



**Alberta Crime Watch Zone 2 Meeting MINUTES - October 14, 2017
Telford House Seniors Center, Leduc, Alberta**

PRESENT: SEE ATTACHED REGISTRATION SHEET

1. Call to order **10:00 am Cor DeWit from Host association will serve as moderator**
2. Appointment of recorder (secretary) Judy Schlichenmayer, Olds RCW agreed to do minutes
3. Welcoming comments
4. Approval of agenda. MOTION: Bruce Heggerud Barb Shepherd **CARRIED**
5. Minutes from April 8 2017 meeting. MOTION; Barb Shepherd – Maxine DeWit. Spelling correction – pg 2 under RD/LACOMBE. Box **Clever** e-mail fanout system. Handout does not include Cor's report to meeting & Sponsor page to save paper **CARRIED.** Full minutes are available on Olds RCW website: www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca
6. Business arising from the minutes
Lacombe County **APP for use by RCW.** Couldn't get RCMP buy-in, so not pursued.
Splitting Zone 2. Cost factor here noted by Prov Board but not pursued. **AGREED** that this would come back to April meeting for input from more associations!! Need recommendation on where to split and # directors. Right now areas is so vast, directors can't appropriately represent / attend association's meetings. **ACTION ITEM:** Judy will send out a letter to each Zone 2 member for their comments. Will be discussed at April meeting to develop a recommendation for area and representation to forward to the Board.
7. Introductions of Associations
Questions for discussions; How do you retain your membership numbers,
Recruitment of members and Directors,
Communication with your membership and public.
Financial viability
Encouraging RCMP Detachment involvement

LEDUC RCW: Send out newsletter with application form. 480 people on fanout system. Fanouts and area of association has increased. Promote at farm events and trade shows with give aways. Includes – 2 active RCMP detachments and 2 semi-active ones. Automatically add officers to system. Using One Call Now, and very happy with it. (phone-2 minutes / e-mail / text-200 char – with attachments!) Discovered issue with how people opt out but with information can fix this. Can send out 4 – 5 fanouts in a day. Can use 5 e-mail addresses – 6 phone #'s per person. System bills for calls only. Sent out 190 fanouts since Feb. Good success rate in catching thieves in the act of casing and attempting to steal. Facebook page took off in January. 350 followers-friends. Sharing information between associations is so **IMPORTANT!!** Strength – Effectiveness of Association is linked to RCMP detachment support. Need to foster these relationships. Message from top brass in K-Division & Ottawa is how important Community Policing is and Crime Prevention Groups are important.

OLDS RCW: Olds – Didsbury – Sundre associations amalgamated for administrative efficiency. Have a physical office in Olds and we have regular general membership meetings every other month with special presentations, at our County office, and they are well attended. Involved with local detachment initiative – **REPORT-A-DRUG HOUSE.** Local Cell phone at detachment where public can call / text suspicious activity

anonymously to be investigate. Like a local version of Crime Stoppers. Challenge to get word out that this is available. . Have RCMP liaison officers from each detachment and Mountain View and Red Deer Counties. Website includes lots of crime prevention info and fanouts from ALL associations via RCMP media releases. Will include members from other association on our fanout system. Around 300 calls go out with each fanout. Just need to send in contact information. Share now with many other groups. Younger generation isn't interested in attending meetings, doing admin functions but will come out to help with specific events so incorporate their involvement appropriately. This is seen by other volunteer organizations as well. Information dissemination -- Membership drive through radio / paper / fanouts / word of mouth. Thank you – recognition certificates to volunteers AND RCMP officers including detachment commanders. Have a free volunteer recognition B-B-Q in July and AGM is with supper. Set up membership recruitment table at local events. Work with local COP's. New associations have contacted us for help in getting started, etc. Have sponsored drug presentation in High School for the public – well attended. Promote Crime Prevention through Education!!

