



Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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MINUTES - MEETING – Wednesday January 27, 2016 7:30 p.m. MVC Council Chambers

PRESENT: Margaret Erickson, Leanne Finlay, Arnold Lachman, Dave Sharek, Nancy & Leon Graham, Glenn Bishell, Bruce Smith, Kathy Banick, Mary Hildebrandt, Clifford Scott, : Fred & Bonnie Bay, Marie Sheets, Gerald Ingeveld, Vair Whitlow, Bill Wigley, Lynne Henry, Alec Macklin Douglas McCullough, Cst. Val Dennis, Cst. Andrew McKean, Cst. Lyle Korver, Alissa Firmston, Kevin Heppler, Henry Kuelker, Wally Gunderson, Judy Schlichenmayer,

Call to Order - [Gerald Ingeveld](#)

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda. MOTION: Douglas McCullough CARRIED
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Nov 25, 2015) MOTION Douglas McCullough CARRIED
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 3.1 We still need volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives see attached suggested list – (APPENDIX A). Zones are assigned by Range Roads. Changes noted in red. Please let Judy know if you are willing to take on this role!!!
 - 3.2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors
 - 3.3 2016 – CRIME PREVENTION TRADE SHOW – **SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016** – OLDS LEGION.
 - Radio on site? Yes. Booked.
 - Volunteers / Date for Planning Team Meeting Margaret, Leanne, Fred, Dave, Gerald, Lyle, Judy, Glenn - Meeting set for Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016 @ pm.
 - 3.4 POSTER CONTEST – Draft info letter (APPENDIX B). We will conduct our contest now with deadline for judging in June to encourage entries . Arnold will approach Koinonia and Reed Ranch schools; Val – Harmattan & Sundre ; Brian W - Cremona; Glenn – Carstairs; Alissa – Bowden, Andrew – Didsbury; Leanne & Margaret – Olds Elem, Deer Meadow, High School & Horizon schools in Olds, Judy will do up a cover letter for schools.
4. REPORTS:
 - 4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus) N/A
 - 4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Lyle Korver) Few mail box mail thefts. In bit of lull. Significant drug bust with Alert Team.

- 4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Val Dennis) Fairly quiet since Xmas. Caring Community books with interactive CD sponsored by the local businesses have been well received when Val handed out to teachers & students. **Val will bring in examples to next meeting.** Businesses need to keep up vigilance, especially in industrial areas. Fuel thefts are starting in west country.
- 4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Andrew McKeane) Mail boxes west of Hwy 22 hit but quiet otherwise. Status quo on stolen vehicles – charged a couple of main players. 3 travel-- utility trailers stolen. Don't leave vehicles running with keys in them – they are disappearing. Trailer locks are recommended – anything to slow the thieves – they'll move on to an easier target.
- 4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) Was busy to mid-December. With oil activity down , traffic is much quieter. Truck stolen from Eagle Hill Shop – recovered burnt up.
- 4.6 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Continue to work with CATV1-RDTV.ca on crime reports for news from Didsbury & Olds RCMP. Reports posted on our website. Working on creating a Crime Prevention Tip of the week for paper/radio/TV. Grant applied for. Recovered stolen property from the Didsbury RCMP went to auction; I am still disposing of office dividers. Still working on Casino report on disallowed expenditures. Getting ready for Provincial Symposium and AGM in Hanna. Will be doing report for MVC on expenditures for 2015. What did members think of the Xmas greetings on Radio? – consensus beneficial for promoting RCW.
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – FAN OUTS, INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS & DIDSBURY RCMP WEEKLY REPORTS POSTED. AND Community Policing Committees from Olds & Didsbury agendas and minutes posted along with RCMP stats reports www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca
- 4.7 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Lloyd-Firmston) Transient population moving around. Senior patrol officer Bob Dixon has retired. Irv Heide successor,

