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AGENDA - MEETING – Wednesday November 29, 2017 7:30 p.m. MVC Council Chambers

PRESENT: Wally Gunderson, Glen Fahrlander, Marie Sheets, Fred & Bonnie Bay, Leah Bednar, Shayne McIntosh, Pete Blanken, Elaine & Phillip Shultz, Gerald Ingeveld, Glenn Bishell, Duncan Milne, Kathy Banick, Mary Hildebrandt, Robert Deisman, Robin Fair, Tom Hunter, Lorraine Richards, Ian Kennedy, Bryan & Darlene Kasha, Alan Miller, David Olsen, Kevin Heppler, Judy Schlichenmayer

PRESENTATIONS: Facebook for RCW & non-profits (Kathleen Windsor)

intrusion detection systems for fence lines and the benefits of CCTV and Perimeter Security Web based over view.

INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order - [Gerald Ingeveld](#). With presentation.

FACEBOOK. Tool to share information – report criminal activity / crime prevention tips. Ability to share information with your friends and then their friends and on. Good source of info sharing through social media – mass communication tool. Access to and from RCMP. Communicate in real time. Share emergencies – road closures – road bans, etc. Can unite communities. Many other RCW associations using this tool. As well there are other informal groups such as Olds Community Watch, Mountain View County Rural Neighborhood Watch, etc. Post teaser to alert people and then have them to to website for full start. To set up, monitor and continue to post information is \$350 (one-time fee) MOTION: Judy – Ian. That Olds RCW invest in a Business Page for a one-time set-up fee of \$350. CARRIED.

NOTE: APPENDIX D – Good News Story from Red Deer / Lacombe County RCW of successful arrest due to Facebook - December 31, 2017.

INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEMS: Include Door Bell – Driveway Alarms, Perimeter Fence Intrusion Detection Systems. Check out information at www.rbtec.com / info@rbtec.com

Precision Cam systems available through Rips Audio in Olds. www.rips.ca

Speco Technologies specialize in cameras that fit any lighting application: www.specotech.com

Telus has economical vehicle GPS tracking systems

Home Hardware has driveway alarms.

1. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda MOTION: Kathy CARRIED.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Sept 27, 2017) MOTION: Judy / Marie 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.
 - 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 – N/A TABLE

3.4 Report on RD-Lacombe RCW Phone APP pilot. Reported at Zone 2 meeting that they didn't get RCMP support so it's been put aside.

3.5 How can we **work with the local Citizens on Patrol** organizations

3.6 **Protocol for Patrols:**

October 10, 2017 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE:

PRESENT: Gerald Ingeveld, Ian Kennedy, Cst. Chris Mayo, Cst. Steve Smart, Fred Bay, Judy S

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To discuss patrolling / COP support.

Sundre and Olds are trying to reinvigorate Citizens on Patrol. We are looking at how we can work with these groups as well as the one in Didsbury. RCW mandate is for a passive role and COP is for active patrolling. Patrols are done in pairs and participants commit to do training and a minimum of x patrols a month, and there are security checks done. Sponsors are solicited to pay for gas coupons for patrols.

Chris agreed to get a boundaries map of the RCMP Detachments and Gerald will follow-up with the Prov COP association (ACOPA). They have an app but it's unclear how used.

Ian does patrols as a RCW patroller with a system of logging in with the Didsbury RCMP and patrolling Didsbury – Carstairs and Cremona areas. RCW does have insurance that covers this as a RCW activity as long as we remain passive.

COP – Members do active patrols / trained for patrols / check-in procedures / screening / electronic tracking. At the Prov level – looking how to work together. COP will accept rural members to patrol in their rural areas. So it's recommended interested members should join their local COP – get training and then there will be insurance / protocols for them.

3.7 Prov RCW Zone 2 meeting Report – Saturday, October 14, 2017 in Leduc
(Appendix B) Olds hosting meeting in April.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus / Darren McInnis) N/A

4.2 RCMP-Olds (Cst. Chris Mayo) N/A

4.3 RCMP -Sundre (Cst. Don Porier) N/A

4.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Matt Doane) N/A

4.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) Traffic light. Couple of rigs starting up in Eagle Hill area.

