

## The Bulletin 2020 Spring Edition



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#### **President's Report**

#### Hello everyone,

As we wait for the beautiful spring weather to come and melt the mountains of snow still in areas of Alberta, it is time to reflect on a very successful AGM and Symposium in Grande Prairie February 22. Mary Fisher and her team did an excellent job of organizing and running a very successful and informative event for their fellow rural Crime Watch members. The board had many discussions with the membership with ideas and possible projects that could be expanded in our mission to prevent rural crime in Alberta.

The provincial board held our first board meeting since the AGM and has identified several goals to work on throughout the coming year.

- Communications between the provincial board and the membership, scored very high in the list going forward. We will assign generic email addresses to all members of the board, as this will give consistency and security in our cloud based Microsoft system.
- Our web site will have some minor tweaks to allow us the opportunity to explore different methods of communications to the members and the public as well.
- Policies that are near completion, and will be finalized, and once approved, will be added to our web site for all members to download. This is an opportunity to download, review and adopt for the local associations as they see fit. They can be found in the policies section in the members' area.
- Youth Programs are being identified and the feasibility will be assessed over the next year. We have some sound ideas that will be proposed as a pilot project to determine the ability to extend the program to other schools or post secondary programs. More information will be shared once we work out the details and any costs associated with the program.
- An effort to investigate and ultimately secure corporate sponsorship funding for special projects. This funding may also be used to bridge any gaps with the reduced government funding that many groups are experiencing.

Also, we have a date and a group that has come forward to host the 2021 crime Symposium. Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association has volunteered to host the 2021 Symposium. The Symposium will be held February 26 & 27, 2020 at the Cultural Centre in St Isidore. The hotel booked is the Sawridge Inn, downtown Peace River. We support the work that Northern Sunrise has before them and will offer any assistance that is required to ensure we have a successful Symposium.

I feel we have a good start with a goal oriented direction over the next year.

Best regards,

Cor De Wit
APRCWA President president@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

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### Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association AGM & Crime Symposium 2020

Highlights from the 2020 APRCWA AGM – Grande Prairie – Feb 22, 2020

The APRCWA Board wants to thank the Organizing Committee, and supporting RCWs of the 2020 AGM, held in Grande Prairie, for a terrific job in putting together a successful Symposium and AGM.

It was a productive AGM with good discussion on various points and feedback to the Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

The Board of Directors consists of the Zone Directors, from the 5 Zones, with other positions voted, by the Membership to complete the Board. The following comprises your 2020 Board of Directors at the time of this Newsletter:

Zone 1: Rosemary Lindsay Cochrane Foothills Protective Services, Shannon Pakula – SE Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association, Diana Rowe, Drumheller & District RCWA

Zone 2: Lee Kasper, Burnt Lake RCWA, Cor DeWit, Leduc RCWA, Dean Hart, Red Deer/Lacombe Community Crime Watch Association.

Zone 3: Tom Finch, Grovedale RCWA, Dorthea Bulford, Grande Prairie RCWA, Zone 3, Maurissa Breitland, Grande Prairie RCWA

Zone 4: Karl Chomlak, Two Hills & District RCWA, Al Ropchan, Andrew, Willington, St. Michaels RCWA

Zone 5: Trevor Tychkowsky, Smoky Lake County RCWA, Shirley Vice, Redwater & District RCWA,

Secretary: Judy Schlichenmayer - voted by the Membership

Treasurer: Verna Hart- Voted by the Membership.

Newsletter: Editor Shannon Pakula – Voted by the Membership Website Coordinator: Dean Hart – Voted by the Membership

The 2020 Executive – As voted by the Board of Directors are:

President- Cor DeWit;

Vice- President- Rosemary Lindsay

The Board always acknowledges and appreciates the support of our Honorary Members, for without their support and partnership, the work of the Board would not be as productive.

