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

Call to Order with 30 members present - [Gerald Ingeveld](#)

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda. MOTION: Douglas McCullough CARRIED
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Sept. 28, 2016) MOTION: Judy S /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.
 - 3.2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors. This is on-going!! With a membership – 1 gate & 1 fence post sign or extras can be purchased at \$15 / set (cost)
 - 3.3 Incident Report Form (Sgt. Lank) Table

PRESENTATION: (ALISA FIRMSTON) Crime Prevention & Personal Safety

Look at your premises from the criminal's perspective. Have clear views of windows and doors. Trees should be trimmed up and shrubs trimmed down so thieves can't hide. Have a wide-angle lens peephole – easy way of seeing who is at door. Leave doors locked even if you are home. Have visible lights that give the impression you are home. Motion lights & variable timers are desirable. Deadbolts on exterior doors installed properly are desirable. Secure windows next to doors. Do sliding windows and deck doors have sliding stoppers.

Get to know your neighbors, their vehicles, etc. and vice-versa.. Pick up mail, plow snow, have someone make tracks, and move your vehicle if you are gone. If you have lane way gates they should be closed all the time - not only when you are gone. Build community connections. Turn down the ringer of a land line.

Watch what your answering machine message says. Don't post on social media you are gone till you get back, Don't store jewelry and valuables out in the open or in obvious places. Don't keep extra keys and don't leave garage door openers in unlocked vehicles.

Make a list of your valuables and equipment, with serial #'s, mark items or take pics when no ser #'s, especially tools.

If someone is looking after your place make sure they have your contact info and security codes. Advise your security company as well.

Personal Safety: Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your vehicle full of fuel and running well. Check your license plate and make sure it is on AND that it is yours! Park for safety – not convenience. Write down your Blue Sign Info down and have it visible so anyone calling for help can give the correct info.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus) N/A

4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Lyle Korver) What can we do to help the RCMP? Can't stress enough to lock stuff up! Remove / hide valuables in vehicles. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date with your security company. Phone the police complaint line WHEN YOU SEE anything that is suspicious.

Vehicle thefts and stolen plates are up again.

QUESTION: When is someone trespassing? When you advise them that they are, or if they have a malicious intent.

4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Don Porier). For Halloween, the dollar store donated flash light bracelets and they were given out to treaters as well as safety talks at the daycare, playschool and K-3 school classes.

November 5, 2016 RCMP – SUNDRÉ (Cpl. Mandel)

Sundre, AB – The RCMP Sundre detachment would like to take this opportunity to remember and honour the sacrifices that Canadians made in armed conflicts. Sundre members will be participating in Remembrance day ceremonies at the River Valley School and Sundre High School. Your local RCMP members will also be participating in the Remembrance day ceremony on Friday November 11th at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 223 in Sundre.

From September 9, 2016 to November 5, 2016, the RCMP Sundre received 350 calls for service.

911 Hang ups / False Alarms: **28**

Abandoned Motor Vehicles: **4**

Animal Calls: **12**

Arson: **1**

Breach of Peace / Cause Disturbance: **15** Breach / Fail to Comply with Court Order: **13**

Firearm Offences (Careless use, Improper Storage, etc): **5**

Crime Prevention, Mental Health calls, Assistance to Public and Other Agencies: **47**

Drive While Disqualified or Suspended: **1**

Drugs: **3**

Impaired Drivers: **10**

Lost and Found: **11**

Liquor Act: **1**

Missing Persons and Well Being Checks: **5**

Motor Vehicle Collisions (Include property damage, injury and fatal): **83**

Person Crimes (Assaults, Harassment, threats, etc): **39**

Property Crimes (Mischiefs, Frauds, Thefts, B&Es, etc): **53**

Sudden Deaths: **3**

Suspicious Person, Vehicle or Property: **18**

Traffic Complaints (Speeding, Careless driving, etc): **23**

Alberta Traffic Safety Focus for the Month: **Pedestrian Safety**

Hunter Safety: With hunting season in full swing, Conservation officers and the RCMP will be out patrolling and conducting random compliance checks. Here are some other helpful tips to have a safe and enjoyable hunting season.

