



# ***THE BULLETIN***

## ***SPRING 2017***



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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

I want to start by thanking everyone for the attendance at the annual general meeting in Kitscoty. We, the Board, were happy with the attendance and the participation from everyone. Next I want to congratulate Kitscoty RCW for hosting such a successful event.

The Board has heard some of your concerns with the fan out system and we are working on that solution for a great system. Also the Board will be working very hard to figure out the promotional supplies as to how we can get them to everyone. One other thing the Board is working hard on is helping new groups start up. The demand has increased last year and there looks to be no end in sight. We, the Board, ask all the local RCW groups to look at your neighboring areas and find out if they have a RCW group and if not to help them form one or expand your area to include them.

The Provincial Board did the Strategic Planning Session and we will continue to work on that project with promising upcoming projects.

I hope everyone has a good summer. Please keep safe and remind your local members to keep their belongings locked up.

Trevor Tychkowsky  
President APRCWA

### ***IMPORTANT UPDATE AND REMINDER!!***

#### **APRCWA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE**

**August 1, 2017**

Please contact Verna Hart, APRCWA Treasurer, with questions or updates.

Box 4520 Edmonton, Alberta T6E 4T7

Questions- Call 780-446-0561.

email [aprcwa@ruracrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruracrimewatch.ab.ca).

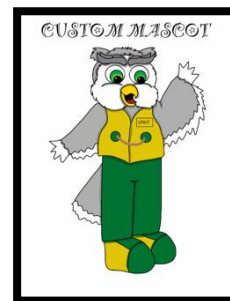
## ***A VERY WISE OWL UPDATE***

### **Board Contact – Marvin Annell**



I'm pleased to report that at the close of our year end Oct. 31, 2016 there have been 44 Wise Owl presentations completed. Starting the APRCWA new fiscal year, since Nov. 1, 2016 so far 15 presentations are completed. There is a growing interest for more presentations to be made.

This year we will be introducing a Wise Owl Mascot that will be made available for parades and other events in the Province. The Wise Owl Logo will be on the back of the vest and the APRCWA logo on the front chest. It will be made with a grey and black fabric to that will be as close as we can to the Wise Owl logo. This full sized mascot, comes complete with a fan in the head and a cooling vest to keep the "mascot player" cool and comfortable. It is currently in production and I will let the Associations know when the mascot becomes available and how to book it.



### ***SCAMS that are circulating:***

This year there will also be a lot of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Scams. Beware and do not give out any personal information or agree on any form of payment. When in doubt contact Canada Revenue Agency yourself and report any SCAMS to the R.C.M.P.

- The Grandchild Scammers are calling and using the actual grandchild's name. Be careful do not give your hard earned money to a Scammer.
- The Computer Scam: someone phoning and offering to fix your computer. Do not allow them access Use a local known reputable repair shop
- Apartment Rental Scam. The scammer rents out the same apartment or home to many different people than leave's town with all the deposits and the first month's payments.

Should you wish to book a Wise Owl Presentation or for information on these and other Scams please contact: APRCWA email [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)

*Submitted by: Wise Owl Coordinator: Marvin Annell*

## ***CALLING ALL LONELY DISPLAY BOARDS***

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



The Board is on the hunt for the Display Boards that were put into different Zones for use. We are updating the information on them and would like to locate the missing ones.

Would you please check to see if maybe a previous board member of your Association knows anything about these display boards whereabouts.

If located, please let us know via email or phone at 780-446-0561. We would really like to get the updated information on them and have them available for you.

## ***AND THE WINNERS ARE: POSTER CONTEST AND CALENDARS***

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

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest saw some very creative posters from all grade levels across the Province. The winners were announced at the APRCWA Annual General Meeting in Kitscoty, AB on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Those RCW Associations that were in attendance at the AGM were able to collect the awards for their Schools to be presented, by them, in their local Association areas.

The APRCWA wishes to thank the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Department for their continued support of this Program by supplying the First Place Award Winner trophy plaques, individually engraved with the winners' names. We would also like to thank the RCW Associations that have been in contact with and worked with the youth in your area, on the Poster Contest which provided the submissions for this year's contest. Keep them coming- the 2018 Poster Contest Application forms will be coming out to your Associations soon.

The new 2017/2018 Calendars are now in production and will be sent out as soon as we get them. Please contact Patty Franchuk at [aprewa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprewa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) should you have questions on the 2018 Contest of Calendar distributions.

**DEADLINE FOR 2018 CALENDER  
SUBMISSIONS IS  
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

Congratulations to all of the Winners. Here is the list of this year's Award Recipients:

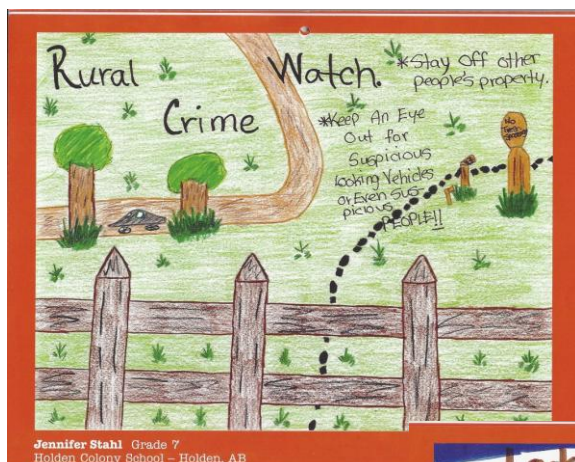
### **Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch 2017 Poster Contest Winners**

