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2014 YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY Fan-out system move to office @ 5119 – 49 Ave, Olds. Prolific offenders hit area in past few months; arrested in January. Arrest @ Two Hills results in property from Sundre recovered. Didsbury Community Policing Advisory Committee starts up again. Dave Sharek our rep. Provincial RCWA in problems for not filing Charity status reports with Revenue Canada. Rash of stolen plates. **TIP: Get in the habit of checking your vehicle for plate every time you leave home.**

MARCH -AGM Big bust of theft ring. Changed mailing address to: 5119 – 49 Ave, OLDS, AB T4H 1G2 Saves \$200 for mail box. Judy Schlichenmayer and Bonny Bellamy attend Safe Communities meeting in Red Deer for networking for May 10 C.P. Event.

APRIL Presentation on Investment Preparation Significant poaching. Reported that there would be no patrols for May long weekend; later reversed. Mock accident for P A R T Y Program for OHS – May 1. Simulation to involve Fortis with downed lines on vehicle. Need to keep vigilant even when property crimes are down and promote membership. Jackson sentenced for bank robberies. Inter-provincial cattle rustling. Leduc RCW initiates communication between associations; prov. Board silent.

MAY P.A.R.T.Y. Program Mock Accident for Olds Grade 10's. Included down power line with Fortis on scene. Students then go to Emergency in Hospital, Morgue, Funeral Home and back to college for handicap lunch. Check our website for video courtesy of CATV1 / rdtv.ca – Olds TV studio & Fred May. Family Crime Prevention Trade Fair – went very well for 1st one. Propose to be annual. We donate for bike Olds bike patrol.

JUNE Presentation on Liquor Host Liability. May long went well. Poaching prevalent. Grizzly bear issue near Water Valley. Bike patrols started up again in Olds. Spray paint vandals. Plan to attend SPOG Neighbors Day. Propose horse patrols in back country. New liquor laws for impaired driving. Anniversary Celebration – 33 YEARS!!!! June 28 @ Torrock shop. Lobby government on judicial system needs to be ongoing. How to encourage attendance @ meetings? Need to keep active especially when things seem calm. Lynx spotted, problems with wolves but not cougars yet, but population is high.

SEPTEMBER Presentation on Security Equipment. & Didsbury Search & Rescue Sundre Neighbors Day – Good and several members from it. Poster Contest underway. We are hosting

Provincial Division 2 AGM @ Olds Legion – Oct 25. Olds bike patrol very effective, especially with College students going home from bar. . Sundre – kids stealing coins from unlocked vehicles. Didsbury detachment down to 50% strength over summer. Cpl. Wright transferring to Fox Creek – Sgt. Position Manpower almost up to full strength. 50% of complaints from Highway 2. Traffic units too far away. County – traffic violations with speeders up over last year. Bylaw position filled internally. 60-70 oil rigs working in county right now. B & E at RCW office in Olds. No damage to computer thank goodness but need to consider renters insurance. Agree to sponsor Alberta Students Leadership Conference at Olds High and participate with booth at their trade fair in May 2015. Nominated for Olds Chamber of Commerce small business award in the non-profit category. Olds has local TV Studio.

OCTOBER Casino coming up in November. Very productive Prov. Div 2 meeting. Circulation of picture of shop lifter from Home Hardware in Olds results in arrest. Olds bike patrols still active. Sgt. Jim Lank starts in Sundre beginning of September. New corporal and member as well coming to Sundre. Few incidents around Burnt Stick Lake and Wilde Home Hardware broke into. Hunting complaints down and vehicle thefts seem to have stopped after a discussion with a group of young individuals. Didsbury continues to have thefts from vehicles. County – checking for overloads. One peace officer on medical leave; bylaw position still vacant. Stat planning for 2015 Family Crime Prevention Trade Fair. Working with CATV for Didsbury crime reports – also posted on our website. Red Deer County Patrol joins our meetings. Welcome Alissa Lloyd. Moved to require record checks for executive only and repeated as new executive is voted in. Bylaws still allow for member to be removed for due cause. Start discussions with Red Deer County councillor (Jean Bota) & Becky Wilde-Jardine (retired RCMP officer) on common issues. Attend Kneehill Community Center for round table on best practices for crime prevention. Rural B & E's increase significantly.

DECEMBER Presentation by Becky Wilde-Jardine on How Crime Prevention Associations can be more effective. Casino went well Nov 23-24. Poster contest completed. Suggestion to contact schools and do press release beginning of Sept. Incidents of stolen plates becoming prevalent. Working on Crime Prevention activities for 2015. It's Christmas time – LOCK YOUR STUFF UP – thieves are out there looking for opportunities. Fan-outs are being effective!! Planning for fundraising auction of stolen property. Scams popping up again – Christmas time!

JANUARY Prov AGM next month. Fundraiser auction – looks like April. Need help to move stuff over to auction mart beginning of March for storage till sale day. New liaison for Olds - Cst. Lyle Kurver – Brendan has transferred out. Rural B & E's start up again – compressor stations, mail boxes, copper wire. Sundre gets new member. New liaison for Didsbury – Cst. Andrew McKeane. Bunch of stolen goods recovered by Didsbury RCMP. Oil activity down in county with prices tanking. Bunch of saddles recovered in southern Alberta. Chinook Edge School Division shop at Olds College broke into. Red Deer County – lots of traffic control with bad weather and crashes on highways. Mail boxes also hit in Red Deer County. False alarms continue to be a problem in all jurisdictions. Need for patrols again discussed.