

South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019

I. Call to order

Shane Hok called to order the regular meeting of the South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association Meeting at 7:05pm on February 5, 2019 at F&S Safety Buzz.

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: see attached list

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept as circulated by Gordon Bushell, second by Don Pakula.
Motion carried.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to accept as circulated by Garry Lentz, second by Robert Zeigenhagel.
Motion carried.

V. Business arising from last meeting

- a) Poster Contest 2020 Launch in March – RCMP Rebecca Wilkes will be delivering packages to schools. Entries will be picked up by April 20, 2019
- b) Zone 1 Meeting October 2018 overview – see attached

VI. Reports

- a) President's Report – New initiative announced by province and RCMP to help keep track of areas most frequently targeted by thieves and give repeat victims additional tools to increase their chances of recovering stolen property. Project Lock Up is part of the rural crime strategy the province launched in 2018 in response to rising complaints about property thefts from rural homes with a slow response by police. The project includes using mapping data to determine the most common areas for break and enters and establish for RCMP patrols in those communities. The project also includes tools such as the Trace Pen, which is a property marking device that uses a

unique serial number to identify the owner. Each pen is registered to an owner, and once an item is marked it can then be traced back to the owner if found by police.

- b) Financial Report – see attached, motion to accept by Wanda Gill, second by Barry Gutfriend
- c) APRCW AGM 2019 Report – see attached
- d) RCMP Report – 2018 in Review
 - i. Decrease 1.9% from last year - 1923 files generated 2018
 - ii. MVA #1 source of cause for file generation, 263
 - iii. Suspicious persons, vehicles etc. 185 calls
 - iv. Almost all the suspicious people & vehicles etc. that were apprehended have been caught because of calls to report them by the public

VII. Correspondence

- a) AGLC letter of notice for next Casino slot – slotted for last quarter of 2020. We will be contacting the AGLC to request an earlier allocation. 24 months is far too long to wait. All present were agreed.

VIII. New business

- a) Upgrade / Installation of RCW Signage at County boundaries - install larger signage at major roads entering outer perimeters of the two counties and using the existing replaced signage at the minor roads entering both counties. Barry G motion to go ahead once casino funding arrives. Terry Krausz second. All in favor, motion carried.
- b) Discussion – How to increase awareness / participation in RCW program. Advise using the Facebook page more – post any activities in your areas that might be suspicious to keep community aware of what's happening.
- c) APRCWA Poster Contest Winners – 3 local winner's awards presentation. Zakery Hansen, grade 1 Seven Persons; Sydney Burgevitz, grade 2 Seven Persons; Charlie Funk grade 4, Irvine. All

received cheques and gift bags from the APRCWA. Good work on those Posters!!!

IX. Presentation

- a) Cpl Shane Ryan – Use of Force

X. Next meeting date

- a) 2nd week of June – exact date announced later

XI. Adjournment

Shane Hok adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Pakula



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Annual Poster Contest 2020

We want to see your poster entries!

Open to Grades 1-9, all entries may be HAND DRAWN or COMPUTER GENERATED – but must be original student designed artwork. Incorrect spelling automatically disqualifies a poster.

Poster Themes are:

Rural Crime Watch
Crime Prevention
Report A Poacher

Categories:

Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8
Grade 9

Poster entries will be picked up from the schools by **April 20, 2019.**

Local entries will be judged by South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch executive & directors prior to sending 1st place category winners to the AB Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association in Edmonton to be judged with all association's entries. All entries are property of the APRCWA and will not be returned to the student/school.

Prizes provided by APRCWA will be awarded in each of the categories as follows:

1st place - \$65.00
2nd place - \$45.00
3rd place - \$30.00

The Solicitor General provides 1st place Plaques to the winner.

Selected posters may be featured in a calendar. A calendar has been provided to each school as a sample.

RULES

- Artwork must reflect our themes as above
- Artwork is to be done in a landscape format (horizontal 8.5"x11")
- Students name, grade, school name, home address and telephone numbers are to be printed on the back of the artwork in pencil. Please include parental consent forms TAPED (not stapled) to the back of the poster.
**winner's names (and possibly photo) are published in The Bulletin, which is also posted online. Parents must give permission for children's names/photo to be published. RELEASE FORM must accompany artwork.

RELEASE FORM ENCLOSED – please copy as many as needed.

RELEASE FORM FOR PUBLICATION

For Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association Poster Contest Winners 2020

I, _____, (parent/legal guardian) agree to: Allow publication of the name and/or photograph of my child in local newspapers and on the internet, should my child win a prize in the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association poster contest.

Name of student (please print): _____

Grade of student: _____

Home mailing address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

School name and community: _____

Teacher name: _____

Date: _____

ALL POSTERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

This form is to be provided to the school and attached to the back of each entry to be eligible to win.

Please remember that the art must be in LANDSCAPE FORMAT. The poster and completed form is to be given to the local representatives of the Rural Crime Watch Association.



