



P.O. Box 982, Turner Valley, Alberta T0L 2A0

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Mission Statement:

To safeguard people and property in all our rural communities through awareness, communications and education.

History:

The Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch was formed to assist the RCMP in recognizing potential criminal activity and/or crimes in progress so RCMP can apprehend perpetrators. The Rural Crime Watch (RCW) Program was designed to reduce the incidents of crime in rural areas and to create a more thorough understanding and awareness of the laws. It is completely voluntary, involving rural residents working in cooperation with their local RCMP detachments.

The RCW Program as we know it began in 1979 supported by four local associations: The Alberta Cattle Commission, the Western Stock Growers' Association, the Farmers Advocate, and the RCMP. Since then, local associations have developed throughout the province. These were not linked by a provincial body prior to 1994. In 1995, the Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association received official recognition as a society and the organization has become a substantive force in the province. Visit: www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

The scope of the Rural Crime Watch Association has expanded. Associations are now concentrating their efforts on farmstead security, property identification and general rural crime awareness. The Range Patrol Program continues, plus the "Report A Poacher" program has been included. There are now approximately 57 Rural Crime Watch groups in Alberta.

High Country Rural Crime Watch Association:

The High Country Rural Crime Watch Association (HCRCWA) is part of the Provincial Zone 1, which encompasses Southern Alberta. The area we cover is the western portion of the MD of Foothills (immediately southwest of Calgary), with major western parts of MD Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Within this, we have 6 areas, for which we have designated Area Representatives. Originally started in 1981, the HCRCWA had lapsed its operations in our area, for a time. Due to an increase in criminal activity and interest by the community, the group has been re-established as of March 2010, and continues to work on its communication networks and future goals. HCRCWA has email fan-out in place and has set up the phone fan-out system for those who do not have email or wish to receive more urgent messages by phone. The group will continue to hold public meetings to inform more of our communities and encourage membership. Also, check out our website which will connect residents to other important crime prevention information and groups: www.hcrcwa.ca

We would like to introduce you to our team: President – Suzanne Oel; Vice President – Lyn Dean; Treasurer – Suzanne Lukawitski; Secretary - Joan Paterson; Membership Coordinator (Board position) – John Robin Allen; Board Member at large #1 – Mike Brunner; Board Member at large #2 – Debbie McGuinness; RCMP Liaisons Corp. Tiffany McGregor & Staff Sgt. Dwayne Helgeson; and area representative & events coordinator Donna Hanson. Also, many thanks go to our behind the scenes volunteers!

We invite you to become a HCRCWA member!

Membership is Free

Benefits: Being a HCRCWA member will connect you to a network and being a part of an over-all safer community. You will benefit by being part of an information system in communication with RCMP news updates. We also want to communicate other valuable information, tips and updates to members to let you know what is going on. We think it is very important that you get to know your neighbours, to help to identify suspicious activity and report it. Plus, you can invite your neighbours to become HCRCWA members to spread the impact of this group. You will help to reduce crime in our area by being the eyes and ears to assist the RCMP. Being a part of a healthy crime watch system will help the RCMP and help ourselves.

To become a HCRCWA member, you must fill in a Membership Application Form (available on the website or from any of our Area Reps or Exec Volunteers. You will receive a light plastic RCW sign (1 sign free). You may purchase additional RCW signs – light plastic, heavy plastic or metal. Please call for costs. Email, call or mail in your completed Application Form to: P.O. Box 982, Turner Valley, Alberta T0L 2A0

Volunteers:

Your assistance with any aspect of the association related to membership, becoming an Area Rep., writing articles, assisting at public meetings, assembly of membership packages, or other areas as needed, would be so greatly appreciated.

Information:

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

President: Suzanne Oel at 403.931.2711

Membership: John Robin Allen at 403.931.2407

Visit our website: www.hcrcwa.ca

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