



**ALBERTA RURAL CRIME WATCH ZONE 2 MEETING**  
**MINUTES – April 14, 2018 10:00 AM**  
**Mountain View County Office (south of Olds on Highway 2A at Bergen Road)**

1. Call to Order - [Gerald Ingeveld](#)
2. Welcoming Comments / Introductions:
  - a. Jane Fulton - Mountain View County
  - b. Cor DeWit – President Prov RCWA
  - c. Cst. Chris Mayo, Olds RCMP
3. Approval of Agenda with amendments: Jack Swanson / Bruce Heggerud. **CARRIED**  
Approval of Zone 2 Minutes – October 14, 2017 with elections. **MOTION: Verna Hart / Gayle Watson. CARRIED.**

10:15 - Cyber Business Security Handouts & Top Scams for 2017 info from B.B.B. Info Shared.

10:30 **PRESENTATION: TRACtag.** Martin Venneri. Purpose of presentation is to share what system can do and build network. They have designed tracking system for assets that provides owners with a lost and found option when they advise that the piece of equipment has been stolen. The device is installed in equipment and if the item is stolen, the owner initiates a request to the network. Individuals can download a free App to their phone and whenever they are in the vicinity of the stolen equipment, a message is sent to the owner. It is NOT a GPS system, so the blockers don't work with it.

TracTag is looking to work with dealerships, RCW, and Neighborhood watch associations. They are new to Alberta but looking to grow. The TracTag APP is on iTunes. More info available on their website.

11:00 - **PRESENTATION: REPORTER APP** (Cochrane RCW). Rosemary Lindsey (APPENDIX A)

LUNCH  
Grace – Gerald Ingeveld

1:00 OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **2018 Prov. Symposium Notes & AGM Minutes – DISCUSSION.** (APPENDIX B) **Minutes on Prov Website**  
Recommend to further look into these at Fall meeting with facilitator to create recommendations.  
Review with 2017 round table notes.
2. Consistent messaging (RCMP – blackberry phones incompatibility issue) (Jean Bota) – Tabled.
3. Report from Prov Association (Verna & Dean Hart)
  - New President – Cor DeWit.
  - Integrating with COP and other crime prevention groups (Neighborhood Watch; ACCPA, etc.)

- Partnership with Red Deer Crime Prevention Assoc – office will be located in Red Deer with admin support. Touch A Truck fundraiser – May 12 at Crossroads Church, Red Deer.
- New Website & developing a video
- RCW mandate is only for passive patrols. COP members are required to take training to do patrols and covers how not to engage..
- Looking for host for 2019 conference

4. **OPEN MIKE.** Your chance to share what's working for your RCW and areas you'd like advice on.
- Recommend associations get a separate e-mail for the association for continuity.
  - INSURANCE. Members of RCW covered for liability. Does not cover for retribution by thieves.
  - Big Horn Backcountry. Proposing to make into Prov Park, Only 3 F & W officers cover the whole area. They are looking for tips!
  - MP's have been holding town hall meetings and the common message is concern with Catch & Release Criminals. Vigilantly behavior is building and needs to be dissuaded.
  - Front License Plate letter – Sample on website.
  - Letter from Tricia Velthuizen on UPC 'rural crime day' – Monday, April 30. Discussed.
  - AMA letter for support government approving blue white warning lights for emergency vehicles – tow trucks - to improve visibility. Please consider writing a letter to your MLA.
  - Rocky RCW Trade Show successful. – Know Your Neighbor theme
  - MVC conducting Crime Prevention Workshops: April 28 – Farm & Rural Safety, Cremona and others upcoming
  - Olds RCW – Family Crime Prevention Trade Show – May 26 – Olds Legion.
  - RD-Lacombe RCW. Partnerships with Summer village & town of Alix. Amalgamated with Ponoka RCW. Using Box Clever System for e-mail distribution of fan outs. May 14 – 19 is Police Week. Hosting BBQ in Blackfalds. Save Your Plate screws campaign. Cervus Credit Union – presented on Fraud Prevention.
  - Communication between RCW & RCMP top down from Provincial to build APP.
  - Communication between RCMP & AHS relating to mental health cases / accident victims issue
  - Meeting held between Sol Gen, RCMP K Division & RD County – fruitful.
  - Burnt Lake RCW – how to increase involvement of youth??
  - Need 2-wy communication with RCMP
  - Provincial RCW Fan-out system under discussion.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:**

- **Report offenders in west country – take picture.**
- **Reinforce need for front license plate – reinvigorate lobbying of MLA's and letters to Solicitor General 's office.**
- **Lobby for legislations to be able to defend property. US – Stand Your Ground movement.**
- **Benalto & Area had lawyers come to discuss Rights.**
- **Raven RCW had crown prosecutors come to talk legal details.**
- **Governments need to invest in drug rehabilitation programs**
- **RCMP created Prolific Offenders Program**
- **ID your property (pictures of jewelry)**
- **Inventory your property – useful for insurance claims too (Micro-dot ID System)**
- **Serial Registry Info (APPENDIX C)**

5. **NEXT MEETING WITH ELECTIONS** (Usually October). Hillside RCW will host.

