



Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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MINUTES - MEETING – Wednesday May 27, 7:30 p.m. **Mountain View County Council Chambers**

PRESENTATION: TRAIL CAMERAS – Dave Sharek

\$30.00 off Trail Cameras at Wholesale Sports in Calgary as a member of RCW. Also reported that Olds Home Hardware has a very good driveway alarm system for \$82. Great value for the price!!! Works on eye (motion sensitive) with 4 AA batteries which last about 1 year. You can set sensitivity. Wireless 800 m

COUNTERFEITING CHEQUES – Judy S

Very easy to wash out info like payee & amount to alter cheques written with ink pens. Gel pens are now sold as anti-fraud tools. Available at stationery stores.

PRESENT: Glenn Bishell, Dave Stauber, Jon & Sharon Fulton, Wally Gunderson, Lee Kasper, Mary Hildebrandt, Dean Moore, Henry Kuelker, Dave Sharek, Cst. Andrew McLean, Bill Hagerty, Ken Burrell, Ross Holmes, Leanne Finlay, Margaret Erickson, S/Sgt. Joe Sangster, Cst. Val Dennis, Kevin Heppler, Arnold Lachman, Bob & Shirley Gamble, , Gerald Ingeveld, Judy Schlichenmayer, Larry Mueller, Betty Swanby, Bill Post

REGRETS: Chris Huhn, Corrie fisher, Tom & Pat Cates

Call to Order - , Gerald Ingeveld

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda. MOTION: Leanne Finlay CARRIED.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 27, 2015) MOTION: Glen / Dave CARRIED.
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 3.1 RCW Fundraiser Auction of RCMP seized property. With Machinery Auction – April @ Olds Auction – Raised approx. \$1,000 + \$280 for gun cabinet. It was sold at their Gun Auction end of April.
 - 3.2 Family Crime Prevention Trade Show – May 9 @ Olds Legion. Extremely well received. Final report being compiled; debrief meeting for participants in process. Suggestion from the floor to consider a different time. Even though done with Crime Prevention week this is a very busy time for rural residents.
 - 3.3 We still need volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives. Judy & Gerald will meet to map members.
 - 3.4 NAME CHANGE. After checking on casino application and website naming, it is recommended that the name be left as is. We can be more inclusive in our branding and refer to ourselves as Olds & District but leave registration as it is.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 4.1 FUNDING REQUEST FOR BIKE RODEOS BY OLDS RCMP . \$500 for 1,200 bicycle bells is requested. Funding – Casino funds. MOTION: Leanne /

Margaret. Moved to support the request with recognition. CARRIED Youth is a priority for all the detachments.

CHECK ON DATE FOR FARM SAFETY WEEK.

- 4.2 PROV RCW ASSOC – AGM. Feb 5 & 6, 2016 in Hanna
- 4.3 AB COM. CRIME PREV ASSOC – 2015 Crime Prev Conf will be Nov 4 & 5 in Calgary.
- 4.4 INFO FROM CORRIE FISHER – HIGH RIVER AREA. Having great success with FB page (514 members already)
- 4.5 REPORT FROM PRCWA – Lee Kasper, Zone Rep. Prices of signs will be increasing with price of alumina going up. Signs from roads are being stolen in Ontario like our copper wire is here. The Prov, government cut off hosting the PRCWA website but should be up in couple of weeks with telus. September is targeted to get new website up. Cottonwood – South Village Marker Ville – Raven – Penhold Neighborhood Watch – Blackfalds New RCW Associations

