



Rural Crime Watch

Rural Crime Watch is a community driven, community led, police supported Crime Prevention, Crime Reduction collaborative program.

Volunteers have a vested interest in their community, they share the common goal of safe homes, safe community. They know who live in their area. The group decides if they wish to do vehicle/foot patrols or do information sharing via email, twitter, or telephone. Volunteers: Observe-Record-Report to their local detachment any unusual or suspicious activities in their surroundings. The RCMP will inform the Rural Crime Watch group when there is criminal activity in the area.

Statistics show that areas where there is an organized crime watch tend to have a significant reduction in criminal activity. By reporting suspicious activity in your area immediately to the RCMP or 911, you become a citizen concerned about the quality of life in our community. We become the extra eyes and ears, and report suspicious activity to the police. Rural Crime Watch is a part of the Community Based Policing program, and has already been proven successful.

Volunteers will have to complete a security check with their local RCMP.

Becoming a member of Rural Crime Watch does not take up a lot of your time. Volunteers are another set of eyes and ears for your local police when they may not in your area. Working together helps the police solve crime and prevent further crime. This makes our communities a safer place to live.

Role of the Members

- Report all unusual or suspicious vehicles or occurrences immediately to the RCMP or for emergencies: 911.
- Respond to RCMP fan-out messages.
- Make an inventory of your property and mark all your valuables with your Driver's License Number.
- Display your Rural Crime Watch signs as soon as you receive them.
- Attend any information meetings held in your area and take an active part in your community.

Membership Benefits - Why Join RCW?

- Encourages becoming aware of suspicious activities by getting to know your neighbour.
- The eyes and ears of a safe community
- Membership ready to assemble if/when patrolling becomes necessary
- Communication system a great way to send info across the County in a hurry.
- Signage - discourages intruders. Potential Criminals know what the yellow signs mean AND MOVE ON
- Be included in our Crime Watch Fanouts!

STARTING RURAL CRIME WATCH PROGRAM IN YOUR AREA:

Contact - Initial contact when organizing a Rural Crime Watch is through the RCMP Detachment in your area. Liaison Officers from the Detachment area will be named to work with the Rural Crime Watch. Boundaries may differ from place to place. This may mean it could be the whole Detachment boundary, or it could be the Rural Municipality (R.M.) you live in.

Organizational Meeting - You will need a committee and elect a President or Chairperson to ensure organization. If necessary divide the area into zones, if your area is big enough. Establish Zone Coordinators. The area you live in and the size of the group will determine if you need zone coordinators.

Membership Application - A general application will need to be completed. You will be subject to Criminal Record and local indices check at the local Detachment. Zone and duties will be assigned.

Purpose - The main purpose of a Rural Crime Watch is to prevent criminal behavior in that area. This includes, break and enter, thefts of equipment, theft of grains, vandalism, dumping of garbage, cattle rustling, etc. To improve the security measures in rural homes, outbuildings, vehicles and machinery.

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Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or you can submit a tip at www.saskcrimestoppers.com, where you can also view other unsolved crimes.