

Newsletter



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Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association

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A message from our President...

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is getting back to normal. Most of our groups are back to having meetings, doing fundraisers and patrolling. The good news is that our Workshop and AGM are booked for October 28, 29 and 30 2022 in Sherwood Park. The facility is located at 401 Festival Lane Sherwood Park. This is a large venue and is centrally located with hotels not too far away. We are already planning the Agenda for the Workshop and have already talked to a couple of speakers and are just waiting on their reply.

The ACOPA board had their first in-person meeting in a long time, and we made a few decisions that will help you out with your programs. First of all, we will help you pay for a booth at a Trade Fair up to a total of \$200.00 and if you need brochures and posters let me know and I can send you what you need.

Secondly, it was decided to help the groups that want to take Flagger training and must pay the person doing the training. ACOPA will pay 50% of the cost per person for the training.

The Rave Notification is very close to being active. The RCMP are receiving training and once that is complete, we will start to receive the notifications. This has taken quite a long time but once it gets going it will help all the groups with our patrols. Bob Gollan our trainer is working on making some changes to his training PowerPoint. He is also looking into getting trained to be able to give a session on administering Naloxone. We are looking into having someone come to our Workshop and give a demo and talk on Naloxone.

My wife and I were invited to attend the 2022 Alberta Community Justice Awards in Lacombe. One group from Edson was presented with an award in the Partnership and Collaboration Category. This was the first time that this Award Ceremony has been held outside of Edmonton or Calgary. We had a very good time and everything was very well done. I hope that everyone has a very good summer, and your groups start to get more members signed up and the patrols are going up. Don't forget to enter your stats on the Website as Henry will have printouts for everyone to compare with previous years. In the next couple of months you will be receiving information on the Workshop and AGM and I am hoping that we can make it very interesting for everyone that attends. Mark the date on your calendar and make plans to attend as I think it will be an interesting few days. It will be nice to talk to people face to face instead of on Zoom and get to connect with members that we have not seen for a couple of years. See you in October!

Garth Kohlsmith, ACOPA President

ACOPA News

From Strathcona COP....

Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol (SCCOPS) assisted the RCMP at a bike rodeo on Saturday May 14th.

RCMP assisted young bikers with maneuvering through a bike course that included stop signs, with discussions on proper bike rules.

As well, there was a demonstration from the local dog trainer and the puppy in training.

SCCOPS set up their Impaired Driving Carts for those over 18 to try to drive the course wearing glasses that simulated what it is like to drive impaired.



ACOPA News

From Beaumont COP

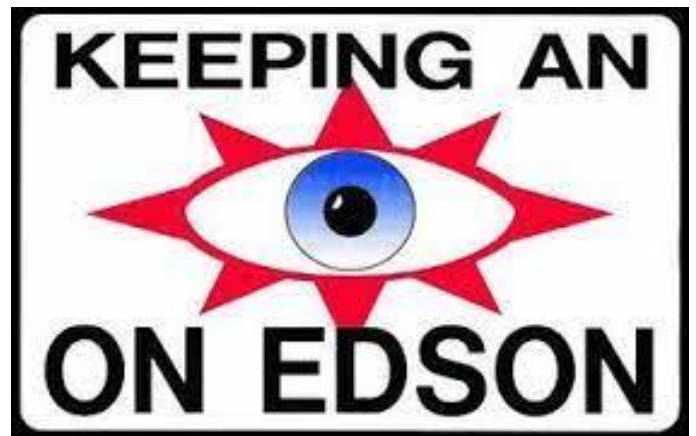
As part of the RCMP Town Hall June 22 BCOP President Cam Wolfe gave a presentation on our program in addition to presentations by Chief Superintendent Darcy Fleury, Detachment Commander Harp Dhaliwal, Municipal Enforcement Sgt Eric Christensen and other service providers.



From Edson COP

2022 Alberta Community Justice Awards
Edson Citizens on Patrol
Partnerships and Collaboration Category

Edson Citizens on Patrol is a non-profit organization whose volunteers patrol the streets of Edson and Yellowhead County assisting the RCMP in identifying illegal and suspicious activity. Citizens on Patrol has been active in the community for decades, but it has stepped up its efforts over the last five years, participating in initiatives such as the Town of Edson Neighborhood Block Party Program and Graffiti Clean-up Projects. Edson COP currently has 14 volunteers, many of whom have been active with the organization for several years, and have recruited five new members in the last year alone. Together with the Town of Edson, Edson Friendship Centre and Edson RCMP, they have hosted various open houses to engage with the public about crime and crime prevention. They have also partnered with the RCMP to collect speed data at locations the public has voiced concerns about to confirm speeds and ensure limited enforcement resources are deployed appropriately. They are working with the RCMP to provide awareness of fraud against vulnerable citizens and seniors in the community, and have provided traffic control for some town events and fire scenes. They work with other non-profits on a regular basis.



