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OLDS & DISTRICT RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 27, 2019 5:30 p.m.(networking / supper @ 6)

1. Call to Order –CHAIR: Gerald Ingeveld called meeting to order with 90 members present at 7 pm.
2. Adoption of the Agenda. MOTION: Penny Palsson-Smith / Dick Ross CARRIED.
3. Approval of Previous AGM – March 28, 2018 & Previous Meeting Minutes (January 30, 2019)
MOTION: Jason Leach / Glenn Bishell CARRIED.

PRESENTATION: – *Jennifer Kee, RCMP K-DIVISION on Crime Reduction Strategy & Program N/A*

PRESENTATION: – *David McKee – Calgary BBB on Fraud Prevention*

POINTS OF INTEREST: Scammers typically are in a rush to close a deal, claim limited availability, take advantage of emotions. You should: exercise caution, slow things down, use common / spider sense, do your own research before you commit to anything. **DON'T GIVE OUT ANY PERSONAL / FINANCIAL / CC INFORMATION.** DON'T pre-pay for services. **If it sounds too good – IT IS!!** Only 5% of scams get reported. The Better Business Bureau AND Canadian Anti-Fraud organizations track reported scams. Also Scam Tracker. They are a good source to check information and if you do become a victim, report the scam to them and the local RCMP so others can be warned. **TOP 10 SCAMS OF 2018:** #10. BANK SCAM. #9. HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAM. #8. TECH SUPPORT SCAM. #7. ADVANCE FREE LOANS #6. SUBSCRIPTION SCAMS #5 PHISHING SCAMS (be careful with your social media accounts) #4. EMPLOYMENT SCAMS #3. ON-LINE PURCHASE SCAMS #2. INCOME TAX SCAMS #1. ROMANCE SCAMS.

4. REPORTS / ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

- 4.1 Prov RCWA Report (Gerald) Phone APP under development SEE APPENDIX A FOR AGM REPORT. Report from Meeting – March 21 – 22, 2019. We won the RCW Farmers' Advocate Award and \$1,000. It's for an innovative project that helps prevent and mitigate crime in rural communities. Gerald participated in Senate Review Committee hearing on Bill C-71. Info posted on our website. 53 Associations are now members of Prov RCW. Zone 2 (Central AB) has 50% of the members alone the #2 corridor.
- 4.2 SUNDRE RCMP DIDSBURY RCMP OLDS RCMP REPORT:

Property crime is down across the Province . It spiked between 2012 – 2017 but decreasing 20 – 30% in 2018 due to Provincial RCMP measures like Provincial Intelligent Teams gathering and plotting criminal information by these dedicated teams working with local detachments who are working closely with community groups like RCW and COP This has resulted in more public reports of suspicious behavior and the detachments thank the public for taking the time to call in reports. They are helping with arrests. Increased focus on working with community groups and concentrating on prolific offenders is paying off. Also, created public facing crime maps which are re-freshed every 2 weeks and posted on websites like the Olds RCW. Be suspicious of social media posts – there are a lot of untruths posted.

OLDS DETACHMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN OBJECTIVES FOR 2019-2020:

Objective 1: Reduce property crime.

Objective 2: Increase traffic safety.

Objective 3: Build and maintain positive relations with the local community.

Objective 4: Support employee wellness.

- 4.5 MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY. 2019 Crime Prevention Grant available – Deadline April 18. Also working on organizing / sponsoring crime prevention workshops. U of C students are doing a study on Community Safety in the Water Valley area. Requesting that members complete Survey (link on our website or County website).
- 4.6 RED DEER COUNTY. Thank you to RD County residents for reporting incidents. County Peace officers support local RCMP detachments to take minor complaints off the shoulders of the local detachment members and support for traffic enforcement (my crashes and check-stops). Up to 5 Peace Officers in county with an additional position currently being recruited for. Hours of patrols will be extended with added manpower.