- |          |                   |   |
|----------|-------------------|---|
| Grade 1: | 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Aeris Germain – Boyle School – Boyle, AB                      |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Joel Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB                |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Brody Almond – Duffield School – Duffield, AB                 |
| Grade 2: | 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Xander Wildcat – Vilna School – Vilna, AB                     |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Rachel Hofer – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB              |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Tye Parry – Camilla School – Riviere Qui Barre, AB            |
| Grade 3: | 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Jillian Stockwell – Blueberry School – Stony Plain, AB        |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Kaeya Plewa – H. A. Kostash School – Smoky Lake, AB           |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Vorian Roberts – Bon Accord Community School – Bon Accord, AB |
| Grade 4: | 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Camille Kassian – Delnorte School – Innisfree, AB             |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Ellen Roseboom – Rimbey Christian School – Rimbey, AB         |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Jada Sanford – Vermilion Elementary School – Vermilion, AB    |
| Grade 5: | 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Titus Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB               |
|          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Sophie Chauvat – Ecole Citadelle – Legal, AB                  |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Paige Bechthold – Boyle School – Boyle, AB                    |

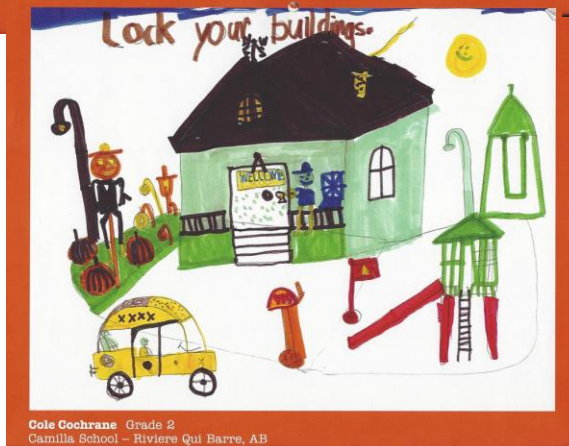
### **Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch 2017 Poster Contest Winners - continued**

- Grade 6: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jenna Ewanciw – Boyle School –Boyle, AB  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica Hofer – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ryan Kwasnycia – Blueberry School – Stony Plain, AB
- Grade 7: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jessiah Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jayden Jacob Stahl – Smoky Lake Colony School – Smoky Lake, AB  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dorion Ropchan – Delnorta School - Innisfree, AB
- Grade 8: 1<sup>st</sup>: Lisa Hofer – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laramie Wurz – Morinville Colony School – Morinville, AB  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Emma Jarvis – H. A. Kostash School – Smoky Lake, AB
- Grade 9: 1<sup>st</sup>: Brooklyn Hemeyer – Blueberry School – Stony Plain, AB  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colby Bechthold – Boyle School – Boyle, AB  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cameron Pellerin – Morinville Community High School – Morinville, AB
- Computers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Conan Bolen – Ecole G.H. Primeau Middle School – Morinville, AB

### *Some of 2016 Year's Winners.*



September,  
October and  
November 2016





# ***CALL FOR RECOGNITIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS***

## **R.C.M.P Call for Volunteer Submissions**

Our Liaison with the RCMP "K" Division, Sgt. Josée Valiquette, is once again compiling information for Active RCW Members for volunteer certificates from the RCMP. Some may remember submitting names last year.

The Form will be included with the Newsletter email, as an attachment; please only one person per line (i.e one for the wife and one for the husband) The form can be emailed back to APRCWA at [aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca](mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca) or to Sgt. Valiquette directly ([josee.valiquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:josee.valiquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)).

This great program that the RCMP do to recognize our RCW volunteers. Thanks to Josée for gathering this information and making the arrangements for the Certificates. We, the Board, truly appreciate your support, information and interest in the APRCWA and all the Association and Volunteers that make it work.

## **Farmers' Advocate Office of Alberta**

### **Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) Provides \$1,000 Grant to Leduc Rural Crime Watch**

The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) was pleased to provide a \$1,000 grant to Leduc Rural Crime Watch (RCW) at this year's Annual General Meeting. The FAO's grant is awarded to a rural crime watch group that has undertaken a specific initiative to help reduce rural crime in their community within the most recent calendar year.

"Leduc RCW has demonstrated commendable leadership in reducing rural crime over this past year," explains Jeana Schuurman, rural engagement and communications specialist at the FAO. Leduc RCW approached the Thorsby detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) regarding a possible expansion of the society to include all of Leduc County and Brazeau County. Formerly, this area had been covered by the Strawberry RCW, which disbanded about 10 years ago. Leduc RCW worked collaboratively with the RCMP and the former Strawberry RCW members to promote the expansion through a variety of community engagement efforts.

**The deadline for the 2017 grant will be at the end of December 2017.** If your group leads a special initiative to help reduce crime in your area, you are welcome to submit an application to the FAO for the grant at the end of the year. please contact Jeana Schuurman at [jeana.schuurman@gov.ab.ca](mailto:jeana.schuurman@gov.ab.ca) or 780-974-1137

*Submitted by Jeana Schuurman*

*Rural Engagement and Communications Speciality Farmers' Advocate Office*



APRCWA President Trevor Tychkowsky (L) congratulating Leduc RCW President, Cor De Wit (R) after the announcement of the Farmers' Advocate Award Winner.

# ZONE MEETINGS

## **Zone 2 Meeting – held October 29, 2016**

*Report Submitted by Jean Bota*

Zone 2 Rural Crime Watch Meeting was held at the Memorial Centre in Lacombe on October 29, 2016 and hosted by RD/Lacombe RCW with 16 clubs/representatives in attendance.

A welcome and introduction was given by the RD/Lacombe RCW president Becky Jardine, with Ken Wigmore being the MC for the event.

Following approval of the agenda, greetings were given by dignitaries:

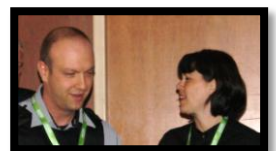
MP Conservative Party - Blaine Calkins  
Lacombe Reeve - Paula Law  
Lacombe City Mayor - Steve Christie  
RD county Mayor - Jim Woods  
RD/Lacombe RCW President - Becky Jardine

- ❖ Several RCW group's shared their successes and what was working for them.
- ❖ Steve Mebs from Box Clever spoke on the possibilities of a provincial initiative of a webpage which could place all RCW's under one APRCWA website.

