open vehicles and vehicles being stolen.

**Know your phone**— know how to activate the camera and how to use the voice memo feature. These are handy if you see something and can get a picture or two. Voice memo features, on most phones, is a good way to capture information and details without having to look for a pen and paper and run the risk of missing some details.

**Don't label your keys**— While it is nice to have the labeled to know which key goes to which vehicle, quad, equipment, etc, this also makes it easy for the would be criminals to grab the “right” key for the vehicle the first time. Develop a color coding or numbering system that is known to you and the family.

**Don't store keys by the door**—in the case your house is broken into, having the keys hanging by the door makes for an easy grab and get away. Find a location that is not visible and protects the keys to your vehicles.

# APRCWA Board Updates

## Signs & Promotional Items.— Lee Kasper—Chair—Signs; tom Finch—chair— Promotional Items.

### Submitted by the Editor

All sign and Promotional item orders can be placed thru the Association Area of the APRCWA Web site by Associations who have an up to date Membership.

We have been advised the cost of aluminum will be increasing in the near future. This will have an effect on the Aluminum sign prices, eventually, when our current stock is depleted. The APRCWA researches the market for best pricing to keep pricing reasonable for the Associations.

You may have noticed, on the Web site, the shipping charge that is included in each order. Associations are reminded to include the cost of shipping in their payment to prevent the shipment of the order being delayed. Also, should your Association wish to pick up your order, or make arrangements with your Zone Director to bring it back from a APRCWA Board meeting, please make a note on your order for signs and Promotional materials and this may be able to be arranged. Please understand the Sign Chair and Promotional Chair, as with the rest of the APRCWA Board, are volunteers and is willing to accommodate reasonable pick up and shipping requests.

For questions please email; for

**Signs:** [signs@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:signs@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca).

## Website Update—Dean Hart— Chair

### Submitted by Dean Hart



The website is constantly evolving, with some interesting changes of late. One of the more significant updates has been to the Resources section/ Find a Detachment in where we have upgraded the RCMP Map with pop ups, for each detachment jurisdiction with phone numbers for reporting suspicious activity. This will make it allot easier to find the phone numbers you need. Another area of interest is the store, we have separated it into sections and added an apparel section for your shopping convenience.

We have started an awareness campaign attached to the website, where we can reach out to Rural Albertans through Google with advertising to get involved with Rural Crime Watch. The campaign has only been running for a couple of months and we have already had over 650,000 presentations of the ads and 2600 new visits to our website. We have already had more visits to our website in a couple of months then we had all of last year. The campaign shows terrific promise, for getting our message out

## Casino Report – Brenda Cramer, Chair

Submitted by the Editor

We had a successful Casino, this year and wish to thank, again, all those who came out and supported the APRCWA with this event. We have received the funds and are in good shape to continue to offer the Wise Owls Fraud Prevention program and provide other resources and materials to the Associations. As you know, the Casino is one of the major fund raiser activities the APRCWA does to be able to support the Associations with programs and resource material.

The APRCWA has received a letter from AGLC advising there is a change of dates for our next Casino in 2020. We will be included in the 3rd Quarter of the year which is July– Aug-Sept. which will be better travel weather than in Jan or Feb, as it has been.

## Wise Owls—Marvin Arnell, Chair—Dean Hart—Assist. Chair .



The Wise Owl program has been in reorganization this year as we work to upgrade our presentation and retrain our presenters. We have just recently completed a new presentation and will have it rolled out this fall. We encourage members to request presentations, to help protect seniors from fraud. We do have a few areas of the province where we could use a presenter and we offer good remuneration for their efforts. If anyone out there is interested in becoming a presenter please reach out to us at [wiseowl@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:wiseowl@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) and we see if you fit into one those voids.

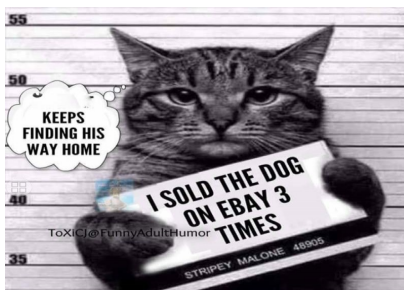
## Insurance—Tom Finch—Chair

Submitted by the Editor:

Our Insurance carrier, Jubilee Insurance, has been undergoing a name change and a rebranding this year. This is the main reason the Insurance renewal forms were not included in the 2019 Renewal Packages this year. Rest assured, if your 2019 APRCWA Association Membership renewal has been processed and approved by the APRCWA Treasurer, you have Insurance Coverage.