***QUOTE: When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed. Maya Angelou – 1928-2014 Author, Poet, Dancer & Actress***

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**For Questions or Directions – Call Gerald @ [403-638-2356](tel:403-638-2356) or Judy @ [403-507-5647](tel:403-507-5647)**

## **APPENDIX A: COCHRANE REPORTER APP:**

In response to member concerns and identified gaps in rural crime prevention the CFPA has been developing a Reporting Application 'Reporter'. The initial prototype version of 'Reporter' is set to be launched at the CFPA AGM in April 2018.

### **Problem Statement and Motivation**

Upon listening to our members and our partners concerns, the CFPA has identified several issues of concern with regards to the reporting and sharing of incidents in the rural community. Incidents include reports of suspicious activity, garbage dumped, vandalism, attempted or successful thefts, attempted or successful break ins, and any number of other violations of public peace, safety, and security.

Currently, non-emergency incidents can only be reported to authorities via phone or email. This isn't always a viable mechanism, especially if people are concerned about potential delays or privacy issues. Further, incidents reported in this manner are not always discoverable by or reported to people in the immediate vicinity of the incident. There is often a concern that the incident may not be 'serious' enough to report. Additionally, it is often difficult for authorities to provide meaningful statistics to members about what is going on in their local neighbourhoods. Out of this gap in the reporting of incidents and notification of localized activity, to facilitate the sharing of information between fellow members, and in keeping with the CFPA's role of being the 'eyes and ears' in the rural community, the Reporter Application was created.

### **Basic Description**

The CFPA **Reporter Application** aka 'Reporter' is a web application that allows its members to report incidents wherever they see them and share that information with fellow members. Being a browser based application, this application will work with any device that has a relatively modern web browser (this includes most desktop and laptop computers as well as most brands of smart phone, tablet, and other portable devices, and even some TV's and household appliances). If you have a device that runs a relatively modern web browser, you will be able to use 'Reporter'. Being a volunteer effort, the initial list of functionality at launch is intentionally limited so we can gather feedback from our members to help direct and focus our efforts on the largest impact to our members.

### **Initial Functionality**

On launch, a member will be able to:

- report non-emergency incidents tagged geographically with GPS coordinates
- view other non-emergency reporting contact information (phone numbers email etc.)
- view all incidents reported by fellow members within a date range

All incidents are displayed on a satellite map (via Google Maps), as well as viewable as a list of incidents.

Full incident details can be displayed on further navigation. In recognition that crime knows no boundaries, there is no real limitation to where incidents can be reported as occurring. If the location has a GPS coordinate, it can be reported and displayed with 'Reporter'.

### **What Reporter Can NOT do**

'Reporter' is **NOT** intended to replace the use of **911** for reporting serious incidents. Unfortunately, 'Reporter' is currently not able to directly forward incident reports to responders such as RCMP or County services. However, CFPA is happy to provide access to all reported incidents to RCMP members or any other authorized personnel.

### **Future Functionality**

Among the many potential future pieces of functionality are:

- support for inclusion of photos or other media to incidents
- addition of identifiable 'community' tags used for additional filter of incidents
- addition of automatic notification of incidents in your specified community or area of concern.
- addition of a shared 'tips' board for sharing of security tips between members
- integration with single sign-on (i.e. using Facebook, google, twitter, or other social media accounts)
- addition of member self-management to allow online registration and payment of members' dues
- development of dedicated iOS or Android native apps for better device integration and performance
- other desired functionality as identified by members

CFPA plans to consult with the various responders to investigate the potential for forwarding incidents on to any appropriate systems.

### **Support of Other APRCWA Chapter Members**

The design of 'Reporter' lends itself to easily support other APRCWA chapters and their members. Every member account can be associated with one or more chapter associations. Other chapters may be asked to help share any ongoing maintenance or hosting costs related to 'Reporter'.

### **Conclusion**

CFPA hopes that 'Reporter' will encourage members to report incidents more frequently and provide meaningful feedback to members with regards to incidents in their local areas. We are all the 'eyes and ears' in our respective communities, and the better we share information about what's happening the harder it becomes for criminals to take advantage of rural communities.

## APPENDIX B:

### APRCWA Symposium Feb 17 2018

### Flip Chart notes/compilation

- 1 What are some of the current safety concerns and where are they happening?
- 2 What do you want to achieve?
- 3 What are you already doing and what do you need to do moving forward?
- 4 Who needs to be involved and why?
- 5 What does success look like?
- 6 What can you bring to a local safety strategy?