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- 5.1 AGM – March 23, 2016
- **Venue.** MOTION: Arnold moved we hold the event at the Eagle Hill Memorial Center if available, or at the Olds Legion. CARRIED. Fred Bay will book facility and caterer-bar. THANK YOU FRED!
 - **Supper?** paid by? MOTION: Gerald moved we have a supper meeting, paid by the association. CARRIED. **RSVP's will be required!!** There will be a donation jar for anyone who would like to contribute towards the meeting expenses. Kathy Banick will look after the 50/50. Judy will look after raffle / door prizes.
 - **Speaker** - On Drugs Judy will arrange for a speaker.
 - **ELECTION.** Members are asked to consider letting their name stand for a position and get back to Judy. Remember **WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AND EFFECTIVE AS OUR VOLUNTEERS!!**

- 5.2 DARE Program 2016 – Funding Request. **MOTION:** Judy – Doug, Moved to support the program for \$900. This will cover the costs for the Reed Ranch & Bowden schools. **CARRIED.**
- 5.3 Next Casino- 3rd quarter of 2017 (July/Aug/Sept) - for info only.
- 5.4 AB Community Crime Prevention Association Conference – April 27 & 28 – Calgary. Theme – Community Mobilization (APPENDIX F). Decision on sending someone tabled till next meeting.
- 5.5 Overview of Inspector Bulgar’s speech at AUMA from Jean Bota / Outcomes from RD/Lacombe County community sessions (APPENDIX C)

6. Financial Report

- 6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Dec 31, 2015**
 Chequing balance -\$ 9,938.10 Casino balance - \$ 8,708.02
 TERM DEPOSIT: \$10,000
MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / Brian Whital. Carried.
 2015 AUDITORS: Penny Palsson and Douglas McCullough
- 6.2 **Outstanding Bills:**
 Stationery with sale @ Kit n Cargo & Staples - \$ 15.01
 Meeting Expenses / Upcoming Prov RCW - AGM
MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Margaret /Doug **CARRIED.**
- 6.3 **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**
 - Sundre RCMP Arrest & Charge Man with Arson Endangering Life
 - Raven Crime Watch Society – Happy New Year Greetings & Info
 - Property Crimes Task Force & Calgary Police seize guns & drugs in joint investigation
 - AB Rural Crime Watch Board of Directors Meeting report for Jan 2016
 - Is it OK to read your kids’ social media posts?
 - Property Crimes Task Force & Calgary Police Service collaborate on major trafficking bust

7. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Rash of frauds with callers claiming to be from the Canadian Revenue Association and threatening people. 20-30 complaints to Sundre RCMP alone. Major bust with recovery of stolen property east of Airdrie. Joint operation of Sundre and Major Crimes units. More steel gates around property being erected.

Discussion on providing a service to business with RCW circulating photo’s of suspected thieves – Robbery, B & E or shoplifting and posting on website was discussed. **MOTION:** Judy. That Olds RCW provide a service to member businesses

where we will circulate pictures of reported robbery, break & entry and/or shoplifting suspects to members via e-mail, and post to our website. CARRIED.

8. NEXT MEETING – AGM MARCH 23, 2016 @ 6 PM @ Eagle Hill Memorial Hall
MEETINGS FOR 2016 WILL BE: Jan 27; Mar 23 AGM; May 25; July 27; Sept 28; Nov 23

9. ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Doug CARRIED.

APPENDIX A:

ZONE		ZONE REPS
01	OTHER AGEN/RCW	none
04	OLDS COP	Margaret Erickson
05	EXECUTIVE	none
08	SPOG / SHELL	Marcie Newman
09	TOWN OF SUNDRE	
10	RR 10 – RR 20	Vance / Glen B / Ross Holmes / D&P Braun
20	RR 20 – RR 30	K Banick / S Baker / Mary Hildebrandt / Fred Newsome
30	RR 30 – RR 40	Bill Wigley / Ken Burrell
40	RR 40 – RR 50	Dick Ross /
50	RR 50 – RR 60	Sarah-Rory Gunderson?
60	RR 60 – RR 70	Dianne Alberda?
70	RR 70 – RR 80	T Kleeberger - Burntstick
80	RR 80 – RR 90	
	WEST COUNTRY	Meryl Fox (Sunset) ? / Jason Bradley (RD River Ranch)??
91-94	BLANK FOR FUTURE	
95	TOWN TORRINGTON /WIMBORNE	Jack Pratt
96	TOWN OF OLDS	Dave Hogarth
97	TOWN BOWDEN	Wayne Milaney
98-99	TEST ZONES	none
260	RR 260 - 270	Judy S / Evelyn Smith? / Alan Anhorn?
270	RR 270 - 280	Arnold / Pat James? / K Ingram?
280	RR 280 – RR 10	Roy Nesom ?
	CLEAR WATER COUNTY	
	BIG HORN COUNTY	
	KNEEHILL COUNTY	