CLEAR WATER COUNTY (ROCKY) CRIME PREVENTION: Looking into new fanout system. Membership is waning – need membership recruitment drive. Get information from Olds – Red Deer-Lacombe RCW's. Response time is perceived to be too long in the area due to location. Long weekends little police presence as they are dealing with issues in the west country as thousands of campers descend on the area. No or poor internet service, NO cell service - also issues. Need to use better technology to get younger members.

RED DEER / LACOMBE RCW: 250 on fan-out system. Jean Bota doing fanouts – through e-mail. Board meeting ever other month – General membership at AGM. Split area into 4 quadrants and do educational sessions in each. Fentanyl & C.P.T.E.D. educational sessions facilitated. Planning to take drug information sessions into the schools during school hours. Working with school boards on this. Have strong county support.

DRAYTON VALLEY RCW: 50 MEMBERS. Have e-mail only fan out system. Get summary of info from RCMP to send out. Talking with Tomahawk to work together. Need strategy to get youth involved. Projects sound like a good idea. Sponsor Bike Rodeo's with youth. Wetaskiwin COP has folded. Like idea of Recognition of officers and doing B-B-Q's around area with detachments. And to get Mayors and Reeves more involved.

HANNA RCW (Dean): Sponsor presentations in schools working with School Resource-Health officer, with presentations geared for appropriate age levels. Good relationship with RCMP – visit detachment regularly for coffee.

BURNT LAKE RCW: fan outs with Sylvan Lake. Good RCMP support.

TOMAHAWK RCW: Share info on Facebook, through fanouts and cell phones. Communication is #1. County involvement. Do open houses and school functions.

LEDUC RCW: Vehicle thefts are way up – many with keys in – need education blitz. Edmonton focus on reducing vehicle thefts has pushed thieves out to rural areas. Lots of swapping license plates; So, teamed up with Victim Services and COP and handing out tamper proof screws for the plates, provided at check stops. "Secure It or Lose It" campaign. Info brochure given out with screws listing facilities that will carry tool to change it.

8. Speakers, NA

9. Lunch

12:00 pm

10. Business session

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

- I. **Alberta Rural Crime Watch report.** Fall Newsletter out and on website!! AGM will be February 16-17 in Lacombe!!!
- Significant portion of Prov expenditures relate to Directors expenses / mileage for Director's meetings. Looking at alternative ways of holding meetings – video conferencing, etc.
- Strategic Plan also looking at support for Treasurer and Secretary. Gerald Ingeveld tasked to look at ways for funding – IE Corporate sponsorship.
- Dean to talk to Red Deer Crime Prevention Center for common initiatives, etc.
- Web site:** New look and functionality. Interactive Map with membership associations' locations.
- GOAL:** #1 source for info especially new RCMP recruits / liaisons. Section on How to Start an Association / Benefits - VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP/ Resources & links / Bylaws / Policies / Forms / and a Members Section. .
- Video report:** Well under way, first of a series to be produced. Working with K-Division for content – proposed to be used at depo for training. Also to be put on U-tube!! Link to Provincial Website. RCW copyright. Target Date: - Feb AGM.

Flagstaff RCW up & Running and new RCW at Delburne – Highway 21 Corridor RCW.

COP & RCW have different mandates. COP is for active crime watch patrols; RCW is passive – eyes * ears. Record – Report .

- II. Special Resolutions – deadline for submission to Prov Board is NOVEMBER 1. They need to be vetted for wording and appropriateness, so when presented to the AGM they are in good form.

III. Open Discussions

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – MAY 15 – 21. Consider doing recognition events IE – B-B-Q-s at detachments.

Need to continue to encourage information sharing among the associations.

Signs (reflective) for back window that states: “If this vehicle is seen out between midnight & 6 am. Stop it.” Gives police permission to stop without having to have just cause to stop.

Question posed – Do any associations do patrols. NO.

TIP: Get a RCW e-mail for your association instead of using personal e-mails for continuity.

- IV. Elections; Term expiring- Lee Kasper

7. Next meeting host ? OLDS – APRIL
OCTOBER 20, 2017 – HILLSIDE (Wetaskiwin)

8. Adjournment

Special thank you to Telford House for use of their room.