Please ensure that your ATVs are properly insured with up to date registration. You must have a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for firearms and the required valid hunting permits readily available to produce if asked by a peace officer. Make sure you are familiar and in compliance with firearm laws, transport and their handling.

Firearm safety is paramount so abide by the basic firearm rules when handling and conducting your manipulations. **REMEMBER** - Treat all firearms like they are loaded, control the direction of your muzzle, know what is behind your target and do not put your finger on the trigger until you have a sight picture and made the conscience decision to shoot. The criminal, civil and moral

liability should an innocent person get injured or killed is huge. Don't trespass on private land unless you have permission. A property owner's bad experience with one hunter will ruin it for everyone else with having the property owner restricting access. If you have permission, respect their land.

Gear preparation is another key element so make sure you pack properly and have the essentials like fire starting materials, inclement weather gear, basic first aid items, food and water. Your pack should last you at least 24 hours should you suffer an injury, get lost or have the weather crash. Please tell your loved ones where you are going and when they should expect you back. Best of luck to all and please respect the land!

You can Run.... – During the early morning of October 16th, police received a report of a possible impaired driver that was driving very erratic and dangerous. Police saw the car driving West at a high rate of speed through Sundre. The car failed to stop at the traffic light and continued West on Main Avenue. The car slowed but failed to stop for police. The car then took off westbound on Hwy 584 dangerously fast. Police did not pursue the vehicle but the officer did manage to grab identifying particulars of the vehicle and the male driver. With the assistance of the Parole Board of Canada and the Calgary Police Service, the driver was identified as Brent Naugler of Calgary who was on parole for numerous property offences. Naugler's parole was revoked and he was placed back in jail for his reckless behaviour.

More Impaired Drivers – During the early morning of October 23rd, police conducted a roadside stop of a vehicle near the River Valley School. The driver showed indicia of alcohol consumption and the driver was subsequently arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. The male was transported back to the detachment where he provided breath samples, as legally demanded by the police officer, which provided a value over the legal limit. Bryce Dole (21) of Didsbury was charged criminally for impaired operation. He was released to appear in Provincial court in Didsbury on December 5th.

And Still Another – During the evening of October 30th, police were called to the intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 587 for a two vehicle collision between a pickup truck and a van. EMS and Fire also attended and treated the injured. The police investigation revealed that the van was attempting to turn East on the Bowden highway when it was struck from behind by the pickup truck. Fortunately there were no major injuries reported as a result of the collision. The female driver was arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle and transported back to the detachment. The female provided breath samples, as legally demanded by the police officer, which provided a value over the legal limit. Dorothy Lucas (79) of Sundre was charged criminally for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. She was released to appear in Provincial court in Didsbury on December 5th.

- 4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Andrew McKeane). Andrew has been transferred. Cst. Matt Doane is new liaison.
- 4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) N/A
- 4.6 PRESIDENT's REPORT. Attended Provincial RCW Division 2 meeting – Oct 29 at Leduc. Gerald has now been elected as one of our reps to the Prov Board. Discussed desire and ways to strengthen the influence of the Prov Assoc. and get it back to a lobby body with voice – IE – Getting front license plates back. Advocate for persons arrested defending their property.

4.7 SECRETARY'S REPORT: All fan-out Reports posted on our website as well as local reports or with photos, to long to fan out. Lots of new information on the website and re-organization of information. NEW "Crime Tips" page. Crime Prevention Tips on radio, in paper, and on website. Attended Prov. Zone 2 Meeting in Lacombe – See APPENDIX B for notes.

