

OLDS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY SOCIETY

HISTORY:

November 28, 1995 – Inaugural Meeting – Terms of Reference & Officers Elected.

January 30, 1996 notes:

- 1996 – Concerns on restructuring the RCMP in rural detachments; reduction of rural officers to move to Freeway.
- Crime Report – “Educating residents & businesses to be aware of incidents in their neighbourhoods is viewed as a successful strategy in deterring crime.”
- Armed robbery @ Olds Hotel – suspect caught because witness got description and license number of vehicle.
- Bowden Redi-Mart robbery to be profiled on Crime Stoppers
- Hwy. 27 & 2A – 4-way stop recommended. “AB Transportation doesn’t view intersection having unusual safety record. Lobby will continue
- Education blitz for J-walkers & unsafe crossing @ OHS
- RCMP presence @ OC liquor function. RCMP presence seen as positive & working well.
- Police Visibility – Suggestion of bike patrols
- Training Workshop – Robbery Prevention for high risk businesses

Oct 22, 1996 – Community Policing – Red Deer Sub-division Red Deer Municipal Detachment

April 14, 1997 – Learning for Success ’97 CAC Workshop

Olds Detachment Community based policing initiatives:

1. School liaison officers/PACE Program (Police Assisting Community Education grade 5 – 7
2. Olds Emergency Response
3. Bike Patrol
4. Stop Theft / Business Watch
5. O & D Community Policing Advisory Society
6. RCW
7. COP – Olds & Bowden
8. COSP – started 1996
9. CAVSS
10. O C Liaison Officer
11. Neighbourhood Place
12. Community Constable
13. Block Parent
14. Special Olympics
15. Olds RCMP Awareness Day
16. Youth Sports

June 3, 1997 Open house held

August 1999 – **Town of Olds approves Public Advisory Committee on Protective Services as result of review from AB Municipal affairs. COMMITTEE CREATED**

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January 18, 2000.

- Crime Report – Frauds up 129% - time consuming with search warrants and grounds for evidence gathering. Community Constable working on alcohol awareness & safe drinking week. Officers trained on new intoxilizer system. Secondary highways response now moved to Provincial control. New Impaired Driving Legislation - loose license immediately. Satisfaction in shredding on the spot.
- College – new Code of Conduct Policy – Staff & Students – On & Off College property. Mock accident done @ OC with support of CAC.
- Riding in back of trucks becomes illegal.

March 2000 –

- + thefts in dealership lots. Latest scam – theft on the go – stripping new vehicles on railway cars being transported.
- **Sgt. Requests lobby to govt. for support of resources for May long-weekend patrols, etc**
- Provincial RCW - AGM @ Beaverlodge – stressed Eco terrorism.

May 16, 2000 – Support Bike Rodeo @ OES. Receive grant for Bike Rodeo & safe driving

- Bowden rest stop – RCMP office.
- letter to town re: school zone designation on 54th street (by Harmattan green).
- Support to continue Community Constable.
- Olds & District Chamber of Commerce hosts Appreciation luncheon for RCMP, Fire & Emergency Responders

September 2000 – Solicit Gen- receive grant for school sign upgrading

- Shortages of RCMP recruits as depot scales back – lobby to increase
- **Town Protective Advisory Committee disbanded and replaced with CAC**
- Delegates report on Crime Prevention Symposium @ Rocky
- Chinook Edge eliminates bussing for safe grad

October 2000 – Mock accident @ OC – joint project of CAC and OCSA

May 2001 – 2 delegates for ACCPA Annual Conference

- Plan Armed Intruders Preparedness presentation at OC
- Lobby to increase crown attorneys
- Letter of support to move OHS
- Consider speed boards
- Olds hosts Provincial CAC Workshop
- Letter to Sol Gen. re: Health Info Act – constraints imposed on RCMP to protect public
- Letter to Town re: recommend Stop Lines on crosswalks for schools

November 2000

- CAC requested to hold information sharing meeting of Emergency Plan groups so everyone knows their role and others roles.
- CAC puts Crime Prevention Tips in paper for visibility
- Traffic speed control reports reviewed by CAC. Traffic classifiers gather stats for Olds & Sundre
- OC – Students Crime Stoppers Program started

November 19, 2001 – AB Minister of Transportation responds to our letter for Hwy. 27 improvements including traffic signal equipment upgrades & coordination, intersection improvements & access mngt. Alterations to assist with planning for town's future growth.

Nov 3, 2001 – Community Policing Advisory Committees Millennium Symposium:

Jan 2003

- Letter to support Special Constable enforcement of highways. Presentation of MVC Pan Endemic Emergency Plan
- Letter of disapproval to Infrastructure of change of speed on Hwy 27 west side. Kevin Heppler introduced as new constable for MVC. Jan 22 – 1st Police Officer for a Day – OES (provided funding)

Feb 2003 – Letter O & D Chamber on traffic congestion – main street & 50th & 4-way stop at 57 received.

March 2003 – Farm B & E's up. Step up work with RCW. Didsbury COP starts up. Fund 2 delegates for ACCPA Annual Conference. Special Constable shot on routine traffic stop near Grande Prairie.

May 2003 – task team formed to address arrival of OC students
MVC creates traffic plan for secondary highways. Letter of concern that Fish & Wildlife down to 1 officer.

Nov 2003 – Lobby transitional speed zone west side of Olds Hwy 27. Presentation Drug Awareness. Website approved for creation: olds cac.org – by volunteer Geoff Lynn. Inspection Services gets +1 officer. Speed reader board purchased by town.

August 5, 2003 – Article in Olds Albertan. Arrest @ Gun Point. 2 men on main street intent to commit robbery of business in Olds

January 2004 – Olds RCW hosts provincial conference. RCW supports special constables to carry side-arms and to re-instate front license plates. Bill 207 coming forward to require motorists to reduce speeds passing emergency vehicles – letter to support bill. S & R – assist Edmonton with murder investigation. Traffic safety concerns @ Co-op corner – crossing lights for pedestrians should be lower for visibility.

Mar 2004 - Bowden Youth Group – council looking at creating skate board park. MVC working on rural traffic plan and rural addressing system. Penhold rail de-railment used in AB Disaster Services Workshop. 2003 impaired charges exceed 2002 which was thought to be highest ever, even though intoxilizer situated in Didsbury.

May 2004 – Olds Skate Board Park grant initiative

September 21-22, 2004 Okotoks hosts Prov AB Municipal Police Committee / Commission workshop

November 2004 – Highway patrol unit (4) sought for Olds – Suggestion to province to install mile markers on Highway 2. [New Detachment](#).

Misc. Some of the presentations included: Crime Scene Protection; Impaired Vision Goggles; AMA – Mission Possible; Restorative Justice. Sgt Dave Lee wins Olds & District Chamber of Commerce Spark Plug award for Community Policing.

Q U O T E : A POSITIVE ATTITUDE CAUSES A CHAIN REACTION OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS, EVENTS AND OUTCOMES. IT IS A CATALYST ... A SPARK THAT CREATES EXTRA-ORDINARY RESULTS.