



# Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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**MINUTES - MEETING – Wednesday July 26, 2017 6:00 p.m. MVC Council Chambers**

MEETING STARTED WITH BBQ & POT-LUCK SUPPER. Bison Hamburgers donated by Great West Bison, cooked by StopBully.com. *Thank you. to Westview Coop for their support and donation.*

PRESENT: Shirley & Bob Gamble, Marilyn Sweere, Glenn Bishell, Jennifer Lutz, Marion Jorgensen, Leah Bednar, George & Marge Steckler, Glen Fahrlander, Darwin Schatz, Bill Wigley, Dwayne Berreth, Wally Gunderson, Pat Silbernagel, Marie Sheets, Shirley Felker, Bonita Bay, John & Judy Bargholz, Michelle Maschke, Mary Hildebrandt, Leon & Nancy Graham, Gerald Ingeveld, Judy Schlichenmayer, Sgt. Jim Lank; S/Sgt. Chad Fournier, Kevin Heppler

## Call to Order - Gerald Ingeveld

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda MOTION: Glenn B CARRIED.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (May 31, 2017) MOTION: Michelle M CARRIED.
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
  - 3.1 *On-going need* for volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives see attached suggested list – (APPENDIX A). Zones are assigned by Range Roads. Contact Judy if you can assist in your area!
  - 3.2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors. This is on-going!! Forms are on the website.
  - 3.3 Incident Report Form – Sgt. Lank TABLE
  - 3.4 CASINO REPORT – THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. **Jim Stumpf, Tom & Maurine Boucher, Michelle Maschke, Ian Kennedy, Dave Sharek, Dave & Charlotte Hogarth, Diane Hogeland, Leon Graham, Joanne Mackenzie, Terry Lowry, Judy Schlichenmayer, Patty Hager, Bonny Bay, Anita & Bob Towns, Doreen Mousek, Clem Pointer, Carla & Brad Sparks, Jim Thomson.**

## PRESENTATION: Sgt. Jim Lank – Target Hardening & Your Rights to Defend

In 2014 property crime increased 30-40% across the province. Target Hardening is about deterring crime – make it more difficult for the thief. What you can do to your environment to make it easier to catch the thief: IE: Lock stuff up; Don't leave valuables out in plain view; Store items inside of sheds – lock if possible; Secure off-highway vehicles & farm machinery; Mark your property; **Record serial numbers of items!!**; Photograph property. Invest in good lights across your property. Vehicles – remove keys; don't leave garage openers in them when parked outside. Get to know your neighbors.

**Report ALL Losses (thefts)** even if small. Criminal intelligence officers link these incidents. A recent major recovery in the Rocky Mountain area was due to a stolen iPad.

**RECORD:** Keep notes of any suspicious activity – unusual vehicles in your area. Record incident / time / location / etc. **Call 911** if you witness a crime in progress!!

**NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS:** Join RCW, COP, Neighborhood Watch, Block Parents.

**DETERRENTS:** Lights - motion sensor. Gates, Cameras – monitor remotely. Conceal and check regularly for tampering – removal of storage device – batteries. Alarm system – Driveway Alarms.

**GOING AWAY:** Secure small valuables (jewelry, etc.) . Have designated Keyholder – ADVISE YOUR SECURITY COMPANY / RCMP WHO THEY ARE. Have someone pick up your mail. **NOTE:** report any mail missing / mail box tampering to the RCMP.

**CITIZEN’S RIGHTS/ OBLIGATIONS.** You have the authority to conduct a Citizen’s Arrest. Sect. 494. S.25 Criminal Code. Authority to use as much force as **necessary** (subjective) to facilitate the arrest and deliver to a Peace Officer. OR to protect yourself – family. Defend yourself but don’t put yourself in harms way. **OBSERVE – RECORD – REPORT. Pass to Police to deal with!!!**

#### REPORTS:

- 4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus / Darren McInnis) N/A
- 4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Chris Mayo) N/A
- 4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Sgt. Lank) Things have been steady!
- 4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (S/Sgt. Fournier) Stats for April – May – June. Property crimes are rising. Persons crimes down. B & E’s are steady. Injury MVC – 4 in last 3 months. 11 last year. 18 prev year. Suspect vehicles / property reports – 39 last 3 months. 55 last year. 75 prev year. **Want people to report!!!! Even small things lead to arrests.**
- 4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Hepler) Couple of oil rigs in county. Traffic stats similar to last year. Steady over summer.
- 4.6 PRESIDENT’S REPORT. Involved with Sundre COP Steering Committee. Did presentation at MacDougal Flats. Representative of Zone 2 on Prov RCW Board. Move to be more cooperative with Prov COP’s and Crime Stoppers. Criminals are using technology to perpetuate crimes – need tools for CP. COP has an iPad APP that they use to log and record where they are. RD and Lacombe counties supporting RCW phone APP – being piloted as crime prevention tool.
- 4.7 SECRETARY’S REPORT: Busy with planning / scheduling for the casino and this meeting. Attended Eagle Valley Association’s community info session at Eagle Hill. Thank You’s out for Trade Show supporters. All fan-out Reports posted on our website as well as local reports or with photos, too long to fan out. Total members contacted – 809. Successful contacts 772 = 95% success rate. Lots of new information on the website and re-organization of information. NEW “Crime Tips” page.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT RCMP RELEASES WITH PICTURES.** AND Community Policing Committees from Olds & Didsbury agendas and minutes posted along with RCMP stats reports [www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca](http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca)