For individuals groups, he also offered a discount for website design and services. He also provided examples of Web Guide and Mail Guide, to send fan out's and inform our communities in a more timely manner. He spoke of Box Clever, gave the start up costs and explained how it worked.



- ❖ The Civic Forfeiture Grant was explained for anyone who was eligible.
- ❖ There was a CPTED presentation by Lacombe county ( Brett Miller) and RD county ( Alissa Firmstom). They provided some background and how it would be useful in deterring criminals on farm/residential sites. The officers offered free of charge demonstrations to the group's who attended.
- ❖ Lunch was served at noon, compliments of RD/Lacombe Counties.



- ❖ Cor DeWit, Zone 2 representative presented his report following lunch.  
Highlights being:
  - website up and running
  - Wise Owl program coordinators were working on a registration form for use by non member presenters of program.
  - BOD are looking for an administrative position - needed to address job description/ expectations along with controls to ensure the job is being followed. Salary or compensation is also an issue which needs to be resolved.
  - new telephone number and physical and email addresses provided.



- some discussion around increase in memberships, should it be based on membership numbers.
- budgeting issues and a budget process to be complete and in place by the time of the AGM IN February.
- results of the survey sent out by Cor regarding phone call/email provided to do the fan out's. Concern was the new anti spam legislation coming out in 2017.
- spoke to the Strategic planning session held in Leduc on the 14th of October for the provincial association. Well received with many challenges identified e.g. Value added advantage of being a member? Decline in membership associations and how to keep the struggling groups alive. How do we remain sustainable? Further discussion to ensue at the AGM in February.
- Cor noted the AGM in Kitscoty in February and asked that everyone who could attend please do so.

*" We must move together for the common good of the Rural Crime Watch movement"*  
 ---- Cor DeWit- APRCWA Zone 2 Director

Several concerns from the floor following his report: the provincial body slipping into " old habits" and discouraging people from becoming members. A Comprehensive business plan being completed before any decision on increased fees was introduced. A comment was made on ensuring we are advocating through AAMDC, and AUMA, as a Provincial Board.

❖ S/Sgt Morrison - Blackfalds detachment provided their initiatives and direction.

- spoke of the importance of reporting suspicious vehicles/persons and with the RD/Lacombe RCW becoming more active the amount of calls that had increased to the detachment.
- spoke of educating communities - different type of criminal who uses technology. The role of a SRO in schools.
- He spoke of " needing each other" to fight crime and hold the criminals responsible and how we need to interfere in gang activity, making it difficult for them to be in our communities.

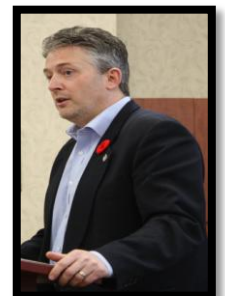


❖ Smart Phone Tricks - Lacombe IT personal Alix Guse provided some information and updates on how technology and RCW could work well together. He demonstrated a Lacombe Service request " APP" and showed how it could be utilized.

- Alix also demonstrated the APP " Panic Guard" and how it could be used for anyone in a dangerous situation.

❖ Round tables discussions with three points from each table noted for further discussion

❖ MP Blaine Calkins' message was simple, common sense ideas, and he stressed the importance of community and involvement. Blaine advised the group, if we wanted to initiate an e petition his office would assist in getting it presented to the right government officials.



❖ MLA Ron Orr - Lacombe/Ponoka

He spoke of changes to the Justice system being both provincial and federal responsibility and there is a place for political action - advocating for a change. The challenge within society is "pro criminal" to a fault through social policies - "criminal is a victim, not a criminal" - which contributes to the societal attitudes. It is important to expose the "realities of today" and the dysfunction within communities. His message was vigilance and strong communities and "we need to hear from you"



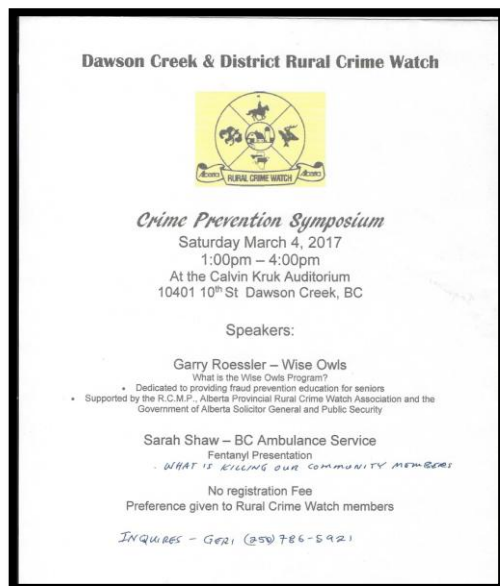
❖ Election of Zone 2 officers- Tully Johnson's term had expired

- Gerald Ingenveld - president of ORCW was nominated by Becky Jardine Tully Johnson - existing Zone 2 director nominated by Gail Kaiser
- Vote was taken and Gerald Ingenveld was elected to replace Tully Johnson

❖ Next meeting - Olds RCW April 2017 with place TBA.- *Editor Note- Please see the date below.*

**2017 Zone 2 Meeting** will be held April 8, 2017, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. at the Olds Cow Palace, in Olds, AB. **RSVP required to** [info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca](mailto:info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca)

**Zone 3 Meeting – March 4, 2017 at Dawson Creek, B.C.**



Dawson & District RCW Creek held a Symposium March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Calvin Kruk Auditorium in Dawson Creek, B.C.

Speakers included:

Garry Rossler, Wise Owls Presenter.-

What is the Wise Owls Program?

Sarah Shaw – BC Ambulance Services –

Presentation on Fentanyl in the Community.

