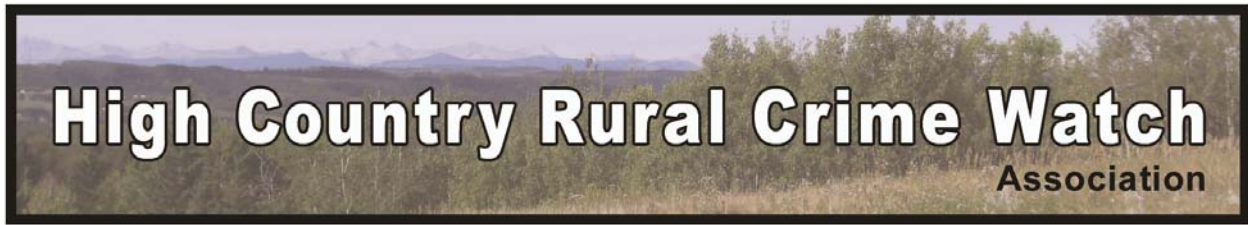


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### 2010- Mission Statement:

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

### History:

The Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch was formed to assist the RCMP in recognizing and apprehending criminals or those who have purportedly committed crimes. The Rural Crime Watch (RCW) Program was designed to reduce the incidence 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 Stockgrowers 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.

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 98 Rural Crime Watch groups with approximately 24,000 members 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, with major western parts of MD Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Within this, we have 6 areas, for which we have designated area representatives. 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 is currently setting up its communication networks and future goals. HCRCWA plans to set up a fan out information network via email

and phone (to those who do not have email). The group will continue to hold public meetings to inform more of our communities and encourage membership. Also, we are planning a website which will connect residents to other important crime prevention information and groups.

We would like to introduce you to our team: Pres. - Tom Laxton; VP - Suzanne Oel; Treasurer - Sandy Bruce; Membership Coordinator - Angie Pipe; Secretary - Joan Paterson; 6 Area Representatives - TBA.

## We invite you to become a HCRCWA member!

To become a HCRCWA member, you must fill in a Membership Application Form and pay the yearly fee, valid to Dec. 31. If you wish, you may also pay for more than one year at a time. The first year is prorated if you purchase a membership for more than one year. Depending on your choice, you will receive a RCW sign, once you have paid the fee. For the one year fee of \$12, you will receive a light plastic RCW sign. For the 2 year fee of \$24, you will receive a heavy plastic RCW sign. For the 3 year fee of \$36, you will receive a metal RCW sign. You may purchase additional RCW signs at a reduced cost.

Being a HCRCWA member will connect you to a network. You will benefit by being part of an information system in communication with RCMP news updates. 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 keep in the loop. You will help to reduce crime in our area by being the eyes and ears to assist the RCMP.

For more information on membership, please contact:  
Angie Pipe at 403-816-7655 or [info@hrcwa.ca](mailto:info@hrcwa.ca)

## Volunteers:

Your assistance with membership, data base, coordinating signs, phone fan-out for those without email, 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:  
Suzanne Oel at 403-931-2711