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MINUTES - MEETING – Wednesday July 27, 2016 **7:30 p.m.** MVC Council Chambers

PRESENT: Leanne Finlay; Margaret Erickson, Cst. Andrew McKean, Dave Stauber, Carol Webb, Chloe Cartwright, Alissa Firmston, Irv Heide, Kevin Heppler, Bonny & Fred Bay, Lyle Bliss, Nancy & Leon Graham, Mary Hildebrandt, Bob & Shirley Gamble, Herb Noyes, Wally Gunderson, Glenn Bishell, Judy Schlichenmayer
REGRETS: [Gerald Ingeveld](#), [Dave Sharek](#)

Call to Order - Glenn Bishell

Introduction of Irv Heide, Senior County Enforcement Officer, replaces Box Dixon who has retired. Retire RCMP officer with 29 years of varied service, including the Calgary Alert Team. 7 Peace officers in the County with varying levels of authority.

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2016) MOTION: Bob Gamble / Judy S
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 3.1 Fan-out System – retirement? Looking at using MailChimp for e-mail and existing system for phone-fax.
 - 3.2 We still need volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives see attached suggested list – (APPENDIX A). Zones are assigned by Range Roads.
 - 3.3 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors
 - 3.4 POSTER CONTEST – Deadline was June 30 – We have a few entries. **Leanne & Margaret volunteered to judge after meeting.**

PRESENTATIONS:

1. What to report to police – what is suspicious / what does the police want to hear about. And then what happens to the information. How it's important to report but don't expect a call back – but info IS used and IS important
(ANDREW)

RCMP encourage residents to report anything out of the ordinary. Someone shows up at your farm that seems fishy – Note description of individual(s) – distinguishing features—tattoos, glasses, hair color, accent, dispatch line. Officers may not attend but your information is logged and helps create a file & timeline for an incident if necessary. You should get a call back but it may take a few days for this to happen. Report all incidents, even if you don't think anything was stolen. Reports of suspicious vehicles / persons with descriptions. The RCMP Crime Analyst will review the info and note trends – time of incidents / type of things stolen / etc. And there is a sketch artist in the Cochrane area who was used in the recent rash of thefts & home invasion in the Carstairs area.

2. CPTED (ALISA FIRMSTON – IRV HEIDE) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. It's all about making it harder for thieves through better design . Look at your property through the eyes of a thief. What stands out – what can you improve? Number 1 Tip – Is Good Lightening / alarms - sensor lights. Crime Triangle: Target + Design + Opportunity. Focus on removing opportunity and access control – Both for getting IN and getting OUT (ie: fire/ambulance access). Surveillance & signage good tactic. Maintain property (broken window theory) Trees should be de-limbed at 6'; bushes trimmed.

Have an inventory of your equipment – including Ser #. Good place to check for your stolen property is KIJII. If you find it – notify the police. Lock vehicles / doors and put valuable property out-of-sight

4. REPORTS:

- 4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus) N/A
- 4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Lyle Korver) N/A
- 4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Val Dennis) N/A
- 4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Andrew McKeane). Property Crimes / vehicle thefts – license plate thefts are up. Watch for things / people out of place. 10 members at detachment – 2 new members coming.
- 4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere). Decrease in traffic with slow economy.

GENERAL TIPS:

Things to be aware of: check your vehicles when you get in them. Make sure there is a license plate on it AND that it is yours. Don't just lock your driveway gates when you are not home. The thieves will watch and strike when you are gone. **By putting a distinguishing mark on your equipment, tools AND trailers – you will make it easier** for the RCMP to recover AND return it to you. Suggested Marking: (AB) – *for Alberta* then follow with your driver's license. Any law enforcement officer in N. America can reference this and get your address. Not many know what a brand is and few can access brand information

Frauds are still prevalent. Another type of scam from the Innisfail Detachment – Re-winning of vehicles. A couple of residents have been out of pocket when the vehicle they bought turned up to be stolen and had the wrong VIN # on it. You not only need to check with registries to make sure there are no liens; you need to check with the relevant dealership to make sure VIN matches description.

Don't post your holiday plans / pics on social media until you get back. Don't alert people you will be gone. Don't put out empty boxes, etc. of new purchases, in the garbage. Thieves also watch Funeral / Wedding announcements to get info when people won't be home. Have someone check your place if you have to be away.

- 4.6 PRESIDENT's REPORT – N/A

- 4.7 SECRETARY'S REPORT: All fan-out Reports posted on our website as well as local reports or with photos to long to fan out. . We received a partial grant from County to create a Crime Prevention Tip of the week for paper/radio/TV. Reviewing with advertisers what we can do with resources granted. Our 2016 grant from the county is supposed to be in the mail according to Pam Thomas when we spoke June 28.

