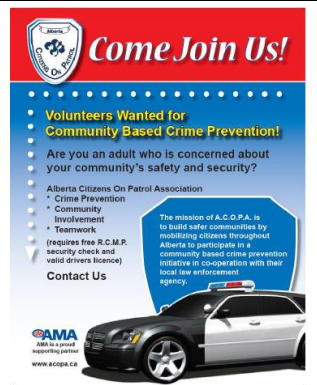


# Newsletter

May, 2014

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

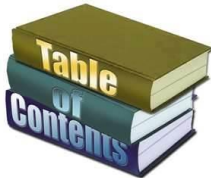

- Crime Prevention
- Community Involvement
- Teamwork

(requires free R.C.M.P. 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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AMA is a proud supporting partner  
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**A.C.O.P.A. WEBSITE**

[www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca)



In case you haven't noticed, ACOPA has a new website at [www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca).

In order to get onto the members section, ask your COP group President for the password.

Please check out the site, it will be updated frequently. Each C.O.P. group has a page available where information can be posted. Thanks to the groups who have already added their logo and written a note about what is happening in your community. Be sure to check out what other groups are doing. This information is only available to those with a password and not the general public.

On the website there is a spot where you can contact ACOPA. Go to Contact on the home page and send a message if you have a question or comment.



The number of active C.O.P. Units in Alberta is 62; which gives us a total of 1004 active volunteer members.



A.C.O.P.A. is scheduled to work a casino in Edmonton on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:president@acopa.ca)

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Thank  
you

... to the Redcliff C.O.P. group for being the first group to assist the AMA with the Shredding Event in Medicine Hat on a very chilly April 12th.

### REDCLIFF C.O.P. JOIN AMA SHREDDING



On April 12, 2014, Art Lynn (on the left), Shawn Robertson, Dwight Kilpatrick, and El Robertson (on the right) from Redcliff COP, participated in the first AMA Shredding Event together with the COP, 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 them shredded on the spot. There was even two nearby by residents who walked over with their documents. Donations were received for the foodbank 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!)

Submitted by El Robertson, Redcliff COP



## AIRDRIE C.O.P. NEWS



Inspector Gordon Sage is doing his speech

On April 6th 2014 Airdrie COP had their 4th annual COP fund raising evening. The sold out event took place at Il Forno Restaurant, the finest Italian Restaurant in Airdrie. A five course Italian meal was enjoyed by all.

Some distinguished guests were: Mayor Peter Brown; RCMP Inspector Gordon Sage and his wife; Inspector Tony Amori and his wife; STG. Dennis Eseyengo and his wife. Our two liaison's Gregory Crane and Jason Curtis with their wife were also present.

The enjoyable evening included a silent auction that was supported through donations from the Airdrie business community. One thousand dollars was raised during the evening. To top the evening off, Sal and Anna Maria Monna, owners of Il Forno Restaurant donated a cheque of \$2000 back to Airdrie COP.



Sal Monna presenting a cheque for \$2000

Submitted by: Ennio Ricci, Airdrie C.O.P.

## 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 ACOPA 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 [idcards@acopa.ca](mailto:idcards@acopa.ca)

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### Leduc Night Hawks



The NightHawks assisted at the recent 2014 Business Expo Breakfast to benefit the NightHawks and the Boys & Girls Club of Leduc.



*Submitted by: Dominique Vrolyk  
NightHawks, Leduc Citizens On Patrol*



Are you aware that the R.C.M.P. Ten Codes have been updated?

The updated codes have been posted on the ACOPA website. To find them, go to the members menu and look under General Information.



How do you like the new website? If you like it and would like something for your own C.O.P. group, and would like to hire the web designer who assembled the A.C.O.P.A. website, here is her information. You can check out her website.

Email: [annelies@avowebworks.ca](mailto:annelies@avowebworks.ca)

Website: <http://www.avowebworks.ca>

### Crossfield C.O.P. and Airdrie C.O.P. Working Together...



**Gilles Gagne from Crossfield C.O.P.  
CST Jason Curtis, our Liaison  
and Dick Durda Airdrie C.O.P**

The 2014 Airdrie Home and Life Style Show was held in Airdrie on April 26th and 27.

This is one of many ways the C.O.P. uses to recruit new members. This also gives us a way to bring us into the public eye.



**Victor Trcka, Ennio Ricci Richard Beierle**

**Submitted by: Ennio Ricci, Airdrie C.O.P.**

# Welcome!

... to Viking C.O.P., the newest member of A.C.O.P.A.

Viking is starting with 15 members and still recruiting.

Thank you to Cst Lindsay Williamson for getting the group up and running and for training the members.

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



### 2014 AGM & Workshop

The A.C.O.P.A. 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 ACOPA website. Check the ACOPA website at [www.acopa.ca](http://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.



### 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.

### Distracted Driving



In case you did not receive the form for the distracted driving data collection, the form has been placed on the ACOPA website under the member menu and then under AMA.

Please consider participating in this data collection, which can take place at any time that is convenient for your members.

Be sure to forward the results to [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca) so the AMA will have the information to compile in their stats.

The AMA will be presenting at the Workshop in Pincher Creek and will share information provided from COP groups.