5. EXECUTIVE REPORT:

- 5.1 PRESIDENT: Memorandum of Understanding between RCMP and PRCW AND COP to work together for municipal and rural patrols. Sundre & Olds already working together.
- 5.2 SECRETARY: Olds RCW is one of the more active associations in the province and I believe its success is due to having regular meetings to engage our membership, an office, up-to-date fan-out system, and excellent website & Facebook presence, which is updated regularly with new information. We have excellent support of the RCMP officers and other protective services from all over the area. We are making a difference in our community.. **Check out the website for postings from the RCMP and other associations. There are also some cool Crime Prevention Tips!!!! CRIME MAP IS ALSO ON WEBSITE.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS: Fred Bay / Nancy Graham. CARRIED.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE: (*CURRENT IN ITALIC RED – VOLUNTEERS*)
Chair over to Electoral Officer: BRUCE BEATIE.
- CHAIRPERSON: *Gerald Ingeveld* NEW: **Jason Leach** _____
Nominations called from the floor 3 times. Nominations cease was declared and Jason was nominated by acclamation.
- VICE-CHAIR: *Jason Leach* NEW: **Glenn Bishell** / _____
Nominations called from the floor 3 times. Nominations cease was declared and Glenn was nominated by acclamation.

- PAST CHAIR – *Fred Bay* NEW: **Gerald Ingeveld**

- SECRETARY-TREASURER: *Judy Schlichenmayer* NEW: **Judy S / _____**
Nominations called from the floor 3 times. Nominations cease was declared and Judy was nominated by acclamation.

- MEMBER AT LARGE *Michelle Maschke* NEW: **Fred BAY _____**
Nominations called from the floor 3 times. Nominations cease was declared and Fred was nominated by acclamation.

6.3 SIGNING AUTHORITIES:

MOTION: Judy S, / Bruce Beatie Signing Authorities will be any two of: Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary-Treasurer; Past Chairman. CARRIED.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – AUDITED @ DECEMBER 31, 2018. Thank you to our auditors – Richard Ross and Penny Palsson-Smith. Due to a misunderstanding with handouts, the financial statements were missed. MOTION TO TABLE TO NEXT MEETING: Dave Sharek / Dick Ross. CARRIED.

7.1 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2018: MOTION TO APPOINT Dick Ross & Penny Palsson-Smith. Greg Harris / Dick Ross. Carried.

7.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JAN – FEB 2019:
MOTION TO APPROVE: _____ / _____
Carried

7.3 BUDGET INFORMATION: 280 paid members

OFFICE / ADMIN COSTS	\$ 7,000
WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA	2,000
TRADE SHOW	1,500
MEETING EXPENSES	3,300

7.4 MEMBERSHIP FEES, STARTING January 1, 2021
OPTION: \$25 / year \$25 – for 3 years other ????
MOTION: Glenn Bishell / Dick Ross That membership fees for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024 will be \$25.00.

8. Upcoming Events:

8.1 PROVINCIAL RCW ZONE 2 MEETING – Hosted by us at Mountain View County Saturday, **APRIL ??, 2019 10 – 4 @ the MVC office. This is a great opportunity for members to come and hear what’s happening in Central Alberta. Cost is \$20 to cover lunch. RSVP required.**

8.2 CRIME PREVENTION FAMILY TRADE FAIR – Do we want to do one this year?
Saturday, MAY ??, 2019 @ THE OLDS LEGION. 10 – 2. (Crime Prev Week –

May 14-19) Volunteers needed. Please contact Judy if you can help with planning of the event OR WITH THE EVENT.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: (circulated for information) – Table to next meeting.
 - 9.1 Thank You from C.M. Zablocki, Deputy Commissioner Commanding Officer “K” Division. For all of RCW volunteers.
 - 9.2 Talking pot with Youth – Cannabis Communication Guide. (avail at detachment office)
 - 9.3 Cyber.assault (avail at detachment office)
 - 9.4 Emergency Preparedness Guide (available at county office)
 - 9.5 Prov RCW Association Newsletter (available on our website)
 - 9.6 Articles Mountain View Gazette: Feb 5 – Association wants front plates returned
Feb 19 – Fighting Rural Crime Picture of Garage Sale
Feb 12 – Rural crime fight initiative welcome – Project Lock-up
 - 9.7 Article in Olds Albertan – Feb 19 – Pict of garage sale.

