


Newsletter

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Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association



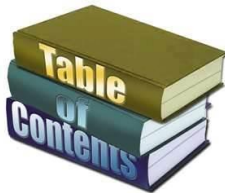
Come Join Us!

- **Volunteers Wanted for Community Based Crime Prevention!**
- Are you an adult who is concerned about your community's safety and security?
- Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association
 - Crime Prevention
 - Community Involvement
 - Teamwork
- (requires free RCMP security check and valid drivers licence)
- **Contact Us**

The mission of A.C.O.P.A. is to build safer communities by mobilizing citizens throughout Alberta to participate in a community based crime prevention initiative in co-operation with their local law enforcement agency.



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UPCOMING CASINO

A.C.O.P.A. is scheduled to work a casino in Edmonton on Friday August 15th and Saturday August 16th.

Volunteers are required to work various shifts on both days. If you can assist, please email president@acopa.ca

We are currently working on the schedule.

A list of possibilities for the use of the proceeds is being prepared. If you have any ideas that you would like to bring forward, please email president@acopa.ca



2014 A.C.O.P.A. AGM & Workshop

The AGM and Workshop is set for Sept 19 & 20, 2014 and will be held in Pincher Creek this year.

The registration form for the 2014 Workshop/AGM has been forwarded to your group and has also been posted on the A.C.O.P.A. website. Check the A.C.O.P.A. website at www.acopa.ca and go to the members menu and look under Workshop/AGM for a copy of the form.

Please note that if you are ordering any extra banquet tickets, they have to be paid for along with the registration fee.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST



To the following for their support...

... Calgary Southridge Lions Club for their donation of \$500 to A.C.O.P.A.

The Calgary Southridge Lions Club has been a generous supporter of A.C.O.P.A. for the past several years and it is very much appreciated by A.C.O.P.A. to have this support.

Bob Phillips is a member of the Southridge Lions Club, a member of the West Foothills C.O.P. group, and former A.C.O.P.A. board member.



...Solicitor General for the \$10,000 grant that was received early in May to assist A.C.O.P.A. with operating expenses.

The Solicitor General has been supporting A.C.O.P.A. for a number of years. The continued support from the Solicitor General is very much appreciated from A.C.O.P.A.



... John Cawthorne, Drayton Valley C.O.P., for his detailed document prepared to assist C.O.P. groups with getting set up on A.C.O.P.A.'s website C.O.P. group page.

John's document can be found on the A.C.O.P.A. website under the members menu and then under important information.



... Thanks to the Redcliff C.O.P., Red Deer C.O.P., Grand Prairie C.O.P., and Strathcona County C.O.P. volunteers who have assisted in the shredding events.

AMA Wendy Mah reports that for the overall shredding campaign, the participation is up from the same time last year. As well, the food bank donations have exceeded the \$20,000 mark that was targeted.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST



The number of active C.O.P. Units in Alberta is 62; which gives us a total of 1021 active volunteer members.



New Members

Do you have an ID card for all your C.O.P. members? As soon as new members are security cleared let Ray Brown, the A.C.O.P.A. ID person, know the names and the group and he will issue the ID card along with the A.C.O.P.A. number.

Send the information to jdcards@acopa.ca

Welcome!

A.C.O.P.A. welcomes Slave Lake as a new C.O.P. group and is pleased to see so many members starting off.

Many thanks to Westlock C.O.P. members Ray McGregor, Guy Bachand and Garth Kohlsmith for their trips to Slave Lake and assistance with answering questions in getting Slave Lake set up.

As well, thanks to A.C.O.P.A. Director Ken Ferguson for his continued support to the group.

A Little Humor



A.C.O.P.A. UPDATES & REMINDERS



Groups are reminded that in order to receive the 5% reduction in the cost of the Liability Insurance, that the "Statement of Intent" must be signed and returned before September 1, 2014 to Eugene Smereka at insurance@acopa.ca. The form is available on the A.C.O.P.A. website. Even if the form was signed last year, this is a yearly form that needs to be signed and updated in order to receive the reduced rate for the liability insurance. The reduced rate is not available for the AD&D insurance.

Groups are also reminded that starting November 1, 2014, any group that is not incorporated will not be able to apply for any insurance through Jubilee Insurance. To be incorporated, groups must register with Service Alberta as a Society or Association. Bylaws are needed in order to get incorporated. Samples of Bylaws are on the A.C.O.P.A. website. Groups applying for insurance must send a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation to Eugene at insurance@acopa.ca before November 1, 2014. Once Eugene receives a copy of the certificate, it is kept on file for future reference.



Liaison Officer Recognition Award

The application form for the annual Law Enforcement recognition award is posted on the website under the members menu and then under forms.

If your Liaison Officer is doing an outstanding job with your group, please consider this recognition award.

Applications are to be received by the A.C.O.P.A. President by August 15th, 2014 at president@acopa.ca

IN THE NEWS

Distracted Driving



The results are in... first results in from the distracted driving data collection...