We are being told the rebranding process is taking a bit longer than expected and at the time of this Newsletter, do not have updated information on this. As soon as we hear, we will let you know.

**Please mark your calendars for the 2020 Renewal date which will be AUGUST 1, 2019.** Your support and assistance to have your Association renewal in on or before this date needed so that we can provide an accurate list to the Insurance Company for renewals. Also, should your Membership be received past the Insurance renewal date, the Insurance Underwriter will not renew the Association's Policy until the next renewal year. Should you have questions, please contact the APRCWA Executive to discuss. We are here to assist you and also need to respect the Insurance Underwriter's deadlines. To contact the Executive please email: [president@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:president@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca); [vicepresident@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:vicepresident@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) and [Treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:Treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)





# APRCWA Board Updates

## Poster Contest— Patty Franchuk—Chair

Submitted by the Editor

Distribution of the Calendars changed format this year. Associations wishing to receive Calendars have emailed Patty at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) and have advised how many Calendars they required and the best manner to ship them. This worked well this year and we will be going forward with this format for next year's Calendars.

Mark your Calendars with 2 dates:

- **November 6, 2018**—Deadline for 2019 Poster contest submissions is
  - For 2019 Poster Contest Rules and Application—go to the APRCWA Website in the Association Section or email secretary [@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) to request a copy.
- **August 1, 2019**— New Calendars will be ready for distribution—email to make arrangements to receive your supply.



## Other Board Updates and News

A few updates since the AGM in February and the Spring Newsletter:

**Video**—has been a great work in progress. Ben has completed most of the filming and is in the editing phase. We are looking forward to seeing the final product.

**Payments:** The APRCWA is now able to accept e-transfer payments. This can be for Sign orders, Promotional Orders, AGM fees, Membership Renewals, etc. We request that an advance email to [treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) be sent with the reason for the payment so that we can watch for the payment and apply it correctly. E-transfers can be sent to [treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca).

**CACPC**— our partnership with the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Center is progressing. We have engaged their assistance with updating the RCW Brochure and other promotional materials. We are continuing to understand their scope of services and continue to manage this Partnership.

**Strategic Plan**— The Board of Directors reviewed the Strategic Plan and have set priorities for the coming year. One of these priorities was to update the Wise Owls presentation. As you have read in the Wise Owls report, this is being worked on and will be rolled out to the Wise Owl Presenters soon.

**Alberta Wheat Board Commission Presentations**— the APRCWA has been contacted by the Alberta Wheat Board Commission to provide information on the Rural Crime Watch Program, at their Regional Meetings this fall. These are held throughout the Province and various Zone Directors will be participating in these meetings. We look forward to working with the Alberta Wheat Board Commission at these meetings.

**2019 Symposium and Annual General Meeting**—The APRCWA Board will be hosting the 2019 Symposium and AGM in Edmonton in February 2019. The format will be a bit different in that the annual General Meeting will be held Friday Afternoon and the Symposium held all day Saturday. More information on the AGM is provided later on in the Newsletter.

**Resolution deadline is November 1, 2018**— if your Association is wishing to submit a Resolution to be presented at the 2019 APRCWA AGM and Symposium, these need to be received on or before November 1, 2018. Email or hard copy are accepted. Should you have questions or need more information, please contact your Zone Director .

# ZONE MEEETINGS—tis the Season :)

## ZONE 1

Zone 1 Meeting

**Date: Oct 27, 2018 at**

**Time: 10 Am—2:30 pm**

**Location : Springbank Heritage Center, 244168 Range Road 33, Calgary, AB**

Host: Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

Invitations, Agenda and Directions have been emailed to your Association Executive.

