

Community Engagement and Safety

Citizen Led Crime Prevention Opportunities



Block Watch

This is a program that helps people reduce crime by encouraging people to watch out for their neighbours and their neighbours' property.

- Make your home a less inviting target for thieves
- Be alert to suspicious activity in your neighbourhood
- Respond appropriately to potential threats



How does it work?

Block Watch volunteers report suspicious activity to each other and to the police. Block Watch can be established in single family homes, condominiums, and town homes.

Why Join?

Increased communication between your neighbours and police.

A sense of community and safety in your neighbourhood.

Education on how to recognize and report suspicious behaviour

Receive Block Watch street signs and stickers for your doors

What Is Required of Block Watch Volunteers?

To start a Block Watch group, someone must volunteer to become the Block Captain.

You must be at least 19 years old.

Block Watch does not require a lot of time. It is easy to organize.

It is not necessary to be home all the time to be a Block Watch Captain or Co-Captain.

RESOURCES

Block Watch: www.blockwatch.com

Building Safer Communities Block Watch - Northern Hills Community Association (Calgary): www.nhca.ca



ALBERTA RURAL CRIME WATCH



Approximately
17,000
volunteers
provincially

“Eyes and Ears”
in their
Communities

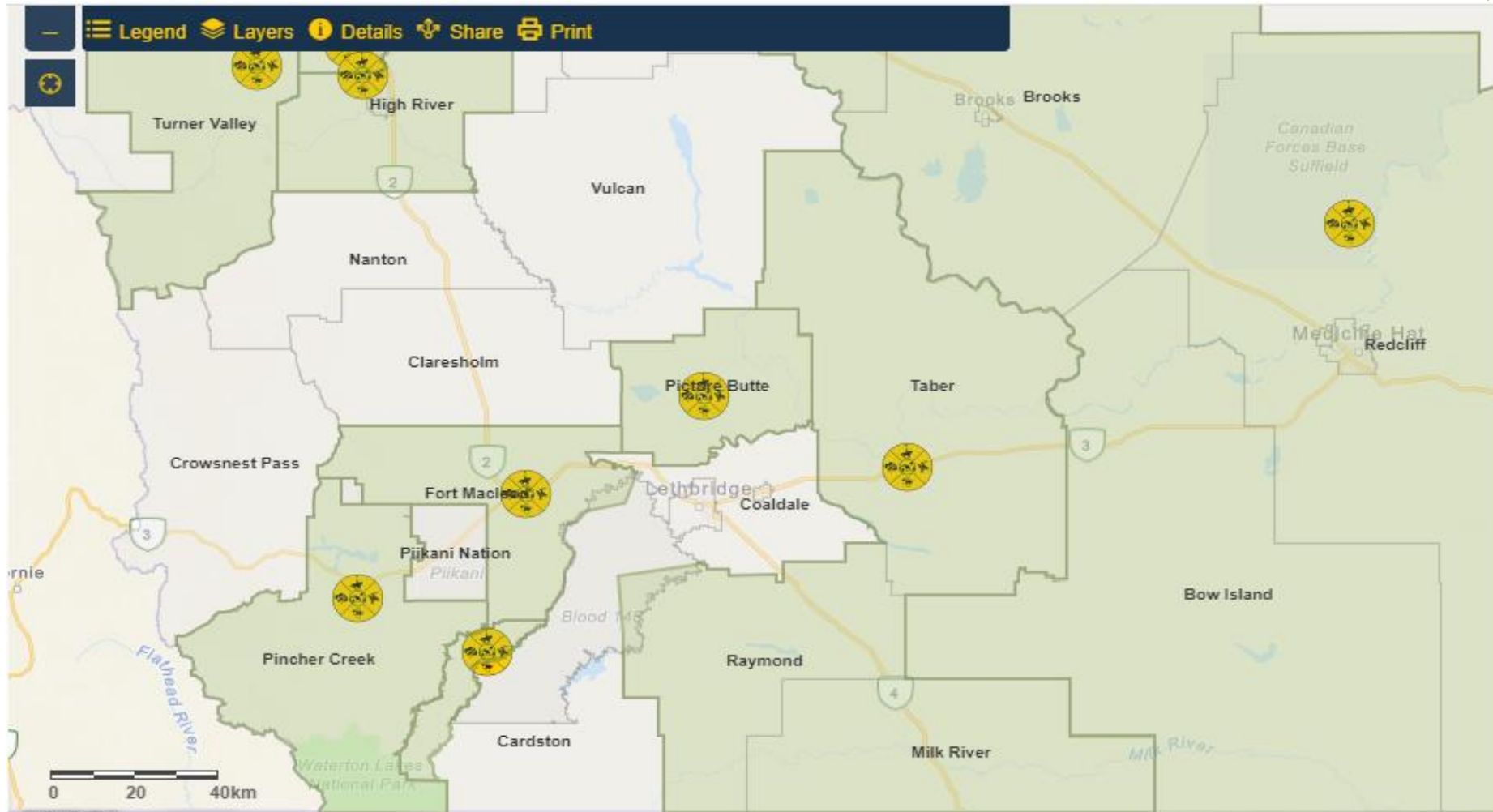
-Attend monthly
Provincial board
meetings

AGM- coordinate
RCMP guest
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Crime
Prevention
Initiatives

Rave email fan
out to RCW
volunteers.

