

# Drumheller and District Rural Crime

## Watch Newsletter

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next meeting is November 22nd at the Diana Restaurant, lower level, in Drumheller

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## A Message From The RCMP

Hello everyone and a special thank you to all the hard workers in the fields during Harvest. It's been a while since I've last wrote a message but here is.

The past month the Drumheller RCMP has noticed an increase in battery thefts around the rural oil construction sites. Thieves have been targeting the full batteries or on some occasions just taken the

acid from them.

If you see any suspicious people or vehicles that do not belong in your rural area please contact the Drumheller RCMP at 403-823-2630.

Cst. J.J. Girard  
RCMP

## Annual General Meeting

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2017 at the Diana Restaurant in the lower level. There will be a buffet supper at 6 pm Cost will be around \$20. The meeting will commence at 7 pm.

The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend so if anyone who is not already a member wishes to attend, they are welcome to do so.





## Is Your Home Sending The Right Message

We can all do a lot to keep our homes safer. Every homeowner or renter can protect themselves from thieves, vandals and home invasions.

The first step is to get to know your neighbours, so you can watch out for each other. This works in every community, whether you live in a house or an apartment or a farm.

Next, do a safety check on your home. Make sure your yard is well lit. Keep garage and shed doors locked. Keep vehicles locked. Don't leave bikes and anything of value out on the lawn.

Record the serial numbers of your valuables, mark them with your driver's license number or name and keep a list of these items. Keep a paper copy of

the list somewhere as well. If they steal your laptop and the list is on there, it won't help much.

Some safety changes are small home improvements. Others are just about paying attention.

*"Who can they call in case of emergency?"*

## ICE (In Case Of Emergency)

In Case of Emergency (ICE) is a program that enables first responders, such as paramedics, firefighters and police officers, as well as hospital personnel, to contact the next of kin of the owner of a mobile phone to obtain important medical or support information.

The program encourages people to enter emergency con-

tacts in their cell phone address book under the name "ICE". If you have more than one contact, simply call the second one ICE2, etc.

It is also recommended that you carry contact information and relevant medical information in writing inside your wallet and not rely on ICE contacts as a primary means of identification.

Many smartphones have dedicated ICE contact functionality either built in or available as an App.

In the case of a locked phone, some manufacturers have come up with a solution. Please check out what your phone can do.



## Keep Safe from Violence

No victim ever "asks for" a crime like assault, harassment, or abuse to happen to them but there are personal safety habits we can all adopt that make us less likely targets.

At home, lock doors and make sure windows can't be pried open. Use curtains or blinds.

Be wary of visitors and callers you don't expect. Never let them in or give them personal information.

When you are out, pay attention to people around you and where you are. Notice escape routes. Lock your car doors when you are inside the car.

Park in well-lit areas.

Help build safe communities—think about starting or joining your community's crime prevention efforts.

Do what you can to lower your risk.

# How Can Workplaces Fight Crime

The bad news is that all workplaces are vulnerable to crime. The good news is that all workplaces can take steps against crime. All organizations can lower their risks.

The first step is to address and access risks. See how the design of the workplace can fight crime. Improved lighting or adding a drop box are some examples of ways

to protect you from crime. A simple “Can I help you?” may even make them leave, knowing someone is aware they are there. If you do encounter someone who seems out of place, contact someone immediately so that you are not alone in the situation.

On a farm or ranch, something as simple as putting a

gate across driveways can scare thieves away because it takes time to open a gate.

Webcams can be set up as well. They may not help to stop the crime but they may help in identifying the thief.

Most workplaces have people coming and going all the time. Having all customers go to the reception desk first is one way to deter criminals.

## Domestic Abuse and Elder Abuse

If you are a victim of domestic abuse or elder abuse, there are twelve trained Domestic Abuse resource people who can be accessed in our area.

Community members have been trained to facilitate peer support programs for women who are impacted by domestic violence.

A six to ten week course is offered

(may be court ordered) to youth, men and women. The Provincial government will fund childcare and food for those attending these sessions.

Also, a protocol is being developed to identify Elder Abuse and who to contact for assistance in cases which in many instances if financial abuse. The Provincial government is providing funding for this three year

project. Walks have been held in Delia and Hanna to raise public awareness of Elder Abuse.

For more information about this, please contact your local FCSS office.

## They Stole What?

In the month of September, there have been a number of vehicle thefts and fuel thefts.

A school bus was stolen from Delia but has since been recovered in Three Hills. Several trucks have been stolen from the Delia area as well.

Fuel has been stolen out of farm equipment.

A ditch witch and trailer was stolen from the Fountain Tire parking lot on September 18th. It is still missing.

Please remember to take your keys out of your vehicles, lock them up even if you are just running into the house. Don't leave kids or pets unattended in vehicles. It only takes a few minutes and someone

can steal your vehicle with your child or pet inside.

The store in Carbon has been broken into twice which has resulted in the Carbon community creating a Citizens on Patrol group.

Remember to report any suspicious activity that you may see to the RCMP non-emergency number (403-823-2630) or 911 if it is an emergency.

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| Report A Poacher: 1-800-642-3800

## THE LAST WORD

It's a sad thought but crime will never go away. In fact, it seems to be worse than ever although it could look that way because we see so much of it displayed on social media. One of the nastiest incidents I saw on social media was a woman stealing an elderly lady's purse from her scooter when her back was turned. People like that have no conscience. People are even stealing bags of pop cans out of other people's yards. That is why organizations like Rural Crime Watch and Citizens on Patrol are so important. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Ask them to join and increase the number of people out there keeping an eye on things. We can all make a difference.

# How To Contact Us

Thanks to our friends at Netago in Hanna, we now have email addresses for our executive and zone captains.



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