Sgt. Martin Girard – K Division Program Manager for: Crime Stoppers, Citizens on Patrol & Rural Crime Watch Insp. Richard Lyons - Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch Janet Patriquin – Assistant Farmers Advocate.

The Draft Meeting Minutes will be provide to all Associations in the coming days but here is a highlight of what was discussed and brought up by the Membership.

The Board started to track the Volunteer hours the Board of Directors and capturing it as "in-Kind" support. The reason behind this was to for a couple of reasons; a) to understand the volunteer hours that were being put in and b) being able to quantify the hours and dollar equivalent for value to the Board.

Sgt Martin Girard, "K" Division Liaison and Manager of Rural Crime Prevention, thanked the APRCWA for their commitment to Crime Prevention initiatives and to the RCW Membership for their commitment and dedication as well. His full report will be attached to the Minutes.

The Farmers Advocate Award, (John Fuga Award) was presented to Cochrane Foothills Protective Association, in recognition of Crime Prevention initiatives in the Community. Rosemary Lindsay, President of Cochrane Foothills Protective Association, accepted the Award on their behalf and thanked the Farmers Advocate Office for making this Award available, and naming it the John Fuga Award. As she had the pleasure of many discussion with John Fuga, it had special meaning to accept this Award.

Karen Krochinski, from the Solicitor General's Office works with Crime Prevention and reminded everyone of the Community Crime prevention Award applications were due Feb 28, 2020. While this deadline has passed, keep this award in mind for this year and be ready to nominate worthy candidates in 2021.

### Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association AGM & Crime Symposium 2020 ...continued

Highlights from the 2020 APRCWA AGM – Grande Prairie – Feb 22, 2020 ...continued

Cor DeWit President's report highlighted the special recognition of Ed Pierce as Volunteer of the Month and Leanne Van Wagner as Volunteer of the Year by Grande Prairie Volunteer Services Bureau. Both were recognized for their work with their RCWs. Also noted was Strathcona County RCWA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you Association has a milestone Anniversary approaching, let the Board know and consider submitting to the Newsletter.

A USB stick for all local RCW with videos, Trace Pen PowerPoint, RCMP Detachment locator App advertising poster, APRCWA logo for use with correspondence, APRCWA power point for those that would like to promote a new RCW in their adjacent area. If your RCW has not received one, please email <a href="mailto:aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca">aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca</a> and one will be sent to you. Please provide the full contact information and mailing address, and which RCW you are requesting for.

Future goals and increasing communication between the Board and the Membership are at the forefront this year. As comment from the floor stated the APRCWA sets an example to the rest of Canada on Rural Crime Watch.

The Resolution, from Zone 1, raising the Membership fees from \$200.00 to \$300.00 per year was passed, after much discussion and a small break to allow the Membership to discuss in their respective RCWs.

The Fan Out system was discussed and an update as to the various options was presented. The Board needs the support of the RCMP for whatever system is chosen, as they are the drivers of the majority of the information and systems need to be compatible. When the Fan Out system is set up, local associations will have the option of what fanouts they pass to their members. Funding was discussed and it was suggested to get creative with this funding and look at other models and options.

Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre update – we have reduced our commitment to the Centre for cost saving measures. The Centre will still support the Wise Owl Program.

Website and Google campaign is a big portfolio. We have a Google campaign reaching out to government, younger members, getting involved. In 18 months there have been over 15 million viewings of our ad. 44,000 visits to the APRCWA website. 70% of those viewers are new viewers of which 40% were women 20 to 40 years old and viewed 10am-12 noon on Sunday mornings. The time spent surfing the website is 1.5 minutes and rising. This is giving RCW great exposure in the Province with the intent to stimulate local interest and for individuals to reach out to their local RCW for more information and membership.

Poster Winners were announced and congratulated.

Open discussion saw questions asked about

Associations producing their own RCW signs. Answer was No; should an Association wish to produce their own sign, a letter needs to be sent to the APRCWA.