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Liaise between RCMP and your neighbors

Go-to to activate patrols / road closures

Co-host with office – one event yearly to promote RCW and memberships



APPENDIX B

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2016 RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATIONS POSTER CONTEST

The Annual Poster Contest is open to students from grades 1 – 9 in rural communities. Posters can be hand drawn or **computer generated** – but must show some input by the student, the poster cannot be a direct copy of something from the internet. Incorrect spelling automatically disqualifies a poster.

POSTER CONTEST THEMES: RURAL CRIME WATCH, CRIME PREVENTION, or REPORT A POACHER

ALL QUALIFYING POSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **JUNE 30, 2015. Please drop off @ Century 21 office in Olds.**

1. Grade One
2. Grade Two
3. Grade Three
4. Grade Four
5. Grade Five
6. Grade Six
7. Grade Seven
8. Grade Eight
9. Grade Nine
10. Computer Generated – grades 1-3
11. Computer Generated – grades 4 - 6
12. Computer Generated – grades 7 - 9

Each of the Categories will be awarded the following:

1st Place - \$65.00 2nd Place - \$45.00 3rd Place - \$30.00

First and second place posters will be sent onto the Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association for judging. They will determine which posters will be used in the 2017 Calendar. The Solicitor General will also provide plaques for 1st place winners at the provincial level. All posters will become the property of the **APRCWA and will not be returned.**

RULES:

1. Artwork must reflect the theme: Rural Crime Watch, Crime Prevention, or Report A Poacher.
2. Artwork is to be done in **landscape format:** (horizontal 8.5 x 11")
3. **Student's name, school name & grade, home address, and telephone numbers are to be printed on the back of the artwork in pencil. Please include parental consent forms TAPED, Not stapled to the back of the poster.**
4. Winners names (and possibly photo) will be published in The Bulletin, which is also posted on-line. Parents must give permission for children's names/photo to be published. **RELEASE FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ARTWORK!**

RELEASE FORM FOR PUBLICATION

For Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association Poster contest Winners 2017

I, _____ (parent/legal guardian) agree to:

Allow publication of the name and/or photograph of my child in local newspapers and on the internet, should my child win a prize in the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association poster contest.

Name of student (Please Print): _____

Grade of Student: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

School name (and community location): _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

ALL POSTERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

This form is to be provided to the school AND attached to the back of each entry to be eligible to win. Please remember that the art must be in LANDSCAPE FORMAT. The poster/form is to be given to the local representatives of the Rural Crime Watch Association.

APPENDIX C:

Four months, fourteen community meetings within Red Deer and Lacombe Counties, hundreds of Central Albertans, some tragic stories, combined with some amazing examples of how communities are coping/taking action in dealing with the crime issues we appear to be experiencing within these two counties.

Key issues affecting safety in our communities?

1. Justice System –

- Throughout the community meetings we have heard over and over again, why are people who are committing horrendous crimes, being re cycled through the Justice system? What deterrent is there?
- Communities feel it's escalated to serious and dangerous situations for both law enforcement and communities. The culprits know they are “untouchable”. They are very “brazen” and feel they have the right to rob and pillage and threaten citizens.
- Businesses - issues with insurance companies due to the amount of vandalism, thefts
- Sentences if given are too light, lack meaningful consequences, and the process takes too long.
- Under – staffed and overburdened prosecution service, affecting the quality of service being provided.
- Limited resources

2. RCMP –

- 90% paperwork/ 10% policing
- Response times within counties (vastness of area with limited resources)
- Wait times on 911 and complaint lines
- RCMP lack up-to-date technology, while criminals have had “state of the art technology” for decades.
- A common Communication system within law enforcement groups in the province?
- Crime prevention – is this the responsibility of law enforcement? Or communities?
- RCMP being challenged by a rapidly changing and increasingly complex and complicated society. Are its members trained to cope with this complexity?
- Public expectations unrealistic

3. Service Groups – Rural Crime Watch/Citizens on Patrol

- More emphasis on crime prevention

- **Severe disconnect** between Crime Prevention groups (groups are in silos)
- Rural Crime Watch - inconsistencies regarding membership fees, fan out systems, antiquated equipment
- Changing communities (families under stress/family breakdown)

Observation:

The general feeling within the communities is frustration and concern! With many communities being connected and communicating, while others are disconnected and struggling to find how to connect.

