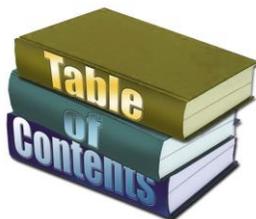


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Greetings from our K Division Community Policing...

As 2017 comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers across the province, who have been working countless hours throughout the year, to make this program a success.

This year has seen continued growth and many positive changes within the program. Such as, renewing the commitment between ACOPA and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the APP Patrol, the implementation of Train the Trainer Program as well as a significant increase in the number of communities that are now involved in the Citizens On Patrol Program across the Province of Alberta.

On behalf of K Division Community Policing, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and all the best for the coming year.

Sgt. Martin Girard



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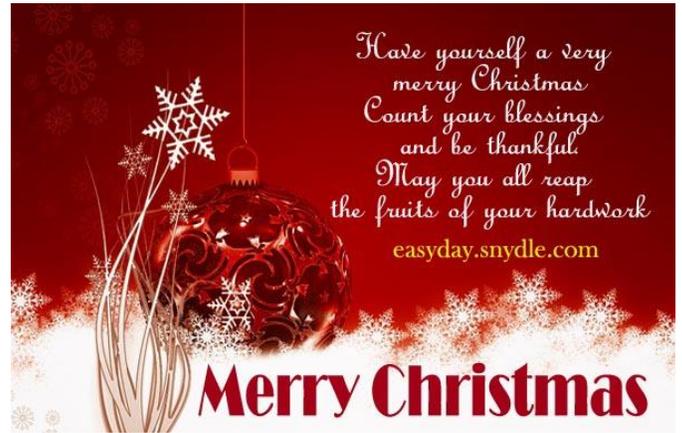
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ACOPA is very pleased to see so many communities wishing to start the C.O.P. program in the past few months.

It is also great to see so many people in some communities stepping forward to help keep their community safer.

Once C.O.P. are trained, it becomes a "way of life". Knowing what to watch for and what to do when you see anything of a suspicious nature helps when reporting to the local law enforcement.



Christmas Greeting from the ACOPA Board...

On behalf of the ACOPA Board, every Citizen On Patrol is wished a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends. As we approach the New Year, certain people will be watching for parcels to be left on doorsteps, or packages left in the mailboxes. As well, there will be those who are checking vehicles for electronics, and parcels that are visible. Remember to put everything of value out of sight, lock the vehicle doors and don't leave your vehicle running when you are not in it.

This is a time to be extra diligent as "extra eyes and ears" in your communities. As well, you know who belongs in your neighbourhood, so as vehicles go by watch to see if they belong in the community or if they might be someone checking out the neighbourhood. Remember that crime happens any time of the day or night.

Know that what you are doing as a Citizen On Patrol is a perfect way of giving back to your community. While patrolling may sometimes seem boring, and you feel like nothing is happening, you may not realize that someone may have been considering doing something illegal, but because someone is watching the community and is visible, that person may change their mind. Just being visible in the community shows that people care about their community. Thank you everyone for what you have done and for what you will do in the future to be in your community as "extra eyes and ears"!

Bev Salomons, President ACOPA





ACOPA Insurance

By now, all C.O.P. groups should have received an invoice for the 2017-2018 insurance term. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Irene, the ACOPA Treasurer at treasurer@acopa.ca

This will be the last year that groups can take advantage of the "Statement of Intent". This incentive will be cancelled starting Nov 2018.

The insurance policies will be replaced shortly as Jubilee makes a correction to the policy, to change the \$25 million term to \$5 million. The corrected policy will be sent out to each group.

Liaison Officers should be checking to ensure that their C.O.P. group has the correct Liability Insurance coverage. This year, the cost is \$155 per group, no matter how many members there are in the group.

If a C.O.P. group is volunteering for a community event, they should be asking if the community is covering the C.O.P. member under their community volunteer policy. If so, the volunteer should be signing a document to show this.

There are two types of insurance that a C.O.P. group can ask for. First is liability Insurance, which is required before any C.O.P. patrols. Accidental Dismemberment and Death is another type of insurance that can be purchased through ACOPA. This is not mandatory for the C.O.P. group to have in place. The cost for AD&D is \$200 per year. If there are any members over 70, there will be an additional cost of \$50. Members over 80 are not covered by AD&D insurance.

If a group chooses to cancel their insurance policy at any time, the group MUST fill out the cancellation form that is posted on the ACOPA website under the members secured section and forward to Eugene at insurance@acopa.ca

Please note: Any group that does not pay their insurance policy in full by January 30th will have their policy automatically cancelled by the Insurance provider. ACOPA will not be paying for the insurance for any group. Any group that does not carry the Liability insurance puts their members in danger and should not be patrolling until the proper insurance is in place. If the insurance is cancelled, the group will have to go through the application process to get re-instated. Any questions or correspondence in regard to ACOPA insurance should be directed to Eugene at insurance@acopa.ca



Ride Alongs

There have been some questions about allowing a Media person to join in a "Ride Along" during a C.O.P. patrol.

This is something that ACOPA will be discussing at the January Board meeting and will come out with a recommendation following that meeting. In the meantime, groups need to be cautious about allowing any individual to go along on a patrol if they are not a security cleared approved member of the C.O.P. program.

There are insurance implications to be concerned with.



Drunk or high – don't drive!

Driving impaired – drunk or high – can cost your licence, your money, your health or someone's life.