Why Previous AGM Minutes were not posted to the APRCWA Website at least 2 weeks prior to the AGM; answer was the Previous AGM minutes are sent out in January, to each Association; it is up to each Association to distribute these to their Members.

The Membership was advised of Kix Device which is a locator device. This is attached to your vehicle, quad, RV etc. It sends out a signal once a day. It is discoverable only when it pings which takes a second. If your vehicle is stolen you can change the signal to active and then can track where your vehicle is located. There is a 95% recovery rate for stolen property with this device.

It was a good meeting and thank you to Corinna Williams, Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association for chairing the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Rosemary Lindsay, Vice President—APRCWA



#### THE CRIME WATCH APP

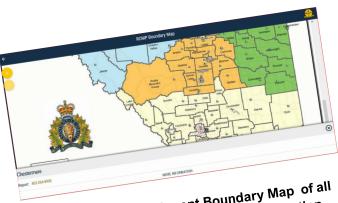
#### Have you had a chance to check out the APRCWA Crime Watch App?

The Crime Watch APP is the latest innovation from the APRCWA to help with reporting crime and suspicious activity Province wide by making it easy to find the respective rural RCMP Detachment Reporting Line phone numbers. Two or three clicks and you can make a phone call.

The Crime Watch APP is downloadable, on android and iPhone, from the APRCWA web site. This is a Web-based program that provides a link to the APRCWA Website to give access to the information in the APP.

To download to your phone, tablet or computer go to www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca and click on "Use the APP" This will bring you to the Screen that asks if you want to add the link to your Homepage. Menus are different for Android and iPhone, but the intent is the same. Once you have this link, on your Homepage, be sure to have "location Services" turned on for the Web sites.

Editor 's Note: Personal story from a user—I had occasion to use the APP on my way home from a Rural Crime Watch Meeting. A deer had been hit by a vehicle and was laying in the middle of the highway, and posed a danger to the motorists on that Highway. I pulled over to the side of the road and activated the APP and it came up with the correct RCMP Detachment for that area. Two clicks and I was chatting with the RCMP to advise them of the hazard; I know they would have also contacted Fish and Wildlife to assist with this call. So simple and convenient to use.



RCMP Detachment Boundary Map of all Detachments in Alberta. GPS Location brings up the Detachment that is closet to your location



Attractive HOME page

Tap or click on the title to enter that area of the APP

#### **Association Events**

#### Mocha with the Mounties - Delia, AB

#### Submitted by Diana Rowe

On February 18, 2020, the Drumheller & District RCW Assoc. promoted and supported the Drumheller RCMP Detachment in hosting a Mocha with the Mounties Open House at Luke's Café in Delia, Alberta. S/Sgt. Eddie Bourque welcomed the more than 30 local residents from Delia and surrounding area. He then introduced officers Cst. Marcel Hiemstra and his partner, Cst. Stephanie Morello. The Starland County Peace Officer, Gareth Thomas also participated in the gathering.

S/Sgt. Bourque provided an overview of how the RCMP is focusing on strategies currently being implemented to combat high rural crime rates. The residents were encouraged to introduce themselves and indicate what their concerns were about the criminal activity in this area of the Drumheller RCMP detachment's catchment district. The major concerns included a recent armed home invasion, break-ins, stolen property, and how to protect our property. The attending officers made several suggestions, that will deter criminal activity, which could include cameras, signs, motion detector lighting and keeping your property well lit.

We were all encouraged to be proactive neighbours whether we lived in the village or on a farm and keep an eye on your neighbour's homes, livestock and equipment. If you see any suspicious vehicles or activity; report it to the local law enforcement office. The Drumheller RCW Assoc. president, Lyle Rowe and APRCWA Zone 1 designate, Diana Rowe provided handouts and shared information with regard to crime prevention and mental health strategies to reduce stress being experienced by many.

We parted from the coffee shop with the realization that 'crime prevention is everybody's responsibility'. The participants certainly appreciated the effort of the local RCMP for bringing this important and timely discussion out to the rural community.

