

**The Role of Cochrane Foothills
Protective Association**

The Association strives to promote crime prevention and awareness. Board meetings of Executive and Zone Directors are held for this purpose and to keep members informed of occurrences in their area. We work with the Cochrane R.C.M.P. Detachment, Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Branch, and Rocky View County Enforcement Services.

CFPA is a member in good standing of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association, and one of many crime watch groups in Alberta working as a crime prevention group and willing to provide resource people to community groups within the area. We work with the police and our partners in educating the public on how they can help prevent crime in their communities and rural areas by facilitating but not limited to the following:

- Provincial RCW Poster Contest
- Saddle & Tack Identification
- Wise Owl Fraud Education for Seniors
- Rural Crime Watch Signs
- Email Alerts from RCMP & Fish & Wildlife
- Crime Prevention Workshops
- Reporting Cards and Information
- Networking with other RCW Associations

The Role of the R.C.M.P.

A liaison officer is appointed by the R.C.M.P. NCO to keep Rural Crime Watch Directors and Members informed of criminal activity in the area and to attend regular board meetings. All reports of criminal or suspicious activities can be called directly to the R.C.M.P. The Livestock Investigation Unit of the R.C.M.P. can be contacted through the local detachment.

The R.C.M.P. will from time to time inform the public of crime prevention procedures and assist with the information of other crime watch groups. Any requests from the RCMP for public assistance, general information or crime prevention are communicated to our email address. The information is then forwarded to all CFPA members with email addresses or by telephone to members with no email.

**Emergency 9-1-1
Complaints/Emergency 403-932-2211
Administration 403-851-8000**

**Alberta Justice & Solicitor General
Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Branch**

Fish and Wildlife Officers have a long standing tradition of working closely with Rural Crime Watch and local Law Enforcement agencies. Officers have the authority to enforce a number of provincial and federal regulations that protect and conserve our environment, and fish and wildlife resources. Fish and Wildlife Officers provide public education, enforce regulations, human/wildlife conflict management and public safety. Members of the community are encouraged to report illegal activities that may include hunting and fishing out of season, night hunting, illegal sale of fish and wildlife, depositing harmful substances in lakes and rivers by calling Report a Poacher at **1-800-642-3800**.

Cochrane Fish & Wildlife Office
Provincial Building Main Floor
312 1st Street West Cochrane
403-932-2388.

Cochrane Foothills Protective Association
PO Box 603 Cochrane AB T4C 1A7
cochraneRuralCrimewatch@gmail.com

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Brad Jones 403-804-5378 Vice-President
Gayle Watson 403-932-5594 Secretary/Treasurer

R.C.M.P. Cochrane Detachment
359 1st Street East Cochrane
403-851-8000

Cst. F.D. BOUCHER Liaison Officer
Cst. Nathan MOORE Liaison Officer
(Rocky View County Enhanced Policing)

Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477

Anti Fraud Centre 1-888-495-8501
www.antifraudcentre.ca

Cochrane Victims Services 403-851-8055

Rocky View County 403-230-1401

Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association
aprcw@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca



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Everybody's Responsibility

**COCHRANE FOOTHILLS
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**

COCHRANE R.C.M.P.

**Complaints/Reporting
403-932-2211**

Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

The association is a voluntary, community operated organization that serves as a rural crime watch group within the Cochrane R.C.M.P. Detachment Rural Area, who for the purpose of crime prevention, meet to organize and implement a program based on community policing principals. It is based on the observation that crime is least likely to occur in a community where people are alert to the potential for crime and willing to look out for each other and work closely with their police force. The Association strives to promote crime prevention and awareness.

In 1969 a Cochrane Area rancher and other residents formed the COCHRANE FOOTHILLS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. Members volunteered to accompany R.C.M.P. officers acting as guides on back roads and hard to access ranch and farmland properties. Criminal activities lessened.

In 1970 Cochrane Foothills Protective Association formed an Incorporated Society under the Societies Act of Alberta. The association is a Registered Charity with by-laws providing for an elected Executive, Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting held each year. The purpose of the group is to promote crime prevention initiatives in the rural community and promote educational programs on Crime Prevention and Awareness.

The Western Stock Growers, Alberta Cattle Commission, Department of Agriculture and R.C.M.P. met to address rural crime activities and explore ways to address rural concerns. Thus "Range Patrol" was sired.

In 1978, to enhance the image throughout the province, Range Patrol was renamed "Alberta Rural Crime Watch". In 1995 the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association was formed with directors across the province.