- 4.8 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Firmston?) N/A
- 4.9 COP – SUNDRE – OLDS. Sundre program ended in 1985. Volunteers routinely patrolled and supplemented RCMP. Renewed interest to get going. Insurance coverage – ACOPA (Prov body with 78 communities active). Patrol in pairs. Check in with RCMP and determine areas to focus on. Static surveillance. Record – Observe – Report. Membership Requirements – required to commit to x shifts / month. Support dress code. Required to participate in training & meetings.

Confidentiality agreement. Observe only. Property checks. **Created Steering Committee to get up and running again. AGM Meeting – Sept 13 @ 7 pm @ Sundre Community Center.**

**OLDS COP:** Suspended 2015. Supported by Olds town council with funding – have equipment, radio's and some cash in bank & gas coupons. Council is supportive of getting it up and running again but must be community driven. Auxiliary Officers to be liaisons.

5. Financial Report.

5.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Judy gave a verbal presentation on the financial status of the association.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT VERBAL REPORT:** Judy / Shirley Gamble CARRIED.

5.2 Outstanding Bills:

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** Bonita B/Michelle M CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 How can we work with the local Citizens on Patrol organizations (under 4.9)

5.2 How can we work with Community Policing Advisory Committees: e.g. – Olds College students and resident property damage – Meet your Neighbors Sept BBQ.

5.3 SPOG Day – participation in September 15. Also Safety Day. Need volunteers to man tables. Contact Gerald.

5.4 Protocol for Patrols. Develop with COP & RCMP. Including a confidentiality agreement.

5.5 Brainstorm Presentations Interested In

- New Maijuarana facility

- Dangerous offender's designation – significance of.

- Jim Lank volunteered to do a presentation on the legalization of Maijuarana from the police's perspective (November)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 ARTICLES TO CIRCULATE: RCMP Unveil new local anti-drug initiative / Man faces weapons charges following police raid / Rural Crime Watch patrols being considered / Regulating marijuana is a fool's errand / Have your say regarding legalization of pot in Alberta: <https://www.alberta.ca/cannabis-legalization.aspx> / Keeping Kids safer from identity theft / LP Magazine

7. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Banner Project in Olds. Memorial drive by Firehall. Looking for good photo's

8. **NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 @ 7:30 PM @ MV County Office**

**MEETINGS FOR 2017 WILL BE:** Jan 25; Mar 29 AGM; May 31; July 26; Sept 27; Nov 29

9. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Nancy Graham

CARRIED.

## APPENDIX A:

ZONE		ZONE REPS
01	OTHER AGEN/RCW	None
04	OLDS COP	Margaret Erickson
05	EXECUTIVE	None
08	SPOG / SHELL	Marcie Newman
09	TOWN OF SUNDRE	
10	RR 10 – RR 20	Vance / Glen B / Ross Holmes / D&P Braun
20	RR 20 – RR 30	K Banick / S Baker / Mary Hildebrandt / Fred Newsome
30	RR 30 – RR 40	Bill Wigley / Ken Burrell
40	RR 40 – RR 50	Dick Ross /
50	RR 50 – RR 60	Sarah-Rory Gunderson?
60	RR 60 – RR 70	Nancy & Leon Graham's
70	RR 70 – RR 80	T Kleeberger – Burntstick Summer Village
80	RR 80 – RR 90	
	WEST COUNTRY	Meryl Fox (Sunset) ? / Jason Bradley (RD River Ranch)??
91-94	BLANK FOR FUTURE	
95	TOWN TORRINGTON /WIMBORNE	??????
96	TOWN OF OLDS	Dave Hogarth
97	TOWN BOWDEN	Wayne Milaney
98-99	TEST ZONES	None
	TOWNS DIDSBURY – CARSTAIRS & CREMONA	Ian Kennedy
260	RR 260 - 270	Judy S / Evelyn Smith? / Alan Anhorn?
270	RR 270 - 280	Arnold Lachman/ Jason Leach
285	RR 280 – RR 10	Dale Edwards
	CLEAR WATER COUNTY	
	BIG HORN COUNTY	
	KNEEHILL COUNTY	

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Liaise between RCMP and your neighbors

Go-to to activate patrols / road closures

Co-host with office – one event yearly to promote RCW and memberships