#### Country In The City—Medicine Hat, AB

#### Submitted by Shannon Pakula

This year our Crime Watch group was invited to participate with a booth in the County in the City Exhibit at the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede. This exhibit is located under the roof of the Cypress Centre, which is the main entrance to the fair grounds and is very visible to the public. We were able to connect with quite a few people throughout the 4 day event. Many people from outside of southern Alberta attend the Stampede and were curious about rural crime watch and many mentioned their own local Rural Crime Watch groups. It was good to see the local folks who stopped by to chat and find out more info on what rural crime watch is all about. We enjoyed the event and look forward to being there for the 2020 Exhibition.



#### **Association Events**

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#### New Tools for local RCMP Detachments—St. Michael, AB

Submitted by Al Ropchan

The Lamont Leader (Lamont, Alberta), Wednesday, February 26, 2020



Police representatives are presented with trace pen readers and UV flashlights from the Andrew Willingdon St. Michael Rural Crime Watch group. L-R: Sergeant Robert Daisley, Two Hills detachment, Corporal Jennifer Brown, Fort Saskatchewan detachment, Corporal Fred De Billy, Vegreville detachment, Al Ropchan and Jennifer Kee. Missing: police representative from the Smoky Lake detachment.

## Detachments get new tools to fight crime thanks to Andrew Willingdon St. Michael RCW dinner raising \$7,500

BY JANA SEMENIUK

Four police detachments received new trace pen readers and UV flashlights thanks to proceeds raised during the Andrew Willingdon St. Michael Rural Crime Watch perogy dinner held in St. Michael this past November.

The presentation was made Feb 12. at the Association's information evening.

"We raised \$7,500 that night," said rural crime watch vice president Al Ropchan. "That helped us purchase four trace pen readers and 27 UV flashlights."

The trace pens, available for purchase to rural crime watch members for \$35, are used to invisibly mark personal items. If the items are recovered by police and suspected of being stolen, the UV flashlight shone over them will uncover a bright blue glow where the trace pen mark was made.

The trace pen reader will then be used over the blue glow to identify a number that will have been registered to the owner of that particular trace pen.

The four trace pen readers, costing approximately \$500 each, were presented to a representative from each of the following four police detachments; Fort Saskatchewan, Two Hills, Smokey Lake and Vegreville. In addition, the UV flashlights were also distributed to police

#### **Association Events**

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#### Volunteer Recognition—Beaverlodge, AB

#### **Submitted by Brenda Cramer**

The Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Association was incorporated under the Societies Act on June 17, 1986.

We wish to recognize the long term commitment of the volunteers who formed the Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Association, now renamed as the Beaverlodge District Rural Crime Watch Association.

We wish to honour the following for their 34 years of continued membership. They are Alice McKay and Ernest Burgess.

Alice McKay was the first President with the following signatories for the new Association:

Dorothy Cage of Beaverlodge, Bill Cameron of Hythe, Gerry Pandachuk of Elmworth, John Connelly of Elmworth, and Ernest Burgess of Beaverlodge.

Alice McKay has played an important role in Rural Crime Watch over the last 30 years, from being a founding member and President of Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Association, to being very involved with the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association. Alice has volunteered many hours and miles for Rural Crime Watch travelling throughout the province for meetings and workshops. Her dedication made it possible for the Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Association to win the Farmers' Advocate Award that is presented yearly at the Provincial Annual General Meeting.

Alice, herself, won the Alberta Community Justice Award for her dedication to Rural Crime Watch.

Ernest Burgess was a signatory on the formation of the Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Association.

There was no group fan out system in place. Contact with people was either by phone or in person.

Ernest spent many hours both on the phone and visiting people in person with information about Rural Crime Watch.

He encouraged people to join and many of them did.

Back in the day.... some Rural Crime Watch groups engaged in patrolling their local areas and beyond sometimes. Ernest, along with a partner drove many miles in rural areas.



