

# Newsletter

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

## AMA Shredding Events

Events sponsored by:  **AMA Insurance**

2014 Shredding Events Calendar

Although we try our best, the dates and locations for our shredding events are subject to change. For updates on our 2014 shredding schedule, connect with us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#), or sign up for [AMA eNews](#) updates

For a copy of Schedule see Page 5 of the Newsletter.



### Identity Fraud

Identity theft is a growing concern of more than 73 per cent of Canadians. Eighty-five per cent of the victims are between 18 – 59 years.

If criminals obtain any document with your personal information on it, it can be used to instigate a fraud. The most common ways criminals can get your information is from apartment mailboxes, social networking websites, or through hackers.

Identity theft is usually done by a network of individuals rather than a criminal acting alone. Below are eight tips to protect yourself from identity fraud:

- Never leave loose credit or debit card receipts in the car
- Never leave your cell phone or lap top in your car
- Update security and virus protection on your home computer
- Change your PIN, especially if you have been using the same one for a few years
- Purchase a shredder
- Request a personal credit report
- Never provide your social insurance number on credit applications
- Never carry your birth certificate in your wallet

For more information go to the following site:

- <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CommunityPolicing/OrganizedCrime/EconomicCrimes/IdentityFraud.aspx>

# ARTICLES OF INTEREST

## Pincher Creek District Citizens on Patrol Group



Rose and Jim Killoran from Pincher Creek are the longest serving members (17 years) and have been there since the PCD C.O.P group started in 1997.

Rose and Jim are still active patrollers and we appreciate them sticking with us for all this time.

Rose and Jim were recently awarded with a gift certificate for a dinner for both of them, from the Pincher Creek District Citizens of Patrol group at our post-Christmas dinner and meeting on January 18th, 2014.

**Many thanks to them!!!**

Submitted By: Robyn Dowson, President  
Pincher Creek District Citizens on Patrol Group

## Leduc Nighthawks C.O.P. Christmas Party



On Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Leduc Nighthawks C.O.P. held their annual Christmas get-together at Telford House in Leduc. Included in the guest list were ACOPA President Bev Salomons and husband Henry, Leduc Mayor Greg Krischke, R.C.M.P. Inspector Wally Lynds, several Leduc Councilors, several R.C.M.P. members, and Leduc C.O.P. Liaison Officer – Cst Morgan Jacobson and his wife.

The evening began with cocktails followed by a very delicious meal with all the trimmings.

Leduc C.O.P. continues to grow and stay very active patrolling in their community.



Alberta Motor Association for:

- Their donation of \$10,000 to ACOPA. A portion of the funds are being used to re-develop the ACOPA website, which is in the works and should be up and running in the near future.
- Printing 1000 of the new "Wanted" posters that are being distributed to COP groups who have made the request.
- Printing 3000 ACOPA brochures for the use of COP groups. Brochures are being sent to the groups who have requested them.

## Distracted Driving Data Collection

Thanks to the COP groups in Westlock, Pincher Creek and Beaumont for volunteering to participate in the AMA distracted driving data collection stats.

A form has been prepared to use for the collection of data. All that is required is for your group to choose a location where it is safe to sit and observe the drivers who pass by and to collect data that can be used by the AMA. Collecting this data can occur at any time and can occur over several different times.

Please contact Bev at [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca) for the form if you plan to collect data on distracted drivers.

## Shredding Events

Thanks to the Carstairs, Gibbons, Redcliff, Gull Lake North, Pincher Creek, Red Deer and Beaumont COP groups for volunteering to assist with an AMA Shredding Event. If your COP group would like to participate in one of the AMA Shredding events, check out those already scheduled. If you are located in the vicinity of a Shredding event that is already scheduled, please consider assisting with that event. If you are in a community that has a population over 3,000 and would like to have a Shredding event in your community, please let Bev know at [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca).