Current Rural Crime Watch Locations in SAD



How to Start a Rural Crime Watch Chapter in Alberta

Starting a chapter and getting involved with the provincial organization gives you access to a network of other organizations trying to achieve the same goals along with numerous resource materials available to help you protect your properties.

To be a member of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch you need to be a non-profit organization in good standing.

The First Steps

Start by holding an organizational meeting.

Pick your executive and then apply for a non-profit.

Pick your name and then check the NUANS to make sure the name is not being used, you need to go into a Registries Office to complete this task.

On the Rural Crime Watch website you can download the forms to apply for your not-for-profit.

Once you have received your not-for-profit paperwork, you can fill out the membership renewal application and submit it with your membership fee and a copy of your certificate of incorporation. Membership dues are \$250.00 per year.

www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

The Benefits of Becoming a Part of the Rural Crime Watch Association

- ▶ The APRCWA can more effectively promote the cooperative efforts of your community with the RCMP. They can also assist associations with educating their membership by promoting programs on Crime Prevention and Awareness. Some other areas we can provide support for your association include:
- ▶ Crime prevention initiatives in rural areas - property, equipment, vehicles
- ▶ Trained Facilitators for the Senior Fraud Prevent Program
- ▶ Rural Crime Watch signs available for purchase by Member Associations
- ▶ Rural Crime Watch promotional materials
- ▶ Group Liability Insurance for Member Associations
- ▶ They can educate you about crime prevention, through association with others, by collaborating ideas and sharing information
 - ▶ Newsletters
 - ▶ Our website
 - ▶ Interaction and communication with other associations
 - ▶ Annual General Meeting and Crime Symposium

ALBERTA CITIZENS ON PATROL

Approximately 2000
volunteers provincially

Patrolling for the explicit
purpose of observing and
reporting of any, and all,
unusual and or illegal
activities at random
locations in the community

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Info at
www.ccopa.ca



ACCPA

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association

ACCPA is the connector between rural and urban communities and agencies

Learn more about the crimes affecting our local communities, get the support your organization needs with access to our exclusive resources and tools for crime prevention initiatives.

Membership and discounts on ACCPA crime prevention conferences and speaker series

AGM- coordinate RCMP guest speakers

Gain access to speaker presentations, special reports, resources, and promotions for your crime prevention (non-profit) organization/initiatives.

As a member, you also earn voting rights! Get involved in local crime prevention and make a difference in your community.

Info at www.albertacrimeprevention.com



ACCPA
Alberta Community
Crime Prevention Association

MEMBER

Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence

You can help protect your property, your family and your community by registering your security camera(s) with the Alberta RCMP Rural Capture Program.

You can help protect your property, your family and your community by registering your security cameras with Rural Crime Capture Program. By registering your camera, you are taking an active role in deterring crime and assisting the RCMP with their overall crime prevention goals in your community.

To register visit: www.ruralalbertacapture.ca



100 % SECURE

SOLVE CRIME

FREE & EASY



RAVE

Mobile Safety

RAVE is a web-based communication platform that RCMP officers are mandated to use to fan out real time alerts to community members in Alberta.

These alerts are operational and educational in nature. They might look like BOLOs (Be On the Look Out), Crime Prevention, Victim Services, or District reports.

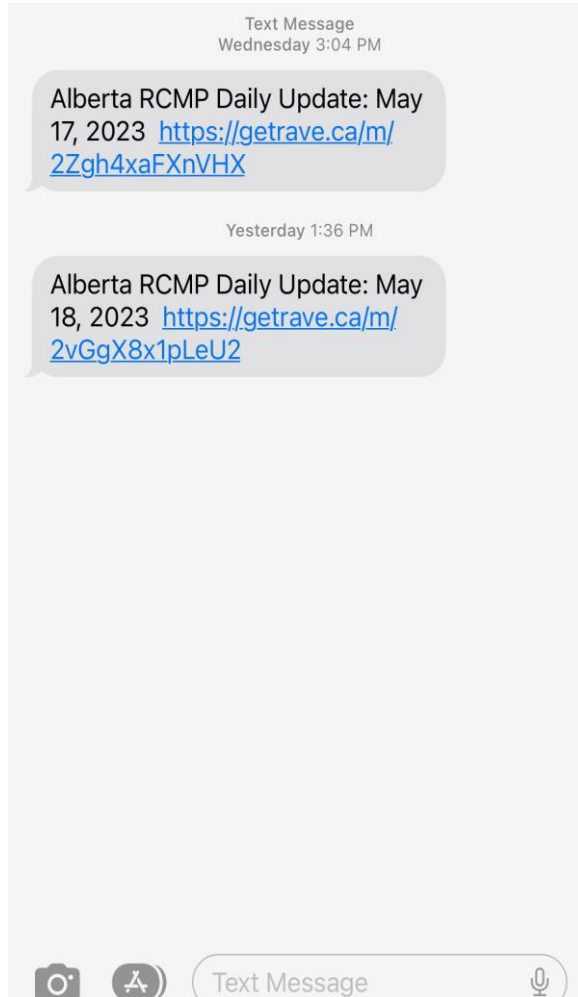
These alerts can be sent via email, text message or phone call - preference is up to the registrant.