Alice McKay receiving Certificate from Chief Superintendent Rhonda Blackmore

With RCMP support, he and a friend once spent the night in his vehicle watching and waiting for a suspect. The guy never did show up.

Ernest and his wife Eileen have been regular attendees at Rural Crime Watch meetings. He offers support wherever he can and is a valuable resource to our group.



Ernest Burgess receiving Certificate from Chief Superintendent Rhonda Blackmore

#### 2020 APRCWA AGM & Symposium Committee Report

#### 2020 APRCWA Symposium: Grande Prairie Alberta Feb. 21 & 22

Thank you to everyone who attended the Symposium! We were very pleased with the turnout!

A lot of planning hours went into this event and I would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their time, dedication and commitment into making this a successful event.

Beaverlodge RCW: Brenda Cramer and Leanne Van Wagner

Dawson Creek RCW: Garth Makepeace, Tracey Pearson and Art Siedl

Grande Prairie RCW: Dorothea and Jim Bulford, Sharon Kim-

ble,

Ed Pierce, Doug Spry, Terry Vavrek and Joan Webber.

Grovedale RCW: Tom Finch

Peace River RCW: Corinna Williams

Valleyview RCW: Al Carroll and Bonnie Williams

I could not have asked for a better group of outstanding individuals to have on this planning committee! Honestly they were the

"Dream Team!"



Everyone worked together and went above and beyond my expectations! You could see the pride displayed when they went about their tasks.

We were very fortunate with the Community Partners that participated to help make this a successful event. From door prizes, to silent auction items to cash sponsorship, we are forever grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to the following Community Partners for your contributions:

**County of Grande Prairie No. 1** 

Municipal District of Greenview No. 16

**Ovintiv** 

**Margaret Friesen Chartered Professional Accounting** 

**Spartan Controls** 

**Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association** 

**Parsons Printing & Typography Ltd** 

**Costco Wholesale** 

TH Machining

Stojan's Power Sports and Marine Ltd

Traveland's RV Happy Trails RV

**Trapper Gord Homestead & Survival** 

**Shawn's Custom Meats** 

**Ole Smokes Coffee** 

**Action Sportswear** 



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Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice Unit

**Bare Feet Reflexology** 

**Beaverlodge Home Building Supply** 

**Bezanson General Store** 

Blue Heart Massage Therapy, Dawn Wesloski RMT

**Cor De Wit, Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association** 

**Tom & Jean Finch** 

**Eddie & Mary Fisher** 

**Gail Jones Photography** 

Travis Gitzel, Snap-on Tools

**Grande Prairie Live Theatre** 

Sandra Heasler

Kimble Livestock

L & M Ceramics

MCW Apiaries Ltd.

**New Horizon Coop, Grande Prairie** 

**Northern Sunrise County** 

**Peace Regional Waste Management** 

Terry Vavrek and Serena Doyer

Lynne Vo, T & T Pro Nails

**Christine and Wally Whitman** 

Herb and Verna Wohlgemuth

#### **The Following Rural Crime Watch Associations:**

Alberta Provincial

Beaverlodge

**Grande Prairie District** 

**Greater Lakeland** 

Grovedale

Hillside

**Northern Sunrise** 

**South Peace District Crime Prevention** 



#### 2020 APRCWA AGM & Symposium Committee Report

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#### Also a big thank you to those who contributed silent auction items at the Symposium!

