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CANADIAN CITIZENS ON PATROL ASSOCIATION

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Interview with the President



Mitch Cormier CBC Radio and Bev Salomons, CCOPA

Bev Salomons, President of CCOPA...

...was interviewed recently by Mitch Cormier CBC Radio One 96.1 FM.

CCOPA President Bev Salomons visited Prince Edward Island on May 21st to May 23rd. While there, CCOPA Director Harry McLellan lined up a very busy agenda for Bev and her husband Henry. The day started with an interview by CBC Radio One 96.1 FM for the Island Morning show, hosted by Mitch Cormier. The interview went well with many questions about what Citizens On Patrol is all about and how the program benefits the community.

A second interview was with Ocean Radio 100.3 FM, with host Scott Chapman. This interview ran a couple of different days and dealt with the Citizens On Patrol opportunities in Prince Edward Island. Presently, there is only one C.O.P. group on the Island. The goal is to get more groups started up and running.

In between lunch, interviews and coffee, time was spent with Harry discussing the C.O.P. program and what his plans are to increase the numbers there. Later in the afternoon, Bev had the opportunity to meet David Dunphy, the Mayor of Stratford. As well, Bev also met Sgt. Duane Loppig, Assistant Commanding Officer for Queens.

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Members from the Stratford Citizens On Patrol met with Bev for a buffet supper that was held in the town hall.

During the evening, Sgt Loppig spoke to the C.O.P. members on safety in the community. Bev talked to the C.O.P. members about what is happening in other parts of Canada and answered several questions. It was great to meet so many young members of the Stratford Citizens On Patrol group.

In spite of the almost non- stop rain while in Prince Edward Island, it was a very warm trip with all the people that we met.



Mayor of Stratford, P.E.I David Dunphy, CCOPA President Bev Salomons, Assistant Commanding Officer for Queens, Sgt. Duane Loppig and CCOPA Director Harry McLellan



Members of Stratford C.O.P. Group, along with CCOPA President Bev Salomons, Assistant Commanding Officer for Queens, Sgt. Duane Loppig, and CCOPA Director Harry McLellan.

The Confederation Bridge...



...from New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island.

The bridge is 12.9 kilometres long and was completed in 1997.

Citizens on Patrol Stratford, PEI



Citizens on Patrol, Stratford, PEI has launched a new social media website on Facebook and Twitter on June 23rd.

They have already had positive feedback from the community, the Mayor, and the RCMP.

The most recent and exciting event was hosting the President of Canadian Citizens on Patrol which included a dinner, media coverage, and photo shoot with the Mayor of Stratford and a Sgt. from the RCMP. This was well received. I hope we can do it again.

Submitted by:

Harry McLellan, CCOPA Director

NEWS FROM VARIOUS C.O.P. GROUPS

Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) Manitoba



Manitoba has approximately 65 Community COPP Groups with 1700 plus volunteer members.

More groups are being established in Manitoba First Nation communities. They are realizing that members of COPP can assist their Law Enforcement Personnel to benefit the community.

Members do many hours of patrolling and volunteer activities such as Speedwatch, assisting in installation of child car seats and school crossing safety. They also assist in other activities such as providing traffic control for events and painting over Graffiti.

Manitoba is very fortunate to have the support of Manitoba Public Insurance who provides funding for a Program Coordinator and provides some equipment necessary for members to ensure patrolling safely.

The Program Coordinator is very supportive of COPP group volunteers. She assists in starting new groups, training new members and also organizes an annual conference in addition to in-service presentations for community coordinators and trainers. She is of great assistance to the volunteers.

Manitoba COPP members provide great support to local Law Enforcement just as groups across Canada. We are very fortunate to have a great working relationship which contributes to community safety.

Manitoba COPP has been operating since 1991 and we have had two COPP community groups who have been assisting Law Enforcement for over 20 years.

Leave the Phone Alone



You may think it's no big deal: checking your makeup, sending a quick text, or having a snack while driving. But the truth is, distracted driving is as dangerous as driving impaired. A driver using a hand-held device is four times more likely to be in a crash causing injury. For your safety, and the safety of others, it's time to take a stand.

