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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](http://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca)

The scope of the Rural Crime Watch Association has expanded. Associations are now concentrating their efforts on farmstead and rural acreage 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 50+ 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 Turner Valley RCMP Detachment response area, which includes the western portion of Foothills County (immediately southwest of Calgary), with major western parts of county Divisions 2, 3 and 4. 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 was re-established as of March 2010, and continues to work on its communication networks and future goals. HCRCWA sends urgent and informational messages via our email fan-out system and has set up a phone fan-out system for those who wish to receive messages by phone. The group hosts or partners in holding public meetings to bring information to our communities and encourage membership.

Check out our website and Facebook page, which provides other important crime prevention tips and links: [www.hcrcwa.ca](http://www.hcrcwa.ca) [www.facebook.com/HighCountryRuralCrimeWatch/](https://www.facebook.com/HighCountryRuralCrimeWatch/)

We would like to introduce you to our team: President – Suzanne O.; Vice President – Lyn D.; Treasurer – Suzanne L.; Secretary – Debbie M.; Board Member – Dave S., Membership and Fan-out Coordinator – Elizabeth D.; Sign Coordinator – Vera C. and RCMP Liaisons – St. Sgt. Akitt and Corp. McGregor. Also, many thanks go to all our behind the scenes volunteers!

## We invite you to become a HCRCWA member!

Membership is **Free**

**Benefits:** As a HCRCWA member, you will be connected to a network and be part of an overall safer community. You will benefit by being part of a communication system and receive RCMP news, other valuable information, tips and updates to let you know what is going on. We suggest you get to know your neighbours, help identify suspicious activity and report it. To spread the impact of this group, you can invite your neighbours to become HCRCWA members. You will help reduce crime in our area as “the eyes and ears” to assist the RCMP. Being a part of a healthy crime watch system will help the RCMP and help ourselves.

**Membership:** To become a HCRCWA member, please fill in a Membership Application Form (Fillable form is available on our website). You will receive a light plastic RCW sign (1 sign free). You may purchase additional RCW signs – light plastic, heavy plastic or metal. Costs are listed on the Membership Application Form. **Mail** in your completed Membership Application Form to: P.O. Box 982, Turner Valley, Alberta T0L 2A0. Or, **email** it to: [info@hrcwa.ca](mailto:info@hrcwa.ca)

## Volunteers:

Your assistance with any aspect of the association related to membership, assisting at public meetings, or other areas as needed, would be so greatly appreciated.

## Information:

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

President Suzanne O.: 403.931.2711

For membership or other information: 403.931.2407

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