#### 1 What are some of the current safety concerns and where are they happening?

WHAT does the “Changing face of crime look like in the Rural Areas?

- Property crimes: including home invasions; break-ins of residences; mailbox break-ins ; vehicle thefts; theft of property;
- expansion of violence:
- e.g. armed B&E; not local amateurs; systematic with multiple people females also;
- drug based crimes to fund drug purchases;
- addiction driving crime of repeat offenders
- Amount of rural crime – escalated tremendously in recent years.
- Drones; police absent; lack of community engagement
- Elder abuse; online scams , fraud
- Slow government; slow justice; slack penalties;
- Children recruited – Trafficking
- Personal safety - all intrusions lead to fear, safety concerns, feeling of violation; trauma – worse for isolation in homes, subdivisions, rural farms
- Isolation means vulnerable during response time; RCMP response times eg 1-2 hours

WHERE is the crime happening?

- Occur throughout all communities
- Probable causes:
  - are proximity to major city
  - addictions
  - gun shops have prohibited weapon

REPEATED // KEPT FOR REFERENCE

- Home invasions; armed invasions;
- many b&E theft; not feel safe
- Home invasions; B&E
- communication;
- (eg Greenview, Lacombe City, Smoky Lake, Bellis, Blackfalds)
- property invasions
- Coordinating services
- Policing /counselling SRO
- Lack of knowledge and technology
- Engage rural communities
- B&E property crime; vehicle thefts; mailbox break-ins

#### 2 What do you want to achieve?

WHAT

- Personal safety; less crime; safe neighbourhoods;
- A safe and caring community
- Want to be safe in homes and schools
- Reduced crime; education; resilience; communication;

- Accountability; responsibility; community ownership
- Work is valued and recognized
- Justice system to work
- Zero crime rate
- Live without fear;
- Address root problems and intervene;
- *Focus on safe injection sites (but not on) and beds or facilities to help get them out of addiction*
- Get hope back; empowerment
- Reduced addiction
- Simplify
- Warm inviting communities;

#### HOW

- Bigger police presence
- Coordination over boundaries
- Reinvent community
- Education on changing mindsets
- No credit for time served; adult crimes if they are teenagers
- Engage with youth in crime prevention – tips and strategies
- Active participation in community groups eg RCW; COP; Neighbourhood Watch
- Communication with RCMP and 1)community groups; 2)camera surveillance;

3)other court resources

#### REPEATED // KEPT FOR REFERENCE

- Fewer criminals – reform them; avoid getting into that behaviour; work more in schools
- Safety; safe community for everyone
- reduced fear

### 3 What are you already doing and what do you need to do moving forward?

#### WHAT DOING

- Having police interact with public; community policing
- Prevention by design eg Lacombe County; CPTED
- Fanouts of alerts
- Target hardening; lights, gates, education, working on physical side protecting our property; cameras; trail cams; alarm systems;
- Emphasis on showing how CR/RCW works
- Educating public generally on CP and RCW
- Holding neighbour/community info sessions on CP and RCW
- Supporting youth agency eg St Albert RCMP
- RCW; COP; N Watch; policing meetings; Facebook group; fanout system; informal group discussions

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#### WHAT NEEDED

- Better communication among first responders
- Better planning; be smart and aware
- Improve communications in all directions
- Get to know your community
- Crime prevention liaison; engage youth and young families
- Peace officers attend RCW meetings

- Be aware
- Plan in place to protect
- Lock it or lose it; connect with neighbours; connect with our zones; emails
- BBQ gatherings; text, fanouts
- Poster contest (children); connect with all schools
- Visibility by meeting and engaging
- Community partnering with other businesses; education
- Campaigning; Use of municipal grants
- Stronger penalties;
- Support busses to Legislature; voice our options and start with open dialogue
- Pressure /lobby for RCMP members
- More crown prosecutors in rural
- Prevention strategies

#### Programs

- RCMP boot camp
- DARE program
- Drivers education
- POD program Lobby gov't for support to implement CP initiatives
- CPTED inspections
- engage with schools; communities; residents; health services; RCMP; CPTED community seminars
- Trained CPTED staff and RCW members
- Some COP
- Wise Owl Presentations for seniors
- All partners in conversation (health, police, community, schools)
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- Create awareness of what is being done
- Educate // avoid vigilante
- Collaborate with enforcement levels
- More buy in by RCMP
- Enhance partnerships in community
- Some coordination
- Urbans are great neighbours
- Prevent RCW from dying
- Neighbour mutual support

#### REPEATED // KEPT FOR REFERENCE

- Need personal safety plans
- and cameras
- public spaces
- Engagement
- Increase law enforcement