ACOPA BOARD 2021-22

Elected:

○ President	Garth Kohlsmith	president@acopa.ca
○ Vice President	Bev Salomons	vicepresident@acopa.ca
○ Secretary/Treasurer	Beth Endresen	secretary/treasurer@acopa.ca
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○ Director 3	Sandra Broderick	director3@acopa.ca
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○ Director 5	Dawn Heerschap	director5@acopa.ca
○ Director 6	Julie Vanderhoek	director6@acopa.ca

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○ Newsletter	Tammy Beach	newsletter@acopa.ca
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○ ID cards	Mike Krochter	IDCards@acopa.ca
○ Casino Chairperson	Tammy Massa	casinochairperson@acopa.ca

2021-2022	Board	Assignments					
Bev	Beth	Kim	Greg	Sandra	Bev	Dawn	Julie
Salomons	Endresen	Hurst	Mathias	Broderick	Salomons	Heerschap	Vanderhoek
V/P	Secretary/Treasurer	Director 1	Director 2	Director 3	Director 4	Director 5	Director 6
SCCOPS	Sexsmith	Crowsnest	Lloydminster	Airdrie	Devon	Pincher Creek	Edson
Heartland	La Glace	Cochrane	Calling Lake	Carstairs	Leduc	Raymond	Whitecourt
St. Albert	High Level	Langdon	Vilna	Linden	Beaumont	Taber	Pembina/Entwistle
Ponoka	Valleyview	Okotoks	Wainright	Strathmore	Legal	Redcliff	Drayton Valley
	Hythe	Diamond Valley	Slave Lake	Three Hills	Stony Plain	Brooks	Gull Lake
	Smoky River	Sundre	St. Paul	Drumheller	Thorhild	Fort MacLeod	Rimbey
		High River		Carbon	Westlock	Nanton	Redwater
		McNally		Olds	Thorsby	Hanna	Penhold
				Red Deer			

Congratulations Bev!

Bev Salomons is the current Vice President of the Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association, or "ACOPA". Over the years she has played many roles: patrolling as a Citizen On Patrol, being a Communication Director, Vice President, President, past President, and now in her current role.

Over the past 10 years, she has modernized the operation of ACOPA, increasing membership from 1000 to over 2000 volunteers, and growing to 75 Citizens on Patrol groups across the province.

Ms. Salomons established a regular newsletter and wrote the ACOPA reference manual in partnership with the RCMP. She spent countless hours completing the implementation of the I-Patrol app. She was instrumental with the Auto Theft Awareness program, providing education to the public, in conjunction with Alberta Motor Association.

Ms. Salomons worked in partnership with the RCMP in the implementation of training sessions for all Citizens On Patrol volunteers across the province. Most recently, Ms. Salomons had the vision of the ACOPA video project, to promote Citizens on Patrol and to attract new volunteers.



*Thank you for your
passion for Citizens
On Patrol Bev!*

COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING IN COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKSHOP - Sandra Broderick

ACOPA Director Sandra Broderick attended the Collaborative Decision Making in Community Safety Workshop at the recent Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference in Canmore.

Collaboration is reciprocity in motion. Collaboration equals enhancing each other's capabilities.

A diverse group of people is needed to bring forward many ideas from different perspectives. The type of people needed on a collaborative committee should be open minded, non-competitive, non-controlling, creative thinkers, some professionals, people from all walks of life, no bullies, those that can park their ego at the door. Also needed is political support- not control, sustained core resources, access to good evidence/community wisdom, public service, and democracy as key values. The positives of having a collaborative group are that many good ideas are brought forward, and you can come to a consensus. A group decision is better than an individual one. The interaction and exchange between the community and system improves the collective understanding of community issues and opportunity.

If you don't have a collaborative effort then you have fragmented information, limited information, duplicate effects, lack of cultural competence, lack of connection with the community.

Some questions the group needs to ask themselves:

What are the priorities?

What will the decision process be? How much time will be allowed?

How much decision time will there be?

As well as:

What are we deciding?

What choice do we have?

What knowledge do we need?

What consequences do we care about?

Are we thinking straight?

Will we really take action?

Choices are opportunities. Decisions are the directions we take. Decision implies solution. Decision is the result of a choice making process. No more choice exists when a decision is made.

If your analysis is wrong – so are your solutions. Take experience from the past and weigh it against the evidence.

This is one exercise that the group discussed - Name 5 values i.e., trust, honesty - take 2 away that you think you can give up. Take 2 more away that you are willing to give up. Then there is just one that you will not give up and would walk away. Shows how far we are willing to go to compromise for the sake of the group.

A second exercise had the group building paper airplanes and throwing them at each other. The one with most planes at the end wins. Some groups gave their planes to other groups to help them win. Collaboration of groups to ensure success – working together to achieve a common goal.

A third exercise had 2 people blind folded with the same blocks - one with blocks assembled in a certain form the other with blocks not assembled. The person with assembled blocks described what they had, and the other person had to assemble theirs to match the describer's form. The value of being able to clearly communicate and the value of being able to listen and understand what the other person is saying.