We are very appreciative to our guest speakers. Your presentations were informative and our delegates left with a wealth of information! Thank you to the following individuals:

#### **Friday Night Meet & Greet:**

Honourable Minister Travis Toews and MLA Tracy Allard

<u>Saturday Symposium:</u>

Grande Prairie Chief Crown Prosecutor, Steven Hinkley
Superintendent Peter Tewfik, RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy
Richard Lyons, Inspector, Compliance Unit Fish and Wildlife
Corporal Steve Jewer, Grande Prairie RCMP



Horse Tack Marking presented by Dawson Creek & District Rural Crime Watch: Geri Demyen and Cliff Washington

I would be remiss if I did not mention our Keynote Speaker for Saturday evening! Tom Watson gave a "DYNAMIC" motivational presentation. He shared his journey throughout his life thus far. 13 foster homes by the age of 5, where he was abused. Tom could have decided to take a very different path in life, but he rose above and is a successful businessman and outstanding citizen. I know a few of you were scratching your head and wondering what the heck was going on with the start of his presentation, but it all made sense in the end. Remember Tom's words:

#### Your Choices + Your Actions = Your Life!

Every Morning try to come up with a hundred things to be grateful for: Tom's top 3: I woke up; I know the woman lying beside me; and I didn't pee the bed!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. The facility was great, the food was delicious and the hotel rooms were very comfortable. A special thank you to Kayla Enright who worked closely with us to make this a successful event.

We are looking forward to the 2021 Symposium!

Keep Well and Thank you for your commitment and dedication towards Rural Crime Watch in Alberta! Kind Regards,

Mary Fisher 2020 Symposium Committee Chairperson







#### Website Update—Dean Hart- Chair

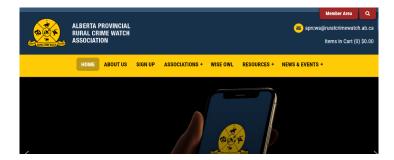
For all you folks that were not able to be at the annual Symposium this year and read the Website Report, we will give you a new latest version. The website is always changing and being updated, so keep checking it and seeing what's new.

- There has been a new page added for identifying tack, we are trying to post news and articles to the bulletin twice a week for you, so check them out.
- The biggest and most successful part of our website is our Google Ad Word awareness campaign. Every month we are blown away by the exposure it creates and the traffic it generates to our website and Reporting APP. Last month alone we had 3.21 Million viewings of our ADs, sending 4300 people to our website to look for more information.



Example of Ad.

Our Reporting APP launched back in September 2019 has already seen 20,000 visits. Latest reports from the RCMP are saying that reporting of suspicious activity in the Province is up as much as 20% in some regions. I sure would like to think we can take some of the credit for that.



#### Wise Owl Update—Al Ropchan—Chair



Wise Owls

The Wise Owl Fraud Prevention Program continues to be provided throughout Alberta to any group that is wishing to have a presentation. This Presentation can be up to 2 hours in length and covers a number of topics ranging from phone scams, grandparent scams to romance scams.

Wise Owl is another Program that is available to Member Associations to promote your Association and bring Crime Preven-

tion Education to your communities.

To book a Wise Owl Presentation email wiseowl@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca



#### Video Project Update—Dean Hart- Website Chair

This winter the provincial board thought it was a good idea to produce another video for your use in promoting crime prevention.

The world is starting to get the message out about reporting suspicious activity and what a simple and powerful a tool it is in our community crime prevention efforts. Yet when you travel around the country talking to people, we get a lot of "why should I report, they don't do anything with it." So we thought it would be a good idea to have a discussion about this and tell the story of what the RCMP do with all the reporting information, in order to counteract some of the negativity. This video will be a short 4-minute production talking about the data centre, the Crime Reduction Units and offender targeting that goes on behind the scenes to identify crime hot spots and then target them with extra resources. The film is scheduled to be out in time for your fall meetings, it along with our other Crime Watch Video can be a good lead to your meetings. Stay tune for the release early this fall and don't be afraid to reach out to your Zone directors for help in setting up a showing.