Zone Meeting Review – Zone 1

@ Springbank, AB October 27, 2018

Sgt Tom Kalis – Cochrane Crime Reduction Unit

Crime Reduction Unit – What is it and How it Works

- reviewed local Crime Reduction statistics, some decrease in property crimes
- 20% of offenders are responsible for approximately 80% of crime
- Targeted approach to known offenders in area. RCMP members dedicated to this unit. Check in's increased and problem area's see increased patrols
- More similar to "old-time policing" – officers out on the streets talking to people, known offenders are frequently checked up on

Jennifer Kee – Crime Reduction Coordinator – K Division, Community Policing

- Crime Reduction Strategy
 - Targeting prolific offenders
 - Targeting crime "hot spots"
 - Crime Mapping
 - Identifying and addressing root causes of crime
- Crime mapping includes
 - Theft from motor vehicle
 - Theft of motor vehicle
 - Break & Enter (residence, commercial, other)
 - Theft over / under \$5,000
 - Mischief
- Helps law enforcement management make better decisions, target resources and formulate strategies that include crime reduction, Intelligence-led policing, Problem oriented policing, and assists in Community policing.

Zone 1 Director Election

- 1 Director position open – 3 yr term
 - Nominations held – Shannon Pakula nominated and voted in for position. Commences February 2019.
- Rosemary Lindsay – term ends 2020
- Conrad Van Hierdon – term ends 2019

Fan Out systems used by other associations

- Other groups either don't have a fan out or use either an email or text method of getting messages to members. Overall, it appears that One Call Now is superior to these other methods, which is why we chose to use it.

Driver's Surveillance Program

- Developed by Jepsen Petroleum in the Calgary area
- Utilizes fuel truck fleet drivers to report suspicious activity either to their dispatch or local RCMP. If dispatch is notified, they take details and will call local RCMP to pass information along.
- Fuel fleet is equipped with dash cam's for video evidence
- Would also utilize local school bus drivers if possible

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Balance Sheet As at Jan 31, 2019

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash	97.00	
General Account	2,010.94	
Casino Account	<u>2,252.26</u>	
Total Cash		<u>4,360.20</u>

Total Current Assets 4,360.20

Inventory Assets

Signs	1,469.29	
Supplies	<u>455.75</u>	

Total Inventory Assets 1,925.04

TOTAL ASSET 6,285.24

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	<u>39.38</u>	
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Total Current Liabilities 39.38

TOTAL LIABILITY 39.38

EQUITY

Owners Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	10,213.14	
Current Earnings	<u>-3,967.28</u>	

Total Owners Equity 6,245.86

TOTAL EQUITY 6,245.86

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 6,285.24

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Income Statement Aug 01, 2018 to Jan 31, 2019

REVENUE

Sales Revenue

Sales Signs	129.00
Sales Membership	450.00
Sales Supplies	10.00
Casino Revenue	1,823.39

Net Sales 2,412.39

TOTAL REVENUE 2,412.39

EXPENSE

Cost of Goods Sold

Signs Cost	82.50
Supplies Cost	7.25

Total Cost of Goods Sold 89.75

Use of Proceeds

Office Supplies	173.21	
Courier/Postage	212.04	
Mailbox rental	177.45	
Total Admin Costs		562.70
Donations		200.00
Equipment-Program Related		977.01
Advertising	688.63	
Website	157.51	

Total Promotional Activities 846.14

Meals 60.00

Travel Mileage 704.48

Total Travel - In Province 764.48

Volunteer Conf/Seminars/Training 20.00

Total Use of Proceeds 3,370.33

General & Administrative Expe...

Promotional Activites	765.00
Combined Advisor Fee	1,470.00
Concession Expenses	353.39
Crime Symposium Registration F...	200.00
Donations	52.49
Miscellaneous Expenses	78.71

Total General & Admin. Expen... 2,919.59

TOTAL EXPENSE 6,379.67

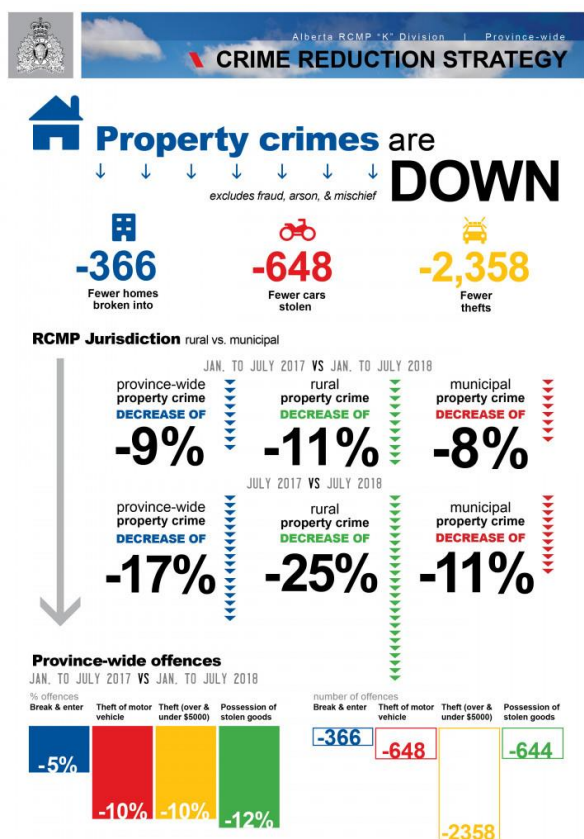
NET INCOME -3,967.28

2019 AB Provincial Rural Crime Watch Crime Symposium Report

- There are 4 new Rural Crime Watch Promotional Videos that will be available on the Provincial website www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/resources/videos. They have been very well done, the funding came from grants from the Solicitor General and took 2 years to film/edit.
- Crime Reduction presentation by Superintendent Peter Tewfick. He used the crime stats released Fall 2018 to report on the CRU's results province wide.