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



## 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.

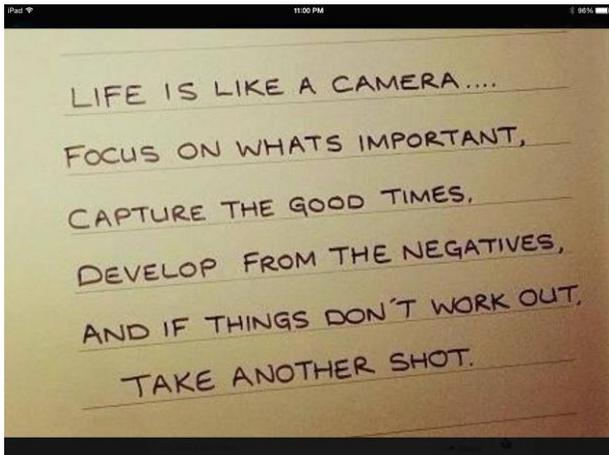
Send the information to [jdcards@acopa.ca](mailto:jdcards@acopa.ca)



## Volunteer Hours

Are the volunteer hours and kilometers for your C.O.P. group being entered onto the A.C.O.P.A. website? If you have not done that, first a password is needed to get into the "member login" section of [www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca) Once you are entered, choose the month (you can go forward or backwards), then click on the day and it will ask you to enter the hours and the kilometers. After the statistics are entered, it will show up on the calendar.

If you do not have a password, contact [president@acopa.ca](mailto:president@acopa.ca) and request one.



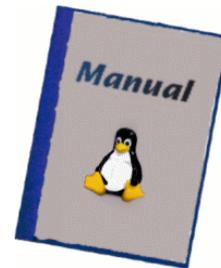
## 2014 AGM & Workshop

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 yearly Workshop/AGM is always a great time to meet with C.O.P. members from other communities and find out what they are doing. Plan to send several members of your group and make the best of the weekend!

Pincher Creek Group hopes to have an event brochure and registration form ready to go at the end of March.

Check the ACOPA website at [www.acopa.ca](http://www.acopa.ca) and go to ACOPA News, then down to AGM Workshop 2014 to stay updated on the Workshop.



## A.C.O.P.A. Reference Manual

Do you have a copy of the A.C.O.P.A. Reference Manual?

This manual is to be used for training purposes and every C.O.P. member should have one to refer to. If you do not have one, contact a member of the A.C.O.P.A. Board and let them know.



# ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT INSURANCE



Insurance questions are the most asked questions from C.O.P. groups. If you have any insurance related questions, please contact Eugene Smereka at: [insurance@acopa.ca](mailto:insurance@acopa.ca)

We will attempt to set your minds at ease with the following information:

## What does it cover?

A Liability policy is a policy designed to protect the insured from the risks of liabilities imposed by law. It protects the insured in the event they are sued for claims that come within the coverage of the insurance policy. Liability insurance offers specific protection against third party insurance claims, i.e., compensation for someone suffering loss who is not a party to the insurance contract. When a claim is made, the insurer has the duty and right to defend the insured

## Who make the claim?

You will submit the statement of Claim to us once you have been served with the papers from the injured party's lawyers.

## Does it affect our personal insurance?

No, our liability policy is a separate policy and has no effect on your personal insurance.

## If we don't take out the insurance will our own personal insurance on our cars cover if we get in an accident?

The liability policy you purchase through Jubilee is not an auto policy; it is a Commercial General Liability policy. If you use your personal auto while on duty for the COP you will need to let your auto broker know that you are now using your vehicle for this purpose. If you are in an accident with your vehicle, your auto policy is the first to respond to the claim. If your auto liability limits are exhausted meaning the judgement is greater than the limit of liability that you carry then the General Liability policy carried through the COP program in our office will respond to the remaining portion of the claim.

## Does it cover if we get hurt or we hurt someone else? (Self defense, car accident...etc.)

We have two policies under the COP program. One is the General Liability Policy that provides coverage for you if you are sued by and injured personal where you are held legally liable. The other policy we offer is an Accidental Death & Dismemberment policy that will provide coverage for you if you are injured or killed while on duty.