Through these alerts, community members can assist police and their respective community by being engaged and aware of things happening in their communities. Information is trusted and received in real time.

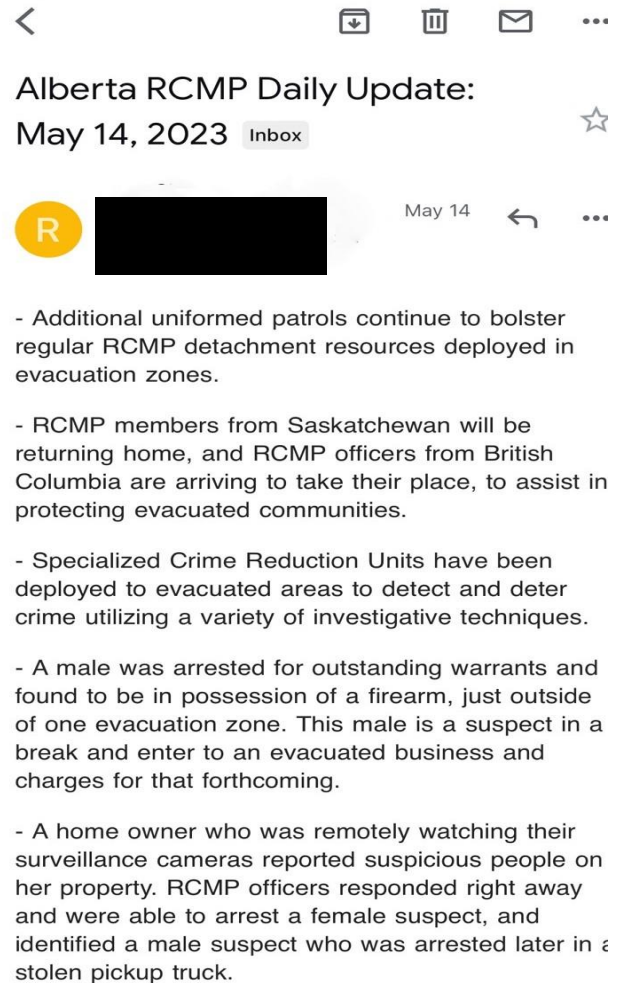
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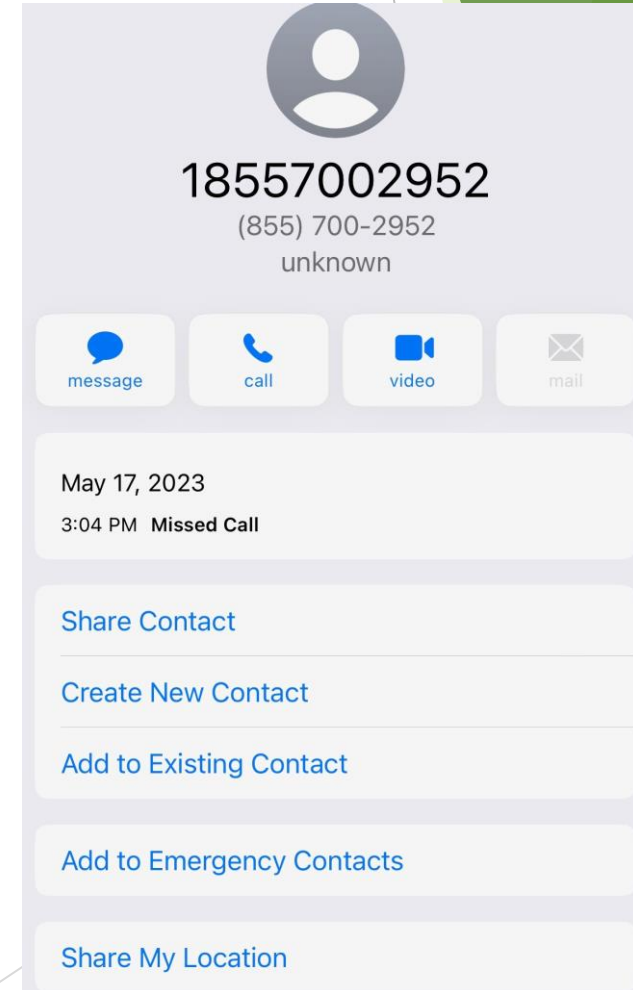
TEXT



EMAIL



VOICE



What is CPTED?

- ▶ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is defined as:
- ▶ a multi-disciplinary approach for reducing crime through urban and environmental design and the management and use of built environments.
- ▶ *CPTED strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts by affecting the build, social and administrative environment.*
- ▶ - INTERNATIONAL CPTED ASSOCIATION



CRIME STOPPERS

1-800-222-8477

crimestoppers.ab.ca

*****Tipsters can remain anonymous*****



Working to Make Our
Communities Safe