Remember that all the videos are available at <a href="https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/">https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/</a> resources/media/videos and on YouTube—search for Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch and subscribe to the channel



Example of Video

#### Policy Committee Update—Rosemary Lindsay – Chair

APRCWA Policy Committee Report March 20, 2020 Chair – Rosemary Lindsay



The Policy Committee is a Committee that reviews the APRCWA Policies to keep them updated and current, as well as respond to the need for new Policies as the need and demands dictate. An example of this was the Criminal Record Checks for the APRCWA Board. The signing of the M.P.U with the RCMP formalized and mandated that Criminal Record Checks (CRC) be completed for all Rural Crime Watch Association Board of Directors, once every 3 years. The APRCWA Board of Directors were not exception and a Policy was developed to provide direction on when the CRCs were to be completed and maintained as the Provincial Board fluctuated, pending the results of Zone Meeting Elections.

Another Policy, that has recently been completed and put in place, is the Code of Conduct Policy. While the APRCWA has direction, in the Bylaws, on Code of Conduct and the removal of a Director who is in contravention of this section of the Bylaws, the Board requested the policy Committee to come up with a Code of Conduct Policy that set out the expectations and actions for APRCWA Directors to be used as a guideline and general reference. This was completed and a copy is posted on the Member side of the APRCWA Website.

I want to thank Policy Committee for their input, edits, collaboration and go forward thinking they bring to the team.

All of the APRCWA Policies are posted on the Member side of the Website and we encourage you to take a look at them. Should your Association need a template for a Policy, please feel free to use the APRCWA's as a base to work from. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:vicepresident@ruralcriemwatch.ab.ca">vicepresident@ruralcriemwatch.ab.ca</a> and I will do my best to help.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Rosemary Lindsay

Chair-Policy Committee APRCWA Vice-President

#### Poster/Calendar Committee Update—Patty Franchuk - Chair

Poster Contest 2020 Winners & Calendar Project 2020-21 Information as presented at the AGM February 22, 2020



Hello Everyone,

We are presenting the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest winners today.

We had 13 Associations participate in the contest & all of them have winners provincially. 26 associations received calendars as well as Fish & Wildlife and RCMP offices across the province.

There is a certificate available for the associations to do up for local winners not moving on to the provincial level ... Come see me if you would like to be emailed this certificate.

The calendars with these winners will go into production in June 2020 & be ready for distribution to compliant membership renewed associations starting early to mid-August. You will be contacted via email or telephone to find out if your association would like to receive calendars. I hope to have them out to all of the associations by the end of August– the calendar will run September 2020 to August 2021. The calendars are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve so if I don't hear from your association by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September you will miss out on the calendars as I do not want them sitting around not being used.

Thank you everyone for participating in the poster contest & helping to get the calendars into the RCW communities across Alberta – come see me after the meeting to pick up the winner's 1<sup>st</sup> place plaques, cheques & Frisbees.

Patty Franchuk
Poster Contest/Calendar Chairperson
Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association

The APRCWA Board would like to extend a sincere thank you to Patty for all the hard work she put into the Poster Contest and Calendar Project throughout her involvement. Thank you Patty!

In the near future we will be reviewing the Youth Program for 2020 and will provide an update once this has been completed and a chairperson has been selected.