4.8 **PROV. DIV 2 REPORT. Our Zone Reps are: Lee Kasper / Cor DeWit & GERALD INGEVELD. Prov. Assoc has new mail address as they have had their office in Edmonton closed. We are hosting next Zone meeting in April. See Appendix B for more info.**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT RCMP RELEASES WITH PICTURES. AND Community Policing Committees from Olds & Didsbury agendas and minutes posted along with RCMP stats reports www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

4.9 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Firmston) There are special license plate bolts that make it difficult to steal plates without special tool. **Especially good for trailer plates that don't need annual stickers.** Discussion on vigilantly action and how it put you and those around you in danger. Being Pro-active with crime prevention is a big advantage.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 2017 Family Crime Prevention Trade Show – 4th Annual DATE & COMMITTEE MAY 27, 2017 @ Olds Legion 10 – 2. Fred Bay, Gerald volunteered to help with the planning. **Anyone else interested – please contact Judy 403-507-5647 info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca**

5.2 Brainstorm Presentations Interested In. Tabled.

5.3 Santa Parade – Olds Nov 26 – 12 members were involved with security. Arnold organized. Thank you Arnold.

5.4 PROV. RCW AGM & SYMPOSIUM, Feb 3 – 5, 2017 In Lloydminster & Kitscoty. Contact Judy if you want to go. Dec 31 is registration deadline. MOTION: Douglas McCullough / Lyle Korver. That the association pay delegate expenses to attend. CARRIED.

6. Financial Report

6.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Oct 31, 2016
Chequing balance -\$ Casino balance - \$
TERM DEPOSIT: maturing in December
MOTION TO ACCEPT VERBAL REPORT: Judy / Nancy Graham CARRIED.

6.2 Outstanding Bills:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Fred Bay / Lyle Bliss CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:**

Suggestion to get signs to put on vehicles “We Support Our Local Police” like – Support our Troops.

We need to work with the youth to provide Drug Education for everyone. Society needs to understand Why youth turn to drugs and provide alternatives. Suggested to have a presentation at our next meeting date. LOCATION TBD. Alissa has presented from her area.

9. **NEXT MEETING – JAN 25, 2017 @ 7:30 PM @ Olds High School with Drug Awareness Presentation.**

MEETINGS FOR 2017 WILL BE: Jan 25; Mar 29 AGM; May 31; July 26; Sept 27; Nov 29

10. **ADJOURNMENT – MOTION:** Douglas McCullough

APPENDIX A:

ZONE		ZONE REPS
01	OTHER AGEN/RCW	none
04	OLDS COP	Leanne Finlay
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	Nancy & Leon Graham
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 ?
285		Dale Edwards
	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:

PROV RCWA DIV 2 MEETING – OCTOBER 29, 2016

SHARING SUCCESS STORIES:

Great representation of RCW associations from Div 2. It was noted that Div 2 has nearly 50% of all the member associations. Success stories and strategies were shared from the associations. **HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Support from local RCMP detachment is key to success and a strategic plan / goals helps keep the assoc. on track. Inclusion of community Peace Officers and other enforcement agencies is beneficial. Fish /7 Wildlife support seems to have weakened. Support and attendance of County Council only adds to strength of assoc.

Regional Association created as neighboring jurisdictions collaborated to come together and create a stronger united association. We cover 3 RCMP detachment areas and 4 Counties. This allows for pooled resources and the ability to have a good fan-out system manned by volunteers and a physical office that fosters our success. Regular meetings with special presentations encourages participation. Signs, and regular advertising, attendance at community events selling memberships, fanouts and postings on community news and Facebook shows our presence and that we are active. Our membership includes Citizens On Patrol Groups from 3 municipal areas.

Use Facebook to get info out. Get media releases to share when / where appropriate. Use sandwich boards. Have presence at farm shows and community meetings / events. Looking at upgrading fan-out system. The Prov Board is also investigating alternatives: Box Clever / Mail Guide (\$15/mo + \$250 set up). Dial my Calls. Like the banners provided by the Prov. Assoc.

Echo'd benefit of support from detachment. Involve the 4-H. Sponsor Youth Boot Camp

Share fanouts with other RCW and receive from other assoc and pass on relevant info in a timely manner when appropriate. Have fridge magnets as promotional item.

Good member involvement and reporting to RCMP.

Use magnetic signs on member vehicles doing patrols.

We need to foster and create ways to come together to create a plan to solve issues. And to Share info and resources when appropriate. **SPRING NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE – FEB 17, 2017**

Prov. Association planning to create a 10 - 15 min Video on RCW and get a copy for each member Assoc.

Discussed iPhone APP from Lacombe County to obtain services. AND App – Panic Guard – personal safety alarm system available n/c