## When does the term start?

Both start November 1<sup>st</sup>

## What is the cost?

Liability Insurance is	\$206 per year
Accidental Death and	\$206 per year up to age 70
Dismemberment	\$256 per year up to age 80
	No coverage for over age 80

## Where do we purchase the insurance?

You need to make application to:

Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association  
Attention: Nickela Zais  
Box 133  
Wabamum, Alberta T0E 2K0

## What about special events?

Volunteer groups are permitted to host 3 special events per year where the events may involve alcohol and where there are less than 150 people in attendance. If a volunteer group hosts more than 3 special events in a year where alcohol is served, then there will be an insurance fee of \$188 applied to the event. Or, if there are more than 150 people in attendance at the event where alcohol is served, then the insurance fee of \$188 will apply.

## What does the Insurance provider require in order for a COP group to qualify for Liability Insurance?

A C.O.P. group is required to be registered as either a Society or an Association through Alberta Registries. The C.O.P. group is required to provide a copy of the certificate of Incorporation to the ACOPA Treasurer who will forward to the Insurance provider.

## Should all volunteers with Citizens On Patrol be covered by their own personal insurance?

Yes, all volunteers should be covered by their own personal insurance.

## Are there any special incentives to reduce the Insurance rate?

Yes, if all the members of a C.O.P. group agree to follow the recommendations that are outlined in the A.C.O.P.A. Reference Manual to the best of their ability, and sign a Statement of Intent saying that the group agrees to follow the recommendations, then the group is eligible to receive a 5% reduction in the cost of the Liability Insurance. The form must be signed and received by the ACOPA Treasurer by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The form must be signed each year in order to qualify for the reduced insurance rate.

## What about special events that the C.O.P. group decides to participate in, such as offer assistance with parades, shredding events, New Year's Eve festivities, etc..?

If a group decides to participate in special events such as mentioned, the members should have agreed to such involvement, there should be a motion made at a meeting and a written record stating that the members will participate in the special event at the date so written.

# SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULE



Community	Date	Venue	Time
Calgary	Saturday, April 5	Centennial High School 55 Sun Valley Boulevard SE	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Calgary	Saturday, April 26	Southcentre Mall 100 Anderson Road SE (South parking lot by CIBC)	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Calgary	Saturday, May 24	Sir Winston Churchill High School 5220 Northland Drive NW	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Calgary	Saturday, June 14	Mount Royal University - Lot B 4825 Mount Royal Gate SW	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Calgary	Saturday, June 21	Calgary Police Service Westwinds Campus 5111 - 47 Street NE	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Camrose	Saturday, June 14	AMA Camrose Centre 6702 48 Avenue	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Edmonton	Saturday, March 29	AMA South Centre 10310 - 39A Avenue	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Edmonton	Saturday, May 3	Beulah Alliance Church 17504 98A Avenue	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Edmonton	Saturday, June 7	AMA Manning Centre 5040 Manning Drive	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fort McMurray	Saturday, May 24	Casman Centre 110 Eymundson Road	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Grande Prairie	Saturday, May 10	City Hall 10205 98 Street	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Lethbridge	Saturday, March 22	AMA Lethbridge Centre 120 Scenic Drive South	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Medicine Hat	Saturday, April 12	AMA Medicine Hat Centre 2710 13 Avenue SE	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Red Deer	Saturday, May 3	AMA Red Deer Southpointe Centre #141, 2004 - 50 Avenue	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sherwood Park	Saturday, May 10	Strathcona County RCMP 911 Bison Way	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Albert	Saturday, May 31	Riel Recreation Park Riel Drive	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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For more information on an event in your area please go to one of the following sites:

- <http://www.ama.ab.ca/community-and-ama/ama-shredding-events?WT.ac=footer-shred>
- <http://www.ama.ab.ca/community-and-ama/ama-shredding-events-infographic>