**Should your Association be interested in hosting a Zone Meeting, at any time in you Area, please contact your Zone Director(s). They can be contacted via the APRCWA email and please indicate which Zone number your Association is in and where and when you would like to host the Meeting. ☺**



**APRCWA Annual General Meeting- Brief Report.**  
**February 3-5, 2017**  
**Kitscoty, Alberta**

**Letter to All Rural Crime Watch Associations from R.C.M.P. Deputy  
Commissioner Marianne RYAN**



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer  
"K" Division



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant  
de la division "K"

February 3, 2017

Dear Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association member:

On behalf of the Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), I am pleased to recognize all the volunteers across the province who contribute to the success of this important program.

The Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association promotes crime prevention at the community level through communication, programming and fundraising initiatives. As the Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP for the past three years, I have seen how these efforts directly support the women and men of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

To the many Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association volunteers working countless hours to make the program a success, I would like to convey our appreciation and thanks for your dedication and for the important part you play in maintaining safe, secure and resilient communities across Alberta.

All the very best for a successful and productive annual general meeting and symposium.

Yours truly,

M.C. (Marianne) Ryan, M.O.M.  
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The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the APRCWA was held in Kitscoty, Alberta hosted by the Kitscoty and District Rural Crime Watch. The Kitscoty team did a wonderful job in arranging the weekend activities and hosting the event. There was a variety of Silent Auction items, from local businesses and Sponsors, which were closely watched, by some, a 50-50 draw as well as a table of prizes that cost the price of a ticket. A huge **Thank You** to *all* the Kitscoty RCW Volunteer and supporters for a terrific weekend.

All in Attendance received the above letter from R.C.M.P. Deputy Commissioner Maryanne Ryan wishing for a successful AGM and recognizing the efforts of the many Rural Crime Watch Associations volunteers.

The weekend started off Friday night with a “Bear Pit” discussion, hosted by the APRCWA Board, on issues Rural Crime Watch Associations are having. A list was made and written on individual flip chart sheets and manned by a member of the Board and our RCMP Liaison Officer. Each Association in attendance was invited to visit each of these “stations” to share their ideas and solutions to the item listed. There were some interesting results and ideas that came forth and the results will be shared with all Associations in the future.

The Symposium, on Saturday, started greetings from Dennis Roth, Deputy Mayor from the Village of Kitscoty, Ed Parke, Deputy Reeve, County of Vermilion River, Murray King, Liaison, Kitscoty Crime Wat, County Vermilion River, Josée VALIQUETTE, R.C.M.P. K Division, with letters from Richard Starke MLA and Shannon Stubbs MP.

The line of Presentations was impressive. Lloyd Kenny from **Legal Shield** discussed the mechanisms, manner and consequences of Identity Theft and On-Line Fraud. His message was thorough and diverse with the main message being to reduce your risk by being aware of the different methods thieves are using, guard passwords and PINS, and if a victim, REPORT IT!! The latest

stats only include approx. 5% of total number of victims.

Those in attendance were privileged to have S/Sgt. Bob GOLLAN discuss the **Habitual Offender Management Program, (HOM)** which is being rolled out in Alberta. This program is created as a part of the K Division Crime Reduction Strategy 2013. HOM was created to provide a framework for the RCMP, the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Correctional Services Division and other key community partners to respond to those offenders who are responsible for committing a disproportionately high number of crimes in the communities. The goal of the program is to help offenders out of the lifestyle and make change for the better, with the support of the R.C.M.P and other Partners in the Program.



S/Sgt GOLLAN shared successful stories and not-so successful stories along with his personal experience with the program when he was stationed in British Columbia. His message to the RCWs in attendance, get to know your neighborhood and continue to report and support your Law Enforcement Agencies. By reporting suspicious activity, you may be assisting with the observation of a person that is in the HOM Program and assist in their rehab. .

Contact S.Sgt. Bob GOLLAN at R.C.M.P

K Division for more information at [robert.gollan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:robert.gollan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

### **The Canadian Search and Disaster Dog Association**

presented an enlightening presentation on these wonderful and unique canine specialists and their handlers. The rigorous training these teams embark on is done on a voluntary basis and all costs for the training is borne by the handler, so they can be ready to respond to Wilderness searches, water searches, Disaster situations, building searches and other varied tasks asked of them. . Some of these teams are Internationally Certified to respond worldwide, All fundraising monies go toward



deployment expenses both nationally and internationally. Check out their Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/pg/casdda/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/casdda/about/?ref=page_internal)

Andrea Burkart, from the **Alberta Coalition on Human Trafficking, (ACT)** rounded out the Symposium with an interesting presentation on Human Trafficking 101. ACT is a non-profit association that coordinates services for victims, manages the Victim Assistance Fund, train Service Providers, research and collect data on human trafficking, among other activities.

Andrea's presentation covered a wide range of topics and situations. Human Trafficking is happening in the urban as well as rural areas. She mentioned the St. Paul Alberta arrests as proof that this is happening in Alberta and in various communities.

What can RCW Associations do: Start a discussion, spread the word this is happening, help victims where able, report to 9-1-1 or Crime Stoppers, build your community and gain more knowledge on the issue. For more information on ACT, what they do and more about Human Trafficking, in Alberta visit their website: <http://www.actalberta.org/about-act.php>

Josh Ryan and crew, from **Newscap News**, Lloydminster, AB were in attendance to interview Kitscoty Rural Crime Watch President and AGM Host, Darryl Wright about the Rural Crime Watch Program and its importance in the Community. View the News clip on You Tube at the link below- the AGM sequence starts at 1:02 in the segment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua8aJt6J9WI>



The Annual General Meeting was held in the afternoon. Minutes will be distributed to the Membership.

## 2017 Board of Directors.

*Note:* New Director's terms will begin after the



AGM.

From Left to Right are:

Front Row: Trevor Trychkowsky – President and Zone 5 Director ; Don Gourlay – Zone 3 Director; Verna Hart –Member at Large and Treasurer; Marvin Annell – Zone 4 Director; Gerald Ingeveld – Zone 2 Director New Director; Rosemary Lindsay – Member at Large and Newsletter Editor; Shirley Vice- Zone 5 Director.