**RSVP to**  
**[newsletter@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:newsletter@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)**  
**by Oct 19th.**



## ZONE 3

Zone 3 Meeting

**Date: October 13 2018.**

**Location: Rycroft, Ab**

**Time: 11 AM**

**For more information contact Zone 3 Director. Shirley Vice**



## ZONE 2

Zone 2 Meeting

**Date: October 20, 2018.**

**Time: TBA**

**Location:**

**Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 86**

**Address:**

**5003 - 52 Ave, Wetaskiwin, AB**

**Host :**

Hillside Rural Crime Watch Association - Wetaskiwin -

Watch for further information.

**RSVP:**[gkaiser@telusplanet.net](mailto:gkaiser@telusplanet.net)



## ZONE 5

Zone 5 Meeting

**Date: October 20, 2018.**

**Time: Registration 8:30 am**

**Meeting start—9:00 am.**

**Location:**

**Smoky Lake Curling Rink**

**Address:**

**45 White Earth Street.**

**Host :**

Smoky Lake County RCW Assoc.  
Lunch for Perogies, Kubassa, and Pumpkin Pie will be served.

**RSVP:**[info@slrcwa.com](mailto:info@slrcwa.com) **by Oct 8th**

## ZONE 4

Zone 4 Meeting

**Date: November 3, 2018**

**Time: TBA**

**Location: Elk Point, Ab**

Host—Lakeland RCW

Watch for further information.

**For more information contact Zone 4 Director: Allan Ropchan**  
**<[allan.ropchan@gmail.com](mailto:allan.ropchan@gmail.com)>**

Texting and farming!!!



## ASSOCIATIONS NEWS

### Smoky Lake County Rural Crime Watch —Submitted by Patty Franchuk - Zone 5 Director

#### RCW and Fish and Wildlife Pair up for Parades

Smoky Lake Fish & Wildlife District Officer Erik Graf Von Platen & recruit Cody (fellow standing by the truck) assisted Smoky Lake County RCW promote crime prevention locally as well as showing the partnership Fish & Wildlife has with APRCWA by displaying the APRCWA flag on their truck during 2 of our local parades.



*Smoky Lake County  
RCW partner with  
Fish and Wildlife  
Officer in partici-  
pating in the Vilna  
Boomtown Days  
Parade*



*All decked out for the  
Smoky Lake Parade this  
summer*

### Cochrane Foothills Protective Association—submitted by Rosemary Lindsay— President

#### Spreading the Word about Rural Crime Watch

The Cochrane Foothills Protective Association (CFPA) has had the opportunity to promote Rural Crime Watch in many ways. We are seeing an increase in the interest with the various Homeowners Associations and Community Groups, in the Rural Crime Watch program and have attended numerous meetings to promote and explain the benefits of Rural Crime Watch.

CFPA was awarded a grant from Rocky View County from the Community Benefits Initiative Grant which we will be using to set up our Web Page. We are excited to get this up and running and will update in the Spring on how it turned out!

We also had the opportunity to support the RCMP at the Spring Press Conference, in May, on the update of the activity and effectiveness of the Crime Reduction Units. This was a special honor to be asked to represent CFPA and Rural Crime Watch at the local level.



*CFPA President (3rd from right) with Justice Minister Ganley, "K" Division D/Comm Todd Shean and the Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Team.*



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Two Hills and Area Rural Crime Watch

Submitted by Al Ropchan—Zone 4 Director

### Victims and Survivors of Crime Week Information Session

Two Hills Centennial Hall – “Transforming the Culture Together” was the theme of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, taking place across Canada from May 27-June 2, 2018. Victims and Survivors of Crime Week is held to raise awareness about issues facing victims and survivors of crime and the services, programs, and laws in place to help them and their families. Two Hills & Area Victim Services was proud to host an evening on Thursday May 31 to commemorate the week in our community.

“The Victims and Survivors of Crime Week’ is an important event for our community because it is important that our community knows about the purpose of Victim Services and how they can assist victims & survivors of crime.

Pat Ewanishan, President of Two Hills & Area Victims Services and Melonie Gillis Mazurek, Program Manager with Two Hills & Area Victim Services welcomed approximately 125 attendees to the evening.

After a delicious dinner provided by Caterer Donna Lapaschuk and ‘team’, guests enjoyed an interesting, informative presentation on the topic of how we as a community can help prevent the crimes of Break & Enter, Theft and Fraud.