DISTRACTED DRIVING STATS BLITZ Pincher Creek C.O.P. - APRIL 30/2014

A total of 4015 vehicles were surveyed from 10 AM to 6:15 PM. We sat in west corner of the Rexall parking lot. Of these 3923 did not have any distractions.

- 43 talking on cell while driving
- 22 two handed eating while driving
- 10 drinking pop, Slurpee, or coffee
- 09 animal sitting on their lap
- 04 texting while driving
- 01 grooming (combing hair while looking in rear-view mirror)
- 01 was using a portable electronic (MP3, GPS, Camera)
- 01 looking at/talking to passenger while driving through the intersection
- 00 were using a Digital Screen (DVD, TV, Laptop) or reading while driving

Of interest, our members also found that 389 were not wearing seatbelts and 4 drove through the 4 way stop without stopping.

Submitted by: Robyn Dowson, President-Pincher Creek District Citizens on Patrol

BC COP NEWS (April, 2014 issue.)

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It is an offence to speed up after a light changes from green to amber in order to get through an intersection. Photograph By DARREN STONE, Times Colonist

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SHREDDING DAYS OF SUMMER

AMA Shredding Events

Events sponsored by: AMA Insurance

AMA Shredding Event in Grand Prairie

Saturday May 10th was another cold day for a Shredding event. According to AMA Wendy Mah, “Dave Duncan and his fellow C.O.P.’s were terrific at the Grand Prairie Shredding event”. The participant numbers were up slightly there but a ton of food for the local Food Bank was received, thanks to the local media who really emphasized for people to bring out food donations. Wendy noticed that the C.O.P.ers there seemed to know the local R.C.M.P. and Crime Prevention partners very well.

AMA Shredding Event in Sherwood Park

Eighteen Strathcona County C.O.P. members assisted with the Shredding Event that took place in Sherwood Park on Saturday May 10th. In spite of the very cold day with even some flakes of snow, over 600 residents brought boxes of documents to be shredded. This was an increase of 170 people from a year ago. The food bank was pleased with the donations received.

Besides the Shredding event, the RCMP held a bike rodeo where kids had their bikes and helmets checked as well as some lessons in biking along a course complete with traffic lights.

AMA Shredding Event in Red Deer

Around 400 people braved a chilly day to attend the AMA Shredding Event in Red Deer on Saturday May 3rd. Red Deer COP members Amanda Bischler, Stephanie Grutter, Kali-Ann Ropchan, Duncan Wagner, Chris Rechner, Kimberley Porter, Randy Bischler, TerryLee Ropchan and Stephanie Grutter were on hand to assist with running the event.

AMA Shredding Event in Medicine Hat

On April 12, 2014, Art Lynn, Shawn Robertson, Dwight Kilpatrick and El Robertson from Redcliff COP, participated in the first AMA Shredding Event together with the C.O.P., which was held in Medicine Hat. Although the weather was -4C and windy that morning, the event was well received, with over 600 people bringing their personal documents in a drive through setting to have documents shredded on the spot. There was even two nearby residents who walked over with their documents.

Donations were received for the food bank and those volunteers seemed busy. Our members directed traffic, helped move the documents from peoples cars to the two shredding trucks for destruction.

Thanks to Wendy Mah and the AMA for looking after us, with coffee, and a great lunch! We have already expressed interest in joining them for the event next year (Wendy promised to move to a later date for better weather!)

El Robertson, Redcliff C.O.P.



SHREDDING EVENTS PHOTO GALLERY

Sherwood Park



Red Deer



Have a Nice Summer



AMA Shredding Event in Medicine Hat



GROUP STATISTICS

Statistics as of June 16, 2014						
Group	2013			2014		
	Sum of KM log	Sum of Driving Hours	Sum of Event Hours	Sum of KM log	Sum of Driving Hours	Sum of Event Hours
Airdrie	2690	265	150	5634	452	18
Beaumont	1469	209	172	1165	126	23
Carstairs				0	0	0
Cochrane	1280	275	0	2777	302	127
Devon	273	30	36	33	0	19
Didsbury	1287	224	0	93	20	0
Drayton Valley	374	60	0			
Gull Lake North	984	0	834	3254	93	882
Hanna				395	23	0
High Level	900	102	30			
Nanton				519	60	19
Olds				171	12	42
Pembina Entwistle	860	23	0	1073	26	0
Pincher Creek				1203	21	12
Raymond				127	13	3
Red Deer				513	57	20
Redcliff	178	19	0	586	77	13
Strathcona County	5592	1202	0	957	129	0
Taber				545	64	129
Vermilion	108	14	0			
Wabamun				1625	214	30
Westlock	2406	915	0	2773	406	94
Grand Total	18401	3338	1222	23443	2095	1431

VILNA CITIZENS on PATROL



FREE COMMUNITY FUN DAY!

Come and join us for a day of Fun, Food, and Entertainment,
Games, 50/50, Silent Auction, and more!

Location: Iron Horse Trail, Vilna

Date: Sunday August 31, 2014

Time: 1:00 PM