Back Row: Cor DeWit – Zone 2 Director and Vice President; Dean Hart- Member at Large and manages the Web site ; Conrad Van Hierden-Zone 1 Director; Lee Kasper –Zone 2 Director and Signs; Darryl Wright- Zone 4;Director Brad Straty- Zone 4- New Director; Patty Franchuk – Zone 5 Director and Secretary.

Missing from the picture are:

Des Grant- Zone 1 Director, Tully Johnston- Zone 2 Director; Alice McKay – Zone 3 Director; Tom Finch- Zone 3 Director and Promotional Items and Insurance; Brenda Cramer- Zone 3 New Director.



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

*Submitted by Rosemary Lindsay, President.*



Cochrane Foothills Protective Association continues provide Community Information Presentations as one way to meet community members and provide information on Rural Crime Watch program. In November 2016, when we were contacted by Rockyview County, Councilor Eric Lowther , with the request to attend his update and informational meeting at the Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre. We had the pleasure to meet and discuss some of the issues with the Bearspaw and surrounding area residents. We had a table with CFPA Brochures, Wise Owl brochures, information form the RCMP as well as the Rockyview County.

2017 has started off with a bang as we joined the Church Ranches Home Owners Association for their AGM and provided a brief overview of the RCW program and the CFPA as well. Again, our dedicated Directors were on hand to answer questions and discuss the concerns and trends in this area. We have a few more engagements booked in 2017 and look forward to meeting our existing and new members.

We would like to give a shout out and congratulations to Fish and Wildlife Officers Mark Hoskin, Mark Drummond and Dan Tarrant for taking part in the 2017 Polar Plunge, at Arbor Lake, in Calgary, this year. These brave guys raised money for the Special Olympics Torch Run and took the *PLUNGE*, and just for fun, had to roll in the snow after, ☺ to support the Special Olympic Athletes.



CFPA Directors Gayle Watson, Brad Jones and Jim Willson manning the information table – Church Ranches.

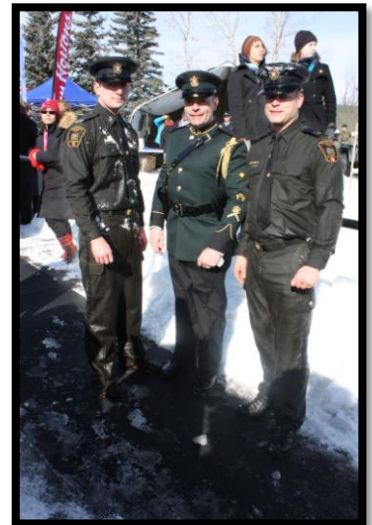
*Officers: Mark Drummond, Dan Tarrant and Mark Hoskin-  
Before*



*Officers: Mark Drummond, Mark Hoskin-  
and Dan Tarrant  
Taking THE PLUNGE*

#### *And...After*

*Officers Dan Tarrant and Mark Hoskin-  
with District Officer Jeff Zimmer*





## Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association

*Submitted by Cor De Wit, President*

Hi everyone,

I believe that this will be the first time an open letter has been sent out to our membership. This may be a good way for our membership to express themselves and a valuable method of communication.

With the current increase in residential break and enters, and the rise in suspicious activity, it may be time to set up a fan out sharing process that can be distributed to all members. I am not advocating that we increase the administration of our organization, but rather that we as members and neighbors, share our fan outs with each other.

Leduc Rural Crime Watch, with its new fan out system, has the ability to add multiple emails to the fan outs that our members receive. Our fan outs include provincial crime news and safety tips from the RCMP, as well as local happenings. The idea is that you, as a receiver, may wish to share, with your members, our fan out as is, or modified for your members or you may choose to ignore the fan out. It will be your choice.

An example would be a increasing crime wave of break and enters that is moving south along QE 2 Highway that may be picked up any fellow Crime Watch members that are in the path of the wave. Another example of a fan out that may not be of interest is an AGM announcement or a report of several cattle out on a local highway. The choice to carry the fan out further would be your choice.

So having said that, I am offering any member that wishes to receive Leduc Rural Crime Watch fan outs to send their email particulars to [LeducRuralCrimeWatch@gmail.com](mailto:LeducRuralCrimeWatch@gmail.com) and I will add you to our system. I hope this will be the start of our version of the information highway.

Regards,

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Leduc RCW President  
APRCWA VP

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## Olds-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch

Submitted by Judy Schlichenmayer- Secretary

Olds-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch has been busy promoting crime prevention. 2016 started off with a new round of membership renewals. We are happy to report we have over 200 families renewed by year end and still attracting new members.

- Launched a radio / newspaper campaign for Crime Prevention Tips aired on our local radio station and in our local county newspaper thanks to a grant received.
- Held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Crime Prevention Trade Show May 14, 2016. Approximately 200 visitors with 80 children.
- Held a poster contest this year but really hard to get participation.
- Had a presentation on (CPTED) Crime Prevention through Environmental Design from Peace Officer Alissa Firmston from Red Deer County. On how to make things harder for the thieves.
- We have a special presentation—Policing Reports – educational component at every meeting and all of this information is posted on our website: [www.oldsrimewatch.ca](http://www.oldsrimewatch.ca)
- Police continue to thank citizens for calling I tips. Several arrests made due to public tips.
- We participated in the Bergen Xmas Market to promote RCW. It was well received.



Olds and District RCW –  
Secretary Judy Schlichenmayer at  
the Bergen Xmas Market.



In January we had a special presentation on Drugs. **Cst. Kevin D. LINTOTT, Investigator, Red Deer RCMP** gave a presentation on the various drugs prevalent in our area and brought samples to view. This was open to the community and held at the local High School. Was well received also



We also worked with the Sundre Detachment where Cst. MORRIS, presented information on: some statistics about property crime in the Sundre area: and tips and suggestions for making your property a "hard target" through use of lighting, gates, and security systems.

