

# Newsletter



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## Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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### *A message from our President...*

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since I became President of ACOPA. A lot has happened and the learning curve was very steep for the first 6 months but things are starting to become a lot easier now. Again I have to thank Bev for all the help that she provided for me which did make everything go a lot smoother.

We had our annual Workshop and AGM in September on the 20, 21 and 22 and from the response that I have had it was a huge success. The members that have emailed me have said that the presenters at the Workshop and the training sessions were very informative and they learned a lot. We had the Justice Minister attend on the Friday afternoon and evening. He had a meeting with the stakeholders from the community which Greg and I attended. He answered questions about rural crime and what the government was planning to help fight crime.

### *President message cont'd...*

I would like to thank everyone that brought an item for the silent auction as this goes a long way to help the hosting group to pay for the Workshop and AGM.

Coming in the near future is the upgrade to our ACOPA Patrol App. We are going to make the RCMP crime mapping available on the patrol app so when you are patrolling as you drive down the street the location where there was crime will show up on your ipad or phone. This is also going to be available on Android products. When this is available I will notify everyone that everything has been tested and is ready for you to download to your devices.

I would also like to remind you to enter your hours and mileage on to the ACOPA website. This is very easy to do, if you forgot your password there is a place to click on to go and change it, this only takes a few minutes and you are ready to go.

If anyone has questions about how to do this or about the patrol app please contact your ACOPA director. They should have contacted you already so you should have their contact information. Please let them know of any changes in executive, phone numbers, mailing address, email changes or anything else that may come up.

I want to thank you all for all you do in your communities in keeping them safe and being the extended eyes and ears for the RCMP.

Garth Kohlsmith  
President ACOPA

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!



200 DAYS OUT!  
SAVE THE DATE!

Local & International Perspectives  
in Community Safety and Well-Being

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association  
2020 Conference  
Edmonton, Alberta

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) brings its annual conference to Edmonton AB May 4 - 7, 2020, with a focus on local/international rural and urban community safety/well-being.

Don't miss the 2020 ACCPA Conference! Pre-conference workshop facilitators from the Office of North Yorkshire UK, Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner; The Netherlands Ministry of Justice and Security; and the New Zealand Police, National Prevention Centre.

Conference session speakers to include Edmonton Police Chief Dale McFee, and author and victim's rights champion Irvin Waller.

Online registration opens November 15!

<https://www.albertacrimeprevention.com/2020-conference/>

*In the news....*

News from High River COP



As those of you that were at the AGM would have noticed, we are the proud leasee's of a Smart Car! Our local Ward Tires donated the use of the car and we are proudly displaying the COP logo. We have received many inquiries as to what and who Citizens on Patrol are, which has been helpful in the recruitment of 9 new members! Even though, we've done other advertising in the past, this seems to be the best so far. We are eagerly anticipating the next event in our amazing town – the Santa Claus Parade. Thank you again to Drumheller for being fantastic hosts for the 2019 AGM.

Tammy Beach  
President  
HRCOP



## ACOPA News

Henry has uploaded the following onto the ACOPA website for groups to access:

“Code of Conduct ACOPA” - You can find it under Forms  
ACOPA Board Group Assignments 2019-2020 (20191020)  
COP Group Contact Info (20191020)

Crime Reduction Report - This report from the RCMP is now posted on the secure side of the ACOPA website ->> Members Menu ->> RCMP News.

## News from The Night Owls

On Friday October 11, 2019 we attended the grand opening of the new Parkland RCMP state of the art building. Many RCMP dignitaries attended the opening. It was an awesome event and very well attended by the citizens of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain as well as Parkland County.

We thank our liaison, Corporal Zanbak for extending the invitation to our group. Cookies and coffee followed. Corporal Zanbak will take us on a guided tour of the building at our next meeting in November.

