



CCOPA NEWS Winterish 2024

For Citizens on Patrol and Crime Watch Volunteers

I am usually tasked with providing a newsletter 4 times a year with our seasons and on occasion meeting that requirement. But you can't tell me it is winter – well, in the Maritimes I would be wrong but in the west, it is way too warm with little snow and I fear for the summer with a low water supply. I even see on the news today (February 21st) that there is a good sized forest fire in northern Alberta so hang on. dd

We have made extremely good progress with establishing our selves in most of Canada. With the addition of a permanent contact in Manitoba, we only have Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador and our friends in the Yukon and Northwest Territories where we need to spend some time and energy in having a representative there. You know that we have a Facebook page so we encourage all of you to 'like' our page so that we are joined with your many friends. Our www.ccopa.ca continues to grow with information, new groups, and new apps to play with.

Our group (www.ccopa.ca) has recently seen some of our community groups providing donations of a few dollars so that we can continue to provide for all. We continue to lobby government, local, provincial, and federal for funding as well as private companies.

THANKS

To the following groups who recently responded with support, we thank you. The donation you have made will allow CCOPA to take further steps in providing the best source of learning materials to reinforce the strength of the local groups.

Recent donations from:

Strathcona COPs. Strathcona County located within the Edmonton Metropolitan area with a 2023 population of 95,597.


Airdrie COPs. Located within the Calgary Metropolitan area with a population in 2023 of 80,649.


Sexsmith COPs. Located in northern Alberta 20 km's north of Grande Prairie with a 2023 population of 2,427.


Need to repeat this!

Safety First: Keep Your Kids Safe Online


While children may know how to use the internet, they may need to learn how to use it safely. There is a lot of exciting content online, but there are also things that could be harmful. With a little help from Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch, adults like yourself can give kids the tools to stay safe online.


 Remind them not to share personal information


 Limit their screen time to prevent any physical and mental health problems

 Set up parental controls and filters to avoid inappropriate content

 Help them set strong passwords

 Be there to help if they are experiencing cyberbullying

 Remember “netiquette”. What is said on the internet can impact others in real life

 Establish guidelines for safe online interactions

Editor: Thanks to the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association for this always timely for our kids and grandkids. Check out this group <aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca>

Great news out of the Battlefords relayed by Doug Fehr, our rep on CCOPA in Saskatchewan. He tells of the successes they are having, one of which is highlighted by the vehicle picture below. Through making a connection with the BATC, they are not only involving helping themselves as COP volunteers but also are involving members of the various First Nations.

The article here is called “Creating Opportunities to Enhance the Lives of Community Members” and was taken from their website www.batc.ca. It’s much more than what I have copied here so take a read.

“Established in 2007, the Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs Inc. (BATC) is a tribal council with the original first nations of Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, Moosomin First Nation, Red Pheasant Cree

Nation, Sweetgrass First Nation, and Stoney Knoll First Nation signing the Convention Act. Two years later Saulteaux First Nation joined, followed in 2014 by Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation.

During the past 12 years the BATC has provided advisory services expertise to a number of areas within the community including housing planning, economic development, band governance, financial management, justice, and sports and recreation. Social development, employment and training, industry relations, and investments have been added to the list of expanding services.

The motto and guiding principle often associated with the BATC comes from the words of the late Chief Wayne Standinghorn: "Reduce social assistance clients by 5% per year." The Canadian Business Journal recently spoke with Kerry Sasakamoose, Director of Employment & Training at the BATC, which is located in North Battleford, a city of about 18,000, about 140km northwest of Saskatoon, making it the fifth-largest centre in Saskatchewan.

"BATC was established to provide quality services to the community and to enhance the economic wellbeing of the people who live there," begins Sasakamoose. "The Chiefs, the directors and the staff carry on that vision through the work we do each and every day."

Serving as a central development authority, the BATC is led by the Chiefs and focuses on the improvement of all aspects that directly impact the tribes' members' lives, facilitating advisory services in areas of economic development, social and cultural aspects, community infrastructure development and maintenance, education, recreation, programs for seniors and youth, justice initiatives, and health initiatives." **Copied from** www.batc.ca

The vehicle shown is a lease from the BATC. The patrol vehicle is on a 2-year lease with funding from the BATC and sponsorships are available as shown. The goal is to have a dedicated vehicle which creates some excitement, leading to recruitment, removes the barrier of personal vehicle use and removes citizen concerns about a "strange vehicle" driving around their neighbourhood.



Highlights from the Battlefords COP group:

Growth in number of blocks patrolled within the Battlefords from 17,225 to 36,600

- Increased number of patrols in the Town with focus on identified areas
- Acquisition of a dedicated & marked patrol vehicle supported by funding from BATC
- Growth in members from 15 in mid-2022 to 26 currently; 4 members in the application / training

process

- Acquisition of vests to better identify members
- Improved processes including member application and RCMP check-in prior to patrol departure
- Deeper relationship with the RCMP and CSO's, including "hot spot" document
- Participation and learnings from the Alberta COPA conference
- Piloted license plate fastener program
- Participation in over 12 community events (RCMP Bike Rodeos, Ag Safety Challenge, CSO Pack the

Patrol Unit, CSO Provincial training, City Community BBQ's & Movie Night, City & Town Street Festivals, parade, etc.)