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Citizens' On Patrol (COP) Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Citizens' On Patrol are in the process of trying to organize a Provincial Body.

We had our 1st Special Meeting on this issue May 3rd and I must say everyone there was very positive. We were able, at that time, to get an Ad Hock Committee together. We met in late June to strategize as to how we are going to do a letter writing campaign to our local and Provincial elected members.

Our members like the manual that we received from Manitoba and Alberta, they really like the newsletter that comes from Alberta. So Alberta keep up the good work on the newsletter, hopefully we will have something more to report in the Fall.

In the meantime wishing everyone a good and safe summer. Best wishes.

Submitted by:

Betty Woolridge

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"Leave the Phone Alone" is a social media campaign encouraging Canadians to publically commit, by signing an online pledge, to avoid all distractions while driving. The RCMP is pleased to partner with TELUS and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association on this initiative.

Over the period of this campaign, the RCMP and its partners will be raising awareness and providing education on distracted driving through social media networks Facebook and Twitter. The RCMP's Centre for Youth Crime Prevention will also be hosting tools and resources for parents, police officers and other persons working with youth to effectively engage them on this rapidly growing social issue.

Excerpt from the RCMP WEB Page

For more information go to:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/dd-dv/ltpa-lflc-eng.htm>

NEWS FROM VARIOUS C.O.P. GROUPS



A.C.O.P.A. Alberta

This has been a very busy year in Alberta with C.O.P. groups. Since A.C.O.P.A. partnered up with the Alberta Motor Association, our volunteers have been busy assisting the A.M.A. with several Shredding events this spring, as well as taking statistics for distracted driving. Shredding events are a way to eliminate identity theft by bringing special shredding vehicles into communities and allowing residents to bring documents to be shredded. Citizen On Patrol groups have been on hand to assist with the boxes to be shredded, with traffic control, with collecting donations to local food banks and other activities taking place at the same time.

C.O.P. groups have been participating in Distracted Driving Blitzes. The blitzes last for several hours where two or three members work for two hour shifts in standing by a busy intersection or location where drivers can be observed. Statistics are noted as to how many drivers are driving with no distractions, drivers using cell phones, drivers texting, drivers eating with two hands, drivers grooming themselves, drivers with dogs on their laps, and other distractions. Recently, two motorcyclists were noted as texting as they were passing the C.O.P. members. While the majority of drivers are observing the distracted driving law, there are too many who still feel that they can drive and perform activities that are considered distractions.

A.C.O.P.A. will be having the annual general meeting and Workshop weekend September 19 and 20, hosted by the Pincher Creek C.O.P. group. This is an excellent opportunity for members from all groups to meet other members for a weekend of training, conversations and lots of fun.

Recently A.C.O.P.A. started up a new website. Go to www.acopa.ca and check us out!

Submitted by:

Bev Salomons, President - A.C.O.P.A.



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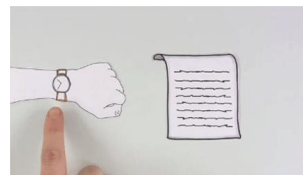
... Stratford C.O.P., Prince Edward Island for their \$200 donation to CCOPA

All donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

CCOPA would like to fulfill the invitation to attend R.C.M.P. Depot to have the opportunity to present what the Citizens On Patrol program entails to the Cadets in Training.

Lack of funding is keeping this from happening. CCOPA considers this to be a most worthy opportunity and will continue to solicit funds in order to make this happen. Donations should be sent to the CCOPA Treasurer...

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Hazards and Emergencies

Across Canada, we face a number of natural hazards, which can vary from region to region. Knowing what to do is an important part of being prepared. Find out about risks in your region and how to prepare for different situations.

Canadians should also be aware that other hazards can trigger emergencies that may affect them. These emergencies could be bomb threats, chemical spills or infectious disease outbreaks.

On these pages, you will find practical information on what to do in case any of these specific emergencies should occur.

Excerpt from the RCMP WEB Page

For more information go to: <http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

