

# Newsletter



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## Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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### *Just a reminder:*

Have you seen the videos created for ACOPA? If you missed the AGM in Sexsmith, please check for them (there are 5!) at [www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca) on the right hand side under 'Quick Links'. They are wonderful resources for all to use in getting the word out in how COP can be an amazing addition to your community. Thank you to all that were involved in their creation!

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

Things are moving along very well. We have had three groups receive their incorporation in the last couple months and are in the process of getting their insurance in place. Valleyview, Rimbey, and Brooks are getting ready to start patrolling. Bob Gollan is doing a training session in Rimbey on March 9th. We would like to keep Bob busy this year doing the training sessions so talk to your group and let's get these sessions going. Just contact someone on the board and we will get things rolling. The last few weeks have been very busy. I went to K Division to learn how to use the Trace ID pen so I could attend the Media release of Project Lock Up and the demonstration of the Trace Pen in Calgary.

The RCMP and Alberta Citizens on Patrol have teamed up with Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association to announce a new program Project Lock Up. This program encourages Albertans to lock up their valuables and mark these items with an identifiable mark made by a Trace Pen. These pens will be available to ACOPA members at a discount. I will be sending out a code to the ACOPA groups once we receive the discounted shipping rate that we should have shortly. Hopefully this program will be widely received and will help to make our communities safer.

The AGM and Workshop has been set for September 20,21 and 22 in Drumheller with training session on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. Mary has a fun and informational weekend planned for us so mark your calendar so you can attend.

Garth Kohlsmith  
President

### LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

Looks like an amazing conference for those interested! And a beautiful setting to take it all in...



The 2019 ACCPA Conference starts with pre-conference sessions on May 6 and 7, followed by the conference on May 8 and 9 in beautiful Canmore, Alberta.

#### **Early Bird registration expires on April 5.**

In addition to pre-conference and conference sessions, you have the opportunity purchase a ticket to our Nexus Networking event happening on May 8 at the Grizzly Paw Pub and Brewing Company.

Conference delegates comprise police agencies, provincial and municipal administrators, elected officials, First Nations, Metis, business, industry, community groups and more.

If you have an interest in crime prevention, our conference is the place to be. Conference sessions cover a variety of topics from Private Security to Domestic Violence, and Youth Radicalization, while addressing both urban and rural concerns.

Save money with early bird prices and register today.

***ACCPA 2019 conference . . . inspiring voices for change in community safety.***

To register – [www.albertacrimeprevention.com](http://www.albertacrimeprevention.com)

### *In the news....*

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2019/new-initiative-turns-the-focus-repeat-victims-break-and-enters>



### **News from High River COP:**

We are struggling with our membership. We have done a media story and our AGM is at the end of the month, so we are really hoping to be able to drum up some more people!

We supported the Santa Claus parade in December with some crowd control and a lost kid's booth – it was a fairly beautiful night, and the crowds' excitement was definitely contagious!

We are trying to use the app for tracking our patrols faithfully. We hope to start in the next couple of months, using the Speed Watch app and support the collection of data for the RCMP. We are also looking forward to a Lock It or Lose It campaign with our local RCMP.

<https://www.highriveronline.com/local/citizens-on-patrol-needs-new-volunteers-in-high-river>

# TRACE™



## Property Marking Partner with Alberta's "Project Lock Up" Crime Reduction Initiative



All RCMP "K" Division Detachments will soon be outfitted to check for TRACE™ microdot marks on stolen property.

- Order TRACE™ online or from your ACOPA chapter.
- Easy to apply.
- Semi-covert as markings show-up under UV lighting.
- Database registration at no cost to users.
- Police can input microdot security code and positively identify property owner.



We encourage Albertans to become a member of their local ACOPA chapter and work with "Project Lock Up" to help reduce property theft.

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



Left to right:

Henry Tso – Insurance Bureau, Peter Tewfik - RCMP Superintendent, Garth Kohlsmith - President ACOPA, Cor De Wit - President RCW

## News from Taber COP:

Over the weekend the Taber Police Service and Citizens on Patrol hit the Taber streets to inspect vehicles who could be targeted for theft.

From 2-4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, a group set off to hit some of the busiest areas in town including the Walmart/Tim Hortons area and the Taber Community Centre parking lots as part of an initiative to spread awareness of how to prevent people from being victims of crime.

Over the two hours, 373 vehicles were inspected and 'educational tickets' were issued with information on how best to prevent vehicle thefts.

Of the 373 vehicles inspected by the group, 111 had electronics in view, 102 had possessions of cash in view, 47 had garage door opens left in their vehicles, 12 had keys still in the vehicle, 7 had expired registration decals, five had unlocked doors and four had windows left open.

Of the 373 inspected vehicles, 164 vehicles had no issues. Some of the vehicles looked at also had more than one crime risk present.

*Great Job Taber COP!*



MAKING THE ROUNDS: TPS auxiliary constable Leighton Motz places an educational ticket on a vehicle during the two-hour vehicle theft awareness campaign on Saturday in Taber.

## ACOPA BOARD 2018-19

### Updated list of Board Members: October 2018

#### Elected:

- **President** Garth Kohlsmith [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca)
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## ACOPA BOARD 2018-19

Thank you, to this group of people who will be spending numerous hours making sure our Citizens on Patrol groups can operate!

## Loss Prevention Screws

If anyone is interested in ordering the loss prevention screws that were handed out at the Workshop in Sexsmith, here is the information:

The company supplies pre-packaged (with your message included in the packaging) high security, universal fit license plate screws (stainless steel)

1 tool to fit (this 5 lobe pin security drive differs from the industry standard of 6 lobe pin)

### **PART # LP.KIT.A (4 screws & 1 tool)**

Desc: Pre-Package with custom label, 4 high security License Plate screws & 1 tool

QTY: 50/100/150 packages @ \$3.99 each

QTY: 200/250 PACKAGES @ 3.85 each

QTY: 300 PACKAGES @ \$3.55 each

QTY: 500 PACKAGES @ \$3.50 each (includes no charge shipping)

### **PART # LP.KIT.B (2 screws & 1 tool)**

Desc: Pre-Package with custom label, 2 high security License Plate screws & 1 tool

QTY: 50/100/150 packages @ \$3.49 each

QTY: 200/250 PACKAGES @ 3.35each

QTY: 300 PACKAGES @ \$3.99 each

QTY: 500 PACKAGES @ \$2.95 each (includes no charge shipping)

All prices Canadian dollars, shipping from Surrey BC.

Custom label included at no extra charge or fee

Call the Order Desk (1.888.584.6283 ext. 500) to place your order

please refer to QUOTE # B0815P

Visa, MasterCard, Amex, wire transfer or company check by courier accepted.



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*AGM 2019 - watch for more news and info right here!*

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*This year's AGM is in Drumheller.....plan to attend!  
September 20, 21 and 22*



*Did you know:*

- Drumheller is known as the dinosaur capital of the world because of the high concentration of fossils located in the area. Millions of years ago the Drumheller area was tropical which created a great environment for plant growth and where dinosaurs could flourish.
- Drumheller offers a world of startling contrasts as rolling fields suddenly give way to steep, dry coulees ridged with the strata of hundreds of years of erosion by time, wind and water.

*HAPPY SPRING!*