4.6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Attended 3 Sundre COP meetings; Prov RCWA meeting. Jubilee Insurance rep discussed coverage. Digital copy of Safety Tips on their website. Interactive Provincial Map. Information pamphlets available. Working on video on RCW for training and RCMP info. Looking at working with Central AB Crime Prevention Council in Red Deer for office and meeting space.

4.7 SECRETARY'S REPORT: All fan-out Reports posted on our website as well as local reports or with photos, too long to fan out. Lots of new information on the website and re-organization of information. NEW "Crime Tips" page. Attended Zone 2 meeting and on-going work with new member applications and trying to get mail chimp to work. Arranged for Intruder Detection Systems Demo – Nov 14 @ Olds Agric. Society. (ORE) Attended Bergen Christmas Market with booth again. Sold couple of memberships.

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: (Irv?) N/A

5. Financial Report – will be verbal report.

5.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Oct 31, 2017

Chequing balance -\$ Casino balance - \$

MOTION TO ACCEPT VERBAL REPORT: Judy / Ian. CARRIED.

5.2 Outstanding Bills:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Fred / Ian. CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM SUNDRE CITIZENS ON PATROL ASSOC. for startup expenses. MOTION: GERALD / GLEN To fund the Sundre COP at \$500 for start-up expenses from the Casino proceeds. CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Next Prov RCW AGM & Symposium – Feb 16 & 17, 2018. Hosted by Red Deer County RCW Early Bird Registration fees - \$100/person by Dec 31. MOTION: Kathy / Ian Anyone interested in attending to contact Judy by December 12; Will fund up to 10 attendees for registration and hotel. CARRIED.

NOTE: 11 new associations are forming in the Province.

5.2 Letter to RCW Associations from Raven RCW Director. Letters to Minister of Justice ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca cc: innisfail.sylvanlake@assembly.ab.ca APPENDIX B. There was good representation and exposure but government seems indifferent to crime in rural areas. Did not entertain debate from United Progressive Party and delegation. There were hundreds of letters tabled though. We need to look to and present solutions. Thieves feeding drug habits. Arrested – out on bail – still need to feed habit so thieving continues. Cycle perpetuates.

5.3 Perimeter Detection System Presentation – Nov 14, 2017 @ Olds Cow Palace. Well attended. Good information.

5.4 New Memorandum of Understanding between PRCW and RCMP. Recently Signed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 ARTICLES TO CIRCULATE – for information

AMA – WINTER IS COMING – Safer Winter Driving Tips. /

RB tec – Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems info

Prov RCW Newsletter – The Bulletin Fall 2017 (on website)

OLDS ALBERTAN – Olds RCMP battle huge crime wave – Oct 17 / Fentanyl connection to Central Alberta broken – Oct 10 / Mayor-elect surprised crime mentioned in forum / Crime, lack of businesses dominate Bowden forum – Oct 10 / Olds RCMP investigating theft spree in area – Oct 10. Police search for suspect who fled – Oct 17.

MEMORIAL WAY STREET DEDICATION. Sept 21, 2017

RD RCMP remind drivers when to report motor vehicle collisions.
MV GAZETTE – Ashes stolen in Dogpound break-in. Thankfully returned.
Leduc RCW Association – Brochure.

7. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:**

Feedback on Olds Christmas parade security: need more lead time to get volunteers. Good parade. Need radios. Town should put up signs couple of days before to alert people streets will be closed. (will be passed on to ORE.

SUGGESTION: To check with RCMP and Prov RCWA to see if there are reports on the better security systems. What are people's experiences with equipment / companies. ??

8. **NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, 2017 @ 7:00 PM @ MV County Office**

FUTURE PRESENTATION SUGGESTION: New Maijuarana laws impact from RCMP perspective (Sgt. Lank)

MEETINGS FOR 2018 WILL BE: Jan 31; Mar 28 AGM; May 30; July 25; Sept 26; Nov 28

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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 / Pete Blanken
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	NONE
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