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

- 4.8 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Firmston)
Red Deer Patrol will do a CPTED inspection on your property if you ask.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Brainstorm Membership Promotion Venues. Talk to your neighbors. Membership applications are available on the RCW website. Or contact Judy at 403-556-8846 or info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca
- 5.2 Brainstorm Presentations Interested In. Contact Judy if you know of an opportunity.

6. Financial Report

- 6.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ June 30, 2016
Chequing balance -\$ Casino balance - \$
TERM DEPOSIT: \$maturing in December

MOTION TO ACCEPT VERBAL REPORT: Judy / Shirley Gamble

MOTION ON SIGNING AUTHORITIES: Moved by Margaret / Leanne: The signing authorities for Olds Rural Crime Watch will be any 2 of: President - Gerald Ingeveld; Vice-President – Glenn Bishell; Past-President – Dave Sharek; Secretary-Treasurer – Judy Schlichenmayer; Member at Large – Fred Bay CARRIED

- 6.2 Outstanding Bills:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Fred / Bob CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION
FRAUDS & SCAM CALLS: - APPENDIX B

- 7.2 Crime Stoppers Magazine. Articles to note: The TIP and the TIPSTER / BEWARE OF PHISHING SCAMS / IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING CRIME TABLE

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Problem with stolen license plates and swapping of the plates. Check to see that you have YOUR plate. There are special license plate bolts. If you have a stolen . lost plate REPORT – ASAP!

Also Note the government is no longer sending out reminders for license plate OR driver's license renewals. But they are collecting fines. When you buy a new vehicle – there is NO grace period for insurance coverage and it WILL Be towed. Insurance coverage must be immediate AND you must have proof of insurance AND registration if checked.

Hanna RCW is reporting thefts of lawn mowers, as well as St. Albert and Innisfail RCMP. Generator thefts from Didsbury. Red Deer RCMP warn of Utility Scams; and door-to-door salespeople with high pressure sales tactics of business with no business license. You have the right to see their business license – ask for it. If it's a legitimate offer it will be there tomorrow; don't get pressured into immediate sales. Don't let stranger into your home. **Information on these ARE posted on our website.** Check it out at www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca.

9. NEXT MEETING – SEPT 28, 2016 @ 7:30 PM @ MV County Office

MEETINGS FOR 2016 WILL BE: Jan 27; Mar 23 AGM; May 25; July 27; Sept 28; Nov 23

PRESENTATION: Alissa – Break-in & Personal Safety

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

APPENDIX A:

ZONE		ZONE REPS
01	OTHER AGEN/RCW	none
04	OLDS COP	Leanne Finlay
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	Dianne Alberda?
70	RR 70 – RR 80	T Kleeberger - Burntstick
80	RR 80 – RR 90	
	WEST COUNTRY	Meryl Fox (Sunset) ? / Jason Bradley (RD River Ranch)??
91-94	BLANK FOR FUTURE	
95	TOWN TORRINGTON /WIMBORNE	Jack Pratt
96	TOWN OF OLDS	Dave Hogarth
97	TOWN BOWDEN	Wayne Milaney ?
98-99	TEST ZONES	none
260	RR 260 - 270	Judy S / Evelyn Smith? / Alan Anhorn?
270	RR 270 - 280	Arnold / Pat James? / K Ingram?
280	RR 280 – RR 10	Roy Nesom ?
285		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

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APPENDIX B

- RCMP Innisfail has seen a sharp increase in calls for assistance from people who are reporting frauds and scams. The majority of these complaints involve someone calling the victim and asking for some money in return for a prize. The three most popular scams we are seeing are:
 - The STARS prize scam. The fraudster cold calls a person and says they are from STARS and they are asking for the victim to buy tickets to win big prizes. The victim then pays them money for the tickets that of course don't exist and never receive a prize.
 - The RCMP fundraiser scam. The fraudster cold calls a person and says they are the RCMP raising money for bowl for kids and asks for a donation. Of course the RCMP never ever solicit money for any reason and the victim ends up donating money to a criminal and not a charity.
 - The Readers Digest Scam . The fraudster cold calls a person and says they are a big winner. The victim is instructed to send money to collect their prize. Of course there is no prize and the money goes to a criminal.
 - The Canada Revenue Agency scam. The fraudster cold calls a person and says they are in trouble and owe money to the Canada Revenue Agency. They threaten police action and use intimidation to convince the victim to send them money.

The detachment has received upward of 10 calls per day. RCMP have released guidelines to the public to assist them in following property reporting channels for frauds in Alberta. These guidelines have been outlined on business cards and are available at the front counter of the detachment.

Reporting Scams and Frauds in Alberta

- If you have **NOT LOST MONEY** but suspect you have been targeted, contact the CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE 1-888-495-8501 / www.antifraudcentre.ca