

## OLDS & DISTRICT RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION **MINUTES**

MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 7:30 p.m. **Mountain View County Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Dave Sharek, Judy Schlichenmayer, Lyle Bliss, S/Sgt. Joe Sangster, Bonita Bay, Fred Bay, Arnold Lachman, Alec Macklin, Chris Huhn, Val Denis, Wally Gunderson

1. Call to Order – 7:42 pm
2. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda  
ADD: 6.3 – Olds Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award Nomination & Awards Banquet – Oct 17, 2013 @ 5:30 @ College Alumni Center.

INTRODUCTION : S/Sgt. Joe Sangster, Olds RCMP Detachment,
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April 2, 2013 - AGM)  
Executive Meeting – July 7, 2013  
MOTION TO ACCEPT: Judy – Fred carried.
4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
  - 4.1 Facebook Training – page for Olds RCW – still in planning stage – need to evaluate benefit vs time commitment.
  - 4.2 Fan-out System Report: (Judy) – waiting for phone lines – should be installed very soon. Mark working on new system – he will send out fan-outs for awhile to test system. Still waiting for grant approval but all should be coming together shortly.
  - 4.3 Olds Citizens on Patrol have joined as a non-profit, community policing organization, as well as Didsbury Community Policing Advisory Committee
5. REPORTS:
  - 5.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam) - N/A Mark has been seconded so only one officer to cover Olds & Sundre area.
  - 5.2 RCMP-Olds (S/SGT Joe Sangster) 6 officers leaving ; 4 waiting for houses to sell. New Corporal arrived and new recruit coming in. Busy in rural areas – driving complaints. Town - + B & E's. When events are planned detachment would appreciate a call to be aware of possible policing needs Bike Patrol starting up. New bikes coming. Program works well. Experience from the Three Hills areas – B & E in oilfield from out of towners. Asian renters - drug trade. Fuel thefts from tractors and machinery on the rise!!!!- These fuel thefts pose a serious safety issue when a tractor is needed to create a fire guard and found out of fuel. Also find courts reluctant to extradite offenders back to jurisdictions to face charges.  
Bruce Rowe, MLA and Blake Richards, MP will be given invites to our meetings so they can hear our concerns first hand.  
TIP: fuel up machinery in the morning; bring machinery to yard when possible. Game cameras work well for recording unwanted visitors.

- 5.3 RCMP -Sundre (Val Dennis). Low on members. Hospital sign @ hotel missing arrow. Val was involved with Calgary Stampede Parade – met Parade Marshall Chris Hatfield.
- 5.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Josianne Markley / Sheldon.Krasniuk) N/A. Down to 2 constables – very short handed.
- 5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) N/A
- 5.6 SECRETARY’S REPORT: Google Alert experience. The warning we put out on junk dealer looking for someone to haul cars and then skip payment. Company from Ontario called to follow-up because this individual tried to start-up operations there. Ontario Police called and individual charged with multiple frauds under multiple name / companies.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS POSTED.**  
[www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca](http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca)

- 5.7 PRESIDENT’S REPORT. RCW Office busy – lots going on. Attended Pomeroy Inn Grand Opening – Big meeting rooms / suites and cafeteria. Working on Non-Profit Rates. Attended Didsbury Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Community Event for Crime Prevention Week -- May 10, 2014 in partnership with Olds Citizens on Patrol, Olds Legion, Westview Coop & BBB, Stop Bully.....Next meeting Nov 13 @ 7 pm @ Torrock office.
- 6.2 Prov RCW Assoc – upcoming meetings:
  - Sept 21 – Prov AGM Committee Mtg – Stony Plain. Fred, Dave and Arnold plan to attend.
  - Oct 19 - - Zone 2 Mtg – Leduc. Dave, Fred & Bonnie, Judy plan on attending.
- 6.3 Olds Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award Nomination & Awards Banquet – Oct 17, 2013 @ 5:30 @ College Alumni Center. MOTION: RCW to reserve and pay for a table of 8. Judy / Fred. CARRIED.

7. Financial Report

- 7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ August 31, 2013
  - Chequing balance -\$ 27,003.56
  - Casino balance - \$ 6,928.86
 MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / Fred CARRIED
- 6.2 Outstanding Bills:
  - Meeting Expenses, Select Com – Long-distance.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Fred / Alec CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE: for info only & discussion
  - 7.1 Prov Board Minutes – Apr 19, 2013 – also avail on their website.
  - 7.2 ACCPA – Nov 12 / 13, 2013 Honor based violence
  - 7.3 ACCPA - Moving Beyond Hate Workshops
  - 7.4 Didsbury Detachment 2011 vs 2012 stats report
  - 7.5 BBB Consumer Guide – Fall/Winter 2013 – also check out their website
  - 7.6 Casino Training – Nov 6 – Olds Ramada – Oct 16 & Dec 12 – Red Deer
  - 7.7 Olds Albertan Sept 10 Articles: No gaps in Olds police service – Carstairs buying house
    - \* Hwy 2-27 area planning
    - \* Aerial traffic enforcement program
  - 7.8 MV Gazette – Jan 15.13 – Volunteers recover stolen mailbox / Eyes & Ears of rural community always on guard
  - 7.9 Olds Albertan – Apr 9/13 – Dealerships believe organized crime behind spate of thefts MV Gazette – Apr 9 Hwy 2 & 27 area structure plan process underway
  - 7.10 MV Gazette – Aug 27/13– Illegal carcass dumping investigation
  - 7.11 MV Gazette – Sept 10/13 – Air Canada arrives at RD Airport. Olds Albertan – Olds experiencing another break-in wave / Multiple charges for man speeding
  - 7.12 Prov Report-A-Poacher Calendars – available for members. Chris suggested we approach Kononia Christian School with poster contest info.

#### 8. ROUND TABLE

- 8.1 Suspicious Activity Reports- grey car driving in lane but not going to house – farm west of Olds; white pick-up also reported and white car in Harmattan area; Stolen German Shepherd – just south of Olds College. :  
TIPS: No Glow game camera that can alert you on cell phone  
Paint roof of stock trailers with your brand – can be seen from aerial but not many look up there for it.
- 8.2 2A HIGHWAY – Cement barriers causing many problems. Lights @ 2A & Hwy 27 – inconsistent turning lane. MOTION TO SEND LETTER TO AB TRANSPORTATION. Judy / Lyle CARRIED
- 8.3 PET PEEVES: Vehicles not using running lights, not having back-up lights. Drivers don't know how to merge – treat a 4-way stop. Drivers not stopping back of big X at lights – so trucks can turn. Tinted windows, aluminum mud flaps, covered tail & head lights. MOTION: To address these items as safety concerns with appropriate officials.
- 8.4 PROMOTIONAL IDEA – to print hockey type cards for kids to collect with Peace Officers on them. Joe will do more research and bring to next meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 21, 2013 2 7:30 PM @ Mountain View County Office.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT