

# Newsletter

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## Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association



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### Petition...

Have you signed the petition asking for a tax credit for Citizens On Patrol volunteers? This would be the same tax credit that volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Search and Rescue presently receive. The deadline to sign is July 12. Please circulate amongst all your members to get them to sign. It is easy to sign on the computer. The petition is being sponsored by MP Martin Shields, Conservative from Bow River, Alberta.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1581>

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## Citizens On Patrol in Community Action

High Level Citizens On Patrol joined with Canadian Tire on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> for their Jump Start event. They provided volunteers to help with the car wash, basketball shoot and a first aider. C.O.P. also combined the day with a volunteer drive and parking lot ticketing.



## ACOPA Workshop

Registration and hotel information is posted on the ACOPA website for the upcoming ACOPA Workshop/AGM which will be hosted by the Sexsmith Citizens On Patrol. Sign up before August 1<sup>st</sup> for the reduced registration fee. Please do not wait until the last minute to sign up so the organizing group can be prepared. As soon as speaker sessions are finalized, that information will also be posted on the ACOPA website. Sunday morning will be used for training with retired RCMP Bob Gollan. Please check off on the registration form if you plan to attend Bob's three-hour training session. ACOPA is looking into using a bus to start in Lethbridge to bring people to Sexsmith.

## ACOPA Training

ACOPA has supported seven training sessions with Bob so far. Funding is still available for more training sessions. If your community has a hall that will hold 40 people, please offer to host a training session. ACOPA will cover the presenter fees and asks that the group takes care of the hall. If there is any food or coffee/drinks, that is the responsibility of the groups who will be attending. ACOPA asks that 40 people attend the training session from groups in the surrounding communities. If you are thinking about hosting a training session, please let one of the ACOPA Board know.

## ACOPA Elections

As every year, there will be elections taking place at the ACOPA Annual General Meeting in Sexsmith. A number of positions will be open and ACOPA is seeking people who are committed to Citizens On Patrol and are willing to let their name stand for election.

Positions that are open for election:

President

Treasurer

3 Directors

Insurance liaison – not elected, but a volunteer position

Anyone interested in a position on the ACOPA Board, please let Beth Endresen know.

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## ACOPA Videos

Now that the snow has finally left, and the weather is conducive for patrolling and other events that C.O.P. members participate in, it is time to focus on the ACOPA video production. Please let President Bev know if your group is involved in a special event that would be good for showcasing what members of C.O.P. do. ACOPA would like this project to be completed by late August so that the videos will be available to show at the Workshop.

## Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Yvonne Machan who was recently recognized and awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for starting the C.O.P. program in Black Diamond and Turner Valley. Nice work Yvonne!



## Law Enforcement Recognition Award

Do you have a Liaison Officer who has gone above and beyond the expectations of the C.O.P. program? ACOPA would like to recognize a special Liaison Officer at the Workshop in September.

Deadline for applications is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Application form can be found on the ACOPA website.