Turn the page to find out the winners announced at the AGM

#### Poster/Calendar Committee Update—Patty Franchuk - Chair

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Grade 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Conley Docksteader – Viking School - Viking, AB (Beaverhill RCW)  Ava Pasey – Thorhild Central School – Thorhild, AB (Redwater & District RCW)  Alyssa Stahl – Blue Sky Colony School – Starland County, AB (Drumheller & District RCW)
Grade 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Wynter Skaret – Camilla School - Riviere Qui Barre, AB (Sturgeon RCW)  Adele Clyburn – Boyle School – Boyle, AB (Boyle & District RCW)  Cameron Davis Stahl – Smoky Lake Colony School - Smoky Lake, AB (Smoky Lake RCW)
Grade 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Melissa Hofer – Holden Colony School - Holden, AB (Beaverhill RCW)  Emerson Trembecky – H.A. Kostash School – Smoky Lake, AB (Smoky Lake RCW)  Lara Trimble – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB (Blueberry RCW)
Grade 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Jade Caddel – Bearspaw School, Rocky View County, AB (Cochrane Foothills Protective Services)  Auley Mae Williams – Blueberry School - Parkland County, AB (Blueberry RCW)  Tayla Furgeson – Andrew School – Andrew, AB (Andrew/Willingdon/St. Michael RCW)
Grade 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Kyrie Boulianne - Graminia Community School – Parkland County, AB (Golden Spike CW) Sykora Blake – Thorhild Central School – Thorhild, AB (Redwater & District RCW) Cameron Aginas – Blueberry School – Parkland County, AB (Blueberry RCW)
Grade 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Delilah Wipf – Viking Colony School – Viking, AB (Beaverhill RCW)  Sofia Rosich – Boyle School - Boyle, AB (Boyle & District RCW)  Noah Hofer – Rosedale Colony School – Etzikom, AB (SE AB RCW)
Grade 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Norah Melnyk – Innisfree Delnorte School - Innisfree, AB (Mannville, Minburn & Innisfree RCW)  Bea Naluz – Ecole Leduc Junior High School – Leduc, AB (Leduc RCWA)  Tamara Stahl – Holden Colony School – Holden, AB (Beaverhill RCW)
Grade 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Kaden Ollikka – Holy Family Catholic School - Waskatenau, AB (Smoky Lake RCW) Nicolas Wall – Andrew School – Andrew, AB (Andrew/Willingdon/St. Michael RCW) Levi E Hofer – Rosedale Colony School – Etzikom, AB (SE AB RCW)
Grade 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Elizabeth Rentz – Thorhild Central School - Thorhild, AB (Redwater & District RCW)  Brad Kwasnycia – Blueberry School – Parkland County (Blueberry RCW)  Desirae Rose Stuber – Irvine School – Irvine, AB (SE AB RCW)

#### **Zone Meetings**

Zone Meetings were held throughout the Province to provide APRCWA Board Updates to the Membership and to hold APRCWA Board Elections for the upcoming 2021 year. Some of the updates from the Board included:

- RCW Videos—available to the Membership to use at meetings and at public events.
- Witty the Wise Owl is available for Associations to use, as well as Wise Owl presenters for meetings
- Brochures, if Any Association is in need of Brochures, contact let the APRCWA know. If delivery can be coordinated with you local Zone Director to pick up at a Board Meeting, this will save on shipping costs.
- Rural Crime Watch Association Boundaries—in an attempt to keep the interactive map updated, on the website, Member Associations may receive a request, from the Web Master, to assist with defining your RCW boundaries.

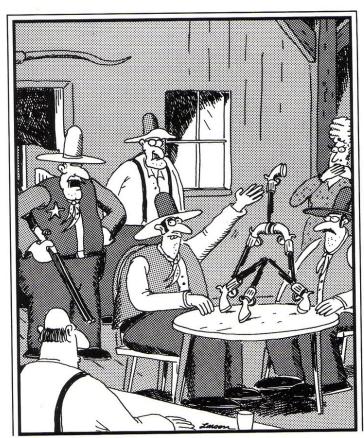
#### **Elections:**

A Zone Director term is for 3 years and these are on a rotating basis which results in at least one Zone Director position is voted on each year. We have received updates from all of the Zones as will be seeing a couple of new faces at the meetings after the February AGM.

Congratulations to the incoming Zone Directors and welcome to the Board. To those whose terms have completed, thank you for your support and commitment to Rural Crime Watch and for contributing to the Provincial RCW Board.

### **Fergus**





"OK, boys—that'll be enough.
We don't allow any gunplay in this town."



## Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch 2021 Provincial AGM and Symposium

# SAVE THE DATE February 26 & 27, 2021

Symposium Location: Cultural Centre, St Isidore St. Isidore, Alberta

Hotel Location: Sawridge Inn, Peace River 9510 100 St, Peace River, AB T8S 1S9

- Hosted by Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association
- Price and Booking details to be announced later as they become available and will be posted on the website https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/