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

1. Walk around your property and look at it like a thief would. Good Lighting / Alarms #1 tip.
2. Get together as a community and get to know your neighbors. Build community relations.
3. Put valuables in discrete, uncommon areas – Not your bedroom or freezer.
4. Don't post on social media when you'll be gone. Post pics when you get back.
5. Don't have message on answering machine say you are gone.
6. Record serial numbers and/or pictures and keep in secure place for recovery. Mark tools and other property with distinguishable mark.
7. Audio alarms are good as well as driveway alarms.
8. Keep your contact info up to date with your alarm company.

9. Have a trusted friend / neighbor look in your property if you are gone and even move stuff around. Give them the security company's info and vice versa.
10. Close driveway gates even if you are home. Don't create a pattern that you only close them if you are gone.
11. Cloning and re-vin ing vehicles has been happening in our region with higher value vehicles. Check **with dealer** to make sure VIN matches what you are buying and check with registries office to make sure no liens. Get copy of D.L. of seller.
12. ID theft a big deal. Arrested an individual in Blackfalds with a significant amount questionable ID. Check your bank and credit card statements for weird – small purchases. REPORT. Police can't do anything if they don't know!! You can remain anonymous.
13. Report abandoned vehicles to county and report suspicious vehicles to RCMP.
14. Check your vehicle for a license plate AND THAT IT IS YOURS!
15. Put a distinguishing mark on cargo trailers, and equipment of all types for ID and return if stolen and recovered.
16. Get your wallet out and record / take picture of everything in it. Take out SIN, Birth Certificate and any other personal information you don't use on a regular basis, Record the info on the back of the cards as well. Then if it's lost / stolen, recovery won't be as difficult.

#### WHAT IS RURAL CRIME WATCH:

Volunteers with Rural Crime Watch are the eyes & ears for law enforcement services. It's neighbors looking after each other! Whether you live in the rural area or in town; whether you are an individual or are a Business, Crime Prevention is your business. And we encourage you to join Rural Crime Watch

A quote from a RCMP Staff-Sergeant: What is Rural Crime Watch?

*"The security of rural communities has traditionally been the tight relationships between neighbours and the recognition of strangers in the area. Rural Crime watch formalizes this relationship and gets neighbours talking about things happening around them. Being aware is a huge contribution to personal and community security."*

#### WHAT DOES A RURAL CRIME WATCH MEMBERSHIP SIGN MEAN:

It means:

- As a member they are interested in community, looking after their neighbors and what's going on in the area. And more, likely to report things out of the ordinary or persons unknown in the community to local law enforcement.
- As a member they have attended meetings where crime prevention tips have been discussed and are aware of what to look for and where to report suspicious activities and persons.
- As a member they are likely to have security systems such as video / trail cameras.
- As a member heard of ways to make thefts harder. – IE Target hardening by marking property by special tips passed on at training sessions.

Thieves know that's what the sign means and are more likely to go onto easier targets.

## **Red Deer Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch Association**

*Submitted by Floyd Mullaney*

### **Back to the Basics of Crime Prevention**

#### **Background**

The **location** is a country residential area West of Gasoline Alley between Hwy 2A and the C&E Trail on the outskirts of the city of Red Deer.

#### **Issue:**

This area is in close proximity to the City of Red Deer and as a result it has been a choice location for criminal activity to take place.

These **activities** include: stolen property, break and enters, littering, suspicious persons, drug activity, to name a few.

My name is Floyd Mullaney, I am a retired RCMP member and now a retired Alberta Agriculture, Senior Manager. I have met a large number of you folks through the years and have been involved with Rural Crime Watch in an official capacity for in excess of 35 years.

In December of 2014 the shop on my acreage was broken into and, the secure storage locker containing my firearm was forced open and a rifle stolen. The culprit went through various cupboards, a vehicle and containers in the shop however; the only item found missing was a rifle.

As a result of the life experiences I had accumulated I truly thought a locked gate was sufficient to keep unwanted persons out of my buildings and off my property. Well, what can I say other than, "I was wrong". The walk through doors on the shop were not locked. The day before this incident I put up a, "Dog Beware Sign", I do not have a dog. Secondly, I put up a sign that stated, "Smile you are on a Video Camera", which I did not have installed. Perhaps the bad guy was illiterate or more importantly who was I kidding other than myself.

This takes me up to a point where I was upset at the bad guys but also at myself for being so complacent about my property security systems. At the same time knowing and aware of the high risk environment and society we live in. After a period of time I got over being disgusted and decided I could continue being this way or take a more active role in crime prevention in the local area.

Throughout my careers I have often heard persons speak about dedicating more resources to a problem and that will be the solution. For example, let's get more police officers. Well this does not and has not worked for a number of reasons. Economics, persons crimes versus property crimes, what is the police priority? The majority of offences that are dealt with in crime prevention programs are often property offences. Which you must admit are low priority compared to murder, sexual offences, or armed robbery.

Our police have priorities and I suggest to you that Crime Prevention does not rank all that high on the priority list. I am not being critical of our police forces so please do not take this wrong as I am just trying to be realistic as to where we are in the real world as it relates to crime prevention.

So, what can we do about these unwanted activities given what our life experiences have taught us? My



wife and I live on an acreage in Red Deer County and I will share with you an initiative of what this rural community did. I will start with the premise that we all want to live in safe communities where we can live our lives and raise our families. With this in mind I believed we could if the community residents and authorities worked together. However, this is much easier said than done. As we all know strong personalities often become difficult to work with.

To develop and implement such an initiative requires a person that will informally lead it by ensuring the stakeholders all participate in some manner and in their own way. I do not mean an authoritarian but someone who can exercise discretion and diplomacy without being overbearing. A person who can stand on the sidelines and watch while others do their thing which will ultimately meet the objectives or where necessary prompt someone to do something.