From the Media release September 4, 2018

Early results indicate the Alberta RCMP's Crime Reduction Strategy is working.



- **648 fewer motor vehicle thefts** in Alberta this year compared to last year.
- **366 fewer break and enter incidents** in Alberta this year compared to last year.
- **2,358 fewer thefts** in Alberta this year compared to last year.
- From January to July of this year, property crimes excluding fraud, mischief and arson, in all Alberta RCMP detachments have **decreased nine percent** compared to the same period last year.
- These crimes in RCMP's rural detachments for the same period have **decreased 11 percent**.
- For the month of July, compared to the same month last year, property crimes excluding fraud, mischief and arson, have **decreased 17 percent**.
- In RCMP rural detachments, these crimes have **decreased 25 percent** during the same period.

Targeted Arrests: CRIMINALS WHO HURT COMMUNITIES THE MOST

Crime Reduction Units specialize in targeting the criminals who hurt our communities the most. At the time of arrest, individuals arrested by our Crime Reduction Units have, on average, three charges against them.

This is a low estimate. Combined with charges from non-RCMP jurisdictions, the ratio would be five charges for every arrest.



District-level Crime Reduction Units specializing in identifying and apprehending repeat offenders have also made an impact. Since their launch in February, they have made over 500 arrests representing over 1,600 charges. The high ratio of arrests to charges illustrates the Crime Reduction Unit's focus: finding and arresting the people who hurt our communities the most.

- CPTED presentation was put on by Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre

WHAT IS CPTED?

- CPTED stands for "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design." CPTED is based on the premise that "the proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, and an improvement in the quality of life."
- the CPTED principles are Natural Surveillance, Access Control, Territorial Reinforcement, and Maintenance.
- focuses on reducing crime opportunities by modifying the environment & how the physical environment can have a direct relationship on human behaviour. CPTED uses various tools to evaluate environmental conditions and utilizes intervention methods to control criminal and nuisance behaviour.



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WHEN YOU SUSPECT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Contact the RCMP:

- Report all incidents and suspicious activity
- Start a case file number
- Record vehicle and suspect information

Contact the Crime Prevention Centre:

- Resources & Information are available
- The Centre collaborates with residents, community groups and businesses to address concerns & issues

Work with your neighbours:

- Provide neighbours with the RCMP file number to use when reporting suspicious activity and tips
- Label pictures/videos and written logs with the case file number and take to the RCMP front counter

Report to Bylaws/Compliance:

- Report unsightly yards, excessive garbage, parking issues
- Officers work with the RCMP on complaints related to properties suspected of criminal activity

Contact Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods SCAN

SCAN is a unit in the Sheriff's Branch that investigates properties suspected of illegal activity

- Report your concerns & RCMP file number to SCAN
- SCAN investigators can obtain court orders requiring property owners to take responsibility for activities occurring on their property

Do not confront people you suspect.

Do not put yourself in a dangerous situation.

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CRIME PREVENTION CENTRE



- Auto Theft presented by Const Jason Young. He presented stats showing most popular vehicle stolen in Alberta – trucks. Specifically, mid nineties Ford F-350 without the PATS (passive **anti-theft system**) theft deterrent system. Second most commonly stolen vehicle was Honda Civic (model year 1996 & 2000).
 - Criminals steal vehicles for several reasons, including to sell abroad, often with their vehicle identification number (VIN) intact. These vehicles are immediately packed and shipped to be sold for more than their original market value.
 - Domestically, vehicles are given a false VIN and sold to unsuspecting consumers or they're sold for parts. Some cars are stolen simply to joyride or get somewhere, while others are stolen to commit another crime.
 - The Insurance Bureau of Canada says an experienced thief can steal a car in as little as 30 seconds. Jason's team has a former Ford technician that can do it in **11 seconds**
 - To avoid being an easy target for car theft, the RCMP recommends that car owners lock vehicle doors and keep windows rolled up, park in the garage and lock it, park in well-lit and well-populated areas, take keys, garage openers and vehicle registration papers out of the vehicle when you leave it, and check on your vehicle regularly even if it's not being used.
 - The RCMP recommends that you don't do the following: leave spare keys in the car or leave spare keys in visible spots in your home, leave the car running, leave any purses, backpacks or other items unattended in the vehicle — even in the trunk. Make sure the vehicle has an immobilizer. If it doesn't, consider having one installed or using an anti-theft device.