10. ROUND TABLE – Open to Floor for comments.

11. NEXT MEETING: MAY 29, 2019 @ 7:30 @ Mountain View County Office
PRESENTATION:

12. ADJOURNMENT

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

1. Walk around your property and look at it like a thief would. Good Lighting / Alarms #1 tip.
2. Get together as a community and get to know your neighbors. Build community relations.
3. Put valuables in discrete, uncommon areas – Not your bedroom or freezer.
4. Don't post on social media when you'll be gone. Post pics when you get back.
5. Don't have message on answering machine say you are gone.
6. Record serial numbers and/or pictures and keep in secure place for recovery. **Mark tools and other property with distinguishable mark.**
7. Audio alarms are good as well as driveway alarms.
8. Keep your contact info up to date with your alarm company.
9. Have a trusted friend / neighbor look in your property if you are gone and even move stuff around. Give them the security company's info and vice versa.
10. Close driveway gates even if you are home. Don't create a pattern that you only close them if you are gone.
11. Cloning and re-vin ing vehicles has been happening in our region with higher value vehicles. Check **with dealer** to make sure VIN matches what you are buying and check with registries office to make sure no liens. Get copy of D.L. of seller.
12. ID theft a big deal. Arrested an individual in Blackfalds with a significant amount questionable ID. Check your bank and credit card statements for weird – small purchases. REPORT. Police can't do anything if they don't know!! You can remain anonymous.
13. Report abandoned vehicles to county and report suspicious vehicles to RCMP.
14. Check your vehicle for a license plate AND THAT IT IS YOURS!
15. Put a distinguishing mark on cargo trailers, and equipment of all types for ID and return if stolen and recovered.
16. **Get your wallet out and record / take picture of everything in it. Take out SIN, Birth Certificate and any other personal information you don't use on a regular basis, Record the info on the back of the cards as well. Then if it's lost / stolen, recovery won't be as difficult.**
17. Take an extra minute and make sure your garage door closes and stays closed.
18. Use manual lock on vehicle, instead of remote.
19. Don't leave vehicles running to warm up with keys in it (being stolen even in the rural areas)
20. **Report anything you think is 'suspicious', even if it seems minor. Information is used to build crime stats and flag hot spots.**

APPENDIX A: REPORT FROM APRCWA A. G. M. – FEB 1, 2019

EXECUTIVE FOR 2019:

PRESIDENT: COR DE WIT
TREASURER – Verna Hart

VICE-PRESIDENT: ROSEMARY LINDSAY
SECRETARY – Judy Schlichenmayer

WEBSITE: Interactive Crime Map on website. Video's on website as well.

CRIME REDUCTION – RCMP STRATEGY

NEW TECHNOLOGY: Auto License Plate Reader

Public Education and Community Engagements

More Crown Prosecutors

Specialized Police Intelligence

Prolific Offenders Focus

Crime Analysts

Small % committing crimes & many are repeat offenders. Targeting top offenders – 4 active

Specialized units in Province dedicated to this.

HOTSPOT POLICING: identify through data (Need public to call in ALL incidents to be able to plot)

NEW CALL BACK UNIT – to follow-up with public who call in tips.

Training videos on crime prevention on UTUBE & SOCIAL MEDIA

AUTO THEFT:

Specialized Units dedicated to this crime. Only takes 30 seconds to steal a vehicle.

F250 & 350 targeted. Stolen to be parted out or used in a crime.

REMOVE KEYS – LOCK – REMOVE VALUABLES (especially anything with your ID on it)

GPS TRACKING SYSTEMS - vehicle & personal.

MARK YOUR PROPERTY: For recovery. “TRACE PENS” Document your assets with pictures / videos. FILE; USB In safe place

Be aware of your ENVIRONMENT

Central Alberta Stolen Vehicles – on social media

CLONING OF VEHICLE IDENTITY also an issue.

ANTI-THEFT: license plate screws.

Check your plate every time you drive: Is there one AND Is it Yours?

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CPTED

Consider hostile landscaping in vulnerable areas (in front of windows) IE rose bushes

Where do you store your keys?????

MARK EQUIPMENT: Microdots. Engraving tools & Pens. Trace Pens (new tech)

Get to Know Your Neighbors! Community Activities.

Check Kijii and Auction Listings if you do get something stolen.