The persons instrumental in developing and implementing this initiative were first and foremost the community residents, our Red Deer County Councilor, Red Deer County Police, Red Deer County Operational Staff, RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs, Red Deer Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch Association, and the government of Alberta. Individuals from each of the organizations all participated in some manner and deserve to be recognized for their participation in making our community a safe place to live. An interesting fact was that there was never a face to face meeting held that involved a person from each of these organizations however, there were numerous conversations and communications between these same organizations.

As noted earlier in this document the geographical area was overrun with criminal activity. Through the implementation of environmental design, awareness by all stakeholders, and resident communications we now have implemented a sustainable crime prevention program in our area.

The criminal activity in this area has been reduced substantially; however, we would be naive to think we had eliminated it. The next step in this initiative is to ensure we do not resort back to our old ways of assuming it is everyone else's responsibility and not ours. The operative words are "responsibility" and "sustainability" such as police preventive patrols, residents observations and reporting of suspicious activities, and a major initiative referred to as Environmental Design.

My question I ask you the reader is simply, "Are you prepared to take back from the criminals the safety of your respective communities?"



## Red Deer Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch Association –continued

*Submitted by Brett Miller – County of Lacombe Peace Officer and CPTED Facilitator*

*Information from the Zone 2 Meeting in October 2016.*

### CPTED

## CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN



### **Reduce your chance of becoming a crime victim by changing your surroundings.**

**What is CPTED?** (Pronounced SEP-TED) is a concept that involves several proven methods of reducing opportunities for crime. The concept of CPTED is a proactive approach where the focus of reducing crime shifts from the criminal element to that of the environment which the potential victim lives and works. Being able to anticipate or recognize vulnerabilities and crime risks provides valuable input into how an environment should be designed and operated.

CPTED is defined as “the proper design and effective use of the built environment that can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.”

CPTED is based on these three overlapping strategies:

1. Natural surveillance
2. Natural access control
3. Territorial reinforcement

Natural Surveillance: Whether from windows, security cameras, lighting, or personal vision, increasing the chance of exposure is a deterrent to criminal activity.

Territorial reinforcement:

This strategy is one that fosters a “vested interest” in the environment. When people feel that the area they live or work “belongs” to them, they will be more protective and concerned about its potential for crime.

Natural Access Control: Natural access control employs elements such as doors, shrubs, fences, and gates to deny admission to an area and create a perception to the offender that there is a risk in selecting the target. Physical and mechanical means of access control (locks, bars and alarms) can supplement natural access control measures if needed.

How CPTED works for you:

Plan Reviews: Advice can be given in the “blueprint” stage that will address not only CPTED strategies, but also target hardening recommendations.

Security Surveys: Conducted to make your living and workplaces more secure and safe for employees and customers



### How does CPTED impact me?

CPTED impacts each citizen by increasing safety, promoting secure environments and improving the appearance of neighborhoods and public amenities.

How is it accomplished?

By establishing a policy and regulatory framework for a physical design which can include:

1. Landscape Plan
2. Street Lighting Plan
3. Access Controls
4. Street Design
5. Traffic Controls
6. Demolition of Structures
7. Lot Clearing
8. Sidewalk Improvements
9. Beautification
10. Parks Improvement
11. Community Clean-ups
12. Traffic Calming



### **Program Goals:**

The goal of CPTED is to reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the design of structures or in the design of neighborhoods. **This goal is accomplished through the involvement of CPTED trained law enforcement personnel in the planning, development and design review of community projects.**

**CPTED uses various tools to evaluate environmental conditions and utilize intervention methods to control human and/or criminal behavior and reduce crime.**

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## **Parkland county Call to Duty Youth Camp**

By Cpl. Kimberly Mueller, Crime Prevention Unit  
Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch ECMP

Hosted by our local Rural Crime Watch Association in partnership with the Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch RCMP and local emergency response/ public safety organizations we worked together to create the first "Parkland County Call to Duty Youth Camp". The Camp was held in Spruce Grove, Alberta August 10-12, 2016 the primary objective of this camp was

start building positive relations with adolescents of our community. This three-day youth camp was attended by 18 young people ranging from 13 to 18 years old from around the tri-municipal area.

The youth camp introduced participants to different types of emergency situations involving all three different emergency services. EMS, Fire, and Police demonstrated what a response to an impaired motor vehicle collision would look like when a client was trapped inside the vehicle. Working on the scene showed the collaboration and partnerships needed to work together to get the job done efficiently and effectively.





Furthermore, the adolescents were given the opportunity to meet and speak with other specialized units within the RCMP. These groups include:

- Emergency response team
- K-9 Unit
- Fitness and Lifestyle
- Community policing
- Crime Reduction Unit
- Drug Unit
- Drill and deportment

Some the youth that attended requested that they come back to assist or be apart this program in following years. Providing these youth with mentors and demonstrating positive relationships with leaders in their community was achieved through the relationships that were built.



#### **Goals and Objectives of the Camp:**

- Educate youths about personal safety and wellness
- Promote community safety and involvement
- Engage young people in learning
- Youth mentorship through relationships formed with the RCMP and camp partners
- Cultivate self-esteem through the positive learning opportunities
- Encourage youth to explore their personal life goals through exposure to careers and volunteering in community safety and emergency response



The camp was an overwhelming success as youth evaluations showed that the program gave the youth a sense of belonging in the community and new knowledge in areas of safety which would help them from becoming victims of crime. The youth also made suggestions that the 2017 Camp go from a day camp to an overnight camp to allow them more time to build relationships with the emergency services staff and each other. Plans are currently underway to plan the 2017 Camp. The camp will be held in August and we are looking to engage 20 participants, taking the advice of the young people we are looking at building the program into a three day "overnight" camp out! Stay tuned for updates on the 2017 Parkland County Call to Duty youth Camp!

## **Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association**

Submitted by Francoise Muenier – President

Hi Everyone,

SRCWA is a fairly active group. In November our members attended the Legal Trade/Craft Show and signed up several new members.