#### **4 Who needs to be involved and why?**

##### WHO

- Everybody – requires change in rural mind set on safety
- Involve towns and cities in Community Crime Watch; small towns are rural
- Involve Crown attorneys and Justice
- Educate younger generation and youth
- Everyone - report suspicious activity
- Education; public health; mental health; AGLC
- Police; Indigenous and Leaders
- Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers

- Elected (representatives)
- Farmers; all residents including cottages and acreages
- Town residents
- Engage with communities ie Website, links, local media, newspapers, word of mouth, Town council, RCMP, events, meetings, schools
- Youth programs, community support programs
- Involve social partners
- Communicate regionally and provincially

#### WHY

- Need community involvement around underlying issues casing addictions, & crimes
- Facilitate opportunities in schools, AHS, youth at risk
- Offer life skills training;
- Everyone is involved and everyone's responsibility to prevent
- Better communication amongst ourselves
- Social agencies; businesses
- Mental health; schools; more policing in schools; (cost concern)
- Lacombe County pays for community policing in 5 schools
- More policing in rural areas
- Education brings perspective and options
- Small group synergy

#### HOW

- Telegram program for immediate communication (secure free APP)
- Make use of smart phones;
- Alberta Police Reports for stats on crime
- SK is lobbying federal government for law changes - work with SARM
- Communications between RCW and RCMP
- Advocacy for stronger justice system

#### **5 What does success look like?**

- Less Crime
- Looking out for neighbours and working together to belong to a community;
- Reduction in crime rate, ideally no crime
- people feel connected;
- CPTED applied
- Caring community; passionate
- Everyone accountable; more youth volunteering
- 100% RCW memberships
- Beautiful sunny day
- Be able to walk in comfort in safe community
- Return of trust

#### HOW

- REPEATED // KEPT FOR REFERENCE
- Schools; school boards; parents; community members; youth groups; neighbours;
- reduce from 40% of group that have been affected by property crime
- Laws changed; reduction to crime stats;

#### **6 What can you bring to a local safety strategy?**

##### PERSONALLY

- Organize neighbourhood meetings to get to know others and include police

- Be a leader
- Challenge strangers – why are you here; take pictures
- Increase communication to everyone
- Use social media eg Twitter, Facebook, email, text. Value of personal contact
- Get active in community groups
- More cameras on property – responsibility
- Look out for each other - be an eyes and ears person
- Report suspicious activity
- Put up Member of RCW signs

#### AS RCW GROUP

- Communication among RCW groups
- Patrolling of communities
- Encourage youth involvement;
- Connect with service providers, clubs; groups;
- First Nations involvement
- Get involved; be supportive; speak out; awareness safety; report SA
- offer assistance and meeting space; committed to education;
- provide support of awareness and observation



## Serial Number Registry

**Don't wait...  
until it's too late!**

**Register Your Serial Numbers!**  
(First 100 are FREE)



### "Protecting People and Property"

#### THE PROBLEMS

1. When property is lost or stolen, the owners cannot provide specific identification details when filing police reports. Although manufacturers affix serial numbers to many products, most people are unable to provide police with this number after the item has been lost.
2. When property is acquired by innocent people, there is no easy way for them to determine if it is lost or stolen.

#### THE SOLUTION

1. Register the serial numbers of your possessions in the Serial Number Registry. If they are lost or stolen, you can retrieve the information from the Registry and give it to police when filing a report. You can also flag the item(s) as "lost or stolen" in the Registry database, so that anyone who might acquire your property can see that it had a previous owner. You also have the option to offer a reward for information about lost items.
2. Check the serial numbers of items you acquire to see if there is a match. If they have been previously registered, you may be eligible for a reward!

#### WHAT TO DO

1. [Check your serial numbers](#) to see if they were registered by someone else.
2. [Log in to your account](#) to add or edit your serial numbers.
3. [Create an account](#) if you don't already have one.

#### DISCLAIMER

- Neighbourhood Watch provides the Serial Number Registry as a public service and has taken reasonable measures to secure information stored in the database. However, no guarantee is made that the data you enter is protected against all threats. Neighbourhood Watch assumes no liability in the event that information in the Registry is obtained by unauthorized persons.
- Neighbourhood Watch and the Serial Number Registry do not pay a reward when items match serial numbers in the Registry. If a reward is offered, then the party who has registered the serial number in the database is responsible for payment. Disputes arising from reward offers have to be settled between the claimant and the party offering the reward. By using this website, you agree not to involve Neighbourhood Watch or the Serial Number Registry in any dispute.
- Participating police forces may check the serial numbers of recovered items against the Registry database, but do not guarantee that registered items will be matched. Police assume no liability in the event that a registered item is recovered but not matched to the registered owner.

#### QUESTIONS?

- If you have a question not answered in the [FAQ section](#), send an email to [nw@SerialNumberRegistry.ca](mailto:nw@SerialNumberRegistry.ca).

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