



# Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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## **MINUTES** - MEETING – Wednesday November 25, 2015 **7:30 p.m.** MVC Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Douglas Shields, Margaret Erickson, Kevin Heppler, Cst. Val Dennis, Cst. Andrew McKean, Bill Wigley, Douglas McCullough, Lynne Henry, Alec Macklin, Gord Leeson, Fred & Bonnie Bay, Arnold Lachman, Judy Schlichenmayer

**REGRETS:** Gerald Ingeveld

Call to Order - , Arnold Lachman

1. Adoption/Changes to the Agenda **MOTION TO ACCEPT:** Douglas McCullough **CARRIED.**
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Sept 30, 2015) **MOTION:** Douglas McCullough / Bonnie **CARRIED.**
3. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
  - 3.1 We still need volunteers for Zone / Range Representatives see attached suggested list – (APPENDIX A). Zones are assigned by Range Roads.
  - 3.2 **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** – Reminder to get renewals in – and talk to your neighbors
  - 3.3 **2016 – APRCWA AGM & CRIME SYMPOSIUM – FEB 5 & 6.** \$ 75.00/person before Dec 4 or \$125/person. : Fred & Bonnie Bay, Judy & Wally and Dave Sharek have indicated they will be going. APRCWA has received re-instatement of Charity Status
  - 3.4 **POSTER CONTEST** – no entries. Suggestion to run our contest in Feb-Mar. Arnold will talk to schools to see if this will work.
4. **REPORTS:**
  - 5.1 **Fish & Wildlife** (Adam Mirus) N/A
  - 5.2 **RCMP-Olds** (Cst. Lyle Korver) Experiencing thefts from tire stores.
  - 5.3 **RCMP -Sundre** (Cst. Val Dennis) There has been an increase of thefts in the industrial areas. Razor' Quads are targeted. 20 – 30 reported stolen in south – Rocky area alone. Skid steer on 5<sup>th</sup> wheel goose-neck trailer stolen . Thefts ramping up for Xmas. Older Tahoe suspect in recent attempted theft. May look at need to set up patrols. Believe thieves coming from bigger centers with shopping lists.
  - 5.4 **RCMP – Didsbury** (Cst. Andrew McKeane) Vehicle thefts recently have ended with thief wrapping seat belt around steering wheel and putting something on accelerator and demolishing the trucks. Reminder to **PLEASE REPORT ANYTHING YOU SEE THAT IS SUSPICIOUS.** 52 vehicles were **STOLEN IN 3 MONTHS** IN Olds-Didsbury-Sundre area.

Mostly Fords without electronic chips. **LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT!** Didsbury has had 3-4 separate files of vehicle thefts and steering wheel wrapped with seat belt. Have suspects but they are still active. Things slowed down for mid-month, but need to stay vigilant. Tractor stole from dump couple of days ago. Cut gate to get in.

Reminder that Xmas presents are easy targets. Christmas Trees visible through windows with presents under them become targets. Suggestion to delay putting out presents. Keep parcels out of sight in vehicles – **AND LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT!** There are some recovered stolen items at the detachment. If you've had somethings stolen – come in and check.

5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) Busy with speeders. Last Sept – 25 tickets; Since 1<sup>st</sup> of year 30, +50 over speed limit. Mandatory court appear – usually \$600 fine. Oil activity is at standstill.

5.6 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Continue to work with CATV1-RDTV.ca on crime reports for news from Didsbury & Olds RCMP. Reports posted on our website. We have some stolen property from the Didsbury RCMP to dispose of as a fundraiser. Recommendation from Executive Committee is to create a list and circulate with replacement prices where available and solicit bids. CATV1 also donated a bunch of office furniture. Working on that. And Alberta Gaming has flagged some expenditures as disallowed. Went to another orientation session Nov 23 and working on the issue.

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

PRESENTATION: PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY. (Arnold)

Gates, driveway alarms, lighting, dogs, cameras – All good deterrents!!! Make it harder to be a target. Keep stuff out of sight. Lock stuff up! Keep all gates closed. Big nuisance but necessary. Mark items! For example: There are hundreds of 'white cargo trailers' travelling around but there is no reason for RCMP officers to pull them over. So put some kind of mark on yours – maybe a simple happy face. Could be the difference of being recovered or not.

Dakota Digital is an excellent driveway alarm. If you see a vehicle parked – check it out and record / report license number. Check plates through APP – Serial Registry, to see if stolen. Cameras with siren alarms are deterrents. RCW still has a couple of trail cameras from Wholesale Sports for sale.

5.7 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT / PRESENTATION ON PROTECTING PROPERTY** (Arnold Lachman). Olds Regional Exhibition (Olds Ag Society) needs security for Santa parade this Saturday at 5 pm. Arnold will coordinate – will need 11+ volunteers. If you can help – contact him.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 2016 – crime Prevention Trade Show. Crime Prevention Week is May 11-17. It was agreed to hold event – **SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016. At Olds Legion is available. Margaret Erickson, Leanne Finlay, Fred Bay** will help with it.

7. Financial Report

- 7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Oct 31, 2015  
Chequing balance -\$ 9,357.66 Casino balance - \$ 9,335.75  
TERM DEPOSIT: \$10,000  
**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT:** Judy / Doug. CARRIED.

7.2 Outstanding Bills:

Meeting Expenses / Travel to Zone Meeting / Printing  
**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** Fred / Doug CARRIED.

7.3 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Prov RCWA Zone II Meeting MINUTES– Oct 17 – 10:30 – 2:30  
ARTICLES: Addictions can be prevented: AHS – Nov 17 MV Gazette  
RCMP Investigate a rash of thefts – Nov 17, Olds Albertan  
Media Release: Cattle Liners Crash on Hwy 23 at Hwy 519 – NEW TRAFFIC CIRCLE.  
AB Assoc of Police Governance Newsletter  
Article forwarded by Jean Bota on history of RCW from RD county & Lacombe newspapers  
Little Black Book of Scams

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Township 340 & Range Road 44 is a problem intersection. (Forest Heights Golf Course Sign) Suggest letter to the County Operational Department.

Leaving your vehicle running with keys to warm up is an invitation to a thief and there have been incidents I Olds of vehicles stolen right from in front of the residence or in driveways.

Citizens on Patrol Provincial convention was in Leduc. One of the exercises was mock crime demo. 8 people / table – not 2 had same descriptions.

9. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 27, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

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

10. ADJOURNMENT. Motion: Doug Shields CARRIED.

PS – StopBully memberships for \$20 are available if you wish to donate/support them

## 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 ?
	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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