We receive a tremendous amount of support for our Sturgeon County Mayor, Councilors and staff. In September we were offered a free ½ page SRCWA ad that was published in the Free Press and the Redwater Review. The ad looked great. It is a Community Services Initiative provided by Sturgeon County to give free advertisement to all non- profit volunteer groups. Our information is also published in the County Connections which is delivered to all the County Residents. We are also members of the Legal Chamber of Commerce and our information is also in their publication the Legalerie.

In November a number of our members attended a free Wellness Workshop that was put on by the Sturgeon County. Jody Urquhart was the guest speaker and she spoke on being positive, volunteering and laughter in a person's life. The evening was well attended by various groups.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> a group of our board members got together and filled goody bags with SRCWA information along with info from many organizations. The bags were given out at the Candy Cane Check. The Candy Cane check is coordinated by the Town of Morinville and the RCMP. Several local groups joined on December 13<sup>th</sup> and as the vehicles were stopped on Main Street in Morinville they were given goody bags, reminded to not drink and drive and wished a very Merry Christmas. They estimate they gave out about 1000 good bags. Despite the cold we had six of our members turn out to help.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter I have been giving presentations to the Seniors Workshop in Redwater, the Rotary Club, the Legal CWL and a Town Hall meeting in Calahoo. It has given us a number of new members – about 45 new members last year and as of the end of 2016 we have 775 updated current members.

Four of our members attended the PAGS in Kitscoty. They said it was very well run, the presentations were great, they learned so much and it was very worthwhile attending. They look forward to attending next year.

We have had a very productive 2016 and look forward to another good year in 2017. Our board members continue to bring in new members and this coming year will see us attending as many events as the past year.

Sincerely,

Francoise Meunier

Pres Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association.



**Francoise Meunier and Ken Okerman at the Rotary Presentation**



## Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association - continued

Submitted by Fraincoise Muenier – President

Photo by Dolly Bolen.

### *Candy Cane Checkstop*

Morinville RCMP Constable Scott McKee waved traffic though the Candy Cane Checkstop on December 15 on 100 Avenue starting at 2:00 p.m. Morinville Community Peace Officer



Carolyn LeCouvie, Vice President Ken Okerman and member John Dowler from Sturgeon Rural

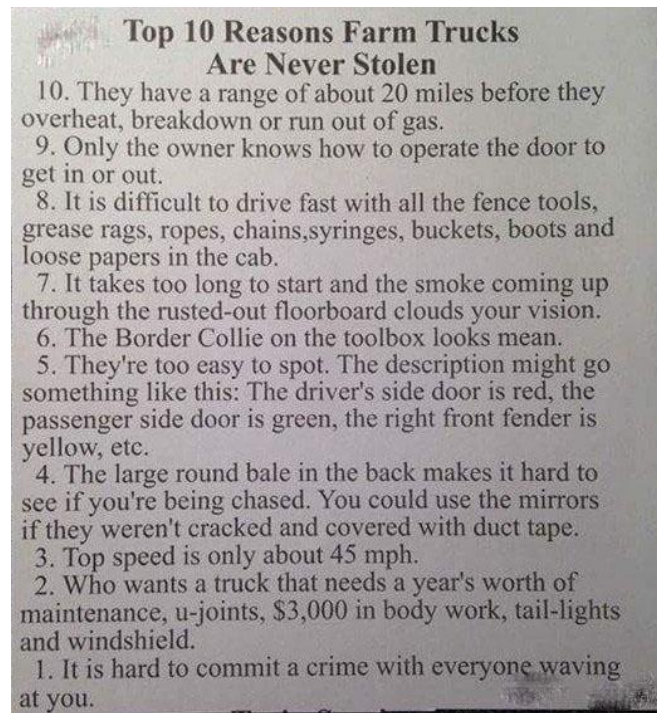
Crime Watch Association (SRCWA) assisted with handing out bags of information from the Checkstop partners:

Town of Morinville, Morinville RCMP, Morinville Fire Department, Morinville Enforcement Services,

EMS, Roadrunners Towing, Morinville Sobeys, Sturgeon Victim Services, SRCWA, Mothers Against

Drunk Driving (MADD Canada) and proDrive Driving School – Morinville. –

photo by Dolly Bolen, The Free Press, Morinville



## CONFERENCES

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Conference

Theme - Partners in Crime –

May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Calgary, Alberta



The ACCPA is holding their annual Conference in Calgary. The goal of ACCPA is to ensure safety to Albertans and their communities as we are viewed as the "hub" for Crime Prevention Initiatives for the province. This is accomplished through education and Crime

Prevention awareness through our annual conference, Fraud prevention, and Crime Prevention week.

Our annual conference theme this year is "Partners in Crime, Building partnerships that help create safe communities". The conference is May 2nd and 3rd, in Calgary at the Clarion Hotel. Deadline for early Registration is March 31, 2017.

For more information please visit their website: [www.albertacrimeprevention.com](http://www.albertacrimeprevention.com)

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## THE FINAL WORD

It was great to see so many out to the AGM and as I compile the Newsletter, I am always amazed at the energy, compassion, ingenuity and dedication the Associations and their Volunteers have for making their Communities a safer place to be for their neighbors, the public and themselves. There are as many ways, and more, that Rural Crime Watch Program is being shared as there are Associations in the APRCWA. This is evident, also, with the amount of news that comes into the Newsletter email for each edition.

Some of the ideas for getting being involved in the Community and engaging Members was shared at the Bear Pit session, on Friday night before the AGM, as Summary of which will be sent to your Association. The take away that night was the Volunteers of the Local Associations were making a difference and by working with their local Law Enforcement Agencies and other Community groups they are supporting the development of a strong Community, which helps to reduce criminal activity. Through these and many more actions Rural Crime Watch is increasing its visible presence.

Kudos to all of you for the work you do. Give yourself a high five and remember to recognize those that make a difference in your Association. Sgt. Josée VALIQUETTE is collecting names of Active RCW Volunteers for recognition from the R.C.M.P. The form for submissions is attached with this Newsletter.

Until the Fall....

Rosemary Lindsay

Newsletter Editor.