Crime in the Rural Community

Criminal activity such as break and entry, drugs, theft, vandalism, trespassing, home invasions and poaching are steadily increasing in rural Alberta and surrounding communities. Many of these incidents can be prevented or suspects apprehended through cooperative efforts of the community and law enforcement. A strong and active community creates a safer place to live, work and raise families.

Who pays for rural crime?

EVERYONE. Rural crime affects the lifestyle and financial well-being of those who work and live in our rural communities. Theft and malicious damage to property and equipment costs millions of dollars annually. These costs are reflected not only in loss of property but in higher insurance premiums, higher replacement or repair costs of property, equipment, vehicles as well as lost production time for the farmers, ranchers and property owners. Not to mention the emotional impact on victims of these crimes.

Why should I be involved?

Statistics show that areas where there is an organized Rural Crime Watch tend to have a significant reduction in criminal activity. By reporting suspicious activity in your area IMMEDIATELY to the R.C.M.P. at (403) 932-2211 you have become a concerned citizen about the quality of life in your community. With the government cutbacks in the R.C.M.P., as a concerned group about the quality of life in our community, we must become the extra "eyes and ears" and report suspicious activity to the police. R.C.W. is a part of the Community Based Policing Program. The co-operating effort helps make our community safer for everyone. RURAL CRIME WATCH has already been proven Successful. R.C.W. members commit themselves to helping watch each other's property when they are away and reporting suspicious activity to police. This program helps prevent crime while still respecting the need for privacy.

How do I join?

Application forms are available at the Cochrane R.C.M.P. Detachment Office, Fish & Wildlife Office or from any of the Board of Directors. All subscribers must fill out a Membership Application Form and return it to Cochrane Foothills Protective Association along with the membership fee of \$15.00. A Membership Card and receipt will be issued. At present the membership fee is \$15.00 per household / per year. This fee covers the cost of postage, computer supplies, and workshop supplies, the local and provincial Poster Contest and participation in the Annual Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Symposium.

C.F.P.A. Area

The Cochrane R.C.M.P. Detachment covers the areas of:

Bears paw, Benchlands, Big Hill Springs Provincial Park, Bottrel, Bragg Creek, Chiniki, Cochrane Lakes, Elbow Valley, Ghost Lake, Ghost Reservoir, Ghost Village, Jumping Pound, McLean Creek, Morley, Ozada, Radnor, Redwood Meadows, Springbank, Waiparous and Westbrook.

Rural North West (RNW)

North of the Bow River / West of Highway 22
Zones 2, 3, 4, 5 Cochrane Rural

Rural North East (RNE)

North of the Bow River / East of Highway 22
Zones 6,7 Cochrane Rural
Zones 8,9 Bears paw

Rural South West (RSW)

South of the Bow River / West of Highway 22
Zone 10 Cochrane Rural

Rural South East (RSE)

South of the Bow River / East of Highway 22
Zones 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Springbank

Bragg Creek (BR) Zone 1

A variety of Crime Watch Signs are available for purchase by Members of Cochrane Foothills Protective Association. Email order to cochraneruralcrimewatch@gmail.com OR Gayle Watson 403-932-5594
Please include your Membership Number.





COCHRANE FOOTHILLS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

RURAL CRIME WATCH



Membership Application

APPLICATION DATE: _____

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

MIDDLE NAME: _____

SPOUSES SURNAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

MIDDLE NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

COMMUNICATION with members is mainly by Email, please provide email address.

The CFPA adheres to Canadian Privacy laws with regard to email and all other personal information contained on this form.

The CFPA also adheres to Canadian anti-spam laws with regard to usage of Members email.

Member information may be shared with Cochrane R.C.M.P. in relation to Rural Crime Watch activities.

Member information will never be sold or otherwise shared with any other third party without direct member consent.

The Board of Directors of the Society has the discretion to approve or deny any application for membership.

I understand that in order to maintain the integrity of the program, Rural Crime Watch signs are for members of the Association only. I agree to remove all Rural Crime Watch Signs from my property and notify CFPA when I am no longer the owner of the above property or no longer want to be a Member of CFPA.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please return completed application form to:

**Cochrane Foothills Protective Association
PO Box 603 STN MAIN
Cochrane AB T4C 1A7**

Membership Dues \$15.00 per year. Dues are Annual from Jan 1- Dec 31 payable to - **COCHRANE FOOTHILLS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.** Direct any inquiries to Gayle Watson - Secretary - 403-932-5594

cochraneruralcrimewatch@gmail.com

OFFICE USE ONLY

Membership Number _____ Zone _____