5. REPORTS:

- 5.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus) N/A
- 5.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Lyle Korver) S/Sgt Joe Sangster reported for Lyle as he is assigned to fire detail at Wabaska. 1 more member to come from Cochrane. Good coverage being provided. Seen drop in criminal activity in our area with initiation of Crime Reduction Team for Olds-Didsbury-Sundre. The 3 detachments are working very well together. Couple of big arrests. Working with RCW and Communication increasing with county Peace Officers. Social media is making a difference as well as diligent community members reporting suspicious activity. DETACHMENT PRIORITIES: Traffic Enforcement / Drug Enforcement / Youth.
- 5.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Val Dennis) Cpl Hodge has been transferred. Waiting for new Cpl. From Cold Lake. Otherwise up to staff. Sgt. Lank unable to attend as on training. May long weekend stats in paper. How to text a Crime Tip to Crime Stoppers (see separate document attached). Tipsters still remain anonymous. Copper wire thefts are starting up again.
- 5.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Andrew McKeane). Up to full strength. Rural incidents seem to be down but suspicious activity reports are up which helps to drive thieves away. Mail box thefts again in Olds & Didsbury areas. Lots of fireworks seized on May long weekend. They are not allowed in forestry area. They have been returned. Snow sent a lot of people home early; more Provincial traffic tickets were issued this year compared to last year.
- 5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) Traffic enforcement is picking up. Did joint check stops with RCMP. Oil activity is down.

- 5.6 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Working on 2015 Crime Prevention Family Trade Show report. Working with CATV1-RDTV.ca on crime reports for news. Follow-up report on meeting with Red Deer County & Strathcona RCW – see APPENDIX A Attended Safe Communities AGM. Interesting information on concussions. Attended RD County Volunteer Appreciation event. Very nice. Attended training from International Crime Prevention Specialists Society. Really good information.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS & DIDSBURY RCMP WEEKLY REPORTS POSTED.

www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

- 5.7 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 5.8 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Lloyd) N/A

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Gun Shooting Range discussion on suggestions for reducing noise. Noted silencers are illegal. What about shooting through plastic bubbles???

7. Financial Report

- 7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ April 30, 2015
Chequing balance -\$ 11,850.62 Casino balance - \$ 25,780.06

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / _____

- 7.2 Outstanding Bills:

Meeting Expenses, Website, Student Leadership goodies, StopBully sign renewal, Insurance, Mock Accident Video, Trail Cameras, Postage Stamps

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Larry / Dave CARRIED

- 7.3 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY.

R D County approves new sign rules – MV Gazette – May 12/15

R D County recommends closing roads due to crime - MV Gazette – May 12/15

RCMP seize drugs, make arrest – Olds Albertan – May 5/15

Scenes from a mock accident – Olds Albertan – May 5/15

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Someone from Edmonton is selling security systems. Monthly fee with contract. Needs internet- same as ADT. Will get more info for next meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING JULY 29, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX A:
MEETING WITH RED DEER COUNTY & STRATHCONA RURAL CRIME WATCH
April 2, 2015 – 10:00 am @ Red Deer County Office

PURPOSE: To get a demo on Clever Box e-mail fan-out system that Strathcona RCW is investigating.

RCMP can send out an e-mail immediately from site. Question – do they have time?
E-mail fan-outs can also be scheduled. Detailed reports are produced : who opened e-mail / when.
Same information can be shared on Facebook but then there is no control on where it goes and what is added / deleted. Can also be tweeted.

Cost: 250 set-up fee & creation of e-mail template
e-mail - \$15 / month, basic plan
Customer is responsible for input / training; System is managed by Clever Box and e-mail are forwarded out to membership by them.

Would need an APP for text messaging – cost \$17,000++

Website with FAQ – NO. This was a surprise.

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TRI-COM SYSTEM (our system)

Does e-mail, phone & fax, and text messaging.
Accessible remotely for anyone authorized to use system; simple to use; detailed report produced on who answered, when, who got e-mail, etc.

SUMMARY: We need to talk to the RCMP detachments and review what our system can do and what we can do for them. All an officer needs to do is type a brief message on the incident with information they want shared with members and forward to: info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca OR torrock@oldsnet.ca. Judy will send out next day or following day at the latest. If it is an emergency – Call Judy @ 403-507-5647 and she will send out IMMEDIATELY. Call anytime – used to dispatching tow calls so middle of the night calls are not a problem.

Further discussion amongst the group raised the comment that we really need to educate the public on what is a suspicious call: vehicle parked for long time in one spot, etc. What should be reported: make / model / color of vehicle / plate / description of suspects, etc. Even if they are unsure if they should report it, listen to their gut. The information could be valuable in putting the pieces together and getting a successful conviction. Get to know your neighbors and what they drive and when a different vehicle shows up in their driveway – call and see if they got a new one or company. Or

IT'S CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH AWARENESS AND EDUCATION