The face of crime is changing and as communities, we also have to change how we do things, as this province continues to grow and develop. We must make the time, to become engaged and involved in our communities.

There is no easy solution and it should be viewed, as an evolution of new ideas and practices as we go forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jean Bota

APPENDIX E: - comments from Councillor Jean Bota

After attending the AUMA last week and listening to RCMP Inspector Charmaine Bulgar speak on her group ALERT and how they work in partnership with other law enforcement and groups, the HUB concept makes a lot of sense. She emphasized that they ensure they don't exclude any partnerships with any organization, including the American's.

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> I was horrified at what she had to say about the 400% increase in crime throughout Alberta, in spite of our economic downturn. She spoke of " puppet clubs" (bike gangs), African groups (increase in shootings) and how the ALERT team works at being more strategical, as opposed to reactive. She spoke of 30 - 40 % of organized crime within our Alberta communities and the problems they are experiencing with " Freeman on the land" making threats to judges and to the courts. She also spoke of the Fentanyl problem, which is coming from China and finding its way into Alberta via B.C. and noted it would get worse before it gets better.

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> She also spoke of the I.C.E. (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) in relation to child exploration with individuals being picked up in Calgary recently and as she noted much more of it going on within Alberta.

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> The face of our crime is definitely changing and as communities (rural or urban) we also need to change how we do things in all aspects.

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> Our group prepared a strategical plan in June, which our group felt was imperative, due to the benefit we saw in going forward. We are very grateful to Mr Floyd Mullaney for his assistance with this document, as he facilitated the entire process.

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> It has given us clarity/ redefined our role under new leadership and assisted in identifying target groups. It will also allow us to deal positively with the inevitable/decrease crisis management in how we deal with crime issues, use resources efficiently and effectively and gain commitment allowing our group to work toward common goals. It will provide us with an opportunity to incorporate new ideas/approaches when dealing with complex and complicated crime issues arising within our communities.

APPENDIX F:

Brief History of ACCPA:

- **1989:** Established as the Alberta Community Police Advisory Committee by provincial police services as a means to discuss mutual crime problems with community/police/government
- **1990:** Became Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA)
- **2005-2010:** Board representation heavily represented by police agencies (min. one member per major police service throughout the province)
- **2011-2013:** After an internal strategic planning session, ACCPA refocused towards a more balanced Board representation of business/community/police.

ACCPA's deliverables:

- The 'hub' of crime prevention initiatives
- Annual crime prevention conferences / speaker events / workshops
- Promote Crime Prevention Week
- Coordinate Fraud Prevention Month
- Coming soon: Regional volunteer program

What ACCPA is all about:

- educating Albertans about preventing crime in their communities.
- enabling/educating Albertans to be safe. (in line with the Safe Communities initiative by the Province)
- bettering the safety of Albertans through education and awareness

Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28, 2016

Location: Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre, CALGARY

Theme/Speaker: *Community Mobilization with well-renowned mobilization speaker Jim Diers from Seattle, WA*

"THE COMMUNITY'S ROLE in CRIME PREVENTION"

Presenters: Lindsay Daniller, Director, Community Initiatives and Development, REACH Edmonton

Lisa Gibson, Director, Community Development, Living in Community, Vancouver, BC

"BALANCING PERSPECTIVES ON SEX WORK TO MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER FOR ALL"

Christy Morin, Founder, Arts on the Avenue, Edmonton, AB

"FROM BEASTLY to BEAUTIFUL"

- **Conference**
Registration Costs: ACCPA Members - \$325.00
Not-for-profit organization - \$325.00
Non-members - \$375.00