- Initiation of joint patrols and improved communication with CSO's
- Confirmation of the Pattison Media communications plan**
- Very welcome financial support from the City, Town, SGI, Ultra Print, SGEU, Beaver Grill, FFUN, Dodge, BDCF, NB Elks

** The Pattison Media campaign is 12 monthly 5 minute radio interviews on their AM and one FM station (different formats, so different audiences). We speak about various COPP topics which are all designed to support recruitment and the Security Camera Registry. Additionally there are digital ads that link to our Facebook page, and in a few weeks, our website that is still to be launched.

Barrie, Ontario (BPS) has again taken a lead in new COP activity.

Ed: I remember days when it was hard to keep up the level of enthusiasm when the tasks seemed to be monotonous. Well, thinking outside the box is how the Barrie COPs solved that problem.

My 'informant' at BPS tells me that they purchased a used sign and with all the accessories, it was just under \$3,000. We are hoping to have some additional information on how it performs and the general feedback from the community. This is a definite read on the Barrie Police Service website.

NOISE MEASUREMENT IN PROGRESS



You may see the BPS Citizens On Patrol volunteers out and about in our community. They'll be monitoring noise levels and reporting back to the BPS Traffic Unit.

If a vehicle registers red (above 105 decibels) the registered owner may receive a traffic complaint letter in the mail.

Learn more: www.BarriePolice.ca/Traffic

....and more on the BPS volunteers participating in Police Week. Thanks to Wayne.

BPS Community Safety & Well-Being Officer
November 8, 2023

From the hallways of The City of Barrie Allandale Recreation Centre, to the Barrie Public Library to a much needed afternoon coffee with a cop at Tim Hortons, we made connections with dozens of community members!!

We discussed #cpweek2023, our 2023 Barrie Community Safety Survey and engaged in conversations around your community safety needs.

To take our survey, please click on: surveymonkey.com/r/BCSS2023



BPS Community Safety & Well-Being Officer
January 17

These are a few shots of our incredible Citizens on Patrol members and the great work they do in our community.

Have you had interaction with them? WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

In 2023, these members have dedicated 2229.5 volunteer hours. They have been out in the community at social events, community engagement events, patrols, food drives and much much more. ... See more



BPS Community Safety & Well-Being Officer
January 27 at 10:23 AM

Our Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers continue to amaze us with their dedication!! We are a small team dedicating countless volunteer hours each month! Last night was the first time we had three separate patrols keeping a watchful eye!

Each patrol monitored and recorded events such as, Speed Watch and Stop Sign Watch in high complaint areas. They also observed Social Disorder hotspots in several parts of the City and kept a lookout for stolen vehicles.

Finally, they were out interacting with the community by handing out COP survey cards, reminding people to lock their cars to avoid thefts and providing education on the program. If you have had a chance to see or interact with any members of our COP Team, please fill out the following survey.

https://uoi.socialscience.utoronto.ca/_/SV...

Thank a COP!!! They are committed to our community!!



BPS Community Safety & Well-Being Officer
August 2, 2023

You may see the BPS Citizens On Patrol volunteers out monitoring traffic noise levels in our community. If your vehicle registers red, you may receive a traffic complaint letter from the BPS Traffic Unit in the mail. Learn more: www.barriepolice.ca/traffic The City of Barrie



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Mark your calendar!

The ACOPA Workshop will be hosted by Red Deer Citizens On Patrol the weekend of September 13-15, 2024. More information to follow.

We passed on a copy of a video from Alberta last week. Have had a few comments with one or two saying that it was very timely. This was financed by Alberta COPs so your comments should be sent to them. I understand that over 500 people viewed the video in the first week. More videos are being produced with one in the draft stage at this time.

Exciting news for our volunteers in Alberta.

News posted on the RCMP website notes that Assistant Commissioner Rob Hill, Commanding Officer, Manitoba RCMP has been appointed to the rank of Deputy Commissioner and has been promoted to the position of Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP.

Having read his public statement, what stands out for me is his focus on Manitoba's efforts to advance reconciliation. To quote him, " I am proud that we launched the Manitoba RCMP's Reconciliation Story which sets a way forward for our organization. We were also the first division within the RCMP to launch a Joint Action Circle to address violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQ1A+ peoples. Both initiatives were implemented in close consultation with Indigenous leadership, organizations, community Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Survivors, and family members to help us on our journey towards meaningful reconciliation. "

He further stated that the Manitoba RCMPwill continue to be a police service focused on community engagement and operational excellence. Alberta will be fortunate to enjoy this same leadership. The Executive of CCOPA offers him all the best in his new position.

From the Editor:

As we expand our COP program, so does our circulation to include both volunteers and police. While not all articles are about COPs, I believe that the others that focus on the police generally are important as we all volunteer in a police environment. We welcome any new members and are always happy to post information about your community.

We need your local COP news. From meetings or community events, send a story/pictures for publication. If you know of new police officers in your local detachment, new liaison officers etc. let me know and we'll send them a copy of this newsletter.

As a sign of expanding our program, today I received news that the Detachment Commander in Chetwynd, BC (north of Prince George) has seen our video and is using it to convince local authorities to have the program in their community! Welcome Sgt. Wahnese Antonioni to our program. Checking the minutes from the District of Chetwynd of December 11, 2023, I see that

Councillor Kayla MacDonald attended the ACOPA workshop and is very interested in making this a success. We will be watching to see how the District of Chetwynd and the South Peace Crime Prevention Society progress and wish them luck in their pursuit.

Remember, in the CCOPA toolkit are videos, iPatrol updates, operating manuals (for both vehicle patrols and bikes), and safety tips. Check it out!

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As I noted earlier, this may be winter on my calendar but some days, it just feels like (you pick the ending)So have to end with this map which explains it best!

