

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 Crimewatch 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: <mailto:toddali@xplor.net.ca>

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
<mailto:ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca>

Cc copy MLA Don MacIntyre at
<mailto: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