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presentations, at our County office, and they are well attended. Involved with local detachment initiative – REPORT-A-DRUG HOUSE. Local Cell phone at detachment where public can call / text suspicious activity anonymously to be investigate. Like a local version of Crime Stoppers. Challenge to get word out that this is available. . Have RCMP liaison officers from each detachment and Mountain View and Red Deer Counties. Website includes lots of crime prevention info and fanouts from ALL associations via RCMP media releases. Will include members from other association on our fanout system. Around 300 calls go out with each fanout. Just need to send in contact information. Share now with many other groups. Younger generation isn't interested in attending meetings, doing admin functions but will come out to help with specific events so incorporate their involvement appropriately. This is seen by other volunteer organizations as well. Information dissemination --Membership drive through radio / paper / fanouts / word of mouth. Thank you – recognition certificates to volunteers AND RCMP officers including detachment commanders. Have a free volunteer recognition B-B-Q in July and AGM is with supper. Set up membership recruitment table at local events. Work with local COP's. New associations have contacted us for help in getting started, etc. Have sponsored drug presentation in High School for the public – well attended. Promote Crime Prevention through Education!!

CLEAR WATER COUNTY (ROCKY) CRIME PREVENTION: Looking into new fanout system. Membership is waning – need membership recruitment drive. Get information from Olds – Red Deer-Lacombe RCW's. Response time is perceived to be too long in the area due to location. Long weekends little police presence as they are dealing with issues in the west country as thousands of campers descend on the area. No or poor internet service, NO cell service - also issues. Need to use better technology to get younger members.

RED DEER / LACOMBE RCW: 250 on fan-out system. Jean Bota doing fanouts – through e-mail. Board meeting ever other month – General membership at AGM. Split area into 4 quadrants and do educational sessions in each. Fentanyl & C.P.T.E.D. educational sessions facilitated. Planning to take drug information sessions into the schools during school hours. Working with school boards on this. Have strong county support.

DRAYTON VALLEY RCW: 50 MEMBERS. Have e-mail only fan out system. Get summary of info from RCMP to send out. Talking with Tomahawk to work together. Need strategy to get youth involved. Projects sound like a good idea. Sponsor Bike Rodeo's with youth. Wetaskiwin COP has folded. Like idea of Recognition of officers and doing B-B-Q's around area with detachments. And to get Mayors and Reeves more involved.

HANNA RCW (Dean): Sponsor presentations in schools working with School Resource-Health officer, with presentations geared for appropriate age levels. Good relationship with RCMP – visit detachment regularly for coffee.

BURNT LAKE RCW: fan outs with Sylvan Lake. Good RCMP support.

TOMAHAWK RCW: Share info on Facebook, through fanouts and cell phones. Communication is #1. County involvement. Do open houses and school functions.

LEDUC RCW: Vehicle thefts are way up – many with keys in – need education blitz. Edmonton focus on reducing vehicle thefts has pushed thieves out to rural areas. Lots of swapping license plates; So, teamed up with Victim Services and COP and handing out tamper proof screws for the plates, provided at check stops. “Secure It or Lose It” campaign. Info brochure given out with screws listing facilities that will carry tool to change it.

8. Speakers, NA
9. Lunch

12:00 pm

10. Business session

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

- I. **Alberta Rural Crime Watch report.** Fall Newsletter out and on website!! AGM will be February 16-17 in Lacombe!!!
Significant portion of Prov expenditures relate to Directors expenses / mileage for Director's meetings. Looking at alternative ways of holding meetings – video conferencing, etc.
Strategic Plan also looking at support for Treasurer and Secretary. Gerald Ingeveld tasked to look at ways for funding – IE Corporate sponsorship.
Dean to talk to Red Deer Crime Prevention Center for common initiatives, etc.
Web site: New look and functionality. Interactive Map with membership associations' locations.
GOAL: #1 source for info especially new RCMP recruits / liaisons. Section on How to Start an Association / Benefits - VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP/ Resources & links / Bylaws / Policies / Forms / and a Members Section. .
Video report: Well under way, first of a series to be produced. Working with K-Division for content – proposed to be used at depo for training. Also to be put on U-tube!! Link to Provincial Website. RCW copyright. Target Date: - Feb AGM.

Flagstaff RCW up & Running and new RCW at Delburne – Highway 21 Corridor RCW.

COP & RCW have different mandates. COP is for active crime watch patrols; RCW is passive – eyes * ears. Record – Report .

- II. Special Resolutions – deadline for submission to Prov Board is NOVEMBER 1. They need to be vetted for wording and appropriateness, so when presented to the AGM they are in good form.
- III. Open Discussions
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – MAY 15 – 21. Consider doing recognition events IE – B-B-Q-s at detachments.
Need to continue to encourage information sharing among the associations.
Signs (reflective) for back window that states: “If this vehicle is seen out between midnight & 6 am. Stop it.” Gives police permission to stop without having to have just cause to stop.
Question posed – Do any associations do patrols. NO.

TIP: Get a RCW e-mail for your association instead of using personal e-mails for continuity.

- IV. Elections; Term expiring- Lee Kasper

7. Next meeting host ? OLDS – APRIL
OCTOBER 20, 2017 – HILLSIDE (Wetaskiwin)

8. Adjournment

Special thank you to Telford House for use of their room.

APPENDIX C

Crimewatch Members: My name is Alison and I am a Director of Raven Crimewatch.

Yesterday I had a discussion with our MLA Don MacIntyre regarding the recent crime spree, how we need to start pushing the government to recognize what is happening in our rural areas, and that we need something to change. We have had enough, and the government has to stop ignoring this epidemic and do something before any MORE innocent people are hurt.

We now have arranged a day focused on rural crime in the Legislature in Edmonton on Monday, November 27 1-3pm. We have the entire official opposition on board. Jason Kenny and all of the MLAs are going to be there and are fully supportive.

I am asking you to write letters addressed to the Justice Minister (info to follow) and email a copy of them to Don MacIntyre. These letters will be read and tabled and used during the question period. We also need people to fill the gallery. In order to get the attention and focus we need on this issue we need people to be there and show up in droves. The Minister and Premier will be asked questions by Don MacIntyre and the other UCP MLAs of the Official Opposition and they have to answer those questions and face us and the press up in the gallery. We need numbers: people who have been hit and people who haven't. We are ALL affected, these criminals have made us all victims and this involves everyone in the community.

Don is contacting the press corp at the Legislature in the hope that they will run with this story AND interview some of us so we can tell our stories. I'll need a few of you who would be willing to talk to the reporters with me. Please let me know if you're willing, and send me a note about what you'd want to say.

We are approaching Red Deer County about bus transportation to make it easier. For those in other county areas we are hoping your local county will support your Crime watch area as well. A huge block of seats have been reserved in the legislature gallery for us. Security at the legislature is tight. If you want to participate I will need your full legal name as soon as possible. Please see my contact information below.

Please ask friends and family to attend. I will follow up with details on parking or bus transportation. I am asking you all to please write the letters telling your stories and what you want this government to do AND especially ask the Minister what she advises us to do to protect ourselves? And encourage others to do so as well. This focused event will get more attention than petitions.

As a followup we will need some letters to the editors of the big city newspapers. City people need to know what's going on out here. We need their support too.

If you are unable to email your letter please contact me and I will help you.

**If you are able to attend the session at the Legislature and show your support please call or text me with your full legal name and if you have any questions please contact me any time:
Alison 1(403)352-6767.**

Email letters with this subject line: Help us! Rural crime is epidemic Minister!

Send letters to: Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kathleen Ganley at ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca

Cc copy MLA Don MacIntyre at: innisfail.sylvanlake@assembly.ab.ca

If you get responses from the Minister please forward those copies to MLA MacIntyre as well.

Thank you everyone for your support.

**Sincerely,
Alison Marshall**

APPENDIX D: Example of usefulness of Social Media – Facebook.

Update !

Just an update on the Lincoln Rd B & E from yesterday. We post the incidents but never follow up with what occurred and everyone needs a " Happy story ending" being as its New Years Eve.

I would like to first of all thank all the community members involved who reported the incident and made others aware. Once posted on the Lacombe Community FB site, it spreads like wildfire with everyone playing their part in assisting the RCMP and because of our tips, their job is made easier.

I also want to thank the RCMP and Highway Patrol for their part in this incident

This was from a post on Lacombe Community FB page this morning:

" These people were apprehended this morning after a B & E at Morningside this morning. Apparently they attempted to come in through the back 40 and got stuck. They made a commotion and my parents saw them and called the cops. Getting stuck gave the RCMP time to catch up with them after the B & E.

They got " unstuck" and tried out running the cops.. Nothing was removed from our farm, as there was no other reason for them to be out here.

Hi way Patrol detained them via gun point shortly after on Highway 2.

If your residence was effected you may want to contact the RCMP and recover any items which were removed from their vehicle."