Guest speakers included Two Hills RCMP member Cst. Lisa Miner, Sgt James Morton of the Alberta Crime Reduction Unit, Nestor Saskiw of Two Hills and Area Rural Crime Watch, Al Ropchan, Regional Representative of Alberta Rural Crime Watch and Tracy Somers of Fluent Security.

The office of MP Shannon Stubbs also shared a recent media release regarding MP Stubbs Rural Crime Motion which recently passed in the House of Commons. The Motion is an important first step toward making concrete recommendations that will improve rural crime prevention and reduce emerging crime rates.

Two Hills Victim Services thanked all those for attending and recognized the many volunteer hours by Board Members and Volunteer Advocates.

This event was funded by the Victims Fund, a grants and contributions program administered by the Department of Justice Canada. Funds are available to provinces, territories and non-governmental organizations for programs and services that give victims and survivors of crime a more effective voice in the criminal justice system. For more information about the Victims Fund, please visit: <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/victims-victimes/>

For more information on Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, visit: [www.victimsworld.gc.ca](http://www.victimsworld.gc.ca).

Or call Melonie: cell 780-603-0193 email melg\_vsu2@outlook.com

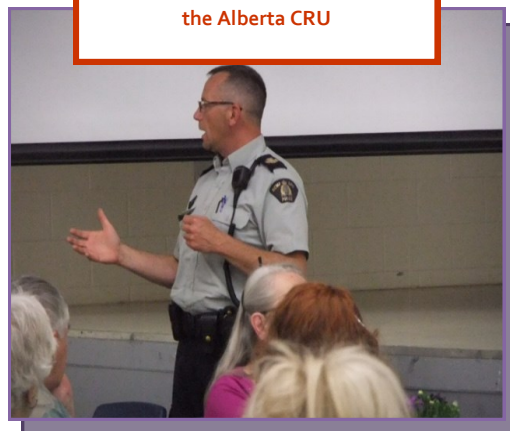
APRCWA Zone 4 Director addresses crowd



Great Turnout



Sgt. James Morton speaks about the Alberta CRU



## CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

### 2019 APRCWA SYMPOSIUM AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

#### SAVE THE DATE

February 1 and 2, 2018

*New Format*

*Friday— AGM*

*Saturday—All Day Symposium.*

*Watch your inboxes for More details and Registration Packages.*

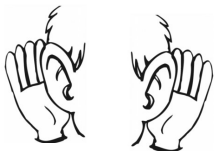
#### LOCATION :

Holiday Inn & Suites Edmonton Airport and Conference Centre

1102 4th Street, Nisku, AB, T9E 8E2, Canada



**Zone Meetings  
are for all Rural  
Crime Watch  
Members are an  
key way to know  
what is happening  
in your area. Plan  
to attend one in  
your area.**



#### The Final Word.



Happy Fall Everyone!!! Well when it gets here—sure hasn't been much of a Fall so far. Well while we cannot rely on Mother Nature to be consistent, you can rely on your Zone Directors to organize the Fall Zone Meetings and information sessions. The Zone Meetings are held, in each Zone, at least once per year and sometimes more often. These meetings are set up so the Members, in a Zone, can get together to find out what has been happening in their area, share ideas and news, and get together with friends. The Zone Meetings are for all Rural Crime Watch members and are a key way to know what is happening in your area.

Fall is typically when the Zone Director elections are held as well. This is your opportunity to have input on representation on the APRCWA Board. Better yet, consider letting your name stand for election and become a part of the APRCWA Board and represent your Zone Associations.

Since putting my hand up, a few years ago, to take on the Newsletter Editor and subsequently being voted in as a Zone 1 Director, little did I know how much I would learn, what the depth of experience we have on the APRCWA Board, and truly enjoy working with the great group of dedicated volunteers. I have been able to gain a better understanding of what challenges Chapters face and see unique approaches to these challenges. I have gotten to know and have the pleasure of working with other Chapters in my Zone and learn much from each of them. I would encourage anyone, to jump in and put your hand up, when it comes time for the elections.

Be safe and thanks for being a valuable part of Rural Crime Watch— a Member.

Rosemary Lindsay  
Editor.