MAY CONFERENCE IN CANMORE - Bev Salomons

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association held an in-person Conference in Canmore May 9, 10 and 11. ACOPA Board members Sandra Broderick, Kimberley Hurst, Bev Salomons and Henry Salomons attended the event.

The key note speaker was Jaap de Waard from the Netherlands and spoke about how Holland managed to cut crime. Jaap noted that the police cannot reduce crime alone. Many partners in the community are needed including working with young offenders.

Mark Davis from REACH, Edmonton, spoke about how community driven initiatives can strengthen community safety through building relationships, by engaging community members to understand the community needs.

Christy Wood, from Nanaimo, shared the role of Community Policing Coordinators work with volunteers and agencies that provide social support.

Cpl Holly Porterfield, RCMP Maskwacis, had a passionate talk about the Hub Model used in that community where information is shared on what is needed to know about an individual in order to help with any issues.

Dr. Felix Munger spoke about how climate change is the most complex challenge of our generation and affects the most vulnerable in communities by contributing to an increase in crime, increase in violence and a decrease in safety.

James MacTavish gave an interesting talk about crypto currencies and the need to research the fundamentals before investing.

Cheryl Whiskeyjack represented the Bent Arrow Healing Society in Edmonton, sharing the journey of this traditional healing society.

C/Supt Peter Tewfik explained how the RCMP are shifting from reactive to proactive policing by focusing on crime patterns.

Tina Clem, Calgary Youth Justice Society, shared her message about strength-based practices for supporting youth in redefining themselves and connecting to the community.

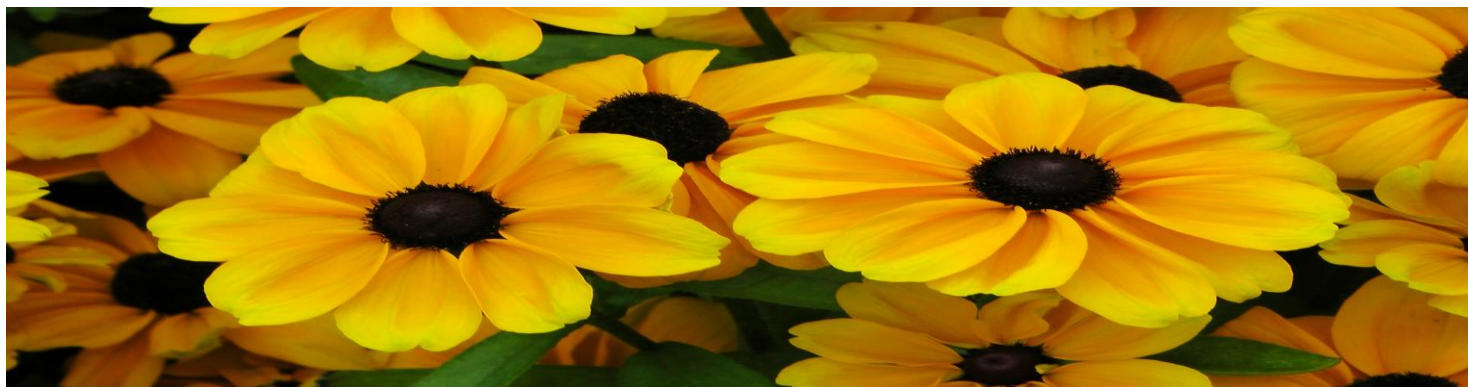
Doug Maynard, Lions Gate Management Group, spoke about the core operating philosophy with a goal to ensuring prosperity for future generations of Aboriginal beneficiaries.

Ashif Mawji, Chair of Edmonton Police Foundation, spoke about how public money is saved by securing private funds to address tough problems such as addiction and homelessness.

Marc Boychuk, Town Councillor Peace River had a moving talk about how he is addressing homelessness in his community. Marc even stayed outside over 2 nights in minus 40 weather to understand how the homeless survived.

All in all, the conference covered a great deal of valuable information. There was opportunity to meet some of the other attendees (142) over the lunch and coffee breaks. The 2023 Conference will be in Edmonton, and is highly recommended to attend.

<https://www.albertacrimeprevention.com/>





It's coming...

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October 28, 29, 30

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REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED!



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REGISTRATION FORM

Delegate Name _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail _____

ACOPA ID # _____ C.O.P. group _____

Are you a Liaison Officer? _____ For which C.O.P. group? _____

Attending Administrator training Friday 15:00 - 17:00 Yes _____ No _____
(Must bring your computer)

Attending Friday Afternoon Training 15:00 - 17:00 Yes _____ No _____

Attending Friday Night Supper Yes _____ No _____

Attending Saturday meals Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Supper _____

Attending Sunday Training 9:00 – 11:00 Yes _____ No _____

Registration fee \$75

Extra Saturday supper tickets \$30.00. Circle # of extra Tickets needed 1 2 3
Please include payment with your registration.

Please register by October 1st. Receipts will be available when checking in at the registration desk.

Payment can be by e-transfer to registration@acopa.ca **OR**

Send a cheque payable to Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association (ACOPA) to:

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