Candy Hurst, President  
Night Owls COP



## News from Westlock COP

A little bit of rain didn't deter our supportive community members from coming out to enjoy this event to show their support for our local Westlock Citizens on Patrol group. President, Garth Kohlsmith said the attendance was the best yet with 270 people coming out to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water which was ALL generously donated by local business supporters. Customers were arriving just after 4pm and by 5:15pm, 110 folks had already gone through for their food. By 6:15pm, the last of the food was gone and only the last few hungry folks got a bit wet in the drizzle of rain.

VICTIM SERVICES had a table set up with information brochures and pens to give away but most appreciated, was the gigantic cake that everyone enjoyed for dessert.

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## Westlock cont'd

Community support, as shown at this event, is what helps keep our group enthused to continue in their efforts of trying their best to help deter crime in our community by acting as extra eyes and ears for our RCMP members.



## ACOPA BOARD 2019-20

### Updated list of Board Members: October 2019

**Elected:**

- **President** Garth Kohlsmith [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca)
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- **ID cards**
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- **Casino Chairperson** Tammy Massa [casinochairperson@acopa.ca](mailto:casinochairperson@acopa.ca)

A.C.O.P.A Board and C.O.P. Group Assignments								
2019 - 2020								
Greg	Beth	Kim	Bev	Darlene	Chantel	Dawn	Rod	Sandra
Mathias	Endresen	Hurst	Salomons	Kirby	Frechette	Heerschap	Kerr	Broderick
Vice Presiden	Secretary	Director 1	Director 2	Director 3	Director 4	Director 5	Director 6	Treasurer
Lloydminster	Sexsmith	Brooks	Devon	High River	Heartland	Rimbey	Mayerthorpe	Red Deer
Cold Lake	La Glace	Carstairs	Leduc	Drumheller	Morinville	Raymond	Edson	Airdrie
Wainwright	High Level	Crowsnest	Beaumont	Hanna	Legal	Taber	Kapasawin	Linden
St. Paul	Valleyview	Cochrane	Stony Plain	Langdon	Thorhild	<b>Lakedell</b>	Drayton Valley	Strathmore
Viking	Whitecourt	Didsbury	CPRN	Olds	Redwater	Thorsby	Pembina/	Three Hills
Vilna		Okotoks	St. Albert	Carbon	Bon Accord	Fort Mcleod	Entwhistle	
		Diamond Valley	Ponoka	Gull Lake		Nanton	Westlock	
		Sundre	Strathcona	<b>Eckville</b>		Bentley	Athabasca	
		McNally		Lacombe		Claresholm	Boyle	
		Redcliff						
		Pincher Creek						

## News from Claresholm COP:



Claresholm & District C O P dressed up and decorated a vehicle to patrol on Halloween night. We handed out over 100 hands! We also gave out 55 hands with "mom" candy. We were very well received and we had so much fun! Pictured is Pamela Gilchrist, President and Gail Manshanden, Treasurer.



*Great Job Claresholm COP!!*

## News from Lloydminster COP:

On October 17th at the Lloydminster Citizens on Patrol Annual General meeting, the Liaison of the Year award was given to Corporal Kelly Sikorski. He was unaware that he had won the award and was overwhelmed.

Kelly works very hard to keep the communication open between the RCMP and the COP Group in Lloydminster. He is very dedicated to the group and helps out on his own time at fundraising events and at our meeting.

Congratulations Corporal.



## AGM Pictures:



Opening Ceremonies Piper



Justice Minister Doug Sweetzer



**Presentation of the liaison award for the ACOPA Liaison**

Sgt. Martin Girard from K Division was presented the award by President Garth Kohlsmith. Sgt. Girard was unable to attend our AGM in Drumheller. He goes above and beyond for our Association - helping with problems, making himself available to attend meetings and takes calls at any time. Thank you Sgt. Girard.



*Until next time, stay safe and on the road!*

*Winter Checklist:      in your car do you have....*

- *Phone charger*
- *Ice scraper*
- *Shovel*
- *Bag of sand*
- *Hazard triangles*
- *Flashlight*
- *Snacks/water*
- *First aid kit*
- *Jumper cables*
- *Candles*
- *Blanket*

*Wishing you and yours a very  
Merry and Safe Holiday Season!*