### Group Statistics

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	2737	204	0
Beaumont	272	58	0	918	99	13
Devon	273	30	36	33	0	19
Didsbury	1287	224	0	93	20	0
Drayton Valley	374	60	0			
Gull Lake North				31	3	0
High Level	900	102	30			
Nanton				147	19	0
Raymond				61	6	3
Red Deer				305	39	0
Strathcona County	5592	1202	0	957	129	0
Taber				0	0	26
Vermilion	108	14	0			
Westlock	865	585	0	0	0	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12361</b>	<b>2540</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>5282</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>89</b>

## UPCOMING SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULE

Stay up-to-date with our 2014 shredding schedule on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or sign-up for [AMA eNews updates](#)

### AMA Shredding Events

Events sponsored by:  **AMA Insurance**

#### 2014 Shredding Events Calendar

For a copy of upcoming events Schedule see attachment to Newsletter.



### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE NEXT PAPER SHREDDING EVENT?

Identity theft costs Canadians more than \$10 billion each year. When thieves get their hands on credit card statements, banking information, or tax forms, they can use your good credit to commit fraud in your name. Protect yourself by attending one of our Shredding Events in your community. The service is free of charge to the public, and we also collect donations for local food banks.

<b>Calgary</b>	<b>Saturday, April 26</b>	<u>Southcentre Mall</u> 100 Anderson Road SE South parking lot by CIBC)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	<b>Saturday, May 24</b>	<u>Sir Winston Churchill High School</u> 5220 Northland Drive NW	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	<b>Saturday, June 14</b>	<u>Mount Royal University – Lot B</u> 4825 Mount Royal Gate SW	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	<b>Saturday, June 21</b>	<u>Don Hartman North East Sportsplex</u> 5200 – 68 Street NE	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>Camrose</b>	<b>Saturday, June 14</b>	<u>AMA Camrose Centre</u> 6702 48 Avenue	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<u>Beulah Alliance Church</u> 17504 98A Avenue	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	<b>Saturday, June 7</b>	<u>AMA Manning Centre</u> 5040 Manning Drive	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>Fort McMurray</b>	<b>Saturday, May 24</b>	<u>Ecole McTavish</u> 352 Parsons Creek Dr.	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>Grande Prairie</b>	<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<u>City Hall</u> 10205 98 Street	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<u>AMA Red Deer Southpointe Centre</u> #141, 2004 – 50 Avenue	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
<b>Sherwood Park</b>	<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<u>Strathcona County RCMP</u> 911 Bison Way	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>St. Albert</b>	<b>Saturday, May 31</b>	<u>Riel Recreation Park</u> Riel Drive	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Last updated March 27, 2014.

## UPCOMING SHREDDING EVENTS

### How Our Shredding Events Work

Plan to be at the shredding site for a minimum of 30 minutes. All shredding events are outdoors, so dress appropriately. Most venues are 'drive-thru' service, but at some sites you have to park and walk your boxes over to the shredding truck. Our friendly staff is there to help, so just holler if you need a hand. If it's lined up and you're in a hurry, feel free to leave your boxes beside the truck for shredding. Events are staffed by AMA volunteers, local law enforcement and shredding company staff who have security clearance and know how to safeguard your documents.

### What to Bring

Each year, our free shredding events become more popular. We love to feel the love, but to keep things moving we have to limit our services to just six boxes of personal documents (not for businesses) per vehicle. If you have more personal documents, you can always circle to the back of the line and take another run.

### Items that can be shredded

- Credit card slips, cancelled cheques, and bank receipts
- Banking and investment statements, bills, non-solicited credit card applications
- CD-ROMs/CD-Rs/DVDs, diskettes

### What can't be shredded:

- Heavy cardboard, metal, glass, or plastic
- Batteries, lighters, or matches
- Electronics, computer hard drives, or toys

### Get your papers ready:

- **Make sure we can shred it** – Remove all large plastic clips or coils (small staples and regular paperclips are fine). Please check for and remove all non-document items like batteries, matches, and coins which can cause serious damage to the shredding trucks (and the friendly operators)
- **Make sure you can carry it** – Bring all documents in sturdy, easily transportable boxes or containers
- **Make sure you should shred it** – Not all documents are created equally. Some you need to shred regularly, some annually, and some should never be destroyed. Review the list below to find out when the documents you have should be destroyed

### Shred Regularly or Annually

- Papers, envelopes, and multimedia files with personal information such as names, addresses, and birth dates. Unwanted credit card or financial services applications or credit/background checks
- Expired ID cards, travel itineraries, and airline tickets
- Credit card, banking and investment statements and receipts, cancelled cheques or pay stubs

### Shred After Eight Years

- Year-end bank statements that are not needed for tax purpose
- Titles, contracts, and deeds for sold properties
- Income tax returns and related financial documentation
- Keep valuable documents safe and secure in a fireproof home safe or by renting a safe deposit box outside the home

### Don't Shred Until Expired

- Current contracts for rentals, leases or loans
- Warranty documents for products you currently own
- Active memberships, employment benefits and utility contracts

### Don't Ever Shred

- Appraisals and receipts for valuables like art or jewelry
- Securities and trade confirmations, repaid loan or mortgage documents
- Wills, power of attorney, marriage, death, birth and divorce certificates
- Military service records, educational diplomas, degrees and transcripts
- Insurance investment account policies, annual statements and claims
- Documents related to a legal conflict or claim like a vehicle collision, since legal action can be taken up to 10 years after the incident